



CHAMPIONSHIP SHOT BRINGS VISION BACK IN FOCUS



Storm the Court (inside) | Benoit

by *Chris McGrath*

There's been some pretty faint praise for the winner of what generally proves the key race to determine the best 2-year-old colt of his crop. So much so, that plenty of Eclipse voters were plainly hoping that **Tiz The Law** (Constitution) could pull the championship rug from under the feet of **Storm The Court** (Court Vision), shock winner of the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile, when odds-on for the GII Kentucky Jockey Club S. last Saturday.

In the event, Tiz The Law succumbed to the same stage fright that unravelled more fancied horses when Storm the Court emulated his sire, 64-1 winner of the Mile in 2011, as a hear-a-pin-drop Breeders' Cup winner. His defeat presumably restores Storm the Court to pole position, though the turf winners at the Breeders' Cup may yet enter the equation. But whoever ultimately gains the laurels, it must be pretty irritating for connections of Storm the Court to hear his success treated as an aberration, sooner credited to inconsistencies in track and opposition than to his own merit.

No doubt too many preconceptions are challenged by the possibility that the champion of his generation might be a colt who once changed hands for \$5,000, out of a Tejano Run mare and by a sire who started in Ontario and now stands in Louisiana. **Cont. p3**

HOLLENDORFER TO RELOCATE TO OAKLAWN

by *Bill Finley*

Still not allowed to race at The Stronach Group tracks in California, Hall of Fame trainer Jerry Hollendorfer will spend his winter based at Oaklawn Park.

"I am not able to run at Golden Gate or Santa Anita, so I have no choice but to go somewhere and the Oaklawn folks gave me stalls. So that's where I am going," Hollendorfer said.

The story was first reported by the *Daily Racing Form*.

In June, Hollendorfer was banned at The Stronach Group tracks, which, in California, include Santa Anita and Golden Gate Fields. The ban came after a fourth Hollendorfer-trained horse had broken down at the Santa Anita meet and had to be euthanized. The trainer has been left to scramble ever since, turning his horses set to race at Santa Anita over to his assistant Dan Ward, while trying to win reinstatement in the courts.

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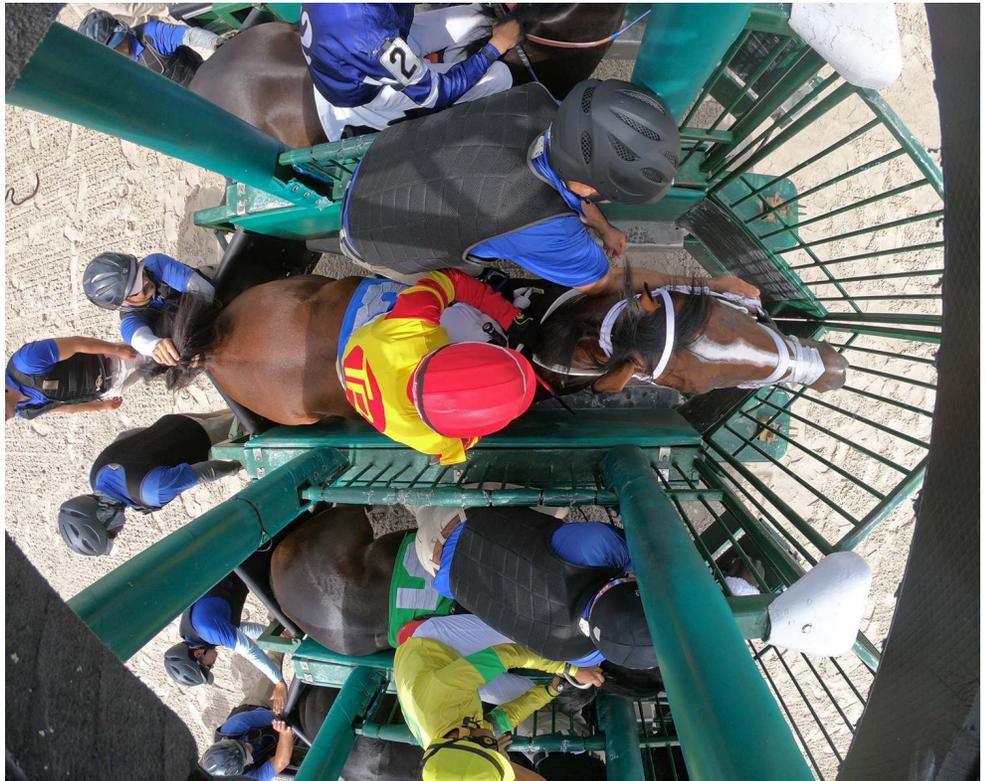
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2019 in photos. October 14: Bodexpress (Bodemeister) stands in the gate before winning a maiden special weight at Gulfstream Park West. | Ryan Thompson

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A pair of winners on the Stars of Tomorrow card at Churchill Downs Saturday continued the quick start of the newly formed racing partnership Belladonna Racing.

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Championship Shot Brings Vision Back in

Focus (cont. from p1)

Sure enough, when **Eight Rings** (Empire Maker) collided with him in the GI Runhappy Del Mar Futurity S., and both lost their riders, Storm the Court was considered merely collateral damage. Eight Rings, a \$520,000 yearling, proceeded to consolidate that assumption when leaving Storm the Court toiling into a distant third, albeit still green, on their next start. But if Eight Rings was a very different animal at the Breeders' Cup, then so too was the blinkered Storm the Court.

And if his page owes its only previous black-type to his granddam's sister, stakes-placed in Panama, then all the more reason for taking a look at the eligibility of his sire to pass on superior genes. Because actually there are very few stallions standing anywhere with a better combination of

pedigree and competitive longevity than Court Vision.

Storm the Court is a product of his sire's single season in Kentucky, 2016, just after his first runners had hit the track in Canada. Unfortunately, Court Vision had already fallen victim to a change in the commercial landscape in Ontario, following the demise of slots at the track.

Spendthrift had put the son of Gulch in the best of hands, with Michael Byrne of Park Stud, who found him over 200 mares across his first two seasons. Court Vision also served time in Chile, but with the Ontario broodmare herd dwindling, Spendthrift resolved to relaunch him in Kentucky. At such a delicate stage of his career, however, he mustered a book of just 37 mares—including Storm the Court's dam My Tejana Storm, a three-time scorer who had produced a couple of hard-knocking winners by

mediocre stallions—and was promptly moved on to Arcadiana Equine @ Copper Crowne.



Court Vision | Sarah Andrew

TAPIT

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The vagaries of breeding are such that we can never be surprised if any stallion comes up with one really good horse; nor if that single bright spark proves to be unrepeatable. But Court Vision had made a perfectly respectable start before circumstances conspired against him.

Of his intake, only Uncle Mo (from 150 named foals) and Twirling Candy (83) had more black-type horses from their first juveniles than did he (from 53). Court Vision's second crop included Canadian champion juvenile King and His Court and a slower-maturing type in Mr Havercamp, who has won eight of 14 starts, this summer adding the GIII Forbidden Apple S. at Saratoga to his fine achievements last year: two Grade II wins sandwiching his second to Oscar Performance (Kitten's Joy) in the GI Ricoh Woodbine Mile. (Not bad for a \$19,000 yearling buyback.)

Clearly there will be limitations to the help he can now expect from Louisiana mares. But it would be very wholesome, from a neutral standpoint, if Storm the Court's obvious courage and commitment could qualify him for a role on the Triple Crown trail next spring. Because there's no denying that Court Vision offers regional breeders a cut-price package (at \$3,500) of heritable virtues matched by few Kentucky stallions.

First, the performance: a smart juvenile on dirt (taking each step in his stride: maiden, GIII Iroquois S., GII Remsen S.) who won at least one Grade I prize on turf in each of the next *four* seasons, for a career tally of nine wins in 31 starts. In his final bow, he denied the great Goldikova (Ire) (Anabaa) her fourth Breeders' Cup Mile, taking his earnings to \$3.75 million.

And second, the pedigree: his dam Weekend Storm was an unraced sister to GI Preakness S. winner Summer Squall (Storm Bird), and so also a half-sister to the breed-shaping A.P. Indy. She is the best producing daughter of their great dam Weekend Surprise: her 11 winners include, not just Court Vision, but also his full-brother Kipling, sire of another Breeders' Cup Mile winner in Kip Deville, plus a handful of other stakes winners/performers.

While this is obviously one of the best-known families in the book, extending to Missy Baba, it's worth just reiterating how flawless is the sequence of broodmare sires seeding Court Vision's bottom line: Storm Bird, Secretariat, Buckpasser, Sir Gaylord (the second and fourth, of course, half-brothers). As such, regardless of whether Storm the Court can give him a renewed vogue, it would be no surprise to see Court Vision's daughters become good producers in time.

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Jameela had a remarkable career, winning 27 of her 58 starts (Ladies H., Delaware H. etc). She was by Rambunctious out of a Seven Corners mare and, while those names might not ring too many bells nowadays, both extended vital European lines (as conduits for Hyperion and Sir Gallahad, respectively). Combined with several European strands in the background of his sire Mr. Prospector, perhaps these contributed to dirt champion Gulch's lopsided record as a turf influence at stud.

By modern standards, at any rate, Jameela evidently passed on the toughness of her family (her second dam won 18 of 96 starts; her third dam, 13 of 118): Gulch won 13 of 32 starts and his less-distinguished brother, five of 41. Gulch's Grade I haul, remember, extended through the Hopeful and Futurity at two, the Met and Wood Memorial at three, and the Breeders' Cup Sprint, Met and Carter H. at four.

The Mr. P. speed that made Gulch champion sprinter in that last campaign was quickly parlayed--between Mr. P.'s versatility as an influence, on the one hand, and the type of Jameela soundness Mr. P. sometimes requires, on the other--into a Derby and Belmont success for Thunder Gulch. Gulch's best European son, Nayef, was also top-class over Classic distances.

Gulch's line is looking quite precarious, but Nayef sired an excellent stallion, for his fee bracket, in Tamayuz. And Storm the Court, with the street-fighting toughness required for the Derby trail, could someday do his bit for his own sire's branch. But Court Vision himself is still only 14, so let's see whether his first Louisiana books can sustain a new lease of life.

After all, if Eclipse voters have sought elsewhere for a solution before settling on Storm the Court, then breeders seeking a bargain may find themselves doing much the same with his sire.

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Hollendorfer Relocates to Oaklawn

(cont. from p1)

Hollendorfer was never banned at Los Alamitos and was able to get an injunction that blocked Del Mar's decision to also ban him.

Hollendorfer said he would take 25 horses to Oaklawn, which opens Jan. 24 and runs through May 2. Santa Anita opens Dec. 26 and runs through June 23.

When asked what he would do after the Oaklawn meet concluded, Hollendorfer said, "I'm taking it one step at a time."

Despite his record of being one of the most productive trainers in the sport, Hollendorfer said he doesn't think it will be easy to break in at Oaklawn.

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“I always do the best I can, but that’s a tough place to go and expect to have a huge meet,” he said. “We have some horses we think will fit there. We think we will do okay.”

When asked if the news that he had been cleared to race at Oaklawn had made him more optimistic about the future, Hollendorfer replied, “I’ve never been pessimistic. I’ve had problems, but I am facing my problems.”

Hollendorfer added that Ward would be working beside him at Oaklawn rather than overseeing a string at Santa Anita.

With **California racing struggling to keep up with other tracks when it comes to purse structure**, Hollendorfer doesn’t figure to be the only familiar name out of the West Coast who will be competing at Oaklawn. The *Racing Form* also reported that California regulars Richard Baltas, Phil D’Amato, Mark Glatt, Peter Miller and John Sadler are likely to have stalls at Oaklawn, which offers larger purses than Santa Anita does.

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BELLADONNA PARTNERSHIP OFF AND RUNNING *by Jessica Martini*

David Ingordo was busy buying juveniles this past spring on behalf of a newly formed racing partnership and, by the final 2-year-olds in training sale of the season last June, the bloodstock agent had purchased six fillies in the name of Belladonna Racing. The sextet, now under the care of trainer Cherie DeVaux, have gotten off to a flyer on the racetrack, with the fledgling partnership’s record currently standing at nine starts and five wins. The group enjoyed a banner day at the track with a pair of winners on the “Stars of Tomorrow II” card at Churchill Downs Saturday.

“A lot of people in Belladonna are new to racehorse ownership, so it’s been a learning experience for them,” DeVaux said. “And they’ve all been great. We had a couple of setbacks as far as Thoroughbred ownership goes, but I couldn’t be more pleased with the success they are having now and how it’s gone so far.”

DeVaux served as an assistant to trainer Chad Brown for eight years before going out on her own in the spring of 2018. One of her initial clients was Paul Manganaro, who helped bring people into the Belladonna partnership which includes some 25 owners.



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“It started with just networking through a few people that we knew were interested,” DeVaux explained. “It was a project with Paul Manganaro and David [Ingordo]. He started networking through some of his clients. He is from the racing industry, his family is very deep into it, but he just got some people that really wanted to get their toe in and then it was just word of mouth, a couple of people had friends who wanted to get into it. They put their money together and it has grown from there, from a seedling idea that has really taken off.”

Ingordo’s purchases for the group included a daughter of Bayern (hip 580) who was purchased for \$350,000 at the Fasig Midlantic sale; and a quartet of fillies at the OBS April sale: a Twirling Candy filly (hip 109) purchased for \$335,000; a Curlin filly (hip 708) purchased for \$250,000; a Lea filly (hip 890) purchased for \$190,000; and a Munnings filly (hip 750) purchased for \$90,000.

The package’s final acquisition was a Kitten’s Joy filly (hip 721) purchased for \$290,000 at the OBS June sale.

Of the decision to invest specifically in fillies, DeVaux said, “It was for the residual value. The intention was to buy fillies who had some pedigree, so that if they never ran they would retain some sort of value that they could get some return on their investment.”

Three of the fillies were maiden winners in Kentucky this fall, with **Curlinesque** (Curlin) returning to finish fifth in the Oct. 27 Rags to Riches S., and a fourth filly broke her maiden at Indiana Grand in September.

Saturday at Churchill, **Bayerness** (Bayern) added a one-mile allowance victory (video) to her six-furlong debut win at Keeneland Oct. 18.

“We had pointed her towards the allowance race and the added

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“I thought running her in the [GII] Golden Rod going 1 1/16 miles and two turns [Saturday] would be asking a little bit much early on in her career,” DeVaux continued. “She has always shown that she had a lot of ability and she has a lot of class to her. She had to run and be professional to get it done, so I was extremely pleased with her effort.”

Bayerness shipped to Payson Park Monday and will get a few easy weeks before gearing up for what DeVaux is hoping will be a big sophomore campaign.

“We are contemplating a few different routes for her,” she said. “Obviously, the big pie-in-the-sky goal for her would be the GI Kentucky Oaks. So we’ll just try to get a plan together for her, whether it be Florida or maybe through Fair Grounds to get her there. Right now, she needs to do a little growing. We are going to give her a few light weeks to get her body to come around.”

Earlier on Saturday’s Churchill card, **Veruca** (Twirling Candy) broke her maiden going six furlongs ([video](#)) in her second start. She had opened her career with a third-place effort over the turf at Keeneland Oct. 23, but moved to the main track over the weekend.

“She is bred to handle both surfaces,” DeVaux said. “We tried the turf at Keeneland and she actually ran very well. But she trained very well on the dirt, so we put her in the dirt race. It was a sealed, sloppy track and she handled it well and she put in a really professional effort. She doesn’t strike me as a filly who will stretch out a route of ground, but she can definitely go farther than six furlongs.”



Curlinesque | Coady Photography

Curlinesque was a debut winner at Churchill Sept. 26, but was well beaten in the Rags to Riches.

“She was a bit disappointing when we put her in the stakes, but it was probably asking too much from her too soon,” DeVaux said. “We had dealt with things mentally early on with her, so it was probably asking a lot from her. We’ll look for an allowance race for her, probably at Gulfstream.”

The team thought highly enough of Curlinesque that they made an usual yearling purchase this fall, purchasing the filly’s half-brother by Empire Maker for \$270,000 at the Fasig-Tipton October Sale.

One Belladonna filly who has yet to make it to the races is **Coastana** (Kitten’s Joy), a full-sister to multiple Grade I winner Real Solution.

“She was ready to run at Keeneland and got very sick on us,” DeVaux said of the filly. “Before she got sick, she was really showing that she had some ability and a lot of talent. So we’re going to have to start back at zero with her. She acts like she can have a lot of talent as well.”

The six fillies will eventually be returned to the sales ring.

“After the horses run the course in their racing career, they will be sold at public auction. That is how the partnership is structured,” DeVaux said.

The partnership is already gearing up for the 2020 juvenile sales.

“There are bigger plans,” DeVaux said. “As you can imagine, a lot of these guys that are new have friends who are interested in doing it. I’d have to say the budget has grown substantially from what it was this past year. We waited until they were all up and running before we went to fund raise for the next group because people are more excited when the horses are all running and doing well. A lot of the partners just wanted to see how it was going to pan out before they wanted reinvest into the next year.”

For the moment though, the Belladonna Racing partners are enjoying the quick start to their ownership experience.

“There is usually a big group [at the races],” DeVaux said. “It’s a mix in age, but there are a lot of young people--relatively for the industry. They have really good, positive, fun energy.”

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Brett Davis

HONG KONG -- Things will soon come full circle for Brett Davis, who signs off on a 14-year career with the Hong Kong Jockey Club following the Longines Hong Kong International Races Dec. 8.

After beginning his commentating career by calling the greyhounds in his hometown Adelaide, South Australia, the 46-year-old relocated to Tasmania in 2002, where he broadcast all codes of racing on radio and television. Davis joined the Singapore Turf Club in 2005, but Hong Kong came calling the following year and his Club responsibilities began with the Hong Kong International Races in 2006. He became the number one racecaller for the Club with the departure of Darren Flindell to Sydney in 2015 and has also been a presence on many other multi-media projects, including the racing preview programme 'Racing To Win.'

Davis graciously took time out of his very busy schedule to speak with *TDN* Managing Editor Alan Carasso as the 2019 Longines Hong Kong International Races loom to reflect on his time in and some of his memories of Hong Kong.

Alan Carasso: *It all comes full circle for you, as you began your Hong Kong career during HKIR week in 2006. What are some of the more memorable HKIR performances you have witnessed?*

Brett Davis: I only arrived at the end of Silent Witness's career and called him twice before he retired, but Sacred Kingdom (Encosta de Lago) was the best sprinter I've ever seen. He won the Sprint twice, but his [2007 Hong Kong Sprint](#) was amazing, he

went from near the tail in a sit-sprint tempo to win by nearly three lengths being eased down. I'm confident his top speed when in full flight (if clocked by a speed camera) was unrivalled at the time and maybe even to this day. A horse with an astonishing turn of foot and ultimate maximum speed.

A lot of track records and course records have been matched or surpassed in the last few seasons because of change in the track preparation in my opinion, but Sacred Kingdom's 1200m record still stands at present. Some other great performances have come from Good Ba Ba, Lord Kanaloa (Jpn), Snow Fairy (GB), Highland Reel (Ire), Able Friend (Aus) and Beauty Generation (NZ). **Continue reading in [TDNAus/NZ](#)**

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SEVEN-YEAR-OLD LOUISIANA ETHICS CASE RESULTS IN \$50,000 FINE FOR FORMER COMMISSIONER

by *T.D. Thornton*

A State Board of Ethics case that has dragged on for seven years has finally resulted in a \$50,000 fine against a former Louisiana racing commissioner who rented \$187,000 worth of stall space to 18 racehorse owners and trainers while simultaneously serving as the regulator of those licensees.

The New Orleans-based news site NOLA.com was first to report on the fine levied by the Louisiana Ethics Adjudicatory Board against Neal Cormier and his NBC Stables Inc. The penalty stems from 2012 conflict-of-interest charges filed by the ethics board against Cormier and two other former commissioners who were the subjects of similar (but unrelated) probes. Cormier was removed from the racing commission by the governor back when the charges were first filed.

According to NOLA.com, Cormier, who could not be reached for comment, owns a Lake Charles horse farm and training facility. For almost three years, NBC Stables received the lease payments from the licensees while Cormier served on the commission.

"The adjudicatory board ordered the \$50,000 in penalties against Cormier based on two violations of the state ethics code, despite finding no evidence that Cormier 'concealed the nature of his business or the probability that NBC Stables Inc. provided services to individuals who were subject to regulations by the commission,'" NOLA.com reported. "The panel also found no evidence that Cormier 'took advantage of his membership on the commission to achieve undue financial gain.'"

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Nevertheless, the bulk of the penalty, \$45,000, was assessed under a violation for “illegal gains,” NOLA.com reported.

With regard to the long time frame between the charges being filed and the assessment of the Nov. 18, 2019, fine, NOLA.com reported that the State Board of Ethics “has often been criticized for a sloth-like pace and anemic results.”

NOLA.com reported that “neither Cormier nor anyone representing NBC Stables showed up for a Sept. 19 public hearing before the adjudicatory board on the ethics charges against them.”

Yet the case might not be officially closed just yet, because Cormier and NBC Stables can appeal the fine, according to NOLA.com

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MAJESTIC CITY TO IRISH HILL & DUTCHESS VIEWS

Majestic City (City Zip--It'schemistrybaby, by Meadowlake) will join the Irish Hill & Dutchess Views stallion roster in New York in 2020. As a 2-year-old, Majestic City won the 2011 GIII Hollywood Juvenile Championship and was second in the GI Dixiana Breeders' Futurity and third in the GI Del Mar Futurity. He also won the 2015 GIII Lone Star Park H.

With his first crop to race this year, Majestic City has been represented by five winners, including stakes-placed A Maize Zing Rip.

Majestic City will be available for inspection during the Irish Hill & Dutchess Views Stallions stallion show Dec. 7 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. He will stand for \$3,500 LFSN and is eligible for multiple mare incentives.

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Ben Massam | *Patty Wolfe photo*

BEN'S STALL AT NEW VOCATIONS

For the past week leading up to Giving Tuesday, the TDN has been offering space to charities providing services to the people and animals in the racing industry.

We invited charities to submit their stories, annual appeals, and holiday fund-raising drives so that our readers could make educated decisions about their Giving Tuesday donations.

Today, we thought we'd run one more appeal for the charity closest to our own hearts: **Ben's stall**.

By now, regular TDN readers know the story: we lost our News and Features editor, Ben Massam, on Nov. 1 to cancer. He was 31, and it was Breeders' Cup day, which somehow made it even more heartbreaking, as Ben loved Breeders' Cup day.

At his interview Breeders' Cup week in 2014, we asked Ben if it would be a problem working nights and weekends. He was 26 at the time, and we worried that poring over race results when others were out with their friends wasn't what the young people wanted to be doing.

But Ben said, “Right now, I stay in Friday nights and do my handicapping, and then I watch all the racing onTV on Saturday and Sunday.” When we told him that's exactly what his job description would be, he was in heaven.

And so were we, to have him for the five years we did.

When he passed, we searched for a way to honor and remember him, and decided to name a stall at New Vocations at Mereworth Farm in Lexington, Kentucky.

The stall sponsorship program is part of New Vocations' capital campaign to build the nation's premier racehorse aftercare facility in the heart of the country's racing and breeding region. ([Read more about the program here.](#))

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We're sure that there will be one or two of them who pass through the stall that Ben came across while handicapping, which he continued to enjoy right up until his last days. We thought that it would make him happy. And we hope that somewhere, it does.

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–Sue Finley

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AN INTRODUCTION TO AIM SERVICES, INC.

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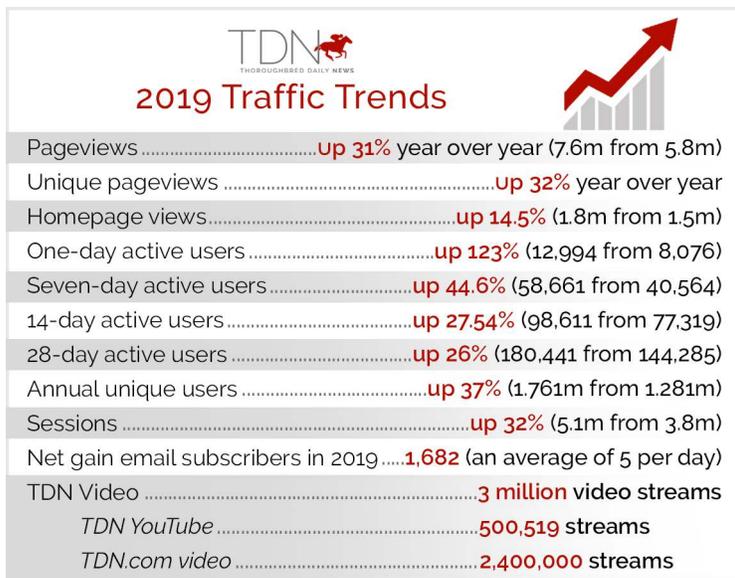
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IN JAPAN:

Seattle Tesoro, c, 2, **Will Take Charge**--Baylor's Babe, by Southern Image. Nakayama, 11-30, Maiden Race, 9f. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$63,636. O-Kenji Ryotokuji Holdings; B-John Cummins (KY); T-Toru Kurita. *\$110,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP.

VIDEO.



Maria's Heart, f, 3, **Shanghai Bobby**--Maria's Dance (SP, \$116,660), by Maria's Mon. Nakayama, 12-1, Hanso S., 6fT. Lifetime Record: 6-4-0-1, \$463,091. O-Normandy Thoroughbred Racing; B-Sally J. Andersen (FL); T-Takanori Kikuzawa. *\$52,000 RNA Ylg '17 KEESEP; \$42,000 RNA Ylg '17 OBSOCT; \$75,000 2yo '18 OBSAPR. **VIDEO.**



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Keiai Waipu (Jpn), c, 2, **Distorted Humor**--Cardinal Cove (SP), by Leroidesanimaux (Brz). Hanshin, 12-1, Maiden Race, 7f. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$63,636. O-Kazuhiro Kameda; B-Kosho Farm (Jpn); T-Masayuki Nishimura. *\$110,000 i/u '16 KEENOV.

Swift Raid (Jpn), g, 6, **Smart Strike**--Swift Temper (GISW-US, \$1,296,688), by Giant's Causeway. Nakayama, 12-1, Ichikawa S., 9f. Lifetime Record: 16-5-0-3, \$686,545. O-Shadai Race Horse; B-Shadai Farm (Jpn); T-Noriyuki Hori.



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4th-Mahoning Valley, \$32,700, (S), 12-2, (NW2X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:14.19, sy.
ADVENTURE LAND (f, 3, **Gemologist**--Gullible, by **Yes It's True**)
 Lifetime Record: 12-3-2-2, \$75,547. O-Blazing Meadows Farm LLC & Michael Friedman; B-Joe R. Cowles (OH); T-Timothy E. Hamm. *\$27,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP.

7th-Mahoning Valley, \$31,300, (S), 12-2, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:15.99, sy.
KINGOFTHEBUCKEYE (g, 3, **Dark Kestrel**--Buckler, by **Concerto**)
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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Abbie's Way, f, 2, Attila's Storm--Accomodate, by Pleasantly Perfect. Zia, 12-2, (S), 6 1/2f, 1:19.52. B-Dale Taylor (NM). *Full to Hit a Lick, SP, \$207,575; Storming Back, SP, \$173,415; 1/2 to Hennessy Express (Roll Hennessy Roll), SP, \$388,617.

To Honor and Run, f, 3, To Honor and Serve--Tempest Treasure, by Dixie Union. Mahoning Valley, 12-2, 6f, 1:15.44. B-Gainesway Thoroughbreds Ltd. (KY). *\$15,000 Ylg '17 FTKOCT. **Full to Honorable Treasure, SP, \$251,461.

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DARK KESTREL, Kingofthebuckeye, g, 3, o/o Buckler, by Concerto. ALW, 12-2, Mahoning Valley

GEMOLOGIST, Adventure Land, f, 3, o/o Gullible, by Yes It's True. ALW, 12-2, Mahoning Valley

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THISTLE BIRD HEADS STRONG TATTERSALLS OPENER



Thistle Bird strides around the Tattersalls ring | Tattersalls

By Emma Berry & Amy Lynam

NEWMARKET, UK—The first part of the Waddesdon Stud dispersal, along with a strong Monday selection of mares and the wild card stallion **Sands Of Mali (Fr)** (Panis) combined to deliver a strong opening session at Tattersalls as the four-day December Mare Sale got underway.

Owner-breeder Lady Rothschild passed away in January, but her contribution to the bloodstock world will long be continued by the fillies bred at her Waddesdon Stud in Buckinghamshire. The Castlebridge Consignment offered 14 mares and one filly on Monday and it was the man who knew the stock better than most, James Wigan, who signed for the two star lots in the name of London Thoroughbred Services.

G1 Pretty Polly S. heroine **Thistle Bird (GB)** (Selkirk) was introduced by auctioneer John O'Kelly as "possibly the jewel in the crown," and Lady Rothschild's former bloodstock advisor needed no persuading, as he went to 750,000gns to secure the 11-year-old bay offered as **lot 1515**. Carrying a May cover to Kingman (GB), she boasts a 100% record as a broodmare, her first foal Thorn (GB) (Dansili {GB}) having won, while her 2-year-old Bullfinch (GB) (Kodiac {GB}) gained a stylish maiden victory last month.

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TIM KENT APPOINTED MANAGING DIRECTOR OF GOFFS UK

Tim Kent has been appointed the new Goffs UK Managing Director and will follow Tony Williams, who is returning to Australia, the sales company announced on Monday. Kent, who joined the company in 2006, was promoted to the position of director in 2009 and has been based at Lambourn since 2011. He will relocate to Goffs UK's head office in the Scottish Borders.

"Tim was the outstanding candidate for the role and brings a unique combination of youth and experience to the position," said Goffs Group CEO and Goffs UK Chairman Henry Beeby. "Over the years he has demonstrated a passion, drive and ambition that sit very well with the goals we have for the company whilst he is, of course, already a well-known face of Goffs UK. I am pleased that the existing team are so supportive of his promotion and very much look forward to working with Tim as we continue to grow and evolve Goffs." **Cont. p14**

IN TDN AMERICA TODAY

CHAMPIONSHIP SHOT BRINGS VISION BACK IN FOCUS

Storm the Court (Court Vision)'s upset victory in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile brings attention back to his sire, who scored his own upset in the championship event eight years ago. **Click or tap here to go straight to TDN America.**

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Tattersalls December Mares Sale Day 1 Cont. from p1

Wigan also signed for the dispersal's very first offering, the winning Shamardal (USA) mare **Aflame (GB)**. A half-sister to Listed winner Tall Ship (Ire) (Sea The Stars {Ire}) and to the dam of Prix de Diane heroine Channel (Ire) (Nathaniel {Ire}), she is out of G1 Cheveley Park S. winner Magical Romance (Ire) (Barathea {Ire}), who herself set a record in the same ring in 2006. That December, she sold for 4.6 million gns to Wigan on Lady Rothschild's behalf and this time he came away with her daughter (**1502**) at 675,000gns.

After conducting his bidding opposite the auctioneer in the packed sales ring, Wigan revealed later that Aflame had been bought on behalf of Erdenheim Farm and Thistle Bird for another of his longstanding clients, George Strawbridge.

"I obviously know the families and the horses well," he said, "It is nice that it can carry on with my clients. It is the end of an era and it is sad, but the draft was beautifully turned out."

Magical Romance graced the ring as **lot 1508**, and looked considerably younger than her 17 years. Having produced 12 foals to date, the close relation to Alexandrova (Ire) (Sadler's Wells) was offered in foal to Nathaniel (Ire), whom Lady Rothschild bred and raced to win two Group 1 contests. At

300,000gns she was knocked down to agent Hugo Lascelles on the back stairs, who said, "Wouldn't it be lovely to get a Nathaniel filly out of her? She doesn't look like a 17-year-old. She has a lovely quality about her and she has six daughters working for her; there is a serious depth to the pedigree."

Just one of the Waddesdon dispersal was offered in training and hoping to capitalise on this rare opportunity is trainer Paddy Twomey, who signed for **Gallic (GB)** (Kodiac {GB}) at 200,000gns. Twomey enjoyed a career-best season, training Decrypt (GB) (Dark Angel {Ire}) and Foxtrot Liv (GB) (Foxwedge {Aus}) to finish third in the Irish 2000 and 1000 Guineas, respectively, and he hopes there is more to come from his latest acquisition.

"She's been bought for a new client," he explained. "I liked her style of racing and, being out of a Galileo (Ire) mare, I hope she can progress at four to become a stakes filly. Kodiac has been very kind to me."

A winner at two and three over 10 and 12 furlongs, the bay is the first foal of the listed winner Gallipot, who has a Dansili (GB) 2-year-old colt and Dubawi (Ire) yearling colt to follow. **Cont. p2**



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Her second dam is the G1 Sun Chariot S. heroine Spinning Queen (GB) (Spinning World), who was sourced at the 2006 sale for 3 million gns and will be offered in a later phase of the Waddesdon Stud dispersal in 2020.

The Waddesdon mares were by no means the only star breeding prospects on offer on Monday but their presence will have played a part in increased figures across the board for the session. The turnover of 15,762,800gns was up by 28%, the same percentage rise as the average of 73,315gns, while the median was also up, by 17%, to 35,000gns. The consistent demand throughout the day was underlined by a clearance rate of 86%.



Cathy Grassick | Tattersalls

The draft included one of a handful of mares in foal to the late Roaring Lion to be catalogued this week. **Lot 1454**, the dual winner **Stream Song (GB)** (Mastercraftsman {Ire}), was offered on behalf of her breeder George Strawbridge and is from a family who has served him well on many occasions. Her dam

Montare (Ire) (Montjeu {Ire}) won the G1 Prix Royal-Oak and has also produced the G1 QIPCO British Champions Fillies & Mares S. winner Journey (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) and the Group 2-placed Travelling Man (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}).

Stream Song will now join the burgeoning ranks at Geoff and Sandra Turnbull's Elwick Stud near Durham and will visit their resident stallion Mondialiste (Ire) next year after Peter Nolan went to 440,000gns to buy the grey 4-year-old on their behalf.

Stream Song Heads North

It was a busy day for James Wigan, who not only oversaw the Waddesdon Stud dispersal but also offered a select group of mares from his own West Blagdon Stud.

"She'll be a lovely foundation mare for Elwick Stud," said stud manager Gary Moore. "Her Roaring Lion foal will be retained to race." **Cont. p4**

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Well Yes (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) followed her old John Gosden stablemate Stream Song into the ring as lot 1455. A 525,000gns yearling purchase by Blandford Bloodstock, she was sold unraced but boasts plenty of residual value as a half-sister to the dual Group 1 winner Just The Judge (Ire) (Lawman {Fr}), and she was offered in foal to Zoffany (Ire).

At a bid of 400,000gns, the hammer fell in favour of Cathy Grassick acting on behalf of Yvonne Jacques of Carisbrooke Stud. The agent later admitted that she had not been so fortunate three years ago.

"Ironically, we bid on her as a yearling and instead we bought Klassique," Grassick explained.

"She still has everything she had then—she's still got the walk, she's as beautiful now as she was then. Obviously, she's a half-sister to one of the best fillies in the world and the Dark Angel [filly] out of [her dam] sold for

€575,000 at Goffs recently."

Grassick added that Klassique (GB) (Galileo {Ire}) also joins the Carisbrooke broodmare band, having won G3 Pinnacle S. in June and later finished third in both the G2 Lancashire Oaks and G2 Prix de Pomone.

As well as enjoying success with yearling purchases, Grassick celebrated the Irish 2000 Guineas victory of Phoenix Of Spain (Ire) (Lope De Vega {Ire}) this year, whose dam Lucky Clio (Ire) (Key Of Luck) she bought for just 17,000gns at Tattersalls in in 2007.



Sands Of Mali | Tattersalls

Cool Silk Buys Out Phoenix

Trade lulled towards the end of the day, but many buyers remained on the property to watch the wildcard Sands Of

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It seemed most in attendance were there out of curiosity, with bidding mainly left to the G1 QIPCO British Champion Sprint victor's two owners: Peter Swann's Cool Silk Partnership and Phoenix Thoroughbreds.

Swann, standing alongside agent Matt Coleman, returned bids without hesitation and after the gavel fell in his favour at 600,000gns, his relief was clear.

"It's a shame we had to go through this process," he said. "He was ours to begin with and he's ours again now. He'll now go back to Richard [Fahey]'s yard and relax while we discuss where he should go."

Bought by Coleman and the Cool Silk Partnership for £75,000, the son of the French-based stallion Panis went on to win four group contests, but has been relatively disappointing this season.

"He doesn't owe us anything," said Swann. "He's a proper pro



Cool Silk's Peter Swann | Tattersalls

and just had a couple of niggly issues this year. He never really recovered from the injury he suffered in Dubai—even at Ascot, he seemed to mind himself."

A stallion career is in the offing for the bay, according to Swann, who said that there had been much interest from stud farms.

"He's a very good-looking horse and, obviously, he's got a very clean pedigree in terms of an outcross."

Last Tango In Hokkaido

Japanese buyers entered contention on several expensive lots throughout the day and it was Keisuke Onishi of JS Company who eventually struck gold with the purchase of **Mango Tango (Fr)** (Siyouni {Fr}) (lot 1535). Having seen off competition from Adrian Nicoll, Onishi went to 535,000gns on

behalf of his client Akinori Yano to secure the multiple group-placed mare. [Cont. p6](#)

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Offered by Castlebridge, the 6-year-old was sold in foal to Showcasing (GB).

On his plans for the mare, Akinori Yano said, "We will bring her back to Yano Farm in Hokkaido, where she will be foaled. We have 26 mares, with plenty of European bloodlines, and we came here looking for a Pivotal mare. She is an attractive type, a lovely mover, and is a size that will suit most Japanese stallions. We plan to send her to Lord Kanaloa (Jpn), who is the best stallion in Japan at the moment."

Mulan Goes Home

Mulan (Ire), a daughter of Kingman (GB) from Ecurie des Monceaux's flagship family of Platonic (GB) (Zafonic), sold for 300,000gns when offered by her breeder at Arqana's August Sale two years ago and now with a win to her name, she was reoffered by Tweenhills Farm as **lot 1549**.

From a family replete with notable fillies, including the Irish Oaks winner Chicquita (Ire) (Montjeu {Ire}) and recent G1 Mackinnon S. victrix Magic Wand (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), Mulan will now return to the place of her birth after Henri Bozo went to 420,000gns to secure her for a partnership at the farm.

He said, "There have been plenty of updates and the family just keeps going. It's the family that has made Monceaux since

the beginning—we love it. We will cover her well and keep doing what we've been doing."

Mulan's dam Platonic, who was bred by Fittocks Stud and was bought as a 4-year-old by Monceaux for 100,000gns, is now 20 and is in foal to Siyouni (Fr).

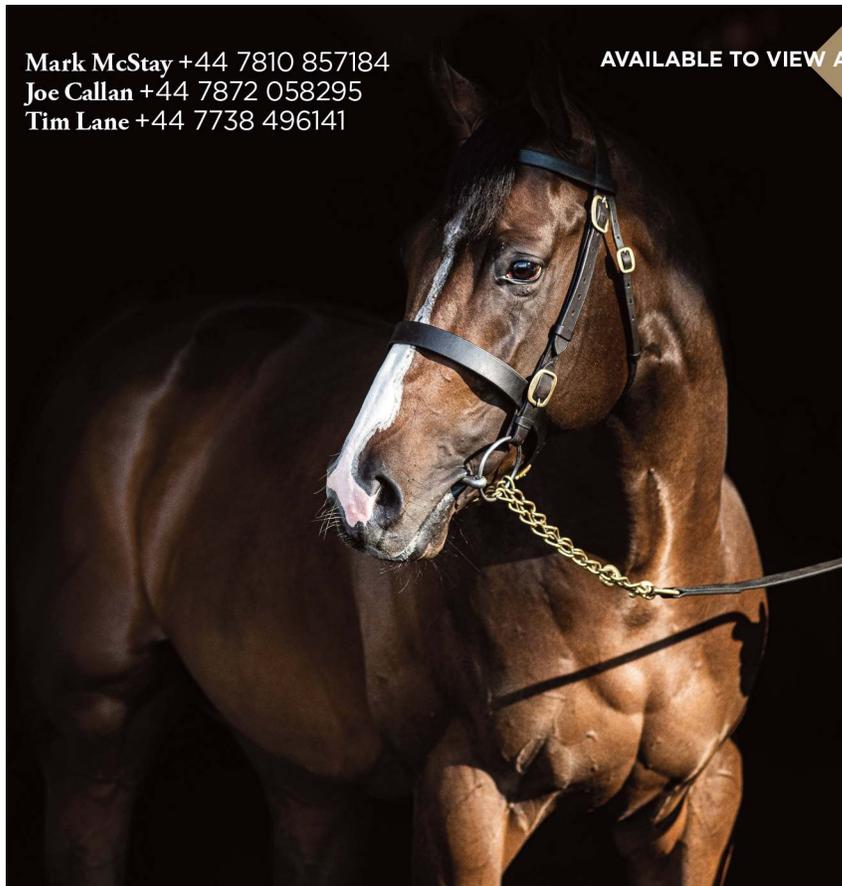
Bernick Strikes For Spirit Bear

As the saying goes, if you can't beat them, join them, and that's what Craig Bernick did in order to secure unraced 3-year-old **Spirit Bear (Ire)** (Smart Strike), offered by Ballylinch Stud in foal to Lope De Vega (Ire).

The American owner-breeder of Glen Hill Farm in Florida keeps seven mares at Norelands Stud and joined forces with the top nursery to buy **lot 1573** for 320,000gns. Bernick had in fact played a major role in Spirit Bear's creation, having sold her in utero in 2015 for \$1.8million.

After successfully bidding through agent Hubie de Burgh, Bernick commented, "It's nice to get back into this lovely family—the dam has been sent to great stallions and Spirit Bear is herself by a top stallion in Smart Strike, the sire of Curlin and English Channel. She's out of a Galileo mare, but one not typical of the sire, given that she won over six furlongs at two and there are early winners through the page. It's a fast family."

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The Galileo mare in question is Group 3 winner Wonderfully (Ire), a full-sister to Gustav Klimt (Ire), while Spirit Bear's third dam is none other than Rafha (GB).

On the subject of future mating plans, de Burgh added, "She could go to No Nay Never or a son of Shamardal. It's so hard to find the next outcross and both offer the perfect cross for Galileo or Danehill."

The top consignor at last week's foal sale, the McCalmont family's Norelands Stud continued with a successful start to the mare sale with **Away (Ire)** (Galileo) selling for 310,000gns to David Redvers.

A full-sister to the listed winner and multiple stakes-placed Leo Gali (Ire), the 4-year-old's covering to No Nay Never added to her appeal. After outbidding Coolmore partners and Rob Speers, Redvers said, "She is a very attractive, easy-moving filly from a nice family, in

foal to a stallion we all want a piece of. Her next foal may be resold or raced; we haven't decided yet."

Sold as **lot 1495**, Away is also a half-sister to the G3 St Simon S. winner Hazel Lavery (Ire) (Excellent Art {Ire}) whose son The Revenant (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) is a multiple group winner for Francis Graffard.



Harry McCalmont | Tattersalls

Hemmings Invests in Juddmonte Lines

Trevor Hemmings is no stranger to National Hunt sales but the Grand National-winning owner made his mark at the Tattersalls breeding stock sale on Monday, buying two mares from the Juddmonte draft as well as **Flippant (Ire)** (Pivotal {GB}) (**lot 1462**) from John Troy.

Of the Juddmonte mares, Hemmings now owns **Panmolle (GB)**, a Lawman (Fr) three-quarter sister to Kingman (GB), sold as **lot 1480** in foal to Frankel (GB) for 200,000gns.

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Through bloodstock agent Anthony Bromley he also bought **Zulema (GB)** (Shamardal) for 65,000gns.

"We bought two and were underbidders on three more from Juddmonte," said Bromley. "It's a commercial venture and the mares will go to Trevor's son Philip Hemmings at Wood Farm Stud in Shrophire. The plan will be to sell the offspring as foals, maybe yearlings."

Hemmings also recently bought the Irish St Leger winner **Flag Of Honour (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) from Coolmore to stand at the National Stud as a dual-purpose stallion.

"I've always liked to dip a toe in the water with stallions," said Hemmings, who also owns Shade Oak Stud resident **Scorpion (Ire)**. "We're stepping up a bit with the quality of mares at Wood Farm Stud and one or two of these may go to Flag Of Honour."

Kevin McAuliffe of Fernham Farm went to 200,000gns for **Impede (GB)** (Bated Breath {GB}) (lot 1478), whose dam **Coraline (GB)** (Sadler's Wells) and grandam **Bahamian (GB)** (Mill Reef) have each made immense contributions to the Juddmonte operation over the years. The unraced 4-year-old was sold in foal to Showcasing (GB).

The Frankel (GB) mare **Aspirer (GB)** (lot 1475), a daughter of the G1 Prix de Diane winner **Nebraska Tornado** (Storm Cat), will be exported eventually to Australia. John Berry bought the 5-year-old mare for 160,000gns carrying to Bated Breath (GB) for breeder Eric Chen, who sold a **Kingman (GB)** colt foal for 300,000gns at last week's foal sale. A winner in France as a 3-year-old for Andre Fabre, Aspirer is a half-sister to three black-type producing mares.

"Mr. Chen bought two mares here last year to go to Australia and he has retained a Churchill (Ire) filly foal and sold the Kingman colt," Berry said. [Cont. p9](#)



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He added, "Aspirer is a beautiful mare and obviously very well bred. She will go to Liam and Jenny Norris at Redenham Park Stud to foal and will travel south later next year once her foal is weaned."

Chantilly trainer Carlos Laffon-Parias was another to take home a Juddmonte mare after going to 125,000gns for **Popular (GB) (lot 1481)**, a full-sister to the brilliant Midday (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}), sold in foal to Juddmonte's newcomer Expert Eye (GB).

In total, the 12 broodmares offered on Monday sold for 1.16 millions gns and another 24 fillies will be offered by Juddmonte on Wednesday afternoon.

Just What The Doctor Ordered

It was a successful opening day of the mare sale for the Player family's Whatton Manor Stud, which sold eight fillies and mares for a total of 940,000gns.

Leading the draft was a filly who has been close to the family's heart since she was a foal. **Dr Simpson (Fr) (Dandy Man {Ire}) (lot 1540)** was the first pinhook for Ed Player's young son Freddie, who was 11 at the time and selected her as a foal at the December Sale for 7,000gns and sold her on as a yearling to Ed Sackville for £24,000 at the Goffs UK Premier Sale. For both buyers she proved an inspired purchase. Sent into training with Tom Dascombe for owner Russell Jones, Dr Simpson won on her second start at Chester and went on to land the G3 Mercury S. at Dundalk and finish fifth in the GII Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf Sprint.

Offered once more by Whatton Manor Stud, this time on Jones's behalf, the filly from the family of crack miler Soviet Song (Ire) (Marju {Ire}) realised 250,000gns when sold to Yeomanstown Stud. **Cont. p10**



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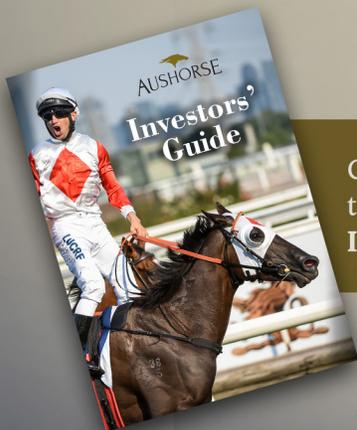
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"It's been a great story," said Ed Player. "We've had so much fun following her. In a way we were a little bit disappointed we didn't get more for her as a yearling as we loved her, but she has come back from Tom Dascombe's looking amazing and we're thrilled for Russell that he's had such success with her and got a good price. We're also pleased that she's going to a very good home.

"Freddie is really cross not to be here and he was trying to listen on the app at school but he lost the connection as she came into the ring."

Scotland's Finest

Among a select draft from Taylor Made Sales Agency on Tuesday is the GI Gamely S. winner **Sophie P (GB)** (Bushranger {Ire}), who started life in Scotland before her jaunt to California and return to the UK to be covered by Frankel (GB). Her breeder Gordom Thom was involved in one of the early exchanges when signing for lot 1409, **Pennywhistle (Ire)** (Iffraaj {GB}) at 130,000gns.

The Godolphin-bred 3-year-old was bought on behalf of Ron Watts, who, along with major National Hunt owner Kenny Alexander, is now the owner of Thom's former property, New Hall Stud, in Ayrshire.

"She will go back into training with Stuart Williams with the hope of picking up some black-type and then will be covered next year," Thom explained. "We'd love her to go to Too Darn Hot (GB) if she can get in to him."



Mark Taylor | Tattersalls

While Watts has a preference for the Flat and is looking for a couple of mares this week to add to the 14 already in situ at New Hall Stud, his partner in the venture has invested in some of the smartest jumping mares in training and will be

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establishing a smart National Hunt broodmare band in the years to come, which will eventually include the unbeaten Honeysuckle (GB) (Sulamani {Ire}), winner of Sunday's GI Hatton's Grace Hurdle.

"We'll have all the best National Hunt mares coming in—Sinoria (Ire), Honeysuckle, Queen's Cave (Ire) and so on," said Watts. "[Kenny Alexander] is doing the right thing and buying the best mares he can. He wants it to be a top stud in the National Hunt game and it's hard to do that on the Flat."

While Thom insists he is "just sitting on the sidelines now", his tenure at New Hall Stud has left quite a mark on the worldwide bloodstock industry. Sophie P is outdone by the G1 Cheveley Park S. winner Donna Blini (GB) (Bertolini) as New Hall's most celebrated graduate, with her success on the track being outdone by her exploits at stud as the dam of Japan's former Horse of the Year Gentildonna (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}). It is a family which Japanese breeders have been keen to buy into, and this year's Japan Derby winner Roger Barows (Deep Impact {Jpn}) is out of Donna Blini's half-sister Little Book (GB) (Librettist), who was sold to JS Company for 230,000gns back in 2012.

"I went out to Japan to see Donna Blini a couple of years ago and it's been incredible to see the same family produce the Japanese Derby winner." **Cont. p11**

Tattersalls December Mares Sale Day 1 Cont.

He added, "I think we've bred winners in 12 different countries, including three graded stakes winners in America," Thom said.

"I've got to go to have a look at Sophie P for old time's sake. I was shocked to see her in the catalogue as she was sold to America and then sold again in America so it was a surprise to see her back home."

Thom was at the sale with his son Stuart and granddaughter Carina, who have recently taken on the lease at the Duke of Bedford's historic Bloomsbury Stud at Woburn.

"It's a beautiful stud and now we have room to expand," said Stuart Thom. "We board mares for clients and hope to take in some seasonal boarders as well as consigning at sales. There's such a history behind Bloomsbury—so many group winners have been bred there in the past and hopefully we can do the same."

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1515	<i>Thistle Bird (GB)</i> (m, 11, <i>Selkirk--Dolma {Fr}</i> , by <i>Marchand de Sable</i>) Bred by <i>The Rt Hon Lord Rothschild (GB)</i> Consigned by <i>The Castlebridge Consignment</i> Purchased by <i>London Thoroughbred Services Agent</i>	<i>i/f Kingman (GB)</i>	750,000
1502	<i>Aflame (GB)</i> (m, 6, <i>Shamardal--Magical Romance {Ire}</i> , by <i>Barathea {Ire}</i>) Bred by <i>Kincorth Investments Inc (GB)</i> Consigned by <i>The Castlebridge Consignment</i> Purchased by <i>London Thoroughbred Services Agent</i>	<i>i/f Havana Gold (Ire)</i>	675,000
1621A	<i>Sands Of Mali (Fr)</i> (c, 4, <i>Panis--Kadiania {Fr}</i> , by <i>Indian Rocket {GB}</i>) Bred by <i>Simon Urizzi (Fr)</i> Consigned by <i>Musley Bank Stables (R. Fahey)</i> Purchased by <i>The Cool Silk Partnership</i>	<i>Racing Prospect</i>	600,000

1535 Mango Tango (Fr) *i/f Showcasing (GB)* **535,000**
(m, 6, *Siyouni {Fr}*--*Alexandrina {Ger}*, by *Monzun {Ger}*)
Bred by *Mr Emmanuel Trussardi et al (Fr)*
Consigned by *The Castlebridge Consignment*
Purchased by *JS Company*

1454 Stream Song (GB) *i/f Roaring Lion* **440,000**
(m, 4, *Mastercraftsman {Ire}*--*Montare {Ire}*, by *Montjeu {Ire}*)
Bred by *George Strawbridge (GB)*
Consigned by *West Blagdon Stud*
Purchased by *Elwick Stud / Peter Nolan Bloodstock*

1549 Mulan (Ire) *Broodmare prospect* **420,000**
(f, 3, *Kingman {GB}*--*Platonic {GB}*, by *Zafonic*)
Bred by *Skymarc Farm Inc & Ecurie Des Monceaux (Ire)*
Consigned by *Tweenhills Farm & Stud*
Purchased by *Ecurie des Monceaux*

1455 Well Yes (Ire) *i/f Zoffany (Ire)* **400,000**
(m, 4, *Galileo {Ire}*--*Faraday light {Ire}*, by *Rainbow Quest*)
Bred by *Mrs Joan Keaney Dempsey (Ire)*
Consigned by *West Blagdon Stud*
Purchased by *Brian Grassick Bloodstock*

1573 Spirit Bear (Ire) *i/f Lope De Vega (Ire)* **320,000**
(f, 3, *Smart Strike--Wonderfully {Ire}*, by *Galileo {Ire}*)
Bred by *Ballylinch Stud (Ire)*
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1495 Away (Ire) i/f No Nay Never 310,000
 (m, 4, *Galileo {Ire}*--*Reprise {GB}*, by *Darshaan {GB}*)
 Bred by Athens Woods LLC (Ire)
 Consigned by Norelands Stud
 Purchased by David Redvers Bloodstock

1517 Willoughby (Ire) i/f Lope De Vega (Ire) 310,000
 (m, 7, *Oasis Dream {GB}*--*Magnificent Style*, by *Silver Hawk*)
 Bred by Kincorth Investments Inc (Ire)
 Consigned by The Castlebridge Consignment
 Purchased by Graeng Bloodstock

1508 Magical Romance (Ire) i/f Nathaniel (Ire) 300,000
 (m, 17, *Barathea {Ire}*--*Shouk {GB}*, by *Shirley Heights {GB}*)
 Bred by Quay Bloodstock & Samac Ltd (Ire)
 Consigned by The Castlebridge Consignment
 Purchased by Hugo Lascelles Agent

THE GOLDEN TOUCH

TATTERSALLS DECEMBER MARES SALE

LOT NAME	STATUS	PRICE (gns)
1345 Remarkable Lady (Ire) i/f Camacho (GB) 65,000 (m, 6, <i>Zoffany {Ire}</i> -- <i>Casual Remark {Ire}</i> , by <i>Trans Island {GB}</i>) Bred by Miss Ciara Doyle (Ire) Consigned by Mountrush Stables Purchased by Stroud Coleman Bloodstock		

Originally bought for £5,000 as a yearling five years ago, Remarkable Lady (Ire) provided trainer Harry Rogers and owners the Nap Racing Syndicate with plenty of entertainment over a four-year career. She ran 40 times, winning four races and over €80,000 in prize-money while placing three times in stakes company. Last year her pedigree received an update when her half-sister Happy Odyssey (Ire) (Camacho {GB}) won a listed race in France and was Group 3 placed. Offered in foal to Happy Odysy's sire, she left her old connections with great memories and money in the bank.

1459 Emaratiya Ana (Ire) i/f Night Of Thunder (Ire) 100,000 (m, 8, <i>Excellent Art {GB}</i> -- <i>Tina Heights {GB}</i> , by <i>Shirley Heights {GB}</i>) Bred by Lynch Bages Ltd (Ire) Consigned by Highclere Stud Purchased by Plantation Stud		
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Emaratiya Ana (Ire) achieved a rating of 93 on the track and the half-sister to MSW Summitville (GB) (Grand Lodge) was bought by John & Jake Warren for 50,000gns at Tattersalls four

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years ago. Sent to Sea The Stars (Ire) for her first mating, that resulting filly sold for 160,000gns as a yearling last year. The mare foaled a colt by Australia (GB) this year and her 2019 covering to Night Of Thunder (Ire) off a £15,000 fee proved a shrewd move and she now joins Michael O'Leary's growing broodmare band at Plantation Stud after being sold for twice her purchase price.

1490 Lavish (Ire) i/f Starspangledbanner (Aus) 52,000 (m, 4, <i>Camelot {GB}</i> -- <i>Splendid {Ire}</i> , by <i>Mujtahid</i>) Bred by Lynch Bages & Camas Park Stud (Ire) Consigned by Genesis Green Stud Purchased by 60 Syndicate		
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Unraced for David Simcock and the Coolmore partners, Lavish (Ire) was bought by Troy Steve for 10,000gns at the Tattersalls HIT Sale in October 2018. Covered by Starspangledbanner (Aus) in the spring off an advertised fee of €17,50,0 connections basically doubled their money with her sale on Monday.

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The Golden Touch Cont.

1543 Orange Blossom (GB) Broodmare Prospect 150,000

(f, 3, Showcasing {GB}--Satsuma {GB}, by Compton Place)

Bred by Whitsbury Manor Stud (GB)

Consigned by Whatton Manor Stud

Purchased by BBA Ireland

A £65,000 yearling purchase in 2017, Orange Blossom (GB) was starting to look a bit expensive after failing to cut much ice as a juvenile. Consequently the Cool Silk Partnership were tempted to cut their losses at this sale last year, but bought her back at 32,000gns. She rewarded their faith with a breakthrough win at Kempton in April, but of more significance was the emergence throughout the summer of her year younger half-sister Good Vibes (GB) (Due Diligence). She won a listed race at York in May and wound up her season with a victory in the G3 Cornwallis S. at Newmarket in October. That pedigree boost along with a £100,000 yearling half-sister waiting in the wings was enough to see the Swann family reap the rewards for holding onto Orange Blossom for another 12 months.

1578 Isabeau (Ire) Racing/Broodmare prospect 110,000

(f, 2, Cable Bay {Ire}--Semblance {GB}, by Pivotal {GB})

Bred by Mark & Stephanie Hanly (Ire)

Consigned by M.D. O'Callaghan Racing

Purchased by Yeomanstown Stud

Stroud/Coleman signed for Isabeau (Ire) as a yearling at last year's Goffs Orby Sale at €30,000 on behalf of Michael O'Callaghan. She was precocious enough to make a winning debut at Down Royal in May and was only touched off by subsequent G1 Cheveley Park S. winner Millisle (Ire) (Starspangledbanner {Aus}) in a listed race at The Curragh in August. Her sale for 110,000gns was a good piece of business by The Curragh trainer.

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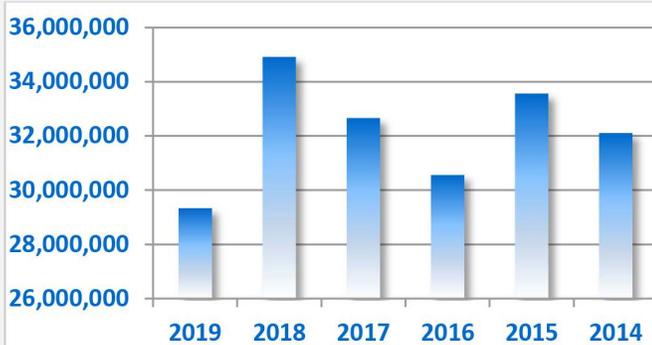
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TATTERSALLS DECEMBER FOALS



“ The Blue Diamond Stud dispersal boosted 2018 figures to record levels, and a dip in the number of foals catalogued this year, perhaps in relation to continuing uncertainty over Brexit, meant that this year’s sale could not match that growth despite strong international participation. Market desire for the stock of first-season sires appears to be stronger than ever. ”

- Emma Berry

YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	% W/D	% S/R	% S/C	GROSS	AVE
2019	1125	921	663	17.1%	72%	58.9%	€ 29,338,300.00	€ 44,251.00
2018	1175	969	681	17.6%	70.3%	58%	€ 34,924,757.00	€ 51,285.00
2017	1147	957	742	16.6%	77.5%	64.7%	€ 32,668,200.00	€ 44,027.00
2016	1136	957	743	15.8%	77.6%	65.4%	€ 30,568,350.00	€ 41,142.00
2015	1277	1089	803	14.7%	73.7%	62.9%	€ 33,565,600.00	€ 41,800.00
2014	1116	966	779	13.4%	80.6%	69.8%	€ 32,110,900.00	€ 41,221.00

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Tim Kent | Goffs UK

Said Kent, “I am really excited to be taking over as Managing Director of Goffs UK at the beginning of next year. Having

started as an intern in January 2006, I’ve been tasked with many different roles within the company and have really enjoyed working with the wonderful team at Goffs UK over the last 14 years.

“It’s an honour to be appointed to this role and I look forward to building on recent successes with all the team at Goffs and continue the momentum into 2020 and beyond.”

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BLAKE WINS SPECIALIST WRITER OF THE YEAR AWARD AT HWPAS

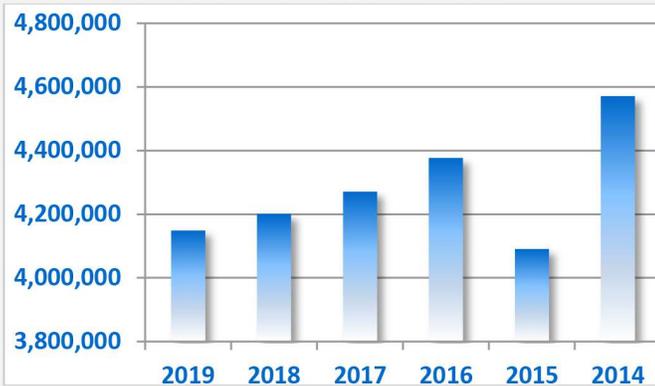
Freelance writer Kevin Blake, who writes for the *Thoroughbred Daily News*, *Attheraces.com* and *Betfair.com*, won the inaugural Specialist Writer Award at the 53rd annual Horserace Writers & Photographers Derby Awards in London on Monday evening. Blake included two TDN submissions, which may be viewed [here](#) and [here](#). Held at the Royal Lancaster Hotel and supported for the first time by the Hong Kong Jockey Club, Corals, Ladbrokes and Vertem Asset Management, *Racing Post*’s Lee Mottershead won his second Racing Writer of the Year Award. TDNers Chris McGrath and Alayna Cullen were both nominees in the Racing Writer of the Year and Emerging Talent categories, respectively.

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TATTERSALLS DECEMBER YEARLINGS



“ There was a decent hike in the percentage of horses sold at this final yearling sale of the year. Other indicators dipped slightly but generally held up well at what is a routinely strong day for a number of yearlings which have missed out on earlier sales for various reasons. ”

- Emma Berry

YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	% W/D	% S/R	% S/C	GROSS	AVE
2019	202	167	131	17.3%	82.7%	64.9%	€ 4,149,500.00	€ 31,676.00
2018	201	162	118	19.4%	72.9%	58.8%	€ 4,200,500.00	€ 35,597.00
2017	200	160	124	20%	77.5%	62%	€ 4,271,500.00	€ 34,448.00
2016	200	168	142	16%	84.5%	71%	€ 4,377,500.00	€ 30,827.00
2015	224	178	142	20.5%	79.8%	63.4%	€ 4,091,400.00	€ 28,813.00
2014	247	203	161	17.8%	79.3%	65.2%	€ 4,571,700.00	€ 28,396.00

HWSA Cont.

The full list of award recipients is as follows:

- Clive Graham Trophy for Racing Writer of the Year: Lee Mottershead (Racing Post)
- Photographer of the Year: Edward Whitaker (Racing Post)
- Picture of the Year: Patrick McCann (Racing Post)
- Alan Lee Trophy for Emerging Talent: Jonathan Harding (Racing Post)
- Specialist Writer Award: Kevin Blake (freelancer)
- Peter O’Sullivan Trophy for Broadcaster of the Year: Lydia Hislop (Racing TV)
- Reporter of the Year: Marcus Townend (Daily Mail)
- Derby Award/Jump Jockey of the Year: Bryony Frost
- Jump Trainer of the Year: Paul Nicholls
- Flat Jockey of the Year: Frankie Dettori
- Flat Trainer of the Year: John Gosden
- Owner of the Year: Andrew Gemmell
- George Ennor Trophy for Outstanding Achievement: Lisa Hancock
- HWSA President’s Award: Ruby Walsh
- Arabian Racing Achievement Award: James Owen

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The 8-year-old, who won the G3 Prix Thomas Bryon and was second in the G1 Criterium International, will stand for €3,000. Originally a Godolphin colourbearer from the Andre Fabre yard, the Darley-bred grey spend the majority of his career racing for Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed Al Maktoum and trainer Salem bin Ghadayer. He retires having placed an additional seven times at the group level with a record of 32-2-4-7 and \$781,715 in earnings. A half-brother to MGSW Lockwood (GB) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), Earnshaw is out of G3 Prix des Reservoirs heroine Emily Bronte.

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Earnshaw | Scoop Dyga

HARAS DU PETIT TELLIER RELEASES 2020

ROSTER

Haras du Petit Tellier will stand four stallions in 2020, led by G1SW **The Grey Gatsby (Ire)** (Mastercraftsman {Ire}). The grey, whose first foals were born this year, will stand for €7,000 once again. Veteran **Elvstroem (Aus)** (Danehill) is priced at €5,000, while **Mr Owen** (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) will stand for €3,000.

Meshaheer (Nureyev) is private for 2020.

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HARAS DU PETIT TELLIER 2020 ROSTER & FEES

<u>Stallion</u>	<u>Fee</u>
Elvstroem (Aus) (Danehill)	€5,000
Meshaheer (Nureyev)	Private
Mr. Owen (Invincible Spirit {Ire})	€3,000
The Grey Gatsby (Ire) (Mastercraftsman {Ire})	€7,000

EARNSHAW RETIRED TO HARAS DES GRANGES

GSW & G1SP **Earnshaw** (Medaglia d’Oro–Emily Bronte {GB}), by Machiavellian) will stand his first season at Haras des Granges, *Jour de Galop* reported on Monday.

FIRST-SEASON SIRES WITH RUNNERS

Wednesday, Dec. 3, 2019:

FRANCE

Evasive’s First (Fr) (Evasive {GB}),

7 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
 3-MAR.P VIVAUX, 1500m, LA FRIPOUILLE (Fr)
 €3,000 Arqana Deauville Autumn Mixed Sale 2018

Intrinsic (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}), Hedgeholme Stud

24 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
 3-MAR.P VIVAUX, 1500m, NAJM (GB)
 13,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2017

UNITED KINGDOM

Cappella Sansevero (GB) (Showcasing {GB}), Bridge House Stud

60 foals of racing age/6 winners/1 black-type winner
 16:45-WOLVERHAMPTON, 7.25f, DIAMOND COTTAGE (GB)

Fountain of Youth (Ire) (Oasis Dream {GB}), Bearstone Stud

71 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners
 16:45-WOLVERHAMPTON, 7.25f, ELIXIR SKY (GB)
 4,800gns RNA Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2018 - Book 3

First-Season Sires With Runners Cont.

Golden Horn (GB) (Cape Cross {Ire}), Dalham Hall Stud
 98 foals of racing age/8 winners/2 black-type winners
 16:45-WOLVERHAMPTON, 7.25f, GOLDIE HAWK (GB)

Make Believe (GB) (Makfi {GB}), Ballylinch Stud
 87 foals of racing age/16 winners/3 black-type winners
 16:45-WOLVERHAMPTON, 7.25f, TRUE BELIEVER (Ire)
 €150,000 Goffs Orby Yearling Sale 2018

IRELAND

Anjaal (GB) (Bahamian Bounty {GB}), Rathasker Stud
 149 foals of racing age/18 winners/0 black-type winners
 4-DUNDALK, 7f, SHADHAVAR (Ire)
 €18,000 Goffs November Foals Sale 2017; £30,000 Goffs UK
 Premier & Silver Yearling Sale 2018; €10,000 Tattersalls Ireland
 Goresbridge Breeze Up Sale 2019

Competitive Edge (Super Saver), Ashford Stud
 111 foals of racing age/23 winners/4 black-type winners
 3-DUNDALK, 7f, POINT REYES (Ire)
 €32,000 Goffs Sportsman's Yearling Sale 2018; 280,000gns
 Tattersalls Craven Breeze-Up Sale 2019

Gutaifan (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}), Yeomanstown Stud
 166 foals of racing age/27 winners/0 black-type winners
 3-DUNDALK, 7f, FUNNY LITTLE WAYS (Ire)
 £48,000 Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearling Sale 2018

Ivawood (Ire) (Zebedee {GB}), Coolmore Stud
 100 foals of racing age/14 winners/2 black-type winners
 3-DUNDALK, 7f, ALL ABOUT IVY (Ire)
 €8,000 Goffs November Foals Sale 2017



Cappella Sansevero is looking for his seventh winner on Tuesday.
Bridge House Stud

OBSERVATIONS

on the European racing scene

DAUGHTER OF LOCAL TIME STARTS FOR GODOLPHIN

4.45 Wolverhampton, Novice, £5,300, 2yo, 7f 36y (AWT) DUBAI QUALITY (IRE) (Dubawi {Ire}) is the first foal out of the G3 UAE Oaks and G3 Oh So Sharp S. winner Local Time (GB) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) who debuts for the Saeed bin Suroor stable responsible for campaigning that smart individual. From the family of Dubawi's GI Canadian International hero Prix Erupt (Ire), the February-foaled chestnut encounters 11 rivals on the Tapeta.

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:

Sherpa Trail, c, 3, **Gio Ponti**--Vapour Musing (GB), by Manduro (Ger). Wolverhampton, 12-2, 7f 36y (AWT), 1:28.21. B-James Moloney & Patrick Moloney (NY). *\$25,000 RNA Ylg '17 FTKTUR.

IRELAND



ITBA VETERINARY LECTURE SERIES CONTINUES DEC. 13

The next ITBA Veterinary Lecture Series is slated for the Crowne Plaza Hotel at 7:30 p.m. in Belfast on Dec. 13. Admission to the event, sponsored by the Down Royal Corporation of Horse Breeders, IMV Imaging and MSD Animal Health, is free, but space is limited. Topics to be discussed include broodmare reproduction and biosecurity with a Q&A session also on tap. The two-hour event is worth 1.5 CVE credits from VCI and is an approved BEVA event.

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FRANCE



CONDITIONS RESULT:

2nd-Deauville, €35,000, 12-2, 3yo, 12 1/2f (AWT), 2:42.79, st. RICHEMONT (FR) (c, 3, Anodin {Ire}--Rock Harmonie {Fr} {GSP-Fr}, by Rock of Gibraltar {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 11-3-4-0, €80,480. O-Gerard Augustin-Normand, Ecuries Serge Stempniak & Mme Laetitia Louis; B-Mme M Leurson (FR); T-Fabrice Vermeulen. *€47,000 Ylg '17 ARQOCT; €75,000 2yo '18 ARQMAY.

WORLDWIDE NEWS

PRINCE OF ARRAN GALLOPS IN ADVANCE OF HK VASE



Prince of Arran and Natasha Eaton | HKJC

The globetrotting **Prince of Arran (GB)** (Shirocco {Ger}), a good second last out in the G1 Melbourne Cup at Flemington on Nov. 5, has returned to Sha Tin to contest the G1 Longines Hong Kong Vase and he galloped 1200 metres in 1:19 flat on Monday morning. Ridden by Natasha Eaton, the Charlie Fellowes trainee threw down furlong splits of :27.8, :28.2 and :23 even. He was eighth in the Vase in 2018 after leaving from the 14 post.

Eaton told the Hong Kong Jockey Club notes team, "This is his third year of travelling and he loves it. He barely lost any weight on the journey from Melbourne and seems to be getting stronger all the time. He'll work again later in the week and I'm convinced that he will finish closer than last year when he finished eighth but nothing went right for him then."

Since last year's performance, Prince Of Arran has taken his

form to a new level, winning the G3 Geelong Cup prior to the Melbourne Cup--boosting his career earnings close to £1.5 million.

Added Fellowes, "We have unfinished business in Hong Kong. I told everyone at Sha Tin last December that Prince Of Arran was in even better shape than he had been in Australia--but he got gate 14, and nothing went right for him. Actually I think he still ran a huge race, all things considered. I wouldn't want to be right on the inside, but three to seven would be ideal. Our horse doesn't want to lead, but he wants to be close up. That is how he likes to race.

"He is a highly intelligent horse and seems to find travelling very stimulating, so it keeps him fresh. Also, I think that intelligence means that he only does as much as he has to--all his wins have been by narrow margins--so you never really get to the bottom of him, and that also implies that he can last longer as a racehorse."

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CALIFORNIA CHROME TO STAND FOR ¥4 MILLION

Dual Horse of the Year **California Chrome** (Lucky Pulpit), who is moving to Japan's **Arrow Stud** for the 2020 season, will stand for ¥4 million (approx. \$36,500), the *Bloodhorse* reported on Monday. He will stand alongside fellow American ex-pat **Shanghai Bobby** (Harlan's Holiday) who has been priced at ¥2 million in his second season at the Hokkaido Island stud. A new recruit for 2020 is **Roger Barows (Jpn)** (Deep Impact {Jpn}--Little Book {GB}, by Librettist). A ¥78,000,000 JRHA yearling, he won the 2019 G1 Tokyo Yushun (Japanese Derby) and will command ¥1.2 million.

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California Chrome | Sarah K. Andrew

Leading Second-Crop Sires by Cumulative SWs

for stallions standing in Europe through Sunday, Dec. 1

Earnings represent worldwide figures, stud fees listed are 2019 fees.

Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	No Nay Never <i>(2011) by Scat Daddy FYR: 2016</i>	18	29	9	16	1	5	142	78	948,926 <i>Ten Sovereigns (Ire)</i>	5,779,568
2	Kingman (GB) <i>(2011) by Invincible Spirit (Ire) FYR: 2016</i>	17	28	6	21	1	2	162	89	905,629 <i>Persian King (Ire)</i>	4,999,471
3	Australia (GB) <i>(2011) by Galileo (Ire) FYR: 2016</i>	9	14	6	9	--	4	139	59	414,683 <i>Sir Ron Priestley (GB)</i>	2,939,598
4	Sea the Moon (Ger) <i>(2011) by Sea the Stars (Ire) FYR: 2016</i>	8	18	5	10	--	1	103	52	235,632 <i>Privilegiado (GB)</i>	2,518,822
5	Toronado (Ire) <i>(2010) by High Chaparral (Ire) FYR: 2016</i>	4	10	--	4	--	--	129	69	85,592 <i>Droit de Parole (Ire)</i>	2,063,691
6	Olympic Glory (Ire) <i>(2010) by Choisir (Aus) FYR: 2016</i>	3	8	1	4	1	2	108	46	570,596 <i>Watch Me (Fr)</i>	2,076,850
7	Alhebayeb (Ire) <i>(2010) by Dark Angel (Ire) FYR: 2016</i>	3	3	1	2	--	--	119	45	137,514 <i>Talk Or Listen (Ire)</i>	1,355,562
8	Bungle Inthejungle (GB) <i>(2010) by Exceed and Excel (Aus) FYR: 2016</i>	3	3	2	3	--	1	108	46	187,555 <i>Living In The Past (Ire)</i>	1,147,562
9	Charm Spirit (Ire) <i>(2011) by Invincible Spirit (Ire) FYR: 2016</i>	2	9	2	4	--	--	138	70	94,012 <i>Kick On (GB)</i>	2,231,758
10	Anodin (Ire) <i>(2010) by Anabaa FYR: 2016</i>	2	6	1	3	--	1	106	41	133,871 <i>Anodor (Fr)</i>	1,750,172
11	War Command <i>(2011) by War Front FYR: 2016</i>	2	3	--	--	--	--	123	46	136,659 <i>Victory Command (Ire)</i>	1,282,209
12	Gregorian (Ire) <i>(2009) by Clodovil (Ire) FYR: 2016</i>	2	7	--	3	--	--	73	36	154,362 <i>Irish Trilogy (Ire)</i>	1,000,484
13	Mukhadram (GB) <i>(2009) by Shamardal FYR: 2016</i>	2	4	1	2	--	--	96	43	193,605 <i>A Bit Special (GB)</i>	999,562
14	Garswood (GB) <i>(2010) by Dutch Art (GB) FYR: 2016</i>	2	2	2	2	--	--	71	20	142,212 <i>Cala Tarida (GB)</i>	675,674
15	Ruler of the World (Ire) <i>(2010) by Galileo (Ire) FYR: 2016</i>	1	2	1	1	1	1	40	14	1,988,198 <i>Iridessa (Ire)</i>	2,216,774



CHAMPION SIRE BATTLE HEATS UP



Yes Yes Yes's successful racecourse exploits have put his sire Rubick on top of the Australian Sires' Table | *Bronwen Healy*

By *Bren O'Brien*

The battle to become Australia's Champion Sire is poised to be its most competitive in years, with just \$1.14 million separating the top five stallions one third of the way through the 2019/20 season. The Australian Sires' Table for the past three seasons has resulted in dominant victories for Arrowfield Stud's **Snitzel**, but this year's race has already revealed some new faces at the top of the sire premiership.

Indeed, as it stands, there is not one former champion currently among the top seven stallions on the sires' table.

The addition of The Everest to the calendar has created an interesting debate over whether prizemoney should be used to determine the leading stallion in the country and the past two seasons have seen Snitzel all but sewing up his second and third titles by November thanks to his dual Everest winning son Redzel and second-place getter Trapeze Artist.

The victory of Yes Yes Yes, from the first crop of Coolmore's **Rubick**, in this year's Everest has certainly put an interesting shape on this season's battle and has helped the young stallion assume the tag of clubhouse leader, a position he still occupies at the start of December with his progeny earning \$7.71 million.

If the Sires' Table were to be judged on winners, Rubick would be 83rd overall, with 18, while if it were to be judged on stakes winners, he would be equal 43rd, with one. But on prizemoney, he is in front, \$100,000 clear of second placed **Declaration Of War (USA)**. The former Coolmore Australia stallion, now based

in Japan, had a magnificent Flemington carnival with the victories of Warning in the G1 Victoria Derby and then Vow And Declare in the G1 Melbourne Cup. Declaration Of War only had two crops in Australia, the oldest of which is four, but has produced an impressive 18 winners so far this season from 50 runners.

While they may have the runs on the board, it seems a hard task for either of the top two to hold on to their positions due simply to the fact that with only two crops they don't have the numbers to match their challengers over the final eight months.

Third-placed **Pierro**, another Coolmore stallion, on the other hand, is well-placed to give the title an almighty shake. He is currently less than \$200,000 off the lead having had 61 winners and leads all Australian sires with seven stakes winners to date. At the same time last season, he had 49 winners, four at stakes level and his progeny had earned half of what they have this year.

His top earner for the season is his banner horse Pierata, while he has had Group 1 winners in Spring Champion S. winner Shadow Hero and Railway S. winner Regal Power. With his fourth crop hitting the track this year, Pierro, the champion second-season sire of 2017/18, is poised to have the numbers to rocket up from the position of 10th which he has occupied the past two seasons.

Waikato Stud's **Ocean Park's (NZ)** progeny are enjoying a brilliant season in Australia, led by Kolding (NZ), who has won both the G1 Epsom H. and the Golden Eagle.

The son of Thorn Park currently sits fourth on the Sires' Table with his progeny earning \$6.77 million, with 25 winners and three stakes winners to date. **Cont. p2**



I Am Invincible | *Yarraman Park*



Zoustar | Widden Stud

Champion Sire Battle Heats Up Cont. from p1

Ocean Park's numbers of runners will likely hamper his ambitions of becoming the first New Zealand-based sire since Zabeel (NZ) in 1998/99 to win an Australian title, however, with Kolding favourite for the \$5 million All-Star Mile, it is not outside the realms of possibility.

Can Vinnie Claim His First Title?

If you were running a market on the most likely winner at the end of the season, you would have Yarraman Park's **I Am Invincible** as a clear favourite, despite the fact he is currently fifth. Runner-up the past two seasons and having set a new mark for numbers of stakes winners in 2018/19 with 28, he has the numbers and the quality to assume top spot in the coming months. As it stands, I Am Invincible is currently less than \$1.2 million off top place and he continues to eat into that lead, now with 77 individual winners this season, well clear of his nearest rival (**Sebring** with 66). 'Vinnie' has had six stakes winners, including Group 1 winning filly Loving Gaby. There is every chance he could win the title with an inferior record to last season in terms of numbers. As of Dec. 3 last year, he had an amazing 16 stakes winners already and 94 winners in total.

Widden's rising star **Zoustar** is sixth on the Sires' Table on \$5.84 million, with 43 winners, including an impressive six stakes winners. Continued success through the remainder of the season should see him finish top four, while he could conceivably contend if he finds a 2-year-old flagbearer in early 2020.

His Widden barnmate **Nicconi**, currently seventh, has also had a terrific start the campaign, with his star sprinter Nature Strip, who has earned \$2.7 million and won the G1 Darley Sprint Classic, helping drive his progeny earnings to \$4.67 million. It shows the value of a flagbearer, when you consider he was 19th at this stage last year with more winners and more stakes winners.

Darley's **Exceed And Excel**, the Champion Sire of 2012/13, has

had four stakes winners this season among 45 winners, including the star 3-year-old pair, G1 Coolmore Stud S. victor Exceedance and G1 Golden Rose S, winner Bivouac. His progeny have earned just over \$4.56 million. That's just \$100,000 more than 2015/16 champion **Street Cry (Ire)**, who from limited numbers of runners (63), and without the help of his superstar daughter Winx, has had three stakes winners, highlighted by Trekking.

Rounding out the top 10 is Arrowfield's **Not A Single Doubt**, who has had 40 winners, three stakes winners and whose progeny have won \$4.42 million.

Champs Relegated Outside of Top 10

Perhaps the competitiveness of the Australian stallion scene is best summed up by those who aren't currently in the top 10. Dual champion **Fastnet Rock**, with 61 winners and four stakes winners this season, is currently 11th, with his progeny earning \$4.37 million. That's a superior record than at the same stage last season, when he was seventh, another example of the depth of 2019/20.

Three-time defending champion Snitzel occupies 12th and has had 57 winners and five stakes winners, with combined earnings of \$4.06 million to date this season. There is no doubt both he and Fastnet Rock will make major strides up the premiership in the coming months.

January's Magic Millions Day, with over \$10 million in prizemoney on offer, will be the next major turning point. Last year both Snitzel, through 2YO Classic winner Exhilarates, and I Am Invincible via Fillies and Mares victor Invincibella, tasted feature success on that day. Those sires would of course finish first and second at season's end.

From there, rich 2-year-old races such as the Inglis Millennium and Blue Diamond S. in February give an opportunity to shake-up the Sires' Table; as will the Australian Cup and the All-Star Mile in March before Sydney takes centre stage. There are six races through the Sydney autumn worth more than \$2 million, including the \$3.5-million Golden Slipper and the \$4-million Queen Elizabeth S. But the tight nature of the table means it could be a maiden at Moruya as much as a Group 1 at Randwick which determines which name will be etched into history as Australia's Champion Sire at the end of the season. It should prove an absorbing contest.

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