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by *Christina Bossinakis*

Introduced to horses before she could even walk, Andie Biancone worked her way through the ranks before getting her first full-time job on the backstretch three years ago. However, what the 22-year-old may lack in longevity, she more than makes up for with commitment, a strong work ethic and unbridled enthusiasm for the game. Also standing firmly behind the aspiring trainer is her father, international horseman Patrick Biancone, who trained a slew of equine stalwarts, including consecutive G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe winners All Along and Sagace, in addition to dual Grade I-winner Lion Heart, runner-up in the 2004 GI Kentucky Derby.

The daughter of Elaine Biancone, a former Miss Hong Kong, Andie was three when she moved to Arcadia, California after her father relocated his international base of operation stateside. She began riding at age seven, and by 11, she was at the track every weekend morning, walking hots at her father's Santa Anita-based string before heading to the showgrounds to work off her riding lessons in the afternoons.

"I really appreciate that he never got me my own horse," said Biancone. "I think it taught me a very good work ethic."

According to Biancone, there were many lessons learned throughout those formative years, chief among them a lesson gleaned from an exchange between the then 14-year-old, who was struggling to master the finer points of riding, and her father.

"I just remember not being able to get anything right," she recalled. "I would always miss distances to jumps, and felt like I was messing everything up." **Cont. p3**

PENNSYLVANIA BREEDING PROGRAM CONTINUES TO GROW

By *Bill Finley*

Bucking a nationwide trend, the number of mares bred in Pennsylvania in 2019 was 686, an increase of 12.5% over 2018. It was the third straight year that the number of horses bred in Pennsylvania has increased.

Overall, the number of mares bred in 2019 in the U.S. declined by 3.5%.

The growing popularity of the Pennsylvania program is a direct result of the establishment of the Racehorse Development Fund Trust in 2017. The trust guaranteed that the government could no longer raid the Horse Racing Development Fund, which funneled slot machine revenues into a fund that supported breeding and racing in the state. In 2011, then Governor Tom Corbett began to take money from the fund and directed it to the state's general fund. **Cont. p5**

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GI Longines Breeders' Cup Distaff heroine Blue Prize (Arg) (Pure Prize), pictured in November, transitions into her role as a broodmare and will be bred to Into Mischief this year. | Laura Richard/Taylor Made

MAGIC WAND POINTING TO PEGASUS TURF

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Magic Wand (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) was invited to both the GI Pegasus World Cup and the GI Pegasus World Cup Turf, but is likely to run in the Turf, in which she finished second last term.

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She continued, "He said, 'Andie, why should your horse trust you if you don't trust your horse?' It just blew my mind. From that day on, those words have always stuck with me and I think by him teaching me that, that has helped me understand how to develop relationships with horses that go past just being a rider on a horse."

And while those lessons have proven invaluable, they weren't always easily come by.

"He's pretty hard to work for I have to say," she said of the Frenchman. "And, honestly, he treats me a little bit different than anybody else in a sense where he makes me work *harder*. He doesn't care that I'm a girl, he doesn't care that I'm his daughter. He treats me just the same as the boys, [and expects me to] ride the same horses as them."



Andie Biancone & SW Sole Volante | CBossinakis

A Labor of Love

After making the move to Florida, Biancone completed a 2-year Associates of Arts degree at Palm Beach State, while working as an assistant and later, an exercise rider, for her father's Florida-based operation. After attending the University of Florida last year, she decided to take some time off to focus on horses, and said she hopes to return to her studies as early as this fall.

"[Racing] is such a labor of love," Biancone said. "Why else would we work every single day, 365 days a year, Christmas, weekends, sometimes 12- or 15-hour days? It's nonstop. I think people don't often realize that it is the love that keeps it going.

You know, I wouldn't want to do anything else besides wake up at four o'clock in the morning and get on these horses. It's the best thing in the world." **Cont. p4**

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Among the horses that really struck a chord with Biancone since joining her father's operation is **Diamond Oops** (Lookin At Lucky). A two-time stakes winner at two, the bay spent most of his sophomore season on the sidelines due to injury. Victorious in Gulfstream's GIII Smile Sprint in his third start back last July, he subsequently finished runner-up in both the GI Alfred G. Vanderbilt H. and the GI Shadwell Turf Mile. Most recently, he won the Dec. 21 GIII Mr. Prospector S.

"[Diamond] Oops is the best thing that's ever happened to me. He really is," Biancone said with enthusiasm. "To have such a good relationship with them and they try so hard for you. You know what I mean? Just getting to be around him is so special. He means everything to me."



Andie Biancone & MGSW Diamond Oops | CBossinakis

Another horse that is quickly becoming one of Biancone's favorites is **Sole Volante** (Karakontie {Jpn}), purchased by her father for \$20,000 at OBS last April. Gifted a half interest as a birthday present by her father, the gelding, who is co-owned by Limelight Stables Corp., won his debut at Gulfstream Park West in October before taking the one-mile Pulpit S. at Gulfstream Nov. 30.

"I really didn't like him at first," Biancone admitted. "He was super nervous, but as soon as we gelded him, he has become a completely different horse. He went from this skinny, scrawny animal to where he's put on at least 150 pounds. He's so confident in himself now and he's realizing what he can do. It's the best thing ever to watch."

When asked about her thoughts on becoming a first-time horse owner, she said, "My dad tells me all the time that's why he wanted to include me in [the ownership of Sole Volante], so I could really learn the value of money in this business. And I've learned it goes quickly as well as what you have to invest to get in return. I understand that now, but it has been a little shocking. A necessary lesson though." **Cont. p5**

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Not without its challenges along the way, Biancone admits her maiden voyage into ownership has proven far more rewarding than initially anticipated.

"Honestly, it's been surreal," she said. "My dad and I sat down and we designed my silks together and it was really special. It's so special to be part of a horse like [Sole Volante] and to say I own him and to see my silks in a race. It's just such a wonderful thing to share with my family."

Having annexed both prior victories on the turf, the newly-turned sophomore finished third in the Jan. 4 Mucho Macho Man S. at Gulfstream. Expected to appreciate more distance, Sole Volante looks likely to tackle two turns next time.

She said, "Obviously, at this time of year, if you have a nice [3-year-old], and they take to the dirt, you've got to go [Kentucky] Derby dreaming, right?"

But, despite the risk of developing full-blown 'Derby Fever', Biancone admits her wish for 2020 is a little more pragmatic.

"I think to just win a race, any race, I would have the best time," she said. "It's just so special to see the horses grow up day in and day out. I think, to just be a part of any win is special, so it really wouldn't matter to me."

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Pennsylvania Breeding cont. from p1

That kicked off years of uncertainty in which Pennsylvania breeders scaled back, not knowing whether or not Pennsylvania's lucrative purses and breeder awards would still be available by the time the horses they had bred reached the racetrack.

"The main reason we are doing so well is the fact that people are confident that the Race Horse Development Fund will stay in tact," said Pennsylvania Horse Breeders Association Executive Secretary Brian Sanfratello, "After it was first put into place the state would threaten to use the money for areas other than racing. What we tried to do was to get legislation in that basically stated that this was not the state's money and that if the money was touched there would be penalties that had to be paid."

The legislation that protected racing's money does not have an expiration date and the penalties are substantial enough that the state will not come out ahead if raiding the fund again.

The results were immediate. There was a 15.1% boost to the Pennsylvania foal crop in 2017 and an 8.3% jump in 2018. This came after there was a 70% decline in the Pennsylvania foal crop from 2009 to 2016, when 529 mares were bred in the state. **Cont. p6**



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"What's going right in Pennsylvania? Everything," said Bob Hutt, the president of Uptowncharlybrown Stud LLC, which owns and stands Uptowncharlybrown. "The program is healthy and we got legislation to protect the funds for Pennsylvania breeders. It's just getting bigger and better."

In addition to the increase in the number of mares bred, Pennsylvania has been able to attract some quality stallions in recent years. Leading the list are Hoppertunity and Warrior's Reward, both of which took up residency in Pennsylvania at the start of the 2019 breeding season.

"On our side, we realized the breeding program would support another stallion and on their side of it in Kentucky, where he used to stand, they are blessed with so many stallions," said Donnie Brown, who stands Warrior's Reward at WynOaks Farm. "In Kentucky, it seems like people want the newest and most recent. In Pennsylvania, we were looking for something that was established. It worked for them and it worked for us."

The Pennsylvania breeding and racing program also includes some of the most lucrative bonuses in the sport. In conjunction with the Development Fund Trust, breeder awards were increased, with the maximum now set at 40% of the purse. That's what a breeder earns when a horse is by a Pennsylvania sire and was foaled in the state and picks up a check in open

company.

"The Pennsylvania program is very rewarding and can give you best chance to recover on your investment if you don't breed the next Derby or Breeders' Cup winner," Brown said. "In Pennsylvania, they give you a boost. People recognize that there's value here, whether you collect an owners' bonus or a breeders' bonus. It really helps. As we all know, this is an expensive game."

In 2019, Hoppertunity had 129 mares in his initial book, while Warrior's Reward had 115. Uptowncharlybrown, who stands at Diamond B Farm in Mohrsville, bred 73 mares. Another stallion to keep an eye on is Flashback, who also arrived in Pennsylvania last year and also stands at Diamond B Farm. He is the sire of GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies winner and likely Eclipse Award winner British Idiom.

"We are always trying to improve and trying to bring in new stallions," said Paul O'Loughlin, the bloodstock manager at Northview Stallion Station, which stands Hoppertunity. "Like with everyone else, you have to get the right stallion with the right star power to attract the breeders to bring their mares. We're fortunate that the boss man (Northview President, CEO Richard Golden) is willing to write the check to get the best available stallions. You need to get 80 or more mares to these young stallions for them to have a good shot." **Cont. p7**



Hoppertunity | *Sarah Andrew*

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Pennsylvania Breeding cont.

O'Loughlin continued, "In Pennsylvania, if you have the goods in a stallion you'll get that done. Hoppertunity bred 129 mares last year. He was easy for me. He sold himself. He was a very good race horse, was sound and made a lot of money. What we are seeing now is that a lot of out of state mares are coming in to be bred because of the program and are staying so the foal will be a Pennsylvania-bred."

With the 2020 breeding season right around the corner, Sanfratello is confident it will be another big year for the state's breeding industry. After years of uncertainty, there doesn't appear to be anything holding it back.

"People are more willing now to take a chance on a stallion in Pennsylvania," Sanfratello said. "They know the rewards are there and the Development Trust Fund guarantees that the money isn't going anywhere. These are great incentives to breed in Pennsylvania."

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MAGIC WAND LEANING TOWARD PEGASUS WORLD CUP TURF



Magic Wand lands the Mackinnon | Bronwen Healy

2019 GI Pegasus World Cup Turf bridesmaid **Magic Wand (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire})'s connections are leaning toward a start in the \$1-million 1 3/16-mile GI Pegasus World Cup Turf at Gulfstream Park Jan. 25, *Horse Racing Ireland* announced Tuesday. The Coolmore partners' bay 5-year-old also carries an entry in the \$3-million 1 1/8-mile GI Pegasus World Cup over the Hallandale main track, but her connections recently **purchased a half-share in MGI1SW Maximum Security (New Year's Day)** who is invited to the dirt race, but is likely skipping that event in favor of the G1 Saudi Cup.

"The plan is to send her to Gulfstream for the same race she ran second in last year," trainer Aidan O'Brien told *HRI*. "She's done plenty of traveling and has been very consistent." **Cont. p8**



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2	American Pharoah* (Ashford)	\$2,873,170
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1	Into Mischief (Spendthrift)	\$2,579,625
2	Candy Ride (Lane's End)	\$2,465,726
3	Scat Daddy (Ashford)	\$2,240,436

2017 Leading Sires of 2YO's

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

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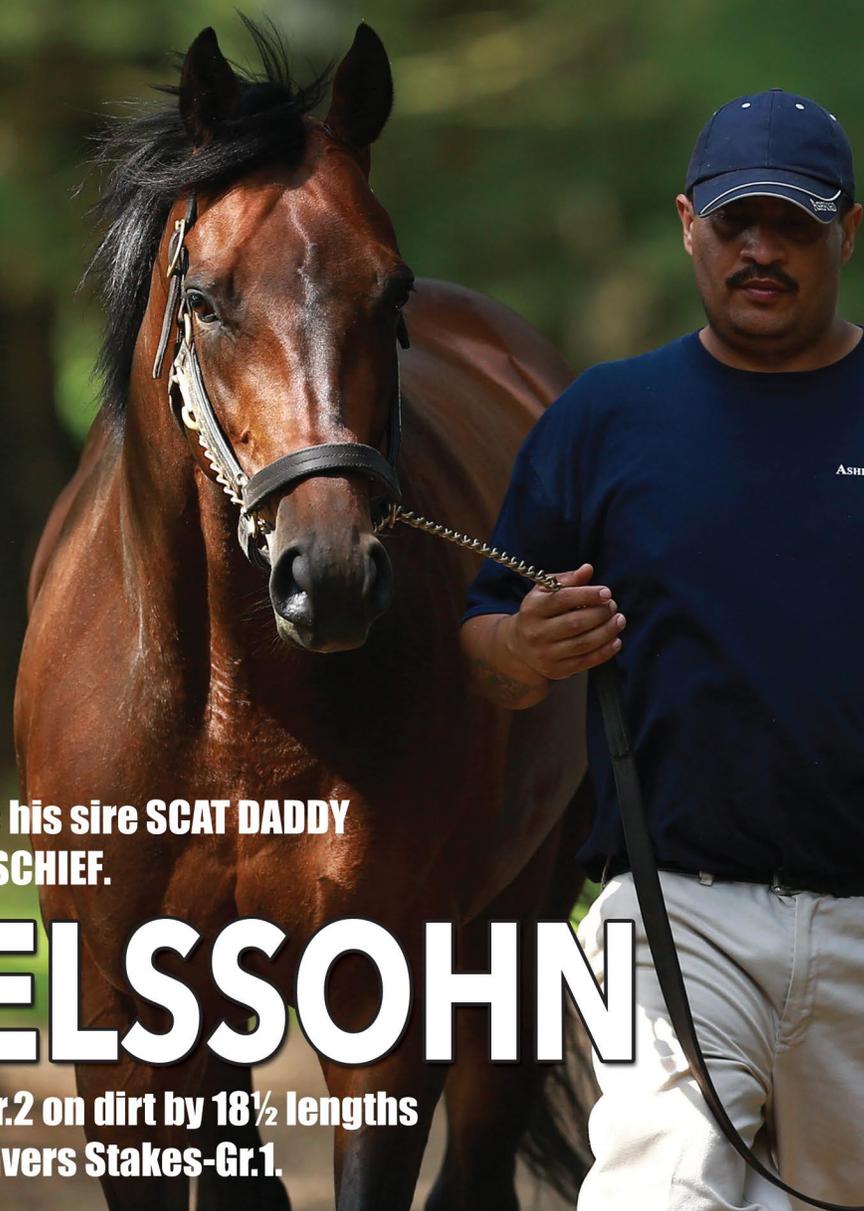
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2	Scat Daddy (Ashford)	\$3,533,391

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Magic Wand Leaning Toward Pegasus Turf cont.

A half-sister to the Classic heroine and Irish highweight Chicquita (Ire) (Montjeu {Ire}), Magic Wand kick started her 4-year-old season with a second in last year's Pegasus Turf to Eclipse Award candidate Bricks and Mortar (Giant's Causeway). She captured her first Group 1 after a busy campaign when taking the G1 Mackinnon S. just four days after running in the G1 Melbourne Cup Down Under in November. She was last seen running a nose second to Win Bright (Jpn) (Stay Gold {Jpn}) in the G1 Hong Kong Cup at Sha Tin Dec. 8, her 12th start of 2019.

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We are literally under siege from many directions, in large part due to our own collective inability to address the very real problems we face in terms of racetrack safety, medication issues, proper regulation, and mechanisms for the removal of the bad actors in the sport who do not put the welfare of the horses first and foremost. The vast majority of owners and breeders strongly support the passage of federal legislation to provide uniform medication rules and prohibit the use of performance-enhancing drugs. **Cont. p9**

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Acclaimed broadcasters Acacia Courtney, Britney Eurton, and Gabby Gaudet will jointly host the 49th Annual Eclipse Awards presented by *Daily Racing Form*, Breeders' Cup and The Stronach Group, Thursday, Jan. 23, the NTRA announced Tuesday.

The Eclipse Awards, which honors the 2019 champions of Thoroughbred racing, will be held for the eighth time at Gulfstream Park Racing & Casino in Hallandale Beach, Fla. This year will mark the first time the Eclipse Awards has had multiple emcees handling the hosting duties.

In addition to hosting, Eurton and Gaudet will also be honored as part of the TVG team that won the Live Racing Programming media Eclipse Award for its coverage of Pacific Classic Day Aug. 17, 2019, at the Del Mar Thoroughbred Club.

Jeannine Edwards, who enjoyed an award-winning 22-year career with ESPN and ABC, hosted the Eclipse Awards for the seventh time last year. Edwards was unable to take on emcee duties this year due to prior commitments.

Eclipse Awards tickets are available for \$425 each, or \$4,000 for a table of 10. Additional details can be found on the NTRA website at NTRA.com/eclipse-awards/ or by contacting Casey Hamilton at chamilton@ntra.com.

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KENTUCKY DERBY MUSEUM OFFERS NEW BOURBON AND BRIDLES TOUR

Kentucky Derby Museum is adding a splash of bourbon to a new tour coming to the Museum Jan. 23. The Bourbon and Bridles Tour includes tour of Churchill Downs, intertwining the history of bourbon and horse racing in Kentucky.

"Locals and out-of-towners are often looking to experience the same thing: horses and bourbon," said said Kentucky Derby Museum President & CEO, Patrick Armstrong. "Why not give them both in one location? The ties between bourbon and horse racing run together throughout Kentucky Derby history, and to us, is an obvious tour to offer guests."

The tour costs \$75 per person, and includes general admission to the Museum, a gift bag with Mint Julep syrup and recipe, Modjeska candy, a Derby glass, and more! This experience is offered every Thursday starting Jan. 23 at 2 p.m. and is limited to 10 guests, age 21 and older. For more details, click [here](#).

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LANE'S END TO HOST OPEN HOUSE NEXT WEEK

Lane's End will host an open house next week in conjunction with the Keeneland January Sale. The event will run Jan. 13 through Jan. 17 with stallions available for inspection from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. In addition to stalwarts like Candy Ride (Arg) and Quality Road, the farm's new addition for 2020 Catalina Cruiser will be available for viewing.

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In addition to honoring excellence in 17 equine and human categories this year, the 49th annual Eclipse Awards on Jan. 23 will pay tribute to those Thoroughbreds who have moved on to a second athletic career.

The National Thoroughbred Racing Association (NTRA) is inviting fans to participate in saluting Off-Track Thoroughbreds by submitting photos or videos of their OTTBs on Twitter and Facebook using the #NeverEclipsed hashtag. Selected submissions will be included in video montages to be played throughout the Eclipse Awards at Gulfstream Park Racing & Casino in tribute to the enduring legacy of the Thoroughbred race horse. The deadline for submissions is Jan. 17.

"For thousands of horses, their highest achievements came after they were retired," said Amy Zimmerman, who, along with Keeneland's G.D. Hieronymus, is co-producer of the Eclipse Awards broadcast. "This year, the Eclipse Awards salutes all of the Off-Track Thoroughbreds whose top accomplishments took place not on the track, but in their second careers in show rings, on trails or in backyard pastures with loving families. These horses never won an Eclipse Award, thus #NeverEclipsed, but remain some of the sport's bright and shining lights."

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A newly developed virtual reality experience that allows users to experience horse racing through the eyes of a jockey or harness driver is available to attendees of the Pennsylvania Farm Show. The 360-degree virtual reality experience--using real video filmed during actual Thoroughbred and harness races in Pennsylvania--allows individuals wearing a virtual reality headset to look left, right, and behind them as they race against other horses toward the finish line.

To complete the Thoroughbred racing experience, users can even experience the simulated virtual reality race while riding on an Equicizer, a mechanical horse that mimics the motion of a 1,200 pound horse galloping at top speed. In the coming months, the creators of the virtual reality experience plan to debut a specially created race bike that will mimic the feel of a harness race as well.

The virtual reality experience was created by the Pennsylvania Horse Racing Association as a way to allow more members of the public to experience the excitement of horse racing with the hope of enticing them to later visit one of Pennsylvania's six racetracks. After the Pennsylvania Farm Show, the PHRA plans to take the new virtual reality experience to fairs, festivals and other events throughout the state in 2020.

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2019 Leading Sires of 3-Year-Olds by Black-Type Horses

for stallions standing in North America

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Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	Into Mischief (2005) by Harlan's Holiday	8	21	2	11	1	3	122	79	1,052,425	7,781,140
	Crops: 8	Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY		Fee: \$175,000		Covfefe					
2	Scat Daddy (2004) by Johannesburg	12	19	5	10	1	5	118	63	380,000	5,323,823
	Crops: 8	Stands: Ashford Stud USA (Dead/Ret/Exp)		Divine Image							
3	Hard Spun (2004) by Danzig	6	16	5	7	3	3	85	53	1,140,660	6,149,473
	Crops: 9	Stands: Darley KY		Fee: \$40,000		Spun to Run					
4	Tapit (2001) by Pulpit	10	16	3	13	--	4	86	38	1,634,500	6,088,311
	Crops: 12	Stands: Gainesway Farm KY		Fee: \$200,000		Tacitus					
5	Curlin (2004) by Smart Strike	7	14	5	7	--	3	101	53	760,550	5,332,399
	Crops: 8	Stands: Hill 'n' Dale Farms KY		Fee: \$175,000		Lady Apple					
6	Medaglia d'Oro (1999) by El Prado (Ire)	4	13	2	7	1	1	72	30	793,260	3,337,835
	Crops: 12	Stands: Darley KY		Fee: \$200,000		Cambier Parc					
7	War Front (2002) by Danzig	8	12	4	8	2	2	62	27	1,624,000	5,044,219
	Crops: 10	Stands: Claiborne Farm KY		Fee: \$250,000		Omaha Beach					
8	Kitten's Joy (2001) by El Prado (Ire)	4	12	2	4	1	1	118	61	717,751	3,992,549
	Crops: 11	Stands: Hill 'n' Dale Farms KY		Fee: \$75,000		Henley's Joy					
9	Malibu Moon (1997) by A.P. Indy	5	12	1	6	1	1	89	52	365,260	2,746,164
	Crops: 17	Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY		Fee: \$60,000		Madras Check					
10	Quality Road (2006) by Elusive Quality	4	11	3	3	3	3	88	50	858,725	4,902,086
	Crops: 6	Stands: Lane's End Farm KY		Fee: \$200,000		Bellafina					
11	Take Charge Indy (2009) by A.P. Indy	5	10	1	3	--	1	78	55	597,584	4,178,663
	Crops: 3	Stands: WinStar Farm KY		Fee: \$17,500		Long Range Toddy					
12	Twirling Candy (2007) by Candy Ride (Arg)	5	10	1	2	1	1	86	49	1,041,900	4,061,633
	Crops: 5	Stands: Lane's End Farm KY		Fee: \$40,000		Concrete Rose					
13	Cairo Prince (2011) by Pioneerof the Nile	4	10	2	4	--	--	96	53	628,373	3,728,758
	Crops: 2	Stands: Airdrie Stud KY		Fee: \$25,000		Mont Perdu					
14	Street Sense (2004) by Street Cry (Ire)	4	10	1	4	--	1	73	48	281,575	3,109,472
	Crops: 9	Stands: Darley KY		Fee: \$75,000		Champagne Anyone					
15	Candy Ride (Arg) (1999) by Ride the Rails	6	9	4	6	--	2	76	42	637,600	4,840,464
	Crops: 12	Stands: Lane's End Farm KY		Fee: \$100,000		Vekoma					

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IN JAPAN:

American Face, c, 3, **Tapit**. See *US-Bred & Sired Winners in Japan*.



Sunday's Results:

3rd-NKY, ¥9,680,000 (\$9,266), Maiden, 3yo, 1800m, 1:55.8, gd.

AMERICAN FACE (c, 3, Tapit--Screen Goddess, by Giant's Causeway), a \$450,000 Keeneland September purchase, was fourth and beaten just under five lengths on his debut going a mile in the slop at Tokyo Oct. 19. Stretching out a bit and trying two turns here as the even-money favorite, the blaze-faced chestnut was off only fairly, but gradually worked his way up to be third, albeit a touch deep, heading into the first turn. Stalking quietly from that position through the middle stages, American Face was sent into the lead with 400 meters to race and repelled a final-furlong challenge from second choice Lunar Eclipse (Jpn) (Eskendereya) to score by 3/4 of a length. It was another seven lengths back to the third-place finisher. American Face's dam is a winning half-sister to this breeder's GISW Star Billing

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(Dynaformer). The colt's MGSP third dam To the Hunt (Relaunch) produced Stellar Jayne (Wild Rush), who upset Ashado (Saint Ballado) in the 2004 GI Mother Goose S. and added that year's GI Gazelle H. before selling to Godolphin for \$3.6 million at KEENOV. To the Hunt is also the dam of Krikorian's MGISW Starrer (Dynaformer). Screen Goddess is the dam of the 2-year-old colt New York Minute (Empire Maker) and was most recently bred to Union Rags. Owner Katsumi Yoshizawa campaigns 2019 Japan Road to the Kentucky Derby winner Master Fencer (Jpn) (Just a Way {Jpn}) and was also represented over the weekend by American Seed (Tapit), who was second in a 2000-meter turf allowance Sunday at Kyoto. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$57,407.

O-Katsumi Yoshizawa; B-George Krikorian (KY); T-Hirofumi Toda.

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2-Tampa Bay Downs, Aoc 1mT, MATTY'S EXPRESS, 10-1

Competitive Edge (Super Saver), Ashford Stud, \$12,500
155 foals of racing age/26 winners/4 black-type winners
8-Charles Town, Aoc 6 1/2f, OWNER'S SUITE, 8-1
\$5,000 RNA KEE NOV wnl; \$14,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; \$25,000
KEE APR 2yo

Constitution (Tapit), WinStar Farm, \$40,000
233 foals of racing age/29 winners/5 black-type winners
4-Mahoning Valley, Msw 5 1/2f, BLESSINGSOFLIBERTY, 15-1
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Khozan (Distorted Humor), Journeyman Stud, \$8,500
 130 foals of racing age/19 winners/2 black-type winners
 2-Tampa Bay Downs, Aoc 1mT, ME AND MR. C, 2-1
 \$50,000 RNA OBS MAR 2yo

Race Day (Tapit), Spendthrift Farm, \$7,500
 145 foals of racing age/18 winners/4 black-type winners
 8-Charles Town, Aoc 6 1/2f, ULTIMATE JUSTICE, 6-1
 \$20,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; \$16,000 EAS MAY 2yo

Sky Kingdom (Empire Maker), Darby Dan Farm, \$5,000
 79 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners
 4-Mahoning Valley, Msw 5 1/2f, CAPTAIN ANNE, 20-1



ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

8th-Parx Racing, \$50,430, 1-7, (NW1X), 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12.21, ft.

STONESINTHEROAD (f, 4, Bustin Stones--Dixie Talent, by Dixie Union) Lifetime Record: SW, 10-4-1-1, \$187,100. O/B-Team Penney Racing (NY); T-Jeremiah C. Englehart.

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4th-Mahoning Valley, \$32,700, (S), 1-7, (NW2X), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:13.44, gd.

DON'T TEXT N DRIVE (g, 5, Stephen Got Even--Gaspar Lady, by Smart Strike) Lifetime Record: 13-3-1-2, \$78,409. O-Tiffany Raimonde; B-Tiffany & Brian Raimonde (OH); T-Penny Rone.
 *Full to Diavolletto, MSW, \$289,018.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Denny M, g, 3, Music City--Woodys Night Watch, by Mondavi. Mahoning Valley, 1-7, (S), 6f, 1:13.21. B-Richard L. Alderson (OH).

Split My Britches, g, 5, Much the Best--Brieforboxers, by Brief Ruckus. Mahoning Valley, 1-7, (S), 6f, 1:15.19. B-Rachael M Maddox (OH).



BUSTIN STONES, Stonesintheroad, f, 4, o/o Dixie Talent, by Dixie Union. ALW, 1-7, Parx Racing

MUCH THE BEST, Split My Britches, g, 5, o/o Brieforboxers, by Brief Ruckus. MSW, 1-7, Mahoning Valley

MUSIC CITY, Denny M, g, 3, o/o Woodys Night Watch, by Mondavi. MSW, 1-7, Mahoning Valley

STEPHEN GOT EVEN, Don't Text N Drive, g, 5, o/o Gaspar Lady, by Smart Strike. ALW, 1-7, Mahoning Valley

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY...

January 11, 1950...Five-year-old Citation returned after more than a year off to win an allowance race at Santa Anita. Sidelined after taking his 15th straight race, the Tanforan H. December 11, 1948, he claimed his 16th in a row at odds of 3-20 by a length and a half.

January 14, 1932...Jockey Eddie Arcaro rode his first career winner at Agua Caliente.

January 14, 1953...Pimlico's Preakness S., originally slated for May 16, was put back to May 23, allowing a three-week layover after the Kentucky Derby for the first time.

January 14, 1989...Jockey Kent Desormeaux scored his 1,000th career win in the 10th race at Laurel Racecourse, aboard Eesee's Taw, in the Francis Scott Key H.

January 15, 1932...Australian champion Phar Lap arrived in San Francisco. He was shipped by steamship to the U.S., en route to Agua Caliente in Mexico, where he was to make his North American racing debut in the March 20 Agua Caliente H., then the continent's richest race.

January 15, 1969...Barbara Jo Rubin was named to ride in a race at Tropical Park. Thirteen male riders subsequently boycotted the race rather than compete against a female, and were fined \$100 each.

January 19, 1918...Pan Zareta, nicknamed "Queen of the Turf," dies of pneumonia in her stall at Fair Grounds and is buried in the track's infield.

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VALUE SIRES: FIRST YEARLINGS



Seven-time Group 1 winner Highland Reel | Coolmore

By Kelsey Riley

In this third edition of the *TDN's* Value Sires series, we examine stallions with their first yearlings in 2020.

One fact that stands out when glancing down this list is that, when these young men actually get a racetrack examination in 2021, 2022 and beyond, Galileo's already lofty status as a sire of sires has a real shot to take off into a different stratosphere. Of the top 10 first-season sires by average at last year's foal sales, five were sons of Galileo, and they are all high-class Group 1 winners with pages to back them up: Churchill (Ire), Decorated Knight (GB), Ulysses (Ire), Mondialiste (Ire) and Highland Reel (Ire).

Gleneagles (Ire) made a strong showing among last year's first-season sires, winding up third by prizemoney and posting three stakes winners, and Churchill and Decorated Knight are bred on the same Galileo over Storm Cat cross. **Churchill** shared top billing with Caravaggio (Ire) (Scat Daddy) and Almanzor (Fr) (Wootton Bassett {GB}) two years ago when this group retired to stud, starting out at €35,000, and his 14 foals sold last year returned a class-topping average of £97,167/€114,333 (2.8x his opening fee) and a median of £83,548/€98,299 (2.4x).

Churchill was precocious enough to win the Listed Chesham S. at Royal Ascot, good enough to then take the G3 Tyros S., G2 Futurity S., G1 National S. and G1 Dewhurst S., and strong enough to train on at three for victories in the G1 2000 Guineas and G1 Irish 2000 Guineas. [Cont. p2](#)

LAURENS TO VISIT INVINCIBLE SPIRIT

John Dance's MG1SW **Laurens (Fr)** (Siyouni {Fr}), a six-time Group 1 winner, will visit the court of Invincible Spirit (Ire) (Green Dancer) in 2020, Salcey Forest Stud announced via Twitter Tuesday morning. The Karl Burke trainee, who captured the G1 Fillies' Mile at two, the G1 Prix Saint-Alary, G1 Prix de Diane, G1 Matron S. and G1 Sun Chariot S. at three and the 2019 G1 Prix Rothschild, was originally due to be covered by **Coolmore Stud's No Nay Never (Scat Daddy)**.

"Off she goes... our queen," tweeted the Warwickshire-based stud where the 5-year-old mare is boarded. "The Dance Thoroughbreds star makes her journey over to Ireland to the Irish National Stud to visit Invincible Spirit (Ire)."

The Irish National Stud stalwart, who turned 23 this year, stands for €100,000.

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His dam, the G2 Queen Mary second Meow (Ire), is turning into an excellent broodmare, having also left the G1 Cheveley Park S. winner Clemmie (Ire) and the Group 3-winning Blenheim Palace (Ire). Meow is herself out of the speedy Airwave (GB) (Air Express {Ire}), herself also the winner of the G1 Cheveley Park S. and a half-sister to the G1 Nunthorpe S. winner Jwala (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}). Churchill takes a small fee cut to €30,000 this year.

Breeders who use **Decorated Knight** at the Irish National Stud in his early years can take comfort in the fact that the triple Group 1 winner's co-breeder Imad Al Sagar has heavily supported the horse with his high-class broodmare band and has pledged to continue to do so.

It is plain to see why Al Sagar is so confident his stallion will succeed. While he didn't hit his best stride until five, he stayed there long enough to win the G1 Jebel Hatta, G1 Tattersalls Gold Cup and G1 Irish Champion S. Just as significantly, he is out of Mariah's Storm's daughter Pearling (Storm Cat), which means he has two important sires under his second dam: the champion sire Giant's Causeway and the aforementioned Gleneagles. Available the last two seasons for €15,000 and €12,000, Decorated Knight is down to €9,000—a big package for not a lot of money. And buyers seemed to like his foals this year: his seven sold averaged £54,509/€64,121 (3.6x his opening fee).



Decorated Knight | *Caroline Norris*

Standing alongside Churchill at Coolmore is **Highland Reel**, who was one of the busier sires at the foal sales last year with 36 offered and 31 sold for an average of £30,416/€35,785 and a median of £21,057/€24,775. The globetrotting Group 1 winner started out at €17,500 and is down to €12,500 this year. **Cont. p3**

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Value Sires: First Yearlings Cont.

Highland Reel is best known for winning seven Group 1s in three countries from the ages of three through five, but commercial breeders will also be delighted to remember that he won two of three starts at two, including the G2 Vintage S. in July. Highland Reel is beautifully bred, being out of the Australian Classic-placed Hveger (Aus) (Danehill) and a full-brother to Group 1 winner Cape of Good Hope (Ire) and triple group winner and Classic-placed Idaho (Ire) as well as a half to Australian Classic-placed Valdemoro (Aus) (Encosta de Lago {Aus}). Hveger herself is a sister to sires Elvstroem (Aus) (Danehill) and Haradasun (Aus) (Fusaichi Pegasus).

Ulysses started out at £30,000 at Cheveley Park Stud, and that initial fee is halved to £15,000 for 2020. Ulysses was at his best at four, winning the G1 Coral-Eclipse and G1 Juddmonte International, and he rounded out his career with a third in the 2017 G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe and retired with an official rating of 126. Ulysses is bred similarly to successful young sire Camelot (GB), being by a son of Sadler's Wells and out of a Kingmambo mare, and that mare is Light Shift, the 2007 G1 Oaks winner. Hers is a deep family which also includes Group/Grade 1 winners like Shiva (Jpn) (Hector Protector), Main Sequence (Aldebaran) and Cloth of Stars (Ire) (Sea The Stars {Ire}). Ulysses's third dam is the G1 Prix de Diane and G1 Prix Vermeille winner Northern Trick (Northern Dancer). His 18 foals sold last year averaged £51,722/€60,842.

Topping this group in terms of overall return on investment at the foal sales last year was Galileo's fifth son on the list, the G1 Woodbine Mile and G1 Arlington Million winner **Mondialiste** whose foals averaged 5.7x his £6,000 covering fee (£34,027/40,034). His median (£31,524/€37,091) was 5.3x his fee. [Cont. p4](#)



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Value Sires: First Yearlings Cont.

It is noteworthy that he had just five foals offered and four sold, but all cleared the stud fee and they sold for up to 60,000gns and €50,000. Mondialiste, who stands at Elwick Stud, was a late bloomer, breaking his maiden in May of his 4-year-old season while trained in France by Freddy Head, but he gained momentum when transferred to David O'Meara and in the summer of his 5-year-old campaign he reeled off three straight stakes wins culminating in the Woodbine Mile before finishing second to Tepin (Bernstein) in the GI Breeders' Cup Mile. Mondialiste once again crossed the Atlantic to win the Arlington Million at six. The bay is stoutly bred, being out of the dual Group 1-winning sprinter Occupandiste (Ire) (Kaldoun {Fr}), a half-sister to the dam of G1 Prix du Jockey Club winner and promising young sire Intello (Ger) (Galileo {Ire}). The third dam is the excellent producer Elle Seule (Exclusive Native) who, in addition to leaving the likes of G1 1000 Guineas winner Mehthaaf (Nureyev) and G1 July Cup victor Elnadim (Danzig), is out of the great producer Fall Aspen. Mondialiste will struggle against his small numbers—he covered 117 mares combined his first two seasons—but he packs a big punch for a four-figure fee, and foal buyers took notice.

Caravaggio was the busiest of this crop in his debut season in 2018, covering 217 mares at Coolmore, and 142 visited him last year. Caravaggio checked in second to Churchill on average at the foal sales, his 31 sold averaging £95,421/€112,287 (2.7x his fee). Coolmore rolled the dice and put up the fee of another son of Scat Daddy, No Nay Never, just before his first runners hit the track based on his yearling sale popularity, and Caravaggio likewise gets a small fee hike to €40,000 this year; he is the only member of the crop to receive a raise. Caravaggio is, like No Nay Never, an outcross to Galileo and a source of classy speed.

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An unbeaten winner of the G1 Phoenix S. at two, he beat champion sprinters Harry Angel (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}) and Blue Point (Ire) (Shamardal) in the G1 Commonwealth Cup at three.

Almanzor, the 2016 European champion 3-year-old, was a major coup for French breeders when he returned to his birthplace at Haras d’Etreham to stand at stud, and his first foals were highly sought after at Goffs, Tattersalls and Arqana. He wrapped up the year with 14 sold for an average of £88,154/€103,727 (2.5x his €35,000 fee) and a median of £80,770/€95,031 (2.3x his fee). Almanzor won three of his four starts at two and five of six at three, reeling off victories in the G1 Prix du Jockey Club, G2 Prix Guillaume d’Ornano, G1 Irish Champion S. and G1 Champion S. He retired with an official rating of 129.

Buyers at the foal sales also took notice of the stock of Darley’s **Postponed (Ire)** (Dubawi {Ire}). Perhaps helped by the lightning-fast start of another son of Dubawi on the same roster, Night of Thunder (Ire), Postponed’s 11 foals sold averaged £63,709/€74,942–3.2x his stud fee and fourth by average among his intake, with colts sold for 280,000gns and 150,000gns at Tattersalls. Postponed won the G2 Great Voltigeur S. at three and, after causing a mild upset to win the G1 King George VI and Queen Elizabeth S. the following year, justified that performance with wins in the G2 Prix Foy, G2 Dubai City of Gold, G1 Dubai Sheema Classic, G1 Coronation Cup and G1 Juddmonte International and earned ratings of 124 for his final four starts. He gets a boost from his family, being a grandson of the G1 Moyglare Stud S. winner and stakes producer Bianca Nera (GB) (Salse) and half-brother to Group 1 winner God Given (GB) (Nathaniel {Ire}). Postponed is down to £10,000 at Dalham Hall Stud—half his opening fee—but will admittedly have some work to do even if he gets off to a strong start, having covered just 40 mares last year.



Almanzor | Zuzanna Lupa



Ribchester | Scoop Dyga

Darley debuted a pair of Group 1 winners at Kildangan Stud in 2018, **Profitable (Ire)** (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) and Ribchester (Ire) (Iffraaj {GB}). The former lived up to his name at the foal sales, his 46 selling averaging £32,605/€38,361–2.7x his €12,000 stud fee—with a median of £26,937/€31,693: 2.2x his fee. Profitable is by the right sire in Invincible Spirit, and covered 182 mares in his opening season and 142 last year. Profitable was regarded highly enough to contest the G1 Commonwealth Cup at three, finishing fifth, but it was the following year that he really shone, returning to Royal Ascot to win the G1 King’s Stand S.

Ribchester comes from the same family as Mondialiste, his fourth dam being the blue hen Elle Seule, and those potent genes shone through when he broke his maiden in the G2 Mill Reef S. at two and progressed to win four Group 1s going a mile at three and four. **Cont. p6**

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Ribchester was both tough and consistent, earning ratings of 125 for his wins in the G1 Queen Anne S. (in which he set a track record) and G1 Sussex S. and for his second in the G1 Queen Elizabeth II S. Ribchester covered 295 mares in his first two seasons and his 32 foals sold last year averaged £48,865/€57,481. He is down to €20,000 this year from an opening fee of €30,000.

Aclaim (Ire) (Acclamation {GB}), the G1 Prix de la Foret winner from the family of Montjeu (Ire), retired to the National Stud in 2018 for €12,500 and now stands for the second straight year for €9,500. The winner of his lone start at two, Aclaim won the G2 Challenge S. at three and followed up at four with victories in the G2 Park S. and the Foret over seven furlongs.

His is the family of not only Montjeu but also the dual Group 1-winning sprinter Goldream (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}) and Classic winners Galileo Gold (GB) (Paco Boy {Ire}) and Again (Ire) (Daneshill Dancer {Ire}). His 26 first-crop foals sold averaged £28,124/€33,088.

Starting out alongside Aclaim at the National Stud was **Time Test (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}), a four-time group winner from a mile to 2000 metres. He was similarly popular at the foal sales, his average for 19 sold winding up at £24,269/€28,553 (2.9x his £8,500 fee) and his median £19,585/€23,049 (2.3x his fee). Time Test is out of the G1 Criterium de Saint-Cloud winner Passage of Time (GB) (Dansili {GB}), herself a half-sister to the G1 Falmouth S. winner Timepiece (GB) (Zamindar) and from the family of champion older horse and sire Twice Over (GB) (Observatory). Time Test stays at £8,500.

National Defense (GB) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) joined his sire at the Irish National Stud after clinching French champion 2-year-old honours with a victory in the 2016 G1 Jean-Luc Lagardere. National Defense is out of a Kingmambo mare from a class

female family choc full of stakes winners. He is standing for €8,000 for the second consecutive year after opening at €12,000, and his nine foals sold last year averaged £19,081/€22,450.

Also at €8,000—the fee he has held since being imported by Yeomanstown Stud in 2018—is **El Kabeir**. The O’Callaghan family looked to ride the wave of popularity of Scat Daddy and that appears to have worked out well, with the multiple graded stakes-winning 2- and 3-year-old having covered 236 mares in his first two years at stud. El Kabeir broke his maiden at Saratoga at two before taking the 1700-metre GII Kentucky Jockey Club S. at season’s end, and at three he won a pair of GI Kentucky Derby preps over that same trip: the GIII Jerome S. and GIII Gotham S. His 35 foals sold last year averaged £16,610/€19,550; 2.1x his fee.

Tally-Ho Stud’s **Cotai Glory (GB)** (Exceed and Excel {Aus}) was another that was well received by the market last year, his 34 foals averaging £14,223/€16,739, 2.4x his opening fee of €6,000. He is once again available for €5,000. Cotai Glory won the G3 Molecomb S. at two and added the G3 Dubai International Airport World Trophy S. over five furlongs at four over Group 1 winner Alpha Delphini, and competed consistently in top sprints from two to five. Breeders sent him 180 mares in year one and followed up with 118 last year, and he should be helped by the fact that he’s by Exceed and Excel, whose stock only continues to rise, and—like No Nay Never—he is out of an Elusive Quality mare.

Also debuting at Tally-Ho in 2018 was **Galileo Gold (Ire)** (Paco Boy {Ire}), the G2 Vintage S., G1 2000 Guineas and G1 St James’s Palace S. winner. Despite not winning again after the Guineas the chestnut would go on to acquit himself well against elders, notching his two highest ratings—123 and 122—in defeat in the G1 Sussex S. and G1 Queen Elizabeth II S. [Cont. p7](#)



El Kabeir | Yeomanstown Stud



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Value Sires: First Yearlings Cont.

At €7,500, Galileo Gold is down to half his opening fee, and he served 93 mares last year after covering 140 in his debut season. His 27 foals sold averaged £14,096/€16,592.

Ardad (GB) (Kodiak {GB}) remains at £6,500 at Overbury Stud after covering 132 and 77 mares in his first two seasons. Ardad is speed on speed, being by Kodiak out of a half-sister to G1 Prix de l'Abbaye winner Maarek (GB) (Pivotal {GB}), and that profile transferred to the racecourse, where he won Royal Ascot's Listed Windsor Castle S. and the G2 Flying Childers S. His 24 foals sold last year averaged £9,674/€11,385.

Riding the momentum of its champion French sire, the internationally accomplished Siyouni (Fr), the Aga Khan's Haras de Bonneval now looks to establish **Zarak (Fr)** (Dubawi {Ire}), the Group 1-winning son of the great G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe winner Zarkava (Ire). Zarak has maintained his €12,000 fee through his first three years, and his chances are given a major boost by the fact that he has covered some quality mares from his breeder's own broodmare band, like the Group 1-winning Shareta (Ire) and sisters to Charm Spirit (Ire) and Laurens (Fr).

Montfort et Preaux offers a son of Galileo (Ire) in The Queen's G3 Acomb S. winner **Recorder (GB)**, a son of the G2 Cherry Hinton S. and G3 Albany S. winner Memory (Ire) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}). Recorder has quality across his page, being a brother to group/graded winners Call To Mind (GB) (Galileo {Ire}) and Learn By Heart (GB) (Frankel {GB}), and his second and third dams are by Diesis (GB) and Blushing Groom (Fr). Recorder has covered about 250 mares in his first two seasons, with The Queen sending 10 each year. He is down to €5,000 from €6,000 this year.

Haras de la Huderie's **Birchwood (Ire)** (Dark Angel {Ire}), winner of the G2 Superlative S. at two and a listed winner at three for Godolphin, had a filly and a colt each sell for €20,000

and €15,000 last year off a €5,000 stud fee. Also in France, Haras du Logis offers the 2015 unbeaten French champion 2-year-old **Ultra (Ire)** (Manduro {Ger}) for €7,000. And if you're looking for a lot of racehorse for not a ton of money, Haras du Petit Tellier stands **The Grey Gatsby (Ire)** (Mastercraftsman {Ire}) for €7,000. The Grey Gatsby was dual group-placed at two, won the G1 Prix du Jockey Club and the G1 Irish Champion S. at three and placed in five additional Group 1s through the end of his 4-year-old campaign. He is Mastercraftsman's highest-rated son and on three occasions earned ratings of 126-plus.

Sheikh Joaan's Haras de Bouquetot had a busy time in 2018 debuting four new Group 1-winning sires: Al Wukair (Ire) (Dream Ahead), Ectot (GB) (Hurricane Run {Ire}), Zelzal (Fr) (Sea The Stars {Ire}) and Brametot (Fr) (Rajsaman {Fr}).

Al Wukair was an unbeaten listed winner at two who was third behind Churchill in the G1 2000 Guineas and won the G1 Prix Jacques le Marois later that summer. He is out of the Machiavellian mare Macheera (Ire), who is herself a daughter of the G1 Prix de Diane winner Caerlina (Ire) (Caerleon). Al Wukair's nine foals sold last year averaged £13,879/€16,330.

Zelzal didn't race at two, but the only true blemish on his record at three came in the G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains. Otherwise, he won by six lengths at first asking, took the G3 Prix Paul de Moussac and the G1 Prix Jean Prat and was third against older horses in the G1 Prix du Moulin de Longchamp. Zelzal is out of a Kingmambo mare and is a half-brother to Group 3 winner Ibiza (Fr) (Redoute's Choice {Aus}).

Both Al Wukair and Zelzal are down to €7,000 for 2020 after standing their first two seasons for €8,000. **Ectot**, meanwhile, remains at €5,000. The half-brother to G1 St James's Palace S. winner Most Improved (Ire) (Lawman {Fr}) won four of his five starts at two culminating in the G1 Criterium International going a mile. **Cont. p8**



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He took the G2 Prix Neil over 2400 metres at three, and when transferring to trainer Todd Pletcher in the U.S. at six, beat Flintshire by five lengths in the GI Joe Hirsch Turf Classic. The dual Classic-winning **Brametot** has moved on to Gestut Ebbesloh in Germany, where he will stand for €6,000.

Value Sires Podium

Gold - Highland Reel (€12,500): a good 2-year-old by Galileo that trained on to win seven Group 1s.

Silver - Postponed (€10,000): a top-class son of Dubawi down to half his opening fee.

Bronze - Cotai Glory (€5,000): a precocious 2-year-old that trained on from stout genes and the stud that brought you Kodiak.

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EUROPEAN NEWS

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SILVERWAVE TO STAND AT HARAS DE LA CROIX-SONNET

G1SW **Silverwave (Fr)** (Silver Frost {Ire}–Miss Bio {Fr}, by River Mist), who won the G1 Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud in 2016, will stand at Haras de la Croix-Sonnet for €2,500 in his first season, *Jour de Galop* reported. Also a winner of the G2 Prix Foy, G2 Grand Prix de Chantilly and G3 Prix la Force, the half-brother to French highweight and Group 1 winner Stormy River (Fr) (Verglas {Ire}) placed in four other Group 1s and retired with a mark of 34-10-4-4 and \$966,364 in earnings.

Raced in the final stage of his career by Martin S. Schwartz Racing, he brought €105,000 at the recent Arqana December Breeding Stock Sale where he was picked up by George Mullins. His breeding career will be managed by Guy Petit on behalf of a breeding syndicate. Silverwave will be available for viewing during the Jan. 18-19 Route des Etalons in Normandy, France.

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U S NAVY FLAG SIRES HIS FIRST FOAL

English/Irish highweight **U S Navy Flag** (War Front–Misty For Me {Ire}, by Galileo {Ire}) sired his first foal, a filly born on Jan. 2, Coolmore announced on Tuesday. The bay is the first foal out of Far Fetched (Ire), a Fastnet Rock (Aus) half-sister to SW & GSP Arya Tara (Ire) (Dylan Thomas {Ire}). This is the extended family of champion Azamour (Ire) (Night Shift) and MG1SW The Autumn Sun (Aus) (Redoute’s Choice {Aus}) and G1 Prix Ganay hero Astarabad (Alleged).

“[She] is a smashing filly with a lovely head and she is very much in the mould of her sire,” said trainer Aidan O’Brien who bred the filly with his wife Annemarie. “It’s great to have such a good foal out of a maiden mare.”

U S Navy Flag won the G1 Middle Park S. and G1 Dewhurst S. at two, before adding the G1 July Cup as a sophomore.

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U S Navy Flag filly out of Far Fetched was born on Jan. 2. | Coolmore

BRITAIN

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Palazzo (GB), g, 4, **Morpheus (GB)**--Sweet Power (GB), by Pivotal (GB). Southwell, 1-7, 8f 13y (AWT), 1:44.46. B-Dachel Stud (GB). *£9,000 Ylg '17 GOUKSI; £16,000 2yo '18 GOFBRE.

FINALISTS ANNOUNCED FOR BRITISH GSSSA

Finalists for the British Godolphin Stud and Stable Staff Awards were revealed on Tuesday. Of the 203 original nominations, 10 in each of the six award categories were shortlisted in December. All of the finalists will be interviewed by the judges in London on Feb. 24, with the awards held later that day at The Underglobe on London's South Bank. The awards will be hosted by ITV's Ed Chamberlin. The three finalists in each category are as follows:

David Nicholson Newcomer

- Charlotte Cotgrave – Mark Johnston
- Bradley Harris – Andrew Balding
- Kevin Skelton – Bryan Smart

Leadership

- Leanne Kershaw – Jedd O'Keeffe
- Mat Nicholls – Kim Bailey
- James Savage – Michael Stoute

Rider/Groom

- Hayley Ashcroft – Tom Dascombe
- Shoab Patel – Stuart Williams
- Kate McCormack – Paul Nicholls

Stud Staff

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- Keith Warburton – Shade Oak

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- Eleanor Boden – Scottish Racing
- Rachel (Chicky) Oaksey – Injured Jockeys Fund
- Simone Sear – Racing Welfare

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FRANCE

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Rock Chop (Fr), c, 3, **Panis**--Stella Rocket (Fr), by Indian Rocket (GB). Pau, 1-7, 8f (AWT), 1:36.50. B-Alain Chopard (FR).



IN JAPAN:

London Tesoro (Ire), c, 4, **Exceed And Excel (Aus)**-- Allegrezza (GB), by Sir Percy (GB). Nakayama, 1-5, Cond. (£148k/€174k), 6f. Lifetime Record: 8-3-0-1, \$242,593. O-Kenji Ryotokuji Holdings; B-Roundhill Stud & J S Investments; T-Ryo Takei. *65,000gns Wlg '16 TATDEF; 100,000gns Ylg '17 TATOCT.

Satono Cecil (GB), f, 4, **Frankel (GB)**--Dupe (GB), by Observatory. Nakayama, 1-5, Cond. (£101k/€119k), 10fT. Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, \$135,186. O-Satomi Horse Company; B-Faisal Meshrf Alqahtani; T-Noriyuki Hori. *200,000gns Ylg '17 TATOCT.

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WORLDWIDE NEWS

LYS GRACIEUX NAMED JAPAN'S HORSE OF THE YEAR

Lys Gracieux (Jpn) (Heart's Cry {Jpn}), who wrapped 2019 with a trio of Group 1 wins--the June 23 Takarazuka Kinen, Oct. 26 Cox Plate in Australia and Arima Kinen on Dec. 22 back in Japan, was named Japan's Horse of the Year, as the 2019 champions were announced early Tuesday morning, *Nikkan Sports* reported. The U Carrot Farm runner also earned the Japanese Champion Older Mare award and beat out 2018 Horse of the Year **Almond Eye (Jpn)** (Lord Kanaloa {Jpn}) in both categories. Lys Gracieux will be honored at a retirement ceremony after the final race at Kyoto on Jan. 19.

Trained by Yoshito Yahagi, she began her season with a second in the G2 Kinko Sho at Chukyo in March and was third in Hong Kong's G1 Queen Elizabeth II Cup to 2019 Japanese Champion Older Horse **Win Bright (Jpn)** (Stay Gold {Jpn}) on Apr. 28 before her winning spree. [Cont. p10](#)



Lys Gracieux pictured with her trainer Yoshito Yahagi (left) after her historic Cox Plate victory. | Horsephotos

Lys Gracieux Cont.

Yahagi was also the trainer of record for Shinji Maeda's undefeated G1 Hopeful S. hero **Contrail (Jpn)** (Deep Impact {Jpn}), who took the juvenile colts' award.

U Carrot Farm also sent out the Champion Juvenile Filly in **Resistencia (Jpn)** (Daiwa Major {Jpn}) from the stable of T. Matsushita. The daughter of Malacostumbrada (Arg) (Lizard Island) capped her flawless season in the G1 Hanshin Juvenile Fillies. Katsuhiko Sumii was the trainer of record for U Carrot's third Japanese champion of 2019 in Champion 3-Year-Old Colt and G1 Satsuki Sho (Japanese 2000 Guineas) victor **Saturnalia (Jpn)** (Lord Kanaloa {Jpn}). The colt also saluted in the G2 Kobe Shimbun Hai last fall. Rounding out U Carrot's quartet of 2019 champions is G1SW **Chrysoberyl (Jpn)** (Gold Allure {Jpn}). Trained by Hidetaka Otonashi, the unbeaten bay anchored his Champion Dirt Horse title with a win in the G1 Champions Cup on Dec. 1.

Champion older horse Win Bright won four of six starts last year, and in addition to his Queen Elizabeth II Cup exploits, narrowly gained the decision in Sha Tin's G1 Longines Hong Kong Cup. on Dec. 8 for Win Co. Ltd. and Y.

Hatakeyama. Japan's 2019 Champion Sprinter/Miler also won a brace of top flight races, as **Indy Champ (Jpn)** (Stay Gold {Jpn}) was first past the post in both the June 2 Yasuda Kinen and the Mile Championship at Kyoto for Silk Racing Co. Ltd and the aforementioned Otonashi.

Sunday Racing and Kazuo Fujisawa teamed up with champion 3-year-old filly **Gran Alegria (Jpn)** (Deep Impact {Jpn}). Third daughter of Breeders' Cup Filly Turf heroine Tapitsfly (Tapit) blossomed into a G1 Oka Sho (Japanese 1000 Guineas) victress, who also stepped up this winter to win the Dec. 21 G2 Hanshin Cup by five lengths. Rounding out the equine awards was the four-for-six steeplechaser **Shingun Michael (Jpn)** (Shingun Opera {Jpn}) for owner Shigenori Isaka and trainer K. Takaichi.

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PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Muntazah (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Crowley	Watson	125
2	Team Talk (GB)	Teofilo (Ire)	Soumillon	bin Suroor	125
3	Heavy Metal (GB)	Exceed And Excel (Aus)	Barzalona	bin Ghadayer	125
4	Kimbear 	Temple City	Dobbs	Watson	125
5	Secret Ambition (GB)	Exceed And Excel (Aus)	O'Shea	Seemar	125
6	Thegreatcollection	Saint Anddan	Hitchcott	Watson	125
7	Rodaini 	Exchange Rate	Beasley	bin Harmash	125
8	North America (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Mullen	Seemar	125

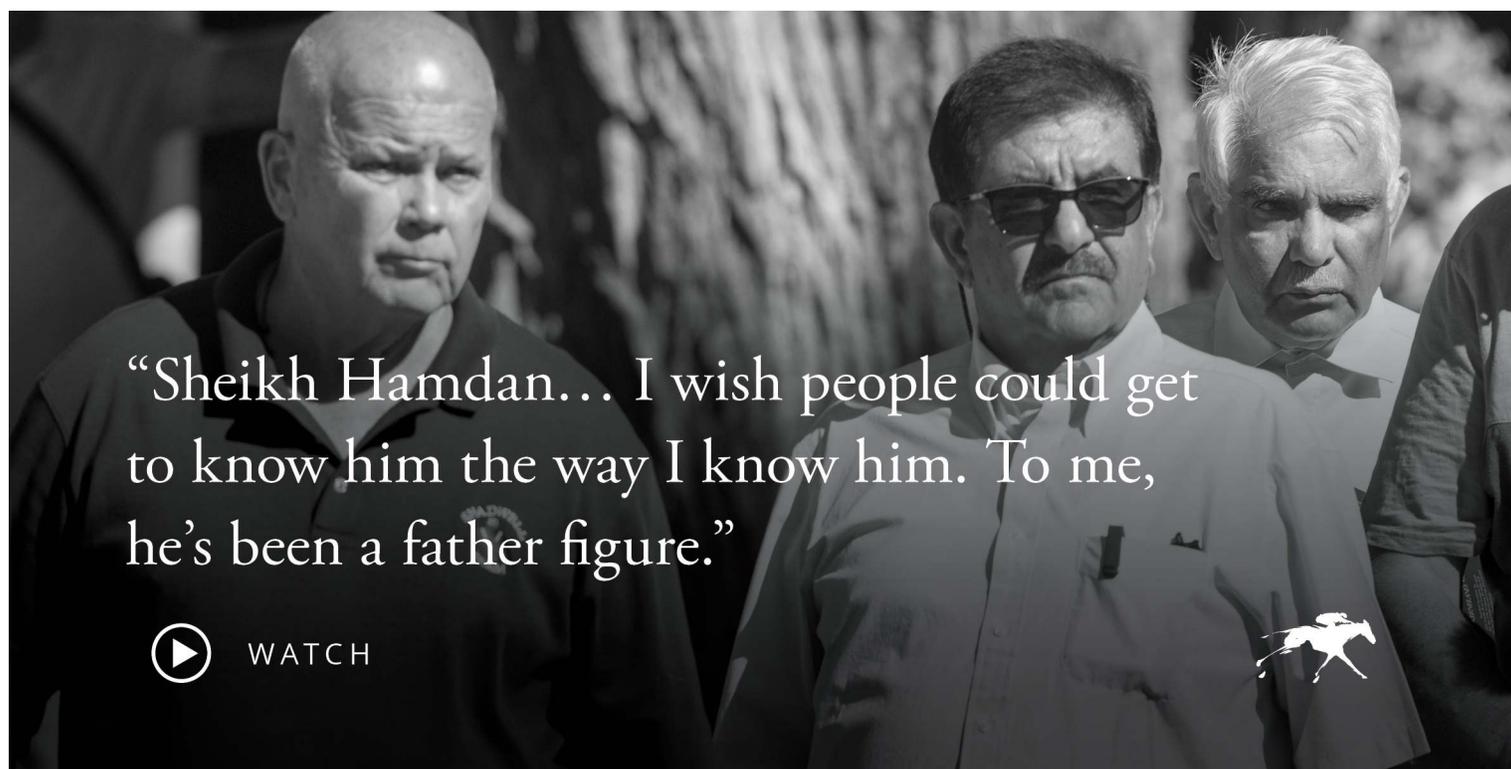
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PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Majestic Mambo (SAf)	Mambo in Seattle	O'Neill	de Kock	125
2	For the Top (Arg)	Equal Stripes (Arg)	Barzalona	bin Ghadayer	125
3	Benbatl (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Soumillon	bin Suroor	130
4	Dream Castle (GB)	Frankel (GB)	Cosgrave	bin Suroor	125
5	GM Hopkins (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Mullen	Ramadhan	125
6	Famous Wolf (Fr)	Kendargent (Fr)	Beasley	bin Harmash	124

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Rathlin as a yearling | *Magic Millions*

By Paul Vettise

Ciaran Maher wasn't downcast at the barrier draw for the \$2-million The Star Magic Millions 2YO Classic when his pair of in-form contenders for the Gold Coast feature came up with outside gates. Last-start Listed Phelan Ready S. winner **Rathlin** (Fastnet Rock) will jump from barrier 19, although he will come in to 15 if the emergencies fail to make the final lead-up, and Listed Calaway Gal S. winner **Away Game** (Snitzel) will be in stall 14 with the chance of coming in to 12.

Maher, who trains with David Eustace, is taking heart from the outcome of the 2019 edition when assessing Rathlin's prospects of claiming the lion's share of the big prize.

"Obviously, it's tough from out there but there's always a lot of speed in the race and he'll just have to blend in," he said. "Exhilarates came from well back last year. It can be done because of the pressure, there's so much up front so I would say that will be his game plan."

Rathlin was a \$725,000 purchase for Aquis out of Kitchwin Hills' draft and Away Game was bought by Kerri Radcliffe Bloodstock from Mill Park Stud's consignment for \$425,000.

Away Game comes into the race off the back of two runs--she was fourth on debut in the Listed Merson Cooper S. in the spring, and Maher likes the way she profiles for the race.

"She's a straight forward horse, very natural and you can put her wherever you want. She'll still need a bit of luck, but she's got a sense of timing about her," he said.

Maher was loathe to split his pair, despite the filly impressing more in her work.

"On the track, Away Game would probably have the edge but Rathlin saves his best for race day," he said.

Hopes for a gate between three and seven for the Mark Newnham-prepared **Every Rose** (Choisir) didn't eventuate, but they weren't completely dashed with the filly drawing nine and she won't lack for on-course support. She is raced by an all-female syndicate, and eligible for a \$500,000 bonus, after she was purchased out of breeder Tyreel Stud's draft by Darby Racing and de Burgh Equine for \$160,000. Linda Monds, of Tyreel, and the trainer's sister Paula are both involved in the ownership.

"We've got owners from New South Wales, Queensland, Western Australia and South Australia and we'll have over 60 ladies coming up here to watch her. We're very proud," Paula Newnham said. "From the start when she won the Gimcrack we were beside ourselves and from there it's been nervous excitement all the way and everybody absolutely adores her."

Every Rose won the G3 Gimcrack S. in the spring and has since run second at Wyong and finished runner-up in the G3 BJ McLachlan S. **Cont. p2**



Every Rose | *Bronwen Healy*



Conceited (right in blinkers) | Bronwen Healy

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“We just knew that she had something quite special. She was a favourite of everyone’s on the farm with the four white socks,” Monds said. “She was bred, born and raised at Tyreel and now to be part of this journey is so exciting. We love our horses and this is so special.”

Among the more favoured runners, the Peter and Paul Snowden-trained **Aim** (Star Witness) has gate two with his stablemates **King’s Legacy** (Redoute’s Choice) in eight, **Nitrous** (Deep Field) has 11 and **Stellar Pauline** (Not A Single Doubt) in 13. The unbeaten **Farnan** (Not A Single Doubt), prepared by Gai Waterhouse and Adrian Bott, has gate five.

Godolphin’s hopes of defending the title won 12 months ago by Exhilarates (Snitzel) with **Conceited** (Brazen Beau) took a hit when he drew 17.

“He’s certainly going to have his work cut out and we’ll look at the map and see where he might settle down,” trainer James Cummings said. “He’s going to see a fair bit more of the outside fence than in, that’s for sure.”

Conceited was a first-up winner at Flemington before he finished second in last weekend’s Aquis Gold Nugget.

“He did a good job to warm up late, but Wisdom Of Water had far too much acceleration. The experience will have done him some good and tightened him up,” Cummings said.

Value to Be Had

While purchase prices are relevant to resources and prizemoney on offer, Maher believes there is value to be had on the Gold Coast.

“You see a lot of these horses in these races and a lot of them aren’t expensive. You just have to find the diamonds in the rough,” he said. “It only gets bigger and better each year this sale and we’ve had a great start to the season with our 2-year-olds bought here.”

The highest-priced yearling in Saturday’s race is the last-start G3 BJ McLachlan S. winner King’s Legacy after James Harron Bloodstock dug deepest to secure him for \$1.4 million. He was offered last year by Segenhoe Stud.

Second on the money list is Stellar Pauline, bought by Stonestreet Stables for \$875,000 when offered by Arrowfield Stud while **Lady Banff** (Top Echelon) and **Wisdom Of Water** (Headwater) were sourced for under \$100,000. Lady Banff was secured by trainer Matthew Dunn and agent Neil Jenkinson for \$40,000 at the March Sale when offered by Oakwood Farm and has won more than \$190,000. Toby and Trent Edmonds’ Wisdom Of Water was a \$70,000 purchase for Blandford Bloodstock out of Eureka Stud’s draft and has banked \$86,000.

At the bottom end of the scale is **The Drinks Cart** (Unencumbered), who needs three scratchings to gain a start. He was bought for \$2,000 by Jayson Pate when offered at the National Yearling Sale by Bi-Lo Bloodstock and has earned more than \$37,000.

Blood All the Rage

The David Vandyke-trained **Alligator Blood** (All Too Hard) remains the warm order for the \$2-million Magic Millions Guineas after drawing gate 11. **Diamond Thunder** (Dawn Approach {Ire}), fourth in the G3 Vo Rogue Plate last time out, is the equal second favourite with **It’s Kinda Magic** (So You Think {NZ}) with the pair drawing 20 and six, respectively.

Maher and Eustace’s well-travelled colt **Dubious** (Not A Single Doubt), runner-up in last seasons 2YO Classic, will jump from gate 10.

“He loves Queensland and he’s drawn alongside the favourite so that’s ideal,” Maher said.

Dubious also won the G2 Champagne Classic at Doomben last season and on his last visit to Brisbane ran fifth against the older horses in the G1 Kingsford Smith Cup.

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