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Gary West with Maximum Security | Sarah Andrew

by Bill Finley

Upset over the reduction in the purse for the GI Pegasus World Cup Invitational S., owner Gary West has confirmed that his 3-year-old star **Maximum Security** (New Year's Day) will pass the Gulfstream race and point instead for the \$20 million Saudi Cup Feb. 29.

When it was announced last week that the Pegasus format had undergone significant changes, including a reduction in the purse from \$9 million to \$3 million, West said at the time that he was "50-50" to pull his horse from the race. Seven days later, West was no longer considering the Pegasus.

"The Saudi race will be the next race for Max," West said. "If a horse owner had a shot to win a \$20-million race or a race for less than \$3 million within a month, I am not sure why they would run for less. As of this minute, Max will not be running in the Pegasus and I can't imagine anything that would change that decision."

West also questioned the decision to take 2% of the total purse for the Pegasus and the GI Pegasus Turf Invitational S. and donate it to aftercare. He believes The Stronach Group should be making a donation that does not affect the purse.

"If The Stronach Group cares so much about horse aftercare, why in the world would they show their concern by reducing the value of their already enormously-reduced purse for the Pegasus by 2% at the expense of owners and try to tell the racing community that is a benefit to them?" he said. **Cont. p3**

FOUR STALLIONS, INCLUDING JUSTIFY HALF-BROTHER THE LIEUTENANT, KILLED IN PERU

Four stallions at Haras Barlovento in Canete, Peru were killed by intruders Sunday, who apparently broke into the farm with the express purpose of killing **The Lieutenant** (Street Sense), **Cyrus Alexander** (Medaglia d'Oro), **Timely Advice** (A.P. Indy) and **Kung Fu Mambo (Arg)** (Giant's Causeway), the farm reported on Instagram this morning.

"With a lot of pain, we share the sad news of the murder of the four stallions of Barlovento recently at our farm in Canete," the post said. "They reduced the watchman and went straight to kill Cyrus Alexander, The Lieutenant, Timely Advice and Kung Fu Mambo. They had one intention and they have succeeded."

The Lieutenant, a half-brother to Triple Crown winner Justify (Scat Daddy), was covering the Southern Hemisphere season and was about to return to Sequel Stallions in New York.

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2019 in Photos: July 27. Godolphin's dual G1 Dubai World Cup hero Thunder Snow (Ire) (Helmet {Aus}) crosses Union Avenue on his way back to the barn after galloping on Saratoga's main track. | Sarah Andrew

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Check out the fourth installment of our Keeneland's Life's Work Oral History Project, where Chris McGrath talks to Shadwell Farm general manager Rick Nichols.

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In his Week in Review column, T.D. Thornton looks back at the low-level maiden claimer from last December at Gulfstream that produced Grade I winners Maximum Security (New Year's Day) and Math Wizard (Algorithms).



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Maximum Security Headed to Saudi Arabia cont. from p1

“Where I come from, that doesn’t even pass the laugh test,” West said.

The 2019 Pegasus was worth \$9 million, but owners had to pay a \$500,000 fee to make their horses eligible for the race. For the 2020 running of race, there will be no fee. Other major changes include the banning of race-day medication for the race.

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Four Stallions Killed in Peru cont. from p1

Cyrus Alexander won the GIII Lone Star Park H., and Kung Fu Mambo was one of the best horses of his crop in Peru, winning the G1 Derby Nacional.

He was an easy winner of his U.S. debut in a Santa Anita allowance in June of 2015, but was injured and retired after the race. Timely Advice was an established stallion in Peru.

Barlovento’s owner Boris Schwartzman relayed the news to Sequel’s Becky Thomas this morning.

“Our hearts are broken,” said Thomas. “Boris is a phenomenal person, and there’s nothing you can say that is going to make him feel better. The only information that I know was that his night watchman was shot, and all four stallions were murdered. That’s the word he used; murdered.”



The Lieutenant | Horsephotos

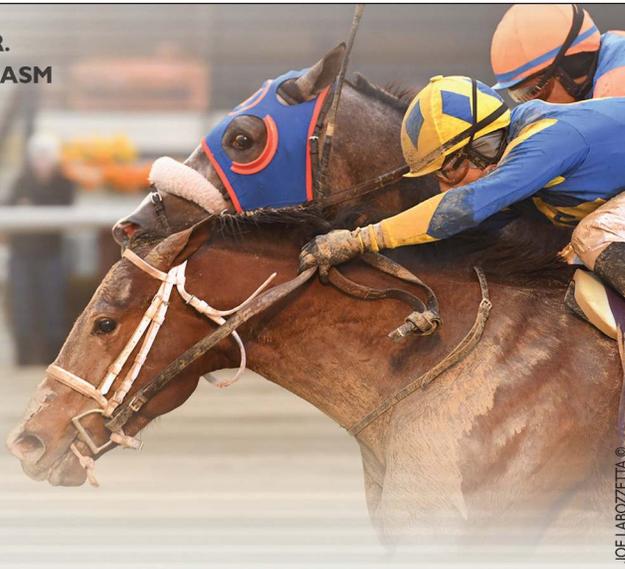
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by Chris McGrath

In hindsight, the trust and fidelity that have united Rick Nichols and his patron over the past 35 years were transparently available within the first 35 seconds they had anything to do with each other.

Sheikh Hamdan was then making his first bold incursions into the international bloodstock market; Nichols was in charge of the broodmare division at Spendthrift.

The Sheikh had come back for a second look at Mashteen, a young mare entered for the 1981 Keeneland November Sale. She was a graded stakes winner by Majestic Prince, but it was precisely such ruthless culling that had made Spendthrift's broodmare band what it was.

"If they had two bad foals, they were gone," Nichols recalls. "That was the case with Mashteen. Sheikh Hamdan came to look at her. The first time, he didn't say anything. When he came back I said, 'Sir, this mare has had two bad foals. It might be good if you looked elsewhere.' He just looked at me and said, 'Well thank you.'"

The Sheikh gave \$1 million for the mare.

"That was when Nelson Bunker Hunt was trying to corner the silver market," says Nichols. "At the price of silver, she was worth her weight in silver that day."

When Nichols was hired to supervise Shadwell's new Kentucky division, soon afterwards, Mashteen delivered a filly by Blushing Groom (Fr). "And she was crooked," he recalls. "When he came to see her, the Sheikh looked at her and said, 'I guess I should have heeded your advice.'" **Cont. p5**



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But to leave the story there would not be Nichols's style. To leave the story there, in fact, would dilute the candour that has rendered him so indispensable to his employer ever since.

"She went on and produced a filly that won him I think a Grade II and two Grade IIIs," he says. "So yeah, we were both right."

Nichols's recruitment had been handled by Shadwell's European managers, and it was only after he had come aboard that he was asked to Royal Ascot to be reintroduced to his new boss.



Sheikh Hamdan | Keeneland

"I go over there, get all dressed up," he says. "Back then they had a little house by the walking ring. I go and sit down and talk to him for a while. Sheikh Maktoum comes in, sits down, we talk a little bit. Then all the other Arabs, and English managers and trainers, and everybody started flowing in. And I just kind of sat back, trying to take in this new world I just got thrown into."

At the end of the afternoon Sheikh Maktoum said to his brother, in their own language, "Your American is very quiet." And that autumn he asked his own manager to reserve a specific name for his best weanling.

"A couple of years later we were at Newmarket, and a [bay] colt goes up the track in Sheikh Maktoum's colours," Nichols recalls. "The boss is looking at him through his binoculars. He said, 'Do you know what that horse's name is? Quiet American. He's named after you.'"

So Nichols is guaranteed a lasting imprint on the Stud Book, through the sire of Real Quiet and grandsire of Midnight Lute. But that laconic demeanour of his, underpinned by a depth of experience that requires no superficial demonstration, is matched in the unobtrusive foundations he has laid for a litany of Shadwell champions either side of the Atlantic.

There had been little obvious induction in Nichols's Texas upbringing. **Cont. p6**

SIZZLING First Weanlings!

Keeneland November Sale

Weanlings sold for **\$260,000** (Oxo Equine), **\$210,000** (Waystar Co.), **\$185,000** (Brookstone Farm), **\$120,000** (De Meric Stables, agent), **\$115,000** (McMahon & Hill Bloodstock, agent), **\$110,000** (Red Devil Bloodstock) etc.

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True, the kind of resources he did usefully inherit can be gleaned from the fact that his father, a construction manager, was self-taught in engineering and architecture. But there was a distant relative in Kansas who had buckskin horses on a cattle ranch. These so captivated Nichols that when he came home, he secretly bought one for \$125. He was just 13 years old.

“I was working, plus going to school,” he remembers. “I’d always give my mother money to put in the bank for me. Well, that stopped. She kept pushing me, ‘Why aren’t you giving me money anymore?’ Finally, I had to form a partnership with my brother, held off a little while longer. We finally told them the truth. And they embraced it. My mother, first thing she did was subscribe to every horse magazine in the country.”

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THE MAIDEN-CLAIMING RACE HEARD ‘ROUND THE WORLD

The Week in Review, by T.D. Thornton

In a bizarre way fittingly in keeping with racing’s Year of Chaos that is fast approaching the rear-view mirror, the race that ended up being the most impactful on the sport this season wasn’t even run in 2019.

Rather, that race was conducted 11 days before the calendar flipped into 2019. This past Friday marked the one-year anniversary of the \$16,000 maiden-claimer whose reverberations are still being heard ‘round the world. Turn your mental clock back to Dec. 20, 2018, when you probably didn’t watch the 10th race from Gulfstream Park. Had you known it was destined to turn into the most meaningful low-level key race in history, perhaps you’d have tuned in.

The nightcap on the eve of last winter’s solstice was a 6 1/2-furlong sprint that featured a heavy favorite ridden by Luis Saez, and the horse’s connections were taking a chance on losing their well-meant runner via claim by dangling him in for such a relatively low price.

That race didn’t go as pari-mutuel probability suggested it might. Neither did the next 12 months in North American racing.

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That's because instead of that 13-10 favorite winning as expected, a homebred first-timer named **Maximum Security** (New Year's Day) sped straight to the front and wired the field as the 2.7-1 third favorite.

You know how the script unfolded from there: Max ran up the score in two subsequent allowance starts by a combined 24 3/4 lengths, wired the GI Xpressbet Florida Derby, then led nearly every step of a tenacious trip to cross the wire first in the GI Kentucky Derby. But the colt barely got within sniffing distance of his blanket of roses before victory was adjudicated away by a controversial stewards' disqualification, a polarizing decision that Maximum Security's connections are still fighting in federal court.



Maximum Security | Sarah Andrew

The horse that did end up getting claimed out of that Dec. 20 maiden-claimer was the 2.3-1 second favorite, the third-place finisher. In fact, **Math Wizard** (Algorithms) was such a hot commodity that he was claimed twice more in succession, for \$16,000 and \$25,000, in a pair of races he won by a combined 25 1/4 lengths. After that, the Wiz blasted out of the selling ranks for good. Over the next eight months, the late-running chestnut more than earned back his investment by picking up checks for minor placings in five subsequent stakes, most of them of the Grade II and III variety.

By the time midsummer arrived, Maximum Security and Math Wizard were on paths that would criss-cross but never meet at the elite end of the racing spectrum. The thing they shared in common though, was that their career arcs kept brushing up against that weird, out-of-the-ordinary aura that ended up defining all of 2019.

Take Maximum Security's GI betfair Haskell Invitational S. win: The race itself was a thriller to watch, featuring the hometown favorite gamely fighting through three distinct instances of in-race adversity to prevail. **Cont. p8**



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But only a ghost-town smattering of fans got to see Max's impressive triumph in person, because searing summer heat caused Monmouth Park to abandon most of its biggest day of racing while pushing the Haskell post time back to nearly nightfall. The eerie circumstances (including a no-change stewards' inquiry that briefly raised the prospect of another questionable DQ) rivaled the stranger-than-fiction nature of Max's Derby adventure 2 1/2 months earlier.

By September, it looked as if the two alums of that high-profile maiden-claimer might meet in the GI Pennsylvania Derby. But Maximum Security was forced to scratch days before the race because of a severe bout of colic.

His untimely absence significantly altered the pace complexion, and when the three Pennsylvania Derby favorites wore each other out through tepid fractions, the Wiz stormed by them all,

wide and driving for a 31-1 shocker.

Maximum Security survived his colic ordeal, but the setback derailed his chances of making the GI Breeders' Cup Classic (he instead capped his season by authoritatively winning the GI Cigar Mile a month later).

Math Wizard did end up running in the Classic, and he came home a credible fifth. But that race ended up infamous for all the wrong reasons when Mongolian Groom (Hightail) suffered a catastrophic injury that led to his euthanization, sparking a loud, prolonged public outcry about Thoroughbred welfare that has badly rattled the U.S. racing industry.

It's mind-blowing to think that the three most talked-about Grade I races of 2019--the

Kentucky Derby, the Haskell, and the Breeders' Cup Classic--all had ties to an unheralded, low-level maiden sprint that no one ever fathomed would be a game-changer. **Cont. p9**



Math Wizard | Sarah Andrew



2019 in photos: August 18. Sharing is named a 'TDN Rising Star' when she breaks her maiden at Saratoga. | Sarah Andrew

Yet the most astonishing aspect of that key race might still be in the pipeline: Both Maximum Security and Math Wizard are under consideration for the \$20 million Saudi Cup Feb. 29. The potential for not just one, but two horses to make the stratospheric leap out of the same \$16,000 maiden-claimer to the world's richest horse race defies all logic and history--which is why it's such a tantalizing prospect.

You could probably win a bar bet by retaining the name of that well-meant maiden who was favored to beat both Maximum Security and Math Wizard one year ago.

That would be Guerreron (Revolutionary), who eventually hit the winner's circle two months later. The gelding has knocked around the claiming ranks trying to escape his NW2L condition ever since, and has changed hands twice via the claim box while running at or near Florida's lowest levels.

After eating Maximum Security's dust aboard Guerreron in that Dec. 20, 2018, maiden race, jockey Luis Saez eventually picked up the mount aboard Max and engineered a career-best season in 2019 while piloting the potential 3-year-old champ to every one of his stakes scores.

And the 1-for-18 Guerreron? Last Wednesday he ran fourth for an \$8,000 tag at Tampa Bay Downs. He isn't fleet of foot, but the battle-tested gelding tries--befitting of a horse whose name roughly translates to "warrior."

Horses like Maximum Security dominate the sport's headlines, and deservedly so. But the Guerrerons of the game keep the industry grinding along on a daily basis, and they're important too.

If you're a believer in the "parallel universe" theory, maybe there's a Kentucky Derby or a Saudi Cup trip to Riyadh out there somewhere in the multiverse with Guerreron's name on it.

But not, for certain, in the world we are currently inhabiting. This twilight zone of a racing season has been bizarre enough on its own, thanks.

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Firenze Fire had to call on all his class to reel in stablemate and recent GIII Fall Highweight H. hero Happy Farm in Sunday's Gravesend S. at Aqueduct.

Happy Face, actually forced to give Firenze Fire two pounds under the conditions of the race, won the break from out wide as Firenze Fire chased through an opening quarter that was timed in just :23.16. Happy Face still traveled well on the lead and edged clear into the lane, but Firenze Fire knuckled down and managed to bridge the gap in the final furlong for a tougher-than-expected triumph. Happy Face looked to take an awkward step with about 70 yards to race, though it was unlikely to affect the outcome.

Firenze Fire was making his ninth start of the year, which had included a pair of listed victories, including the Fabulous Strike H. on Thanksgiving Eve at Penn National. He also added a pair of Grade I placings, finishing behind divisional leader and GI Breeders' Cup Sprint hero Mitole (Eskendereya) in Saratoga's GI Forego S. Aug. 24 and a nose adrift of Imperial Hint (Imperialism) in the GI Vosburgh S. at Belmont Sept. 28.

Firenze Fire, whose sire was just **relocated to Pennsylvania**, has a weanling full-brother named Just Leo. My Every Wish was most recently bred to Speightstown. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

IN ORDER OF PURSE:

8th-Aqueduct, \$74,638, Alw, 12-22, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:37.53, ft.

NEWLY MINTED (f, 3, Central Banker--Newbie, by Bernardini), the nine-length winner of the state-bred restricted Fleet Indian S. at Saratoga Aug. 23, was a disappointing fourth as the favorite in the Oct. 19 Empire Distaff H. at Belmont and faltered at long odds-on in an open first-level allowance going six panels here Dec. 8. Stretching back out in trip for this, the bay controlled the pace and sprinted away in the lane to score by 7 1/4 lengths at 2-5. The winner is a half-sister to New Girl In Town (Boys At Tosconova), MSP, \$167,315, as well as a yearling Speightstown filly and a weanling filly by Classic Empire. Newbie most recently visited American Pharoah. Sales history: \$110,000 2yo '18 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: MSW, 8-5-1-1, \$419,613. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

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5th-Gulfstream, \$40,000, Alw (NW1\$X), Opt. Clm (\$75,000), 12-22, 2yo, f, 5fT, :56.87, gd.

QUEEN OF SHADES (f, 2, Midshipman--Last Standing, by Hard Spun) overwhelmed Monmouth maidens by better than six lengths going this trip Aug. 23 and was exiting a well-beaten second to the talented Miss J McKay (Hangover Kid) in the Anne Arundel County S. at Laurel Sept. 28. Arguably an overlay here at even money, Queen of Shades dictated terms for Irad Ortiz, Jr. and opened up through the final furlong to score by 2 3/4 lengths. Last Standing, who sold for \$37,000 carrying this foal in utero at Keeneland November in 2016, is a half-sister to Grace Hall (Empire Maker), who won the 2011 GI Spinaway S. for Dubb, Bethlehem and Grant ahead of a runner-up effort in that year's GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies; and to G1 Prix Ganay second Wren's Day (Medaglia d'Oro).

5th-Gulfstream, cont.

Last Standing is the dam of a yearling colt by Liam's Map from this same sire line and a weanling colt by Carpe Diem. She was most recently covered by Practical Joke. Sales history: \$27,000 RNA Wlg '17 KEENOV; \$85,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: SP, 5-2-1-0, \$80,150. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Michael Dubb, The Elkstone Group LLC (Stuart Grant), Madaket Stables LLC & Bethlehem Stables LLC; B-Lee McMillin & Eric Buckley & Meg Buckley (KY); T-Jason Servis.

9th-Gulfstream, \$40,000, Alw (NW1\$X), Opt. Clm (\$35,000), 12-22, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8mT, 1:48.70, gd.

MEAN MARY (f, 3, Scat Daddy--Karlov Vary {GISW, \$448,596}, by Dynaformer) faded to seventh in her Sept. 6 debut over the Laurel main track, but has become a different proposition since being switched to this surface. A coast-to-coast graduate at Keeneland Oct. 12, defeating a couple of next-out winners, the homebred was a latest second to French GSP Altea (Fr) (Siyouni {Fr}) over the Aqueduct turf Nov. 16. The narrow second choice at 11-5, Mean Mary prompted the pace from the outside, hit the front with 2 1/2 furlongs to travel, pinched a break and managed to hold off a late dive from Cap de Creus (Tapit) by a head. Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-0, \$83,200. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Alex G. Campbell Jr; B-Alex G Campbell Jr Thoroughbreds LLC (KY); T-H Graham Motion.

**IN ORDER OF PURSE:**

3rd-Aqueduct, \$68,000, Msw, 12-22, 2yo, f, 6f, 1:11.52, ft.

LOVE OF MY HEART (f, 2, Colonel John--My Heart's Love, by A.P. Indy) encountered some trouble when fourth in an Aug. 9 turf sprint at Saratoga and was a distant seventh of eight trying a grassy route for the first time at this track Nov. 22. On the dirt here as a 14-1 gamble, the homebred chased the early pace from second and was between rivals vying for the lead nearing the stretch. Jockey Declan Carroll remained cool, knowing what he had beneath him, and the filly rebroke in the final eighth of a mile, crossing the line a 3 3/4-length winner. Kansas Kis (Constitution) was up for second, while odds-on firster Champagne Lady (Uncle Mo), the full-sister to GISW Mo Town, never got untracked and finished fifth, beaten 11 1/2 lengths.

Love Of My Heart is out of a daughter of GSW Mo Cuishle (Saint Ballado) and has a yearling half-brother by Not This Time and a weanling half-brother by Violence. Sales history: \$20,000 RNA Ylg '18 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$43,500. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O/B-Debby M Oxley (KY); T-Mark E Casse.

1st-Gulfstream, \$49,000, Msw, 12-22, 2yo, f, 5f (off turf), :58.53, ft.

MERSEYSIDE (f, 2, Maclean's Music--Twice by Sunday, by Sky Mesa) finished a debut third sprinting over the Gulfstream West turf Nov. 10 and dropped one spot in a similar event locally Dec. 1. Adding blinkers for this rained-off affair, the homebred was kicked straight into the lead from her outside draw and set the pace in advance of expensive first-starter Feeling Funny (American Pharoah). The latter had dead aim chasing the front-runner into the final eighth of a mile, but could not come up with the needed kick late and Merseyside reported home a two-length winner at odds of 8-1. Capture a Victory (Uncaptured) stayed on well to complete the exacta. The winner's dam produced a filly by Fed Biz this past winter and was bred back to Mshawish. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, \$37,400. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O/B-All In Line Stables LLC (FL); T-Saffie A Joseph Jr.



ALL IN LINE STABLES GRADUATE

6th-Gulfstream, \$48,000, Msw, 12-22, 2yo, f, 6f, 1:11.81, ft.

AUNT NADINE (f, 2, Munnings--Union Mettle, by Dixie Union), a beaten favorite when second in her Nov. 17 bow across town at Gulfstream West, was the 49-10 second choice to improve for the experience and did just that. Sent along to argue moderate early splits, the chestnut turned back a bid from Ms. Malevolence (Violence) a furlong down and edged clear to defeat the rallying Teenage Kicks (Into Mischief) by 2 3/4 lengths. The 28th 2-year-old winner of 2019 for her sire, Aunt Nadine has a yearling full-brother and a weanling half-brother by Goldcents. Union Mettle, who hails from the female family of GI Kentucky Derby hero Orb (Malibu Moon), was most recently bred to West Coast. Sales history: \$37,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP; \$55,000 2yo '19 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$40,600. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Joseph E Besecker; B-Hardacre Farm (FL); T-Jorge Navarro.



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5th-Fair Grounds, \$45,000, Msw, 12-22, 2yo, f, 1m 70y, 1:44.94, gd.

O SERAPHINA (f, 2, **Congrats--Deherewego, by Dehere),** ninth on debut at 27-1 Oct. 18 at Keeneland and third at 22-1 Nov. 30 at Churchill Downs, made the move to Fair Grounds for her graduation. Second choice at 5-2, she broke on top and dictated all the pace while under an early hold. Let go on the turn, she stayed strong and pulled clear to register a four-length victory. Favored Bonny South (Munnings) had a wide trip throughout but closed nicely for second. Dam Deherewego is a half-sister to the dam of MGSW & MGISP Limousine Liberal (Successful Appeal). She was bred to Cross Traffic for 2020 and has a yearling filly by Dominus, who sold at Fasig-Tipton's October sale in Kentucky for \$24,000, and a weanling colt by Connect. Sales history: \$60,000 Wlg '17 KEENOV; \$180,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, \$33,709. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)**

O-Scott Dilworth, Evan Dilworth, Randy Andrews, and Susan Andrews; B-Carolin Von Rosenberg & Mike Yovankin (FL); T-Joe Sharp.

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2nd-Gulfstream, \$40,700, Msw, 12-22, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10.20, ft. FEARLESS (g, 3, **Ghostzapper--And Why Not {MGISP, \$262,965}, by Street Cry {Ire}),** a \$725,000 KEESEP yearling, was pounded down to 3-10 favoritism for this belated unveiling and raced prominently while ridden along from between horses before nosing in front at the quarter pole. He appeared in deep water when Beau Luminarie (I Want Revenge) rolled up to his outside in upper stretch, but he boxed on gamely at the fence en route to a 3/4-length success. A half-brother to Just Whistle (Pioneer of the Nile), GSP, \$146,420, Fearless is also kin to the 2-year-old filly Choosy (Super Saver) and a yearling full-sister named Potion. And Why Not, third in the 2011 GI Spinaway S. and in the 2012 GI Delaware H., foaled a Candy Ride (Arg) filly earlier this year and was bred to Blame for the current season. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$24,000. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)**

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7th-Gulfstream, \$40,000, Msw, 12-22, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:43.71, gd.

SISTER HANAN (f, 3, **Orb--Costenia, by Giant's Causeway)** found the third time to be a charm after clipping heels and finishing 12th Sept. 15 on debut at Churchill Downs and then moving to the grass for a much-improved second Nov. 16, also at Churchill, when next seen. She got a 77 Beyer Speed Figure that day and was ready to roll here at 4-1. The bay settled mid-pack in the tightly bunched field while three wide. Urged on the turn, Sister Hanan made a sharp move to power to the front and proved uncatchable with her ears flicking back and forth as the wire approached. Keepthe Main Thing (Bodemeister) was three lengths back in the runner-up spot. Sister Hanan is one of only two reported foals for her dam. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$44,057. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)**

O-Sumaya U S Stable; B-International Equities Holding, Inc. (KY); T-Ben Colebrook.



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Daddy Long Legs (Scat Daddy), Taylor Made Farm, \$10,000
 4 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
 6-Mahoning Valley, Msw 5 1/2f, BAYTOWN MILLI, 15-1

Tapiture (Tapit), Darby Dan Farm, \$7,500
 123 foals of racing age/27 winners/2 black-type winners
 6-Mahoning Valley, Msw 5 1/2f, TAPADREAM, 15-1

SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: MONDAY, DEC. 23

Goldencents (Into Mischief), Spendthrift Farm, \$20,000
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2nd-Aqueduct, \$75,938, Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 12-22, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:38.29, ft.

NO HAYNE NO GAYNE (m, 5, Haynesfield--Star Orchid, by Successful Appeal) Lifetime Record: SW, 27-6-4-6, \$334,221. O-Toby Sheets, ZBS Thoroughbreds, Paradise Farms Corp, Louis J Roussel III & Steven M Asmussen; B-ZBS Thoroughbreds (NY); T-Steven M Asmussen. *1/2 to Orchid Party (Desert Party), SP, \$226,632.

7th-Turfway, \$48,382, 12-21, (NW3L), 3yo/up, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:16.80, ft.

MOJO MAN (g, 4, Stay Thirsty--Cooking Mama, by Bandini) Lifetime Record: 16-3-2-3, \$167,276. O-Dash C Goff; B-Rose Hill Farm (KY); T-James P DiVito. *\$15,000 Ylg '16 FTKOCT; \$100,000 2yo '17 OBSAPR.

14th-Fair Grounds, \$46,000, (S), 12-21, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11.04, sy.

YANKEE SEVEN (g, 3, Yankee Gentleman--Real Peace, by War Front) Lifetime Record: 6-2-0-0, \$44,760. O-Margolis Racing LLC & Columbus Circle Partners; B-Steve Margolis, Wahl & Assoc, George Messina & Kerima Haddad (LA); T-Steve Margolis.

4th-Gulfstream, \$45,600, Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 12-22, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:35.84, ft.

SQUEEZADIOS (g, 3, Adios Charlie--A Perfect Squeeze, by Lemon Drop Kid) Lifetime Record: 11-3-4-2, \$132,780. O/B-My Purple Haze Stables (FL); T-Teresa M Pompay.

8th-Fair Grounds, \$41,000, 12-22, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1 1/16m (off turf), 1:45.62, gd.

TELL YOUR DADDY (g, 3, Scat Daddy--Harbingerofthings, by Rockport Harbor) Lifetime Record: 9-2-3-0, \$124,350. O-Lothenbach Stables Inc (Bob Lothenbach); B-Spendthrift Farm LLC (KY); T-Neil L Pessin. *\$250,000 Ylg '17 FTKTUR.

VINERY SALES GRADUATE

8th-Delta Downs, \$34,000, 12-21, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:20.59, ft.

PERFECT REINS (f, 3, Medaglia d'Oro--Unamused, by Street Sense) Lifetime Record: 10-2-3-0, \$96,975. O-Brittlyn Stable Inc.; B-Brittlyn Inc (KY); T-Jose M Camejo.

3rd-Charles Town, \$28,000, 12-21, (NW2LX), 3yo/up, 4 1/2f, :51.77, ft.

BEST SHOT (g, 3, Fiber Sonde--Remy Doodles, by Grand Slam) Lifetime Record: 12-4-4-3, \$94,428. O-Grams Racing Stable LLC; B-Timothy C & Judith A Grams (WV); T-Timothy C Grams.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Courageous Girl, f, 2, **Bourbon Courage--Focus Curiosity**, by Holy Bull. Aqueduct, 12-22, (S), 1m, 1:40.84. B-Brady Horse Racing LLC & RUSBA V Stables LLC (NY).

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Life Master Jim, g, 2, **Don Six--Wickedly Clever**, by Clever Trick. Penn National, 12-21, 5f, :58.38. B-Nicholas Fazzolari (PA).

Letts Go to Dixies, f, 2, **Fiber Sonde--Star of Taurus**, by Aldebaran. Charles Town, 12-21, (S), 4 1/2f, :52.77. B-Keturah Emily Obed-Letts & Dixie Miller (WV).

Lucky Quarters, f, 2, **General Quarters--Sinister Deance**, by Pikepass. Fair Grounds, 12-22, 5 1/2f (off turf), 1:06.16. B-Jerry Hills, Timothy McCarthy & Ron Growe (KY).

Grace Forever, f, 2, **Palace--Native Gate Dancer** (SW, \$111,323), by Gate Dancer. Delta Downs, 12-21, (S), 6 1/2f, 1:22.10. B-Tom Curtis & Wayne Simpson (LA). *\$20,000 Ylg '18 OBSOCT. **1/2 to Loranger Native (Good and Tough), MSW, \$257,450; and Lil Annie Dancer (Good and Tough), SW, \$145,080. ***17th winner for freshman sire (by City Zip).

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BOURBON COURAGE, Courageous Girl, f, 2, o/o Focus Curiosity, by Holy Bull. MSW, 12-22, Aqueduct

CENTRAL BANKER, Newly Minted, f, 3, o/o Newbie, by Bernardini. ALW, 12-22, Aqueduct

COLONEL JOHN, Love of My Heart, f, 2, o/o My Heart's Love, by A.P. Indy. MSW, 12-22, Aqueduct

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CONGRATS, O Seraphina, f, 2, o/o Deherewego, by Dehere. MSW, 12-22, Fair Grounds

DON SIX, Life Master Jim, g, 2, o/o Wickedly Clever, by Clever Trick. MSW, 12-21, Penn National

FIBER SONDE, Best Shot, g, 3, o/o Remy Doodles, by Grand Slam. ALW, 12-21, Charles Town

FIBER SONDE, Letts Go to Dixies, f, 2, o/o Star of Taurus, by Aldebaran. MSW, 12-21, Charles Town

GENERAL QUARTERS, Lucky Quarters, f, 2, o/o Sinister Deance, by Pikepass. MSW, 12-22, Fair Grounds

GHOSTZAPPER, Fearless, g, 3, o/o And Why Not, by Street Cry (Ire). MSW, 12-22, Gulfstream

HAYNESFIELD, No Hayne No Gayne, m, 5, o/o Star Orchid, by Successful Appeal. AOC, 12-22, Aqueduct

MACLEAN'S MUSIC, Merseyside, f, 2, o/o Twice by Sunday, by Sky Mesa. MSW, 12-22, Gulfstream

MEDAGLIA D'ORO, Perfect Reins, f, 3, o/o Unamused, by Street Sense. ALW, 12-21, Delta Downs

MIDSHIPMAN, Queen of Shades, f, 2, o/o Last Standing, by Hard Spun. AOC, 12-22, Gulfstream

MUNNINGS, Aunt Nadine, f, 2, o/o Union Mettle, by Dixie Union. MSW, 12-22, Gulfstream

ORB, Sister Hanan, f, 3, o/o Costenia, by Giant's Causeway. MSW, 12-22, Gulfstream

PALACE, Grace Forever, f, 2, o/o Native Gate Dancer, by Gate Dancer. MSW, 12-21, Delta Downs

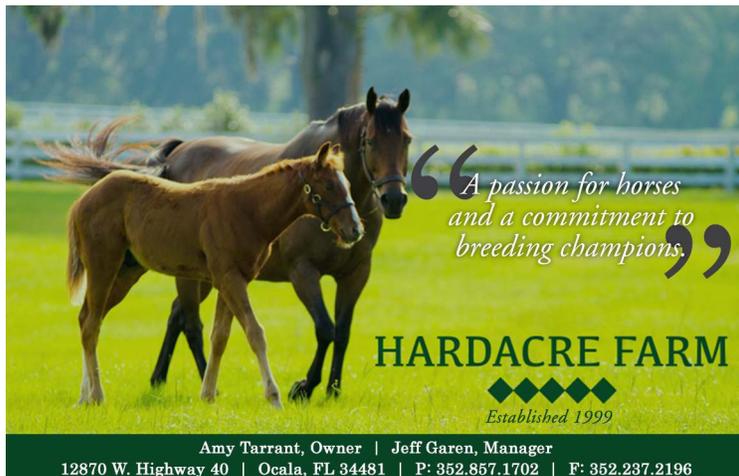
POSEIDON'S WARRIOR, Firenze Fire, c, 4, o/o My Every Wish, by Langfuhr. Gravesend S., 12-22, Aqueduct

SCAT DADDY, Mean Mary, f, 3, o/o Karlovy Vary, by Dynaformer. AOC, 12-22, Gulfstream

SCAT DADDY, Tell Your Daddy, g, 3, o/o Harbingerofthings, by Rockport Harbor. ALW, 12-22, Fair Grounds

STAY THIRSTY, Mojo Man, g, 4, o/o Cooking Mama, by Bandini. ALW, 12-21, Turfway

YANKEE GENTLEMAN, Yankee Seven, g, 3, o/o Real Peace, by War Front. ALW, 12-21, Fair Grounds



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SHALAA HEADS 2019 FRENCH COVERING LIST



Shalaa | Zuzanna Lupa

by Emma Berry

The recently published Répertoire des Etalons includes covering statistics for the 344 active stallions in France. The popularity of French-bred National Hunt horses and continuing demand from Britain and Ireland ensures a high number of jumps stallions spread about the country and of the 29 sires to have covered 100 or more mares this year, only 13 would be considered Flat stallions. The busiest sire for the last two years has been Haras de Cercy's rising National Hunt representative **Cokoriko (Fr)**, who heads the list for 2019 with 211 mares, down from 234 the previous year. The 10-year-old son of Robin Des Champs (Fr) is the only stallion in the last two years to have covered over 200 mares--in 2016 **Siyouni (Fr)** was top of the tree with 224, while **Dabirsim (Fr)** knocked him off the top spot a year later with 200 in the book he covered after his first 2-year-olds took to the track.

With 150 mares this year, Siyouni is in third place of the Flat sires behind the Haras de Bouquetot duo of **Shalaa (Ire)** and **Olympic Glory (Ire)**. Shalaa has had strong support since his first season in 2017, when he covered 158 mares, a figure which dropped slightly in 2018 to 151. However, the reception given to his first crop of foals doubtless played a part when breeders were deciding on their 2019 matings as his book grew to 170, but that was only seven ahead of his stablemate Olympic Glory, who is another to have been consistently into three-figure territory since his retirement to stud in 2015.



GOODNESS, GRACIEUX-S: LYS GRACIEUX ROMPS IN THE ARIMA KINEN by Alan Carasso

Sunday's G1 Arima Kinen at Nakayama Racecourse was billed as a race between the Japan's top two racemares, **Almond Eye (Jpn)** and **Lys Gracieux (Jpn)** (Heart's Cry {Jpn}). With the grandstand packed full with upwards of 90,000 on a cold Sunday afternoon, the reigning Horse of the Year could not come up with the goods and petered out in the final 200 metres, but Lys Gracieux, the second choice beneath visiting rider Damian Lane, turned the race into a one-horse show, bolting up by five lengths. Lys Gracieux retires with eight victories from 22 career starts, including the G1 Takarazuka Kinen and the G1 Cox Plate this season. She was also placed multiple times at Group 1 level at home and in Hong Kong. The Arima Kinen featured 11 Group 1 winners and a half-dozen Japanese Classic winners. A total of ¥46.88 billion (£329,524,812/US\$428,503,298) was wagered on the Arima Kinen. Read more from Richard Edmunds in Monday's [TDNAus/NZ](#). [Arima Kinen cont. p6](#)

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Shalaa Heads 2019 French Covering List cont. From p1

Le Havre (Ire), who from next year will benefit from extra support from Haras de Montfort & Préaux's new owner Nurlan Bizakov, retains plenty of appeal with 149 mares covered, while Haras du Quesnay's **Anodin (Ire)** saw demand for his services rise to 141 following some good results on the racecourse for his first runners in 2018.

Wootton Bassett (GB) stands alongside his champion son **Almanzor (Fr)** at Haras d'Etreham, which welcomed 126 mares for the former, while Almanzor's second book ran to 108 after he covered 140 in his debut season.

Dream Ahead moved to France's Haras de Grandcamp in 2017, attracting 70 in his first season abroad, then 122, but only 57 this year. His Group 1-winning son **Al Wukair (Ire)** has been popular in his first two seasons on the Bouquetot roster, with 116 mares last year and 120 this time around. Dream Ahead will be joined in France by another of his sons this year, the G1 QIPCO British Champions Sprint winner **Donjuan Triumphant (Ire)**, who retires to Haras de la Barbottiere along with fellow Group 1 winner **Robin Of Navan (Fr)**. The dual-purpose stud not far from Le Mans also stands France's second-busiest jumps stallion, the G1 Deutsches Derby winner **Nicaron (Ger)**, who was sent 160 mares. Another resident is Dabirsim's Invincible Spirit (Ire) half-brother **Shaiban (Fr)**.

The Aga Khan Studs' **Zarak (Fr)**, whose illustrious parents are Dubawi (Ire) and Zarkava (Fr), retired the same year as Al Wukair and he too has had back-to-back three-figure books, with 119 mares to his credit this year. His stud-mate **Dariyan (Fr)**, who has his first runners in 2020, saw an increase in his book for 2019, from 70 to 96. Haras du Logis bade farewell to **Authorized (Ire)** at the end of the year as he left for Turkey--a sad departure considering the 15-year-old Derby winner covered 87 mares this year and retains appeal for Flat and National Hunt breeders alike, the latter particularly through his dual Grand National-winning son **Tiger Roll (Ire)**. Earlier in the year, the team at Logis had welcomed the well-bred dual Arc-placed and six-time group winner **Cloth Of Stars (Ire)**, and the son of Sea The Stars (Ire) duly became the busiest stallion at the farm, with 120 mares in his first book. From topping the list with 200 in 2017, Dabirsim's book dropped to 107, and it will be interesting to see if there is a resurgence in his popularity after the 2020 Flat season as some of the members of his biggest and, in theory, best book start their racing careers. **Born To Sea (Ire)**, the half-brother to Sea The Stars (Ire) and Galileo (Ire), made his French debut at Haras des Faunes this year and, with 100 mares covered--a figure which doubtless includes a number of the farm's often speedily-bred mares--the 10-year-old could yet fare well in pastures new.

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The only other stallion to cover a three-figure book was Haras de la Haie Neuve resident **Seahenge**. The G2 Champagne S. winner is one of two sons of Scat Daddy to have retired to stud in France last season. He was sent 104 mares while the other, **Seabhac**, who is at Haras de Saint Arnoult, covered 80.

Irish Champion S. and Prix du Jockey Club winner **The Grey Gatsby (Ire)** has been at Haras du Petit Tellier for two seasons, where his books and have numbered 99 and 97, while **Birchwood (Ire)**, the sole son of Dark Angel (Ire) standing in France, has been similarly busy in his first two seasons at Haras de la Huderie, with 93 and 94 mares, respectively.

Towards the lower end of the table there has been a disappointing lack of support for the dual Classic winner **Brametot (Ire)**, who lasted just two seasons at Haras de Bouquetot, where he covered 60 mares in 2018 and only 23 last year. The fact that his dam is a half-sister to Monsun (Ger) has perhaps unsurprisingly led to him being relocated to Germany's Gestüt Ebbesloh.

One of the more extraordinary breeding stories in France in recent years has been the prowess from understandably limited numbers of the Haras du Logis teaser **Tiberius Caesar (Fr)**. His first foal and the sole member of his 2012 crop became the treble group winner **Tiberian (Fr)**, who has joined Larissa Kneip's Haras de Saint Arnoult for the 2020 season.

The 19-year-old Tiberius Caesar, a Group 3-winning son of Zieten, covered three mares this year and has just 24 registered foals to date. Honourable mention must also go to his fellow Logis resident **Slickly (Fr)**, who has been a dependable source of winners since joining the French stud ranks in 2003. Having covered just one mare this year, he is now living in retirement in the paddock next to the home of the farm's owner, Julian Ince.

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FRANCE'S BUSIEST FLAT STALLIONS IN 2019

Shalaa (Ire)	170
Olympic Glory (Ire)	163
Siyouni (Fr)	150
Le Havre (Ire)	149
Anodin (Ire)	141
Wootton Bassett (GB)	126
Al Wukair (Ire)	120
Cloth Of Stars (Ire)	120
Zarak (Fr)	119
Almanzor (Fr)	108
Dabirsim (Fr)	107
Seahenge	104
Born To Sea (Ire)	100

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Monday, December 23, 2019:

FRANCE

Due Diligence (War Front), Whitsbury Manor Stud
85 foals of racing age/18 winners/3 black-type winners
4-CHANTILLY, 1300m, DAVID THE DIVA (GB)
4-CHANTILLY, 1300m, MIRAGE HERO (GB)
5,500gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2018 - Book 3;
28,000gns RNA Tattersalls Guineas Breeze-Up & HIT Sale 2019;
€61,000 Arqana Deauville Summer Mixed Sale 2019

Fountain of Youth (Ire) (Oasis Dream {GB}), Bearstone Stud
71 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners
3-CHANTILLY, 1300m, MOONLIGHT SHADOW (GB)
13,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2017; £24,000 Goffs
UK Premier & Silver Yearling Sale 2018

Gutaifan (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}), Yeomanstown Stud
166 foals of racing age/30 winners/0 black-type winners
6-CHANTILLY, 1500m, REAL FAN (Fr)

€7,000 RNA Arqana December Breeding Stock Sale 2017 -
English Version; €7,000 Baden-Baden Sept. Yearling Sale 2018;
€8,500 Baden-Baden May Mixed Sale 2019

Hallowed Crown (Aus) (Street Sense), Kildangan Stud
77 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners
5-PORNICHET, 1700m, PINK PRINCESS (GB)
800gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2018 - Book 4

Intrinsic (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}), Hedgeholme Stud
24 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
3-CHANTILLY, 1300m, NAJM (GB)
13,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2017

Prince Gibraltar (Fr) (Rock of Gibraltar {Ire}), Haras de Montaigu
51 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
6-CHANTILLY, 1500m, HARRY'S PRINCESS (Fr)
€8,000 RNA Arqana Deauville October Yearlings 2018

Sidestep (Aus) (Exceed And Excel {Aus}), Telemon Tbreeds
70 foals of racing age/9 winners/1 black-type winner
5-PORNICHET, 1700m, ILYOUCHKINE (Fr)
€27,000 Osarus September La Teste Yearling Sale 2018
70 foals of racing age/9 winners/1 black-type winner
4-CHANTILLY, 1300m, RED FIFTY (Fr)



2019 in photos: Pinatubo (Ire) (Shamardal) and William Buick en route to victory in the
G1 Goffs Vincent O'Brien National S. at The Curragh. | racingfotos.com

FRANCE

**Sunday's Results:****PRIX MISS SATAMIXA - FONDS EUROPEEN DE**

L'ELEVAGE-Listed, €52,000, Deauville, 12-22, 3yo/up, f/m, 7 1/2f (AWT), 1:28.45, st.

1--**PREENING (GB), 123, f, 4, Dutch Art (GB)--Striving (Ire), by Danehill Dancer (Ire). 1ST BLACK TYPE WIN.** O/B-Cheveley Park Stud (GB); T-James Fanshawe; J-Aurelian Lemaitre. €26,000. Lifetime Record: GSP-Eng, 14-3-3-2, €85,633.

2--**California Love (GB), 123, f, 3, Power (GB)--La Pantera (GB), by Captain Rio (GB).** (6,000gns Wlg '16 TATFOA; £18,000 Ylg '17 DON SIL). O-Aidan Cunningham. €10,400.

3--**Crotchet (GB), 123, f, 4, Lethal Force (Ire)--Humouresque (GB), by Pivotal (GB).** (50,000gns HRA '18 TATAUT). O-Power Mac Partnership. €7,800.

Margins: 3/4, SNK, SHD. Odds: 3.70, 18.00, 8.40.

Also Ran: Jazz Melodie (Fr), Dream of Words (Ire), Dieulefit (Ire), Testa (Ire), Simona (Fr), Heavenly Holly (Ire), Zavrinka (Fr), Jet Setteuse (Fr), Golden Rajsa (Fr), Bella Bolide (Fr), Dutch Treat (GB), Nuala (Fr). [Click for the Racing Post result.](#) [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

In a finish dominated by the Anglo-Irish invasion, it was the consistent Preening who emerged best to earn that vital black-type success at the close of the 2019 campaign. Twice listed-placed on turf last term, the homebred returned to finish runner-up in the Listed Snowdrop Fillies' S. on Kempton's Polytrack Apr. 20 prior and three starts later was filling the same spot in the G3 Sceptre S. over seven furlongs at Doncaster Sept. 13. Slightly below that standard in two subsequent outings including when a latest fourth in the Listed Hyde S. back at Kempton Nov. 20, she may have found her ideal distance here



Preening (GB) | ScoopDyga

and after tracking the pace closely gained a slight advantage 300 metres out en route to a snug verdict. The dam, who is also responsible for the useful Hong Kong importee More Than This (GB) also by Dutch Art, is a half to four black-type winners headed by the G1 Cheveley Park S. heroine and G1 1000 Guineas runner-up Wannabe Grand (Ire) (Danehill). From a family replete with black-type and also featuring the G2 Prix Daniel Wildenstein winner and G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches and G1 Prix de Diane runner-up Tamazirte (Ire) by Striving's sire Danehill Dancer, her 2-year-old is the unraced colt Striving Force (GB) (Lethal Force {Ire}), while she also has a yearling colt by Tazino (NZ).

1st-Deauville, €34,000, Cond, 12-22, 2yo, 7.5f (AWT), 1:28.93, st. ROBERTO MOUNT (GB) (c, 2, Lethal Force {Ire})--Our Poppet {Ire}, by Warning {GB}), who was off the mark over this course and distance Nov. 28, started sluggishly but was quickly awakened to race freely in third on the outer. Edging ahead 300 metres from the finish, the 4-5 favourite was tackled by Lindy Lou (Fr) (Sidestep {Aus}) but maintained his advantage to prevail by a short head. The winner is a half-brother to the "Budapest Bullet" Overdose (GB) (Starborough {GB}), Ch. 3-y-o Colt, Ch. Sprinter, Ch. Grass Horse-Slovakia, Ch. 2-y-o Colt-Slovak Republic, Hwt. 3yo-Ger & Ity at 5-7f, MGSW-Ger & Ity, \$376,374. Our Poppet, who also produced the smart Majestic Mount (GB) (Exceed and Excel {Aus}), SW-Fr, \$171,135, is the second dam of the GII Charles Whittingham S. runner-up Patentar (Fr) (Teofilo {Ire}). Her dam is the G3 St. Simon S. winner Upend (GB) (Main Reef {GB}), whose family features this year's G2 Queen Mary S. and G2 Duchess of Cambridge S. heroine and G1 Prix Morny and G1 Cheveley Park S. runner-up Raffle Prize (Ire) (Slade Power {Ire}) and Alligator Alley (GB) (Kingman {GB}) who was successful in the Listed Roses S. and second in the G3 Molecomb S. [Cont. p6](#)



Roberto Mount (GB) (left) | ScoopDyga

1st Deauville cont.

Our Poppet's yearling filly by Kingman (GB) is named Daisy Warwick (GB), while she also has a filly foal by Mayson (GB). Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, €30,500. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**
O-Graham Robinson; B-Mr & Mrs G Robinson (GB); T-Rod Collet.

3rd-Deauville, €27,000, Mdn, 12-22, 2yo, f, 7 1/2f (AWT), 1:29.04, st.

HONEY CAKE (IRE) (f, 2, Siyouni {Fr}--Pink Anemone {GB}, by Dansili {GB}), fourth over this course and distance Nov. 28, led after the first furlong. Always in control, the 11-2 shot registered a 3/4-of-a-length verdict over Si Un Jour (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}). The dam, who also has a filly foal by Almanzor (Fr), is a half to the G2 Prix Chaudenay winner Doha Dream (Fr) (Shamardal) from the family of the smart Juddmonte stayers Reefscape (GB) (Linamix {Fr}), Coastal Path (GB) (Halling) and Martaline (GB) (Linamix {Fr}) and extended family of Oasis Dream (GB) and Kingman (GB). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, €16,200. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**
O-Khalid Rashid Al Mohannadi; B-W McAlpin (IRE); T-HA Pantall.

A Hubert Guy Bloodstock Yearling Purchase

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:

Royaumont (Fr), g, 2, Dabirsim (Fr)--Rosie Thomas (Ire), by Dylan Thomas (Ire). Deauville, 12-22, 7 1/2f (AWT), 1:29.27. B-W Van De Poel (FR). *€85,000 Ylg '18 ARAUG; €48,000 RNA 2yo '19 ARMA.

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ASIA

Sunday, Nakayama, Japan

ARIMA KINEN-G1, ¥574,860,000, Nakayama, 12-22, 3yo/up, 2500mT, 2:30.50, gd.

1--LYS GRACIEUX (JPN), 121, m, 5, by Heart's Cry (Jpn)

1st Dam: Liliside (Fr) (MSW-Fr), by American Post (GB)

2nd Dam: Miller's Lily (Fr), Miller's Mate (GB)

3rd Dam: Lymara (Fr), Lyphard

O-Carrot Farm; B-Northern Farm; T-Yoshito Yahagi; J-Damian Lane; ¥303,402,000. Lifetime Record: Ch. Older Mare-Jpn, MG1SW-Aus & MG1SP-HK, 22-7-8-4, ¥887,381,000. **Werk**

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2--Saturnalia (Jpn), 121, c, 3, by Lord Kanaloa (Jpn)--Cesario (Jpn), by Special Week (Jpn). O-Carrot Farm; B-Northern Farm; ¥120,972,000.

3--World Premiere (Jpn), 121, c, 3, by Deep Impact (Jpn)--Mandela (Ger), by Acatenango(Ger) (¥240,000,000 wnlg '16 JRHAJUL). O-Ryoichi Otsuka; B-Northern Farm; ¥75,486,000.

Margins: 5, NK, 1HF ; Odds: 5.70, 6.80, 12.40.

Also Ran: Fierement (Jpn), Kiseki (Jpn), Cheval Grand (Jpn), Rey de Oro (Jpn), Veox (Jpn), Almond Eye (Jpn), Etario (Jpn), Al Ain (Jpn), Suave Richard (Jpn), Stiffelio (Jpn), Aerolithe (Jpn), Scarlet Color (Jpn), Crocosmia (Jpn)

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VIDEO



Lys Gracieux (Jpn) | Horsephotos

Traveling sweetly while saving ground in the three-turn test, Lys Gracieux was buried down on the inside as fellow swan-songer **Aerolithe (Jpn)** (Kurofune) went a fierce gallop up front, opening daylight through the middle stages. The second favourite improved in hand nearing the entrance to the straight, came across the heels of both Almond Eye and **Saturnalia (Jpn)** (Lord Kanaloa {Jpn}) and into the clear before leveling off very impressively. Almond Eye sat a three-wide trip, mostly without cover, and couldn't see out a strongly run race, while Saturnalia was trapped out deeper still and ran with great credit to be second while no menace to the winner.

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OUTSTANDING RUN FOR CHC & PARTNERS



CHC Chairman Teo Ah Khing & Manager Michael Wallace
TDN AusNZ

by Richard Edmunds

Over the last few weeks, the world-famous red and gold colours of the China Horse Club have made a major impact in 2-year-old races on both sides of the Tasman for their colts fund, with partners including Newgate, SF Bloodstock, Go Bloodstock, amongst others. The most recent addition to that group is Aim (Star Witness), who romped to a brilliant four-length win in the TAB Venue Mode H. at Randwick on Saturday. It was the second win from two starts for the \$200,000 Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale purchase, whose trainers Peter and Paul Snowden now have their sights firmly set on the Magic Millions 2YO Classic on January 11.

Last weekend's \$500,000 Inglis Nursery at Randwick was won by Wild Ruler (Snitzel), who was bought for \$525,000 at the Inglis Sydney Easter Sale by the China Horse Club, Newgate and WinStar. The same group paid \$660,000 at the Magic Millions Sale for Bartley (Written Tycoon), who began his racing career with a dominant 3l maiden win at Kembla Grange just over a week ago. The classy trio were among dozens of yearlings secured by the powerful partnership during the 2019 yearling sales season. The strategy of joining forces and pooling resources has delivered outstanding success for the China Horse Club--most famously in the United States, where they teamed up with WinStar and SF Racing to purchase a yearling that would

become Triple Crown champion and young Coolmore Australia stallion Justify (USA) (Scat Daddy {USA}).

That is a hard act for any subsequent group of yearlings to follow, but Michael Wallace, the China Horse Club's racing and bloodstock manager, likes what he sees among the class of 2019.

"I think we have a very nice group of 2-year-old colts this year – some who have already stepped out and won races, and others who will join them through the rest of the season," he said.

"Aim was visually very impressive on Saturday. It was a big step forward from his first start, which was exactly what we were hoping to see.

"He was a lovely colt when we saw him at the Gold Coast. Physically he met all of my criteria that I look for in a yearling.

"Bartley is one that we've always had a huge amount of time for. He's been showing a lot of talent in the mornings. He was a little wayward late in the race in that debut win, so there is scope for further improvement.

"Wild Ruler had trialled exceptionally well before he made his debut in the Inglis Nursery, so the writing was on the wall before the race. But it was very pleasing to see him win the race the way he did."

There has been no time to celebrate the successes however, with the 2020 yearling sale season now just around the corner.

"I'm on my way through Los Angeles Airport now, flying back to New Zealand for Christmas," Wallace said. "Then the big merry-go-round starts all over again with the Magic Millions. It's a busy time, but very rewarding."

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Breeding a Growing Focus

While they are well established worldwide as major buyers of quality young bloodstock, the China Horse Club has also been making giant strides in the breeding scene.

They have matched their yearling-sale exploits in broodmare sales in recent years, buying more than 70 broodmares or broodmare prospects since 2015.

Current headline acts bred by the China Horse Club include the impressive \$1 million Golden Gift winner Dame Giselle (I Am Invincible) and the stakes winning New Zealand 2-year-old Unition (Fastnet Rock).

“The breeding operations have really taken off in the last few years, both in Australia and the US,” Wallace said.

“Dame Giselle has been a great example of it. We took her to the Inglis Sydney Easter Yearling Sale. She was an unbelievably good-looking yearling, but a few vets saw a couple of things they didn’t like.

“In the end we brought Sir Owen Glenn into a partnership to race her, and she now heads the markets for the Golden Slipper.”

Dame Giselle is out of Ballet Society (NZ) (Stravinsky {USA}), who won the G2 Kewney S. and Angus Armanasco S. and placed in the Thousand Guineas. She is the dam of six winners from six foals to race, with The Fairy’s Kiss (Elusive Quality {USA}) placing at stakes level.

The Fairy’s Kiss has herself produced stakes winner Steal My Kisses (I Am Invincible) and stakes placed Butch Kissidy (Wanted).

The China Horse Club bought Ballet Society for \$350,000 at the 2017 Magic Millions National Broodmare Sale. She had a colt by Pride Of Dubai in 2019.

Across the Tasman, Unition has had two starts for a win in the Listed FastTrack Insurance S. and a placing in the G2 Wakefield Challenge S.

The colt is out of the Group 1-winning New Zealand mare Diademe (NZ) (Savabeel), who was bought by the China Horse Club and Coolmore for \$740,000 at the 2015 Magic Millions National Broodmare Sale. The China Horse Club then bought the mare outright for \$1.7 million at the same sale in 2018.

Diademe is the dam of two stakes performers from two foals to race, with Conqueror (Fastnet Rock) placing in the G2 Sandown Guineas and Stutt S. this season.

She has subsequently produced a filly by Vancouver, who is a yearling this season, and a filly by Snitzel.

“We bred Unition in partnership with Coolmore, and then when we divided our assets we bought Coolmore out,” Wallace said.

“He’s a big, strong, scopey sort of a colt. To be doing what he’s doing already, it’s really on talent alone. He’ll continue to develop nicely through the rest of the season and run in a race like the (G1 Manawatu) Sires’ Produce S., and then I think he’ll be a very competitive 3-year-old.”

Madison County to Fly the Flag in US

Unition races from the Cambridge stable of Murray Baker and Andrew Forsman, who had previously trained trans-Tasman Group 1 performer Madison County (NZ) (Pins).

It was announced in November that the gelding will shift Stateside and join the stable of champion American turf trainer Chad Brown.

“We just felt it was an opportunity to try something and the fact that he is a gelding allowed us to do that a lot more freely,” Wallace said.

“As we go down the road, there is opportunity to move horses from jurisdiction to jurisdiction and it is something that we’ve never done or a lot



Aim | TDNAusNZ

of people have never done.

“We felt that there was a potential opportunity for him to race very well all-year-round in a pretty open turf division in America.”

Bought for \$36,000 from the 2017 New Zealand Bloodstock Yearling Sale, Madison County earned more than \$1 million in an Australasian career that included wins in the G1 New Zealand 2000 Guineas and Levin Classic and a second placing in the Australian Derby.

