



DAUGHTERS MAY SPARK JUMP START'S LEGACY



Jump Start | Northview Stallion Station

by Chris McGrath

Here's a hunch, even a wager if you care to stick around long enough. Because I wouldn't be at all surprised should we someday notice the damsire of a new champion and remember, with a smile, the splendid Jump Start.

Pennsylvanian breeders won't need telling what a dynamo among stallions they **lost on Sunday**. I don't know how many of them will remember Ecliptical, a son of Exclusive Native who arrived there in 2000 at a fee of \$750. But if one of Ecliptical's five stakes winners could become the second dam of American Pharoah, then how much more eligibly might daughters of Jump Start show that Pennsylvania, especially in the slots era, is no kind of blind alley for a pedigree?

Because this was no Ecliptical; no hybrid curio. Jump Start was one of those rare migrants from Kentucky who not only became a big fish in a smaller pond, but a sizeable pike even by Bluegrass standards. How many other regional sires have maintained their Kentucky fees the way Jump Start did, holding out at \$10,000 through a decade since his arrival? In the meantime he has been the state champion sire five times, runner-up four times; and he's making the early running for a first posthumous title too. Between 2015 and 2017 he was champion Mid-Atlantic sire, while a handful of winter holidays in Argentina yielded a local Horse of the Year among three South American champions.

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PET AND MRI: A BRAVE NEW DIAGNOSTIC WORLD by Dan Ross

Earlier this month, The Stronach Group **announced** the arrival later this year at Santa Anita of the Longmile Positron Emission Tomography (MILE-PET) Scan machine--a technology currently under development at California's UC Davis, that could revolutionize the diagnosis of emerging lower limb injuries that could deteriorate into something catastrophic.

But Santa Anita's new PET scan machine might not be the only important development at the track. According to CHRB equine medical director Rick Arthur, efforts are afoot to possibly bring a standing MRI to Santa Anita.

The MRI machine's possible arrival raises some interesting tensions between the two diagnostic modalities. Indeed, proponents of both technologies argue passionately about their individual merits in early injury detection. But what isn't up for debate is how they both present a win for the horse. **Cont. p5**

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Maximum Security (New Year's Day), under exercise rider Edelberto Rivas, had his first major work since being DQ'd from the GI Kentucky Derby Wednesday at Monmouth Park. He was credited with a four-furlong breeze in :53.80 (20/21). | Bill Denver/EQUI-PHOTO

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Leading trainer Chad Brown must pay more than \$1.6 million after an investigation by the U.S. Department of Labor's Wage and Hour Division found him and his company to be in violation of the Fair Labor Standards Act and provisions of the H-2B visa program.

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Jump Start's \$2.277-million earner Prayer for Relief | Lauren King

So this was a highly respectable achiever by any measure, never mind as one so long confined to provincial mares. And while his own star burned as briefly as it did brightly on the track, it's not hard to see why he should have been able to produce stock that was not only talented but also, by modern standards, extremely resilient. Prayer For Relief, for instance, broke his maiden at two yet proceeded to be graded stakes-placed (at least) in each of the next six years. Rail Trip, a Grade I winner at four, was second in the GI Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile at seven. Pants On Fire, though sadly reported to be racing again at 11 in Saudi Arabia last winter, had won (up to Grade II level) in each of six American campaigns.

These old school virtues trace to the seamless, top-to-bottom quality of a pedigree that conspicuously entitles Jump Start's daughters to emerge as broodmare gold.

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MINESHAFT

LEADING SON OF A.P. INDY BY AEI

Rank	Stallion	AEI	Fee
1	MINESHAFT	1.77	\$20,000
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Never mind the familiar duplication you get from any cross of A.P. Indy with a Storm Cat mare, both being out of famous daughters of Secretariat in Weekend Surprise and Terlingua. In the mating that produced Jump Start, between A.P. Indy and GII Adirondack S. runner-up Steady Cat, the second dam of both was an equally celebrated daughter of another broodmare sire legend, in Buckpasser. One of these is Weekend Surprise's mother Lassie Dear; the other is Hopespringseternal, who produced Miswaki as well as his full-sister Hopespringsforever (Mr. Prospector), the dam of Steady Cat. Miswaki, of course, includes Urban Sea herself--ubiquitous in elite European pedigrees--among his accomplishments as a broodmare sire.



Pants on Fire | *Coglianesse*

Icing on the cake, for those of us who will always go looking for him, is the fact that Hopespringseternal was out of a Princequillo mare. Princequillo's influence duly spreads right across the page, as he is sire of Secretariat's dam Somethingroyal, whose son Sir Gaylord also sired Lassie Dear's dam Gay Missile.

With all that distaff power behind him--and most people would happily settle for his first three dams being by Storm Cat, Mr. P and Buckpasser--Jump Start's story seems unlikely to reach an end in the grieving, this week, of those who tended him so well (into his 20th year) at Northview Stallion Station. Somewhere out there, perhaps even embryonically among the 36 selected mares Jump Start had covered this spring, is a daughter or two who will surely give a fresh dimension to the legacy of his breeder W.T. Young.

Obviously broodmare sires need time to show their hand. Of those to have exceeded his three black-type winners so far this year, however, only Hard Spun (2004), Bernardini (2003), Tapit (2001), Empire Maker (2000) and Ghostzapper (2000) were born after Jump Start. And on Derby Day, to pull one straw out of the wind, Amy's Challenge (Artie Schiller) gained her second consecutive Grade I placing in the Humana Distaff S., as a \$20,000 yearling out of one of his daughters.

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Incidentally, if you have only clocked the strength of Jump Start's page now that it's too late, you could still give Claiborne a call. Their young stallion Mastery (Candy Ride {Arg}) is out of a three-parts sister to Jump Start, by A.P. Indy's son Old Trieste out of Steady Cat. Like Jump Start, of course, Mastery hit the buffers too soon when injuring himself after taking the GII San Felipe. Jump Start's own career ended in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile, so his GII Saratoga Special turned out to be as good as it got. As we've seen, however, this family nonetheless seems to produce toughness as well as class.

And if grass is nowhere quite as blue as at Claiborne, then that's a measure of what Jump Start took with him from Overbrook to Pennsylvania. Had it not been for the death of his breeder, he might never have left Kentucky. As it was, he proved as equal as any regional sire to the opportunities arising from the slots-driven decentralisation of the purses needed to make a racing stable viable. And nor, I'll bet, have we heard the last of him.

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"It'll help complement the diagnostics we offer here to our horses at Santa Anita," said Ryan Carpenter, a Santa Anita-based private veterinarian. "And it will help us make better choices from a rehabilitation standpoint."

What's all the PET scan fanfare about?

PET scans, of course, are already widely used on humans. The basic working principle can be boiled down to the following: a radiotracer--a compound used to hunt chemical reactions--is injected into the body.

This radiotracer then works its way around the body's blood vessels, seeking out areas of unusual chemical activity--in other words, injured sites the body is trying to heal. The radiotracer accumulates at the injured spot, and, under the eye of a PET scan machine, the troublesome area lights up. The brighter and larger the illuminated spot, the greater the potential problem.

Where an area lights up on a horse's skeleton, this means there's an unusual amount of bone turnover and bone remodeling occurring, said Mathieu Spriet, associate professor of Surgical and Radiological Sciences at UC Davis, and a driving force behind the institution's new PET technology. "It's telling us that at the molecular level, there's something happening," he added.



Initial prototype of the MILE-PET scanner from LONG-MILE Imaging | UC Davis

"It's like taking a highlighter and saying, 'look here, look here,'" he said.

Researchers at UC Davis today have collaborated on a machine that looks like a futuristic basketball hoop hovering just above the ground, called the MILE-PET. The hoop, which contains the detectors, opens and closes using magnets around the leg, quickly releasing if necessary. **Cont. p6**

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The Benefits

When it comes to catastrophic breakdowns, "we know that a lot of these injuries don't happen just like that," said Spriet. Indeed, in between 85-90% of catastrophic breakdowns, a pre-existing injury like a lesion is present at the breakdown site. The trick is to identify those lesions before something catastrophic occurs.

Current diagnostic technologies like scintigraphy, computed tomography (CT) and X-rays, however, don't reliably pick up on these lesions, especially the more subtle ones, Spriet said, and as a result, veterinarians "don't always recognize the horses who are at risk of breakdowns." The early results with PET suggest that "we have a tool more powerful."

To date, more than 120 horses have been imaged using PET at UC Davis. According to Spriet, "the spots that light up on PET corresponds to these areas where the fractures tend to occur, suggesting that we're looking at these early changes before fracture." In this regard, diagnosticians found better clinical correlation with PET than CT, said Spriet.



A horse is under general anesthesia to be imaged with PET. The horse is positioned on a cushion table and the scanner is brought on a wheel cart next to the horse table. Here the left hind fetlock is positioned in the scanner for imaging. | UC Davis

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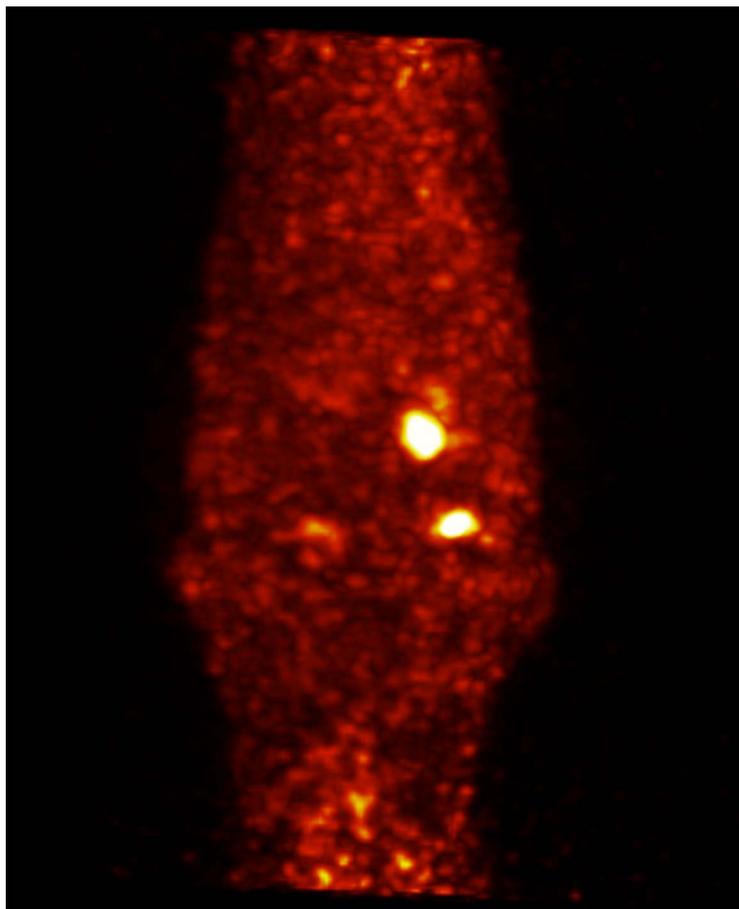
Nevertheless, because the technology is so new, it's still a Brave New World when it comes to how, when, and for what the machine is used. What would be useful, said Spriet, would be a long-term study of horses throughout their racing careers, scanning them periodically with PET to observe how their bones respond to varying degrees of training.

"It would be helpful to find out what's normal for horses at the track, comparing 2-year-olds who start training versus an older horse who has been there longer," he said.

For example, Spriet has observed through PET how some stress-related bone lesions can disappear within six to 12 weeks, while lesions that are a result of bone degeneration are more permanent.

"We know that racehorses are putting their joints under a lot of stress, and so it's likely we are going to see some changes," said Spriet. "The question will be being able to make the difference between the ones who do have changes but who can keep training, and the ones who should not keep training with the changes, because of the risk of breakdown."

One big advantage that PET has over some other modalities is its ability to quantify changes in the bone. This change is valued using a measurement called Standardized Uptake Value (SUV). Normal bone activity has an SUV of approximately five. Spriet then showed me a PET scan image with an area lit up to an SUV of 25. "So, it means that, in this location, the bone turn-over is five times higher than what it is in normal location," he said.



3D PET image showing the fetlock of a racehorse from the back. The bright yellow spots indicate areas of high bone turnover at the back of the cannon bone and in one of the sesamoid bones.

UC Davis

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"That's very unique of PET. MRI cannot reliably do quantification," Spriet said. "The PET alone provides all the information we need for screening horses. The ability to quantify it, gauge severity, then get some data how they're doing over time. That's what makes this tool more powerful."



Dr. Mathieu Spriet from UC Davis holding the first research horse to be imaged with the initial prototype of the PET scanner to image standing horses. | UC Davis

The Case for MRI

Not so fast, said John Peloso, veterinary surgeon and owner of the Equine Medical Center in Ocala, Florida. "PET scan is a brand-new idea," he said, explaining how new technologies lack a track record of results. "It might be a Learjet. It might not be."

Veterinary medicine tends to be 15 years behind human medicine, he added. "Do we want to wait 15 years, or do we want to use something that is shown in human and equine medicine to be all that we need?"

That something, said Peloso, is the MRI machine--a diagnostic tool that has been used to examine racehorses since the mid-aughts. "When you've got a \$15-million draft pick and he's hurt, what do they do to him to figure out if he can compete or not? They do an MRI."

The MRI uses the body's natural magnetic properties, capturing slices of tissue and bone which are then synthesized into a full image. There are two types of MRI: the standing MRI, for which a horse must be sedated, and the more powerful closed-magnet unit, for which a horse must be under general anesthesia.

The standing MRI--the one potentially coming to Santa Anita--resembles a large enclosed storage unit, its dimensions 10' x 10' x 30'. "All you do is bring it to the racetrack, plug it in, and then you start to use Nobel-winning science on elite athletes," said Peloso.

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Peloso argues that the MRI is proven at detecting problems in the lower limb early, before they worsen in potentially catastrophic ways.

"Disease takes a while to develop," Peloso said. "For the fetlock, in my opinion, standing MRI is the answer," he added. "Standing MRI does an excellent job at identifying horses that are on this disease continuum that's going to get them in trouble."

The research, he said, supports his claims. For example, [this review study](#) found that MRI was the "most sensitive" and "most specific" imaging test for diagnosing stress fractures of the lower limb of humans, when compared to scintigraphy, X-rays, CT and ultrasound. [This study out of Newmarket](#) looked at the fetlock joints in 131 Thoroughbred racehorses, and found that in nearly 40% of cases, the MRI detected problems "consistent with fracture pathology" which didn't show up under X-ray.

"I can show you some cases of horses where you'd go, 'oh my god, were we a breeze away from that thing coming apart?'" he said, highlighting how, in many cases, the outward warning signs like visible lameness can be very subtle or even non-existent. "Most everybody says they have no idea."

In engineering, the failure of more than 80% of all structural materials is linked to cyclic fatigue and bone is no different, he said, which explains why the progression of the disease is married to the "cycle" of the fetlock--in other words, the number of times that fetlock goes up and down. "We're good if the pace of healing is faster than the pace of damage and we're in trouble if the pace of healing is slower than the pace of damage."

Peloso theorizes that the cycle reaches critical mass around the time horses have their first few races.

"It's my opinion that we haven't cycled that ankle enough unless we are looking for a race, or they've raced a time or two. That's about the time when condylar fractures become apparent," he said.

Certain race meets, he added, tend to attract larger populations of horses that fall within that criteria.

"I feel like Del Mar and Saratoga are unduly punished because they get the population of racehorses around that time, of the appropriate number of cycles that have happened," Peloso said. Different styles of racing and training precipitate different fetlock injuries, he said. For example, in the U.S., there are approximately two sesamoid fractures to every one condylar fracture, he said. In the UK, it's almost exclusively condylar fractures, he said, adding that in Japan, "they get almost five sesamoid bone fractures for each condylar fracture."

"The key is to change the way you cycle the ankle, to give the healing bone a chance to catch up," Peloso said. "It's not about the racetrack--it's about cycling bone. It's a bone-disease

process. The racetrack doesn't create anything--the racetrack is just what's there when we're cycling the ankle."

Identifying Problems

The MRI machine, therefore, could be used in preventative fashion, targeting horses that fall within that window. "That's fertile hunting ground," Peloso said. "If we could have this machine up at Saratoga, I 100% believe we would identify horses and prevent severe injury."

Using the MRI before that window, he said, is something of a wasted endeavor. "When someone asks me to do an MRI on a 2-year-old-in-training, I try to discourage it because I really want to give them something when I'm done," he said. "If the ankle hasn't cycled enough, I feel like they're going to spend their money and not be happy."

The question, therefore, is why isn't MRI used more prevalently? "It's a slow melt," Peloso replied. "You know how it is with this industry--different ideas are not always immediately welcome."

Peloso has been using the standing MRI since 2008, but he estimates that he has only scanned the fetlocks of about 50 Thoroughbreds in training. Indeed, there are between 60-65 standing MRI's found around the world, for use in all equine disciplines, not just horse racing.

Costs

Part of the reason the MRI hasn't been more fully embraced is the cost. It takes roughly 45 minutes to an hour to scan both fetlocks, and it costs roughly \$2000 to image two areas, said Peloso.

In comparison, Spriet estimates that the PET scan can image six areas--four fetlocks and two knees, for example--during the time it takes the MRI to image two. The costs are up in the air still, but Spriet said that the faster scan time contributes to making PET more affordable than MRI.

Nevertheless, Santa Anita veterinarian Carpenter cautions, as does Peloso, that PET scanners "are still a research modality today, and they have not made the jump into clinical practice."

There are two equine clinics in Los Angeles with MRI machines, and Carpenter said that his clients have been largely reluctant to use them due to the logistics involved with travel, and time spent away from the barn.

"I believe when you get PET scan and MRI equipment on site, so that all they have to do is walk over and back, and they can be there and back to the barn in a couple hours, I think the sky's the limit," he said. "It's going to be ground-breaking, and I'm really excited to see what diagnostic imaging in the Thoroughbred fetlock looks like in two years from now."

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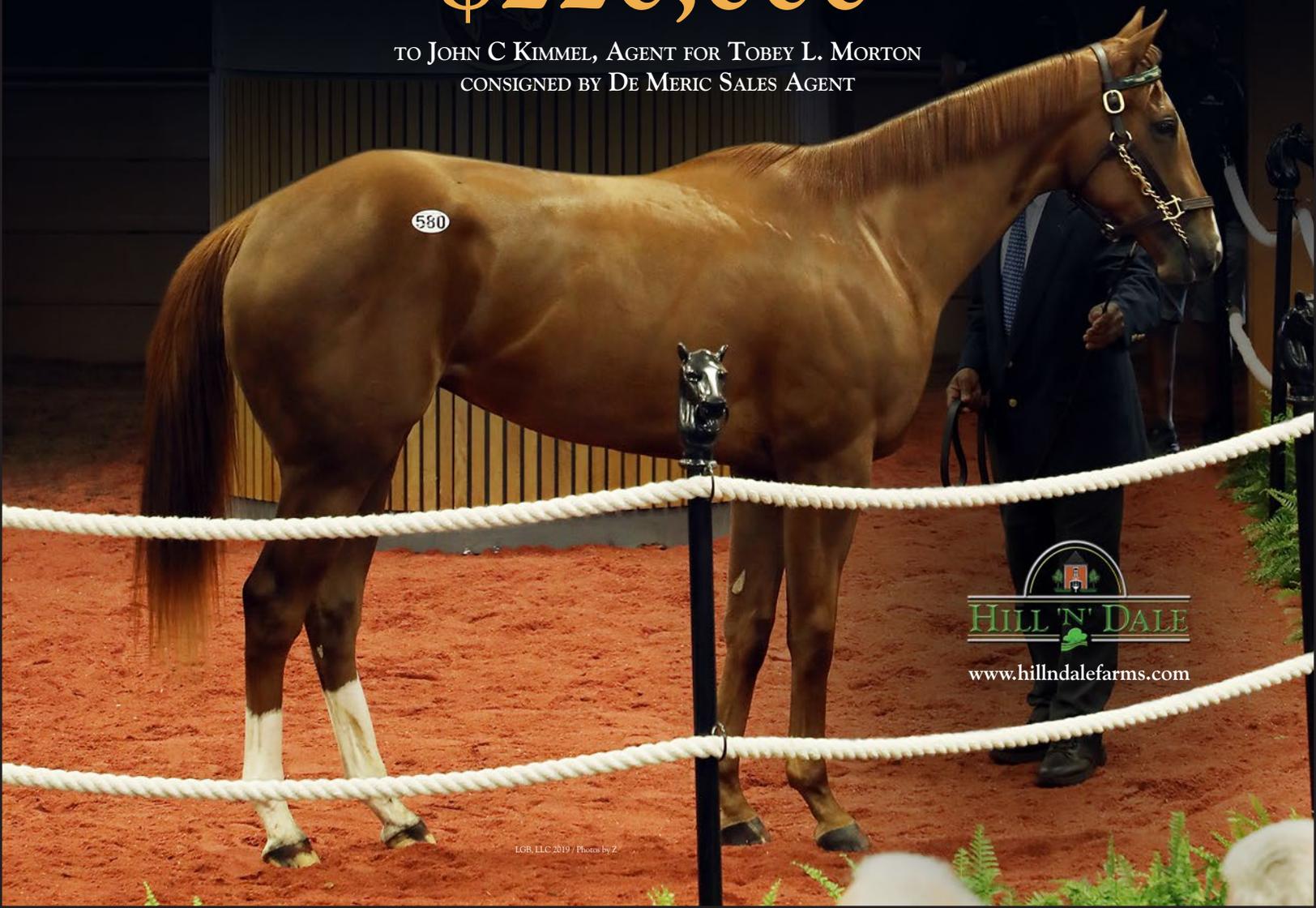
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CHAD BROWN MUST PAY \$1.6M FOR FEDERAL LABOR VIOLATIONS

by T.D. Thornton

Chad C. Brown, who has won the Eclipse Award for Outstanding Trainer in each of the past three seasons, will pay a total of \$1,617,673 in back wages, liquidated damages, and civil penalties after agreeing to a federal consent judgment for “willful violations of the Fair Labor Standards Act and the labor provisions of the H-2B non-immigrant visa program,” according to a United States Department of Labor press release issued on Wednesday.

The massive monetary outlay for back pay and fines that Brown was ordered to pay was the result of a three-year investigation by the U.S. Department of Labor's Wage and Hour Division into Brown's New York-based training business not paying overtime wages for all hours when employees worked more than 40 hours in a workweek and for failing to keep required time and payroll records.

According to the consent judgment signed by Brown and filed May 13 in U.S. District Court (Eastern District of New York), Brown, doing business as “Chad C. Brown Inc.,” admitted to violations that involved 150 stable employees between 2014 and 2017, primarily at Saratoga Race Course and Belmont Park.

By admitting the violations and agreeing to the consent order and its payment structure, Brown was able to avoid formal service of the original summons and civil complaint, which was filed in federal court Apr. 3 by R. Alexander Acosta, the U.S. Secretary of Labor.

A late Wednesday afternoon voicemail message left on Brown's mobile phone asking for his side of the story did not yield a response prior to deadline for this article.

According to the original complaint, “Defendants failed to pay overtime to groomers and hot walkers for all hours worked in excess of forty in a week and falsified time records to conceal the actual hours worked by their employees. Defendants' employees frequently worked in excess of forty hours each week, often performing extra tasks that required them to stay beyond their ostensible weekly schedules.

“However, Defendants failed to accurately track employees' time and paid them for fewer hours than they actually worked. In addition, when calculating the premium pay owed for a particular week, Defendants failed to include the nondiscretionary bonuses they regularly awarded to certain groomers, as required by the Act and its regulations.

“Consequently, in addition to depriving their employees of overtime premiums for many of the hours worked beyond 40 in a week, Defendants did not pay the correct overtime premium. As a result of Defendants' unlawful payment and record keep practices, 150 current and former groomers and hot walkers are owed unpaid wages under the Act.”



Chad Brown | Eclipse Sportswire/Breeders' Cup

The civil complaint listed a “for example” instance of how Brown's operation structured work schedules to avoid fair payment: “During the 2017 racing season, Defendants assigned a hot walker to work three races a week on top of the base schedule, which amounted to 61.25 hours of work per week. However, Defendants paid this hot walker for no more than 55 hours of work per week at a regular rate of roughly \$11.09.”

To get around this, the complaint alleged, Brown and his assistants wrote up sham paperwork.

“Defendants did not accurately track employee work time and did not have a system for tracking when employees started and stopped working each day,” the complaint stated. “Instead, Defendants created falsified timesheets that consistently underreported the number of hours worked by hot walkers and groomers, contributing to underpayment. Defendants required groomers and hot walkers to sign blank time sheets. Defendants' supervisors filled in daily and weekly hours after employees signed the time sheets. The hours filled in by supervisors on the timesheets were often incorrect and did not add up.”

According to the consent judgment's itemized list of Brown's 150 employees who are owed money, at least 10 of them are owed more than \$10,000 in combined back wages and liquidated damages. The highest combined amount owed to an individual worker is \$27,911.

“These legal actions demonstrate the U.S. Department of Labor's commitment to take all steps necessary to ensure employees receive the wages that they have rightfully earned and that employers who violate laws do not gain an unfair advantage over law-abiding competitors,” the agency's regional solicitor of labor, Jeffrey Rogoff, said in the press release.

Chad Brown cont.

The consent judgment requires Brown to designate a compliance officer for pay practices, implement and use an electronic timekeeping system to ensure accurate tracking of employees' work hours, and to train supervisory employees on the proper federal labor requirements for employers.

It also contains a mandate that Brown shall not threaten or retaliate against employees named in the consent judgment or to "imply that adverse action will be taken against any person because of his or her receipt of funds due under the provisions of this Consent Judgment or the Act. Violation of this Paragraph may subject Defendants to equitable and legal damages, including punitive damages and civil contempt."

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MEADOWLANDS MOVES TO PHASE OUT LASIX



Sarah Andrew

The Meadowlands Racetrack, home of harness racing's crown jewel, The Hambletonian, and a venue for Thoroughbred racing, is moving to follow the trend set in Thoroughbred racing in phasing out the use of Lasix. The track has released the following statement:

"In light of the recent circumstances in Thoroughbred racing surrounding the welfare of the horses, all of horse racing has come under increased scrutiny. While the rate of catastrophic breakdowns in Standardbred racing is but a fraction of what it is with the Thoroughbreds, the public does not make that distinction.

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tracks are taking steps to reduce or eliminate the use of Lasix on race day.

It is the intention of The Meadowlands as the flagship track of the Standardbred industry to join that movement and proceed in such a way as to insure the best interests of our equine athletes.

A proposal to address the use of Lasix as a race day medication at The Meadowlands has been submitted to the New Jersey Racing Commission (NJRC).

The submitted proposal states that beginning in 2020, no 2-year-old Standardbred will be permitted to use Lasix when racing at The Meadowlands. Further, in 2021 the track's signature stakes race, The Meadowlands Pace, will become Lasix free. It is noteworthy that the marquee stake in all of Standardbred racing, the Hambletonian at The Meadowlands, has not permitted the use of Lasix throughout its 93 year history.

In discussion with several Standardbred trainers, the consensus was that 2-year-old horses should not race with Lasix and should instead be given time away from the track to recover if they are indeed diagnosed with Exercise Induced Pulmonary Hemorrhage (EIPH). Over the entire 2018 season at The Meadowlands, only seven 2-year-olds raced with Lasix .

At the end of the 2021 racing season we will review these changes, consider any revisions to the practice in Thoroughbred racing and adjust as necessary.

While we recognize the therapeutic benefits of Lasix, our concern is with the optics and feel it is important to show that we take the health and safety of our horses very seriously. We believe this is the best approach while we observe how even stricter measures work for the Thoroughbred industry."

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ARE RACE HORSES BEING PUT IN DANGER?

by Dr. Larry Bramlage

Editor's Note: The below editorial originally appeared in the Toronto Star on Wednesday, May 22, 2019 and is being republished here with the author's permission.



Larry Bramlage | Horsephotos

Does the racing of horses carelessly force them into a danger zone? No. Horses love to run and compete. They do it naturally.

From the day they are born thoroughbreds run in fields. When the foals are weaned and grouped, they race each other naturally, to see who is better at what they do best. It is what they love to do. It is what they are bred to do. It's the whole reason they exist. As they grow and develop, they move up the performance ladder, like a hockey player does. The best ones achieve the high-profile racing venues.

Spend a day on a breeding farm and you will see mares, foals and yearlings getting daily attention to their every need. Spend a morning in the barn area at the track and you will see horses receiving specialized care from passionate horse-loving people, who spend long hours each day grooming their horses, preparing their stalls, and feeding them treats. All of this is to enable them to do what they love to do and do it impeccably.

Undeniable passion for the well-being of horses permeates throughout the industry as well as the public. It's this passion that led to significant safety improvements long before the publicity the industry has faced recently.

In 2006, the first annual Safety and Welfare Summit was held, and it has consistently led to safety innovations, such as the Equine Injury Database. Developed by The Jockey Club, the EID records data for research directed at improving safety and preventing injuries. Since they started collecting data for North America, there has been a 16 per cent drop in injury rates across all surfaces, an 11 per cent drop on dirt, a 38 per cent drop on turf, and a 17 per cent drop on synthetic surfaces.

A couple of years later, the Safety and Integrity Alliance was launched, which focuses on everything from injury reporting and prevention to safety equipment to medication and testing to

aftercare for horses.

Some other important changes include progress toward uniformed medication rules and testing standards, race cancellation policies for inclement weather and consistent management of racing surfaces aimed at limiting injuries.

The industry is always looking for ways to improve safety. Woodbine Racetrack in Toronto has a good story to tell. It is one of the operators that has worked with its regulators to ban race day medications (other than the commissioned use of Lasix). Woodbine has been accredited by the Safety and Integrity Alliance since 2010.

They have invested millions of dollars in the statistically safest surfaces in horse racing: synthetic and turf. This has resulted in one of the lowest rates of catastrophic injuries of any track in North America. In 2018, the combined average for Woodbine's all-weather (synthetic) Tapeta track and turf course was less than 1/10th of 1 per cent of race day starters, almost half of the North American 17/100th of 1 per cent injury rate.

All these changes and investments by industry stakeholders have made racing even safer for horses.

In the recent Preakness Stakes in Baltimore a horse lost its rider at the start of the race. He didn't turn and go to the barn. He raced with his fellow competitors, beating a couple of them to the finish line.

Horse racing is also a highly competitive sport and when you're dealing with any type of high-performance athlete, there are going to be injuries. What's most important is that the industry has the safety measures and protocols in place, as well as the endless commitment to be safer tomorrow than we are today. The Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation spends over \$1 million a year researching horse health, much of it going toward injury prevention.

I have performed surgeries on thoroughbreds for 40 years, due to injuries that happen in competition and in the field. I can say with the highest degree of confidence that we're not forcing racehorses into danger at the track, we are simply privileged to be participating in something they absolutely love to do.

But in exchange for that privilege, we all carry the responsibility of making it as safe as possible for them when we watch. The industry accepts that responsibility and makes it the highest of priorities. Woodbine is a good example of the stewardship of that accountability.

**Dr. Larry Bramlage is an internationally recognized and decorated equine orthopedic surgeon in Kentucky. He has dedicated his life to ensuring the health and safety of horses and has won several awards of the highest honour in his field, including the Jockey Club Gold Medal for Contributions to Thoroughbred Racing. Dr. Bramlage is a member of the American Veterinary Medical Association, Kansas Veterinary Medical Association, Kentucky Veterinary Medicine Association, and the past president of the American College of Veterinary Surgeons and the American Association of Equine Practitioners.*

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BELMONT STAKES UPDATES



Spinoff | Sarah Andrew

The Todd Pletcher-trained **Spinoff** (Hard Spun) will aim for the June 8 GI Belmont S. Finishing 18th in a sloppy renewal of the GI Kentucky Derby May 4, the Wertheimer and Frere homebred has been training well since, most recently breezing a half-mile in :48.72 (5/49) over the Belmont training track Sunday morning.

"He worked well and seems to be training forwardly," Pletcher said. "He didn't seem to care for the surface on Derby day. He put himself in a decent tracking position, but when it was time for him to turn his head he just kind of spun the wheels a bit."

A debut winner at Gulfstream in June of 2018, Spinoff was third in the GII Saratoga Special S. last August and was shelved for the season. Kicking off 2019 with a Tampa optional claimer win Feb. 22, he was second in the GII Louisiana Derby Mar. 23.

Joining him in the Belmont will be stablemate and **'TDN Rising Star' Intrepid Heart** (Tapit), who was last seen finishing third in the GIII Peter Pan S. May 11. A first out winner at Oaklawn Feb. 18, the gray colt captured an Apr. 5 optional claimer at Keeneland prior to the Peter Pan.

"He stumbled coming out of the gate but he's still lightly raced," Pletcher said of the Peter Pan effort. "I thought he galloped out well. He's bred top and bottom for the distance and I'm optimistic that his pedigree will allow him to get the distance."

In other Belmont news, Bob Baffert said champion **Game Winner** (Candy Ride {Arg}) is under consideration for the Triple Crown's final leg after finishing fifth via DQ in the Derby.

"He's continuing to do well coming out of the Derby," said Baffert. "We've given him a little bit of a break, but we should make a decision on if we'll definitely run in the Belmont or not by the end of this week."

The Hall of Famer will likely have a string of runners on Belmont Day with recent GII Alysheba S. winner **McKinzie** (Street Sense) pointing for the GI Met Mile S.; Saturday's GIII

Lazaro Barrera S. victor **Mucho Gusto** (Mucho Macho Man) aiming for the GI Woody Stephens or the Easy Goer S.; and GISW **Marley's Freedom** (Blame) heading to the GIII Bed o' Roses S. June 7.

Trainer Brendan Walsh said **Plus Que Parfait** (Point of Entry) will pass on the Belmont.

"I had to back off of him a little bit. We're looking for another spot for him but nothing is decided yet," said Walsh.

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MASTER FENCER PUTS IN FINAL KEENELAND WORK FOR BELMONT



Master Fencer | Horsephotos

Katsumi Yoshizawa homebred **Master Fencer (Jpn)** (Just a Way {Jpn}) worked a half-mile in :52 flat (31/32) at Keeneland Wednesday in preparation for the June 8 GI Belmont S. ([video](#)). The colt is scheduled to fly to New York Friday.

Master Fencer has been at Keeneland since finishing seventh, moved up to sixth in the GI Kentucky Derby May 4. With exercise rider Yosuke Kono aboard for trainer Koichi Tsunoda, the 3-year-old jogged about two laps on the training track before heading to the main track to breeze.

"[Kono] did a stop and go, so he can see how [Master Fencer would] respond for the [start of the race]," said representative Mitsuoki Numamoto, who translated for Kono. "He did that twice, and he responded well. The breeze, he did the Japanese way. We start really slowly for maybe two furlongs but then have a strong finish."

Kono said he is satisfied with how Master Fencer has progressed during his time at Keeneland. "He's been getting better all the time," he told Numamoto. "He eats well, and he trains well."

A two-time winner in his native Japan, Master Fencer finished second in the Mar. 31 Fukuryu S. prior to his effort in the Derby.

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Almost three-quarters of horses **pinhooked** through Magic Millions January and the Inglis Classic, Premier, and Easter Yearling sales in the past two years **made more than their weanling purchase price.**



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CASTELLANO WINS 2019 VENEZIA AWARD



Javier Castellano | Wendy Wooley/Equi-Sport

Javier Castellano is the 2019 recipient of the Mike Venezia Award, which is awarded to jockeys who exemplify extraordinary sportsmanship and citizenship. The Venezia Award will be presented to Castellano May 27 in a ceremony at Belmont Park.

Established in 1989, the award is named in honor of jockey Mike Venezia, who died as a result of injuries he suffered in a spill in 1988 at Belmont Park. Venezia, a Brooklyn native, won more than 2,300 races during his 25-year career.

Castellano, 41, was selected as the 2019 winner through an online fan vote hosted on NYRA.com that closed May 20. The field of candidates included brothers Irad Ortiz, Jr. and Jose Ortiz, Florent Geroux, and Ricardo Santana, Jr.

The Hall of Famer won four consecutive Eclipse Awards from 2013-16 and has won 12 riding titles on the NYRA circuit. In addition to his accomplishments on the track, Castellano also does a lot charity work with associations like the Permanently Disabled Jockeys Fund, the Anna House and the Ronald McDonald House.

The first Venezia Award was awarded posthumously to Venezia in 1989. Previous winners of the award include Joe Bravo (2018), Kendrick Carmouche (2017), Mario Pino (2016), Jon Court (2015), Hall of Famer John Velazquez (2014) and Hall of Famer Ramon Dominguez (2013).

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BREAKING LUCKY RETIRED TO LOUISIANA

GSW **Breaking Lucky** (Lookin At Lucky--Shooting Party, by Sky Classic) has been retired from racing and will stand stud at Blue Star Racing in Louisiana. His fee will be announced at a later date.

“This is an opportunity for the breeders in our area to tap into a sire line that is red hot in Lookin At Lucky. You also are tapping into a very deep female family as well,” said Blue Star Racing owner Dex Comardelle.

Initially campaigned by Gunpowder Farms and trainer Reade Baker, Breaking Lucky defeated MGISW Shaman Ghost (Ghostzapper) in Woodbine’s 2015 Prince of Wales S. and won the 2016 GIII Seagram Cup S. Second to future Horse of the Year Gun Runner (Candy Ride {Arg}) in that year’s GI Clark H., the chestnut was bought into by Reeves Thoroughbred Racing, R.A. Hill Stable, West Point Thoroughbreds and Eric Young to run in the inaugural GI Pegasus World Cup.

Breaking Lucky was third to Gun Runner in both the 2017 GI Stephen Foster H. and GI Whitney S. Transferred to George Weaver for 2018, he won a Gulfstream optional claimer in December and was second in this year’s GIII Fred W. Hooper S. The 7-year-old retires with a record of 27-4-6-6 and earnings of \$1,196,376.

Bred in Ontario by Christine Hayden, the \$100,000 KEENOV buy is a half-brother to the dam of GI Kentucky Derby winner Country House (Lookin At Lucky) and last weekend’s GIII Gallorette S. winner Mitchell Road (English Channel).

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Breaking Lucky | A. Coglianese



COX WINS PREAKNESS WEEKEND TRAINER BONUS



Brad Cox | *Coady*

Brad Cox edged Hall of Famer Steve Asmussen to claim the top prize in the Maryland Jockey Club's \$100,000 bonus program offered to trainers for their participation in stakes races over Preakness weekend at Pimlico Race Course.

Cox led the way with 36 points, three more than two-time defending champion Asmussen, to earn a \$50,000 bonus. In his Triple Crown race debut, Cox ran third and fourth, respectively, with Owendale (Into Mischief) and Warrior's Charge (Munnings).

On the May 17 Black-Eyed Susan Day card, Cox won the GIII Adena Springs Miss Preakness S. with Covfefe (Into Mischief) in six-furlong track-record time of 1:07.70, captured the GIII Allaire duPont Distaff with Mylady Curlin (Curlin), and was second with Ulele (Candy Ride {Arg}) in the GII Xpressbet Black-Eyed Susan S.

Asmussen's 33 points earned him a \$25,000 bonus for second. He picked up wins in the GIII Pimlico Special S. May 17 with Tenfold (Curlin) and GIII Maryland Sprint S. with New York Central (Tapit) May 18.

Graham Motion was third with 32 points, earning a bonus of \$12,000. The other top finishers were Todd Pletcher (29 points, \$7,000), Arnaud Delacour (24 points, \$4,000) and Mike Trombetta (nine points, \$2,000).

To be eligible, trainers had to run a minimum of five horses in 16 stakes races during Preakness weekend. Points were accumulated for finishing first (10 points), second (seven), third (five), fourth (three) and having a starter (one) among the 16 stakes, nine graded, worth \$3.95 million in purses.

Bonus money totaling \$50,000 was also offered for trainers having the most points in non-stakes races during Preakness weekend, with points accumulated in similar fashion. Ron Moquett finished first with 20 points, earning the top bonus of \$25,000. Also winning bonus money were Motion (18 points, \$10,000), Jeremiah O'Dwyer (17 points, \$7,500), Jeremiah Englehart (16 points, \$4,000), Pletcher (15 points, \$2,500) and Damon Dilodovico (11 points, \$1,000).

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'OPEN WELT' STICK WORK EARNS VAZQUEZ ANOTHER WHIP FINE

by *T.D. Thornton*

For the second time in less than a year, jockey Ramon Vazquez has been hit with a significant fine by the Prairie Meadows stewards for overzealously whipping a mount during the stretch run of a race.

Vazquez drew a \$500 fine in a ruling issued Tuesday for "excessive/indiscriminate whipping" of Special Trip, an 0-for-12 maiden-claiming filly who was encouraged with both right- and left-handed stick work in the first race on May 18.

The ruling states that a racing commission veterinarian reported to the stewards that Special Trip "arrived at the test barn with an open welt on [her] right flank" after she ran second, beaten a half length.

The ruling further states that "The Board notes Jockey Vazquez has had multiple penalties in recent history for excessive or indiscriminate whipping of his horse during a race."

That statement about previous violations is nearly identical to the language used in a ruling last summer when Vazquez was assessed a \$1,000 fine after the stewards deemed he used his whip to apply "48 strikes in the final 3 1/2 furlongs" to Underpressure, who ran second, beaten a neck, in the eighth race on Aug. 3, 2018.

This time, the stewards added, "Further, the Board hereby puts Jockey Vazquez on notice that any further whip violations may result in a more severe penalty."

The ruling states that Vazquez "waived his right to present evidence and testimony" at a stewards' hearing on the matter. It was unclear before deadline for this story whether or not he intends to appeal.

Vazquez was the runaway leading rider at Prairie Meadows last season. He is currently ninth in the win standings there with a 3-for-21 record.

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CAESARS LAUNCHES EMPIRE OF HOPE

Caesars Entertainment Corporation has launched Empire of Hope, a new program designed to help raise awareness and funding for the care of horses after their racing careers are over.

“Empire of Hope is a direct reflection of the appreciation and pride we have for the horses that participate in Caesars’ racing program,” said Rick Moore, Vice President and General Manager of Racing at Harrah’s Hoosier Park. “Our equine athletes are the stars of our sport and we want to ensure that when they retire, they are placed in productive and loving environments to live out a long and healthy life.”

Through Empire of Hope, Caesars will provide funding and support to accredited non-profit racehorse aftercare organizations, including Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance and Standardbred Transition Alliance.

“Thanks to the support of our industry stakeholders, the TAA and our accredited organizations are making a difference in the lives of thousands of retired Thoroughbreds,” said TAA president Mike Meuser. “With the launch of the Empire of Hope program, Caesars is helping us make sure that these horses receive the specialized and dedicated care they need to live healthy, happy lives after they retire from racing.”

Empire of Hope will be launched at four of Caesars’ racing properties: Louisiana Downs, Indiana Grand, Hoosier Park and Harrah’s Philadelphia. With a goal to raise \$30,000, Empire of Hope activities will range from food and drink specials to entertainment and promotional activities. Each property has designed numerous ways to accept donations and raise funds during the weekend of July 20 and July 21.

To learn more about this program, click [here](#).

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21c NOW OFFERS LE CLUB ACCOR LOYALTY PROGRAM

After being acquired by the AccorHotel group, the 21c Museum Hotel chain, including its properties in Lexington and Louisville, Kentucky, now offer the Le Club Accor Loyalty program. The eight-hotel 21c Group of hotels joined Accor’s MGallery collection of boutique offerings in the U.S. Travelers can sign up for the Accor program at no charge by visiting www.leclubaccorhotels.com. Rewards start as soon as 10 nights spent at the hotel, and include room upgrades, a welcome drink, late checkout, early check-in, and more. All members receive free internet, hotel discounts, and pre-sale access to exclusive rates at the 21c Hotels, along with Accor’s 50 partner travel groups. Accor’s luxury brands include Fairmont, Sofitel and Swissotel, as well as the Pullman, Novotel, Ibis groups and more. Co-founders Laura Lee Brown and Steve Wilson, also the owners of Hermitage Farm, have retained a 15% stake in the 21c brand.

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SCHIEWE NAMED NEW MINNESOTA RACING COMMISSION DIRECTOR

Bob Schiewe has been named the new Deputy Director of the Minnesota Racing Commission effective June 5. He will succeed Joe Scurto. “I am excited to welcome Bob Schiewe to the commission,” said Tom DiPasquale, Minnesota Racing Commission Executive Director. “Bob’s knowledge of and passion for horse racing make him uniquely qualified to manage the commission’s day-to-day operations, promote industry growth, and help bring about needed changes in the sport that are responsive to calls for increased safety and welfare measures.” Schiewe was previously the Executive Secretary with Minnesota Harness Racing Inc. (MHRI) and serves as a commissioner of the Illinois Racing Board for six years.

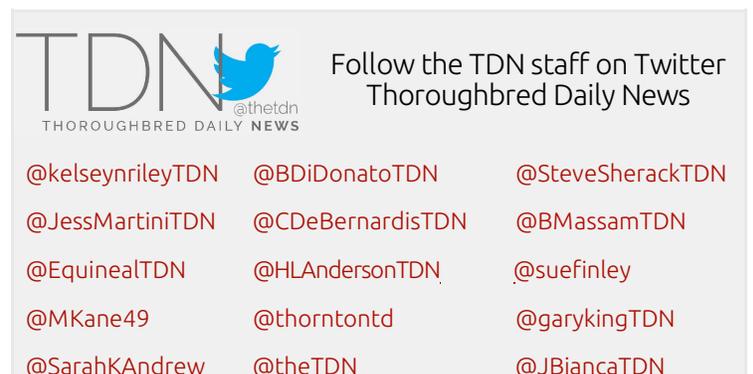
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Old Man on a Green Bike

TDN Contributor Mark Cramer chronicles his Parisian commutes on his cycle, including his Tour de France-style ride to raise money for ex-racehorses, in his latest book. *Wordbound Media*





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

CHARLES WHITTINGHAM S.-GII, \$200,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/4mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Prime Attraction 🍀	Unbridled's Song	D P Racing LLC	Cassidy	Desormeaux	121
2	Morse Code 🍀	Tapit	Abbondanza Racing, LLC & Richard Baltas	Baltas	Maldonado	121
3	Marckie's Water	Tribal Rule	Little Red Feather Racing & Norman Tavares	Baltas	Pereira	121
4	Ya Gotta Wanna 🍀	Proud Citizen	Mersad Metanovic Bloodstock, LLC, Michael House & Aaron Sones	D'Amato	Gryder	121
5	United 🍀	Giant's Causeway	LNJ Foxwoods	Mandella	Prat	121
6	Tizzarunner	Tizway	Three Diamonds Farm	McCarthy	Van Dyke	121
7	Ashleyluvssugar	Game Plan	Sharon Alesia, Bran Jam Stable & Ciaglia Racing	Eurton	Blanc	121

Breeders: 1-Payson Stud, Inc., 2-Dell Ridge Farm, LLC & Hill 'n' Dale Equine Holdings, Inc, 3-Frank Mermenstein & Tom McCrocklin, 4-Brereton C. Jones, 5-Rosemont Farm LLC, 6-Robert T. Manfuso, 7-Estate of Alesia, BranJam Stables & Ciaglia Racing, LLC

Saturday, Santa Anita, post time: 7:30 p.m. EDT

TRIPLE BEND S.-GII, \$200,000, 3yo/up, 7f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	American Anthem 🍀	Bodemeister	China Horse Club & WinStar Farm LLC	Baffert	Smith	121
2	Cistron 🍀	The Factor	Hronis Racing LLC	Sadler	Espinoza	123
3	Law Abidin Citizen 🍀	Twirling Candy	Dan J. Agnew, Gerry Schneider & John V. Xitco	Glatt	Pereira	123
4	Majestic Eagle 🍀	Medaglia d'Oro	David Heerensperger	Drysdale	Prat	121
5	Nero	Pioneerof the Nile	Tabor, Magnier, Smith & Stonestreet Stables LLC	Baffert	Van Dyke	121
6	Air Strike	Street Sense	Madaket StbIs, Slam Dunk RcnG & Michael Nentwig	D'Amato	Arroyo, Jr.	121
7	The Hardest Way	Uncle Mo	Doubledown Stables, Inc.	Ellis	Talamo	121
8	All Out Blitz	Concord Point	Kaleem Shah, Inc.	Callaghan	Garcia	121

Breeders: 1-WinStar Farm, LLC, 2-St. George Farm, LLC, 3-Hill 'n' Dale Equine Holdings, Inc, 4-B. Flay Thoroughbreds, 5-Thor-Bred Stables, LLC, 6-Gary & Mary West Stables, Inc., 7-Ned Williams & Mike Mattese, 8-Kaleem Shah, Inc.

Saturday, Monmouth, post time: 5:32 p.m. EDT

MONMOUTH S.-GII, \$200,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/8mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Monarchs Glen (GB)	Frankel (GB)	Juddmonte Farms, Inc.	Mott	Lezcano	116
2	Almanaar (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Shadwell Stable	Brown	Bravo	116
3	Markitoff 🍀	Giant's Causeway	Three Diamonds Farm	Maker	Gutierrez	116
4	Up the Ante 🍀	Smart Strike	Castleton Lyons	Clement	Maragh	116
5	Irish Strait	English Channel	Isabelle de Tomaso	Motion	Vargas, Jr.	120
6	Force the Pass	Speightstown	Colts Neck Stables LLC	Duarte, Jr.	Toledo	116
7	Synchrony	Tapit	Pin Oak Stable	Stidham	McCarthy	120
8	Projected (GB)	Showcasing (GB)	Juddmonte Farms, Inc.	Brown	Gallardo	116

Breeders: 1-Juddmonte Farms Ltd, 2-Shadwell Estate Company Limited, 3-Alpha Delta Stables, LLC, 4-Castleton Lyons & Kilboy Estate, 5-Isabelle H. de Tomaso, 6-Colts Neck Stables, LLC., 7-Pin Oak Stud, LLC, 8-Juddmonte Farms Ltd



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Saturday, Monmouth, post time: 4:31 p.m. EDT**SALVATOR MILE S.-GIII, \$150,000, 3yo/up, 1m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Just Call Kenny	Jump Start	ABL Stable, D. Bossone, J. Cahill & P. Donnelly	McBurney	Juarez	117
2	Sunny Ridge	Holy Bull	Dennis A. Drazin	Servis	Lezcano	117
3	Diamond King 🌿	Quality Road	D. J. Stable LLC, Cash is King LLC and LC Racing	Servis	Pennington	117
4	Nanoosh	Paynter	Rockingham Ranch, Zayat Stables & David Bernsen	Navarro	Suarez	117
5	Jeezum Jim	Fairbanks	Peter Kazamias	Synnefias	Ferrer	117
6	Hoffenheim	Midnight Lute	River Card Stable	Englehart	Maragh	117
7	Forewarned 🌿	Flat Out	Trin-Brook Stables, Inc.	St. Lewis	-	117
8	Bal Harbour	First Samurai	Red Oak Stable	Pletcher	Bravo	117
9	California Night	Midnight Lute	Three Diamonds Farm	Maker	Gutierrez	117

Breeders: 1-Althea Richards, 2-Dennis Drazin, 3-JSM Equine, LLC., 4-Zayat Stables, LLC, 5-Sycamore Hall Thoroughbreds, LLC, 6-Gaines-Gentry Thoroughbreds, 7-Preston Stables, LLC, 8-Red Oak Stable, 9-James H. Tolliver

Saturday, Woodbine, post time: 2:12 p.m. EDT**MARINE S.-GIII, C\$125,000, 3yo, 1 1/16m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Global Access	Giant's Causeway	Live Oak Plantation	Trombetta	Husbands	121
2	Skywire 🌿	Afleet Alex	Gary Barber & Lucio Tucci	Casse	Da Silva	121
3	Dabo	Temple City	West Point Thoroughbreds & Peacock Stable	Romans	Hernandez	119
4	Hoffa's Union 🌿	Union Rags	Gary Barber, Wachtel Stable, Christopher T. Dunn, Rose Petal Stable LLC & Foard J. Wilgis	Casse	Lermyte	117
5	Lyrical Note	Currency Swap	Tucci Stables	Attard	Wilson	117

Breeders: 1-Live Oak Stud, 2-William D. Graham, 3-Brad Rainwater, 4-Fredrick Allor, 5-Woodford Thoroughbreds

Saturday, Churchill Downs, post time: 5:26 p.m. EDT**WINNING COLORS S.-GIII, \$100,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Quick Quick Quick	Tiago	Marylou Whitney Stables LLC	Wilkes	Landeros	120
2	Annathela 🌿	Elusive Quality	Baum, Michael and Reiko	Arnold, II	Graham	120
3	Upset Brewing 🌿	Justin Phillip	Allied Racing Stable, LLC	Bradley	Morales	120
4	Classy Act 🌿	Into Mischief	Carl R. Moore Management LLC	Sharp	Beschizza	120
5	She's a Gypsy	Pioneerof the Nile	100% Racing Stable LLC	Pitts	Lanerie	120
6	Divine Queen	Divine Park	Bradley, William B. and Hurst, Carl	Bradley	Borel	120
7	Let It Ride Mom 🌿	Into Mischief	Live Oak Plantation	Casse	Gaffalione	120
8	Astrollinthepark	Divine Park	Dreamchaser Thorobreds	Jones	Saez	120
9	Awestruck 🌿	Tapit	G. Watts Humphrey, Jr.	Arnold, II	Hernandez, Jr.	120
10	Salt Bae 🌿	Paynter	Naveed Chowhan	Flint	Santana, Jr.	120
11	Honey Bunny 🌿	Tapizar	Hooties Racing, WSS Racing & 4G Racing	Ortiz	Baze	120
12	Suzette 🌿	Overanalyze	Peter Varga	Hurley	Padron-Barcenas	120

Breeders: 1-Marylou Whitney Stables LLC, 2-Reiko Baum & Michael Baum, 3-Castleton Lyons & Kilboy Estate, 4-George Krikorian, 5-100% Racing LLC, 6-Carl Hurst & William Bradley, 7-Tim Thornton, Robert Watt, Doug Glass & Greg Foley, 8-Dreamchaser Thorobreds, 9-Chester Prince & Anne Prince, 10-Fred W. Hertrich III & John D. Fielding, 11-Frederick M. Allor & Michael T. Barnett, 12-3480 Equine LLC

Saturday, Santa Anita, post time: 6:00 p.m. EDT**DAYTONA S.-GIII, \$100,000, 3yo/up, 5FT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Kanthaka	Jimmy Creed	West Point Thoroughbreds	Hollendorfer	Prat	121
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WAR OF WILL: ACORN TO MIGHTY OAK

By Chris McGrath

Callan Strouss has just ended a call with Maria Niarchos, about the party she's throwing for his team at the Oak Tree division of Lane's End. Just her way of thanking everyone who raised a colt that has broken new ground, even for the storied Flaxman Holdings program, by graduating to win an American Classic. And now Strouss, picking up the receiver again, finds himself asked to put it all into words.

"I'm sitting in my office, looking at a picture," he replies. "You'll know about Aviance. Well, to her left is Lingerie. And to her right is Miesque. Now isn't that incredible, to have worked with those kind of families? With War Of Will, you're going back to Best In Show. It's just mind-boggling. Alpha Centauri, the filly with Jessica Harrington last year, I think that's the sixth generation of that family I've been with. Lingerie's mother, Northern Trick, Maria's father bought from

Warner Jones and Mr. Farish as a yearling. She was out of Trick Chick, who was out of Fast Line. I mean, these families you get to be around, it's incredible."

Aviance (Ire) (Northfields) was foaled in 1982, a grand-daughter of Best In Show--who was named Broodmare of the Year a few months later, following the Kentucky Oaks success of her daughter Blush With Pride. The latter's daughter Better Than Honor would herself win the same accolade after producing consecutive Belmont S. winners in Jazil (Seeking The Gold) and Rags To Riches (A.P. Indy). Now the Best In Show dynasty is targeting that prize once again, following the Preakness success last Saturday of Aviance's great-grandson War Of Will.

Strouss has been working for William S. Farish at Lane's End nearly since its foundation, having joined in 1981. So he was here to welcome Aviance after Stavros Niarchos bought her, as a

juvenile Group 1 winner, from Robert Sangster.

"Callan and his team have reared a lot of good horses for the family," recalls Alan Cooper, the Niarchos family's long-serving racing manager. "And that continuity of management is essential: you get to know the traits of the bloodline, and that you can forgive a certain imperfection, if it's in the family and they've still won Group 1 races."

War Of Will would never even have been entered for the 2017 Keeneland September Sale had he been a filly. His dam Visions



A Preakness sweep: War Of Will leads a 1-2-3 Keeneland Sales finish across the line at Pimlico | Horsephotos

Of Clarity (Sadler's Wells) was admittedly one of only two stakes winners out of Aviance's Group 1-placed daughter Imperfect Circle (Riverman)--but the other was the charismatic champion miler Spinning World (Nureyev). So her 2016 son only went under the hammer according to the standard policy of colts funding the development of their families.

On the same basis Visions Of Clarity's fourth foal, Pathfork (Distorted Humor), had been sold at the 2009 September Sale,

for \$230,000, before becoming a Group 1 winner in Ireland. Cooper and Strouss both stress that everyone wins, when colts become such high achievers in other hands: it ensures repeat business, while the whole page prospers for those females kept for the farm.

Everyone soon developed high hopes for the colt delivered by Visions Of Clarity on 17 April 2016. He was "always a good-looking, powerful individual," to Cooper; while Strouss recalls him, like so many good ones, just taking everything in his stride. "He was lengthy, scopey, and very willing," he says. "It's funny. The ones you remember most are the ones that give you trouble. But he was willing for everything. He was so well behaved, everybody loved him here."

To Allaire Ryan, director of sales at Lane's End, he was "stunning from day one." But the yearling preparation and



Visions of Clarity (Ire) with War Of Will | *Carrie R. Gilbert photo*

consignment teams gradually realised that prospectors weren't seeing Hip 109 in quite the same light.

Strouss suspects that War Of Will was paying for his dam's habit of throwing more towards her sire Sadler's Wells, while the market sought a more typical War Front.

As has been well chronicled, War Of Will was led out as a \$175,000 R.N.A.--enabling Norman Williamson to pinhook him privately afterwards in a transaction handled by Keeneland for the breeze-ups back in Europe. So the colt went from the Oak Tree division at Lane's End to Oak Tree Farm in Ireland. And everyone knows what you get when you start with little acorns.

Afterwards, Ryan asked a few European clients why they hadn't been won over by such a classy turf page. She laughs, now, to remember one replying: "What, that long-backed thing? Oh, he's a family horse."

This putative objection would be more convincing as a compliment--whether in reference to the Best In Show line; or to the Niarchos family's record of producing champions. "But to be fair there were plenty of domestic agents that couldn't have him, either," Ryan says. "It just goes to prove there are no geniuses in this game. Horses prove us wrong on a daily basis."

As it is, Gary Barber has ended up with a stallion prospect of legitimate international appeal. Because most of the recent names in his pedigree demonstrate that age (as opposed to fashion) is no bar to genetic vigour, War Of Will can someday take to market what is nowadays a rare distinction: a grandsire and damsire both by Northern Dancer.

"I can't say we went out to breed 3x3 to Northern Dancer, but that came as part of the package when, because we thought he suited her [physically], we decided to go to War Front," Cooper says. "I think there's a budding success for War Front on the Sadler's Wells/Galileo line, at least I hope so because we're doing it with other mares too."

Cooper concedes that the match was oriented to turf, albeit

Imperfect Circle's half-sister Chimes Of Freedom (Private Account) had produced Aldebaran (Mr Prospector) to multiple Grade I success on dirt. Now that War Of Will has discovered his metier, however, Cooper expects that European bedrock to help him get the Belmont trip.

"His half-brother by A.P. Indy won [a Saratoga stakes] over a mile and three-quarters," he notes. "With Sadler's Wells as an influence for stamina, and also seeing the way War Of Will runs, you'd like to think the distance won't be too far."

"I'm not so sure he couldn't [still] be a great grass horse," Strouss adds, while joining Cooper in congratulating Barber for wanting to try him on dirt.

Visions Of Clarity, barren last year, went back to War Front only last week, having delivered an American Pharoah filly in February. "She was trained by Jonathan Pease and I'll always remember what a beauty she was," Cooper says. "When she won her Listed race I said to Maria that this was your ideal filly to become a mare. We can't have enough fillies from these families, they are the seedcorn, so we're delighted she had one by American Pharoah: a very attractive and athletic individual."

According to Strouss, you might think Visions Of Clarity five years younger than 19. But it's not just the blood, precious as that is. Hearing the mutual respect and gratitude of employers and employees alike, you realise it's also about the people. That's why Strouss felt so gratified when his boss invited him to watch Farish's homebred Code Of Honor in the Derby; and that's also why Strouss could tot up War of Will and four others in the field with a direct Lane's End connection.

"When you can work for people like Mr Farish and Maria Niarchos, you're living a charmed life," Strouss says. "It makes such a difference, for all the people raising these horses, to know that the time and effort they put in is so appreciated."

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2019 Leading Sires of 2yos

for stallions standing in North America through Tuesday, May 21

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Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	War Front (2002) by Danzig Crops: 10 Stands: Claiborne Farm KY Fee: \$250,000	1	3	1	2	--	--	10	5	52,670	170,364
										Etoile	
2	Uncle Mo (2008) by Indian Charlie Crops: 5 Stands: Ashford Stud KY Fee: \$125,000	--	--	--	--	--	--	5	3	56,888	134,008
										Memorable	
3	Shame On Charlie (2004) by Indian Charlie Crops: 4 Stands: Ernest Riggs Farm NM Fee: Private	1	1	--	--	--	--	3	2	75,567	126,243
										Shame On Read	
4	Brethren (2008) by Distorted Humor Crops: 3 Stands: Arindel Farm FL Fee: \$7,500	--	--	--	--	--	--	10	2	49,400	124,670
										Sonar	
5	Khozan (2012) by Distorted Humor Crops: 1 Stands: Journeyman Stud FL Fee: \$4,000	--	--	--	--	--	--	8	2	43,000	116,580
										Solid as a Rock	
6	Munnings (2006) by Speightstown Crops: 6 Stands: Ashford Stud KY Fee: \$20,000	--	--	--	--	--	--	5	3	39,513	109,967
										Lady Pauline	
7	Frac Daddy (2010) by Scat Daddy Crops: 1 Stands: Park Stud ON Fee: 4,000	--	--	--	--	--	--	2	2	56,854	104,325
										Owlette	
8	American Pharoah (2012) by Pioneerof the Nile Crops: 1 Stands: Ashford Stud KY Fee: \$100,000	--	--	--	--	--	--	5	2	50,000	88,764
										Maven	
9	Stay Thirsty (2008) by Bernardini Crops: 4 Stands: Lovacres Ranch CA Fee: \$6,000	--	--	--	--	--	--	4	2	48,488	75,124
										Hop Kat	
10	Square Eddie (2006) by Smart Strike Crops: 7 Stands: Ocean Breeze Ranch CA Fee: \$25,000	--	--	--	--	--	--	4	1	50,700	71,851
										Acai	
11	Twirling Candy (2007) by Candy Ride (Arg) Crops: 5 Stands: Lane's End Farm KY Fee: \$25,000	--	--	--	--	--	--	5	2	39,000	67,161
										Fore Left	
12	Laugh Track (2009) by Distorted Humor Crops: 2 Stands: Double LI Farm NM Fee: \$2,500	--	--	--	--	--	--	9	3	31,610	64,890
										Directed Lady	
13	Sky Mesa (2000) by Pulpit Crops: 13 Stands: Three Chimneys Farm KY Fee: \$15,000	--	--	--	--	--	--	2	1	48,488	64,488
										Perfect Alibi	
14	Successful Appeal (1996) by Valid Appeal Crops: 16 Stands: Noble Equine Veterinary Services OK Fee: Pensioned	--	1	--	--	--	--	2	1	48,125	63,845
										Alec and Arthur	
15	Cajun Breeze (2008) by Congrats Crops: 2 Stands: Stonehedge Farm South FL Fee: \$5,000	--	--	--	--	--	--	3	1	49,000	62,150
										Cajun Casanova	

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by cumulative average price for stallions standing in North America (through Fasig-Tipton Midlantic)

Rank	Name	FYr	Loc	2016 Fee	Ring	Sold	Avg	Median
1	Curlin	F10	KY	\$100,000	7	6	\$965,666	\$387,500
2	Medaglia d'Oro	F06	KY	\$150,000	10	8	\$584,306	\$431,820
3	Tapit	F06	KY	\$300,000	10	9	\$568,888	\$260,000
4	American Pharoah	F17	KY	\$200,000	32	20	\$460,101	\$375,000
5	Into Mischief	F10	KY	\$45,000	46	35	\$399,799	\$300,000
6	Quality Road	F12	KY	\$35,000	5	4	\$347,500	\$145,000
7	Speightstown	F06	KY	\$100,000	10	6	\$336,666	\$267,500
8	Bernardini	F08	KY	\$100,000	12	8	\$286,875	\$220,000
9	Uncle Mo	F13	KY	\$75,000	34	25	\$278,128	\$260,000
10	Ghostzapper	F07	KY	\$60,000	11	9	\$276,666	\$300,000
11	Pioneerof the Nile	F11	KY	\$125,000	14	12	\$251,825	\$151,453
12	Tale of the Cat	F00	KY	\$30,000	7	5	\$218,100	\$220,000
13	Prospective	F15	FL	\$5,000	1	1	\$210,000	\$210,000
14	Candy Ride (Arg)	F06	KY	\$60,000	19	16	\$207,542	\$94,336
15	Tonalist	F17	KY	\$30,000	17	12	\$197,666	\$150,000

Leading 2019 Freshmen Sires of 2-Year-Olds

by cumulative average price for stallions standing in North America (through Fasig-Tipton Midlantic)

Rank	Name	Sire's Sire	Loc	2016 Fee	Ring	Sold	Avg	Median
1	American Pharoah	Pioneerof the Nile	KY	\$200,000	32	20	\$460,101	\$375,000
2	Tonalist	Tapit	KY	\$30,000	17	12	\$197,666	\$150,000
3	Sky Kingdom	Empire Maker	KY	\$5,000	9	6	\$184,500	\$37,500
4	Liam's Map	Unbridled's Song	KY	\$25,000	24	20	\$170,950	\$77,500
5	Carpe Diem	Giant's Causeway	KY	\$25,000	27	21	\$169,393	\$140,000
6	Bayern	Offlee Wild	KY	\$15,000	27	18	\$160,388	\$105,000
7	The Big Beast	Yes It's True	FL	\$6,000	17	16	\$146,437	\$58,500
8	Conveyance	Indian Charlie	KY	\$5,000	3	2	\$140,000	\$140,000
9	Karakontie (Jpn)	Bernstein	KY	\$15,000	11	10	\$134,137	\$79,025
10	Commissioner	A.P. Indy	KY	\$7,500	21	18	\$132,972	\$100,000
11	Tapiture	Tapit	KY	\$7,500	23	17	\$131,647	\$95,000
12	Honor Code	A.P. Indy	KY	\$40,000	16	8	\$130,375	\$122,500
13	Lea	First Samurai	KY	\$12,500	15	10	\$127,280	\$112,500
14	Palace Malice	Curlin	KY	\$20,000	34	29	\$120,238	\$55,000
15	Constitution	Tapit	KY	\$25,000	44	36	\$114,933	\$88,500

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THURSDAY'S RACING INSIGHTS: WELL-RELATED WARD FIRSTER GETS THINGS STARTED AT BELMONT *by Molly Rollins*

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1st-BEL, \$100k, Msw, 2yo, f, 5fT, post time: 3:05 p.m. ET

Wesley Ward is represented by first-time starter **Kiawah Sunset** (Uncle Mo) in Thursday's opening race at Belmont Park. A half-sister to GI Breeder's Cup Juvenile Turf runner-up Uncle Benny (Declaration of War), she brought a \$300,000 final bid at the Fasig-Tipton Saratoga yearling sale. Her dam, Celebrity Cat (Storm Cat), is a daughter of millionaire and multiple Grade I winner Starrer (Dynaformer), who is a half-sister to three-time Grade I winner Stellar Jayne (Wild Rush). **TJCIS PPs**

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IN ORDER OF PURSE:

6th-Delaware, \$40,000, Alw (C), Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 5-22, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:09.70, ft.

ALWAYS SUNSHINE (g, 7, West Acre--Sunny Again, by Awesome Again), three years removed from a victory in the Gill Maryland Sprint H., took this seasonal debut with a fair bit of authority in racehorse time. Making his first start since a distant fifth to Recruiting Ready (Algorithms) in Aqueduct's Gravesend S. last December, the Campbell homebred was beaten for early

speed and settled behind midfield before making some headway into the turn. Splitting horses decisively with a little less than three furlongs to travel, the surprising 27-10 second choice accelerated sharply in upper stretch and had 4 1/2 lengths to spare over favored Mr. Brix (Flatter)--the 5-year-old half-brother to GI Kentucky Derby winner Country House (Lookin At Lucky) and recent Gill Gallorette S. victrix Mitchell Road (English Channel). The victor, a brother to SW & GSP My Sunshine Gal, is also a half to the 2-year-old filly Love My Sunshine (Khozan) from the same Forty Niner sire line and a yearling filly by Jess's Dream. Sunny Again produced a filly by He's Had Enough this season. Lifetime Record: GSW, 28-9-5-4, \$569,850. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O-Stonehedge LLC; B-Gilbert G Campbell (FL); T-Edward T Allard.

1st-Indiana Grand, \$35,500, (S), Alw, 5-22, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:05.30, sy.

BARRIER (g, 3, Pass Rush--Brink, by Forty Niner) took some pace pressure before edging clear to graduate at first asking over a furlong shorter May 1 and was the 3-5 chalk to put them back-to-back. Not the fastest away, the homebred was given a hustling ride to share the lead racing inside into the turn. Wrestling command for good 2 1/2 furlongs out, Barrier put them away in the final eighth of a mile and went on to a 4 1/2-length victory. The winner is a half to Stoic (Forestry), GSP; and Flashy Kid (Flashy Bull), MSP, \$267,257. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$41,100. **Click for the Equibase.com chart.** O/B-Swifty Farms Inc (IN); T-Gregory D Foley.

2nd-Indiana Grand, \$34,500, (S), Alw, 5-22, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:04.54, sy.

KRUNCH (f, 3, Jimmy Creed--Northern Kraze {SW, \$258,675}, by Aljabr) earned a lofty 77 Beyer Speed Figure when besting open-company maidens by 7 1/4 lengths over this course and distance Apr. 16. The 3-5 favorite while facing state-breds for the first time, Krunch was driven along and found the front prior to the half-mile marker. Going better than pace-pressing Da Big Commission (Field Commission) on the turn, she pinched a break and was never in serious danger, scoring by three lengths over the rail-rallying Magical Peapod (Midshipman). A half to 2-year-old colt Mr Hoover (Gemologist), Krunch has a yearling full-brother. Northern Kraze, victorious in the 2008 Wonder Where S., was most recently bred to Outwork. Sales history: \$6,000 Wlg '16 KEENOV. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$46,740. **Click for the Equibase.com chart.**

O-Spiess Stable LLC & Randy Klopp; B-Deann & Greg Baer DVM (IN); T-Randy L Klopp.

**IN ORDER OF PURSE:**

1st-Delaware, \$35,020, Msw, 5-22, 2yo, 5f, 1:00.21, ft. TOMATO BILL (c, 2, More Than Ready--Allez Marie {GSP-Brz}, by Unbridled's Song) shipped down Interstate 95 from New York for this first career try and made light work of four other rivals as the 4-5 chalk. Hustled along early by Kendrick Carmouche to secure a forward position, the chestnut colt was tackled outside by Sight of Heaven (First Samurai) at the quarter pole. But he easily turned back that bid, kicked clear in upper stretch and went on to defeat fellow firster Federale (Discreetly Mine) by 3 3/4 lengths. Allez Marie, a daughter of GI Kentucky Oaks winner Summerly (Summer Squall), is also the dam of Workaholic (Sky Mesa), SW, \$144,828, winner of this year's Cicada S., and is also represented by yearling Nyquist filly and a filly foal by Strong Mandate. Kerri Radcliffe signed the ticket at \$500,000 on Tomato Bill at the 2017 Fasig-Tipton Saratoga sale, the most expensive U.S.-sold colt from this globally successful sire's 2016 crop and second most expensive horse overall from 43 sold. According to a tweet from Radcliffe, the winner could make his next appearance at next month's Royal Ascot meeting. Sales history: \$500,000 Ylg '18 FTSAUG. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$20,400. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-George Bolton, Three Chimneys Farm, Barry Lipman, Lady Sheila Stable & David Lipman; B-Stud TNT LLC (KY); T-Christophe Clement.

4th-Presque Isle Downs, \$30,100, Msw, 5-22, 2yo, 4 1/2f (AWT), :52.39, ft.

ALLIED PARTY (f, 2, Tale of the Cat--Playful Love {SP}, by Tapit) tuned up for this debut with a bullet three furlongs from the gate in :35 1/5 (1/10) at Keeneland May 2 and a maintenance half in :49 2/5 May 11. Sent off at even-money, the bay filly jumped on terms and was easily able to cross and clear the inside traffic to set the pace along the rail. Turning for home under a confident Antonio Gallardo, Allied Party brushed off a mild bid from Chaos Kid (Summer Front) in upper stretch and stayed on nicely to defeat that rival by 1 1/4 lengths. A \$60,000 Keeneland January graduate, Allied Party is out of a stakes-placed daughter of MGISP Palacio de Amor (Dixieland Band), dam of MSW Hero's Amor (Street Hero) and MGSP Threewiseindia (Street Hero). Since Allied Party, Playful Love foaled Street Boss fillies in 2018 and 2019. Sales history:

\$60,000 Ylg '18 KEEJAN. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$18,000. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O/B-Narola LLC (KY); T-Wesley A Ward.



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**IN AUSTRALIA:**

Buffalo River, g, 3, Noble Mission (GB)--Fashion Insider, by Indian Charlie. Ballarat, 5-22, Hcp. (\$24k), 1400mT, 1:25.94. B-KatieRich Farms (KY). *Remained unbeaten in two Australian starts. **\$85,000 RNA Ylg '17 KEESEP; 180,000gns HRA '18 TATHIT.

IN RUSSIA:

Futurist, c, 3, Kitten's Joy--Superb in Roses, by Giant's Causeway. Central Moscow Hippodrome, 5-19, Trial Race, 1800m. B-Nagako Fujita (KY). *1ST TIME STARTER. **\$35,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP. VIDEO

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American Pharoah (Pioneerof the Nile), Ashford Stud, \$100,000
162 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
3-Churchill Downs, Msw 5fT, LADY DELAWARE, 7-2
\$100,000 KEE SEP yrl
3-Churchill Downs, Msw 5fT, TESORINA, 3-1

Golden Lad (Medaglia d'Oro), Northview Stallion Station, \$5,000
67 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
2-Pimlico, Msw 4 1/2f, PAISLEY SINGING, 15-1
\$1,000 EAS OCT yrl

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34 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
3-Churchill Downs, Msw 5fT, WELL SPENT, 12-1

Mr Speaker (Pulpit), Lane's End Farm, \$10,000
79 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
3-Churchill Downs, Msw 5fT, ELOQUENT LADY, 5-1
\$8,000 KEE SEP yrl

Tonalist (Tapit), Lane's End Farm, \$15,000
95 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
2-Pimlico, Msw 4 1/2f, GAUZY, 8-1
\$29,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; \$36,000 EAS OCT yrl

SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: THURSDAY, MAY 23

Can the Man (Into Mischief), Spendthrift Farm, \$3,500
137 foals of racing age/22 winners/0 black-type winners
3-Gulfstream, Aoc 5fT, SUGAR BOLT, 2-1
\$11,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$17,000 RNA EAS MAY 2yo; \$60,000 OBS
OPN 2yo

Capo Bastone (Street Boss), Adena Springs, \$4,000
32 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners
6-Charles Town, Msw 4 1/2f, AZZURRA, 5-2

Cross Traffic (Unbridled's Song), Spendthrift Farm, \$25,000
162 foals of racing age/30 winners/6 black-type winners
3-Churchill Downs, Msw 5fT, QUIET DAWN, 12-1

Golddigger's Boy (Jump Start)
14 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
8-Penn National, Msw 6f, DIGGERS DIAMOND, 10-1

Mr. Besilu (A.P. Indy), Eureka Thoroughbred Farm, \$2,000
23 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
8-Charles Town, Msw 6 1/2f, PROVIDENCE R V F, 7-2
\$18,000 RNA FTK OCT yrl

Uncaptured (Lion Heart), Ocala Stud Farm, \$6,000
143 foals of racing age/15 winners/4 black-type winners
2-Pimlico, Msw 4 1/2f, CAPTURE THE LIGHT, 8-1

Verrazano (More Than Ready), Ashford Stud, \$15,000
268 foals of racing age/31 winners/2 black-type winners
1-Belmont, Msw 5fT, MORALITY CLAUSE, 12-1
\$60,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$40,000 KEE SEP yrl

Well Spelled (Spellbinder), Godstone Farm, \$1,500
24 foals of racing age/4 winners/1 black-type winner
8-Penn National, Msw 6f, WELL BORN, 12-1

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STAKES RESULTS:

SAGAMORE SIRED S., (NB) \$104,200, Indiana Grand, 5-22, (S), 3yo, 6f, 1:10.64, sy.

1--**SNICKER COOKIE, 122, g, 3, Noble's Promise--Cookie, by Quest.** O/B-Rigney Racing LLC (IN); T-Philip A Bauer; J-Gabriel Saez. \$61,270. Lifetime Record: SW, 4-2-1-0, \$141,896.

2--**Solitaire Game, 118, g, 3, Colonial Colony--** Littlemisschoochoo, by Silver Train. O-Cathie Cluley; B/T-Denis Cluley (IN). \$20,423.

3--**Ace of Aces, 122, c, 3, Unbridled Express--Miss Carmelite, by Mutakddim.** O/B-L T B Inc & Hillerich Racing Inc (IN); T-Bernard S Flint. \$11,233.

SWIFTY SIRED FILLIES S., (NB) \$103,300, Indiana Grand, 5-22, (S), 3yo, f, 6f, 1:11.87, sy.

1--**MARILYN MONGO, 116, f, 3, Mondavi--Marigo, by Wando.** O/B-Nick Kurlas (IN); T-Michael J Maker; J-Rodney A Prescott. \$61,360. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$83,460.

2--**Vivian, 120, f, 3, Sangaree--Indecisive, by Article of Faith.** O/B-Elliott Ventures (IN); T-Michelle L Elliott. \$20,453.

3--**First Lady Maggie, 116, f, 3, Sangaree--Maggie's Dream, by Philadream.** O/B-Herbert & Darlene Likens (IN); T-Michelle L Elliott. \$11,250.

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Breeders' Edition--America cont.**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

9th-Delaware, \$47,340, 5-22, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11.22, ft. **TAPPIN CAT (g, 3, Tritap--Elusory, by Broken Vow)** Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-0, \$53,900. O-Non Stop Stable; B-Paul L Fowler (MD); T-Gary Capuano.

7th-Presque Isle Downs, \$40,680, Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 5-21, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m 70y (AWT), 1:41.04, ft.

IMPLY (m, 6, E Dubai--Allude, by Orientate) Lifetime Record: MSW, 25-9-7-2, \$559,828. O/B-Barlar LLC (PA); T-T Bernard Houghton. *1/2 to Dancinginthecircle (Divine Park), SW & GSP, \$121,240; and Advert (Lonhro {Aus}), SW, \$226,458.

5th-Delaware, \$37,080, 5-22, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m 70y, 1:44.24, ft.

VINDICTIVE WAYS (f, 4, Broken Vow--Here Music, by Dehere) Lifetime Record: 12-2-3-0, \$77,291. O-Francis Abbott Jr, Lee Mauberret & Francis Abbott III; B-Lee P & Cheryl Mauberret (KY); T-Francis Abbott III. *\$45,000 Ylg '16 FTKOCT. **1/2 to Wicked Lick (Maclean's Music), GSP, \$230,429; and Uncapped (First Samurai), SP.

3rd-Indiana Grand, \$35,100, 5-22, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11.05, sy.

CALUSA RIDGE (m, 5, Cactus Ridge--Calusa, by Unbridled's Song) Lifetime Record: 5-3-0-1, \$53,300. O-Ten Strike Racing; B-Dream Walkin' Farms Inc (OK); T-Randy Matthews.

5th-Presque Isle Downs, \$34,170, Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 5-21, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m 70y (AWT), 1:43.03, ft.

CRAFTY'S DREAM (f, 3, Bodemeister--Cause She's Crafty {SP}, by Giant's Causeway) Lifetime Record: MSP, 17-3-5-3, \$120,556. O-Sheltowee Farm & Virginia H Tarra Trust; B-Virginia H Tarra Trust (KY); T-Michael Evans II. *\$45,000 RNA Ylg '17 KEESEP.

7th-Thistledown, \$24,000, 5-22, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12.04, ft.

FLAWLESS FACE (f, 3, Flatter--Fear the Facelift {SW, \$316,191}, by Fear the Cape) Lifetime Record: 9-2-0-1, \$33,999. O-Premier Stables Unlimited; B-Joseph Strazzanti (KY); T-Nabu Morales. *\$30,000 RNA Ylg '17 KEEJAN.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Sacred Kiki Bird, g, 3, **E Z's Gentleman**--Checker Hall, by Seeking the Gold. Indiana Grand, 5-22, (S), 6f, 1:12.27. B-John O'Meara (IN). *\$7,500 RNA Ylg '17 FTKOCT. **1/2 to Woodbourne (Danzig), GISP, \$542,893.

Drinkatthecreek, f, 3, **Itsmyluckyday**--Mizzen My Momma, by Mizzen Mast. Indiana Grand, 5-21, (S), 6f, 1:13.69. B-Penny S & Michael E Lauer (IN).

Bella Cajun, f, 4, **Bellamy Road**--Cajun Candy, by Candy Ride (Arg). Louisiana Downs, 5-22, 1m 70y, 1:46.36. B-Cypress Bend Farm (LA). *\$8,500 RNA Ylg '16 ESLYRL.

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Makin Ya Munny, g, 4, **Munnings**--Runnin From Rosie, by Bowman's Band. Indiana Grand, 5-22, (S), 6f, 1:11.99. B-Reese Ranch (IN).

City Gone Country, f, 4, **Teuflesberg**--With Impunity, by Personal Flag. Louisiana Downs, 5-21, 1m 70y (off turf), 1:44.84. B-McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds LLC (NY). *\$3,500 RNA Ylg '16 OBSWIN; \$14,000 2yo '17 EASMA.

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BODEMEISTER, Crafty's Dream, f, 3, o/o Cause She's Crafty, by Giant's Causeway. AOC, 5-21, Presque Isle Downs

BROKEN VOW, Vindictive Ways, f, 4, o/o Here Music, by Dehere. ALW, 5-22, Delaware

CACTUS RIDGE, Calusa Ridge, m, 5, o/o Calusa, by Unbridled's Song. ALW, 5-22, Indiana Grand

E DUBAI, ImPLY, m, 6, o/o Allude, by Orientate. AOC, 5-21, Presque Isle Downs

E Z'S GENTLEMAN, Sacred Kiki Bird, g, 3, o/o Checker Hall, by Seeking the Gold. MSW, 5-22, Indiana Grand

FLATTER, Flawless Face, f, 3, o/o Fear the Facelift, by Fear the Cape. ALW, 5-22, Thistledown

ITSMYLUCKYDAY, Drinkatthecreek, f, 3, o/o Mizzen My Momma, by Mizzen Mast. MSW, 5-21, Indiana Grand

JIMMY CREED, Krunch, f, 3, o/o Northern Kraze, by Aljabr. ALW, 5-22, Indiana Grand

MONDAVI, Marilyn Mongo, f, 3, o/o Marigo, by Wando. Swiftly Sired Fillies S., 5-22, Indiana Grand

MORE THAN READY, Tomato Bill, c, 2, o/o Allez Marie, by Unbridled's Song. MSW, 5-22, Delaware

MUNNINGS, Makin Ya Munny, g, 4, o/o Runnin From Rosie, by Bowman's Band. MSW, 5-22, Indiana Grand

NOBLE'S PROMISE, Snicker Cookie, g, 3, o/o Cookie, by Quest. Sagamore Sired S., 5-22, Indiana Grand

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TALE OF THE CAT, Allied Party, f, 2, o/o Playful Love, by Tapit. MSW, 5-22, Presque Isle Downs

TEUFLESBERG, City Gone Country, f, 4, o/o With Impunity, by Personal Flag. MSW, 5-21, Louisiana Downs

TRITAP, Tappin Cat, g, 3, o/o Elusory, by Broken Vow. ALW, 5-22, Delaware

WEST ACRE, Always Sunshine, g, 7, o/o Sunny Again, by Awesome Again. AOC, 5-22, Delaware



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SHAMARDAL A SIRE OF THE HIGHEST CLASS



Shamardal has sired eight European stakes winners thus far in 2019 | *Darley*

By John Boyce

The European season has barely begun and there is no escaping the bright start made by Shamardal, who has posted six group winners so far, two more than his closest pursuer, Dubawi (Ire). Recent Group 2 winner, the progressive Morgan Le Faye (GB), is one of eight European stakes winners for her sire this year, the others featuring Castle Lady (Ire) winner of the G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches, plus Skardu (GB) and Shaman (Ire), both of whom have placed in Classics.

Now in their 11th year at the races, Shamardal's stock have always been held in high regard. He retired to Kildangan Stud the same year as Dubawi covered his first mares at Dalham Hall, the pair switching locations for their third season at stud. Though he hasn't quite matched Dubawi's exploits, Shamardal can be considered among the top 10 sires in Europe over the past 25 years on two important scores. First, the rate at which he produces stakes winners (currently 11.5%) puts him behind only Frankel (GB) (17.2%), Galileo (Ire) (16.7%), Dubawi (15.8%) and Dansili (GB) (11.7%) among British and Irish sires in the past 20 years.

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A HOLISTIC APPROACH TO JOCKEY COACHING *By Amy Lynam*

Throughout the history of horse racing, the industry has constantly developed to serve the horse and improve the breed. New developments in feed and healthcare, stricter welfare rules and modern technology all add to the top-class care Thoroughbreds enjoy to make sure they are always at their very best.

It is, then, rather amazing that it is only in recent years that the focus has turned to the human athletes who partner them across the line. It is something that Wayne Middleton, Fitness And Conditioning Coach at RACE (Racing Academy and Centre Of Education), is all too aware of.

"We're so up-to-date on how to prepare the horses," he says. "So much energy and research is done on conditioning horses, but then for years, it was just a case of making sure the jockey was at the races on time and made the weight. There was no care of what happened before or after that. But that's changing now."

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Wayne Middleton coaches aspiring jockeys on leading a healthy lifestyle | *Racing Post*

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Shamardal A Sire of the Highest Class cont. from p1

Moreover, the quality of his 109 Northern Hemisphere-foaled group and listed winners are also of the highest order. Those that have gone under the Timeform microscope have an average Timeform rating of 114, which again marks him down as a top-notch stallion. Only the stakes winners by Galileo and Dubawi are as highly rated.

Interestingly, Shamardal adds speed to his mares; he has a stamina index pf 8.0 furlongs from mares whose stock normally produce an average winning distance of 9.0 furlongs. His very best runner according to Timeform is the 129-rated sprinter Blue Point (Ire), already a G1 winner in Dubai this year, but his next 11 highest-rated G1 winners have all won at up to a mile-and-a-quarter.

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Middleton has been integral to the changes made at RACE since he joined the team four years ago. He grew up on The Curragh, surrounded by horse racing, but his current role is his first position within the industry. He explains, "I've always been involved in strength and conditioning but before this, I worked with sports teams in football and rugby, and I've always been interested in how we can make athletes better."

He, like his work, is never a complete project. He adds, "I finished my degree late, in 2017, and I'm starting a Masters in St. Mary's in London in September. I'll be there for two and a half years and I'll be very surprised if anyone there has ever worked with jockeys."



Wayne Middleton joined RACE in 2015 | *Racing Post*

For 10 months of the year, Middleton works with the Trainee Jockey Course, training aspiring jockeys in the gym twice a week, as well as teaching classes on subjects such as anatomy, physiology and lifestyle. There is much more to the course than simply shaping young jockeys, as he explains, "You're trying to build good people, as opposed to fantastic jockeys. That's because the stats would say, that of every class that leaves here, maybe one in five might actually have a career as a jockey, but then how many of them will be successful is more difficult to gauge."

As well as preparing these youngsters mentally, Middleton teaches them the skills to lead a physically healthy life and break away from a history of jockeys losing weight in an unhealthy fashion.

SHAMARDAL'S EUROPEAN-SIRED G1 WINNERS

<u>TFR</u> <u>Horse</u>	<u>Born</u> <u>Sex</u> <u>Dam</u>	<u>Broodmare</u> <u>Sire</u>	<u>MaxWD</u>
129 BLUE POINT	2014 C Scarlett Rose P	ROYAL APPLAUSE	6
126 DAN EXCEL	2008 G Love Excelling UP	POLISH PRECEDENT	10
126 DARIYAN	2012 C DARYAKANA G1w	SELKIRK	12
126 MUKHADRAM	2009 C Magic Tree UP	TIMBER COUNTRY	10.5
125 TRYSTER	2011 G Min Alhawa WLRp	RIVERMAN	10
125 LOPE DE VEGA	2007 C LADY VETTORI G3wG1p	VETTORI	10.5
124 PAKISTAN STAR	2013 G NINA CELEBRE LRw	PEINTRE CELEBRE	12
121 CRACKERJACK KING	2008 C CLABA DI SAN JORE W	BARATHEA	11
121 BALTIC BARONESS	2010 F BORN WILD W	SADLER'S WELLS	12
121 ZAZOU	2007 C ZAZA TOP LRwG3p	LOMITAS	11
118 CASAMENTO	2008 C WEDDING GIFT LRwG3p	ALWAYS FAIR	10
117 SPEEDY BOARDING	2012 F DASH TO THE FRONT LRw	DIKTAT	10.5
116 AMARON	2009 C Amandalini UP	BERTOLINI	8.8
116 SHEIKHA REIKA	2015 F SCREEN STAR W	TOBOUGG	10
116 SAGAWARA	2009 F Sagalina UP	LINAMIX	10
115 LUMIERE	2013 F SCREEN STAR W	TOBOUGG	8
112 CASTLE LADY	2016 F Windsor County UR	ELUSIVE QUALITY	8

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"Yes, they're going to have to manage their weight," he admits. "There's no getting around that. Yes, they're going to speak to jockeys who sit in saunas and waste. You want to give them the tools so that they make the weight in a healthier way."

One of the first issues Middleton addressed was diet.

"It's my fourth year here and when I first came, the food at RACE was really bad," he says. "Culture is a huge thing and changing a culture in any sport takes a lot of time. You come into an environment here where everything is fried food, chips, etc., it's very difficult to come in and tell them right, throw everything out the window. It doesn't work like that. The same goes for any sport."

You can sense the pride in Middleton's voice when he outlines the current situation at RACE. He says, "If you look at the menu now compared to what it was 10 years ago, it has changed radically. The trainees come in here now and have an array of healthy options. There's no fried food here anymore, there's no deep-fat fryer. If there are any chips, they are hand-cut chips cooked in the oven. John, the chef here, is fantastic."

The fast food culture affects the general population, though, and is what Middleton sees as the driving factor. He says, "Quite a large percentage of 14-, 15- and 16-year-old kids these days are eating really bad food on a regular basis. I put a plate of salmon, broccoli and carrots in front of them and they ask where's the ketchup. There a lot of issues there: there are social issues, parental issues, but I don't focus on that at all."

A major issue is that jockeys often manage both to eat junk food and meet their desired weight, and trying to convince them that this is wrong often proves difficult. The logic is very simple, according to Middleton, who says, "If you look at the science of any weight loss, if you eat less, you will end up losing weight. So, technically, you can eat McDonalds every day and lose weight, which is actually what tends to happen with a lot of the guys in the industry. They don't eat all day and after racing, they stop off on the way home and eat something unhealthy. But because they haven't eaten all day, that might only add up to 600 or 700 calories for that day."

This feast or famine attitude can have a detrimental affect on their health and this is the real concern for Middleton, as he explains, "They're feeding themselves with empty calories, which can potentially leads to bone health issues. We have huge research going on here at the moment. Arthur is doing research on bone health through the IHRB, where he has dexus-scanned 160 jockeys and over the next 18 months to two years, he will rescan them. It will be phenomenal research in revealing how healthy, hopefully, or unhealthy, jockeys are from a bone point of view, ranging in age from 16 to 38."

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Bone health is particularly important for jockeys, who face the risk of falling every time they sit on a horse, and this is part of what drives Middleton's work. "A huge part of what I do is trying to reduce the risk of injury," he says. "You can't prevent an injury, you can't stop someone falling, but research shows that if you're stronger, your recovery can be quicker. If you do weight-bearing exercise, your bones become stronger, so the likelihood of breaking bones is reduced if you do fall."

As well as looking at the health of jockeys, research is being done to help improve training techniques. Middleton explains, "There isn't a huge amount of research out there on how we should train jockeys. Mikey Keighley has tested 10 National Hunt jockeys on their fitness and blood lactates, and will do the same with 10 Flat jockeys. We then hope to learn how fit they are and how we should train them specifically for their sport."

With the general population itself changing all the time, so too does the shape and size of hopeful young jockeys, which is another subject being examined. "We went down to the Dingle races and did simple research on the height and weight of the teenagers riding there," says Middleton. "We measured 20 to 24 jockeys over the few days and the average height was 5 foot 8 inches and the average weight was close to nine stone. That's at about 14 years of age and there was one guy who measured five foot 11 inches."

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Height is not always a barrier to success as a jockey and one of Middleton's clients is a perfect example. "Billy Lee is 5ft 8 and walks around at nine stone," says Middleton. "He's in the gym twice a week and is one of the best guys when it comes to preparing himself. If he's cutting weight on a certain day, he'll still eat, and he's a fantastic role models for young kids coming through."

Not that the young always seek to emulate their elders, something that Middleton finds frustrating. He says, "I remember one morning we were in the gym and Shane Foley was one of seven or eight there. A couple of apprentices walked in and through the window, saw a Group 1-winning jockey working his ass off in the gym, but they continued into the simulator room. Another night, they did the same thing. If that was me, and I saw one of our best jockeys training hard with everyone else, I'd go join them. For me, that's the culture at the moment."



Chef John Miller serves RACE students a homemade lunch | *Racing Post*

Changing a widespread mindset is the greatest challenge Middleton and others with the same goal face. "Culture shift is difficult and it takes a lot of time," says Middleton, "Even when it comes to training in the gym, or any aspect of physical training, there is a particular culture already there. They didn't go to the gym before, because they were afraid they'd gain weight by building muscle. So they didn't go, and they told others to do the same, and so it continued."

It's clear that when Middleton shares his beliefs, he's realistic that they will not be embraced by everyone immediately and his approach reflects this. "You're trying to tell them it's good for them," he says. "But I'm not going to drag them kicking and screaming if they don't want to go."

A Holistic Approach To Jockey Coaching cont.

"There are a lot of high-profile jockeys who don't go to the gym and are fantastically successful."

But times are changing and there has also been an important change made recently made to the Trainee Jockey Course which is welcomed by Middleton. He says, "For the first time this year, at the pre-licence stage, there are mandatory workshops that apprentices must do, where they spend two days here doing fitness-testing, a session with the sports psychologist and with the dietician."

Undoubtedly, the most important introduction to the industry in recent years is the Jockey Pathway. Established in September 2017 and funded by Horse Racing Ireland, the programme offers free access to services with RACE's dietician, sports psychologist, on-site physiotherapist and fitness training coach, Wayne Middleton.

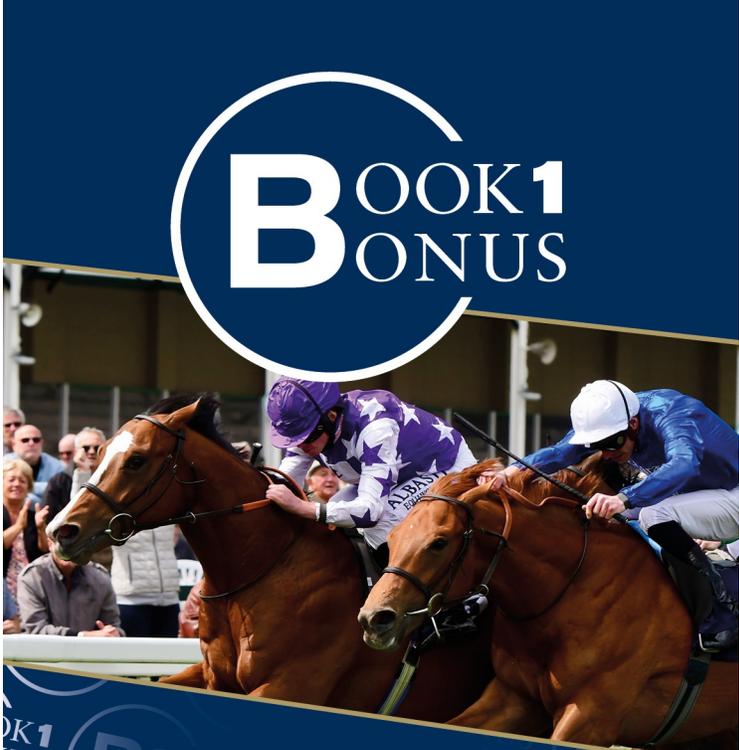
The services were immediately popular, which came as no surprise to Middleton, who says, "The Pathway is fantastic because you have similar services in the UK, but jockeys have to pay a fee there, whereas it's completely free here. One of the great things about the Jockey Pathway is that you'll have young apprentices working alongside Group 1 jockeys. They all get along and work hard together--I find that fascinating."

He adds, "I think it's the most unique sport in the world from that point of view. They're all trying to beat each other when they're on a horse, but when they come back into the weigh-room, they just start chatting. They go to each other's weddings, they socialise together, they go on holidays together. They all have each other's back, but then they'd cut your throat to win a race. They might be at loggerheads over a race, but then they'd share a car on the way home."

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Click for a video interview with trainer Paddy Twomey, who saddles runners in each of this weekend's Irish Guineas

BRIGADIER GERARD TAKES CENTRE STAGE

Sandown host their annual evening meeting featuring the G3 Matchbook Brigadier Gerard S. on Thursday, with Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed Al Maktoum's **Matterhorn (Ire)** (Raven's Pass) looking to confirm his aptitude for grass after a fine second in the May 10 G2 Huxley S. Soft ground at Chester took the shine off the impressive Apr. 19 Easter Classic winner on his switch from the all-weather on which he has thrived and connections will get a much truer gauge as to his level on this surface after this test.

"You would expect the testing conditions at Chester not to play to his strengths, so back on a quicker surface will be a help," trainer Mark Johnston's son and assistant Charlie said. "I know we are biased, but we felt if you ran the race again at Chester things would have panned out differently and he quite possibly could have won. He was just in the wrong place as the race was developing. Forest Ranger got first run on him and he was making ground all the way to the line. It was a good run and a nice run, in that it confirmed the horse is a group-class horse on turf as well as on the all-weather."

In-form Sir Michael Stoute holds the record of winners in the Brigadier Gerard and looks for an 11th renewal with Cheveley Park Stud's **Regal Reality (GB)** (Intello {Ger}).

Third in the Apr. 26 G2 Sandown Mile, the homebred who captured the G3 Thoroughbred S. at Goodwood in August tries this 10-furlong trip for the first time, while David Menuisier saddles Australian Bloodstock and Clive Washbourn's Apr. 10 Listed Prix Jacques Laffitte winner **Danceteria (Fr)** (Redoute's Choice {Aus}). He beat Godolphin's well-regarded Mer et Nuages (Fr) (Lope de Vega {Ire}) in that nine-furlong test and that form brings him into the reckoning.

"He will be racing for new connections--it's very exciting," his trainer said. "The horse is in very good form and I thought he did something very special at Maisons-Laffitte. He won his race over about 50 yards and I know Mr Fabre really fancied the second, so that looked a very good race. We've always thought a lot of this horse and he has been training well since."



Mark Johnston is well represented on Thursday | *Racing Post*

The card's G3 Matchbook VIP Henry II S. for the stayers features another Hamdan bin Mohammed-Mark Johnston project in **Dee Ex Bee (GB)** (Farhh {GB}) who proved so dynamic in the G3 Sagaro S. at Ascot last time on May 1. Last year's G1 Epsom Derby runner-up has a penalty as he is joined by the stable's Chester Cup hero **Making Miracles (Pivotal {GB})**, but if he is to challenge Stradivarius (Ire) (Sea the Stars {Ire}) in the June 20 G1 Gold Cup he will need to defy it with comfort.

"We were very pleased with him at Ascot and there was a case for going straight to the Gold Cup on the back of that," Charlie Johnston commented. "He's a horse that took his racing well last year and we felt going the best part of seven weeks between the Sagaro and the Gold Cup wouldn't be an ideal preparation and another race would benefit him. All of dad's three Gold Cup winners ran in this race on the way there. That was probably a determining factor in the back of his mind."

Thursday's Racing Preview cont.

'**TDN Rising Star**' **Sangarius (GB)** (Kingman {GB}) reappears in the Listed Matchbook Low Commission Exchange Heron S. with expectations high that he can make a splash this term. Having beaten the subsequent G3 Sandown Classic Trial winner Bangkok (Ire) (Australia {GB}) on debut at Newmarket in August, Juddmonte's grandson of Banks Hill (GB) (Danehill) took the Listed Flying Scotsman S. at Doncaster in September before running fourth in the G1 Dewhurst S. on the Rowley Mile back in Newmarket in October. Stacked full of promise as usual, this "prep" for the G1 St James's Palace S. also features another '**TDN Rising Star**' in Lady Bamford's **King of Comedy (Ire)** (Kingman {GB}), who scored on his 3-year-old bow at Yarmouth Apr. 23.

Andrew Balding's Kingsclere establishment could not be in better form and they are represented by another son of Kingman in Fitri Hay's surprise seven-furlong Newmarket novice debut scorer **Bell Rock (GB)**. "We are really looking forward to this horse coming back," Balding said. "He is a horse that I think is still very smart. He did have a setback and had to miss a chunk of work. We have to start him off somewhere and this will give us an idea of where we can go with him in the future. His work has been to a good level and the mile should be no problem for him."

Two-year-olds get the chance to shine in the Listed Matchbook Betting Podcast National S., where Kingman is again making his considerable presence felt via his son **Full Authority (Ire)**, who spreadeagled his peers at Chester May 9. Sheikh Abdullah Almalek Alsbah's sharp bay meets another Mark Johnston rival in **Jm Jackson (Ire)** (No Nay Never) who was runner-up to the subsequent Ascot scorer Ventura Rebel (Ire) (Pastoral Pursuits {GB}) in a Thirsk maiden Apr. 13.

"She's always been a filly we've held in high regard and at the time we left Thirsk quite disappointed she hadn't made a winning debut," Charlie Johnston explained. "But obviously the subsequent form of the winner means there are plenty of positives to take out of that. The draw [in seven] is not ideal on the straight course at Sandown."

Earlier in the day, Goodwood starts its old Derby and Oaks trial meeting which used to have late preps for those Classics in the Lupe and Predominate but which is now more a pointer to Royal Ascot. The Listed Height of Fashion S., which has taken over from the Lupe, sees the Duke of Devonshire and Duke of Roxburghe's **Shambolic (GB)** (Shamardal) provide a clue as to the merit of Shadwell's Maqsad (Fr) (Siyouni {Fr}), who beat her five lengths in the Listed Pretty Polly S. at Newmarket May 5. Trainer John Gosden also saddles 5 Hertford Street Racing Club's **Muchly (GB)** (Iffraaj {GB}), who beat the subsequent Listed Newbury Fillies' Trial S. scorer Queen Power (Ire) (Shamardal) in a mile conditions race at Ascot May 1.

"Frankie Dettori rode a marvellous race at Ascot and it was the plan to go for this race, to step her up in trip and see where we are at," the syndicate's racing manager Harry Herbert said of the latter. "Goodwood is very different to Ascot, but hopefully she will be fine. She has always been held in some regard by John and it will be very interesting to see if the step up in trip takes her to the next level."

Kirsten Rausing's May 3 10-furlong Chepstow novice winner **Aloe Vera (GB)** (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) takes aim in the Height of Fashion from the Ralph Beckett yard and she hails from the same remarkable family of the owner-breeder's top-class acts of recent years. "I'm not going to say she surprised us winning first time out at Chepstow, but she surprised us in the manner she did it, having to come from so far back, as it was not really the plan to be that far back," her trainer said. "This is a big step up, but she has worked well since Chepstow and I think she is worth rolling the dice with in a race like this. She was just very immature last year and she had a few issues and I was not able to train her in quite the manner I would have liked to. Her sister Alyssa (GB) (Sir Percy {GB}) took time to get there, but she ended up winning a Park Hill for us."

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BEHAN NAMED DERRINSTOWN STUD MANAGER

Joe Behan has been named Stud Manager of Derrinstown Stud, with Jimmy Lenehan set to retire at the end of the month.

Behan worked at Broquestown, Swordlestown and Ardoon studs before joining Derrinstown in 2007.

"Joe has worked with horses all his life," said Derrinstown's General Manager Stephen Collins. "He's been with us a long time now and knows the horses, the staff, the systems, the clients and most importantly Sheikh Hamdan, so his appointment will ensure that the handover is as seamless as possible. He's very experienced and knowledgeable, but equally importantly for his new role, he is particularly good with people."

Paying tribute to the retiring Lenehan, Collins said, "Jimmy joined us in 2003 and has done a remarkable job over the years. He will be a hard act to follow and we wish him a long, healthy and happy retirement."

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CHAMP FOR GOFFS UK AT £375,000

Recent point-to-point winner Lets Go Champ (Ire) (Jeremy) led a lively first day of the Goffs UK Spring HIT/P2P Sale after Roger Brookhouse went to £375,000 to secure the gelding from Donnchadh Doyle's Monbeg Stables.

Offered as lot 479, the 4-year-old was bought for €90,000 as a store last year but a winning performance in a smart time on debut at Bartlemy was enough to spark a flurry of interest which led to a clutch of wild-card entries commanding the highest prices of the day.

The next lot through the ring, Mister Coffey (Fr) (Authorized {Ire}) (480), emanated from an English bumper rather than an Irish point-to-point but the price wasn't far off when the eight-length Huntingdon winner, who was a vendor buy-back at €48,000 at the Goffs Land Rover Sale last June, realised £340,000 to a bid from Tom Lacey, who will take over his training from Harry Whittington.

"He's a lovely horse and Harry would have done a good job bringing him through his 3-year-old year," said Lacey. "He's very athletic and a big, tall frame of a horse. You're paying for the potential, but I liked the look of him and I like the sire. I think Authorized is a super sire."

In total, seven 4-year-old geldings and a filly of the same age, all with recent winning updates, left the ring with a six-figure price tag on their heads, bringing about a 21% rise in aggregate to £4,756,100, while the average of £29,977 and median of £15,000 both dropped slightly. Following on from the store section on Tuesday, Wednesday's clearance rate was again encouraging, at 82% for 170 horses sold from 208 offered. The sale concludes on Thursday.

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FIRST-SEASON SIRES WITH RUNNERS

Thursday, May 23:

UNITED KINGDOM

Anjaal (GB) (Bahamian Bounty {GB}), Rathasker Stud
148 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
15:00-CHEPSTOW, 6f, BETTYS HOPE (GB)
2,858gns Tattersalls Ireland Ascot Sept. Yearling Sale 2018

Brazen Beau (Aus) (I Am Invincible {Aus}), Dalham Hall Stud
78 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners
18:35-SANDOWN PARK, 30K THE MATCHBOOK BETTING
PODCAST NATIONAL STAKES (Listed Race)5f, PROPER BEAU (GB)
34,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2018 - Book 3

Cable Bay (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), Highclere Stud
114 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
18:35-SANDOWN PARK, 30K THE MATCHBOOK BETTING
PODCAST NATIONAL STAKES (Listed Race)5f, ELECTRIC
LADYLAND (Ire)
€35,000 Goffs Sportsman's Yearling Sale 2018

Fountain of Youth (Ire) (Oasis Dream {GB}), Bearstone Stud
71 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
14:00-GOODWOOD, 6f, RAIN CAP (GB)
8,000gns RNA Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2017

Night of Thunder (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}), Dalham Hall Stud
107 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
14:00-GOODWOOD, 6f, WILD THUNDER (Ire)
€40,000 Goffs November Foals Sale 2017; €105,000 Goffs Orby
Yearling Sale 2018

Outstrip (GB) (Exceed And Excel {Aus}), Dalham Hall Stud
106 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
18:35-SANDOWN PARK, 30K THE MATCHBOOK BETTING
PODCAST NATIONAL STAKES (Listed Race)5f, FLIPPA THE
STRIPPA (Ire)
9,524gns Tattersalls Ireland Ascot Sept. Yearling Sale 2018



Outstrip aims for his first stakes winner | *Alayna Cullen*

OBSERVATIONS

on the European racing scene

4.55 Goodwood, Mdn, £10,500, 3yo, f, 9f 197yT
TEREBELLUM (IRE) (Sea the Stars {Ire}) is one of two debutantes for Princess Haya of Jordan and John Gosden, with Frankie Dettori opting for the €400,000 Arqana August graduate.

Observations cont.

The relative of the G1 Prix Morny winner Charge d'Affaires (GB) (Kendor {Fr}) is joined by **Promissory (Dubawi {Ire})**, a 1.1-million gns Tattersalls October Book 1 graduate who is a daughter of the G1 British Champions Filly & Mare S. winner Seal of Approval (GB) (Authorized {Ire}).

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BRITAIN

**Thursday, Goodwood, post time: 4.20 p.m.****HEIGHT OF FASHION S.-Listed, £45,000, 3yo, f, 9f 197yT**

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	6	Aloe Vera (GB)	Invincible Spirit (Ire)	Bentley	Beckett
2	3	Café Espresso (GB)	Sir Percy (GB)	H Doyle	Watson
3	8	Garrel Glen (GB)	Mount Nelson (GB)	Muscutt	Tompkins
4	7	Grace and Danger (Ire)	Teofilo (Ire)	Murphy	Balding
5	5	Lady Cosette (Fr)	Wootton Bassett (GB)	Marquand	H Dunlop
6	2	Love Explodes (GB)	Champs Elysees (GB)	Donohoe	Vaughan
7	9	Love So Deep (Jpn)	Deep Impact (Jpn)	J Egan	J ChappleHyam
8	4	Muchly (GB)	Iffraaj (GB)	Havlin	Gosden
9	1	Shambolic (Ire)	Shamardal	Dettori	Gosden

All carry 126 pounds.

Thursday, Sandown, post time: 8.10 p.m.**MATCHBOOK LOW COMMISSION EXCHANGE HERON S.-Listed,**

£40,000, 3yo, 8fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	6	Sangarius (GB)	Kingman (GB)	Moore	Stoute
2	5	Bell Rock (GB)	Kingman (GB)	Murphy	Balding
3	4	Dark Vision (Ire)	Dream Ahead	de Sousa	Johnston
4	2	King of Comedy (Ire)	Kingman (GB)	Dettori	Gosden
5	1	Lord North (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	Havlin	Gosden
6	3	Raakib Alhawa (Ire)	Kingman (GB)	J Spencer	Simcock
7	7	Roseman (Ire)	Kingman (GB)	Atzeni	Varian
8	8	Walkinthesand (Ire)	Footstepsinthesand (GB)	Levey	Hannon

All carry 126 pounds bar Sangarius, 129.

Thursday, Sandown, post time: 6.35 p.m.**MATCHBOOK BETTING PODCAST NATIONAL S.-Listed, £30,000,**

2yo, 5f 10yT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	1	Full Authority (Ire)	Kingman (GB)	Tudhope	O'Meara	129
2	2	Proper Beau (GB)	Brazen Beau (GB)	G Lee	Smart	129
3	3	Strive For Glory	Dialed In	Fanning	Cowell	129
4	5	Zulu Zander (Ire)	Bungle Inthejungle (GB)	Scr	Scr	Scr
5	6	Electric Ladyland (Ire)	Cable Bay (Ire)	Murphy	Watson	124
6	4	Flippa the Strippa (Ire)	Outstrip (GB)	de Sousa	C Hills	124
7	7	JM Jackson (Ire)	No Nay Never	Moore	Johnston	124

Wednesday's Results:

TENNENTS LAGER BRITISH STALLION STUDS EBF ROTHESAY S.-Listed, £50,000, Ayr, 5-22, 4yo/up, f, 10fT, 2:06.33, g/f.

1--**SHENANIGANS (IRE), 126, m, 5, Arcano (Ire)--Ladylishandra (Ire), by Mujadil. 1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN.** (€30,000 Wlg '14 GOFNOV; 40,000gns Ylg '15 TAOCT). O-Ann Black, M Al Qatami & K M Al Mudhaf; B-Ringfort Stud (IRE); T-Roger Varian; J-Andrea Atzeni. £28,355. Lifetime Record: GSP-Eng, 18-4-6-2, \$148,817. *1/2 to Tropical Paradise (Ire) (Verglas {Ire}), MGSW-Eng, \$195,204; and Harlem Shake (Moss Vale {Ire}), GSW-Ity & SP-Fr, \$287,589.

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2--**Exhort (GB), 126, f, 4, Dutch Art (GB)--Entreat (GB), by Pivotal (GB).** O-Cheveley Park Stud. £10,750.

3--**Coeur d'Amour (Ire), 126, f, 4, Zoffany (Ire)--Adoring (Ire), by One Cool Cat.** (€20,000 RNA Wlg '15 GOFNOV). O-Joseph M Fitzpatrick. £5,380.

Margins: 1 3/4, 8, 3 1/4. Odds: 1.10, 6.50, 20.00.

Also Ran: Skill Set (Ire), Plait (GB), Vivianite (Ire). Scratched: Jet Streaming (Ire). **Click for the Racing Post result. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

Shenanigans, who hit the board in half of her eight previous stakes starts, went postward for this coming back off a fourth in Kempton's Apr. 20 Listed Snowdrop Fillies' S. on seasonal return and stepped forward to claim a belated first black-type triumph here. Racing second in the wake of Vivianite (Ire) (Teofilo {Ire}) for the most part, she made smooth progress in the straight to lead when shaken up passing the quarter-mile marker and was ridden out to withstand the vain bid of Exhort (GB) (Dutch Art {GB}) for a career high.

Shenanigans is one of six individual winners for Ladylishandra (Ire) (Mujadil) and the bay is a half-sister to G3 Premio Omenoni victor Harlem Shake (Ire) (Moss Vale {Ire}), G3 Supreme S. and G3 Oak Tree S. victress Tropical Paradise (Ire) (Verglas {Ire}) and also to a yearling colt by Kodiak (GB). Ladylishandra is a winning granddaughter of the dual stakes-placed Dancer Partner (Graustark), herself kin to six black-type performers headed by sire Jim French (Graustark) and the MSW dam of MG1SW sire Ajdal (Northern Dancer), G1SW sire Formidable (Forli {Arg}), G1 Fantasy S. heroine Flying Partner (Hoist the Flag) and GSW G1 Prix de Diane placegetter Fabuleux Jane (Le Fabuleux {Fr}).

2nd-Great Yarmouth, £15,000, Cond, 5-22, 2yo, 6f 3yT, 1:14.64, g/f.

MAXI BOY (GB) (c, 2, Oasis Dream {GB)--Lavender And Lace {GB}, by Baratheas {Ire}) was slightly hesitant from the stalls and hurdled an early path before settling to track the leaders in sixth through halfway in this first go.

2nd-Great Yarmouth cont.

Nudged along approaching the quarter-mile marker, the well-backed 11-4 second choice joined issue with the front rank entering the final furlong and was pushed out to score by a neck from Path of Thunder (Ire) (Night of Thunder {Ire}). "He jumped the road early and was green, but he settled lovely once getting a bit of cover," explained assistant trainer Nick Bell representing the in-form Michael Bell yard. "He picked up and showed a great attitude, which is essential in a 2-year-old. The owner [soccer agent Kia Joorabchian] was keen to buy some Royal Ascot 2-year-olds last year and he'd be the best of ours. Kia can't be here today as it's his son's birthday and I'm sure he'll be delighted. Our 2-year-olds normally improve for the [first] run, he'll go to Royal Ascot now and, hopefully, will have a live chance in the [June 18 G2] Coventry." Maxi Boy is the fourth foal and second scorer out of a half to G1 Criterium de Saint-Cloud victor Mandaeen (GB) (Manduro {Ger}), G1 Prix Saint-Alary heroine Wavering (Ire) (Refuse To Bend {Ire}), G1 Fillies' Mile third Winters Moon (Ire) (New Approach {Ire}) and the stakes-placed Mister Green (Fr) (Green Desert). His dam Lavender and Lace (GB) (Barathea {Ire}), who has also produced a yearling colt by Dansili {GB}), is a daughter of GSW G1 Prix Saint-Alary third Summertime Legacy (GB) (Darshaan {GB}). Sales history: 380,000gns Ylg '18 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$12,330.

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1ST-TIME STARTER. O-Amo Racing Ltd; B-Al-Baha Bloodstock (GB); T-Michael Bell.

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4th-Kempton, £9,000, Novice, 5-22, 2yo, f, 6f (AWT), 1:13.73, st/sl.

SERAPHINITE (IRE) (f, 2, Gutaifan {Ire}--Ellasha {GB}, by Shamardal), an inauspicious debut last of nine at Nottingham 12 days earlier, enjoyed the perfect stalking trip under cover in third early. In front two out, the 33-1 shot quickly asserted and held on thereafter to score by a half length from Rubia Bella (GB) (Bated Breath {GB}) to become the third winner for her first-season sire (by Dark Angel {Ire}). The dam, who also has a yearling full-sister to the winner, is a half to the listed scorer and G2 Sandown Mile runner-up Smirk (GB) (Selkirk) and to the dam of the G2 Lancashire Oaks winner Lady Tiana (GB) (Sir Percy {GB}). Sales history: 30,000gns Ylg '18 TAOCT. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$7,397. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-The 10 for 10 Partnership; B-Yeomanstown Stud (IRE); T-Jamie Osborne.

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1st-Ayr, £7,400, Mdn, 5-22, 2yo, 6fT, 1:13.29, g/f.

LORD OF THE LODGE (IRE) (c, 2, Dandy Man {Ire}--Archetypal {Ire}, by Cape Cross {Ire}) was squeezed for room at the break and tracked the leaders in seventh through the early strides of this debut. Taking closer order on the bridle from halfway, the 4-1 chance eased to the front with 1 1/2 furlongs remaining and was ridden out in the latter stages to comfortably hold Clay Regazzoni (GB) (Due Diligence) by 1 3/4 lengths. He is the latest of five foals and first scorer out of an unraced half-sister to three black-type performers headed by Listed Premio Giovanni Falck winner Viz (Ire) (Darshaan {GB}), herself the dam of MGSW G2 Park S. victress Viztoria (Ire) (Oratorio {Ire}) and the granddam of MGSW G2 Blamey S. and G2 Ajax S. victor Fifty Stars (Ire) (Sea the Stars {Ire}). Sales history: €4,200 Wlg '17 TATFBR; €35,000 Ylg '18 TIRSEP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$6,082. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

1ST-TIME STARTER. O-Mrs Elaine M Burke; B-Mount Armstrong Stud (IRE); T-Karl Burke.

3rd-Kempton, £4,800, Novice, 5-22, 3/4yo, 7f (AWT), 1:26.73, st/sl.

HOTSY TOSY (IRE) (f, 3, Casamento {Ire}--Siphon Melody, by Siphon {Brz}), who scored over this trip at Salisbury May 2, was quickly at the head of affairs. Asserting her superiority from the two-furlong marker, the 3-10 favourite was unextended to score by six lengths from Gaslight (GB) (Aussie Rules). The dam, a half to the GII Turf Championship H. winner and GI Hollywood Turf Cup runner-up Talloires (Tremolino), also has a yearling filly by Fast Company (Ire). Sales history: €5,500 Wlg '16 GOFNOV. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-1, \$11,266. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Mrs T. Walker; B-Ringfort Stud (IRE); T-Ed Walker.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:

Local History (GB), f, 3, Sepoy (Aus)--Local Fancy (GB), by Bahamian Bounty (GB). Great Yarmouth, 5-22, 6f 3yT, 1:13.97. B-West Dereham Abbey Stud (GB). *7,000gns Ylg '17 TATFEB; 8,000gns RNA Ylg '17 TAOCT.

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Wednesday's Results:

Cork, €16,500, Mdn, 5-22, 2yo, 5fT, :59.78, g/f.

MOUNT FUJI (IRE) (c, 2, Dark Angel {Ire}--Shermeen {Ire} {SW & GSP-US, GSP-Eng, \$191,892}, by Desert Style {Ire}), sent off at 5-1, was notably green from the outset racing behind the leaders.

1st-Cork cont.

Getting the hang of things inside the final furlong, the grey swamped Invincible Diva (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) close home to prevail by a half length. The winner is out of a stakes winner who also finished third in the G3 Cornwallis S. and GIII Seniorita S. before producing the G1 Phoenix S. and G2 Railway S. winner and G1 Goffs Vincent O'Brien National S. runner-up Sudirman (Henrythenavigator), G1SW-Ire, \$310,719. A full-sister to Mister Manannan (Ire) who was a sprint listed scorer and finished third in the G2 Flying Childers S., she cost Barronstown Stud 450,000gns at the 2016 Tattersalls December Sale and has a yearling colt by Galileo (Ire) to follow. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$11,347. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Mrs John Magnier & Michael Tabor & Derrick Smith;
B-Barronstown Stud (IRE); T-Aidan O'Brien.

Cork, €13,000, Mdn, 5-22, 3yo/up, 7fT, 1:25.40, g/f.

HIGHLAND DRESS (GB) (c, 3, Shamardal--Crinoline, by Street Cry {Ire}), sent off the 4-1 joint-second favourite, stayed towards the back of the group racing up the centre. Angled out to cruise to the fore with two furlongs remaining, the homebred was in charge from there and only needed to be pushed out to record a 2 1/4-length verdict over Arabeska (Ire) (Bated Breath {GB}). The unraced dam, who also has the 2-year-old filly Pivotal Decision (GB) (Pivotal {GB}), is a half to Saoirse Abu (Mr. Greeley) who took the G1 Phoenix S. and G1 Moyglare Stud S. and was third in the G1 1000 Guineas and G1 Fillies' Mile. This is also the family of Balanchine (Storm Bird), the European champion 3-year-old filly as a result of her triumphs in the G1 Epsom Oaks and G1 Irish Derby. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$8,942. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O/B-Godolphin (GB); T-John Oxx.

CONDITIONS RESULT:

Cork, €18,000, 5-22, 3yo, 6fT, 1:11.85, g/f.

WOODY CREEK (GB) (f, 3, Zoffany {Ire}--Belle Isle {GB}, by Pastoral Pursuits {GB}) Lifetime Record: 6-2-0-0, \$47,167.

O-Craig Bernick; B-Biddestone Stud Ltd (GB); T-Fozzy Stack.
*35,000gns Wlg '16 TATFOA; €180,000 Ylg '17 GOFOR. **1/2 to Abel Handy (Ire) (Arcano {Ire}), GSW-Eng.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:

A Wave of the Sea (Ire), g, 3, Born To Sea (Ire)--Je T'Adore (Ire), by Montjeu (Ire). Sligo, 5-21, 10 1/2fT, 2:24.17. B-John Yarr (IRE). *21,000gns Wlg '16 TATFOA.

Balefire (Ire), c, 3, Shamardal--Patent Joy (Ire), by Pivotal (GB).
Cork, 5-22, 8fT, 1:42.50. B-Godolphin (IRE).

FRANCE**Thursday, Lyon-Parilly, post time: 1.10 p.m.****COUPE DES TROIS ANS-Listed, €55,000, 3yo, 12fT**

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	4	Milestone (Fr)	Mastercraftsman (Ire)	Cheminaud	Fabre
2	3	Court Poet (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	J Doyle	C Appleby
3	7	San Huberto (Ire)	Speightstown	Piccone	Chappet
4	1	Himola (Fr)	Dalakhani (Ire)	Peslier	Laffon-Parias
5	6	Alabaa (GB)	Motivator (GB)	Bachelot	Gadbin
6	2	Chouain (Fr)	Rajsaman (Fr)	Stefan	Rulec
7	5	Seduction (Fr)	Evasive (GB)	Blondel	Escuder

All carry 126 pounds bar Seduction, 122.

Thursday, ParisLongchamp, post time: 5.50 p.m.**PRIX DE PONTARME-Listed, €55,000, 3yo, 8fT**

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	7	Price Range	First Defence	Cheminaud	Bary
2	4	Eagle Hunter (GB)	Dansili (GB)	Boudot	Graffard
3	5	Muraikh (Fr)	Toronado (Ire)	Badel	Devin
4	2	Quindio (Fr)	Evasive (GB)	Barzalona	Thomas-Demeaulte
5	1	Dave (Fr)	Wootton Bassett (GB)	Guyon	Brandt
6	3	Insandi (Fr)	Anodin (Ire)	J Doyle	Haggas
7	6	Noor Sahara (Ire)	Lope de Vega (Ire)	Pasquier	Chappet
8	8	Isalys (Fr)	Paris	Gavilan	Guillemin

All carry 126 pounds bar Noor Sahara & Isalys, 122.

**IN HONG KONG:**

Loving A Boom (Ire), g, 4, Acclamation (GB)--Elektra Marino (GB), by Mount Nelson (GB). Happy Valley, 5-22, Hcp. (£139k/€158k), 1200mT, 1:09.62. B-Norelands & Lofts Hall. *26,000gns RNA Wlg '15 TATDEF; €15,000 Ylg '16 TISEP; 64,000gns 2yo '17 TATMAY. **VIDEO**

IN MAINLAND CHINA:

Meng Xiang Cheng Zhen (Ire), c, 3, Rip Van Winkle (Ire)--C'est Chic (GB), by Dansili (GB). Yulong, 5-18, 1200m, Sand Track, 1:13.35. Purse: 50,000 RMB. B-Churchtown House Stud. O-Yulong Horse Industry. *€4,500 RNA wnl '16 GOFNOV; €11,500 yrl '17 GOF OCT. **VIDEO.**

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Yun Chou Wei Wo (Ire), c, 4, Intello (Ger)--Of Course Darling (GB), by Dalakhani (Ire). Yulong, 5-18, 1800m, Sand Track, 1:57.68. Purse: 40,000 RMB. B-R. & T. Bloodstock. O-HOU Xingjian. *€13,500 yrl '16 GOF OCT. **VIDEO.**

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European-Bred Winners cont.

Ashraf (Ire), g, 7, **Cape Cross (Ire)**--Askeria (Ire), by Sadler's Wells. Yulong, 5-18, 1800m, Sand Track, 1:55.22. Purse: 100,000 RMB. B-His Highness the Aga Khan's Studs S.C. O-Yulong Horse Industry *€30,000 HRA '16 GOFHIT. **VIDEO.**

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WORLDWIDE NEWS

GENTILDONNA BROTHER TO SELL AT JRHA

A half-brother to former Japanese Horse of the Year Gentildonna (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}) is among 226 foals catalogued alongside 246 yearlings for the JRHA Sale at Northern Horse Park on July 8 and 9.

The weanling by Kitasan Black (Jpn) out of the G1 Cheveley Park S. winner Donna Blini (GB) (Bertolini) is just one highlight in a catalogue replete with the offspring of well-credentialed and internationally campaigned mares. The foal section includes a Duramente (Jpn) colt out of European champion sprinter Fleeting Spirit (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), along with a filly from G1 American Oaks winner Ticker Tape (GB) (Royal Applause {GB}) by Lord Kanaloa (Jpn), the sire of the record-breaking Japan Cup winner Almond Eye (Jpn) who is represented by 16 foals and 20 yearlings in the catalogue.

Among the yearlings is a Deep Impact half-brother to Qatar Racing's Group 1 winner Lightening Pearl (Ire) (Marju {Ire}), as well as a Frankel (GB) colt out of the G1 Nunthorpe S. winner Margot Did (GB) (Exceed And Excel {Aus}) and a full-brother to champion Japanese filly Mikki Queen (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}).

Japan's champion sire Deep Impact, who was responsible for two European Classic winners last season, was stood down from covering duties in early April with a neck injury but his name looms large in the sale, with 20 yearlings and nine foals entered. His daughter Loves Only You (Jpn), winner last weekend of the Yushun Himba (Japan Oaks) in a time beating the previous record set by Gentildonna, is the latest high-profile graduate of the sale which attracts buyers from across the globe. A sister to fellow Group 1 winner Real Steel (Jpn), she was bought by the DMM syndicate for ¥160 million (£1.14 million/\$1.45 million) at the 2017 sale.

A full list of yearlings and foals catalogued can be found on the [JRHA website](#).

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MATCHBOOK VIP HENRY II S.-G3, £70,000, 4yo/up, 16f 50yT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	3	Dee Ex Bee (GB)	Farhh (GB)	de Sousa	Johnston	130
2	2	Fearsome (GB)	Makfi (GB)	Walsh	Littmoden	128
3	4	Magic Circle (Ire)	Makfi (GB)	Crowley	I Williams	128
4	6	Austrian School (Ire)	Teofilo (Ire)	Fanning	Johnston	127
5	5	Making Miracles (GB)	Pivotal (GB)	Norton	Johnston	127
6	1	Mekong (GB)	Frankel (GB)	Moore	Stoute	127

Thursday, Sandown, Britain, post time: 7.35 p.m.

MATCHBOOK BRIGADIER GERARD S.-G3, £70,000, 4yo/up, 9f 209yT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	5	Here Comes When (Ire)	Danehill Dancer (Ire)	Murphy	Balding	129
2	2	Bombyx (GB)	Sir Percy (GB)	Muscutt	Fanshawe	126
3	4	Danceteria (Fr)	Redoute's Choice (Aus)	J Spencer	Menuisier	126
4	1	Elwazir (GB)	Frankel (GB)	Crowley	Burrows	126
5	3	Matterhorn (Ire)	Raven's Pass	Fanning	Johnston	126
6	6	Regal Reality (GB)	Intello (Ger)	Moore	Stoute	126

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NASD AND CAPITALIST SHINE AT MAGICS



The joint session-topping Snitzel colt

By Bren O'Brien

While the top-end of the market didn't sizzle like it did 12 months ago, the opening day of the Magic Millions' National Weanling Sale provided plenty of highlights, especially for Arrowfield's Not A Single Doubt and Newgate's Capitalist.

At A Glance

- The clearance rate of 75% was down on last year's Day 1 result of 82%, while the average was also slightly down on Day 1 last year, from \$60,942 to \$59,926 and median from \$40,000 last year to \$30,000 this year.
- The overall aggregate was down from \$11.6m to \$10.1m but the Day 1 offering was smaller.
- Last year's Day 1 saw two lots reach more than \$600,000, this year the top lots were both \$300,000.
- Arrowfield's Not A Single Doubt had an excellent first day, with three of the top seven lot, while barn mate Snitzel also shared the top lot position.
- Newgate's Capitalist shone through amongst the first season sires, with seven of his eight lots reaching six figures.

Snitzel colt catches Willetts' eye

It was the progeny of Arrowfield's two leading stallions which proved the most expensive on the opening day, with the only Snitzel colt on offer on day one equal top lot at \$300,000 along with a colt by Not A Single Doubt.

New Zealand bloodstock agent Paul Willetts picked out Lot 145, the Snitzel colt on offer from Aquis Farm, as his best of the sale and was rapt to have got him.

"He was always my pick. He is just a lovely correct, well balanced, Snitzel colt," Willetts told TDN AusNZ. "He's out of good little Lonhro mare (Euryale), who was a 2-year-old winner who raced on at three and four. I'm a big fan of Lonhro broodmares. I think they'll end up to be very good."

Euryale, who was purchased by Aquis for \$380,000 in 2017, won the Listed Gibson Carmichael S. as a 2-year-old, one of five wins in her career. Out of a daughter of Group 1 winning mare Danglissa (Danzero), she has left the recent winner Godolphin Gorgons (Exceed and Excel).

Willetts purchased the colt on behalf of clients and said a decision on whether he will be pinhooked or retained will be made in the next few weeks.

"We haven't decided yet, we will just let the dust settle and see what happens, but he'll probably end up in the yearling sales. It will depend on how he progresses in the immediate future," he said.

Willetts also bought three other colts by Dundee (NZ), Winning Rupert and Foxwedge and that is unlikely to be the end of his shopping with two days of the sale to come.

"I'm always looking to buy, but it depends on price and a few other things. We'll probably be trying to buy a few more," he said.

Bester goes after Not A Single Doubt colt

James Bester Bloodstock is always busy at this sale and the experienced agent was the second biggest spender on Day 1, investing \$480,000 across three lots.

That included the equal top-priced colt by Not A Single Doubt, who continued his excellent sales season.

This colt was offered by Cornerstone Stud and is from Celebrity Appeal (One Cool Cat {USA}), the half-sister to stakes-winners Walking Or Dancing (Falvelon) and Irongail (Canny Lad), a family that includes Group 1 winning pair Kidnapped (Viscount) and Hauraki (Reset).

Bester also purchased a Vancouver filly (Lot 21), for \$70,000, from Bond (Wanted) for \$70,000 and an American Pharoah (USA) filly from Joie D'esprit (Danasinga) for \$110,000.

The third highest lot on the day was a Written Tycoon colt, Lot 258, sold by Noorilim Park to Fernrigg Farm for \$290,000. He is out of the Choisir mare La Llorona, a half-sister to the Listed winner Specter (Nadeem) from the family of Group 1 winner Suavito (NZ) (Thorn Park).

Another Not A Single Doubt colt, Lot 44 offered by Aquis Farm, ended up at Ampulla Lodge for the fourth highest price of the day, \$280,000.

He is out of the Listed winner Cariad (Sequalo), making him a three-quarter brother to promising 2-year-old Cardiff (Snitzel), who sold for \$460,000 at this sale two years ago before being pinhooked for \$600,000 the following year.

There were four Not A Single Doubts sell on the opening day with three of them in the top seven on price. Merricks Station/Group 1 Bloodstock went to \$250,000 to secure Lot 222 from Blue Gum Farm, from the family of G1 winner Ihtsahymn (Ihtiram {Ire}) and Aquis stallion Jukebox (Snitzel).

That ensured he clearly led the stallions on average for Day 1 (three or more sales), with an average of \$240,000, well clear of Exceed And Excel, who had three sell at an average of \$180,000.

The fifth highest lot of the day was the only Kingman (Ire) weanling in the catalogue, a filly out of Dubawi (Ire) mare Bethsaida (Ire) which Kitchwin Hills paid \$260,000 for from Sledmere Stud.

Capitalist's strong start

The top lot by a first-season sire was Lot 223 by Newgate's Capitalist, who had seven of his eight lots sold on Day 1 reach six figures.

Newgate sold the top lot by its emerging sire, with Bruce McKenzie paying \$255,000 for the colt out of stakes-winner Impetuous (Fastnet Rock).

"She was obviously a really talented mare and he was the fifth foal," Newgate General Manager Bruce Slade said. "He's a big, strong bloke and great mover."

Slade confirmed McKenzie intended to race the colt himself.

Lot 221, a Capitalist colt out of stakes-winning mare Iggimacool (Savoire Vivre {GB}) went for \$200,000 to Grant Bloodstock Pty Ltd.

"She's a big roomy mare. A big action mare, he just neatened her up and put a big hip on her and that's what the market loved," Slade said.



Newgate's Capitalist had seven of his eight lots sold on Day 1 reach six figures. | Bronwen Healy

Slade said the market really liked what they saw from Capitalist's first crop on Day 1, spending an aggregate-topping \$1.128m at an impressive average of \$141,000.

"They just looked like him. He really stamped them with strength, they looked precocious, they looked early types," he said. "He's left them with hips, short coupled, with good heads on them and he was like that himself."

The other first-season sire to break through the \$200,000 mark was American Pharoah (USA), with Lot 207 going to renowned pinhooker Suman Hedge Bloodstock for \$200,000. She is out of a daughter of multiple stakes winner Shania Dane (Danahill {USA}). American Pharoah's three lots averaged \$126,667.

Two other Coolmore stallions also had weanlings go in the top 10 with Lot 218, a Pierro filly offered by Segenhoe and bought by James Harron Bloodstock, and Lot 1, a So You Think (NZ) colt offered by Burnewang North and bought by Rothwell Park, both fetching \$200,000.

Darley's Exceed and Excel had two lots (166 and 123) reach \$230,000 and \$210,000.

First-season shine

The other first-season sires to feature prominently on Day 1 were Newgate's pair Extreme Choice and Flying Artie. Extreme Choice had eight sell for a total of \$466,000 and Flying Artie seven sell for a total of \$159,000.

Aquis Farm was clearly the leading vendor, selling 21 for a total of \$1.482m, more than double what Newgate achieved in its 10 sales.

The top buyer was Fernrigg Farm who paid \$600,000 in total across four colts, two by Written Tycoon and one each by Deep Field and Extreme Choice.

"We are pleased with the opening day of the sale," Magic Millions Managing Director Barry Bowditch said. "We had some 37 lots sell for \$100,000 or more and 13 made \$200,000 plus.

"It was a good solid day of selling. The good lots made plenty of money – there was a massive appetite for quality horses.

"There was good buying at the middle and lower end. There were plenty of opportunities there and value to be had. We're slightly disappointed with the clearance rate, but we hope over the next two days of the sale that will improve."

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IN HONG KONG:

Yee Chong Baby, g, 3, **Sebring**--Dama de Noche (GSW-Aus, \$215,100), by Snippets. Happy Valley, 5-22, Hcp. (\$361k), 1200mT, 1:08.78. B-T R Ryan (Vic). *Formerly Neutrality. **GSP-Aus. ***1/2 to Seduced (Encosta de Lago), GSP-Aus; Senta de Noche (Encosta de Lago, SP-Aus, \$187,980; Nocturnelle (Elusive Quality {USA}), MSW-Aus, \$395,630. ****\$400,000 Ylg '17 INGEAS. **VIDEO**

Jumbo Prize, g, 3, **Your Song**--White Diamonds (SP-Aus), by Jugah (USA). Happy Valley, 5-22, Hcp. (\$170k), 1200mT, 1:09.91. B-J McKeon (Qld). \$55,000 Ylg '17 INGFEb; \$160,000 2yo '17 INGRTR. **VIDEO**

Takingufurther, g, 4, **Exceed and Excel**--Thirst (USA), by Chester House (USA). Happy Valley, 5-22, Hcp. (\$170k), 1200mT, 1:09.88. B-SF Bloodstock LLCC (NSW). *\$180,000 Wlg '15 MGLMAY; \$210,000 Ylg '16 INGEAS. **VIDEO**

IN NEW ZEALAND:

Sacred Judgement, g, 3, **So You Think (NZ)**--Rose Ransom, by Red Ransom (USA). Hastings, 5-22, Hcp., 1300mT, 1:16.84. B-Cressfield (NSW). *NZ\$85,000 Ylg '17 NZBJAN. **VIDEO**

IN MAINLAND CHINA:

Sienna Symphony (Aus), m, 6, **Testa Rossa (Aus)**--Sweepstaking (Aus) (GSP-Aus, \$158,725), by Not A Single Doubt (Aus). Yulong, 5-18, 1000m, Sand Track, :59.20. Purse: 100,000 RMB. B-Mr G Harvey. O-WANG Junning. *\$40,000 HRA '16 INGAUG. **VIDEO.**



IN MAINLAND CHINA:

Huayu Universe (NZ), c, 3, **Nadeem (Aus)**--Laebeel (NZ) (G1SP-Aus, \$307,017), by Zabeel (NZ). Yulong, 5-18, 1600m, Sand Track, 1:39.04. Purse: 50,000 RMB. B-Little Avondale Trust. O-Huayu Horse Industry. *NZ\$50,000 2yo '17 NZBRTR. **VIDEO.** *1/2 to Larry's Never Late (NZ) (Pentire {GB}), MGSW & G1SP-Aus, \$486,253; and Collar (NZ) (O'Reilly {NZ}), SW & GSP-Aus, \$327,861.