

STEVENS CALLS FOR ADOPTION OF BRITISH WHIP RULES



Gary Stevens | Horsephotos

by Dan Ross

As the industry hurtles towards a possible riding crop D-Day later this month, Hall of Fame jockey Gary Stevens is proposing a compromise between the opposing stances staked-out on the issue: for California--and by extension, the nation as a whole--to adopt new rules that mirror those used in Europe. More specifically, England.

"I think it would serve our sport well," Stevens told the *TDN*, about the **British Horseracing Authority's** set of rules governing use of the riding crop. "It will make things cut and dried for the stewards. Instead of them generally deciding what whip abuse is, this tells you what whip abuse is."

On Dec. 12, two important regulatory meetings are scheduled to bring use of the riding crop to the table. In Arizona, the **Association of Racing Commissioners International (ARCI)** will look at a Jockey Club proposal that would essentially prohibit use of the crop for encouragement, allowing its use only to "avoid dangerous situations."

The **California Horse Racing Board (CHRB)** is expected to consider a couple of similar proposals that same day--a result of the **board punting for later a final decision** on the issue at its marathon November meeting. The December meeting package, it should also be noted, hasn't yet been released, however. **Cont. p3**

TIZ THE LAW ON TRACK FOR HOLY BULL

by Bill Finley

Tiz the Law (Constitution) is being pointed for the Feb. 1 GII Holy Bull S. at Gulfstream Park, reported owner Jack Knowlton. It will be the colt's first start since he finished a troubled third in the GII Kentucky Jockey Club S. at Churchill Downs last Saturday.

"It's the first race that comes up on the radar screen and it gives him a nice break between races," Knowlton said. "[Trainer] Barclay [Tagg] is very interested in spacing his races out. This race is at Gulfstream and he'll be training just up the road at Palm Meadows. This race fits."

Knowlton said that it has yet to be decided where Tiz the Law will run after the Holy Bull, but said the GII Louisiana Derby is a possibility.

"We're not sure yet what we're going to do after the Holy Bull, but we may look to do what we did with [GI Kentucky Derby winner] Funny Cide (Distorted Humor) and go to the Louisiana Derby," he said. "I know things were different then, but it worked out pretty well for Funny Cide." **Cont. p5**

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Stevens Calls for Adoption of British Whip Rules *(cont. from p1)*

The Jockey's Guild has been vocal about its support for the existing rules in California. But Stevens, who rode successfully in Europe for such trainers as Sir Michael Stoute and Andre Fabre, believes a happy medium could be found in the form of the rules set forth by the BHA.

"I literally would not ride a race without a whip, or a race where I would not be able to use it in a manner where I can encourage my horse to go forward--and that doesn't mean punishment," said Stevens.

Nevertheless, he said, the rules Stateside are currently too permissive.

"It made me a better rider riding in Europe."

The UK's rules can be broken down into these major points: jockeys can use the whip a maximum of seven times and must abide by a strict set of riding guidelines. They can only raise their arm above their shoulder a maximum of two times, for example.

In contrast, the rules in California--arguably the strictest in the country--are far more broadly written. A jockey can only use the whip three times in succession before they must give the horse a chance to respond, for example, but there's no limit to the number of times jockeys can use it overall, and there's no mention of raising the arm above the shoulder.

"The appearance of a hand going above the shoulder, it bothers me," said Stevens, who added that adoption of the stricter BHA rules would have the knock-on effect of improving the overall quality of the American jockey colony, requiring them to reach for the crop only as a last-resort, and not as a crutch.

"To see young riders going for the whip at the three-eighths pole and horses being hit multiple times, there's no place in the game for that," he said. In contrast, the UK rules, he said, "teach you patience and how to ride a strong finish, and I think it'll make American racing better."

Under the BHA's rules, jockeys are granted a Grade or Group 1 exemption only if a suspension is four days or less. In the States, however, big race exemptions are far more commonplace, and that needs to change, said Stevens.

"The penalty needs to be severe. If Frankie Dettori or any of the top jockeys [typically] get a suspension, they're not allowed to ride at the Epsom Derby--they're not allowed to ride at the Royal Ascot meeting," he added. "But we see it happen time and time again here. It gets your attention as a jockey, and it makes you obey the rules."

What's more, adoption of the UK's rules in California would kick-start the process of bringing uniformity between jurisdictions, Stevens said.



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“The problem is, when you go from one jurisdiction to another, for a young rider to adapt to new rules in 38 different jurisdictions, it’s preposterous.”

When asked whether the Jockey’s Guild could get behind the BHA’s set of rules, the guild’s chief executive, Terry Meyocks, said that his organization is “willing” to have discussions on the matter, but any such talks should comprise all industry stakeholders.

“We want to make sure the discussions involve the jocks, it should involve the owners and the horsemen and the betting public because they’ve got a lot at stake,” he said. “It’s going to affect all of them.”

That includes the breeders, he added.

“If it changes, and [riding crops] are used for safety only and not for encouragement, it’s going to affect the breeding of horses, and what you breed to,” he said.

“Horses are herd animals, and a lot of horses don’t pass other horses without some form of encouragement,” he said, before adding that ultimately, any changes to the rules need to be done with overall safety in mind. “I wouldn’t want to be put in a jock’s position that, if you don’t use it, it could cause catastrophic injuries to horse and rider.”

The TDN similarly asked The Jockey Club about Stevens’s proposal, and the organization’s director of communications, Shannon Luce, responded in an email: “The Jockey Club’s Thoroughbred Safety Committee recommends eliminating the use of the riding crop for encouragement; the riding crop should be used only to avoid dangerous situations to horse and rider.”

According to Eoin Harty, president of the California Thoroughbred Trainers, the

current “status quo” regarding whip rules in the States isn’t sustainable.



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 Won **G1 E.P. Taylor S.**
 Won **G1 Phoenix S.**
 Dam of Magnum Moon (**G1 Arkansas Derby**)
 Won **G1 Pretty Polly S.**
 Dam of Midnight Bisou (5x G1 winner)
 Won **G1 Del Mar Oaks**
 Won **G1 Prioress S.**
Champion and 3x G1 winner inc. **G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe**
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“I fully understand where The Jockey Club is coming from,” he said. “It’s an awfully bad visual. People who aren’t familiar with the sport—even people who are familiar with the sport—don’t want to see horses getting whipped.”

Nevertheless, the riding crop, Harty said, is a necessary tool, not only as a safety measure, but as a means of motivation—within moderation.

“These horses, it’s like you’re getting on a Ferrari, but with a mind of its own,” he said. “We train these horses, they’re on the best of feeds, the best of vitamins, they’re bred to run, they’re bred to run fast, and, when you put all those elements together, there’s a certain element of unpredictability in there, and for the rider’s safety, they’ve got to be able to use it if needs be, but not to abuse.

“I think we can compromise,” Harty added.

And Stevens’s proposal, therefore, is just such a compromise, he said.

“When you look back on the great jockeys, the better they got, the less whip they used,” he said.

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Tiz the Law on Track for Holy Bull *(cont. from p1)*

Knowlton added that Tiz the Law will have just two races next year before an expected appearance in the GI Kentucky Derby.

Though he was beaten as the odds-on favorite in the Kentucky Jockey Club, Tiz the Law turned in a creditable effort. With Manny Franco aboard, he was pinned in behind a wall of horses for much of the trip and didn’t find running room until the deep stretch ([video](#)).

“The horse didn’t break well the other day and then he was never really relaxed and was sitting behind a slow pace where the half was in :49 4/5,” Knowlton said. “He’s not used to that. He’s used to them going in :46 and change. That may have been a factor and so could have the wet track. We have a lot of reasons to just draw a line through the race. Considering what happened, he still only got beat by three-quarters of a length.”

Knowlton said that nothing he saw Saturday has caused him to change his mind about the horse, whose biggest win to date came in the GI Champagne S.

“If anything, I’m higher on him now,” he said. “Obviously, it wasn’t an awesome race like his first two were, but he passed some tests. He got to travel, he went two turns for the first time and he showed that he can get over the track at Churchill. He didn’t love the track, but it’s not like he didn’t get over it.”



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Knowlton continued, “I know I’m biased, but look at what happened in the Derby Future wager. Other than the ‘all others’ pick, he’s the favorite. The bettors certainly haven’t lost confidence in him.”



Jack Knowlton in winner's circle with Tiz the Law | Sarah Andrew

For Knowlton and his Sacketoga Stable, the lead-up to the Derby next year has been very different than it was when he won the first leg of the Triple Crown with Funny Cide in 2003.

“It’s a completely different scenario,” he said. “Funny Cide was under the radar and he didn’t really catch the imagination of anybody until he won the Derby. Then there was a lot of buzz. With this horse, everything got crazy after he won the Champagne. I’m just trying to manage that and, for me, it’s been a very different experience from 2003.”

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ASMUSSEN APPEALING ACE POSITIVES; KHRC GRANTS STAYS OF SUSPENSIONS

by T.D. Thornton

Trainer Steve Asmussen will be appealing two Kentucky Horse Racing Commission (KHRC) rulings for acepromazine positives dating back to 2018 that were handed down this week.

That means North America’s current second-winningest trainer has been granted a stay of the 90 days in suspensions and \$3,500 in fines that were meted out as penalties.

“I got a call [Tuesday] night from Clark Brewster, his attorney, which indicated to me that they were going to appeal it,” Marc Guilfoil, the KHRC executive director, told *TDN* Wednesday afternoon. “They asked for a stay and were granted a stay.”

Acepromazine, a tranquilizer, is listed as a Drug/Penalty Class 3B on the Uniform Classification Guidelines for Foreign Substances list maintained by the Association of Racing Commissioners International (ARCI). The KHRC threshold limit for acepromazine is 10 ng/ml in urine.

According to the two KHRC stewards’ rulings, Asmussen was suspended 30 days and fined \$1,000 after acepromazine metabolites that tested at 76 ng/ml were detected in the urine of 7-10 favorite Thousand Percent (Goldencents), who won the second race, a \$50,000 maiden claimer, at Churchill Downs on June 28, 2018.

On Oct. 25, 2018, when Boldor (Munnings) won his 2-year-old debut at 4-1 in a Keeneland Race Course MSW, his urine tested positive at 17.7 ng/ml for acepromazine metabolites. The KHRC ruling considered this positive a second offense, and accordingly upped Asmussen’s penalties for this infraction to 60 days and a \$2,500 fine.

However, the rulings also explained that Asmussen was to have the larger of his two suspensions sliced in half, by means of 30 days being “stayed on the condition that no Class A or Class B medication violation occurs in any racing jurisdiction within 365 days from the date of this ruling.” In addition, the rulings said Asmussen would be allowed to serve his two 30-day suspensions concurrently (Dec. 20-Jan. 18).

Now Asmussen won’t have to sit out any suspension days or pay any fines pending the adjudication of his appeal. Guilfoil added that the hearing date is in the process of being scheduled.

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DA SILVA REFLECTS ON RIDING CAREER

by Perry Lefko

Jockey Eurico Rosa da Silva admits it will be an emotional day on Saturday when Woodbine Entertainment Group salutes him as he nears his retirement from racing.

The 44-year-old native of Brazil announced in late August he is hanging up his tack after a career that began in his native country and really took off when he came to Canada and began riding in 2004.

Da Silva has become the pre-eminent rider at Woodbine, winning the Sovereign Award as Canada's top jockey the last four years and six times overall. He set a Woodbine meet record last year with 237 victories. And as he's nearing the end, he's been on a torrid pace. In a two-week period between November and October he's posted two six-win days.



Da Silva after winning the Pattison Canadian with Bullards Alley

Michael Burns

In October, he won the GI Woodbine Mile for the first time with Sam-Son Farm's El Tormenta (Stormy Atlantic) at 44-1 odds. Last weekend, he won major stakes races at Woodbine, prompting at least one horseman to opine that da Silva may be

retiring but at some point he will want to come back because he will miss riding too much. One of those victories was with Pink Lloyd (Old Forester), Canada's Horse of the Year in 2017 and who has won 22 of 28 career races and earnings of \$1.3 million. The horse has won six of seven races this year.

When asked by the *Thoroughbred Daily News* if there's a possibility he will decide to make a return at some point, da Silva said: "We'll see," he said. "I can tell

you I'm walking away 100% in my heart that I'm doing the right thing for myself and my family."

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Da Silva said as he nears the end, he wants to continue to finish strongly.

"It's a lot of distraction right now emotionally, but I want to hold on to my focus until he last day and winning at 25%," he said. "That's really important for me."

What's surprising is that da Silva is retiring at the top of his game, similar to what Hall of Fame running back Barry Sanders did--and never looked back. Da Silva's said his decision to retire has been the evolution of a four-year process that he began when he started working with a mental coach who asked him how long he thought his body will be able to handle the rigors of riding. Da Silva said probably around the age of 45.

"The first year when I started thinking about retiring, it was very hard for me, very emotional," he said. "I had my head down. I was very sad and I got home and my wife [veterinary surgeon Dr. Orlaith Cleary] asked me what happened and we talked about my retirement and I said, 'I just feel sad today.' But I have to do what I have to do because when it gets to the time I'll be ready.

"I used to be able to ride 10 horses and the next day no problem, fully recovered. Now I ride eight, nine horses and it takes me two to three days to recover. And it's so hard on the body--very, very hard--and it's getting harder and harder for me."



Eurico Rosa da Silva | Coady

He said he's really started to notice the effect riding has had on him psychologically when he is with his three kids--William, 7, Amelia, 3 1/2, and Isabelle, 1.

"When I was with my kids I started to realize I'm there with them, but I'm not there because my mind is just not there," he said. "Even my son said, 'Papa, it looks like you're not here.' That hurt me saying that.

"I was feeling weird and then I started thinking, 'When am I going to retire?' This started coming to my mind all the time."

He said about seven months ago his mind was foggy, so he went to a lake near where he lives and did meditation and came to the realization it was time to retire.

"My mind just cleared up," he said. "The fog went away and I said to myself, 'I made the right decision. I feel relieved. This is the right decision.' I was overloaded with so many thoughts about retirement. It was almost like some force made me make that decision. When I look back now, I say I made the right decision."

He said when he told his wife about his plan to retire it took her a couple of weeks to understand his decision. He said she thought he might want to ride one more year.

"She said, 'Are you sure you are going to be happy?'" he said. "She was afraid I'd get depressed after retirement, but I said no. I know what I'm doing and I have a plan and everything is going to be fine."

He is leaving a lot of money on the table because his mounts have won more than \$8 million five of the last eight years and in excess of \$7 million the last three years. Da Silva said he has never been motivated by money.

"It has never been and never will be," he insisted. "I'm leaving a lot of money, but I'm going to gain a lot of love from my kids. When my kids grow up, in my heart I know I did everything right for them. If I stay here making the money, I know I can help them more with that, but the touch, the love, the time you put together with them...there's no price.

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"I want to be balanced in my life," Da Silva continued. "What got me into mental work is I used to be an angry guy. I used to be up and down. I never could be stable. I said to myself, 'why can I not be consistent?' Then I started understanding I was a very angry guy. I went to a sports psychologist and thought it would be working about the sport. You know what, most of the work I did was really working on my anger."

He is a certified life coach with the Canada Coach Academy and plans to work with high-performance professional athletes. He is already working with a basketball player and a tennis player. He plans to limit his clientele to 15 because he said it would basically be giving up one full-time job for another.

"I don't want to get over busy. It's a big responsibility," he said.

Woodbine Entertainment Group has designated Saturday as Eurico Rosa Da Silva Day. He will sign autographs with fans and take photos. Woodbine will be offering t-shirts with da Silva's popular catchphrase, "Good Luck To Everybody." The first 250 fans to make a minimum donation of \$5 to LongRun Thoroughbred Retirement Society will receive one of the t-shirts. The limited-edition t-shirts will also be available to purchase for \$40 after the event.

Looking back at his career, da Silva is surprised how well he's done and even more so how Woodbine has reacted to his decision to retire.

"I thought it was just going to be another job walking away and it's not going to be a big deal," he said. "I never expected Woodbine to treat me the way they've been treating me. I've always had a great friendship with Woodbine. I love Woodbine."

He said winning the Queen's Plate for the first time with Sam-Son Farm's Eye of the Leopard (A.P. Indy) in 2009 made him truly appreciate what the race means to Canada. He won the race the following year with Big Red Mike (Ten Pins) for Terra Racing Stable.

"If I was walking away from the business and I hadn't won the Queen's Plate that would hurt me," he said. "But knowing I've won two Queen's Plates is special for me. When I came to Canada I didn't know much about the race and the first thing I learned was about the Queen's Plate and that it's almost like a festival. I said, 'Man, this is the race I want to win.'"

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OCALA STUD RELEASES 2020 STUD FEES

Ocala Stud has set stud fees for its roster of 12 stallions for the 2020 breeding season. Grade I Haskell Invitational winner **Girvin** (Tale of Ekati)'s stud fee will remain unchanged at \$7,500 S&N for his second year at stud, while **The Big Beast** (Yes It's True), who was represented by his first crop of runners in 2019, will stand for \$6,000 S&N. Girvin, who covered 149 mares in his first book, will be represented by his first foals in 2020. Also a Grade I winner, The Big Beast, ranked second-ranked as Florida's first-crop sire with 14 winners, including Inspiressa, who finished second to Bast in the GI Del Mar Debutante.

Additionally, multiple graded-stakes winner **Awesome Slew** (Awesome Again) will stand his second season at stud for \$5,000 S&N. His first foals arrive in 2020. Leading Florida's General Sire list in 2019, **Adios Charlie** (Indian Charlie), will stand the upcoming season for \$4,000 S&N.

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2020 OCALA STUD ROSTER & FEES

<u>Stallion</u>	<u>Fee</u>
Adios Charlie (Indian Charlie)	\$4,000
Ami's Flatter (Flatter)	\$3,500
Awesome of Course (Awesome Again)	\$4,000
Awesome Slew (Awesome Again)	\$5,000
Fort Loudon (Awesome of Course)	\$2,500
Girvin (Tale of Ekati)	\$7,500
Greenpointcrusader (Bernardini)	\$5,000
In Summation (Put It Back)	\$2,500
Jess's Dream (Curlin)	\$5,000
Noble Bird (Birdstone)	\$5,000
Rainbow Heir (Wildcat Heir)	\$3,500
The Big Beast (Yes It's True)	\$6,000



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FLORIDA SHERIFFS SEARCH FOR CLUES THAT MIGHT LINK HORSE MEAT MURDERS

by T.D. Thornton

Regional law enforcement agencies in Florida are pooling resources and asking for the public's help to find out if the theft and killing of a sport horse for its meat in the Gulf Coast city of Palmetto earlier this week is connected to the similarly executed butchering of a horse in the same area in 2015 and a knife attack that killed a horse on an Ocala farm over the Thanksgiving holiday.

The Palmetto slaughter in the overnight hours of Dec. 1-2 reportedly involves a Thoroughbred--valued at \$20,000--stolen from a farm on Buckeye Road in a rural agricultural and industrial area off I-75, about 55 miles south of Tampa Bay Downs.

"They broke a locked fence gate, went in, walked past other horses, took hold of this one, and walked it a few hundred yards away into a field and killed the horse there," Randy Warren, a public information officer with the Manatee County Sheriff's Office, told TDN on Wednesday.

"These appear to be people--and we assume it's more than one person because of what they would have to go through to do this--looking for horses that are Thoroughbreds or sport-caliber horses, and they're looking for them just to kill them to take the meat," Warren said. "It appears they know what they are looking for."

The horse is being described by law enforcement officials and in published news reports as a Thoroughbred, but Warren could not confirm whether the horse was actually registered as such. He said its name, lineage and age were not part of the reports available to him. He described it as a male horse used for some sort of sport or breeding purposes. It is possible that the department and some news outlets are using "Thoroughbred" as a generic descriptor for a well-bred sport horse.

Warren said his department has shared information with law enforcement counterparts 125 miles north in Marion County relating to the Nov. 29 death of a 21-year-old horse in Ocala. According to WKMG-TV, that horse was also singled out of a pasture near I-75, and it was found with "very clean-cut" wounds from what is believed to be a knife that "stripped both sides" of the horse's body.

"We've talked to investigators in Marion County to compare notes," Warren said. "There's nothing we can relay to the media right now, but we started looking at some of the things they encountered on their case, and we look for some comparisons [to ours]."

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And with regard to the possible connection to the unsolved 2015 theft and butchering of an imported sport horse in Palmetto, Warren said “It’s very similar in that it’s a very valuable horse, a prized horse that’s involved in competitions. Why is a horse like that targeted as opposed to other horses that are not?”

“We really don’t know in terms of where the meat ends up,” Warren told WTSP-TV earlier this week. “There is some type of demand for it. There is a market for it.”

Anyone with information is asked to call the sheriff’s office at (941) 747-3011.

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TOYS FOR TOTS WEEKEND AT AQUEDUCT

The New York Racing Association will again be hosting its annual Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Foundation weekend of giving at Aqueduct Racetrack Dec. 7 and 8. Toys for Tots will collect new, unwrapped toys, cash contributions, and checks made payable to Toys for Tots, with donation boxes located at the main Clubhouse entrance and the Turf and Field entrance.

“It’s a privilege for NYRA to partner with the Marine Corps’ Toys for Tots Foundation to brighten the holidays for children throughout New York City and across Long Island,” said Vanessa Rodriguez, NYRA Community Relations Manager. “New York racing fans and our employees have generously supported Toys for Tots each and every year, and we are pleased to encourage that giving spirit again in 2019.”

In addition to NYRA’s donations, Toys for Tots is supported by generous contributions from the New York Thoroughbred Horsemen’s Association (NYTHA), Thoroughbred owners Harold Lerner and Salvatore Sano, and trainer Gary Contessa.

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Saturday, Aqueduct, post time: 4:16 p.m. EST

CIGAR MILE H.-GI, \$750,000, 3yo/up, 1m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Whitmore	Pleasantly Perfect	LaPenta, R, Moquett, R & Head of Plains Partners	Moquett	Rosario	120
2	Bal Harbour	First Samurai	Red Oak Stable	Pletcher	Velazquez	117
3	Forewarned 🦟	Flat Out	Uriah St. Lewis	St. Lewis	Salgado	115
4	Pat On the Back	Congrats	Harold Lerner LLC, AWC Stables & Nehoc Stables	Englehart	Davis	118
5	Maximum Security	New Year's Day	West, Gary and Mary	Servis	Saez	122
6	Spun to Run	Hard Spun	Robert P. Donaldson	Guerrero	Ortiz, Jr.	120
7	Nicodemus	Candy Ride (Arg)	Everything's Cricket Racing & Goichman, Lawrence	Rice	Franco	117
8	Network Effect	Mark Valeski	Klaravich Stables, Inc.	Brown	Castellano	115
9	Looking At Bikinis 🦟	Lookin At Lucky	Long Lake Stable LLC, Madaket Stables LLC, Coleman, Thomas and Doheny Racing Stable	Brown	Ortiz	114
10	Tale of Silence	Tale of the Cat	Charles E. Fipke	Tagg	Alvarado	117
11	True Timber 🦟	Mineshaft	Calumet Farm	McLaughlin	Bravo	116

Breeders: 1-John Liviakis, 2-Red Oak Stable, 3-Preston Stables, LLC, 4-Sugar Maple Farm, 5-Gary & Mary West Stables, Inc., 6-Sabana Farm, 7-WinStar Farm, LLC, 8-Louis Jolin, 9-Neil Jones, 10-Charles Fipke, 11-Mr. & Mrs. Marc C. Ferrell

Saturday, Los Alamitos, post time: 6:28 p.m. EST

STARLET S.-GI, \$300,000, 2yo, f, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Roadrunner's Honor 🦟	Honor Code	Roadrunner Racing and W.C. Racing, Inc.	O'Neill	Franco	120
2	Bast 🦟	Uncle Mo	Baoma Corporation	Baffert	Van Dyke	120
3	Donna Veloce 🦟	Uncle Mo	Kaleem Shah, Magnier, S, Tabor, M & Smith, D	Callaghan	Prat	120
4	Gingham 🦟	Quality Road	Kelly, Sarah and Wiltz, Jane	Baffert	Cedillo	120
5	K P Dreamin 🦟	Union Rags	Karl Pergola	Mullins	Fuentes	120

Breeders: 1-Paget Bloodstock, 2-BlackRidge Stables LLC, 3-Coin Broker Syndicate, 4-Stone Farm, 5-Vegso Racing Stable

Saturday, Aqueduct, post time: 3:13 p.m. EST

DEMOISELLE S.-GII, \$250,000, 2yo, f, 1 1/8m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Fiftyshays Ofgreen 🦟	Bernardini	Green, Leonard C. and Shay, Sean	Servis	Velazquez	118
2	Maedean 🦟	Tapit	Courtlandt Farms	Hennig	Saez	120
3	Glass Ceiling 🦟	Constitution	Schwartz, M, R A Hill Stable & Corms Racing Stable	Gargan	Cancel	118
4	Miss Marissa	He's Had Enough	Alfonso Cammarota	Ryerson	Davis	118
5	Alandra	Blame	Alexander, Helen C. and Groves, Helen K.	McGaughey III	Rosario	118
6	Critical Value	Bodemeister	Ten Strike Racing	Englehart	Ortiz, Jr.	120
7	Jara 🦟	Constitution	Leonard C. Green	Servis	Bravo	118
8	I Dare U 🦟	Daredevil	R. A. Hill Stable and Weaver, George	Weaver	Franco	118
9	Blame Debbie 🦟	Blame	Eclipse Tbred Partners, Cloonan, M & Thornton, T	Motion	Castellano	118
10	Daphne Moon 🦟	Cairo Prince	Gold Square, LLC and Double O Racing Stable, LLC	Englehart	Ortiz	118
11	Water White	Conveyance	E.V. Racing Stable	Rodriguez	Reyes	118
12	Lake Avenue	Tapit	Godolphin, LLC	Mott	Alvarado	118

Breeders: 1-Gainesway Thoroughbreds Ltd., 2-Payson Stud Inc, 3-Twin Creeks Farm, 4-Woodford Thoroughbreds, 5-Alexander-Groves Thoroughbreds, 6-Marshall K Gramm & Clay Sanders, 7-Elm Tree Farm, LLC, 8-Fred W. Hertrich III & John D. Fielding, 9-Tim Thornton & Tony Holmes, 10-Mr. & Mrs. Nick Bentley, 11-Richard Forbush, 12-Godolphin

Saturday, Aqueduct, post time: 3:43 p.m. EST

REMSEN S.-GII, \$250,000, 2yo, 1 1/8m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Chase Tracker 	Verrazano	St. Elias Stable	Pletcher	Castellano	118
2	Forza Di Oro	Speightstown	Don Alberto Stable	Mott	Alvarado	118
3	Cleon Jones	Tale of the Cat	Gold Square LLC	Englehart	Ortiz, Jr.	118
4	Ajaaweed	Curlin	Shadwell Stable	McLaughlin	Rosario	118
5	Informative 	Bodemeister	Uriah St. Lewis	St. Lewis	Bisono	118
6	Shotski	Blame	Wachtel Stbl, Barber, G, Pantofel Stable & Karty, M	O'Dwyer	Saez	118
7	Prince James 	Tiznow	Newtown Anner Stud and KimDon Racing LLC	Danner	Franco	118
8	Alpha Sixty Six 	Liam's Map	Paul P. Pompa, Jr.	Pletcher	Velazquez	118
9	Amends	Uncle Mo	Phipps Stable	McGaughey III	Ortiz	118

Breeders: 1-Marcuzzi Thoroughbreds Inc, 2-Don Alberto Corporation, 3-Empire Equines, LLC, 4-Shadwell Farm, LLC., 5-Rose Hill Farm & John Trumbulovic, 6-Springland Farm & Prime Bloodstock LLC, 7-Preston Stables LLC, 8-Overbrook Farm & Kildare Stud, 9-Phipps Stable

Saturday, Los Alamitos, post time: 4:58 p.m. EST

LOS ALAMITOS FUTURITY-GII, \$200,000, 2yo, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Anneau d'Or 	Medaglia d'Oro	Peter Redekop B. C., Ltd.	Wright	Hernandez	120
2	Wrecking Crew 	Sky Kingdom	Rockingham Ranch and David A Bernsen LLC	Miller	Cedillo	120
3	Thousand Words 	Pioneerof the Nile	Albaugh Family Stables & Spendthrift Farm	Baffert	Prat	120
4	High Velocity 	Quality Road	West, Gary and Mary	Baffert	Van Dyke	120

Breeders: 1-Highland Yard LLC, 2-Westrock Stables, 3-Hardacre Farm, 4-Dell Ridge Farm, LLC

Saturday, Aqueduct, post time: 2:09 p.m. EST

GO FOR WAND H.-GIII, \$250,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Needs Supervision 	Paynter	Barber, G, Wachtel Stbl, Madaket Stables & Karty, M	O'Dwyer	Ortiz	116
2	Espresso Shot 	Mission Impazible	NY Final Furlong Racing Stable, Maspeth Stables and Parkland Thoroughbreds	Abreu	Franco	114
3	Spiced Perfection 	Smiling Tiger	Pantofel Stable, Wachtel Stable and Deutsch, Peter	Miller	Castellano	124
4	Another Broad 	Include	Kip Knelman	Pletcher	Cancel	118
5	Saguaro Row	Union Rags	Newtown Anner Stud and Breen, Mark D.	Stidham	Rosario	118
6	Our Super Nova	Boys At Tosconova	Foster, Michael S., Baker, Charlton & Linn, Lauren	Baker	Alvarado	117

Breeders: 1-Mike Abraham, 2-Twin Creeks Farm, 3-Premier Thoroughbreds LLC, 4-Fitzhugh, LLC, 5-Mark Breen, 6-Tracy Egan



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1	Into Mischief (2005) by Harlan's Holiday Crops: 8	2	8	1	6	--	5	81	27	244,848	2,264,508
										Frank's Rockette	
2	Constitution (2011) by Tapit Crops: 1	4	7	4	6	1	2	52	17	347,000	1,641,863
										Tiz the Law	
3	Uncle Mo (2008) by Indian Charlie Crops: 5	1	2	1	2	1	2	52	12	552,200	1,626,758
										Bast	
4	Flashback (2010) by Tapit Crops: 2	1	1	1	1	1	1	24	8	1,381,250	1,579,728
										British Idiom	
5	Court Vision (2005) by Gulch Crops: 5	1	1	1	1	1	1	10	5	1,172,951	1,261,502
										Storm the Court	
6	Liam's Map (2011) by Unbridled's Song Crops: 1	2	2	2	2	2	2	34	12	329,500	1,147,014
										Wicked Whisper	
7	Munnings (2006) by Speightstown Crops: 6	2	6	1	1	--	--	49	20	290,349	1,102,581
										Finite	
8	Competitive Edge (2012) by Super Saver Crops: 1	4	6	--	--	--	--	43	18	219,308	1,074,062
										My Italian Rabbi	
9	Khozan (2012) by Distorted Humor Crops: 1	2	7	--	1	--	--	35	13	233,800	1,023,267
										Liam's Lucky Charm	
10	Tapiture (2011) by Tapit Crops: 1	1	2	--	--	--	--	61	21	90,600	1,009,840
										Sky of Hook	
11	Twirling Candy (2007) by Candy Ride (Arg) Crops: 5	3	5	1	2	--	--	42	17	199,551	961,314
										Fore Left	
12	Sky Mesa (2000) by Pulpit Crops: 13	2	3	1	2	1	1	23	5	560,988	931,875
										Perfect Alibi	
13	Tapit (2001) by Pulpit Crops: 12	1	3	--	1	--	1	32	11	143,550	891,261
										Enforceable	
14	Goldcents (2010) by Into Mischief Crops: 2	1	3	--	--	--	--	53	15	105,000	876,707
										Newstome	
15	Street Sense (2004) by Street Cry (Ire) Crops: 9	1	3	1	1	1	1	35	7	354,412	854,856
										Maxfield	

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Thursday, Aqueduct, post time: 1:16 p.m. EDT

TEPIN S., \$100,000, 2yo, f, 1 1/16mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1	I Dare U*	Daredevil	Franco	Weaver	6-5
2	Logic N Reason	Declaration of War	Rosario	Clement	5-2
3	Antoinette	Hard Spun	Bravo	Mott	3-1
4	Stretchthesty	Lookin At Lucky	Franco	Clement	8-1
5	More Glitter	More Than Ready	Castellano	Pletcher	10-1
6	Enola Gay	Uncle Mo	Lezcano	McGaughey	8-5
7	Quality Heat	Quality Road	Carmouche	Casse	6-1

* = Main Track Only



8th-Gulfstream, \$45,600, Alw (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 12-4, 3yo/up, f/m, 5fT, :56.00, fm.

LADY MAGICA (f, 3, Adios Charlie--Red Ruffle {SW, \$131,986}, by Montreal Red), a second-out graduate over the local dirt last September, was runner-up in a pair of turf tries over the winter and annexed a course-and-distance state-bred allowance when last seen Sept. 26. Knocked down to 8-5 favoritism off a 6-1 morning-line quote here, the \$40,000 OBS March buy settled in fifth behind a four-way speed tussle through a :21 flat quarter. Boxed in on the turn, she found clear sailing approaching the eighth pole, but appeared beaten until the dying strides before surging up the inside to edge longshot Some Say So (Belong to Me) by a head. Sales History: \$40,000 2yo '18 OBSMAR. Lifetime Record: 6-3-2-0, \$111,940. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-GV21 Entertainment LLC; B-William F. & Annabel Murphy (FL); T-Gilberto Zerpa.

2nd-Tampa Bay Downs, \$20,000, Msw, 12-4, 2yo, f, 1m 40y, 1:40.85, ft.

EMBOSSSED (f, 2, Medaglia d'Oro--Golden Velvet {MGSW & GISP-US & SP-Fr, \$341,309}, by Seeking the Gold), a half-sister to Lucullan (Hard Spun), GSW, \$510,925, showed speed before fading to finish eighth debuting over a main-track mile Oct. 11 at Laurel and was made a narrow 2-1 favorite here. Breaking sharply, the homebred was parked three wide on the clubhouse turn and settled in fourth behind a :22.99 quarter. Drawing alongside the pace players past a :47 flat half, she took command three furlongs from home and kicked clear in the stretch to a 4 1/2-length graduation. Complete Surprise (Magician {Ire}) was second best. In addition to Lucullan, Embossed is kin to Innovative Idea (Bernardini), GSW, \$229,343. Her dam, a half to GISW and sire Sky Mesa (Pulpit) out of MGSW Caress (Storm Cat), produced a filly by Uncle Mo this season before returning to the Ashford resident. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$13,600. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O/B-Godolphin (KY); T-Michael Stidham.



FIRST-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5

American Pharoah (Pioneer of the Nile), Ashford Stud, \$100,000
162 foals of racing age/23 winners/4 black-type winners
6-Fair Grounds, Aoc 1mT, SKYGAZE, 8-5
\$300,000 KEE SEP yrl

Bayern (Offlee Wild), Hill 'n' Dale Farms, \$15,000
95 foals of racing age/18 winners/0 black-type winners
6-Aqueduct, Msw 6f, BOURBON BAY, 8-5
\$205,000 SAR AUG yrl; \$240,000 RNA FTF MAR 2yo

Carpe Diem (Giant's Causeway), WinStar Farm, \$25,000
124 foals of racing age/14 winners/0 black-type winners
5-Remington, Msw 6 1/2f, BELLE STRIKE, 6-1
\$110,000 KEE NOV wnl

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Competitive Edge (Super Saver), Ashford Stud, \$7,500
111 foals of racing age/23 winners/4 black-type winners
6-Aqueduct, Msw 6f, DANGEROUS EDGE, 7-2
\$45,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$150,000 FTF MAR 2yo
4-Fair Grounds, Msw 5 1/2ft, FLUGEL BINDER, 20-1
6-Aqueduct, Msw 6f, FUTURE BOOK, 6-1
\$80,000 SAR AUG yrl; \$150,000 FTF MAR 2yo

Constitution (Tapit), WinStar Farm, \$15,000
123 foals of racing age/24 winners/4 black-type winners
9-Aqueduct, Msw 6f, CONVICT, 4-1
\$180,000 EAS MAY 2yo
5-Remington, Msw 6 1/2f, LIL RED VETTE, 20-1
\$5,500 FTK OCT yrl; \$27,000 RNA TTA APR 2yo

Daredevil (More Than Ready), WinStar Farm, \$7,500
81 foals of racing age/10 winners/1 black-type winner
3-Aqueduct, \$100K Tepin S., 1 1/16m, I DARE U, 6-5
\$20,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; \$25,000 OBS APR 2yo

Fast Anna (Medaglia d'Oro), Three Chimneys Farm, \$7,500
83 foals of racing age/11 winners/3 black-type winners
5-Remington, Msw 6 1/2f, A FAST BROAD, 5-1
\$14,000 RNA KEE NOV wnl; \$14,000 RNA FTK OCT yrl; \$23,000
TTA APR 2yo

Karakontie (Jpn) (Bernstein), Gainesway Farm, \$10,000
88 foals of racing age/9 winners/3 black-type winners
9-Aqueduct, Msw 6f, ADVANCED STRATEGY, 10-1
\$125,000 KEE SEP yrl
4-Fair Grounds, Msw 5 1/2ft, CAZADORA, 12-1

Liam's Map (Unbridled's Song), Lane's End Farm, \$20,000
114 foals of racing age/15 winners/2 black-type winners
4-Fair Grounds, Msw 5 1/2ft, ELEANOR ROOSEVELT, 6-1
\$185,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl

Majestic City (City Zip), Questroyal North, \$3,500
34 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners
9-Aqueduct, Msw 6f, TERCERO, 3-1

Medal Count (Dynaformer), Spendthrift Farm, \$3,500
61 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners
4-Fair Grounds, Msw 5 1/2ft, TENDERNESS, 10-1
\$27,000 RNA FTK OCT yrl; \$70,000 RNA OBS APR 2yo
4-Fair Grounds, Msw 5 1/2ft, TWILIGHT GLOW, 12-1

Tapiture (Tapit), Darby Dan Farm, \$7,500
123 foals of racing age/23 winners/1 black-type winner
5-Charles Town, Msw 6 1/2f, WINDY CITY KITTY, 4-1

Zivo (True Direction), Irish Hill & Dutchess Views Stallions, \$2,500
16 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
6-Aqueduct, Msw 6f, OUR PAPA G, 30-1

SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5

Alpha (Bernardini), Darley/Sequel, \$5,000
96 foals of racing age/23 winners/1 black-type winner
6-Aqueduct, Msw 6f, CHIRICAHUA, 20-1
\$19,000 RNA OBS APR 2yo

Central Banker (Speightstown), McMahon of Saratoga
Thoroughbreds, \$7,500
135 foals of racing age/49 winners/3 black-type winners
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Inter Miami, c, 2, Big Drama--Peruvian Jane, by Colonel John.
 Gulfstream, 12-4, (C), 6f, 1:10.81. B-Sergio Ripamonti (FL). *1ST-TIME STARTER.

Letsgetitseventeen, g, 2, Kentucky Dane--Light the Candles, by Mutakddim. Mahoning Valley, 12-4, (S), 6f, 1:14.82. B-Raymond E. Donald (OH).



ADIOS CHARLIE, Lady Magica, f, 3, o/o Red Ruffle, by Montreal Red. AOC, 12-4, Gulfstream

BERNARDINI, Madame Milan, f, 4, o/o La Ville Rouge, by Carson City. AOC, 12-4, Tampa Bay

BIG DRAMA, Inter Miami, c, 2, o/o Peruvian Jane, by Colonel John. MCL, 12-4, Gulfstream

DIALED IN, Glory of Florida, c, 3, o/o Sail Cloth, by Mizzen Mast. AOC, 12-4, Gulfstream

KENTUCKY DANE, Letsgetitseventeen, g, 2, o/o Light the Candles, by Mutakddim. MSW, 12-4, Mahoning Valley

MEDAGLIA D'ORO, Embossed, f, 2, o/o Golden Velvet, by Seeking the Gold. MSW, 12-4, Tampa Bay

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JUDDMONTE STOCK IN DEMAND ON STRONG DAY 3



Time Saver | Tattersalls

By Emma Berry and Chris McGrath

NEWMARKET, UK—After hours adrift in a sluggish third session of the Tattersalls December Sale, bidders here yesterday suddenly began paddling hard towards the pink-and-green sail that appeared on the horizon as night fell. For the Juddmonte draft, besides rescuing the day's trade, offered the kind of genetic surplus that could keep newer and/or lesser breeding operations afloat for generations to come.

No fewer than nine of the day's top dozen prices were duly paid for the choicest of the 36 lots culled from Prince Khalid's lovingly nurtured families, for an aggregate 3,969,000gns. Hectic international competition was crowned by the 750,000gns paid by Demi O'Byrne for the 3-year-old **Time Saver (GB)** (Frankel {GB}) on behalf of Aquis Farm.

The Juddmonte transfusion put the whole session back on its feet, contributing to overall turnover of 5,991,300gns (+14%), at an average price of 30,568gns(+19%) and median of 14,000gns (+40%).

O'Byrne Weighs In

There was a dual-hemisphere battle for lot 2135, Time Saver (GB), the Frankel (GB) half-sister to Group 1 winners Timepiece (GB) (Zamindar) and Passage Of Time (GB) (Dansili {GB}).

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HKIR TRACKWORK WEDNESDAY: JAPANESE CONTINGENT TEAR UP THE TURF

by Alan Carasso

HONG KONG – It was another morning of chamber-of-commerce weather Wednesday morning at Sha Tin, a bit of a chill in the air, but gloriously clear and sunny as many of the Japanese runners slated for action in Sunday's Longines Hong Kong International Races were given turf hit-outs down the straight.

Deirdre (Jpn) (Harbinger {GB}), runner-up in last year's G1 Longines Hong Kong Cup, will be having her eighth run of the season when stretching back out 2400 metres in Sunday's G1 Longines Hong Kong Vase. The 5-year-old, who belied odds of 20-1 in Goodwood's G1 Nassau S. in August, was extending nicely in the final stages with Oisín Murphy at the controls, working home her final two furlongs in :22.5. [Cont. p14](#)

IN TDN AMERICA TODAY

STEVENS CALLS FOR ADOPTION OF BRITISH WHIPS RULES IN U.S.

Retired Hall of Fame jockey Gary Stevens called for the adoption of the British rules on whip use in the United States as the stateside industry grapples to reach consensus on the issue.

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Demi O'Byrne, standing across the ring from Paul Shanahan and Timmy Hyde on the rope, had the final say for Aquis Farm, but the Australian operation had to stretch to 750,000gns for the unraced 3-year-old.

"She's a very good-looking filly and she could be covered here [in Europe], it's not been decided yet," said O'Byrne.



Demi O'Byrne and Mathilde Texier | Tattersalls

Like Enable (GB), Time Saver is inbred 3x2 to Sadler's Wells and, as is to be expected when buying into a Juddmonte family, she has plenty of depth to her pedigree. Along with her aforementioned siblings, her dam Clepsydra (GB) has produced another two black-type winners in the Dansili brothers Father Time (GB) and Continuum (GB), while her daughter Passage Of Time is the dam of young National Stud stallion Time Test (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}). The four-time Group 1 winner Twice Over (GB) (Observatory) is also found under the second dam as the son of Clepsydra's listed-winning half-sister Double Crossed (GB) (Caerleon).

Little Time Needed For Tunnel To Seem A Bargain

Having persevered to his absolute limit for the top lot of the day, Richard Brown of Blandford Bloodstock wasted no time securing consolation—promptly buying the next two into the ring for an aggregate 560,000gns.

Regarding the 260,000gns he gave for **Time Tunnel (GB)** (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), in fact, he was quickly asking himself whether consolation was too inadequate a word. For he had been required to give just about a third as much for essentially the same page, in **lot 2136**, as he had missed in the session topper, who is a half-sister to Time Tunnel's dam Timepiece (GB) (Zamindar). **Cont. p3**

Top performers in 2019 include:

- ALBIGNA**, won Prix Marcel Boussac-Gr.1 (pictured)
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Time Tunnel has proved frustrating on the track for Dermot Weld this year, finishing second four times in seven maidens. But Brown felt that his client—an established and domestic one—would be gratified by the relative value she represented.

"I went as far as I could for the first one but actually this is exactly the same pedigree so with hindsight I'd have to be absolutely delighted," he said. "Obviously you're buying into a young part of the family and there's a lot to come [Timepiece has meanwhile produced two foals by Dubawi (Ire)]. Look, buying into these Juddmonte families makes obvious sense because they're as good breeders as there are."



Richard Brown | Tattersalls

Sure enough, he immediately went to 300,000gns for **lot 2137, Wild Rye (GB)** (Bated Breath {GB}). A maiden winner for Pascal Bary at Le Touquet this summer, the 3-year-old is out of the very fertile producer Imbabala (GB) (Zafonic), whose seven other scorers include G1 Grand Prix de Paris winner Zambezi Sun (GB) (Dansili {GB}) and Group 2 winner Kalabar (GB) (Kahyasi {GB}).

"Again, there's a huge amount happening in the page," Brown reasoned. "The first dam nearly fills the whole page as it is, and I don't think it takes a huge leap of faith to think that she will do so in the next five years or so."

Though again unable to name his client, Brown explained that the two fillies were heading into different hands. "This one is for an owner-breeder and she will stay in England," he said. "I'm delighted to get them both, because last night was extremely frustrating, the trade here's just been so strong."

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• Number Sold	196	205
• Not Sold	35	31
• Clearance Rate	85%	87%
• High Price	750,000gns	400,000gns
• Gross	5,991,300gns	5,257,800gns
• Average (% change)	30,568gns (+19%)	25,648gns
• Median (% change)	14,000gns (+40%)	10,000gns
CUMULATIVE	2019	2018
• Catalogued	880	895
• Number Offered	705	724
• Number Sold	594	615
• Not Sold	111	109
• Clearance Rate	84%	85%
• High Price	2,100,000gns	2,400,000gns
• Gross	57,513,600gns	60,102,600gns
• Average (% change)	96,824gns (-1%)	97,727gns
• Median (% change)	32,000gns (+6%)	30,000gns

Racine Heading Down Under

There was little danger of Australian agent Damon Gabbedy being missed by the auctioneer in a rather luminous jersey, but he joked that he could hardly proceed to France without being mistaken for a 'gilet jaune'.



Damon Gabbedy | Tattersalls



The sire of the exceptional Ribchester, Wootton Bassett and Rizeena has **a fine crop of Classic prospects for 2020**. Led by G1 filly, the May Hill winner **Powerful Breeze**, there's also Stakes winner **Ifrachy**, 106-rated **Temple Of Heaven**, six-length maiden winner **Live Your Dream** and successful Longchamp debutant **Only The Brave**.



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Tattersalls December Mares Sale Day 3 Cont.

But no less lustrous is the Juddmonte page he will be exporting to Australia through **Racine (GB)** (Kingman {GB}) (lot 2126), who was confined to a solitary start for Dermot Weld but showed plenty of promise that day at Leopardstown last year.

"She's to go to one of Victoria's leading studs, Burnewang North, for Cathy Hains," the Belmont Bloodstock agent explained. "This is Cathy's first buy here but she was keen to tap into one of these good Juddmonte pedigrees. We did some research into the mare, apparently she had quite a lot of ability—she started favourite the day she ran—and for us she'll be a great outcross, by an up-and-coming, budding champion sire. And of course she's a daughter of a Group 1 winner, so that's a major upgrade."

That elite scorer is Proportional (GB) (Beat Hollow {GB}), who won the Prix Marcel

Boussac in the care of Criquelette Head and has produced listed winner Variable (GB) (Sea The Stars {Ire}) among her previous foals.

Oboe Hits Right Note For Regan



Eamonn Reilly | Tattersalls

Eamonn Reilly, acting on behalf of Maurice Regan, went to 290,000gns for a half-sister to a mare already in the Newtown Anner Stud broodmare band, Entwine (Empire Maker), whose daughter Qabala (Scat Daddy) won this year's G3 Nell Gwyn S. and was third in the 1000 Guineas. Regan's latest acquisition is **Oboe** (Mizzen Mast), a winner last year at two and a full-sister to GII Goldika S. winner Filimbi.

"She's off to stud in Ireland and she'll be an easy mare to mate," said Reilly of lot 2123.

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Continuing the musical theme, Oboe is out of Kentucky Oaks victrix Flute (Seattle Slew), who has a number of stakes-producing daughters, including the dams of GI Ashland S. winner Weep No More (Mineshaft) and G3 Autumn S. winner Purser (Mizzen Mast). Farther back it is also the family of Epsom Classic winners Workforce (GB) (King's Best) and Qualify (Ire) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}).

Double Strike For McStay

Mark McStay of Avenue Bloodstock, like Richard Brown a few minutes later, gave it both barrels in his determination to get into those precious Juddmonte bloodlines, buying lots **2113** and **2115** in short order.

First up was **D'Ora Diva** (Medaglia d'Oro), a 3-year-old who won a couple of races for Henri-Francois Devin. She is a half-sister to Group 2 winner Brooch (Empire Maker) and listed scorer Caponata (Selkirk), out of another stakes winner in Daring Diva (GB) (Dansili {GB})—whose full sisters Emulous (GB) and First Sitting (GB), respectively, add Group 1 and Group 3 laurels to the family.

After signing a 175,000gns docket, McStay remarked: "She's a beautiful filly by a world-class international stallion who's shaping up to be a fantastic broodmare sire, and obviously from a great Juddmonte family. I'm not sure of mating plans yet but she could be suited by a stallion like No Nay Never."

Five minutes later McStay had added **Frisella (GB)** (Frankel {GB}) for 90,000gns. She broke her maiden for John Gosden at the third attempt at Chelmsford in March but was not seen again after disappointing on her next start. Nonetheless she's a winner out of a winning half-sister to none other than Kingman (GB), with everything that family brings, so acquiring her for barely half her sire's covering fee would seem pretty credible business.



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Bell Returns To Bated Breath

Michael Bell enjoyed some success with Plait (GB), a daughter of Bated Breath (GB) bought for 10,000gns for the Juddmonte draft last December. The 4-year-old won on her first start in the colours of his wife Clare by 12 lengths and was resold on Wednesday for 38,000gns. The trainer was emboldened to repeat the plan with another filly by the same stallion, albeit with a more expensive purchase, the 84-rated **Inhale (GB)** (lot **2118**), who has won twice for Amanda Perrett.

"She hasn't run since July but she had a flake on a joint which we know about and will treat. She is a long-term breeding prospect for the new owners," Bell said after bidding 115,000gns. "She will race for a group of Irish owners with the plan being to aim to pick up some black-type."

Out of the Galileo (Ire) mare Innocent Air (GB) and thus bred on the same cross as Clipper Logistics' G2 Boomerang S. winner Space Traveller (GB), Inhale is from the family of G1 Prix Marcel Bousac winner Proportional (GB) (Beat Hollow {GB}) and Classic-placed full-sister Vote Often (GB).

Clematis First Bloom Of Draft

The torpor of proceedings to that point had been brought to an abrupt end by the first of the Juddmonte draft, **Clematis** (First Defence) becoming the first of the day to make six figures as lot **2111**. **Cont. p7**

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An impressive debut winner this time last year for Charles Hills, the 3-year-old disappeared after disappointing in the Listed Pretty Polly S. at the Craven Meeting. But her page has meanwhile continued to grow in appeal, her dam being a half-sister to the mother of Siskin—a Classic candidate, as unbeaten winner of the G1 Keeneland Phoenix S., and by the same sire as this filly. Another of the dam's siblings is the dam of champion Close Hatches, likewise by First Defence, and she has also done her bit for pedigree this year as dam of the very smart U.S. sophomore Tacitus (Tapit).

Moreover the mother of these classy producers is a full-sister to champion Xaar (GB) (Zafonic). All in all, then, Stuart Thom of Galloway Stud must have been pleased to get her for 110,000gns.

"She's for our client Rowan Watts," Thom explained. "We bought her sister Sepal (Afleet Alex) who did very well [on the track] but unfortunately we haven't been able to get her into foal. We'll take this filly back to Woburn, and make some nomination plans. She looked very good when she won as a 2-year-old and it's a very good family. Hopefully there will be a 2,000 Guineas winner on the page this time next year!"

Tweenhills And Widden Pair Up

Not for the first time was the unofficial Anglo-Australian partnership of Tweenhills and Widden Stud seen in action this week as David Redvers kept the momentum going after the final Juddmonte filly left the ring to sign for **Orlaith (Ire)** (Fastnet Rock {Aus}) (lot 2145) at 185,000gns.

The two studs already 'share' the shuttle stallion Zoustar (Aus) and it is for him that the 2-year-old was selected as a future mate, whether next year or 2021.



David Redvers | Tattersalls

Scottish-based trainer Iain Jardine has already proved himself to be an adept handler of Thoroughbreds and he has guided Orlaith, who was bred by Grange Stud and originally registered in the ownership of Susan Magnier, to two victories this season, including the Listed St Hugh's S. over the minimum trip at Newbury. Though overlooked at Fairyhouse when not sold at €14,500 as a yearling, Orlaith's black-type win for James and Scott Fyffe ensured that she was one of the most expensive offerings of the day in her second sales outing.

"We will explore the option of racing on," Redvers said. "Then we could either cover her later in the spring or next year. She's a fast, precocious daughter of Fastnet Rock and it's the perfect cross for Zoustar."

Highclere Assembling Land Force Launch Party



Zain Hana | Tattersalls

Though she represented one of the more expensive transactions of the session at 200,000gns, **Zain Hana (GB)** (Shamardal) had actually cost even more in the same ring at the Craven Breeze-Up Sale of 2017. Secured for 320,000gns that day, she won on her York debut for Jeremy Nosedo but only added a small handicap thereafter including when switched to John Butler.

But she had, of course, retained her looks and pedigree. In fact, the emergence of a useful young sibling this year in group-placed juvenile Maxi Boy (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}) has only enhanced the latter, while her dam is a half-sister to two Group 1 winners in Mandaean (GB) (Manduro {GB}) and Wavering (Ire) (Refuse To Bend {Ire}). Their mother Summertime Legacy (GB) (Darshaan {GB}), in turn, was a Group 3 winner who placed at the highest level.

Moreover her physique prompted Jake Warren, who purchased her as lot 2188, to describe her as "the jewel in the crown" for Highclere Stud's new sire. [Cont. p8](#)

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"We're standing Land Force (Ire), our new stallion by No Nay Never, and we've been here all week looking for performance fillies to send him," he explained. "We've found six or seven really good types, but this was the one we really wanted: she looks like she can produce really good, commercial foals."

Bittersweet End To Illusion Fairytale

There were mixed feelings for Jonathan Portman as he cashed his due reward—or his share of it, at any rate—for spotting **Mild Illusion (Ire)** (Requinto {Ire}) here in Book 3 last year for just 1,000gns. Portman put together a partnership that then leased the filly to an enthusiastic syndicate of Stowe alumni (including television presenter Robert Cooper), who crowned a productive season when the filly won a listed race on the Rowley Mile last month. Presented here as **lot 2191**, she duly brought 160,000gns from Tally-Ho Stud.

"It's not a jump-for-joy moment," her trainer said. "Horses like this don't come along very often, so you miss them when they go. She's a sweetheart, the most genuine, sound, good-tempered horse you could find, and they're hard to replace. She's never been impressive at home but always does what you ask her to do and comes alright on the racecourse. So it's saying goodbye to a good horse and also a friend. But the money makes sense."

Henry O'Callaghan was unable to say whether she will be covered or kept in training. If the latter, you would like to think there could yet be a reunion with a trainer whose eye for a bargain has previously been attested by Mrs Danvers (GB) (Hellvellyn {GB}), a £1,000 recruit who won the Weatherbys Super Sprint and the G3 Cornwallis S. in an unbeaten juvenile career.

James Cronin

The day started on a sombre note as news emerged of the death of James Cronin, a well known face on the sales circuit. The 38-year-old Irishman died on Tuesday morning, reportedly as the result of an accident at his lodgings in Newmarket.

Cronin, who has worked at the sales for Baroda Stud and Overbury Stud and looked after Derby winner Motivator (GB) during his racing days, was remembered during a minute's silence on the sales ground and in an address from auctioneer John O'Kelly just prior to the start of the sale. We send our sincere condolences to his family and friends.

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2135	Time Saver (GB) <i>(f, 3, Frankel {GB}--Clepsydra {GB}, by Sadler's Wells)</i> <i>Bred by Juddmonte Farms Ltd (GB)</i> <i>Consigned by Juddmonte Farms</i> <i>Purchased by Aquis Farm</i>	B'mare Prospect	750,000
2137	Wild Rye (GB) <i>(f, 3, Bated Breath {GB}--Imbabala {GB}, by Zafonic)</i> <i>Bred by Juddmonte Farms Ltd (GB)</i> <i>Consigned by Juddmonte Farms</i> <i>Purchased by Blandford Bloodstock</i>	B'mare Prospect	300,000
2123	Oboe <i>(f, 3, Mizzen Mast--Flute, by Seattle Slew)</i> <i>Bred by Juddmonte Farms Inc (KY)</i> <i>Consigned by Juddmonte Farms</i> <i>Purchased by BBA Ireland</i>	B'mare Prospect	290,000
2136	Time Tunnel (GB) <i>(f, 3, Invincible Spirit {Ire}--Timepiece {GB}, by Zamindar)</i> <i>Bred by Juddmonte Farms Ltd (GB)</i> <i>Consigned by Juddmonte Farms</i> <i>Purchased by Blandford Bloodstock</i>	B'mare Prospect	260,000
2188	Zain Hana (GB) <i>(f, 4, Shamardal--Lavender And Lace {GB}, by Barathea {Ire})</i> <i>Bred by Al-Baha Bloodstock (GB)</i> <i>Consigned by Charnwood Stables</i> <i>Purchased by John & Jake Warren</i>	B'mare Prospect	200,000
2145	Orlaith (Ire) <i>(f, 2, Fastnet Rock {Aus}--Cmonbabylitemyfire {Ire}, by Piccolo {GB})</i> <i>Bred by Grange Stud (Ire)</i> <i>Consigned by Iain Jardine Racing</i> <i>Purchased by Tweenhills / Widden</i>	Racing/B'mare Prospect	185,000

Session Toppers Cont.

2113 D'Oro Diva **B'mare Prospect** **175,000**
(f, 3, Medaglia d'Oro--Daring Diva {GB}, by Dansili {GB})
Bred by Juddmonte Farms Inc. (KY)
Consigned by Juddmonte Farms
Purchased by Avenue Bloodstock

2191 Mild Illusion (Ire) **Racing/B'mare Prospect** **160,000**
(f, 2, Requito {Ire}--Mirror Effect {Ire}, by Shamardal)
Bred by Marston Stud (Ire)
Consigned by Whitcombe House Stables (J. Portman)
Purchased by Tally-Ho Stud

2126 Racine (GB) **B'mare Prospect** **130,000**
(f, 3, Kingman {GB}--Proportional {GB}, by Beat Hollow {GB})
Bred by Juddmonte Farms Ltd (GB)
Consigned by Juddmonte Farms
Purchased by Belmont Bloodstock Agency

PUR-SANG: A COMIC BOOK, BUT SO MUCH MORE *By Sue Finley*

Comic books are presumably for children, but they have long served as a viable conduit for social commentary. From superheroes fighting Nazis to battles between good and evil, comic books provide authors a powerful way to reach a young audience with a social message.

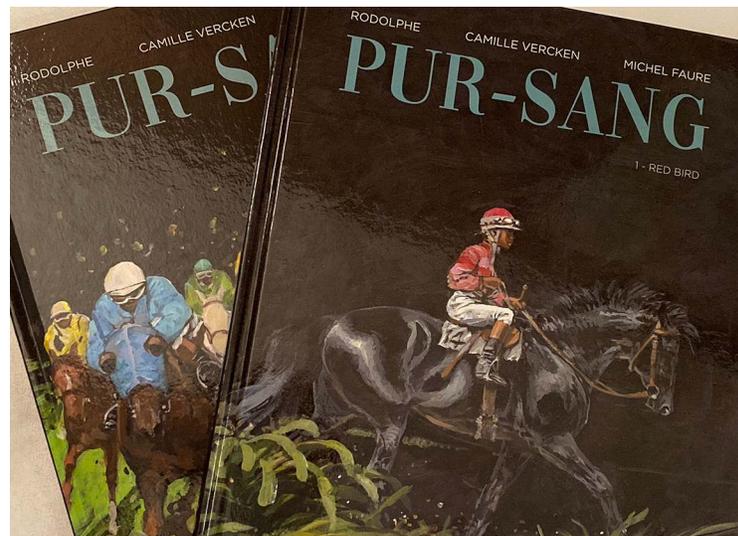
So while "Pur-Sang," ("Thoroughbred") a new hard-cover comic book series from the team of Camille Vercken, Rodolphe and Michel Faure appears at first glance to be a story of girl-loves-horse, girl-saves-horse, they are so much more.

Perhaps most importantly right now for the racing industry, they spread a positive message about how we love the horses we breed, raise and race, and what heroes those horses are.

The books are available at the Arqana boutique across from the welcome bureau this week, and if you're looking for a special Christmas present for a French-speaking friend or relative, I cannot recommend them highly enough.

The first in the series, Red Bird, is inspired by the story of Ipi Tombe (Zim) (Manshood {GB}), the champion mare from Zimbabwe. Ipi Tombe was bred by Peter Moor, chairman of the board of directors of the Thoroughbred Breeders Association of Zimbabwe. In the turmoil at the end of the 1990s when Robert Mugabe ruled the country and the government's land reform law mandated confiscation and redistribution of horse farms in Zimbabwe, she was sold for the U.S. equivalent of \$30 at auction. She went on to win over \$1.5 million, and was South Africa's champion 3-year-old filly and Dubai's Horse of the Year.

In Vercken's story, adapted by Rodolphe for this format, her name is Red Bird, and she is born on a farm in the West of Zimbabwe owned by a white family. With the country in political turmoil, and their lands and farm threatened by the reform law, the family considers selling all their stock. **Cont. p10**



Pur-Sang: 'Comic books' with a conscience

THE GOLDEN TOUCH

TATTERSALLS DECEMBER MARES SALE DAY 3

LOT NAME	STATUS	PRICE (gns)
2147 Pattie (GB)	B'mare Prospect	50,000
<i>(m, 5, Sixties Icon {GB}--Excellent Day {Ire}, by Invincible Spirit {Ire})</i>		
<i>Bred by Mike Channon Bloodstock</i>		
<i>Consigned by West Isley Stables</i>		
<i>Purchased by Magnolia Mares</i>		

Mick Channon was all in on this mare Pattie (GB) having bred, owned and trained her. She was a decent racemare too winning five times for prize-money of £93,000 and was stakes placed on three occasions. Her parting gift to Channon after five years on his team was a cheque for 50,000gns.

2186 Sonja Henie (Ire) **Racing/B'mare Prospect** **60,000**
(f,3, Exceed And Excel {Aus}--Cold Cold Woman {GB}, by Machiavellian)
Bred by Diomed Bloodstock Ltd
Consigned by David Loughnane Racing
Purchased by Oliver St Lawrence Bloodstock

A quick turnaround for connections as Sonja Henie (Ire) had been bought by Compass Equine and Dave Loughnane for 33,000gns at the July Sale. She had shown promise previously for Marco Botti winning a maiden at Kempton and the change of scenery did the trick as she won two of her next three starts for Loughnane. Those wins complemented her CV and her return to the ring less than five months later netted a tidy profit.

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Camille Vercken

Pur-Sang Cont.

But their 12-year-old daughter Claire persuades them to keep Red Bird, with whom she has fallen in love. She breaks and trains him along with Georges, a Zimbabwe native child they find living among a herd of zebras, who has an instinctive way with horses.

Vercken is the former head of the French breeders association, and is the owner of the equine biosecurity company Equiways. She serves as a consultant for Haras de Vieux Pont, runs a pinhooking syndicate, Cheval Invest, and is raising three young children.

So where did she find time to write as well?

"I was getting awfully bored reading stories to my kids before going to bed," explained Vercken of her initial interest in writing the books. "I fell asleep before them. At that time, I also volunteered to visit kids in the hospital in Paris. And I remember the only thing that was able to take their attention away from the TV were stories about horses. I started then to tell them about legendary horses we all know--Seabiscuit, Secretariat--and they were captivated. They kept asking for more. It would bring them to another dimension, another galaxy."

Vercken sees the books as a way not only to entertain children, but as a way to promote a positive industry message.

"For me," she said, "our industry has wonderful stories to tell, and moreover they are true stories, featuring everyday heroes. I started to write stories about famous horses that existed, stories that bring good values for young kids, like bravery, perseverance, and altruism. Also for us, imagine, we raise Thoroughbreds in the US, England, Ireland, France, in velvet. Whereas, in Zimbabwe, at the time, they raised racehorses around wildlife. But we all have the passion for racing in common. I wanted to share the common love for our sport and breeding. And to tell the tragic destiny of those Thoroughbred breeders at that time."

Their book is beautifully illustrated by Michel Faure, a legend in France, and the illustrator of Walter Farley's *Black Stallion* stories.

"Michel has an expert eye for what a horse looks like," said Vercken. "He never makes any mistake in terms of conformation. That's what I wanted. We are all purists in the Thoroughbred world, and I didn't want the featured horse to look like a Standardbred or a Western horse. It must look like a Thoroughbred."

Vercken got her stories in front of Faure, who read them, and said yes. He suggested that she transform them from children stories to comic books, and brought Rodolphe on to do the scenarios. "It is much easier to knock on publishers' doors," said Vercken, "if Michel Faure is standing next to you."

The books are published by France's leading comic-book publisher, Glénat, and in addition to being on sale at Arqana, are also available on Amazon.

If you don't speak French, it would be advisable to take a swing at persuading Vercken--who lived in Lexington for several years--to translate them into English. Or go out and take some French classes. They're that good.

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SIMPLIFIED DEAL FOR APPRENTICE JOCKEYS AFTER BHA APPROVAL

A simplified deal for apprentice jockeys has been approved by the British Horseracing Authority Board for 2020. The BHA said in a statement the new arrangements are designed to "minimise the risk of creating unequal relationships and improve the financial situation for apprentices."

The ruling body said the move follows a 2018 audit which suggested a number of apprentices were not having their travel expenses paid. From the beginning of the 2020 Flat turf season, apprentices will receive a greater proportion of prize money and their riding fee, and in return be responsible for paying their own expenses. Previously both prize money and the riding fee had been split more evenly in return for trainers paying a portion of each apprentice's expenses.

"It is important that financial arrangements between young riders and their employers are clear, simple and fair and allow both parties to focus on training, support and development rather than potentially creating an uneven balance of power," said BHA Director of Integrity and Regulation Tim Naylor. "It is also entirely right that the increased involvement and support from trainers in the early stages of a jockey's career is suitably recognised." **Cont. p11**

Apprentice Jockeys Cont.

He added, "The new agreement will achieve these aims and mean a simpler and clearer deal for apprentices with more control and security over their finances, allowing them to concentrate on their progression and development as riders."

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ANTOINE BELLANGER LAUNCHES ARCADIA ELEVAGE

Antoine Bellanger, the yearling manager at Ecurie des Monceaux for the past 11 years, has launched Arcadia Elevage. The 35-hectare stud farm has 30 boxes and will offer boarding, foaling, and sales preparation services. It is located just 20 minutes from Deauville. Bellanger, 33, previously worked for Patrick Boiteau of Haras de la Pierre aux Fees, Derrinstown Stud in Ireland and Lane's End Farm in Kentucky before joining Ecurie des Monceaux.

"Starting my own operation was a logical step and a very exciting challenge," said Bellanger, who will offer G1 Preis von Europa hero **Khan (Ger)** (Santiago {Ger}) (lot 829) as a stallion prospect during next week's Arqana Breeding Stock Sale. "I've been lucky to work alongside great professionals and their goodwill and passion have been an inspiration. We took our time to find the right place and found the ideal location with quality land that was recently completely transformed to receive and breed horses in the best conditions."

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Antoine Bellanger | Zuzanna Lupa

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FIRST-SEASON SIRE WITH RUNNERS

Thursday, Dec. 5, 2019:

UNITED KINGDOM

Anjaal (GB) (Bahamian Bounty {GB}), Rathasker Stud
149 foals of racing age/18 winners/0 black-type winners
18:15-KEMPTON PARK, 8f, GREAT FENGSHUI (Ire)
38,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2017; 78,000gns
Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2018 - Book 2

Brazen Beau (Aus) (I Am Invincible {Aus}), Dalham Hall Stud
78 foals of racing age/14 winners/1 black-type winner
17:10-KEMPTON PARK, 7f, BOLD SUITOR (GB)
78,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2018 - Book 2
16:00-KEMPTON PARK, 6f, CRISEYDE (GB)
9,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2018 - Book 3

Daredevil (More Than Ready), WinStar Farm
81 foals of racing age/10 winners/1 black-type winner
16:15-SOUTHWELL, 6f, JOCHI KHAN
\$65,000 Keeneland Association September Yearling Sale 2018

Due Diligence (War Front), Whitsbury Manor Stud
85 foals of racing age/18 winners/3 black-type winners
16:15-SOUTHWELL, 6f, CHOCOHOLIC (GB)
£10,000 Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearling Sale 2018
16:00-KEMPTON PARK, 6f, LITTLEDIDYOUKNOW (Ire)
€5,000 Goffs February Mixed Sale 2018; €15,000 Goffs
Sportsman's Yearling Sale 2018

Fountain of Youth (Ire) (Oasis Dream {GB}), Bearstone Stud
71 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners
16:35-KEMPTON PARK, 7f, GOLDEN FOUNTAIN (Ire)
£18,000 Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearling Sale 2018

Free Eagle (Ire) (High Chaparral {Ire}), Irish National Stud
87 foals of racing age/11 winners/1 black-type winner
17:40-KEMPTON PARK, 8f, SWOOPING EAGLE (Ire)
€45,000 Goffs November Foals Sale 2017; €45,000 Goffs Orby
Yearling Sale 2018

Fulbright (GB) (Exceed And Excel {Aus}), Kildangan Stud
37 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
16:15-SOUTHWELL, 6f, FULL SPECTRUM (Ire)
£6,500 Tattersalls Ireland Ascot Sept. Yearling Sale 2018

Golden Horn (GB) (Cape Cross {Ire}), Dalham Hall Stud
98 foals of racing age/8 winners/2 black-type winners
16:35-KEMPTON PARK, 7f, ST JUST (GB)
40,000gns Tattersalls December Yearlings Sale 2018

Gutaifan (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}), Yeomanstown Stud
166 foals of racing age/27 winners/0 black-type winners
17:40-KEMPTON PARK, 8f, ITKAANN (Ire)
€95,000 Goffs November Foals Sale 2017; 75,000gns Tattersalls
October Yearling Sale 2018 - Book 2

Hot Streak (Ire) (Iffraaj {GB}), Tweenhills Stud
79 foals of racing age/10 winners/1 black-type winner
16:15-SOUTHWELL, 6f, PARKER'S BOY (GB)
£12,500 Tattersalls Ireland Ascot Sept. Yearling Sale 2018;
£3,000 Tattersalls Ireland Ascot 2yo Breeze Up Sale 2019

Ivawood (Ire) (Zebedee {GB}), Coolmore Stud
100 foals of racing age/14 winners/2 black-type winners
16:00-KEMPTON PARK, 6f, IVATHEENGINE (Ire)
€4,000 RNA Tattersalls Ireland September Yearlings 2018;
£120,000 Goffs London Sale 2019

Make Believe (GB) (Makfi {GB}), Ballylinch Stud
87 foals of racing age/16 winners/3 black-type winners
18:15-KEMPTON PARK, 8f, BELIEVE IN LOVE (Ire)
42,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2017; 55,000gns
Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2018 - Book 1

Muhaarar (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}), Nunnery Stud
106 foals of racing age/15 winners/0 black-type winners
18:45-KEMPTON PARK, 8f, ASWAAT (GB)
16:00-KEMPTON PARK, 6f, BAILEYS FREEDOM (GB)
25,000gns RNA Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2018 - Book 3;
1,200gns Tattersalls Autumn Horses-in-Training Sale 2019
16:35-KEMPTON PARK, 7f, IRON HEART (GB)
18:45-KEMPTON PARK, 8f, VILLANELLE (GB)
55,000gns RNA Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2018 - Book 2

Night of Thunder (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}), Dalham Hall Stud
108 foals of racing age/27 winners/7 black-type winners
18:15-KEMPTON PARK, 8f, MAKE IT RAIN (Ire)

Telescope (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), Shade Oak Stud
95 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
17:40-KEMPTON PARK, 8f, ROYAL ASTRONOMER (GB)

FRANCE

Amarillo (Ire) (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}), Gestut Helenenhof
21 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
4-SALON PROVENCE, 2000m, MOKO (Fr)
€5,500 RNA Arqana Deauville Autumn Mixed Sale 2018

Galiway (GB) (Galileo {Ire}), Haras de Colleville
31 foals of racing age/5 winners/1 black-type winner
3-SALON PROVENCE, 2000m, SANY WAY (Fr)

Hallowed Crown (Aus) (Street Sense), Kildangan Stud
77 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners
3-SALON PROVENCE, 2000m, BANDIT CORSE (Ire)

£4,500 RNA Tattersalls Ireland Ascot Sept. Yearling Sale 2018;
€12,000 Arqana Deauville Summer Mixed Sale 2019

Machucambo (Fr) (Anabaa Blue {GB}), Haras de la Croix Sonnet
9 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
2-SALON PROVENCE, 2000m, DIVINPOETE (Fr)

Night of Thunder (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}), Dalham Hall Stud
108 foals of racing age/27 winners/7 black-type winners
4-SALON PROVENCE, 2000m, LADY LILNOI (GB)
€110,000 Arqana Deauville August Yearling 2018

Prince Gibraltar (Fr) (Rock of Gibraltar {Ire}), Haras de Montaigu
51 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
2-SALON PROVENCE, 2000m, BELGOPRINCE (Fr)
€18,000 RNA Arqana Deauville October Yearlings 2018

Sidestep (Aus) (Exceed And Excel {Aus}), Exported
70 foals of racing age/9 winners/1 black-type winner
2-SALON PROVENCE, 2000m, ROBINSON (Fr)
€5,000 RNA Osarus September La Teste Yearling Sale 2018



Muhaarar has a quartet of runners at Kempton on Thursday.
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OBSERVATIONS

on the European racing scene

GRANDSON OF HASILI STARTS AT KEMPTON

5.10 Kempton, Mdn, £6,000, 2yo, 7f (AWT)

DISCO FEVER (GB) (**Oasis Dream {GB}**), a 260,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale graduate who represents the Lady Bamford-John Gosden partnership, is a daughter of the G1 Preis der Diana heroine Penelopa (GB) (Giant's Causeway). The February-foaled bay faces eight on her debut on the all-weather that has seen the introduction of several class acts from this yard.

6.15 Kempton, Mdn, £6,000, 2yo, 8f (AWT)

INDIGO LAKE (GB) (Frankel {GB}) is another Gosden debutante to catch the eye on this informative card, being a full-brother to this year's G2 Prix de Sandringham winner and G1 Prix Rothschild third Obligate (GB). The February-foaled grandson of the great Hasili (Ire) (Kahyasi {Ire}) is joined by stablemate **To Nathaniel (GB) (Nathaniel {Ire})**, George Strawbridge's grandson of the celebrity Finsceal Beo (Ire) (Mr. Greeley).

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BRITAIN

**Wednesday's Results:**

32RED WILD FLOWER S.-Listed, £45,000, Kempton, 12-4, 3yo/up, 11f 219y (AWT), 2:29.99, st/sl.

1--**PABLO ESCOBARR (IRE), 128, c, 3, Galileo (Ire)--Bewitched (Ire) (MGSW-Ire & GSW-Eng, \$368,030), by Dansili (GB). 1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN.** (€200,000 Ylg '17 ARAUG). O-Mr Hussain Alabbas Lootah; B-R. Scarborough & Carradale (IRE); T-William Haggas; J-Tom Marquand. £25,520. Lifetime Record: 9-2-5-0, \$105,077.

2--**Loxley (Ire)**, 132, g, 4, New Approach (Ire)--Lady Marian (Ger), by Nayef. O-Godolphin. £9,675.

3--**Hameem (GB)**, 127, f, 4, Teofilo (Ire)--Tres Ravi (Ger), by Monsun (Ger). (€500,000 Ylg '16 ARAUG). O-Ms Hissa Hamdan Al Maktoum. £4,842.

Margins: NK, 4, HD. Odds: 4.50, 2.25, 5.50.

Also Ran: Collide (GB), Hulcote (GB), Mildenberger (GB), Weekender (GB), Hermosura (GB).

Runner-up to Anthony Van Dyck (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) in the May 11 Listed Lingfield Derby Trial, Pablo Escobarr underwent a wind operation after his subsequent fifth in the G2 King Edward VII S. at Royal Ascot June 21. Returning with a creditable second to Lord North (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}) in Newmarket's Listed James Seymour S. over 10 furlongs Nov. 2, the bay was in front initially before enjoying a lead with the pace proving moderate. Sent back to the fore with two furlongs remaining, he appeared a sitting duck for the smooth-travelling Loxley but knuckled down gamely to withstand that threat.

The dam Bewitched was successful in the G3 Renaissance S. on two occasions, the G3 Ballycorus S. and G3 Bengough S. Out of the G3 Prix Penelope scorer and G1 Prix de Diane runner-up Abbatiale (Fr) (Kaldoun {Fr}), the family also features the G2 Sandown Classic and G3 Irish St Leger Trial winner and G1 English and Irish St Leger third Southern France (Ire) also by Galileo. She has an unraced 2-year-old full-brother to the winner

in Roberto Escobarr (Ire), who was bought by Richard Knight for €145,000 at last year's Goffs Orby Sale, and yearling filly and colt foals by Australia (GB). [Click for the Racing Post result.](#)

2nd-Kempton, £6,000, Novice, 12-4, 2yo, 6f (AWT), 1:12.76, st/sl.

BRUNEL CHARM (GB) (c, 2, Charm Spirit {Ire}--Manyara {GB}, by Manduro {Ger}), an unconsidered 25-1 shot on this debut, broke awkwardly before rushing up to race in second tracking Al Dawodiya (Ire) (Gutaifan {Ire}). Driven in early straight, the bay responded to reel in that long-time leader passing the furlong pole en route to a 3/4-of-a-length success. The unraced dam is a daughter of the G3 Prix de Royaumont winner Genovefa (Woodman) and is therefore a half to the dual German Group 1-winning Mamool (Ire) (In the Wings {GB}) and to the dam of the triple Group 2 scorer Sciacchetta (Jpn) (Manhattan Cafe {Jpn}) and Australian Group 2 winner Avienus (Aus) (Reset {Aus}). She has a yearling colt by New Bay (GB) to follow. Sales history: 32,000gns Wlg '17 TATFOA; 65,000gns Ylg '18 TAOCT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$5,044.

O-Mr J Langridge & Mr R Lane; B-Jupiter Bloodstock Ltd (GB); T-Richard Hughes.

6th-Lingfield, £5,300, Novice, 12-4, 2yo, f, 8f 1y (AWT), 1:38.49, st. **MERRYWEATHER (GB) (f, 2, Dunaden {Fr}--Pearl Princess {Fr}, by Astronomer Royal)**, only eighth on her last start for the Ralph Beckett stable at Goodwood in September, soon crossed over from her wide draw to hold the lead. Finding for pressure up the straight, the 22-1 shot held on to prevail by a neck from Mrs Upjohn (Fr) (Dabirsim {Fr}). Late Romance (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}), Godolphin's daughter of the 2013 G1 Irish St Leger heroine Voleuse de Coeurs (Ire) (Teofilo {Ire}), made little impression and finished eighth. The winner is the last known foal out of a half to five black-type performers including Tadorne (Fr) (Inchinor {GB}) who went on to produce the G2 Prix Guillaume d'Ornano-winning sire Pinson (Ire) (Halling). Pearl Princess is also a half to the dam of the G3 Craven S. and G3 Solario S. winner and G1 2000 Guineas third Native Khan (Fr) (Azamour {Ire}). Sales history: 32,000gns 2yo '19 TATAHI. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, \$5,269.

O-The Horse Watchers; B-Hall of Fame Stud (GB); T-Mick Appleby.

28 WILDCARDS ADDED TO TATTS ASCOT

A total of 28 wildcards have been added to the Tattersalls Ascot December Sale on Dec. 9. Held at Ascot Racecourse's stables, the sale featuring Flat and National Hunt horses-in-training as well as point-to-pointers, begins at 10:30 a.m. local time. The catalogue is available at www.tattersallsascot.com.

**IN HONG KONG:**

Glorious Dragon (Ire), g, 4, **Teofilo (Ire)**--Tipperary Honor (Fr), by Highest Honor (Fr). Happy Valley, 12-4, Hcp. (£246k/€290k), 1800mT, 1:49.02. B-Team Hogdala AB. *Formerly Stephenson's Rocket (Ire). **€235,000 Ylg '16 ARQOCT. **VIDEO**

WORLDWIDE NEWS

HKIR Trackwork Cont. from p1

Indy Champ (Jpn), a son of 2001 Hong Kong Vase hero Stay Gold (Jpn), tries to complete a hat trick of Group 1 wins in the G1 Longines Hong Kong Mile and flashed home his final 400m in :22.6.

"He was a bit distracted by the grandstand this morning but once we got him focused, he moved well. He is in good condition," said assistant trainer Kenichi Shono. The 4-year-old is campaigned by the same syndicate as Almond Eye (Jpn) (Lord Kanaloa {Jpn}).



Japan's globetrotting Deirdre put her best foot forward Wednesday morning at Sha Tin | HKJC photo

Persian Knight (Jpn) (Harbinger {GB}) was done no favours by the 14 hole last year and remains one of the more imposing physicals. Big and strong, the rich dark bay will try to make amends for his fifth in last year's G1 Longines Hong Kong Mile with Murphy to ride and moved well over the all-weather track.

He gallops on the turf Thursday.

Lucky Lilac (Jpn) (Orfevre {Jpn}) becomes her sire's first Hong Kong runner when she takes in the Vase and the elegant chestnut stretched out well in her gallop Wednesday morning (home her final 400m in :21.5), as did **Win Bright (Jpn)** (Stay Gold {Jpn}), who was nicely on his toes before working well, then finished up 800m of work in :22 flat. **Normcore (Jpn)** (Harbinger {GB}) also caught the eye, covering her final quarter-mile in :21.3.

The bulk of the activity took place on the dirt Wednesday morning. **Prince of Arran (GB)** (Shirocco {Ger}) continues to make a favourable impression whether on turf or dirt and he looms a solid each-way chance in the Vase. The Ballydoyle threesome of **Mount Everest (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}), G1 Investec Derby hero **Anthony Van Dyck (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) and G1 Mackinnon S. victress **Magic Wand (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) galloped as a team Wednesday morning, each looking well. The latter appears to maintain her form despite a long season which has seen her race in America (three times), Dubai, England, Ireland and Australia. But seeing her in the flesh, it is really no surprise that she has held up to such a vigorous schedule, as she is stoutly built and is showing no signs of being over the top. The trio heads to the turf Thursday morning.

Edisa (Kitten's Joy) is the one American-bred horse in the four international events and she looked to be handling the dirt track as well as anything Wednesday morning.

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TEETAN WINS BACK-AND-FORTH BATTLE TO TAKE LONGINES IJC

by Alan Carasso

HONG KONG--Wednesday's Longines International Jockeys' Championship at picturesque Happy Valley Racecourse on Hong Kong Island had those in attendance and watching from around the world thinking they were taking in a match between Federer and Nadal, as the locally based Karis Teetan and Ryan Moore, a three-time previous winner of the series, took turns leap-frogging one another in the four-race event.

When the dust had settled, Teetan registered 20 points, just good enough to defeat Moore (18) to take home first prize-money of HK\$500,000. With victories in the third and final legs, respectively, Ireland's Colin Keane and Vincent Ho, finished a joint-third on 12 points, with the homegrown Ho earning third-place money in the tiebreaker.

Teetan was a short-priced favourite to win the IJC as early as Monday when mounts were assigned and, indeed, the Mauritian was on **G Unit (Aus)** (Danerich {Aus}) the 13-5 chalk in the first leg, but Moore rode a tactically perfect race aboard **Flying Genius (Aus)** (All Too Hard {Aus}) and scored as the 4-1 second choice ([video](#)), with G Unit settling for third. **Cont. p15**

Longines IJC Cont.

Teetan struck right back in the second leg, settling **Dream Warriors (Aus)** (Smart Missile {Aus}) slightly better than midfield and then lifting him across the line ahead of the Joao Moreira-ridden **Murray's Partners (NZ)** (Towkay {Aus}) ([video](#)). Moore was out of the placings on favoured **Righteous Mate (NZ)** (Savabeel {Aus}).



Karis Teetan won the second leg of the IJC aboard Dream Warriors
HKJC photo

Trailing 16 points to 12 entering the third leg, Moore nearly landed a telling blow, making the majority of the running atop **Magnificent (Ire)** (Zebedee {GB}) before being caught on the line by Keane, runner-up in the 2018 IJC, who stormed from last aboard **Flying Quest (NZ)** (Alamosa {NZ}) at odds of 15-2 ([video](#)).

Moore's second-place effort catapulted him back into a two-point advantage entering the IJC's fourth leg, in which Teetan seemed to hold all the aces on 3-2 choice **High Rev (Aus)** (Fastnet Rock {Aus}). Well out of his ground early, the bay came with a late run to snag third to put Teetan over the top. Vincent Ho was aboard the victorious **Glorious Dragon (Ire)** (Teofilo {Ire}), who was off as the 16-5 second pick ([video](#)), while Moore was well down the field.

"I still can't believe I've won this challenge," said an elated Teetan. "I knew I had some decent rides, but you still need the horses to perform. I was telling my fiancée (Xaviere Cottreau) that I was really feeling the pressure. It's just not a normal day up against the world's best jockeys. I really wanted to do well and I'm glad everything went well."

Teetan, who currently trails only Moreira and 2017 IJC hero Zac Purton in the Hong Kong jockeys' premiership, was also third in this year's World All-Star Jockeys Series in Sapporo, Japan.

For a time, there was at least some doubt as to whether the IJC would be held at Happy Valley, where two meetings have been lost to the social unrest in Hong Kong this season. There were no such issues Wednesday evening, though green fencing now surrounds the track from roughly the 1000-metre start to the end of the grandstand furthest from the winning post at approximately the 1650-metre start.

In years past, the opening ceremony for the IJC between races three and four had been punctuated by a small launch of fireworks, but that was conspicuously missing this time, as a computer-generated image of fireworks over Hong Kong Harbour was used in its stead.

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Thursday, Meydan Racecourse, post time: 8:50 p.m.

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PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Military Law (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Fresu	Al Mheiri	131
2	Mystique Moon (GB)	Shamardal	Dobbs	Watson	131
3	New Trails	Medaglia d'Oro	Beasley	bin Harmash	131
4	Gronkowski	Lonhro (Aus)	Ffrench	bin Ghadayer	131
5	Manguzi (Fr)	Planteur (Ire)	Jara	Al Rayhi	128
6	Saltarin Dubai (Arg)	E Dubai	Mullen	Seemar	131
7	Talento Puma (Arg)	Equal Talent (Arg)	Ziani	bin Ghadayer	131

Thursday, Meydan Racecourse, post time: 9:25 p.m.

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PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Ekhtihaar (GB)	Bated Breath (GB)	Dobbs	Watson	125
2	Bochart (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Mullen	Seemar	125
3	Nine Below Zero (GB)	Showcasing (GB)	de Vries	Nass	125
4	Waady (Ire)	Approve (Ire)	Hitchcott	Watson	125
5	Walking Thunder	Violence	Beasley	bin Harmash	125
6	Rusumaat (Ire)	Arcano (Ire)	Fresu	Al Mheiri	125
7	Inverleigh (Ire)	Excelebration (Ire)	Ffrench	bin Ghadayer	125
8	Ibn Malik (Ire)	Raven's Pass	O'Neill	Al Mheiri	125

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SLADE LAUNCHES KESTREL THOROUGHBREDS



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By TDN AusNZ

Respected industry player Bruce Slade is diversifying his involvement in the Thoroughbred world, launching new venture Kestrel Thoroughbreds alongside an ongoing role with Newgate Farm. New Zealand-born Slade has amassed tremendous experience through a number of roles in the Australasian industry, from racing manager of the Gai Waterhouse stable to general manager of Newgate.

Slade will also serve as a consultant to the burgeoning Edmonds Racing stable on the Gold Coast, lending his considerable communication, customer service and sales expertise.

"I am also thrilled to begin working closely with Toby and Trent of Edmonds Racing from 1 Jan. 2020," he said. "I have admired this stable's strike rate and growth from afar, along with having had my own personal success with them in recent years, and I believe their ability, along with their unique strategic position, can only equate to mega upside with the right execution in the coming years."

Slade will remain with Newgate Farm in a new role of director of stallions, focussing on stallion acquisition, syndication, nominations and sales.

"I am so grateful to Henry Field and the Newgate Farm owners and team, who have been so supportive in this change," he said.

All-star, Guineas on Catalyst's Agenda

By Bren O'Brien

G1 New Zealand 2000 Guineas winner **Catalyst (NZ)** (Darci Brahma {NZ}) will likely embark on a four-start Australian campaign aimed at the feature double of the G1 Australian Guineas and the All-Star Mile. The most exciting 3-year-old from New Zealand will be given every chance to prove what class he is up to, with trainer Clayton Chipperfield likely to bring him to Australia for one or two lead-up runs in to the Australian Guineas at Flemington on Feb. 29. He will also be nominated for the \$5 million All-Star Mile, to be held at Caulfield in 2020.

"That will be his final [the All-Star Mile] but leading into that we will go into the Australian Guineas. We are still working out a couple of lead-up races," Chipperfield told Melbourne radio station RSN. "Whether he has them back here in New Zealand or we come over late January and have a couple of goes over there (Australia), we'll see."

In order to get a run in the second edition of the All-Star Mile, Catalyst would have to secure passage through an online fan vote or earn one of several wildcard spots for the race. The voting will be open to New Zealand residents for the first time next year, giving Catalyst a decent shot at gathering enough public support to secure a run, although that may depend on whether fellow Kiwis Melody Belle (NZ) (Commands) and Te Akau Shark (NZ) (Rip Van Winkle {Ire}) target the race. **Cont. p2**



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Catalyst Cont.

"He's certainly got a big following here in New Zealand, a lot of people were cheering him on to win the Guineas," Chipperfield said. "We're only a small team him and I, and everyone is loving it."

The inaugural All-Star Mile was won by a 3-year-old in Mystic Journey (Needs Further), with the Tasmanian filly missing out on the popular vote and only securing an invite after winning the Australian Guineas two weeks prior.

With Catalyst thriving in his three weeks in the paddock, putting on 38kgs, Chipperfield is also considering taking the 3-year-old to the G1 Telegraph at Trentham in January. He is also confident that should he meet the two other New Zealand stars, Melody Belle and Te Akau Shark, possibly in the B1 BCD Sprint at Te Rapa on Feb. 8, Catalyst would make a very good account of himself.

"I'd like to think he'd be competitive with them. He's got fresher legs, I guess we can say, being a bit younger. If we do stay at home, then we will get a test of that in the sprint at Te Rapa, as all three of us will possibly go there before we come over," he said.

There are likely to be a host of highly touted 3-year-olds headed to the both the Australian Guineas and the All-Star Mile, including G3 Carbine Club S. winner **Dalasan** (Dalakhani {Ire}), G1 Caulfield Guineas winner **Super Seth** (Dundeel {NZ}) and Caulfield Guineas runner-up **Alligator Blood** (All Too Hard). Those three and Catalyst are all equal favourites for the Australian Guineas and all are near the top of the market for the All-Star Mile.

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>Track</u>
Nov. 23	G1 Railway S.	Ascot
	G2 W.A. Guineas	Ascot
Nov. 30	G1 Winterbottom S.	Ascot
	G3 George Moore S.	Doomben
	G3 Festival S.	Rosehill



IN HONG KONG:

Flying Genius, g, 3, **All Too Hard**--Sacha Royale, by Fasliyev (USA). Happy Valley, 12-4, Hcp. (\$214k), 1000m, :57.10. B-Rockmount (Vic). *1/2 to Ana Royale (Anacheeva), GSW & G1SP-Aus, \$281,620. **\$150,000 Ylg '18 INGMAR; \$150,000 2yo '18 INGRTR. **VIDEO**

Winning Feeling, g, 4, **O'Reilly (NZ)**--Rabsha, by Dehere (USA). Happy Valley, 12-4, Hcp. (\$180k), 1200m, 1:10.13. B-Sheikh Mohammed bin Khalifa al Maktoum (Vic). *1/2 to Rageese (Street Cry {Ire}), GSW & G1SP-Aus, \$563,760. **Formerly Wrecking Crew. **VIDEO**

Dream Warriors, g, 4, **Smart Missile**--Mitzi, by Encosta de Lago. Happy Valley, 12-4, Hcp. (\$214k), 1650m, 1:40.59. B-Mrs S Bissett, Mr I.C. Woodford-Smith (NSW). *Formerly Wise Missile. **\$80,000 Ylg '17 INGEAS. **VIDEO**

Dancing Fighter, g, 4, **Zoustar**--Permaisuous (GSW-Aus, \$436,515), by Danzero. Happy Valley, 12-4, Hcp. (\$270k), 1200m, 1:09.63. B-Kia Ora Stud Pty Ltd (NSW). *\$100,000 Wlg '16 MGLMAY; \$375,000 Ylg '17 MMGCYS. **VIDEO**

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