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PENN STUDY REVEALS DETECTABLE SHOCKWAVE BIOMARKERS



by Dan Ross

Researchers out of the University of Pennsylvania have identified potential biomarkers that would indicate a shockwave machine treatment had been administered to a horse.

This study is the first of its kind to identify a possible biological signal revealing shockwave usage—a breakthrough development for a therapy that leaves no visible trace, but one that has historically generated welfare concerns due to its analgesic effects.

“Because it’s not a drug—it’s applied to the surface of the skin—it’s just not an easy thing to detect,” said Mary Robinson, director of the UPenn School of Veterinary Medicine’s Equine Pharmacology Research Laboratory and the lead researcher on the study, in a press release. The study was published in full Wednesday in *Equine Veterinary Journal*. “After a lot of trial and error, our study was able to measure changes in levels of five inflammatory factors, some of which we could detect up to three weeks after the shockwave therapy.”

A shockwave machine emits sound waves in doses that can be increased and decreased, depending on the severity and type of injury. Studies on humans and animals show they trigger an **anti-inflammatory response** within the body and promote the **growth of new blood vessels**, among other responses.

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PHAROAH YEARLINGS TO PIQUE AMERICAN INTEREST ON GOLD COAST

by Bren O'Brien

The American influence at Australia's iconic Magic Millions Yearling Sale on the Gold Coast has grown significantly over the past five years, but it is set to elevate to a new level next month with the first Southern Hemisphere yearlings by Triple Crown winner **American Pharoah** (Pioneer of the Nile) on offer. This year's Book 1 renewal takes place from Jan. 8-11.

The ongoing investment by the likes of Jon Kelly, Barbara Banke's Stonestreet Stables, Spendthrift, and SF Bloodstock and Winstar Farm, through their partnerships with Newgate, has ensured a growing American influence on the Gold Coast buyers' benches.

Magic Millions Managing Director Barry Bowditch sees obvious synergy between what the American buyers want and what the Australian market has to offer, which, when coupled with a favorable currency rate, makes for good shopping for those willing to invest. **Cont. p5**

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FINLEY CALLS ON JOCKEYS TO ADVOCATE FOR WHIP REFORM

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Appearing on the TDN's new "Thoroughbred People with Patty Wolfe" podcast, West Point Thoroughbreds' Terry Finley reached out to North American jockeys and called on them to support efforts to wean the sport off the practice of riders being allowed to strike horses with the whip.

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Shockwave can be used to treat things like sore shins and suspensory issues in racehorses, and its use is fairly routine on the backstretch.

Controversy, however, surrounds the analgesic effects from shockwave application. The current scientific consensus is that this effect lasts between **two to three days after treatment**. **One 2004 study** found that analgesia could last up to 35 days after treatment, but experts say that study isn't relevant to the way shockwave treatments are administered to horses.

Most jurisdictions follow either in full or in part the Association of Racing Commissioners International's **model rule** on shockwave usage, which requires that horses given a treatment are placed on a vet's list and prevented from racing or breezing for at least 10 days. The model rule also requires that shockwave machines be registered with a commission and used only by licensed veterinarians in designated locations.

While most jurisdictions are strict about who can use the machine, **fewer of them require** shockwave therapy to be performed at specific locations at a licensed facility. Many experts fear that, without adequate oversight and because shockwave therapy leaves no visible trace of use, the machine could be used on a horse to numb the pain of an injury before a workout or race--which is where this new study out of UPenn could play an important part.

Using 11 Thoroughbreds and Standardbreds kept as a study herd at UPenn's New Bolton Center, the researchers collected blood samples at several timepoints both before and after the horses received a single treatment to a leg. Researchers were looking for 10 different pro-inflammatory and anti-inflammatory biomarkers--molecules called cytokines--using an ELISA kit.

"We looked a week before giving the shockwave therapy to see if there were any changes in the baseline period, due to changes in time of day or anything else, and didn't see anything we could define as significant," Robinson explained in the press release. "And in the post-shockwave period, we went out to three weeks."

Five of the cytokines studied showed no response to shockwave usage, but the other five--TNF-a, IL1b, IL-1RA, IL-6, and sTLR2--did, researchers found. Levels of one of the cytokines, TNF-a, were "significantly increased" through the three-week post-therapy study period.

In the press release, Robinson explained that more research needs to be conducted before these biomarkers could potentially be used as a regulatory tool to identify shockwave usage.

As such, the UPenn researchers are using a biobank of samples from client-owned animals treated at the New Bolton Center to see if these biomarkers and other indicators change in horses that are actively training and racing, or that have an acute injury.



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This study is the latest in a series of recent developments surrounding shockwave therapy. In September, *the TDN revealed* how research had identified a possible link between its usage and a higher probability of catastrophic injury.

Using the Equine Injury Database (EID), Tim Parkin, a University of Glasgow professor of veterinary epidemiology, worked with a team of racing officials to look at horses that had been reported on the vet’s list for shockwave treatment, then counted the number of days and races since the treatment before that horse was fatally injured.

Parkin found it “statistically significant” that horses that received shockwave therapy in the last 90 and 180 days were between 54% and 79% more likely to suffer a fatal injury than horses that had never received such treatments. For horses that received shockwave therapy in the last 30 and 60 days, the risk of fatal injury was also elevated: 26% and 65%, but these numbers (due to small numbers of horses treated so close to a race day) were not statistically significant.

The study--conducted for research purposes and not published in any peer-reviewed journal--wasn’t definitive proof that shockwave therapy is a single factor predisposing horses to a greater likelihood of fatal injury, however.

For example, the locations of the shockwave treatments weren’t identified in the data--an important point if causal links are to be made between treatments and the site of the fatal injury. The numbers do suggest, however, that there might be a correlation between underlying physical issues that necessitate shockwave treatments and a higher prevalence for catastrophic breakdown, Parkin told the *TDN*.

“Essentially, the pathology that drove the use of shockwave or drove the use of getting on the vet’s list remains--at least the impact of that in terms of risk of injury is retained in that horse for the rest of its racing career,” Parkin said.

Then, earlier this month, the California Horse Racing Board (CHRB) submitted a letter to the state governor, Gavin Newsom, with a number of recommendations, including that shockwave therapy be prohibited entirely.

According to SoCal-based private veterinarian, Ryan Carpenter, the CHRB’s stance is a “knee-jerk” reaction to commonly held fears surrounding shockwave usage, and that the machine has therapeutic value for continued use on the backstretch. “I think it can be used appropriately and safely,” he said.

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And while Carpenter admits that use of the machine requires adherence to an “on your honor system,” the findings of the UPenn study could mark an important breakthrough. “If the biomarkers prove to be of value, then we will now have a way to verify the on your honor system,” he said.

Robinson agrees. “Shockwave therapy is great as long as people rest the horse after using it,” she said, in the press release. “We are concerned that it’s being abused in the racehorse industry and that it could potentially result in breakdowns. That’s exactly what we’re trying to avoid.”

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Pharoah Yearlings cont. from p1

“I think our sale is built on speed and built on 2-year-olds, so we do resonate with the American style a lot,” said Bowditch. “That has a huge bearing. Obviously, the currency at the moment gives the Americans a huge opportunity to invest in quality stock.

“For what they can buy a horse for here in Australia, they will be buying well with the currency. They will be competing to buy these horses, but obviously their dollar is worth more than ours and it’s a huge opportunity to play in our market. Not only that but it’s a chance to come to the Gold Coast, have a good time, be well looked after and buy some horses that are huge investments for them here in Australia.”

As it stands four weeks out from the sale, the Australian dollar is worth 68.2 cents compared to 71.7 cents at the time when the 2019 sale was held. That’s around a 5% discount, or around \$8,300 per average lot, based on the average price of US\$170,150 at the 2019 sale.

Bowditch said that is one of the many selling points Magic Millions uses to attract overseas buyers, along with the quality of the 888 yearlings on offer in the premium book of the sale.



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"Australian horses go all over the world and do great things now, so these guys notice what happens and they want to be a part of it," he said. "They see our racing is strong, they see the vibrancy of our industry and they look forward to being a part of it."

"The ones that have been a part of it in the past have gone home and told their friends about it. It's been a slow burn, but it continues to build into something very positive and the American market is a lot bigger than it was five years ago."

With American Pharoah's first Northern Hemisphere crops making such an impression in the sales ring and on the track, the arrival of his first yearlings to the marketplace in Australia, including 27 at the Gold Coast, is certain to pique American interest.

Coolmore Australia principal Tom Magnier is looking forward to having the market assess the Triple Crown winner's Australian progeny, beginning with the Gold Coast Sale.

"American Pharoah is one of the greatest racehorses of all time," said Magnier. "Ever since the day it was announced that he was shuttling to Australia, we have been overwhelmed by the support he has received from local breeders."

"In each of his three seasons in the Hunter Valley, he has covered a full book of quality mares, including many of Coolmore Australia's very best mares. These include, but are not

limited to Tulip (Aus) (Pierro {Aus}), Lake Geneva (Aus) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}), Formality (Aus) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}), Estelle Collection (NZ) (Stravinsky) and Srikandi (Aus) (Dubawi {Ire})."

And Magnier is very confident that his yearlings will make a splash with the international buyers' benches assembled by Magic Millions.

"American Pharoah is the most incredible-looking horse with the most amazing temperament and he seems to have passed on many of his great qualities to his progeny," he said. "In general, they are scopey horses with wonderful actions, immense quality and presence. We expect that Australian trainers, syndicators and agents, particularly considering how well his progeny have done in Europe and America, will be very eager to get an American Pharoah in their stables at the sales in 2020."

Bowditch also expects the interest in the first Australian progeny of the Triple Crown winner to be substantial.

"This is the first Triple Crown winner that has ever stood down this way and to have 27 of them in our catalogue and to launch him here in Australia is very important for Magic Millions," he said. "The breeders have supported him heavily from the start and sent great mares to him. The physicals that we have put together are pleasing and so I think there is no doubt the market is going to take to American Pharoah." **Cont. p7**

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“He was the leading first-crop sire at the weanling sales this year, and given the quality of the yearlings that we are seeing, we anticipate that he will be hugely popular at the yearling sales in Australia throughout 2020,” Magnier said.



Tom Magnier (right) & Coolmore's Colm Santry
Coolmore Australia

The reception of American Pharoah in Australia will no doubt give Coolmore a strong read on what will happen when Justify's Australian-bred stock hit the market in the coming years.

“Five years ago people wondered whether or not there would ever be another Triple Crown winner,” said Magnier. “To think that there are two Triple Crown winners standing at Coolmore Australia in the Hunter Valley is quite surreal, and we consider ourselves extremely lucky to be a part of it. We hope that Justify and American Pharoah can do great things for the Australian Thoroughbred industry and that their legacy can live on in this part of the world for future generations.”

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TERRY FINLEY CALLS ON JOCKEYS TO LEAD WAY, ADVOCATE FOR WHIP REFORM ON THOROUGHBRED PEOPLE PODCAST



Terry Finley | *Fasig-Tipton photo*

Appearing on the TDN's new “**Thoroughbred People with Patty Wolfe**” podcast, West Point Thoroughbreds' Terry Finley reached out to North American jockeys and called on them to support efforts to wean the sport off the practice of riders being allowed to strike horses with the whip. The Guild has never publicly supported any proposals to reduce the use of the whip.

Finley made a plea to Jockeys' Guild Chairman John Velazquez, asking him to encourage the Guild to back a movement to adopt the experimental rules now in place at Woodbine. Currently, Woodbine jockeys are not allowed to cock their whips and strike horses with an overhand motion and can only hit them underhanded.

“I'll talk right here and now to Johnny V.,” Finley said. “There are very few people that I respect more inside or outside the industry. Johnny, you are a leader. You have done an incredible job as the leader of the Jockeys' Guild. I really believe, and a lot of my partners also believe, that this is a golden opportunity for you to support the experiment that is going on at Woodbine. If you want my input, and I don't know if you do, I would do this for a year and not even talk about it until the calendar turned into 2021. I think we will all be pleasantly surprised. The world won't fall apart and we'll be sending a much better signal to the public, our fans and the fans of the future.” **Cont. p8**



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Finley said that he had a change of mind about whipping when visiting Las Vegas with a crew of classmates from his alma mater, West Point.

“We were watching a race from Belmont and I got all of them to the windows in the simulcast center,” he said. “We had won a race. They all call me ‘Fin-Dog’ and one of my best friends says, ‘Jesus Christ, Fin-Dog, they are beating the shit out of those horses.’ I didn’t know how to respond. I felt like a schmuck. Here’s this business that I beat the drum for so much, then I had to hear a dear friend say that about it to me and in front of everybody. That really got me thinking about this issue.”

Finley also rejected the idea that the solution regarding the whip is to better educate the public and to get across the message that the whip does not hurt the animal.

“What I respectfully disagree with is when they say that we should keep things the way they are and should just educate the public more,” he said. “I will tell you there’s nothing you will be able to do when there’s a little girl on the apron at Saratoga by the eighth pole and she hears [the sound of whipping] and looks up and says ‘Daddy, they are beating those horses.’ What kind of education platform can you possibly have that would impact that little girl?”

Finley’s take on the whip was part of an overall theme in the podcast where he called on the industry to continue to work feverishly to solve its safety problems. Putting an optimistic spin on racing’s situation, Finley said that racing’s problems in 2019 will someday be seen as something that, inevitably, changed the sport for the better.

“Every day we have to think and act in a prudent way and take care of our business,” he said. “If we do that, the cumulative effect in two or three years will be that we see the light at the end of the tunnel. We’ll look back and we’ll look at 2019 as a watershed year that instigated the change for better in our industry. I am going to do everything I can and so will my team. We have vowed to do everything we can to play our part. We have the problems identified. The finger pointing is done. Let’s take action. Let’s get after this thing.”

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JOCKEYS' GUILD RESPONDS TO PROPOSED WHIP RULE CHANGES

The Jockeys' Guild released a statement Wednesday responding to recent pushes from within the industry to more strictly regulate and in some cases eliminate whip usage. The most recent call for reform came from Terry Finley on *TDN's Thoroughbred People with Patty Wolfe* podcast. The Guild's statement reads:

"As the organization representing jockeys throughout the United States, the safety of both our equine and human athletes are paramount and of the utmost importance. Furthermore, it must be recognized that the Jockeys' Guild and our members are adamantly opposed to any animal abuse and any person who does so should be fully punished for such occurrences. However, it is the opinion of the Jockeys' Guild, which is made up of highly regarded and respected jockeys, that the current riding crops are humane. While the Guild and its members are supportive of any changes that improve the well-being of the horse, we do believe that it is important to recognize that use of the riding crop is still necessary, not only for safety, but also for communication, control of the horse, and assurance of maximum placing. This cannot be emphasized enough.

"The proposals by the [California Horse Racing Board](#), [The New Jersey Racing Commission](#), and The Jockey Club, to eliminate the use of the riding crop but for safety purposes, will have serious consequences and could result in even greater risks and dangers. It is the opinion of the jockeys, those whose lives are at risk, that there could be catastrophic consequences for both the horses and the jockeys if the riding crop is eliminated but for safety purposes.

"Since the initial discussion before the CHRБ in March of this year, the Guild has strongly been opposed to the elimination of the use of the riding crop but for safety purposes. We are also on record stating that it is our belief that, we as the industry, including the owners, horsemen, racetracks, and the regulators, can reach mutually agreed upon regulation with regards to the use of the riding crop, that will be safe and humane to the horse, while still allowing the riders to use it in a controlled manner but still in the best interest of racing. However, the Guild and the jockeys were not afforded the opportunity to be included in the discussions before the proposals were published and the concerns that we have expressed were not addressed, including those as outlined in the letter to the CHRБ dated November 19, 2019 which is attached.

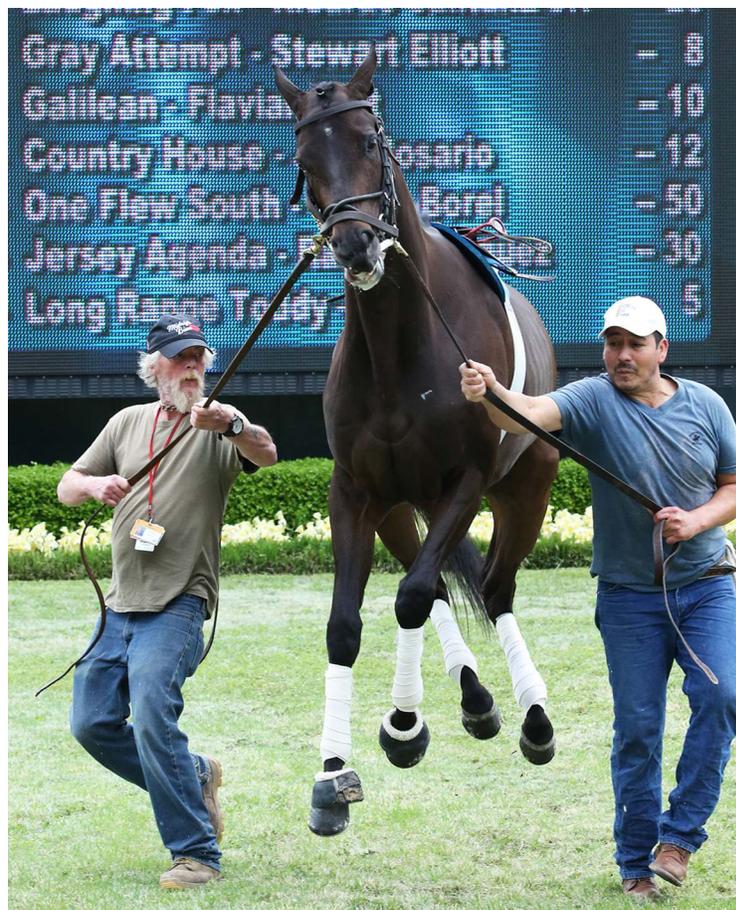
"Recognizing that the industry is at a crossroads and the need for reforms, the Guild's Board of Directors, after much discussion, has made a proposal of significant changes to the current ARCI model rule. While much of the ARCI rule was similar to the British Horseracing Authority and other international standards, there were three areas where we will

be proposing amendments. Most significantly would be with regards to the limiting of the number of times the riding crop is to be used in the forehand ('up') position and being able to lift the crop only to the helmet level.

"An additional proposal was submitted to the CHRБ, which incorporates the existing ARCI Model rule, along with the Guild's proposed changes. This proposal also includes that after a race, horses will be subject to inspection by a racing or official veterinarian looking for any signs of distress from the riding crop, including cuts, welts, or bruises in the skin. Any adverse finding shall be reported to the stewards. This clause has been a part of the ARCI Model Rule for many years.

"The Guild is working with the Thoroughbred Safety Coalition to reach an agreed upon proposal. It would be our hope that establishing such rule, similar to many of the international standards, would lead to a universal riding crop usage [standard]. The ultimate goal is to establish a standard that is in the best interest of the welfare of the horse, as well as the industry as a whole, including the betting public. Such uniformity would be the best interest of the horses, enhance the perception of our industry, and still provide for fairness to owners, the betting public, horsemen and the jockeys."

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2019 in photos: April 11. Midnight Bisou becomes airborne while schooling ahead of the GI Apple Blossom at Oaklawn Park. | Coady

SWEDISH OLSSON HOPES TO MAKE NAME AT GULFSTREAM



Fanny Olsson after her win on Chirping | Ryan Thompson

by Bill Finley

Fanny Olsson measures success differently than most every other jockey at Gulfstream. She knows she's not going to have any four-win days and a good mount in a stakes race is probably not going to happen. When you come here, as a woman, unknown and out of a country, Sweden, that most people in the U.S. probably don't even know has Thoroughbred racing, you relish every small victory.

Which is why last Friday may have been the best day of Olsson's riding career thus far. She won the first race at Gulfstream, a \$12,500 claimer, and finished second in the third, another \$12,500 claiming race. In doing so, she inched closer to her goal, convincing trainers that she has what it takes to ride on a regular basis.

"I wish I could make a living off just riding races and not to have to keep galloping horses in the morning," said Olsson, who supplements her living by exercising horses in the mornings and ponying horses in the afternoons. "That is my dream, to just ride races for a living. That's where I'd love to be in a couple of years."

It looks like she is getting there. While Olsson, 26, still struggles to get mounts, she has more than made the best of her opportunities. After Friday's rides, she had six winners on the year from 28 mounts, winning at a 21% rate.

She knew almost nothing about American racing until she came to Gulfstream some eight years ago with her then-boyfriend, who was hoping to ride a few races in America. It was an eye-opening trip.

"Since that trip, my dream was always to come back," she said. "I thought it was such a cool country and the racing is so big here. The way they do everything here is such a big difference

from home. Since then, it was always my dream to get over here and ride races."

Riding in Sweden, Norway and Denmark, Olsson started off in pony races, became an amateur rider and then an apprentice. Norway is the only country in the world where whipping is not allowed, a practice that may be adopted some day in the U.S. Olsson said she's not a fan of the rules in Norway.

"The turns in Norway on the turf and dirt are very sharp and the whip helps you steer the horses," she said. "If you look at races in Norway, they are riding ugly. They are trying to whip the reins, they are trying to kick the horses with the short irons. It doesn't look good because people are trying to do whatever they can to get the horses to run faster. Maybe here they should have a rule where you can only hit a horse five times. It's unfair to not have the whip."

Though she enjoyed success as an apprentice, Olsson had difficulty getting mounts after her weight allowance was gone. With only 75 days of Thoroughbred racing a year in harness racing-mad Sweden, Olsson figured there had to be a better place out there where she could make a good living. In November, 2018, she packed her bags and headed to Florida.

"I have some friends here and I love the weather," she said. "I came here eight years ago and just thought it was beautiful."

She didn't start riding at first. She focused on exercising horses in the morning and getting to know the Florida trainers. She had her first U.S. mount May 25 and her first U.S. winner Aug. 2, winning for trainer Jorge Delgado. She says that Delgado is the primary reason why she has a high winning percentage. He may not put her on a lot of horses, but when he does, they are usually in spots where they have every chance to win.

"I have had such good opportunities to ride horses for Jorge Delgado," she said. "He's really been helping me out. He told me that when he was younger, he was in my position as a trainer. No one wanted help him out. He said he likes me on the horses and that the horses like me too. I have to give all the credit to him. Without him, I'd never be where I am at now."

But she knows she has to find a way to convince trainers other than Delgado to give her a chance.

"Yes, it can be frustrating," she said. "Jorge has given me the chance to ride some really good horses and they have run well for me. I wish other people would put me up. I'd definitely love to get more rides. In the mornings, I always ask people if they have something for me to ride. I just don't want to be too pushy. Maybe it will pick up in the summer."

Olsson said that when she first came to the U.S., she thought about a triumphant return to Sweden, that having success in Florida would help her open doors with trainers in her native country. Now, she is determined to stay.



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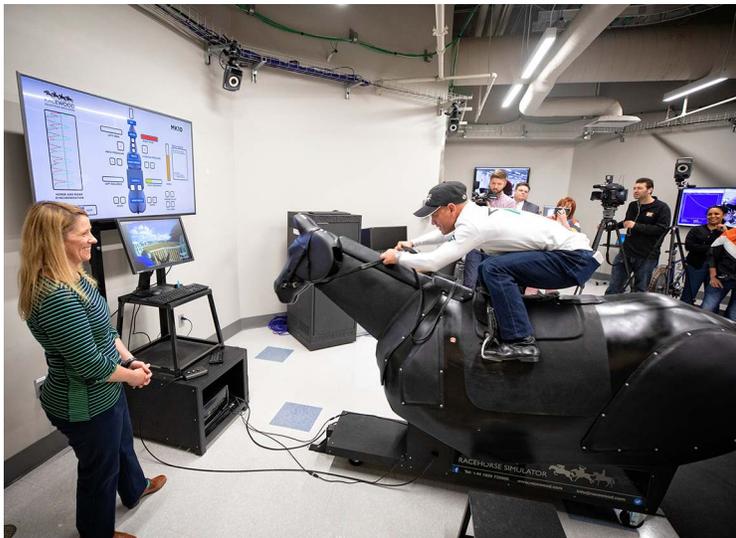
Olsson cont.

"If I can keep picking up rides I will stay," she said. "I love it over here."

Olsson didn't pick an easy place to break in. The Gulfstream riding colony during the "Championship Meet" is arguably the best in the world during the winter. But she's patient, motivated and winning with 21% of her rides. She hopes that's the right combination to beat the odds.

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GOAL OF UK STUDY IS TO PRODUCE BETTER JOCKEYS



Dr. Kim Tumlin & Javier Castellano at the SMRI | SMRI

by Bill Finley

During this year's spring and fall meetings at Keeneland, several jockeys willingly turned themselves into lab rats. The riders took part in an ongoing initiative at the University of Kentucky (UK)'s Sports Medicine Research Institute (SMRI), where researchers believe they can pinpoint ways for a rider to maximize their potential.

The study, called the Jockey and Equestrian Initiative (JEI), began as a way to learn more about concussions and concussion testing for riders. The university's work took on an entire new life after researchers met with riders at a Jockeys' Guild assembly and riders told them they wanted to learn about much more than dealing with concussions. The JEI has become a Petri dish for studying everything from a jockey's reaction time to their grip strength, flexibility and balance to their fitness level. The goal is to get a baseline assessment for ideal jockey performance.

While all aspects of the study are important, the most promising aspect is in areas that involve the reaction time of

jockeys. The UK researchers don't believe that reaction time is purely a natural impulse and, rather, is something that can improve with training. A jockey who is ultra alert and ready to react instantly to what is going on around him or her in a race will likely be a better, safer jockey.

It is all part of a scientific way to measure something--the performances of jockeys--that has never been put to a serious test. As part of the information gathering process, the jockeys are hooked up to tiny electrodes and put aboard a mechanical horse named Charlie. They ride in a two-minute simulated race and are given instant feedback via a small computer screen, which records such factors as how they shift their weight and pull on the reins.

If the studies find that a jockey's reaction time is below those of an elite rider, they will be given performance-based activities to train them up to that level.

"It would be like anybody's reaction times," said principal investigator Kimberly Tumlin, Ph.D. "It is a visual motor coordination and so it is something you can train, to have that better hand-eye coordination. Instead of thinking about reacting, you are trained to react. It is taking a clinical sports medicine approach to form a solution, an athletic solution."

Improving the reaction times of jockeys would no doubt make the sport safer for riders, as jockeys who can react more quickly to the dangers that surround them are less likely to be involved in spill. The researchers believe that might also make racing safer for the horses, who can be injured if involved in an accident.

"The jockeys have said they can positively impact horse safety if they are fit and able to have high reaction time and foresee potential incidents," Tumlin said.

In addition to being put aboard the mechanical horse, jockeys are tested for such things as body fat percentage and their fitness level. They are asked about their nutrition, weight loss, their training programs and their injury history.

"They're doing a lot of research to help jockeys be in a safer environment and to protect our careers a lot better," said jockey Sophie Doyle, who took part in the testing. "They're doing phenomenal research that all the jockeys should be getting into and being a part of. It can only benefit us. What I learned most from this was about fitness. We did a lot of tests that covered strength, fitness and stability. It was really interesting to learn about your strength and fitness and how you can do better in those areas."

The testing began in 2018, and Tumlin says they are in the beginning phases of what is an extensive test that could last for as many as three years and will also include exercise riders. They want to test 60 individuals--20 experienced riders, 20 novice riders and 20 exercise riders. **Cont. p12**

UK Study cont.

"Before we started this, there were jockeys already having internal discussions about how to train and mentor the upcoming riders," Tumlin said. "It just hadn't been formalized. I think we have an amazing opportunity here in the lab and at UK to be a central point. One of the questions I always have is what among what we are doing is most useful. I'm always trying to get feedback from the jockeys and so far they've been really excited about what we are doing."

So can a jockey who takes part in the UK tests and absorbs the knowledge gained by being part of the program outride those who don't? Tumlin says it's too early to tell, but is optimistic that those who become involved with the program will thrive.

"We've had some trainers ask us that, if their jockeys will get better," she said. "We don't have the evidence to make any claims because we are early in study. But it should be similar to other sporting events, where you know that athletes going through specific training programs have an advantage. The feedback that we get from jockeys is that they can impact their performances by training, specifically through the reaction time. We want to make reaction time muscle memory versus something they have to think about when riding."

The Jockey and Equestrian Initiative is one of four major research initiatives housed at the Sports Medicine Research Institute. The SMRI opened its doors in June 2017 and is supported in part by a \$4.2-million grant from the U.S. Department of Defense.



Dr. Kim Tumlin working with jockeys Sophie Doyle, John Velazquez and Javier Castellano | SMRI

**JOCKEYS' GUILD CALLS FOR INCLUSION AT ANNUAL ASSEMBLY**

The Jockeys' Guild Annual Assembly, sponsored by Betfair, was held in Las Vegas Dec. 9 and covered a variety of issues affecting both Thoroughbred and Quarter Horse riders. The assembly opened with remarks by Terry Meyocks, President and CEO of the Jockeys' Guild who said, "Jockeys are integral part of racing and must have a seat at the table in all industry discussions that will affect their ability to do their job and earn a living."

The morning's agenda covered Jockeys' Guild social media and the development of an app which will help increase communication within the organization as well an update on the retirement account where jockeys can contribute. Other topics covered included updates on the Sports Medicine Research Institute (SMRI) with the University of Kentucky. It was noted that more jockeys are needed for the research and riders can contact the University of Kentucky to volunteer when they are in Lexington.

The afternoon session was an open discussion titled, "Working together for the betterment of our industry", with members of racetrack management including Scott Wells of Remington and Lone Star Park, Dan Bork of Ellis Park and Churchill Downs, Gary Palmisano of Churchill Downs, Bob Elliston of Keeneland, Jeff True from Riudoso Downs, Larry Swartzlander of Northern California Fairs and former racetrack executive Corey Johnsen.

With the industry focused on equine safety, Guild leaders expressed their frustration to track executives that while jockeys' lives are at stake and they are the last line of defense for horse's safety, their input is not being heard or considered as many initiatives are being implemented. The Guild was also not included in the formation of The Thoroughbred Safety Coalition, which is pushing for major industry reforms. Elliston assured the Guild and its members that the jockeys would be an important voice and part of the conversation going forward.

A number of suggestions were also made about how management and jockeys can work together, including media training for jockeys and educating the public to help grow the industry and improve public perception.

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HANDLE, RACES RUN UP AT AQUEDUCT FALL MEET

With significantly more races run, and kept on the turf, the New York Racing Association's fall meet at Aqueduct racetrack saw a sharp rise in all-sources handle to \$205,249,710. Handle was up 49% compared to 2018's figure of \$137,213,915, but so were the number of races held, with 86 grass races and 233 total races run through the end of 25-day meet Dec. 8, compared to 31 turf races and 198 total races run over 22 days in 2018. On-track handle this meet was \$20,712,645 vs. \$16,168,219 last year. Average daily handle was up 31.6% (\$205,249,710 vs. \$137,213,915), while handle per betting interest was up 8.7% (\$104,880 vs. \$96,494). Betting handle for the meet's biggest day, the GI Cigar Mile H. card held last Saturday, was up 45% from 2018, in part due to a mandatory payout of the Empire 6, which was introduced by NYRA in August.

Chad Brown was leading trainer with 17 victories to pace all conditioners for the fourth consecutive NYRA meet. Irad Ortiz, Jr.'s 29 wins earned him the riding title, while Klaravich Stables and Drawing Away Stable tied for leading owner. The 2019-20 Aqueduct winter meet begins Dec. 12.

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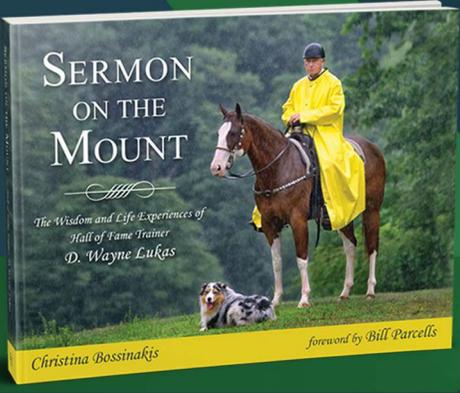
TCA STALLION SEASON AUCTION SET FOR JANUARY

Thoroughbred Charities of America's 30th Annual Stallion Season Auction are underway. The auction, to be held Wednesday, Jan. 8-Sunday, Jan. 12, 2020, is the largest annual fundraiser for the nonprofit organization.

"2020 marks the 30th anniversary of TCA and our Stallion Season Auction," said Erin Crady, executive director of TCA. "The auction is TCA's largest annual fundraiser and directly impacts the funding we have available for our approved charities. There are a variety of ways to support the auction including the donation of stallion seasons, the donation of non-season items for the silent auction, sponsorships, program advertising, and ticket purchases."

The fundraiser opens with an online auction of stallion seasons beginning at 9 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 8 and continues through 5 p.m. ET Friday, Jan. 10. Over 100 seasons will be available for online bidding include Liam's Map, Palace Malice, More Than Ready, and Gun Runner. Interested bidders may register to bid on starquine.com or tca.org. The majority of the seasons will sell during the online auction, however a few select seasons including Audible, Blame, Constitution, Street Sense, and Vino Rosso will be sold in the live 'Tis the Seasons Celebration Sunday, Jan. 12 at Distillery Square in Lexington, Ky. Bidders or their authorized agents may bid on the select seasons by attending the live auction in-person or they may contact TCA to

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For the fifth consecutive year, LNJ Foxwoods, the New York-based racing stable of Larry, Nanci and Jaime Roth, has signed on as the top sponsor of the Stallion Season Auction. In addition to LNJ Foxwoods, other sponsors are: Rosenberg Thoroughbred Consulting, Limestone Bank, Equine Medical Associates, HorseCo, Fasig-Tipton, *BloodHorse*, *Paulick Report*, L.V. Harkness, and *Thoroughbred Daily News*.

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FT. LAUDERDALE S.-GII, \$200,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/8mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Exulting 🌿	Tapit	Michael M. Hui	Maker	Gaffalione	121
2	Spooky Channel	English Channel	Terry Hamilton	Lynch	Leparoux	124
3	Flavius	War Front	Juddmonte Farms, Inc.	Brown	Castellano	121
4	Instilled Regard 🌿	Arch	OXO Equine LLC	Brown	Ortiz, Jr.	121
5	Channel Cat	English Channel	Calumet Farm	Pletcher	Velazquez	126
6	Up the Ante 🌿	Smart Strike	Castleton Lyons	Clement	Lopez	121
7	Cross Border 🌿	English Channel	Three Diamonds Farm	Maker	Saez	121
8	Admission Office	Point of Entry	Amerman Racing LLC	Lynch	Ortiz	121
9	Marzo 🌿	Medaglia d'Oro	Three Diamonds Farm	Maker	Santana, Jr.	126

Breeders: 1-Peter E. Blum Thoroughbreds, LLC, 2-Calumet Farm, 3-Juddmonte Farms Inc, 4-KatieRich Farms, 5-Calumet Farm, 6-Castleton Lyons & Kilboy Estate, 7-Berkshire Stud & B. D. Gibbs, 8-Mrs. Jerry Amerman, 9-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC

Saturday, Gulfstream, post time: 2:30 p.m. EST

SUGAR SWIRL S.-GIII, \$100,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Ms Meshak 🌿	Shackleford	Northwind Thoroughbreds LLC	Orseno	Torres	122
2	Bronx Beauty	Liaison	2W Stables LLC	Margotta, Jr.	Ortiz	122
3	A Bit of Both	Paynter	Dubb, Michael, Madaket Stables LLC, Darsan, Inc., Bethlehem Stables LLC and Simon, David	Servis	Lopez	120
4	Lady's Island	Greatness	Matties Racing Stable LLC and Averill Racing LLC	Baxter	Jaramillo	122
5	Blazen Betsy 🌿	Speightstown	Slack, Robert and Walters, Daniel	Crichton	Ortiz, Jr.	120
6	Stormy Embrace	Circular Quay	Matalona Thoroughbreds, LLC	O'Connell	Saez	125
7	Pretty Greeley	Greeley's Conquest	WSS Racing, LLC	Ortiz	Doyle	120
8	Meadow Dance 🌿	Jimmy Creed	Right Time Racing III, LLC & Madaket Stables LLC	Cox	Castellano	120
9	Heavenhasmynikki	Majestic Warrior	Ron Paolucci Racing, LLC & Anderson-Butler, Leigh	Hess, Jr.	Gaffalione	122

Breeders: 1-Northwind Thoroughbreds LLC, 2-Blackstone Farm LLC, 3-Darsan Inc. & WinStar Farm, LLC, 4-Bailey Bolen, 5-Southern Comfort Farm, LLC & Mike Scott, 6-Matalona Thoroughbreds, LLC, 7-Millard R. Seldin Rev. Trust, 8-William Humphries, 9-Langsem Farm, Inc.



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Saturday, Gulfstream, post time: 3:30 p.m. EST**RAMPART S.-GIII, \$100,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Unholy Alliance 🌿	First Samurai	e Five Racing Thoroughbreds	Joseph, Jr.	Gaffalione	118
2	Shamrock Babe 🌿	Scat Daddy	Rosedown Racing	Breen	Saez	121
3	Perspire	Brethren	Arindel	Gold	Ortiz, Jr.	118
4	Pink Sands	Tapit	Gainesway Stable and Rosen, Andrew	McGaughey III	Ortiz	123
5	Bella Ciao 🌿	Flatter	Cairoli Racing Stable and Magic Stables LLC	Sano	Jaramillo	118
6	Molto Bella 🌿	Violence	Bloch, Randall L. & Six Column Stables, LLC, et al	Wilkes	Hernandez, Jr.	118
7	Viva Forever 🌿	Milwaukee Brew	Ron Paolucci Racing, LLC	Walder	Maragh	121
8	Tweeting	Uncle Mo	Imaginary Stables and Ellis, Glenn	Dobles	Torres	121
9	Baccarat Fashion	Old Fashioned	Baccarat Racing LLC	Walder	Alvarado, Jr.	121
10	Cairenn 🌿	First Dude	WSS Racing, LLC	Ortiz	Doyle	121
11	Cookie Dough	Brethren	Arindel	Gold	Lopez	118

Breeders: 1-Craig Drago, 2-Datt Farm, LLC, 3-Arindel, 4-KatieRich Farms, 5-Dr. & Mrs. Walter Zent, 6-SF Racing Group Inc, 7-Paul O'Sullivan, 8-Glen Hill Farm, 9-Sally Thomas & New Dawn Stable LLC, 10-Best A Luck Farm LLC, 11-Arindel

Saturday, Gulfstream, post time: 4:30 p.m. EST**HARLAN'S HOLIDAY S.-GIII, \$100,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Prince Lucky	Corinthian	Daniel McConnell	Pletcher	Velazquez	123
2	Eye of a Jedi 🌿	Eye of the Leopard	Steve Budhoo	Budhoo	Lopez	123
3	Red Crescent	Overdriven	Equine Authority Inc.	Vinson	Gaffalione	123
4	Flowers for Lisa	Flower Alley	Flying P Stable	Navarro	Ortiz	121
5	War Story 🌿	Northern Afleet	Imaginary Stables and Ellis, Glenn	Dobles	Saez	125
6	Bodexpress 🌿	Bodemeister	Top Racing, Global Tbred & GDS Racing Stable	Delgado	Jaramillo	118
7	Phat Man	Munnings	Stribling, Marianne, Force Five Racing, LLC & Two Rivers Racing Stable LLC	Sweezey	Ortiz, Jr.	123
8	Realm	Haynesfield	Dattner, Eric, Tagg, Barclay and Astarita, Harry	Tagg	Leparoux	121

Breeders: 1-Daniel W. McConnell Sr., 2-Calumet Farm, 3-Pamela Edel & Edward Cahir, 4-Kenneth L. Ramsey & Sarah K. Ramsey, 5-Jack Swain III, 6-Martha Jane Mulholland, 7-Kim Nardelli & Rodney Nardelli, 8-Morgan's Ford Farm



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1	Scat Daddy (2004) by Johannesburg Crops: 8	14	27	8	16	2	7	201	71	1,192,878	7,139,325
				Stands: Ashford Stud USA (Dead/Ret/Exp)						Mr Melody	
2	War Front (2002) by Danzig Crops: 10	8	25	5	15	--	3	185	55	241,615	3,981,156
				Stands: Claiborne Farm KY Fee: \$250,000						Top Soliste	
3	English Channel (2002) by Smart Strike Crops: 9	14	24	6	12	2	3	187	80	1,062,108	6,965,330
				Stands: Calumet Farm KY Fee: \$35,000						Channel Maker	
4	The Factor (2008) by War Front Crops: 4	8	21	1	10	--	1	186	64	244,722	4,574,512
				Stands: Lane's End Farm KY Fee: \$17,500						Bandua	
5	Kitten's Joy (2001) by El Prado (Ire) Crops: 11	10	19	6	11	1	4	327	112	717,751	8,038,415
				Stands: Hill 'n' Dale Farms KY Fee: \$75,000						Henley's Joy	
6	Medaglia d'Oro (1999) by El Prado (Ire) Crops: 12	7	19	5	9	1	1	173	53	793,260	5,628,479
				Stands: Darley KY Fee: \$200,000						Cambier Parc	
7	City Zip (1998) by Carson City Crops: 15	8	18	3	7	--	2	156	59	434,620	4,438,750
				Stands: Lane's End Farm USA (Dead/Ret/Exp)						Snapper Sinclair	
8	Lemon Drop Kid (1996) by Kingmambo Crops: 16	6	15	2	5	--	--	158	51	185,310	3,349,547
				Stands: Lane's End Farm KY Fee: \$20,000						Dyna Passer	
9	Ghostzapper (2000) by Awesome Again Crops: 11	5	14	2	6	--	--	94	35	246,650	3,009,461
				Stands: Adena Springs KY Fee: \$85,000						Holy Helena	
10	Giant's Causeway (1997) by Storm Cat Crops: 16	6	13	3	10	1	2	125	44	6,723,650	10,954,460
				Stands: Ashford Stud USA (Dead/Ret/Exp)						Bricks and Mortar	
11	More Than Ready (1997) by Southern Halo Crops: 16	7	13	5	8	2	2	205	66	1,455,000	6,363,644
				Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$80,000						Uni (GB)	
12	Into Mischief (2005) by Harlan's Holiday Crops: 8	6	13	--	2	--	--	181	55	141,815	3,303,432
				Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY Fee: \$175,000						Corruze	
13	Speightstown (1998) by Gone West Crops: 12	6	12	3	5	1	4	135	33	1,058,962	4,577,038
				Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$70,000						Mozu Superflare	
14	Tapit (2001) by Pulpit Crops: 12	8	12	3	6	--	1	141	40	392,354	3,340,794
				Stands: Gainesway Farm KY Fee: \$200,000						Princesa Carolina	
15	Hard Spun (2004) by Danzig Crops: 9	4	11	3	3	--	--	159	51	931,190	5,108,333
				Stands: Darley KY Fee: \$40,000						A Thread of Blue	

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8th-Gulfstream, \$43,000, Alw (C)/Opt. Clm (\$75,000), 12-11, 3yo/up, 7 1/2fT, 1:28.60, fm.

GEMONTEER (c, 4, Distorted Humor--Letters in Silver, by Silver Hawk), who captured the Not Surprising S. over this course in July 2018, was making his fourth start of the year off a front-running one-length victory in a Sept. 12 optional claimer at Kentucky Downs. The 7-2 shot rushed up from his outside post and took the lead into the first turn. He set a moderate tempo while pursued by the very rank 4-5 favorite Frostmourne (Speightstown). He charged clear in upper stretch and held sway over the late-closing Projected (GB) (Showcasing {GB}) to win by a length. Multiple graded stakes winner Frostmourne, making his first start in 14 months, tired to fourth after fighting pilot Irad Ortiz for much of the race. Gemonteer, an \$11,000 FTKOCT yearling, is a half-brother to Sister Ginger (Student Council, MSW, \$336,966). **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** Lifetime Record: SW, 11-4-2-2, \$232,533.

O-Gelfenstein Farm; B-Millennium Farms & Distorted Humor Syndicate (KY); T-Jena M. Antonucci.

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IN ORDER OF PURSE:

5th-Gulfstream, \$41,000, Msw, 12-11, 2yo, 1mT, 1:34.92, fm.

SUMMER TO REMEMBER (c, 2, Summer Front--Psychadelacized, by Distorted Humor) was second behind next-out GI Summer S. winner Decorated Invader (Declaration of War) in his 1 1/16-mile debut over the Saratoga turf Aug. 10. Sent off the 1-2 favorite in this second go, the bay colt went quickly to the front and traded blows with Intentional Walk (Tapit) through a quarter in :23.65 and a half in :47.69. He put that foe away with a furlong to run and drew clear to graduate by 1 3/4 lengths. A \$200,000 KEENOV weanling, Summer to Remember is the 16th winner for his freshman sire (by War Front). Psychadelacized, in foal to To Honor and Serve, was purchased by Brereton Jones for \$210,000 at the 2014 Keeneland January sale. Out of Taegu (Halo), she is a half-sister to El Fasto (El Prado {Ire}), who is the dam of the Jones's 2012 GI Kentucky Oaks winner Believe You Can (Proud Citizen). She is also a half to multiple graded stakes winner Classic Elegance (Carson City). Her Cairo Prince yearling filly sold for \$95,000 at this year's Keeneland September sale and she was bred to Creative Cause this spring. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$42,000.

O-Waterford Stable; B-Brereton Jones (KY); T-Todd A. Pletcher.

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Summer to Remember | Lauren King

4th-Gulfstream, \$40,000, Msw, 12-11, 2yo, f, 7f, 1:23.31, ft. VELVET CRUSH (f, 2, Tapit--White Clover {SW & GSP, \$166,257}, by Exchange Rate), sixth sprinting on debut at Saratoga Aug. 11, moved to the lawn and stretched out to a mile to be a narrowly beaten runner-up at Belmont Sept. 14 and was second again in a one-mile off-turfer at Churchill Oct. 27. The 9-5 second choice moved to the lead midway down the backstretch and was comfortably in front through a quarter in :22.50. She skipped further clear on the turn and strode home an 8 1/4-length winner. Favored Fashion Babe (Curlin) closed to just get her head in front for second. Velvet Crush was a \$450,000 FTSAUG yearling. Her multiple stakes-winning dam White Clover, who was third in the 2015 GIII Monmouth Oaks, is a full-sister to Grade I winner Ermine. White Clover produced a colt by American Pharoah in 2018 and a filly by Ghostzapper this year. She was bred back to Ransom the Moon. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton. Lifetime Record: 4-1-2-0, \$58,900. O-Famousstyle Stables, LLC; B-Calumet Farm (KY); T-Rodolphe Brisset.**



FIRST-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12
American Pharoah (Pioneerof the Nile), Ashford Stud, \$100,000
 162 foals of racing age/24 winners/4 black-type winners
 5-Aqueduct, Msw 1m, HARVEY'S LIL GOIL, 8-1

Call Me George (Point Given), Gulf Coast Equine, unknown
 3 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
 5-Fair Grounds, Msw 1m, GEORGIA DAWN, 6-1

Commissioner (A.P. Indy), WinStar Farm, \$7,500
 94 foals of racing age/16 winners/2 black-type winners
 7-Fair Grounds, Msw 1m, C F JOHNATHAN, 15-1
 \$10,000 ESL YRL yrl

Competitive Edge (Super Saver), Ashford Stud, \$7,500
 111 foals of racing age/24 winners/4 black-type winners
 1-Penn National, Msw 5f, RICHIE'S EDGE, 5-2
 \$27,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; \$40,000 EAS MAY 2yo

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Velvet Crush | Lauren King

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 41 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners
 5-Aqueduct, Msw 1m, A J ROCK, 9-2 \$27,000 RNA KEE NOV wnl;
 \$85,000 FTK JUL yrl; \$150,000 OBS OPN 2yo

Palace (City Zip), Spendthrift Farm, \$6,000
 87 foals of racing age/16 winners/1 black-type winner
 3-Charles Town, Aoc 7f, SHANNA'S GRAY, 12-1
 \$12,000 EAS MAY 2yo

Race Day (Tapit), Spendthrift Farm, \$6,000
 96 foals of racing age/13 winners/4 black-type winners
 3-Charles Town, Aoc 7f, ULTIMATE JUSTICE, 9-2
 \$20,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; \$16,000 EAS MAY 2yo

Tapiture (Tapit), Darby Dan Farm, \$7,500
 123 foals of racing age/24 winners/1 black-type winner
 3-Penn National, Msw 6f, SUPPRESS, 4-1

Wicked Strong (Hard Spun), Spendthrift Farm, \$7,500
 130 foals of racing age/22 winners/1 black-type winner
 5-Aqueduct, Msw 1m, WICKED HAPPY, 30-1
 \$40,000 KEE JAN wnl; \$150,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$65,000 RNA OBS
 MAR 2yo; \$22,000 OBS OPN 2yo

SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: THURSDAY, DEC. 12

Fed Biz (Giant's Causeway), WinStar Farm, \$10,000
 187 foals of racing age/64 winners/5 black-type winners
 3-Penn National, Msw 6f, STONE SCULPTOR, 6-1

Mark Valeski (Proud Citizen), Airdrie Stud, private
 57 foals of racing age/18 winners/1 black-type winner
 7-Fair Grounds, Msw 1m, DAYS OF SUMMER, 6-1
 \$22,000 RNA OBS APR 2yo

Seville (Ger) (Galileo {Ire}), Heritage Stallions
 119 foals of racing age/19 winners/2 black-type winners
 3-Penn National, Msw 6f, SACRED MOUNTAIN, 6-1

Super Ninety Nine (Pulpit), Country Life Farm, \$3,000
 69 foals of racing age/24 winners/0 black-type winners
 1-Penn National, Msw 5f, SHARK CITY, 3-1



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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

4th-Mahoning Valley, \$32,000, (NW3X)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000),
 12-11, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10.04, ft.

DIAMOND DUST (g, 3, Paynter--Radiant Sky, by Leroidesanimaux {Brz}) Lifetime Record: MSW, 15-8-5-1, \$379,500. O/B-Blazing Meadows Farm LLC & WinStar Farm, LLC (OH); T-Timothy E. Hamm.



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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Sir Michael, g, 3, Gemologist--Don't Tacha Me, by A.P. Indy.
 Mahoning Valley, 12-11, 6f, 1:10.41. B-Brandywine Farm (Jim & Pam Robinson) (KY). *\$17,000 RNA Ylg '17 FTKJUL; \$15,000 Ylg '17 FTKOCT; \$9,000 RNA 2yo '18 OBSMAR.



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DISTORTED HUMOR, Gemonteer, c, 4, o/o Letters in Silver, by Silver Hawk. AOC, 12-11, Gulfstream

GEMOLOGIST, Sir Michael, g, 3, o/o Don't Tacha Me, by A.P. Indy. MSW, 12-11, Mahoning Valley

PAYNTER, Diamond Dust, g, 3, o/o Radiant Sky, by Leroidesanimaux (Brz). AOC, 12-11, Mahoning Valley

SUMMER FRONT, Summer to Remember, c, 2, o/o Psychadelacized, by Distorted Humor. MSW, 12-11, Gulfstream

TAPIT, Velvet Crush, f, 2, o/o White Clover, by Exchange Rate. MSW, 12-11, Gulfstream



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BARRY QUICK TO PRAISE FELLOW PINHOOKERS



Luke Barry | Emma Berry

By Amy Lynam

There is no exact science in racing and breeding and, along with sound judgement and good horsemanship, we need an awful lot of luck—a fact highlighted by Luke Barry on several occasions as we look back on the 2019 yearling sales.

In conjunction with Kitty Fitzpatrick of Loughmore Stables and Ryan McElligott, Barry achieved some notable pinhook successes under his family's Manister House Stud banner this year, but he remains realistic in his outlook.

"Things can go wrong and horses can make fools of you," he said. "And the next thing you know, you have an expensive foal going south in valuation very quickly."

The farm's most impressive sale of the season was not an expensive pinhook. The son of Maxios (GB) was bought as a foal for 15,000gns, in a year when the sire's yearlings sold for an average of 17,206gns, but as Barry explains, there's more to selling than sire power.

"He was a very nice foal," said Barry of the £170,000 Goffs UK yearling. "He didn't change much physically in that he came back a very nice yearling. I suppose it just proves if you have a very nice individual, you can get lucky. We got lucky, because two people were on him. Ross Doyle and Richard Hannon, Jr. obviously took a great shine to him and they took on Angus Gold."

He added, "I bought him in partnership with a pal, he saw an angle to the cross. I looked at him because he's out of a Galileo (Ire) mare and after that, we got lucky. I try to look at everything out of a Galileo mare, because there's always a chance that yearling buyers will forgive an unfashionable stallion with a good damsire."

A first-crop daughter of Twilight Son (GB) added to a fine Premier Sale for the Manister team, blossoming from a 29,000gns foal purchase into a £75,000 yearling.

Reflecting on her appeal as a foal, Barry said, "The 2-year-old had been placed first time out for William Haggas, so there was hope for an update. She made our list without us realising that fact and so when she was selling, we took a punt and it worked out, because the half-sister ended up being rated 95."

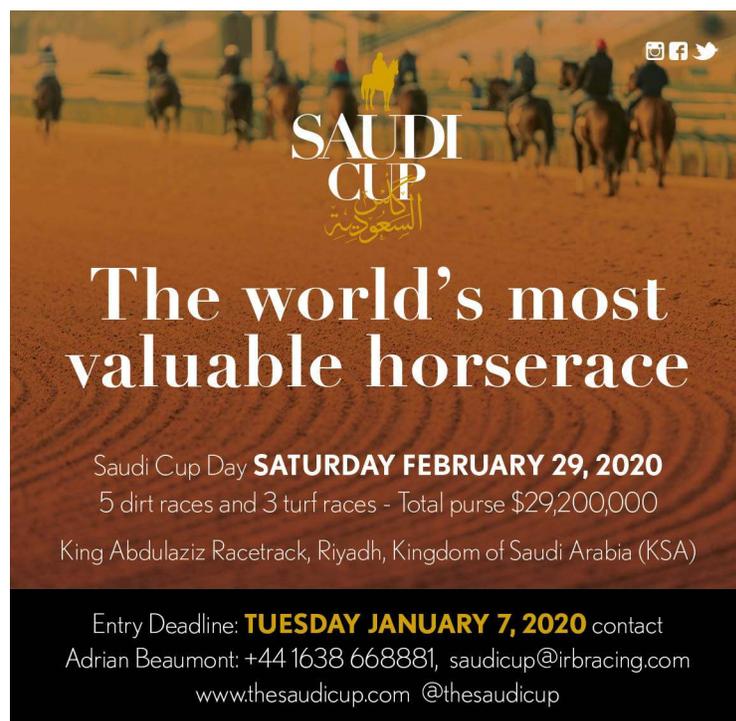
There's always another side to the coin, as he points out.

"We bought another Twilight Son from the same draft and still own him," he remarked. "I still believe he's a good horse so time will tell." [Cont. p2](#)

IN TDN AMERICA TODAY

TERRY FINLEY CALLS FOR JOCKEYS TO LEAD WAY

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Luke Barry Cont. from p1

There is no crystal ball, unfortunately, when it comes to buying horses, and Barry said there is nothing unusual about his team's methods.

"We're no different to anyone else—we try to buy foals that will be attractive to the market the following year. Sometimes, we can take the mystery out of it and pay big money to tick more boxes, like a sexy sire or black-type in the first dam."

Not that making a profit is the be-all and end-all. The best advertisement for any breeder or consignor is the success of their graduates on the track. A good example for Manister House Stud was a Due Diligence colt that he bought in a scheme run by Sam Hoskins and Matt Coleman. A £40,000 foal, he failed to find a bid as a yearling.

Barry said, "He had a great shape and a very loose action, but didn't grow enough from foal to yearling stage. He did grow from a yearling to breezer, but then he got sore shins. The Byrnes in Knockgraffon Stud thought quite a bit of him, but it was difficult to push him. Phillippa Mains saw something noone else did and gave £13,000 for him, but he's the best horse to come out of that sale this year. His name is Streamline (GB) and he won the G3 Sirenia S. We lost money on him, but we're still proud to have pinhooked him."

Then there are those whose profit you benefit little from, but remain just as special.

"Though I didn't pinhook her, I took a lot of satisfaction in keeping a Pride Of Dubai (Aus) filly on the farm and selling her for 15 or so members of the Blind Leading The Blind Syndicate," he said. "Led by Harry Eustace and James Horton, they bought her for 14,000gns, allowed us to look after her, and we sold her for 115,000gns to Joe Foley. The current market is creating good opportunities for smaller operators buying at that level."

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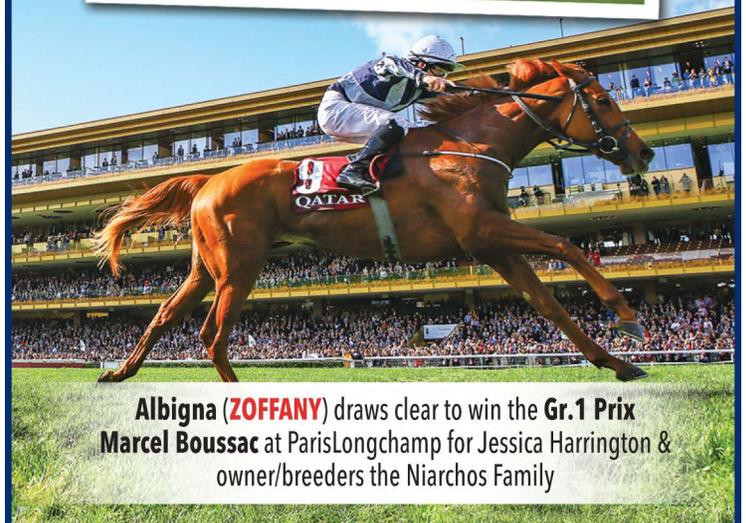
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Both sires have their biggest and best crops to run in 2020. Both great value at €22,500.

Millisle (STARSPANGLED BANNER) wins the Gr.1 Cheveley Park Stakes at Newmarket in record time for Jessica Harrington & owner/breeders Stonethorn Stud Farms Ltd



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Luke Barry Cont.

There is also the added enjoyment of cheering on the underdog, and in pinhooking terms, that often means the bargain foals who transform into expensive yearlings. Success at that level, even when achieved by someone else, encourages all pinhookers that it can be done.

"Everyone involved showed it can still very much be done—buying at a lower level and hitting a home run," said Barry. "Vikki Hancock had a really lovely filly by The Last Lion (Ire) stabled beside us at the Open Sale in Goffs. She sold for €78,000, having cost her €1,000 as a foal. And it's not the first time she's done something like that."

You make your own luck; if you work the sales hard enough, some luck might just come your way.

Luke Barry

Pinhookers don't just concentrate on the foals they bought themselves—they're always looking at those they didn't, for one reason or another, and Barry is no different.

"John Foley had a cracking No Nay Never colt in the same yard as us in Book 2, which he'd bought in partnership with the Flannerys of Egmont Stud," he explained. "He marched up and down all day and had action to burn; he was a belter. I looked back at my notes and remembered Kitty and I couldn't get a step out of him at all as a foal, but they saw something we didn't. Fair dues to them—he came back a proper horse and they got justly rewarded."

At the end of the day, though, so much of it is out of your hands.

Not that it fazes Barry, who said, "You make your own luck; if you work the sales hard enough, some luck might just come your way."

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 Bren O'Brien speaks with Adrian O'Brien of Hazelwood Bloodstock. [Click or tap here to go straight to TDN Aus/NZ.](#)

EUROPEAN NEWS



EFTBA MEETING HELD AT HQ

Newmarket played host to the autumn meeting of the European Federation of Thoroughbred Breeders' Association (EFTBA) recently where 13 countries were represented. Among the challenges discussed were BREXIT and the upcoming Animal Health Law. The EFTBA will continue its lobbying efforts against the restriction of horse movement and the need to mirror provision between the EU and third countries. Currently, the EFTBA has obtained observer status on the EMHF and is working closely with racing authorities to maintain consistent rules across member countries. The EFTBA is also seeking clarification on some technical issues, including the BHA-prohibited substance Regumate, which is a welfare issue for breeders. Responsible ownership and welfare of the Thoroughbred were also highlighted during the meeting, as was the need for as many young people as possible getting involved with the industry. There will be a future generation seminar on the last-named topic in Ireland next year.

“There are many challenges facing the industry in the foreseeable future and it is paramount EFTBA take a lead role in ensuring we secure the best deal for breeders,” said EFTBA Chairman Joe Heron. “We need the industry to work together, with cohesion, and to the same standards, this includes testing regimes and their methodology as this allows for fair and open competition. We must continue to highlight the economic significance of the Thoroughbred industry throughout Europe and ensure that no unworkable restrictions will be placed on the movement of horses in the near future.”

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ALOUNAK PURCHASED BY KING POWER, SENT TO BALDING

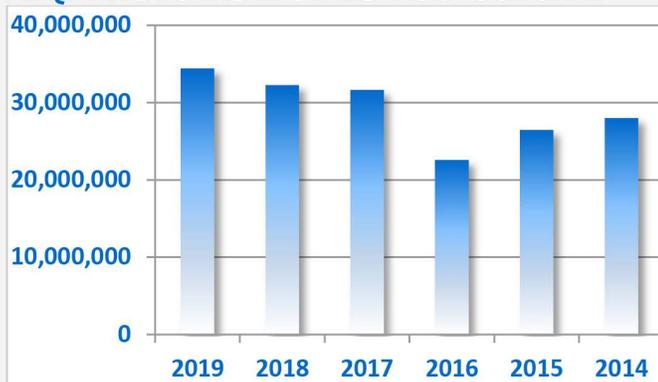
GSW and GISP **Alounak (Fr)** (Camelot {GB}), fifth in the G1 Breeders' Cup Turf in November, has been purchased by King Power Racing and sent to trainer Andrew Balding, *Racing Post* reported. The G1 Melbourne Cup and G1 Hong Kong Vase are the targets for the former Darius Racing representative, who was trained by Jean-Pierre Carvalho (2017/18) and then Waldemar Hickst this term.

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WEEKLY SALES INDEX

ARQANA DECEMBER BREEDING STOCK SALE



“With French stock continuing to excel across the globe, an international crowd showed up in Deauville last weekend and pushed the Arqana December Breeding Stock sale's returns just beyond last year's to record figures. Young, black-type mares generated the most competition, while foals by the father/son duo of Wootton Bassett and Almanzor proved very popular.”

- Kelsey Riley

YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	% W/D	% S/R	% S/C	GROSS	AVE
2019	1,037	918	701	11.4%	76.4%	67.6%	€ 34,426,500	€ 49,111
2018	1,031	901	695	12.6%	77.1%	67.4%	€ 32,282,500	€ 48,721
2017	930	866	696	6.9%	80.4%	74.9%	€ 31,661,500	€ 45,491
2016	923	823	595	10.8%	72.3%	64.4%	€ 22,593,500	€ 37,792
2015	978	886	695	9.4%	78.4%	71.0%	€ 26,491,100	€ 38,117
2014	961	866	697	9.9%	80.4%	73.0%	€ 28,008,500	€ 40,184

Alounak Purchased by King Power Cont.

Successful in a pair of German listed races in 2017 and 2018, respectively, the bay took the G3 Preis der Sparkassen Finanzgruppe by a head in August and was a half-length second in the GI Pattison Canadian International this October.

“His run at Santa Anita was pretty eyecatching and he performed very well in Canada too, so he certainly seems to be a progressive performer,” said King Power Racing Manager Alastair Donald to Racing Post. “We saw him as a good horse to purchase with races like the Melbourne Cup and Hong Kong Vase next season in mind. He handles fast ground, but he’s decent on soft ground too, so we could have quite a bit of fun with him travelling around the world. We’ll be looking at running him over longer; looking at how he’s bred, it could bring out further improvement. He’s also the sort of horse who could progress with age, so there are a lot of options on the international stage.”

Bred by East Bloodstock Ltd. and SCEA Des Prairies in France, the grandson of the SP Aspiring Diva (Distant View) was a

€110,000 Arqana August yearling. His dam, Awe Struck (GB) (Rail Link {GB}) is a half-sister to G1 Matron S. heroine and Irish highweight Emulous (GB) (Dansili {GB}).

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Alounak | Horsephotos



Frankel (GB) (Galileo {Ire}), sire of 10 Group 1 winners, pictured recently at Banstead Manor Stud. He will stand for £175,000 SLF in 2020.

Bronwen Healy/Juddmonte

FAS WILL STAND AT HARAS DE SAINT-VINCENT



Fas | Scoop Dyga

GSW **Fas (Ire)** (Fastnet Rock {Aus}--Sotka {GB}, by Dutch Art {GB}) will stand at Haras de Saint-Vincent in France next year, *Racing Post* reported. Out of a SP dam who is a half-sister to Irish/Italian/Saudi Arabian highweight and MG1SW sprinter Sole Power (GB) (Kyllachy {GB}), he will command €2,200. A half-brother to G3 Prix Bertrand de Tarragon victrix Silva (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}), the 5-year-old will be supported by co-owners Alain Jathiere, Ballylinch Stud and Zalim Bifov. Bred by Bifov in Ireland, the 50,000gns TATOCT RNA made his way to the Pia Brandt yard, and scored his biggest win in the G3 Prix Sigy in 2017. He also placed in the 2016 G3 Prix Eclipse and 2018 G2 Minstrel S. en route to five wins from 23 starts and \$171,253 in earnings.

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BEACH RACING POSSIBILITY FOR NORFOLK

Fakenham's clerk of the course David Hunter is hoping to bring beach racing to the Norfolk coastline. A visit to Laytown in Ireland in the summer sparked the idea, and Hunter feels the four-mile long beach at Holkham would be the perfect venue to stage something similar to Britain. With Holkham just over 10 miles away from Fakenham, it is already used by some Newmarket trainers as a change of scenery for their horses who enjoy a paddle in the sea. Hunter is aware there will be plenty of hoops to jump through before his vision is realised, but already has the backing of some trainers.

He said, "I've been running Fakenham for over 20 years and I've always had this idea about running a meeting on the beach in the middle of the summer, when a huge number of people are here. I went to Laytown, saw how it was all laid out and had

a word with a few people the next day and it has rekindled my interest to do this somewhere along the line.

"Apart from working with the British Horseracing Authority, which is equally important, I would need to speak to the land owners and agencies, but now that it is out there it will galvanise me to give it more thought. There is an association of European Beach Racing and they've invited me to their AGM which I've not been able to attend before but I'm hoping to go to the next one. I know there's a lot of discussion about the size of the fixture list, which is another thing to take into account."

He went on, "There's a long way to go, but there's a lot of people who come here in the summer and if we can get consent and access and work with the BHA on health and safety etc then it could be a goer."

A BHA spokesman said of the idea, "We are always open to proposals that could help to grow British horse racing and bring it to new audiences. Any new concept for racing under rules would be subject to the same extensive safety and licensing criteria as existing locations and fixtures, and we would have to be confident that any new location was suitable before proceeding further."

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Horses racing over the unique Laytown beach | *Racing Post*

SOLDIER OF FORTUNE COLT TOPS GOFFS NH DAY 1

The first day of the Goffs December National Hunt Sale resulted in 178 lots sold from 262 offered, a 68% clearance rate. The gross was €2,424,100, while the average and median were also both up on 2018 at €13,619 (+4%) and €10,000 (+11%), respectively.

Park Farm bid €72,000 for the day's top lot, a son of Soldier of Fortune (Ire) (lot 206). [Cont. p7](#)

Goffs December Cont.

The first foal of Brog Beanri (Ire) (Flemensfirth), he was consigned by Garyrichard Stud, agent. Brog Beanri is a daughter of MGSW hurdler Brogella (Ire) (King's Theatre {Ire}), who ran third in the G1 Morgiana Hurdle.

The second day of trade kicks off at 9:30 a.m. local time on Thursday.

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2019 Horse Racing Ireland Awards:

Irish Racing Hero Award: Pat Smullen & Ruby Walsh

Contribution to the Industry Award: Tony O'Hehir

Horse of the Year Award: Tiger Roll (Ire) (Authorized {Ire})

Emerging Talent Award: Darragh O'Keefe

National Hunt Award: Rachael Blackmore

National Hunt Achievement Award: Gavin Cromwell

Flat Award: Jessica Harrington

Flat Achievement Award: Wayne Lordan

Point-to-Point Award: Colin Bowe

Ride of the Year Award: Billy Lee

Racecourse of the Year Award: Naas Racecourse

ARABIAN RACING TO BE INTEGRATED FURTHER INTO BRITISH RACING IN 2020

Purebred Arabian (PA) racing will be further integrated into British racing in 2020, the British Horseracing Authority (BHA) and The Arabian Racing Organisation (ARO) jointly announced on Wednesday. The aim is to more closely align PA regulatory practices with Thoroughbred racing and follows approval from British racing's executive committee and the BHA Board. The phased implementation (12-18 months) will be funded by the ARO and the Racing Foundation.

The BHA already approves fixture lists and PA racing regulations, as well as providing integrity services on premier PA cards and any PA races on Thoroughbred cards. As part of the integration, more regulatory procedures will be changed to the

Thoroughbred standard with the exact scope of the changes to be determined. Some of the possibilities are listed as follows:

- aligning the licensing requirements of ARO yards to those under the Rules of Racing
- ARO Regulations will be harmonized with the Rules of Racing
- other raceday regulatory functions

"This is the most significant breakthrough for our sport since we began racing under the guidance of the BHA following our inception," said ARO Chairman Charles Gregson. "It has always been the vision of our Patron, HH Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum, that Arabian racing would be fully integrated alongside the British Thoroughbred racing industry. We thank all our participants, officials, racecourses and supporters for their commitment to Arabian racing."

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FIRST-SEASON SIRE WITH RUNNERS

Thursday, Dec. 12, 2019:

UNITED KINGDOM

Due Diligence (War Front), Whitsbury Manor Stud

85 foals of racing age/18 winners/3 black-type winners

17:05-WOLVERHAMPTON, 7.25f, HIGH MAINTENANCE (GB)

£18,000 RNA Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearling Sale 2018

Gutaifan (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}), Yeomanstown Stud

166 foals of racing age/29 winners/0 black-type winners

17:05-WOLVERHAMPTON, 7.25f, RICH GIRL (Ire)

14,000gns RNA Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2017; 1,000gns

RNA Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2018 - Book 3

Make Believe (GB) (Makfi {GB}), Ballylinch Stud

87 foals of racing age/16 winners/3 black-type winners

15:50-CHELMSFORD CITY, 8f, TRUE SCARLET (Ire)

€180,000 Arqana Deauville August Yearling 2018

Outstrip (GB) (Exceed And Excel {Aus}), Dalham Hall Stud

106 foals of racing age/22 winners/1 black-type winner

17:35-WOLVERHAMPTON, 8.75f, ARABESCATO (GB)

16:20-CHELMSFORD CITY, 7f, BEAT THE BREEZE (GB)

£11,000 Tattersalls Ireland Ascot Sept. Yearling Sale 2018

Wicked Strong (Hard Spun), Spendthrift Farm

130 foals of racing age/22 winners/1 black-type winner

17:05-WOLVERHAMPTON, 7.25f, JALWAN

\$18,000 Keeneland Association September Yearling Sale 2018;

21,000gns Tattersalls Guineas Breeze-Up & HIT Sale 2019



Wicked Strong is aiming for his 23rd winner at Wolverhampton on Thursday. | Spendthrift Farm

OBSERVATIONS

on the European racing scene

\$1.05-MILLION KEESEP FILLY DEBUTS AT CHANTILLY

11.10 Chantilly, Mdn, €27,000, unraced 2yo, c/g, 7 1/2f (AWT) Alain and Gerard Wertheimer's **STANZO (GB) (Speightstown)**, a Carlos Laffon-Parias trainee, is out of G1 Grande Premio Diana victress and G1 Flower Bowl S. third Viva Rafaela (Brz) (Know Heights {Ire}). His eight rivals feature the Eoghan O'Neill-trained **Fall of Rain (Ire) (Zoffany {Ire})**, who is a half to G1 Epsom Oaks and G1 Preis der Diana (German Oaks) heroine Dancing Rain (Ire) (Daneshill Dancer {Ire}).

11.40 Chantilly, Mdn, €27,000, unraced 2yo, f, 7 1/2f (AWT) Al Shira'aa Farms' \$1.05-million Keeneland September yearling **PIONEER OF THE SKY (Pioneer of the Nile)** is a daughter of GIII Winning Colors S. victress Graeme Six (Graeme Hall). Opposition includes Carla Giral's homebred **Wootton Saga (Fr) (Wootton Bassett {GB})**, who is out of a winning half-sister to MG1SW speedster Marchand d'Or (Fr) (Marchand de Sable), from the Mikel Delzangles stable.

3.50 Chelmsford City, Nov, £8,550, 2yo, f, 8f (AWT) **LAKE LUCERNE (Dubawi {Ire})**, one of two Godolphin nominees, is kin to G1 Al Maktoum Challenge victor Long River (A.P. Indy) out of MG1SW GI Breeders' Cup Distaff heroine Round Pond (Awesome Again). The John Gosden incumbent faces 11 rivals, including Kirsten Rausing's **Aventuriere (GB) (Archipenko)**, who

is a homebred daughter of G1 Grosser Dallmayr-Preis victress Lady Jane Digby (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}), representing Mark Johnston.

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Wednesday's Results:

3rd-Kempton, £6,000, Nov, 12-11, 2yo, 8f (AWT), 1:38.29, st/sl.

STARCAT (GB) (c, 2, Lope de Vega {Ire}--Purr Along {GB} {GSW-Fr & Ire, MGSP-Eng, \$209,800}, by Mount Nelson {GB}), occupied a midfield slot until improving into fifth at halfway in this debut. Nudged along to close approaching the quarter-mile marker, the 9-1 chance quickened smartly to launch his bid entering the final furlong and was ridden out to assert by 3/4-of-a-length from Eastern World (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}), himself a half-brother to MG1SW dual G1 Dubai Wold Cup hero Thunder Snow (Ire) (Helmet {Aus}). Half-brother to a yearling filly by Dubawi (Ire) and a 2019 colt by Dark Angel (Ire), the June 6 G1 Epsom Derby entry is the second foal and winner produced by G3 Prix du Calvados and G3 Ridgewood Pearl S. victress Purr Along (GB) (Mount Nelson {GB}), herself one of three stakes performers out of a winning half-sister to MG1SW GI Garden City Breeders' Cup H. third Ronda (GB) (Bluebird). Sales history: 125,000gns Ylg '18 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$5,108.

1ST-TIME STARTER. O-Michael Kerr-Dineen & Martin Hughes; B-Qatar Bloodstock & Newsells Park Stud (GB); T-Hugh Morrison.



Starcat (purple silks) prevails at Kempton | Racing Post

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

4th-Chelmsford City, £5,900, Cond, 12-11, 3yo/up, 7f (AWT), 1:27.29, st.

AGENT OF FORTUNE (GB) (f, 4, Kheleyf--Royal Bloom {Ire}, by Royal Applause {GB}) Lifetime Record: 26-5-2-2, \$28,833. O-Foreign Legion; B-Barton Stud (GB); T-Gary Moore. *0gns RNA Wlg '15 TATFOA; 800gns Ylg '16 TAOCT; 3,000gns 4yo '19 TATAHI.

1st-Kempton, £6,000, Nov, 12-11, 2yo, 6f (AWT), 1:13.10, st/sl. IVATHEENGINE (IRE) (g, 2, Ivawood {Ire}--Sharp Applause {Ire}, by Royal Applause {GB}) Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, \$11,324. O-Frank Stella; B-D Byrne (IRE); T-Paul Cole. *€4,000 RNA Ylg '18 TIRSEP; £120,000 2yo '19 GOFLO.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Mazikeen (GB), f, 2, Dunkerque (Fr)--Salome (Fr), by Fuisse (Fr). Chelmsford City, 12-11, 8f (AWT), 1:43.13. B-Norris Bloodstock Ltd (GB).

Arriviste (GB), f, 2, Sea the Moon (Ger)--Apparatchika (GB), by Archipenko. Chelmsford City, 12-11, 7f (AWT), 1:27.19. B-Kirsten Rausing (GB).

Bridgewater Bay (Ire), g, 3, Footstepsinthesand (GB)--Mexican Milly (Ire), by Noverre. Kempton, 12-11, 8f (AWT), 1:38.61. B-Tower Place Bloodstock (IRE).

Dubious Affair (Ire), f, 3, Frankel (GB)--Dubian To (Ire), by Sea the Stars (Ire). Lingfield, 12-11, 10f (AWT), 2:05.12. B-Rabbah Bloodstock Ltd (IRE).



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Leading 2019 Covering Sires

by cumulative average price for stallions standing in Europe through Dec. 10

Rank	Name	FYr	Loc	2019 Fee	Ring	Sold	Avg	Median
1	Kingman (GB)	F16	Eng	75,000	10	9	\$1,012,854	\$951,216
2	Lope de Vega (Ire)	F12	Ire	80,000	10	9	\$609,762	\$433,818
3	Frankel (GB)	F14	Eng	175,000	6	4	\$461,859	\$414,458
4	Siyouni (Fr)	F12	Fr	100,000	10	9	\$442,315	\$407,664
5	No Nay Never	F16	Ire	100,000	6	6	\$416,935	\$379,990
6	Invincible Spirit (Ire)	F04	Ire	120,000	3	2	\$294,927	\$294,927
7	Showcasing (GB)	F12	Eng	55,000	15	12	\$280,351	\$206,741
8	Sea the Stars (Ire)	F11	Ire	135,000	2	2	\$219,685	\$219,685
9	Zoffany (Ire)	F13	Ire	25,000	15	10	\$200,010	\$68,102
10	Almanzor (Fr)	F19	Fr	35,000	12	12	\$161,681	\$66,367
11	Roaring Lion	F20	Eng	40,000	9	7	\$155,216	\$70,495
12	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	F11	Ire	70,000	3	2	\$133,974	\$133,974
13	U S Navy Flag	F20	Ire	25,000	8	8	\$131,634	\$55,588
14	Teofilo (Ire)	F09	Ire	40,000	6	4	\$130,351	\$135,635
15	Havana Gold (Ire)	F15	Eng	15,000	14	14	\$124,530	\$38,890

Leading 2019 First-Crop Covering Sires

by cumulative average price for stallions standing in Europe through Dec. 10

Rank	Name	Sire's Sire	Loc	2019 Fee	Ring	Sold	Avg	Median
1	Roaring Lion	Kitten's Joy	Eng	40,000	9	7	\$155,216	\$70,495
2	U S Navy Flag	War Front	Ire	25,000	8	8	\$131,634	\$55,588
3	Zoustar (Aus)	Northern Meteor (Aus)	Eng	25,000	18	16	\$107,436	\$80,194
4	Saxon Warrior (Jpn)	Deep Impact (Jpn)	Ire	30,000	14	11	\$83,408	\$66,433
5	Expert Eye (GB)	Acclamation (GB)	Eng	20,000	21	19	\$79,398	\$74,562
6	Tasleet (GB)	Showcasing (GB)	Eng	6,000	11	11	\$44,482	\$32,749
7	Harry Angel (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Eng	20,000	20	19	\$43,085	\$36,603
8	Cracksman (GB)	Frankel (GB)	Eng	25,000	10	7	\$42,796	\$43,484
9	Lightning Spear (GB)	Pivotal (GB)	Eng	8,500	4	4	\$34,750	\$31,291
10	Poet's Word (Ire)	Poet's Voice (GB)	Eng	7,000	3	3	\$26,224	\$20,335
11	Cloth of Stars (Ire)	Sea the Stars (Ire)	Fr	7,500	9	9	\$22,905	\$9,594
12	Massaat (Ire)	Teofilo (Ire)	Eng	5,000	1	1	\$17,690	\$17,690
13	Recoletos (Fr)	Whipper	Fr	8,000	6	3	\$16,403	\$9,398
14	Sioux Nation	Scat Daddy	Ire	12,500	6	4	\$15,224	\$14,394
15	Havana Grey (GB)	Havana Gold (Ire)	Eng	8,000	15	12	\$12,892	\$12,626



Q&A W/ADRIAN O'BRIEN-- HAZELWOOD BLOODSTOCK



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By Bren O'Brien

In just three years, Hazelwood Bloodstock, run by former Coolmore Australia Stud Manager Adrian O'Brien and his wife Philippa, has risen to be one of Europe's leading consignors of yearlings, mares and foals. TDN AusNZ's Bren O'Brien finds out more.

TDN AusNZ: Adrian, it's been a very busy and successful sales season for Hazelwood Bloodstock, how do you reflect on the past couple of months?

Adrian O'Brien: I am still processing the enormity of what we achieved in the yearling sales ring this year--October was like a whirlwind. To achieve 3.6 million gns (AU\$7.18 million) on Day 1 of the sale and follow it up with 1.8 million gns (AU\$3.59 million) just 72 hours later is almost unbelievable for an operation like ours, that prepares a relatively small number of yearlings on behalf of our clients.

TDN AusNZ: What was the feeling like when Godolphin and Coolmore were going head-to-head for the Dubawi colt you foaled and raised at the Tattersalls October Sale?

AOB: The consignor/vendors dream is for Godolphin and Coolmore to target one of your horses in the ring, and amazingly, it happened to us twice that week. We knew that both camps liked both colts, but there is so much depth to the Tattersalls Book 1 catalogue, that we never thought that lightning could strike twice (for us) at the same sale.

TDN AusNZ: How important are results like that to a relatively new entrant in the game like Hazelwood Bloodstock?

AOB: It is not quite four years since my family and I moved back from the Hunter Valley to start up Hazelwood Bloodstock. We are constantly trying to improve facilities and maintain the high quality of care for the horses that is now synonymous with our brand. Therefore it is incredibly satisfying that the systems we put in place seem to be working successfully.

However, it is one thing to produce high quality sales horses, now the next step is to watch them fulfill their potential on the racecourse. We have already produced Group winners for owner/breeders and the Kingman (GB) colt (now named King Leonidas {GB}) that topped Tattersalls Book 2 Sale in 2018 won impressively in his only start as a 2-year-old and is a very exciting prospect for next year. So the signs are encouraging.

TDN AusNZ: That Dubawi colt had a connection back to Australia through Sun Bloodstock. How important have been the network of contacts you built in your time in Australia, in terms of where you are generating opportunities now?



Adrian O'Brien | Tattersalls

AOB: Our client base at Hazelwood Bloodstock was based initially on contacts I made in Australia. That said, I did spend over two decades there, latterly as Stud Manager at Coolmore in Jerrys Plains. It's fair to say that if I did not meet a few influential people in all that time, I would not have been paying attention. In fact, I first met Sun Bloodstock's adviser David O'Callaghan way back in the 90s when I was involved in a stallion shuttle to Japan. Sun have been loyal supporters since we first opened our doors in February 2016. It was fantastic to see their colt top Book 1, as they are huge supporters of racing and breeding in several jurisdictions around the world.

It should also be noted that David bought the dam of the sale-topping yearling for just 65,000 gns (AU\$129,675) when she was carrying Barney Roy (GB) (Excelebration {Ire}). The success of that (Alina {Ire}) family on the racecourse and in the sales ring is testament to David's extensive knowledge of global bloodstock.

TDN AusNZ: Have you identified a need for these Australian clients to have someone on the ground there in the Northern Hemisphere managing their stock?

AOB: We didn't consciously set out to create a niche for Australian breeders, and there are several stud farms in this area that offer a similar service to us. But people tend to gravitate to those with whom they are familiar, so it was

crucial that I had existing relationships with some internationally renowned breeders and their advisers.

With the growing number of quality stallions in Newmarket who do not shuttle, it is becoming quite fashionable to send some good Australian mares up here to be bred either Northern or Southern Hemisphere time. That is how the 1.8 million gns (AU\$3.59 million) Kingman x One Last Dance' 18 colt came to be. He is from a mare trained by Peter Moody to win a Blue Diamond Prelude and by Kingman who is now one of the most sought-after stallions anywhere in the world. The colt is truly international and bred by our good friend John Camilleri who needs no introduction to your readers.

TDN AusNZ: Who are some of your main Australian-based /connected clients?

AOB: As well as the aforementioned breeders who have provided us with success in the sale ring this year, I am also very fortunate to act as UK racing manager to Sheikh Mohammed Bin Khalifa Al Maktoum, who breeds and races a select few in the UK. He is such an enthusiastic owner/breeder and deserves every success on the racetrack.

Hopefully Pride Of Dubai can continue the brilliant start to his career as a stallion. His Highness also has a few impressive 2-year-olds in Australia at the moment, most notably Muntaseera who caught the eye in Sydney recently. Tim Stakemire is a joy to deal with and does a brilliant job for [the] Sheikh in Australia, with a steady stream of top-flight winners in those very famous colours.

TDN AusNZ: And your reflection on your time in Australia, what did you gain out of your time out here?



Philippa O'Brien | Hazelwood Bloodstock

AOB: We have been very lucky with all our success this year, but without a shadow of doubt the luckiest thing to ever happen me was meeting my wife in Jerrys Plains. Our two daughters were born in Maitland and it has obviously been a huge part of my life. I have very fond memories of my time there, I love the people and the sporting culture. I am forever indebted to the Magnier family for giving me the opportunity to live and work on such a magnificent

property, alongside some of the best bloodstock of any generation.

TDN AusNZ: Getting the right team together is such an important part of a successful bloodstock operation, do you feel getting that right from the outset is what has set Hazelwood up so well for early success?

AOB: My wife Philippa is our resident Veterinarian and that gives us an immediate edge. We have RosSDales hospital on our doorstep also in the event of the dreaded but inevitable emergency. Our stud team is led by Tom Hughes, who I first knew when he was yearling manager at Segenhoe Stud. We were fortunate that Tom and his family moved back from Australia to the UK at around the same time we did.



Tom Hughes | Hazelwood Bloodstock

AOB Cont.: He had the vision to see that although we were a new set-up, we had the support of some heavyweight breeders to afford us the opportunity to make an immediate impact in the marketplace.

He is supported by a handpicked team, with a good mix of youth and experience. I could not have been more proud of the condition that the yearlings were presented this year. And that is due to the strong, cohesive group working behind the scenes.

TDN AusNZ: What's the strategy now for Hazelwood

Bloodstock in the next 12-18 months? How do you continue to build on such a spectacular start?

AOB: It's fair to say that the bar has been set pretty high. If we never repeat the feats of this year, it will not be for the want of trying. As it stands, we have consigned at eight Tattersalls yearling sales over the last three years and topped the sale an extraordinary four times.

We do not intend to increase our numbers significantly and have no intention of trying to rival the bigger consignors numerically. The aim has always been to keep the numbers down and the quality up, and that will remain our mission. We have some fabulous weanlings on the ground at the moment and we are expecting some regally-bred foals next Spring--some will be offered at sales and others will race for their breeders. In any case, the future looks bright.

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