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## KENTUCKY VALUE SIRE PART I: NEW STALLIONS



**Preservationist | Coglianese**

by Chris McGrath

Welcome to the opening leg of our annual marathon survey of the Kentucky stallion market. Over the coming weeks, at irregular intervals, we'll be taking a tour of each intake--starting today with the new names in town, moving on next to those whose first foals are about to arrive, and so on until we reach the senior pros.

Two things to make clear before we enter the gate. First of all, rest assured we'll follow up with a supplementary instalment, assessing regional sires. But also be in no doubt that the series is compiled with an ever more perplexed sense of exactly what "value" is supposed to be, in a market that appears--in its obsession with the sales ring--to have an ever more tangential connection to the racetrack itself.

As a result, you could argue that end users have never had it so good. But can we sensibly propose, as the best "value" in the market, stallions whose fees--because they will never gain commercial traction, no matter how well their stock perform relative to their cost--will very likely only decline in future? Must we buy into the communal folly that seeks to smoke out only those few stallions who benefit from whatever fleeting fad infects a single round of weanling and yearling sales?

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## GAUDET CARRIES ON FAMILY TRADITION

by Carly Silver

The racing industry mourned when Edmond "Eddie" Gaudet passed away in January 2018. But his legacy more than lives on in daughter Lacey, 30, a talented young trainer in her own right.

Based at Laurel Park in Maryland, Lacey currently has about 30 horses in her stable. Her mother, Linda Gaudet, now works as her assistant trainer.

"I don't know how I would ever do it without her help," the younger Gaudet said, adding, "We had an incredible year with claims, especially the ones we claimed out of Saratoga."

Thus far in 2019, her stable tallied just under \$960,000 in earnings after amassing over \$1.5 million in 2018. And 2020 is already shaping up to be another great year.

Gaudet and her younger sister, TVG analyst Gabby, grew up on their parents' Schelford North Farm in Upper Marlboro, Maryland. Though her parents have since sold most of their property, Lacey still calls the farm--conveniently close to Laurel Park--home. **Cont. p13**

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**2019 in photos: January 26.** City of Light (Quality Road) shines in the GI Pegasus World Cup Invitational S. at Gulfstream. | Coglianese/Adam Mooshian

**ANOTHER WINNER FOR AMERICAN PHAROAH**

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Triple Crown winner American Pharoah was represented by his 27th winner when the Alex Campbell homebred Speedy Vanessa graduated while making her third trip to the post in the eighth race at Tampa Bay Downs Thursday.



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## Kentucky Value Sires: New Stallions

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Such dilemmas, of course, are seldom more pertinent than in regard to these newcomers. Because we all know that no sector of the market offers worse “value” than the one we explore today. The fact is that the vast majority of these stallions will never again command fees as high as their opening ones. Even the few who do manage to build a sustainable career in Kentucky will typically do so only after taking a clip in fee to help them ride out the customary bumps of their third and fourth seasons.

And, if anything, the situation only seems to get worse by the year. You can’t blame the stallion farms, who are at the mercy of the market’s panicked, self-fulfilling vogues for this or that unproven stallion. As such, the farms find themselves being given an ever narrower window in which to get their money back.



Omaha Beach | Eclipse Sportswire

Previously they could hope to generate enough business across the three seasons available to a stallion before he gets even the most superficial test of whether his stock can actually run. (“Superficial” because a handful of early juveniles, quite plainly, is hardly a sensible way to judge the type of two-turn stallion we should be considering with the first Saturday in May in mind). Now stallions are increasingly going cold even before their first foals are on the ground, as the fast-buck customers simply transfer their trust to the next intake.

But, if farms find themselves helplessly at the mercy of the market, then nor can we judge the breeders and pinhookers too harshly. Theirs is a tough business, with precarious margins. The only way we can improve what is actually a terribly dangerous environment, in terms of the breed’s long-term interests, is by a collective reset.

# Maryland-bred Millionaires

There are 25 of them, 17 by Maryland sires or Maryland-bred sires. The list is topped by two-time horse of the year **CIGAR**, and includes Eclipse Champions **SAFELY KEPT** and **GOOD NIGHT SHIRT**, along with **DAVE’S FRIEND**, the first pure sprinter to earn over a million and arguably the best horse *never* to be honored with an Eclipse award.

**CIGAR**, \$9,999,815  
**AWAD**, \$3,270,818  
**CONCERN**, \$3,079,350  
**BROAD BRUSH**, \$2,656,793  
**BEN’S CAT**, \$2,643,782  
**RICHARD’S KID**, \$2,482,259  
**SAFELY KEPT**, \$2,194,206  
**LITTLE BOLD JOHN**, \$1,956,405  
**INCLUDE**, \$1,659,560

**VALLEY CROSSING**, \$1,616,490  
**OUR NEW RECRUIT**, \$1,470,920  
**HEROS REWARD**, \$1,301,698  
**SHINE AGAIN**, \$1,271,840  
**CATHRYN SOPHIA**, \$1,229,720  
**DELAUNAY**, \$1,210,321  
**TEN KEYS**, \$1,209,211  
**CHEROKEE’S BOY**, \$1,177,946  
**HOMEBUILDER**, \$1,172,153

**UNDER COUNTER**, \$1,167,083  
**DAVE’S FRIEND**, \$1,079,915  
**EIGHTTOFASTTOCATCH**, \$1,072,970  
**GOOD NIGHT SHIRT**, \$1,041,083  
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Whether the proposed book limit of 140 is the solution is a debate for another day, though there's no doubt that the problem it seeks to tackle is very much about the unproven stallion.

Anyway, in the spirit of Christmas, let's see if we can discover a "value" that brings us all together--both commercial breeders and end users--among those stallions setting up shop for 2020.

Only one place to start, and that's at Spendthrift--home to the first, second and joint-third most expensive members of the new intake.

We've previously given due credit to B. Wayne Hughes and his team, headed by General Manager Ned Toffey, after four of their five new recruits had the chance to put themselves in the shop window at the Breeders' Cup. Two of those four arguably did more for their opening fees than any other stallion prospect at the meeting, in Mitole and Vino Rosso--nonetheless without managing to overhaul their new studmate, **OMAHA BEACH** (War Front--Charming, by Seeking the Gold), who tops the class at \$40,000 despite his runner-up effort in the GI Dirt Mile.

That's a measure of a campaign that a couple of times tantalized us with the possibility that a puzzling sophomore crop might be clarified by a pretty historic talent. As it was, he bookended his frustrating absence from the Triple Crown series with Grade I wins over nine furlongs, beating Improbable (City Zip) and Country House (Lookin At Lucky) in the Arkansas Derby, and six, running down a real specialist at the discipline in Shancealot (Shanghai Bobby) in 1:08 4/5.

At the Breeders' Cup, he was the most conspicuous victim of the way the track was riding, acquitting himself very creditably in the circumstances, and he retains every right to prove himself the classiest colt of his generation in the GI Pegasus World Cup next month--for which he warms up in the GI Runhappy Malibu S. on the postponed opening card at Santa Anita.

Even if he were to win both those races, we won't necessarily feel that he has explored the full extent of his ability before retirement, which is not his fault but clearly a shame. But he has already shown enough brilliance and versatility to appear viable at the top of the market, not least when breeders know those assets to be underpinned by an exceptional pedigree.

For he is not only as good a dirt performer as War Front has produced, but also a grandson of Take Charge Lady--herself top-class on the track and proving of similar caliber in her second career. That's no less than you might expect of a daughter of Dehere, himself by the mighty broodmare influence Deputy Minister out of a Secretariat mare.

Meanwhile, Omaha Beach's dam Charming is herself by Seeking the Gold, another top-class broodmare sire. She is, of course, a half-sister to two Grade I winners in Will Take Charge (Unbridled's Song) and Take Charge Indy (A.P. Indy), and has already produced a champion in Take Charge Brandi (Giant's Causeway).



# ACCELERATE

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Both Take Charge Lady and War Front are out of Rubiano mares, which injection of pure racing dash is balanced by the copper-bottomed input of Rubiano's dam, the Nijinsky mare Ruby Slippers, who is also the second dam of the modern colossus Tapit.

Bittersweet as his departure from the track seems right now, you can see why people would be in a hurry to get access to those genes. The commercial nous of the current Spendthrift team has seldom been harnessed to a young stallion of such distinguished pedigree, so the sky really is the limit.

Mind you, they're also taking a pretty illustrious package to market in **VINO ROSSO** (Curlin--Mythical Bride, by Street Cry {Ire}) at \$30,000. Funnily enough, you couldn't get a better advertisement for the merit of keeping an older horse in training, Vino Rosso having emerged from the shadows of his erstwhile paddock companion, Justify (Scat Daddy), to round off his third campaign with an authentic championship performance in the GI Breeders' Cup Classic.



**Vino Rosso** | *Eclipse Sportswire*

His dam, like Omaha Beach, is by a sire from the Mr. Prospector line out of a granddaughter of Deputy Minister, this time via Touch Gold. Significantly, however, this pattern is also replicated through Vino Rosso's sire Curlin--himself a grandson of Mr P. and out of a Deputy Minister mare. Vino Rosso duly offers a 4x3 dash of both these priceless influences.

His dam is a half-sister to two Grade I runners-up in Commissioner (A.P. Indy) (Belmont S.) and Laugh Track (Distorted Humor) (Breeders' Cup Sprint); and he's an impressive animal, physically, with his own track record speaking persuasively of the kind of soundness that comes at an increasing premium in this day and age.

If anything, his profile may be almost too worthy for some of the more feckless commercial breeders around, but he is absolutely entitled to breed you a top-class two-turn horse--which should be enough for most of us.

  
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# JANUARY

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As with Omaha Beach, it'll be fascinating to see the pioneering Spendthrift style applied to such a wholesome, old-school cause.

Those of their clients who want speed galore, of course, have a terribly exciting new option in **MITOLE** (Eskendereya--Indian Miss, by Indian Charlie) at \$25,000. His six-for-seven campaign, incorporating four Grade I's, is absolutely Horse of the Year material and even before the summer Bill Landes, long-serving manager at Hermitage, was already able to identify Mitole as the fastest horse ever raised on the farm. That seasoned judgement was vindicated by brilliant scores in races of such stallion-making resonance as the GI Met Mile and the GI Breeders' Cup Sprint, not to mention a new stakes record in the storied GI Forego S.

Some people might hesitate over his sire Eskendereya, but that son of Giant's Causeway was shipped off to Japan with culpable haste and Mitole is his second Met Mile winner in his

first three crops. Eskendereya has a sensational family behind him and, while Mitole is a fitting tribute to his late breeder Ed Cox, that is surely a factor in the way he has ignited a horse as fast as Mitole from a somewhat less aristocratic background

(albeit Mitole's dam is a half to a Grade II winner).

One way or another Mitole has harvested triple-digit Beyers and was able to carry his speed through the Met Mile while contesting fractions of :22.17, :44.38, 1:08.24 and 1:32.75. There's going to be no shortage of breeders giving him the chance to prove that this kind of flair is based in genetically repeatable assets.

Two other farms are introducing stallions at the same \$25,000 peg. One is WinStar, which will perhaps understand

the retirement of Omaha Beach after their own experience with **AUDIBLE** (Into Mischief--Blue Devil Bel, by Gilded Time).



Audible | Horsephotos

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**Making history:** *it takes foresight...*

**MEDAGLIA D'ORO'S GOLDEN BOY**

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**Darley**

Persevering after his sophomore campaign was interrupted for six months, he unfortunately disappeared for good after the G1 Dubai World Cup in March.

With Into Mischief nowadays in the fee stratosphere, there's bound to be interest in such a striking son; and one, moreover, who carried his sire's trademark speed through a GI Florida Derby romp and onto a Kentucky Derby podium. In doing so, he doubtless drew on a maternal line extending through his fourth dam, triple Grade I winner Classy Cathy (Private Account), to a fertile Claiborne family.

Claiborne itself launches **CATHOLIC BOY** (More Than Ready--Song of Bernadette, by Bernardini)--who, much like his international sire More Than Ready, looks eligible to meet ever greater demand for versatility in terms of the racing surface.

While he didn't especially advance his cause at four, mustering a single success in three Grade II starts, it's certainly worth winding back the clock to his four-length GI Travers S. defeat of Mendelssohn (Scat Daddy) when returned to dirt last year. He had won a Grade I on turf on his previous start, having already attested to a remarkably transferable talent as a juvenile. (After three starts on grass--winning a Gulfstream maiden and a graded stakes at Saratoga before a troubled fourth at the Breeders' Cup--he switched to dirt for an impressive score in the GII Remsen S.).

So here's a stallion without frontiers. Seeding a solid family, you have to like Bernardini, Seeking the Gold and Nijinsky behind his first three dams. Farther back, Argentinian roots are shared with La Lorgnette, a Canadian champion on the track and dam of a European one in Hawk Wing.

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**Catholic Boy** | Horsephotos



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**Darley**

A similar profile benefits **YOSHIDA (JPN)** (Heart's Cry {Jpn}--Hilda's Passion, by Canadian Frontier), likewise an elite winner on both turf and dirt, who starts at WinStar on \$20,000. He made a stunning debut on the main track in the G1 Woodward S., having two starts previously been beaten barely a length over a straight mile at Royal Ascot, in the G1 Queen Anne S.--typical of his tough and consistent contribution wherever he showed up. In finishing second in the G1 Whitney S. this year, for instance, he clocked the best of his five triple-digit Beyers. And he backs it all up physically, as a strong and fluid animal who cost the equivalent of \$750,000 as a yearling.

Dismantling barriers between different disciplines is apt work for a son of Heart's Cry (Jpn), a globetrotting star in his racing days, and Yoshida is certainly eligible to assist in the repatriation of the Sunday Silence line. His dam Hilda's Passion, while by a left-field son of Gone West in Canadian Frontier, tore up the



**Yoshida** | Sarah Andrew

GI Ballerina S. by nine lengths and broke the seven-furlong track record at Gulfstream. Otherwise, the immediate family may seem fairly plain, but it tapers to the dam of Damascus.

Certainly only the most parochial breeders will need the slightest persuasion about Heart's Cry, who has had a stellar year with winners of the G1 Cox Plate and G1 Japan Cup, and stands as the premier conduit for their sire following the death of Deep Impact. We know that the Halo line has transcended all borders, not just through Sunday Silence's conquest of Japan, but also through the shuttling of WinStar's venerable More Than Ready. As such, Yoshida has the potential to become an important stallion.

**CATALINA CRUISER** (Union Rags--Sea Gull, by Mineshaft),

on the face of it, starts out at \$20,000 as a contrastingly dyed-in-the-wool, indigenous dirt miler.

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**Darley**

Needless to say, he does so at Lane's End, home to his sire Union Rags, grandsire Dixie Union and great-grandsire Dixieland Band; not to mention his dam Sea Gull, her sire Mineshaft and grandsire A.P. Indy.

While he will need to be carefully matched, as such a brawny animal, he did not owe his bulldozing, seven-for-nine, dominating style--he won his first two Grade II starts by a combined 14 lengths--merely to his build. There's plenty of class in his page, too. He's a half-brother to graded stakes winner and Grade I-placed Eagle (Candy Ride {Arg}) out of a Storm Bird mare, whose own dam was half-sister both to a Group 1-winning miler in Europe and to speed sire Mt. Livermore.

Their mother, herself Grade I-placed, was by Crimson Satan, whose broodmare legacy includes the dam of Royal Academy/granddam of Storm Cat. I like that nugget of diversifying class, but basically Catalina Cruiser's pedigree is loaded with Classic sires--with Northern Dancer, Mr. Prospector, Secretariat and Seattle Slew all recurring both top and bottom. And, if they have contributed to his bruising dirt style, Union Rags does introduce very classy turf elements to his page.

Another stallion joining his own, flourishing young sire is **WORLD OF TROUBLE** (Kantharos--Meets Expectations, by Valid Expectations), alongside Kantharos at Hill 'n' Dale at \$15,000. Here is another switch-hitter to have won Grade I races over

both turf and dirt, with a record of 13-9-2-1 outstanding for the hustle and bustle of the sprint division.

He looks a radiantly commercial package, having broken his maiden at two by 14 lengths and twice won stakes sprints by the same margin. And he looked more effortlessly fast than ever at four, pairing up the GI Carter H. on dirt with the GI Jaipur Invitational on turf only to be derailed by a foot bruise.



**World of Trouble** | Sarah Andrew

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Rk	STALLION (STUD FARM)	EARNINGS
1	<b>Into Mischief</b> (Spendthrift)	\$3,403,811
2	<b>American Pharoah*</b> (Ashford)	\$2,859,266
3	<b>Uncle Mo</b> (Ashford)	\$2,492,593
4	<b>Constitution *</b> (WinStar)	\$2,053,738
5	<b>Munnings</b> (Ashford)	\$1,992,180

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### 2018 Leading Sires of 2YO's

Rk	STALLION (STUD FARM)	EARNINGS
1	<b>Into Mischief</b> (Spendthrift)	\$2,579,625
2	<b>Candy Ride</b> (Lane's End)	\$2,465,726
3	<b>Scat Daddy</b> (Ashford)	\$2,240,436

### 2017 Leading Sires of 2YO's

Rk	STALLION (STUD FARM)	EARNINGS
1	<b>Scat Daddy</b> (Ashford)	\$3,469,490
2	<b>Curlin</b> (Hill 'n' Dale)	\$2,578,994
3	<b>Into Mischief</b> (Spendthrift)	\$2,286,747

### 2016 Leading Sires of 2YO's

Rk	STALLION (STUD FARM)	EARNINGS
1	<b>Into Mischief</b> (Spendthrift)	\$3,128,120

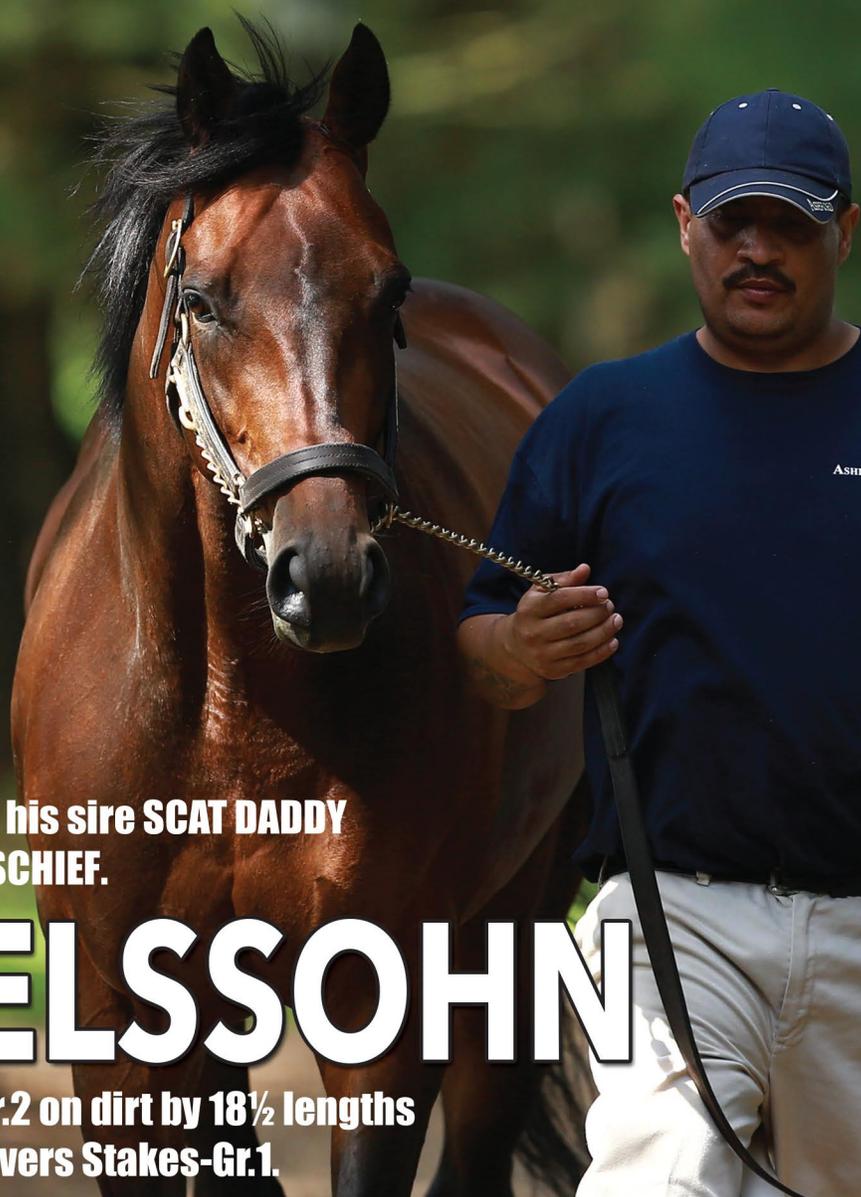
### 2015 Leading Sires of 2YO's

Rk	STALLION (STUD FARM)	EARNINGS
1	<b>Uncle Mo</b> (Ashford)	\$3,717,490
2	<b>Scat Daddy</b> (Ashford)	\$3,533,391

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Rk	STALLION (STUD FARM)	EARNINGS
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He got within a neck of Stormy Liberal when taking on older horses at the GI Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint last year, in the process earning a higher Beyer (118) than any contemporary sophomore.

His is a fast page all round: out of a Valid Expectations half-sister to another Kantharos flyer, Bucchero, who won the GII Woodford S. and is himself in demand at stud in Florida; while the third dam won a Grade II at seven furlongs. It's the easiest thing in the world to picture World Of Trouble launching bullet workers at the Florida 2-year-old sales in 2023.

One who's literally going home is Darley homebred **ENTICED** (Medaglia d'Oro--It's Tricky, by Mineshaft), the sole addition to the Jonabell roster at \$10,000. He's by farm legend Medaglia d'Oro out of multiple Grade I winner It's Tricky, which is a lot of track quality for the fee--perhaps reflecting a relative lack of depth beyond, albeit the second dam was a graded stakes winner. Anyway the genes functioned with appealing precocity in Enticed, as a maiden winner at the Spa who was able to make the frame in the GI Champagne S. on only his second start before winning the GII Kentucky Jockey Club S.

Though he did win the GIII Gotham S. the next spring, he disappeared after running down the field in Justify's Derby. Obviously that feels a long time ago now, but he'll be given every chance to jog a few memories.



Enticed | Coady

Airdrie introduces a couple of really appealing prospects. **PRESERVATIONIST** (Arch--Flying Dixie, by Dixieland Band) was a late bloomer at six, but proved well worth the wait, dishing out a 4 1/2-length thrashing to Catholic Boy (and breaking two minutes in the process) in the GII Suburban S. before gaining his Grade I laurels in the Woodward S. He is the 18th graded stakes winner under his first three dams and both sire and dam trace to King Ranch legends, in Courtly Dee and Too Chic. There isn't a corpuscle of his blood without quality.

You can judge his build from a \$485,000 yearling tag, a rare case of Arch getting his due commercially, and you could see that come through in the dash with which he deployed his brawn once achieving maturity. Remember he was quick enough to break his maiden in 1:09.35, and he's a most welcome addition to the Arch legacy at \$10,000.

The same farm dangles another very tempting recruit at \$7,500, **DIVISIDERO** (Kitten's Joy--Madame du Lac, by Lemon Drop Kid) likewise benefitting from a female line for the ages--via Halo's dam Cosmah, in fact, to the breed-shaping Almahmoud. Like so many of the best sons of Kitten's Joy, Divisidero underpinned his class with durability, holding form and enthusiasm through five seasons (29-7-6-4 for \$1.6 million) including consecutive wins in the GI Turf Classic.

I'm always open to horses proving their adaptability, but the elite European horses in this one's pedigree--together with the turn of foot he exhibited on the track--suggest that he will follow his sire as a trademarked turf influence. As and when the American market actually starts walking the walk on grass horses, instead of just talking the talk, stallions like this will be moving right through the pay grades. In the meantime, end users (and European pinhookers, if they have their wits about them) would do well to take advantage.

There's some top-class turf blood behind **FLAMEAWAY** (Scat Daddy--Vulcan Rose, by Fusaichi Pegasus), who has joined Darby Dan at the same fee. His granddam is a half-sister by G1 Epsom Derby winner Generous (Ire) to two Group 1 winners in Marju (Ire) (Last Tycoon {Ire}) and the wonderful filly Salsabil (Ire) (Sadler's Wells); and obviously his own sire Scat Daddy has proved a very versatile influence.

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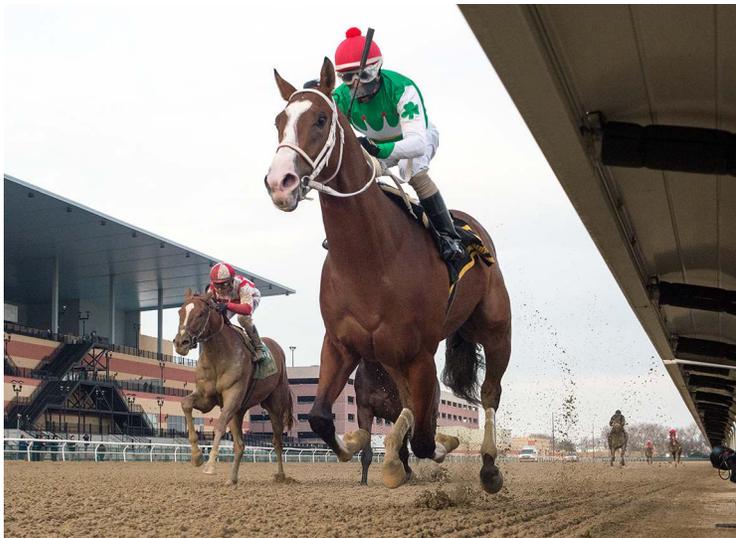
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Sure enough, Flameaway won at a variety of distances over turf, dirt and synthetics, holding his form over 18 starts; and if he couldn't crack the very highest level, he owns one of the better Grade III's you'll ever see after beating Catholic Boy and Vino Rosso in the Sam F. Davis S. As a Saratoga stakes winner on his second juvenile start, he obviously had precocity, too--and his farm will reliably give him every chance to recycle that.

Returning to where we began, the Spendthrift team may have three very glamorous recruits this year, but that doesn't mean they will suddenly start neglecting the small breeders they have served so well. **MAXIMUS MISCHIEF** (Into Mischief--Reina Maria, by Songandaprayer), at \$7,500, gets a chance to assist Goldcents in establishing farm colossus Into Mischief as a sire of sires. He'd hardly be the first stallion to become a legitimate influence without having proven his soundness, and he certainly showed the juvenile flair so dear to commercial breeders--graduating seamlessly through runaway maiden and allowance wins at Parx, before stretching out to include Tax (Arch) and Bourbon War (Tapit) among his GII Remsen S. victims.



**Maximus Mischief** | Sarah Andrew

Those two became useful contributors to the Classic trail this year, but Maximus Mischief himself disappeared for good after finishing third in the GII Fasig-Tipton Holy Bull S. Each of his juvenile numbers put him among the quickest of his crop, and his dam is a half-sister to a Grade I winner at two in Secret Compass (Discreet Cat). You suspect it might take The Jockey Club plus an act of Congress to keep this guy down to 140 mares, especially with a more imposing build than most by his sire. Whatever happens, it's hard to believe he won't punch above his fee.

Spendthrift's fifth new face is **COAL FRONT** (Stay Thirsty--Miner's Secret, by Mineshaft), who starts at \$5,000 and offers a fine physique backed up by an intriguing pedigree.

# On fire

## More graded stakes horses than Quality Road.

Sixth-Crop Sire	GSHs	GSWs	G1SHs
BLAME	11	6	4
QUALITY ROAD	9	6	4

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# BLAME

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Both of Coal Front's parents share a grandsire in A.P. Indy, whose sire Seattle Slew and Mr. Prospector both recur top-and-bottom in his dam's pedigree. He didn't make it to the track at two, but proved a horse in a hurry at three, a Saratoga graded stakes winner on only his third start; and of course he had his big payday in Dubai this year, winning the G2 Godolphin Mile.

The others starting on the bottom rung of the Kentucky ladder, at \$5,000, all do so with a grass orientation.

**DEMARCHELIER (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}--Loveisallyouneed {Ire}, by Sadler's Wells), in introducing the Dubawi (Ire) line to Kentucky breeders, belongs in the noblest transatlantic traditions of Claiborne. He is actually a pretty rare combination of the Maktoums' premier European stallion and one of the most productive families to have served their antagonists at Ballydoyle (dam sister to two Grade 1 winners among many other excellent performers/producers). Exported as a yearling by Peter Brant, he made a flawless start through maiden, allowance and graded stakes, only to break down when testing the Grade I water in the Belmont Derby Invitational. We'll never know whether he had genuine elite caliber on the track, but the genes make it perfectly possible.

Certainly it will be fascinating to see how he might work out, in the hands of Kentucky breeders, and the same is true of **LOST TREASURE (IRE)** (War Front--Wading {Ire}, by Montjeu {Ire}) at Hill 'n' Dale. He represents what is today the best family in the European stud book, but in this instance War Front appears to have mined the Classic maternal line that gave us Galileo (Ire) and Sea the Stars (Ire) to produce a sprinter. He was a timely split in traffic away from shocking Europe's fastest in the G1 Prix de l'Abbaye, only beaten a length at 100-1.

Lost Treasure may mean nothing to you now, but his far-sighted farm will put him into play and--if his blood can tell--then he will turn out to be a steal even by the standards of America's chronically undervalued turf stallions.

A good example being English Channel, whose son **HEART TO HEART** (English Channel--Ask the Question, by Silver Deputy) looks a very worthy find by Crestwood. He's a real throwback, persevering from an eight-length debut win sprinting at two to consecutive Grade I wins at the age of seven. In all, he amassed 11 graded stakes wins across seven seasons, posting 18 triple-digit Beyers, often pouring it on from the front.

His dam is by Silver Deputy, a conduit of the Deputy Minister distaff influence highlighted above in favor of much more expensive stallions; and the second dam is a half-sister to a Grade I winner.

Heart To Heart was a \$25,000 Canadian yearling, and maybe the world he was born into simply hasn't changed enough. But it should do, and soon. In the meantime, let's hope that end users can make hay.

The relative depth of turf racing either side of the ocean, as things stand, can be measured by the career of **QURBAAN** (Speightstown--Flip Flop {Fr}, by Zieten). No more than a listed winner in three seasons in Europe, he migrated to win consecutive runnings of the GII Bernard Baruch H., besides gaining a couple of Grade I placings. His mother had actually done much the same, but he is a durable son of Speightstown and has been accommodated on a small roster in the midst of one of Kentucky's best broodmare herds at Shadwell.

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	GII San Antonio S.	Santa Anita
	GI American Oaks	Santa Anita
	GIII Robert J. Frankel S.	Santa Anita
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## Gaudet Carries on Family Tradition *(cont. from p1)*

Gaudet felt an early connection to horses. Linda recalled fondly, “She’s always been mature, I have to tell you that...She’s always had a commanding presence. She came by this through osmosis with her dad and myself and was raised in the barn and raised on a farm. And she loved it from an early age, was riding by the time she was seven or eight.”

From a young age, she’d follow in her parents in the early mornings at the barns.

“To be honest, I didn’t fare well in school,” Gaudet said. “I kind of got picked on a little bit, didn’t fit in, really just wanted to be around the horses, so my parents started homeschooling me after fourth grade.”

Eddie Gaudet had a number of his horses at Bowie Training Center before it shuttered in 2015.

“We had a public stable,” Lacey Gaudet recalled. “My dad never really had too many owners. My parents always trained for themselves,” besides a few private clients. She added, “He always had between 30 and 40 in Maryland and then during the summer--at that point, you’re looking at 15, 17 years ago--there was no summer racing in Maryland.”

The Gaudets followed their horses in the summers to Delaware and New Jersey’s Monmouth Park. During those summers, Lacey said, “My mom would stay home, take care of the farm..., so I would go gallop and be assistant for my dad during the summer meet.”

Lacey indeed took to riding all horses like a duck to water.

Graduating from high school at 16, she competed in pony races during her early teenage years, then moved onto the Virginia and Maryland hunt circuits. **Cont. p14**



Lacey Gaudet | Jim McCue



2019 in photos: June 5. Master Fencer (Jpn) (Just a Way {Jpn}) and Julien Leparoux tune up for the GI Belmont Stakes. | Sarah Andrew

Lacey had aims of becoming a jockey, but needed to begin galloping horses first. So her dad worked to modify state law that previously only stated minors couldn't obtain galloping licenses until age 16. Thus, aged 15, Lacey was able to gallop horses for her a parent/guardian.

She recalled, "Between 15 and 18, I galloped horses for my dad while trying to get ready to be a jockey."

Eventually, growth spurts brought Lacey's jockey dreams came to a close.

"I did try to ride races, but at the time, that was one of the main reasons," she said. "A lot of young kids, especially Americans, around here were taller, were heavier than some of the riders that [had] come from different countries."

Lacey added, "I was tall from 13 on, so we always knew that it was going to be a very short timeframe that we had to work with."

Once she outgrew the possibility of being a jockey, Lacey took her experience working on the backstretch to the next logical conclusion: becoming a trainer.

"I contacted Helen Pitts and took an assistant training job with her in Florida in 2007 and I worked for her at Gulfstream for the winter," she recalled.

The fit was natural: also a Maryland native, Pitts hails from a racing family.

"She was a woman trainer; it was the year after she had Curlin and had sold Curlin, so there were a lot of factors that went in to Helen," Gaudet said.

Pitts took Gaudet under her wing both personally and professionally.



Gaudet, winner of two races on the card | Jim McCue

Gaudet appreciated that Pitts employed many women.

"I learned so much from them--how it worked, how they spoke with people, how they held their own in definitely a male-dominated sport and business," she explained. "And just everybody does do things differently with their operation."

At the time, Pitts also had a lot of talented stock in her barn. Gaudet remembered, "She had a lot of young horses at the time and it was interesting to see her how she developed young horses, got them to the races."

An older but quite talented occupant of Pitts's barn was multiple Grade I winner Einstein, whom Gaudet watched blossom. The quality of Pitts's horses differed from what Gaudet had previously worked with.

"My dad had a lot of claimers and that was primarily what we had in the barn," she said. "It was very incredible to see what kind of goes into a good horse."

When Eddie suffered an aneurysm and underwent a triple bypass, Lacey came home to regroup with her family. Once her dad was on the mend, she branched out again, heading to Belmont Park to work for Tom Albertrani for several months. She appreciated the quality of Albertrani's stock, which included runners from the Darley and Eugene Melnyk operations. In particular, she noted how she learned "how much time and energy and manpower goes into running horses...of that expense and caliber."

Gaudet's next stop was Saratoga, where she worked under trainer Allen Iwinski. She recalled, "Saratoga was my fantastic. I enjoyed working for Allen. I think Allen was a big father figure to me, and it being my first year out on my own."

Although Iwinski was a friend of her father's, he didn't go easy on Gaudet.

"Alan, he was tough on me," she said. "He was firm with me, I learned so much from him, and it wasn't what I planned on venturing out to."

Running a smaller stable than Albertrani's, Iwinski employed an aggressive approach to the claiming ranks. From him, Gaudet said she learned how to gallop tougher horses in the morning and to know when a runner is at peak fitness.

After her time with Iwinski, Gaudet headed home, as her father's health began to flag again. As a result, she began to take on some of his training duties.

"The next couple summers, instead of me going with my dad, it was me going on my own to Monmouth or to Delaware," she remembered. "Eventually, she had to broach a difficult topic: assuming her father's operation full-time."

She noted, "My father had always said, 'When I retire, they're going to go in your name.'"

While Linda trained a few horses in her name for some months, Lacey claimed a few horses on her own and began building relationships with clients. Eventually, she and Gabby came to their mother and presented her with a plan to merge their operations and run the horses in Lacey's name.

Linda remembered, "So probably about four years ago...she said, 'You know, Mom, we should combine the stables.'"

Lacey recalled suggesting, "Look, Mom, we work too hard. We're very smart. You did it with my father for a long time and I really do think...this is something I want to pursue and want to do, but each of us having four or five horses...just going through the motions is not what we want to do, what I want to do."

After discussing their options as a stable and a family, the Gaudets decided that Linda would return to her previous role as assistant trainer. With a cousin to help care for Eddie, they also decided to claim a few horses, run them, and reevaluate everything after six months. Young and hungry, Lacey was excited to travel, meet new owners, and pursue clients. The new venture proved to be a savvy one.



Gaudet leading in a winner | Jim McCue

"In six months' time, we were well on our way to more wins than we had since my dad retired and it just started snowballing from there," said Lacey.

After the first six months, the Gaudets set a new goal: to claim more runners and even buy a few horses at the sales.

"We've been so lucky in the last couple of years," Lacey said enthusiastically.

Gaudet appreciates how hard her team works for their success. Everyone pitches in, from watching sets to checking mounts.

She said, "We talk much throughout the day, throughout the morning, brainstorming..."

Her mother enthused, "I am very, very proud of her; she does a good job."

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Among her barn favorites is Matt Schera's Mesotherm (Trappe Shot), who won last winter at Laurel and her special pride is John Jones (Smarty Jones), a three-time stakes winner at Laurel. After claiming him for \$25,000, Gaudet wheeled the gelding back for a 40-1 upset in the 2016 Mister Diz S.

In that race, John Jones defeated the mighty Ben's Cat.

Gaudet recalled thinking, "Holy smokes, we just beat Ben's Cat, who was the heavy favorite in the race and was in very good form that year."

After that race, John Jones then went on a three-race win streak, and with over a half-million dollars in the coffers to date, the gelding recorded his most recent victory at Colonial Downs in August.

Gaudet mused, "He will always hold a special place in my heart."

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**Saturday, Santa Anita, post time: 4:30 p.m. EST**

**AMERICAN OAKS-GI, \$300,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/4mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	ML
1	So Much Happy	Twirling Candy	Kretz Racing LLC	Papaprodromou	Pereira	124
2	Apache Princess	Unusual Heat	KMN Racing LLC	Desormeaux	Castellano	124
3	Mucho Unusual 🦄	Mucho Macho Man	George Krikorian	Yakteen	Rosario	124
4	K P Slickem	Include	Karl Pergola	Mullins	Velez	124
5	Lady Prancealot (Ire)	Sir Prancealot (Ire)	Arntz, Craig, Arntz, Josie, Durando, Donald, Iavarone, Jules, Iavarone, Michael and McClanahan, Jerry	Baltas	Bravo	124
6	Pretty Point	Point of Entry	Boden, Dave, Buerchler, Sabine and Thompson, Gary A.	Gallagher	Smith	124
7	Giza Goddess 🦄	Cairo Prince	Mercedes Stables LLC, West Point Thoroughbreds, Dilworth, Scott, Ingordo, Dorothy, Ingordo, David and Mooney, F. Steve	Shirreffs	Espinoza	124
8	Vibrance 🦄	Violence	Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners, Daniell, Donna and Daniell, Jim	McCarthy	Cedillo	124

**Breeders:** 1-Kretz Racing, LLC, 2-KMN Racing, 3-George Krikorian, 4-Morgan's Ford Farm, 5-Tally-Ho Stud, 6-Adena Springs, 7-Clarkland Farm, 8-Jason Hall & Bill Vanlandingham

**Saturday, Santa Anita, post time: 5:00 p.m. EST**

**LA BREA S.-GI, \$300,000, 3yo, f, 7f**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	ML
1	First Star	First Dude	Albert and Kathleen Mattivi, LLC	Ellis	Van Dyke	120
2	Del Mar May 🦄	Jimmy Creed	Calvin Nguyen	Baltas	Bravo	120
3	Free Cover 🦄	Congrats	ERJ Racing, LLC	Lerner	Cedillo	120
4	Stirred 🦄	Shakin It Up	Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners	McCarthy	Franco	120
5	Bellafina 🦄	Quality Road	Kaleem Shah, Inc., Magnier, Mrs. John, Tabor, Michael B. and Smith, Derrick	Callaghan	Prat	122
6	Bell's the One	Majesticperfection	Lothenbach Stables, Inc.	Pessin	Castellano	122
7	Hard Not to Love 🦄	Hard Spun	Mercedes Stables LLC, West Point Thoroughbreds, Dilworth, Scott, Ingordo, Dorothy, Ingordo, David and Mooney, F. Steve	Shirreffs	Smith	120
8	Motion Emotion 🦄	Take Charge Indy	Abbondanza Racing, LLC, Mark DeDomenico LLC and Medallion Racing	Baltas	Gutierrez	120
9	Mother Mother 🦄	Pioneerof the Nile	Old Bones Racing Stable, LLC, Hall, Barry, Lipman, Barry and Mathiesen, Mark	Baffert	Rosario	120

**Breeders:** 1-Catherine Ann Perez &Richard Allan Heysek, 2-T/C Stable, LLC, 3-SF Bloodstock, 4-Darrell Curry, 5-JSM Equine, LLC., 6-Bret Jones, 7-Anderson Farms Ont. Inc., 8-WinStar Farm, LLC, 9-T. F. VanMeter

**Saturday, Santa Anita, post time: 6:00 p.m. EST****RUNHAPPY MALIBU S.-GI, \$300,000, 3yo, 7f**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	ML
1	Much Better 🌿	Pioneerof the Nile	Three Chimneys Farm	Baffert	Prat	120
2	Complexity 🌿	Maclean's Music	Klaravich Stables, Inc.	Brown	Castellano	120
3	Manny Wah	Will Take Charge	Susan Moulton	Baffert	Hill	120
4	Roadster 🌿	Quality Road	Speedway Stable LLC	Baffert	Rosario	122
5	Omaha Beach 🌿	War Front	Fox Hill Farms, Inc.	Mandella	Smith	124

**Breeders:** 1-Three Chimneys Farm, LLC, 2-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings, LLC., 3-Martha Jane Mulholland & Modo Tesio Equine, LLC, 4-Stone Farm, 5-Charming Syndicate

**Saturday, Santa Anita, post time: 4:00 p.m. EST****SAN ANTONIO S.-GII, \$200,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	ML
1	Gray Magician	Graydar	Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners, Barber, Gary and Wachtel Stable	Miller	Castellano	119
2	Gift Box	Twirling Candy	Hronis Racing LLC	Sadler	Rosario	123
3	King Abner	Hansen	Little Red Feather Racing, Summit Racing LLC, Ticket to Ride LLC, and Rojas, Jackie	D'Amato	Baze	121
4	Draft Pick 🌿	Candy Ride (Arg)	C R K Stable LLC	Eurton	Talamo	121
5	Mugaritz	Dialed In	Alejandro Mercardo	Wong	Gonzalez	123
6	Midcourt 🌿	Midnight Lute	C R K Stable LLC	Shirreffs	Espinoza	123
7	Fight On 🌿	Into Mischief	C T R Stables, LLC and Keh, Steven	O'Neill	Cedillo	121

**Breeders:** 1-Twin Creeks Farm, 2-Machmer Hall, Carrie Brogden & Craig Brogden, 3-Golden Eagle Farm, 4-Hinkle Farms, 5-Sean Speck & Barbara Speck, 6-Dixiana Farms LLC, 7-Haymarket Farm LLC

**Saturday, Santa Anita, post time: 6:30 p.m. EST****MATHIS BROTHERS MILE S.-GII, \$200,000, 3yo, 1mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	ML
1	Sash (GB)	Oasis Dream (GB)	Red Baron's Barn LLC and Rancho Temescal LLC	Glatt	Van Dyke	120
2	Originaire (Ire)	Zoffany (Ire)	BG Stables	Mullins	Rispoli	120
3	Ocean Fury 🌿	Stormy Atlantic	Great Friends Stable, LLC, Haymes, Neil, Mora, Leandro and Schlesinger, Mark	O'Neill	Prat	120
4	Never Easy 🌿	Candy Ride (Arg)	Bart B. Evans	Mandella	Bejarano	120
5	Mo Forza	Uncle Mo	Bardy Farm and OG Boss	Miller	Rosario	124
6	Neptune's Storm 🌿	Stormy Atlantic	CYBT, Gevertz, Saul, Gitomer, Lynn, Goetz, Mike, Nentwig, Michael and Weiner, Daniel	Baltas	Cedillo	124
7	Kingly	Tapit	Clearview Stables, LLC, RAC 04 Racing, LLC and Meegan, Michael	Baffert	Gutierrez	122
8	Proud Pedro (Fr)	Pedro the Great	Benowitz Family Trust, Madaket Stables, LLC and Mathiesen, Mark	Powell	Baze	120
9	Barristan The Bold (GB)	Excelebration (Ire)	Red Baron's Barn LLC and Rancho Temescal LLC	Glatt	Castellano	120
10	Loafers Boy	Coil	George and Martha Schwary Racing LLC	Lerner	Pereira	120
11	Bob and Jackie	Twirling Candy	Zayat Stables, LLC	Baltas	Figueroa	122

**Breeders:** 1-Juddmonte Farms Ltd, 2-Vimal and Gillian Khosla, 3-K & G Stables, 4-Bart Evans & Stonehaven Steadings, 5-Bardy Farm, 6-Tracy Farmer, 7-Clearsky Farms, 8-EARL Haras Du Taillis & Bernhard Wenger, 9-Chasemore Farm, 10-George & Martha Schwary Racing LLC, 11-Zayat Stables LLC

**Saturday, Santa Anita, post time: 5:30 p.m. EST**

**ROBERT J. FRANKEL S.-GIII, \$100,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	ML
1	Tiny Tina	Paddy O'Prado	A Venneri Racing, Inc. and Fanticola, Anthony	D'Amato	Prat	121
2	Excellent Sunset (Ire)	Exceed And Excel (Aus)	Dunn, Christopher T., Abbondanza Racing LLC, Taylor, Mark and Johnson, Chris	Baltas	Rosario	121
3	Don't Blame Judy 🍀	Blame	Albert, R., Dunham, E., Lewkowitz, F., Lewkowitz, K. Kruljac and Sondereker, J.		Espinoza	121
4	Streak of Luck	Old Fashioned	Roncelli Family Trust	Chew	Valdivia, Jr.	121
5	Curlin's Journey	Curlin	Crognale, Antonio, Crowley, Michael and Dullano, Fred	Keen	Fuentes	121
6	Harmless	Creative Cause	ITA Thoroughbreds	Hess, Jr.	Cedillo	119
7	Mirth	Colonel John	Little Red Feather Racing	D'Amato	Smith	125
8	Ms Peintour 🍀	Paynter	Jay Em Ess Stable	Koriner	Blanc	121

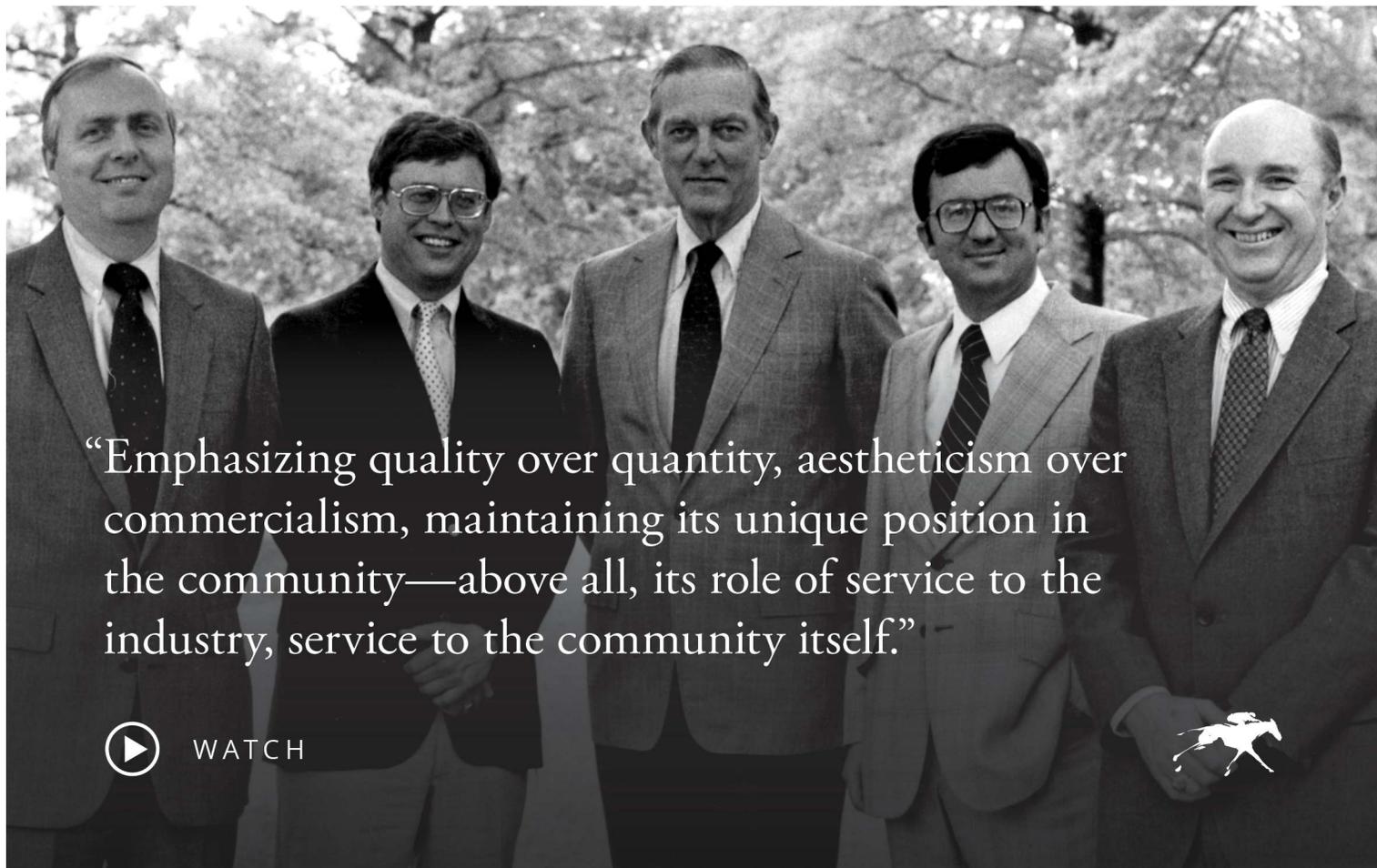
**Breeders:** 1-Marjorie Dye & Alex Venneri, 2-Rabbah Bloodstock Limited, 3-Michael Waresk Cane Street Stables, 4-Roncelli Family Trust, 5-Pay Me Stables, 6-Rick Arzola, 7-Barlar, LLC, 8-Bill Adair, Phyllis Adair & Connie Brown



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**IN ORDER OF PURSE:**

**6th-Gulfstream, \$42,400, Alw (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 12-26, 3yo/up, f/m, 5fT, :55.24, gd.**

**JO JO AIR (f, 3, **Scat Daddy**--Tessie Flip, by Grand Slam)** dueled her way clear to upset the William Walker S. over males at Churchill Downs Apr. 27, then finished second after setting the pace when last seen in Pimlico's The Very One S. May 18.

Working bullets for her return, the 8-5 favorite was off a beat slowly and trailed the field of six through an opening quarter in :21.99. Joe Bravo hit the gas on the far turn and Jo Jo Air shot through an inviting opening along the rail at the top of the stretch en route to a half-length victory over R Happy Ending (Prospective). Tessie Flip, a half-sister to MGISW Switch (Quiet American), is also represented by an American Pharoah colt of 2018 and a Practical Joke colt of this year. She was bred back to Mendelssohn for the 2020 season. Sales history: \$325,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: SW, 7-3-1-0, \$151,221. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

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**10th-Fair Grounds, \$40,000, Msw, 12-26, 2yo, f, 1 1/16mT, 1:47.03, fm.**

**ENDURINGLY (f, 2, **Ghostzapper**--Ruthless Quality {SW, \$190,620}, by Elusive Quality)** uncorked a powerful late rally from far back to kick off her career with promise Thursday in New Orleans. Part of a 5-2 Godolphin/Brad Cox entry, the homebred was in tight early and dropped all the way back to last entering the first bend. She started to come alive after a :49.51 half and six panels in 1:14.44, but still had plenty of work to do as tipped out for clear sailing at the head of the lane. She picked off foes rapidly from there, and reeled in longshot Teller to Sing (Magician {Ire}) en route to a 3/4-length success. Enduringly is

the first foal out of her dam, who took the 2015 Kentucky Downs Juvenile Fillies S. Ruthless Quality produced a Medaglia d'Oro filly earlier this season before being bred back to that same Darley inmate for 2020. Enduringly's third dam is champion 3-year-old filly Ajina (Strawberry Road {Aus}).

Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$24,000. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O/B-Godolphin (KY); T-Brad H. Cox.

**8th-Tampa Bay Downs, \$20,000, Msw, 12-26, 2yo, f, 1m 40y, 1:43.05, ft.**

**SPEEDY VANESSA (f, 2, **American Pharoah**--The Right Pew, by Pulpit)**, a well-beaten third on debut sprinting over the Churchill Downs dirt Nov. 1, tired to fifth after setting the pace in a two-turn grass test at Aqueduct three weeks later. Favored at 4-5 to break through here, she chased on the outside from third, turned in a three-wide blitz approaching the quarter pole and, after opening a clear advantage in the stretch, stayed on to graduate by 1 1/4 lengths over a rallying Fashion Rules (Constitution). Speedy Vanessa becomes the 27th winner for her freshman sire (by Pioneerof the Nile). The victress is a half-sister to Karlovy Vary (Dynaformer), GISW, \$448,596; and Rocket Legs (Dynaformer), GSP, \$196,517. The Right Pew produced an Empire Maker colt in 2018 and a Kitten's Joy filly this year. She was bred back to Point of Entry. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, \$24,300. **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.

**Hip 1520 - 1/2-sister sells at KeeJan with GAINESWAY **

**9th-Tampa Bay Downs, \$20,000, Msw, 12-26, 3yo/up, 5f (off turf), :58.62, ft.**

**DAY TRIP (c, 3, **Tapit**--Clever Babe, by Distorted Humor)**, favored at 9-5 for this debut run, was squeezed at the start and trailed the field in the early going. He began to get going with a wide run down the backstretch and kept the momentum rolling with a sweeping move on the far turn. The West homebred came over the top down the stretch to graduate by 1 1/2 lengths from Blame the Makers (Blame). Day Trip is a half-brother to Book Review (Giant's Causeway), GISW, \$884,955. Clever Babe, a half-sister to GISW Irish Smoke (Smoke Glacken), had a filly by Tapit this year and was bred back to the leading sire for 2020. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$12,000. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Gary & Mary West; B-Gary & Mary West Stables Inc. (KY); T-Jason Servis.

## U.S.-BRED/SIRED RUNNERS IN JAPAN



In this continuing series, Alan Carasso takes a look ahead at US-bred and/or conceived runners entered for the upcoming weekend at the tracks on the Japan Racing Association circuit, with a focus on pedigree and/or performance in the sales ring. Here are the horses of interest for this weekend running at Hanshin Racecourse, with the latest produce of Wilshewed getting her career underway:

**Saturday, December 28, 2019**

**4th-HSN, ¥13,400,000, Newcomers (\$123k), 2yo, 1400m**

**PRIMO D'ARC (f, 2, Bernardini--Wilshewed, by Carson City)** is the latest produce from his dam, who retired a maiden after fetching \$125K as a Fasig-Tipton Calder 2-year-old from the late Bill Currin in 2001, but has become a broodmare of considerable commercial appeal. Wilshewed was retained by Currin on a bid of \$40K carrying her first foal by Stormy Atlantic at the 2003 Keeneland November Sale and Stormello got the mare off to a flying start when winning the 2006 GI Hollywood Futurity. Stormello's brother My Best Brother took the GII Del Mar Derby in 2012, while Gala Award (Bernardini)--a \$1.55 million KEESEP yearling-- followed suit in the 2014 GIII Palm Beach S. Cherry Lodge (Bernardini), a \$450K KEESEP grad, was a **'TDN Rising Star'** and was runner-up in the 2016 GI Spinaway S. before becoming a black-type winner in her own right, while another full-sibling to Stormello, **'Rising Star'** Atlantic Voyage, produced this year's GIII Mazarine S. winner Curlin's Voyage (Curlin). Primo d'Arc, who cost \$400K at KEESEP and \$500K at OBS April (:10 flat), has a soon-to-be 2-year-old Medaglia d'Oro half-sister that was bought back on a bid of \$450K at KEESEP this year. *B-Estate of William L Currin (KY)*

**SMART COLZA (f, 2, Speightstown--Pianist, by More Than Ready)** is the second foal to the races from his dam, a \$100K KEESEP yearling who went on to become a dual graded winner on the turf before selling to Stonestreet for \$425K at Fasig-Tipton November in 2014. Smart Colza was a \$60K purchase out of last year's KEESEP sale and is related to a yearling filly of this year by Ghostzapper who was knocked down for \$245K at FTKOCT this fall. *B-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC (KY)*

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### FIRST-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27

**American Pharoah** (Pioneerof the Nile), Ashford Stud, \$100,000  
162 foals of racing age/27 winners/4 black-type winners  
5-Turfway, Msw 1m, SEAGAL, 4-1  
\$162,000 OBS APR 2yo

**Bayern** (Offlee Wild), Hill 'n' Dale Farms, \$15,000  
95 foals of racing age/23 winners/0 black-type winners  
5-Laurel, Wmc 6f, GOLAZO, 10-1

**Bourbon Courage** (Lion Heart), Anchor & Hope Farm, \$5,000  
46 foals of racing age/8 winners/1 black-type winner  
4-Laurel, Wmc 6f, METAL MAGICIAN, 2-1  
\$22,000 EAS OCT yrl; \$37,000 EAS MAY 2yo

**Daredevil** (More Than Ready), WinStar Farm, \$7,500  
81 foals of racing age/11 winners/1 black-type winner  
6-Golden Gate Fields, Aoc 1m, FINAL FINAL, 8-1  
\$32,000 RNA KEE NOV wnl; \$25,000 KEE SEP yrl

**Honor Code** (A.P. Indy), Lane's End Farm, \$40,000  
111 foals of racing age/14 winners/0 black-type winners  
5-Turfway, Msw 1m, FASHION CODE, 7-2  
\$275,000 KEE SEP yrl  
8-Fair Grounds, Msw 5 1/2ft, KIANG, 8-1  
\$260,000 KEE SEP yrl

**Imagining** (Giant's Causeway), Anchor & Hope Farm, \$7,500  
54 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners  
4-Laurel, Wmc 6f, GOOD LUCK LEGACY, 15-1  
\$14,000 RNA EAS OCT yrl

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**Speedy Vanessa** (American Pharoah) became  
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**Liam's Map** (Unbridled's Song), Lane's End Farm, \$20,000  
 114 foals of racing age/16 winners/2 black-type winners  
 1-Laurel, Msw 1m, MARY'S SONG, 8-1  
 \$45,000 OBS APR 2yo

**Medal Count** (Dynaformer), Spendthrift Farm, \$3,500  
 61 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners  
 5-Turfway, Msw 1m, MOONLIGHT DANCING, 15-1  
 \$37,000 RNA OBS APR 2yo

**Palace** (City Zip), Spendthrift Farm, \$6,000  
 87 foals of racing age/17 winners/1 black-type winner  
 5-Delta Downs, Msw 5f, AVERY'S PALACE, 10-1

**Palace Malice** (Curlin), Three Chimneys Farm, \$15,000  
 123 foals of racing age/20 winners/2 black-type winners  
 4-Laurel, Wmc 6f, SUPER E, 15-1  
 \$80,000 FTS AUG yrl; \$130,000 EAS MAY 2yo

**Secret Circle** (Eddington), Hill 'n' Dale Farms, \$5,000  
 45 foals of racing age/10 winners/0 black-type winners  
 5-Laurel, Wmc 6f, JUSTWAVEANDSMILE, 4-5  
 \$55,000 EAS OCT yrl

**Tapiture** (Tapit), Darby Dan Farm, \$7,500  
 123 foals of racing age/27 winners/2 black-type winners  
 8-Fair Grounds, Msw 5 1/2fT, REVVED, 20-1  
 \$25,000 FTK OCT yrl

**Tonalist** (Tapit), Lane's End Farm, \$15,000  
 97 foals of racing age/16 winners/1 black-type winner  
 1-Laurel, Msw 1m, TONAL VERSE, 8-5  
 \$120,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$150,000 FTK OCT yrl; \$150,000 OBS APR  
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**Will Take Charge** (Unbridled's Song), Three Chimneys Farm, \$30,000  
 207 foals of racing age/48 winners/3 black-type winners  
 5-Turfway, Msw 1m, OXUM POWER, 20-1



**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

**9th-Fair Grounds, \$46,000, 12-26, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11.19, ft.**

**EARLY MISCHIEF (g, 3, Into Mischief--Sugarinthemorning {MSW & MGISP, \$560,554}, by Candy Ride {Arg})** Lifetime Record: 8-3-0-1, \$88,457. O-REV Racing LLC; B-Dixiana Farms LLC (KY); T-James E. Baker. \*\$50,000 RNA Ylg '17 KEESEP.

**8th-Fair Grounds, \$42,000, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 12-26, 3yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:39.95, fm.**

**MAKEALITLEMISCHIEF (f, 3, Into Mischief--Make Haste, by Tiznow)** Lifetime Record: 11-4-3-1, \$119,817. O-Desi Boyz LLC; B-Hinkle Farms (KY); T-Bernard S. Flint. \*\$125,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP; \$95,000 RNA 3yo '19 KEEAPR.

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**8th-Sunland, \$29,900, Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 12-26, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:36.07, ft.**

**PENDLETON (g, 5, Giant's Causeway--Distorted Passion {MSW & MGSP, \$294,271}, by Distorted Humor)** Lifetime Record: SP, 14-8-1-1, \$228,864. O-Bill & Susan Tomasic; B-Aaron & Marie Jones (KY); T-Justin R. Evans. \*\$600,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP; \$15,000 4yo '18 KEEJAN. \*\*1/2 to Mrs McDougal (Medaglia d'Oro), MGSW & GISP, \$496,736.

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**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Two Shots**, f, 2, **Bourbon Courage**--Second Line, by Great Notion. Laurel, 12-26, (WC), 6f, 1:11.83. B-Anchor & Hope Farm Inc. (MD). \*1ST-TIME STARTER. \*\*8th winner for freshman sire (by Lion Heart).

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**Combat Queen**, f, 2, **Congrats**--Starsonhershoulder, by Quiet American. Laurel, 12-26, (WC), 6f, 1:11.95. B-Dark Hollow Farm & Mr. & Mrs. Arnold Davidov (MD). \*\$20,000 2yo '19 EASMAV.



**Galileos Ballerina**, f, 2, **Magician (Ire)**--Laughing Saint, by Vindication. Fair Grounds, 12-26, (S), 1mT, 1:40.47. B-J. E. Jumonville Jr. & Bunny Jumonville (LA). \*\$32,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP. \*\*1ST-TIME STARTER. \*\*\*1/2 to Laughingsaintsong (Songandaprayer), MSW, \$299,910.



**Majestic West**, g, 3, **Quality Road**--You're Beautiful, by Storm Cat. Fair Grounds, 12-26, 1 1/16m, 1:46.18. B-Pursuit of Success LLC (KY). \*\$200,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP.



**AMERICAN PHAROAH**, Speedy Vanessa, f, 2, o/o The Right Pew, by Pulpit. MSW, 12-26, Tampa Bay

**BOURBON COURAGE**, Two Shots, f, 2, o/o Second Line, by Great Notion. WMC, 12-26, Laurel

**CONGRATS**, Combat Queen, f, 2, o/o Starsonhershoulder, by Quiet American. WMC, 12-26, Laurel

**GHOSTZAPPER**, Enduringly, f, 2, o/o Ruthless Quality, by Elusive Quality. MSW, 12-26, Fair Grounds

**GIANT'S CAUSEWAY**, Pendleton, g, 5, o/o Distorted Passion, by Distorted Humor. AOC, 12-26, Sunland

**INTO MISCHIEF**, Early Mischief, g, 3, o/o Sugarinthemorning, by Candy Ride (Arg). ALW, 12-26, Fair Grounds

**INTO MISCHIEF**, Makealittlemischief, f, 3, o/o Make Haste, by

Tiznow. AOC, 12-26, Fair Grounds

**MAGICIAN (IRE)**, Galileos Ballerina, f, 2, o/o Laughing Saint, by Vindication. MSW, 12-26, Fair Grounds

**QUALITY ROAD**, Majestic West, g, 3, o/o You're Beautiful, by Storm Cat. MSW, 12-26, Fair Grounds

**SCAT DADDY**, Jo Jo Air, f, 3, o/o Tessie Flip, by Grand Slam. AOC, 12-26, Gulfstream

**TAPIT**, Day Trip, c, 3, o/o Clever Babe, by Distorted Humor. MSW, 12-26, Tampa Bay

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## NIJINSKY INFLUENCE BURNS BRIGHT FIFTY YEARS ON



Nijinsky and Lester Piggott winning the 1969 Dewhurst S. | Getty

By John Berry

We always begin a new year full of optimism for the months to come. Within racing, we all hope to be lucky enough to see another superstar, generally focusing on the horse who has just established himself as the champion 2-year-old. In 2020 we are naturally all anticipating the Classic campaign of Pinatubo (Ire) (Shamardal). Will he delight or disappoint? Only time will tell; but, however well he does, he will be hard-pressed to emulate the achievements of the colt on whom racing fans were pinning their hopes 50 years ago. Nijinsky (Northern Dancer) had ended 1969 as the unbeaten champion 2-year-old, but the best was still to come. Nijinsky's Triple Crown campaign of 1970 remains the stuff of legend, and the mighty bay horse still ranks as one of the most notable sires of the modern era.

A member of the second crop of the 1964 Kentucky Derby, Preakness S. and Queen's Plate winner Northern Dancer (Nearctic), Nijinsky could well have done his racing in America but for the genius of Vincent O'Brien. Dispatched by Charles Engelhard to Windfields Farm in Ontario to inspect E. P. Taylor's yearlings, O'Brien reported that one stood out: a colt by the totally unproven sire Northern Dancer from the 1962 Queen's Plate and Canadian Oaks heroine Flaming Page (Bull Page).

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## KEATLEY TO RELOCATE TO ENGLAND

Adrian Keatley, who made waves in 2016 when winning the G1 Irish 1000 Guineas with Jet Setting (Ire) (Fast Company {Ire}) just two years after taking out his trainers' license, told *Racing Post* he will close his Irish stable and relocate to the North of England in search of better opportunities.

"I'm going to re-base myself and start again," Keatley told *Racing Post*, saying he has found a new base and a few owners to support him there.

"Training in Ireland hasn't been paying the bills for me for the last year and a half so I had to make a decision," he said. "I'm lucky I'm young enough that I have no commitments and I have nothing tying me down to stay in Ireland. A lot of other lads wouldn't be able to do what I'm doing."

Keatley had a career-best 14 winners in 2017 but this year saddled just two winners.

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**Nijinsky Influence Burns Bright Fifty Years On cont. from p1**

Nijinsky was duly purchased for Engelhard at the Windfields sale (for \$84,000, a new record price for a yearling in Canada) and flown across the Atlantic to join O'Brien's string at Ballydoyle in County Tipperary. Despite being very big, Nijinsky came to hand quickly, his natural speed and sublime talent shining through from an early stage. Ridden by O'Brien's stable jockey Liam Ward, he ran at The Curragh four times in the summer of 1969 and won easily each time, taking the Erne S., the Railway S., the Anglesey S. and the Beresford S. He then flew over to England in the autumn and strolled home in the Dewhurst S. at Newmarket, ridden for the first time by Lester Piggott (who was to ride him in all his races outside Ireland, with Ward on board in all his domestic appearances). The opposition was not strong but he won so easily that he was allotted top weight in the Free Handicap, two pounds above Observer Gold Cup (now G1 Vertem Futurity S.) winner Approval (GB) (Alcide

{GB}) and four pounds above July S., Middle Park S. and Cornwallis S. winner Huntercombe (GB) (Derring Do {GB}).

Nijinsky duly started 1970 carrying a mighty burden of expectation but he went on to exceed even the highest of hopes. The British Triple Crown (ie. the 2000 Guineas over a mile at Newmarket in May, the Derby over 12 furlongs at Epsom in June and the St Leger over 14.5 furlongs at Doncaster in September) had not been won since Frank Butters had prepared HH Aga Khan III's home-bred Bahram (GB) (Blandford {Ire}) to win the three races in 1935. Nijinsky completed the treble with ease, taking his record to 11 from 11, as well as strolling home in two other championship races: the Irish Sweeps Derby at The Curragh and the King George VI And Queen Elizabeth S. at Ascot, where he gave a virtuoso demonstration of his trademark instant acceleration by sweeping past the previous year's Derby winner Blakeney (GB) (Hethersett {GB}) like a Formula 1 car overtaking a jeep.



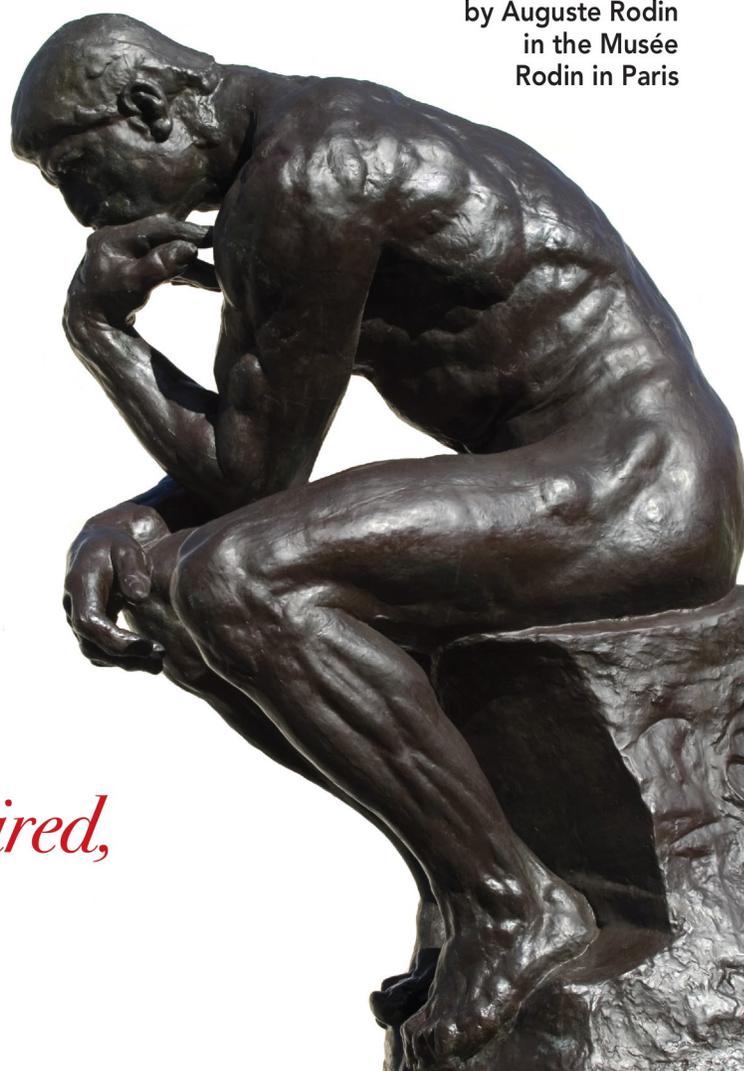
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Nijinsky was inexplicably beaten on his final two starts by Sassafras (Fr) (Sheshoon {GB}) in the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe at Longchamp and by Lorenzaccio (GB) (Klairon {Fr}) in the Champion S. at Newmarket (dig out the film of the Arc and, however many times you watch it, you still won't be able to work out how he failed to win) but that didn't matter: as *Timeform* put it, "Nijinsky made the racing year: such were his feats that he dominated it from start to finish, and for the best part of the season he towered over the opposition."

Besides, as 'Bull' Hancock, a rock of composure amid the maelstrom of disappointment, put it so philosophically at Longchamp, "We all know that if you run them often enough, they'll get beaten eventually."




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**NIJINSKY STARTED 1970 CARRYING A MIGHTY BURDEN OF EXPECTATION BUT HE WENT ON TO EXCEED EVEN THE HIGHEST OF HOPES.**

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Hancock was more entitled than most to take Nijinsky's defeat badly because he had already sealed the deal to secure the colt for stud duties at Claiborne. However, he never had any reason to regret that decision, either on that day or at any time

afterwards. Nijinsky went on to prove himself an outstanding stallion, consistently successful from the outset up to his death, aged 25, in 1992, and beyond. If 1970 was his annus mirabilis, then 1986 wasn't far behind. It wasn't just that he ended the season as champion sire of Great Britain and Ireland. Even better was that he had become the only stallion in history to sire

the winners of the Derby (Shahrastani, beating Dancing Brave at Epsom prior to following up in the Irish Derby at The Curragh) and the Kentucky Derby (Ferdinand, who went on to land the GI Breeders' Cup Classic and secure Horse of the Year honours the following year) in the same season.

Nijinsky's other sires' championships came in the U.S., where he was champion broodmare sire in both 1993 and 1994. In the former year his best earner was the multiple Grade I-winning racemare Flawlessly (Affirmed), who won the second of her two Eclipse awards as champion female turf horse that season. In 1994 Nijinsky's most successful grandchild was the GI Jockey Club Gold Cup and GI Whitney H. winner Colonial Affair (Pleasant Colony).

Shahrastani was the second of the three Derby winners sired by Nijinsky, following Golden Fleece in 1982 and preceding Lammtarra in 1995. Remarkably both of these horses did something which their father couldn't manage: they both retired unbeaten, with Lammtarra's other victories including the G1 King George VI And Queen Elizabeth S. and the G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe. Nijinsky's other European Classic winners were Shadeed (G1 2000 Guineas), King's Lake (G1 Irish 2000 Guineas), Caerleon (G1 Prix du Jockey-Club), Green Dancer (G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains), Caucasus (G1 Irish St Leger) and Niniski (G1 Irish St Leger and G1 Prix Royal-Oak).

His other stars included Ile De Bourbon (G1 King George VI And Queen Elizabeth S.), Solford (G1 Eclipse S.), Royal Academy (G1 July Cup, G1 Breeders' Cup Mile), Dancing Spree (G1 Breeders' Cup Sprint), Quiet Fling (G1 Coronation Cup) and

Sky Classic (GI Rothmans Canadian International, GI Turf Classic Invitational). Nijinsky's influence has extended well beyond the first generation. Many of his sons and grandsons became significant stallions. Caerleon was champion sire of Great Britain and Ireland in both 1988 and 1991, when his son Generous (Ire) posted outstanding victories in the G1 Derby, G1 Irish Derby and G1 King George VI And Queen Elizabeth S. In that latter year Green Dancer was champion sire in France, largely thanks to the G1 Prix du Jockey Club and G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe victories of Suave Dancer. Ile De Bourbon sired the 1988 Derby winner Kahyasi (Ire). Shadeed sired two winners of the G1 1000 Guineas, Sayyedati and Shadayid, as well as the 1992 Queen's Plate winner Alydeed. Niniski sired the champions and top-class stallions Lomitas (GB) and Hernando (Fr).

Furthermore, several lesser-performed sons of Nijinsky sired superstars Down Under. Whisky Road sired the international champion Strawberry Road (Aus) and the 1981 G1 Melbourne Cup winner Just A Dash (Aus); Yeats sired the 1988 G1 Cox Plate winner Our Poetic Prince (NZ); Serheed sired the 2001 and 2002 G1 Cox Plate winner Northerly (Aus). The Royal Academy stallion Bel Esprit (Aus) sired the international champion sprinter Black Caviar (Aus); another Royal Academy stallion, Ihtiram (Ire), sired the international champion sprinter Miss Andretti (Aus).



Faugheen and Patrick Mullins jumping with Samcro (Jack Kennedy) during the "Matchbook Novice Chase" GR1 at Limerick | [Racingpost.com](https://www.racingpost.com)

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Nijinsky's greatest legacy, though, is less specific. Vincent O'Brien had been one of the world's most successful trainers since the 1950s, which is how he had come to be training for American tycoon Charles Engelhard (who was reputed to be the inspiration for Auric Goldfinger, the central character in Ian Fleming's James Bond novel and movie 'Goldfinger') in the first place. However, he is best remembered for the success which he enjoyed from Nijinsky onwards with sons of Northern Dancer (and, in turn, of Nijinsky) thus ensuring the worldwide dominance both of the Northern Dancer sire-line and of Coolmore Stud. Had Vincent O'Brien not stumbled upon the young Nijinsky in the Windfields paddocks in the summer of 1968, would he have invested so heavily in Northern Dancer's stock in the years that followed? Would Coolmore have gained the position of worldwide eminence which it now enjoys? Would Northern Dancer have become the breed-shaper that he has proved to be? Would Sadler's Wells and Galileo have even been born?

That's all academic. What we do know is that, 50 years on, the memory of Nijinsky's brilliance still burns brightly in the collective racing memory. Perhaps his greatest epitaph is the one which keeps coming from the lips of disgruntled punters who, believing that the jockey has given their beaten selection too much to do, still come out with the refrain, "What was he playing at? He must have thought he was on Nijinsky!" Compliments don't come any higher than that.

*HOOFNOTE:* There is no better way to savour the beauty and majesty of Nijinsky than by watching the documentary 'A Horse Called Nijinsky', memorably narrated by Orson Welles, which was made by Jo Durden-Smith to honour him at the end of his Triple Crown-winning season in 1970.

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**IN HONG KONG:**

**Private Secretary (GB)**, c, 3, **Kingman (GB)**--Intrigued (GB) (MSP-Eng), by Darshaan (GB). Happy Valley, 12-26, Hcp. (£208k/€243k), 1650mT, 1:39.82. B-Denford Stud Ltd. \*1/2 to Michelangelo (GB) (Galileo {Ire}), SW & G1SP-Eng, \$271,600. \*\*SW-Eng. **VIDEO**

# EUROPEAN NEWS

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## DUN DUN, DAM OF SAMCRO, DIES

Douglas Taylor's **Dun Dun (Ire)** (Saddler's Hall {Ire}--Frankly Native {Ire}, by Be My Native), the dam of the multiple Group 1-winning jumper Samcro (Ire) (Germany), has died, according to Taylor, who also bred Samcro. The 17-year-old mare is responsible for seven foals, her fourth being Samcro, winner of the Ballymore Novices' Hurdle and Deloitte Novice Hurdle. Samcro was bought by Gigginstown House Stud through trainer Gordon Elliott for £335,000 at the Goffs UK Aintree Sale in 2016 after making a winning debut for Taylor.

"Dun Dun has been a grand mare for us and we are sad to see her go," said Taylor. "We have one last filly foal out of her, a 4-year-old daughter of the young sire Jet Away."

Dun Dun, in foal to Jet Away when she died, is represented by her final live foal, Samcro's Sister (Ire) (Jet Away), who is in training with point-to-point trainer Cormac Farrell.

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**G1SW Samcro, out of Dun Dun (Ire) | Racing Post**

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## FIRST-SEASON SIRES WITH RUNNERS

**Friday, December 27:**



**Make Believe (GB)** | Ballylinch Stud

### UNITED KINGDOM

**Intrinsic (GB)** (Oasis Dream {GB}), Hedgeholme Stud  
 24 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners  
 14:25-WOLVERHAMPTON, 6f, GMASHA (GB)  
 £5,000 Tattersalls Ireland Ascot Sept. Yearling Sale 2018

**Make Believe (GB)** (Makfi {GB}), Ballylinch Stud  
 87 foals of racing age/16 winners/3 black-type winners  
 14:25-WOLVERHAMPTON, 6f, TRUE BELIEVER (Ire)  
 €150,000 Goffs Orby Yearling Sale 2018

### FRANCE

**Sidestep (Aus)** (Exceed And Excel {Aus}), Telemon Tbred  
 70 foals of racing age/9 winners/1 black-type winner  
 8-PAU, 2000m, ROBINSON (Fr)  
 €5,000 RNA Osarus September La Teste Yearling Sale 2018

## WORLDWIDE NEWS

### PRIVATE SECRETARY BOARDS THE DERBY TRAIN

by Alan Carasso

Trainer Tony Cruz told the Hong Kong Jockey Club's David Morgan that European import **Private Secretary (GB)** (Kingman {GB}) had all the makings of a Hong Kong Derby horse and the colt did little to suggest the legendary conditioner was wrong in

smoothly annexing his local debut Thursday evening at Happy Valley Racecourse. In landing the Class 2 Chai Wan Kok H. over 1650 metres, he was becoming the first winner from two Hong Kong runners for his very successful young sire. Debuting off a mark of 87 as a 10-1 chance, Private Secretary landed close to the speed from gate one and enjoyed the run of the race beneath Vincent Ho. Sent through an opening at the inside with about a furlong and a half to race, he sealed the deal with a strong kick and held a one-length verdict at the wire ([video](#)).

"I'm not surprised, I know he's got it," Cruz said. "Drawn one today, I was expecting good results. In the future he'll need further, he'll go up to 2000 metres--I think he's perfect for the Hong Kong Derby."

Bred and raced by Denford Stud and trained in Europe by John Gosden, Private Secretary won three on the trot last year, culminating with a neck defeat of the talented Spanish Mission (Noble Mission {GB}) in Goodwood's Listed Cocked Hat S. this past May. He was last seen finishing a well-beaten fourth behind Japan (GB) (Galileo {Ire}) and Bangkok (Ire) (Australia {GB}) in the G2 King Edward VII S. at Royal Ascot June 21. Private Secretary is one of 94 winners and 17 black-type winners from the first two crops to race by Kingman, who will stand the 2020 breeding season for a fee of £150,000 SLF.

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**Private Secretary makes a splash on Hong Kong debut** | HKJC photo

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## Leading Sires of 2YO by YTD Earnings

for stallions standing in Europe through Wednesday, Dec. 25.

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

Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	<b>Shamardal</b> (2002) by Giant's Causeway Crops: 12	4	6	3	5	3	3	26	10	<b>711,227</b> Pinatubo (IRE)	<b>1,473,874</b>
2	<b>Galileo (Ire)</b> (1998) by Sadler's Wells Crops: 15	5	12	4	9	1	4	67	22	<b>309,612</b> Love (IRE)	<b>1,221,809</b>
3	<b>No Nay Never</b> (2011) by Scat Daddy Crops: 2	6	10	4	6	--	3	69	29	<b>263,902</b> Arizona (IRE)	<b>1,115,550</b>
4	<b>Night of Thunder (Ire)</b> (2011) by Dubawi (Ire) Crops: 1	7	11	3	3	--	--	48	28	<b>138,589</b> Under The Stars (IRE)	<b>912,888</b>
5	<b>Siyouni (Fr)</b> (2007) by Pivotal (GB) Crops: 6	4	9	3	7	--	2	87	34	<b>124,427</b> Marieta (FR)	<b>885,807</b>
6	<b>Zoffany (Ire)</b> (2008) by Dansili (GB) Crops: 5	1	8	1	6	1	1	90	26	<b>286,720</b> Albigna (IRE)	<b>816,241</b>
7	<b>Footstepsinthesand (GB)</b> (2002) by Giant's Causeway Crops: 11	2	4	1	4	--	--	56	18	<b>260,542</b> Threat (IRE)	<b>710,898</b>
8	<b>Cable Bay (Ire)</b> (2011) by Invincible Spirit (Ire) Crops: 1	1	7	1	4	--	--	67	24	<b>148,560</b> King's Lynn (GB)	<b>703,964</b>
9	<b>Lope de Vega (Ire)</b> (2007) by Shamardal Crops: 6	4	6	3	5	--	--	75	28	<b>86,295</b> Lope Y Fernandez (IRE)	<b>658,232</b>
10	<b>Dandy Man (Ire)</b> (2003) by Mozart (Ire) Crops: 7	1	7	1	3	--	--	93	37	<b>65,092</b> Dr Simpson (FR)	<b>646,414</b>
11	<b>Wootton Bassett (GB)</b> (2008) by Iffraaj (GB) Crops: 5	2	7	--	3	--	--	50	19	<b>90,185</b> Helter Skelter (FR)	<b>640,065</b>
12	<b>Areion (Ger)</b> (1995) by Big Shuffle Crops: 16	2	4	2	3	1	1	12	7	<b>254,460</b> Alson (GER)	<b>606,214</b>
13	<b>Dark Angel (Ire)</b> (2005) by Acclamation (GB) Crops: 9	1	5	1	3	--	--	100	31	<b>49,279</b> Dark Lady (GB)	<b>581,392</b>
14	<b>Gleneagles (Ire)</b> (2012) by Galileo (Ire) Crops: 1	3	7	2	4	--	1	57	23	<b>105,872</b> Royal Dornoch (IRE)	<b>568,389</b>
15	<b>Kingman (GB)</b> (2011) by Invincible Spirit (Ire) Crops: 2	4	7	1	7	--	--	66	30	<b>68,168</b> Alligator Alley (GB)	<b>567,006</b>



## MAKYBE FILLY READY FOR MAGICS



**Lot 500, a daughter of Makybe Diva & Written Tycoon**

by *TDN AusNZ*

Makybe Diva's latest produce, a yearling filly by Written Tycoon, will sell as Lot 500 at the Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale. TDN AusNZ finds out more.

**TDN AusNZ: Why did you decide on Written Tycoon for Makybe?**

**Tony Santic, Breeder:** "We chose Written Tycoon for Makybe Diva that season as we wanted to see what an out and out speed horse would produce with her. She's been to a number of middle distance and staying stallions in the past. Stallions like Galileo, High Chaparral, Fusaichi Pegasus and more recently All Too Hard--all good stallions which have left her with bigger, later maturing types. This time we wanted to try a ripping Aussie sprinting sire that would leave the resulting foal without Danehill up-close in the pedigree, Written Tycoon fitted the bill perfectly."

**TDN AusNZ: What was the foaling down like?**

**Joe Murray, Makybe Stud Manager:** "All of Makybe's foalings leave us on tenderhooks so none of them are easy. That said, the mare came through it with a lot less worry and was back in foal again to Champion sire More Than Ready pretty soon after."

**TDN AusNZ: What was the horse like as a weanling?**

**Greg Griffin, Lime Country Stud Master:** "I was impressed with the filly when doing inspections during the winter months down in Victoria at Makybe. She was medium sized, short coupled, well sprung and got around the paddock in good style. She definitely looks like a filly and had a lovely pretty head to her as well."

**TDN AusNZ: How is the horse handling prep so far?**

**Greg Griffin, Lime Country Stud Master:** "We have been blessed with a very easy crop of yearlings this season – uncannily so. This filly is an absolute honey; tries hard, learns well and just puts her best foot forward every time. A great brain on her, observant and willing."

**TDN AusNZ: Does she have a nickname?**

**Jo Griffin, Lime Country Thoroughbreds:** "Just for fun we call her "#DivaFever". Never have we had a horse that so many people are interested in whenever we post anything on social media, it's been a real eye-opener as to how many people love and admire the mare."

**TDN AusNZ: What about particular traits/personality?**

**Lana Gleeson, Magic Millions Barn Manager:** "She does constantly swish her tail, almost non-stop when she's being hand walked. She's only medium sized but one of the fastest to keep up with on the lead, very big walk and uses her whole body to roll along."

### ***True Enough Takes Group 1***

True Enough (NZ) (Nom de Jeu {NZ}) was given a gun ride by James McDonald and the 6-year-old was good enough to capitalise on it in the G1 Cambridge Stud Zabeel Classic. He followed the pace and was into the clear 700 metres from home and the gelding finished resolutely to win for the ninth time in his 20-start career. Fiscal Fantasy (Skilled) finished powerfully near the fence for second and Beauden (NZ) (Bullbars) came from the tail of the field for third.



**Pedigree Notes:**

A half-brother to a pair of winners, True Enough is a son of Valda's Dream (NZ) (Sakura Seeking {USA}), who won one modest race. She is out of a half-sister to the G3 Cuddle S. winner Red Roulette (NZ) (Red Tempo {NZ}) and the family of the dual G1 winner Maurine (NZ) (Harbor Prince {USA}). She in turn is the dam of the multiple Group 2 winner Six O'Clock News (NZ) (Zabeel {NZ}), who was also a Group 1 placegetter.

**IN HONG KONG:**

**G Unit**, g, 3, **Danerich**--Jindga, by Keltrice. Happy Valley, 12-26, Hcp. (\$179k), 1000m, :57.28. B-Estate of the Late EGT Bateman (NSW). \*\$40,000 Ylg '18 INGMAR; \$50,000 2yo '18 INGRTR. **VIDEO**

**Winning Method**, g, 3, **Holy Roman Emperor (Ire)**--Out of Egypt (USA), by Red Ransom (USA). Happy Valley, 12-26, Hcp. (\$268k), 1200m, 1:09.49. B-J Cameron (NSW). \*Full to Rollout the Carpet, Ch. 2yo Filly & G1SW-NZ, NZ\$354,575. \*\*NZ\$160,000 Ylg '18 NZBJAN. **VIDEO**

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