



## SYNTHETICS AND SEALED DIRT: THE SCIENCE, DATA AND EXPERT OPINION



Enable running on the Tapeta track at Newcastle | *Racing Post*

by Dan Ross

Amid the talk of whip use and medication restrictions during the last scheduled California Horse Racing Board (CHRB) meeting, there was another topic that resonated loudly: the safety of Santa Anita's track surface. "We're definitely considering plans in the future, on these rainy days, of almost being like in the Northeast, when they have snow days and take the day off," said The Stronach Group's COO Tim Ritvo, about the possibility of restricting racing and training on a sealed track.

There's much to dig into when it comes to training and racing on a dirt surface during periods of inclement weather--issues that will be returned to later in the article. But in terms of the health and well-being of the horse, what CHRB vice chair **Madeline Auerbach** said after the meeting is the "core of what we do," it also refocuses the issue back on synthetic surfaces, with which California has a torrid and costly relationship. A cold hard look at available race-day fatality data, however, tells a stark story.

According to the Jockey Club's Equine Injury Database (EID), between 2009 and 2018, on average 1.2 horses per 1000 starts were catastrophically injured on synthetics. That number is 1.47 on the grass, and 1.97 on dirt.

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## REVERSAL ON "NO WHIP" DAY AT SANTA ANITA

by Dan Ross

In the latest move in the ongoing chess games at Santa Anita, jockeys will carry and use their crops under the existing rules when race-riding at the track this Friday. This reverses a decision the Jockey's Guild **touted last week**, that the jockeys would ride on Friday without one.

"We will comply, for the time being, with the request from the Thoroughbred Owners of California to not proceed with the jockeys not using riding crops during the races at Santa Anita Park on Friday, April 12," said Jockeys' Guild President and CEO Terry Meyocks, in a joint press release between the Jockeys' Guild and the Thoroughbred Owners of California (TOC).

"For the past month we have received virtually no support from industry organizations in California until contacted by the TOC in the last day and a half," Meyocks said. **Cont. p8**

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**Synthetics and Sealed Dirt cont. from p1**

Using both **CHRB** and **DRF** chart data, the *TDN* zeroed in on four California tracks: Del Mar, Santa Anita, Hollywood Park and Golden Gate Fields. Between the 2007-2008 season and the 2017-2018 season, on average 1.9 horses per 1000 starts were catastrophically injured on the synthetic tracks in place at those four facilities. That figure was 2.6 for the dirt.

At the end of the day, "the numbers are staggering," said the University of Kentucky's Mick Peterson, about the marked difference in race-day fatality numbers between the dirt and synthetics. But, as with most issues concerning catastrophic breakdowns, the numbers only tell part of the story.

"I know that there are hundreds fewer horses that are breaking down in front of the crowds, because we have synthetics," said Peterson. "But what I don't know is how many horses have had shorter careers," he added, highlighting a common critique of synthetics: that while catastrophic injuries appear to be less on these surfaces, they cause more potentially career-threatening injuries than dirt.

In the award-winning *TDN* article, "Is This the Death of Synthetic Racing?" which chronicles the failure of synthetic surfaces to garner a foot-hold in North America, trainer Mike Mitchell said that, "I've had more injuries on these tracks than I had on dirt," with hind-end issues being most prevalent.

In the same article, however, other prominent experts argued the opposite. Renowned veterinarian Dr. Wayne McIlwraith said that bone injuries and joint injuries were significantly lower, "but the absolute number [of soft-tissue injuries] was no higher."

The problem is, no definitive objective study has been conducted to offer an answer one way or the other. The Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association released a 2010 study that found horses running on synthetics were half as likely to suffer career ending injuries as those on the dirt. The scope of the study was fairly limited, however. This 2015 study, using data collected from horses primarily racing and training on synthetics in California, found that the occurrence of non-fatal injuries was lower than other studies using trainer-reported injury data. But again, there was limited participation.

California was at the vanguard of the synthetic revolution of the mid-2000s, when in 2005, the CHRB mandated synthetic surfaces be installed at the state's four main tracks. Nevertheless, these surfaces were bedeviled with maintenance problems. Santa Anita's wax-based cushion track, installed in 2007, was beset with drainage issues after an improper sand was used, and was subsequently replaced with a pro-ride surface. Drainage issues persisted, however, and the pro-ride was ripped out in 2010 and replaced with dirt. **Cont. p4**



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Despite these problems, in terms of catastrophic race-day fatalities, synthetic surfaces at these four tracks still proved safer than dirt. According to this study using data taken from the start of 2004 until the end of 2009, catastrophic breakdowns decreased by 37% after the dirt surfaces were converted to synthetics. In a nod to the concerns of trainers who saw an increase in hind end issues on synthetics, the study also found a "relative increase in hind end fatal injuries."

"Unfortunately, they weren't good enough," admitted trainer Michael Dickinson, inventor of the Tapeta synthetic surface, about the first iteration of synthetics tracks. That said, synthetic surfaces have "come a long way" since then, Dickinson added, including the latest generation of his own, called Tapeta 10.

Dickinson singled out Newcastle--a racetrack in the north of England which replaced its turf course in 2016 with Tapeta--as a

poster-child for Tapeta 10. While many were initially skeptical of the change, said Dickinson, Newcastle is now a popular destination for top trainers, including many based hours away in Newmarket.

"John Gosden ships his best maidens seven hours in a van just to run on that surface," said Dickinson, pin-pointing a number of Gosden-trained stars-like duel Arc-winning Enable, GI Royal Ascot winning Without Parole, and GI Ascot Gold Cup winning Stradivarius--who all made early career starts there. "I mean, they love Newcastle."

Of course, the climate in Newcastle--on the same latitude as the city of Omsk, in Siberian Russia--is vastly different to the toasty climes of SoCal. But according to Dickinson, the latest version of Tapeta is "much less temperature sensitive" than its earlier cousin. "It's alright on the heat," he said. **Cont. p5**



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In fact, the cold weather, Driedger said, is tougher on the surface than the heat. "It won't break down as quickly in the heat, but it will soften up," he said. "Last year, when a whole lot of tracks were cancelling because of heat in the east, we never cancelled or missed a day of racing. And you never saw a change in the track on race-day."

With Santa Anita's checkered history with heavy rain in mind,

both with synthetics and dirt, Driedger said that the track has "no" issues with drainage. "We just had on Saturday an inch of rain and about a quarter inch of snow, and the next day it froze, and we didn't miss a beat," he said.

Most importantly, **Woodbine's race-day fatality record** on the Tapeta holds up well against numbers for dirt. Last year, 1.3 horses were fatally injured per 1000 starts at Woodbine. That number was 0.63 in 2017, and 1.07 in 2016.

Of course, key issues like racetrack surfaces invariably catalyze the old butterfly effect throughout the industry. Take **this excellent piece** in the *TDN* last week, in which Sid Fernando emphasizes the commercial specter of decades of dirt-breeding in the U.S. Historically speaking, synthetics haven't been terribly popular with horseplayers either. Then there's the cost of installing them and renewing the materials. According to Driedger, Woodbine's new Tapeta surface cost "up and around" \$10 million to install. But on a strictly welfare basis, synthetics clearly cause less horses to catastrophically break-down than the dirt. A persuasive argument for reform, right?

Not so fast, said Peterson, who said that he believes dirt could be as safe as synthetic surfaces, if the science was there to maintain them properly. "But we're not headed that way," Peterson added. "We've made no real progress in the seven years I've been saying that."

A big part of the problem is the industry's wholesale lack of funding into researching better protocols for maintaining moisture content to improve its consistency, said Peterson. "The total investment in trying to do better moisture control on dirt tracks has been almost nothing compared to what has been spent on synthetic tracks that have then been removed," he said. **Cont. p6**



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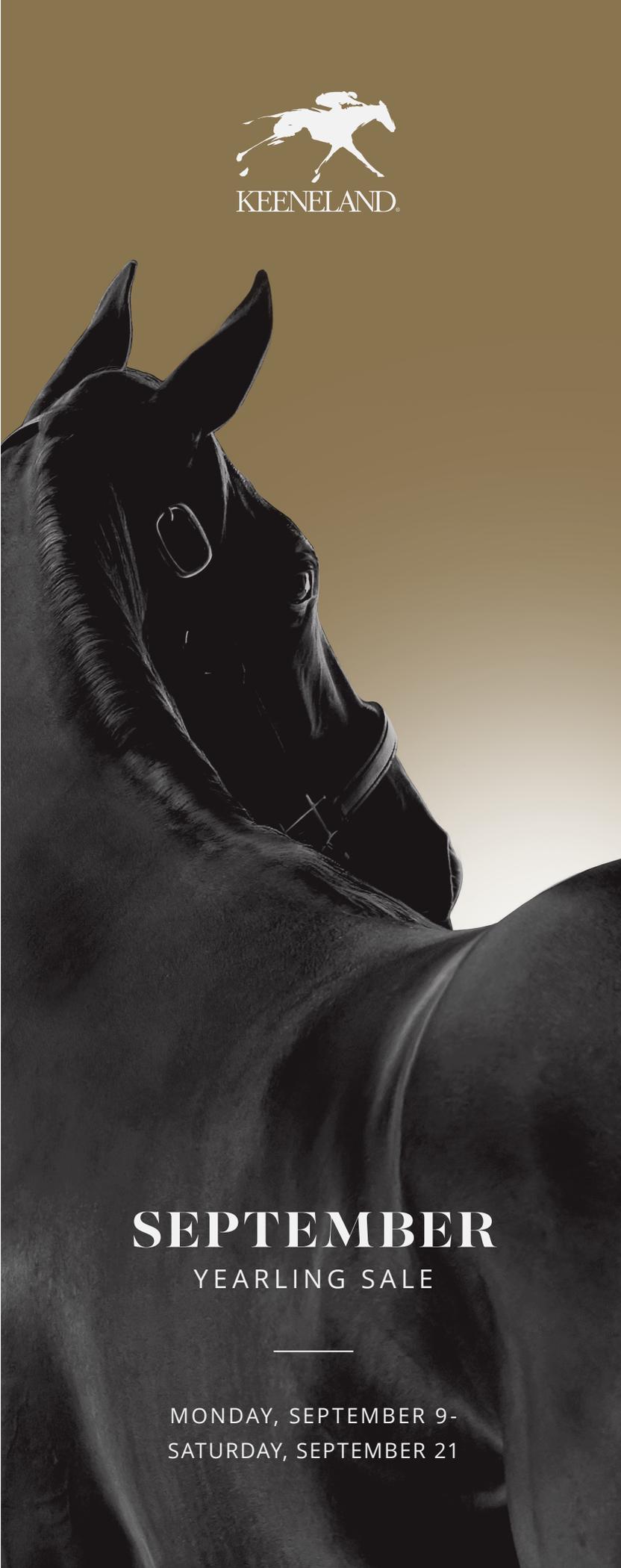
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On any surface, the horse's hoof slides a certain distance before it stops. The trick is to find the right amount of slide. Too little, and the horizontal loading on the leg is too great. Too much slide can lead to "misalignment" of the loading on the ankle and knee joints. What better surface moisture consistency could do is narrow the gap between synthetics and dirt as to the variation in sliding, said Peterson.

"The average slide on dirt was greater than it was on synthetic," said Peterson about a study he worked on, but never

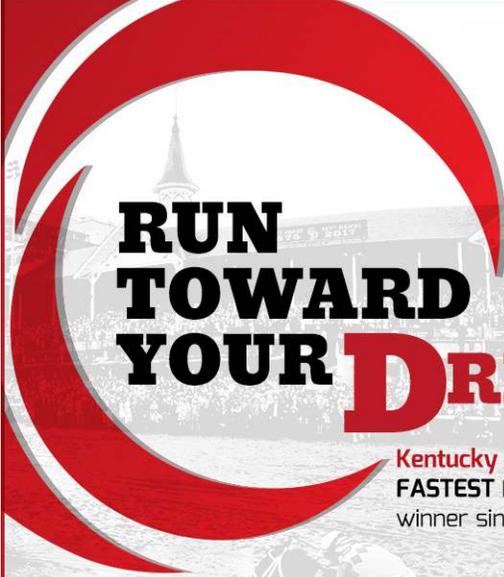
published. "But in the most extreme cases, you had less slide on dirt than you did on synthetics. The key to dirt is the variation was so much greater than it was on synthetic. The variation was so small on synthetic, even between different manufacturers, different temperatures."

Which brings us neatly back to the issue of training and racing on a hard or sealed surface. "If sealing the track was a problem, then the catastrophic injury rate at Belmont, Laurel Park, and at Aqueduct would be awful," said Peterson, highlighting racetracks that frequently endure periods of inclement weather, and as such are routinely sealed. "But they're not, right?"

Indeed, using EID data, the average catastrophic injury rates per 1000 starts over the past five year at Belmont Park (1.35) and at Aqueduct (1.55) are both lower than the average fatality rate nationally on the dirt during the same period: 1.82. Laurel Park's is marginally higher, at 2.01. **Cont. p7**



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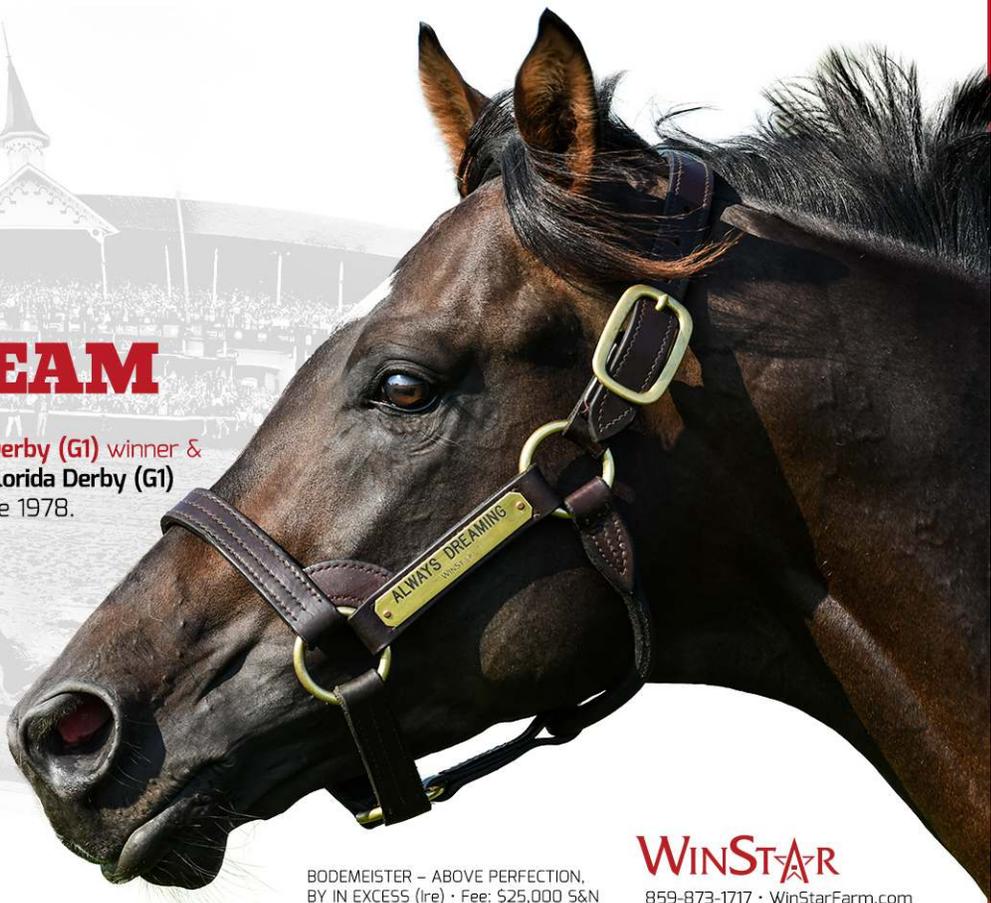
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The key issue once again, said Peterson, is consistency, and the different set of conditions encountered on wet and dry tracks, as well as surfaces that don't dry uniformly--issues that can affect the amount of "slide" underfoot. The track maintenance crews and the trainers in New York are more accustomed to inclement weather than their California-based cohorts, and adapt their maintenance protocols and training programs accordingly, said Peterson.

At the same time, "to be fair to the California trainers, if you gave the trainers at Aqueduct and Laurel a dry spell, they might have as hard a time as the California trainers do in a rainy period," said Peterson. "The water trucks and drivers at Santa Anita are some of the best in the country."

The context here is that it's not just the track management who have to adapt to their conditions--it's the trainers, too, who need to be mindful of subjecting their horses to unfamiliar conditions. Indeed, experts in bone physiology stress the

importance of giving a horse time to acclimatize to unusual training surfaces.

While racehorses can certainly adapt to sustained training on hard or sealed tracks, such surfaces transmit "greater loads" to the limbs during each stride, leading to increased "microscopic damage" within the skeleton, said Sue Stover, a professor of anatomy, physiology and cell biology at UC Davis, about the tiny fractures sustained by racehorses on a daily basis. "That must be repaired by the body to maintain skeletal health and resist injury."

In the same vein, inconsistent surfaces can also cause "unusual loads" on the skeleton, said Stover. "Loads that the skeleton has not adapted to during training and thus could increase the risk for injury," she added. As such, training activities "should be modified" when horses encounter hard or inconsistent surfaces, said Stover.



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When asked if he thought the trainers had, as a whole, adequately modified their training programs during this unusually wet winter in California, CHRB equine medical director Rick Arthur pointed to the work tabs through that period. "You can draw your own conclusions," he said.

"What I will tell you is that I used to work for a guy called Willard Proctor. Old time trainer," said Arthur. "We had a situation where the track was sealed for weeks. They opened it up, and a lot of trainers just had to work their horses. The next morning, these trainers were complaining about all the sore horses they had. Willard Proctor hadn't worked any of his horses, and he told the trainer next to him, 'well, you know what, when the track's bad, you don't work your horses.'"

As California Thoroughbred Trainers president Jim Cassidy explained, when it rains on and off for a period of time, "a lot of guys feel pressured, if they haven't done anything for days and days, to do something. So, they've got to bite their lip and go on with it."

But Cassidy said that he also believes more could have been done to the track to make it safer. "They don't have to seal it, they can float it," said Cassidy, about a maintenance procedure that still protects the track from rain, but doesn't necessarily leave it as hard as when its sealed.

At the end of the day, Cassidy said that he's unsure about how to apportion blame. "I'd have a better assessment by the end of the meet, if we don't have any more rain," he said. Nevertheless, as a result of the changes made to the dirt surface since former Santa Anita track superintendent Dennis Moore was brought back on board, "if we go the rest of the year with no issues," Cassidy would be more inclined to fault the track, he said.

Others see the situation much more black-and-white. "We've had 100 years to perfect dirt, and we haven't and we never will," said Dickinson. "Now we've only had a few years to perfect synthetics, and we've still got room to improve."

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### Reversal On "No Whip" Day at Santa Anita cont. from p1

"In the interest of moving forward to create a safer environment for both equine and human athletes, we have agreed to work with the TOC to come to a mutually agreeable position on riding crop usage in California to be submitted to the CHRB," Meyocks added.

Currently, jockeys are permitted to use the whip three times in succession before putting it down to give a horse time to respond.

According to the press release, the Guild will ask the jockeys at Santa Anita and Golden Gate to use the new 360 GT riding crop, which was used by jockeys at Keeneland Racecourse over the weekend. Former jockey Ramon Dominguez helped develop this new crop.

"Jockeys, who take great personal risk every time they ride, are focused on safety and are vigilant caretakers of their horses," said Greg Avioli, president of the TOC, in the press release. "We appreciate the Guild's willingness to continue to work with us on policy options that protect horses and riders while ensuring that races are run fairly for all participants."

The *TDN* had reached out to the California Horse Racing Board (CHRB) for comment, but did not hear back before deadline. A spokeswoman for The Stronach Group said they had no comment "at this time."

Jockey Mike Smith, who had previously supported the no-whip Friday, told the *TDN* that racehorses are "powerful animals," and as such, was on board with the Jockeys' Guild's change of plans. "[We need] more negotiations and to talk about it, instead of all of a sudden doing something that's never been done before in the history of racing, as far as I'm aware. I'd like to see us all work together in figuring out what's best for the horses and our industry."

The back-and-forth over the no-whip Friday at Santa Anita follows a proposed rule change approved by the CHRB at its scheduled meeting last month, which restricts riders to using riding crops only "to control the horse for the safety of the horse or rider." The proposed rule change will be put out for a 45-day public comment period, and can be amended before the board votes on it again. The proposed rule has not yet been noticed.

The day of whip-less races at Santa Anita was advertised as a fact-finding mission. The Jockey's Guild explained that after each race on Friday Apr. 12, "data" would be gathered from input from the jockeys. The information collected during the trial experiment was intended to be submitted for consideration during the public comment period.

A letter TOC president and CEO Greg Avioli wrote to the Jockeys' Guild—which was distributed to jockeys at Santa Anita Wednesday morning, and on which trainer Bob Baffert was

cc'd—laid out clearly his organization's position on the issue of both the no-whip Friday and the proposed CHRB rule change.

"Our only request from you and your Guild members is to postpone any implementation of the Friday 'no whip' rule until after the CHRB rule making process is completed in the coming months," Avioli wrote.

Avioli added that "to go through with the planned 'racing without whips' this Friday will almost assuredly put our California racing industry back on the front pages in a very unfavorable light," and he emphasized the potential risk of injury "to horses or jockeys, that could have major negative long-term implications for everybody."

Furthermore, Avioli wrote that the TOC does not support the CHRB's proposed revision to the whip rule. The revisions are "unworkable for many reasons," the letter states. As such, the TOC requests "that we join in the Jockey's Guild in presenting to the CHRB a joint position on what appropriate changes could be to the existing crop rule that would be acceptable to both of our organizations."

"We are most definitely in a time of crisis right now that has the potential to radically change for the worse horse racing in California and other states down the road. For example, we know for certain there are a number of organizations currently working on a statewide anti-horseracing ballot initiative in California. In this time of upheaval and real threats to our industry, we must find common ground where we can with core industry stakeholders including the jockeys," Avioli wrote.

In Wednesday's press release, Baffert, a TOC board member, said that "we owe it to the riders to work with them to ensure that they're on board with the steps we are taking to create the safest environment possible for our athletes."

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## SO MAYBE RICHARD SHAPIRO WAS RIGHT AFTER ALL

by *Bill Finley*

For a long time, it wasn't easy being Richard Shapiro. As the head of the California Horse Racing Board, in 2006, he led the movement that required most of California's tracks to convert to synthetic surfaces. Shapiro said he believed they were necessary to cut down on the number of fatalities at the California tracks. He wanted racing in California to be as safe as possible, both for the welfare of the horse and to quiet rumblings from animal rights activists who were starting to set their sights on the sport.

He achieved that, as the number of fatalities did indeed drop significantly. But rather than being hailed as a hero, he was vilified by gamblers, trainers, owners and even some members of the media. It got to be so bad that he received one e-mail

where the person demanded that he be hung from the Seabiscuit statue at Santa Anita. For myriad reasons, a lot of people hated synthetic surfaces and they cast Shapiro as the villain who they said had ruined California racing.



Richard Shapiro | *Horsephotos*

No one can say for sure what would have happened at Santa Anita at this meet had the track not ripped out its synthetic surface in 2010, but, based on irrefutable statistics, synthetic tracks are safer than dirt tracks. Would 23 horses have died at the meet if a synthetic surface were still in place and would Santa Anita be caught up in a crisis that many consider a threat not only to Santa Anita's future, but that of the entire sport? It's hard to say, but the statistics suggest otherwise.

In the meantime, Shapiro is still waiting to hear his first apology. That's fine with him. He understands that this is a complex issue and that, surely, the track surface alone, is not the sole contributor to fatalities at Santa Anita. But he does think Santa Anita and Del Mar should have struck with synthetic surfaces.

"I've looked at it and I have been following what's going on with horror," he said. "I have been really upset and I look at the problem in totality. I think it's a very complex problem. Do I think it's track surfaces? I think that is a component. Do I think that the industry abandoned it too quickly? Yes, I think they did."

Shapiro took over the same year Barbaro broke down in the Preakness and later had to be put down and Del Mar had one of the worst meets in its history from a safety standpoint, with 14 horses breaking down. He sensed that horse safety was a growing concern among the general public and that too many people viewed racing as a sport that amounted to animal cruelty. He wanted to be proactive.

A synthetic surface was already in place at Turfway Park and was meeting all expectations. **Cont. p10**

A handful of European tracks, in order to have flat racing in the winter, had also gone the synthetic route and were not having any problems with the new tracks.

The CHRБ voted to order California tracks to install synthetic surfaces by the end of 2007.

The switch to synthetic tracks was not exactly a smooth one. Shapiro admits the CHRБ should have given tracks more time to make the transition and work with the manufacturers of the surface to work out the kinks. There were bumps in the road, including a period when Santa Anita had to close down due to drainage problems. In addition, synthetic surfaces were hailed as a panacea. They were not. Horse were still breaking down.

“When I pushed for the synthetic surfaces it was because we had a rash of breakdowns not to dissimilar to what is now going on,” Shapiro said. “And so I’m looking back and I think that

perhaps I acted too hastily in rushing to put in the synthetic surfaces at all of the tracks. On the other hand, it was a very difficult problem and we did a lot of study and we talked to a lot of companies that had different tracks. That situation failed because there wasn't a consistency in the tracks that were put in.

“The Polytrack that was put in at Del Mar had too much wax and the weather in the morning versus the afternoon created a huge inconsistency with that track. Then there was the track that was installed at Santa Anita, which was done by a different company. They put in so much sand and had other problems that their track fell apart. So while the idea I think was good and valid, I think that had there been more uniformity in the application of putting in these tracks things would have worked out better.”



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# REGULATORY VETERINARY CONTINUING EDUCATION



## RegVetCE Honored with ARCI President's Award

The Association of Racing Commissioners International (ARCI) honored organizers of the annual Regulatory Veterinarian Continuing Education conference (RegVetCE) with a special President's Award, recognizing exemplary service and contribution to racing integrity.

This year marked the second annual RegVetCE, an event developed and managed by the National Thoroughbred Racing Association

(NTRA) and the Racing Medication Testing Consortium (RMTC).

“We are honored to accept this award on behalf of our team that planned the content of this one-of-a-kind annual conference, as well as our generous sponsors, whose donations made it possible,” said RMTC executive director and COO, Dr. Dionne Benson.

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But Shapiro was right about one very important thing: the synthetic tracks were safer than dirt tracks and the lives of many horses were saved.

According to Jockey Club statistics, from 2009 through 2018, 1.2 horses per thousand starters were euthanized in synthetic surface racing. In dirt racing, the number was 1.97.

Yet, many synthetic surface tracks, including Keeneland, gave into the constant drumbeat of criticism from everyone from the \$2 bettor to owner Jess Jackson, who refused to race Rachel Alexandra over “plastic.”

The CHRB relented and Santa Anita went back to dirt in 2010 and Del Mar did the same in 2015. Golden Gate Fields is the only track left in the state with a synthetic surface. In 2008, Shapiro resigned from the CHRB and has had virtually nothing to do with racing since.

While catastrophic injury rates remain low at Golden Gate, which registered 1.12 per thousand starters in 2018, at both Santa Anita and Del Mar, the switch back to dirt meant more fatalities. To simplify things, the *TDN* did not account for turf races or deaths that occurred during training hours as some of Santa Anita’s fatalities have come over its dirt training track. The clearest way to compare the safety of each surface was to compare the number of deaths during racing over dirt versus synthetic surfaces.

In the three years since dirt was reinstalled at Santa Anita, which does not include the current meet, there has been an average of 15.3 fatalities in races. During the last three years of synthetic surface racing, the number was 9.3. Using the same formula for Del Mar, the number went from 3.66 to 7. The numbers would look a lot more damning for dirt tracks if breakdowns during training hours were included. On the other hand, Del Mar and Santa Anita both took on more racing dates after Hollywood Park shut down.

To Shapiro, those numbers suggest a better option would have been to stay with synthetic tracks, all the while working the bugs out and trying to make them even safer.

“What I am saying is that we had an opportunity to learn,” he said. “Then we threw the baby out with the bath water.”

It was a difficult time for Shapiro, and he didn’t handle the criticism well. He was caught on camera “keying” a car owned by one of his harshest critics. His new passion is hunter jumpers and he says he barely stays connected with Thoroughbred racing.

Since the Santa Anita situation started, PETA, Senator Dianne Feinstein and Congresswoman Judy Chu have called on the California tracks to go back to synthetic surfaces and their demands have come with threats that should not be taken lightly.

Shapiro says he doubts anyone cares what he thinks, but if

someone were to ask him if a return to synthetics was a magic bullet his answer would actually be no.

“Horse racing has totally ignored the fact that this breed has become so much more fragile, and is not understanding or is not trying to understand why the breed became that way,” he said. “What is it that's going on that these horses simply can't withstand running 40 miles an hour? Most of the breakdowns are on the front end, whether they're their fetlocks, whether it's their pasterns, whether it's their cannon bones. That's where most of the injuries are. So I think there is a myriad of issues that need to be studied, and a need to make correlations. Unfortunately, the industry remains so fragmented that overall it isn't dealing with it.

“Medication, I think is a huge issue. I'm totally opposed to race day medication. I am totally opposed to Lasix. It's not natural. As well, I think there should be medical records from the day a horse is born that show what procedures are done on every horse. When a foal is born, let's say they toe out in their front, then they will immediately try to do corrective measure, so that when the horse reaches the sales arena it doesn't toe out anymore and that way they'll bring more money if he's straight. What does that do to the natural anatomy? Those types of procedures are corrective in terms of visually corrective, but are they hurting actually the soundness of the horse?”

Shapiro tried to buck the system once and it didn’t work. He said that he believes that in light of the Santa Anita situation it is time for people in the industry to start opening their minds, forget about the way things used to be done, and welcome new ideas, no matter how radical they may seem.

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## TAA LAUNCHES AFTERCARE SURVEY FOR INDUSTRY

The Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance has launched an online survey to gauge Thoroughbred industry participants’ views on Thoroughbred aftercare. The survey is now live and can be accessed [here](#). The TAA encourages all Thoroughbred industry participants, from owners and trainers to breeders, horseplayers, and fans, to take the survey and share their feedback.

“Understanding the Thoroughbred industry’s views on current aftercare initiatives is a priority for the TAA as we plan for the future,” TAA president Mike Meuser said. “Equine welfare and aftercare is of the utmost importance for the future of our sport, and knowing where we currently stand will help us best serve the industry going forward.”

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## ARCI SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY GROUP: NO LINK BETWEEN FUROSEMIDE AND BREAKDOWNS

The Scientific Advisory Group of the Association of Racing Commissioners International (ARCI) has reported that there is no current science linking furosemide treatments to muscular skeletal issues that may be a contributing cause of equine breakdowns in racing, according to a press release from ARCI Wednesday.

The group reported to a meeting of the RCI's Drug Testing Standards and Practices Committee that they discussed the issue at their meeting Apr. 2 and were not aware of any published studies or papers providing any evidence of such a link.

"There remains an attempt on the part of some organizations and individuals to leave the impression that the current equine welfare policy of permitting the voluntary race day use of furosemide under controlled and transparent circumstances is somehow tied to the tragic equine deaths that have occurred at Santa Anita and elsewhere," said ARCI President Ed Martin in a statement.

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## BREEDERS' CUP, NBC RELEASE 2019 BREEDERS' CUP CHALLENGE TELEVISION SCHEDULE

The 2019 Breeders' Cup Challenge Series; Win and You're In, presented by America's Best Racing will consist of 11 live programs featuring over 20 automatic Breeders' Cup qualifying races, the Breeders' Cup and NBC Sports announced Wednesday.

The series will kick off June 8 during NBC Sports's coverage of Belmont Stakes Day, with the GI Runhappy Metropolitan H. and GI Ogden Phipps S. offering automatic berths into the GI Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile and GI Longines Breeders' Cup Distaff, respectively.

"NBC Sports continues to be the leader in televising the best in domestic and international Thoroughbred racing and we are delighted to partner with them again to deliver our fans the best in Breeders' Cup Challenge races throughout the summer and fall leading to the World Championships," said Craig Fravel, Breeders' Cup President and CEO. "We also thank our participating racetracks in the 2019 series and the support of our presenting sponsor America's Best Racing."

The complete Breeders' Cup Challenge TV schedule can be found [here](#).

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## JUSTIFY NAMED KENTUCKY HORSE OF THE YEAR

Triple Crown winner Justify (Scat Daddy) was named Horse of the Year and Champion 3-Year-Old Male by the Kentucky Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders during Wednesday's KTOB Awards Luncheon at Keeneland. The KTOB recognized 12 other Kentucky-breds at the luncheon, led by Broodmare of the Year Stage Magic, the dam of Justify.

"It was another exceptional year for Kentucky-breds at the racetrack, punctuated by Justify's historic Triple Crown," said Chauncey Morris, executive director of the Kentucky Thoroughbred Association/Kentucky Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders. "Our award recipients--both equine and human--exemplify the dreams and aspirations of our industry, and we're proud to celebrate their memorable achievements."

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Apr. 7	GI Maker's 46 Mile	Keeneland
	GIII Fantasy S.	Oaklawn
Apr. 13	GI Coolmore Jenny Wiley S.	Keeneland
	GIII Ben Ali S.	Keeneland
	GIII Stonestreet Lexington S.	Keeneland
	GI Arkansas Derby	Oaklawn
	GII Oaklawn H.	Oaklawn
	GIII Count Fleet Sprint H.	Oaklawn

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## Leading 2019 Sires of 2-Year-Olds

*by cumulative average price for stallions standing in North America (through Keeneland April)*

Rank	Name	FYr	Loc	2016 Fee	Ring	Sold	Avg	Median
1	Curlin	F10	KY	\$100,000	4	4	\$1,254,750	\$682,500
2	Tapit	F06	KY	\$300,000	5	4	\$1,025,000	\$950,000
3	Medaglia d'Oro	F06	KY	\$150,000	3	3	\$783,333	\$900,000
4	Pioneerof the Nile	F11	KY	\$125,000	3	3	\$613,333	\$450,000
5	American Pharoah	F17	KY	\$200,000	16	9	\$568,333	\$410,000
6	Bernardini	F08	KY	\$100,000	4	2	\$557,500	\$557,500
7	Into Mischief	F10	KY	\$45,000	16	11	\$516,818	\$350,000
8	Speightstown	F06	KY	\$100,000	4	2	\$512,500	\$512,500
9	Lemon Drop Kid	F02	KY	\$40,000	3	2	\$437,500	\$437,500
10	Blame	F12	KY	\$25,000	2	2	\$400,000	\$400,000
11	More Than Ready	F02	KY	\$50,000	2	1	\$390,000	\$390,000
12	Sky Kingdom	F17	KY	\$5,000	4	3	\$335,666	\$110,000
13	Uncle Mo	F13	KY	\$75,000	19	13	\$317,692	\$350,000
14	Discreet Cat	F09	KY	\$7,500	2	2	\$310,000	\$310,000
15	Tapiture	F17	KY	\$7,500	7	4	\$285,000	\$295,000

## Leading 2019 Freshmen Sires of 2-Year-Olds

*by cumulative average price for stallions standing in North America (through Keeneland April)*

Rank	Name	Sire's Sire	Loc	2016 Fee	Ring	Sold	Avg	Median
1	American Pharoah	Pioneerof the Nile	KY	\$200,000	16	9	\$568,333	\$410,000
2	Sky Kingdom	Empire Maker	KY	\$5,000	4	3	\$335,666	\$110,000
3	Tapiture	Tapit	KY	\$7,500	7	4	\$285,000	\$295,000
4	Majestic City	City Zip	NY	\$3,500	1	1	\$270,000	\$270,000
5	Carpe Diem	Giant's Causeway	KY	\$25,000	8	6	\$261,666	\$215,000
6	The Big Beast	Yes It's True	FL	\$6,000	7	7	\$226,000	\$95,000
7	Constitution	Tapit	KY	\$25,000	9	7	\$220,285	\$140,000
8	Liam's Map	Unbridled's Song	KY	\$25,000	5	5	\$216,000	\$175,000
9	Karakontie (Jpn)	Bernstein	KY	\$15,000	3	3	\$205,000	\$150,000
10	Commissioner	A.P. Indy	KY	\$7,500	6	5	\$199,000	\$145,000
11	Tonalist	Tapit	KY	\$30,000	7	5	\$190,000	\$150,000
12	Bayern	Offlee Wild	KY	\$15,000	10	6	\$177,833	\$130,000
13	Palace Malice	Curlin	KY	\$20,000	10	8	\$175,062	\$75,000
14	Fast Anna	Medaglia d'Oro	KY	\$7,500	5	5	\$139,000	\$55,000
15	Summer Front	War Front	KY	\$10,000	3	1	\$130,000	\$130,000

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## 2019 Leading Broodmare Sires

for stallions standing in North America through Tuesday, Apr. 9

Earnings and Black-type represents worldwide figures & stud fees are for 2019

Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	<b>Giant's Causeway</b> <i>(1997) by Storm Cat Crops: 12</i>	11	22	4	8	--	--	389	114	620,372	6,208,292
										<i>Stands: Ashford Stud USA (Dead/Ret/Exp)</i>	<i>Ispolini (GB)</i>
2	<b>Unbridled's Song</b> <i>(1993) by Unbridled Crops: 17</i>	6	22	3	13	2	4	393	105	684,072	6,173,712
										<i>Stands: Taylor Made Stallions USA (Dead/Ret/Exp)</i>	<i>Suave Richard (JPN)</i>
3	<b>A.P. Indy</b> <i>(1989) by Seattle Slew Crops: 20</i>	4	20	4	13	1	3	353	81	575,521	5,294,966
										<i>Stands: Lane's End Farm KY Fee: Pensioned</i>	<i>Delta Prince</i>
4	<b>Storm Cat</b> <i>(1983) by Storm Bird Crops: 25</i>	8	15	4	7	--	1	290	68	566,975	4,992,133
										<i>Stands: Overbrook Farm USA (Dead/Ret/Exp)</i>	<i>Catapult</i>
5	<b>Awesome Again</b> <i>(1994) by Deputy Minister Crops: 15</i>	3	9	1	4	--	1	185	63	1,504,000	4,327,477
										<i>Stands: Adena Springs KY Fee: Private</i>	<i>Plus Que Parfait</i>
6	<b>Seeking the Gold</b> <i>(1985) by Mr. Prospector Crops: 23</i>	3	8	2	5	--	1	219	52	1,250,000	4,168,726
										<i>Stands: Claiborne Farm USA (Dead/Ret/Exp)</i>	<i>Seeking the Soul</i>
7	<b>Distorted Humor</b> <i>(1993) by Forty Niner Crops: 14</i>	4	10	2	3	--	--	302	93	322,500	3,808,322
										<i>Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$50,000</i>	<i>Haikal</i>
8	<b>Deputy Minister</b> <i>(1979) by Vice Regent Crops: 29</i>	3	6	3	4	1	1	151	50	1,035,398	3,536,314
										<i>Stands: USA (Dead/Ret/Exp)</i>	<i>Mr Melody</i>
9	<b>Smart Strike</b> <i>(1992) by Mr. Prospector Crops: 17</i>	2	8	1	3	--	--	255	79	194,330	3,361,862
										<i>Stands: Lane's End Farm USA (Dead/Ret/Exp)</i>	<i>Valedictorian</i>
10	<b>Kingmambo</b> <i>(1990) by Mr. Prospector Crops: 19</i>	1	5	1	2	--	1	222	50	900,000	3,360,715
										<i>Stands: Lane's End Farm USA (Dead/Ret/Exp)</i>	<i>Cross Counter (GB)</i>
11	<b>Street Cry (Ire)</b> <i>(1998) by Machiavellian Crops: 11</i>	3	9	1	4	--	--	227	65	273,800	3,154,328
										<i>Stands: Darley USA (Dead/Ret/Exp)</i>	<i>Street Band</i>
12	<b>Lemon Drop Kid</b> <i>(1996) by Kingmambo Crops: 12</i>	4	8	1	3	--	--	162	58	617,471	3,139,438
										<i>Stands: Lane's End Farm KY Fee: \$25,000</i>	<i>Meisho Tekkon (JPN)</i>
13	<b>Elusive Quality</b> <i>(1993) by Gone West Crops: 14</i>	4	11	2	5	--	--	275	71	301,000	3,137,316
										<i>Stands: Jonabell Farm USA (Dead/Ret/Exp)</i>	<i>Super Steed</i>
14	<b>More Than Ready</b> <i>(1997) by Southern Halo Crops: 12</i>	4	9	1	4	--	--	200	62	320,442	3,028,768
										<i>Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$80,000</i>	<i>Tornado Twist (AUS)</i>
15	<b>Tapit</b> <i>(2001) by Pulpit Crops: 8</i>	4	9	2	2	1	1	158	50	1,161,970	2,975,729
										<i>Stands: Gainesway Farm KY Fee: \$225,000</i>	<i>Gran Alegria (JPN)</i>

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

**MAKER'S 46 MILE S.-GI, \$300,000, 4yo/up, 1mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Raging Bull (Fr)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Peter M. Brant	Brown	Rosario	123
2	Doctor Mounty 🐾	Street Sense	Pratt, Larry and Alden, Dave	McGaughey III	Velazquez	118
3	Hembree 🐾	Proud Citizen	Three Diamonds Farm	Maker	Gaffalione	118
4	Delta Prince	Street Cry (Ire)	Stronach Stables	Jerkens	Castellano	118
5	Qurbaan 🐾	Speightstown	Shadwell Stable	McLaughlin	Ortiz, Jr.	118
6	Heart to Heart	English Channel	Terry Hamilton	Lynch	Leparoux	118
7	Clyde's Image 🐾	Get Stormy	Sullimar Stable	Bush	Jimenez	118
8	Great Wide Open (Ire)	Starspangledbanner (Aus)	M and J Thoroughbreds LLC & Riverside Bloodstock, LLC	Murphy	Graham	118

Breeders: 1-Dayton Investments Limited, 2-G. Watts Humphrey Jr., Susan Keller, Vicki Oliver & G. Watts Humphrey III, 3-Derby Lane Farm, LLC, 4-Adena Springs, 5-Justin Carthy, 6-Red Hawk Ranch, 7-Barr Inman, 8-Newtown Anner Stud

**Friday, Oaklawn, post time: 5:42 p.m. EDT**

**FANTASY S.-GIII, \$500,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Cosmic Code	Into Mischief	Juddmonte Farms, Inc.	Cox	Court	117
2	Filly Joel	Dialed In	Arindel	Alvarado	Cohen	117
3	Irish Mischief 🐾	Into Mischief	Pietrangelo, Michael A., Ten Strike Racing and MadeKat Stables	Cox	Elliott	117
4	Lady Apple 🐾	Curlin	Phoenix Thoroughbred III and KatieRich Stables	Asmussen	Santana, Jr.	117
5	Destiny Over Fate	Drill	Ron Paolucci Racing, LLC	Cruz	De La Cruz	117
6	Super Tap	Super Saver	Paradise Farms Corp. & Ron Paolucci Racing, LLC	Hess, Jr.	Mojica	117
7	Kiffle 🐾	Take Charge Indy	Ron Paolucci Racing, LLC	Cruz	Canchari	117
8	Motion Emotion 🐾	Take Charge Indy	Mark DeDomenico LLC	Van Berg	Smith	117
9	Brill	Medaglia d'Oro	OXO Equine LLC	Hollendorfer	Geroux	117
10	Orra Moor 🐾	Orb	StarLadies Racing	Pletcher	Saez	117
11	K P Slickem	Include	Karl Pergola	Martin	Baze	117
12	Oxy Lady	Oxbow	Calumet Farm	Sisterson	Cannon	121

Breeders: 1-Juddmonte Farms Inc, 2-Arindel, 3-Clarkland Farm, 4-KatieRich Farms, 5-Best A Luck Farm LLC, 6-Calumet Farm, 7-J D Stuart & Chuck Sandford, 8-WinStar Farm, LLC, 9-Southern Equine Stables, 10-Edward H. Lane, 11-Morgan's Ford Farm, 12-Calumet Farm

**Saturday, Oaklawn, post time: 7:43 p.m. EDT**

**ARKANSAS DERBY-GI, \$1,000,000, 3yo, 1 1/8m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Improbable 🐾	City Zip	WinStar Farm LLC, China Horse Club International Ltd. and Starlight Racing	Baffert	Ortiz	122
2	Six Shooter	Trappe Shot	Dundalk 5 LLC, N P H Stable and Herek, Wes	Holthus	Cohen	122
3	Omaha Beach 🐾	War Front	Fox Hill Farms, Inc.	Mandella	Smith	122
4	Tikhvin Flew 🐾	Street Sense	Bloom Racing Stable, LLC and Madaket Stables, LLC	Asmussen	Baze	118
5	Laughing Fox 🐾	Union Rags	Lieblong, Alex and JoAnn	Asmussen	Santana, Jr.	118
6	Gray Attempt 🐾	Graydar	Dwight Pruett	Fires	Elliott	122
7	Galilean	Uncle Mo	West Point Thoroughbreds, Barker, Denise and Sandbrook, William	Hollendorfer	Prat	122

8	Country House	Lookin At Lucky	Shields, Jr., Mrs. J. V., McFadden, Jr., E. J. M. and LNJ Foxwoods	Mott	Rosario	118
9	One Flew South 🦟	Giant's Causeway	Zedan Racing Stables Inc	O'Neill	Borel	118
10	Jersey Agenda	Jersey Town	Charles E. Fipke	Asmussen	Vazquez	118
11	Long Range Toddy	Take Charge Indy	Willis Horton Racing LLC	Asmussen	Court	122

Breeders: 1-St. George Farm LLC & G. WattsHumphrey Jr., 2-Craig D. Upham, 3-Charming Syndicate, 4-Mineola Farm II, LLC & Silent GroveFarms, LLC, 5-Chester & Anne Prince, 6-Wynnstay LLC, Donna Moore & Jim Richardson, 7-Bar C Racing Stables, Inc., 8-J. V. Shields, Jr., 9-Gabriel Duignan, William Duignan & Tranquility Investments Limited, 10-Charles Fipke, 11-Willis Horton Racing LLC

### Saturday, Keeneland, post time: 6:12 p.m. EDT

#### COOLMORE JENNY WILEY S.-GI, \$350,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Phantom Opening 🦟	Arch	Surfside Stables, LLC	Blair	Geroux	118
2	Rushing Fall	More Than Ready	e Five Racing Thoroughbreds	Brown	Castellano	120
3	Princess Warrior	Midshipman	Trommer, Evan, Trommer, Matthew and Trommer, Andrew	McPeck	Hernandez, Jr.	118
4	Rymska (Fr)	Le Havre (Ire)	Madaket Stables LLC, Coleman, Tom, Team Hanley and Elayne Stables	Brown	Ortiz, Jr.	118
5	Goodyearforroses (Ire) 🦟	Azamour (Ire)	James D. Spry	House	Jimenez	118
6	Bellavais 🦟	Tapit Bortolazzo Stable LLC	Pletcher	Leparoux	118	
7	Got Stormy 🦟	Get Stormy	Gary Barber	Casse	Gaffalione	118
8	Onthemoonagain (Fr)	Cape Cross (Ire)	Martin S. Schwartz	Brown	Velazquez	118

Breeders: 1-Warrender Associates & Diane Curry, 2-Fred W. Hertrich III & John D. Fielding, 3-George M. Veloudis Jr., 4-Eric Feurtet, 5-The Hornets, 6-Phillips Racing Partnership, 7-Mt. Joy Stables, Pope McLean, MarcMcLean & Pope McLean Jr., 8-Patrick Chedeville

### Saturday, Oaklawn, post time: 6:22 p.m. EDT

#### OAKLAWN H.-GII, \$750,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/8m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Tenfold	Curlin	Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC	Asmussen	Santana, Jr.	117
2	Pioneer Spirit 🦟	Malibu Moon	Steve Landers Racing LLC	Cox	Saez	114
3	Chris and Dave	Bluegrass Cat	Danny R. Caldwell	Villafranco	Vazquez	113
4	Lookin At Lee 🦟	Lookin At Lucky	L and N Racing LLC	Asmussen	Smith	115
5	Remembering Rita	Spring At Last	Jeral Keith Adams	Anderson	Birzer	115
6	Giant Expectations 🦟	Frost Giant	Exline-Border Racing LLC, Gatto Racing, LLC and Zubok, Garrett	Eurton	Rosario	117
7	Quip	Distorted Humor	WinStar Farm LLC, China Horse Club International Ltd. and SF Racing LLC	Brisset	Ortiz	116
8	Lone Sailor 🦟	Majestic Warrior	G M B Racing	Amoss	Prat	116
9	Rated R Superstar	Kodiak Kowboy	Crystal Racing Enterprises and Contreras Stable Inc.	Contreras	De La Cruz	116

Breeders: 1-Winchell Thoroughbreds, LLC, 2-Mikhail Yanakov, 3-Bortolazzo Stable LLC, 4-Ray Hanson, 5-Dapple Bloodstock & Lisa McNamara, 6-Sunrise Stables, 7-WinStar Farm, LLC, 8-Alexander - Groves - Matz, LLC., 9-Thorndale Stable L.L.C.

### Saturday, Oaklawn, post time: 3:18 p.m. EDT

#### COUNT FLEET SPRINT H.-GIII, \$500,000, 4yo/up, 6f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Mitole 🦟	Eskendereya	Heiligbrodt, L. William and Corinne	Asmussen	Santana, Jr.	121
2	Bourbon Cowboy	Cowboy Cal	Howg, Randy, Shaby, Selman and Smith, Lana	Diodoro	Mojica	114
3	Storm Advisory	Weigelia	Ron Paolucci Racing, LLC	Quartarolo	Cohen	114
4	Whitmore	Pleasantly Perfect	LaPenta, Robert V., Southern Springs Stables and	Moquett	Saez	123

5	Operation Stevie	Lantana Mob	Head of Plains Partners LLC Contreras Stable, Inc. and Trostrud Jr., Earl J.	Contreras	Elliott	115
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Breeders: 1-Edward A. Cox Jr., 2-Richard Forbush & Pin Oak Stud, LLC, 3-Epona Equine, LLC, Otto Draper & Wyn Oaks Farm, 4-John Liviakis, 5-Larry Smallwood

**Saturday, Keeneland, post time: 4:24 p.m. EDT**

**BEN ALI S.-GIII, \$200,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/8m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Just Whistle 🐾	Pioneerof the Nile	Helen K. Groves	Matz	Gaffalione	118
2	Krewe Chief 🐾	Parading	Three Diamonds Farm	Maker	Saez	118
3	Third Day 🐾	Bernardini	Town and Country Racing, LLC	Lynch	Castellano	118
4	Flameaway 🐾	Scat Daddy	John C. Oxley	Casse	Ortiz, Jr.	118
5	Hence	Street Boss	Calumet Farm	Asmussen	Lanerie	118
6	Solomini 🐾	Curlin	Zayat Stables, LLC, Magnier, Mrs. John, Tabor, Michael B. and Smith, Derrick	Baffert	Hernandez, Jr.	118
7	Noble Commander	Forestry	Agave Racing Stable	D'Amato	Geroux	118
8	Bonus Points	Majestic Warrior	Three Diamonds Farm	Pletcher	Velazquez	118
9	Bourbon Resolution	New Year's Day	Bourbon Lane Stable	Wilkes	Landeros	118
10	Nun the Less 🐾	Candy Ride (Arg)	Crystal Racing Enterprises and Contreras Stable Inc.	Contreras	Prescott	118
11	First Mondays	Curlin	Cash is King LLC and Glenangus Farm LLC	Servis	Leparoux	118

Breeders: 1-Helen K. Groves Revocable Trust, 2-Stone Farm, 3-Janet Lyons & James Atwell, 4-Phoenix Rising Farms, 5-Calumet Farm, 6-Glenna R. Salyer DVM, 7-GoldMark Farm, LLC, 8-Country Life Farm, 9-Gary & Mary West Stables Inc, 10-Claiborne Farm, 11-Dr. & Mrs. Thomas Bowman & Milton P. Higgins III

**Saturday, Keeneland, post time: 5:34 p.m. EDT**

**STONESTREET LEXINGTON S.-GIII, \$200,000, 3yo, 1 1/16m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Shang	Shanghai Bobby	Heiligbrodt, L. William and Corinne	Asmussen	Ortiz, Jr.	120
2	Hawaiian Noises	Super Saver	Wesley A. Ward	Ward	Velazquez	118
3	Sueno 🐾	Atreides	Silverton Hill LLC	Desormeaux	Lanerie	118
4	Anothertwistafate	Scat Daddy	Peter Redekop B. C., Ltd.	Wright	Castellano	120
5	Harvey Wallbanger	Congrats	Harold Lerner LLC, AWC Stables, Akman, Scott K. and Nehoc Stables	McPeck	Hernandez, Jr.	123
6	Chase the Ghost	Ghostzapper	Holy Cow Stable, LLC	Stewart	Mena	118
7	Knicks Go 🐾	Paynter	KRA Stud Farm	Colebrook	Jimenez	123
8	Owendale 🐾	Into Mischief	Rupp Racing	Cox	Geroux	118
9	Zenden 🐾	Fed Biz	Pichi Investments LLC	Barboza, Jr.	Gaffalione	118
10	Roiland	Successful Appeal	Durlacher, James and Mary	Amoss	Graham	118

Breeders: 1-Cloyce C. Clark Jr., 2-Wesley Ward, 3-Hill 'n' Dale Equine Holdings, Inc., 4-Pursuit of Success LLC, 5-Tony Holmes & Dr. & Mrs. Walter Zent, 6-Himanshu Shukla, 7-Angie Moore, 8-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings, LLC, 9-Brent Harris & Beth Harris, 10-James M. Durlacher & Mary Durlacher



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## ALLOWANCES

### IN ORDER OF PURSE:

**8th-Aqueduct, \$75,000, Alw (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$75,000), 4-10, 3yo, f, 1mT, 1:35.35, fm.**

**BEAUTIFUL LOVER (f, 3, Arch--American Skipper, by Quiet American)** graduated by 4 1/2 lengths at second asking over the Gulfstream lawn versus Florida-breds most recently Feb. 20. The 4-5 favorite sat a perfect trip behind the dueling leaders in third. She revved up with a menacing three-wide bid as they entered the far turn, kicked for home with a narrow advantage and held off the late rally of Makeme Dream (Quality Road) by 3/4 of a length. The winner is a half-brother to the overachieving Zivo (True Direction), GSW & GISP, \$1,017,300; and a 2-year-old filly by Turbo Compressor. Sales history: \$475,000 2yo '18 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$68,770. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Paul P. Pompa, Jr. & Golden Goose Enterprises; B-Thomas Coleman (FL); T-Chad C. Brown.



## MAIDENS

### IN ORDER OF PURSE:

**6th-Aqueduct, \$62,000, (S), Msw, 4-10, 3yo/up, f/m, 6fT, 1:10.66, fm.**

**TZIPI (f, 3, City Zip--Ahvee's Destiny {MSW, \$485,808}, by Rizzi)**, fourth after veering out at the start in her debut sprinting on the Big A dirt Mar. 3, was backed at odds of 3-1 with this switch to grass. She raced within striking distance in sixth in the early stages and hit the gas on the far turn. Swung out three deep at the top of the lane, the chestnut lengthened her stride in deep stretch to reel in Prisoner's Dilemma (Blame) by a neck. The winner's dam is also represented by the 2-year-old colt Love Code (Honor Code). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$37,700. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O/B-Everything's Cricket Racing (NY); T-Linda Rice.

**1st-Keeneland, \$58,464, Msw, 4-10, 2yo, 4 1/2f, :53.03, ft. ALEC AND ARTHUR (c, 2, Successful Appeal--Great Connection, by Dayjur)** worked four furlongs in a sharp :47 (3/109) at



**Alec and Arthur | Coady**

Keeneland Apr. 6 and was backed as the second-choice at odds of 9-5. He chased in third as Johnny Unleashed (Colonel John) sped through an opening quarter in :22.46. The bay came three deep into the stretch and leveled off nicely late to reel in the pacesetter by 1 1/4 lengths. The filly Champagne Affair (Daredevil), favored at 4-5 from the mighty Wesley Ward barn, tired to fifth after racing prominently early. The winner is a half-brother to Guana (Fr) (Sillery), SW & GSP-US & SP-Fr, \$137,382; Great News (Fr) (Bering {GB}), SW-Fr; and Lord Sinclair (Mizzen Mast), SW-Fr, \$414,645. Sales history: \$22,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$36,000. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Hat Creek Racing; B-Brookdale Thoroughbreds LLC (KY); T-John A. Hancock.

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**Alec and Arthur (Successful Appeal) delivers at first asking in the Keeneland opener.**



**Munitions**, c, 3, **War Front**. See "Euro Group Results".

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**Anodin (Ire)** (Anabaa), Haras du Quesnay, \$15,000  
173 foals of racing age/25 winners/2 black-type winners  
6-Aqueduct, Alw 6f, ARDARA BELLE (Fr), 6-1  
€35,000 ARQ DEC wnl; €38,000 RNA ARA V2 yrl; €205,000 I  
'18 ARA RC

**Apriority** (Grand Slam), Elite Thoroughbreds, \$2,000  
45 foals of racing age/6 winners/1 black-type winner  
6-Evangeline Downs, Alw 6f, SNOWBALL, 6-1  
\$1,700 ESL MIX yrl

**Awesome Bet** (Awesome Again), Peach Lane Farms, \$1,500  
13 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners  
6-Evangeline Downs, Alw 6f, NET A BEAR, 8-1

**Cairo Prince** (Pioneerof the Nile), Airdrie Stud, \$25,000  
228 foals of racing age/32 winners/4 black-type winners  
5-Aqueduct, Aoc 1m, CASTLE CASANOVA, 5-2  
\$225,000 SAR AUG yrl; \$140,000 EAS MAY 2yo

**Cameo Appearance** (Majestic Warrior), Red River Farms, \$1,500  
21 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners  
6-Evangeline Downs, Alw 6f, GUEST APPEARANCE, 8-1

**Central Banker** (Speightstown), McMahon of Saratoga  
Thoroughbreds, \$7,500  
135 foals of racing age/18 winners/2 black-type winners  
5-Aqueduct, Aoc 1m, BEBE BANKER, 8-1  
\$25,000 RNA OBS OCT yrl; \$14,500 RNA EAS MAY 2yo

**Drill** (Lawyer Ron), Get Away Farm, \$4,500  
81 foals of racing age/16 winners/1 black-type winner  
4-Gulfstream, Msw 4 1/2f, MARCHING IN, 10-1  
\$1,100 RNA OBS OCT yrl

**Handsome Mike** (Scat Daddy), Pleasant Acres Stallions, \$4,000  
95 foals of racing age/13 winners/0 black-type winners  
4-Gulfstream, Msw 4 1/2f, BLUE MISTRESS, 12-1

**He's Had Enough** (Tapit), Woodford Thoroughbreds, \$2,500  
139 foals of racing age/16 winners/0 black-type winners  
4-Gulfstream, Msw 4 1/2f, MAJUDIE, 5-1

**Itsmyluckyday** (Lawyer Ron), Spendthrift Farm, \$3,500  
135 foals of racing age/19 winners/0 black-type winners  
2-Keeneland, Msw 7f, JUST A SHOT AWAY, 30-1

**Mark Valeski** (Proud Citizen), Airdrie Stud, private  
57 foals of racing age/12 winners/1 black-type winner  
7-Keeneland, Alw 1 1/16mT, LIBBY KNOWS, 10-1  
\$37,000 RNA KEE NOV wnl

**Noble Mission (GB)** (Galileo {Ire}), Lane's End Farm, \$15,000  
151 foals of racing age/18 winners/1 black-type winner  
9-Keeneland, Msw 1 1/16mT, EXULT, 8-5  
\$150,000 EAS MAY 2yo  
7-Keeneland, Alw 1 1/16mT, MISSION FROM ELLE, 10-1  
\$70,000 RNA KEE NOV wnl

**No Nay Never** (Scat Daddy), Coolmore Stud, \$100,000  
221 foals of racing age/35 winners/8 black-type winners  
8-Gulfstream, Aoc 5fT, BEECHWOOD ELLA (Ire), 6-1  
£38,000 GOU KPR yrl

**Olympic Glory (Ire)** (Choisir {Aus}), Haras de Bouquetot, \$8,000  
186 foals of racing age/28 winners/2 black-type winners  
7-Keeneland, Alw 1 1/16mT, MINTD (Ire), 4-1  
€32,000 RNA TIR SEP yrl

**Quinzieme Monarque** (Rock Hard Ten), Gestut Inselhof, \$2,000  
8 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners  
4-Aqueduct, Msw 6f, NYMPHESA (Ger), 20-1

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 6-Evangeline Downs, Alw 6f, SHOULDACOULDAWOULD, 15-1



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**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

**7th-Keeneland, \$84,598**, 4-10, (C), 4yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:36.68, fm.

**DYNATAIL (m, 5, Hightail--Southern Dynamo, by Dynaformer)**  
 Lifetime Record: MSW, 25-6-3-5, \$392,410. O-Ballybrit Stable, LLC; B-Calumet Farm (KY); T-Michael Dini. \*\$6,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP; \$5,000 2yo '16 OBSOPN.

**5th-Keeneland, \$78,523**, 4-10, (NW2\$X), 4yo/up, 1mT, 1:36.04, fm.

**CULLUM ROAD (g, 4, Quality Road--R Charlie's Angel {SW, \$211,288}, by Indian Charlie)** Lifetime Record: SP, 15-4-2-2, \$252,248. O-Three Diamonds Farm; B-Hargus & Sandra Sexton & Silver Fern Farm, LLC (KY); T-Michael J. Maker. \*\$140,000 Ylg '16 KEESEP; \$175,000 2yo '17 OBSMAR.



**9th-Will Rogers Downs, \$26,400**, (S), 4-9, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10.52, ft.

**SENDMETHEMONEY (g, 4, Latent Heat--Send More Money, by Seeking Greatness)** Lifetime Record: 6-3-1-0, \$69,942. O-Bobby & Vickie Hammer; B-Hammer Ranch (OK); T-Michael E. Biehler. \*\$4,700 RNA Ylg '16 OKCYRL.

**5th-Turf Paradise, \$20,000**, 4-9, 3yo, 1mT, 1:37.81, fm.  
**SENIOR FRIDAY (g, 3, Curlin--Almonsoon {SW & GSP, \$249,386}, by Giant's Causeway)** Lifetime Record: SW, 8-5-1-0, \$81,630.

O-Charles Garvey; B-Southern Equine Stables, LLC (KY);  
 T-Robertino Diodoro.

**5th-Tampa Bay Downs, \$20,000**, 4-10, (NW1LX), 3yo/up, f/m, 5fT, :56.50, fm.

**CITIZEN MATZO (f, 4, Proud Citizen--Miss Matzo, by Royal Academy)** Lifetime Record: 6-2-0-0, \$27,902. O/B-Masie Stable, LLC (NY); T-Roy S. Lerman. \*1/2 to Miss Matzoball (Smoke Glacken), SW, \$199,371.



**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Rollin My Own**, c, 3, **Kettle Corn--My Chuly**, by Thunder Gulch. Mahoning Valley, 4-10, (S), 6f, 1:14.28. B-Sherri Williams (OH).

**Mister Heavy Foot**, c, 3, **Majesticperfection--Glorious Smile** (MSW, \$116,285), by Honour and Glory. Will Rogers Downs, 4-10, 6f, 1:12.07. B-Clark O. Brewster (OK). \*1ST-TIME STARTER.

**Miss Orienta**, f, 3, **Read the Footnotes--Miss Manchester**, by Tiz Wonderful. Will Rogers Downs, 4-10, 6f, 1:11.97. B-Ed Sutter & Kelly Thiesing (OK). \*1ST-TIME STARTER.

**Strollin Spree**, g, 4, **Calibrachoa--Sprezza**, by Stroll. Will Rogers Downs, 4-9, 1m, 1:40.88. B-Montgomery Equine Center (LA).

**Flyinundertheradar**, g, 4, **Dark Kestrel--Kerricat**, by West Acre. Mahoning Valley, 4-10, (S), 6f, 1:15.47. B-Louis V. Ruberto (OH).

**My Midnight Affair**, f, 4, **Midnight Lute--Delicate Affair**, by Langfuhr. Keeneland, 4-10, (C), 7f, 1:26.40. B-Jim FitzGerald & Katie FitzGerald (VA). \*\$40,000 Ylg '16 KEEJAN; \$100,000 Ylg '16 KEESEP.



**Orbed**, c, 4, **Orb--Julie From Dixie**, by Dixie Union. Aqueduct, 4-10, 1m, 1:39.03. B-E. H. Beau Lane (KY). \*\$140,000 Ylg '16 KEESEP; \$525,000 2yo '17 EASMAY.



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- ARCH**, Beautiful Lover, f, 3, o/o American Skipper, by Quiet American. AOC, 4-10, Aqueduct
- CALIBRACHOA**, Strollin Spree, g, 4, o/o Sprezza, by Stroll. MSW, 4-9, Will Rogers
- CITY ZIP**, Tzipi, f, 3, o/o Ahvee's Destiny, by Rizzi. MSW, 4-10, Aqueduct
- CURLIN**, Senor Friday, g, 3, o/o Almonsoon, by Giant's Causeway. ALW, 4-9, Turf Paradise
- DARK KESTREL**, Flyinundertheradar, g, 4, o/o Kerricat, by West Acre. MSW, 4-10, Mahoning Valley
- HIGHTAIL**, Dynatail, m, 5, o/o Southern Dynamo, by Dynaformer. ALW, 4-10, Keeneland
- KETTLE CORN**, Rollin My Own, c, 3, o/o My Chuly, by Thunder Gulch. MSW, 4-10, Mahoning Valley
- LATENT HEAT**, Sendmethemoney, g, 4, o/o Send More Money, by Seeking Greatness. ALW, 4-9, Will Rogers
- MAJESTICPERFECTION**, Mister Heavy Foot, c, 3, o/o Glorious Smile, by Honour and Glory. MSW, 4-10, Will Rogers
- MIDNIGHT LUTE**, My Midnight Affair, f, 4, o/o Delicate Affair, by Langfuhr. MCL, 4-10, Keeneland
- ORB**, Orbed, c, 4, o/o Julie From Dixie, by Dixie Union. MSW, 4-10, Aqueduct
- PROUD CITIZEN**, Citizen Matzo, f, 4, o/o Miss Matzo, by Royal Academy. ALW, 4-10, Tampa Bay
- QUALITY ROAD**, Cullum Road, g, 4, o/o R Charlie's Angel, by Indian Charlie. ALW, 4-10, Keeneland
- READ THE FOOTNOTES**, Miss Orienta, f, 3, o/o Miss Manchester, by Tiz Wonderful. MSW, 4-10, Will Rogers
- SUCCESSFUL APPEAL**, Alec and Arthur, c, 2, o/o Great Connection, by Dayjur. MSW, 4-10, Keeneland




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## WAR FRONT COLT STARS IN DJEBEL



Munitions (blue silks) prevails in a thriller | Scoop Dyga

by Tom Frary

Godolphin is stacked full of class acts to illuminate 2019 and their stellar start to the campaign continued apace in Wednesday's G3 Prix Djebel at Maisons-Laffitte, when **Munitions** (War Front) nosed out **Graignes (Fr)** (Zoffany {Ire}) to provide Andre Fabre with a fifth renewal of the seven-furlong Classic trial. Last seen finishing fourth in the 5 1/2-furlong Listed Yacowlef at Chantilly in November, the 27-10 favourite tracked the stand's-side leader **Amilcar (Ire)** (Wootton Bassett {GB}) before taking over from that rival approaching the furlong pole. Tackled by the G1 Criterium International third Graignes from there, the bay clung on to prevail in a bobber with Amilcar sticking on to be 1 1/2 lengths further behind in third.

Godolphin's Lisa-Jane Graffard said, "We were delighted [with] the victory of Munitions, who is now unbeaten in three starts at Maisons-Laffitte. Andre Fabre said last year that Munitions wouldn't look out of place in a 2-year-old race at Royal Ascot. He didn't quite show that precocity and can be a little workmanlike in his wins, but he stands up to training and racing well so hopefully he is now ready to take another step up in class. Andre Fabre will wait and see some of the other Classic trials this weekend before deciding where to go next with Munitions, although there would be a question mark about him stepping up to a mile." [Cont. p2](#)

## OSARUS STAGES BREEZE-UP

Osarus stages Europe's second breeze-up sale of the season on Thursday when it puts 74 juveniles—after scratches—under the hammer at La Teste. Videos from the breeze show, which took place on Wednesday, are available at [osarus.com](http://osarus.com).

The 64 sires represented include France's top sires Siyouni (Fr), Le Havre (Ire), Wootton Bassett (GB) and Anodin (Ire), as well as Dansili (GB) and Camelot (GB). First-season sires include Anjaal (Ire), who has already had his first winner, and Sidestep (Aus), sire of the G1 Golden Slipper winner Kiamichi (Aus).

Highlights on paper include **lot 26**, an Anodin colt out of a listed-placed mare; **lot 41**, a Le Havre colt out of the listed-placed Changeable (GB) (Dansili {GB}); **lot 61**, a Makfi (GB) colt out of a half-sister to Group 1 winner Giofra (GB) who has already produced a stakes-placed 2-year-old; and **lot 93**, a Nathaniel (Ire) filly out of the listed-placed Rime A Rien (GB) (Amadeus Wolf {GB}). Siyouni's offerings include a filly (**lot 2**) and a colt (**lot 85**) both out of group-placed mares from Ecurie Prevost-Baratte, as well as HDG Consignment's colt out of a half-sister to G1 Criterium de Saint-Cloud winner and G1 Prix du Jockey Club second Morandi (Fr) (**lot 25**).

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## Pedigree Notes

Munitions had won twice here in September and October before finishing second in the Listed Prix Zeddaan over six furlongs at Deauville in October and fourth in the Yacowlef which was probably too sharp for him at that stage. His ill-fated dam War Echo was successful in the GIII Silverbulletday S. and third in the GII Golden Rod S. and was a half to the GI Forego S.-winning sire Pyro (Pulpit) and a full-sister to Farrier who was runner-up in the G1 Jebel Hatta. She was also connected to the sires Wild Wonder, Olympio, Cuvee and Will He Shine.

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### Wednesday, Maisons-Laffitte, France

**PRIX DJEBEL-G3**, €80,000, Maisons-Laffitte, 4-10, 3yo, c/g, 7fT, 1:25.57, g/s.

1--**MUNITIONS**, 128, c, 3, by **War Front**

1st Dam: **War Echo (GSW-US, \$284,387)**, by **Tapit**

2nd Dam: **Wild Vision**, by **Wild Again**

3rd Dam: **Carol's Wonder**, by **Pass te Tab**

**1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN; 1ST GROUP WIN.** (\$550,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP). O-Godolphin SNC; B-Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC (KY); T-Andre Fabre; J-Mickael Barzalona. €40,000. Lifetime Record: 5-3-1-0, €93,500. **Werk Nick Rating: A++**. [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#)

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2--**Graignes (Fr)**, 128, c, 3, **Zoffany (Ire)**--Grey Anatomy (GB), by Slickly (Fr). (€40,000 Ylg '17 AROCT; €90,000 2yo '18 ARQMAY). O-Gerard Augustin-Normand; B-Ecurie Euroling (FR); T-Yann Barberot. €16,000.

3--**Amilcar (Ire)**, 128, c, 3, Wootton Bassett (GB)--Drosia (Ire), by King's Best. (€8,000 RNA Wlg '16 ARQDEC; €32,000 RNA Ylg '17 AROCT). O/B-Emadadein Alhtoushi (IRE); T-Henri-Alex Pantall. €12,000.

Margins: NO, 1HF, HF. Odds: 2.70, 3.30, 4.70.

Also Ran: Toijk (Fr), Marie's Diamond (Ire), Pretty Boy (Ire), Harmless (Fr). [Click for the Racing Post result or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.](#) [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

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## WE'RE WATCHING

Last seen breaking her maiden in the Listed Criterium du Languedoc at Toulouse in November, Alexander Tamagni-Bodmer and Regula Vannod's **Watch Me (Ire)** (Olympic Glory {Ire}) returned in buoyant form on Wednesday as she upstaged **Suphala (Fr)** (Frankel {GB}) in the G3 Prix Imprudence at Maisons-Laffitte. Sent off at nearly 6-1, the bay was reserved with two behind early by Christophe Soumillon before arriving upsides that 6-4 favourite passing the furlong pole. Beginning to assert from 100 metres out, she had a short neck to spare at the line, with the useful yardstick **Jet Setteuse (Fr)** (Makfi {GB}) 1 1/2 lengths behind in third.



Watch Me and her happy connections | *Scoop Dyga*

## Pedigree Notes

Watch Me, who had also been third behind the subsequent G3 Prix Miesque-placed So Unique (Fr) (Siyouni {Ire}) on her debut over a mile at Saint-Cloud in October, was the first black-type winner and is now the first group winner for her Haras de Bouquetot-based sire. Her dam Watchful (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) is a winning half-sister to the G3 Scottish Classic and GIII Poker H. runner-up Rabi (Ire) (Alzao) and the G3 Coventry S.-placed Kawagino (Ire) (Perugino). The third dam is the G1 Prix Vermeille winner Sharaya (Youth), whose descendants include the classy Sans Adieu (Jpn) (French Deputy) and Hamish McGonagall (GB) (Namid {GB}). The family also features the G1 Irish Oaks and G1 Prix Vermeille heroine Shawanda (Ire) (Sinndar {Ire}) and the G1 Yorkshire Oaks and G1 Prix Vermeille winner Shareta (Ire) (Sinndar {Ire}). Watchful also has 2-year-old and yearling colts by Elvstroem (Aus), with the former named Watchmen (Fr).

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Aquis Farm snapped up an Exceed And Excel (Aus) colt for A\$1.7 million, topping the second day of trade at Inglis Easter. [Click or tap here to go straight to TDN Aus/NZ.](#)

### Wednesday, Maisons-Laffitte, France

**PRIX IMPRUDENCE-G3**, €80,000, Maisons-Laffitte, 4-10, 3yo, f, 7fT, 1:28.09, g/s.

1--**WATCH ME (FR)**, 126, f, 3, by **Olympic Glory (Ire)**

**1st Dam: Watchful (Ire), by Galileo (Ire)**

**2nd Dam: Sharakawa (Ire), by Darshaan (GB)**

**3rd Dam: Sharaya, by Youth**

**1ST GROUP WIN.** (€30,000 RNA Ylg '17 ARAUG). O-Alexander Tamagni-Bodmer & Mme Regula Vannod; B-Mme Antoinette Tamagni & Cocheese Bloodstock Anstalt (FR); T-Francis-Henri Graffard; J-Christophe Soumillon. €40,000. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-1, €74,050. \*1st GSW for sire (by Choisir {Aus}). **Werk Nick Rating: A+.** [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#)

2--**Suphala (Fr)**, 126, f, 3, **Frankel (GB)**--Sefroua, by Kingmambo. (€650,000 Ylg '17 ARAUG). O-Lady Bamford; B-Haras d'Etreham & Riviera Equine SARL (FR); T-Andre Fabre. €16,000.

3--**Jet Setteuse (Fr)**, 126, f, 3, Makfi (GB)--Pretty Panther (Fr), by Hurricane Run (Ire). O/B-Patrick Sabban (FR); T-Francois Rohaut. €12,000.

Margins: SNK, 1HF, HD. Odds: 5.80, 1.50, 7.20.

Also Ran: Devant (Fr), Vanilla Gold (Ire), Lucky Jolie, Pure Zen (Fr). [Click for the Racing Post result or the free EquineLine.com catalogue-style pedigree.](#) [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

## EUROPEAN NEWS

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## TOO DARN HOT OUT OF GREENHAM

**Too Darn Hot (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}) is set to miss his intended comeback in this weekend's G3 Watership Down Stud Greenham S. at Newbury. Trainer John Gosden announced on Wednesday evening that the plan is instead to take last year's champion juvenile and G1 QIPCO 2000 Guineas ante-post favourite straight to the Classic at Newmarket. Having won all four of his starts last season, anticipation was building at seeing the '**TDN Rising Star**' back in action on Saturday, but that will now have to wait until May 4.

Gosden told the *Racing Post*, "Too Darn Hot breezed comfortably this morning under Frankie Dettori on the Al Bahathri but tonight at evening stables he was found to have some heat in his splint bone. Unfortunately he'll have to miss Newbury as he'll have a few easy days. The plan is to take him straight to the QIPCO 2,000 Guineas."

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## UK GRANTED THIRD COUNTRY STATUS

The British Horseracing Authority has welcomed the European Commission's decision to grant the United Kingdom third country status for the export of live animals. One of the major uncertainties facing the racing and breeding industries in the event of a no-deal Brexit would have been the movement of horses between the UK and the EU. Should the UK leave without a deal, barriers to entry to the EU will remain.

However, this status would only apply if the UK leaves without a deal on Friday. If an extension is agreed, third country status would need to be applied for again at a later point.

BHA executive director Will Lambe said, "This decision on listing from the European Union is extremely welcome, and reflects the UK's high health standards in respect of its animals, and of course the Thoroughbred population within this.

"It provides important clarity for the racing and breeding sector before a potential no-deal departure from the EU this Friday, which remains the default outcome ahead of this evening's European Council summit."

Currently the movement of racehorses and breeding stock between Britain, Ireland and France has been allowed under the Tripartite Agreement, but following Brexit that will no longer apply.

Lambe added, "While it would have been preferable for the EU to commit to continuing with the current systems and the Tripartite Agreement for Thoroughbred movement in the event of no deal--as the UK has done--we have at least avoided a deeply damaging situation whereby horses would be prevented from travelling to or back to the EU.



Brexit discussions at Prestbury Park on St Patrick's Day | *Racing Post*

"We continue to hope that a deal can be reached, but at the same time encourage all in the industry to be prepared for a potential no-deal outcome, and to refer to the detailed information on the BHA website as to what steps they should be taking."

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Trainer Martyn Meade is hoping G1SW **Advertise (GB)** (Showcasing {GB}), who races for Phoenix Thoroughbred, can rebound from his second to **Too Darn Hot (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}) in the G1 Darley Dewhurst S. last fall in the May 4 G1 QIPCO 2000 Guineas at Newmarket. A winner of the G1 Keeneland Phoenix S. at The Curragh in August, the colt was 2 3/4 lengths behind the Lord Andrew Lloyd-Webber colourbearer in the Dewhurst.

But Meade has full faith in the son of Showcasing, and said, "I think he has got solid form all the way through last season. In the Dewhurst he was still an immature 2-year-old, so I think he will definitely improve as a 3-year-old--certainly physically. He looks a different horse, and he is our great hope. The Dewhurst was at the end of a long year for us, and in that race we were caught a bit flat-footed. We might not have won, but I wouldn't have put us nearly three lengths behind.

"We are confident to take on [Too Darn Hot] in the 2000 Guineas, and I'm surprised [Advertise] is as far out in the betting as he is. We are not contemplating giving him a prep race, because we would like to keep him through the season and we don't want to waste a race. We will start him off in the Guineas, and that is plenty early enough, but we might give him an away day first.

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## BATTAASH CAMP THINKING KING'S STAND

Shadwell's star sprinter **Battaash (Ire)** (Dark Angel {Ire}) may head straight to the G1 King's Stand S. at Royal Ascot this summer. For the second season running, the Charlie Hills-trained 5-year-old was a brilliant winner of the G2 King George S. at Goodwood last August--but disappointed when odds-on for the G1 Nunthorpe S. three weeks later.

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### Battaash Camp Cont.

He also failed to run up to his best when defending his crown in the G1 Prix de l'Abbaye on his final start of 2018, but Hills believes his charge is in rude health as he approaches his return to action.

Hills said, "Battaash is in really good form, and I think he's done much better from four to five than he did from three to four. His weight is good, and he looks a picture. He didn't really get his summer coat until after Royal Ascot last year, whereas this year it's coming through already."

Battaash found only **Blue Point (Ire)** (Shamardal) too strong in last year's King's Stand, and a mouth-watering rematch looks to be on the cards.

"Whether he'll run before Royal Ascot, I'm not sure. We're all gearing him up for the King's Stand," Hills added of his Group 1 winner. "There aren't many options for him before that. It's probably the Haydock race he won last year [G2 Temple S.] or nothing."

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### IRIDESSA LEADS 60 EPSOM OAKS NOMS

The Joseph O'Brien-trained G1SW **Iridessa (Ire)** (Ruler of the World {Ire}) stars among 60 entries for the G1 Investec Oaks at Epsom Downs on May 31. The £500,000 1 1/2-mile contest is carded as part of Investec Ladies' Day. A winner of the G1 Fillies' Mile for O'Brien and owner Chantal Regalado-Gonzalez, Iridessa, who finished third in the Apr. G3 1000 Guineas Trial at Leopardstown on Apr. 6, is joined by the same connections' **Altair (Ire)** (Australia {GB}), who won a Dundalk all-weather maiden in January.

France is represented by a threesome of French-trained Oaks entries, and Nicolas Clement trainee **Wonderment (Ire)** (Camelot {GB}), who landed the G1 Criterium de Saint-Cloud against males, is the star.

"Wonderment has grown over the winter and looks a picture at the moment," said Clement. "I could not be happier with her. She was a Group 1 winner as a 2-year-old, we have no doubts about her staying a mile and a half, and we think she will handle Epsom, which is why we decided to make the entry. She will start off in the [G3] Prix Penelope at Saint-Cloud on May 1 and then depending on how she gets on there, we have the option of the Investec Oaks or the [G1] Prix de Diane."

O'Brien's father Aiden has 19 fillies nominated for the second British fillies' Classic on the calendar and is looking for his eighth victory. Among his entries are G1 Fillies' Mile bridesmaid **Hermosa (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}), who was a last out second in the G1 Criterium International at Chantilly in October; and G2 Rockfel S. heroine **Just Wonderful** (Dansili {GB}).



**Iridessa (left)** | *Racing Post*

Two-time Oaks winning-trainer Ralph Beckett has a trio of Lope de Vega (Ire) fillies entered, including G3 Prestige S. victress **Antonia De Vega (Ire)** and the listed winner **Manuela De Vega (Ire)**. Trainer Richard Hannon has also entered G1 Prix Marcel Boussac third **Star Terms (GB)** (Sea The Stars {Ire}).

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### ZARKAVA PRODUCES A FILLY

The Aga Khan's unbeaten champion and Group 1-producing mare **Zarkava (Ire)** (Zamindar {GB}) has produced her 10th foal, a bay filly by Dubawi (Ire) born on Friday. The Aga Khan Studs reports that both mare and foal are doing well.

The filly is a full-sister to Zarkava's best foal to date, the G1 Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud winner and G1 Prix du Jockey Club and G1 Prix Ganay runner-up Zarak (Fr), now at stud at Haras de Bonneval. Zarkava has also produced the listed-winning and G1 Prix Vermeille-placed Zarkamiya (Fr) (Frankel {GB}). [Cont. p6](#)



**Zarkava and her Dubawi filly** | *The Aga Khan Studs*

**Zarkava Foals Dubawi Filly Cont.**

Her current 2-year-old is an as-yet unnamed filly by Siyouni (Fr), and she has a yearling colt by Sea The Stars (Ire).

Georges Rimaud, manager of the Aga Khan Studs in France, said she is “a lovely filly, full of quality and very elegant. She’s quite similar to her brother Zarak in that she has a deep girth and is quite compact. Zarak has his first foals on the ground this year and from the ones we’ve seen, he is producing nice strong foals that are full of class and quite stamped by himself and by Dubawi.”

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## OBSERVATIONS

on the European racing scene

**3.35 Chelmsford, Cond, £60,000, 3yo, 8f (AWT)**

**U S S MICHIGAN (War Front)** takes the next step towards a possible tilt at the Run For the Roses in this Woodford Reserve Cardinal Conditions S. which serves as a “Road To The Kentucky Derby” race. Off the mark at Dundalk at the start of last month, the grey relative of Lines of Battle who was also by War Front and who finished seventh in the classic in 2013 meets a stern challenge headed by Godolphin’s G2 Vintage S. scorer **Dark Vision (Ire) (Dream Ahead)** from the Mark Johnston stable.

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BRITAIN

**Wednesday’s Results:**

**BARRY HILLS FURTHER FLIGHT S.-Listed, £40,000, Nottingham, 4-10, 4yo/up, 14fT, 3:01.58, g/f.**

1--**ELEGIAC (GB), 126, c, 4, Farhh (GB)--Lamentation (GB) (GSP-US & MSP-Ity, \$137,520), by Singspiel (Ire).**

**1ST BLACK TYPE WIN.** (22,000gns Ylg ‘16 TAOCT). O-S&D Richards, N Browne and I Boyce; B-Aston House Stud (GB); T-Mark Johnston; J-Franny Norton. £22,684. Lifetime Record: 16-5-6-3, \$207,792.

2--**Amazing Red (Ire), 127, g, 6, Teofilo (Ire)--Artisia (Ire), by Peintre Celebre.** (220,000gns Wlg ‘13 TATFOA). O-The Hon R J Arculli. £8,600.

3--**Pilaster (GB), 121, f, 4, Nathaniel (Ire)--Portal (GB), by Hernando (Fr).** O-Cheveley Park Stud. £4,304.  
Margins: 3/4, 3 3/4, 16. Odds: 1.75, 16.00, 0.55.

Also Ran: Ravenous (GB).

Admirably consistent throughout 2018, Elegiac enjoyed his finest hour when beating the useful Proschema (Ire) (Declaration of War) by four lengths, albeit in receipt of nine pounds, in a valuable York handicap over nearly 14 furlongs in October. Showing form worthy of a tilt at black-type when subsequently second in a handicap also over that trip and a two-mile conditions event on Chelmsford’s in November and on his return Mar. 7, the bay was ideally poised if Cheveley Park Stud’s G2 Lillie Langtry S. winner Pilaster failed to fire on her seasonal bow. That proved the case, as the front-running Mark Johnston representative turned her back and then dealt with Amazing Red up the straight in game fashion.

The dam Lamentation, who was second in the GIII Orchid S. and third in the GII La Prevoyante H., is a granddaughter of the G3 Rockfel S. and G3 Nell Gwyn S. winner Crystal Gazing (El Gran Senor) who was also third in the G1 1000 Guineas. Her 2-year-old colt by Henrythenavigator is named Batalha (GB), while she also has a yearling colt by Adaay (Ire). **Click for the Racing Post result. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

**7th-Lingfield, £5,800, Cond, 4-10, 3yo, 12f (AWT), 2:34.32, st. SO HIGH (GB) (c, 3, Nathaniel {Ire}--Fugitive Angel {GSW-US, \$382,661}, by Alphabet Soup),** a last-out second tackling one mile at Chelmsford City Nov. 29, was allowed to stride on and led passing the judge first time in this seasonal bow. Given a little encouragement by Frankie Dettori with three furlongs remaining, the 1-10 lock came under increased pressure off the home turn and was pushed clear in the closing stages to comfortably best Autumn Pride (Ire) (Teofilo {Ire}) by three lengths. Entered for the June 1 G1 Epsom Derby, he becomes the third winner out of GIII Pin Oak Valley View S. victress Fugitive Angel (Alphabet Soup) and the homebred chestnut is kin to GII Sky Classic S. hero Utmost (Giant’s Causeway) and a yearling colt by Siyouni (Fr). Fugitive Angel, herself half to GSW sire Anthony’s Cross (Indian Charlie), is out of an unraced half-sister to MGSW & MGISP sire Smart Bid (Danzig). Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$7,859. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O-George Strawbridge & John R Hass; B-George Strawbridge (GB); T-John Gosden.

**2nd-Kempton, £4,800, Cond, 4-10, 3, 4, 5yo, 7f (AWT), 1:25.19, st/sl.**

**MASARU (GB) (c, 3, Lethal Force {Ire}--Spontaneity {Ire}, by Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}),** who backed up a four-length debut score at Windsor June 30 with a six-length eighth in York’s Aug. 23 Goffs UK Premier Yearling S. last time, made an alert getaway and occupied a handy spot along the rail in third after the initial exchanges of this sophomore return. **Cont. p7**

**2nd-Kempton Cont.**

Making headway in the straight, the 1-3 chalk was stoked up approaching the two pole and kept on strongly under forceful urging in the closing stages to deny You Little Ripper (Ire) (Rip Van Winkle {Ire}) by a half length. Half to a yearling colt by Equiano (Fr), he is the lone scorer from three runners out of a half-sister to MSW G2 Flying Childers S. second Swiss Lake (Indian Ridge {Ire}), who in turn produced four stakes performers headed by G3 World Trophy heroine Swiss Spirit (GB) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) and G3 Prix de Meautry and G3 Prix du Petit Couvert victress Swiss Diva (GB) (Pivotal {GB}). Sales history: £38,000 Ylg '17 GOUKPR. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$18,539. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O-Michael Daniels & Jonathan Palmer-Brown; B-Crossfields Bloodstock Ltd (GB); T-Richard Hannon.

**1st-Nottingham, £6,000, Novice, 4-10, 3yo, 8f 75yT, 1:42.32, g/f. KING OF CHANGE (GB) (c, 3, Farhh {GB}--Salacia {Ire}, by Echo of Light {GB}),** runner-up over an extended nine furlongs at Wolverhampton when last seen in November, was able to get a lead from King Ademar (Scat Daddy) throughout the early stages. Sent past that rival passing the two-furlong pole, the 3-1 joint-second favourite stayed on to score by 2 1/2 lengths. The winner is a half-brother to last year's G3 Diomed S. winner Century Dream (Ire) (Cape Cross {Ire}), who was also third in the G1 Queen Elizabeth II S., GSW & G1SP-Eng, GSP-UAE, \$509,134. The dam, who also has the as-yet unraced 2-year-old filly Banna (GB) (Pivotal {GB}) and a yearling filly by Golden Horn (GB), is a daughter of the G3 Prix Fille de l'Air winner and GII Black Helen H. runner-up Neptune's Bride (Bering {GB}). Lifetime Record: 3-1-2-0, \$9,093. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O-Mr Ali Abdulla Saeed; B-Rabbah Bloodstock Limited (GB); T-Richard Hannon.

**CONDITIONS RESULT:**

**3rd-Nottingham, £15,000, 4-10, 3yo, 5f 8yT, :57.01, g/f. GARRUS (IRE) (c, 3, Acclamation {GB}--Queen of Power {Ire}, by Medicean {GB})** Lifetime Record: 6-3-0-1, \$32,369. O-Susan Roy; B-Mrs Max Morris (IRE); T-Jeremy Nosedá. \*€130,000 Wlg '16 GOFNOV; 100,000gns RNA Ylg '17 TAOCT.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**May Sonic (GB), g, 3, Mayson (GB)--Aromatherapy (GB), by Oasis Dream (GB).** Kempton, 4-10, 7f (AWT), 1:25.11. B-Minster Stud (GB). \*£26,000 Ylg '17 GOUKPR.

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**JUDDMONTE'S WOOLF RUNNING MARATHON FOR EACH**

Jake Woolf, who has worked for Juddmonte since 2010, is running the Virgin London Marathon in support of East Anglia's Children's Hospital (EACH) at the end of April. One of a dozen representing EACH in the event, his goal is to raise £2,000. EACH offers care and support to children with life-limiting conditions and their families across East Anglia and Essex ranging from short break care or therapies to end of life support or bereavement services.

"I get huge enjoyment from endurance events and, growing up in London, the Marathon was something I always wanted to take part in," said Woolf. "As a father of two children, I'm incredibly lucky that my family is fit and well--but EACH is a lifeline for those families going through an unimaginably difficult time and I'm proud to be running the Marathon on their behalf. It's also a very important charity to Juddmonte as Frankel is an official EACH Ambassador."

EACH was originally chosen by the late Juddmonte trainer Sir Henry Cecil as the beneficiary charity of sales of Frankel (GB) (Galileo {Ire}) merchandise in 2012. In 2014, Frankel became an official EACH Ambassador. For more information, go to [www.each.org.uk/challenge](http://www.each.org.uk/challenge).



Jake Woolf, Frankel, stallion man Rob Bowley & fellow EACH marathoner Ollie Gent | Juddmonte

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**Wednesday's Results:**

**PRIX JACQUES LAFFITTE-Listed, €52,000, Maisons-Laffitte, 4-10, 4yo/up, 9fT, 1:50.25, g/s.**

**1--DANCETERIA (FR), 126, g, 4, Redoute's Choice (Aus)--Bal de la Rose (Ire) (GSW-Fr, \$130,289), by Cadeaux Genereux (GB).**

**1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN.** (90,000gns RNA Ylg '16 TATOCT).

O-Clive Washbourn; B-Berend van Dalfsen (FR); T-David Menuisier; J-Maxime Guyon. €26,000. Lifetime Record: 12-5-0-1, €81,394. \*1/2 to Blossomtime (GB) (Shamardal), SW-Fr.

2--**Mer et Nuages (Fr)**, 130, c, 4, Lope de Vega (Ire)--Mahnaz (GB), by Dansili (GB). O-Godolphin. €10,400.

3--**Mind Mapping**, 126, c, 4, Medaglia d'Oro--Visual Mind, by Kingmambo. (\$400,000 Ylg '16 KEESEP). O-Godolphin. €7,800.



Margins: HD, 3, HF. Odds: 12.00, 1.50, 9.00.

Also Ran: Aviateur (Fr), Palmyre (Fr), Jazz Melodie (Fr), Vadavar (Fr), Isole Canarie (Ire), Qualisaga (Fr), Watayouna (Fr), Broderie (GB), Replenish (Fr).

Successful in a quartet of handicaps last term, Danceteria was off the board in the Sept. 16 Northfields H. at The Curragh and Sept. 29 Cambridgeshire H. at Newmarket before closing the campaign with a fourth in Chantilly's Nov. 7 Listed Grand Prix du Nord last time. Settled under a firm grip in rear after recovering from a slightly awkward break, he was rowed along with 350 metres remaining and kept on resolutely under a late drive to deny Mer et Nuages in the dying strides for a career high.

"They went a good pace and he quickened like a proper horse at the end," beamed trainer David Menuisier. "He's a bit too highly rated for handicaps and we had no other options than to come for a race like this. He did something special today as the trip was a bit short for him and I think he's not quite at 100% yet. I have some ideas for the end of the year, but they're a bit naughty so I'd rather not reveal plans just yet."

Danceteria is one of five scorers produced by G3 Prix Andre Baboin winner Bal de la Rose (Ire) (Cadeaux Genereux {GB}) and he is a half-brother to Listed Prix Isola Bella victress Blossomtime (GB) (Shamardal), a 2-year-old colt by Siyouni (Fr) and yearling colt by Siyouni (Fr). Bal de la Rose is out of GSW G1 Prix Marcel Boussac third Lady Vettori (GB) (Vettori {Ire}) and thus kin to four black-type performers headed by MG1SW sire Lope de Vega (Ire) (Shamardal) and GSW G1 Prix de l'Opera third Lady Frankel (GB) (Frankel {GB}). **Click for the [Racing Post result](#).**

**Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

**CONDITIONS RESULT:**

**1st-Maisons-Laffitte**, €28,000, 4-10, 3yo, 6fT, 1:11.85, g/s.

**WIND TEST (GB) (c, 3, Epaulette {Aus})--Elbow Beach {GB}, by Choisir {Aus}** Lifetime Record: 7-3-1-0, €59,350. O-Alain Jathiere & Gerard Augustin-Normand; B-David Brocklehurst (GB); T-A Giorgi. \*7,000gns Ylg '17 TATOCT.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Playa Paradiso (Fr)**, f, 3, **Dream Ahead--Sabi Sabi (Fr)**, by Orpen. Mont-de-Marsan, 4-10, 6fT, 1:17.30. B-Hubert Honore, T Schweizer & MLP Consultancy (FR). \*€13,000 Ylg '17 OSASEP.

**Seawhatyouthink (Fr)**, g, 3, **So You Think (NZ)**--Sea Claria (Fr), by Sinndar (Ire). Mont-de-Marsan, 4-10, 12fT, 2:46.80. B-C Hirst. \*€27,000 RNA Ylg '17 OSASEP.

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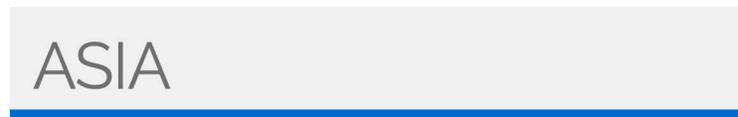
**Speed Vision (GB)**, g, 4, **Helmet (Aus)**--Sunburnt (GB), by Haafhd (GB). Happy Valley, 4-10, Hcp. (£135k/€156k), 1200mT, 1:09.81. B-Whetton Manor Stud. \*£32,000 Ylg '16 GOFORB.

**VIDEO**

**Ruletheroost (Ger)**, g, 4, **Redoute's Choice (Aus)**--Navajo Queen (Ger), by Monsun (Ger). Happy Valley, 4-10, Hcp. (£90k/€104k), 1800mT, 1:49.57. B-Gestut Etzean. \*55,000gns Ylg '16 TATOCT. **VIDEO**

**IN QATAR:**

**Noble Ancestry (Ire)**, g, 3, **Dubawi (Ire)**--Joys of Spring (Ire), by Invincible Spirit (Ire). Al Rayyan, 4-10, Maiden, 1900m, 2:02.86. B-Sheikh Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum. \*42,000gns HIT '18 TATOCT. **VIDEO**

**Wednesday's Results:**

**TOKYO SPRINT-Listed**, ¥45,900,000 (£316,009/€367,348/US\$412,812), Ohi, 4-10, 4yo/up, 1200m, 1:11.6, sy.

1--**KITASAN MIKAZUKI (JPN), 126, h, 9, King Halo (Jpn)--Kitasan Jewelry (Jpn), by Sakura Bakushin O (Jpn)**. O-Ono Shoji; B-Minoru Hironaka; T-Kenji Sato; J-Taito Mori; ¥27,000,000. Lifetime Record: 56-12-11-12, ¥338,842,000.

2--**Copano Kicking**, 123, g, 4, Spring At Last--Celadon, by Gold Halo (Jpn). (\$19,000 Ylg RNA '16 KEESEP; \$100,000 2yo '17 FTFMAR). O-Sachiaki Kobayashi. ¥9,450,000.



3--**Hiro Shige Gold (Jpn)**, 123, c, 4, South Vigorous--F T Strike (Jpn), by Black Tuxedo (Jpn). (¥27,000,000 2yo '17 JRA2YO). O-West Hills Co Ltd. ¥5,400,000.

Margins: 1, NK, NK. Odds: 6.80, 1.70, 1.60. **VIDEO**



## AQUIS SECURES TOP COLT ON DAY 2



Wednesday's sale topper | Inglis

by Paul Vettise

Aquis Farm won a spirited bidding battle for an exceptional son of Exceed And Excel during the Inglis Sydney Easter Yearling Sale with the gavel falling in its favour at A\$1.7 million. Presented by Tyreel Stud, the colt was the headline act on the closing day of the highly successful auction.

At a Glance: Inglis Easter Day 2

- Arrowfield Stud ended up clearly the leading vendor, selling 46 lots at an aggregate of A\$21.47 million.
- Deep Impact (Jpn) the leading sire with four lots sold at an average of A\$850,000 ahead of Lonhro with three sold at an average of A\$603,333.
- Tony McEvoy to train highest-price filly purchased for A\$1.4 million by Sheikh Khalifa from Newhaven Park's draft.
- Aquis fends off stern opposition to land Tyreel Stud's Exceed And Excel colt for A\$1.7 million. They finish the sale as leading buyer, purchasing 13 yearlings for A\$8.4 million.
- Coolmore and Hermitage Bloodstock go to A\$1.4 million for Segenhoe Stud's I Am Invincible colt.
- Carmel Size is one of Not A Single Doubt's biggest fans and went to A\$1.05 million for Arrowfield Stud's colt.

- Orbis Bloodstock completes second successful day of purchasing and outlays A\$1.3 million to land a Redoute's Choice colt from Arrowfield Stud.

### Aquis Wins the Day

Lot 337 was also hotly pursued by the powerful Coolmore operation and Rosehill conditioner Tim Martin, who trained Exceed And Excel to win seven races including the G1 Newmarket H. and the G1 Dubai Racing Cup for Sheikh Mohammed, before Aquis won out.

"Tim said he was the closest to Exceed And Excel that he's seen, he's a cracking horse" Aquis Chief Executive Officer Shane McGrath said. "Coolmore are no mugs either, so hopefully we can get one over on the old team."

Aquis has been a free-spender at the sale and on day one went to A\$2,300,000 to claim a brother to the dual Group 1 winner Merchant Navy (Fastnet Rock).

"We were fortunate to get him and this one, who is from a great breeder in Tyreel," McGrath said. "It's tricky when you love two, you can't leave one behind. We're fortunate we've got partners behind us. We've got a number who may come in with us on this horse, he's a fabulous colt."

The youngster is out of Written Dash (Written Tycoon), who was successful on three occasions and is a three-quarter sister to the multiple Group placegetter Masthead. It's also the family of the G1 TJ Smith S. winner Sizzling (Snitzel). The colt will be placed into the Aquis programme with a trainer to be determined at a later date. **Cont. p2**



Justin Fung of Aquis | TDN AusNZ

**Inglis East Day 2 Results Cont. from p1**

The same scenario applies to the A\$900,000 Not A Single Doubt colt, a three-quarter brother to the star colt and five-time Group 1 winner The Autumn Sun (Redoute’s Choice).

**Lot 369** was offered by Arrowfield and McGrath said exciting times lay ahead with him.

“He’s coming off a great nursery and he’s got a pedigree to be anything. It’s up to him, but he’s got a great head, a great mover and physically he does it all for us. He’ll go into a colt’s partnership and we’ll work out the trainer later. He’s a gem.”

His dam Azmiyna (Fr) (Galileo {Ire}) is an unraced half-sister to the four-time Group 1 winner Azamour (Ire) (Night Shift {USA}).

Aquis ended up the leading buyer, with 13 yearlings purchased for A\$8.375m at an average price of A\$644,231.

**Always Room for Improvement**

Inglis Managing Director Mark Webster was over the moon with the results from the sale, but he’s already looking to the future and further building on the success.

“We’ve delivered unbelievable results over the last two days,” he said. “It’s been a really healthy sale, very satisfying. We will continue to improve the quality and I believe there is the scope to add 50 more top end yearlings and good buying at all levels. My focus is improving quality across the board. We sold 20 yearlings over A\$1 million and one thing at a sale like this is that buyers need to have a longer A list.

“I am delighted with my team and the effort they put in to get the horses and the buyers here.”



**Mark Webster of Inglis | TDN AusNZ**

**Sheikh Secures Top Filly**



**Lot 315 | Inglis**

There was no denying Sheikh Khalifa an elegant daughter (**lot 315**) of Lonhro and she was duly purchased for A\$1.4 million out of Newhaven Park’s draft. The highest priced filly of the sale will be prepared by Tony McEvoy, who said they were determined to secure her at all costs.

“I thought she would be hard to buy and the competition was stronger than I expected,” he said. “Sheikh Khalifa only buys the best and she was the best. We waited all day and we were going to get her. She’s a queen this filly. We all agreed she was the best mover on the complex and she’s got class and the temperament to handle it all. This a very powerful filly and she’ll run early. It’s been an incredible sale and I don’t know where it’s going to end, the prices we’re paying, but the prize-money is so good.”

The filly is out of the unraced Dancing Heather (Danzero), who is a half-sister to the G1 Stradbroke H. winner Linton (Galileo {Ire}), who has already produced the G2 Rubiton S. winner Heatherly (Lonhro).

**Colts Hugely Popular**

Two sons of I Am Invincible were both hotly contested with **lot 396** going to Coolmore for A\$1.4 million after **lot 395** went to Damion Flower’s Jadeskye Racing for A\$1.2 million. Coolmore partnered with Hermitage Bloodstock to head off rivals for the youngster, Lot 396, from the draft of Segenhoe Stud.

“We’ve had horses together before and hopefully we’ll have a bit more success,” Coolmore’s Tom Magnier said. “He’ll be going to Chris Waller. There’s been some lovely colts here this week and a lot of competition. You’re always trying to find the next big colt and you come to a premier sale like this to get one.”

### Inglis East Day 2 Results Cont.

The colt is a brother to the G3 Blue Diamond Preview S. winner Catch Me from the family of the G1 Vinery Stud S. winner Hiyaam (High Chaparral {Ire}).

Meanwhile, Flower was delighted to get his I Am Invincible colt, who was sold by Yarraman Park Stud.

"He looks like a real runner," he said. "The stallion's had special 2-year-olds so let's hope this one is too. He's got a really good temperament and I like the way he moves, really impressed. That was my last so I'm lucky to get him."

### Gone But Far from Forgotten

Redoute's Choice may be gone, but he was firmly on the minds of buyers at the Riverside Stables where he held centre stage again with two quick-fire yearlings both making seven figures. Orbis Bloodstock has been busy at the sale and Team Hawkes went to A\$1.3 million on its behalf for lot 315, who was offered by Arrowfield Stud, home to the great stallion for so many years until his tragic and recent passing.

"He's a cracking colt and we loved him," said Paul King, who has been working for Orbis for the last 18 months. "I spoke to John, Michael and Wayne Hawkes and they said he was a must-buy out of the sale. I thought I'd let them do the nodding and Orbis has secured a really nice colt. If he lives up to what we hope he can, he can make a stallion prospect and help the breed to live on. Obviously, it's now up to the horse to perform under the Orbis brand. Everyone knows that the Hawkes' love a nice colt and can make a stallion from them."

"He'll go to the right stable and get every opportunity to show what he's got and hopefully in a couple of years, we'll have really nice colt on our hands."

The colt is closely related to the G1 TJ Smith S. winner Master Of Design (Redoute's Choice) and is out of the unraced Traceability (Charge Forward).



John Messara congratulates Team Hawkes after their purchase of lot 315 for Orbis Bloodstock | TDN AusNZ



John Messara at Inglis Easter | TDN AusNZ

She is also a half-sister to the South African Group 1 winner Suntagonal (Octagonal {NZ}) and the family of the top-class mare Typhoon Tracy (Red Ransom {USA}).

Two lots earlier, Redoute's Choice's son, also from Arrowfield, was knocked down to Hermitage Bloodstock and Chris Waller Racing when the partnership went to A\$1 million.

"They are both lovely colts and Redoute's isn't around to make any more of them, so people recognise the scarcity factor now because sons of Redoute's are a chance of being a stallion," Arrowfield principal John Messara said. "I thought they were capable of getting around the million, although our reserve was a little below that. I am very happy. It has proved to be a pretty good sale for us."

Lot 313 is out of Top Cuban (Anabaa {USA}), who has also produced the G3 BTC Classic winner Havana (Starcraft {NZ}) and the Listed Brian Crowley S. winner Diplomatico (Snitzel).

"The mare has done a really good job and we're very happy to have got him," said Guy Mulcaster, an integral part of Waller's buying team. "All the foals are pretty good shapes so we're hoping history repeats."

There is also a strong North American influence on the pedigree page with the presence of the two-time Group 1 winner and producer Super Seleccion (Can) (Seattle Slew {USA}).

### Arrowfield Top Seller

Arrowfield Stud ended the two-day Inglis Easter Sale as the leading vendor, selling 46 lots at an aggregate of A\$21.47m and an average of A\$466,739. It led Coolmore (A\$13.14m) and Segenhoe (A\$8.67m).

"It was a great sale. It's great to be leading vendor again, we really are thrilled," farm principal John Messara said. "They are excellent facilities here and we are really able to showcase our horses here so we're very pleased." **Cont. p4**

### Inglis East Day 2 Results Cont.

He added, "The buying bench has absolutely been as good as in years previous. Everyone seemed to be here. With a smaller number of stock, there was some real pressure from the buyers. It went very well. The smaller catalogue worked well. There was a sense of urgency, knowing there weren't as many horses and knowing that if you wanted one you better buy it because you mightn't get a chance to buy another one. It was also less arduous for customers having to cover that amount of horses. The whole complex is so easy to manage.

"The staff get a great kick out of this and I get a thrill myself, but I owe a lot to the staff. At the end of the day they've done the work to get these horses here in one piece. I'm very grateful."

### Size Has No Doubts

Agent Carmel Size has a great affinity with the progeny of Not A Single Doubt and she went to A\$1,050,000 for a chestnut colt, **lot 346**, from Arrowfield Stud.

"He's a lovely horse. He's very well balanced, he's strong, but he's not overly big," she said. "He's built like an athlete, so I was always going to get him. I've had so much luck with Not A Single Doubts and I've decided we won't go away with what we do so well."

He will go to the stable of Les Bridge and will be raced by Boniface Ho, who owns the Group 1 Hong Kong placegetter Southern Legend (Not A Single Doubt). Southern Legend has won four races for Bridge before relocating while he currently has Classique Legend (Not A Single Doubt), winner of two of his three starts. Size purchased both horses for Ho.

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**Dream Come True**, g, 4, **All Too Hard**--Kakakakatie (MSW & GSP-Aus, \$169,840), by Zeditave. Happy Valley, 4-10, Hcp. (\$246k), 1000mT, :56.94. B-G Harvey (NSW). \*Formerly Darhad. \*\*1/2 to Quattro Katie (Zoustar), SP-NZ. \*\*\*\$210,000 Wlg '15 MGLMAY; \$370,000 Ylg '16 MMGCYS. **VIDEO**

**Precious Sweetie**, g, 4, **Fastnet Rock**--Everswindell (NZ) (GSW & MG1SP-NZ, US\$269,741), by Align. Happy Valley, 4-10, Hcp. (\$164k), 1200mT, 1:10.22. B-W J Gleeson. \*1/2 to A La Victory (NZ) (Alamosa {NZ}), SP-Sin, US\$287,081. \*\*NZ\$100,000 Ylg '16 NZBJAN; NZ\$300,000 RNA 2yo '16 NZBRTR. **VIDEO**

**True Grit**, g, 4, **Wanted**--Sedoso, by Viscount. Happy Valley, 4-10, Hcp. (\$164k), 1650mT, 1:40.16. B-Victorial Stallion Partnership (Vic). \*1/2 to Depot Beach (Stratum), SW-Mac. \*\*\$14,000 RNA Wlg '15 INGJUN; \$38,000 Ylg '16 INGEAS; \$20,000 RNA 2yo '16 INGRTR. **VIDEO**

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