



TAKING STOCK: U.S. CLIMATE FOR YOSHIDA MAY BE RIPE



Yoshida | Sarah Andrew

by Sid Fernando

There's been a lot of news lately about the exportation of U.S. stallions and stallion prospects, most notably the sale of GI Kentucky Derby winner California Chrome (Lucky Pulpit) to Japan, which is also where another Kentucky Derby winner, Animal Kingdom (Leroidesanimaux {Brz}), and potential Horse of the Year Bricks and Mortar (Giant's Causeway) will stand in 2020. Traffic between the U.S. and Japan usually flows one way, but lately there have been some exceptions.

Juddmonte's Empire Maker (Unbridled), for instance, was sold to Japan after beginning his career in Kentucky and, after five seasons there, was repatriated to Gainesway, where his first crop of 2-year-olds since his return includes Grade I winner Eight Rings. Karakontie (Jpn) (Bernstein), whose dam is a Japanese-bred daughter of Sunday Silence and a granddaughter of Miesque, is also at Gainesway, and this European Guineas and GI Breeders' Cup Mile winner is represented by three black-type winners in his first crop of 2-year-olds this year. Werk Thoroughbred Consultants' bloodstock editor Frances J. Karon recently wrote about his success [here](#). Karakontie is bred on the same Storm Cat/Sunday Silence cross as Charles Fipke's Darby Dan-based Grade I winner Tale of Ekati (Tale of the Cat), whose dam is also a Japanese-bred daughter of Sunday Silence. **Cont. p3**

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In the midst of his best year at the races to date, owner Joe Besecker has decided to disperse his breeding and racing stock, with the majority scheduled to go through the sales ring at the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic December Mixed Sale Tuesday in Timonium, Maryland. The founder, president and CEO of the Pennsylvania-based Emerald Asset Management, Besecker admitted it was a difficult decision to end his four decades in the industry.

"My head knows what to do, but my heart is breaking," Besecker said of the decision to get out of the industry. "It's killing me. It's absolutely as painful as anything I've ever done. I really love this game. I love the animal. I love the people."

Despite his obvious passion for the industry, Besecker said the challenges of ownership--and an industry determined not to address its problems--dictated his dispersal. **Cont. p6**

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Despite initially planning to give his recent GI Clark H. winner Tom's d'Etat (Smart Strike) the early part of 2020 off, trainer Al Stall told the TDN Writers' Room podcast that he's considering a start in the GI Pegasus World Cup Invitational S. for the soon-to-be 7-year-old.

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U.S. Climate for Yoshida May Be Ripe cont. from p1

The Sunday Silence male line will be represented by its most viable prospect in the U.S. next year when WinStar's **Yoshida (Jpn)** (Heart's Cry {Jpn}) begins stud duty for a \$20,000 fee. A few Sunday Silence stallions, such as Hat Trick (Jpn) for one, have made their way to North America in the past, but Yoshida is the first stallion prospect of the line to have won at the Grade I level here, and it's notable that his dam is U.S. Grade I winner Hilda's Passion (Canadian Frontier), who was purchased for \$1.225 million by Katsumi Yoshida of Northern Farm at the 2011 Fasig-Tipton Kentucky Fall Mixed Sale.

Bred by Northern Farm, Yoshida was purchased by WinStar as a yearling in 2015 for the equivalent of \$765,000 at the Japan Racing Horse Association Sale, when WinStar's Elliott Walden and SF Bloodstock's Tom Ryan ventured there to buy five head for a partnership that also included the China Horse Club.

Heart's Cry stands at the Yoshida brothers' Shadai Stallion Station and is the second-best son of Sunday Silence at stud, after Shadai's breed-shaping Deep Impact (Jpn), who died earlier this year and who was to his sire what Galileo is to Sadler's Wells.



Heart's Cry | Kelsey Riley

Trained by Bill Mott, Yoshida is a winner of five of 18 starts and \$2,505,770. Although winless in six starts in 2019, last year he won the GI Woodward S. on dirt at nine furlongs at Saratoga and the GI Old Forester Turf Classic S. at the same distance on turf at Churchill Downs. He brings a degree of versatility that will be appealing to breeders and yearling buyers as turf racing continues to gain in opportunity and stature here while dirt remains the arena for Classic competition. **Cont. p4**

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His sire has also been in the news this year with recent G1 Cox Plate winner Lys Gracieux and G1 Japan Cup winner Suave Richard, and he will stand in 2020 for ¥10 million, or about the equivalent of \$92,000. He is the second-most expensive sire at Shadai behind Lord Kanaloa (Jpn) (King Kamehameha {Jpn}), who stands for ¥20 million (~\$184,000), and is second on the general sire list in Japan behind only Deep Impact.

Unbridled's Song mares

While Empire Maker wasn't successful as a sire in Japan--which is the reason Don Alberto and Gainesway were able to bring him back to Kentucky--another son of Unbridled, Unbridled's Song, is making a mark despite never having stood there. With limited opportunity, Unbridled's Song is proving to be quite successful as a broodmare sire in Japan, particularly in combination with Deep Impact, and this is possibly instructive for planning matings with Yoshida.

Unbridled's Song is a fabulous broodmare sire in the U.S.--he's number one on the list for 2019--and is well represented in the mare population here. Frequently a sire will collapse in a foreign environment because the mare population doesn't suit the horse, but the emerging cross of Deep Impact/Unbridled's Song, if projected as a larger Sunday Silence and sons/Unbridled's Song cross, suggests that Yoshida could have a running head

start with Unbridled's Song-line mares. In fact, Heart's Cry's recent Japan Cup winner Suave Richard is from an Unbridled's Song mare, and Suave Richard is one of two black-type winners by Heart's Cry from seven Unbridled's Song mares that have produced 10 foals by the stallion.

The success of Deep Impact/Unbridled's Song is even more acute and multi-generational, and I've documented it in a series of tweets over the last few weeks from my Twitter account @sidfernando, which is private and not widely accessible. Therefore, I am reproducing below in the original Twitter shorthand and without edits these tweets in chronological order from 11/16/19, after 2-year-old Contrail (Jpn) (Deep Impact--Rhodochrosite, by Unbridled's Song) won the G3 Tokyo Sports Hai, to illustrate this emerging cross in narrative form.

- “Koji Maeda bought the dam for \$385,000 at Kee Sept 2011. Mare was placed in seven starts.”
- “Earlier, Deep Impact combined with Unbridled's Song to produce G1 2yo winner Danon Platina, who was bred by Masatake Iida's Chiyoda Farm Shizunai. The US mare, Badeelah, was purchased by Nobu Araki's Kentucky-based Polo Green for \$32k and was unraced.”

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- “Deep Impact is also the sire of current 2yo G3 winner Ria Amelia, who is out of Ria Antonia--a daughter of Rockport Harbor, a son of Unbridled’s Song. G1 winner Ria Antonia was purchased by Katsumi Yoshida for \$1.8m at FT Nov.”
- “So, let me come full circle to the Maeda operation. A few years ago, they bred the 2yo Deep Impact G3 winner Blanc Bonheur, who was from a Sakura Bakushin O mare. However, the second dam, Asian Meteor, was a full sister to Unbridled’s Song.”
- “And let me add that Deep Impact is also the sire of the current 2yo G2 winner Red Bel Jour, who is also out of an Unbridled’s Song mare. That mare, Red Fantasia, was a \$250k Kee Sept yearling who was purchased by Nobutaka Tada and was placed in nine starts.”
- “So, to recap, there are two current Japanese 2yo graded winners by Deep Impact from Unbridled’s Song mares and one current Deep Impact 2yo graded winner from a granddaughter of Unbridled’s Song, and there’s a prior G1 winner on the cross, too.”
- “Btw, it’s not just Deep Impact that’s had success in Japan with Unbridled’s Song. The Sunday Silence sons Special Week and Heart’s Cry, in addition to Deep Impact, have sired G1 winners from Unbridled’s Song mares.”
- “And, coming back to the Maeda operation again, they bred current 2yo G3 winner Bien Fait, who is by the Deep Impact horse Kizuna (who they bred) and has that full sister to Unbridled’s Song as his second dam.”
- “For breeders thinking about Yoshida (by Heart’s Cry), an Unbridled’s Song mare wouldn’t be a bad option lol.”

A week later, Suave Richard won the Japan Cup to put an exclamation mark on that last tweet.

This Sunday, the aforementioned Ria Amelia will contest the G1 Hanshin Juvenile Fillies as the heavy favorite. Her main competition figures to come from another undefeated Group 3-winning filly, Woman’s Heart (Jpn) (Heart’s Cry--Lady of Persia {Jpn}, by Shamardal). If either wins, it will be impactful for Yoshida, who has a chance to ignite a U.S. branch of the sire line of one of our greatest exports.

Sid Fernando is president and CEO of Werk Thoroughbred Consultants, Inc., originator of the Werk Nick Rating and eNicks.

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“This game, unless it changes, is going to chase more people like me out of it,” he said. “They take advantage of the passion. They are not responding to almost anything that an owner is trying to say to help things out. They take advantage of the passion of the people who are really supporting the industry and that’s the owner. At some point, when you look at the time and the energy that you put into it to be a success, is it really worth it versus all of the crap you have to put up with?”

Describing some of the issues he said he’s had to deal with over the years, Besecker said, “As somebody who claims or potentially wants your horse to get claimed, these tracks do not follow the rules. So if you have to claim a horse within 10 minutes of the post time, and the horse doesn’t even come into the paddock until there is eight minutes to go, how is that fair? That happens everyday. And then every track has a different rule for claiming; one track will only take cash, another track will not take cash. One will only accept wires, the other one will not accept any wires. If I ran my business like the horse racing game, I wouldn’t have one. And there is no change. There is nobody trying to change it. When you say to somebody, ‘This isn’t right,’ they say, ‘Yeah, we agree.’ But that’s as far as it goes.”

Over the last several decades, Besecker has run his racing stable like a business and the results have shown. Through Wednesday, Besecker was the second leading owner by wins and seventh-leading owner by purses in the country. His horses had made 748 starts with 189 wins and earnings of \$4,683,225.

“I was out to prove that if you do what I call my three Ps, if you take the right process and you get the right people, you’ll tend to get performance,” Besecker said of his operation. “When I applied that to racing as a business, that’s what happened. I’ve been fortunate enough in my regular business to have some disposable income, but racing is not a weekend hobby. We are research analysts and money managers, so we applied some research to it and found out you have to average about \$3,300 per start to be able to really make any money. I am averaging close to \$6,300 and we are doing well.”

In addition to the frustrations which have plagued him in the industry, Besecker also said the death of his father over the summer had him reevaluating his racing stable.

“One of the reasons it was cool for me to really expand and do the things I did, my father never had the opportunity [to own horses], but he really did love the game and he got a tremendous kick out of following the daily results of our horses,” Besecker said. “We have horses running at least five or six days a week. That was something that was special to be able to share with him. He probably knew more about my horses than I did. During his recovery, that was really a special thing. Unfortunately, my father passed away on Aug. 4. And it was pretty crushing on many fronts.” **Cont. p7**



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“We started this about a year and a half ago and the results have been ridiculously spectacular,” Besecker said. “We have this big problem in our country of educational stagnation. I’ve hooked up with the Samueli Foundation and we started a thing called North America Scholastic Esports Foundation. Esports is just a tiny part of it, it’s really the ecosystem around that—the lighting, the art, the music, the coding, the event planning, the blogging and the streaming, all of that. We’re teaching these kids those skills wrapped around something they love.”

Besecker will offer over 100 horses through three consignments at the Midlantic sale Tuesday, but before that

auction he has two more shots to add stakes victories to his resume as a racehorse owner. Juveniles **Laddie Liam** (Golden Lad) (hip 302)—named after Besecker’s son—and **Mine Not Mine** (Golden Lad) (hip 310) both go postward in the Maryland Juvenile Futurity at Laurel Park Saturday.

“I like them both,” Besecker said of the duo. “There is something about Mine Not Mine that tugs at my heart a little bit, but I think I have a pretty good shot with both. We certainly think we’ll be very competitive and I’ll be rooting for a dead-heat. It’s a little bittersweet, but there is an excitement and energy and adrenaline.”

One Besecker runner not in the Midlantic sale is a sentimental favorite for the owner, Aztec Sense (Street Sense). Claimed for \$12,500 in 2017, the gelding won the GIII Fred W. Hooper S. at Gulfstream last January and almost provided Besecker with a dream trip to Dubai. **Cont. p8**



Laddie Liam | MJC photo

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“I have wanted in the worst way to go to Dubai for the races over there,” Besecker said. “And we were there. We were invited. He won the race and two steps after the wire, he got injured. It wasn’t even during the race. It was right after the race.”



Aztec Sense | Lauren King

Aztec Sense is now back in training with Jorge Navarro at Palm Meadows and Besecker is optimistic the 6-year-old will make an impact again at the races.

“He’s on the comeback trail and he’s doing extremely well,” Besecker said. “I don’t know how I’d be able to sell him-- business-wise, they aren’t going to give me what he is worth, and number two, if he comes back--and I’m getting excited about what I’m hearing--I might break my rule a little and keep him.”

But besides that possible exception, Besecker plans on getting his racing stock to zero.

“How can I not get to zero?” he asked. “Because otherwise I’m still in it. It would be kind of like, ‘Okay, I’m going to marry this girl, but keep my old girlfriend and we’re just friends. I have to have a period of time where I do get to zero so that I can reflect and then take that time and effort to the other things, things that I know, with the passion and the team that I have, I can make a difference in a world that will love me back. Because in a lot of ways, the game of horse racing does not love you back. The horses do. The people do. But the game doesn’t. The game really doesn’t care about the owner.”

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by Diana Pikulski

None of the four off-track Thoroughbreds at Freedom Ride, Inc. in Orlando, FL, have exciting race records. The richest horse is Mr. Ellie (Colonel John) with lifetime earnings of \$49,000. The other three, Billy's Holiday, NLU Brazen Walk, and Brandon Iron, have combined earnings of \$14,500. In their second careers however, these four horses are invaluable. If ever the case could be made that off-track Thoroughbreds have a unique ability as therapy horses because of their intelligence, sensitivity and connection to humans, it is at Freedom Ride.

Freedom Ride is a model equine program in many respects. We arrived on a busy Tuesday afternoon and within minutes of being on the grounds you see the competence of the staff and volunteers, and feel the positive energy and pride of everyone involved in this highly evolved and tightly run equine therapy program. The organization has achieved the perfect balance of passion for horses and healing people, with professionalism and good business structure.

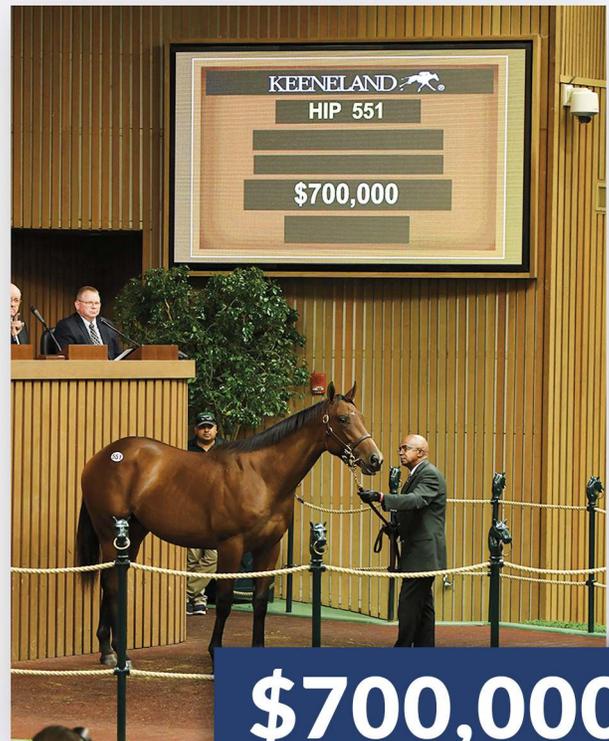
"Freedom Ride, Inc. was founded in 1998 with one horse to provide therapeutic horseback riding to people with disabilities," said Marianne Gray, Executive Director of Freedom Ride. "The therapeutic riding program serves people down syndrome, autism, cerebral palsy. Horses can help all of those things with their beautiful strength and give a boost to confidence and a sense of accomplishment." *Cont. p10*

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Boebinger herself has a lifetime of experience in riding, showing and owning horses. She started off at Freedom Ride ten years ago as a volunteer and dedicated her life to equine therapy. The pinnacle in therapeutic riding is PATH certification so naturally, that is where she set her sights.

“Being a premiere accredited center, all of our programs have to fall under strict PATH guidelines,” said Boebinger. “We serve people with severe physical and developmental disabilities in our therapeutic horseback riding program and we have a big and growing mental health program. Our current clients range from age four to 76.”



NLU Brazen Walk, aka Noah, the first Thoroughbred at Freedom Ride | Diana Pikulski

“Currently, we have about 30 veterans with PTSD who come once a week and they strictly do groundwork with the horses,” said Boebinger. “In our mental health program, we serve a large group of young people who are struggling in school, or struggling with grief, or social issues at home. About 12 of those clients do come once a week and then we have adults that are working on depression, anxiety, fear, any of the social anxiety

issues or just mental health awareness in general.”

“Our mental health and veterans’ programs are the most recent additions,” said Gray. “We have a big veteran population here in central Florida, so we looked into that and we’ve received a couple of grants to provide groundwork with the horses for the veterans so they don’t have any cost at all, so we’re thrilled with that.”

In many therapeutic programs, off-track Thoroughbreds are still not seen as the obvious first choice. When given the chance and the right training, they prove themselves. Across the service menu at Freedom Ride, the Thoroughbreds are the go-to horses.

“We wanted to help the many Thoroughbreds that are in the area and need homes,” said Boebinger. “Growing up, I showed Thoroughbreds so I knew that they were smart and could learn anything. We took a chance with Rusty and Noah and now we have four Thoroughbreds and they are the most adaptable.”

“It helps that they are extremely athletic. They are able to increase and decrease their pace easily at a walk and a trot, which gives our riders a little bit more movement. Not only do they excel in therapeutic riding, they make the most playful and interesting partners for veterans or anyone doing ground work.”

“Four out of our 13 therapy horses are Thoroughbreds and I have to admit they’re the best,” said Gray. “One of them is only about six years old. We were hesitant about taking him in and it turns out he is just phenomenal. He’s a big guy. He can carry some weight. These racehorses are helping a lot of families. They are giving some really challenged people a better quality of life.”

The training process is rigorous and the horses have to demonstrate an understanding of their place in a delicate partnership where safety is the first priority.

“We start by doing groundwork and natural horsemanship with them,” said Boebinger. “We want to see how willing they are and how they fit into the routine of life at our facility. Once we get through those things and they’ve settled in, after two or three weeks, we start doing the real work in the arenas with toys, and games, and rings, and tarps.”

The horses are tested for their tolerance of unusual things like if they will stand when the plastic tarp is tossed over their head. When someone throws a rubber ball and accidentally hits them in the head, are they going to be able to stand there and handle it? They are also required to be calm when someone is sitting on them and clapping and yelling and screaming, which might mimic the behavior of an autistic child. **Cont. p11**



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“Once we know they can handle those behaviors, we will actually start working them in mock classes with volunteers doing side-walking and pretending that they're holding a rider up,” said Boebinger. “We have to see how they manage a rider who is very unbalanced and how long will they stand quietly in the mounting ramp. They have to be willing partners.”

For Boebinger, it's usually about a 90-day assessment period.

“If we deem the horse appropriate after 90 days, we will still take another month or two before we put him or her in the program full-time,” said Boebinger. “They are individuals and some take a little bit longer than others. Billy's Holiday for instance, is pretty young so we've given him a little more time. He has been here eight months and he is just now going full-time into the program. Sometimes it can take up to a year for a horse to really, finally settle in and take a deep breath and go, ‘Oh my gosh, I am a therapy horse and this is my job.’”

Freedom Ride's students and horses are frequent competitors in Special Olympics as well as in local shows and events. Brandon Iron, aka Rusty, who is ridden every week by Mary Grace will be her mount for the upcoming Holiday Horse Show at Freedom Ride and in the Special Olympics.

“Mary Grace came to us a few years ago and she was very unbalanced and had a difficult time in the mounting ramp getting on the horse,” said Boebinger. “She had competed in Special Olympics before with another farm and had a fall. Now, she is able to get on the horse with slight assistance from the instructor and she is much more balanced in the saddle.”

“Mary Grace has been riding Rusty for two years now will be competing independently at the walk. Rusty is her horse.”

Freedom Ride's unique location, in densely populated Orlando, and its' strategic partnerships with local schools, court systems, public health organizations, and veterans' associations are exposing new populations and key influencers to the unique benefits of equine therapy and the adaptability of Thoroughbreds. The facility is currently located in a section of an Orlando City park but that is about to change because the city wants to expand its ball fields and take over the land currently leased to Freedom Ride. The city offered them a less desirable location which the group felt was too close to the main road.

“What the city offered us was not ideal and we just knew that if we persevered, a better opportunity would come,” said Gray.

In the nick of time, it did. Freedom Ride found the ideal farm just 2.4 miles from their current facility and they are six months into an official capital campaign where all of the group's good will in the community is paying off. When they reach their goal, not only will they have more pasture and a new barn at their new farm, they will also have an indoor arena giving their current clients, and many more, year-round services.

The morning of our visit, Freedom Ride received a \$350,000

check from AdventHealth Orlando, part of an independent health care system based in Florida, to sponsor the covered arena in their location. At the launch of the campaign, the barn was sponsored by a private individual for \$300,000 so they are well on their way to success.

“We desperately need the covered arena so we are thrilled that it is sponsored,” said Gray. “AdventHealth became very interested in the success of our mental health program and they believe in what we do, so we approached them about the arena and they thought it a great partnership. We still have lots of items to get sponsored but these gifts really put wings under our campaign.”

For more information about Freedom Ride, Inc. go to www.freedomride.com, email Liz Lepore at liz@freedomride.com, or call 407-293-0411.

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STALL CONSIDERING PEGASUS START FOR TOM'S D'ETAT

by Bill Finley

After declaring his intentions to give his recent Grade I winner **Tom's d'Etat** (Smart Strike) the early months of 2020 off, trainer Al Stall Jr. said he is rethinking his options and may race the 6-year-old in the Jan. 25 GI Pegasus World Cup Invitational S. at Gulfstream.

Stall made the comments when appearing on this week's edition of the **TDN's Writers' Room** podcast.

"I opened my big mouth and said 'Let's freshen him up a bit and point for the back half of the season,'" Stall said. "That was before I had a chance to go over him really closely, jog him and had a chance to look at his demeanor. He really came out of the Clark well. I'm not exactly sure what we're going to do. He'll get



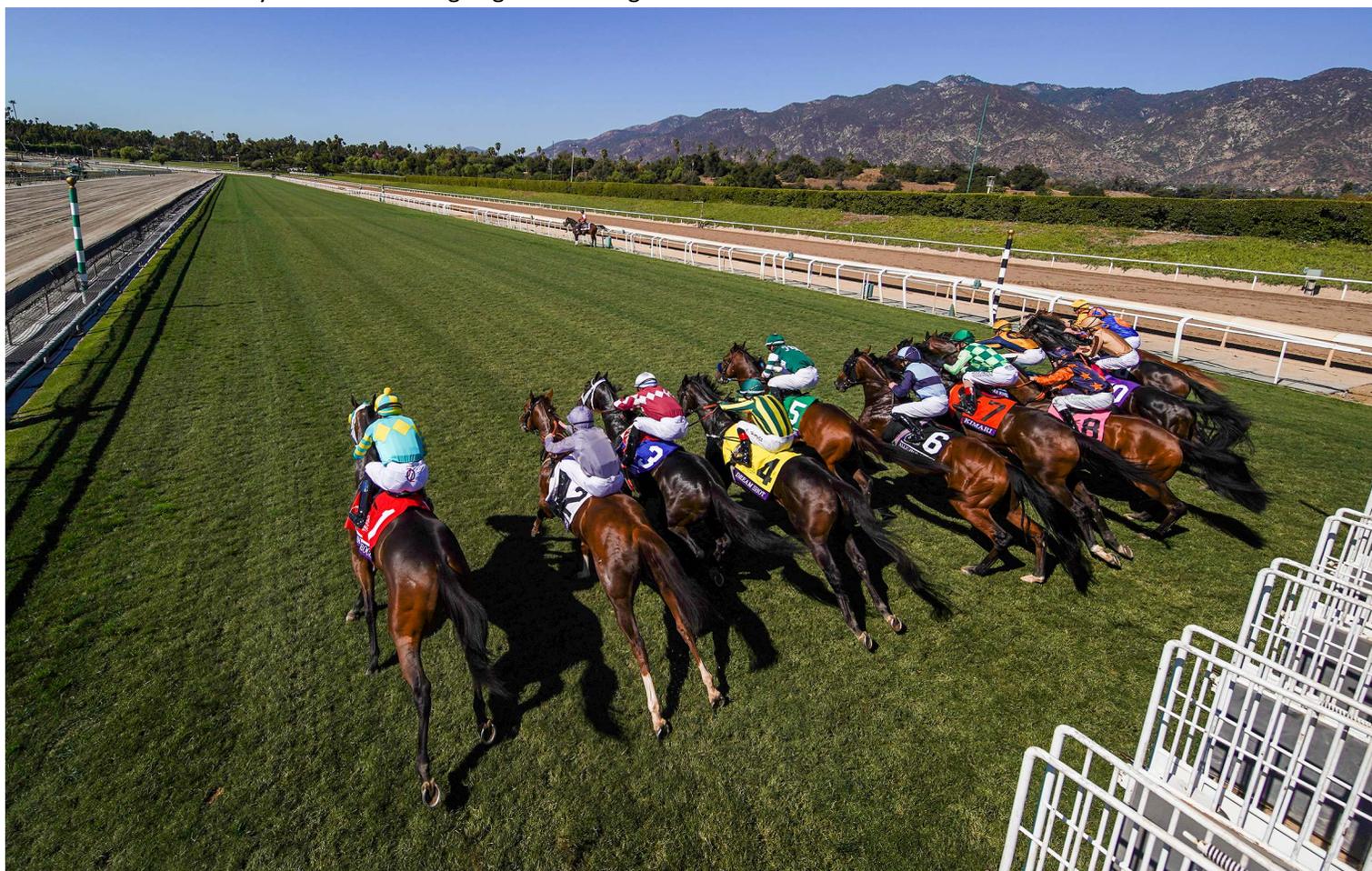
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a brief freshening for now. Whether we'd try the Pegasus again, I don't know. He will definitely stay in America. No Saudi Arabia. No Dubai. If we don't run in then Pegasus we'll back off him a little more and point for something like the [GII] New Orleans Handicap or the [GIII] Ben Ali at Keeneland. We'll look at some of the races Blame ran in in 2010, like the [GI] Whitney and the [GII] Stephen Foster."

Stall's also explained the reasoning for his plan to not leave the U.S. with Tom's d'Etat despite the big-money Saudi Cup and G1 Dubai World Cup beckoning.

"Our horse will be seven in 2020," he said. "It's a long way to go and there's a lot for him here domestically. I want to make it as easy as possible on the horse and keep him in our neck of the woods. We'd be very happy to win

nice races like possibly the Pegasus, possibly the Stephen Foster, possibly the Whitney." **Cont. p13**



2019 in Photos. November 1: Start of the GII Breeders' Cup Juv. Turf Sprint, won by Four Wheel Drive (American Pharoah). Breeders' Cup/Eclipse Sportswire

Having overcome a series of setbacks in his career, Tom's d'Etat did his best racing this year at age six. He finished up 2019 with back-to-back wins in the GII Fayette S. at Keeneland before winning the GI Clark H. His worst performance of the year came in the 2019 Pegasus, where he was ninth, beaten 27 1/4 lengths.

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HUMAN ANTICONVULSANT TRIGGERS DRUG PENALTIES IN ARIZONA

by T.D. Thornton

An owner/trainer at Turf Paradise is facing a \$2,500 fine and 180-day suspension after a rarely detected anticonvulsant medicine that treats seizures and bipolar disorder in humans came up positive in the post-race testing of a recent 8-1 maiden winner.

TDN attempted to learn if owner/trainer Jim Bumgardner has appealed his penalties, but a Thursday email sent to the public information officer of the Arizona Department of Gaming did not yield a reply prior to deadline for this story.

According to a Dec. 3 stewards' ruling, when the Bumgardner-owned and trained Zoe's Papa C (Papa Clem) won a \$10,000 maiden-claimer Oct. 28, the 3-year-old gelding had a concentration of approximately 1.26 ng/ml of lamotrigine in his blood.

Lamotrigine is listed as a Drug/Penalty Class 3A on the Uniform Classification Guidelines for Foreign Substances list maintained by the Association of Racing Commissioners International (ARCI).

"The [ARCI] penalty guidelines call for a minimum penalty of one year suspension and \$10,000 fine absent mitigating circumstances and a maximum penalty of a three year suspension and \$25,000 with the presence of aggravating factors," the ruling states. "Mr. Bumgardner has not had a medication violation since 2004. The stewards considered this a mitigating factor in this case and did not refer this to the Director of the Arizona Department of Gaming/Racing Division for further review."

Lamotrigine positives are rare in North American horse racing and the drug is not generally considered as an effective performance enhancer, according to previously published reports citing veterinarians.

The two most recent lamotrigine cases are believed to involve a Mountaineer Park trainer who was fined \$7,500 for a positive in 2018, and a Standardbred trainer at The Red Mile who had a one-year suspension and \$5,000 fine in 2015 reduced to just a 140-day suspension because of the likelihood of accidental contamination by a stable worker taking the drug via prescription.

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DEC. 4 EDITION OF TDN WRITERS' ROOM PODCAST NOW AVAILABLE



Bill Finley, Joe Bianca, Steve Sherack and Jon Green (l to r)

This week on the TDN Writers' Room, Joe Bianca, Bill Finley, Jon Green and Steve Sherack welcome Al Stall, fresh off of his GI Clark H. victory with Tom's d'Etat (Smart Strike), as the Green Group Guest of the Week. Stall talks about finally getting a

talented animal who has had his share of physical issues to the top of his game and what it meant to win such a big race for the Benson family after patriarch Tom Benson's passing last year. Then, the writers recap the rest of the holiday week's action, look forward to Saturday's big card at Aqueduct and follow up on last week's discussion of a suspension-inducing breakdown at Delaware. [Click here](#) to listen or search for the TDN Podcast on Apple Podcasts or Spotify.

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WOOD MEMORIAL HIGHLIGHTS AQUEDUCT SPRING SCHEDULE

Aqueduct Racetrack's 2020 Spring Meeting, highlighted by the GII Wood Memorial, will run from Apr. 2 through 19. The 13-day meet will feature 15 stakes, including six graded contests, worth a collective \$3.1 million. **Cont. p15**

News, picks, commentary, opinions, and interviews from hosts Dave Johnson and Bill Finley, who talk about the major issues in racing and speak to the biggest names in the sport. They might even just give you a winner or two.



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The nine-furlong Wood Memorial, worth \$750,000 and offering qualifying points to the GI Kentucky Derby, will be run Apr. 4. That day's card also features the \$400,000 GI Carter H., \$250,000 GIII Bay Shore S., \$300,000 GII Gazelle S., and \$150,000 GIII Excelsior S.

The meet's graded stakes line-up also includes the \$150,000 GIII Distaff H., which will be run Apr. 3.

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HERTLER TO PRESENT CIGAR MILE TROPHY

Recently retired trainer John Hertler will present the trophy for Saturday's GI Cigar Mile H. at Aqueduct. Hertler served 13 years as assistant to trainer P.G. Johnson before going out on his own in 1978. In 1984, Hertler trained Hall of Famer Slew o' Gold through a remarkable season that included Grade I wins in the Whitney H. at Saratoga and the Woodward, Marlboro Cup Invitational and Jockey Club Gold Cup at Belmont en route to Eclipse Award honors as champion older horse. Slew o' Gold completed his 1984 campaign with a strong second in the inaugural GI Breeders' Cup Classic following a dramatic stretch duel with the victorious Wild Again.

Hertler, 69, announced his retirement in October following over four decades of conditioning thoroughbreds.

"We are delighted to have Mr. Hertler make the trophy presentation for the Cigar Mile," said Martin Panza, NYRA's Senior Vice President of Racing Operations. "John's hard work and dedication to the New York racing circuit over the past four decades is greatly appreciated. All of us at NYRA will miss seeing him on the backstretch, but wish him the best in his well-earned retirement."

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GODOLPHIN REPEATS AS JOHN DEERE OUTSTANDING BREEDER AT BREEDERS' CUP

Rewarded for wins by its progeny on three continents, Godolphin has repeated as the winner of the John Deere Award honoring the outstanding breeder of the 2019 Breeders' Cup World Championships and the Breeders' Cup Challenge Series. The John Deere Award winner is determined by the breeder who received the highest number of first-place finishes in Graded/Group Stakes in the international Breeders' Cup Challenge Series of 86 stakes races in 11 countries, and in the 14 Breeders' Cup World Championships races. Godolphin-bred runners earned 40 points by winning four Group 1 races in France, Japan and the United States through the Breeders' Cup Challenge Series. NTRA Advantage and John Deere will award a John Deere TS Gator Utility Vehicle to Godolphin.

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For William Nader, a Lifetime with Horse Racing

William Nader's passion for the horse racing industry has taken him from the old Rockingham Park in his New Hampshire hometown to the New York Racing Association and then to Hong Kong, where he has had a profound impact as director of racing business and operations at the Hong Kong Jockey Club. Nader, who turns 62 on Monday, reflected on his career during an interview.

Tom Pedulla, *The New York Times*

Wise and Successful. A Tale of Two Dans.



TDN **Look**

If you drive down Athens-Boonesboro Road at the right time of day, you might be lucky enough to catch a glimpse of a hulking chestnut horse and his equally imposing bay brother romping through their field. With the residents of the adjacent paddocks at Forest Lane Farm being Angus cows and Quarter Horses, it would not be surprising for a passerby to think the playful geldings were just a pair of pleasure horses. However, educated horse racing fans would recognize that they were in fact looking at a six-time Eclipse winner and his near millionaire half-brother as Forest Lane Farm belongs to trainer Charlie LoPresti and his wife Amy, the longtime caretakers of Wise Dan (Wiseman's Ferry) and Successful Dan (Successful Appeal).

2019 Leading First-Crop Sires Dirt

for stallions standing in North America through Wednesday, December 4

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

Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	Constitution <i>(2011) by Tapit</i>	4	7	4	6	1	2	52	17	347,000	1,641,863
										<i>Tiz the Law</i>	
			<i>Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$40,000</i>								
2	Liam's Map <i>(2011) by Unbridled's Song</i>	2	2	2	2	2	2	34	12	329,500	1,147,014
										<i>Wicked Whisper</i>	
			<i>Stands: Lane's End Farm KY Fee: \$35,000</i>								
3	Competitive Edge <i>(2012) by Super Saver</i>	4	6	--	--	--	--	43	18	219,308	1,074,062
										<i>My Italian Rabbi</i>	
			<i>Stands: Ashford Stud KY Fee: \$12,500</i>								
4	Khozan <i>(2012) by Distorted Humor</i>	2	7	--	1	--	--	35	13	233,800	1,031,407
										<i>Liam's Lucky Charm</i>	
			<i>Stands: Journeyman Stud FL Fee: \$8,500</i>								
5	Tapiture <i>(2011) by Tapit</i>	1	2	--	--	--	--	61	21	90,600	1,009,840
										<i>Sky of Hook</i>	
			<i>Stands: Darby Dan Farm KY Fee: \$7,500</i>								
6	Bayern <i>(2011) by Offlee Wild</i>	--	--	--	--	--	--	44	15	107,112	855,528
										<i>Tempers Rising</i>	
			<i>Stands: Hill 'n' Dale Farms KY Fee: \$15,000</i>								
7	Wicked Strong <i>(2011) by Hard Spun</i>	1	4	--	--	--	--	55	18	63,200	808,700
										<i>Wicked Warrior</i>	
			<i>Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY Fee: \$6,000</i>								
8	American Pharoah <i>(2012) by Pioneerof the Nile</i>	--	1	--	1	--	1	35	10	96,600	776,461
										<i>American Theorem</i>	
			<i>Stands: Ashford Stud KY Fee: \$175,000</i>								
9	Fast Anna <i>(2011) by Medaglia d'Oro</i>	2	2	--	--	--	--	37	9	205,280	595,411
										<i>Been Studying Her</i>	
			<i>Stands: Three Chimneys Farm KY Fee: \$10,000</i>								
10	Palace Malice <i>(2010) by Curlin</i>	--	1	--	--	--	--	44	11	69,350	589,287
										<i>Fly On Angel</i>	
			<i>Stands: Three Chimneys Farm KY Fee: \$25,000</i>								
11	Race Day <i>(2011) by Tapit</i>	3	4	--	--	--	--	27	10	120,448	579,355
										<i>Josie</i>	
			<i>Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY Fee: \$7,500</i>								
12	Commissioner <i>(2011) by A.P. Indy</i>	2	4	--	1	--	--	35	12	115,379	559,288
										<i>Two Last Words</i>	
			<i>Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$7,500</i>								
13	Tonalist <i>(2011) by Tapit</i>	1	2	--	--	--	--	35	6	98,280	521,534
										<i>Tonalist's Shape</i>	
			<i>Stands: Lane's End Farm KY Fee: \$15,000</i>								
14	Carpe Diem <i>(2012) by Giant's Causeway</i>	--	1	--	--	--	--	40	10	71,500	505,124
										<i>Sweet Kisses</i>	
			<i>Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$15,000</i>								
15	Golden Lad <i>(2010) by Medaglia d'Oro</i>	1	3	--	--	--	--	18	10	84,172	498,454
										<i>Hello Beautiful</i>	
			<i>Stands: Northview Stallion Station MD Fee: \$5,000</i>								

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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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Sunday, Aqueduct, post time: 3:45 p.m. EST

FALL HIGHWEIGHT H.-GIII, \$200,000, 3yo/up, 6f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	No Distortion 🍀	Distorted Humor	Jupiter Stable	Dunham	Cancel	122
2	Nicodemus	Candy Ride (Arg)	Everything's Cricket Racing & Goichman, Lawrence	Rice	Luzzi	129
3	Recruiting Ready 🍀	Algorithms	Sagamore Farm LLC	Hough	Gaffalione	132
4	Strike Power 🍀	Speightstown	Courtlandt Farms	Hennig	Franco	128
5	Wonderful Light	Tiz Wonderful	Jay Em Ess Stable	Nevin	Rosario	127
6	Seethisquick 🍀	Discreet Cat	Darindra Dharamjit	Dharamjit	Martinez	124
7	Happy Farm	Ghostzapper	M and A Racing LTD	Servis	Vargas, Jr.	125

Breeders: 1-Brereton C. Jones, 2-WinStar Farm, LLC, 3-Claiborne Farm, 4-Courtlandt Farm, 5-Samantha Siegel, 6-Peter Berglar, 7-Rustlewood Farm, Inc.

Sunday, Los Alamitos, post time: 6:58 p.m. EST

BAYAKOA S.-GIII, \$100,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Arctic Roll (GB)	Champs Elysees (GB)	Vindicate Racing	Lerner	Espinoza	119
2	Mongolian Humor	Drosselmeyer	EMT Stable, LLC, Mueller, Martin, Pellman, Harry, Scott, William M. and Seymour, Lauri	Cerin	Talamo	119
3	Mo See Cal 🍀	Uncle Mo	Rockingham Ranch and David A Bernsen LLC	Miller	Van Dyke	119
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IN ORDER OF PURSE:

TEPIN S., (NB) \$100,000, Aqueduct, 12-5, 2yo, f, 1m (off turf), 1:38.87, gd.

1--**ANTOINETTE**, 118, f, 2, by **Hard Spun**

1st Dam: Shuruq (Highweight Older Mare at 4 on UAE Free Hand 7 - 9f & MGSW-UAE, GSW-Tur; and GSP-Eng, \$658,709), by Elusive Quality

2nd Dam: Miss Lucifer (Fr), by Noverre

3rd Dam: Devil's Imp (Ire), by Cadeaux Genereux (GB)

O/B-Godolphin (KY); T-William I. Mott; J-Joe Bravo. \$55,000.

Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$100,750.

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2--**I Dare U**, 118, f, 2, Daredevil--Voyelle, by Broken Vow. (\$20,000 RNA Ylg '18 KEESEP; \$25,000 2yo '19 OBSAPR). O-R. A. Hill Stable & George Weaver; B-Fred W. Hertrich III & John D. Fielding (KY); T-George Weaver. \$20,000.

3--**Quality Heat**, 119, f, 2, **Quality Road**--Rushen Heat, by Unusual Heat. (\$70,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP). O-Gary Barber; B-Calumet Farm (KY); T-Mark E. Casse. \$12,000.

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Margins: 1 3/4, HF, HF. Odds: 4.50, 1.10, 10.00.

Also Ran: Stretchthesty, More Glitter, Logic N Reason.

Scratched: Enola Gay.

Antoinette checked in fourth on debut over the Belmont turf Sept. 14 and earned her diploma next out by a head over that course Oct. 24. Given a 9-2 chance in this rained-off Tepin S., the bay tugged her way into mid-pack, running on the heels of the

pacesetters through a first half-mile in :47.89. Slipping through a seam on the fence in early stretch, she swept clear with a sixteenth left to run and crossed the line comfortably with ears pricked. Even-money favorite I Dare U, who drew in as a main track only, was the runner-up.

"She ran very well," said Leanna Willaford, assistant to trainer Bill Mott. "She handled a bit of adversity being down inside and had to wait until it opened up and come on through, but she ran great. She's very professional in the mornings and we're proud she ran to her ability here today."

As for what's next, she said, "She'll most likely head south [Payson Park] from here for the winter, but we'll talk to the connections and map out a game plan from there."

Antoinette is the second foal out of UAE Highweight Shuruq, who has since produced a pair of fillies by Medaglia d'Oro and was bred back to Uncle Mo. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

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CENTRAL PARK S., \$100,000, 2yo, 1 1/16mT

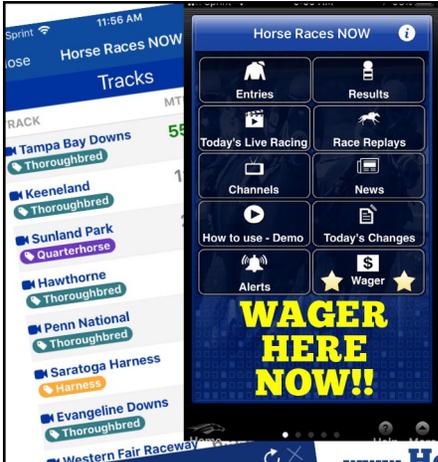
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1	Mo Ready	Uncle Mo	Franco	Pletcher	8-1
2	City Man	Mucho Macho Man	Rosario	Clement	9-2
3	Homeland	American Pharoah	Alvarado	Mott	5-2
4	Old Chestnut	Speightstown	Velazquez	Casse	6-1
5	Prince of Pharoahs*	American Pharoah	Lezcano	Rice	5-1
6	Ashraq	Medaglia d'Oro	Sanchez	Pino	12-1
7	Alpha Sixty Six*	Liam's Map	Velazquez	Pletcher	2-1
8	Mr. Kringle	Shakin It Up	Carmouche	Terranova	10-1
9	Chase Tracker*	Verrazano	N/A	Pletcher	9-5
10	Pixelate	City Zip	Lezcano	Stidham	8-5

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**IN ORDER OF PURSE:**

6th-Fair Grounds, \$41,000, Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 12-5, 2yo, f, 1mT, 1:39.97, fm.

DOMINGA (f, 2, Ghostzapper--Dynarama, by Dynaformer) went wire-to-wire in her Churchill Downs unveiling on the grass Sept. 13, but was 11th next out in a turf test at Keeneland Oct. 25. Stumbling at the break, the dark bay crept up the outside to establish position in mid-pack as the pacesetter set leisurely early fractions. Rallying four wide in the lane, Dominga charged clear for a decisive two-length victory over Ginseng (Tiznow). The winner's dam produced a Distorted Humor colt in 2018 and an Air Force Blue colt in 2019. She was bred back to Maclean's Music. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$79,220. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O/B-Don Alberto Corporation (KY); T-Brad H. Cox.

Started & Trained by Tristan & Valery de Meric

8th-Fair Grounds, \$42,000, Alw (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 12-5, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:45.51, fm.

ZOFELLE (IRE) (f, 3, Zoffany {Ire}--Height of Elegance {Ire}, by Galileo {Ire}) began her career in Europe, winning one of seven starts for Hugo Palmer. Sent Stateside to Brendan Walsh, she captured her American debut at Keeneland Oct. 10 and was favored at 6-5 to repeat here. Bumped around a bit at the break, the bay ran near the back of the pack through modest early fractions. Four wide at the top of the lane, Zofelle unleashed a powerful late rally to run down Grade III winner Elsa (Animal Kingdom) in the final strides for an one-length victory. Sales history: 27,000gns 3yo '19 TATJUL. Lifetime Record: 9-3-1-1, \$69,819. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Rebecca Hillen; B-Fullbury & Minch Bloodstock (IRE); T-Brendan P. Walsh.

**IN ORDER OF PURSE:**

4th-Aqueduct, \$70,000, Msw, 12-5, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:36.76, gd.

KID BOURBON (c, 3, Lemon Drop Kid--Top Kisser {GSW, \$407,100}, by Old Topper) finished third on debut at Gulfstream Feb. 23 and was subsequently shelved. Completing the trifecta in his return at Belmont Sept. 25, he was second last time over this track and trip Nov. 10. Sent off at 2-1 this time, the bay moved up into a two-wide third, keeping close tabs on the top two through a :47.52 half-mile. Drawing even with the leaders entering the far turn, Kid Bourbon took control in mid-stretch and extended clear to don cap and gown by 3 1/2 lengths. Mutakaamil (Tapit) filled the place spot. The winner is the first foal out of Top Kisser, who is also responsible for the juvenile colt Jive Talkin (City Zip), who finished second on debut at Golden Gate Nov. 24. The Grade III-winning mare was bred back to Violence this spring. Sales history: \$120,000 Ylg '17 FTSAUG. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-2, \$65,800. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Bourbon Lane Stable (J. Hill, M. McMahon); B-Tommy Town Thoroughbreds, LLC (KY); T-Mark A. Hennig.



9th-Aqueduct, \$62,000, (S), Msw, 12-5, 2yo, 6f, 1:10.76, gd.

CONVICT (c, 2, Constitution--Southern Charmer {SP, \$109,615}, by Dixie Union) was bet down to 9-5 favoritism from a 4-1 morning-line quote for this debut off a best-of-89 half-mile over the Belmont training track in :48 flat Nov. 22 and proved the public right with a gutsy score. Sent straight to the front by Javier Castellano, the \$180,000 EASMAY buy ticked off an opening quarter in :22.69 and a half in :46.59. More Grayful (Graydar) ranged up to challenge the chalk in the lane, but Convict kept on finding to hold that rival at bay by a head. He is the 25th winner for his freshman sire (by Tapit). The winner's dam has a weanling filly by Tiznow and was bred back to Justify. Sales history: \$180,000 2yo '19 EASMAY. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$34,100. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Leonard C. Green; B-Thomas Mina (NY); T-Gary Contessa.



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6th-Aqueduct, \$62,000, (S), Msw, 12-5, 2yo, 6f, 1:11.54, gd. BOURBON BAY (c, 2, Bayern--Savvy Sassy, by Street Sense) missed by just a neck in his career bow at this venue Nov. 11 and was hammered down to 3-5 favoritism to get the job done this time around. Forced to steady at the start, the bay caboosed the field through the initial stages, but quickly got his hooves beneath him and made his way into mid-pack as the first quarter went up in :22.70. Unleashing a powerful five-wide rally in the lane, Bourbon Bay swept to the front in the final sixteenth and cruised clear to graduate by 2 1/4 lengths, becoming the 20th winner for his freshman sire (by Offlee Wild). First Deputy (Awesome Again) was the runner-up. The winner is the first foal out of Savvy Sassy, who has since produced a yearling filly by Malibu Moon. She did not have a foal in 2019, but was bred back to Flatter this spring. Sales history: \$205,000 Ylg '18 SARAUG; \$240,000 RNA 2yo '19 FTFMAR. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$46,500. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Bourbon Lane Stable (J. Hill, M. McMahon), Seidman Stables LLC and Lake Lonely Racing; B-Oak Bluff Stables, LLC & Christophe Clement (NY); T-Mark A. Hennig.



5th-Turfway, \$45,920, Msw, 12-4, 2yo, 1m (AWT), 1:45.38, ft. INVADER (c, 2, War Front--Say {Ire} {GSP & GISP-Ire & SP-Eng, \$158,325}, by Galileo {Ire}) was off the board in his turf sprint unveiling at Belmont July 6 and was third next out in a similar event at Kentucky Downs Sept. 12. He was fifth in his next two tries at Keeneland Oct. 6 and Churchill Downs Nov. 10, respectively. Favored at 7-2 in this switch to the synthetic, the \$500,000 KEESEP buy tracked from third early. Sweeping to the front with another half-mile to run, the bay was in a race of his own in the lane, rolling clear to win for fun by 12 3/4 lengths. Blood Runner (Medal Count) was best of the rest back in second. The winner is a full-brother to Fog of War, GISW, \$192,970; and Naval Intelligence, SW-Eng. The winner's dam Say, a daughter of MGISW and multimillionaire Riskaverse (Dynaformer), did not produce a foal in 2018 and her 2019 American Pharoah foal passed away. She was bred back to War Front this season. Sales history: \$500,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 5-1-0-1, \$46,060. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Grandview Equine, Cheyenne Stables, LLC and LNJ Foxwoods; B-Orpendale, Chelston & Wynatt (KY); T-Wesley A. Ward.



4th-Fair Grounds, \$40,000, Msw, 12-5, 2yo, f, 5 1/2ft, 1:05.71, fm.

TULANIAN (f, 2, Twirling Candy--Silent Circle, by Indian Charlie) finished ninth in her career bow on the Saratoga main track July 31 and was third when switched to the sod there Aug. 28. Runner-up in a sloppy off-the-turfer going a mile at Churchill Downs Oct. 30, she was favored at 6-5 while adding blinkers for this return to the grass. Seizing the early advantage, the bay zipped through an opening quarter in :21.91. Confronted by 25-1 shot Lillie Dell (Maclean's Music) on the backstretch, Tulanian was briefly headed by that rival in the lane, but clawed her way back to the front for a 3/4-length success. The winner is a half to Sonic Boom (More Than Ready), GSW, \$344,738; and Galientos (More Than Ready), GSP, \$160,882. Silent Circle produced an Into Mischief filly this season. Sales history: \$120,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-1, \$54,475. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O-Joel Politi; B-Athens Woods LLC (KY); T-Thomas M. Amoss.



6th-Remington, \$33,000, Msw, 12-4, 2yo, 6 1/2f, 1:17.39, ft. MAN IN THE CAN (c, 2, Can the Man--Smeauxkininthelane, by Smoke Glacken), unveiled at 7-2 here, broke on top from his outside draw, but was headed by 38-1 shot Empire of Gold (Goldencents) as the first quarter went in :22.50. He drew even with that foe in the lane and they battled to the line with Man in the Can edging past late for a half-length success. The winner has a yearling half-sister named This Girl Does (Laurie's Rocket) and a weanling half-sister named Geaux Saints (Tom's Ready). His dam was bred back to Freud. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$19,647. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O/B-JRita Young Thoroughbreds, LLC (AR); T-Ron Moquett.



In this continuing series, Alan Carasso takes a look ahead at US-bred and/or conceived runners entered for the upcoming weekend at the tracks on the Japan Racing Association circuit, with a focus on pedigree and/or performance in the sales ring. Here are the horses of interest for this weekend running at Hanshin Racecourse, featuring Lotus Land (Point of Entry) making her Group 1 debut:

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US-Breds in Japan

Saturday, December 7, 2019

6th-HSN, ¥13,400,000 (\$123k), Newcomers, 2yo, 1800m

A SHIN AMEN RA (c, 2, American Pharoah--I O Ireland, by Giant's Causeway) is the second foal from his dam, a stakes-winning daughter of GSW Ioya Two (Lord At War {Arg}), dam of MGSW Ioya Bigtime (Dynaformer), GSW Amazing Results (Grand Slam) and SW Mavericking (Empire Maker). Ioya Two's half-brother is MGSW & GISP Mystery Giver (Dynaformer). A Shin Amen Ra was a \$325K acquisition out of the 2018 Keeneland September Sale. *B-Team Block (KY)*

UNBOUNDED (c, 2, Uncle Mo--Undercover Justice, by Lawyer Ron), a full-brother to GSP Conquest Babayaga, was purchased in utero for \$300K at KEENOV in 2016 before repaying that bill when hammering for \$400K at KEESEP in 2018. The Feb. 20 foal's dam is a half-sister to Sovereign Award winner and Grade I-winning juvenile Negligee (Northern Afleet) and SP Wild Notions (Wild Again). *B-Bill Justice (KY)*

Sunday, December 8, 2019

5th-HSN, ¥13,400,000 (\$123k), Newcomers, 1800mT

AMERICAN SEED (c, 2, Tapit--Sweet Talker, by Stormin Fever), an \$825K KEESEP grad, is the latest produce from his dam, winner of the 2005 GI Queen Elizabeth II Challenge Cup before selling to Courtlandt Farm for \$1.15m at KEENOV the following month. Sweet Talker is a half-sister to MGSW Silver Reunion (Badge of Silver). A full-brother to SW & GSP Sweet Tapper, American Seed is also kin to GSP Perregaux (Distorted Humor), while the deeper female family includes GISWs Sam's Sister (Brother Derek) and Check the Label (Canadian Frontier). *B-Courtlandt Farm (KY)*

11th-HSN, Hanshin Juvenile Fillies S.-G1, ¥123m (\$1.13m), 2yo, f, 1600mT

LOTUS LAND (f, 2, Point of Entry--Little Miss Muffet, by Scat Daddy) got her career off on a high note, graduating at first asking over course and distance Sept. 21 as the 19-10 favorite (video, gate 7) and was a latest second going 1400m over heavy Kyoto turf Oct. 12. One of six winners from as many Japanese runners for her sire, Lotus Land is out of a winning half-sister to MSP Emma Darling (Hennessy). *B-Dr Aaron Sones & Dr Naoya Yoshida (KY)*

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IN DUBAI:

Midnight Sands, c, 3, Speightstown--It's Midnight (SW-Fr), by Shamardal. Meydan, 12-5, Hcp. (AED185k), 1400m, NH 3yo/up & SH 4yo/up, 1:25.13, ft. Lifetime Record: 7-3-1-0, \$96,878. O-The Cool Silk Partnership B-Flaxman Holdings Ltd (USA). T-Doug Watson. *\$70,000 RNA '17 KEESEP, €80,000 2yo '18 ARQMAY. **1/2 to Tusk (Tapit), GSP, \$369,297.

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Arch Gold, g, 4, Arch--Trepidation, by Seeking the Gold. Meydan, 12-5, Hcp. (AED170k), 1600m, NH 3yo/up & SH 4yo/up, 2:20.77, ft. Lifetime Record: 14-2-0-5, \$50,109. O-Hussain Alabbas Lootah. B-WinStar Farm LLC (USA). T-Doug Watson. *\$37,000 yr1 '16 KEESEP; €130,000 2yo '17 ARQMAY. **1/2 to Tiz Now Tiz Then (Tiznow), MSW & GSP, \$567,418; Maoinach (Congaree), Hwt 3yo Filly-Ire, MGSW-Ire, \$140,963.

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American Pharoah (Pioneerof the Nile), Ashford Stud, \$100,000
 162 foals of racing age/23 winners/4 black-type winners
 9-Aqueduct, \$100K Central Park S., 1 1/16mT, HOMELAND, 5-2
 \$500,000 KEE SEP yr1
 9-Aqueduct, \$100K Central Park S., 1 1/16mT, PRINCE OF PHAROAH, 5-1

Bayern (Offlee Wild), Hill 'n' Dale Farms, \$15,000
 95 foals of racing age/20 winners/0 black-type winners
 2-Fair Grounds, Aoc 5 1/2ft, BAYERLY SEEN, 2-1
 \$25,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$65,000 RNA OBS APR 2yo
 6-Turfway, Msw 6f, SEQUIN, 7-5
 \$210,000 FTK JUL yrl; \$500,000 FTF MAR 2yo

Bourbon Courage (Lion Heart), Anchor & Hope Farm, \$5,000
 46 foals of racing age/6 winners/1 black-type winner
 4-Charles Town, Msw 4 1/2f, NATIVE COURAGE, 6-1

Carpe Diem (Giant's Causeway), WinStar Farm, \$25,000
 124 foals of racing age/14 winners/0 black-type winners
 5-Woodbine, Msw 6 1/2f, ATTILIO, 8-1
 CAN\$49,000 CAN SEP yrl

Danza (Street Boss), Fair Winds Farm, \$3,500
 91 foals of racing age/10 winners/0 black-type winners
 4-Charles Town, Msw 4 1/2f, NEW BEGINNING, 7-2
 \$4,000 KEE JAN wnl; \$10,000 FTK OCT yrl
 4-Charles Town, Msw 4 1/2f, OL BUDDY, 15-1
 \$2,000 EAS OCT yrl

Fast Anna (Medaglia d'Oro), Three Chimneys Farm, \$7,500
 83 foals of racing age/11 winners/3 black-type winners
 6-Turfway, Msw 6f, FAME IS ROUGH, 50-1

Hakassan (Chi) (Sir Cat), Millennium Farms
 7 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
 5-Delta Downs, Msw 6 1/2f, CHROME FIRE, 20-1

Japan (Medaglia d'Oro), Waldorf Farm
 37 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
 3-Aqueduct, Msw 6f, MEDELLIN, 6-1
 \$7,000 FTN MIX wnl

Last Gunfighter (First Samurai), Pin Oak Lane Farm
 24 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
 5-Delta Downs, Msw 6 1/2f, LAST BATTLE, 12-1
 \$18,000 OBS WIN wnl

Liam's Map (Unbridled's Song), Lane's End Farm, \$20,000
 114 foals of racing age/15 winners/2 black-type winners
 9-Aqueduct, \$100K Central Park S., 1 1/16mT, ALPHA SIXTY SIX,
 2-1
 \$240,000 RNA KEE NOV wnl; \$400,000 KEE SEP yrl

Palace (City Zip), Spendthrift Farm, \$6,000
 87 foals of racing age/15 winners/1 black-type winner
 1-Hawthorne, Msw 6f, WHITE LIES, 5-2
 \$18,000 RNA FTK FEB wnl; \$40,000 FTK OCT yrl; \$35,000 OBS
 APR 2yo

Palace Malice (Curlin), Three Chimneys Farm, \$15,000
 123 foals of racing age/18 winners/2 black-type winners
 2-Fair Grounds, Aoc 5 1/2ft, LETSSTAYPOSITIVE, 7-2

Race Day (Tapit), Spendthrift Farm, \$6,000
 96 foals of racing age/13 winners/4 black-type winners
 1-Hawthorne, Msw 6f, RACETOTHEFINISH, 2-1

Secret Circle (Eddington), Hill 'n' Dale Farms, \$5,000
 45 foals of racing age/9 winners/0 black-type winners
 5-Woodbine, Msw 6 1/2f, RISETOTHECHALLENGE, 8-1
 \$18,000 RNA FTK OCT yrl

Silent Soul (Afternoon Deelites)
 2 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
 5-Delta Downs, Msw 6 1/2f, SOUL TEMPTATION, 12-1

Summer Front (War Front), Airdrie Stud, \$10,000
 97 foals of racing age/13 winners/2 black-type winners
 7-Turfway, Aoc 1m, CITY FRONT, 20-1
 \$5,500 FTK OCT yrl

Wicked Strong (Hard Spun), Spendthrift Farm, \$7,500
 130 foals of racing age/21 winners/1 black-type winner
 7-Turfway, Aoc 1m, ARTEMUS EAGLE, 5-1

SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6

Mucho Macho Man (Macho Uno), Adena Springs, \$10,000
 122 foals of racing age/40 winners/4 black-type winners
 9-Aqueduct, \$100K Central Park S., 1 1/16mT, CITY MAN, 9-2
 \$20,000 FTN MIX wnl; \$185,000 OBS APR 2yo

Revolutionary (War Pass), Korea Racing Authority, \$5,000
 149 foals of racing age/42 winners/3 black-type winners
 3-Hawthorne, \$50K Pat Whitworth Illinois Debutante S., 1
 1/16m, WAR COLORS, 3-1

Shakin It Up (Midnight Lute), Caines Stallion Station, \$5,000
 118 foals of racing age/40 winners/1 black-type winner
 9-Aqueduct, \$100K Central Park S., 1 1/16mT, MR. KRINGLE,
 10-1
 \$35,000 FTN MIX wnl; \$10,000 SAR AUG yrl

Verrazano (More Than Ready), Haras Old Friends, \$15,000
 269 foals of racing age/87 winners/4 black-type winners
 9-Aqueduct, \$100K Central Park S., 1 1/16mT, CHASE TRACKER,
 9-5
 \$67,000 KEE SEP yrl



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STAKES RESULTS:

KINGARVIE S., C\$100,000, Woodbine, 12-4, (S), 2yo, 1 1/16m (AWT), 1:45.65, ft.

1--**DOTTED LINE, 119, g, 2, by Signature Red**

1st Dam: Springledge, by Outflanker

2nd Dam: River Temptor, by Riverman

3rd Dam: Temptation (Fr), by Secretariat

O-Norseman Racing Stable; B-Howard Walton (ON); T-Sid C. Attard; J-Justin Stein. C\$60,000. Lifetime Record: 5-3-0-0, \$119,752. *1/2 to Generous Touch (Philanthropist), MSW, \$233,746; and a full to Signature Spring, SW, \$155,298.

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2--**Truebelieve, 117, c, 2, Nephrite (GB)--Gentle Words, by Bertrando.** (C\$2,000 Ylg '18 CANSEP). O-Chetram Mohabir; B-Laurel A. Byrne (ON); T-Chetram Mohabir. C\$20,000.

3--**The Reign Man, 117, c, 2, Old Forester--Ourania, by Double Honor.** O/B-Gus & Jim Vlahos (ON); T-Michael P. De Paulo. C\$10,000.

Margins: 2 1/4, HD, 4HF. Odds: 0.70, 9.95, 7.20.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

2nd-Aqueduct, \$80,269, 12-5, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:38.46, gd.

DARK STORM (g, 3, Flatter--Banded {MSP, \$153,721}, by Bandini) Lifetime Record: 8-3-0-2, \$130,215. O-Bona Venture Stables; B-Cobra Farm Inc. (KY); T-George Weaver. *\$125,000 Ylg '17 FTSAUG; \$40,000 2yo '18 OBSAPR.

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8th-Aqueduct, \$69,152, (S), 12-5, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, 1m (off turf), 1:37.69, gd.

PIPES (c, 3, Exchange Rate--Introvert, by Smarty Jones) Lifetime Record: MSP, 16-3-5-3, \$203,531. O-Rodriguez, Gustavo, Gurdon, Andrew and Imperio, Michael; B-Fred W. Hertrich (NY); T-Rudy R. Rodriguez. *\$75,000 RNA Ylg '17 SARAUG; \$50,000 Ylg '17 FTKOCT; \$115,000 2yo '18 OBSAPR.

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7th-Woodbine, C\$50,635, (C)/Opt. Clm (\$30,087), 12-4, 2yo, f, 7f (AWT), 1:24.37, ft.

GIZMO FLASH (f, 2, Giant Gizmo--Flashy Consort, by Bold n' Flashy) Lifetime Record: 8-2-2-1, \$77,006. O/B-C. Scott Abbott Racing Stable (ON); T-Michael J. Doyle. *1/2 to Silent Flash (Silent Name {Jpn}), SP, \$167,736.

5th-Fair Grounds, \$47,800, 12-5, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10.46, ft.

FLASHY BREW (g, 4, Flashpoint--Miss Brew Ha Ha, by Chief Seattle) Lifetime Record: 10-4-2-2, \$133,990. O-Allen Cassidy; B-Allen Cassidy, L J Thibodeaux Sr. & P G Thibodeaux (LA); T-Ron Fauchoux.

8th-Delta Downs, \$43,680, 12-4, (C), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:39.71, ft.

POUND FOR POUND (c, 4, Redding Colliery--Buttercup's Song, by Unbridled's Song) Lifetime Record: SW, 17-4-5-1, \$213,818. O-Israel Flores Horses LLC; B-J. Adcock & B&B Bloodstock (LA); T-Andrea Ancil Ali. *\$5,000 Ylg '16 ESLYRL. **1/2 to Flatlined (Flatter), GSW, \$499,504.

8th-Gulfstream, \$41,700, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 12-5, 3yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:41.74, fm.

THUNDER RIDE (g, 4, Pioneer of the Nile--Pontiana, by Deputy Minister) Lifetime Record: 7-3-1-1, \$100,167. O-My Purple Haze Stables; B-Gainesway Tbreeds LTD, J & B Passerello, Graves, Howard & Ivanovich (KY); T-Teresa M. Pompay. *\$625,000 Ylg '16 KEESEP; \$69,000 4yo '19 FTKHRA. **1/2 to Addibel Lightning (Colonel John), MSP, \$197,128.

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6th-Delta Downs, \$40,000, (S), 12-4, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:41.57, ft.

POPS LEGACY (g, 5, Rule--Perfect Six {MSW & GISP, \$278,255}, by Saratoga Six) Lifetime Record: 30-4-3-3, \$103,830. O/T-Keith Charles; B-J. Adcock (LA). *1/2 to Buffalo Man (El Prado {Ire}), MGSW, \$505,234.

2nd-Delta Downs, \$36,000, 12-4, (NW3L), 3yo/up, 7f, 1:26.64, ft. **FRONT DOOR (g, 4, Point of Entry--Shining Sea {SP, \$184,340}, by Stormy Atlantic)** Lifetime Record: 15-3-2-2, \$106,673. O/T-Karl Broberg; B-Mark Grier (KY).

7th-Turfway, \$30,269, (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 12-4, 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:18.44, ft.

RUBY TRUST (m, 5, Smart Strike--Queen Ofthe Catsle {GSW, \$410,219}, by Tale of the Cat) Lifetime Record: 20-5-0-6, \$137,111. O-Kahn, Brian, Happy Broad Bent and Taylor Made Farm; B-C. T. Grether, Inc. (KY); T-John Alexander Ortiz. *\$80,000 5yo '19 KEENOV.

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4th-Charles Town, \$28,000, 12-4, (NW2LX), 3yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:27.84, ft.

AMELIA BEDELIA (f, 3, Fed Biz--French Sadie, by Successful Appeal) Lifetime Record: MSP, 10-5-1-3, \$109,157. O-David M. Raim; B-Schiano Racing Inc. (WV); T-Jeff C. Runco.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Mywalktofreedom, g, 2, **Fiber Sonde**--Longwalk Freedom, by Johannesburg. Charles Town, 12-4, (S), 4 1/2f, :53.27. B-Cynthia Elizabeth OBannon (WV).

Lookbothways, f, 3, **Cross Traffic**--Agilion (MSP, \$128,049), by Lion Heart. Aqueduct, 12-5, (S), (C), 6f (off turf), 1:12.58. B-Kingsport Farm LLC, Hidden Lake Farm LLC & David Campbell (NY). *\$20,000 Ylg '17 KEEJAN; \$75,000 Ylg '17 SARAUG.

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Times Square, g, 4, **Tapit**--Magical Feeling (GSW & GISP, \$554,532), by Empire Maker. Turfway, 12-4, 1 1/4m (AWT), 2:08.03. B-Peter E. Blum Thoroughbreds, LLC (KY). *\$375,000 RNA Ylg '16 KEESEP; \$250,000 2yo '17 OBSOPN. **Full to Exulting, MSW, \$508,792.

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BAYERN, Bourbon Bay, c, 2, o/o Savvy Sassy, by Street Sense. MSW, 12-5, Aqueduct

CAN THE MAN, Man in the Can, c, 2, o/o Smeauxkininthelane, by Smoke Glacken. MSW, 12-4, Remington

CONSTITUTION, Convict, c, 2, o/o Southern Charmer, by Dixie Union. MSW, 12-5, Aqueduct

CROSS TRAFFIC, Lookbothways, f, 3, o/o Agilion, by Lion Heart. MCL, 12-5, Aqueduct

EXCHANGE RATE, Pipes, c, 3, o/o Introvert, by Smarty Jones. ALW, 12-5, Aqueduct

FED BIZ, Amelia Bedelia, f, 3, o/o French Sadie, by Successful Appeal. ALW, 12-4, Charles Town

FIBER SONDE, Mywalktofreedom, g, 2, o/o Longwalk Freedom, by Johannesburg. MSW, 12-4, Charles Town

FLASHPOINT, Flashy Brew, g, 4, o/o Miss Brew Ha Ha, by Chief Seattle. ALW, 12-5, Fair Grounds

FLATTER, Dark Storm, g, 3, o/o Banded, by Bandini. ALW, 12-5, Aqueduct

GHOSTZAPPER, Dominga, f, 2, o/o Dynarama, by Dynaformer. AOC, 12-5, Fair Grounds

GIANT GIZMO, Gizmo Flash, f, 2, o/o Flashy Consort, by Bold n' Flashy. OCL, 12-4, Woodbine

HARD SPUN, Antoinette, f, 2, o/o Shuruq, by Elusive Quality. Tepin S., 12-5, Aqueduct

LEMON DROP KID, Kid Bourbon, c, 3, o/o Top Kisser, by Old Topper. MSW, 12-5, Aqueduct

PIONEER OF THE NILE, Thunder Ride, g, 4, o/o Pontiana, by Deputy Minister. AOC, 12-5, Gulfstream

POINT OF ENTRY, Front Door, g, 4, o/o Shining Sea, by Stormy Atlantic. ALW, 12-4, Delta Downs

REDDING COLLIERY, Pound for Pound, c, 4, o/o Buttercup's Song, by Unbridled's Song. ALW, 12-4, Delta Downs

RULE, Pops Legacy, g, 5, o/o Perfect Six, by Saratoga Six. ALW, 12-4, Delta Downs

SIGNATURE RED, Dotted Line, g, 2, o/o Springledge, by Outflanker. Kingarvie S., 12-4, Woodbine

SMART STRIKE, Ruby Trust, m, 5, o/o Queen Ofthe Catsle, by Tale of the Cat. AOC, 12-4, Turfway

TAPIT, Times Square, g, 4, o/o Magical Feeling, by Empire Maker. MSW, 12-4, Turfway

TWIRLING CANDY, Tulanian, f, 2, o/o Silent Circle, by Indian Charlie. MSW, 12-5, Fair Grounds

WAR FRONT, Invader, c, 2, o/o Say (Ire), by Galileo (Ire). MSW, 12-4, Turfway

ZOFFANY (IRE), Zofelle (Ire), f, 3, o/o Height of Elegance (Ire), by Galileo (Ire). AOC, 12-5, Fair Grounds

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Uni winning the Breeders' Cup Mile | Horsephotos

By Kelsey Riley

DEAUVILLE, France--When Uni (GB) (More Than Ready) circled the field at Santa Anita Park on Nov. 2 to win the GI Breeders' Cup Mile, she provided cause for celebration not only for her connections both present and prior in America and France, but for the principals of Arqana, who three days later would release the catalogue for the December Breeding Stock Sale with her dam, **Unaided (GB)** (Dansili {GB}), among the highlight lots of the sale for Uni's breeder Haras d'Etreham. Unaided--who will go through the ring on Saturday, Dec. 7 as **lot 161**--has the added benefit of being a young (just 10) Grade I-producing mare whose dam is a half-sister to Rafha (GB) (Kris), the dam of Invincible Spirit (Ire) and Kodiak (GB). And to complete the package, Uni is in foal to hot young sire No Nay Never.

Arqana's Executive Director Freddy Powell, who was on hand for the celebration at the Breeders' Cup, said, "Unaided is a real nice package. She is in foal to No Nay Never, which has to have wonderful international appeal. She is 10 years old; Uni was her first foal. It was very exciting when I saw Uni coming from the back at the Breeders' Cup; she was probably the only horse that came from the back all day. Her turn of foot was quite something."

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STARS SPARKLE IN MONCEAUX DRAFT

By Kelsey Riley

Henri Bozo's Ecurie des Monceaux brings a typically strong draft of 31 fillies, mares and foals to Arqana's December sale this weekend, and adding a bit of a twinkle to this year's offering are three mares in foal with members of the first Northern Hemisphere crop of Australia's champion first- and second-season sire Zoustar (Aus). A dual Group 1-winning sprinter at three and Group 1-placed at two, Zoustar--a son of Northern Meteor (Aus) (Encosta de Lago {Aus}), who himself flashed brilliance at stud before dying prematurely--was the dominant champion first-season sire Down Under during the 2017/18 season, his progeny earnings of A\$3.2-million nearly double that compiled by the runner-up Spirit of Boom (Aus). It was the same story last season, with Zoustar leading the second-season sires table by a wide margin, and he was also the country's leading sire of 3-year-olds thanks in part to a clean sweep of the prestigious G1 Coolmore Stud S. by his Sunlight (Aus), Zousain (Aus) and Lean Mean Machine (Aus). [Cont. p5](#)

IN TDN AMERICA TODAY

TAKING STOCK: U.S. CLIMATE RIPE FOR YOSHIDA

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Unaided is, of course, just one standout in a sale that has become a must-attend for the shrewdest breeders not only across Europe, but in America, Australia and Japan as well. The Arqana December Breeding Stock sale runs from December 7 to 10 and will see 480 mares, 207 fillies, 335 foals and three stallions—before scratches—go through the ring. Unaided is joined in the Etreham draft by the likes of **Wonder of Lips (Ger)** (Champs Elysees {GB}) (lot 125), last year’s G1 Preis der Diana third who also enjoyed a significant update this fall when Waldgeist (GB) (Galileo {Ire}), under her second dam, won the G1 Prix de l’Arc de Triomphe; **Palmyre (Fr)** (Dansili {GB}) (lot 177), twice listed-placed and a granddaughter of Peeping Fawn (Danehill); **Just Gorgeous (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) (lot 189), a full-sister to Group 1 winners Magical (Ire) and Rhododendron (Ire) in foal to Almanzor (Fr); and **Roystonia (Ire)** (Redoute’s Choice



The dam of G1 Coronation S. winner Watch Me will be offered at Arqana | *Racing Post*

{Aus}) (lot 23), out of a full-sister to Classic winner Roderic O’Connor (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) and also in foal to Etreham’s Almanzor. Roystonia’s dam, **Waterlilly (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) (lot 197), is offered later on Saturday evening by Coulonces Sales in foal to Lope de Vega (Ire). Last year’s €1.1-million sale topper, the G1 Prix Marcel Bousac winner Lily’s Candle (Fr) (Style Vendome {Fr}), wasn’t even in the catalogue until two weeks before the sale, and Arqana’s wildcard system means that high quality lots with recent form can be added up until the time of the sale. Just last week, another Group 1-producing mare, **Watchful (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) (lot 170)—the dam of this year’s G1 Coronation S. winner Watch Me (Fr) (Olympic Glory {Ire}) and in foal to Golden Horn (GB)—was thrown into the ring (her colt foal by Elvstroem {Aus} was already catalogued as lot 22 with Haras de Saint-Julien).

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This will be the second time Watchful has been through this ring; she brought €22,000 four years ago when carrying Watch Me.

On the same day that Watchful was added to the catalogue, **Koala (Fr)** (Kodiac {GB}) (lot 130), a 2-year-old three-quarter sister to this year's G1 2000 Guineas winner Magna Grecia (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), joined the Nicolas Clement consignment for owner/breeder Bob Scarborough. A week earlier, this season's multiple group-placed **Kenlova (Fr)** (Kendargent {Fr}) (lot 140), multiple listed winner **Qualisaga (Fr)** (Sageburg {Fr}) (lot 150) and the listed-placed **Rosie's Premiere (Ire)** (Showcasing {GB}) (lot 200)—in foal to Churchill (Ire)—had been the first wildcards to be unveiled.

Those younger mares that have not yet been covered are exactly what are on the shopping lists of many visitors to Arqana.

"Something a lot of people are looking for in Deauville is something they can keep racing for a year and then cover them, and we have quite a lot of people from the U.S. doing that; that's what Nicolas de Watrigant and Bradley Weisbord did with A Raving Beauty and she won two Grade Is," Powell said. "When we put the catalogue together it's really something we're looking for, those 3-year-old fillies with form that can race on. We know we have a big market for them.

Powell said the competition for such fillies is so strong now that it is trickling down to the yearling market.

"Even at the yearling sales now more and more people are looking for some French blood," he said. "The know-how of our French breeders and the way the horses are trained in France have real appeal. Our horses are quite tactical so they have a

good turn of foot, which really suits American racing."

While the wildcard system annually tosses in some surprise packages late in the game, another popular feature of the sale that can be counted on every year to produce the goods are the drafts from leading owner/breeders like Wertheimer et Frere and the Aga Khan Studs.

Wertheimer et Frere sells its culls exclusively in Deauville each

December, and this year has been a particularly good one on the racetrack for the progeny of mares sold by them at this sale, with group wins by half-sisters Big Brothers Pride (Fr) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) and Polydream (Ire) (Oasis Dream {GB})—their dam Polygreen (Fr) (Green Tune) was sold for €200,000 in 2015; Platane (GB) (Le Havre {Ire}) (dam sold for €240,000); Hopeful (Fr)

(Motivator {GB}) (dam sold for €25,000); and Ziyad (GB) (Rock of Gibraltar {Ire}) (dam sold for €36,000). The fact that four of those five carried the Wertheimer colours this season is evidence of how the brothers' masterful program continues to work for buyers long after their mares have left the sales grounds.

Some of the highlights of this year's 22-strong Wertheimer consignment include **Legerete (Rahy)** (lot 115), the dam of black-type winners Pilote (Ire) (Pivotal {GB}) and Esquisse (Ire) (Dansili {GB}) in foal to Mastercraftsman (Ire); **Kylia** (Mr. Greeley) (lot 131), a descendant of Allegretta and the dam of two stakes horses also in foal to Mastercraftsman; **Bilissie (GB)** (Dansili {GB}) (lot 164), a half-sister to G1 Prix Vermeille winner Left Hand (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) in foal to Intello (Ger); and **High Profile (GB)** (lot 181), another daughter of Dansili and a half-sister to champion miler Solow (GB) (Singspiel {Ire}) who is offered as a 3-year-old maiden.

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“The Wertheimers will often sell a mare that is still going to produce a Group 1 horse, and they also sell mares that have yearlings and 2-year-olds on the ground that are going to become very good,” Powell said. “That’s happened before. They’re very specific, very selective about their broodmare band, and what they don’t want anymore is still very, very good.”

Among the gems to be unearthed in past Aga Khan drafts at Arqana December include Siyouni’s sister Siyouma (Ire) (Medicean {GB}) and Alpine Rose (Fr) (Linamix {Fr}), who both won Group 1s the year after they were sold. Read more about this draft in Saturday’s *TDN*. Also offering a reduction this year is the famed German nursery Gestut Fahrhof, co-breeder and owner of Waldgeist. Among the 22 fillies and mares under that banner are **Solola (Ger)** (Black Sam Bellamy {Ire}) (**lot 91**), a Group 3-producing half-sister to Grade/Group 1 winners Silvano (Ger) and Sabiango (Ger) in foal to Harry Angel (Ire); **Hasay (GB)** (Lomitas {GB}) (**lot 166**), a listed winner and the dam of Group 3 winner Hargeisa (Speightstown); the 3-year-old **Panguna (Ger)** (Australia {GB}) (**lot 215**), a half-sister to G1 Premio Roma winner Potemkin (Ger) (New Approach {Ire}); and **Quipara (GB)** (Soldier Hollow {GB}) (**lot 218**), a 3-year-old half-sister to four stakes winners including G1 Premio Presidente della Repubblica winner Querari (Ger) (Oasis Dream {GB}) and triple graded

winner and Grade I-placed Quidura (Ger) (Dubawi {Ire}), the latter of which was bought by Peter Brant for \$3.6-million at Fasig-Tipton two years ago.

“The Gestut Fahrhof reduction is a little bit of history because there are some very nice, strong families that have never been offered commercially,” said Powell. “It’s nearly completely new blood for the commercial market.”

The progeny of mares sold at Arqana have been enjoying consistent success at the top level in Japan and Australia—and closer to home in Europe, of course—and mares previously sold here by the de Moussac family’s Haras du Mezeray supplied two such horses this year: Fierement (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}), winner of the G1 Tenno Sho Spring, and the Coolmore partners’ Wichita (Ire) (No Nay Never), who took the G3 Tattersalls S. by seven lengths and was third in the G1 Dewhurst S. Mezeray supplies a typically strong group again in 2019 including **Chanterelle (Fr)** (Tremolino) (**lot 146**), the dam of top staying filly Enbihaar (Ire) (Redoute’s Choice {Aus}) in foal to Wootton Bassett (GB); **Frankel Light (Ire)** (Frankel {GB}) (**lot 153**), a 4-year-old stakes-placed descendant of Aviance in foal on her first cover to Dark Angel (Ire) (her dam is also in the sale as **lot 212**); and **Miss Aiglonne (GB)** (Dawn Approach {Ire}) (**lot 173**), a half-sister to five stakes horses including Group 1 winner Mekhtaal (Ire) (Sea The Stars {Ire}) in foal for the first time to Siyouni (Fr).



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Other highlights include Joseph O'Brien's G2 Kilboy Estate S. winner **Red Tea (GB)** (Sakhee) (lot 171); this year's G3 Prix Texanita winner **Ilanga (Fr)** (Penny's Picnic {Ire}) (lot 178); Italian Group 3 winners **Binti Al Nar (Ger)** (Areion {Ger}) (lot 40) and **Nikisophia (Ire)** (No Nay Never) (lot 93); the listed-winning **Sully (Fr)** (Siyouni {Fr}) (lot 7), in foal for the first time to Le Havre (Ire); the G3 Fred Darling S. second **Jellicle Ball (Ire)** (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) (lot 53) in foal to Siyouni (Fr); Group 1-producing mare **Grey Anatomy (GB)** (Slickly {Fr}) (lot 122) in foal to Zarak (Fr); and **New Desire (Ire)** (Dansili {GB}) (lot 186), a young mare from the family of champion Islington (Ire) carrying a member of the lone crop of Horse of the Year Roaring Lion.



Chanterelle, the dam of top staying filly Enbihaar (pictured), is catalogued at Arqana | *Racing Post*

New Faces Among Freshmen

The Tattersalls and Goffs foal sales provided insight into the reception of the sire crop with their first foals of 2019, and Arqana will see those reputations shaped further while also introducing a few new French sires into the fold. The Queen's Recorder (Ire) (Galileo {Ire})—standing at Montfort et Preaux—had no foals at Tattersalls or Goffs and Al Shaqab's Al Wukair (Ire) (Dream Ahead) had just one in Ireland, and they are the two leading first-season sires numerically at Arqana with 11 apiece catalogued.

Almanzor (Fr) (Wootton Bassett {GB}), meanwhile, is no stranger to the market, the Cartier champion 3-year-old's foals having averaged 99,000gns at Tattersalls, selling for up to 160,000gns and 125,000gns. Almanzor has nine catalogued at Arqana. The G1 Investec Derby winner Wings Of Eagles (Fr) (Pour Moi {Ire}) has seven catalogued from his lone French-bred crop sired at Haras de Montaigu before relocating to Beeches Stud in Ireland, and Haras de Bonneval's regally bred Group 1 winner **Zarak (Fr)** (Dubawi {Ire}) has six.

The other first-season sires with foals catalogued are Aclaim (Ire), Birchwood (Ire), Brametot (Fr), Caravaggio (Ire), Churchill (Ire), Ectot (GB), Highland Reel (Ire), Luck of the Kitten, National Defense (Ire), Profitable (Ire), Ribchester (Ire), The Grey Gatsby (Ire), Time Test (GB), Ultra (Ire), **Ulysses (Ire)** and Zelzal (Fr).

Some of the highlights on paper among the 335 foals catalogued include the aforementioned Elvstroem (Aus) half-brother to this year's G1 Coronation S. winner Watch Me (lot 22); a Kodiak colt out of German stakes winner Abraxa (Ire) (Verglas {Ire}) (lot 28); a No Nay Never (Ire) filly who is the first foal of the listed-placed Bohemian Rhapsody (Spa) (Dyhim Diamond {Ire}) (lot 42); an Almanzor half-brother to the listed-winning and Group 3-placed Expressiy (Fr) (Siyouni {Fr}) (lot 68); a Fastnet Rock (Aus) grandson of champion, Classic winner and Group 1 producer Again (Ire) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}) (lot 69); a full-sister to multiple graded stakes winner and Grade I-placed Rymaska (Fr) (Le Havre), who sold for \$1.05-million at Keeneland last month (lot 74); a Kingman (GB) half-sister to the stakes-winning Ghislaine (Ger) (Soldier Hollow {GB}) (lot 82); a Sea The Stars (Ire) colt out of a half-sister to G1 Lockinge S. winner Keltos (Fr) (Kendor {Fr}) (lot 92); a Siyouni colt out of the Group 3-placed Moonlight In Paris (Fr) (Literato {Fr}) (lot 179); and a Pivotal (GB) half-sister to the G3 Prix d'Aumale winner Rocques (Fr) (Lawman {Fr}) (lot 219). The sale will begin at 11 a.m. on Saturday, 10 a.m. on Sunday and 11 a.m. again for the final two sessions on Monday and Tuesday.

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Stars Sparkle in Monceaux Draft cont. from p1

With a proven record to back him up, Zoustar made his first sojourn to Tweenhills Stud in Britain last season, where he stood for £25,000 and covered 149 mares. He has four in-foal mares selling in Deauville, three of those from Monceaux.

"We used Zoustar because he's done exceptionally well in Australia," Bozo said. "I was very impressed by his physical; he's a proper athlete, and it's quite exciting to have a stallion like him in Europe. We used him in his first year and we'll use him again next year. He's an interesting outcross for the Europeans."

Monceaux's first mare carrying to Zoustar comes early in the sale as **lot 31. Saccharose (GB)** (Exceed and Excel {Aus}) is a winning 4-year-old daughter of the listed-winning Spinacre (Ire) (Verglas {Ire}) who is carrying her first foal. Saccharose was bred by Lordship Stud and born and raised at Monceaux and was a €270,000 yearling.

"Saccharose comes from a very nice family," Bozo said. "There is a lot of speed in this family; [second dam] Spinamix has been a really good broodmare. We took a share in Saccharose with my brother Ghislain Bozo on behalf of two clients. She's a very attractive grey filly, very correct with good size and she's by Exceed and Excel, who is a good broodmare sire."

Zotilla (Ire) (Zamindar) (lot 126), an 8-year-old half-sister to G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches and GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf winner Flotilla (Fr) (Mizzen Mast) and the stakes-winning Louvakhova (Maria's Mon), was a €95,000 yearling in 2012 just months prior to Flotilla's first top-level success, and her current connections purchased her for €550,000 at this sale in 2014 as a maiden. She has yearling and foal fillies by Dark Angel (Ire).

"Zotilla is a mare we purchased in Deauville out of training for a lot of money in partnership with Lordship Stud and Qatar Bloodstock," Bozo said. "It's a prolific family with a lot of speed, and Zoustar has done exceptionally well with speed mares. She's a nice-looking mare and we have a nice Dark Angel foal by her. Zotilla is quite a big mare with a short back and a lot of quality."

Lastly, Monceaux offers **Meandering (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) in foal to Zoustar as lot 128. The 8-year-old mare was bought privately in the U.S. in foal to War Front after being passed in at Keeneland November in 2015 at \$650,000, and she is carrying her third foal after coming up empty the past two seasons.

"Meandering is a mare we have in partnership with Newsells Park," Bozo said. "We bought her in America in foal to War Front and that colt [Moutier] turned out to be a winner."

Meandering is a half-sister to the dual Group 1-winning sprinter and sire Dutch Art (GB) and a full-sister to the G2 Blandford S. winner and Classic-placed Up (Ire), who provided the pedigree with a nice update this year courtesy of her 2-year-old Monarch of Egypt, a 'TDN Rising Star' and second in the G1 Phoenix S. Another half-sister has produced the multiple group-placed Grecian Light (Ire) (Shamardal).

"She's by Galileo who is a great broodmare sire," Bozo said. "Monarch of Egypt gives her a nice update in her pedigree and there is speed too with Dutch Art, so again the type of mating that has seemed to work with Zoustar. Meandering is a very neat, quality mare, very feminine."

The quality, of course, does not stop at that trio in the Monceaux draft. The 8-year-old **Legende Bleue (GB)** (Galileo {Ire}) (lot 127) is another daughter of Galileo on offer, and being in foal to Siyouni means her resulting foal will represent the same cross as this year's G1 Prix du Jockey Club winner Sottsass (Fr).

"Legende Bleue is a Galileo mare from a very strong Wildenstein family," Bozo said.



Henri Bozo | Zuzanna Lupa

“She is a sister to plenty of good horses: Lil’Wing (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) won the G3 Prix de Flore; Louve Royale (Ire) (Peintre Celebre) was a stakes winner and Loup Breton (Ire) (Anabaa) was a group winner and second in the G1 Prix Ganay. It’s one of the strongest Wildenstein families. She’s still quite young and she’s in foal to Siyouni, and Siyouni with Galileo has been very successful. She’s a mare with quite a lot of potential in her.”

Legende Bleue’s placed 2-year-old son of Kingman (GB), Legende d’Art (Ire), realized 400,000gns as a yearling last year and the mare has a yearling filly by Lope de Vega (Ire) and a colt foal by Fastnet Rock (Aus) to come. Legende Bleue’s 3-year-old and first foal Legende d’Or (GB) (Dansili {GB}) is also in the sale as [lot 144](#).

Also in foal to Siyouni and from the same family as Zotilla is **Fashion Family (Fr)** (Frankel {GB}) ([lot 175](#)), an unraced half-sister to the G2 Prix Robert Papin winner and G1 Prix Morny second Family One (Fr) (Dubai Destination) who is carrying her first foal.

“Fashion Family is a spectacular mare,” said Bozo. “She’s by Frankel and she’s a half to Family One. She comes from a fast and precocious family. She’s by Frankel, and she’s just spectacular: she’s very well-made, she walks well, she’s extraordinarily attractive with a lot of depth, and the pedigree is very lively with speed. People will love her when they see her. The pedigree is serious and it’s very nice to have a Frankel mare as a young broodmare.”

Star Of Bristol (lot 137) is another by a rising broodmare sire in Speightstown and in foal to a hot sire in Lope de Vega carrying her second foal. What’s more, she is a half-sister to Classic winner and sire Mastercraftsman (Ire).

“Star of Bristol is very well-bred,” Bozo said. “Her first foal is a colt by Almanzor and he’s a neat, powerful colt, very well made and a very good first foal, and she’s carrying to Lope de Vega, who is one of the hottest stallions in Europe.”

Bozo said he thinks Star Of Bristol is a mare that will have real global appeal.

“Everybody knows that pedigree and everybody knows Speightstown and Lope de Vega,” he said. “She’s one of the nicest young, in-foal mares in the catalogue I think.”

The consignment also includes a trio of young fillies with stakes form. The 3-year-old **Madeleine Must (Fr)** (Motivator {GB}) ([lot 185](#)) won the Listed Prix de la Cochere at Longchamp in September and is offered with the potential to race on. Madeleine Must will most certainly be a success story for owner/breeder Guy Heald, who bought her back for €1,500 at this sale as a foal.

“She’ll be very attractive for a lot of people because she’s

one of the few racing prospects in the catalogue at that level,” Bozo said. “She’s got a great turn of foot and she won in Longchamp very impressively and she ran very well [when sixth] in the G1 Sun Chariot in Newmarket. She’s a nice, neat mare who is sound for racing and breeding. I could see her attracting some American interest. Madeleine Must would suit American racing because she has a nice turn of foot and she likes a bit of pace in the race.”

Another stakes winner in the draft is the 4-year-old filly **Eleni (Fr)** (Kendargent {Fr}) ([lot 142](#)), who took Hanover’s mile and a quarter Listed Grosser Preis der Hannoverschen Volksbank S. in June. Her 3-year-old half-brother We Go (Fr) (No Nay Never) won over 6 1/2 furlongs in Deauville just last week, having been listed-placed earlier in the season and third in last year’s G3 Prix de Cabourg. The third dam, Exciting Times (Fr), produced the Grade I winner Gorella (Fr) (Grape Tree Road {GB}) and the dual group winner Royal Intervention (Ire) (Exceed and Excel {Aus}).

“Eleni is a stakes winner and Kendargent is interesting to have as a broodmare sire, and so is Danehill Dancer [her broodmare sire],” Bozo said. “Eleni was a good performer in Germany and she won in France, too. She’s a half to a good horse, We Go, who won a nice conditions race [last week] in Deauville. She’s a nice, young broodmare prospect.”



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DERBY WINNER TO EXCEL IN HONG KONG

The International Jockeys' Challenge in Hong Kong is an event I always enjoyed, even though I had very little luck whenever I rode in it. But I loved my trips there--obviously the racing is very competitive, and everything is very professionally organised by the Hong Kong Jockey Club.

This year's line-up of jockeys was the best group of international riders we've seen for quite a while but I was disappointed that there wasn't an American rider there. That was the only thing I felt was missing and it was great to see the winners shared about between Ryan Moore, Colin Keane and Vincent Ho. Karis Teetan claimed the top spot, however. Born in Mauritius, he went to the jockey school in South Africa and in recent years he has settled into the Hong Kong system. Karis has been doing really well to be challenging for the championship in the last couple of seasons and I think it's only a matter of time before he is crowned champion in Hong Kong.

There's no getting away from the fact that being on home ground is a huge advantage to the jockeys who are riding regularly at Happy Valley on a weekly basis. It's a unique track. There are very few courses in Europe that are as tight and as speed-oriented as Happy Valley. Local knowledge is definitely an advantage but the top international riders can come to the fore with the right horse and a good draw. I always found it fascinating to ride there and it was a place that every time I came home I felt I had learned something on the trip.

The action switches to Sha Tin for Sunday's International

Meeting and it is a real contrast to Happy Valley. Sha Tin is a big galloping track where the European horses are a bit more at home, though it can be a very demanding trip for them at this stage of the year.

This Sunday's action is a great advertisement for race mares. While it's a shame that Almond Eye (Jpn) (Lord Kanaloa {Jpn}) was unable to travel from Japan, there's Magic Wand (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) and Deirdre (Jpn) (Harbinger {GB}), both of whom are Group 1 winners this season, as well as True Self (Ire) (Oscar {Ire}) for Willie Mullins. She's a mare who has come up through bumpers and has quite a National Hunt pedigree but, like Magic Wand, was also a group winner in Australia recently.

Deirdre has been away from her home stable for so long so it was a great credit to her connections for her to have won at Goodwood then to run so well without luck on her side in the G1 Irish Champion S. and go on to Ascot. She's done everything you could ask of her and it would be great to see her end her season on a high with a big run at Sha Tin.

Magic Wand is as tough as teak and coming back off her win, but my big fancy of the meeting is Anthony Van Dyck (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}). I think this racetrack will play to his strengths, as opposed to Santa Anita. Ryan Moore can ride him in a nice forward position wherever he is comfortable and he should be able to hit top gear in that big long straight.

He's a big horse and I don't think he was seen at his best on the tighter track of Santa Anita. Let's hope he can reproduce what he did earlier in the year at Epsom.

The public have great affection for Prince Of Arran (Ire) (Shirocco {Ger}) of course, and what a horse he would be to own. Charlie Fellowes has done an excellent job with him and he seems to thrive on travel. I'm sure he'll run a very good race but, for me, Anthony Van Dyck just has a little bit more ability at a mile and a half.



Anthony Van Dyck training in Hong Kong | racingfotos.com



Deirdre on the bridle at Sha Tin | racingfotos.com

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Joining The Pinhooking Ranks

This season was our first time buying foals and it was obviously a learning experience. We were lucky to buy one from Goffs and one from Tattersalls to resell next year, hopefully. It's a whole different discipline to buying any other horse and only time will tell how good we are at doing that or not.

We pushed the boat out a bit and bought a Caravaggio filly. A lot of people seemed to be sweet on his foals and I was surprised that we were able to buy one. His foals had a huge amount of quality and presence and I was a big admirer of the stallion as a racehorse. Hopefully his progeny will be able to help to continue the Scat Daddy sireline.

We're only small breeders but I love to use stallions that I have admired on the track. Obviously they have to be a good match physically for the mare but a lot of our decision-making would come down to the stallion's performance on the racecourse. Highland Reel (Ire) is another horse who was very successful in his racing days and his first offspring also appear to have sold very well in the last few weeks, and I saw some really good foals by Ribchester (Ire), too.

The trade was very strong and anything that we seemed to like was very difficult to buy. It's good for the industry to see such a strong market and it seems to have carried on through the mares' sale as well. There's been a real buzz to the season and we've enjoyed dipping a toe in the water. I'll tell you next year if it was a success or not.

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TATTERSALLS DECEMBER WINDS DOWN



Coplow, the 2.1-million gns Tattersalls December top lot | Tattersalls

The curtain came down on Tattersalls's 2019 sales season on Thursday with a final low-key session of the December Mares Sale. A total of 107 horses were offered on the day, with 74 (69%) changing hands for an aggregate of 277,300gns. The average of 3,747gns was down 31% from the same session last year, while the median dipped 7% to 2,500gns. Kingman (GB) in all forms had been a popular attraction throughout the sale, and his 3-year-old daughter Winterkoenigin (GB) (lot 2281) took top billing on Thursday with a final bid of 22,000gns from Badgers Bloodstock.

While the sale's cumulative aggregate dipped slightly to 57,790,900gns from a smaller catalogue than last year, the average and median both enjoyed gains, up 4% (86,513gns) and 32% (27,000gns), respectively. The number of lots sold for 500,000gns-plus (27) and 200,000gns-plus (81) were both up on last year.

"Vibrant international demand is the hallmark of so many sales at Tattersalls and the 2019 December Mares Sale has yet again demonstrated the enduring appeal, not only of this historic fixture, but also of quality European bloodstock," said Tattersalls Chairman Edmond Mahony. "The Tattersalls December Sale is an extraordinary magnet for Thoroughbred breeders from throughout the world and this year's sale has more than lived up to its reputation as probably the most international bloodstock sale in the world.

"We have been fortunate to have had some outstanding December catalogues in recent years and it may be fair to say that the 2019 renewal lacked a little of the usual depth, but buyers from throughout the world have competed fiercely for the best fillies and mares all week, and we can reflect on a very positive end to the Tattersalls sales season.

"A record-breaking 27 lots sold for 500,000gns or more and the unprecedented 81 lots which made 200,000gns or more are a very clear indication of the sustained demand for the best European breeding stock and for the enduring appeal of the Tattersalls December Sale.

"The obvious highlight of the week was the 2.1 million guineas sale of Jeanette McCreery's outstanding broodmare Coplow. Jeanette and her late husband Bob have achieved so much success over the years and the sale of Coplow was a magnificent tribute to their years of commitment to our industry.

"Consignors from Britain, Ireland and France have all enjoyed conspicuous success this week and buyers from every continent in the world have all made a significant contribution with the 30 highest-priced lots attracting new domestic investment as well as buyers from America, Australia, France, Japan, Saudi Arabia, South Africa and Spain.

"In other sectors of the market we have seen equally diverse participation, notably from Argentina, Hong Kong, India, Morocco, Turkey as well as from throughout Europe. We should recognise the contribution made by our wide network of overseas representatives all of whom have helped to create such spectacular and consistent international demand, not just at the December Sale, but at Tattersalls sales throughout the year.

"For the third consecutive year our annual turnover has reached more than 300 million guineas and, as ever, we extend our thanks to each and every vendor and purchaser whose consistent support is the crucial element in any successful year at Tattersalls."

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Tattersalls December Mares Sale Leading Buyers (gns)

Buyer	No.	Average	Aggregate
BBA Ireland	26	132,596	3,447,500
Rob Speers/Old Mill Stud	7	327,857	2,295,000
MV Magnier	1	2,100,000	2,100,000
Kern/Lillingston Assoc.	6	309,167	1,855,000
Blandford Bloodstock	11	152,727	1,680,000
Katsumi Yoshida	3	530,000	1,590,000
Eaton Bloodstock	2	762,500	1,525,000
London T'bred Services	2	712,500	1,425,000
Haif Trading	6	184,167	1,105,000
Badgers Bloodstock	3	355,667	1,067,000

Tattersalls December Mares Sale Leading Vendors (gns)

Buyer	No.	Average	Aggregate
The Castlebridge Consignment	62	164,653	10,208,500
European Sales Management	13	458,538	5,961,000
Juddmonte Farms	36	110,250	3,969,000
Highclere Stud	9	264,444	2,380,000
Tweenhills Farm & Stud	20	117,350	2,347,000
Stowell Hill Stud	1	2,100,000	2,100,000
The National Stud Ltd.	27	74,137	2,001,700
New England Stud	20	97,340	1,946,800
Newsells Park Stud Ltd.	15	128,933	1,934,000
Norelands Stud, Ireland	14	126,000	1,764,000



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SESSION TOTALS	2019	2018
• Catalogued	145	203
• Number Offered	107	153
• Number Sold	74	113
• Not Sold	33	40
• Clearance Rate	69%	74%
• High Price	22,000gns	68,000gns
• Gross	277,300gns	609,500gns
• Average (% change)	3,747gns (-31%)	5,394gns
• Median (% change)	2,500gns (-17%)	3,000gns

CUMULATIVE	2019	2018
• Catalogued	1,025	1,098
• Number Offered	812	878
• Number Sold	668	728
• Not Sold	144	150
• Clearance Rate	82%	83%
• No. \$500K+	27	22
• High Price	2,100,000gns	2,400,000gns
• Gross	57,790,900gns	60,712,100gns
• Average (% change)	86,513gns (+4%)	83,396
• Median (% change)	27,000gns (+32%)	20,500gns

THE GRAND VISIR REROUTED TO JAN SALE

The Grand Visir (GB) (Frankel {GB}), winner of this year's Ascot S. at Royal Ascot, has been scratched from Friday's Goffs UK December HIT Sale and will be offered instead at the firm's Doncaster January Sale.

The 5-year-old The Grand Visir is trained by Ian Williams and has won five of 17 starts. He was last seen finishing third in a Wolverhampton handicap on Oct. 23.

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TBA STALLION PARADE DATES ANNOUNCED

The Thoroughbred Breeders' Association's annual Flat Stallion Parade will be held on Jan. 30 at Park Paddocks prior to the start of the Tattersalls February Sale. A number of first- and second-season sires will be paraded in the sales ring before joining other visiting stallions in the Left and Right yards for viewing throughout the day.

The TBA's National Hunt Stallion Showcase will be held on Jan. 21 at Goffs UK's Doncaster complex. Stallions will be paraded upon request throughout the opening day of the firm's January Sale. TBA Chief Executive Claire Sheppard said, "The TBA stallion events have now firmly cemented themselves in the breeding calendar, with many breeders taking the opportunity to view a number of stallions at the two convenient locations ahead of the start of the covering season. We are, as ever, thankful for our headline event sponsors Goffs UK and Tattersalls, as well as our supporters Weatherbys GSB and Racing TV, without whom we could not deliver these events.

"I look forward to speaking with breeders at the events in January and the TBA team will be on hand to assist anyone who is interested in getting involved in the industry."

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FUNDRAISER ORGANIZED FOR CRONIN FAMILY

A **Go Fund Me campaign** has been organized for the family of James Cronin, who died in an accident in Newmarket on Tuesday. By midday on Thursday, €32,395 had been raised to assist Cronin's family and with his funeral expenses within the first 24 hours of the campaign—exceeding the campaign's €20,000 goal. Donate at www.gofundme.com/f/james-cronin.

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FIRST-SEASON SIRES WITH RUNNERS

UNITED KINGDOM

Fountain of Youth (Ire) (Oasis Dream {GB}), Bearstone Stud
71 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners
15:50-NEWCASTLE, 8f, PEARL STREAM (GB)

Gleneagles (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), Coolmore Stud
111 foals of racing age/25 winners/3 black-type winners
16:25-NEWCASTLE, 6f, GLEN FORCE (Ire)
€160,000 Goffs Orby Yearling Sale 2018
16:25-NEWCASTLE, 6f, QUEEN'S COURSE (Ire)
90,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2018 - Book 1

Outstrip (GB) (Exceed And Excel {Aus}), Dalham Hall Stud
106 foals of racing age/22 winners/1 black-type winner
15:50-NEWCASTLE, 8f, SPEED DATING (Fr)
€37,000 Arqana Deauville October Yearlings 2018

FRANCE

Amaron (GB) (Shamardal), Gestut Etzean
44 foals of racing age/7 winners/0 black-type winners
1-LYON LA SOIE, 1800m, CLASSIC MIND (Ger)
€20,000 Baden-Baden Sept. Yearling Sale 2018

Mubaarez (GB) (Green Desert), Haras de Saint Roch
5 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
3-LYON LA SOIE, 1800m, REINE VERA (Fr)

Outstrip (GB) (Exceed And Excel {Aus}), Dalham Hall Stud
106 foals of racing age/22 winners/1 black-type winner
5-LYON LA SOIE, 1800m, MISS ROAZHON (GB)
€1,500 Arqana December Breeding Stock Sale 2017 - English Version; 800gns RNA Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2018 - Book 3; £5,500 Tattersalls Ireland Ascot 2yo Breeze Up Sale 2019

IRELAND

Gutaifan (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}), Yeomanstown Stud
166 foals of racing age/27 winners/0 black-type winners
2-DUNDALK, 7f, BANCHORY (Ire)

Hallowed Crown (Aus) (Street Sense), Kildangan Stud
77 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners
2-DUNDALK, 7f, NICE MISTAKE (Ire)
€7,500 Goffs November Foals Sale 2017; €6,000 Goffs Open
Yearling Sale 2018; €8,000 Tattersalls Ireland Goresbridge
Breeze Up Sale 2019

Ivawood (Ire) (Zebedee {GB}), Haras de Mont Goubert
100 foals of racing age/14 winners/2 black-type winners
2-DUNDALK, 7f, ROSIEWOOD (Ire)
€1,000 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearlings 2018

Karakontie (Jpn) (Bernstein), Gainesway Farm
88 foals of racing age/9 winners/3 black-type winners
2-DUNDALK, 7f, IN THE PRESENT



Gutaifan | Yeomanstown Stud

BRITAIN

**Thursday's Results:**

2nd-Kempton, £6,000, Mdn, 12-5, 2yo, 7f (AWT), 1:25.21, st/sl.
SKY COMMANDER (IRE) (c, 2, War Command--Queen of Skies {Ire}, by Shamardal), whose sole outing came when eighth in a six-furlong Leicester maiden May 28, tracked the early leaders against the rail. Seizing control with two furlongs remaining, the 5-4 favourite stayed on strongly to register a seven-length success from Katzoff (Ire) (Mastercraftsman {Ire}). The winner is the only foal out of a half-sister to Bateel (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}), the G1 Prix Vermeille, G2 Prix de Pomone and G2 Prix Corrida

winner who was also second in the G1 QIPCO British Champions Fillies & Mares S. Sales history: 45,000gns Ylg '18 TAOCT. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$5,086. O-Saeed Manana; B-Sheikhnizar Anwar Abulijadayel (IRE); T-James Tate.

4th-Kempton, £6,000, Mdn, 12-5, 2yo, 8f (AWT), 1:39.76, st/sl.
ITKAANN (IRE) (c, 2, Gutaifan {Ire}--Mimisiel {GB} {SP-Eng}, by Selkirk), trying Polytrack for the first time after an absence having finished second in a ffos Las novice over slightly shorter July 29, was smartly away and raced in a close-up second early. Sent to the front with 2 1/2 furlongs remaining, the 3-1 second favourite asserted to score by five lengths from Shumba (Kitten's Joy). The listed-placed dam, who also has a filly foal by El Kabeir, is a granddaughter of the G2 Prix du Gros-Chene and G3 Molecomb S. winner Millyant (GB) (Primo Dominie {GB}). Sales history: €95,000 Wlg '17 GOFNOV; 75,000gns Ylg '18 TAOCT. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$7,273. O-Sheikh Ahmed bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Hyde Park Stud (IRE); T-Owen Burrows.

5th-Kempton, £6,000, Mdn, 12-5, 2yo, 8f (AWT), 1:41.81, st/sl.
MAKE IT RAIN (IRE) (f, 2, Night of Thunder {Ire}--Badalona {GB}, by Cape Cross {Ire}), fifth last time over this trip on heavy ground at Doncaster Oct. 25, travelled strongly behind the leading duo throughout the early stages. Committed with two furlongs remaining, the 7-2 shot powered clear and hit the line with 3 1/4 lengths to spare over Believe In Love (Ire) (Make Believe {GB}). Indigo Lake (GB) (Frankel {GB}), the full-brother to this year's G2 Prix de Sandringham winner and G1 Prix Rothschild third Obligate (GB), was green early but after making progress from behind was hampered en route to finishing fifth. The dam is a half-sister to the listed-winning Badminton (GB) (Zieten) who was also runner-up in the G2 Lowther S. and third in the G1 Cheveley Park S. and the group-placed Cala (Fr) (Desert Prince {Ire}) and Fox (GB) (Diktat {GB}). Also connected to the GII Las Palmas H. and GIII Matchmaker S. scorer Roshani (Fantastic Light). Her yearling colt is by Dawn Approach (Ire). Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$5,086. O-Sheikh Marwan Al Maktoum; B-Rabbah Bloodstock Limited (IRE); T-Simon Crisford.

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6th-Kempton, £6,000, Mdn, 12-5, 2yo, f, 8f (AWT), 1:39.45, st/sl.

DELTA'S ROYALTY (IRE) (f, 2, Galileo {Ire})--Royal Delta {Ch. 3-y-o Filly-US, 2x Ch. Older Mare-US, MGSW-US, \$4,811,126}, by Empire Maker), made the 4-6 favourite on this debut, raced greenly on the fence in mid-division early. Driven three out, the bay made headway up the inner to earn the lead with a furlong remaining and asserted despite drifting left to beat Samille (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}) by 3/4 of a length. The winner is the first foal out of the esteemed Royal Delta, six-times grade I heroine and all-round celebrity, who is also a half to the GI Maker's 46 Mile S. winner Delta Prince (Street Cry {Ire}) and GI Queen Elizabeth II Challenge Cup heroine Crown Queen (Smart Strike). This is also the family of the G1 Gran Criterium-winning sire Biondetti (Bernardini) and the GI Garden City Breeders' Cup winner Indy Five Hundred (A.P. Indy). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$5,086. O-Mr Benjamin Leon Jr; B-Besilu Stables LLC (IRE); T-R Varian.

CONDITIONS RESULT:

3rd-Southwell, £5,300, 12-5, 3yo/up, 6f 16y (AWT), 1:15.35, st.
SOMMER KATZE (FR) (g, 3, Sommerabend {GB})--Forward Feline {Ire}, by One Cool Cat) Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, \$10,506. O-Mr F. Gillespie; B-Mme Debra Hooper (FR); T-D Carroll. *€4,000 Ylg '17 DEANOV; £32,000 2yo '18 GOFBRE.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Phuket Power (Ire), g, 2, Kodiac (GB)--Brazilian Bride (Ire) (GSW-Eng, \$123,098), by Pivotal (GB). Kempton, 12-5, 7f (AWT), 1:27.01. B-Herbertstown House Stud (IRE). *€75,000 Ylg '18 GOFOR. **1/2 to Rivellino (GB) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), MSW-Eng, \$280,594.

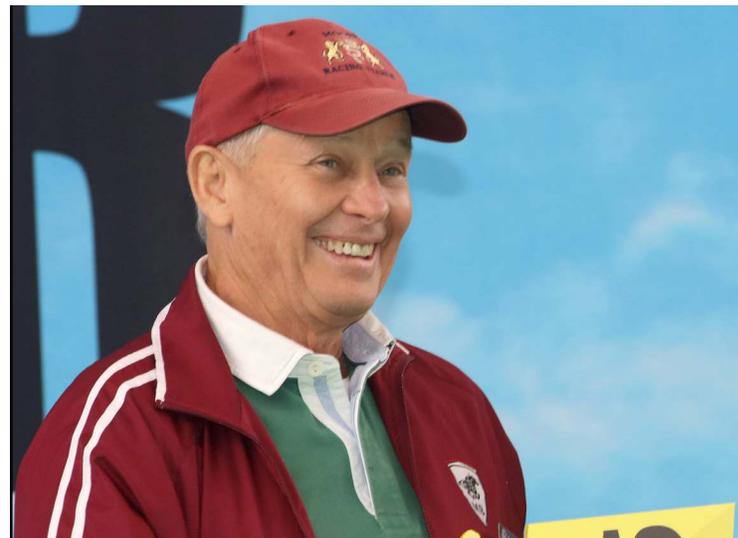
Amarillo Star (Ire), c, 2, Society Rock (Ire)--Neutrina (Ire), by Hector Protector. Kempton, 12-5, 6f (AWT), 1:12.37. B-Mr Kenneth Purcell (IRE). *€34,000 Wlg '17 GOFNOV; £38,000 RNA Ylg '18 GOUKPR. **1/2 to Heaven's Vault (Ire) (Hernando {Fr}), GSP-Fr.

Celtic Prince (GB), g, 4, Shamardal--Opera Comique (Fr) (GSP-Ire), by Singspiel (Ire). Meydan, 12-5, Mdn (AED165k), 1600m, NH & SH 4yo/up, 1:39.127, ft. Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-1, \$35,985. O-Bouresly Racing Syndicate. B-Godolphin (GB). T-Rashed Bouresly. *1/2 to Debussy (Ire) (Diesis {GB}), GISW-US, MGSW & G1SP-Eng, GSW-Fr, 1,294,560; Laugh Aloud (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}), GSW-Eng, \$132,709.

Grand Argentier (Fr), g, 7, Palace Episode--Ashkadima (Ire), by Ashkalani (Ire). Meydan, 12-5, Hcp. (AED190k), 1600m, NH & SH 4yo/up, 1:41.26, ft. Lifetime Record: SP-Fr, 41-5-8-5, \$249,420. O-EERC (Mgr: Mrs Rebecca Byrne). B-Claude Lambert (Fr). T-Doug Watson. *€6,000 yrl '13 ARQ; €22,000 RNA '14 ARQJUL; 80,000gns '15 TATJUL.

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MOORE FAVOURITES LAND PLUM HKIR DRAWS *by Alan Carasso*



It was all smiles for John Moore after selecting gate 10 for Hong Kong Sprint favourite Aethero | HKJC photo

HONG KONG -- A cold wind was blowing through the Sha Tin parade ring when fields were drawn Thursday morning for the four races that comprise the Longines Hong Kong International Races, but trainer John Moore was certain to have been feeling at least a bit of inner warmth after his two likely favourites drew barriers that should suit their styles. **Aethero (Aus)** (Sebring {Aus}) will attempt to become the first 3-year-old winner of the G1 Longines Hong Kong Sprint, and, after expressing his desire for an outside alley, Moore was duly pleased after the strapping gelding landed gate 10 in a field of 14.

"I'm happy with barrier 10, it's not a bad gate at all--I was



EUROPEAN-BRED WINNERS

IN DUBAI:

Commanding (Ire), c, 2, Camacho (GB)--Chateau Dauphin, by First Defense. Meydan, 12-5, Cond. (AED240k), 1600m, NH 2yo & SH 3yo, 1:41.26, ft. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$48,197. O-Nasir Askar. B-Thomas Hassett (Ire). T-Satish Seemar. *€15,000 yrl '18 TATSEP; €55,000 HRA '19 TATMAY.

looking for eight,” Moore told the HKJC’s David Morgan. “There’s a lot of pace influence inside him, but he’ll gather pace quickly and that’ll give him options to where he wants to be.” Later he added, “He can be a fraction slow to begin with before he gets into that high tempo. It gives a chance to weigh up the options.”

Aethero completed his race preparations Thursday with a gallop along the riverside part of the track and Moore believes the gelding is ready for Sunday’s assignment.

“He’s very exciting, he has an engine,” Moore said. “He looks like he could go on to be a champion. He’s got everything about him--appearance, stride, the athleticism, it’s very exciting.”

Beauty Generation (NZ) (Road to Rock {Aus}) will have a chance to equal the record of Good Ba Ba (Lear Fan) when he shoots for a third straight win as the likely betting choice in Sunday’s G1 Longines Hong Kong Mile. The 7-year-old will begin from stall five, while another pace presence **Ka Ying Star (GB)** (Cityscape {GB}) drew the fence.

“He’s drawn gate five and that gives him the opportunity to gather speed and let Ka Ying Star go to the front. In all probability he’ll be racing outside the leader,” Moore told Morgan.

Beauty Generation, who rides a two-race losing streak into Sunday’s Mile, pleased Moore in his final pre-race gallop Thursday morning.

“We’ve done a few other things in the stable, which I sat down and discussed with the stable staff--routine things that we could implement to make sure that there was nothing left to chance. We’ve done all we can,” he said.

Dual Group 1-winning miler **Indy Champ (Jpn)** (Stay Gold {Jpn}) will leave from gate three and should enjoy a good run in transit, while the connections of **Persian Knight (Jpn)** (Harbinger {GB}) would have been far happier than last year after he drew gate six Thursday. He was saddled with post 14 when fifth to Beauty Generation last December. **Waikuku (Ire)** (Harbour Watch {Ire}), who won the G2 Jockey Club Mile last time, will have to overcome the 10 hole. **Exultant (Ire)** (Teofilo {Ire}) is also going for back-to-back HKIR victories in the G1 Longines Hong Kong Vase (2400m), but he was done the fewest favours at the draw, and it will be up to Zac Purton to work out the right trip from gate 14. But don’t call trainer Tony Cruz worried.

“I don’t like him to be stuck in traffic going fast and slow,” the conditioner told *South China Morning Post*. “I’m sure there’s one or two horses who will lead and to be on their outside is even better. I’d prefer to be out there--I’m happy with the draw.”

Team Ballydoyle were equally luckless at the draw, with G1 Investec Derby hero **Anthony Van Dyck (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire})--who races with blinkers for the first time Sunday--and **Mount Everest (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) drawn immediately inside of the favourite. **Deirdre (Jpn)** (Harbinger {GB}) and **Lucky Lilac (Jpn)** (Orfevre {Jpn}) landed the two innermost stalls.

With just eight runners signed on for the G1 Longines Hong Kong Cup, the draw becomes somewhat less critical. **Magic Wand (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) is the potential market leader and will begin from stall two beneath Ryan Moore, while the Archipenko full-brothers **Time Warp (GB)** and **Glorious Forever (GB)**--winners of the Cup in 2017 and 2018, respectively, drew in six and five, and are expected to fuel the pace.

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PURTON BELIEVES AETHERO IS WORTH THE ‘WEIGHT’ by Alan Carasso



Zac Purton

HONG KONG--Two-time reigning Hong Kong champion jockey has been fighting the ‘battle of the bulge’--so to speak--over the last two months or so, preparing himself for the ride aboard **Aethero (Aus)** (Sebring {Aus}), the likely favourite in Sunday’s G1 Longines Hong Kong Sprint at Sha Tin.

The Australian is tied for the most wins in HKIR history on eight victories (along with Gerald Mosse) and completed the set with Time Warp (GB) (Archipenko) in the 2017 Longines Hong Kong Cup. He has at least one winner at the international meeting every year bar one since 2012 and he has an outstanding chance to extend that streak this weekend, though making the 117 pounds has not been easy.

“I’ve been sitting here with my back to the buffet tables,” Purton quipped to Australian journalist Steve Moran during a Thursday morning press conference. “I don’t think comfortably is the right word, there’s a lot of pain that goes with it. I knew about seven weeks ago that it was going to be on the cards, so I’ve continually turned the screw as we got closer to game day.

He continued, “I’m cutting out a lot of things--basically just eating fruit and vegetables, drinking plenty of water, making sure my kidneys are nice and clean. I’ll be dehydrating myself as much as I can between now and the weekend, but I feel good. I’ve done it the right way. I’ve trained very hard and I’m looking forward to it.”

Purton believes he is sitting on a powder keg of a horse.

“It’s the first time in 12 1/2 years here that I can remember riding this weight, so obviously I think he’s a special horse and he could be worth it, so hopefully that’s the case,” he said. “Whatever training I was doing, I’ve sort of double or tripled that, cut the meal portions right down. Funny enough, I don’t really feel that hungry anymore.”

Aethero is five-from-six lifetime heading into Sunday’s race, for which he drew gate 10.

“He’s untapped at the moment. What he’s doing at the moment has been very impressive,” Purton said. “I haven’t seen a horse in my time in Hong Kong do what he’s been able to do as quickly as he’s done it and get to the level that he’s at now. He gets in with a really light weight, which is an advantage. His rating suggests that he is not the best horse in the race yet, but at the weights, it puts him in a good position. I think everything is still ahead of him. We don’t know how good he can be.”

Purton describes Aethero as a laid-back animal, but admits sometimes that otherwise-positive habit can be a detriment.

“That trait can be a little bit of his downfall when he’s in the gates--he can go to sleep a little bit--so he needs to bounce as quick as he can and get into his rhythm as quick as he can,” he said. “You’ve just got to hang on and roll with him. But he’s not the finished product. Mentally he’s still got a lot to learn, I suppose that’s one of the good things about him going forward as well.”

Purton has two other sound rides at the weekend, as he goes for back-to-back wins in the G1 Longines Hong Kong Vase atop **Exultant (Ire)** (Teofilo {Ire}) and for a third straight G1 Longines Hong Kong Mile with **Beauty Generation (NZ)** (Road to Rock {Aus}).

“Exultant has never let us down, he’s got a great set of lungs, he’s got a big heart. He throws everything he’s got out there on the track and it takes a good one to beat him,” he said.

As for two-time reigning horse of the year Beauty Generation, he admits, “The alarm bells are certainly ringing. He hasn’t been the horse that we know he was at his last couple of runs...but his body weight is bang-on now, he’s going well in the morning, he looks well. It’s up to the horse really. If the right horse turns up, he’s better than them--we know that. Just have to wait and see.”

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DUBAI

THE ENTISAR-LISTED, AED265,00, Meydan, 12-5, NH 3yo/up & SH 4yo/up, 2000m(a10f), 2:07.14, ft.

1–**MILITARY LAW (GB)**, 131, g, 4, **Dubawi (Ire)**–**Marine Bleue (Ire)** (SW-Fr, \$137,413), by **Desert Prince (Ire)**. (110,000gns HRA ‘19 TATJUL). O-Nasir Askar; B-Qatar Bloodstock Ltd (GB); T-M Al Mheiri; J-Antonio Fresnu, AED159,000. Lifetime Record: 8-4-1-0, \$83,826. *1/2 to Marina Piccola (Ire) (Halling), SW-Fr; and full to Wednaan (GB), GSP-UAE.

2–**Saltarin Dubai (Arg)**, 131, g, 7, E Dubai–Saltarina (Arg), by Fitzcarraldo (Arg). O-Ali Haddad, AED53,000.

3–**Gronkowski**, 131, c, 4, Lonhro (Aus)–Four Sugars, by Lookin At Lucky. (\$75,000 wnlg ‘15 KEENOV; 50,000gns yrl ‘16 TATOCT; 300,000gns 2yo ‘17 TATAPR). O-Phoenix Tbred III & Khalid bin Mishref, AED26,500.

Margins: 3, 1, 3.

Also Ran: New Trails, Manguzi (Fr), Mystique Moon (GB), Talento Puma (Arg).

Military Law, well beaten on his local debut in a 1600-meter Meydan handicap Nov. 21, travelled strongly under Antonio Fresu, and when given the cue, powered past G1 Dubai World Cup runner-up Gronkowski and Group 1-winning Saltarin Dubai, who set the early pace and had to settle for second. Gronkowski rounded out the top three. The winner was trained by Musabbeh Al Mheiri, who also took the Listed Garhoud Sprint with Ibn Malik one race later.

“He ran very good and I expected a big run,” said Al Mheiri. “He showed me a good sign after his last race when he was coming from behind, so this time I gave him more distance and he would be better--and he was. He’s a good horse.”



Military Law

Listed Entisar cont.

“Today, the horse jumped well and I got in a really good position behind Saltarin Dubai--followed him and tracked him,” explained winning rider Antonio Fresnu. “When Gronkowski came past me, I just moved on his back and my horse was still going really well, so he tried his best in the last stretch [of the race].”

Looking ahead, Fresnu added, “The horse came on a lot from his run and he was much better today. He needed a first run on the dirt and can still improve a bit. This is his first season running in the UAE and his first season running on the dirt and I think he will be a nice horse for the (Dubai World Cup) Carnival.”

THE GAROUD SPRINT-LISTED, AED265,000, Meydan, 12-5, 3yo/up, 1200m(a6f), 1:11.28, ft.

1–**IBN MALIK (IRE)**, 126, g, 6, **Raven’s Pass--Moon’s Whisper, by Storm Cat**. O-Sh. Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Shadwell Estate Co Ltd (Ire); T-Musabbeh Al Mhieri; J-Dane O’Neill, AED159,000. Lifetime Record: 23-3-4-4, \$275,417.

2–**Waady (Ire)**, 126, g, 7, Approve (Ire)--Anne Bonney (GB), by Jade Robbery. (€14,000 RNA wnlg ‘12 GOFNOV; €37,000 yrl ‘13 TISSEP; 240,000gns 2yo ‘14 TATAPR). O-Sh. Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum, AED53,000.

3–**Bochart (GB)**, 126, g, 6, Dubawi (Ire)--Camlet (GB), by Green Desert. O-Al Bait Mutawahed Team, AED26,500. Margins: 4 3/4, 5 3/4, 1.

Also Ran: Walking Thunder, Ekhtihaar (GB), Rusumaat (Ire), Nine Below Zero (GB), Inverleigh (Ire).

Ibn Malik, finished in the top three on a trio of occasions is group company in England in 2015, including a runner-up effort in the G2 Champagne S. at Doncaster. Victorious in Newmarket’s Listed European Free H. the following season, the gelding was expatriated to Dubai following a winless five-start season in 2017.

Runner up in this race last year, Ibn Malik was third during last winter’s Carnival in the G3 Al Shindagha Sprint and was fairly uninspired in a trio of events at a mile—including an eighth in his latest start in the G2 Godolphin Mile last March.

In a race that appeared competitive on paper, it turned out to be straightforward for Ibn Malik. The HH Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum homebred allowed the speed to unfold ahead of him as Dane O’Neill kept the chestnut in the clear, going four-wide around the turn and quickly inhaling his opposition en route to a 4¾-length victory over fellow Shadwell Stud colour-bearer Waady.

“These choices are never easy and it was a very difficult decision to make,” O’Neill said. “I won on Waady last time, so it was not easy to get off him, but I just decided Ibn Malik was the way to go because I thought the race would unfold to suit him. We have tried various trips and surfaces with this horse, but this is probably his optimum. He stays farther and runs well on turf, so is a great horse to be involved with.”



Ibn Malik

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Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong, post time: 4:10 p.m.

LONGINES HONG KONG CUP-G1, HK\$28,000,000 (£2,727,210/€3,227,098/A\$5,229,719/US\$3,576,655), 3yo/up, 2000mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	8	Win Bright (Jpn)	Stay Gold (Jpn)	Matsuoka	Hatakeyama	126
2	3	Rise High (Fr)	Myboycharlie (Ire)	Ho	Fownes	126
3	6	Time Warp (GB)	Archipenko	Teetan	Cruz	126
4	5	Glorious Forever (GB)	Archipenko	Purton	Lor	126
5	7	Dark Dream (Aus)	All American (Aus)	Lane	Lor	126
6	1	Furore (NZ)	Pierro (Aus)	Bowman	Lor	126
7	2	Magic Wand (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Moore	O'Brien	122
8	4	Edisa	Kitten's Joy	Pasquier	de Royer-Dupre	119

Breeders: 1-Cosmo View Farm; 2-Mme Marie-Claude Biadis; 3-Miss K Rausing; 4-Miss K Rausing; 5-Miss J E Healey (NSW); 6-GSA Bloodstock Pty Ltd; 7-Northern Farm; 8-Ecurie des Monceaux & Skymarc Farm Inc; 9-H H The Aga Khan's Studs SC (KY)

Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong, post time: 3:30 p.m.

LONGINES HONG KONG MILE-G1, HK\$25,000,000 (£2,435,246/€2,881,541/A\$4,670,140/US\$3,193,369), 3yo/up, 1600mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	5	Beauty Generation (NZ)	Road to Rock (Aus)	Purton	Moore	126
2	3	Indy Champ (Jpn)	Stay Gold (Jpn)	Lane	Otonashi	126
3	6	Persian Knight (Jpn)	Harbinger (GB)	Murphy	Ikee	126
4	10	Waikuku (Ire)	Harbour Watch (Ire)	Moreira	Size	126
5	2	Zaaki (GB)	Leroidesanimaux (Brz)	Moore	Stoute	126
6	1	Ka Ying Star (GB)	Cityscape (GB)	Teetan	Cruz	126
7	7	Simply Brilliant (GB)	Frankel (GB)	Badel	Lor	126
8	8	Citron Spirit (Ire)	Invincible Spirit (Ire)	Ho	Yiu	126
9	4	Admire Mars (Jpn)	Daiwa Major (Jpn)	Soumillon	Tomomichi	125
10	9	Normcore (Jpn) (f)	Harbinger (GB)	Lemaire	Hagiwara	122

Breeders: 1-Nearco Stud Ltd; 2-Northern Farm; 3-Oiwake Farm; 4-Shane Molan; 5-Miss K Rausing; 6-Kingsclere Stud; 7-Cheveley Park Stud Ltd; 8-Mrs E Bifova; 9-Northern Farm; 10-Northern Farm

Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong, post time: 2:20 p.m.

LONGINES HONG KONG SPRINT-G1, HK\$20,000,000 (£1,948,169/€2,305,125/A\$3,735,990/US\$2,554,706), 3yo/up, 1200mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	3	Beat the Clock (Aus)	Hinchinbrook (Aus)	Moreira	Size	126
2	13	D B Pin (NZ)	Darci Brahma (NZ)	Moore	Size	126
3	2	Mr Stunning (Aus)	Exceed and Excel (Aus)	Bowman	Lor	126
4	1	Hot King Prawn (Aus)	Denman (Aus)	Teetan	Size	126
5	6	Rattan (NZ)	Savabeel (Aus)	Schofield	Gibson	126
6	7	Little Giant (NZ)	Swiss Ace (Aus)	McDonald	Hall	126
7	8	Danon Smash (Jpn)	Lord Kanaloa (Jpn)	Dettori	Yasuda	126
8	11	Ivictory (Aus)	Mossman (Aus)	Sanna	Size	126
9	9	Wishful Thinker (Aus)	I Am Invincible (Aus)	Soumillon	Gibson	126
10	14	Seasons Bloom (Aus)	Captain Sonador (Aus)	van Niekerk	Shum	126
11	5	Full of Beauty (Aus)	Darci Brahma (NZ)	Ho	Size	126
12	12	Regency Legend (NZ)	Pins (Aus)	de Sousa	Shum	126
13	4	In Her Time (Aus) (f)	Time Thief (Aus)	Avdulla	Lees	122
14	10	Aethero (Aus)	Sebring (Aus)	Purton	Moore	117

Longines Hong Kong Sprint cont.

Breeders: 1-Miss J Henderson (NSW); 2-Mrs K N & W E Calder; 3-Makybe Racing & Breeding (Vic); 4-Torryburn Stud (NSW); 5-M H S & S H R Davison & Mrs M P Schick; 6-G Harvey; 7-K I Farm; 8-J Woods (NSW); 9-J Davies (Qld); 10-B M Nolan (Qld); 11-Nearco Stud Ltd (NSW); 12-Waikato Stud Ltd; 13-Estate of the Late D Cobcroft (NSW); 14-Wallings Bloodstock Pty Ltd (NSW)

Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong, post time: 1:40 p.m.

LONGINES HONG KONG VASE-G1, HK\$20,000,000 (£1,948,169/€2,305,125/A\$3,735,990/US\$2,554,706), 3yo/up, 2400mT

SC	PP	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT	
1	14	Exultant (Ire)	Teofilo (Ire)	Purton	Cruz	126
2	7	Glory Vase (Jpn)	Deep Impact (Jpn)	Moreira	Ozeki	126
3	11	Aspetar (Fr)	Al Kazeem (GB)	Watson	Charlton	126
4	9	Southern Legend (Aus)	Not A Single Doubt (Aus)	Sanna	Fownes	126
5	10	Young Rascal (Fr)	Intello (Ger)	Dettori	Haggas	126
6	4	Called To The Bar (GB)	Henrythenavigator	Guyon	Brandt	126
7	8	Prince of Arran (GB)	Shirocco (Ger)	Walker	Fellowes	126
8	3	Eagle Way (Aus)	More Than Ready	McDonald	Moore	126
9	5	Ho Ho Khan (NZ)	Makfi (GB)	Ho	Hall	126
10	2	Deirdre (Jpn) (f)	Harbinger (GB)	Murphy	Hashida	122
11	1	Lucky Lilac (Jpn) (f)	Orfevre (Jpn)	Soumillon	Matsunaga	122
12	6	True Self (Ire) (f)	Oscar (Ire)	McEvoy	Mullins	122
13	12	Anthony Van Dyck (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Moore	O'Brien	121
14	13	Mount Everest (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Lordan	O'Brien	121

Breeders: 1-Ballygallon Stud Ltd; 2-Lake Villa Farm; 3-Sheikh Mohammed bin Khalifa al Thani; 4-; 5-SAS Ecurie Peregrine; 6-Fair Salinia Ltd; 7-Rabbah Bloodstock Limited; 8-; 9-G Harvey; 10-Northern Farm; 11-Northern Farm; 12-Don Cantillon; 13-Orpendale, Chelston & Wynatt; 14-Niarchos Family

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SHUTTLE STARS ON OFFER IN 2020



American Pharoah | Sarah Andrew

by John Berry

Among a strong line-up of new shuttle-stallions represented by their first locally-conceived yearlings at the forthcoming Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale and/or the Inglis Classic Yearling Sale, one name stands out (on racecourse achievements, anyway) as primus inter pares: the 2015 US Triple Crown hero American Pharoah (USA) (Pioneerof The Nile {USA}). A particular bonus for this mighty horse from an antipodean point of view is that he is already a proven sire. He did not shuttle after his first US stud season at Ashford in Kentucky in 2016, not heading south until the following year, so he has already had one crop of juveniles representing him in the Northern Hemisphere. This crop has produced a solid collection of stakes performers on both sides of the Atlantic, giving a strong early hint that he could be about to establish himself as a leading international sire.

Another in the same boat is Cable Bay (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) who has been one of the stars of the first season sires in Europe this summer, his winners headed by G3 Molecomb S. heroine Liberty Beach (GB). Hailing from the family of former multiple NZ Champion Sire Volksraad (GB) (Green Desert {USA}) and a product of the same sire-line, Cable Bay looks sure to establish himself as a valuable asset to the Victorian sires' ranks.

His stock have been selling very well in Europe this autumn, with his yearlings during the past autumn selling for up to 320,000 gns (AU\$638,400). Cable Bay recorded his biggest win when taking the G2 Dubai Challenge S. over the last seven furlongs of the Rowley Mile at Newmarket Oct. 9 in 2015. Another of the new sires enjoyed his finest hour up exactly the same strip of ground the following day when Air Force Blue (USA) (War Front {USA}) wrapped up juvenile championship honours by justifying odds-on favouritism by 3.25l in the G1 Dubai Dewhurst S. The son of War Front, who stands alongside American Pharoah at Ashford Stud in his Northern-Hemisphere seasons, had already taken the G1 Keeneland Phoenix S. and the G1 Goffs Vincent O'Brien National S. in Ireland, and any triple Group 1 winning juvenile clearly has to be taken very seriously at stud, as his 16 six-figure yearlings sold during the past Northern-Hemisphere autumn suggest.

Air Force Blue is not the only Dewhurst winner among the new batch of shuttlers. Belardo (Ire) (Lope De Vega {Ire}) won the same race in 2014 and subsequently reinforced his merit by recording a Group 1 weight-for-age victory, taking the G1 Al Shaqab Lockinge S. over the straight mile at Newbury as a 4-year-old. His first European yearlings have sold for up to 200,000 gns (AU\$399,000).

Top-class juvenile form is also brought to the table by Arrowfield's Shalaa (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) who scored at the highest level in both France and England in 2015, taking the G1 Darley Prix Morny over 1200 metres at Deauville and the G1 Juddmonte Middle Park S. over six furlongs at Newmarket.



Cable Bay | Woodside Park

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He too trained on well enough to show high-class form later in his career, in his case with victory in the G3 John Guest Bengough S. at Ascot as a 3-year-old. His stock conceived at Haras de Bouquetot in France have proved very popular, with 32 of his European yearlings selling for six-figure sums.

American Pharoah (who followed up his 2015 Triple Crown triumph by taking the G1 Breeders' Cup Classic on his swansong that autumn) is not the only Breeders' Cup hero among this batch of young sires. Bobby's Kitten (USA) (Kitten's Joy {USA}) holds a special place in Breeders' Cup annals because he remains the only horse to have landed the G1 Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint as a 3-year-old, which he did in 2014 by lowering the colours of No Nay Never (USA) (Scat Daddy {USA}).

He had been placed at the same meeting the previous year when finishing third in the G1 Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf. He holds a special position in the British stud ranks, following the tragic early death of 2018 Cartier Horse of the Year Roaring Lion (USA), as the only son of Kitten's Joy in Europe, and it was a coup for Twin Hills Stud (NSW) when it secured him for stud duties in 2017.

American Form

Top-class American form is also brought to the table by Frosted (USA) (Tapit {USA}), a Grade 1 winner at each of the New York Racing Association's racecourses courtesy of his victories in the G1 Wood Memorial S. at Aqueduct as a 3-year-old in 2015 and in the G1 Metropolitan H. at Belmont (by 14l) and the Whitney S. at Saratoga the following season. He also ran well behind American Pharoah in two legs of the 2015 Triple Crown, finishing fourth in the G1 Kentucky Derby and second in the G1 Belmont S. The respect in which Frosted is held in the Northern Hemisphere is shown by the fact that six of his yearlings during the past autumn fetched US\$500,000 (AU\$731,000) or more.

Frosted did his racing in the Godolphin blue and the same comment applies to his fellow Darley shuttler Territories (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) who was one of Europe's best milers in 2015, when he won the G1 Prix Jean Prat over 1600 metres at Chantilly as well as finishing second behind Gleneagles (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) in the G1 QIPCO 2,000 Guineas at Newmarket and



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behind Esoterique (Ire) (Daneshill Dancer {Ire}) in the G1 Prix Jacques le Marois at Deauville. Unsurprisingly, Territories' yearlings sold well in both Britain and France during the past autumn, the top price being €260,000 (AU\$420,000) paid for a colt out of the Singspiel (Ire) mare Irish Song (Fr) at the Arqana October Sale in Deauville.

The great success of Japanese-bred horses over the Spring Carnival has been perfectly timed from the point of view of introducing the progeny of the

Arrowfield-based pair Maurice (Jpn) (Screen Hero {Jpn}) and Mikki Isle (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}). The former needs no introduction because 'The Beast from The East' was one of the world's most famous, as well as best, racehorses in 2015 and '16. His unbeaten campaign in 2015, which ended in victory in the G1 HK Mile, earned him Japanese Horse of the Year honours, before he ended his career in a blaze of further glory the next year, signing off after victories in the autumn in the G1 Tenno Sho and G1 HK Cup.

Mikki Isle, a son of the great Deep Impact (Jpn), also enjoyed a terrific campaign in 2016 which saw him honoured as both Champion Sprinter and Champion Miler in Japan.

Vadamos (Fr) (Monsun {Ger}), who has one son in the Inglis Classic Yearling Sale, also boasts strong international connections. Sons of the former German patriarch Monsun carry respect worldwide and Vadamos boasts Group 1 form in both hemispheres. In 2016 he followed his victory in the G1 Qatar Prix du Moulin over 1600 metres at Longchamp by heading to Melbourne where he finished fourth to Winx (Street Cry {Ire}) in the G1 Cox Plate and then fourth to Awesome Rock (Fastnet Rock) in the G1 Emirates S. at Flemington. Since then he has been shuttling between Tally-Ho Stud in Ireland and Rich Hill Stud in New Zealand, and he was leading sire at the 2019 Karaka Weanling Sale.

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