

BESECKER DISPERSAL DRIVES MARKET IN TIMONIUM



Laddie Liam | Lydia Williams Photo

by Brian DiDonato

The dispersal of prominent owner Joseph Besecker's Thoroughbred holdings figured to be the driving force of Tuesday's Fasig-Tipton Midlantic December Mixed and Horses of Racing Age Sale, and Besecker-owned offerings dominated the market, producing the day's top three lots and 10 of the top 12.

The auction featured 249 sales for gross receipts of \$4,383,700 at an average of \$17,605 and median of \$8,000. The RNA rate was 18.9%. Because of the Besecker dispersal, year-to-year statistical comparisons are difficult.

The dispersal alone grossed \$3,005,300 (nearly 69% of the total gross) with 95 of 97 offerings sold (the remaining two failed to receive a bid in the ring). The average was \$31,635 and median was \$18,000.

Topping the one-day sale was **Laddie Liam** (Golden Lad) (hip 302), the 4 1/2-length winner of the Maryland Juvenile Futurity S. going seven furlongs Saturday at Laurel. The Northview Stallion Station-consigned colt brought a winning bid of \$450,000 from the Green family's DJ Stable LLC. A \$14,500 yearling purchase at this same auction 12 months ago, the bay broke his maiden at Laurel second out Sept. 20 for conditioner Hugh McMahan.

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A "TOXIC" SITUATION LEADS TO UNCERTAINTY OVER STORMY LIBERAL'S FUTURE

by Bill Finley

A day of finger pointing and controversy involving a two-time GI Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint winner began early Tuesday when trainer Peter Miller issued a statement announcing that he will no longer be training **Stormy Liberal** (Stormy Atlantic) after recommending that he be retired. The statement noted that the 7-year-old would be turned over to a new trainer.

The horse's current owner, David Bernsen called Miller's statement "unfair" and "disingenuous." Bernsen said that Miller had entered Stormy Liberal in a race toward the end of the Bing Crosby meet at Del Mar that did not fill and that he never made mention of retiring the gelding until after Stormy Liberal was removed from his barn.

"I don't wish anybody bad, but, man, just be professional about it," Bernsen said. "Don't fire out some press release and the next thing I know I'm getting bashed on social media."

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1,827 CATALOGUED FOR KEENELAND JANUARY

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Keeneland has catalogued 1,827 head for its upcoming January Horses of All Ages Sale. The five-day auction will be held Jan. 13-17 with all sessions beginning at 10 a.m.

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Besecker Dispersal Drives Market in Timonium (cont. from p1)

Laddie Liam was third in the Maryland Million Nursery S. Oct. 19, and added an open first-level allowance going a mile Nov. 14 before running away with the Maryland Juvenile Futurity and earning a career-best 82 Beyer Speed Figure.

“He was a standout,” said DJ’s Jon Green. “We’ve gone to lots of sales, yearling and 2-year-old sales, trying to find a horse of this caliber. You try to find a horse who’s eventually going to be a two-turn Saturday horse, and he’s already there. He’s proven he can win stakes, he’s proven he can handle different distances, and he looks like he’s got the frame and running style to be able to go the extra furlong or two where the big money really is.”

Laddie Liam will be trained by Gary Contessa, who also conditions GII Breeders’ Cup Juvenile Turf Sprint third Another Miracle (American Pharoah) for the Greens.

“We knew that he was going to be the sale topper, and that we were going to have to go against some other big programs to pluck him from the sale,” Green said of the price. “We knew we were going to have to pay a little more of a premium to get him, and we were pleased to get him at the price point we were able to get him at.”

Green said the Heft S. back at Laurel Dec. 28 or the Jerome S. at Aqueduct Jan. 4 were among possible next targets for Laddie Liam.

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FASIG-TIPTON MIDLANTIC DECEMBER MIXED AND HORSES OF RACING AGE SALE

SALE TOTALS	2019
• Catalogued	367
• No. Offered	307
• No. Sold	249
• RNAs	58
• % RNAs	18.9%
• High Price	\$450,000
• Gross	\$4,383,700
• Average (% change)	\$17,605
• Median (% change)	\$8,000

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Mine Not Mine (Golden Lad), fourth behind Laddie Liam Saturday, sold a few hips later for \$210,000 to Charles Zacney of Cash is King LLC. He was also offered by Northview on behalf of Besecker as **hip 310**. A \$72,000 pick-up at the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic Fall Yearling Sale last October, Mine Not Mine is out of GSW Belterra (Unbridled), making him a half to the dam of Cash is King's 2016 GI Kentucky Oaks heroine Cathryn Sophia (Street Boss).

DJ Stable and Cash is King co-own last year's champion juvenile filly Jaywalk (Cross Traffic).

The first horse through the ring was part of the Besecker dispersal, and got things off to a strong start. Also consigned by Northview, which handled the majority of the Besecker sellers, **Altar Issues** (Broken Vow) (**hip 1**) brought \$105,000 from Three Diamonds Farm while in foal to Practical Joke. That remained the top price paid for any broodmare Tuesday.

Having produced her first foal, a Not This Time filly, Mar. 26, the 4-year-old is a half to this year's GIII Fantasy S. and GIII Honeybee S. runner-up Motion Emotion (Take Charge Indy), who took the Zia Park Oaks last month.



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She also hails from the female family of 'TDN Rising Star' Sharing (Speightstown), winner of the 2019 GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf.

Besecker/Northview offerings took the top four slots among broodmares or broodmare prospects.

"Blew it out of the water," Jeff Matty, Jr., Besecker's racing manager, said when asked how the day's results compared to expectations. "We couldn't have done it without the help of Fasig-Tipton--Boyd Browning, Paget Bennett, their whole entire staff. They were tremendous throughout the whole process. We also couldn't do it, for sure, without Northview Stallion's David Wade and Paul O'Loughlin. They were instrumental in all of this. It's not an easy feat by any means." *Cont. p5*

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As for the sale topper, Matty said, “We knew throughout the week that he was getting more interest. When he won the stakes, the phone started ringing from California and Kentucky and other bigger markets. We had him in that range—I wouldn’t say we were completely shocked by the price, because he’s such a good physical and off of his performance the other day. He wanted no part of seven furlongs. Hugh McMahon did a tremendous training job putting some speed into him and gearing him up for that specific race. But, that horse wants two turns all day long.”

Besecker is founder, president and CEO of both Emerald Asset Management and the **Emerald Foundation**. The father of four admitted Tuesday evening that it was bittersweet to disband his stable, and that he was too emotional to attend the sale and/or follow it for much of the day.

“I think it’s a real testament to the team that I have,” he said of the dispersal results. “I’ve talked about the process and the people and performance. I think our process was strong; I think my people, Jeff Matty and Paul O’Loughlin being the main two, were unbelievably strong. Those two, plus my trainers, and the sales company, which did a phenomenal job, it verifies what I’ve been saying. If you develop a process and stay with it and you have the right people, you’re going to get performance. I think we had significant performance today.”

The day’s top weanling was a \$60,000 Runhappy colt (**hip 151**) purchased by Jeff Runco, agent for David Raim, and consigned by Takaro Farm. The West Virginia-bred June 7 foal is a half to stakes winners Ullapool (Langfuhr) and John Barleycorn (Spring At Last).

The priciest yearling was **hip 221**, a \$57,000 filly by Jump Start offered by Crane Thoroughbred Services on behalf of Besecker. The Pennsylvania-bred was signed for by Mo Thoroughbreds.

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Paget Bennett | *Fasig-Tipton photo*

“It was a great day in Timonium,” said Bennett, Fasig’s Midlantic Sales Director. “The place was full for the racehorses. Obviously, there was a lot of interest in the dispersal, and people really battled it out to try and get some of them... I think it exceeded expectations.”

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SALES TOPPERS

FASIG-TIPTON MIDLANTIC DECEMBER

HIP	NAME	STATUS	PRICE (\$)
302	Laddie Liam	Racing Prospect	450,000
<i>(c, 2, Golden Lad--Buffgirl, by Quiet American)</i>			
Consigned by Northview Stallion Station (David Wade), Agent for Dispersal of Joseph Besecker Purchased by DJ Stable LLC			
310	Mine Not Mine	Racing Prospect	210,000
<i>(c, 2, Golden Lad--Belterra, by Unbridled)</i>			
Consigned by Northview Stallion Station (David Wade), Agent for Dispersal of Joseph Besecker Purchased by Charles J Zacney			
328	Pantera Onca	Racing Prospect	175,000
<i>(f, 2, Super Saver--Molto Vita, by Carson City)</i>			
Consigned by Northview Stallion Station (David Wade), Agent for Dispersal of Joseph Besecker Purchased by Lane’s End Bloodstock			
323	O Dionysus	Racing Prospect	135,000
<i>(g, 5, Bodemeister--Safe Journey, by Flatter)</i>			
Consigned by Marshall W. Silverman, agent Purchased by Irv Naylor			
1	Altar Issues	i/f Practical Joke	105,000
<i>(4, Broken Vow--Golden Motion, by Smart Strike)</i>			
Consigned by Northview Stallion Station (David Wade), agent for Dispersal of Joseph Besecker Purchased by Three Diamonds Farm			



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A “Toxic” Situation Leads to Uncertainty Over Stormy Liberal’s Future *(cont. from p1)*

“If the horse hadn’t left his barn, I don’t know that he would be talking about how he wanted this horse retired,” Bernsen continued. “I don’t want to inflame the situation. All I want is to be is done with Peter Miller.”

The horse had been campaigning for Gary Hartunian’s Rockingham Ranch and Bernsen before a poor effort in this year’s Breeders’ Cup Turf Sprint raised the issue of whether or not he should be retired. Hartunian thought the best course of action was to retire the horse, while Bernsen wanted a decision put on hold until an outside party could evaluate the gelding. When the two owners could not agree, Bernsen bought out Hartunian, and he will be making the final decision regarding whether or not the horse will be retired.



Stormy Liberal | *Coady Photography*

The one thing everyone agrees on is that the relationship between Bernsen and Miller is not a good one. Said Hartunian: “The whole thing started to get toxic and I was in the middle of it.”

The *TDN* reached out to Miller for a reaction to Bernsen’s comments, but, as of the deadline for this story, the trainer had not responded.

Miller’s statement appeared under the headline “Stormy Liberal going to new trainer after Miller recommends retirement.”

“I am sorry to announce that Stormy Liberal will be leaving our barn to continue racing under another trainer,” it read. “Both my veterinarian and I believe the horse should be retired. In fact, we had already started inquiring for him to retire to Old Friends so he could live out his days in comfort and good care, and allow visitors to enjoy him up close.”

Though careful not to take sides in the dispute between Bernsen and Miller, Hartunian said he also felt the time had come to retire the horse.

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“We brought him back this year and it just wasn’t him,” Hartunian said. “He was letting horses pass him that shouldn’t have been passing him. At some point you have to retire a horse and call it a day. David thought otherwise and he had the option to buy me out. Peter and David, they had different views about what to do with the horse.”

Stormy Liberal was claimed for \$40,000 in 2016 by the Miller, Hartunian, and Bernsen team. Some 13 months later, he won his first of two Breeders’ Cup Turf Sprints, winning the race at Del Mar by a head. He defended his title a year later at Churchill Downs, winning by a neck. Stormy Liberal returned to make seven starts this year, but failed to win a race. In his most recent outing, he was eighth in the 2019 Breeders’ Cup Turf Sprint.

“It is very rare to claim a horse for \$40,000, win two Breeders’ Cup Races and earn the prestigious Eclipse Award,” Miller said in his statement. “It is my professional opinion that he has given and accomplished enough. While the owners certainly have every right to make these choices, and I respect that, I would like the record to show that I was not in favor of this decision. Stormy has been very special to our team, and to me. We will miss him and hope for the best.”

Hartunian and Bernsen agree that after the Breeders’ Cup they had different ideas about what to do next with Stormy Liberal.

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Bernsen said he was not necessarily intent on running him again, but thought the most prudent course was to have him evaluated before making any decisions. With Bernsen now in full control of the horse, Stormy Liberal has been sent to David Scanlon's training center in Ocala, where a fresh set of eyes will have a look at him.

"I consider Scanlon a pretty good judge," he said. "We're going to get him down there in a situation where we can look at all the options and then decide. I've had enough success. I do not need to run a horse in an allowance race somewhere. I may well retire Stormy. All I want to do is have the horse evaluated first."

Bernsen also said he had advocated for Stormy Liberal to be sent to the Rood and Riddle equine clinic after the Breeders' Cup for further evaluation, but was rebuffed.

In addition to his comments made to the *TDN*, Bernsen released a statement of his own in which he said he had misgivings about his relationship with Miller after the trainer was fined \$2,500 over alleged remarks he made in 2018 to a female backstretch employee that involved "derogatory words about a licensee's unborn baby."

"With regard to the press release issued by Peter Miller after Stormy Liberal was removed from his care...there are two sides to every story. I have had growing personal concerns in doing business with Peter Miller for a couple of years since a well-publicized incident between he and a female employee at San Luis Rey Training Center," Bernsen said in his statement. "Over time, that combined with other concerns, the relationship eroded."

Together, Bernsen, Rockingham Ranch and Miller have enjoyed several wins at the highest level of the sport, including a victories in the 2017 and 2018 GI Breeders' Cup Sprint with Roy H. (More Than Ready). Bernsen said he has been in the process of ending his ties with Miller and now has just two horses he co-owns with Rockingham Ranch, Roy H. and Wrecking Crew (Sky Kingdom).

"We will see what the fall out from this whole thing is," he said. "It might be in everyone's best interest if I take the high road and get out of those two horses. I've got plenty of other good ones. There's life after Peter Miller."

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The catalog includes 800 yearlings, 780 broodmares and broodmare prospects, 190 racing and broodmare prospects, 29 racing and stallion prospects, 26 horses of racing age, one stallion and one lifetime breeding right to the stallion Court Vision, the sire of GI TVG Breeders' Cup Juvenile winner Storm the Court. Supplementary entries to the auction are still being accepted.

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by Jen Roytz



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by Jen Roytz

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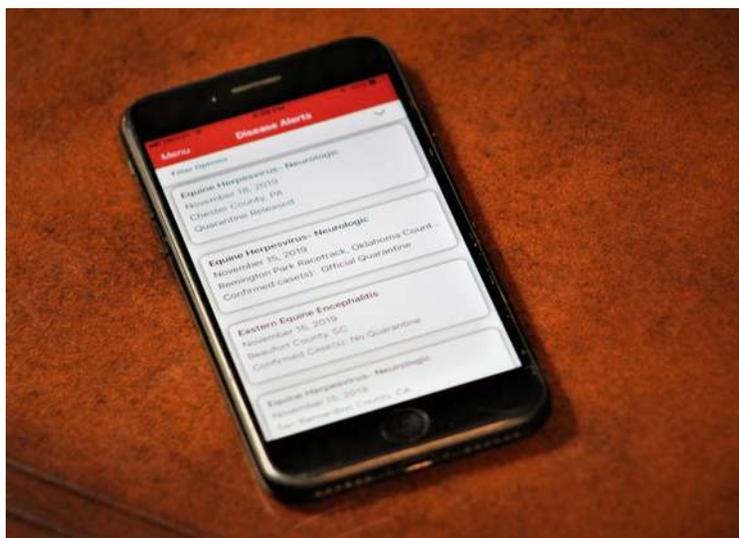
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CELLA FAMILY HONORED BY RTIP

The Race Track Industry Program honored the Cella family with its 2019 Clay Puett Award in recognition of outstanding contributions to the racing industry during the 46th Annual Global Symposium on Racing awards luncheon Tuesday.

“Oaklawn has been a labor of love for my family for 116 years,” said Louis Cella. “We believe Oaklawn is the oldest continuously owned sports franchise in America and we are very proud of the fact that today we are one of the brightest spots in racing. With our live season starting in just a few weeks, Oaklawn will begin an exciting new era which includes gaming and sports betting and will soon include a high-rise hotel overlooking our homestretch, convention facilities, restaurant and a spa. But at the center of it all, which is our main focus, is our great sport of Thoroughbred racing.”

The 2019 John K. Goodman Alumni Award was awarded posthumously to Liz Bracken, this year’s distinguished alumna for her outstanding contribution to the racing industry.

The RTIP’s 2019 Distinguished Student Award, given to the RTIP student who the faculty feels best embodies the qualities and performance that represent the goal of bridging education with opportunity, was shared this year by Alex Sausville and Abel Zander.

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ZENNER, ZIMMERMAN RE-ELECTED TO TPA POSTS

Dave Zenner, a freelance publicist and member of the operations department at Turf Paradise, and Amy Zimmerman, Vice President- Business Coordination and Director of Broadcasting at Santa Anita, have been re-elected to two-year terms on the board of the Turf Publicists of America. After a voting tie, Tom LaMarra and Erin Shea will each serve a two-year term as new TPA vice presidents.

LaMarra, Shea, Zenner, and Zimmerman join TPA President Amy Gregory and Vice Presidents Wendy Davis from the Race Track Industry Program and Najja Thompson of the New York Racing Association, who were elected last year to serve two-year terms for 2019 and 2020.

The results of the election were announced Tuesday as part of the TPA’s Big Sport of Turfdom and scholarship awards luncheon at the Global Symposium on Racing conducted by the University of Arizona’s Race Track Industry Program.

Also at the luncheon, the TPA awarded a \$2,000 scholarship to Taylor Owens, a junior in the Race Track Industry Program.

“Taylor has taken advantage of all the opportunities made available to RTIP students to really broaden her opportunities and her current interests in racing are many,” said Davis. “But as she moves forward toward a career in racing--as one of racing’s ‘insiders’--she sees that, whatever that position may be, part of it must be promoting the sport.”

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ROAP HONORS STEWARDS

The Racing Officials Accreditation Program (ROAP) has announced the winners of the 2019 Pete Pedersen Award, which is presented to stewards who have demonstrated professional excellence, integrity, and benevolent consideration in the performance of their duties. Braulio Baeza, Jr., Robert Pollock, Kim Sawyer, and Susan Walsh have been honored with this year’s award and were recognized Tuesday at the University of Arizona Race Track Industry Program’s Global Symposium on Racing and Gaming Awards Luncheon in Tucson. Pedersen was a nationally recognized steward and accomplished journalist.

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LATE BREEDERS' CUP FOAL NOMINATIONS DUE DEC. 15

Late foal nominations to the Breeders' Cup are due by Dec. 15 at 11:59 p.m. ET. The \$1,500 nomination entitles each foal with lifetime eligibility to the Breeders' Cup World Championships and the Breeders' Cup Racing Programs. All foals sired by a fully-nominated North American Breeders' Cup stallion are eligible for nomination to the Breeders' Cup program in their year of birth at the weanling rate.

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Churchill Downs Opening Night Series, which celebrates local arts during the opening night of Kentucky Derby week, will support the 2020 opening night productions of Actors Theatre of Louisville's Humana Festival of New American Plays, the Louisville Ballet and Kentucky Shakespeare.

Over the past four years, Churchill Downs and Fund for the Arts have brought more than 1,000 artists to the event to entertain guests with live performances throughout the track.

Opening Night is Saturday, Apr. 25, 2020. Tickets start at \$19 and are available now at www.ChurchillDowns.com.

"We are proud to support the 2020 opening night productions of three of our region's premier arts organizations through the Churchill Downs Opening Night Series," said Tonya Abeln, President of the Churchill Downs Inc. Foundation. "The series expands Churchill Downs's support and celebration of our local arts scene from the racetrack on Opening Night of Derby week to Louisville's favorite performances across the city throughout the year."

Through the series in 2020, Churchill Downs will be the presenting sponsor of the Actors Theatre of Louisville's Humana Festival of New American Plays in March and April; the Louisville Ballet's "Kentucky! Volume 1" in April; and the opening production of this summer's free Shakespeare Festival in Central Park.

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NTRA ADVANTAGE SURPASSES \$1B IN SALES

The equine purchasing program NTRA Advantage surpassed the billion-dollar threshold in sales and sales have resulted in an estimated \$180 million in savings since the program's inception on 2002, according to an NTRA release. The majority of sales over the past 17 years have been driven by founding Advantage partner John Deere. In addition to John Deere, other current Advantage partners include Office Depot, Red Brand Fences, Sherwin-Williams, Suncoast and UPS.

"The program has been a win-win-win," said NTRA President and CEO Alex Waldrop. "It's resulted in millions of dollars in savings for the equine industry, millions of dollars in sales for our corporate partners, and millions of dollars in outside investment to support the industry, including the NTRA."

The NTRA Advantage Equine Benefits program affiliates now include the American Quarter Horse Association AQHA, the United States Trotting Association (USTA), the United States Equestrian Federation (USEF), the United States Polo Association, Equine Canada, the American Horse Council, and dozens of state and local Equine organizations.

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1	Into Mischief (2005) by Harlan's Holiday Crops: 8	8	21	2	11	1	3	120	76	1,052,425 Covfefe	7,571,369
2	Tapit (2001) by Pulpit Crops: 12	10	16	3	13	--	4	85	37	1,634,500 Tacitus	5,999,111
3	Hard Spun (2004) by Danzig Crops: 9	5	16	4	6	2	2	85	52	1,140,660 Spun to Run	5,850,175
4	Curlin (2004) by Smart Strike Crops: 8	7	14	5	7	--	3	100	52	760,550 Lady Apple	5,236,100
5	Scat Daddy (2004) by Johannesburg Crops: 8	12	19	5	10	1	5	117	62	380,000 Divine Image	5,164,682
6	War Front (2002) by Danzig Crops: 10	7	12	4	8	2	2	62	27	1,484,000 War of Will	4,807,556
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8	Quality Road (2006) by Elusive Quality Crops: 6	4	11	3	3	3	3	88	48	798,725 Bellafina	4,667,057
9	Noble Mission (GB) (2009) by Galileo (Ire) Crops: 2	2	2	2	2	1	1	90	45	2,211,570 Code of Honor	4,662,952
10	Goldencents (2010) by Into Mischief Crops: 2	3	5	2	2	--	1	95	59	1,136,820 Mr. Money	4,201,652
11	Take Charge Indy (2009) by A.P. Indy Crops: 3	5	10	1	3	--	1	76	53	597,584 Long Range Toddy	4,043,123
12	Twirling Candy (2007) by Candy Ride (Arg) Crops: 5	5	10	1	2	1	1	84	49	1,041,900 Concrete Rose	3,991,888
13	Uncle Mo (2008) by Indian Charlie Crops: 5	4	9	2	5	1	2	106	50	379,460 Mo Forza	3,942,064
14	Kitten's Joy (2001) by El Prado (Ire) Crops: 11	4	12	2	4	1	1	115	58	717,751 Henley's Joy	3,917,190
15	Cairo Prince (2011) by Pioneerof the Nile Crops: 2	4	9	2	4	--	--	95	52	628,373 Mont Perdu	3,631,547

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7th-Zia, \$36,680, 12-10, (NW2X), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:36.54, ft.

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2nd-Mahoning Valley, \$31,300, (S), 12-10, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:14.41, ft.

ATTACK ANGLE (g, 3, Strong Mandate--Trophy, by Grand Slam) Lifetime Record: 10-2-2-0, \$53,134. O-Danielle Agnello; B-Randy Alderson (OH); T-Jeffrey Skerrett. *\$12,000 RNA Wlg '16 KEENOV; \$80,000 Ylg '17 FTKJUL.



4th-Mahoning Valley, \$24,000, 12-10, (NW3L), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:12.76, ft.

RULING EMPIRE (g, 3, Scat Daddy--Lemon Drop Ridge, by Lemon Drop Kid) Lifetime Record: 13-3-3-3, \$61,760. O-Khadeem Galloway; B-Kretz Racing LLC (KY); T-Thomas E. Jones, Sr. *\$180,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP; \$22,000 3yo '19 KEEJAN.



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Our Iris Rose, f, 2, Ghostzapper--Rose's Desert (MSW, \$626,035), by Desert God. Zia, 12-10, 6f, 1:11.06. B-Joe R Peacock (KY). *Full to Runaway Ghost, GSW, \$750,224.

ABSTRACTION, Comic Hot Rod, g, 3, o/o Comicsperfectstorm, by Comic Genius. ALW, 12-10, Zia

AFLEET EXPRESS, Olympic Express, g, 3, o/o Olympic Talent, by Where's the Ring. ALW, 12-10, Zia

GHOSTZAPPER, Our Iris Rose, f, 2, o/o Rose's Desert, by Desert God. MSW, 12-10, Zia

SCAT DADDY, Ruling Empire, g, 3, o/o Lemon Drop Ridge, by Lemon Drop Kid. ALW, 12-10, Mahoning Valley

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RYAN YEARLINGS READY TO TAKE THE TORCH



A Dubawi (Ire) half-brother to English highweight Legatissimo (Ire) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}) out of Yummy Mummy (GB) was one of Ryan's purchases | Tattersalls

By Kelsey Riley

With some 34 yearlings bought under his own name and those of Klaravich Stables and White Birch Farm in association with trainer Chad Brown, Mike Ryan had an undeniable impact on the bottom line of Book 1 at Tattersalls October this year, his and his associates' total spend hitting 7,865,000gns—or 7.6% of the Book 1 aggregate of 102,429,000gns. Those numbers make for pretty impressive reading considering that the Irish-born, Kentucky-based agent isn't backed by Middle Eastern money or members of Royal families; his patrons are U.S.-based businessmen and his average spend was about 260,000gns. While the official records show Mike Ryan Agent as ninth-leading buyer of Book 1, consolidating all his entities would vault him over Shadwell into second by total spend at the sale—trailing only the runaway leader, Godolphin, who spent a total of 17,575,000gns.

Ryan began buying at Tattersalls Book 1 in his current guise as agent to the likes of Seth Klarman's Klaravich Stables and Peter Brant's White Birch Farm two years ago. In 2017 he spent 3,180,000gns on 12 yearlings, and last year it was 3,200,000gns for 13. [Cont. p2](#)

GREAT PRETENDER MARE LEADS ARQANA FINALE

Trade switched to the National Hunt sphere during the final session of the Arqana December Breeding Stock Sale and **A Mi Manera (Fr)** (Great Pretender {Ire}) (lot 971) took top honours at €120,000 to NBB Racing. Consigned by Francois Nicolle, the 6-year-old, a MGSW chaser, is a half-sister to the listed-placed Fixe Le Kap (Fr) (Kapparde {Fr}).

The stallion prospect and G1SW **Silverwave (Fr)** (Silver Frost {Ire}) (lot 828) from Haras des Capucines brought €105,000 from George Mullins. The 7-year-old is a half-brother to G1SW Stormy River (Fr) (Verglas {Ire}). Equaling that lot's price was GSW jumper **Royale Joana Has (Fr)**, a daughter of the recently deceased Martaline (GB). Hamel Stud's bay filly (lot 1038) was snapped up by Richard Venn acting for Kieran Mariga's Coolmara Stables. She is a half to fellow G3 Prix Hopper victress Royale Maria Has (Fr) (No Risk At All {Fr}). [Cont. p5](#)

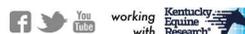
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Ryan Yearlings Cont. from p1

It should have come as no surprise that those figures jumped so significantly this year: Ryan's first Tattersalls haul included the brilliant GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf winner Newspaperofrecord (Ire) (Lope de Vega {Ire}); GII American Turf S. winner Digital Age (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}); Demarchelier (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}), who won the GIII Pennine Ridge S. and next year becomes the first son of Dubawi to enter stud in America; this year's GIII Saranac S. second Good Governance (GB) (Kingman {GB}); and 'TDN Rising Star' Value Proposition (GB) (Dansili {GB}).



Mike Ryan at Tattersalls | Tattersalls

Just two members of the current 2-year-old crop has hit the racetrack and both were debut winners: Peter Brant's filly Sketches Of Spain (Ire) (Lope de Vega {Ire}) at Saratoga in August, and Klaravich Stables's filly The Path Not Taken (GB) (Sea The Stars {Ire}) at Keeneland in October. What Mike Ryan starts so skillfully, Chad Brown is finishing with aplomb.

Ryan noted that the 34 yearlings purchased in October have all settled in Stateside, and they're "pretty much all" at Stonestreet's Ocala training centre to be broken in and pre-trained.

"They're all here in the U.S. now," Ryan said. "They arrived in late October. They'll all be broken in and all of them will ship to Chad Brown when they're ready. Again, he'll have a loaded barn and as they're ready they'll ship out to him; May, June, July, August. Hopefully we'll have a few that will be Breeders' Cup class." Ryan said a few of the later developing members of the 2018 class have just recently joined Brown. Considering the progress of one of his previous auction buys for Klaravich, an undefeated Breeders' Cup winner in 2019 and Horse of the Year candidate, Ryan exuded confidence that the later start wouldn't hinder those individuals. **Cont. p3**

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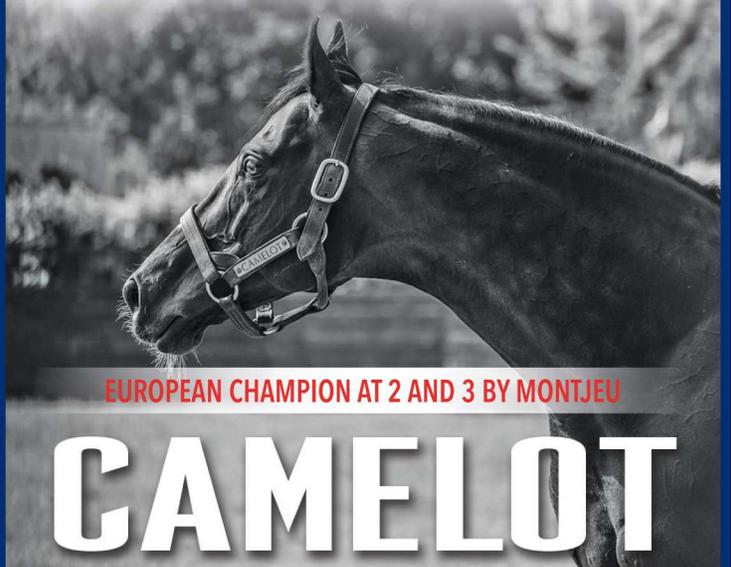
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Ryan Yearlings Cont.

"There are a couple that have just shipped recently from Stonestreet to Chad, later developing horses," he said. "Bricks and Mortar didn't leave the farm until almost December of his 2-year-old year. We've sent some Kingmans down to him recently and we think some nice horses will show up next summer."

Reflecting on this year's purchases, Ryan pointed out a few standouts.

"The Dubawi colt out of Yummy Mummy [bought for 500,000gns] was a lovely horse, he reminded us a lot of Demarchelier," Ryan said. "The Lope de Vega/Boastful was a lovely filly [400,000gns] and the Shamardal out of Cape Magic [205,000gns] was very, very nice. The Shalaa [filly out of Encore L'Amour for 170,000gns] was very nice.

"The Galileo filly out of Wannabe Better [500,000gns] was very nice, a typical Galileo: a very clean, smooth-moving filly. The Dubawi filly out of Florentina [475,000gns] was an exceptional filly; she was off-the-charts good. She's from an Australian family and she was very impressive. The Dubawi out of Glorious Sight [450,000gns] was lovely, and so was the Invincible Spirit [colt out of Princess Lou Lou {Ire}, 450,000gns]."



The Path Not Taken winning at Keeneland | Coady Photography

Six of Ryan's purchases, a Cable Bay filly out of Tebee (GB) (Selkirk) for 320,000gns and an Iffraaj (GB) filly out of Hana Lina (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}) for 150,000gns, were bought for American owner Bob Edwards of e5 Racing with hopes of winning at Royal Ascot. Edwards has only been in racing about three years but has already campaigned three Breeders' Cup winners and an Eclipse award champion: New Money Honey (Medaglia d'Oro), Rushing Fall (More Than Ready) and Good Magic (Curlin). [Cont. p4](#)

Ryan Yearlings Cont.

Edwards has already had success in Europe as well with his first horse purchased in Ireland: Landshark (GB) (Bated Breath {GB}), bought by Eamonn Reilly for €210,000 at Goresbridge, was a debut winner for Jessica Harrington and was second to U S Navy Flag (War Front) in the G3 Round Tower S.

Edwards isn't the only American inspired to step up his spend on European yearlings: champion trainer Todd Pletcher, visiting Tattersalls for the first time, signed for two yearlings as part of his new association with Australian-based Aquis Farm; Liz Crow of BSW Bloodstock signed for five in Book 1 and four in Book 2 during her first visit to Tattersalls, and WinStar Farm's Maverick Racing teamed up with China Horse Club to buy two colts in Book 1. About 50 yearlings from the sale were expected to be exported to the U.S., with American spend accounting for almost 10% of the Book 1 aggregate—almost all of that in the middle

market and providing an undeniable boost to that sector.

"They [Tattersalls] were very happy to see us coming," Ryan laughed. "The top 10% of the market is the really, really elite horses that Godolphin and Coolmore will buy, but below that, the next percentile has a lot of nice horses. We've been lucky shopping in that range; Newspaperofrecord cost 200,000gns, Demarchelier was 425,000gns and Good Governance was 120,000gns.

"The best-bred grass horses in the world, in my mind, are based in England and Ireland so it's a huge pool to choose from. It's 500 head. It's a lot of work to get around them all, but I think if you're thorough and you look at a lot and you avoid Shadwell, Sheikh Mohammed and Coolmore, you can do alright. The first crop have run very well. Not too many have run from the second crop, but we're hopeful we can come up with some more good horses." [Cont. p5](#)



The brilliant MG1SW Ten Sovereigns (Ire) (No Nay Never) pictured at Coolmore on Monday where he is now available for inspection. | [Coolmore](#)

Ryan Yearlings Cont.

While European-bred yearlings trained by Chad Brown would naturally be expected to target—and excel on—the turf, Ryan said its not outside the realm of possibility that horses by Europe’s elite sires could perform on the dirt, too.

“Dubawi had that Mubtaahij that Mike de Kock trained that was a very good dirt horse,” he said. “The Kingmans are very good movers; it wouldn’t shock me at all if a Dubawi, Kingman or a Galileo showed up on the dirt. Especially in the case of Dubawi, he’s a grandson of Seeking the Gold and he’s by Dubai Millennium. It’s interesting because you’ll see Ballydoyle come over and run grass-bred 2-year-olds in the Breeders’ Cup on the dirt, and they’ve done well with it.”

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Mike Ryan on Tattersalls

Crossing the pond and thinking outside the box has tended to result in big rewards for the intrepid in the horse racing game, and it will be fascinating to see how the results continue to play out for Ryan and his American counterparts over the coming seasons.

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Monday’s session ended with 122 sold from 184 offered (66.3%) for a gross of €2,308,500. The average of €18,922 (-24.4%) and the median of €10,000 (-33.3%) both posted declines. In 2018’s equivalent session, the dispersal of Simon Munir and Isaac Souede made up most of the star lots. Looking at trade over the past four days, 701 sold from 918 offered (76.4%), up 0.6% on 2018. The gross increased to €34,426,500, while the average stayed flat €49,111 (+0.1%) and the median ticked up to €19,000 (+5.6%).

“It’s been a thrilling four days and I take a bow to the tremendous work put on by our vendors and consignors to bring such attractive horses to the ring,” said Arqana President Eric Hoyeau. “The appetite for French breeding stock has probably never been higher, as exemplified by the demand for foals by Almanzor (Fr), Wootton Bassett (GB) or Shalaa (Ire), mares in foals to Siyouni (Fr) or Le Havre (Ire), families from our leading breeders as well as National Hunt stock. We have welcomed a record number of buyers from Europe and beyond including many first-time visitors which is a brilliant credit to the efforts of our bloodstock team and international representatives. Last but not least, the efficiency of our customers’ service has made light work of the public transport strike and enabled all our clients to make the most of their stay in the unique location that is Deauville. Let me wish everyone a pleasant festive season and quality time with their families.”

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SESSION TOTALS	2019	2018
• Catalogued	210	202
• Number Offered	184	172
• Number Sold	122	121
• Not Sold	62	51
• Clearance Rate	66.3%	70.4%
• High Price	€120,000	€220,000
• Gross	€2,308,500	€3,029,500
• Average (% change)	€18,922 (-24.4%)	€25,037
• Median (% change)	€10,000 (-33.3%)	€15,000

CUMULATIVE	2019	2018
• Catalogued	1037	1031
• Number Offered	918	901
• Number Sold	701	683
• Not Sold	217	218
• Clearance Rate	76.4%	75.8%
• No. 500Kgn+	6	10
• High Price	€1,300,000	€1,100,000
• Gross	€34,426,500	€33,276,500
• Average (% change)	€49,111 (+0.1%)	€48,721
• Median (% change)	€19,000 (+5.6%)	€18,000

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MG1SW NOTNOWCATO PASSES AT 17

Three-time Group 1 winner and dual purpose sire **Notnowcato (GB)** (Inchinor {GB}) died after sustaining a heart attack while covering a mare near the end of the breeding season at Knockhouse Stud in Ireland, *Racing Post* reported on Tuesday. Out of listed winner and MGSP Ramblin Rose (GB) (Cadeaux Genereux {GB}), he was 17.

Bred by Sir Evelyn de Rothschild's Southcourt Stud, the chestnut was raced by Anthony and David de Rothschild from the yard of Sir Michael Stoute. A winner of the 2006 G1 Juddmonte International S. and second in the G1 Coral Eclipse S., Notnowcato landed two more at that level a year later—the G1 Tattersalls Gold Cup and went one better in the Coral Eclipse S. He was also third in both the 2007 Juddmonte International and G1 Prince of Wales's S.

Retired with seven wins from 20 starts to Newmarket's Stanley House Stud, he moved to Knockhouse Stud in 2014. His best Flat runner to date has been triple Australian Group 1 winner Redkirk Warrior (GB), followed by MGSW Custom Cut (Ire) from his tally of five black-type winners. In the jumping sphere, Notnowcato has sired Grade 1-winning hurdler Long Dog (GB).

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Notnowcato winning the Coral Eclipse | [Racingfotos.com](#)

FRBC INCORPORATED INTO RACING ARM OF FRANCE GALOP

The French Racing and Breeding Committee (FRBC), headed by Clement Porcher, has been fully incorporated into the department of racing professionals at France Galop, the latter organization announced on Tuesday. The customer service for owners, breeders and foreign clients created by France Galop, sales agencies, bloodstock agencies, breeders, trainers and breed associations (AQPS and AFAC) in 2000, the FRBC will

continue to operate, but now, the FRBC team will be able to attract new French and international clientele more effectively. Operating costs for FRBC will also be reduced, as it continues under its own name, but without an associative structure. The Inward Buyer Scheme—the reimbursement of travel expenses for foreign buyers at the sale—will fall under the umbrella of the sales agencies. The FRBC will continue to partner with the associations in promoting their activities abroad, allowing the link with the business activities of industry stakeholders to remain strong, while being tailored by a working group of former FRBC members.

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FIRST-SEASON SIRE WITH RUNNERS

Wednesday, Dec. 11, 2019:

UNITED KINGDOM

Brazen Beau (Aus) (I Am Invincible {Aus}), Dalham Hall Stud
78 foals of racing age/14 winners/1 black-type winner
16:40-KEMPTON PARK, 8f, LORD P (GB)
36,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2017; 47,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2018 - Book 2; 6,000gns RNA Tattersalls Autumn Horses-in-Training Sale 2019

Due Diligence (War Front), Whitsbury Manor Stud
85 foals of racing age/18 winners/3 black-type winners
16:25-CHELMSFORD CITY, 7f, FANTASY LOVER (Ire)
5,500gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2018 - Book 3
15:25-CHELMSFORD CITY, 6f, URTZI (Ire)
€20,000 Goffs November Foals Sale 2017; £10,000 RNA Tattersalls Ireland Ascot Sept. Yearling Sale 2018; 11,000gns Tattersalls Guineas Breeze-Up & HIT Sale 2019

Free Eagle (Ire) (High Chaparral {Ire}), Irish National Stud
87 foals of racing age/11 winners/1 black-type winner
16:25-CHELMSFORD CITY, 7f, MURITZ (GB)
40,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2018 - Book 2
16:40-KEMPTON PARK, 8f, PRINCE OF EAGLES (Ire)
70,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2018 - Book 2

Golden Horn (GB) (Cape Cross {Ire}), Dalham Hall Stud
98 foals of racing age/8 winners/2 black-type winners
16:40-KEMPTON PARK, 8f, RODRIGO DIAZ (GB)
55,000gns Tattersalls December Yearlings Sale 2018

Hot Streak (Ire) (Iffraaj {GB}), Tweenhills Stud
79 foals of racing age/10 winners/1 black-type winner
15:25-CHELMSFORD CITY, 6f, HOT HOT HOT (GB)
15:25-CHELMSFORD CITY, 6f, KELINDA DICE (GB)

20,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2017; £30,000 Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearling Sale 2018

Ivawood (Ire) (Zebedee {GB}), Haras de Mont Goubert
100 foals of racing age/14 winners/2 black-type winners
15:40-KEMPTON PARK, 6f, IVATHEENGINE (Ire)
€4,000 RNA Tattersalls Ireland September Yearlings 2018;
£120,000 Goffs London Sale 2019
16:40-KEMPTON PARK, 8f, QUARRY BAY (Ire)
€18,000 RNA Goffs November Foals Sale 2017; €15,000
Tattersalls Ireland September Yearlings 2018

Make Believe (GB) (Makfi {GB}), Ballylinch Stud
87 foals of racing age/16 winners/3 black-type winners
16:25-CHELMSFORD CITY, 7f, TRUE BELIEVER (Ire)
€150,000 Goffs Orby Yearling Sale 2018

Muhaarar (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}), Nunnery Stud
106 foals of racing age/16 winners/0 black-type winners
15:40-KEMPTON PARK, 6f, MERCURIST (GB)
125,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2017; 65,000gns
RNA Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2018 - Book 2; 30,000gns
Tattersalls Craven Breeze-Up Sale 2019

Supplicant (GB) (Kyllachy {GB}), Haras des Trois Chapelles
7 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
16:10-KEMPTON PARK, 7f, HELLO BAILEYS (GB)
26,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2017

Telescope (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), Shade Oak Stud
95 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
15:55-CHELMSFORD CITY, 8f, FLASH TO BANG (GB)



Free Eagle is looking for his 12th winner on Wednesday.
Irish National Stud

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Millicent Fawcett (GB), f, 3, **Kingman (GB)**--Mainstay (GB), by Elmaamul. Wolverhampton, 12-10, 8f 142y (AWT), 1:47.60. B-Rachel D S Hood (GB). *1/2 to Crazy Horse (GB) (Sleeping Indian {GB}), GSW-Eng, GSP-Fr & Ger, \$133,630; and Richard Pankhurst (GB) (Raven's Pass), GSW-Eng, \$215,180.

WORLDWIDE NEWS

GODOLPHIN HITS 100-WIN JRA MILESTONE

Godolphin colourbearers in Japan scored 100 Japan Racing Association (JRA) victories in 2019, making the international racing operation the first sole-ownership entity to collect that achievement to date. **Polar Summer (Jpn)** (Kizuna {Jpn}) landed a Nakayama maiden on Dec. 1 to bring up the century for his owner. The royal blue has been first past the post this year with Group 1 winner Tower of London (Jpn) (Raven's Pass), who won the G1 Sprinters S., while **Woman's Heart (Jpn)** (Heart's Cry {Jpn}) claimed the G3 Niigata Nisai S. and **Right On Cue (Jpn)** (Shamardal) saluted in the G3 Keihan Hai.

"It is a great achievement for Godolphin to have won 100 JRA races this year," said Godolphin Japan President Harry Sweeney. "Only a few of the very large syndicates with many thousands of owners and many more horses have reached this goal and indeed Godolphin is the very first non-syndicate to do so in the entire JRA history. It is a credit to our staff and trainers and reflects their hard work, dedication and great professionalism. It also appears that Godolphin's investment in our Castle Park training centre is paying dividends.

"It is particularly pleasing that it was our superior strike rate rather than number of horses that allowed us to reach this important landmark. While it certainly is a very noteworthy achievement, we will be hoping to do better again next year and we will also be striving to win a greater number of graded races."

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DERBY WINNER AUTHORIZED HEADED TO TURKEY

2007 G1 Derby scorer **Authorized (Ire)** (Montjeu {Ire}–Funsie {Fr}, by Saumarez {GB}) is the latest stallion on the move to Turkey for 2020, *Racing Post* reported on Tuesday. Purchased by the Turkish Jockey Club, the 15-year-old had been a Haras du Logis resident since 2014. Bred by Mick Kinane, Marengo Investments and Knighton House, the bay brought 95,000gns at the Tattersalls December Foal Sale and raced for Imad Al Sagar and Saleh Al Homaizi. Trained by Peter Chapple-Hyam, he broke his maiden at second asking in the G1 Racing Post Trophy, added the G2 Dante S. in his 3-year-old bow and secured the Blue Riband in succession. His winning thread was broken when second in the G1 Coral Eclipse, but he was back on top in York's G1 Juddmonte International in his next start.

Retired to Dalham Hall Stud in Newmarket in 2008, he spent his second season at Kildangan Stud in Ireland prior to his move to France several years later and also shuttled Down Under. Responsible for 32 black-type winners, Authorized's total of Group 1 winners stands at five, among them Australian MG1SW Hartnell (GB), G1SWs Complacent (Aus), and Pounamu (Aus) and European Group 1 winners Ambivalent (Ire) and Seal of Approval (GB).

He has also been effective as a sire of jumpers, including the outstanding Tiger Roll (Ire), a two-time winner of the G3 Grand National at Aintree.

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‘THE MAGIC MAN’ JOAO MOREIRA



Joao Moreira | *Racing Post*

By John Berry

One feature of international racing this century has been the success enjoyed globally by Brazilian jockeys. Silvestre de Sousa, champion jockey of Great Britain in 2015, '17 and '18, and Canada's leading rider Eurico Rosa da Silva are classic examples.

None, however, has made a greater impact than 'The Magic Man' Joao Moreira whose star has shone brightly in many countries and most notably in Hong Kong.

He enjoyed yet another red-letter day at Sha Tin on Sunday when riding the winners of two of the four HK International races, guiding Japanese raider **Glory Vase (Jpn)** (Deep Impact {Jpn}) to victory in the G1 Longines Hong Kong Vase before taking the G1 Longines Hong Kong Sprint on the John Size-trained **Beat The Clock** (Hinchinbrook) 35 minutes later.

Over the years, many jockeys have risen from very humble backgrounds but few have had to defy such an unpromising start as Moreira, who was born into extreme poverty in Parana in southern Brazil in September 1983. Looking back on his upbringing, the 36-year-old credits Christianity with saving him from a life of lawlessness which would probably have seen him die young and destitute.

With self-discipline instilled into him by his religion, Moreira started work in a factory aged 14 and only gravitated towards the racing game after his boss came out with the off-the-cuff remark which has launched so many successful riding careers: "You're small; you should be a jockey".

Becoming a jockey in Parana, even for someone who turns out to have been blessed with a freakish talent, was easier said than done. Racing in that province is very small-time but that doesn't stop many locals from trying to gain a foothold in the sport. It took Moreira long enough to be allowed to ride trackwork.

When a race-riding career was showing no signs of developing, he moved to Sao Paulo. Eventually things started to happen for him there. In his early 20s he was able to establish himself as a successful rider there, twice topping the local premiership and riding more than 1,000 winners. He was earning good money by Brazilian standards but, as so many South American horsemen have found, the potential for advancement is much greater overseas.

Overseas Advancement

Even for a jockey of Moreira's brilliance, however, getting established overseas was easier said than done. Jobs in various jurisdictions including France and the UAE did not lead to much beyond trackwork and a handful of race-rides, and it was only when he was licensed to ride in Singapore in 2009 that things began to fall into place. However, once the floodgates were open, the trickle of success became a raging torrent seemingly overnight.

Joao Moreira won the premiership in his first season in Singapore. He won it again in his second, breaking a record for number of winners ridden. He won it again the following season, smashing his own record with a previously unimaginable total of 206, more than twice the tally of the runner-up. He was seemingly a winning machine, dubbed by punters as The Magic Man. Many followed his mounts blind and reaped rich rewards, most notably on Sept. 6, 2013 when, still three weeks short of his 30th birthday, he had rides in eight of the nine races at the evening meeting at Kranji and won on them all.

The various racing jurisdictions in Asia are self-contained units but people in each are generally very aware of what is going on in the others. Singapore is a wealthy arena but Hong Kong is grounded on an even richer footing. Once Moreira had won his first couple of premierships in Singapore, the key question was if he might at some point relocate to Hong Kong. The publicity generated by that sparkling eight-timer made it a question of when, rather than if, that would happen. The answer came sooner than many expected Moreira was licensed to ride in Hong Kong later that season.

Moreira was an instant hit in Hong Kong. **Cont. p2**



Silvestre de Sousa | *Racing Post*

'The Magic Man' Cont. from p1

His ultra-positive approach to race-riding, his ability to get horses out of the barriers quickly, his tactical awareness and quick thinking, his perfect balance and his ability to instil his will to win into his mounts had made him a champion in Singapore, and they were equally potent weapons in Hong Kong.

At one stage it looked as if he might even win the premiership in his first season, despite having started the campaign a few months later than his rivals. That, of course, did not happen, but he still ended the season regarded by many as Hong Kong's top rider, a belief given substance by the facts that he ended the campaign with the highest winning strike rate and that, when two HK-trained sprinters had won at Meydan on the world's richest raceday, Dubai World Cup Night on Mar. 29, 2014. He had ridden both: the Ricky Yiu-trained Amber Sky (Exceed And Excel) in the G1 Al Quoz Sprint and the John Moore-trained Sterling City (Nadeem) in the G1 Dubai Golden Shaheen.

That was a special night for Hong Kong but it was also a special one for Brazil, with Moreira's compatriot Silvestre De Sousa taking the feature, G1 Dubai World Cup, for Godolphin on the Saeed bin Suroor-trained African Story (GB) (Pivotal {GB}).

Healthy Competition

Since then, Moreira has gone from strength to strength, despite the fact that Zac Purton (who won his first HK premiership in 2013/14, thus ending the 13-year-reign of Douglas Whyte and in the process becoming the first Australian to take the title since Noel Barker in 1991/'92) has ensured that he is not the undisputed star of the show at Sha Tin and Happy Valley. After winning three consecutive premierships, Moreira surrendered his crown back to Purton at the end of the 2017/18 season, narrowly losing out after a sustained duel between the two titans.

As that season drew to a close, Moreira stunned local observers by announcing that he had withdrawn his application for a license for the following season and would instead be

heading to Japan, where he was already very popular, not least for having won Group 1 races in Hong Kong in 2016 on Maurice (Jpn) (Screen Hero {Jpn}) and Satono Crown (Jpn) (Marju {Ire}) and the G1 Dubai Turf in the UAE on Vivlos (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}).

He duly enjoyed immediate success when based there, settling on a winning strike-rate around 40%, but a repeated (and very understandable!) failure to pass the written language exam meant that the JRA did not extend his short-term license into a long-term one. He duly returned to Hong Kong in the second half of last season and, although he was still able to finish second in the premiership, Purton naturally ended up as the wide-margin winner.

Normal service has been resumed this season with Moreira, as of nightfall on Sunday, leading Purton 42 to 35 in the premiership, the pair well clear of the rest (with third-placed Karis Teetan on 21). Moreira's mounts have earned the most, too: HK\$46,806,751 (compared to Purton's mounts' tally of HK\$43,230,209 and Teetan's HK\$26,635,752).

Moreira is currently operating on a 21.2% strike rate and Purton on 18.3%. Combined, they have ridden the winners of 33.9% of the races run in Hong Kong this season. (It is a telling statistic that the leading four riders in the premiership, with Vincent Ho in fourth on 18 wins, have won more than half the races).

Joao Moreira and Zac Purton are likely to remain each other's biggest rival in Hong Kong for the foreseeable future. And, while the Hong Kong Jockey Club is less ready than it used to be to release its riders for flying visits overseas subsequent to Moreira being injured in a fall from the Chris Waller-trained Regal Monarch (GB) (Notnowcato {GB}) at Flemington on Melbourne Cup Day when there to ride Thomas Hobson (GB) (Halling {USA}) for Irish trainer Willie Mullins in the Cup, we can expect to see him make further appearances in Australia.

He has already won Australian Group 1 races on Brazen Beau and Sheidel (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}) and he rode Constantinople (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) for the Hayes/Dabernig stable in this year's Melbourne Cup. Having failed by only a head on the Irish-trained Heartbreak City (Fr) (Lando {Ger}) when runner-up to Almandin (Ger) (Monsun {Ger}) in 2016, he surely holds a victory in the Cup as one of his few remaining unfulfilled ambitions.

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