



O'NEILL HEADED TO DUBAI, OAKLAWN, AND HE'S NOT GOING QUIETLY



Doug O'Neill | Sarah Andrew

by Bill Finley

Trainer Doug O'Neill has finalized plans to send a string of horses not just to Dubai but to Oaklawn Park. Between the two racing venues, O'Neill will be pulling upwards of 30 horses out of Santa Anita early next year and told the *TDN* he would not be doing so if not for his concern about the way that the racetrack is being run.

"The biggest thing is that the environment is such that the leadership at Santa Anita is requiring a lot of the horsemen and asking them to make changes," he said. "That's great. We all want the same thing. The flip side of that is that we've got nothing coming from the higher ups. I don't want to be left standing there twiddling my thumbs while they are trying to figure out what to do."

O'Neill said that he has grown tired of what he calls a lack of communication from Santa Anita executives and a failure to properly promote and market the sport.

"I don't want to speak for everybody, but that's my biggest frustration, that there's a lack of communication from the higher ups and a lack of promoting and marketing of the great sport of horse racing in California," he said. "It's extremely frustrating. I've tried to express that to them. But until, I guess, they feel more pressure they won't change." **Cont. p3**

CHAMPION SISTERCHARLIE TO RACE IN 2020

Peter Brant's 2018 champion turf mare and GI Breeders' Cup F/M Turf heroine **Sistercharlie (Ire)** (Myboycharlie {Ire}), who added three more Grade I wins in 2019 before finishing third in defense of her Breeders' Cup title, will race next season at the age of six.

"Sistercharlie is a horse of a lifetime and I am so excited for her to get to continue to thrill fans for another year," Brant said in a release. "Her 2019 campaign was extraordinary, including her track record at Arlington [when winning the GI Beverly D. S.]. She has proven herself against the strongest competition and, working with [trainer] Chad [Brown] and his team, I can't wait to see what 2020 holds."

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2019 in Photos. August 17. After splashing to victory in the GI Alabama S. at Saratoga, Jose Ortiz gives Dunbar Road (Quality Road) a pat in the winner's circle. | Sarah Andrew

CONCRETE ROSE ON THE COMEBACK TRAIL

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SHOTSKI HAS OPTIONS

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Appearing on this week's TDN Writer's Room podcast, trainer Jeremiah O'Dwyer said that GII Remsen S. winner **Shotski** (Blame) will make his next appearance in either the GIII Lecomte S. at the Fair Grounds or the GIII Withers S. at Aqueduct.

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Doug O'Neill cont. from p1

O'Neill continued, "They want everyone else to change, but they're going to keep doing the same thing. I'm just trying to plan what I can do with the horses or staff. Honest to God, until they, and I don't even know who they are, maybe it's Belinda Stronach or whatever, but until they have a vision and are proud of what they are running, it feels to me like we are all a part of a Dick Francis novel."

When asked for a comment in light of O'Neill's remarks, Santa Anita Chief Strategy Officer Aidan Butler said he understood the trainer's frustration, but defended his management team.

"Obviously, Doug is really liked by everyone at Santa Anita and has been a big supporter of California racing," Butler said.

"These have been troubling times and I'm disappointed that Doug isn't satisfied. From a marketing standpoint, when I sit down with Belinda Stronach and the rest of the team, we all want to make sure that we are extra proud of everything that happens here. We know we all could be doing better. I believe that horse racing has a place and we will make it so that it is thought of fondly by our fans and the public. As for a lack of communication, in a situation like the one we are in currently, a lot of times it is not easy to get your message out. I have been speaking to the horsemen and I have told them that the communication needs to improve. I get it. People are frustrated. But I assure you we are giving it everything we have got in order to emphasize the future of the sport. That means making racing as safe as we possibly can. I wish we had a magic wand. We don't."

Seventeen O'Neill-trained horses have been nominated to races during the Dubai Racing Carnival. He said he is not sure if all will make the trip to the Middle East, expecting that he will send a string consisting of 12 to 15 horses. O'Neill will become the first U.S.-based trainer to send a large group of horses to race exclusively in Dubai for an extended period of time. He said he plans on also sending between 12 and 15 horses to Oaklawn.

"The owners are excited, the crew is excited and I am excited," he said. "With all the uncertainty at Santa Anita, it's nice having some control over something good like this. I know there are six or seven barns from here that are sending horses to Oaklawn. The majority of horsemen are trying to make a plan with their stables. It's not just a great sport, it's a business, so you just have to keep the jobs going, keep the horses and the men and women who work beside them going."

The purses at Santa Anita do not match up to those offered in either Dubai or at Oaklawn, but O'Neill said that was not a major factor in his decision.

"Not really. I'm blessed that I have the type of owners who would race if there was no prize money," he said. "The purses are tremendous at Oaklawn and in Dubai, which makes the

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traveling make sense. It would be nice if the purses in Southern California went up, but I think that's probably about fifth on my list of what's most important. It's more the leadership and the marketing and there being a situation where everyone has more of a positive, trusting relationship with one another rather than what we have. All you hear is a bunch of rumors and you have a bunch of worried staff and people. It's really important for the horses and for the crew to make a plan where there is some sort of direction you can control rather than just waiting and wondering if the plane is going to land safely or slam into the mountain."

Even with so many of his horses leaving Santa Anita, O'Neill said he will still have about 40-50 horses based there over the winter and that he plans to bring the Oaklawn and Dubai horses back there in the spring. Fearing that there will be repercussions, horsemen are often afraid to criticize management, but O'Neill felt it was important to speak his mind.

"I know that if it was me in their position, I would just be getting crushed," he said. "They are big enough boys and girls to handle the reality of it. I'm in knee deep and I can tell you from my inner circle of people that everybody is saying what the heck is going on? Is that inflammatory? If they were listening into this phone call would I say the same thing? The answer is yes."

Since a rash of breakdowns earlier this year created a crisis situation at Santa Anita, which put the track and the entire sport into the cross hairs of animal rights activists and politicians, management has been instituting reforms that it hopes will lead to safer racing. The Stronach Group, which owns Santa Anita, has also promoted Butler and put him in charge of the day-to-day operation of the track and hired Craig Fravel to head its racing operations.

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Sistercharlie cont. from p1

Brown added, "Sistercharlie is extraordinarily talented and consistently brilliant. She's a true champion and a rare horse. It's very exciting--a gift, really--to have another year with her. She'll tell us when she's ready to go again and we're looking forward to a successful, healthy 2020 campaign."

A Group winner and Group 1-placed in France, she boasts seven victories thus far at the highest level and has earned \$3,662,003 from a record of 15-10-3-1. She is expected to be a finalist for a second Eclipse Award for her 2019 campaign.

"Horses like Sistercharlie don't come along very often," said Sistercharlie's regular rider and Hall of Famer John Velazquez. "For her to run race after race like she does, always in the top races against the best competition, shows how fantastic she is. I am thankful for the opportunity to ride such an incredible horse."

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by Bill Finley

Cieren Fallon could have stayed home in England and undoubtedly won races in bunches at the all-weather tracks that operate there in the winter. But he didn't see how that would help him accomplish his long-term goal, to further develop and polish his skills as he prepares to become a journeyman rider. And that's why he came to Gulfstream Park.

The apprentice with a famous racing name and the title of 2019 champion apprentice in Great Britain to his credit has been in South Florida since early November and the 20-year-old bug plans on riding in his first race in the U.S. before the year is over.

"I definitely want to work on the 'clock inside my head' and my timing," Fallon said. "For a jockey, it's important to know how quick you are going. That was a big part of my dad's career. Every young jockey or apprentice that has come here out of England has gone back to England and been very successful. I talked to my dad about this and he was behind my plan. I'd like to come here every winter."

His father is, of course, Kieren Fallon, the now retired jockey who was the overall champion rider in Britain six times and the former stable rider for the Ballydoyle operation. Cieren's mother, Julie Bowker, is also a former rider. Despite that pedigree, the younger Fallon showed virtually no interest in racing while growing up. He lived with his mother far removed from racing in the English town of Wigam and attended boarding school in Wales. He paid little attention to his father's career. Rather than devote his time to racing, Cieren concentrated on soccer and running.

In 2018, he had a sudden change of heart and called his father to give him the news. The elder Fallon instructed him to enroll in the British Racing School in Newmarket and, after completing

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the course there Cieren (despite the different spellings, father and son pronounce their first names the same), made his riding debut at Thirsk Race Course on Aug. 31, 2018.

Getting a late start to the British flat season, Fallon rode just four winners in 2018. He thought that 2019 would be better but more of a learning experience. Not only did he have his father advising him, but he was signed on to ride for top trainer William Haggas. He had not planned on even competing for the apprentice championship, but found himself in the thick of the race after having 16 winners in July.

"The first full season was to gain more experience," Fallon said. "I had only sat on a horse for the first time less than two years earlier. The thought was to build on my connections and to learn to ride at different sorts of tracks. I had really good month in July with 16 winners. My riding started to tidy up and I saw from then on that I could be

champion apprentice and it gave me a kick in the belly."

Fallon had a ways to go to pass leading apprentice Sean Davis, but he stayed hot through the remainder of the summer and fall and finished the year with 62 wins from 478 mounts.

"Every month after (July) I was in double figures and I won the championship, which was a big surprise," he said.

Being the son of Kieren Fallon has certainly helped, but it has also put the younger Fallon in the awkward position of having to discuss his father's many missteps. The elder Fallon made as many headlines off the track as on, including an arrest in 2004 after he was part of police investigation looking into race fixing. In 2008, he was banned for 18 months by

French racing authorities after he tested positive for a banned substance. Cieren Fallon isn't afraid to address his father's problems and has a unique take on them, that his father has been a good mentor who has learned from his mistakes and



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Whether positively or negatively, the Fallon legacy carries a lot less weight in Florida than it does in Europe. At Gulfstream, Cieren will have to make a name for himself. His first step was to go to work for trainer Christophe Clement. He spends every morning galloping horses for Clement at Payson Park and the fellow European has promised to ride him when he is ready. Because the scale of weights is higher in Europe than it is in the U.S., Fallon arrived a bit too heavy when he came to Florida. He says he has gotten his weight down to 115 and wants to shed two more pounds before accepting his first U.S. mounts.

Once he starts riding, he will be in the unusual position of wanting to succeed but not be *too* successful.

"One of the main reasons I came here is I still have the bug left back in England," he said. "It's different there so far as how you lose the bug. It comes down to having a certain amount of winners and I have only 19 winners left for my three-pound claim back in England. I thought it would be best to come here, save my claim, and still have the three-pound allowance when I go back. That will help me kick start my season over there and

progress from there. It would be nice to have a few winners here, but it's more about having the experience of riding in America, which I think will do me a world of good."

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Tracks Down Top Horses on the Sidelines

'HAPPY AND HEALTHY' CONCRETE ROSE EYEING 2020 CAMPAIGN *by Steve Sherack*

The brilliant GI Belmont Oaks Invitational S. heroine **Concrete Rose** (Twirling Candy), sidelined since suffering a hairline fracture in her right foreleg this summer, is nearing a return to the Rusty Arnold barn. Perfect in four attempts in 2019, the Ashbrook Farm and BBN Racing colorbearer was last seen posting an authoritative victory in the inaugural \$750,000 Saratoga Oaks Invitational S. Aug. 2.

"She's at Margaux Farm right now and she'll ship back to Rusty by the first week of January," Ashbrook Farm Racing Manager

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QUIET GIANT (f. by Giant's Causeway). Black type winner, etc.

CONGRESSIONAL HONOR (c. by Quiet Reflection). 3 wins in 3 starts, \$2,413, Bay Meadows Derby (AR, \$310,000), etc. Sire.

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Bo Bromagen said. “She’s doing really well. She’s put on about 100 pounds and has maintained her muscle tone. Her coat looks great--she’s happy and healthy. She’s such a smart horse that really adjusts well to any situation.”

Bromagen added, “We’ve got one more check here next week by the vet--that’s a final go over from head to toe to make sure that everything’s got the green light.”

No surgery was required for Concrete Rose’s injury, just time off.

“It was such a light thing,” Bromagen said. “It took a couple of sets of X-rays to actually find it. Credit to Rusty for being so hands on and attentive. Even when the X-rays didn’t show anything up on the films, he knew something wasn’t quite right.”

Bred in Kentucky by Ron Patterson, the daughter of the Powerscourt (GB) mare Solerina went through the ring three times--RNA’ing for \$19,000 as KEENOV weanling and selling for \$20,000 as a KEESEP yearling and \$61,000 (PS) as a Fasig-Tipton Midlantic 2-year-old (:10 2/5).

The dark bay has crossed the wire first in six of her seven career starts, including last term’s GII JPMorgan Chase Jessamine S. and this year’s GIII Florida Oaks and GIII Edgewood S. The lone blemish on her loaded resume came over an extremely saturated surface when eighth in the GI Breeders’ Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf at Churchill Downs.

“As much as she did do on the track, I don’t think we found out exactly how good she could be,” Bromagen said. “It’s been an unbelievable ride.”

With a long-term eye on next fall’s GI Breeders’ Cup Filly & Mare Turf at Keeneland, potential early season targets for Concrete Rose’s 4-year-old campaign include the GII Hillsborough S. at Tampa Bay Mar. 7 and/or the GI Coolmore Jenny Wiley S. at Keeneland in April.

“The way we looked at it, if we take care of her, she’ll take care of us,” Bromagen concluded.

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For example, if you are already at or near the threshold for itemizing and need dental work or an elective medical procedure, you should schedule and pay those medical treatments in 2019. The same holds true with any charitable contribution which you are contemplating. Next year you may not be nearly as close to the standard versus itemizing break-even point, so those expenses may not provide you the same tax benefits.

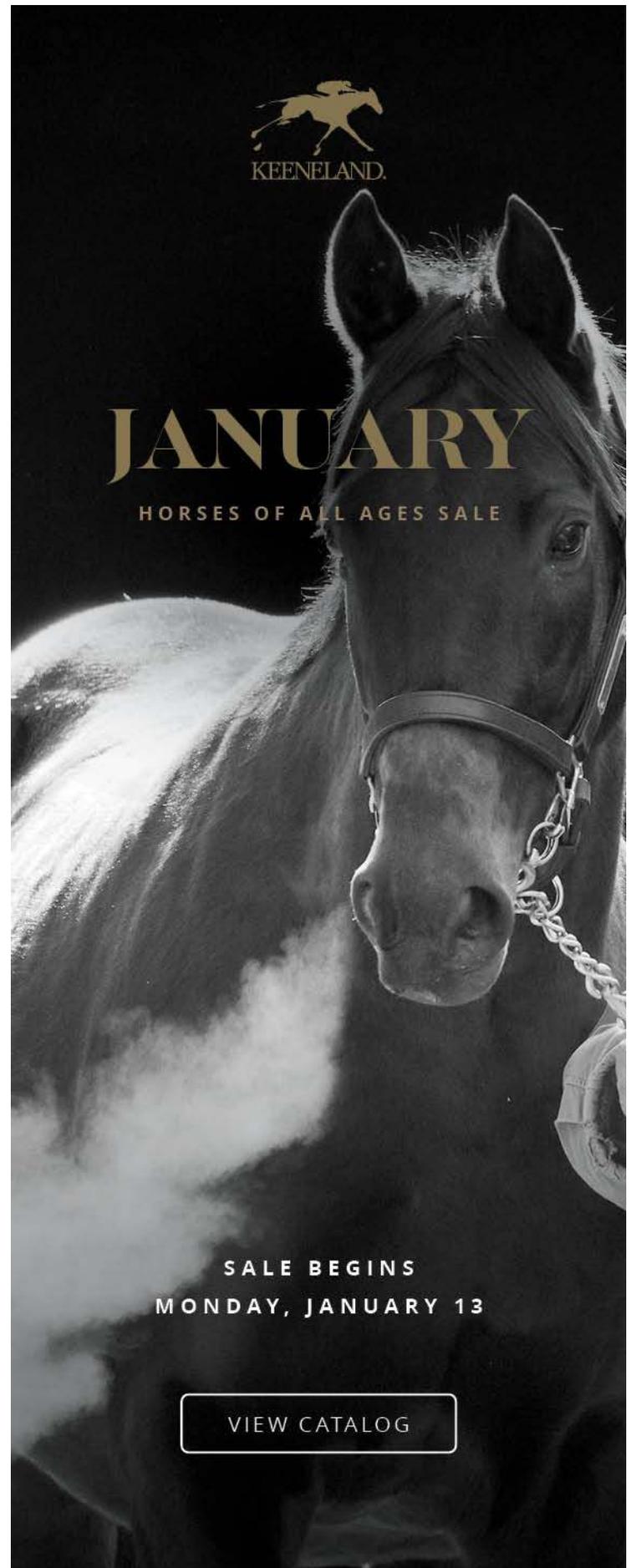
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Matching Your Capital Gains and Losses

For those of you fortunate enough to have realized capital gains, but who also have unrealized losses, consideration should be given to triggering those losses before year-end, thereby reducing your 2019 income tax liability.

At the same time, if you have realized losses but also have unrealized gains, keep in mind that the maximum net capital loss to be deducted in any given year is \$3,000. Therefore, you might want to trigger some of those gains with a view toward accelerating the benefit of those losses by using the gains to absorb most of those losses currently.

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Certain taxpayers can now deduct 20% of their qualified business income. Take whatever steps are possible to keep your taxable income below this new provision's phase-out thresholds. If your taxable income is less than \$160,700 for single taxpayers or \$321,400 for married filing jointly, you may be eligible for this pass-through deduction. The deduction phaseout is \$210,700 for individuals and \$421,400 for married filing jointly. In some cases, the deduction may be limited to 50% of wages paid. Certain steps can be taken to maximize the use of the QBI deduction.

Bottom Line: Don't make the IRS a recipient of your largest holiday gift!

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O'DWYER CONSIDERING LECOMTE, WITHERS FOR SHOTSKI

Appearing on this week's *TDN Writer's Room* podcast, trainer Jeremiah O'Dwyer said that GII Remsen S. winner **Shotski** (Blame) will make his next appearance in either the GIII Lecomte S. at the Fair Grounds or the GIII Withers S. at Aqueduct. The Withers is scheduled for Feb. 1 and the Lecomte is set for Jan. 18.

"Obviously, it is exciting," O'Dwyer said. "It's a logical thing to think you have a [GI] Kentucky Derby horse after winning a race like the Remsen, where you get 10 Kentucky Derby points. We're going to freshen him up a little bit and want to give him six to eight weeks. We will either go to the Fair Grounds for the Lecomte S. or back to Aqueduct for the Withers. They are the two immediate races we have in our sights. I'll keep him at Laurel and train him there, as long as the weather doesn't get nasty. I do have stalls at the Fair Grounds, so I can always ship him down there if need be. If he does run in the Lecomte, I'll



Remsen trophy presentation - O'Dwyer far right
Sarah Andrew

ship him down there when I see fit."

Though he broke his maiden going six furlongs at Laurel, Shotski seemed to thrive when stretched out to nine furlongs in the two-turn Remsen.

"Even when we first got him, we always thought he'd be a nice two-turn horse," O'Dwyer said. "Most of the better two-turn horses can win going short. They have to have some tactical speed if they are going to compete at a higher level, which I feel he proved he can. He won a sprint at Laurel going in 1:10. And, at the same time, when you stretch him out he relaxes and can get the distance. He certainly proved that when he won the Remsen."

Shotski was the first graded stakes winner for the trainer.

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NEW CHRb ANTI-WHIP PROPOSAL: SIX UNDERHANDED STRIKES PER RACE, ONLY TWO IN SUCCESSION

by T.D. Thornton

With two previous versions of an anti-whipping rule already making their ways through the California Horse Racing Board (CHRb) rulemaking process, the CHRb on Thursday unveiled and unanimously voted to advance and put their efforts behind yet a third proposal. The key points of the new measure would limit the total number of underhanded whip strikes to six within a race, with no more than two of those hits in succession before giving the horse a chance to respond.

"We've just passed [to the 45-day public commentary period] the most restrictive whip rule in North America, and probably, maybe in the world," CHRb chairman Gregory Ferraro, DVM,

said after the voting. “I realize at this time that no one is happy, including me. But we’ve gotten to the point where we had to move. Somebody has to be first. We’d like to see a national rule. We’d certainly support it.”

The proposed penalties for jockeys who violate the rule are as follows:

“Absent mitigating circumstances, if a jockey or exercise rider rides in a manner contrary to this rule, the stewards shall impose a maximum fine of \$1,000 and a minimum suspension of three days.... The jockey or exercise rider shall not be penalized if, in the opinion of the stewards, the use of the crop was necessary for the safety of the horse or the rider.”

The above-stated penalty originally read “minimum fine of \$1,000,” but was switched to “maximum fine of \$1,000” via a CHRB amendment out of concern for riders at smaller tracks who would face a financial hardship compared to jockeys who ride for bigger purses at larger venues.

The proposed rule also has a “correct uses of the riding crop” section that states a whip is to be used:

“1) In an underhanded position with the crop always at or below the shoulder level of the jockey; 2) Showing or waving the crop without touching the horse; 3) Tapping the horse on the shoulder with the crop in the down position while having both hands: A) Holding onto the reins; and B) Touching the neck of the horse.”

Just showing the whip to the horse or tapping it on the shoulder will not count against the number-of-strikes portion of the proposed rule.

Other restrictions include prohibitions on using a crop “on any part of the body other than the shoulders or hind quarters.”

The post parade, the post-race gallop-out and “during training” are also specifically off-limits to whip usage, according to the proposed rule.

And raising welts, breaking the skin, or whipping after a horse has achieved its maximum placing and/or is not showing any response to it are all violations of the proposed rule.

The 5-0 vote came after consideration of nearly 90 minutes of testimony from stakeholders and commentary from the public. National representatives of the Jockeys’ Guild, plus California-based riders, track executives, horsemen’s advocates, and anti-racing activists all had three-minute turns at the microphone.

One commenter caused a mild disruption by challenging CHRB commissioner and retired Hall-of-Fame jockey Alex Solis to absorb a few blows of the so-called cushion crop in public to determine if such a whip really hurts less than a traditional leather version (Solis declined, saying he has already conducted a similar self-test in private).

Chairman Ferraro was diligent about reminding the

stakeholders and public commenters that yet another round of input on the subject would loom at a future CHRB meeting before a final vote on the measure would be taken, which helped to keep the long line of speakers flowing.

It was prudent of Ferraro to do so, because in reality, very little new ground was covered by either whip reform supporters or dissenters.

As in past public discussions, jockeys professed their love and respect for the animals they ride while the anti-racing activists cited alleged inhumane practices pertaining to whip usage and the sport in general.

“Perception versus reality” aspects were debated, and Jockeys’ Guild representatives warned of unspecified “catastrophes” that could arise if the whip gets forbidden as a tool.

Arguments were presented about how jockeys riding without whips could lead to a significant erosion of betting handle (although no metrics were supplied to back that point up), and the severity of the penalties causing hardships to riders was also a hot topic (as evidenced by the amendment that changed the level of the fine).

And—as has been the case since the CHRB proposed its first whip-reduction version of a rule back in March—there were multiple calls from various stakeholders to delay voting on the issue because not enough data had yet been gathered.

Vice chair Oscar Gonzales pointed out that at the November CHRB meeting, it had been his suggestion to table the whip rule motion so commissioners could gather more info before the Dec. 12 meeting.

But Gonzalez explained his “yes” vote to move the process along on Thursday by stating that “For this industry to get better, we have to have a conscience. And it is the public that is going to help remind us what this is about.... We hope other jurisdictions follow the California lead.”

Commissioner Wendy Mitchell said prior to her vote that even though she has only served on the board for three public meetings, she recognizes the need for jockeys to be better represented during the rulemaking process. But still, she added, the time has come for action on making a new whip rule.

“I think this is an incredible optics issue, and that we do need to address this sooner rather than later,” Mitchell said.

The version of CHRB Rule 1688 that is currently on the books limits a jockey’s use of the whip to three times in succession before pausing to give the horse a chance to respond. There is no limit to the total amount of strikes within a race. When this rule went into effect in 2015, it was, at the time, also billed as the most stringent anti-whipping rule in the nation.

Soon after Thursday’s vote, Kathy Guillermo, the senior vice president of the People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, issued a statement that read, in part, “Beating horses to make

them run faster should never be allowed, under any circumstances. Whipping a horse two times in succession instead of three is still beating a horse. Striking a horse with the whip in the downward position is still beating a horse.”

Aaron Gryder, a jockey of 32 years who currently rides on the Southern California circuit, testified at the meeting that “As riders, I think we all obviously need to improve.... But we [also] need to definitely educate others. There’s misconception of what racing is, and how [well these horses] are treated ...I know there’s some [people] that have an agenda, and are not looking to help us with a solution. And we need to reach out and find a solution together.”

No Lasix for 2YOs in New House Rules at SA, GGF

The CHRB unanimously approved a signed raceday medication agreement between The Stronach Group tracks and the Thoroughbred Owners of California that will, among other restrictions, bar 2-year-olds from racing on Lasix at the Santa Anita Park and Golden Gate Fields winter/spring meets.

2020 NorCal Dates

The CHRB approved the following 2020 Northern California schedule (per custom, the calendar is allocated in blocks of dates, not actual race days):

Golden Gate Fields (GGF): Dec. 18, 2019-June 16, 2019

(One week further into June than in 2019)

Pleasanton: June 17-July 14

Sacramento: July 15-Aug. 4

Santa Rosa: Aug. 5-18

Ferndale: Aug. 19-Sep. 1

(First week will not overlap against Golden Gate, like in 2019)

GGF: Aug. 26-Oct. 6

Fresno: Oct. 7-20

GGF: Oct. 21-Dec. 15

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CALUMET RELEASES 2020 ROSTER, STUD FEES

Calumet Farm has released its 2020 stallion roster and stud fees, with stalwart **English Channel** (Smart Strike) to command a fee of \$35,000 (up from \$5,000 last term) for this coming breeding season.

Also back for 2020 is **Hightail** (Mineshaft), sire of this year’s GI Awesome Again S. winner Mongolian Groom and \$500,000-plus earner Dynatail from a limited number of runners. His fee is private.

“As the winner of the Breeders’ Cup Juvenile Sprint, Hightail offers the breeder both precocity and speed,” said Calumet

General Manager Eddie Kane. “He is also demonstrating that his progeny can carry that speed at a distance and continue to develop with age.”

MGISW sprinter **Ransom the Moon** (Malibu Moon) is back for his second year at stud, and will again stand for \$7,500.

“He is beautiful, and if he replicates himself we are set,” Kane said. “He is about 16.2 and has a beautiful neck and topline with a strong hip and hind leg. Looking at his profile, He looks like a Classic distance horse, but he has the speed to win at six furlongs.”

Keen Ice (Curlin) (\$20,000), **Bal a Bali (Brz)** (Put It Back) (\$15,000), **Mr. Z** (Malibu Moon) (\$5,000) and **War Correspondent** (War Front) (\$5,000) will all have first yearlings in 2020.

“Our roster features a wide variety of bloodlines possessing soundness, quality conformation, and a propensity to winning Classic two-turn races on both dirt and turf,” Kane said. “We are focused not only on building long-term relationships with breeders, but also sharing in the commercial and racing success of our stallions. We have a variety of offerings to fit the needs of any breeder.”

The complete 2020 Calumet roster is below.

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2019 CALUMET ROSTER & FEES

<u>Stallion</u>	<u>Fee</u>
English Channel (Smart Strike)	\$35,000
Keen Ice (Curlin)	\$20,000
Bal a Bali (Brz) (Put it Back)	\$15,000
Big Blue Kitten (Kitten’s Joy)	\$10,000
Oxbow (Awesome Again)	\$10,000
Ransom The Moon (Malibu Moon)	\$7,500
Real Solution (Kittens Joy)	\$7,500
Mr. Z (Malibu Moon)	\$5,000
Optimizer (English Channel)	\$5,000
Raison D’Etat (A.P. Indy)	\$5,000
War Correspondent (War Front)	\$5,000
Hightail (Mineshaft)	Private

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RACING HAS A NEW HOME IN ST. LUCIA



Morning training at the Royal St. Lucia Turf Club | RSLTC

By Christie DeBernardis

VIEUX FORT, ST. LUCIA--One of the many wonderful aspects of horse racing is that it is a traveling circus of sorts that takes us to some amazing places around the world. Those of us in the industry that spend the majority of our time bouncing from major sales to top racing venues know that even if we make the trip alone, we will find a few familiar faces when we arrive at the next stop. Starting Friday, we will have a new hub on our international rotation when the Royal St. Lucia Turf Club officially opens its doors with a four-race card highlighted by the \$150,000 Pitons Cup.

When I reached the lobby of the Coconut Bay Hotel at 6:45 a.m. to catch a ride to the track for morning training, I was greeted by several familiar faces, including Andrew Chesser of The Jockey Club, Dr. Jeff Burke and European racing journalists. We arrived at the track a few minutes later to find Frank Taylor of Taylor Made standing at the rail, observing his Pitons Cup contender **Casting Crowns** (Warrior's Reward) as he galloped down the stretch.

Anthony Nunes, a top trainer from Jamaica, was also on hand at the track Thursday morning overseeing his new St. Lucia satellite string. He will saddle four of the 10 runners in the Pitons Cup in **Oriental Crown** (Congrats) (Wilfred Acham & Merlin Samlalsingh), **Minegold** (Caleb's Posse) (Three Diamonds Farm & Queen Lily Stables), **Run Bayou** (Interactif) (Freedman Brothers, Newgate Farm and Telluride Agency) and **Rock Creek** (Sun King) (Stephan Narinesingh et. al.). Nunes also sends out seven contenders on the undercard.

"[Chief Integrity Officer and chief steward] David Loregnard contacted me about two years ago about having a satellite string here, so I said, 'Of course,'" Nunes said. "Then I met [RSLTC

Director] Eden Harrington and, if you know Eden, he can sell ice to an eskimo. He convinced me this was the right thing to do and kept following up."

The conditioner continued, "Six weeks ago, I came to look at the facility and I thought this was a first world facility in a third world country. We really think that in five years St. Lucia will really be the Pearl of the Caribbean as they call it. If it gets the proper support, it will be exactly that."

One of Nunes' Pitons Cup contenders Oriental Crown caught the eye as he put in a strong gallop beneath the unusually overcast skies, which provided comfortable temperatures and relief from the strong Caribbean sun. Another standout during Thursday's preparations was the imposing **K Kash** (Kennedy), a hulking bay who showed good energy during his morning exercise and won six times during his American career. Representing American slotholders Sol Kumin of Madaket Stables, trainer Todd Pletcher and Brad Weisbord's Elite Sales, the 5-year-old gelding is trained by Barbados conditioner Robert Peirce, who is joined by his wife Rosette Peirce, CEO of the Barbados Turf Club.

"I think it is a really good thing they are doing here," Peirce said. "It is a very nice track and I can see the future. I have been in horse racing my whole life and I can see, once everything goes according to plan, it will be really good and I want to be part of it."

In addition to K Kash, Peirce also sends out **Donna's True Bling** (Yes It's True) in Friday's main event for slot holder Dan Schafer, as well as two fillies in the Helen of the West S.

"The slot holders asked me to train their horses, so I brought my staff here and it is really working well," Peirce said. "I started with K Kash about a month ago and he has been doing really, really well. I had another horse that got sick, so they gave me Donna's True Bling to replace him. I have only had her a couple of weeks, but she is doing well."



A trial run at the Royal St. Lucia Turf Club | RSLTC

The other Pitons Cup competitors are **Candrasa** (Candy Ride {Arg}) (WinStar), **Trading Cash** (Trappe Shot) (Fasig-Tipton & Bluewater Sales) and **Colonel's Pride** (Colonel John) (David Bernsen and Rockingham Ranch).

The Pitons Cup will be run at 1800m and is the final race of the day Friday. The card opens with the 1400m Helen of the West S., which is comprised of 3-year-old first time starters. Each slot holder from the Pitons Cup was gifted one of these sophomore maidens and given entry into this race with the hope being they would keep their new entity in St. Lucia to race. Next up will be the 1400m Keeneland National Day Sprint as Dec. 13 is St. Lucia's National Day, an important holiday in the country.

The third race on the card, the 1200m Winston Trim Memorial Trophy, is also one of significance to the local people as it is named in honor of St. Lucian horseman Winston Trim, whose lifelong dream was to bring horse racing to his native land. Trim spearheaded the initiation of this project, including bringing Teo Ah Khing and his team to the island. Unfortunately Trim died in a motorcycle accident in March of 2017, so he will not be there to see his dream become a reality, but his presence will be heavily felt on the day and his family will be on hand to soak in their loved one's historic achievement.

Members of the international racing community will get a sneak peak of the set up at the Royal St. Lucia Turf Club Thursday evening with a one-hour investment seminar, followed by a "Taste of the World" themed welcome party. The opening day of the Royal St. Lucia Turf Club will be streamed live on their [website](#) Friday, as well as their Facebook page, including pre and post-race analysis.

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DONNA BARTON BROTHERS TO DELIVER KEYNOTE AT NATIONAL HBPA CONVENTION



Courtesy Donna Barton Brothers

Donna Barton Brothers, the former jockey and current NBC Sports racing analyst, equine welfare advocate and author, will be the keynote speaker at the National Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association annual convention in March in Hot Springs, Arkansas.

"Donna is exactly the type of inspirational keynote speaker we seek for the National HBPA Convention: Someone who is passionate about and committed to horse racing but also is not blind to our challenges," said Eric Hamelback, chief executive officer of the National HBPA. "Donna is an outstanding ambassador for our industry, but she also doesn't ignore or sugarcoat issues we face. Few have been able to share as eloquently why we all are in love with horses and horse racing--and why we each then must do our part to confront our problems and to make the industry better."

"That is the overarching mission of our convention: to provide or work toward solutions for the complex issues we face and to share information and programs that make a difference. Donna will set the tone for three days of sessions that are designed to be informative but also upbeat, because there is so much to promote and cherish about horse racing."

Brothers will deliver her keynote address on Mar. 25, the opening day of the three-day event held at the Embassy Suites Hotel & Spa in Hot Springs.

"I am honored and appreciate that Eric would ask me to come

speak," said Brothers, who also serves as chief operating officer for the Starlight Racing and StarLadies Racing partnerships. "I respect all the work Eric has done in the industry to make sure the horsemen's agenda is seen and heard, and also listening to the horsemen and trying to be an advocate for what's best for the horses and horsemen.

"If he sees me as an ambassador, I'll take it. But we are many. I think it's come to a time where we all need to see ourselves as ambassadors of horse racing, because we need a lot of champions right now... It's going to take a tag team in today's culture to get done what we need done."

Brothers, who is on the executive committee of both the Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance and the Thoroughbred Idea Foundation, recently penned a well-circulated piece on her website entitled [PETA is a Bully](#).

"I just see organizations that are doing really good things for horsemen or horses, and they need help here and there," she said. "I cannot sit idly by and not help at times. I'm never going to say no to opportunities to help the industry, because horses and horse racing have made me. They are the reason I'm able to live comfortably, so it would be wrong for me to say, 'You know, I've got mine. You guys figure it out.'"

Other speakers on panels or presentations include:

Indiana Grand's Roy Smith, Oaklawn Park's Kevin Seymour and industry consultant Javier Barajas on maintaining racetracks, a panel moderated by Horsemen's Track & Equipment executive vice president Randy Bloch.

Horse owner and economics professor Marshall Gramm, Thoroughbred Idea Foundation executive director Pat Cummings and industry consultant Dick Powell in a discussion moderated by racing broadcaster and commentator Steve Byk on the future of wagering in the industry.

Equine scientist Dr. Tim Potter and toxicologist Dr. Vanessa Fitsanakis of Robson Forensic on risk assessment, investigations and toxicology applications in minimizing exposure to environmental contamination and inadvertent transfer of prohibited substances in horses.

Equine attorney Peter Sacopulos on horsemen's rights and betting-systems expert Michele Fischer on fixed-odds wagering.

Godolphin's Katie LaMonica on the Godolphin Thoroughbred Industry Service Awards that recognize those in the trenches in horse racing and on breeding farms

The Thoroughbred Racing Protective Bureau with a final update on electronic foal-registration papers and micro-chipping

The convention's sessions conclude that Friday morning with the Kent Stirling Memorial medication panel. An afternoon at Oaklawn Park for the races will follow.

Visit nationalhpba.com for more information.

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GEORGE WOOLF MEMORIAL JOCKEY AWARD FINALISTS ANNOUNCED

Santa Anita Park has announced a distinguished group of five finalists--Tyler Baze, Javier Castellano, Chris Emigh, James Graham and Luis M. Quinones--for the 2020 George Woolf Memorial Jockey Award, with the winner to be announced in February. Presented annually by Santa Anita since 1950, the Woolf Award recognizes those riders whose careers and personal character garner esteem for the individual and the sport of Thoroughbred racing. The trophy is a replica of the life-sized statue of legendary Hall of Fame jockey George Woolf, which adorns Santa Anita's Paddock Gardens area.

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TRAINING AND STABLING OF HORSES TO SHIFT PERMANENTLY FROM AQUEDUCT TO BELMONT

All stabling and training of racehorses will be shifted from Aqueduct Racetrack to Belmont Park beginning Jan. 1, the New York Racing Association, Inc. (NYRA) announced Thursday.

"As this change takes effect, we appreciate the patience and understanding of horsemen who utilized Aqueduct as a primary base of operations," said Glen Kozak, NYRA's VP of Facilities and Racing Surfaces. "The consolidation of NYRA's winter training activities to Belmont Park follows years of barn renovations and new construction, resulting in a facility that now features 2,500 stalls and can easily accommodate the relatively small number of horses who previously resided at Aqueduct as well as the 1,200-1,300 horses generally stabled at Belmont during the winter months."

Belmont provides multiple training options appropriate for a variety of weather conditions, particularly during the winter months. Belmont features a one-mile training track, which was fully renovated and significantly widened in 2016, as well as two covered jogging barns, each with a synthetic surface, and a quarter-mile pony track.

"Historically, the vast majority of Aqueduct starters have been stabled at Belmont and ship the short distance [nine miles] to Aqueduct to compete on race day," said Kozak. "That is why NYRA places a great deal of focus on maintaining the Belmont training track in a way that is consistent with the surface at Aqueduct."

NYRA will assume the initial costs associated with the re-stabling of horses at Belmont and will continue to provide race day transportation between Belmont and Aqueduct.

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PEPPERED CAT RELOCATING TO LOUISIANA

Peppered Cat (Tabasco Cat--Morning Meadow, by Meadowlake), a veteran stallion whose offspring includes the multiple graded stakes winner Pepper Crown, has been purchased privately by Perry and Denise Martin of Martin Racing and relocated from California to stand at Val Murrell's Clear Creek Stud in Folsom, Louisiana for the 2020 breeding season. The 19-year-old most recently stood at Daehling Ranch in Elk Grove. From 12 crops of racing age, he has sired 67 winners from 85 starters, and is represented by lifetime progeny earnings of \$4,253,371 and average earnings per starter of \$50,040. Peppered Cat's 2020 fee is \$3,000 live foal guarantee, payable when foal stands and nurses, or \$1,500 live foal guarantee, payable Sept. 1, 2020.

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2019 Leading Dirt Sires of 2YOs by Earnings

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Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	Into Mischief (2005) by Harlan's Holiday Crops: 8	3	9	1	6	--	5	81	29	244,848	2,335,808
				Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY Fee: \$175,000						Frank's Rockette	
2	Uncle Mo (2008) by Indian Charlie Crops: 5	1	2	1	2	1	2	57	13	732,200	1,901,053
				Stands: Ashford Stud KY Fee: \$125,000						Bast	
3	Constitution (2011) by Tapit Crops: 1	4	7	4	6	1	2	55	19	347,000	1,701,005
				Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$40,000						Tiz the Law	
4	Flashback (2010) by Tapit Crops: 2	1	1	1	1	1	1	25	8	1,381,250	1,588,348
				Stands: Diamond B Farm PA Fee: \$3,500						British Idiom	
5	Court Vision (2005) by Gulch Crops: 5	1	1	1	1	1	1	10	5	1,172,951	1,261,502
				Stands: Acadiana Equine LA Fee: \$3,500						Storm the Court	
6	Liam's Map (2011) by Unbridled's Song Crops: 1	2	2	2	2	2	2	37	13	329,500	1,172,289
				Stands: Lane's End Farm KY Fee: \$35,000						Wicked Whisper	
7	Competitive Edge (2012) by Super Saver Crops: 1	4	6	--	--	--	--	45	19	219,308	1,123,182
				Stands: Ashford Stud KY Fee: \$12,500						My Italian Rabbi	
8	Tapit (2001) by Pulpit Crops: 12	2	4	1	3	--	1	32	12	191,000	1,103,286
				Stands: Gainesway Farm KY Fee: \$200,000						Lake Avenue	
9	Munnings (2006) by Speightstown Crops: 6	2	6	1	1	--	--	50	20	290,349	1,102,666
				Stands: Ashford Stud KY Fee: \$30,000						Finite	
10	Tapiture (2011) by Tapit Crops: 1	1	2	--	--	--	--	63	22	90,600	1,068,779
				Stands: Darby Dan Farm KY Fee: \$7,500						Sky of Hook	
11	Khozan (2012) by Distorted Humor Crops: 1	2	7	--	1	--	--	36	13	233,800	1,038,299
				Stands: Journeyman Stud FL Fee: \$8,500						Liam's Lucky Charm	
12	Twirling Candy (2007) by Candy Ride (Arg) Crops: 5	3	5	1	2	--	--	42	18	199,551	986,954
				Stands: Lane's End Farm KY Fee: \$40,000						Fore Left	
13	Sky Mesa (2000) by Pulpit Crops: 13	2	4	1	2	1	1	24	6	560,988	955,725
				Stands: Three Chimneys Farm KY Fee: \$15,000						Perfect Alibi	
14	Goldencents (2010) by Into Mischief Crops: 2	1	3	--	--	--	--	56	16	114,400	933,189
				Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY Fee: \$25,000						Newstome	
15	Bayern (2011) by Offlee Wild Crops: 1	--	--	--	--	--	--	44	17	107,112	927,193
				Stands: Hill 'n' Dale Farms KY Fee: \$15,000						Tempers Rising	

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Saturday, Gulfstream, post time: 4:00 p.m. EST

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	Cairolì 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-Dattt 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

Sunday, Woodbine, post time: 5:08 p.m. EST**VALEDICTORY S.-GIII, C\$125,000, 3yo/up, 1 3/4m (AWT)**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Itstartswithadrink	Giant Gizmo	Philip D. Budhoo	Holder	Nicholls	115
2	Changi	Giant Oak	Jeanne Marie Dolan	Dolan	Moran	113
3	High Noon Rider 🌿	Distorted Humor	GenStar Thoroughbreds	Russell	Hernandez	115
4	Auntie Katherine	Haynesfield	Big Boy Racing	Davis	Crawford	112
5	Pumpkin Rumble	English Channel	Ulwelling, Al and Bill	Attard	Da Silva	115
6	Surprise Twist	Elusive Quality	Lael Stables	Delacour	Husbands	115
7	Theregoesjojo 🌿	English Channel	Samotowka Stables	De Paulo	Kimura	117
8	Fearsome (GB)	Makfi (GB)	Irvin S. Naylor	Murphy	Wilson	117
9	Above All Names 🌿	Skipshot	Bernie Kooner	Miller	Stein	110
10	Ammunition	Bullet Train (GB)	LaDona Hudson	Santangelo	Serpa	115
11	Sir Sahib	Fort Larned	Stronach Stables	Attard	Contreras	115

Breeders: 1-H. Lothian, 2-AI Ulwelling & Bill Ulwelling, 3-Flaxman Holdings Limited, 4-Terra Farms Ltd., 5-Smart Angle, 6-Mr. & Mrs. M. Roy Jackson, 7-Liam Gannon, 8-Newhall Estate Farm, 9-Mikhail Yanakov, 10-M. LaDona Hudson, 11-Adena Springs



IN ORDER OF PURSE:

7th-Aqueduct, \$78,751, Alw (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500),
12-12, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:37.16, gd.

PAYNE (c, 4, Paynter--Vertical Vision {MSW, \$202,979}, by Pollard's Vision), second to subsequent GIII Discovery S. winner Performer (Speightstown) in a Saratoga one-other-than allowance Aug. 24, broke through that condition sprinting here Nov. 2 and was made a narrow 17-10 favorite to double up in this stretchout. Tracking the speed of second choice Mr. Dougie Fresh (Ghostzapper) through splits of :23.65 and :47.36, the dark bay took over at the furlong grounds and edged clear to a 2 1/2-length success over his pace rival. The winner is a half to Vertical Oak (Giant Oak), MGSW, \$773,095. His dam is responsible for an unraced sophomore colt by Animal Kingdom, a juvenile Elusive Quality filly and a yearling colt by Half Ours. She was bred to Into Mischief this spring. Sales History: \$42,000 Wlg '15 FTKNOV; \$82,000 RNA Ylg '16 FTKJUL; \$100,000 Ylg '16 FTKOCT; \$150,000 2yo '17 EASMAY. Lifetime Record: 9-3-4-2, \$212,966. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

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8th-Fair Grounds, \$42,000, Alw (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000),
12-12, 3yo/up, 5 1/2ft, 1:04.80, fm.

REAL NEWS (c, 3, The Factor--Missy's Advantage {SP}, by Tactical Advantage), a victor on debut in a local off-the-turf Jan. 24, repeated when switched to turf here Mar. 8 and was runner-up in both the Palisades Turf Sprint S. at Keeneland and James W. Murphy S. at Pimlico before running a strong third after setting a strong pace in the GII Penn Mile S. June 1. Fifth in a main-track allowance when last seen June 29 at Churchill, the bay was made the public's choice at 8-5 in this return and posted up outside in third past a :21.96 quarter. Drawing on even terms at the top of the lane, he took charge into the final furlong and held off Lawton (Archarcharch) to score by 1 1/4 lengths. The winner is a half to Good Morning Diva (Lion Heart), MSW & MGSP, \$328,578. He has a yearling half-brother by Tonalist named Classic Missy and his dam visited Accelerate this

term. Sales History: \$85,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: GSP, 7-3-2-1, \$169,520. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Town and Country Racing, LLC & Gary Broad; B-Georgia Farms Inc (KY); T-Albert M. Stall, Jr.

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5th-Aqueduct, \$68,000, Msw, 12-12, 2yo, f, 1m, 1:39.13, gd.

HARVEY'S LIL GOIL (f, 2, American Pharoah--Gloria S, by Tapit) showed late interest to be fourth debuting over the local grass Nov. 9 and was given a 4-1 chance switching to the main track here. Hopping a bit at the start, the gray traveled between rivals in fourth just off of a :23.56 quarter. Angling over to the rail past a :47.60 half, she awaited room on the turn, switched into the three path at the top of the lane and blew by the frontrunners soon after finding clearance. Kicking away past the eighth pole, the homebred was wrapped up late by Junior Alvarado while registering a sharp six-length triumph. Persisto (Orb) was second best. The winner, the 25th for her freshman sire (by Pioneer of the Nile), is out of an unraced half-sister to champion and dual Classic hero I'll Have Another (Flower Alley) as well as Golden Award (Medaglia d'Oro), a two-time graded stakes victress in 2019. Gloria S foaled a colt by Cairo Prince this season before returning to the Airdrie resident. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$41,600. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Estate of Harvey A. Clarke; B-Harvey A. Clarke (KY); T-William I. Mott.

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**FIRST-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13****Best Act** (Pulpit)

3 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
5-Remington, Msw 6f, LOVE MY RIDE, 30-1
\$6,000 OKC YRL yrl

Commissioner (A.P. Indy), WinStar Farm, \$7,500

94 foals of racing age/16 winners/2 black-type winners
6-Charles Town, Msw 7f, CAMPANIA, 5-2
\$21,000 EAS MAY 2yo
6-Charles Town, Msw 7f, COMMCAT, 6-1
\$28,000 RNA FTK JUL yrl; \$10,000 FTK OCT yrl
7-Laurel, Msw 7f, NATURALLY QUICK, 20-1
\$45,000 OBS OPN 2yo

Competitive Edge (Super Saver), Ashford Stud, \$7,500

111 foals of racing age/24 winners/4 black-type winners
5-Delta Downs, Alw 5f, MAJESTIC EDGE, 7-2
\$50,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$95,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; \$72,000 RNA
OBS APR 2yo; \$42,000 OBS OPN 2yo

Daredevil (More Than Ready), WinStar Farm, \$7,500

81 foals of racing age/10 winners/1 black-type winner
1-Delta Downs, Msw 1m, ALYDAR STAR, 12-1
\$1,800 OKC YRL yrl

Dramedy (Distorted Humor), Sau, \$2,000

20 foals of racing age/3 winners/1 black-type winner
5-Remington, Msw 6f, CANEY'S GHOST, 9-5
\$24,500 OKC YRL yrl

Fast Anna (Medaglia d'Oro), Three Chimneys Farm, \$7,500

83 foals of racing age/11 winners/3 black-type winners
5-Turfway, Msw 6f, MY MANE GIRL, 3-1
\$125,000 KEE SEP yrl
5-Turfway, Msw 6f, READY TO PLAY, 6-1

Hakassan (Chi) (Sir Cat), Millennium Farms

7 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
1-Delta Downs, Msw 1m, CHROME FIRE, 8-1

Hampton Court (Aus) (Redoute's Choice {Aus}), Spendthrift Farm

34 foals of racing age/9 winners/0 black-type winners
5-Delta Downs, Alw 5f, NANCY'S RESCUE, 12-1

Honor Code (A.P. Indy), Lane's End Farm, \$40,000

111 foals of racing age/12 winners/0 black-type winners
3-Golden Gate Fields, Msw 5f, DON'T UNZIP ME, 7-2

\$130,000 KEE NOV wnl

Khozan (Distorted Humor), Journeyman Stud, \$4,000
73 foals of racing age/16 winners/2 black-type winners
5-Tampa Bay Downs, Aoc 1mT, ME AND MR. C, 8-5
\$50,000 RNA OBS MAR 2yo

Medal Count (Dynaformer), Spendthrift Farm, \$3,500

61 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners
1-Remington, Msw 1m, CIAK, 15-1
5-Turfway, Msw 6f, GRACE D' ART, 20-1

Tonalist (Tapit), Lane's End Farm, \$15,000

97 foals of racing age/15 winners/1 black-type winner
7-Laurel, Msw 7f, GAUZY, 6-1
\$29,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; \$36,000 EAS OCT yrl

SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13**Boisterous** (Distorted Humor), Tommy Town Thoroughbreds, \$5,000

86 foals of racing age/24 winners/1 black-type winner
3-Golden Gate Fields, Msw 5f, BEAUTIFUL BABE, 20-1
\$1,400 BAR OCT yrl

Cairo Prince (Pioneerof the Nile), Airdrie Stud, \$25,000

228 foals of racing age/81 winners/7 black-type winners
7-Laurel, Msw 7f, WINDY LANE, 5-1
\$200,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; \$170,000 RNA FTK OCT yrl

Grey Swallow (Ire) (Daylami {Ire}), Calumet Farm, private

29 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
5-Turfway, Msw 6f, PURPLE MARTIN, 10-1

Mosquito (Yes It's True)

3 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
4-Fair Grounds, \$40K Magic City Classic S., 1m, FOOLISH STEVE, 3-1

War Command (War Front), Coolmore Stud, \$8,000

225 foals of racing age/47 winners/2 black-type winners
7-Laurel, Msw 7f, YIRA, 20-1
\$1,000 FTK OCT yrl

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In this continuing series, Alan Carasso takes a look ahead at US-bred and/or conceived runners entered for the upcoming weekend at the tracks on the Japan Racing Association circuit, with a focus on pedigree and/or performance in the sales ring. Here are the horses of interest for this weekend running at Chukyo and Hanshin Racecourses, including a hot newcomers' event at the latter venue featuring first-starters by Candy Ride (Arg) and American Pharoah, in search of a fifth Japanese winner:

Saturday, December 14, 2019

1st-CKO, ¥9,550,000 (\$88k), Maiden, 2yo, 1400m

AMERICAN NINA (f, 2, Carpe Diem--Mane Princess, by Mineshaft) was the 3-2 favorite for her 1600-meter debut at Tokyo Oct. 5, but caught a rain-affected track she may not have liked and finished sixth. The Maryland-bred, a \$110K Keeneland November weanling turned \$260K Keeneland September yearling, is a maternal granddaughter of SW & GISP Extended Applause (Exbourne), herself the dam of Grade III-winning turf sprinter Channel Marker (Purim). *B-Catherine Jennings & Marian Kuhatschek (MD)*



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

SUI (f, 2, Candy Ride {Arg}--Eltimaas, by Ghostzapper) cost Carlo Vaccarezza \$300K as a KEESEP yearling last fall and fetched \$675K from Katsumi Yoshida after breezing an eighth of a mile

in **:10 flat** at this year's OBS March Sale. The January foal was consigned to the latter auction by Top Line Sales. The dark bay is a half-sister to champion and three-time Grade I winner Drefong (Gio Ponti), who stands in Japan at Shadai Stallion Station, and is out of an unraced half-sister to Eclipse Award-winning juvenile colt Action This Day (Kris S.). Oisín Murphy sees fit to take the call. Machmer Hall acquired Eltimaas for \$77K in foal to Mizzen Mast at KEENOV in 2013. *B-Machmer Hall, Carrie Brogden & Craig Brogden (KY)*

CAFE PHAROAH (c, 2, American Pharoah--Mary's Follies, by More Than Ready) gets Ryan Moore in the saddle for his debut appearance. The March foal's dual Grade III-winning dam has already been responsible for MGSW Night Prowler (Giant's Causeway) and 'TDN Rising Star' Regal Glory (Animal Kingdom), winner of this year's GII Lake Placid S. and GIII Lake George S. at Saratoga. Emmanuel de Seroux's Narvick International went to \$475K for the colt at this year's OBSMAR sale after he went a quarter-mile in **:21 1/5**. *B-Paul P Pompa (KY)*

9th-HSN, ¥19,000,000 (\$174k), Allowance, 2yo, 1200mT

MOZU AUNT MO (f, 2, Uncle Mo--A Footstep Away, by Giant's Causeway), an excellent runner-up on her local debut Sept. 14, graduated by three lengths over soft Kyoto turf Oct. 13 (**video**, gate 6) but was well beaten by subsequent G1 Hanshin Juvenile Fillies S. winner Resistencia (Jpn) (Daiwa Major {Jpn}) in Group 3 company last time. The filly's dam, a \$1.05m KEESEP yearling, has bred SW & GSP Two Thirty Five (Stay Thirsty), while her Grade III-winning second dam At the Half (Seeking the Gold) produced MGSW/MGISP Lu Ravi (A.P. Indy). Mozu Aunt Mo was a \$200K KEESEP purchase. *B-Springhill Farm (KY)*

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

6th-Aqueduct, \$68,048, (S), 12-12, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:26.93, gd.

ALVERNIA (f, 3, Violence--Frost Bite, by Pulpit) Lifetime Record: 13-3-1-3, \$128,091. O-Michael A. Henning; B-Lansdowne Thoroughbreds (NY); T-Gary Sciacca. *\$12,000 Ylg '17 KEEJAN; \$25,000 RNA 2yo '18 EASMAV.

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4th-Remington, \$43,288, 12-11, (NW2X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:16.12, ft.

CREATE A STAR (f, 4, Creative Cause--Starry Pie {SW, \$158,437}, by Pioneering) Lifetime Record: MSP, 18-4-2-3, \$223,207. O/B/T-C. R. Trout (OK). *1/2 to Bringinginthelute (Midnight Lute), SW, \$184,070.

7th-Delta Downs, \$40,000, (S), 12-11, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 5f, :59.40, ft.

MR. PRIORITY (g, 3, Apriority--Miss Scarface, by Posse) Lifetime Record: 13-4-1-2, \$74,525. O-Elite Thoroughbred Racing LLC; B-Michele Rodriguez (LA); T-Lee Thomas.

8th-Remington, \$34,000, 12-11, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:16.51, ft.

KADA (f, 3, Violence--Tapit Ten, by Tapit) Lifetime Record: 16-3-1-4, \$94,356. O-L. William & Corinne Heiligbrodt; B-Rhianon Farms, Inc (KY); T-Stephen M. Asmussen. *\$45,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP; \$100,000 2yo '18 OBSAPR.

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1st-Charles Town, \$28,000, (S), 12-11, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 4 1/2f, :53.61, ft.

GANDARI (f, 4, Gandhi--Volare Cantare {MSP}, by Roman Ruler) Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$32,925. O-Swoosh LLC; B-Black Horse Tavern LLC (WV); T-Sara E. Kopecki.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Georgia Dawn, f, 2, **Call Me George**--Dawn's Diva, by Meadow Monster. Fair Grounds, 12-12, (S), 1m, 1:42.29. B-Billy J Hebert (LA).

LAMBHOLM SOUTH Training Graduate

Leatherneck, c, 2, **Congrats**--Turtle River, by Empire Maker. Los Alamitos, 12-12, (C), 5 1/2f, 1:04.28. B-Gestut Zur Kuste AG (KY). *\$80,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP. **1ST-TIME STARTER.

Sienna Breeze, f, 2, **Custom for Carlos**--Sharp Tongue Lady, by Eddington. Delta Downs, 12-11, (S), 5f, 1:00.59. B-Joey R Agular (LA). *\$1,500 Ylg '18 ESLYRL. **1ST-TIME STARTER.

Stunning Sky, f, 2, **Declaration of War**--Sky Walk, by Unbridled's Song. Gulfstream, 12-12, (C), 1 1/16m (off turf), 1:45.24. B-Stephen J McDonald (KY). *\$85,000 RNA Wlg '17 KEENOV; \$100,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP.

Valerio Bloodstock Yearling Purchase

Over the Hillary, f, 2, **Maclean's Music**--Not Now Hillary, by Bluegrass Cat. Penn National, 12-11, 5f, 1:00.00. B-Pinnacle Farms Bloodstock LLC (NY). *\$75,000 Ylg '18 SARAUG; \$65,000 2yo '19 EASMAY.

Consigned by Bobby Dodd, Agent

Social Afleet, c, 2, **Northern Afleet**--So Social, by Proud Truth. Fair Grounds, 12-12, (S), 1m, 1:41.60. B-Tom Curtis & Wayne Simpson (LA). *\$22,000 Ylg '18 ESLYRL. *1/2 to Socialsaul (Read the Footnotes), SW & GSP, \$514,375.

Miss Liana, f, 2, **Warrior's Reward**--Holy Fashion (MSW), by Holy Bull. Aqueduct, 12-12, (C), 6f, 1:14.11. B-Equus Farm (KY). *\$12,000 RNA Ylg '18 FTKOCT; \$25,000 2yo '19 OBSOPN. **1/2 to Above Fashion (Paddy O'Prado), SW & GSP, \$188,590.

Freedom Prince, g, 3, **Freedom Child**--Aqua Regia (GSP, \$152,380), by Pollard's Vision. Aqueduct, 12-12, 6 1/2f, 1:19.09. B-St. Elias Stable, LLC & Peta Ryan (NY).

Hip 137: Dam sells at KeeJan with Hill 'n' Dale

Attorney Tim, c, 3, **Sky Mesa**--Bobby's Babe, by Smart Strike. Fair Grounds, 12-12, 1 1/16mT, 1:47.12. B-Lloyd Madison Farms IV, LLC (KY). *1/2 to May Lily (Broken Vow), SW, \$271,926; and Zapperini (Ghostzapper), GSP, \$261,471.

Folk Legend, f, 3, **Tapizar**--Folklore (Ch. 2yo Filly & MGISW, \$945,500), by Tiznow. Turfway, 12-11, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:19.61. B-The Robert and Beverly Lewis Trust, LLC (KY).



AMERICAN PHAROAH, Harvey's Lil Goil, f, 2, o/o Gloria S, by Tapit. MSW, 12-12, Aqueduct

APRIORITY, Mr. Priority, g, 3, o/o Miss Scarface, by Posse. ALW, 12-11, Delta Downs

CALL ME GEORGE, Georgia Dawn, f, 2, o/o Dawn's Diva, by Meadow Monster. MSW, 12-12, Fair Grounds

CONGRATS, Leatherneck, c, 2, o/o Turtle River, by Empire Maker. MCL, 12-12, Los Alamitos Thoroughbred

CREATIVE CAUSE, Create a Star, f, 4, o/o Starry Pie, by Pioneering. ALW, 12-11, Remington

CUSTOM FOR CARLOS, Sienna Breeze, f, 2, o/o Sharp Tongue Lady, by Eddington. MSW, 12-11, Delta Downs

DECLARATION OF WAR, Stunning Sky, f, 2, o/o Sky Walk, by Unbridled's Song. MCL, 12-12, Gulfstream

FREEDOM CHILD, Freedom Prince, g, 3, o/o Aqua Regia, by Pollard's Vision. MSW, 12-12, Aqueduct

GANDHI, Gandari, f, 4, o/o Volare Cantare, by Roman Ruler. ALW, 12-11, Charles Town

MACLEAN'S MUSIC, Over the Hillary, f, 2, o/o Not Now Hillary, by Bluegrass Cat. MSW, 12-11, Penn National

NORTHERN AFLEET, Social Afleet, c, 2, o/o So Social, by Proud Truth. MSW, 12-12, Fair Grounds

PAYNTER, Payne, c, 4, o/o Vertical Vision, by Pollard's Vision. AOC, 12-12, Aqueduct

SKY MESA, Attorney Tim, c, 3, o/o Bobby's Babe, by Smart Strike. MSW, 12-12, Fair Grounds

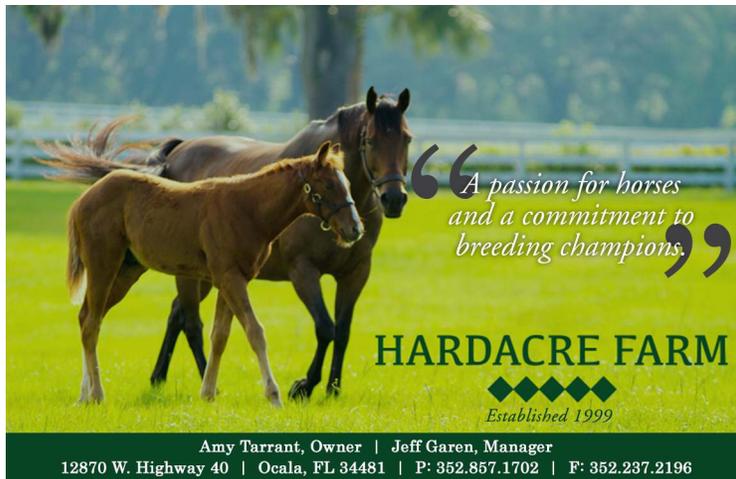
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THE FACTOR, Real News, c, 3, o/o Missy's Advantage, by Tactical Advantage. AOC, 12-12, Fair Grounds

VIOLENCE, Alvernia, f, 3, o/o Frost Bite, by Pulpit. ALW, 12-12, Aqueduct

VIOLENCE, Kada, f, 3, o/o Tapit Ten, by Tapit. ALW, 12-11, Remington

WARRIOR'S REWARD, Miss Liana, f, 2, o/o Holy Fashion, by Holy Bull. MCL, 12-12, Aqueduct



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THE INCREASING INFLUENCE OF SHAMARDAL



Shamardal

Click above for a video interview with Godolphin Nominations Manager Eamon Moloney on Shamardal.

By John Berry

The careers of Dubawi (Ire) (Dubai Millennium {GB}) and **Shamardal** (Giant's Causeway) have run side by side all the way through. Both were Maktoum-owned Group 1-winning juveniles in 2004 and then 'Guineas' winners for Godolphin in 2005. Both then joined the Darley roster, initially as dual-hemisphere shuttlers before being restricted to the Northern Hemisphere; and their stud careers have both blossomed ever since. For much of that time, Dubawi's status has arguably been higher (witness that in 2015, the last time that Shamardal's fee was specified rather than being described as 'private', Dubawi was covering for £125,000 while Shamardal was more affordable at €70,000). Shamardal, however, is currently riding on such a crest of a wave that one would now be hard pressed to name a first among equals.

While I am second to none in my respect for Dubawi's ability to instil toughness and durability as well as class into his stock, I have to admit to a totally subjective bias in Shamardal's favour simply because I've admired him from the outset. Admittedly, I didn't notice him when the late Sheikh Maktoum al Maktoum's Gainsborough Stud Management, after consultation with that great judge-of-a-bargain Mark Johnston, bought him at Tattersalls for the ludicrously small sum of 50,000gns as a yearling in October 2003. [Cont. p2](#)

CHAMPION OBSERVATORY PASSES AT 22

Champion miler **Observatory** (Distant View--Stellaria, by Roberto), who bore the Prince Khalid Abdullah silks to a win in the G1 Queen Elizabeth II S. and G1 Prix d'Ispahan, passed away at 22, Juddmonte announced on Thursday. The Kentucky-bred homebred was named the English highweight 3-year-old colt from 7-9 1/2 furlongs in 2000.

Retired to Banstead Manor Stud for the 2002 season, the chestnut's greatest claim to fame was as the sire of Juddmonte runner Twice Over (GB), a four-time Group 1 winner. Also responsible for G1SW African Rose (GB) and eight other black-type winners, the flashy chestnut has sired seven stakes winners as a broodmare sire, including G1SWs Vorda (Fr), and Epicuris (GB); G2 Coventry S. hero Calyx (GB) (Kingman {GB}) and GSW Fair Eva (GB). The last named was the first group stakes winner for Observatory's barnmate Frankel (GB) out of the aforementioned African Rose. [Cont. p4](#)

IN TDN AMERICA TODAY

O'NEILL HEADED TO DUBAI, OAKLAWN

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(He had been passed in for \$485,000 as a foal but his price was then depressed by rumours of a veterinary misdiagnosis as a 'wobbler').

I was, though, at Ayr on 12 July 2004 when he made his debut, and the ease with which the powerful but still-very-raw blueblood scored put him into my mental notebook straightaway. His sire Giant's Causeway had been Cartier Horse of the Year in 2000 and his dam's full-brother Street Cry (Ire) (Machiavellian) had won the G1 Dubai World Cup in 2002. The pedigree was very much in vogue; and the manner of his eight-length victory, as well as his imposing physique, suggested that he could well live up to it.



Shamardal | Darley

Shamardal followed up by taking the G2 Vintage S. at Goodwood two weeks later in the colours of Abdulla Buhaleeba before completing his unblemished juvenile campaign in the autumn by taking the G1 Dewhurst S. in Maktoum Al Maktoum's Gainsborough silks. Thereafter, having been transferred from Mark Johnston to Saeed bin Suroor, he raced in the Godolphin blue, winning all three of the races which he contested in Europe in 2005: the G1 Gainsborough Stud Poule d'Essai des Poulains over 1600m at Longchamp, the G1 Prix du Jockey Club over 2100m at Chantilly (beating subsequent G1 Irish Derby, G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe and G1 King George And Queen Elizabeth S. hero Hurricane Run (Ire) (Montjeu {Ire}) by a rapidly diminishing neck) and, merely nine days later, the G1 St. James's Palace S. over a mile at 'Royal' York (transferred from Ascot) by three lengths.

Shamardal's next start was to have been in the G1 Eclipse S.

over 10 furlongs at Sandown, but a training setback put paid to that plan and prompted his immediate retirement. He subsequently served the first of his seasons at Kildangan Stud in 2006 at an introductory fee of €40,000. That same spring saw

Shamardal's contemporary and erstwhile stablemate Dubawi, winner of the G1 National S. at The Curragh as a 2-year-old and of the G1 Irish 2000 Guineas and G1 Prix Jacques le Marois at three, take up stud duties at Dalham Hall at a fee of £25,000. These have been their bases since then, other than in 2008 when each spent a season in the other's home. Both stallions did very well from the start in both Europe and Australia, but their great success in the Northern

Hemisphere soon led to them becoming permanent European residents.

The horse who first got Shamardal's ball rolling was the Bart Cummings-trained filly Faint Perfume (Aus). When Shamardal was taken out of training in July 2006, he was put more or less straight into quarantine and thus served a season in New South Wales before he started at Kildangan. Thus, although he had a European Classic winner in his first crop courtesy of Lope De Vega (Ire) taking the G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains and G1 Prix du Jockey Club in the spring of 2010, he had already had a Classic winner in Australia by that time, Faint Perfume (Aus) having won the G1 Victoria Oaks in November 2009. Lope De Vega's two Classic triumphs immediately solidified Shamardal's reputation as a seriously promising young stallion, a reputation which was cemented later that year when he came up with his first top-class 2-year-old, G1 Racing Post Trophy hero Casamento (Ire). **Cont. p3**

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Shamardal Cont.

Lope De Vega went on to kick-start Shamardal's reputation as a sire of sires. His first-crop son Belardo (Ire) proved himself as a top-class juvenile by taking the G1 Dewhurst S. in 2014 and is now about to get going as a stallion himself, as Lope De Vega's 2019 G1 Irish 2000 Guineas-winning son Phoenix Of Spain (Ire) will be doing before too long from his new base at the Irish National Stud. Lope De Vega's stud career has developed from there, with his progeny's worldwide tally of international Group/Grade 1 wins currently standing at 15. Casamento has been less prolific, but his offspring are headed by Kings Will Dream (Ire), a Group 1 weight-for-age winner in Australia this spring.



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To date, 25 sons or daughters of Shamardal (five of them bred in Australia, the remainder in Europe) have won a total of 40 Group 1 races. Nine of those wins have come this year (all in the Godolphin silks) provided by the G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches heroine Castle Lady (Ire), the Royal Ascot sprinting specialist Blue Point (Ire) and the trio of terrific 2-year-olds Pinatubo (Ire), Earthlight (Ire) and Victrix Ludorum (Ire).

These three brilliant juveniles will presumably follow Blue Point (a new addition to the roster at Kildangan in 2020) into the Darley sires' ranks in the fullness of time, very possibly after accruing further Group 1 glory. The Darley roster (which includes Shamardal's aforementioned grandson Belardo at Kildangan) also contains the as-yet-unproven Shamardal horses French Navy (GB) (at Kildangan) and Bow Creek (Ire) (at Haras du Logis). Other major operations standing Shamardal stallions include Shadwell which has 2014 G1 Eclipse S. hero Mukhadram (GB); and the Aga Khan's Haras de Bonneval, home of 2016 G1 Prix Ganay winner Dariyan (Fr). **Cont. p4**

IN TDN AUS/NZ TODAY

FARNAN FAVOURITE FOR MAGICS

Farnan (Aus) (Not a Single Doubt {Aus}) is the favourite for the upcoming Magic Millions 2-Year-Old Classic. [Click or tap here to go straight to TDN Aus/NZ.](#)

Shamardal Cont.

At Gestut Etzean, the nine-time stakes winner Amaron (GB) has made a promising start this year, his first juveniles containing the John Gosden-trained stakes performer Run Wild (Ger).

Bow Creek is one of two Shamardal stallions bred by Bobby Donworth and Honora Corridan at Roundhill Stud, the other being the quiet achiever of the Australian sires' ranks: Puissance De Lune (Ire) whose runners have done so well over the past year that, having received merely 40 mares in 2018, he will end up having covered over 100 more than that this year at Swettenham Stud in Victoria. His popularity very much echoes his 17-year-old father's current status, a status which looks set to develop further in the years to come.

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Observatory Passes at 22 Cont. from p1

Pensioned since 2013, the John Gosden trainee has resided at Banstead Manor Stud since.

“Observatory possessed the most wonderful nature and character—he was an absolute delight to have around the stallion yard and even in retirement he played an integral role within the team,” said Banstead Manor Stud Director UK Simon Mockridge. “Our most enduring memory will be his stunning defeat of the ‘Iron Horse’ Giant’s Causeway in the QEII at Ascot, a memorable ride by Kevin Darley bringing him wide in the home straight for victory. He will be sorely missed by all at Juddmonte.”

Out of the Listed Rose Bowl S. victrix Stellaria, Observatory was a half-brother to MGSW High Praise (Quest for Fame {GB}) and to the dam of G3 Gordon S. hero Rebel Soldier (Ire) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}).

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RK	STALLION	GSW	EARNINGS
1	No Nay Never	8	€3,881,827
2	Kingman	6	€3,742,091
3	Australia	5	€2,075,552

2018 Leading First Crop Sires

RK	STALLION	BTW	EARNINGS
1	No Nay Never	6	€1,337,945
2	Kingman	5	€798,945

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ENABLE CAPTURES THIRD CONSECUTIVE ROA HOTY TITLE

Prince Khalid Abdullah's dual G1 Qatar Prix de l'Arc heroine **Enable (GB)** (Nathaniel {Ire}) captured her third consecutive Racehorse Owners Association Horse of the Year Award at the ROA Awards at the Royal Lancaster Hotel in London on Thursday evening. The Juddmonte colourbearer also won the Outstanding Filly/Mare Award and Outstanding Middle Distance horse. She won the same trio of prizes in 2018 and 2017. Trained by the 2019 ROA Outstanding Trainer John Gosden who won his fourth such title this year, the bay captured the G1 Coral-Eclipse, G1 King George VI and Queen Elizabeth QIPCO S. and G1 Yorkshire Oaks before running a close second in the Arc. The winners are decided by votes from the 7,900 members of the ROA.

Gosden also saddled Bjorn Nielsen's **Stradivarius (Ire)** (Sea The Stars {Ire}) to win the Outstanding Stayer title—he also won in 2018—and Lord Andrew Lloyd Webber's 2018 Outstanding Juvenile **Too Darn Hot (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}) to take the Outstanding Miler award. Godolphin's **Pinatubo (Ire)** (Shamardal) won the Outstanding Juvenile Award, while Shadwell's **Battaash (Ire)** (Dark Angel {Ire}) was voted Outstanding Sprinter. **Kachy (GB)** (Kyllachy {GB}) was named the Outstanding All-Weather Horse. [Cont. p6](#)

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- 1st **Round Tower Stakes-Gr.3**, 6f., Curragh by 3¾ lengths
- 1st Maiden, 6f., Curragh by 7 lengths earning "TDN Rising Star" status

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- Horse of the Year/Outstanding Filly & Mare/Outstanding Middle Distance: Enable (GB) (Nathaniel {Ire})
- Outstanding All-Weather Horse: Kachy (GB) (Kyllachy {GB})
- Outstanding Juvenile: Pinatubo (Ire) (Shamardal {Ire})
- Outstanding Sprinter: Battaash (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire})
- Outstanding Stayer: Stradivarius (Ire) (Sea The Stars {Ire})
- Outstanding Miler: Too Darn Hot (GB) (Dubawi {Ire})
- Flat Special Achievement Award: Dakota Gold (GB) (Equiano {Fr})
- ROA Owner of the Year: Andrew Gemmell
- ROA Trainer of the Year: John Gosden
- Outstanding Novice Hurdler: Pentland Hills (Ire) (Motivator {GB})
- Outstanding Hurdler: Paisley Park (Ire) (Oscar {Ire})
- Outstanding Novice Chaser: Defi du Seuil (Fr) (Voix du Nord {Fr})
- Outstanding Chaser: Altior (Ire) (High Chaparral {Ire})
- Outstanding National Hunt Mare: Lady Buttons (GB) (Beneficial {GB})
- National Special Achievement Award: Frodon (Fr) (Nickname {Fr})
- ROA Gold Standard Large Racecourse of the Year: Chester and York
- ROA Gold Standard Small Racecourse of the Year: Musselburgh
- ROA Gold Standard Most Improved Large Racecourse: Newmarket (Rowley Mile)
- ROA Gold Standard Most Improved Small Racecourse: Thirsk

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Enable and Frankie Dettori before contesting the 2019 Arc
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PRINCE OF ARRAN POINTING TO SAUDI CUP MEETING

Prince Of Arran (GB) (Shirocco {Ger}), a MGSW in Australia, is likely to head to Saudi Arabia for the inaugural Saudi Cup meeting on Feb. 29. The globetrotting 6-year-old could only finish 11th of 14 in the G1 Longines Hong Kong Vase on Sunday, a run that came after he went close in the G1 Melbourne Cup for a second time. Trainer Charlie Fellowes feels his stable star just lacks a change of gear against the best over a mile and a half, but he will be more at home in the Red Sea Turf H. over a mile and seven furlongs, with \$2.5 million up for grabs.

Fellowes said, "He's taken the trip home really well. He'll probably have an easy time up until Christmas and then come January we'll start to pick things up. At the moment the plan is to head to Saudi Arabia for the new meeting out there at the end of February. I think he's best over two miles, or certainly further than a mile and a half. Although they are very decent horses, he gets away with it in Australia, but the race on Sunday was a proper Group 1.

"We had a Derby winner [Anthony Van Dyck (Ire) (Galileo {Ire})] behind us, amongst others, and there were no hiding places. Over 12 furlongs he's probably just not quite sharp enough or good enough. I've watched a video of the winner [Glory Vase (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn})] who carried a helmet cam and the turn of foot he showed to sweep past us shows the difference between Prince Of Arran and the genuine Group 1 12-furlong horses."

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WALK IN THE PARK COLT HEADS GOFFS NH THURSDAY

Lot 394, a colt by Walk in the Park (Ire), topped Thursday's session of the Goffs December National Hunt Sale at €64,000. Prospect Stables acquired the son of G1 Grand Prix d'Automne Hurdle winner La Segnora (Fr) (Turgeon). Consigned by Ashwood Stud, the February foaled bay's extended family features Japanese MG1SW Fierement (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}).

Thursday's trade grossed €4,904,200 for 347 head sold (71%). The average ticked up to €14,133 (+1.4%) and the median also rose, increasing to €10,500 (+5%). Combined, 367 horses found new homes (70%), with a gross of €5,287,200. The average was slightly down on 2018 at €14,407 (-0.8%), but the median enjoyed a double-digit increase to €11,500 (+17%).

"The December NH Sale has been part of the Goffs NH success story of recent years and we have been delighted to return such a vibrant trade over the last two days with increases in the foal average and median and a very agreeable clearance rate of 71%," said Goffs Group Chief Executive Henry Beeby. [Cont. p7](#)

Goffs December NH Sale Cont.

“A ring turnover of well over €5 million for the first time is also very pleasing and a clear indication of the growing reputation of the sale especially since it should be remembered that 2018 was topped by a record breaking €230,000 mare.

“Competition has been fierce for foals as buyers from home and the UK battled it out for the superbly bred youngsters entrusted to us by so many leading NH breeders. As ever we are indebted to our vendors as we are nothing without their wonderful horses and express our supreme appreciation to every buyer.”

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Friday, Dec. 13, 2019:

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Anjaal (GB) (Bahamian Bounty {GB}), Rathasker Stud
 149 foals of racing age/18 winners/0 black-type winners
 16:00-CHELMSFORD CITY, 7f, THE CHEROKEE KID (Ire)
 €34,000 Goffs November Foals Sale 2017; €18,000 RNA Goffs Sportsman's Yearling Sale 2018; €18,000 RNA Goffs Horses In Training Sale 2019

Gutaifan (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}), Yeomanstown Stud
 166 foals of racing age/29 winners/0 black-type winners
 16:00-CHELMSFORD CITY, 7f, SEVENTEEN O FOUR (Ire)
 €32,000 Goffs November Foals Sale 2017; €105,000 Goffs Orby Yearling Sale 2018

Outstrip (GB) (Exceed And Excel {Aus}), Dalham Hall Stud
 106 foals of racing age/22 winners/1 black-type winner
 16:00-CHELMSFORD CITY, 7f, UNION SPIRIT (GB)
 11,000gns RNA Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2018 - Book 3

FRANCE

Anjaal (GB) (Bahamian Bounty {GB}), Rathasker Stud
 149 foals of racing age/18 winners/0 black-type winners
 5-DEAUVILLE, 1300m, ASK ME NOT (Ire)
 5,500gns RNA Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2017; €2,000 Goffs Open Yearling Sale 2018

Hallowed Crown (Aus) (Street Sense), Kildangan Stud
 77 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners
 4-DEAUVILLE, 1900m, PINK PRINCESS (GB)
 800gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2018 - Book 4

Prince Gibraltar (Fr) (Rock of Gibraltar {Ire}), Haras de Montaignu
 51 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners

4-DEAUVILLE, 1900m, BASTILLE FORLONGE (Fr)

Red Dubawi (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}), Haras de la Croix Sonnet
 35 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
 2-DEAUVILLE, 1900m, SECRET SQUARE (Fr)
 €4,000 Arqana Deauville Autumn Mixed Sale 2018

Sidestep (Aus) (Exceed And Excel {Aus}), Telemon Thoroughbreds
 70 foals of racing age/9 winners/1 black-type winner
 5-DEAUVILLE, 1300m, LINDY LOU (Fr)

IRELAND

Anjaal (GB) (Bahamian Bounty {GB}), Rathasker Stud
 149 foals of racing age/18 winners/0 black-type winners
 8-DUNDALK, 7f, LIFE AND STRIFE (Ire)
 €11,000 Goffs February Mixed Sale 2018; £7,800 RNA Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearling Sale 2018
 8-DUNDALK, 7f, SHADHAVAR (Ire)
 €18,000 Goffs November Foals Sale 2017; £30,000 Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearling Sale 2018; €10,000 Tattersalls Ireland Goresbridge Breeze Up Sale 2019

Golden Horn (GB) (Cape Cross {Ire}), Dalham Hall Stud
 98 foals of racing age/8 winners/2 black-type winners
 2-DUNDALK, 8f, NOBLE HERITAGE (Ger)
 130,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2018 - Book 1

Ivawood (Ire) (Zebedee {GB}), Haras de Mont Goubert
 100 foals of racing age/14 winners/2 black-type winners
 2-DUNDALK, 8f, ROSIEWOOD (Ire)
 €1,000 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearlings 2018

Shooting To Win (Aus) (Northern Meteor {Aus}), Kildangan Stud
 26 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
 4-DUNDALK, 7f, VARNA GOLD (Ire)
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HALF TO MG1SW PAKISTAN STAR DEBUTS AT DUNDALK

5.45 Dundalk, Mdn, €15,000, 2yo, f, 8f (AWT)

Sun Bloodstock's **NOBLE HERITAGE (GER) (Golden Horn {GB})**, a 130,000gns Tattersalls October Book 1 yearling, is the latest foal out of a stakes-winning daughter of G1 Preis der Diana (German Oaks) heroine Next Gina (Ger) (Perugino) and the May-foaled bay is a half-sister to MG1SW Hong Kong champion stayer Pakistan Star (Ger) (Shamardal). Opposition to the Joseph O'Brien-trained newcomer includes Juddmonte debutante **Cannoli (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB})**, who is a daughter of MGSP Listed Naas Oaks Trial and Listed Victor McCalmont Memorial S. victress Caponata (Selkirk), representing the Dermot Weld stable.

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ADDITIONAL MIADEN WINNERS:

Indie Angel (Ire), f, 2, **Dark Angel (Ire)**--Indigo Lady (GB) (SW-Ire & GSP-Fr), by Sir Percy (GB). Chelmsford City, 12-12, 8f (AWT), 1:41.14. B-Ringfort Stud & P Hancock (IRE). *600,000gns Wlg '17 TATFOA.

Millionaire Waltz (GB), c, 2, **Heeraat (Ire)**--Radio Gaga (GB) (SW & GSP-Eng), by Multiplex (GB). Wolverhampton, 12-12, 7f 36y (AWT), 1:27.25. B-Allseasons Bloodstock (GB). *20,000gns Ylg '18 TAOCT.

Isabella Ruby (GB), f, 4, **Power (GB)**--Scarlet Rocks (Ire), by Chineur (Fr). Wolverhampton, 12-12, 6f 20y (AWT), 1:13.61. B-Killashee House Ltd (GB). *4,500gns RNA Wlg '15 TATFOA.

FRANCE



Thursday's Results:

1st-Chantilly, €27,000, Mdn, 12-12, unraced 2yo, c/g, 7 1/2f (AWT), 1:32.82, st.

NATIONAL SERVICE (FR) (g, 2, Elusive City--Forces Sweetheart {GB}, by Allied Forces) was well away from the inside box to race in third. Lobbing along on the bridle until into the home straight, the 42-5 chance swooped for control with 300 metres remaining and was ridden out to assert by 1 1/4 lengths from

Stanzo (GB) (Speightstown). The March-foaled homebred is the latest foal and becomes the fourth scorer produced by a winning half-sister to Listed Rockingham S. placegetter Never the Waiter (GB) (Kyllachy {GB}). Sales history: €28,000 RNA Ylg '18 AROCT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €13,500. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

1ST-TIME STARTER. O/B-Erika Gilliar (FR); T-Gavin Hernon.

2nd-Chantilly, €27,000, Mdn, 12-12, unraced 2yo, f, 7 1/2f (AWT), 1:33.09, st.

ALJUMAYLIYAH (GB) (f, 2, Olympic Glory {Ire}--Aldayha {Ire}, by Acclamation {GB}) stalked the lead in second after a smart getaway from the outside gate. Sent to the front at the quarter-mile marker, the 19-1 chance quickened clear approaching the final eighth and kept on strongly in the closing stages to score by two lengths from Wootton Saga (Fr) (Wootton Bassett {GB}). Pioneer of the Sky (Pioneer of the Nile), a \$1.05-million KEESEP daughter of GIII Winning Colors S. victress Graeme Six (Graeme Hall), finished a further half-length adrift in third. Half-sister to a yearling filly by Toronado (Ire) and a 2019 colt by Shalaa (Ire), she is the first foal produced by a winning half to MGSP Listed Baden-Baden Cup victress Guinnevre (Ire) (Duke of Marmalade {Ire}) out of Listed Challenge S. winner Galistic (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}). Sales history: €30,000 Ylg '18 ARAUG; €40,000 2yo '19 ARQMAY. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €13,500. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

1ST-TIME STARTER. O-Khalid Rashid Al Mohammadi; B-Al Shaqab Racing (GB); T-Henri-Alex Pantall.

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

7th-Chantilly, €28,000, Cond, 12-12, 3yo, 9 1/2f (AWT), 1:56.07, st.

FREEDOM RISING (GER) (f, 3, Reliable Man {GB}--Focal {GB}, by Pivotal {GB}) Lifetime Record: SP-Ger, 12-2-2-1, €30,400. O/B-Edergole Thoroughbred Ltd (GER); T-Yasmin Almenrader. *€10,000 Ylg '17 BBAGO.

WORLDWIDE NEWS

DARLEY JAPAN ANNOUNCES 2020 ROSTER

Darley Japan announced its 202 stallion roster and fees, with new recruit, the dual G1 Dubai World Cup winner **Thunder Snow (Ire)** (Helmet {Aus}) priced at ¥2.5 million. MG1SW **Hawkbill** (Kitten's Joy), who stood at Darley's Dalham Hall Stud in England 2019, has been transferred to Japan where he will command ¥1 million. **Cont. p9**

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The consistent **Pyro** (Pulpit) is slated for ¥2.5 million, while G1 Takamatsunomiya Kinen hero **Fine Needle (Jpn)** (Admire Moon {Jpn}) will also stand for that fee. GI Breeders' Cup Turf victor **Talismanic (GB)** (Medaglia d'Oro) will hold court for ¥1.8 million.

"We are delighted to offer Japanese breeders a wonderful line up of stallions with two very exciting new horses: Thunder Snow, who won Group 1 races on both turf and dirt, plus the precious Hawkbill—a potential successor to Kitten's Joy," said Darley Japan Nominations Manager Shotaro Kajiya. "We are very grateful for the support of our breeders and look forward to seeing you at the stallion complex in the new year."

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2020 DARLEY JAPAN ROSTER & FEES

Stallion	Fee (¥)
Thunder Snow (Ire) (Helmet {Aus})*	2,500,000
Hawkbill (Kitten's Joy)**	1,000,000
Pyro (Pulpit)	2,500,000
Fine Needle (Jpn) (Admire Moon {Jpn})*	2,500,000
Admire Moon (Jpn) (End Sweep)	1,000,000
Talismanic (GB) (Medaglia d'Oro)	1,800,000
Discreet Cat (Forestry)	1,500,000
American Patriot (War Front)	1,500,000
Furioso (Jpn) (Brian's Time)	1,000,000
Monterosso (GB) (Dubawi {Ire})	500,000

*Indicates a new stallion just retired

**Indicates a new stallion to the roster

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Wednesday's Result:

Queen Sho-Listed (Jpn-G3), ¥35,700,000
(US\$327,117/£249,255/€294,278), Funabashi, 12-11, 3yo/up, f/m, 1800m, 1:53.60, yl.

1--**CRAZY ACCEL (JPN)**, 115, f, 4, **Roses in May**

1st Dam: Bear Fruit (Jpn), by **Sakura Bakushin O (Jpn)**

2nd Dam: Air Jinx (Jpn), by **Special Week (Jpn)**

3rd Dam: Air Rag Doll (Jpn), by **Storm Cat**

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. O-Koichi Ichihara; B-Kawakami Farm (Jpn); T-Kazuo Watanabe; J-Hiroto Yoshihara. ¥21,000,000.
Lifetime Record: 20-7-2-3.

2--**Princia Cometa (Jpn)**, 123, m, 6, Spicule (Jpn)--Belmont Feliz (Jpn), by Adjudicating. O-Takayuki Yoshikawa; B-Belmont Farm (Jpn); ¥7,350,000.

3--**Rhein Carina (Jpn)**, 119, f, 3, Pyro--Faire Coucou (Jpn), by Alamshar (Ire). O-Shigemsa Osawa; B-Nisshin Farm (Jpn); ¥4,200,000.

Margins: 2HF, HF, NK. Odds: 6.80, 2.70, 1.90.



FARNAN FAVOURITE FOR MAGICS



Farnan as a yearling | TDN AusNZ

By Bren O'Brien

Farnan (Not A Single Doubt) has put forward his case to be considered as a leading contender for next month's Magic Millions 2YO Classic on the Gold Coast with an impressive win in the Listed Wyong Magic Millions Classic. The Gai Waterhouse and Adrian Bott-trained colt sat outside the early leader **Time For Peace** (Time For War) and Tim Clark controlled the race from that point, putting paid to the leader quickly on straightening and then seeing off the challenge of the easing favourite **Every Rose** (Choisir) to win by 1.14l. The Peter and Paul Snowden-trained **Remorseless** (Written Tycoon) filled third place, nearly 3l further back.

Farnan, bred by Phoenix Thoroughbreds and raced in partnership with Aquis Farm, becomes the fifth winner for trainer Gai Waterhouse in the Wyong race, with her and Adrian Bott having won the race with **Unite And Conquer** (Hinchinbrook), last year.

Having emulated his sire, Not A Single Doubt, who won the Wyong race in 2003, he will now look to become the fourth horse in the past 10 years to claim both this event and the \$2-million Gold Coast feature and the first since **Capitalist** (Written Tycoon) in 2016.

"We took him down to Canberra there with plenty of improvement in him and he showed that," Bott said of his 5l maiden win. "Again today his attitude is what won him the race. His professionalism. He began brilliantly and put himself right in the race and switched off nicely. When Tim asked him to he showed a good turn of foot. Like all those good young colts, he's got a good attitude. He's a lovely physical type and he's a nice strong individual, so that will take him a long way."

Bott said with over four weeks to the Gold Coast race, he wasn't sure whether to give Farnan another run heading in.

"It's a good long while until we have to go to the Gold Coast. We need to work out if we are going to have another run yet or not. We will plan that after today."

G3 Gimcrack S. winner **Every Rose** had every chance to run the winner down but will no doubt benefit from the run. She led all the way in her debut success back in October, but was unable to muster on Thursday, instead having to take the sit behind the leader. Trainer Mark Newnham will undoubtedly take some heart that last year's runner-up **Exhilarates** (Snitzel) was able to then go on and win the Gold Coast race the following month. **Every Rose** stayed at \$6 for the Magic Millions 2YO Classic, with Farnan now into outright favouritism at \$5.

Farnan was a \$550,000 purchase for Aquis and Phoenix from the Vinery draft at the 2019 Magic Millions Gold Coast Sale. He is out of the Group 3 winning **Street Cry** (Ire) mare **Tallow**, making him a half-brother to dual Listed winner **Sandbar** (Snitzel).

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