



SPENDTHRIFT DOUBLE TIES LEGACIES OF CRUPI, COX



J.J. Crupi and Vinnie Viola | Keeneland photo

by Chris McGrath

We should all know what to expect, whenever Thoroughbreds appear to suggest that the random fortunes of the racetrack are somehow determined by a benign destiny. Nonetheless there are times when some such happy delusion can be hard to resist. And seldom has that been more poignantly the case than when **Vino Rosso** (Curlin) made that flamboyant move in the Classic, apparently setting a joyous seal on the defusing of an agonizing challenge to Santa Anita in staging the Breeders' Cup.

In the circumstances, his acceleration seemed to borrow some last, bittersweet surplus of the vitality finally extinguished, back in May, by the death of the man who bought Vino Rosso and taught him to be a racehorse. After years preserving his exuberance so unyieldingly, and so uncomplainingly, against the erosion of his physical health, Jimmy Crupi had died just a couple of days before Vino Rosso made his Grade I breakthrough, on reconnaissance for the Classic, in the Gold Cup at Santa Anita.

So while Messrs. Viola and Repole doubtless invoked their late friend with a more personal intensity, everyone present could sense the broader redemption offered by Crupi's last bequest--Crupi's last benediction--as Vino Rosso swept into the lead to bring two days of immaculate sport to an apt climax.

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Anyone privileged to know this gentleman will very soon know where I'm going with this.

The Eclipse Awards, 1984. He has been invited to announce the winner of a Horse of the Year duel between Slew o' Gold and the venerable gelding John Henry, who has just turned ten. He finds that the envelope is stuck fast, and spends a few awkward seconds trying to tear it open. As the tension rises, he finally produces the card. And he doesn't even announce the horse's name. He simply says: "Like old wine..." and everyone is on their feet, applauding the horse who just gets better every year.

Ron McAnally, the trainer of John Henry and a good friend, bounds up there and reproaches him: "For goodness sake, I nearly had a heart attack waiting for you to open that thing."

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Oscar Performance enjoys the first snow of the year in his paddock at Mill Ridge Farm in Lexington, Kentucky Tuesday morning. The Grade I winner at 2, 3 and 4 will see his first foals born in 2020. | Jon Siegel

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A bevy of sought-after racing prospects provided a lively ending to Tuesday's final Book 4 session of the Keeneland November Breeding Stock Sale, with the last offering through the ring, the 2-year-old Liam's Legend (Liam's Map), bringing the day's highest price of \$325,000.

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Spendthrift Double cont. from p1

So many people had put in so much effort into reducing the odds against a fresh calamity threatening the future of this timeless racecourse. And now everyone with a stake in restoring balance and rationality to the debate (however legitimate, in itself) was turning to each other, palms raised for the most relieved of high fives. And then we all looked again, and saw Mongolian Groom (Hightail) dropping through the field in the graphic throes of catastrophe. And suddenly the flawless image of just a moment before--seemingly already preserved for our nostalgic recall, in years to come, by the sepia dusk gathering under the mountains--dissolved in a fog of tears.

My purpose here, however, is not to reprise yet again the various options for an industry addressing dismally familiar dilemmas. I simply wanted to reiterate that Crupi's was not the



Vino Rosso with Vinnie Viola at Spendthrift | Autry Graham

only mastery vindicated by Vino Rosso.

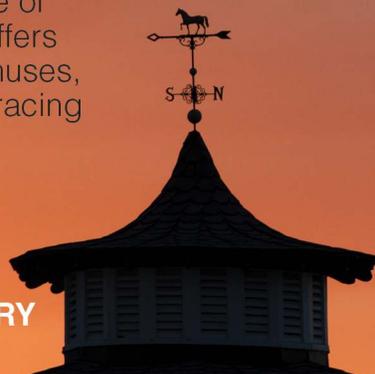
Because if we sometimes perceive the role of fate by looking back, men and women can always claim a role for themselves by looking forward. And if you look forward with Vino Rosso, his final start also marked a new beginning.

He had been one of five new stallions announced by Spendthrift Farm the previous month; and one of four whose fees would not be decided until they had run at the Breeders'

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Cup. For those four to include not just Vino Rosso but also Sprint winner **Mitole** (Eskendereya), as well as arguably the most talented runner-up on the card in **Omaha Beach** (War Front), represents talent-spotting too sensational to be lost from view, as it was on the day, behind bleaker storylines.

Now everyone is aware that Spendthrift's somewhat militant challenge to market conventions did not endear them to some other Kentucky farms. But they say that imitation is the sincerest form of flattery, and you won't find many commercial breeders complaining about the kind of radical incentive schemes nowadays proliferating--thanks to a genuinely epoch-making poster boy in Into Mischief--among the competition.

Admittedly some people remain uncomfortable with the industrial nature of the Spendthrift model. And it was certainly intriguing, during Breeders' Cup week, to observe the farm's owner B. Wayne Hughes deep in conversation with Coolmore's M.V. Magnier one morning at Clockers' Corner. "I wonder what they're talking about," said one bystander. "I'll give you 140 guesses," came the reply.

Nonetheless, you can only admire the way Hughes has come into the business, pondered how it all fits together, and devised such pioneering alternatives.

Don't forget that Hughes made his fortune from scratch, his boyhood having been shaped by one of the definitive American journeys: an authentic "Grapes Of Wrath" migration from Oklahoma to California, with a mattress strapped to the roof of the family automobile. And, as so often when someone makes such a giddy ascent of capitalism's ladders, Hughes fixed many a rung in place by shrewd delegation.

So wherever the behind-the-scenes credit should be divided between Hughes, Ned Toffey, and the rest of the team, it would be remiss to allow their collective achievement at the Breeders' Cup to be lost, as has largely proved the case, behind bleaker

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Conceivably, Omaha Beach was an inadvertent victim of extreme caution in the management of the surface, in that the

Dirt Mile was one of several races in which it proved difficult to reel in the leader. Be that as it may, the two Spendthrift recruits who did manage to win on the day both permit the farm's clients access to genes assembled by breeders celebrated for punching far above weight.

Vino Rosso was famously raised on the same farm as Justify, in fact foaled the very next day. As a measure of their acuity, John D. Gunther and his daughter Tanya had chosen partners for their dams when Curlin and Scat Daddy were still available at \$25,000 and \$30,000 respectively. Moreover, Vino Rosso's dam Mythical Bride (Street Cry {Ire}) had only won a Sunland Park maiden when acquired for \$42,000 at Keeneland November in 2011. At the time, she had a weanling half-brother by A.P. Indy, and a juvenile one by Distorted Humor: as Commissioner and Laugh Track, both proceeded to upgrade the page when beaten narrowly in the GI Belmont S. and GI Breeders' Cup Sprint, respectively.

As with Justify, who got his bedrock from Nijinsky, in Vino Rosso the Gunthers balanced inbreeding to Mr Prospector's class and glitz with a parallel duplication of class and toughness: this time through the mighty Deputy Minister, who recurs as sire and grandsire respectively of Vino Rosso's two grand-dams.

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He is the first since Gulch in 1988 to add the Breeders' Cup Sprint to the stallion-making Met Mile--a race also won by another son of Eskendereya in Mor Spirit, already on the Spendthrift roster. Having produced two Met Mile winners from his first three crops, it seems fair to wonder whether Eskendereya was exported prematurely to Japan. He has wonderful balance to his own pedigree, after all, and won the GII Fountain of Youth S. and GI Wood Memorial by an aggregate 18 1/4 lengths, only to be retired days before the Kentucky Derby.

Mitole himself is rated the fastest horse ever raised at Hermitage Farm by its sage and long-serving manager Bill Landes, which is all the testimony any of us should need. It was Landes who, doing his utmost to maximize the dispersal of a cherished patron in Cox, sent Mitole's dam Indian Miss (Indian Charlie) to Spendthrift for a late cover by Into Mischief himself last year. The pregnant mare was extremely well bought by WinStar, then, for \$240,000 at Keeneland this time last year, Mitole having temporarily disappeared after his first couple of stakes wins the previous spring. (Indian Miss delivered her Into Mischief filly on May 26.)

Cox himself passed in March, just a few weeks before Crupi. As with Vino Rosso, then, it is tempting to perceive some kind of

celestial intervention as Mitole, having already proved his elite calibre at a mile, cut down a specialist sprinter as fast as Shancelot (Shanghai Bobby) at Santa Anita.

That's for you to decide. This business has enough puzzles to be able to accommodate one more without disturbing the few guarantees we can depend on. Maybe our frivolous sporting endeavours really can be blessed by those we have lost; maybe these stories really do bring together both the quick and the dead. (The very quick, in Mitole's case.)

But whatever unseen hands may deal our cards, let's give due applause for the skill with which Spendthrift picked out and played these consecutive aces.

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Ted Bassett at Keeneland | Equisport photo

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But just as there was no need to name John Henry that day, 35 years ago, nor can anyone really need to be told which pillar of the American Turf, in meanwhile advancing to the age of 98, has himself only been fortified, and never eroded, by the passing of the years--both in the vigour of his character, and the esteem of an industry.

It barely seems a figure of speech, in fact, to describe James E.

Bassett III as a pillar of the American Turf. His whole bearing remains so upright that it condenses not only the indelible stamp of his wartime service, with the U.S. Marines, but also the authority and integrity he seamlessly transferred to civilian life.

And that's why the scope of his reflections falls far beyond the customary remit of this series. Yes, there were always horses lurking in the background. His mother's grandfather was a Confederate general who bred trotters when he returned to Kentucky after the Civil War--with a daughter of the governor of Mississippi which, as Bassett says wryly, "did not impede his progress." And Bassett's own father, having lost a banking job after the Crash, found work helping to run Jock Whitney's Bluegrass farms; ending up, in fact, on the original board of directors at Keeneland. But that was never any kind of clue to Bassett's eventual destiny, which would summon him to the world of Thoroughbreds only by the most circuitous of paths.

"My career has been rather nomadic," Bassett muses. "I've been very fortunate that people have tolerated me, but I was beneficiary of a strange series of coincidences and happenstances. I would be among the list of missing persons if the Kentucky State Police, Keeneland and the Breeders' Cup hadn't all had some innate problem."

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CONSISTENCY IS KEY FOR KEENELAND RACING

by Katie Ritz



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The question is asked on early mornings between cups of coffee along the backside. It is asked in meetings at conference tables alongside data, graphs, and statistics. It is asked when a beautiful afternoon of racing is darkened as a curtain goes up on

the track. What can we do better?

It is a question that every racetrack in the world has been asking for decades. This year, it is a question for which tracks in the United States are required to have an answer.

What can we do better? At Keeneland Race Course, the answer is consistency. The team's philosophy is to have everything as consistent as possible for each horse during their time at Keeneland. Keeneland's Vice President and Chief Operating Officer Vince Gabbert says, "The safety of our horses and riders is Keeneland's number one priority. Toward that goal, we are trying to reduce the amount of variables that are out there so that we can provide consistency from a conditions standpoint, but also consistency for each horse from the moment they step on the grounds to the moment they leave the grounds."

This fall, Keeneland added two new positions with the sole intent of providing consistency among their team, the horses, and the racetrack in order to provide the safest environment possible.

Equine practitioner Dr. George Mundy took on the position of Equine Safety Director. Dr. Mundy's role is to monitor each horse's condition in every stage from training in the morning, to the paddock on race day, to the walk back to the barn following a race. Gabbert says, "Dr. Mundy would spend each morning

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watching horses in training, going through the barns, and talking to trainers and practicing veterinarians to understand any problems a horse might have." The intent was for Dr. Mundy to be a resource for their team, so that everyone could be on the same page. "He would have engaged discussions with state regulatory vets as well as practicing vets, to make sure there was a great overlap of knowledge and that everyone knew what was going on, what to look for, and how they could all help." Dr. Mundy's roles also include communicating and enforcing safety policies, as well as reviewing all racing-related accidents with the goal of prevention.

Jim Pendergest took on the second position as Director of Racing Surfaces. Pendergest has worked at Keeneland for 19 years, having overseen the installation of the all-weather surface in 2006 and dirt surface in 2014, and is also the general manager of the Thoroughbred Training Center. The goal of this new role was to maintain a consistent surface during the meet, as well as to collect and review data on the track surface to find new ways to improve. Every morning, testing was done on the track during the break in training and after the break. Moisture content was measured at 65 different locations around both the dirt and turf track, and GPS coordinate measurements were used to ensure the surface was consistent all the way through. Gabbert says of Pendergest's role on race day, "Jim, along with Dr. Mundy, worked throughout the afternoon talking to jockeys and trainers to understand how the conditions and surface change throughout the day as temperatures fluctuate or wind patterns change. This allows us to make adjustments to ensure we are providing the most consistent surface possible."

Gabbert says the two additional positions were a huge asset to the team and will still be in place next year. "Both positions were a huge benefit to being able to understand all the variables in making sure we are doing everything from a surface



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standpoint and a facilities standpoint to provide as safe conditions as possible."

Keeneland has also made a point of providing transparency to their patrons. Gabbert said, "Transparency is key. You have to be willing to understand and own everything around it. There's a lot that happens around these animals and this business that most people aren't aware of, and I think it's important for us to tell that story." On the Keeneland website, a track safety database is provided that describes every breakdown or incident that occurs during the race meet. It also lists the number of horses on the track each day, the number of horses with timed workouts, the number of race starters, as well as track and turf moisture content. Gabbert says, "It's important to provide the context both in the amount of science and research that goes into the surface, and the number of horses that are on our track every single day."

Keeneland's October meet was marked by five breakdowns. While Keeneland is still waiting on the necropsies from the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission (KHRC), Gabbert said that their team will do their own internal review once they get the results back. Gabbert said that Keeneland's team puts in a comprehensive effort after each breakdown to learn what, if anything, they could have done differently.

"There is a large amount of time, effort, and energy that goes into the analysis of each breakdown, asking ourselves what did we potentially miss that could have been a factor in this situation, and how can we prevent it moving forward."

This month, Keeneland's team has turned the page on the fall race meet to look ahead to racing in April. Gabbert said, "Our safety initiative meetings are frequent and gaining momentum. We are looking into new procedures to have in place, and reviewing information and data points that can help us improve as we look to the next meet."

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Keeneland has also been working to advocate regulatory changes to the KHRC. Gabbert says, "Our process in Kentucky is different than in other states like New York and California because they can do everything by house rule. Much of what we want to do requires regulatory change, so the process has to start with the racing commission. We have formed an unprecedented alliance between Keeneland, Ellis Park, Churchill Downs, Kentucky Downs, and Turfway to achieve this goal."

Keeneland, along with Churchill Downs, has brought several items forth to the Kentucky Equine Drug Research Council, an advisory board to the KHRC. The most prominent proposal, the

phase-out of Lasix, recently failed to pass the EDRC. Gabbert said, "We are petitioning the full commission at our Dec. 10 meeting, and we are going to continue to push." Three other recommendations by Keeneland and Churchill have already been approved by the EDRC: the withdrawal time for non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs to be extended from 24 hours to 48 hours, the elimination of bisphosphonate usage for racing in horses four years old or younger, and the extended ban on the use of intra-articular corticosteroids from seven days to 14 days. These three recommendations will be made to the KHRC.

As Keeneland looks ahead to the April meet, Gabbert says the team will be working over the next few months to find new ways to improve. "There's a continued and renewed focus from our standpoint on answering the question 'What can we do better?' We want to do everything we can at a racetrack level to provide the safest conditions we can to our human and equine athletes."

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RACING AGE PROSPECTS STAR AS BOOK 4 CONCLUDES *by Jessica Martini*



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Keeneland maiden winner was purchased by Khalid Mishref from the Indian Creek consignment. **Indian Gardens** (Pioneer of the Nile) was the day's highest-priced broodmare when selling for \$205,000 to Betz Thoroughbreds and a filly by Kantharos was the top-priced weanling when selling for \$160,000 to Pink N Blue Stable.

Through the two Book 4 sessions, Keeneland sold 489 horses for \$14,906,100. The average of \$30,483 dipped 2.3% from the 2018 Book 4 average of \$31,202, while the median of \$20,000 increased 5.3% from \$19,000 a year ago. In 2018, 478 Book 4 horses sold for a total of \$14,914,500.

"There is good demand," Gainesway's Michael Hernon said of the November market, which enters its second week Wednesday. "The weanlings are in high demand and mares are value right now, in my opinion. There seems to be a bit of feeding frenzy for the good weanlings who are good physicals and who vet cleanly. And conversely, mares seem to be relatively the value plays at this time."

During the two Book 4 sessions, 183 weanlings sold for \$5,374,900 for an average of \$29,371 and a median of \$20,000. In last year's Book 4, 181 weanlings sold for \$5,572,600 for an average of \$30,788 and a median of \$20,000.

"It's very polarized," Hunter Valley Farm's Fergus Galvin said after selling the book's top-priced weanling Tuesday. "She was

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the star of our show in the current book. And that’s what people are gravitating towards. It’s definitely very tough underneath the ones that don’t appeal to the majority of people. There are a lot of weanlings who aren’t making the stud fee, but that’s the times we are living in. But if you bring a good one like her up, everybody’s there.”

The Keeneland November Breeding Stock Sale continues through Sunday with sessions beginning daily at 10 a.m.

Liam’s Legend Heads to Middle East

Saudi owner Khalid Mishref, who has already partnered up on a pair of horses heading for the big races in the Middle East early next year, added one more bullet to his stable Tuesday at Keeneland, going to \$325,000 to acquire 2-year-old **Liam’s Legend** (Liam’s Map) (hip 2761G). The twice-raced colt broke his maiden going nine furlongs at Keeneland Oct. 26 for Niall Brennan, Mike Ryan, and Mike Anderson.

Mishref obtained a **30% interest in Math Wizard (Algorithms)** prior to the colt’s fifth-place finish in the GI Breeders’ Cup Classic. A week earlier, it was announced Mishref had acquired an interest in G1 Dubai World Cup runner-up **Gronkowski (Lonhro {Aus}) from Phoenix Thoroughbreds.**

Mishref, who did his bidding Tuesday alongside advisor Bruno DeBerdt, plans to ultimately campaign Liam’s Legend in Saudi



Liam’s Legend | Coady

Arabia, with hopes that, down the road, the colt could earn a spot in the Saudi Cup.

“He will go to Dubai, but he will end up racing in Saudi Arabia for the long term,” Mishref said. “It looks like he will suit the track back in Saudi Arabia very well. And also I like the distance he won at--1 1/8 miles as a 2-year-old--that is what we will plan for him, to run at 8-10 furlongs. Right now, Saudi Arabia is booming, they have the big Saudi championships on Feb. 29,

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which is the world's biggest race at \$20 million for 4-year-olds and over. Who knows? If he stays in Saudi Arabia for one more season, he might be in contention for next year."

Mishref also purchased a mare at the Keeneland November sale, going to \$275,000 to acquire **Crafty's Way** (Giant's Causeway) ([hip 577](#)).

Liam's Legend, a \$180,000 Keeneland September yearling last year, RNA'd for \$195,000 at this year's OBS April sale. He was consigned to Tuesday's sale by Indian Creek.

Shedaresthedevil to Join Cox Barn



Clay Scherer | Keeneland

Shedaresthedevil (Daredevil) ([hip 2761E](#)), third in this year's GI Sorrento S., will be heading south for the winter after bloodstock agent Clay Scherer made a final bid of \$280,000 to acquire the juvenile filly on behalf of Staton Flurry's Flurry Racing Stables during Tuesday's racing age portion of the Keeneland November sale.

"I thought that was fair for a horse that can be stakes quality, she's already a proven stakes runner," Scherer said. "She'll go to [trainer] Brad Cox soon. She'll go to Fair Grounds and then Hot Springs [Oaklawn Park] when they open."

Shedaresthedevil, consigned Tuesday by Hunter Valley Farm, was a debut winner at Churchill Downs for Glencrest Farm and trainer Norm Casse. Third behind Amalfi Sunrise (Constitution) for Glencrest Farm and Qatar Racing Limited and trainer Simon Callaghan in the Sorrento, the bay filly was fourth in the Juvenile Fillies Turf S. at Del Mar and was most recently second in the Oct. 13 Anoakia S. at Santa Anita.

A \$100,000 Keeneland November weanling in 2017, Shedaresthedevil RNA'd for \$20,000 at last year's Keeneland September sale.

"Keeneland does a great job bringing racehorses ready to go to the sale," Scherer added. "They offer a great ready-made

product. We've had success here."

Combatant Heads West to Sadler



David Ingordo | Keeneland

Bloodstock agent David Ingordo, who purchased subsequent GI TVG Pacific Classic winner Higher Power (Medaglia d'Oro) on behalf of Hronis Racing and trainer John Sadler out of this year's Keeneland April sale, will look to repeat that success with **Combatant** (Scat Daddy). Ingordo purchased the 4-year-old

ridgling for \$220,000 Tuesday at Keeneland.

“He fits the profile of what we bought over the last few years at these kinds of sales,” Ingordo said.

The 4-year-old Combatant was second in the GIII Southwest S. and third in the GIII Rebel S. and GII Mathis Brothers Mile last year for Winchell Thoroughbreds and Willis Horton Racing and trainer Steve Asmussen. On the board in 11 of 22 starts, he has three wins and earnings of \$648,498.

“Steve has done a great job taking care of him, he vetted very cleanly, and he has a lot of run left in him,” Ingordo said. “He has probably been a little unlucky with the surfaces, it looks like. He might want some fast turf, so we’ll send him out west and see what we can do with him.”

Indian Gardens Blooms at Keeneland



Indian Gardens | Keeneland

Indian Gardens (Pioneerof the Nile) (hip 2688) became the first Book 4 horse to break through the \$200,000 mark when selling for \$205,000 to Bill Betz’s Betz Thoroughbreds Tuesday at Keeneland. The 3-year-old unraced mare sold in foal to

Maclean’s Music. Out of champion Indian Blessing (Indian Charlie), she is a half-sister to Grade I-placed Ten Blessings (Smart Strike) and was bred, like both of those runners, by Hal Earnhardt.

“She stood out in Book 4,” said Donato Lanni of Hill ‘n’ Dale Sales Agency, which consigned the mare. “We just wanted her to be a star today—we put her in Book 4 so she would stand out. There are still a lot of people shopping for young mares. She’s pretty and she sold herself. She’s out of a champion and she’s beautiful.”

Moon Over Matter to Sexton



Moon Over Matter | Keeneland

Moon Over Matter (Malibu Moon) (hip 2397) will be joining Sandra Sexton’s broodmare band after bloodstock agent Tom Bozarth acquired the mare for \$180,000 early in Tuesday’s seventh session of the Keeneland November sale. The unraced 5-year-old mare, in foal to Twirling Candy, was consigned by Brookdale on behalf of Amy Tarrant’s Hardacre Farm.

“Sandra likes Twirling Candy and we like the family,” Bozarth said after signing the ticket on the mare. “There is a lot of upside

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with the 2-year-old coming up. We are looking for those type of horses to put in her broodmare band. We are just trying to improve the broodmare band.”

Out of Prettyatthetable (Point Given), Moon over Matter is a half-sister to multiple graded stakes winner Pomeroy's Pistol (Pomeroy), whose Pioneer of the Nile colt sold for \$1 million at last year's Keeneland September Yearling Sale. Now named Thousand Words, the 2-year-old broke his maiden for trainer Bob Baffert and Albaugh Family Stables and Spendthrift Farm at Santa Anita Oct. 26.

Moon over Matter, who RNA'd for \$90,000 at the 2015 Keeneland September sale, is carrying her second foal. She produced a filly by Tiznow this year.

Sexton has 30 mares in her band, according to Bozarth, and the group includes Rose and Shine (Mr. Sekiguchi). Sexton and her late husband Hargus purchased that mare for \$21,000 at the 2017 Keeneland January sale while she was carrying this month's GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies winner British Idiom (Flashback).

“She breeds for the market and I think this is just another broodmare to put in the band, so we're excited,” Bozarth added.

Of the mare's final price Tuesday, Bozarth said, “When you see something that has something go on [in the family], you're going to have to step up and pay for it.”

Kantharos Filly a Score for Galvin

A filly by Kantharos ([hip 2598](#)) jumped to the top of the weanling's list at Keeneland November Tuesday when selling for \$160,000 to Pink N Blue Stable, an operation which is leaving open the options to race or pinhook the New York-bred miss.

The chestnut filly was consigned by Hunter Valley Farm and was bred by Hunter Valley's Fergus Galvin, who purchased Cassidy's Reward (Warrior's Reward) with this weanling in utero for \$50,000 at last year's Keeneland November sale.

“We were really drawn to the cover sire more than anything,” Galvin said of the mare's appeal last fall. “She was a resident New York mare when we bought her, so I sent her back up to my father-in-law, Joe McMahon [at McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds] and foaled her out in New York. She's now back in Kentucky and back in foal to Kantharos.”

Galvin agreed the weanling's New York-bred status provided buyers with plenty of options.

“It adds value to pretty much any horse,” he said of the state-bred designation. “You're running for a great program. You have the nice New York yearling sale up there in the summer. It's definitely an appeal for pinhookers to resell and for end-users. The buyer has options for both, I think.”

Of the weanling, Galvin added, “She's beautiful, with a great shape and a smooth mover. She really stood out among the

weanlings in our barn.”

Liam's Map Weanling Top Colt Tuesday



Keeneland photo

A colt by Liam's Map ([hip 2490](#)) attracted a final bid of \$145,000 from Mike McMahon Tuesday at Keeneland and the weanling is likely to resurface in next year's yearling sales.

“We really like the sire, he has two Grade I winners,” McMahon said of the colt's appeal. “[The weanling] is a scopey horse, the kind of horse who should bring good money next year.”

Liam's Map is off to a quick start at stud, with his first crop to race including this year's GI Runhappy Hopeful S. winner Basin and GI Frizette S. winner Wicked Whisper.

Of the weanling's final price, McMahon added, “It was more than we wanted to pay, but he's really a very nice horse. So a little bit more, you've got to do it sometimes.”

Hip 2490 is out of Spangled Banner (Tiz Wonderful), a half to graded winner Ladyecho (Alphabet Soup), as well as to the dam of multiple Grade I winner Curalina (Curlin).

Spangled Banner, with this weanling in utero, sold for \$120,000 to Antony Beck's Gainesway and John Malone's Bridlewood Farm as a partnership to support GI Belmont S. winner Tapwrit, who began his stud career at Gainesway earlier this year, at last year's Keeneland November sale.

“This partnership went into the market last year to buy mares specifically to be compatible on pedigree and physically and within a price range for Tapwrit,” explained Gainesway's Michael Heron. “Neil Howard and George Isaacs of Bridlewood selected 20 mares. Several of those mares were pregnant at the time and now we're selling foals on behalf of that partnership out of those mares.”

Also on behalf of the partnership, Gainesway sold [hip 1611](#), a son of Mastery out of Pocket of Aces (Harlan's Holiday) for

\$120,000 and hip 2391, and a colt by Exaggerator out of Missbelle O's Tale (Tale of the Cat), for \$62,000.

"These gentlemen decided to partner up and support the horse and, in addition to that partnership, Antony Beck has bred a number of mares to Tapwrit himself to try to position him to get an early start," Hernon continued. "Some of the mares will be bred back and some will be sold. We want to help disperse product by Tapwrit into the marketplace and into breeders' hands so they get exposure to his first crop of foals. The hope is to develop increased interest in the horse and patronage back in the coming breeding season."

Tapwrit, who was a stakes winner at two before winning the GI Belmont S. and GII Tampa Bay Derby at three, bred 154 mares in 2019. He stands for \$12,500.

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KEENELAND NOVEMBER TUESDAY - TOP MARES

HIP	NAME	STATUS	PRICE (\$)
2688	Indian Gardens <i>(3, Pioneerof the Nile-Indian Blessing, by Indian Charlie)</i>	i/f Maclean's Music	205,000
	Consigned by Hill 'n' Dale Sales Agency, agent Purchased by Betz Thoroughbreds		
2397	Moon Over Matter <i>(5, Malibu Moon-Prettyatthetable, by Point Given)</i>	i/f Twirling Candy	180,000
	Consigned by Brookdale Sales, Agent for Hardacre Farm LLC (A Reduction) Purchased by Arch Bloodstock, Agent for Sandra Sexton		
2377	Malibu Rainbow <i>(3, Malibu Moon-Jaramar Rain, by Thunder Gulch)</i>	racing/b'mare prospect	125,000
	Consigned by Indian Creek, agent Purchased by Keithshire Farm		
2597	Cascading Cash <i>(7, Distorted Humor-Cascading, by A.P. Indy)</i>	i/f Ghostzapper	120,000
	Consigned by Warrendale Sales, Agent for Live Oak Stud Purchased by Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa		
2600	Catchingsnowflakes <i>(5, Galileo {Ire}-Sweeter Still {Ire}, by Rock of Gibraltar {Ire})</i>	i/f English Channel	120,000
	Consigned by Royal Oak Farm (Damien & Braxton Lynch), agent Purchased by Mini Bloodstock		
2538	Winner <i>(17, Horse Chestnut {Saf}-Pennant Champion, by Mr. Prospector)</i>	i/f Street Sense	115,000
	Consigned by Red Oak Farm (Damian & Braxton Lynch), agent Purchased by Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa		
2569	Backroom <i>(2, Fed Biz-Intensify, by Unbridled's Song)</i>	racing/b/mare prospect	105,000
	Consigned by Hidden Brook, Agent XXXII Purchased by Severn Way Farm LLC		
2548	Adore <i>(6, Big Brown-Cozshesaidso, by Empire Maker)</i>	broodmare prospect	100,000
	Consigned by Gainesway, Agent XXXVI Purchased by B. C. Jones		

KEENELAND NOVEMBER TUESDAY - TOP WEANLINGS

HIP	SEX	SIRE DAM	PRICE (\$)
2598	filly	Kantharos-Cassidy's Reward (\$50,000 i/u '18 KEENOV)	160,000
	Breeder: Fergus Galvin (Ky)		



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• % RNAs	18.6%
• High Price	\$325,000
• Gross	\$7,613,900
• Average	\$31,593
• Median	\$20,000
CUMULATIVE	2019
• Catalogued	2777
• No. Offered	2175
• No. Sold	1,653
• RNAs	522
• % RNAs	24%
• No. \$500K+	54
• High Price	\$3,200,000
• Gross	\$184,131,300
• Average	\$111,392
• Median	\$50,000

Consignor: Hunter Valley Farm

Purchaser: Pink N Blue Stable

2490 colt Liam's Map–Spangled Banner 145,000
 (\$120,000 i/u '18 KEENOV)

Breeder: Gainesway Thoroughbreds & Bridlewood Farm (Ky)

Consignor: Gainesway, Agent VIII

Purchaser: McMahon & Hill Bloodstock, agent

2362 colt Cupid–Lisdoonvarna 127,000

Breeder: Springhouse Farm & Circular Road Breeders (Ky)

Consignor: Paramount Sales, Agent LXX

Purchaser: Moon Bloodstock

FAILED DRUG TEST BY STRONACH KIN COULD COST CANADA OLYMPICS EQUESTRIAN BERTH

by T.D. Thornton

A positive drug test for cocaine metabolites turned in by Nicole Walker, a member of Canada's prominent Stronach family who is the reigning Canadian show jumping champion, could cost Canada its berth in the 2020 Olympic Games.

Canada's major daily newspaper, the *Globe and Mail*, reported Nov. 12 that Walker's Aug. 7 drug positive occurred at the Pan Am Games in Lima after Walker helped the four-member show jumping team attain fourth place in a qualifying final for the Tokyo Games.

The *Globe and Mail* reported that Walker, who is appealing the positive result, "believes her failed test stemmed from drinking coca tea, a legal and common pick-me-up in South America."

Walker, 26, is the daughter of Belinda Stronach, the chairman and president of The Stronach Group (TSG), which operates, among numerous other holdings, Santa Anita Park, Golden Gate Fields, Gulfstream Park, Laurel Park and Pimlico Race Course.

Walker is also the granddaughter of TSG founder and longtime Thoroughbred owner and breeder Frank Stronach. Last year Frank Stronach initiated a \$540 million (CDN) lawsuit alleging widespread financial malfeasance against Belinda Stronach, and Nicole Walker was named as a co-defendant in that ongoing case.

According to the *Globe and Mail*, regulators at the Federation Equestre Internationale in Switzerland announced on Tuesday that "Ms. Walker is provisionally suspended from the sport after turning in a positive result for benzoylecgonine, a chemical produced when the body metabolizes cocaine."

Walker could not be reached for comment. But the *Globe and Mail* reported that she posted on Instagram that "I was shocked and devastated to hear about these results. I do not use illicit drugs, ever."

Citing sources close to Canada's equestrian team, the *Globe and Mail* reported that if Panam Sports upholds Walker's positive test, "her scores from the Lima Games will be dropped from the team's total, and the Canadian equestrian team will no longer qualify for the Olympics."

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WEDNESDAY RACING CANCELED AT CHURCHILL DUE TO COLD



Kentucky was hit with an early snowstorm and cold temperatures on Tuesday | Justina Severni photo

An early blast of winter weather late Monday into early Tuesday and below-freezing overnight temperatures has prompted Churchill Downs Racetrack to cancel its live racing program scheduled for Wednesday, the track announced Tuesday afternoon.

Training at Churchill Downs was canceled Tuesday morning as the track maintenance crew worked to keep the surface from freezing. With temperatures forecast to climb only into the mid-20s Tuesday and dip back into the teens Tuesday night, track officials have determined that track conditions will not improve significantly before racing on Wednesday.

Ten races were scheduled Wednesday and post time for the first race was scheduled for 1 p.m. Eastern. Temperatures are forecast to climb above freezing Wednesday afternoon and track maintenance crews will be working around the clock to get the track in suitable condition for racing on Thursday.



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Cancellations of races at Churchill Downs because of weather conditions are rare. The cancellation of Wednesday’s card was the 22nd documented event in track history and seventh connected to a wintry mix. The last time racing was suspended because of winter weather was Nov. 19-20, 2014.

Churchill Downs said they intended to stage a 10-race card Thursday at 1 p.m.

Tuesday’s live racing at Finger Lakes was canceled also due to the wintry weather. Racing at Mahoning Valley Race Course was abandoned after race four.

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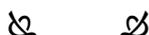
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In a collaboration between Keeneland Association and Cross Gate Gallery of Lexington, a series of works by a host of regional artists, including Henry Faulkner, Paul Sawyier and Robert James Foose will be featured at the seventh annual Sporting Art Auction, held Sunday, Nov. 17, at 4 p.m. ET in the Keeneland Sales Pavilion. The 190-piece collection, including American paintings and sculpture by Sir Alfred Munnings, Henry Stull, John Frederick Herring Jr. and LeRoy Neiman, Andre Pater, Richard Stone Reeves, Quang Ho, Peter Howell and Larry Wheeler, is open for viewing in the Keeneland Sales Pavilion from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. daily. The Sporting Art Auction catalog is available online at www.thesportingartauction.com.

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KENTUCKY DERBY MUSEUM USHERS IN NEW BOARD MEMBERS

The Kentucky Derby Museum has welcomed five new board members, including entrepreneur Eden Bridgeman Sklenar; Thoroughbred owner Jill Baffert; award-winning sports journalist Gene McLean; and Bill Beam, former finance director for Gov. Paul Patton.

Returning to the board after serving in previous years is Todd Spencer, President & CEO of Doe-Anderson, a prominent advertising and public relations firm in Louisville.

Bridgeman Sklenar has been the chief marketing officer of Manna Inc. since 2017 and has been with the restaurant group since 2009.

Baffert is a former television reporter and anchor for *WLKY-TV* in Louisville. She is married to Hall of Fame trainer Bob Baffert.

McLean started his career in 1977 as a sportswriter and columnist for the *Lexington Herald-Leader* and was recognized as one of the state’s best writers, winning the prestigious “Sportswriter of the Year” honor in 1985.

Beam has been a benefactor of the Kentucky Derby Museum for 20 years, while being a Churchill Downs season box holder and a member of the Churchill Downs Turf Club for over 28 years.

Additionally, two current Board Members are serving in new roles. Moving into the Board Chair position is Chris Whelan, Vice President of Communications at LG&E. Glenn Haygood, President & General Manager at *WLKY-TV*, now serves as Vice Chair.

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for stallions standing in North America through Monday, Nov. 11

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Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	Constitution (2011) by Tapit Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$15,000	4	6	4	5	1	2	45	15	317,900	1,448,456
2	Liam's Map (2011) by Unbridled's Song Stands: Lane's End Farm KY Fee: \$20,000	2	2	2	2	2	2	32	9	329,500	999,699
3	Competitive Edge (2012) by Super Saver Stands: Ashford Stud KY Fee: \$7,500	4	5	--	--	--	--	40	15	219,308	986,854
4	Khozan (2012) by Distorted Humor Stands: Journeyman Stud FL Fee: \$4,000	2	5	--	--	--	--	33	12	233,800	946,735
5	Tapiture (2011) by Tapit Stands: Darby Dan Farm KY Fee: \$7,500	1	2	--	--	--	--	55	19	90,600	807,080
6	American Pharoah (2012) by Pioneerof the Nile Stands: Ashford Stud KY Fee: \$100,000	--	1	--	1	--	1	29	10	96,600	742,243
7	Wicked Strong (2011) by Hard Spun Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY Fee: \$7,500	1	3	--	--	--	--	50	16	63,200	696,889
8	Bayern (2011) by Offlee Wild Stands: Hill 'n' Dale Farms KY Fee: \$15,000	--	--	--	--	--	--	40	12	77,401	682,665
9	Race Day (2011) by Tapit Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY Fee: \$6,000	3	4	--	--	--	--	25	10	110,748	522,524
10	Commissioner (2011) by A.P. Indy Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$7,500	1	3	--	1	--	--	34	11	112,379	502,440
11	Fast Anna (2011) by Medaglia d'Oro Stands: Three Chimneys Farm KY Fee: \$7,500	2	2	--	--	--	--	29	9	205,280	488,361
12	The Big Beast (2011) by Yes It's True Stands: Ocala Stud Farm FL Fee: \$6,000	--	1	--	1	--	1	22	9	96,600	430,432
13	Palace Malice (2010) by Curlin Stands: Three Chimneys Farm KY Fee: \$15,000	--	1	--	--	--	--	41	8	58,100	421,752
14	Carpe Diem (2012) by Giant's Causeway Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$25,000	--	1	--	--	--	--	39	8	71,500	421,482
15	Honor Code (2011) by A.P. Indy Stands: Lane's End Farm KY Fee: \$40,000	--	--	--	--	--	--	28	9	59,250	416,168

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5th-Parx Racing, \$45,500, Msw, 11-12, 2yo, 1m, 1:43.52, ft. ASHRAQ (g, 2, Medaglia d'Oro--Tanaami, by Elusive Quality) showed an above-average local worktab for this unveiling, capped by a half-mile breeze in :49 flat (4/18) Nov. 8, and was knocked down to 14-5 second favoritism off a 10-1 morning-line quote. Breaking sharply as third choice Indy's Jewel (Take Charge Indy) stumbled and dumped his rider at the start, the homebred led heading into the clubhouse turn before deferring to sit second past splits of :24.18 and :49.63. Overhauling the pacesetter outside the quarter pole, the gelding took charge at the top of the lane and held sway late to edge closing Max Player (Honor Code) by a half-length. The winner's dam, a half to GISW turfer Alwajeeha (Dixieland Band), produced a colt by Nyquist this term before being bred to Mohaymen. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$27,000. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O/B-Shadwell Stable (KY); T-Michael V. Pino.



IN ITALY:

Unique Diamond, g, 4, English Channel--Diamond Dilemma (Ire), by Sinndar (Ire). Rome. 11-12, Hcp, 2300m. B-Calumet Farm (KY). O/T-Soc. Al M.S. Srl di Salvioni M. Rita. *\$1,500 Ylg '16 FTKOCT.

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Lifetime Record: 14-4-4-0, \$92,455. O-Cherry Owl Stable; B-University of Florida Foundation (FL); T-Joseph Taylor. *\$4,000 Ylg '17 OBSWIN.

5th-Golden Gate Fields, \$38,998, 11-11, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, f/m, 5fT, :57.07, fm.
SILKY SLEW (m, 5, Slew's Tiznow--Silken Sash {Ire}, by Danehill)
Lifetime Record: 8-3-1-0, \$103,727. O/B-Joseph LaCombe Stables, Inc. (CA); T-Andy Mathis. *1/2 to Raw Silk (Malibu Moon), GSW, \$201,958.

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Nov. 28	GIII Fall Highweight H. GIII Cardinal H. GII Falls City H. GIII Red Carpet H.	Aqueduct Churchill Churchill Del Mar
Nov. 29	GIII Comely S. GI Clark H. GII Mrs. Revere S. GII Hollywood Turf Cup	Aqueduct Churchill Churchill Del Mar
Nov. 30	GIII Discovery S. GIII Long Island S. GII Golden Rod S. GII Kentucky Jockey Club S. GI Hollywood Derby GIII Jimmy Durante S. GII Seabiscuit H. GIII Berkeley H.	Aqueduct Aqueduct Churchill Churchill Del Mar Del Mar Del Mar Golden Gate

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ENABLE NAMED CARTIER HORSE OF THE YEAR



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By Emma Berry

LONDON, UK--**Enable (GB)** (Nathaniel {Ire}) became just the third horse to be named Cartier Horse of the Year for the second time following her Group 1 victories this season in the Coral-Eclipse, King George VI & Queen Elizabeth QIPCO S., and Darley Yorkshire Oaks.

Juddmonte's outstanding homebred 5-year-old was first given the award in 2017 and joins Frankel (GB) (Galileo {Ire}) and Ouija Board (GB) (Cape Cross {Ire}) in becoming a dual winner. Set to return to the racecourse in 2020, Enable was also named Older Horse of the Year for the second year running. The first European mare to exceed career earnings of £10-million, she has been beaten only twice in 15 starts, most recently when finishing second to Waldgeist (GB) (Galileo {Ire}) when attempting to win the G1 Qatar Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe for a record third time.

"Bountiful talent combined with a courageous running style make her a joy to watch and it is no wonder that Enable is so popular with everyone in racing," said Cartier's racing consultant Harry Herbert. "It is exciting that Prince Khalid Abdullah is keeping her in training for 2020, when she could become the first three-time winner of the Cartier Horse of the Year."

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KINGMAN UP TO £150,000

Kingman (GB), who continued his excellent start at stud with his first 3-year-olds this year, will have his fee doubled to £150,000 in 2020. Kingman leads the second crop sire standings by year-to-date black-type winners (15), black-type horses, group horses and winners. His headline acts in 2019 included G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains winner Persian King (GB), his 2018 G2 Coventry S. winner Calyx (GB), who won this year's G3 Pavilion S.; dual French Group 2 winner Headman (GB) and G3 Hampton Court S. winner Sangarius (GB). "Kingman has had an outstanding start, with a Classic winner from his first crop as well as Group 2 winners Calyx and Headman, [G3] Musidora S. winner Nausha (GB) and Hampton Court S. winner Sangarius," said Juddmonte's UK Stud Director Simon Mockridge. "In 2019 the only sire in Europe to have had more 3-year-old stakes winners than Kingman was Galileo."

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IN TDN AMERICA TODAY

SPENDTHRIFT STALLIONS CELEBRATE CRUPI, COX

Chris McGrath discusses how new Spendthrift resident stallions and Breeders' Cup winners Vino Rosso and Mitole tie the legacies of the late Edward Cox Jr. and Jimmy Crupi. [Click or tap here to go straight to TDN America.](#)

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Enable Named Cartier Horse of the Year cont. from p1

In a glittering evening for John Gosden and Frankie Dettori at London's Dorchester Hotel, Enable provided two of the five equine awards with which the trainer and jockey were both associated. The mare's fellow 5-year-old, Bjorn Nielsen's **Stradivarius (Ire)** (Sea The Stars {Ire}), was named Cartier Stayer of the Year for the second time, while Lord and Lady Lloyd-Webber's **Too Darn Hot (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}) was another repeat winner, this time adding the Cartier Three-Year-Old Colt title to his success in the juvenile category in 2018. **Star Catcher (GB)** (Sea The Stars {Ire}), who won the Irish Oaks and Prix Vermeille for owner-breeder Anthony Oppenheimer, was named Cartier Three-Year-Old Filly.

Herbert continued, "John Gosden and Frankie Dettori are one of the most enduring partnerships in horseracing and virtually everything they touched in 2019 turned to gold. Stradivarius is firmly among the immortals in the stayers' division, while it was heart-warming to see Too Darn Hot return to his best in high summer. Star Catcher just seemed to get better and better as 2019 went on and emerged as the best of her generation."

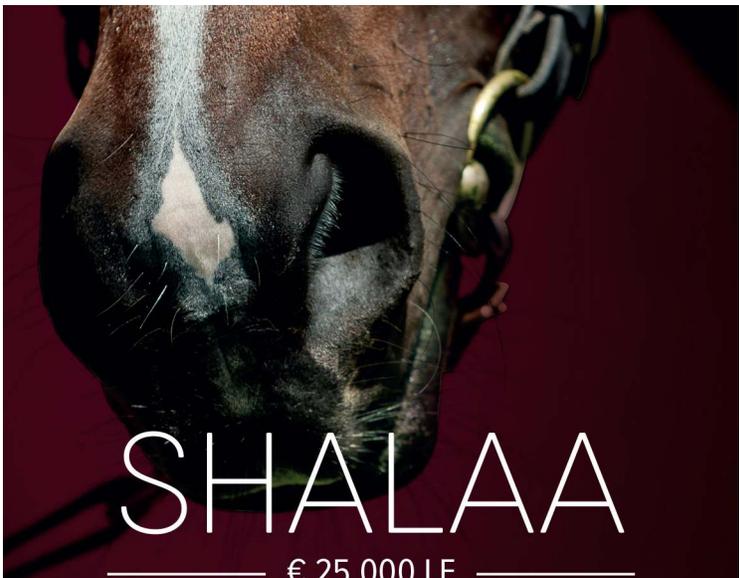
Charlie Appleby's Godolphin stable provided two of the winners of the evening--both sons of Darley stallion Shamardal--with **Blue Point (Ire)** being named Cartier Sprinter and the unbeaten **Pinatubo (Ire)** taking the Cartier Two-Year-Old Colt title.

"It takes a rare combination of talent and tenacity to win two races at Royal Ascot but Blue Point did exactly that as he topped and tailed the week by bagging both Group 1 sprints," said Herbert. "Pinatubo was impressive throughout the year and his victory at the Curragh was a real wow moment. Officially the best juvenile in 25 years, his return in 2020 is going to be hugely anticipated."

The final equine category went to another Juddmonte homebred, with the Roger Charlton-trained **Quadrilateral (GB)** (Frankel {GB}) being named Cartier Two-Year-Old Filly following her victory in the G1 bet365 Fillies' Mile at Newmarket.

"As well as his established superstar Enable, Prince Khalid Abdullah also has unbeaten 2-year-old filly Quadrilateral to look forward to in 2020," Herbert added. "Seven of the eight equine winners at the 29th Cartier Racing Awards are the product of owner-breeders who form the backbone of our great sport and I extend my congratulations to Prince Khalid Abdullah, Sheikh Mohammed, Bjorn Nielsen, Anthony Oppenheimer and Lord and Lady Lloyd-Webber."

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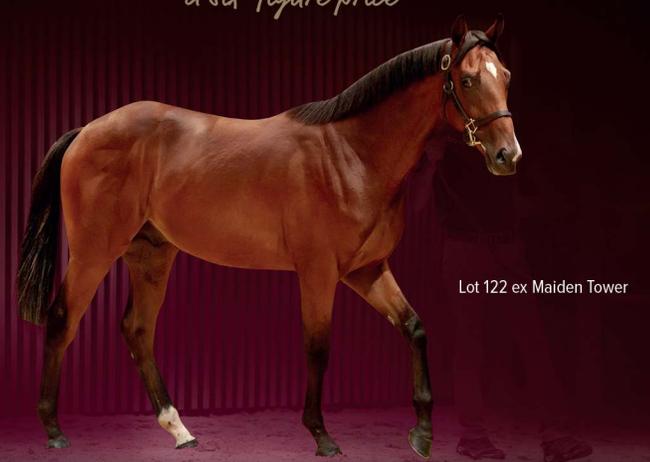
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SMULLEN RECEIVES CARTIER AWARD OF MERIT *By Emma Berry*



Click for a video on Cartier Award of Merit recipient Pat Smullen | *Racing Post*

LONDON, UK--Multiple Irish champion jockey Pat Smullen was presented with the Cartier/Daily Telegraph Award of Merit during the 29th annual Cartier Awards at the Dorchester Hotel in London on Tuesday evening.

During a career spanning more than 20 years, most of that time spent as stable jockey to Dermot Weld, Smullen was crowned champion jockey in Ireland on nine occasions, most recently in 2016, the year he won the G1 Investec Derby and the G1 Irish Derby aboard the Aga Khan's Harzand (Ire) (Sea The Stars {Ire}). Harzand was one of his 11 Classic winners, which also included G1 Irish Oaks heroine Covert Love (Ire) (Azamour {Ire}), G1 2000 Guineas winner Refuse To Bend (Ire) (Sadler's Wells) and the four-time G1 Irish St Leger winner Vinnie Roe (Ire) (Definite Article {GB}).

Smullen was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in March of last year and announced his retirement from the saddle this May. He was recently at the forefront of a major fundraising effort as ambassador for the Longines Irish Champions Weekend. Charitable events surrounding the two days of racing and including the Pat Smullen Champions Race, in which nine of his retired weighing-room colleagues returned to the saddle, raised more than €2.5-million for Cancer Trials Ireland.

Since his retirement, the 42-year-old has joined the team at Eva Bucher-Haefner's Moyglare Stud, for whom he rode many major winners, and has written a popular weekly column for the TDN during the Flat season. He has also recently been appointed honorary president of the International Federation of Jockeys Associations.



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Paying tribute to Smullen's achievements, Harry Herbert, racing consultant for Cartier, said, "Pat Smullen is an inspirational figure. As well as his brilliance in the saddle, his dedication to help others who face the same health issues tells us what an outstanding human being he is."

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Kingman Up To £150,000 cont. from p1



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Kingman has had four stakes winners from his second crop, including [G3] Prestige S. winner Boomer, and his third crop proved incredibly popular at the yearling sales. Kingman averaged £317,933 for 59 sold, including colts sold for 2.3-million gns and 1.8-million gns at Tattersalls Book 1."

Frankel (GB) remains at £175,000 in 2020 after similarly backing up a strong start at stud.

"Frankel offers breeders the greatest chance of producing a group winner of any other sire in the Northern Hemisphere, with a phenomenal 14% group winners to runners and 28% black-type performers to runners," said Mockridge. "He is second only to his own sire Galileo in terms of group winners from crops foaled between 2014 and 2017, and is Galileo's most successful son despite only having four crops of racing age. He sired five Group 1 winners in 2019, including two British Classic winners in Anapurna and track-record breaking Logician. Frankel reached his 10th Group 1 winner overall when 2-year-old Quadrilateral won the Fillies' Mile at Newmarket, and she's currently favourite for next year's Classics.

At the sales, his yearlings averaged £436,160 for 37 sold, including his highest- ever priced yearling with a colt sold for 3.1-million guineas to Godolphin."

Bated Breath (GB) is up to a career-high £12,500 after a year in which he sired three Royal Ascot winners and Group 2 winners Space Traveller (GB), Worth Waiting (GB) and Daahyeh (GB). **Oasis Dream (GB)** is at £25,000, while GI Breeders' Cup Mile winner **Expert Eye (GB)** is at £17,500 for his second season.

"We await with excitement the first foals by Breeders' Cup Mile winner Expert Eye," said Mockridge. "This son of sire-of-sires Acclamation covered a full book of mares in 2019, including 30 stakes winners and 73 black-type performers/producers. Ninety-seven percent of his book were stakes performers, producers or siblings/daughters of stakes performers. As well as being a Group 1 winner at three, Expert Eye was a brilliant, Group-2 winning 2-year-old, described by his trainer Sir Michael Stoute as 'naturally precocious, very well-balanced, well-developed and mature. You would say that he's the best 2-year-old that I have had for quite a while.' He has impressed breeders with his good looks and athletic walk, and as a fourth generation homebred, we fully expect him to be the latest stallion success story produced by Juddmonte."

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WALDGEIST RETIRES TO BALLYLINCH

G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe winner **Waldgeist (GB)** (Galileo {Ire}--Waldlerche {GB}, by Monsun {Ger}) will begin his stud career in 2020 at Ballylinch Stud for a fee of €17,500. He will stand alongside Lope de Vega (Ire), who also raced in the colours of Gestut Ammerland.

Trained by Andre Fabre and campaigned at the peak of his career by co-breeders Gestut Ammerland and Newsells Park Stud, Waldgeist won two of his three starts at two including the G1 Criterium de Saint-Cloud. Though winless at three, he was second in three of his five starts, all in pattern company, including the G1 Prix du Jockey Club, and he bounced back last year at four to win the G1 Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud, G2 Grand Prix de Chantilly, G2 Prix Foy and G3 Prix d'Hedouville. Waldgeist kicked off his 5-year-old campaign this year with a victory in the G1 Prix Ganay, and after thirds in the G1 Prince of Wales's S. and G1 King George VI and Queen Elizabeth S., he defended his Prix Foy title before defeating Enable (GB) (Nathaniel {Ire}) in a historic Arc.

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Waldgeist is out of the accomplished young producer **Waldlerche (GB)** (Monsun {Ger}), who is a half-sister to the G1 St Leger winner Masked Marvel (GB) (Montjeu {Ire}) and has also left the Group 2-winning Waldlied (GB) (New Approach {Ire}). His third dam is the G2 Deutsches St Leger winner Wurftaube (Ger) (Acatenango {Ger}).

Waldgeist's trainer Andre Fabre said, "Waldgeist was a pleasure to train. He showed me early that he was very good, he won a Group 1 at two, and progressed all the way to win the Prix de l'Arc. He had a fantastic attitude to training and racing, acted on any ground, and had a great turn of foot. He was very sound both mentally and physically and I am confident that he has everything it takes to make a top stallion."

Ballylinch Stud Managing Director John O'Connor said, "The team at Ballylinch are delighted to welcome Waldgeist here to join Lope de Vega. We look forward to working with Dietrich von Botticher and Newsells Park to help develop Waldgeist into another top-class sire. As with all new Ballylinch stallions, we intend to syndicate a number of shares to leading breeders."

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ELEVEN BANNED FROM BRITISH RACING

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Waldgeist, pictured winning the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, enters stud at Ballylinch Stud in 2020 | racingfotos.com

CHIEF IRONSIDE, DANCETERIA REMAIN IN AUSTRALIA FOR 2020



Danceteria (Fr) | *Racing Post*

Chief Ironside (GB) (Lawman {Fr}) and **Danceteria (Fr)** (Redoute's Choice {Aus}) will remain in Australia for a 2020 campaign. Australian Bloodstock secured interests in both horses earlier this season. Conditioned by David Menuisier, Chief Ironside was Group 3 placed in England this season before scoring in the G2 Crystal Mile on the Cox Plate undercard. He finished off the board last time out in the G1 Cantala S. at Flemington. Also trained by Menuisier, Danceteria, winner of the G1 Grosser Dallmayr Bayerisches Zuchtrennen in July, finished 14th in the G1 Cox Plate at Moonee Valley last month.

"They are both staying in Australia," confirmed Menuisier. "I'm not sure what the plans are and who they will be trained by, but unfortunately we travelled back light. It's a blow for the yard, but I fully understand the decision. The owners are Australian, and both horses have shown they are more than capable in the best races there, so it makes sense to stay."

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VAN ZYL AND THURTLIE JOIN TWEENHILLS

Pieter Van Zyl and Alice Thurtle have joined Tweenhills Stud. Van Zyl, former stud manager at Klawervlei Stud in South Africa, has been appointed stud manager while Thurtle assumes the role of nominations and marketing. Prior to joining Tweenhills, Thurtle held the position of Communications Executive at Thoroughbred Breeders' Association in Newmarket.

"It's a real coup to be able to welcome Pieter and Alice to Tweenhills," said Tweenhills owner and manager David Redvers.

"Pieter is a world-class stud manager and brings a wealth of knowledge, horsemanship and management skills from around the globe, whilst Alice's boundless enthusiasm and passion for the business is already making an impression on the team! They are both in their own ways going to help take Tweenhills to the next level and I'm delighted to have them join my brilliant team."

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FIRST-SEASON SIRES WITH RUNNERS

Wednesday, November 13:

FRANCE

Bathyrhon (Ger) (Monsun {Ger}), Haras de la Hetraie
28 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
4-LYON PARILLY, 2000m, CAPARICA (Fr)
€5,000 Arqana Deauville Autumn Mixed Sale 2018

Mubaarez (GB) (Green Desert), Haras de Saint Roch
5 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
4-LYON PARILLY, 2000m, REINE VERA (Fr)

Prince Gibraltar (Fr) (Rock of Gibraltar {Ire}), Haras de Montaigu
51 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
4-LYON PARILLY, 2000m, ADELPHIE (Fr)
€10,000 Arqana Deauville October Yearlings 2018

Red Dubawi (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}), Haras de la Croix Sonnet
35 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
4-ANGERS, 1600m, ROUGEGARDE (Fr)
€10,000 Arqana December Breeding Stock Sale 2017



Prince Gibraltar | *Haras de Montaigu*

FRANCE



Tuesday's Results:

PRIX YACOWLEF-Listed, €60,000, Chantilly, 11-12, 2yo, 5 1/2fT, 1:11.80, hy.

1--**KEEP BUSY (IRE)**, 121, f, 2, by **Night of Thunder (Ire)**

1st Dam: Look Busy (Ire) (GSW-Eng & Ire, SP-Ger, \$524,059), by Danetime (Ire)

2nd Dam: Unfortunate (GB), by Komaite

3rd Dam: Honour and Glory (GB), by Hotfoot (GB)

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. (34,000gns Ylg '18 TAOCT). O-Altitude Racing; B-Hackcanter Ltd & P Gleeson (IRE); T-John Quinn; J-Ioritz Mendizabal. €30,000. Lifetime Record: 11-3-2-1, €63,128. *1/2 to Looks A Million (GB) (Kyllachy {GB}), SP-Fr.

2--**Bavaria Baby (Fr)**, 121, f, 2, Dabirsim (Fr)--Baiadera (Ger), by Tertullian. (€16,000 RNA Ylg '18 AROCT). O-Ecurie Normandie Pur Sang. €12,000.

3--**Ernesto de La Cruz (Fr)**, 125, g, 2, Wootton Bassett (GB)--Green Empire (Ire), by Second Empire (Ire). (€18,000 Ylg '18

ARQNOV). O-Mme Andreina Mosca Toselli, Mme Eleonora Marcialis & Paolo Nedo Bacchiet. €9,000.

Margins: 3/4, 2, SNK. Odds: 13.10, 5.30, 10.00.

Also Ran: Wanaway (Fr), Lady Penelope (Ire), Gold Step (Fr), Spartan Fighter (GB), Nina Bailarina (GB), Autumnal (Fr), Lorelei Rock (Ire). **Click for the Racing Post result. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

The aptly named Keep Busy has earned her corn this term and was making her 10th start of the campaign when finishing fourth in Newmarket's Nov. 1 Listed Bosra Sham Fillies' S. last time. She had previously registered scores at Carlisle and Haydock in early summer, but was winless in six subsequent starts. Positioned in a handy fourth through halfway, the 13-1 chance was scrubbed along passing the quarter-mile marker and driven out inside the final furlong to assert for a career high.

Keep Busy is the fourth of five foals and one of two scorers out of MGSW G2 Temple S. victress Look Busy (Ire) (Danetime {Ire}), herself a half-sister to G1 Prix Morny hero Unfortunately (GB) (Society Rock {Ire}). The April-foaled bay is a half-sister to Listed Criterium de Vitesse placegetter Looks A Million (GB) (Kyllachy {GB}) and a yearling filly by Teofilo (Ire).



Keep Busy | Scoop Dyga

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Crew Dragon (Fr), c, 2, **Poet's Voice (GB)**--Vintage Red (Fr), by Turtle Bowl (Ire). Chantilly, 11-12, 6fT, 1:19.34. B-Berend van Dalfsen (FR). *€75,000 RNA Ylg '18 ARAUG.

Truco (Fr), c, 3, **Sepoy (Aus)**--Tropa de Elite (GSW-Brz), by Street Cry (Ire). Chantilly, 11-12, 9 1/2f (AWT), 1:57.70. B-Arthur Mendes (FR). *€5,000 RNA Ylg '17 AROCT.

IRELAND**HALF TO CHAMPION ALTIOR TOPS TATTS DAY 3**

Lot 560, a half-brother to NH champion Altior (Ire) (High Chaparral {Ire}), realized top bid of €155,000 during the third day of the November NH Sale Tuesday. Purchased by Irish international footballer Kevin Doyle, the June 16 foal was consigned by Coole House Farm (Agent) on behalf of the property of Mr. Paddy Behan Jr. By Camelot (GB), the bay is out of Monte Solaro (Ire) (Key of Luck). The second highest price for a foal at the sale, it was the highest since 2007. "What was there not to like about him?" said Doyle. "He speaks for himself; he is a half-brother to Altior and by Camelot. I had seen a lot of him through the pre-sale publicity, but we liked him when we saw him. The plan will be for re-sale."

Average increased (1%) to €22,023 over the corresponding session in 2018, while median remained unchanged at €18,000. Aggregate was up to €4,470,600 (+4%) and the clearance rate increased three points to 79%. The sale continues Wednesday, with bidding starting at 10a.m. (local time).

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EASTERN EUROPE**CONDITIONS WINNERS:**

Timemaster (Fr), c, 2, **Mukhadram (GB)**--Tierceville (Ire), by Oratorio (Ire). Sluzewiec (Poland), 11-10, 1300m. B-EARL Haras de Cisai. *€3,500 Ylg '18 ARQNOV. **VIDEO**

Night Tornado (GB), c, 2, **Night of Thunder (Ire)**--Tornadea (Ire), by Sea The Stars (Ire). Sluzewiec (Poland), 11-9, 1400m. B-SAS Haras de la Huderie. *€7,500 Ylg '18 ARQNOV. **VIDEO**

Suprtupl (Ire), c, 2, **Worthadd (Ire)**--Samara Hills (Ire), by Kandahar Run (GB). Prague (Czech Republic), 1800m. B-Az Agr Valle Falcone SRL. *€1,000 Ylg '18 GOFFEB; €3,000 2yo '19 GOFFEB; €2,000 2yo '19 BBAMAY. **VIDEO**

Captain Luka (Ire), g, 3, **Canford Cliffs (Ire)**--Aspasia Tizzy, by Tiznow. Prague (Czech Republic), 11-9, 1400mT. B-J C Carr. *1/2 to Above The Rest (Ire) (Excellent Art {GB}), GSW-Eng, \$336,017. **€14,000 Wlg '16 TATNOV; €18,000 Ylg '17 TISEP. **VIDEO**

MAIDEN WINNERS:

Saiget (Ire), c, 2, **Ivawood (Ire)**--Theebah (GB), by Bahamian Bounty (GB). Sluzewiec (Poland), 11-10, 1300m. B-Grange Stud. *17th winner for first-crop sire (by Zebedee {GB}). *€16,000 Ylg '18 GOFSP. **VIDEO**

**IN JAPAN:**

Viz Success (Ire), c, 2, **Siyouni (Fr)**--Viz (Ire) (SW-Ity & SP-Fr), by Darshaan (GB). Tokyo, 11-9, Maiden (£68k/€79k), 9fT. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$71,560. O-Masaru Shimada; B-Airlie Stud; T-Takahisa Tezuka. *1/2 to Viztoria (Ire) (Oratorio {Ire}), Hwt. 2yo Filly-Ire, Hwt. Older Mare-Ire at 5-7f, GSW-Eng & Ire, SP-Fr, \$357,833. **€160,000 Ylg '18 GOFORB.

WORLDWIDE NEWS**STABLE STAFF PART OF ILLEGAL BOOKMAKING ARRESTS**

Twenty-one people, including two assistant trainers and four stable employees licensed with the Hong Kong Jockey Club, have been arrested by anti-corruption police in Hong Kong for alleged connections to an illegal bookmaking ring, *Racing Post* reports. A spokesperson for the Independent Commission Against Corruption said in a statement, "A total of 21 persons, including two assistant trainers and four stable staff of the Hong Kong Jockey Club, were arrested for suspected corruption in relation to the provision of privileged information to facilitate illegal bookmaking and control of racehorses. "The HKJC has rendered full assistance to the ICAC during its operation. The ICAC and the HKJC do not tolerate any corrupt activities. The two organisations will continue to liaise and cooperate closely to combat related crimes and keep horseracing in Hong Kong clean." The Hong Kong Jockey Club's statement acknowledged that it has "zero tolerance for any illegal acts or activities of its employees." It continued, "The club does not comment on any cases being investigated by ICAC. However, the club would like to emphasise that upholding uncompromising integrity has always been the core value of the club."

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STUART RAMSEY: A PILLAR OF AUSTRALIAN BREEDING



Stuart & Trish Ramsey | TDNAusNZ

by Trevor Marshallsea

At Flemington last week, a longshot ran into an over-achieving second place in a Group 1 race under one of Australia's most familiar sets of colours.

The horse, Never Listen (Trusting), showed she belonged in top company with her second place, at \$41, in the VRC Oaks. The colours--green with white braces, yellow hooped sleeves and cap--belonged to Stuart Ramsey.

And the result so thoroughly belonged in the Stuart Ramsey story.

The beef baron from the bush, the ex-auctioneer who spread his business acumen to the turf through a renowned breeding empire based at the Hunter Valley's Turangga Farm, has made something of an art form of executing, or nearly pulling off, the very ambitious coup.

Many of the 67-year-old's greatest stories have concerned treasured victories, Group 1s to the likes of Ancient Song (Canny Lad), Sky Cuddle (Snippets) and Cinque Cento (Nothin' Leica Dane).

He bred Hong Kong star Able Friend (Shamardal {USA}), multiple Group 1-placed mare Champagne Cuddles (Not A Single Doubt), Coolmore Stud S. winner Headway (Charge Forward) and handy sprinter Glenall (Redoute's Choice).

But it's some of the near misses that add spice to the Ramsey story.

Like Glenall running fourth in the G1 The Galaxy in 2017 at only his fourth start. Or The Virginian (Hinchinbrook) nabbing third, at \$81, in the G1 Stradbroke H. in 2016, also at his fourth start; Sky Cuddle taking fourth in Makybe Diva (GB) (Desert King {Ire})'s Cox Plate of 2005, or another mare, Segments (Mossman) running second in the 2005 G1 Oakleigh Plate at \$151, when Ramsey found as much as \$301 on offer

Many of these successes were shared with his great mate and former champion trainer Peter Moody. And some defeats--such as Segments only just being run down by Fastnet Rock by a long neck in that Oakleigh Plate--are remembered as fondly by the pair as the wins.

"That summed up Stuey's whole approach," Moody once said of the Segments tale. "He was never scared to have a shot at the stumps when most people might have thought it was too ambitious, and that's a great owner to have."

Notice something about the 10 horses mentioned above, which were either bred by Ramsey or bought by him with a view to breeding? Only one of them, Able Friend, is by a non-Australian sire. And of the 10 dams involved, only two were not Australian, those being the New Zealand-bred mothers of Able Friend and Glenall.

A Pillar of Australian Breeding

To call Ramsey a pillar of Australian breeding, then, is a massive understatement. Forthright and opinionated, he loves this country's racing--to the point where he's even distressed the Melbourne Cup has become so international: ("They've ruined it!" he says.)

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Ramsey continued, (“People don’t want to bet on it any more because no-one knows the horses! I used to know all the starters, and could tell you all the winners, like Gatum Gatum in 1963. But now...”)

Ramsey has also been one of Australian racing and breeding’s great characters, an amply-proportioned bushie--hailing from Casino where his Ramsey Pastoral company was founded--who’s now firmly ensconced in the dynasty game, with his son John in recent years taking on the job of training many of the family horses.

Such as Never Listen

You get the sense there’s been a bit of argy-bargy between the forthright senior Ramsey and his new-ish trainer, just as his close relationship with Moody wasn’t without disagreements.

“Peter wanted to run Segments on the Friday night at Moonee Valley rather than the Oakleigh Plate. He said she’d just win,” Ramsey says. “I told him: ‘She can’t run at The Valley, because the Oakleigh Plate is on the Saturday.’

“Geez that was a thrill. She just about won it. It would’ve been great to win it, but I did get 300-1, which is decent each-way odds.”

There were no disagreements, however, when Sky Cuddle grabbed fourth in that unforgettable Cox Plate, when Moody and Ramsey correctly predicted most jockeys would burn out their mounts trying to upset Makybe Diva, whereas Greg Childs sat patiently behind the pace to take fourth at 100-1.

“I was in tears coming down the grandstand,” says Ramsey, who was asked why by a reporter. “We’ve only just got beat by one of the greatest mares of all time,” he replied.

Ramsey retired Sky Cuddle after that run to breed from her. Thus far she’s had three foals to race, all by neighbouring farm Arrowfield’s Not A Single Doubt. The second of them is Champagne Cuddles, to date the winner of \$1.4 million.

There’s some irony in a horse called Never Listen performing so heroically with her second to Miami Bound (NZ) (Reliable Man {GB}) in the VRC Oaks. Some might think connections launched that mission after her 81 win the start before in a 2200 metre BM58 race at Scone. In fact, it was all a long-range plan,

set mostly by John Ramsey. That’s also part of the reason Stuart Ramsey transferred her to his son, from Sydney training team Edward O’Rourke and Michael Freedman, after her first two starts yielded unplaced runs over 1100 metres and 1300 metres.

“Dad wanted to put her in foal a while back,” says John, the only Ramsey boy, born in the middle of a run of six girls. “I said: ‘She’s a VRC Oaks filly.’ Thankfully for once he listened to me.”

John, 34, has been stud manager at Turangga, taking more of a forward role since Stuart lightened his own load a few years back. A seasoned horseman with a long history in breaking, John began training as a hobby in 2013, but took it up in earnest two years ago.

With his 26 boxes at Scone racecourse usually full, he’s been achieving some sweet percentages: 14 wins from 74 starts last season, and six from 42 so far in this one.



Stuart Ramsey and Peter Moody | TDNAusNZ



Former resident stallion Trusting, sire of Never Listen | TDNAusNZ

And What’s it like Training for Your Dad?

“TJ Smith used to say it’s one thing training horses, but a lot harder training owners,” John says with a laugh. “But, nah, he’s not too bad.”

Stuart Ramsey made his way, and his millions, by moving around to get ahead, and, almost literally, by grabbing bulls by horns.

He left casino to join Elders in Grafton on January 12, 1972, moving to Yass with the company on October 16 of that year, before settling in West Wyalong on January 18, 1974 (yes, he can tell you all the exact dates).

He started a business in West Wyalong in 1976, becoming an auctioneer, before returning to Casino where in 1985 he enhanced his cattle holdings and took over an abattoir, later adding another in Grafton.

He got into the horse business in a small way in the mid-80s, selling a filly at the first Magic Millions sale on the Gold Coast. He's barely missed that sale ever since, as his breeding empire has expanded. In 2003 he purchased Turangga, located in the Segenhoe Valley a short hop from Scone, where his breeding interests have gone from strength to strength ever since. While he's always on the lookout for his next mare, there have also been stallions at Turangga.

Trusting (Tale Of The Cat {USA}), a triple Group 2 winner and five-times Group 1-placed, stood there until recently before being moved on. Never Listen promises to enhance the stallion's legacy at Turangga, though John Ramsey has ruled out an AJC Oaks start for her next autumn, saying that instead she'll be given a long spell to mature, with an eye on the spring riches of 2020, or maybe 2021 instead.

Better Land (Shamardal {USA}) is now the farm's resident stallion, with his oldest progeny weanlings. Mostly, though, Ramsey's business has run along his well trodden path – centring on his 30 quality broodmares, with around a dozen yearlings from the band to be offered in the new year's yearling sales on the Gold Coast and in Sydney.

Making his way in the bush, and building his empire, brought Stuart Ramsey an unfancy and pragmatic approach to life. Asked why he chose Shamardal (USA) to cover Ponte Piccolo (NZ) (Volksraad {GB}) to create the \$550,000 yearling that was Able Friend, he says succinctly: "Coz he suited the mare." Asked for his motto regarding horses? "Give the good ones the best opportunity you can. But if they're no good, you've gotta sack 'em."

You can't be too romantic in this business. And Ramsey and his no-nonsense approach have fared better than most.

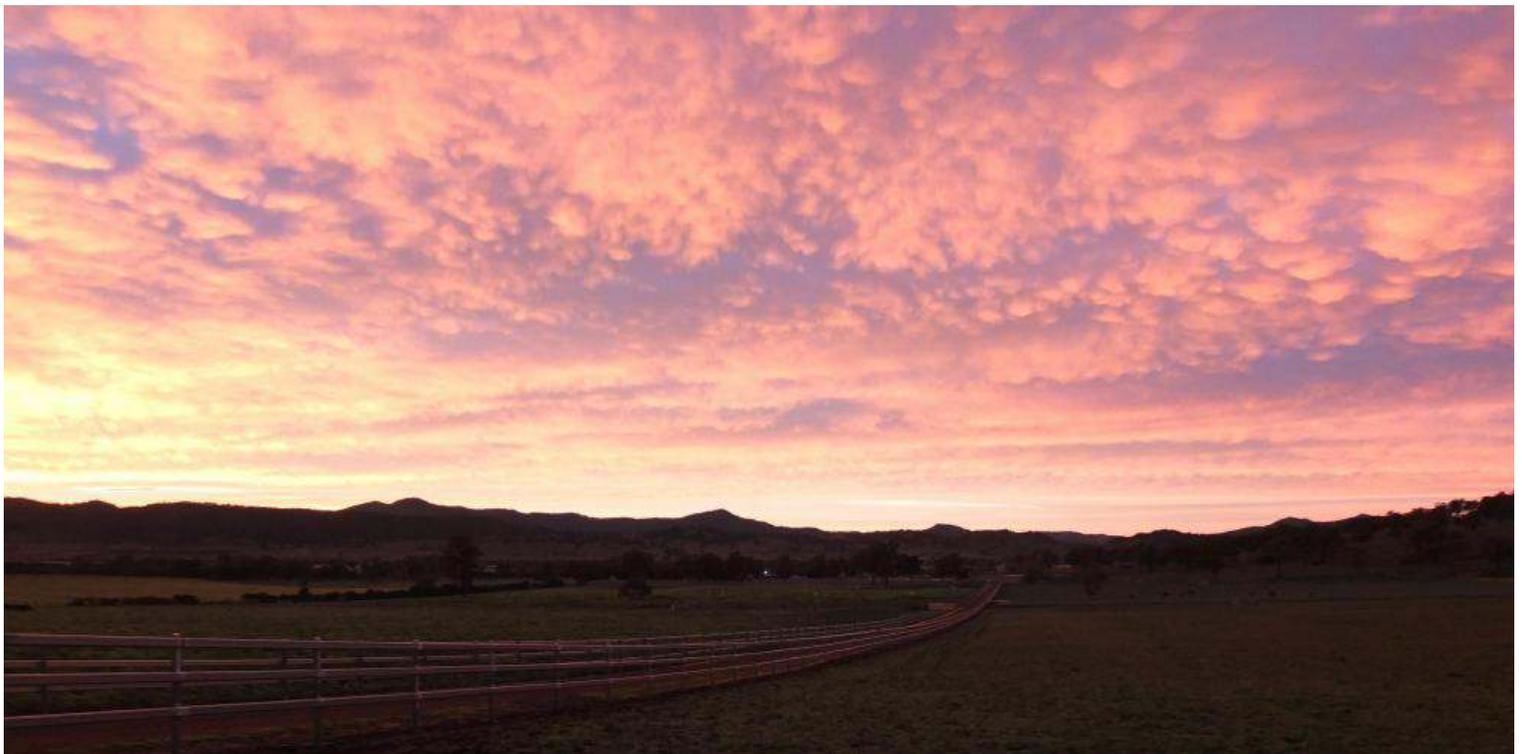
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