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# KEENELAND 'LIFE'S WORK' ORAL HISTORY PROJECT, NO. 1: SETH HANCOCK



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**Editor's Note:** TDN is proud to partner with the Keeneland Library and the Nunn Center for Oral History at the University of Kentucky Libraries in a very special new collaboration: the Keeneland 'Life's Work' Oral History Project, a series of filmed interviews with significant figures in the Thoroughbred industry (See details in our story on page 3). The first of these, with Seth Hancock of Claiborne Farm, appears today.

by Chris McGrath

"You ever see me around the sales wearing short pants, you better run for cover--because the world's getting ready to come to an end."

Seth Hancock is remembering Swale. Bittersweet animal! He slaked Claiborne's ancestral thirst for a Kentucky Derby, trained by the great Woody Stephens. A week after Swale added the Belmont, Hancock was back in New York to see one of the farm's fillies run in the Mother Goose.

"I went over to the barn, it was a nice, late spring day, and Swale was standing there, head out over the webbing," he recalls. "Breeze blowing foretop, looked like the happiest horse on the face of the earth. Came home that night and Woody called next morning and said, 'You sitting down?' I said, 'Well, yeah. What's going on?' He said, 'Swale dropped dead this morning, Seth.'"

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# FROM OUT OF NOWHERE, NODA GETTING IT DONE ON NYRA CIRCUIT

by Brian DiDonato

SARATOGA SPRINGS, NY--With a small stable of runners all owned by himself and his brother, 30-year-old trainer Orlando Noda has enjoyed a very strong start to his career on the super-competitive NYRA circuit. He made his first start as a listed conditioner at Aqueduct in March, and has now won five times from 24 tries (21%) while hitting the board with half of his starters. Among those victories have been three at the Saratoga meet, where he's batting 33% with two thirds of those nine runners cracking the trifecta.

A Miami native, Noda inherited his make-it-on-your-own style from his father Jose Noda-Fernandez, an owner/trainer himself who ran third in the 2017 GIII Smile Sprint S. with a 134-1 shot.

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*The sun rises over the misty Oklahoma training track on a cool Monday morning at Saratoga. | Sarah Andrew*

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*Learn about how our joint project with the Keeneland Library and University of Kentucky's Nunn Center for Oral History came to be, and what to expect from it in the coming months.*

**F-T MIDLANTIC FALL YEARLING CATALOGUE ONLINE 6**

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## Life's Work: Seth Hancock

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The whole saga comes flooding back. How his late father, the force of nature that was "Bull" Hancock, had raged when one of the best Claiborne mares not only delivered another damned filly--and so prolonged the wait for a Derby colt--but a filly with one eye. How Tuerta, Spanish for "one-eyed girl," was retained only because she had become the last stakes winner in his father's name. And how her yearling colt by Seattle Slew had gone missing from a paddock one misty morning.

They figured he must have jumped the fence, they called and hollered. And eventually found him asleep, overlooked in a swale. That was the kind of horse he was: all the hoopla of Derby day was never going to bother him.

The joy Hancock felt, when Swale exorcised the farm's Derby curse, was not so much on his own account. At 35, he hoped he might yet get another shot someday. But he exulted for his mother, after all those years of Derby frustration and disappointment shared with Bull; and also for his wonderful partners in the horse.

Now, out of a clear blue sky, Swale was gone forever. He would never become another Bold Ruler, or Nasrullah, or

Princequillo; never become the next link in the chain forged by his father, and his grandfather before him.

"And you're like, 'Damn,'" Hancock says now, looking back across another 35 years. "What am I doing in this thing here? This might be a little rough... But what the hell, I ain't the first that was dealt a bitter pill, and I won't be the last for sure." And I haven't been. LeRoy Jolley said it best: 'This game wasn't meant to be played by people wearing short pants.'"

[Click here](#) to read the whole story, or see the entire 30-minute video [here](#).

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## TDN, KEENELAND LIBRARY, UK, KICK OFF ORAL HISTORY PROJECT

by Sue Finley

About once a quarter I sit down with Christa Marrillia, Keeneland's VP of Marketing, to kick around ideas for the paper, talk about our kids, and, of course, pitch the latest advertising opportunities for Keeneland in the *TDN*. It was during our latest chat over coffee at Keeneland's January Sale that Price Bell stopped by our table to join our brainstorm session.

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Never short on ideas, Price came up with his best ever. "It's too bad that Keeneland isn't still recording the life histories of the prominent people in racing," he said, "so that we'll have them for posterity." For decades, Keeneland had collected video and audio interviews of icons in the industry and preserved them in the Keeneland Library. While Keeneland still occasionally records these testimonials, lack of bandwidth, interviewers and resources had drastically slowed down progress on the project.



**Arthur and Seth Hancock at Claiborne as children**  
*Keeneland Library photo*

After one cup of coffee turned to three, Christa and I had quickly drafted the beginnings of what would become the Life's Work Oral History Project. When considering who to conduct the interviews, there was no better candidate than Chris McGrath, who loves nothing more than a good profile piece of an industry figure.

Over the next few months, we all threw out names, switched from just audio to video, made a long list, then a longer list, stole Chris from his family in England for three weeks, set him up at the cottage at Keeneland and let him run with it. Every day, he and the Keeneland broadcast crew sat down and spent hours with one of the sport's iconic figures--Seth and Arthur Hancock, Gus Koch, John Phillips, Dr. John Chandler, and more: in fact, more than a dozen have been recorded and are in the process of being turned into a multitude of written, oral, video and searchable media products.

The project is a joint collaboration between *TDN*, Keeneland, the Keeneland Library, and the University of Kentucky's Nunn Center for Oral History.

At the *TDN*, we will release them once a month in our *TDN* Look Series, where they will be comprised of a written story, video interview, and podcast. The podcasts will also soon be available through iTunes and Spotify. **Cont. p5**

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SEPTEMBER 13 - SEPTEMBER 29

## POCAHONTAS (GII)

2019 "Win and You're In Juvenile Fillies Division"  
2020 Kentucky Oaks Points Race

Runs Sat., Sept. 14  
\$200,000  
Fillies, Two Years Old

Closes Aug. 31  
(\$200 nomination fee)  
1 1/16 Miles

## IROQUOIS (GIII)

2019 "Win and You're In Juvenile Division"  
2020 Kentucky Derby Points Race

Runs Sat., Sept. 14  
\$200,000  
Two Year Olds

Closes Aug. 31  
(\$200 nomination fee)  
1 1/16 Miles

## LOCUST GROVE (GIII)

Runs Sat., Sept. 14  
\$200,000  
Fillies & Mares, Three Years Old & Up

Closes Aug. 31  
(\$200 nomination fee)  
1 1/16 Miles

## OPEN MIND (Listed)

Runs Sat., Sept. 14  
\$125,000  
Fillies & Mares, Three Years Old & Up

Closes Aug. 31  
(\$125 nomination fee)  
6 Furlongs

## DOGWOOD (Listed)

Runs Sat., Sept. 21  
\$125,000  
Fillies, Three Years Old

Closes Sept. 7  
(\$125 nomination fee)  
7 Furlongs

## ACK ACK (GIII)

Runs Sat., Sept. 28  
\$150,000  
Three Year Olds & Up

Closes Sept. 14  
(\$150 nomination fee)  
1 Mile

## LUKAS CLASSIC (GIII)

Runs Sat., Sept. 28  
\$250,000  
Three Year Olds & Up

Closes Sept. 14  
(\$250 nomination fee)  
1 1/8 Mile

## JEFFERSON CUP (Listed)

Runs Sat., Sept. 28  
\$125,000  
Three Year Olds

Closes Sept. 14  
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1 1/8 Miles Turf

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# 2019 Fall Meet Stakes Schedule

OCTOBER 27 - DECEMBER 1

## \*RAGS TO RICHES OVERNIGHT STAKES

Runs Sun., Oct. 27  
\$120,000  
Fillies, Two Years Old

Closes Oct. 19  
(no nomination fee)  
1 Mile

## \*STREET SENSE OVERNIGHT STAKES

Runs Sun., Oct. 27  
\$120,000  
Two Year Olds

Closes Oct. 19  
(no nomination fee)  
1 Mile

## \*DREAM SUPREME OVERNIGHT STAKES

Runs Fri., Nov. 1  
\$120,000  
Fillies & Mares, Three Years Old & Up

Closes Oct. 26  
(no nomination fee)  
6 Furlongs

## CHILUKKI (GIII)

Runs Sat., Nov. 2  
\$200,000  
Fillies & Mares, Three Years Old & Up

Closes Oct. 19  
(\$200 nomination fee)  
1 Mile

## \*BET ON SUNSHINE OVERNIGHT STAKES

Runs Sat., Nov. 2  
\$120,000  
Three Years Old & Up

Closes Oct. 26  
(no nomination fee)  
6 Furlongs

## COMMONWEALTH TURF (GIII)

Runs Sat., Nov. 9  
\$125,000  
Three Year Olds

Closes Oct. 26  
(\$125 nomination fee)  
1 1/16 Miles Turf

## RIVER CITY (GIII)

Runs Sat., Nov. 16  
\$125,000  
Three Year Olds & Up

Closes Nov. 2  
(\$125 nomination fee)  
1 1/8 Miles Turf

## CARDINAL (GIII)

Runs Thurs., Nov. 28  
\$125,000  
Fillies & Mares, Three Years Old & Up

Closes Nov. 16  
(\$125 nomination fee)  
1 1/8 Miles Turf

## FALLS CITY (GII)

Runs Thurs., Nov. 28  
\$250,000  
Fillies & Mares, Three Years Old & Up

Closes Nov. 16  
(\$250 nomination fee)  
1 1/8 Mile

## MRS. REVERE (GII)

Runs Fri., Nov. 29  
\$300,000  
Fillies, Three Years Old

Closes Nov. 16  
(\$300 nomination fee)  
1 1/16 Miles Turf

## CLARK (GI)

presented by Norton Healthcare

Runs Fri., Nov. 29  
\$500,000  
Three Year Olds & Up

Closes Nov. 16  
(\$300 nomination fee)  
1 1/8 Mile

## STARS OF TOMORROW II

### GOLDEN ROD (GII)

2020 Kentucky Oaks Points Race

Runs Sat., Nov. 30  
\$250,000  
Fillies, Two Years Old

Closes Nov. 16  
(\$250 nomination fee)  
1 1/16 Miles

### KENTUCKY JOCKEY CLUB (GII)

2020 Kentucky Derby Points Race

Runs Sat., Nov. 30  
\$250,000  
Two Year Olds

Closes Nov. 16  
(\$250 nomination fee)  
1 1/16 Miles

\*Pending Approval and Includes KTDf monies

Keeneland, with the Patty Wolfe Media Group, will create a monthly longer Facebook documentary series. And at the Nunn Center, the videos will live in their entirety and be viewable and searchable by the public.

Today, we kick the series off with Seth Hancock. The first section of the interview appears on page one of today's *TDN*, and is [viewable in its entirety in the TDN Look](#).

We hope you enjoy it.

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### ***Noda Out of Nowhere cont. from p1***



**Orlando Noda** | Sarah Andrew

"My dad has always had horses, off and on, just training for himself as an owner," Noda said. "So, we bought a few horses in New Jersey in 2012 and we were racing in that area--Delaware, Pennsylvania, Charles Town. We were based at Westhampton Farm and that's where I learned to gallop. My brother [Jonathan] and I were just taking advice from my dad over the phone. That's how we started."

From that initial group of horses, Noda kept one mare, Bfit (The Cliff's Edge), who he sent to Joe Pickerell and Courtney Roberts at Pick View LLC in Ocala to be bred. Noda soon headed to Ocala himself to continue his training education.

"When that foal [out of Bfit] was a yearling, I ended up moving to Ocala," he said. "I wanted to see what the big outfits who were breaking babies were doing. I worked for Hartley/DeRenzo and Crupi's New Castle and then I ended up going to work for Mark Casse at his farm. In the summer of 2017, my wife [Melani Cruz] and I ended up coming up to work for Casse in Saratoga for the first time and that really opened my eyes."

What did he learn in his time in Ocala?

"There's definitely a difference between training a baby for the sale, and training them for the racetrack," Noda noted. "I

learned a lot from [the team at Pick View] because they're more of a family operation. They bred my mare, and I worked for them breaking horses, and because they're smaller they were really hands-on with each horse. I learned to really pay attention to the horses and communicate it back to whoever was in charge."

Fittingly, Bfit's first and only foal, **G. T. Sonia** (Brethren), was Noda's first starter. She broke her maiden last month for him at the Spa.

Noda admits that starting out on the NYRA circuit might have been ambitious, but it certainly appears to be paying off.

"Everyone told me, 'No, don't go to New York! It's real tough.' But I wanted to start in the big leagues," he said. "That's where the money is and where you can make a name for yourself."

Noda credits his brother Jonathan, who is in the car business, for financing his dream. Runners for Noda Brothers LLC have earned \$208,672 so far this year.

The brothers' biggest success thus far has been **T Loves a Fight** (Girolamo). Claimed for just \$10,000 out of a fourth-place effort at Belmont in May, the 5-year-old gave Noda his first win two starts later June 13. He successfully climbed the class ladder in his next two outings to cap a three-race win streak in a New York-bred optional claimer at the Spa July 14, and was a close fourth in the John Morrissey S. for state-breds earlier this month. T Loves a Fight was most recently a strong third from far back in a salty open first-level allowance on Travers Day.

"He had back class for sure," said Noda of what caught his eye about T Loves a Fight, who took the Mike Lee S. as a sophomore in 2017. "Physically, he looked the part. He's a sound horse, very class on the track and in the stall--all around. We got him figured out, and he won three in a row for me. It was a dream--he's definitely the horse who put me on the map."



**T Loves a Fight** | Sarah Andrew

But Noda is quick to point out that his early success hasn't simply been the result of one lucky claim: "To have three winners with different horses at Saratoga has shined a little spotlight on me. Lots of people were thinking that I'd just figured out the trick for that one horse, but those other ones helped me show I could do it with others too."

Outside owners have started to take notice. Noda picked up his first client, who sent him a pair of 2-year-olds, after T Loves a Fight won at Saratoga, putting his head count up to 10. He's also found another prospective owner since then, but as is always part of the process when growing a small stable, he must line up more help before he can take on the additional horses.

For now, he'll continue to keep an eye out for potential claims while he tries to build up his client base and workforce.

"I'm trying to do everything," he said. "I know the new stock is what gets you to the big races for 3-year-olds, so of course we'll keep looking to pick up young horses. But I feel there are also good claiming horses here in New York with room for improvement. Some of the big operations here look past some details because they have so many horses... My short-term goal is to be one of the leading trainers at next year's Aqueduct meet. Long term, of course, I'd love to have some stakes horses."

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## FASIG-TIPTON MIDLANTIC FALL YEARLINGS CATALOGUE ONLINE

Fasig-Tipton has catalogued an initial 410 entries for its Midlantic Fall Yearlings Sale, to be held Monday, Sept. 30, and Tuesday, Oct. 1. The sale will be held at the Maryland State Fairgrounds in Timonium, Maryland. Fasig-Tipton will continue to accept supplemental entries for the sale through Sept. 18.

The Monday session will begin at 4 p.m. and offer hips 1-150. The Tuesday session will begin at 10 a.m. and offer hips 151-410, followed by all supplemental entries.

"Midlantic Fall grads have notched more than 180 stakes wins or stakes placings since last year, a strong statistic that all buyers should take notice of," said Midlantic Director of Sales Paget Bennett. "Henley's Joy, winner of this year's GI Belmont Derby, is just the latest top-rung horse to come from this sale, and he is joined on this year's catalogue cover by graded stakes winners in California, Florida, and Canada."

The catalogue may now be viewed [online](#). It will also be available via the equine sales catalogue app. Print catalogues will be available from all Fasig-Tipton offices beginning Sept. 6.

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## TEXAS YEARLING SALE RECORDS GAINS IN AVERAGE, GROSS

The Texas Summer Yearling and Mixed Sale held Monday at Lone Star Park concluded with gains in average and gross receipts. The sale was sponsored by the Texas Thoroughbred Association and Lone Star Park.

In the yearling session, 42 of 65 head sold for a total of \$506,000, which was an increase of 22.1% from last year, when 44 of 82 sold for \$414,300. This year's average came in at \$12,048, up 28% from last year's \$9,416. The median this year dropped to \$5,000 from \$7,750. Buybacks at this year's sale were 35.4% compared to 46.3% last year.

"Even with a smaller catalog this year, it's encouraging that we were able to increase the gross sales along with a big surge in the average," said Tim Boyce, sales director.

Hip 61, a Louisiana-bred colt by Shanghai Bobby, topped the sale after commanding a \$115,000 bid from Summer Grove Farm. The yearling was consigned by Clear Creek Stud LLC, agent.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### PUT SADLER IN HALL OF FAME

First of all, I want to congratulate Shug McGaughey on the Travers win. Shug worked for me when we were both young men starting out and I couldn't be happier for him. Great horseman. Another great horseman, who I have been around since his start, is John Sadler. I moved my stable to California in 1977 and when John started training we shared a barn at Santa Anita. We were together in that barn until I changed careers at the end of 1988 and moved into the bloodstock business. I recognized, immediately, that John was a complete horseman. One of the best that I have been around in my 49 years in this industry. All that he ever lacked was quality stock. When you ran against Sadler you had to have your horse at his best because you knew that his would be. John Sadler belongs in the Hall of Fame. Period.

John Fulton  
Corrientes, Argentina

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**FORCE THE PASS RETIRED, TO STAND IN MARYLAND**

Grade I-winning millionaire **Force the Pass** (Speightstown--Social Queen, by Dynaformer) has been retired from racing and will enter stud in Maryland in 2020 as the property of T.K. Kuegler’s Wasabi Ventures Stallions, LLC, who recently acquired the son of Speightstown from his owner/breeder Richard Santulli. Force the Pass will stand at Louis and Grace Merryman’s Anchor & Hope Farm as Wasabi’s first foray into the stallion business. Kuegler has recently expanded his operation to include more than a dozen broodmares.

“We believe in the health and strength of the Maryland racing and breeding industry and we think Force the Pass offers incredible value to Mid-Atlantic breeders given his combination of race record, pedigree, and physique,” Kuegler said. “We expect to use an aggressive marketing campaign to get 100 mares to the horse in his first season, which will give him every chance to live up to his potential at stud.”

Force the Pass had his breakthrough victory in the GI Belmont Derby Invitational S. in 2015, and he added three other stakes wins in his career, most recently in the Cliff Hanger S. last year at Monmouth. He retires with a record of 21/5-6-5 and earnings of \$1,359,114.

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| 1    | <b>Goldcentcs</b><br><i>(2010) by Into Mischief</i>          | 3  | 5   | 2   | 2   | --   | --   | 110      | 48   | 923,820                   | 3,155,471 |
|      |  | <i>Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY Fee: \$20,000</i>                 |     |     |     |      |      |          |      | <i>Mr. Money</i>          |           |
| 2    | <b>Noble Mission (GB)</b><br><i>(2009) by Galileo (Ire)</i>  | 1  | 1   | 1   | 1   | 1    | 1    | 33       | 7    | 1,739,070                 | 1,970,128 |
|      |  | <i>Stands: Lane's End Farm KY Fee: \$15,000</i>                  |     |     |     |      |      |          |      | <i>Code of Honor</i>      |           |
| 3    | <b>Cairo Prince</b><br><i>(2011) by Pioneerof the Nile</i>   | 3  | 6   | 1   | 1   | --   | --   | 81       | 28   | 422,339                   | 1,967,091 |
|      |  | <i>Stands: Airdrie Stud KY Fee: \$25,000</i>                     |     |     |     |      |      |          |      | <i>Mont Perdu</i>         |           |
| 4    | <b>Central Banker</b><br><i>(2010) by Speightstown</i>       | 2  | 2   | --  | --  | --   | --   | 60       | 27   | 328,350                   | 1,543,540 |
|      |  | <i>Stands: McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds NY Fee: \$7,500</i> |     |     |     |      |      |          |      | <i>Newly Minted</i>       |           |
| 5    | <b>Mucho Macho Man</b><br><i>(2008) by Macho Uno</i>         | 3  | 3   | 1   | 1   | --   | 1    | 52       | 19   | 611,800                   | 1,515,160 |
|      |  | <i>Stands: Adena Springs KY Fee: \$10,000</i>                    |     |     |     |      |      |          |      | <i>Mucho Gusto</i>        |           |
| 6    | <b>Strong Mandate</b><br><i>(2011) by Tiznow</i>             | 2  | 2   | --  | --  | --   | --   | 61       | 34   | 208,250                   | 1,358,803 |
|      |  | <i>Stands: Three Chimneys Farm KY Fee: \$10,000</i>              |     |     |     |      |      |          |      | <i>Gotta Be Strong</i>    |           |
| 7    | <b>Fed Biz</b><br><i>(2009) by Giant's Causeway</i>          | 1  | 6   | --  | 2   | --   | --   | 73       | 26   | 102,427                   | 1,186,915 |
|      |  | <i>Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$10,000</i>                     |     |     |     |      |      |          |      | <i>Bronzed</i>            |           |
| 8    | <b>Cross Traffic</b><br><i>(2009) by Unbridled's Song</i>    | 2  | 5   | 1   | 1   | --   | 1    | 67       | 21   | 269,300                   | 1,121,925 |
|      |  | <i>Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY Fee: \$25,000</i>                 |     |     |     |      |      |          |      | <i>Jaywalk</i>            |           |
| 9    | <b>Will Take Charge</b><br><i>(2010) by Unbridled's Song</i> | --   | 3   | --  | 3   | --   | --   | 54       | 16   | 101,648                   | 1,058,583 |
|      |  | <i>Stands: Three Chimneys Farm KY Fee: \$30,000</i>              |     |     |     |      |      |          |      | <i>Sweet Diane</i>        |           |
| 10   | <b>Verrazano</b><br><i>(2010) by More Than Ready</i>         | --   | 2   | --  | --  | --   | --   | 92       | 27   | 82,200                    | 975,172   |
|      |  | <i>Stands: Ashford Stud KY Fee: \$15,000</i>                     |     |     |     |      |      |          |      | <i>Annie and Caroline</i> |           |
| 11   | <b>Uncaptured</b><br><i>(2010) by Lion Heart</i>             | 1  | 2   | --  | 1   | --   | --   | 59       | 18   | 150,000                   | 782,597   |
|      |  | <i>Stands: Ocala Stud Farm FL Fee: \$6,000</i>                   |     |     |     |      |      |          |      | <i>Bye Bye J</i>          |           |
| 12   | <b>Revolutionary</b><br><i>(2010) by War Pass</i>            | 1  | 1   | --  | --  | --   | --   | 61       | 22   | 84,490                    | 745,257   |
|      |  | <i>Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$5,000</i>                      |     |     |     |      |      |          |      | <i>Saratoga Style</i>     |           |
| 13   | <b>Itsmyluckyday</b><br><i>(2010) by Lawyer Ron</i>          | 1  | 2   | --  | --  | --   | --   | 68       | 25   | 90,675                    | 708,743   |
|      |  | <i>Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY Fee: \$3,500</i>                  |     |     |     |      |      |          |      | <i>Itsmyluckycharm</i>    |           |
| 14   | <b>Can the Man</b><br><i>(2011) by Into Mischief</i>         | 1  | 2   | --  | --  | --   | --   | 52       | 21   | 101,833                   | 678,047   |
|      |  | <i>Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY Fee: \$3,500</i>                  |     |     |     |      |      |          |      | <i>Im Evin Im Leavin</i>  |           |
| 15   | <b>Flashback</b><br><i>(2010) by Tapit</i>                   | --   | --  | --  | --  | --   | --   | 59       | 18   | 51,910                    | 658,615   |
|      |  | <i>Stands: Diamond B Farm PA Fee: \$3,500</i>                    |     |     |     |      |      |          |      | <i>Poker Game</i>         |           |

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|----|---|------------------|---|-----------|----------------|-----|
| 1  | Tuggle  | Point of Entry   | August Dawn Farm                        | Englehart | Ortiz          | 120 |
| 2  | Our Country  | Constitution     | R. A. Hill Stable and Gatsas Stables    | Weaver    | Franco         | 122 |
| 3  | Fly Fly Away  | First Samurai    | Patricia A. Generazio                   | Clement   | Ortiz, Jr.     | 122 |
| 4  | Fighting Seabee   | Summer Front     | Walking L Thoroughbreds, LLC            | McPeck    | Hernandez, Jr. | 122 |
| 5  | Eagerly   | American Pharoah | Michael B. Tabor                        | Pletcher  | Velazquez      | 118 |
| 6  | Jack the Ripper (Fr)  | Dabirsim (Fr)    | James Covello                           | Stidham   | Rosario        | 122 |
| 7  | Andesite  | The Factor       | Spellman, Kent and Madaket Stables, LLC | Cox       | Castellano     | 122 |
| 8  | Field Pass  | Lemon Drop Kid   | Three Diamonds Farm                     | Maker     | Saez           | 122 |

**Breeders:** 1-R. Keith Long, 2-WinStar Farm, LLC, 3-Patricia Generazio, 4-Gestut Zur Kuste AG, 5-Chelston, 6-E.A.R.L. Elevage de Kezeg & FeliciaLaslau, 7-Stoneway Farm, 8-Mark Brown Grier



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**IN ORDER OF PURSE:**

**1st-Presque Isle Downs, \$29,250, (S), Msw, 8-26, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f (AWT), 1:12.44, ft.**

**DAWLISH (f, 3, English Channel--Warm Glow {SP}, by Sky Classic),** the lone first-starter in a field of five, showed a fair bit of determination to get the job done in her career debut. The narrow betting favorite over the much more experienced Daisies of May (Misbah)--both were off at 8-5--Dawlish was taken up a few strides out of the gates and raced near the back of the quintet early on. Gifted a two-path run when Next Investment (More Smoke) bore out entering the lane, Dawlish poked her head in front of pacesetting Daisies of May at the sixteenth pole and held sway by a half-length. The Sheppard homebred is a half to the 2-year-old gelding Blushed (Munnings) and a yearling filly by Temple City. Warm Glow was most recently bred to Redeemed. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$18,000.

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O/B/T-Jonathan E Sheppard (PA).

**7th-Finger Lakes, \$26,500, Msw, 8-26, 2yo, f, 5 1/2f, 1:07.56, ft.**

**SHANGHAINESS (f, 2, Shanghai Bobby--Stonely Heart, by Bustin Stones)** breezed a bullet five furlongs from the gate Aug. 7 and took plenty of pari-mutuel play to be off at 4-1, a third of her morning line. Hustled along by Oscar Gomez through the opening furlong, the New York-bred opened up on her rivals on the turn, switched her leads on cue three-sixteenths from home and was punched out to score by a convincing 3 3/4 lengths. The winner's dam, who RNAd for \$32,000 carrying this filly in utero at Keeneland January in 2017, is a full-sister to GSW Hot Stones and produced a colt in 2018 already named Strong Lil Kokoro (Japan). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$15,900. **Click for the**

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O-Roddy J Valente & Darlene Bilinski; B-Jerry Bilinski, Roddy Valente & Charles Casale (NY); T-Paul W Barrow.

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**IN JAPAN:**

**Paris Tesoro, f, 3, Declaration of War--**Patricias Prospect, by A.P. Indy. Niigata, 8-24, Maiden (\$90k), 6f. Lifetime Record: 6-1-1-2, \$103,333. O-Kenji Ryotokuji Holdings; B-A. Bayle, C Bigheart, S Gross et al; T-Takashi Kanari. \*1/2 to Tweeting (Uncle Mo), SP, \$151,760.

**IN SOUTH KOREA:**

**Moonhak Ekati, c, 2, Tale of Ekati--**Indy's Million, by A.P. Indy. Seoul, 8-24, Hcp. (\$49k), 1300m. B-Charles Fipke (KY). \*\$20,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP.

**Jouniga, f, 3, Goldencents--**Dixie Stamp, by Dixie Union. Seoul, 8-25, Hcp. (\$62k), 1900m. B-Fedai Kahraman (KY). \*\$20,000 Wlg '16 KEENOV; \$17,000 2yo '18 OBSAPR.

**Thunder Blade, c, 3, Tale of Ekati--**Regally Bred, by A.P. Indy. Seoul, 8-25, Hcp. (\$91k), 1600m. B-Calumet Farm (KY). \*\$20,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP.

**East Palos, c, 4, To Honor and Serve--**Silver Charades (GSW, \$250,645), by Broad Brush. Seoul, 8-25, Hcp. (\$91k), 1400m. B-Donnarra Thoroughbreds LLC (FL). \*\$45,000 2yo '17 OBSAPR.

**IN CHILE:**

**Switly, c, 3, Scat Daddy--**Swerve (GB), by Oasis Dream (GB). Club Hipico, 8-23, Maiden, 1300mT. B-Don Alberto Corporation (KY). **VIDEO**

**Ganame Si Puedes, h, 5, Frankel (GB)--**Glamour and Style, by Dynaformer. Club Hipico, 8-26, Hcp., 1600mT. B-Don Alberto Corporation (KY). \*Foaled Southern Hemisphere time. **VIDEO**

**IN PERU:**

**Loving Affair, f, 3, Discreet Cat--**Private Affair (Per) (Ch. Grass Mare, GSW & MG1SP-Per, G1SP-Arg, SW-US, \$212,003), by Privately Held. Monterrico, 8-23, Maiden, 1000m. B-Don Alberto Corporation (KY). \*1ST TIME STARTER. \*\*\$29,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP. **VIDEO**

 **Hip 954-Half-sis sells at KeeSep with Paramount Sales** 

**IN PANAMA:**

**Carmen's Sense, f, 2, Street Sense--**Carmen's Mystery (SP), by War Front. Presidente Remon, 8-25, Maiden, 1100m. B-Don Alberto Corporation (KY). \*1ST TIME STARTER. \*\*\$17,000 RNA Ylg '18 KEESEP. **VIDEO**



**Mr. Gao**, c, 2, **Tapiture**--Cape Town Queen, by Johannesburg. Presidente Remon, 8-25, Maiden, 1100m. B-T J Loafman DVM (OK). \*11th winner for freshman sire (by Tapit). \*\$15,000 Ylg '18 KEEJAN; \$19,000 RNA Ylg '18 FTKJUL; \$2,700 Ylg '18 FTKOCT. **VIDEO**

**Always Hope**, c, 3, **Goldencents**--Swampoodle, by Broken Vow. Presidente Remon, 8-25, Clasico Appucapa, 1200m. B-Ellen B Kill Kelley (KY). \*1/2 to Dolkong (Afleet Alex), SW & G1SP-UAE, SW-Kor. \*\*\$2,000 Ylg '17 FTKOCT. **VIDEO**

#### IN RUSSIA:

**Great Winner**, c, 2, **Karakontie (Jpn)**--Lateen, by Henrythenavigator. Central Moscow Hippodrome, 8-25, 2YO Grand Prix (NBT), 1600m. B-Silver Springs Stud LLC (KY). \*\$10,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP. **VIDEO**

**Hip 4581: Full sis sells at KEESEP with VINERY SALES**

**Henry Ride**, h, 5, **Candy Ride (Arg)**--Dean Henry (SW, \$121,287), by Empire Maker. Central Moscow Hippodrome, 8-25, Minister of Agriculture of Russian Federation S. (NBT), 3200m. B-Larry Goichman (NY). \*\$27,000 RNA Ylg '15 KEESEP. **VIDEO**

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#### IN JAPAN:

**Durable (Jpn)**, f, 3, **Curlin**--Hurricane Flag, by Storm Cat. Kokura, 8-25, Allowance (\$134k), 8.5f. Lifetime Record: 7-2-2-1, \$169,524. O-Lord Horse Club; B-K. I. Farm; T-Mitsumasa Nakauchida. \*\$530,000 in utero '15 FTKNOV. **VIDEO**

#### IN CHILE:

**Azucar Rubia (Chi)**, f, 2, **Competitive Edge**--Visit Copenhagen, by Speightstown. Club Hipico, 8-26, Maiden, 1000mT. B-Haras Dona Icha. \*1ST TIME STARTER. \*\*10th winner for freshman sire (by Super Saver). \*\*\*\$32,000 in utero '16 KEENOV. **VIDEO**



#### FIRST-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: TUESDAY, AUGUST 27

**Commissioner** (A.P. Indy), WinStar Farm, \$7,500  
94 foals of racing age/8 winners/0 black-type winners  
5-Retama, Msw 7 1/2fT, VIV, 9-5  
\$3,000 TTA MIX yrl

**Daredevil** (More Than Ready), WinStar Farm, \$7,500  
80 foals of racing age/3 winners/1 black-type winner  
6-Indiana Grand, Msw 5 1/2f, DUNWOODY, 12-1

**Dr Disco** (Disco Rico)  
1 foal of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners  
6-Finger Lakes, Msw 5 1/2f, THE DR'S SLIPPERS, 20-1

**Karakontie (Jpn)** (Bernstein), Gainesway Farm, \$10,000  
88 foals of racing age/3 winners/1 black-type winner  
5-Retama, Msw 7 1/2fT, VIVA CAT, 20-1  
RNA KEE SEP yrl

**Liam's Map** (Unbridled's Song), Lane's End Farm, \$20,000  
114 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners  
6-Indiana Grand, Msw 5 1/2f, LIAM'S TEMPEST, 6-1  
\$65,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$47,000 EAS MAY 2yo  
6-Prairie Meadows, Msw 5 1/2f, TIFFANY'S GAL, 7-2

**Pataky Kid** (Rockport Harbor), Swifty Farms, \$1,500  
3 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners  
8-Indiana Grand, Msw 5 1/2f, HELP ME OUT, 9-2  
\$9,000 FTK OCT yrl

**Sky Kingdom** (Empire Maker), Darby Dan Farm, \$5,000  
49 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners  
6-Prairie Meadows, Msw 5 1/2f, CALLHERMRSGELNER, 12-1  
\$1,500 KEE SEP yrl

**Tonalist** (Tapit), Lane's End Farm, \$15,000  
96 foals of racing age/6 winners/0 black-type winners  
6-Indiana Grand, Msw 5 1/2f, GLAMOUR GIRL, 3-1  
\$100,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$140,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl

#### SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: TUESDAY, AUGUST 27

**Honorable Dillon** (Tapit), Rockridge Stud, \$4,000  
107 foals of racing age/21 winners/0 black-type winners  
6-Finger Lakes, Msw 5 1/2f, HONORABLE AVENUE, 10-1  
6-Finger Lakes, Msw 5 1/2f, HONOR THY SECRET, 20-1

**Revolutionary (War Pass), WinStar Farm, \$5,000**  
 149 foals of racing age/35 winners/3 black-type winners  
 6-Indiana Grand, Msw 5 1/2f, LUCILLE OF TROY, 30-1  
 \$3,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl



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**6th-Delaware, \$40,025**, Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 8-26, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:38.12, ft.

**OUR SUPER FREAK (f, 3, Mineshaft--Thatcher, by Giant's Causeway)** Lifetime Record: MSP, 15-3-5-4, \$182,390. O-Jagger Inc; B-Gary & Mary West Stables Inc. (KY); T-Jamie Ness. \*\$5,000 Ylg '17 FTKOCT; \$17,000 2yo '18 EASMAY.

**8th-Thistledown, \$31,800**, (S), 8-26, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:14.00, ft.

**SHACK'S SWEETIE (f, 3, Shackleford--Bumba Bumba, by Majestic Warrior)** Lifetime Record: 7-2-2-1, \$54,646. O-Keys to Riches Stable; B-Michael L Winings (OH); T-Shane Meyers. \*\$15,000 Ylg '17 PEDOH.

**8th-Finger Lakes, \$21,000**, 8-26, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:05.90, ft.

**BUSTIN SHOUT (g, 3, Bustin Stones--Lucy Dubai, by E Dubai)** Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-1, \$38,505. O/B-Roddy J Valente (NY); T-Paul W Barrow.

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**4th-Finger Lakes, \$21,100**, 8-26, (NW3L), 3yo/up, 1m 70y, 1:46.06, ft.

**PADDY ALL DAY (g, 3, Posse--Dance Kuntakete, by Dance Brightly)** Lifetime Record: 8-3-2-1, \$56,520. O-TLC Thoroughbreds; B-Joemar Racing Stables LLC (NY); T-Daniel H Conway Jr. \*\$1,000 RNA Wlg '16 FTNMIX.

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**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Halostar, g, 3, Star Guitar--J Lo's Halo, by Sunny's Halo.** Louisiana Downs, 8-26, (S), 1m 70y, 1:45.01. B-Love Partnership Interests LP (LA). \*\$2,200 RNA Ylg '17 ESLMIX; \$14,000 2yo '18 EQL2YO.

**Coldwater, f, 4, Hold Me Back--High Cholesterol (GSP), by Until Sundown.** Del Mar, 8-25, (C), 1 1/16mT, 1:42.24. B-Janavar Thoroughbreds LLC (KY). \*1/2 to Giftorm (War Pass), GSW-Swe, MGSP-Nor, \$341,363.



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**BUSTIN STONES, Bustin Shout, g, 3, o/o Lucy Dubai, by E Dubai.** ALW, 8-26, Finger Lakes

**ENGLISH CHANNEL, Dawlish, f, 3, o/o Warm Glow, by Sky Classic.** MSW, 8-26, Presque Isle Downs

**HOLD ME BACK, Coldwater, f, 4, o/o High Cholesterol, by Until Sundown.** MCL, 8-25, Del Mar

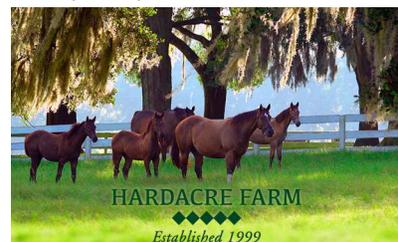
**MINESHAFT, Our Super Freak, f, 3, o/o Thatcher, by Giant's Causeway.** AOC, 8-26, Delaware

**POSSE, Paddy All Day, g, 3, o/o Dance Kuntakete, by Dance Brightly.** ALW, 8-26, Finger Lakes

**SHACKLEFORD, Shack's Sweetie, f, 3, o/o Bumba Bumba, by Majestic Warrior.** ALW, 8-26, Thistledown

**SHANGHAI BOBBY, Shanghainess, f, 2, o/o Stonely Heart, by Bustin Stones.** MSW, 8-26, Finger Lakes

**STAR GUITAR, Halostar, g, 3, o/o J Lo's Halo, by Sunny's Halo.** MSW, 8-26, Louisiana Downs



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## GOFFS UK SET FOR HOT START TO YEARLING SEASON



Karl Burke, trainer of poster girl Laurens, inspecting yearlings at Goffs

By Emma Berry

If trade is anywhere near as hot as the roasting temperatures across England this bank holiday weekend then the team at Goffs UK will doubtless be delighted. Rain or shine, there's every reason to expect that the British yearling sales season should get off to a positive start when the two-day Premier Sale opens for business at 10 a.m. today (Tuesday), followed by Thursday's Silver Sale. The first test of the European season as a whole came in Deauville and results were better than expected, leading to record figures in almost all sectors. Admittedly, Arqana's August Sale and the Goffs UK Premier Sale say rather different things on the tin but if the aim is to buy a racehorse who will take you places then there are at least three very good reasons why the sale yards were packed ahead of the start of the sale: Advertise (GB), A'Ali (Ire) and Daahyeh (GB). Readers will have varying views on whether the obsession with Royal Ascot is good or bad but few owners would turn down the chance to don a nice hat and head to Berkshire with a live chance in mid-June-witness the popularity of the unique boutique that is the Goffs London Sale-but arguably it is the company's Doncaster outlet which has done the best job of providing winners in this sphere for an international client base.

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## THE WEEKLY WRAP: YORK AT ITS FINEST

By Daithi Harvey

For this correspondent last week's York Ebor Festival was definitely the most memorable one since Frankel (GB) breezed home by seven lengths in the G1 Juddmonte International in 2012. The meeting is a credit to the York team, headed by William Derby and it isn't a surprise that the venue was chosen to babysit Royal Ascot in 2005 when Ascot was being redeveloped. Last week was a journalist's benefit with so many heartwarming moments to latch on to and in similar fashion to that famous Juddmonte silk bearer in 2005 when the crowds were ten deep to catch a glimpse of Frankel, a captive audience arrived on Thursday to most likely say their farewells to Khalid Abdullah's exceptional homebred Enable (GB) (Nathaniel {Ire}).

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**Goffs UK Cont. from p1**

Advertise (GB) (Showcasing {GB}), bought at the Premier Sale two years ago by Dermot Farrington for £60,000, has been a terrific flag-bearer for the early days of the Phoenix Thoroughbred racing operation and he converted his G2 Coventry S. second place to victory in this year's G1 Commonwealth Cup—one of his three wins at the highest level. The 3-year-old's success was backed up by two juveniles bought from last year's sale. A'Ali (Ire) (Society Rock {Ire}), a £135,000 purchase for Shaikh Duaj Al Khalifa, landing the G2 Norfolk S. and going on to win the G2 Prix Robert Papin, while Daahyeh (GB) (Bated Breath {GB}) took out the G3 Albany S. for HH SH Nasser Bin Hamad Al Khalifa after being selected by Oliver St Lawrence for £75,000.

Laurens (Fr) (Siyouni {Fr}) may have been headed at York on Saturday but she has continued to be the most regal of poster girls for a sale that has had a decidedly up-and-coming feel to it over the last five years. During that time, turnover has increased from £15,512,500 to £19,066,5000, with top prices also rising, from £230,000 to last year's record sum for a Gleneagles (Ire) colt of £380,000.

The record-holding vendor is Newsells Park Stud, which routinely has a sizeable draft for the Tattersalls October Sale and brings a select bunch to Doncaster most years.

"I know that most people will realise that we don't have the most precocious of broodmare bands. We try to breed Classic horses and horses that maybe stay a bit further, but it's a good sale and the guys here are trying to widen the spectrum of horses that suit this sale and if we become too narrow about where we go it's probably not too healthy," said Newsells Park's managing director Julian Dollar as brothers Joseph and Donnacha O'Brien inspected members of his consignment on Monday afternoon.

A strong Irish contingent, along with plenty of British trainers, and a few notable new faces from France, such as Henri-Francois Devin, ensured that despite the heat there was no lull in proceedings on the eve of the sale.

Dollar continued, "It's been pretty busy. We had some horses getting over 50 looks yesterday, which I always think is good for yearlings. With foals you can get 70 or even more but to get 50-plus looks on a yearling is pretty healthy. The results of the sale have been good and there are plenty of people here. If you're coming over from France or Ireland, the euro is strong and the pound is weak, so it must make buying horses in the UK good for people outside the UK, and it's probably the best value for those owners and trainers based in the UK."

A knee replacement operation has not slowed down agent Bobby O'Ryan as he patrolled the sales ground with his son Mouse and cousin Robin.



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A Doncaster stalwart, O'Ryan was full of praise for the yearlings he has been perusing over the last few days and said, "There's a really nice bunch of horses here, probably the best I've ever seen at this sale. The days of the little sharp 2-year-old are gone."

Goffs UK's managing director Tony Williams admitted that the focus has shifted slightly when it comes to catalogue compilation.

"I keep hearing the old 'Donny 2-year-old type' quote and, make no mistake, a lot of these horses are 2-year-old types, but there are 2-year-old types who can go on to be good sprinters, and in addition to that there are sprinter-miler types," he said. "There are not many here who could stretch out to be stayers—predominantly they are sprinter-milers—and I think the level of stock has really risen."

He continued, "Across the board when you go and have a look at them, they seem to be a really nice bunch of horses and everyone who is looking is saying that. I don't know whether we can achieve the top price that we did last year but I've seen a lot of horses you should make six figures, many more than they were last year. I always think if the first sale of the year—no matter where it is or what level it's at—if it kicks off well it sets it for the rest of the year."

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"The Arqana sale was really good, but from our perspective, there were a lot of English trainers missing and they are here. The boys have done a fantastic job putting the catalogue together and we have worked hard to get buyers here. Every year we work hard trying to do that but it seems to be falling into place now and we've had such a good year on a track, not only the Premier Sale but also with the Silver Sale. Last year our Premier average was around £45,000 and I'd like to see that take another leap forward. If we could turn over more than £20 million I'd be really pleased. One never knows until it's over but it all has the right feel."

After withdrawals, 450 yearlings are set to be put through the ring for the Premier Sale over the next two days. They include lot 319, Highclere Stud's half-brother to another graduate of the sale, the G2 Qatar Richmond S. winner Golden Horde (GB) (Lethal Force {Ire}), from the first crop of Mehmas (Ire). In a catalogue with a strong representation from the freshman sires, Mehmas is joined by Adaay (Ire), Ajaya (GB), Awtaad (Ire), Belardo (Ire), Bobby's Kitten, Buratino (Ire), Charming Thought (GB), Coulsty (Ire), Estidhkaar (Ire), Fascinating Rock (Ire), Kodi Bear (Ire), Markaz (Ire), New Bay (GB), Pearl Secret (GB), Pride Of Dubai (Aus), Prince Of Lir (Ire), Territories (Ire), The Gurkha (Ire), The Last Lion (Ire), Twilight Son (GB), Vadamos (Fr), all of whom have members of their first crop for sale, as well as the debutant who led his peers at Arqana's August Sale, Shalaa (Ire).

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The brilliant mare is likely the only horse to have rendered Frankie Dettori almost speechless and her effort in beating Magical (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) in the G1 Darley Yorkshire Oaks--herself a top notch filly whose misfortune it was to be dispatched by Enable for the fourth time--was arguably as good as any performance she has posted. Furthermore with John Gosden alluding to the fact the race was more of a prep rather than an objective, the build up to Paris on Oct. 6 is going to be nail-biting. International racing really has been spoiled in the last decade to have borne witness to some truly outstanding Thoroughbred athletes, both male and female, and the powers that be at ParisLongchamp will need to double down on their efforts to cater for the throng of supporters that are likely to travel from both Britain and Ireland to, hopefully, see Enable land an historic third Arc. While Enable took the lion's share of the headlines, York also saw Ballydoyle's Japan (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) emerge as a contender for the title of leading 3-year-old colt in Europe, especially as his immediate victim in the Juddmonte International was Crystal Ocean (GB) (Sea The Stars {Ire}), who held the mantle of the world's highest rated horse pre-race.



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|-----|-----|--|---------|-----------|-------------------------|
| 2   | c   | Footstepsinthesand x Ondeafoars        | 43,000  | GOFNOV    | P Flannery              |
| 4   | c   | Dandy Man x Overheard                  | 36,000  | GOFFEB    | P Collier               |
| 6   | c   | Prince of Lir x Paper Dreams           | 9,500   | TATIRENOV | J Foley                 |
| 7   | c   | Awtaad x Passaggio                     | 65,000  | GOFNOV    | Josh B BS               |
| 9   | c   | Showcasing x Perfect Alchemy           | 52,000  | GOFNOV    | WH BS                   |
| 15  | c   | Adaay x Place In My Heart              | 180,000 | TATDEC    | Jamie Railton           |
| 16  | c   | Dandy Man x Plus Ca Change             | 65,000  | GOFNOV    | Howson & Houldsworth BS |
| 18  | c   | Mayson x Porcelain                     | 17,000  | TATDEC    | Vendor                  |
| 23  | c   | Shalaa x Present Danger                | 50,000  | TATDEC    | Yeomanstown Stud        |
| 27  | c   | Sepoy x Promesse de L'Aube             | 12,000  | GOFNOV    | Abbeville Stud          |
| 34  | c   | Dandy Man x Quintessenz                | 27,000  | TATDEC    | Oaks Farm Stables       |
| 36  | c   | Dandy Man x Ragtime Dancer             | 24,000  | GOFNOV    | Ballyhane Stud          |
| 37  | c   | Mehmas x Rahlah                        | 23,000  | TATDEC    | Tom Whelan              |
| 42  | c   | Toronado x Reaf                        | 15,000  | TATDEC    | Chance BS               |
| 44  | c   | Dandy Man x Read Ivy                   | 27,000  | GOFNOV    | Monday BS               |
| 45  | c   | Mayson x Regal Velvet                  | 15,000  | TATDEC    | Ballinvana House Stud   |
| 48  | c   | Mayson x Resist                        | 6,500   | GUKDEC    | Compas Equine           |
| 49  | f   | Night of Thunder x Rio Cobra           | 20,000  | GOFNOV    | Avenue BS               |
| 53  | c   | Due Diligence x River Song             | 8,000   | TATDEC    | Federico Barberini      |
| 57  | c   | Twilight Son x Roslea Lady             | 20,000  | TATDEC    | Richard Knight BS Agent |
| 59  | f   | Awtaad x Royal Blush                   | 21,000  | TATDEC    | Vendor                  |
| 61  | c   | Pride of Dubai x Royal Guinevere       | 22,000  | GOFNOV    | Tally Ho Stud           |
| 62  | c   | Mehmas x Royal Majestic                | 57,000  | GOFNOV    | Tally Ho Stud           |
| 66  | f   | Gutaifan x Rush                        | 34,000  | TATDEC    | Yeomanstown Stud        |
| 67  | f   | Tamayuz x Saajidah                     | 12,000  | GOFNOV    | Emerald BS              |
| 70  | f   | Charm Spirit x Sally                   | 14,000  | TATDEC    | Hugo Merry BS           |
| 72  | c   | No Nay Never x Sapphire Diva           | 65,000  | GOFNOV    | Yeomanstown Stud        |
| 73  | f   | Shalaa x Sarlisa                       | 70,000  | TATDEC    | Vendor                  |
| 76  | f   | The Last Lion x Saxon Princess         | 800     | TATDEC    | KA Kirk                 |
| 79  | f   | Lope de Vega x School Run              | 35,000  | GOFNOV    | A Mackeviciute          |
| 81  | c   | Gleneagles x Sea Chanter               | 70,000  | GOFNOV    | Vendor                  |
| 88  | c   | Holy Roman Emperor x Serafina's Flight | 38,000  | TATDEC    | A Conway                |
| 90  | c   | Coulsty x Shagwa                       | 15,000  | GOFNOV    | H & H BS                |
| 93  | c   | Fast Company x Shama's Song            | 36,000  | GOFNOV    | Lynn Lodge Stud         |
| 105 | c   | Twilight Son x Signs And Signals       | 27,000  | GOFNOV    | Vendor                  |
| 113 | c   | New Bay x Sister Dam's                 | 32,000  | GOFNOV    | Rosetown BS             |

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| 114 | c   | Estidhkaar x Skeleton             | 80,000 | TATDEC    | Yeomanstown Stud        |
| 118 | f   | Shalaa x Snowy Amour              | 40,000 | ARQDEC    | M O'Toole               |
| 120 | c   | New Bay x Soteria                 | 60,000 | TATIRENOV | Powerstown Stud         |
| 121 | c   | Kodiac x Sound Asleep             | 62,000 | GOFNOV    | Cooneen Stud            |
| 123 | f   | Pearl Secret x Speed Princess     | 23,000 | GUKDEC    | Creighton Schwartz BS   |
| 126 | f   | Flintshire x Spinamiss            | 40,000 | GOFNOV    | Blandford BS            |
| 130 | c   | Dandy Man x Springfort            | 35,000 | GOFNOV    | Redpender Stud          |
| 131 | c   | Dark Angel x Stacey mac           | 80,000 | GOFFEB    | Yeomanstown Stud        |
| 132 | c   | Dandy Man x Star Bonita           | 35,000 | GOFFEB    | Howson & Houldsworth BS |
| 134 | f   | Showcasing x Starbotton           | 62,000 | GOFNOV    | M O'Toole               |
| 135 | f   | Dragon Pulse x Starbright         | 35,000 | GOFNOV    | Manister House Stud     |
| 136 | c   | No Nay Never x Starlight Princess | 65,000 | GOFNOV    | Glenvale Stud           |
| 138 | c   | Garswood x Stoneacre Sarah        | 28,000 | TATDEC    | W & E Ventures          |
| 141 | f   | Night of Thunder x Street Kitty   | 12,000 | TATIRENOV | GHS BS                  |
| 144 | c   | New Bay x Sudu Queen              | 25,000 | GOFNOV    | Incitatus BS            |
| 149 | f   | Kodiac x Sutton Veny              | 40,000 | TATDEC    | Vendor                  |
| 150 | c   | Camacho x Swan Sea                | 28,000 | GOFNOV    | 5 Star BS               |
| 157 | c   | Maxios x Tassina                  | 15,000 | TATDEC    | Corbin Blumberg         |
| 160 | f   | Charm Spirit x Thankful           | 35,000 | TATDEC    | Jamie Railton           |
| 163 | c   | The Last Lion x Throne            | 39,000 | GOFNOV    | Andray & Ihor BS        |
| 165 | c   | Markaz x Tooley Woods             | 26,000 | GOFNOV    | Nikita Investments      |
| 166 | c   | Showcasing x Top of The Art       | 36,000 | GOFNOV    | Blandford BS            |
| 170 | c   | Mehmas x Truly Magnificent        | 8,000  | TATDEC    | Five Star BS            |
| 172 | f   | No Nay Never x Two Pass           | 34,000 | GOFNOV    | Ballyhimikin Stud       |
| 178 | c   | Pride of Dubai x Vibe Queen       | 22,000 | GOFNOV    | L James                 |
| 184 | c   | Mehmas x Walaaa                   | 16,000 | TATDEC    | Yeomanstown Stud        |
| 186 | c   | Elzaam x Well Done Me             | 11,000 | GOFNOV    | Ballyhane Stud          |
| 187 | f   | Kodiac x Well Focused             | 52,000 | GOFNOV    | LDA BS                  |
| 189 | c   | Fascinating Rock x Why Now        | 37,000 | GOFNOV    | Blandford BS            |
| 190 | c   | Camacho x Wider World             | 10,000 | TATIRENOV | LTM BS                  |
| 191 | c   | Adaay x Winifred Jo               | 19,000 | TATDEC    | Whitsbury Manor Stud    |
| 193 | c   | Bated Breath x Wish You Luck      | 14,000 | TATDEC    | A Conway                |
| 195 | c   | Mayson x With Charm               | 16,000 | TATDEC    | Paula Flannery          |
| 196 | c   | The Last Lion x Wizz Up           | 60,000 | TATDEC    | Jeremy Brummitt         |
| 198 | c   | Acclamation x Xema                | 85,000 | TATDEC    | Rathbarry Stud          |
| 199 | c   | Holy Roman Emperor x Xinji        | 21,000 | GOFNOV    | Ballyhane Stud          |
| 201 | c   | Estidhkaar x Yasmin Satine        | 8,000  | TATIRENOV | H Dutfield              |

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| 202 | c   | Pride of Dubai x Yeah Baby    | 37,000 | GOFNOV | Oaks Farm             |
| 203 | f   | Kodiac x Zallerina            | 15,000 | TATDEC | Vendor                |
| 206 | c   | The Last Lion x Adalawa       | 10,000 | TATDEC | Vendor                |
| 213 | f   | Shalaa x Al Mas               | 30,000 | ARQDEC | F Barberini           |
| 217 | c   | Brazen Beau x Almond Branches | 27,000 | TATDEC | GHS BS                |
| 218 | c   | Twilight Son x Alsium         | 45,000 | TATDEC | Peter & Ross Doyle BS |
| 222 | f   | Siyouni x Anneli              | 80,000 | GOFNOV | Vendor                |
| 223 | c   | Awtaad x Aoife Alainn         | 65,000 | GOFFEB | B O'Ryan              |
| 224 | c   | Mehmas x Aqlette              | 14,000 | GOFNOV | Beechvale Stud        |
| 226 | c   | Brazen Beau x Ardbrae Tara    | 10,000 | TATDEC | Vendor                |
| 232 | c   | Kodi Bear x Atlas Silk        | 22,000 | GOFNOV | Glenville BS          |
| 236 | c   | Dandy Man x Azhar             | 48,000 | TATDEC | George Mullins BS     |
| 239 | c   | Territories x Balance         | 70,000 | TATDEC | Tally-Ho Stud         |
| 240 | c   | Markaz x Balladiene           | 25,000 | TATDEC | Yeomanstown Stud      |

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Interestingly, few of the pundits gave Japan much of a chance of beating Crystal Ocean, siding instead with the Sir Michael Stoute ‘being a genius with an older horse’ theory and rather forgetting that Aidan O’Brien doesn’t do too bad a job either with 3-year-old colts. The win also sets up the slightly unusual situation in the Irish Champion S. at Leopardstown where Japan will be representing Ireland and Deirdre (Jpn) (Harbinger {GB}) will be representing Japan. Further ahead the Arc will also obviously be on the agenda for Japan but beyond that the Breeders’ Cup could be an option. The Juddmonte is a ‘Win and You’re In’ race, not for the GI Breeders’ Cup Turf as one might expect but for the Classic. Team Ballydoyle have long made it known the Classic is a race they would dearly love to win and they may just have been granted an invitation that is hard to turn down.

**The Kings of Stamina and Speed**

The theory that some racing fans prefer jumps racing to flat racing because the equine stars appear year in year out over jumps appears to have little basis when you consider the likes of Friday’s G2 Lonsdale Cup winner Stradivarius (Ire) (Sea The Stars {Ire}). Bjorn Nielsen’s homebred is now in his fourth season racing and with a bit of luck he has a few more years left in him.

The double million pound bonus winner has such a high cruising speed that he rarely seems to be under pressure in a race and his potent turn of foot means that he tends to be only flat out for a furlong or two. He also doesn’t do a stroke when he invariably hits the front and such a run style has almost certainly contributed to his longevity to date and will hopefully see the 5-year-old maintain his stranglehold at the head of the stayers division for a few more years. Though judging by Nielsen’s ‘lump in throat’ moment when interviewed after the race the journey this efficient and relentless machine of a horse is taking him and his family on is proving quite emotional. On the opposite end of the distance spectrum Battaash (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}) finally laid his York hoodoo at the third attempt when blitzing his rivals in the G1 Nunthorpe S. After about a furlong it was clear to see that Battaash was on going day whereas chief market rival Ten Sovereigns (Ire) (No Nay Never) was finding the drop back to the minimum trip a bit too much and the smile on Jim Crowley’s face in the last hundred yards certainly backed up his post-race comments about enjoying the ride. It was also great to see Battaash’s long suffering groom Bob Grace there to enjoy the moment. Battaash hasn’t always been the easiest to deal with, hence the gelding operation as a 2-year-old, but the patience and attention to detail shown by Grace and Charlie Hills towards Battaash and his quirks has certainly paid off.



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Now that the speedster has mellowed a bit in his fourth season of competitive action, hopefully, we can be treated to similar displays of raw speed for years to come.

### Parkin Looking To The Future

The runner up in the Nunthorpe Soldier's Call (GB) (Showcasing {GB}) deserves plenty of credit and his owner Steve Parkin enjoyed a memorable week at his local Knavesmire. It all kicked off for Parkin and his band of merry men when Living In The Past (Ire) (Bungle Inthejungle {GB}) landed the G2 Lowther S. for trainer Karl Burke on Thursday. Parkin had won the Lowther with Rosdhu Queen (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) in 2012 and since then he has invested considerably in building a powerful string of horses with the help of his close friend Joe Foley. Foley's good judgement was highlighted by Living In The Past, a €65,000 yearling purchase at the Sportsman's Sale at Goffs last year. Her success was also a fine boost for breeders Newlands House Stud who will offer a full-sister to Living In The Past as lot 588 in the Sportsman's in October. Parkin's week also finished on a high when one of his stalwarts Suedois (Fr) (Le Havre {Ire}), who he owns with George Turner, landed a maiden British win in the G3 Supreme S. at Goodwood on Sunday.



Footstepsinthesand (GB) | Coolmore

The David O'Meara trained 8-year-old has now won group races in France, Ireland, America and England.

### Hannon Steps Up With His Juveniles

The handful of vendors at Goffs UK this week with yearlings on offer by Coolmore sire Footstepsinthesand (GB) will be on good terms with themselves after the stallion was responsible for two top notch performances by 2-year-old colts at York. Mums Tipple (GB) simply spread-eagled the opposition in the £300,000 Goffs UK Premier Yearling S. pulling farther and farther clear and looking like a man amongst boys. Peter and Ross Doyle have found some gems at Doncaster over the years, the fellow Hannon trained Canford Cliffs (Ire) springs to mind and their purchase of Mums Tipple for £45,000 last year looks some gift for owners Marian Lyons & Patricia Zanelli. Richard Hannon's other York winner came in the G2 Gimcrack S. when the Cheveley Park Stud owned Threat (Ire) came good under Oisín Murphy. The colt was bred at Derek and Gay Veitch's Ringfort Stud in Ireland and was sold by them as a foal in Tattersalls for 100,000gns. His trajectory suggests he may have a future stallion career at Cheveley Park Stud but the competitive nature of the stallion business was also evident last week when Cheveley Park made the decision to transfer their Unfortunately (Ire), himself a Group 1 winner at two, to Linda and Reddy Coffey's Springfield House Stud in Tipperary to avail of a larger pool of potential mares in 2020.

### Lyons And Spratt A Winning Team

York's festival closed out with the first running of the £1-million Ebor H. on Saturday and it again served to showcase the training skills of Ger Lyons whose astute handling of the winner Mustajeer (GB) (Medicean {GB}) has been military like in its precision since the 6-year-old's fine effort when finishing fourth in the race last year.

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While Lyons and stable-jockey Colin Kean have formed a formidable partnership the role played by owner David Spratt in the success of the Lyons yard over the past few years should not be underestimated. The Cork man has an eagle eye for form and time and again he has plundered the horse in training sales and come home with some classy raw material for Lyons to work his magic on. Karawaan (Ire) (Sea The Stars {Ire}) and Buffer Zone (GB) (Bated Breath {GB}) were both HIT purchases last year by Spratt and both have won premier handicaps this season for the team, while the recent 2-year-old debut winner Yaxeni (Ire) (Maxios {GB}) was picked up for just €8,000 at Goffs last February and is now worth many multiple of that. Spratt also had 2016 Irish Cambridgeshire winner Sea Wolf (GB) (Amadeus Wolf {GB}) with Lyons until selling a share in him and switching him to Chris Waller in Australia. Rebranded as Mister Sea Wolf the gelding won a Group 3 at Rosehill in March and with the news that Mustajeer will continue his career in Australia with Spratt also retaining a significant share, he looks set to enjoy some exciting times in the Southern Hemisphere in the coming months.

The cream of Ireland's juvenile crop is also starting to rise to the top and while the Ger Lyons trained Siskin (First Defence) has already staked his claim by winning the G1 Phoenix S. there was always the likelihood that Ballydoyle would unleash a few more potential stars in the second half of the season. Armory (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) looks just that after his straightforward win in the G2 Futurity S. at The Curragh last Friday and it would be a fascinating prospect if both Siskin and Armory happened to face off in the G1 Darley Dewhurst S. at the end of the season, assuming both passed their next tests in the G1 Juddmonte Middle Park and G1 Goffs Vincent O'Brien National S. respectively. Jessica Harrington's Alpine Star (Ire) (Sea The Moon {Ger}) took the step up to stakes company in her stride when winning a deep renewal of the G2 Debutante S. and while this half-sister to Alpha Centauri (Ire) (Mastercraftsman {Ire}) has a lot to live up to on pedigree she is certainly going the right way. While her sister excelled at a mile this daughter of the brilliant German Derby winner has Oaks 2020 written all over her. Sea The Moon stands at Lanwades Stud and that farm's owner Kirsten Rausing enjoyed a fine day at York on Saturday breeding two stakes winners when Zaaki (GB) (Leroideasanimaux {Brz}) won the G3 Strensall S. and Shine So Bright (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}) won the G2 City Of York S. Meanwhile Betfair co-founder Andrew Black's Chasemore Farm has also enjoyed a purple spell both on the track and in the sales ring. Fresh from receiving €500,000 at Arqana for a Frankel (GB) colt, that yearling's half-brother Brad The Brief (GB) (Dutch Art {GB}) became the mare Kenzadargent (Fr) (Kendargent {Fr})'s first winner when making a successful debut at Bath last Wednesday.



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That win was confidently predicted by Black at Arqana and even better was to come for the farm when homebred Boomer (GB) (Kingman {GB}) won the G3 Prestige S. at Goodwood on Saturday for trainer Tom Dascombe.

### The Ecstasy And The Agony

While tears of joy were being spilled by various connections at York on Friday these were quickly replaced with tears of despair from the wider racing community when news emerged that two champions of different disciplines had their lives prematurely cut short. Last year's Champion 3-year-old colt Roaring Lion lost few battles on the racetrack but his system, unfortunately, could not cope with the dreaded complications related to an attack of colic. He was the pride and joy of the Qatar Racing team and had the potential to be a genuine breed shaper and his loss is immense. Meanwhile Espoir D'Allen (Fr) (Voix Du Nord {Fr}), who ignored the statistics to become a 5-year-old Champion Hurdle winner, had the jumps world at his feet. He had been meticulously campaigned by Gavin Cromwell and his team, only meeting with defeat once in his career and his 15-length demolition job in the Champion Hurdle at Cheltenham in March was a joy to behold. However, he failed to recover from a freak accident soon after he returned to Cromwell's yard having spent his summer holiday at owner JP McManus's Martinstown Stud.

These type of horses are irreplaceable and the fact that neither was killed in competitive action just shows what fragile animals they are.

Finally, a mention must go to trainer Ed Walker whose international raids are becoming increasingly successful. Walker has already enjoyed group success in Germany and Italy this year with stable stalwart Stormy Antarctic (GB) (Stormy Atlantic) and the Lambourn trainer, whose landlord is Bjorn Nielsen, almost pulled off a major transatlantic double over the weekend. Walker's Indian Blessing (GB) (Sepoy {Aus}), a Group 3 winner in Germany and Grade I placed in America last year, was just touched off when a neck second in the GII Ballston Spa S. at Saratoga and then on Sunday Royal Intervention (Ire) (Exceed And Excel {Aus}) continued the trainer's fine record in Germany when landing the G2 Goldene Peitsche at Baden Baden.

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#### CORRECTION:

The winner of Sunday's G3 Niigata Nisai S. was incorrectly stated in Monday's TDN. The winner was in fact **Woman's Heart (Jpn)** (Heart Cry {Jpn}--Lady of Persia {Jpn}, by Shamardal).



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# PEDIGREE INSIGHTS

by Andrew Caulfield



## MUMS TIPPLE

Sadly, the stallion career of the hugely popular Giant's Causeway petered out a little earlier than his many admirers would have wanted, with the champion son of Storm Cat being credited with only 15 foals in 2018, the year he covered nine mares before his death in April. He was 21 at the time, whereas Storm Cat was 26 when his last few foals were born and lived to be 30. However, Giant's Causeway had been considerably busier than his sire, thanks partly to his being shuttled to Australia and South America. *Equineline* credits him with 2,548 foals of racing age (with his final total set to be a little higher), compared to Storm Cat's 1,452.

It is already clear that Giant's Causeway's worldwide legacy is going to be considerable. The news came a few weeks ago that his top-class turf son Bricks and Mortar, now a four-time Grade I winner following his success in the Arlington Million, will spend his stallion career at Shadai Farm in Japan, where the deaths of Deep Impact and King Kamehameha have left something of a void. American breeders still have several other young sons of Giant's Causeway, such as the promising Creative Cause and the yet-to-be-proven Carpe Diem, Not This Time and Brody's Cause.

Last week also saw several of Giant's Causeway's grandsons continue in fine form, on both sides of the Atlantic. In the U.S., the Eskendereya colt Mitole cruised to victory in the GI Forego S. to record his ninth success in a 13-race career and his third Grade I success of the year. This impressive 4-year-old also earned himself a place in the Spendthrift Farm stallion team.

Over in Europe it was the turn of Footstepsinthesand, winner of the 2005 2,000 Guineas, to make an impact on the 2-year-old scene, in much the same way that another of Giant's Causeway's European Classic winners, Shamardal, has been doing. Two of Footstepsinthesand's juvenile sons scored valuable victories on consecutive days at York, with Threat

taking the G2 Gimcrack S. a day after Mums Tipple turned in a breath-taking display over the same course and distance in the Goffs UK Premier Yearling S. Thanks to their efforts, the Coolmore veteran--he's 18 next year--now tops the Anglo-Irish table of sires of 2-year-olds, ahead of No Nay Never, Cable Bay and Galileo.

Noone could say that Threat didn't deserve an important success, following his second places--beaten less than a length each time--behind Arizona in the G2 Coventry S. and Golden Horde in the G2 Richmond S. While Threat's win in the Gimcrack carried more prestige, as a Group 2 event, than Goffs UK Premier Yearling S., his performance left him ranking no higher than joint-eighth, by *Racing Post* ratings, among Europe's 2-year-olds.

Mums Tipple, on the other hand, shot up to second in the rankings, his figure of 119 placing him between Shamardal's sons Pinatubo (121) and Earthlight (118). Altogether Giant's Causeway ranks as the grandsire of four of the top nine. This isn't too surprising, as Footstepsinthesand and Shamardal were both unbeaten 2-year-old group winners from Giant's



Mums Tipple (GB) | *Racingfotos*

Causeway's one and only Irish crop. That said, Shamardal was officially rated the best of his generation, on 123, whereas Footstepsinthesand only scraped into the classification, on 110. Giant's Causeway was also unbeaten at two, when he was officially rated joint second with Distant Music on 120, behind the runaway leader Fasliyev on 125. Although his Classic success suggests that Footstepsinthesand

was undoubtedly more effective at three than two, several of his progeny have become group winners at two, with Larchmont Lad, Formosina, Sandiva, Sent From Heaven and Marie's Diamond preceding Threat. It will surely be only a matter of time before Mums Tipple's name is added to the list, judging by the way he strode 11-lengths clear in a 21-horse field at York. This €45,000 yearling has a pedigree which suggests he should have no problems staying a mile. His dam Colomone Cross never finished better than seventh in four starts in Ireland and she has never made a big splash in the sales ring, though her Mastercraftsman colt sold for €55,000 as a foal in 2013.

Other foals have sold for as little as 2,800gns and €1,000. However, she has the attraction of being a daughter of Xaar, the outstanding 2-year-old of 1997, when his Group 1 victories in the Prix de la Salamandre and Dewhurst S. resulted in his being rated 8lbs superior to the next-best juvenile. Although less successful at three and four, Xaar was placed in both the Irish Champion S. and Eclipse S., so he was suited by a mile and a quarter. As a broodmare sire, Xaar has already been represented by a star in the dual Derby winner Harzand, and the Australian filly Yankee Rose was a major Group 1 winner over seven furlongs as a 2-year-old and a mile and a quarter at three. Accidental Agent became Group 1 winner number three when he took last year's Queen Anne S. Mums Tipple's dam has a few notable relatives, as she's a half-sister to the Cape Cross colt Gwaihir, who earned a *Timeform* rating of 105 during a good juvenile career, and the Mujadil gelding Mombassa, a useful performer at around six furlongs as a 2- and 3-year-old. Mombassa's sister Masai Queen also produced a good 2-year-old winner, with her Choisir colt Chandlery winning the G2 Vintage S. at Goodwood in 2011. This female line has been even more successful in previous generations, as it traces back to Lady Peregrine, dam of the 1928 2,000 Guineas winner Flamingo and second dam of the 1946 Champion S. winner Honeyway. Several of the mares linking Lady Peregrine to Colomone Cross also made their mark. Mums Tipple's second dam, Twilight Tango, was a sister to the G3 Chester Vase winner Twist And Turn, while his third dam, the useful 2-year-old six-furlong winner Twyla, was a sister to Defecting Dancer, who earned a *Timeform* rating of 115 in the process of winning the Windsor Castle S. and Sirenia S. The next dam, Nijinsky's daughter Running Ballerina, was a half-sister to several smart middle-distance performers, including the Irish Derby third Sir Penfro.

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## OBSERVATIONS

on the European racing scene

### ULTRA VIOLET RETURNS AT RIPON

**1.55 Ripon, Novice, £6,000, 2yo, f, 6fT**

**ULTRA VIOLET (GB) (Gleneagles {Ire})** heads North for a confidence restorer after her disappointing effort when eighth in Newmarket's G3 Sweet Solera S. earlier in the month. Too free there, Sheikh Hamed Dalmook Al Maktoum's **TDN Rising Star** will be too hot for her five rivals to handle if able to reproduce her debut eight-length success at that track in June.

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## FIRST-SEASON SIRE WITH RUNNERS

**Tuesday, August 27, 2019:**

### UNITED KINGDOM

**Anjaal (GB)** (Bahamian Bounty {GB}), Rathasker Stud  
149 foals of racing age/11 winners/0 black-type winners  
14:10-EPSON DOWNS, 7f, TIMON (Ire)  
45,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2018 - Book 1

**Fulbright (GB)** (Exceed And Excel {Aus}), Kildangan Stud  
37 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners  
17:00-MUSSELBURGH, 7.25f, DANCING LEOPARD (Ire)  
€8,000 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearlings 2018

**Gleneagles (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}), Coolmore Stud  
110 foals of racing age/10 winners/2 black-type winners  
13:55-RIPON, 5f, ULTRA VIOLET (GB)  
55,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2018 - Book 2

**Gutaifan (Ire)** (Dark Angel {Ire}), Yeomanstown Stud  
166 foals of racing age/20 winners/0 black-type winners  
15:00-RIPON, 8f, G FOR GABRIAL (Ire)  
€23,000 Goffs February Mixed Sale 2018; 21,000gns Tattersalls  
October Yearling Sale 2018 - Book 3  
17:20-BATH, 5f, PRISSY MISSY (Ire)  
€7,000 RNA Tattersalls Ireland September Yearlings 2018

**Hallowed Crown (Aus)** (Street Sense), Kildangan Stud  
77 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners  
17:30-MUSSELBURGH, 7.25f, NEVER SAID NOTHING (Ire)  
€16,000 RNA Goffs November Foals Sale 2017; €7,000 Goffs  
Sportsman's Yearling Sale 2018

**Ivawood (Ire)** (Zebedee {GB}), Coolmore Stud  
100 foals of racing age/9 winners/0 black-type winners  
15:00-RIPON, 8f, BREGUET MAN (Ire)  
€7,500 Goffs November Foals Sale 2017; 14,500gns RNA  
Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2018 - Book 3  
13:55-RIPON, 5f, HOT AFFAIR (GB)  
40,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2018 - Book 3  
17:30-MUSSELBURGH, 7.25f, RUSALKA (Ire)  
€17,000 Goffs February Mixed Sale 2018; £15,000 RNA Goffs  
UK Premier & Silver Yearling Sale 2018

**Muhaarar (GB)** (Oasis Dream {GB}), Nunnery Stud  
106 foals of racing age/8 winners/0 black-type winners  
14:45-EPSON DOWNS, 8.5f, RED FOR ALL (GB)  
140,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2018 - Book 2

**Outstrip (GB)** (Exceed And Excel {Aus}), Dalham Hall Stud  
106 foals of racing age/8 winners/1 black-type winner

14:45-EPSOM DOWNS, 8.5f, NOAFENCE (Ire)  
 £9,500 Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearling Sale 2018  
 14:10-EPSOM DOWNS, 7f, SPEED DATING (Fr)  
 €37,000 Arqana Deauville October Yearlings 2018

**Supplicant (GB)** (Kyllachy {GB}), Haras des Trois Chapelles  
 7 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners  
 17:30-MUSSELBURGH, 7.25f, BAILEYS PRAYER (Fr)  
 €17,000 Arqana December Breeding Stock Sale 2017 - English  
 Version; €14,000 Arqana Deauville V2 Yearlings 2018

## FRANCE

**Brazen Beau (Aus)** (I Am Invincible {Aus}), Dalham Hall Stud  
 78 foals of racing age/9 winners/1 black-type winner  
 6-DEAUVILLE, 1300m, GET THE LOOK (Ire)

**Cappella Sansevero (GB)** (Showcasing {GB}), Bridge House Stud  
 60 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners  
 6-DEAUVILLE, 1300m, CALIPPO (Ire)  
 £10,000 Goffs UK 2yo Breeze-Up Sale 2019

**Evasive's First (Fr)** (Evasive {GB}),  
 7 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners  
 4-MAR.BORELY, 1600m, LA FRIPOUILLE (Fr)  
 €3,000 Arqana Deauville Autumn Mixed Sale 2018

**Hallowed Crown (Aus)** (Street Sense), Kildangan Stud  
 77 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners  
 6-DEAUVILLE, 1300m, BUTTERFLY POSE (Ire)  
 €7,000 RNA Tattersalls Ireland September Yearlings 2018

3--**Oh Purple Reign (Ire)**, 129, c, 2, Sir Prancealot (Ire)--Warda  
 (GB), by Pivotal (GB). (45,000gns 2yo '19 TATHIT). O-Team  
 Wallop; B-Tally Ho Stud (IRE); T-Richard Hannon. £3,228.  
 Margins: 3HF, HF, 2HF. Odds: 1.50, 4.50, 2.75.

Also Ran: Sir Boris (Ire), Bettys Hope (GB), Keep Busy (Ire). **Click for the Racing Post result. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

Looking a class apart on paper, Platinum Star proved that in the race with a straightforward first black-type success. Runner-up to the operation's generation leader Pinatubo (Ire) (Shamardal) in a Wolverhampton novice contest which has taken on gravitas May 10, the bay followed a maiden win at Leicester 18 days later with second placings in Royal Ascot's Listed Windsor Castle S. over five furlongs June 19 and the G2 July S. back at this trip at Newmarket July 11. Only fifth to Pinatubo trying seven in Goodwood's G2 Vintage S. July 30, he coasted behind the leaders here before taking control passing the two-furlong pole and stamping authority on affairs.

Platinum Star is a half-brother to the useful Tifosa, who captured the Listed Prix la Camargo earlier this term. The dam, who is a half-sister to the sire Arcano (Ire) (Oasis Dream {GB}) who took the G1 Prix Morny and G2 July S., is also a granddaughter of the G3 C. L. Weld Park S. scorer and G1 Irish 1000 Guineas third Tarwiya (Ire) (Dominion {GB}). Also connected to the G1 Prix de l'Abbaye heroine Gilt Edge Girl (GB) (Monsieur Bond {Ire}), has a yearling colt by Kingman (GB) entered in the upcoming Tattersalls October Book 1 Sale and a filly foal by Awtaad (Ire).

## CONDITIONS RESULTS:

**5th-Epsom, £15,000, 8-26, 3yo/up, 10f 17yT, 2:09.49, gd.**  
**SETTING SAIL (GB)** (g, 4, **Dansili {GB}**--**West Wind {GB}** {G1SW-Fr & G1SP-Ire, \$773,178}, by Machiavellian) Lifetime Record: 9-4-2-1, \$106,232. O/B-Godolphin (GB); T-Charlie Appleby.

**3rd-Southwell, £5,300, 8-26, 2yo, 4f 214y (AWT), :58.87, st.**  
**MAYSTAR (IRE)** (c, 2, **Mayson {GB}**--**Oakley Star {GB}**, by **Multiplex {GB}**) Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, \$9,940. O-Hambleton Racing Ltd XXXVI; B-Ballinvana House Stud (IRE); T-Archie Watson. \*€38,000 Ylg '18 TIRSEP; €35,000 2yo '19 TATGOR.

## ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Gert Lush (Ire)**, f, 2, **Bated Breath (GB)**--Agent Allison (GB) (MGSP-Eng), by Dutch Art (GB). Chepstow, 8-26, 7f 16yT, 1:24.29. B-Rathbarry Stud (IRE). \*25,000gns Ylg '18 TAOCT.

**Nat Love (Ire)**, g, 2, **Gregorian (Ire)**--Chaguaramas (Ire) (SP-Eng), by Mujadil. Epsom, 8-26, 7f 3yT, 1:23.02. B-Rathasker Stud (IRE). \*£2,200 2yo '19 TTIMAR.

**Stoweman (GB)**, c, 2, **Lethal Force (Ire)**--Poetic Dancer (GB), by Byron (GB). Chepstow, 8-26, 7f 16yT, 1:22.80. B-A Craddock (GB).

BRITAIN



## Monday's Result:

### BRITISH STALLION STUDS EBF RIPON CHAMPION TWO YRS OLD

**TROPHY S.-Listed, £30,000, Ripon, 8-26, 2yo, 6fT, 1:10.42, gd.**

1--**PLATINUM STAR (IRE)**, 129, c, 2, by **Lope de Vega (Ire)**

1st Dam: **Toquette (Ire)**, by **Acclamation (GB)**

2nd Dam: **Tariysha (Ire)**, by **Daylami (Ire)**

3rd Dam: **Tarwiya (Ire)**, by **Dominion (GB)**

**1ST BLACK TYPE WIN.** (150,000gns Ylg '18 TAOCT).

O-Godolphin; B-Corduff Stud & Farmleigh Bloodstock Ltd (IRE); T-Saeed bin Suroor; J-Callum Shepherd. £17,013. Lifetime Record: GSP-Eng, 6-2-3-0, \$81,611. \*1/2 to Tifosa (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}), SW-Eng.

2--**Lambeth Walk (GB)**, 124, f, 2, Charm Spirit (Ire)--Cockney Dancer (GB), by Cockney Rebel (Ire). (22,000gns Ylg '18 TAOCT). O-Qatar Racing & David Howden; B-The Kathryn Stud (GB); T-Archie Watson. £6,450.



A PERFORMANCE GENETICS SELECTION

**Gabrials Boy (GB)**, g, 3, **Paco Boy (Ire)**--Statua (Ire) (GSP-Eng, \$109,325), by Statoblest (Ire). Ripon, 8-26, 9f 170yT, 2:01.16. B-Newsells Park Stud. \*1/2 to St Moritz (Ire) (Medicean {GB}), MSW-Eng, \$280,094.

## FRANCE



### Monday's Result:

**2nd-Clairefontaine**, €28,000, Cond, 8-26, 3yo, 9fT, 1:49.10, g/f. **RIDAA (IRE)** (f, 3, **New Approach (Ire)**--**Halaqa (Ire)**, by **Pivotal (GB)**), who was off the mark over a mile at Vichy July 24, soon bounded into a clear advantage. Kept up to her work late on, the 16-5 shot was always doing enough to hold Awaara (Fr) (Rip Van Winkle {Ire}) and score by a length. The dam, who also has the unraced 2-year-old filly Haseefah (GB) (Teofilo {Ire}), is a daughter of the dual listed winner and G1 Fillies' Mile third Esloob (Diesis {GB}). Her dam is the G1 Yorkshire Oaks heroine Roseate Tern (GB) (Blakeney {GB}), a half to the multiple group 1-winning sire Ibn Bey (GB) (Mill Reef). Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, €24,000. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Shadwell Estate Company Ltd (IRE); T-John Hammond.

### CONDITIONS RESULTS:

**3rd-Clairefontaine**, €28,000, 8-26, 3yo, 7fT, 1:24.10, g/f. **MAKFRA (FR)** (c, 3, **Makfi (GB)**--**Mafra (Ire)**, by **Kalanisi (Ire)**) Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-1, €30,250. O-Stall Frohnbach; B-Elevage De La Croix De Place (FR); T-Sascha Smrczek. \*€15,000 Wlg '16 ARDEC; €11,000 Ylg '17 ARNOV.

**4th-Clairefontaine**, €28,000, 8-26, 4yo/up, 12fT, 2:33.90, g/f. **BOULEVARD (IRE)** (c, 4, **Galileo (Ire)**--**Walzerkoenigin (Hwt. Older Mare-Ity at 7-9.5f, Hwt. Older Mare-Ger at 9.5-11f, GSW-Fr, Ger & Ity, GISP-US & GSP-Eng, \$417,565)**, by **Kingmambo**) Lifetime Record: 12-6-1-2, €87,920. O-V Bukhtoyarov, V Vartanov & E Kappushev; B-Gestut Schlenderhan (IRE); T-Charley Rossi. \*€110,000 HRA '18 ARQARC. \*\*Full to Port Douglas (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), GSW-Ire & GSP-Eng, \$185,538; & 1/2 to Wiener Walzer (Ger) (Dynaformer), Hwt. 3yo-Ger at 11-14f, MG1SW-Ger & G1SP-Fr, \$785,837; Walzertakt (Ger) (Montjeu {Ire}), Hwt. Older Horse-Ger at 14f+, MGSW-Fr & GSP-Ger, \$204,584; Walzertraum (Rahy), GSW-Ger & SP-Swe, \$154,586.

### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Grand Art (Fr)**, g, 3, **Evasive (GB)**--Maia Dancer (Fr), by Danehill Dancer (Ire). Clairefontaine, 8-26, 12fT, 2:33.10. B-Jean-Philippe Dubois (FR).

**Blame the Ruler (Ire)**, f, 3, **Ruler of the World (Ire)**--Blameless (Ire), by Authorized (Ire). Clairefontaine, 8-26, 12fT, 2:30.10. B-Lannister Holdings (IRE).

**Dam purchased in Europe by SCHUMER BLOODSTOCK**

## EASTERN EUROPE

### CONDITIONS WINNERS:

**Interview (Ire)**, c, 3, **Fast Company (Ire)**--Galvano (Ire), by Galileo (Ire). Sluzewiec (Poland) 8-25, Cond., 1800mT. B-Degmer Ltd. \*€5,500 Ylg '17 GOFFEB; €6,800 Ylg '17 TISEP. **VIDEO**

### MAIDEN WINNERS:

#### FIRST WINNER FOR SIRE

**Majakowski (Ire)**, c, 2, **Hillstar (GB)**--Maritana, by Rahy. Senica (Slovakia), 8-25, Maiden, 1000mT. B-K B Lynch. \*First winner for first-crop sire (by Danehill Dancer {Ire}). \*\*1/2 to Close To You (Ire) (Shinko Forest {Ire}), GSW-Eng, \$145,162. \*\*\*€3,000 Ylg '18 GOFNOV. **VIDEO**

**Sunmoonstar (Ire)**, f, 2, **Le Havre (Ire)**--Acclimatisation (Ire), by Acclamation (GB). Sluzewiec (Poland), 8-25, Maiden, 1000mT. B-Ennistown Stud. \*€3,500 Ylg '18 TISEP. **VIDEO**

**Stormycino (Fr)**, c, 2, **Stormy River (Fr)**--Capuccina (Fr), by Lavirco (Ger). Sluzewiec (Poland), Maiden, 8-24, 1300mT. B-Gunnar Nordqvist, F Dagniaux & Nicole Braem. \*€7,500 Ylg '18 ARQNOV. **VIDEO**

**Sonic Bang (Ire)**, c, 2, **Worthadd (Ire)**--Sonic Night (Ire) by Night Shift. Kincsem Park (Hungary), 8-25, Maiden, 1300mT. B-Peter McCutcheon. \*Won by five lengths. \*\*€1,200 Ylg '18 GOFNOV. **VIDEO**



### IN JAPAN:

**Alpha Wave (Ire)**, c, 2, **Gleneagles (GB)**--Waveband (GB) (SW-Eng, \$210,609), by Exceed And Excel (Aus). Sapporo, 8-25, Novice Race, 9fT. 3/4. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$64,762. O-K Yoshida; B-Athassel House Stud Ltd; T-K Fujisawa.



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## INVESTMENT FUELS SANDBLOM'S PASSION



**Matthew Sandblom** | TDNAusNZ

by Bren O'Brien

Matthew Sandblom's interests in the Australian Thoroughbred industry range from his investment into Newgate and his involvement in its associated colts' funds, to his own Kingstar operation, to his large volume of racehorses and broodmares. Driven by a passion for racing, and a desire to enjoy the success that it can bring, the educational publishing entrepreneur has become a significant player over the past decade. At the heart of that involvement, as seems to often be the case with a lot of recent entrants to the top end of the industry, is Newgate Managing Director Henry Field. Being successful in business has taught Sandblom a thing or two about spotting talent, while being successful in the Thoroughbred industry has Field well-versed in the importance of maintaining strong relationships. That's where the two meet.

"I had met him at the sales a couple of times when he was working for Coolmore," Sandblom told *TDN AusNZ*. "He was just a casual acquaintance and when he decided to go out on his own and leave Coolmore, he did a bit of pinhooking and trading. He was looking for people to back him and he must have remembered me and thought he'd ask me. I got in early there and I backed him on a few pinhooks and trades and that worked alright."

"Having been in business quite a bit over the years, I recognised he had a bit of talent, and so I thought I'd go along for the ride."

'Going along for the ride' meant Sandblom being an ongoing investor in Newgate, then a fledgling farm with big ambitions. "You have to back people, more than anything else. It's the same with any business I have been in. If you find people with talent, and energy and drive and ambition, you give them a fair bit of rein to let them try things," Sandblom said. "People will occasionally make mistakes, but if they are smart enough and learn from those things, they can go on to bigger and better success."

The practicalities of his involvement with Newgate sees Sandblom impart his substantial business acumen to help Field, and the other investors plot the strategic direction of the business.

"The key decisions are made between Henry, myself and Gavin Murphy for SF Bloodstock. The three of us make sure we are happy with the direction we are going," he said. "We discuss things like which stallions we are going to buy, whether we will take on more land, or invest in other projects. The colts' fund is part of that too. Henry is the main person who chooses the horses we buy, and we discuss how much we are going to invest and what level we are going to go to when we start bidding on these horses."

The early colts' fund, which also then involved Field's brother-in-law, bloodstock agent James Harron, struck substantial success with Capitalist (Written Tycoon), who cost \$165,000 and delivered a G1 Golden Slipper S. victory and Magic Millions 2YO Classic win in 2015.

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**Capitalist** | Newgate Farm

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Now a Newgate stallion, he is a very valuable poster boy for the colts' fund concept, which has fueled much of the growth of the yearling sales market in the past few years, with the Newgate partnership at the forefront of that growth.

### A New Layer

While his investment in Newgate has proven commercially successful, even more importantly for Sandblom, it has added a considerable new layer to his interest in racing.

"I've got a real passion for racing," he said. "I started off with the trotters over 20 years ago. I love racing and the whole point of breeding for me, while there is a business side to it, is that it adds layers of interest. There's the ownership of a stallion, your interest in the

progeny, if you bred the yearling, or bought the yearling. Then they go out onto the track and you follow the stallion's progeny out there. It's almost like supporting a footy team, you've got your stallions and you want to see them succeed and the progeny that you've bred with your mares, you want them to succeed too. It's an ongoing interest and there is always something racing somewhere."

It was this feeling, plus a need to home his burgeoning broodmare band, which led him to establish his own breeding operation at Kingstar.

"I wanted to have my own project, where I could try different things," Sandblom explained. "I needed a place to put mares to send to the stallions at Newgate, and there are now quite a few of them, I've got 70-80 which I will be sending over this season. I also wanted to have a bit of a punt on a few stallions myself, and I'm doing that with Bull Point and Lord Of The Sky. Having full control of the reins is something I like, so I can do my own thing and try a few things and support those stallions and see if we can get a bit of success."



### Newgate v Kingstar

Kingstar and Newgate are very different businesses in Sandblom's eyes.

"I have this conversation with Henry sometimes as to what we are doing with Newgate as compared to what I am doing at Kingstar," he said. "I've got plenty of business interests outside of horses and I don't want to turn everything purely into a business interest. Otherwise, it becomes about the returns and income and it just becomes a profit and loss statement. I've seen plenty of those and I don't need to just focus on that. I need to have areas which are about the passion and enjoyment. It has to have that element and I think that's the thing about racing and breeding, that there is a lot of passion involved, it's not just a business and that's what keeps people coming back and trying to make a go of it."

That passion is evident in the palpable sense of anticipation Sandblom has, as he discusses Bull Point's first crop hitting the track this season.

"He's got about 60 2-year-olds out there and I've got an interest in about 10 of them. So far, there are mostly good reports. I

wasn't expecting them to be super early. The Fastnet Rock line can produce a 2-year-old, but you can't always expect that," he said. "We've had one win a trial over in New Zealand, we'll have 1-2 in the first trials in Sydney and I've placed a couple in Melbourne, Brisbane, Perth and Adelaide. All is positive, they are good looking types, just like he was. He put a bit of quality into them and so far they seem to cope with the work."

He added, "We are not a short-price favourite to succeed, but with the breeding of the horse, the race performance and the good looks of Bull Point, he's got a shot."

Sandblom is also looking forward to welcoming the first batch of foals from Lord Of the Sky, with two having already arrived.

"He'll get his chance," he said. "He's not quite from the same pedigree line as Bull Point, but he was a very fast sprinter and was just beaten by Chatauqua in a TJ Smith, so he deserves a chance and so far we are happy with the two foals we have had."



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**Spring Stars Ready to Emerge**



**Cosmic Force**

It is also an exciting time of year on the track, with the best of Sandblom's racehorses returning for the spring. In terms of the 3-year-olds he races as part of the Newgate/SF/China Horse Club colts' partnership, G3 Pago Pago S. winner Cosmic Force (Deep Field) ranks as his top seed just ahead of Group 2 winner Strasbourg (I Am Invincible) and the exciting Group 3 winner McLaren (Exceed And Excel). He also part owns a promising 4-year-old called Purple Sector (Pins), a winner of the G3 Rough Habit Plate, who he feels can make an impression in one of the big races of the spring. While hopes are also high for the Perth-based mare Dance Music (War Chant {USA}), who has won six of her seven starts and will be aimed at the big Group 1 races in the west. It is also a new era for one of Sandblom's favourite horses in the Group 1-winning mare, I Am A Star (I Am Invincible), who begins her breeding career after she passed in for \$1.4 million at the Magic Millions National Broodmare Sale.

"It was always a case if I got a healthy price I'd sell, if not, I'd keep her," Sandblom said. "She's been a great mare to me and doesn't owe me anything."

"She was a touch on the lighter side and so we are going to put a bit more scope into her and mate her with one of our own stallions in Deep Field, who is at Newgate and is going well. He's a big strong boy and is a good match for her."

With passion and belief in the industry there is no sign that Sandblom will be taking any backwards steps in his investments.

"You can't find a better run racing jurisdiction in the world," Sandblom affirmed. "There are a lot of people trying new things and trying to make sure we keep the younger generation involved. That gives you the confidence that it's been well run." he added, "The animal welfare issues are taken care of and the way probity issues are handled gives you confidence that it's an even playing field. All those things are important. That's a great basis to continue investment."

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