



## ‘PRINCESS’ SEEKS FAIRYTALE ENDING AT KEEJAN



Drew Trommer, Matthew Trommer and Sydeny Sargent (l to r) with Princess Warrior after her win the Mrs. Revere | Cherylee Sargent

by Christie DeBernardis

At the opening session of the Keeneland January Sale Monday, **Princess Warrior** (Midshipman) (Hip 13) will bring the Trommer family together one last time as they gather in Lexington to see their stable star go off to her new home as a broodmare.

“My parents live in Florida and my brother lives in Tennessee, so they will be here,” said Lexington resident Drew Trommer, who owns the mare in partnership with his dad, Evan, and brother, Matthew. “We will be rooting for her to go to a good home and hoping she stays here in Lexington, so we can go visit her because she has definitely been a big part of our family. We are sad to see her go, but we are excited about her future.”

Evan Trommer had been in racing since before his kids were born, but the family had taken a brief hiatus from racehorse ownership before deciding it was time to return to the game they loved. That is when they purchased Princess Warrior for \$60,000 at the 2017 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic 2-year-old Sale.

“I have been going to the track since I was an itty bitty baby,” Drew Trommer said. “One of the first pictures I was in outside of the hospital was in the winner's circle at Golden Gate with a horse named Grandma's House. I was literally born into the sport. I have followed it very intently.” **Cont. p3**

## SAM HOUSTON MEET USHERS IN NEW ERA FOR TEXAS RACING

by Bill Finley

The past several years have been tough ones for the Texas racing industry, but when Sam Houston Race Park opens its 2020 meet Friday, it will mark a turning of the page for racing in the state. With the Texas government funneling \$25 million into racing this year, Sam Houston's purses will more than double and management expects a healthy bump in average field size.

“We're incredibly excited and optimistic about this meet,” said SHRP's vice president and general manager Dwight Berube. “We're the first batter up among the Texas tracks. We have already taken entries for the first two nights of racing. We were able to card 10 races for both Friday and Saturday. We haven't been able to card 10 races in a few years because of a lack of horses. And we have 10 horses per race. It's exciting to have full fields again. There is great interest from the trainers, and it is coming together the way we hoped it would.” **Cont. p5**

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*I Can Do Anything (Uncle Mo) surveys the snowy landscape on Wednesday morning at Sagamore Farm in Reisterstown, MD. | Katlyn Lamp*

**GROUP 1 WINNER X Y JET DIES**

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*X Y Jet (Kantharos), winner of the G1 Dubai Golden Shaheen last March, died of a heart attack Wednesday, trainer Jorge Navarro reported.*

**CALUMET TOPS BREEDERS LIST IN 2019**

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*Calumet Farm topped all individual breeders in 2019 earnings, according to The Jockey Club statistics.*

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**Trommers cont. from p1**

The 27-year-old, who works as a Key Accounts Manager for TVG, continued, “We used to run under Wind River Stables for many years. We were blessed to have Black Seventeen, who won the [GI] Vosburgh and ran in the Breeders' Cup. There was a point where we thought he was the best we would ever have, then Princess Warrior came and proved us wrong.”

Princess Warrior took the Trommer family on the ride of their lives, kicking off her career with a debut win at Churchill Downs in 2017 over future Grade I winner Mia Mischief (Into Mischief). She followed that with a second in Keeneland’s GI Darley Alcibiades S. and ran in that year’s GI Breeders’ Cup Juvenile Fillies. The highlight of her career was a victory in the GI Mrs. Revere S. at Churchill Downs in November of 2018. The now-5-year-old won four of her 19 races, hitting the board five additional times and earning \$456,664 for trainer Ken McPeck.



Princess Warrior | Coady

“She is probably the best we have ever had,” Trommer said. “She was a fantastic runner. She started her career with that win against Mia Mischief, who ended up being a freak. We were able to take her to Del Mar and run in the Breeders' Cup and getting that win at Churchill Downs in late 2018 was a huge highlight.”

While Princess Warrior provided the Trommer family with plenty of highs, she also showed them one of the industry’s biggest lows when suffering an injury during what would be her final race at Churchill Downs May 10. The bay fractured both sesamoids in her front left leg. The Trommers did not hesitate to save their star runner, sending her straight to Dr. Larry Bramlage at Rood and Riddle, who performed surgery to repair the leg.

“She has been a great filly for us and we wanted to do whatever we could to help her, whatever was best for her,” Trommer said. “She spent most of her recovery time at Kenny [McPeck]’s farm and they took great care of her there. It is just amazing to see how far she has come.” **Cont. p4**



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“She is running and bucking around the pastures now,” he continued. “She almost looks like a mustang at a rodeo at times. She is just full of energy. She looks great. She looks like she is at a great weight. She looks like she did when she was racing and she seems as happy as can be.”

(Click for paddock video).

After everything they had been through with the aptly named Princess Warrior, the Trommer family had a tough time coming to the decision to enter her as a broodmare prospect in Keeneland January, where she sells as part of the Taylor Made consignment.

“It has been a debate in our family for a while now as to what we wanted to do,” Drew Trommer said. “Ultimately, it came down to the fact that we don't have a breeding operation. We never have. We feel, by putting her in the sale, she can go to a home where they can take great care of her and she can become a great broodmare.



Princess Warrior | Thorostride/Lucas Marquardt

We know her foals are going to be fantastic and that is what makes it difficult. We kind of want to keep her foals for ourselves, but we really don't have the operation to do that right now, so that is why we felt it would be better to put her in the sale.”

Princess Warrior probably could have made the November Sales, but the family felt January would be a better fit for their beloved mare.

“The November sale was obviously fantastic this year with tons of big names in there,” Trommer said. “We thought she would be a star in there, but that she would be one of the top five in this January Sale. We thought it would be a good target, as well as giving her a chance to make sure she is fully recovered.”

Once Princess Warrior sells Monday, the Trommers will be down to just one horse, but they are looking to expand on that soon. **Cont. p5**

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“We currently have two horses, including Princess Warrior,” Trommer said. “We are looking to expand down the road. Horse racing is a huge passion for all of us. We always want to have skin in the game and as many runners as we can. Hopefully, they are all like Princess Warrior.”

While the Trommers are doing the right thing by sending Princess Warrior on to the next stage of her career, Monday’s sale will be bittersweet for them as they say goodbye to a member of their family.

“Owning her has been awesome for our family,” Drew Trommer said. “Watching her run has been really fun. We all tried to get out to all of her races. While she was at Kenny’s farm, we visited her all the time. She loves peppermints, so we brought her plenty of those. She brought us all together and allowed us to have some really neat experiences, especially the Breeders’ Cup. She has definitely been a big part of our family and we love her to death.”

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***New Era for Texas Racing cont. from p1***



**The Sam Houston paddock | Coady**

Sam Houston, Lone Star and Retama Park have had to make due without any form of casino subsidies since Texas legalized pari-mutuel wagering on racing in 1993. With every neighboring state receiving purse subsidies from casinos, the Texas tracks could not keep up with the competition. The results were small purses, poor racing and an gloomy outlook when it came to the future.

“Texas racing had been on death’s doorstep for a very long time,” said the nation’s leading trainer, Karl Broberg, whose massive stable includes a Texas division. “They finally came up with this idea and it is going to be a huge blessing for people in the business.” **Cont. p6**

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 **APRIL SALE**

The Texas tracks thought they had the answer to their problems when the Texas Racing Commission ruled that the tracks could add historical racing machines to their wagering menu. But, in 2016, the racing commission reversed that decision after key politicians voiced their opinion that the machines were not legal under Texas law. It was the biggest blow yet in a state that also does not allow off-track betting or residents to have advance deposit wagering accounts.

"It was an incredible struggle because we were not on a level playing field with all our neighboring states, which all had casinos or other forms of gaming," Berube said. "Louisiana, Arkansas, New Mexico and Oklahoma, they all had some other forms of gaming that were contributing to the purses. It was a real struggle for us for a number of years."

Berube said that since that historical racing setback, the tracks had continued to work with the state government in order to find a way to bolster the racing industry. The parties settled on the \$25 million supplement.

"There have been negotiations and conversations that have been taking place for years," he said. "The Texas racing industry has been struggling. This was something that was worked out."

In June, House Bill 2463 was signed into law by Governor Greg Abbott. The bill diverted the sales taxes on horse feed, tack and other horse-related products into an escrow account established by the Texas Racing Commission. The fund was capped at \$25 million, with \$17 million of that earmarked for purses. The \$17 million was cut in half, with equal portions going to Thoroughbred Racing and Quarter Horse racing. Sam Houston has about \$5 million from the fund at its disposal for purses at the meet. That more than doubles the amount of purses paid out in 2019, which was \$4.2 million. Last year's maiden special weight race went for \$20,000. This year the purse for those races will be \$36,000.

"Because of this extra money, there has been an extreme interest in our barn area," said racing secretary James Leatherman. "We had over 100 different trainers apply for stalls where, last year, I believe the number was 65. There have been stall applications for close to 2,200 horses and last year it was

around 1,400. We've taken entries for the first few days of racing and they look great. The purse increase has shown a huge spike in interest in Texas racing."

Leatherman said all of Sam Houston's regulars are back for 2020. New trainers that were lured to the Texas track by the purse increase include Robertino Diodoro, Ron Moquett, McLean Robertson and Scott Young.

"I expect my starts will double from the previous year," Broberg said. "They'll still struggle for entries but only because everyone struggles with entries in this day and age. It's the nature of the business right now. This is going to be a game-changer for this state."

Sam Houston's meet runs for 39 days and concludes Mar. 28. The highlight of the meet is the Jan. 26 Houston Racing Festival, which includes the GIII Houston Ladies Classic and the GIII John B. Connally Turf S.

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## GISW ARKLOW TO PEGASUS TURF, SHEEMA

Grade I-winner **Arklow** (Arch) is expected to make his start in the GI Pegasus World Cup Turf at Gulfstream Park Jan. 25 followed by the Mar. 28 G1 Longines Dubai Sheema Classic at Meydan, confirmed Donegal Racing founder Jerry Crawford. A graded stakes winner in 2017 and 2018, the bay recorded his most significant career score in the GI Joe Hirsch Turf Classic at Belmont in October. Luis Saez will ride the 6-year-old in the Pegasus Turf.

"We're excited about the opportunity to run in the Pegasus Turf," said Cox, who is a finalist for the Eclipse Award as North America's outstanding trainer in 2019. "When Arklow is doing well, he'll let you know. And right now he is doing really well. He's always been a horse that we thought would get better with age. I do think he's set up for a big year."

Arklow had limited success on the dirt during his juvenile season but that form improved markedly when switched to the turf at three. He broke his maiden on the Keeneland turf before winning the GII American Turf. **Cont. p7**



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## GROUP 1 WINNER X Y JET DIES

**X Y Jet** (Kantharos), winner of the G1 Golden Shaheen last March, died of a heart attack Wednesday morning, according to Jorge Navarro. He was eight years old. Navarro issued the statement via his website [jorgenavarroracingstable.com](http://jorgenavarroracingstable.com).

"Since his arrival at my stable at the end of 2014, I immediately felt that connection with him, which remained until today and will surely remain with me until the day of my departure," said Navarro.

Initially trained by Antonio Sano, the grey was gelded after joining Navarro in the winter of 2014 and subsequently kicked off a five-race winning skein, including the 2015 GIII Mr. Prospector S. and 2016 GIII Gulfstream Park Sprint. Runner up in the 2016 renewal of the Shaheen, the Florida bred spent most of the 2017 season on the sidelines before resuming with a trio of front-running scores in the Sunshine State, including a successful title defense in the 2017 Mr. Prospector S. Narrowly beaten once again in the following spring's Shaheen, he won his three of his next four starts, chief among them a comfortable victory in the 2019 Shaheen.

"He was more than a horse on my trained list, it was the one that took us through a wonderful and exciting roller coaster of emotions," said Navarro. *Cont. p8*



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Off since, X Y Jet marked his return to the races in the Dec. 21 Mr. Prospector and tired late to be a well-beaten sixth.

“I owe X Y Jet so much, that I’m sure there are no words that can specify my thanks to his nobility and class, I do not say goodbye to a horse, I say goodbye to a friend that I will carry

forever in my heart,” said Navarro. “Keep running fast to your next destination X Y Jet.”

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## UPCOMING MAJOR NORTH AMERICAN STAKES

Date	Race	Track
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	GIII Tropical Turf S.	Gulfstream
	GIII La Canada S.	Santa Anita
Jan. 18	GIII Las Cienegas S.	Santa Anita
	GIII Toboggan S.	Aqueduct
	GIII Lecomte S.	Fair Grounds
Jan. 19	GIII Louisiana S.	Fair Grounds
Jan. 19	GIII Astra S.	Santa Anita
Jan. 20	GIII Megahertz S.	Santa Anita
Jan. 25	GI Pegasus World Cup Invitational S.	Gulfstream
	GI Pegasus World Cup Turf Invitational S.	Gulfstream
	GII Inside Information S.	Gulfstream
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Calumet Farm has topped the individual breeders list in North America in 2019 with \$12,545,854 in earnings, according to statistics released Wednesday by The Jockey Club Information Systems. Calumet Farm bred 410 starters with 332 wins, 310 seconds and 323 thirds out of 2,435 starts.

Kenneth L. Ramsey & Sarah K. Ramsey was second with earnings of \$8,249,834 with 276 wins out of 1,779 starts.

Calumet Farm also topped the breeders list that includes partners with \$12,760,517 in earnings and 337 wins from 2,459 starts.

WinStar Farm, LLC came in second with \$10,681,463 in earnings and 292 wins out of 2,033 starts.

Rounding out the top 10 individual breeders were George Strawbridge Jr., \$7,505,233 (26 wins/110 starts); WinStar Farm, LLC, \$7,269,770 (173/1,183); Stonestreet Thoroughbred



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Holdings LLC, \$6,954,080 (130/665); Godolphin, \$6,538,479 (107/634); Brereton C. Jones, \$6,469,704 (190/1,320); Woodford Thoroughbreds, LLC, \$5,901,093 (144/1,022); Gary & Mary West Stables Inc., \$5,833,062 (144/848); and Adena Springs, \$5,637,433 (151/907).

Completing the list of the top 10 breeders including partnerships were Kenneth L. Ramsey & Sarah K. Ramsey, \$8,391,123 (280 wins/1,826 starts); George Strawbridge Jr., \$7,524,340 (28/119); Godolphin, \$7,257,992 (121/757); Brereton C. Jones, \$7,214,751 (218/1,498); Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC, \$7,028,966 (133/710); Adena Springs, \$6,450,844 (176/1,097); Woodford Thoroughbreds, LLC \$5,901,093 (144/1,022); and Gary

& Mary West Stables Inc. \$5,834,187 (144/850).

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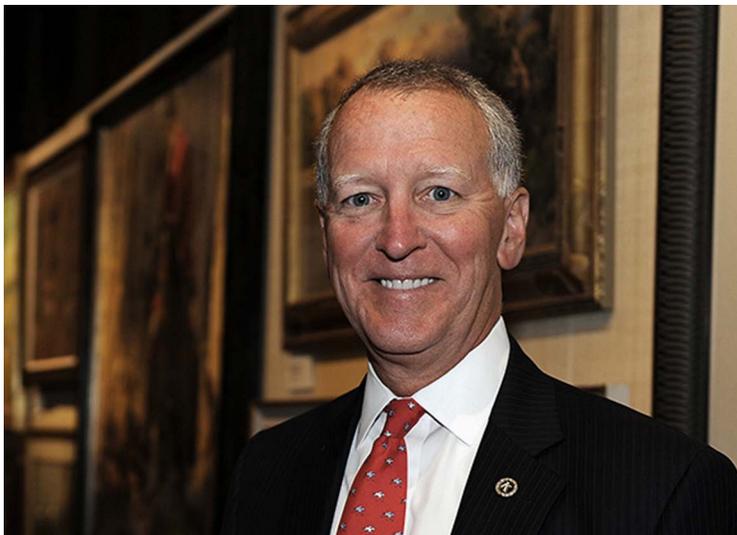


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# 2020 GOALS

*It's no secret that racing had a tough year in 2019. We asked a cross-section of participants what their number one goal is to make racing better in 2020. (Want to participate? Email [suefinley@thetdn.com](mailto:suefinley@thetdn.com))*



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## **BILL THOMASON, PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, KEENELAND**

My goal for the New Year is simple in theory: to make racing a safer sport. In practice, however, meeting this goal requires unprecedented cooperation from various industry factions to adopt enhanced safety and integrity standards uniformly across all 38 racing jurisdictions. It also means developing a true culture of safety in which the protection of our athletes is paramount.

Let's be honest, 2019 was a tough year for Thoroughbred racing. But for me, it ended on a hopeful note with the launch of the Thoroughbred Safety Coalition. The Coalition's purpose is to lead the racing community's efforts; therefore, achieving the industry-wide goal of putting safety first. Every horse, every race, every time.

The key to our progress is the ability to hold each other accountable so that we achieve the highest standards of racing across the industry. We must also leverage technology to identify at-risk horses, which all of us have committed to build on in 2020.

Additionally, the Coalition looks forward to expanding on its members' recent regulatory achievements after Kentucky's race tracks, in an historic show of unity, successfully advocated for state-wide implementation of enhanced safety reforms. Similar

efforts are currently underway in Florida, Louisiana, Maryland, New York and Pennsylvania, and this list will only grow as we expand our membership in 2020 and beyond.

We have a lot to accomplish in our sport, and we don't have the luxury of time if we're to rebuild the trust of our fans. Change can be uncomfortable, but we embrace the new decade as an opportunity to come together and renew efforts to ensure that our athletes are racing under the safest and most transparent conditions possible. We owe it to our fans, and we most certainly owe it to the horses.

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## STALLIONS' FIRST FOALS

### **GIRVIN**

- Grade I Haskell Invitational winner Girvin (Tale of Ekati) was represented by his first foal Jan. 4 at 1:55 a.m., a filly out of stakes-placed C d'Cat (D'Wildcat).
- The filly was bred by Grand Oaks's Brad and Misty Grady and Mary Ellen Coenen.
- Girvin covered 149 mares in his first book a year ago.



### **DECLARATION OF WAR FILLY TOPS CTBA SALE**

A newly turned 2-year-old filly by Declaration of War topped Tuesday's California Thoroughbred Breeders' Association January Mixed Sale at the Hinds Pavilion, Fairplex-Pomona when selling for \$60,000 to O.J. Jauregui as agent for Highland Yard. Consigned by Adrian Gonzalez's Checkmate Thoroughbreds, the dark bay is out of Lemarchos (Lemon Drop Kid), a half-sister to Grade I winner Celestine (Scat Daddy). She sold for \$9,000 at last year's Keeneland January sale and was acquired by **Jose Zulaica's Valle Las Palmas** for \$5,500 at last year's Keeneland September Yearling Sale.

In all, 121 horses sold during Tuesday's auction for a total of \$885,400. The average was \$7,317 and the median was \$3,000. There were 60 horses withdrawn from the sale and of the 208 to go through the ring, 87 failed to meet their reserves for a buy-back rate of 41.8%.

During the 2019 January Mixed Sale, 81 horses sold for \$589,300 for an average of \$7,275 and a median of \$4,000.

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## GDOVKA ELECTED TO OLD FRIENDS BOARD

Peggy Gdovka was elected to the Board of Directors of Old Friends, the non-profit Thoroughbred Retirement Facility Dec. 4. She will begin her term immediately. Currently the Senior Director of Corporate Partnerships & Licensing/Merchandising for Breeders' Cup Ltd., she previously served a stint in Keeneland's sales department.

"I could not be more pleased for the invitation to sit on the Board of Old Friends," said Gdovka, who grew up in Woodford County. "When I look at the amount of past Breeders' Cup participants and champions that have benefitted from Old Friends, it overwhelms me. To have experienced such joy over the years from these incredible horses, in addition to many of their stablemates at Old Friends, I am excited to assist with their continued care."

Gdovka will join current Old Friends board members: President Michael Blowen, Vice President Bill Vandendool, Chairman Cynthia Grisolia, Secretary Barbara Fossum, Treasurer Mark Otto, and voting members Jill Baffert, Corey Johnsen, Suzanne Mundy, Clark Nyberg, Dr. John Park, Mark Simon, and Diane White.

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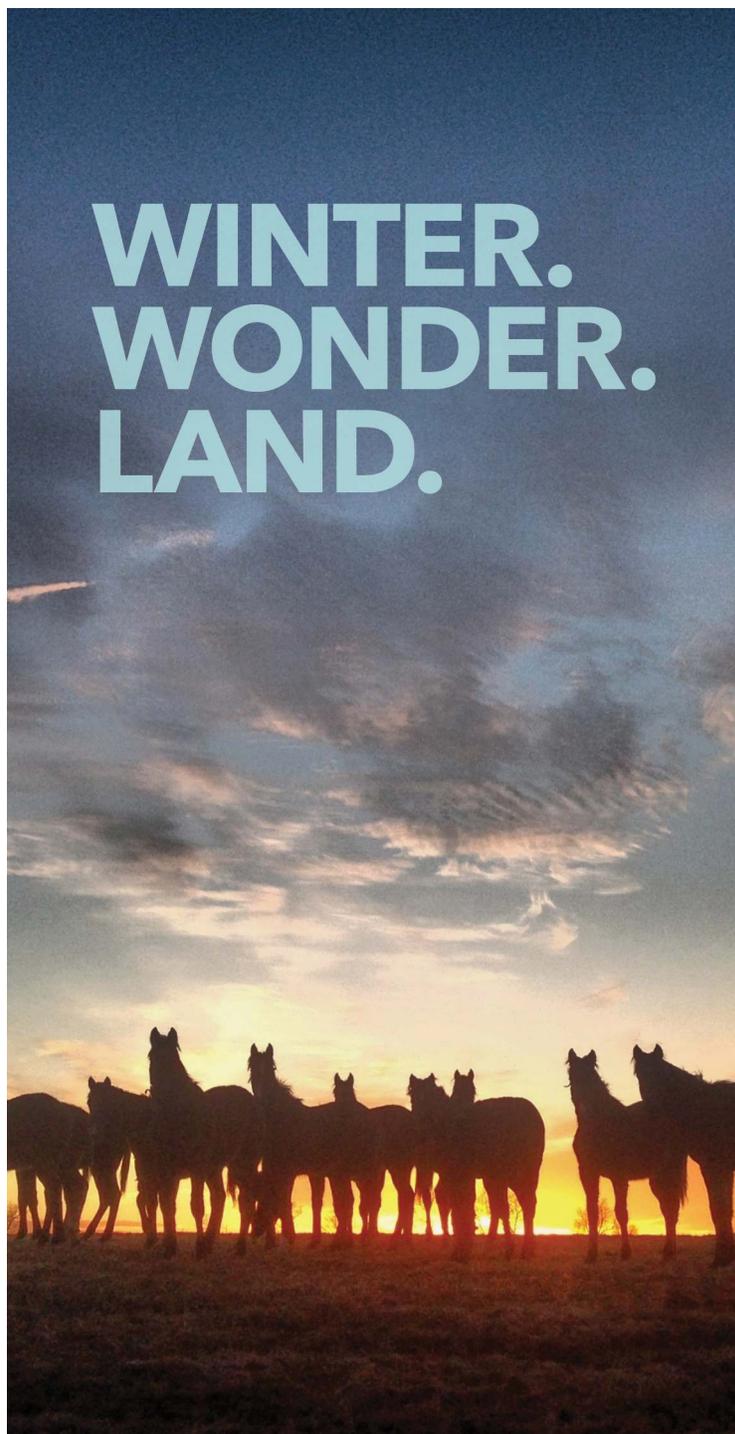
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## Cumulative Lifetime Active Sires

for stallions standing in North America through Tuesday, Jan. 7

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Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	<b>Tapit</b> (2001) by Pulpit FYR: 2006 Crops: 13	129	253	78	154	25	52	1094	820	4,791,677	150,621,958
								Fee: \$200,000		Testa Matta	
2	<b>Distorted Humor</b> (1993) by Forty Niner FYR: 2000 Crops: 19	149	264	62	119	16	34	1271	971	3,728,170	135,538,331
								Fee: \$50,000		Drosselmeyer	
3	<b>Malibu Moon</b> (1997) by A.P. Indy FYR: 2001 Crops: 18	120	226	48	105	17	36	1444	1058	2,612,516	122,675,737
								Fee: \$60,000		Orb	
4	<b>Tale of the Cat</b> (1994) by Storm Cat FYR: 2000 Crops: 19	81	183	29	66	7	21	1508	1130	6,169,800	117,919,539
								Fee: \$15,000		Gio Ponti	
5	<b>More Than Ready</b> (1997) by Southern Halo FYR: 2002 Crops: 17	116	222	45	94	10	27	1419	1036	3,139,765	117,251,086
								Fee: \$80,000		Roy H	
6	<b>Medaglia d'Oro</b> (1999) by El Prado (Ire) FYR: 2006 Crops: 13	114	188	58	109	21	44	1028	659	4,692,000	114,466,644
								Fee: \$200,000		Songbird	
7	<b>Empire Maker</b> (2000) by Unbridled FYR: 2005 Crops: 14	62	103	33	59	12	24	1087	722	4,811,126	109,730,780
								Fee: \$85,000		Royal Delta	
8	<b>Candy Ride (Arg)</b> (1999) by Ride the Rails FYR: 2006 Crops: 13	86	142	43	78	15	33	978	700	15,988,500	107,687,816
								Fee: \$100,000		Gun Runner	
9	<b>Kitten's Joy</b> (2001) by El Prado (Ire) FYR: 2007 Crops: 12	97	174	47	92	14	33	1128	796	4,777,480	107,483,088
								Fee: \$75,000		Hawkbill	
10	<b>Speightstown</b> (1998) by Gone West FYR: 2006 Crops: 13	109	170	49	88	15	35	888	683	2,210,790	105,465,141
								Fee: \$70,000		Reynaldothewizard	
11	<b>Stormy Atlantic</b> (1994) by Storm Cat FYR: 2000 Crops: 19	102	173	41	70	7	20	1266	920	2,212,580	95,434,803
								Fee: \$10,000		Stormy Liberal	
12	<b>Lemon Drop Kid</b> (1996) by Kingmambo FYR: 2002 Crops: 17	93	182	45	97	9	25	1171	833	2,532,945	91,987,644
								Fee: \$20,000		Beach Patrol	
13	<b>Tiznow</b> (1997) by Cee's Tizzy FYR: 2003 Crops: 16	77	147	43	74	14	29	1120	720	5,179,803	90,126,420
								Fee: \$40,000		Well Armed	
14	<b>Fusaichi Pegasus</b> (1997) by Mr. Prospector FYR: 2002 Crops: 17	46	113	12	48	4	11	1105	768	2,739,801	87,821,888
								Fee: \$7,500		Floral Pegasus (AUS)	
15	<b>Ghostzapper</b> (2000) by Awesome Again FYR: 2007 Crops: 12	75	120	40	65	12	22	690	519	3,859,311	79,208,637
								Fee: \$85,000		Shaman Ghost	

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**LA CANADA S.-GIII, \$200,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Der Lu	Orb	Baoma Corporation	Baffert	Van Dyke	120
2	Zusha 	Congrats	Rafael Steinbruch	Mandella	Pereira	120
3	Queen Bee to You	Old Topper	An Equal Amount of Blueberries, LLC and Vali, Adam	Lerner	Fuentes	122
4	Message 	Warrior's Reward	Baoma Corporation	Baffert	Smith	120
5	Kaydetre	Mizzen Mast	Ranch Runners Ltd., Inc.	Randall	Blanc	120
6	Horologist	Gemologist	There's A Chance Stable, Parkland Thoroughbreds, Medallion Racing and Abbondanza Racing, LLC	Baltas	Bravo	122
7	Spiced Perfection 	Smiling Tiger	Pantofel Stable, Wachtel Stable and Deutsch, Peter	Miller	Rosario	122
8	Starr of Quality	First Dude	Acker, Tom and Lindo, Jon	Spawr	Franco	120

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

**LAS CIENEGAS S.-GIII, \$100,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2fT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Storm the Hill 	Get Stormy	Alastar Thoroughbred Company LLC and Valdes, Michael	D'Amato	Prat	120
2	Kentan Road	Into Mischief	Keith Abrahams	Sadler	Velez	120
3	Jolie Olimpica (Brz)	Drosselmeyer	Fox Hill Farms, Inc.	Mandella	Smith	122
4	An Eddie Surprise	Square Eddie	Reddam Racing LLC	O'Neill	Gutierrez	120
5	Free Cover 	Congrats	ERJ Racing, LLC	Lerner	Fuentes	120

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**9th-FG, \$40K, Msw, 4yo/up, a1mT, post time: 5:22 p.m. ET**

**BOTSWANA TAPS (Distorted Humor)**, a \$400K acquisition out of the 2017 Fasig-Tipton Saratoga sale, gets his career underway in this two-turn test on the turf. The gray's now 23-year-old dam Unacloud (Unaccounted For) is the dam of nine winners from 12 to race, including GI Arkansas Derby hero and sire Overanalyze (Dixie Union) and GISW Meadow Breeze (Meadowlake)—the dam of GISP Royal Copy (Bodemeister). Botswana Taps is also kin to GI Florida Derby runner-up Majesto (Tiznow) and GSP Mighty Monsoon (Forestry). **TJCIS PPs**

**2nd-GP, \$43K, Msw, (S), 3yo, 6f, post time: 1:03 p.m. ET**

**PURE NILE (Pioneerof the Nile)**, a \$300K Keeneland September purchase by Breeze Easy, is out of a daughter of the stakes-winning Shandra Smiles (Cahill Road), the dam of Eclipse

Award-winning 2-year-old filly She's A Tiger (Tale of the Cat), MGISW Smiling Tiger (Hold That Tiger) and MSW/GSP Smiling Causeway (Giant's Causeway). **TJCIS PPs**

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Botswana Taps is a half-brother to WinStar stallion Overanalyze

*Louise Reinagel*



McKinzie (Street Sense) works 5f in 1:00.80 with Drayden Van Dyke aboard at Santa Anita on Wednesday morning. | *Horsephotos*



**IN ORDER OF PURSE:**

**2nd-Tampa Bay Downs, \$20,500, Alw (NW1X), Opt. Clm** (\$75,000), 1-8, 3yo, 1mT, 1:38.78, gd.

**BYE BYE MELVIN (c, 3, Uncle Mo--Karlov Vary {GISW, \$448,596}, by Dynaformer),** third to 2019 Keeneland November session seven topper Liam's Legend (Liam's Map) in a rained-off Keeneland maiden Oct. 26, dismantled a group of locals by 8 1/2 lengths over this turf course when last spotted Dec. 7. Kicked straight into the lead from gate two, the 3-5 chalk was gifted a very soft time of it up front, covering the opening six furlongs in a dawdling 1:14.97. Tackled by the stakes-placed Me and Mr. C (Khozan) at the head of the lane, Bye Bye Melvin kicked hard and was always holding the runner-up to the wire. The final quarter-mile was a sharp :23.81 with a final eighth of a mile in :11.77. Bye Bye Melvin is the third and final listed produce from his dam, winner of the 2012 GI Ashland S. over the Keeneland Polytrack and a full-sister to GSP Rocket Legs. Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-1, \$32,840. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

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



**IN AUSTRALIA:**

**Mount Tabora, g, 4, Scat Daddy--Canterbury Lace, by Danehill Sandown (Lakeside), 1-8, Hcp. (\$34k), 1400mT, 1:23.92.** B-Barronstown Stud. \*1/2 to Chachamaidee (Ire) (Footstepsinthesand {GB}), Hwt. Older Mare-Eng at 5-7f, Hwt. Older Mare-Ire at 7-9.5f, G1SW-Ire, MGSW & G1SP-Eng, \$650,743; J Wonder (Footstepsinthesand {GB}), MGSW-Eng, \$190,113; California Whip (ex Chief Whip) (Giant's Causeway), GSW-HK, \$1,399,447. \*\*\$750,000 Wlg '16 KEENOV.



**SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: THURSDAY, JANUARY 9**

**Competitive Edge** (Super Saver), Ashford Stud, \$12,500  
155 foals of racing age/26 winners/4 black-type winners  
6-Charles Town, Msw 4 1/2f, POWER FORWARD, 5-2

**Constitution** (Tapit), WinStar Farm, \$40,000  
233 foals of racing age/29 winners/5 black-type winners  
9-Gulfstream, Aoc 1 1/16mT, QUEEN FIELD, 12-1  
\$3,000 KEE SEP yrl

**Hampton Court (Aus)** (Redoute's Choice {Aus}), Spendthrift Farm  
44 foals of racing age/11 winners/0 black-type winners  
2-Charles Town, Msw 7f, BE WITH US, 8-1

**Khozan** (Distorted Humor), Journeyman Stud, \$8,500  
130 foals of racing age/19 winners/2 black-type winners  
2-Gulfstream, Msw 6f, UNCLE SKEETS, 3-1  
\$150,000 OBS OPN 2yo

**Medal Count** (Dynaformer), Mapleton Thoroughbred Farm, \$2,000  
81 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners  
5-Turfway, Msw 1m, GRACE D' ART, 30-1

**Tapiture** (Tapit), Darby Dan Farm, \$7,500  
246 foals of racing age/27 winners/2 black-type winners  
2-Charles Town, Msw 7f, WINDY CITY KITTY, 9-5

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**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Bad Karma**, f, 3, **Gemologist**--Karma Police (SW, \$174,557), by Consolidator. Mahoning Valley, 1-8, 5 1/2f, 1:08.24. B-Atlas Farm LLC & Conor Doyle (KY).

**Hey Kitten**, f, 3, **Haynesfield**--Love This Kitten, by Kitten's Joy. Gulfstream, 1-8, (C), 1mT, 1:34.62. B-Richard Perkins (KY). \*\$5,000 Ylg '18 FTKOCT; \$95,000 2yo '19 OBSMAR.

**Madam Meena**, f, 3, **Include**--Good Tidings, by Came Home. Parx Racing, 1-7, (WC), 6 1/2f, 1:21.18. B-Michael R Cox (PA).



**GEMOLOGIST**, Bad Karma, f, 3, o/o Karma Police, by Consolidator. MSW, 1-8, Mahoning Valley

**HAYNESFIELD**, Hey Kitten, f, 3, o/o Love This Kitten, by Kitten's Joy. MCL, 1-8, Gulfstream

**INCLUDE**, Madam Meena, f, 3, o/o Good Tidings, by Came Home. WMC, 1-7, Parx Racing

**UNCLE MO**, Bye Bye Melvin, c, 3, o/o Karlovy Vary, by Dynaformer. AOC, 1-8, Tampa Bay

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## BENBATL MAKES HIS 2020 BOW IN THE SINGSPIEL



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Godolphin Group 1 winners **Benbatl (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}) and **Dream Castle (GB)** (Frankel {GB}) square off in Thursday's grassy 1800-metre G2 Singspiel S., as the Dubai World Cup Carnival enters its second week. Eight races (seven Thoroughbred) are on tap at Meydan.

Bearing the coveted blue cap and with Christophe Soumillon in the irons, the former won the 2018 edition of this contest during a profitable Meydan campaign that season, including the G1 Dubai Turf that March. He also took his show on the road with other Group 1 wins in Munich's Grosser Dallmayr Preis and Caulfield's Ladbrokes S. Down Under later that year. A good second to superstar Winx (Aus) (Street Cry {Ire}) in the G1 Cox Plate that October, the bay was shelved until this last September where he claimed the G2 Joel S. at Newmarket and failed to act in heavy ground in the G1 Queen Elizabeth II S. Oct. 19. He carries 130 pounds, tops among the six-horse field and gives five to six pounds to his rivals.

Trainer Saeed bin Suroor said on the Godolphin website, "Benbatl has been enjoying a nice winter out in Dubai and is in good form. He didn't like the heavy ground at Ascot last time out—all his best form has been on a quicker surface—but he has been working well recently. He goes well fresh and this looks a good starting point for him. He is conceding weight to his rivals, but is a class horse and I am hoping for a good result."

Dream Castle, who rattled off wins in the 2019 Singspiel, G2 Al Rashidiya and G1 Jebel Hatta on Super Saturday, failed to make an impression the rest of the year. Bin Suroor is hoping that a return to familiar environs will assist the 6-year-old gelding.

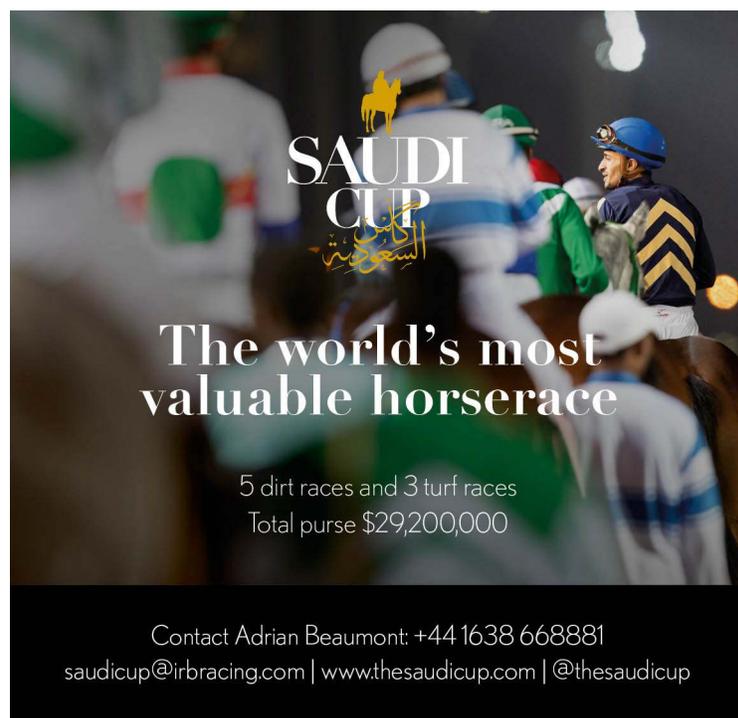
Added bin Suroor, "Dream Castle is in good order too and ran some excellent races at the Carnival last year. I am looking forward to getting his campaign started over a course and distance that suits him well."

Later on Thursday's card is the 1600-metre G2 Al Maktoum Challenge Round 1, where Ramzan Kadyrov's **North America (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}), a winner of the 2018 G1 Al Maktoum Challenge Round 3, clashes with paternal half-brother and MGSW **Muntazah (GB)** who races in the colours of Shadwell. **Secret Ambition (GB)** (Exceed And Excel {Aus}) also returns roughly three weeks after taking the Listed Dubai Creek Mile over **Kimbeare** (Temple City) on Dec. 19 for Nasir Askar and trainer Satish Seemar. [Cont. p2](#)

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### G1SW X Y JET DIES

G1 Golden Shaheen hero **X Y Jet** (Kantharos) died of an apparent heart attack on Wednesday morning. [Click or tap here to go straight to TDN America.](#)



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**Dubai World Cup Carnival Cont. from p1**

Godolphin fields SW **Team Talk (GB)** (Teofilo {Ire}) for that contest, however the listed winner has been out of action after running off the board in the G2 Dubai Gold Cup Mar. 30.

The UAE 2000 Guineas Trial is the day's third race. Held over 1600 metres on dirt, Bin Suroor saddles a trio, with the two-for-two **First View (Ire)** (Exceed And Excel {Aus}) the most intriguing prospect. Aiming for a hat trick after taking two Kempton all-weather features on Oct. 2 and Nov. 5, respectively, he is joined by the winners **Laser Show (Ire)** (New Approach {Ire}) and **Lost in Time (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}).

"First View is a nice colt, who is unbeaten in two starts at Kempton Park, and I think he will need further than a mile in time," said bin Suroor. "He has done well out in Dubai and I am hoping for a good result, provided he copes with the dirt. Laser Show is improving with every piece of work and he too looks like he will get further. Lost In Time is a solid horse, who always tries very hard. He has worked alongside First View and there is not much between them. This is a trial, so it is a test for all three horses, and we have to see whether they can go on the surface."

The threesome's biggest threat is the Dec. 5 Meydan conditions victor **Commanding (Ire)** (Camacho {GB}), who ran second on debut locally on Nov. 21. Satish Seemar trains the bay for Nasir Askar.



**Commanding** | Dubai Racing Club/Erika Rasmussen

Five horses bear the royal blue in Thursday's seventh race, the 1200-metre Dubai Trophy, and Charlie Appleby's **Chasing Dreams (GB)** (Starspangledbanner {Aus}) is already a winner over grass and all-weather after taking her two starts by a combined eight lengths at Newmarket and Wolverhampton Apr. 16 and Oct. 18, respectively.

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6	Shamardal	5	Private
-	Lope de Vega	5	€100,000
8	<b>GLENEAGLES</b>	4	€35,000
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### MAGICS DAY 1 RECAP

Richard Edmunds and Bren O'Brien have all the action from the first day of Magic Millions. [Click or tap here to go straight to TDN Aus/NZ.](#)

## Dubai World Cup Carnival Cont.

The winners **Story of Light (Ire)** (Dark Angel {Ire}) and **Silent Wave (GB)** (War Front) also call the Appleby barn home, while listed winner **Platinum Star (Ire)** (Lope de Vega {Ire}) and **Colour Image (Ire)** (Kodiac {GB}) hail from the bin Suroor yard.

Bin Suroor also offered an update on impressive UAE 1000 Guineas Trial heroine **Final Song (Ire)** (Dark Angel {Ire}), who will now point to the Jan. 23 1600-metre Listed UAE 1000, as will stablemate **Dubai Love (GB)** (Night of Thunder {Ire}).

"She's very good and back to exercise and cantered well this week," Bin Suroor told the Dubai Racing Carnival notes team. "I'm happy with her and I think she will get even farther. The Guineas distance would be nice for her. The other filly, Dubai Love, ran very well to be fourth. I think we will run both in the Guineas."

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## EUROPEAN NEWS

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## POUR MOI ON THE MOVE TO HARAS DE CERCY



**Pour Moi** | Haras de Cercy

2011 G1 Derby victor **Pour Moi (Ire)** (Montjeu {Ire}) will stand at Haras de Cercy in France for 2020, *Racing Post* reported. The bay will command €3,000. Since 2017, he was a resident of Coolmore's Grange Stud. The G2 Prix Greffulhe winner has sired two Group 1 winners from six black-type winners so far—fellow Derby hero Wings of Eagles (Fr), and G1 JJ Atkins S. scorer Sacred Elixir (NZ). [Cont. p4](#)

**Pour Moi Cont.**

His top filly is G3 Lacken S. heroine Only Mine (Ire) and his oldest runners in the Northern Hemisphere just turned seven.

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**£2.3-MILLION GRANT SECURED BY PJA, JETS AND IJF**

A grant of £2.3 million from the Racing Foundation was secured by the Professional Jockeys Association (PJA), the Jockeys Education and Training Scheme (JETS) and the Injured Jockeys Fund (IJF) it was announced on Wednesday. The five-year grant sees the three organisations unite under the long-term goal of positioning jockeys as elite athletes, benefitting the industry as a whole. The grant proposal is referred to as the 'Jockey Athlete', with three areas prioritised: the Jockey Coaching Programme (JCP), Emotional Wellbeing, Mental Health and Nutrition, and Jockey Athlete Ambassadors.

"We are delighted to have been able to collaborate together and are incredibly grateful to the Racing Foundation," said JETS Manager Lisa Delany. "We look forward to expanding and improving the Jockey Training and Development Programme, further enabling jockeys to truly recognise themselves as elite athletes and fulfil their role as ambassadors for the whole racing industry."

"The life of a jockey is a tough one and over 100 jockeys have accessed our mental health support services," noted PJA Chief Executive Paul Struthers. "Whilst we are pleased that more jockeys are coming forward to utilise the services on offer it has placed significant pressure on our budgets. We are therefore delighted that this new grant from the Racing Foundation will be enable us to continue to meet current demands, offer more pro-active, preventative services and expand our provision to incorporate retired jockeys."

For more details on the grant and 'Jockey Athlete' proposal, go to [www.racingfoundation.co.uk](http://www.racingfoundation.co.uk).

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# OBSERVATIONS

on the European racing scene

## MEDAGLIA D'ORO COLT THE ATTRACTION AT NEWCASTLE

**3.00 Newcastle, Novice, £8,050, 3yo, 8f 5y (AWT)**

**PITCHER'S POINT (Medaglia d'Oro)** is a noteworthy newcomer from the John Gosden stable whose all-weather runners during the winter continue to fascinate. Owned by Godolphin, the February-foaled bay who fetched \$800,000 at Keeneland September is a son of the dual Grade II winner and Grade I-placed miler Hungry Island (More Than Ready).

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## BRITAIN

### Wednesday's Result:

**6th-Newcastle, £6,400, Novice, 1-8, 3yo, 7f 14y (AWT), 1:32.06, st/sl.**

**UNION (IRE) (c, 3, New Approach {Ire}--Shahnila {Fr}, by Elusive City)**, fifth on debut over this trip at Kempton in November, enjoyed a tow from the leading pair throughout the early stages. Working his way to the front approaching the furlong pole, the 6-5 favourite asserted to score by 1 3/4 lengths from Blow Your Horn (Ire) (Golden Horn {GB}). The winner is the first foal out of an unraced Aga Khan cast-off who is a daughter of the listed-winning and dual group-placed Shamakiya (Ire) (Intikhab).

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She is therefore a half to the G3 Prix Cleopatre scorer Shamkala (Fr) (Pivotal {GB}). A granddaughter of the G2 Prix de Malleret winner and G1 Irish Oaks runner-up Shamadara (Ire) (Kahyasi {Ire}) connected to the G1 Secretariat S. scorer and G1 Breeders' Cup Turf runner-up Shamdinan (Fr) (Dr Fong), her 2-year-old filly Star of Saints (Fr) (Sea The Stars {Ire}) was bought by Shawn Dugan for €240,000 at Arqana August. She also has a yearling colt by Siyouni (Fr). Sales history: €60,000 Ylg '18 AROYRG; €90,000 2yo '19 ARQMA. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$5,432. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**  
O-Highclere Thoroughbred Racing - Hannah Stodel; B-Le Haras Sc (IRE); T-Roger Varian.

#### CONDITIONS RESULTS:

**4th-Newcastle, £30,000, 1-8, 4yo/up, 5f (AWT), :59.82, st/sl.**

**GOOD EFFORT (IRE) (h, 5, Shamardal--Magical Crown, by Distorted Humor)** Lifetime Record: SP-Eng, 19-4-2-2, \$75,197. O-Mr Abdulla Al Mansoori; B-Rabbah Bloodstock Limited (IRE); T-Ismail Mohammed.

**5th-Newcastle, £25,000, 1-8, 4yo/up, 8f 5y (AWT), 1:40.91, st/sl.**

**ANOTHER TOUCH (GB) (g, 7, Arcano {Ire}--Alsalwa {Ire}, by Nayef)** Lifetime Record: SW-Eng, 37-8-5-3, \$225,742. O-Nicholas Wrigley & Kevin Hart; B-Shadwell Estate Company Limited (GB); T-Richard Fahey. \*€80,000 Ylg '14 GOFSP.

**6th-Kempton, £25,000, 1-8, 4yo/up, 6f (AWT), 1:13.20, st/sl.**

**STRAIGHT RIGHT (FR) (h, 6, Siyouni {Fr}--Sailor Moon {Ire}, by Tiger Hill {Ire})** Lifetime Record: SW & GSP-Fr, 22-6-2-3, \$189,633. O-King Power Racing Co Ltd; B-Erich Schmid (FR); T-Andrew Balding. \*€125,000 Ylg '15 ARAUG; £450,000 HRA '17 GOFLO.

#### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:

**Raining Fire (Ire), g, 4, Kitten's Joy--Flame of Hestia (Ire), by Giant's Causeway.** Kempton, 1-8, 11f 219y (AWT), 2:38.30. B-Merry Fox Stud Limited (IRE).

## FRANCE

#### CONDITIONS RESULT:

**5th-Chantilly, €28,000, 1-8, 3yo, 9 1/2f (AWT), 1:57.31, st.**

**PIET (FR) (g, 3, Rio De La Plata--Leni Riefenstahl {Ire} {SP-Ity}, by Mull of Kintyre)** Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, €30,200. O-Thoroughbred Bloodstock Agency & Gianluca Bietolini; B-

Razza Della Sila Srl (FR); T-Gianluca Bietolini. \*€3,000 RNA Ylg '18 ARFEB; €32,000 Ylg '18 OSASEP.

#### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:

**Over Attracted, f, 3, Atreides--Appearance, by Harlington.** Chantilly, 1-8, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:17.29. B-Hill 'N' Dale Equine Holdings (KY). \*\$35,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP.

## IRELAND

### ITBA NEXT GENERATION TO OFFER MEMBERS IRISH STALLION TRAIL TOUR

ITBA Next Generation members will have the opportunity to visit four stallion farms as part of the Irish Thoroughbred Marketing Irish Stallion Trail, the ITBA announced on Wednesday. Leaving at 9 a.m. on Jan. 11 from Goffs, the tour bus will stop at Derrinstown Stud, Kildangan Stud, Gilltown Stud and the Irish National Stud. Places are available on a first come, first served basis and an ITBA NG membership fee may be paid the day of the tour or in advance at [www.itbang.ie](http://www.itbang.ie). To reserve a spot on the tour, please contact Mark Byrne at [m.byrne@coolmore.ie](mailto:m.byrne@coolmore.ie).



#### IN HONG KONG:

**Doctor Geoff (Ire), g, 6, Fast Company (Ire).** See 'Worldwide News.'

## WORLDWIDE NEWS

#### Wednesday, Happy Valley, Hong Kong

**JANUARY CUP H.-G3, HK\$3,250,000 (£318,865/€375,918/A\$608,188/US\$417,978),** Happy Valley, 1-8, 3yo/up, 1800mT, 1:48.10, gd.

1--**DOCTOR GEOFF (IRE), 115, g, 6, by Fast Company (Ire)**

1st Dam: **More Respect (Ire), by Spectrum (Ire)**

2nd Dam: **Much Commended (GB), by Most Welcome (GB)**

3rd Dam: **Glowing With Pride (GB), by Ile de Bourbon**

**1ST GROUP WIN.** (€17,500 Wlg '14 GOFNOV; €18,000 RNA

Ylg '15 GOFSP; £58,000 RNA 2yo '16 GOFAPR). O-Huang Kai Wen; B-DDE Syndicate; T-Francis Lui; J-Vincent Ho; HK\$1,852,500. Lifetime Record: 23-5-2-2, HK\$7,343,260. **Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree. Werk Nick Rating: A.**

2--**Harmony Victory (Brz)**, 115, g, 5, Public Purse--Flower Fest (Brz), by Crimson Tide (Ire). O-Yue Yun Hing; B-Stud Jaguarete; T-Danny Shum; HK\$715,000.

3--**Sacred Capital (NZ)**, 118, g, 5, O'Reilly (NZ)--Honolulu (NZ), by Savabeel (Aus). (NZ\$580,000 2yo '16 NZBRTR). O-Chen Ching Lung & Dato K S Yap; B-Waikato Stud Ltd; T-Joe Lau; HK\$373,750.

Margins: 1HF, NK, 3/4. Odds: 33-10, 4-1, 13-5.

Also Ran: Time Warp (GB), Insayshable (Ire), Simply Brilliant (GB), Eagle Way (Aus), Southern Legend (Aus), Not Usual Talent (NZ). **Click for the HKJC chart, PPs and sectional timing. VIDEO.** **Click for the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.**



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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

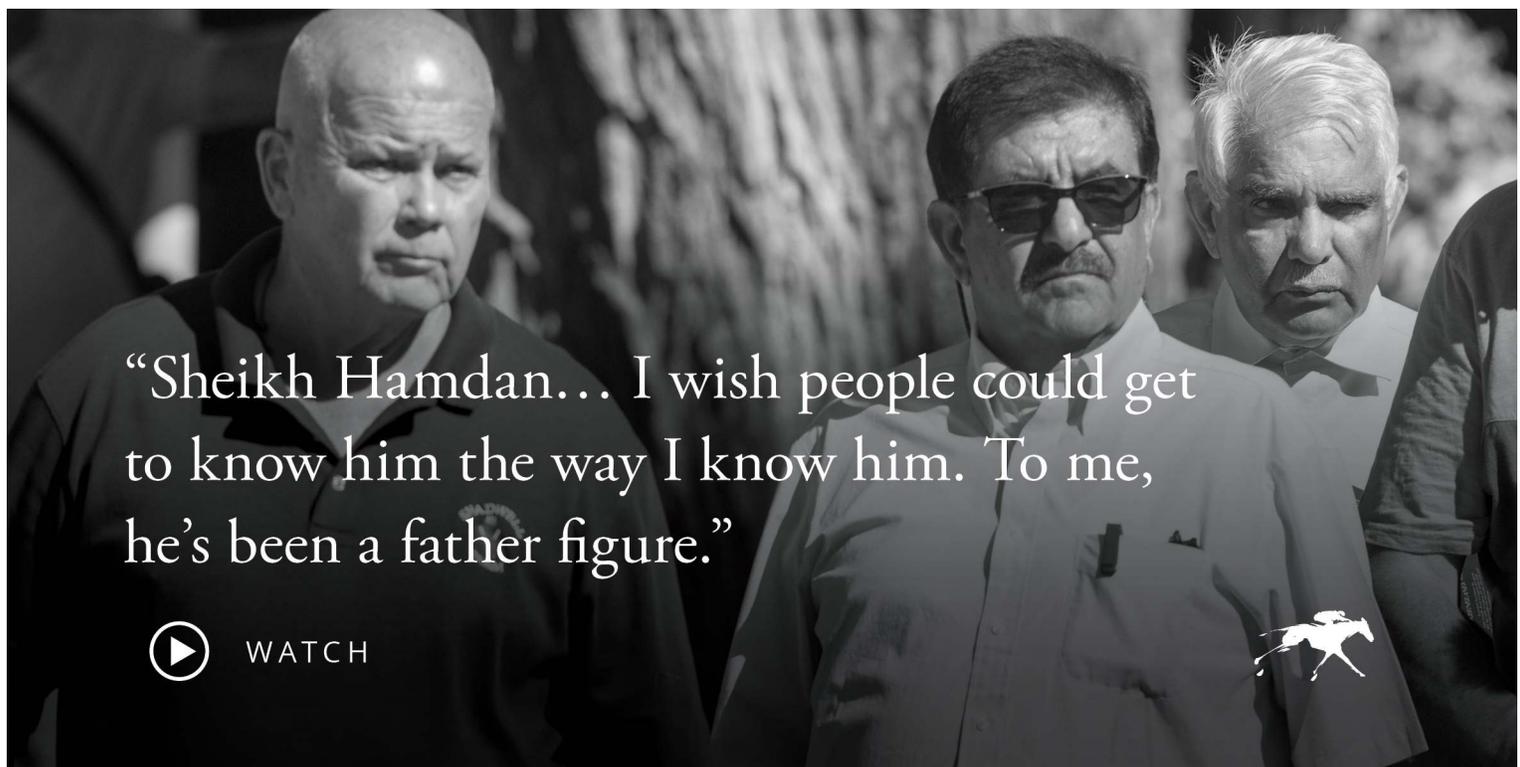
**Thursday, Meydan, UAE, post time: 8:15 p.m.**

**SINGSPIEL S. PRESENTED BY LONGINES MASTER COLLECTION-G2, \$250,000, NH4yo/up & SH3yo/up, 1800mT**

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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## EXCEED COLT TOPS MAGICS DAY 1



**Wednesday's topper, a colt by Exceed And Excel | Magic Millions**

By Richard Edmunds and Bren O'Brien

The market held strong on Day 1 of the Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale, with yearlings by I Am Invincible and a host of first-season sires powering the market early before an Exceed And Excel colt drew the day's highest price of \$1.1 million late in the day.

### At A Glance: Magic Millions Day 1

- The opening day of the sale saw an increased median of \$180,000, up from \$170,000 last year.
- The overall spend was \$48,565,000, with an average of \$239,236 and clearance rate of 82.86%.
- Breeder Nick Wakim joined forces with Milburn Creek to sell the day's top price of \$1.1 million for an Exceed And Excel colt. Exceed And Excel ended the day as leading sire by average.
- It was a massive day for Coolmore, with first-season sire American Pharoah (USA) making a huge impression and Magnier purchasing the day's top-priced yearling.
- American Pharoah is the leading first season sire so far with an aggregate of \$2,980,000 from nine yearlings sold, while Magnier made his mark on the buyers' bench with four purchases for a total of \$2,870,000.

- Hawkes Racing are the leading buyers, signing for eight yearlings for a total of \$3,480,000.
- I Am Invincible dominated the early afternoon with two seven-figure colts. He had 15 yearlings sell on the first day for a total of \$6,990,000, averaging \$466,000.
- Along with its star stallion's successes, Yarraman Park Stud played a key role as vendors with three yearlings selling for \$600,000 or more. They top the vendors' table with 12 horses sold for an aggregate of \$5,210,000 and an average of \$434,167.
- Alongside American Pharoah, fellow first-season sires Astern and Capitalist also made waves. Each had a yearling sell for \$725,000 or more. James Harron, who bought Capitalist for \$165,000 at this sale five years ago, returned and secured one of his first-crop sons for \$750,000.

### New Partnership Strikes Magic Millions Gold

In their first year of selling horses together, breeder Nick Wakim of Hilldene Stud and Milburn Creek's John Muir struck gold late on Wednesday's first day of the Gold Coast Magic Millions Yearling Sale. The pair earned a sale-leading price of \$1.1 million for Lot 255, a colt by Exceed And Excel out of Dream In Colour (GB) (Frankel {GB}). He was bought by Coolmore Australia principal Tom Magnier.

"We moved to Milburn Creek this year," Wakim said. "Hopefully this new relationship will go forward from here and produce more nice horses together. It came from a conversation I was having with John Messara about where to go in terms of the better consignment farms. Jon Freyer suggested that I should talk to Milburn and said they have a great reputation.

"I called John and started talking to him, and it went from there. That's how we set it up for this year. I'm very happy. This is the first horse out of the gate--it's a good start!"

Both Wakim and Muir came into the sale with very high hopes for the well-related colt.

"He's a beautiful, athletic colt," Muir said. "He's by Exceed And Excel, who's one of the best shuttle stallions in the world, and he's out of a Frankel mare. He ticks all the boxes. Beauty is in the eye of the beholder, but we were confident. He was the most popular colt in our draft, and all of the good judges wanted to look at him."

Wakim paid \$750,000 to buy the colt's dam at the 2018 Magic Millions Gold Coast Weanling and Broodmare Sale.

“We bought the mare, in foal with this colt,” he recalled. “We were originally planning to send her to Not a Single Doubt, but after seeing this colt, we went back to Exceed And Excel instead.

“He’s just a lovely colt. He’s been a fantastic horse from day one. Milburn have done a phenomenal job and prepped him fantastically. He’s been the best of our colts all year.

“I think we had over 30 hits on his X-ray and about 165 views. He was very, very popular. His price probably went a little bit higher than we expected, but that’s a nice bonus. He’s going to a great home and we wish them all the best. We still have the mare and the full-sister. The full-sister was born this year, and she’ll stay with me and race with me.”

### **Massive Afternoon for Coolmore**

The purchase of the sale-topping colt late on Wednesday afternoon capped a huge opening day of the sale for Coolmore.

The Exceed And Excel colt was one of four purchases on the day for Magnier, who spent a total of \$2,870,000 to sit second on the leading buyers’ standings.

“He [the Exceed And Excel colt] was physically exceptional--a very nice type out of a Frankel mare,” he said. “All the judges were on him, so we’ll take him home, break him in and see where we go from there.

“Things are very positive in this country, prizemoney is very high, so it is a great place to race horses. We are out there now to find colts and hopefully we get a bit of luck along the way. For the top colts this week you’re going to have to pay for them.”

The other major contributor to Coolmore’s big day was the outstanding start by their first-season shuttle stallion American Pharoah. The 2015 American Triple Crown winner well and truly lived up to the pre-sale hype, selling nine yearlings for a total of \$2,980,000 at an average of \$331,111.

Two of his yearlings fetched \$750,000 or more, including Lot 237, who was bought by Magnier for \$850,000. Offered by Lime Country Thoroughbreds, the colt is a half-brother to the G2 Hobartville S. winner Man From Uncle (Uncle Mo {USA}).

“I think American Pharoah will have a big week,” Magnier said. “The top people are buying them, and everybody likes them. Since we arrived at the complex, everybody has been talking about American Pharoah. We’re delighted to have a Triple Crown winner down here. He got a great first book of mares,

and the results are being seen here today. It’s very exciting.

“This yearling has loads of quality and is very nice physically.”

American Pharoah also earned a \$750,000 price tag for Lot 112, out of an unraced half-sister to the Group 1 winner Alinghi (Encosta de Lago). He was bought by Hawkes Racing, who just pipped Magnier at the top of the leading buyers table with eight horses bought for a total of \$3,480,000.

“American Pharoah has done a great job in America and Europe, especially with his grass horses, which gives us a bit of confidence,” Wayne Hawkes said. “It’s great to have a Blue Diamond winner on the pedigree page, and hopefully we might head in that direction around this time next year with this colt.”

### **I Am Invincible stars on opening day**

Alongside Exceed And Excel, who topped the day as leading sire by average, I Am Invincible was the other star of the stallions, reaching the million-dollar mark on two occasions. The

Yarraman Park super-sire had 12 yearlings sold on day one for an aggregate of \$6,990,000, averaging \$466,000.

Lot 69 was the first to reach seven figures, selling to Waller Racing and Mulcaster Bloodstock for \$1.05 million. The colt was offered by Segenhoe Stud and is out of Adrift (NZ) (Zabeel {NZ}), who won the G2 Light Fingers S. and is a three-quarter-sister to the Cox Plate winner Maldivian (NZ) (Zabeel {NZ}).

“He came up early in the sale,” Guy Mulcaster said. “I think, by

the end of the week, he’s going to look like pretty good value. We liked him when we saw him on the farm three weeks ago, and we loved him all week. They’ve done a great job with him--he’s just kept improving and looks magnificent. He was a target horse for us, and we were lucky enough to be able to get him.”

Segenhoe’s Peter O’Brien was pleased with the result.

“At the end of the day, if you get seven figures for any horse, you’ve got to be happy,” he said. “He’s gone to a great home, Chris Waller. He’ll get every chance. This mare is a young mare, and to have a horse go to the quality of Chris Waller is what we all want.”

Gai Waterhouse and Adrian Bott secured the other seven-figure I Am Invincible, paying \$1 million for Lot 80. From the draft of Rosemont Stud, the colt is out of Amanpour (Northern Meteor), who won the G1 Queen of the Turf S. for Waterhouse in 2015.



**American Pharoah | Coolmore**



**I Am Invincible x August Proud filly | Magic Millions**

“I Am Invincible is an extraordinary stallion,” Waterhouse said. “He and Snitzel are the two amazing stallions in Australia at the moment who just keep producing top-class horses, and their sons are starting to produce good horses now too. It’s exciting. This I Am Invincible colt that just went through the ring, from Rosemont, was just the gun colt of the sale. He’s big and strong.

“I trained his mum, Amanpour, and I know the background. I saw him down on the farm in October, and I said to my owners, ‘He’s just so special.’ We’ve got a great group of owners who wanted to be involved in a very special colt, and Rosemont have kept a share. Magic Millions is a wonderful place to come and buy. The horses are so well-developed and precocious. Let’s hope we’re back here next year for the race.”

I Am Invincible also had a \$750,000 price tag for Lot 102, who was bought by Stonestreet Stables. Offered by Bhima Thoroughbreds, the colt is out of the Magic Millions 2YO Classic winner Augusta Proud (More Than Ready {USA}), who is the dam of Group 3 winner Thyme for Roses (Redoute’s Choice).

“I Am Invincible is very popular at the moment,” said John Moynihan, who bought the colt on Stonestreet’s behalf. “She’s a beautiful filly, she looks like she will be early. We actually own her sister, Thyme for Roses, and she’s one of our broodmares back in the United States. We’re tickled to get her. Augusta Proud was a very, very good racehorse. We hope this filly can be as half as good as her mum.”

### **Strong Demand for Yarraman Park Draft**

Aside from the exploits of their champion stallion, Yarraman Park also made its presence felt as vendors on day one on the Gold Coast. They topped the table after the first day with 12 horses sold for a total of \$5,210,000, averaging \$434,167. Two

blue-blooded colts in their draft sold for \$850,000 and \$725,000 respectively, while an I Am Invincible filly fetched \$600,000.

The \$850,000 colt was Lot 210, bought by Hawkes Racing. He is by Hinchinbrook out of Crystal Whip (Lonhro), from the family of Golden Slipper winner Crystal Lily (Stratum) and the well-performed current sprinter Crystal Dreamer (Stratum).

“This is a really lovely colt from a fast-running 2-year-old family,” Wayne Hawkes said. “Not many families can boast Golden Slipper winners--there’s only been about 65 of those. But he’s a lovely horse and we’re lucky to take him home.

“The Hinchinbrooks are a good breed. It’s a shame that the stallion passed away at a young age. We’ve been lucky to have a few of them in our stable.”

### **Another Early Strike for Yoshida**

Yarraman Park’s \$725,000 colt, a son of Darley’s first-season stallion Astern, was bought by Marie Yoshida of Asian Bloodstock Services. Yoshida made her mark early on the opening day of the Magic Millions sale 12 months ago, securing the first seven-figure yearling. She paid \$1 million that day for a colt by Medaglia d’Oro (USA) out of the Group 1 winner Peggy Jean (Myboycharlie {Ire}).

She again made an early impact in 2020, putting in the winning bid on the first yearling to reach the \$700,000 mark. This time it was Medaglia d’Oro’s son Astern, and it was a yearling from a family that is close to Yoshida’s heart. The colt is out of Zimaretto (Anabaa), the dam of stakes winners From Within (Not a Single Doubt), Cruden Bay (Not a Single Doubt) and California Zimbol (I Am Invincible). California Zimbol was bought by Yoshida for \$450,000 at the 2018 Inglis Sydney Easter Yearling Sale, and she has won three of her six starts including the G3 Thoroughbred Club S.

She was pleased to pick up her younger half-brother on Wednesday.



**Marie Yoshida | TDN AusNZ**

“The price was a little bit higher than we wanted, but we didn’t have much choice—we really wanted this colt,” she said. “He was sold by Yarraman Park, who we’ve been very lucky with in the past. They know how to produce yearlings, and we can buy with confidence from them.

“We previously purchased California Zimbol from them. She is a very, very talented filly for us. The mother seems to be a good producer. This colt is by a new sire, Astern, who is by Medaglia d’Oro. We bought a Medaglia d’Oro here last year for a lot of money, and we really like that line. We buy five or six yearlings every year. We like to leave them in Australia and have them trained by Peter and Paul Snowden.”

### Big Party Brother Brings Big Money

The recent feats of exciting Hong Kong sprinter Big Party (Exceed And Excel) created massive interest in his full brother at the Gold Coast. Lot 226, by Exceed And Excel out of De Groove (Dehere {USA}), sold to legendary Hong Kong trainer John Moore for \$900,000. Big Party himself was a \$420,000 purchase at the 2017 Inglis Sydney Easter Sale. He has won five of his nine starts to date, most recently the G3 Bauhinia Sprint Trophy on Dec. 29.



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“She (De Groove) sure has been a great producer, especially to Exceed And Excel,” Moore said. “She has Exceeded and excelled you might say. We all know about Big Party in Hong Kong. He’s really hit his straps this season, he looks a potential Group 1 horse in Hong Kong, so I had to follow it up.

“My wife convinced one of her clients, a mainland Chinese, to allow us to bid on him today and we were successful. I understand the underbidder was Frankie Lor, who trains Big Party, but the colt looks like a real runner to me.”

### Harron Pays \$750,000 for Capitalist Colt

Newgate Farm’s Golden Slipper winner Capitalist was another rookie stallion who made a strong impression, headed by a \$750,000 price tag for Lot 146. It was a special moment for buyer James Harron, who paid \$165,000 to buy Capitalist himself at this sale in 2015.

“He’s a really special colt,” he said. “A lot of very good judges had a good opinion of the horse, and it’s great for Capitalist going forward. When we first walked on to the sale grounds, he was honestly my favourite physical colt of the sale, regardless of which stallion he was by. But I suppose that was an added bonus. You can just see such similarities with Capitalist—great shape, very powerful. He looks like a ready-made 2-year-old, which is what we like to see.

“He’s really impressed me from day one. I saw him and the farm and had a good look at him there. Once they get here, you just want to see them thrive, enjoy the experience and soak up the good Queensland weather. He’s done a great job, and hopefully we’ll be back here with him in a year’s time.”

Lot 146 was offered by Newgate and is out of Booklet (Tale of the Cat {USA}), a listed winner who placed in the G2 Blazer S. Capitalist has made a strong start with his first crop of yearlings, selling eight for a total of \$2,175,000 and an average of \$271,875.

Magic Millions Managing Director Barry Bowditch was delighted with how the sale evolved on Day 1.

“It started off a little rough around the edges, but as things went on, it got momentum. It got depth and it got a lot of strength. All in all, having an 83% clearance rate, and a solid average and gross, I think the sale is in good shape for the next three days,” he said. “A lot of horses made much more than their reserves. There was plenty of bidding going on, there was plenty of depth in that middle market here. To have more horses make over half a million than we had last year on Day 1 is a great start to the week. That’s the bread and butter for the breeders and that’s where we need to make sure we have the market set. It was very deep and very strong.”



#### IN HONG KONG:

**Baby**, g, 4, **Medaglia d’Oro (USA)**--Don’t Blink, by Redoute’s Choice. Happy Valley, 1-8, Hcp. (\$271k), 1200m, 1:10.09. B-R S Finemore (NSW). \*Formerly Legion Fighter. \*\*SP-Aus. \*\*\*\$250,000 Ylg ‘17 INGEAS. **VIDEO**

**What A Legend**, g, 5, **Duporth**--What An Impact, by More Than Ready (USA). Happy Valley, 1-8, Hcp. (\$181k), 1200m, 1:10.21. B-M J & S C Murdoch (Qld). \*1/2 to Stellar Collision (Star Witness), MSW & GSP-Aus, \$595,900. \*\*\$28,000 Ylg '16 INGJUN. **VIDEO**



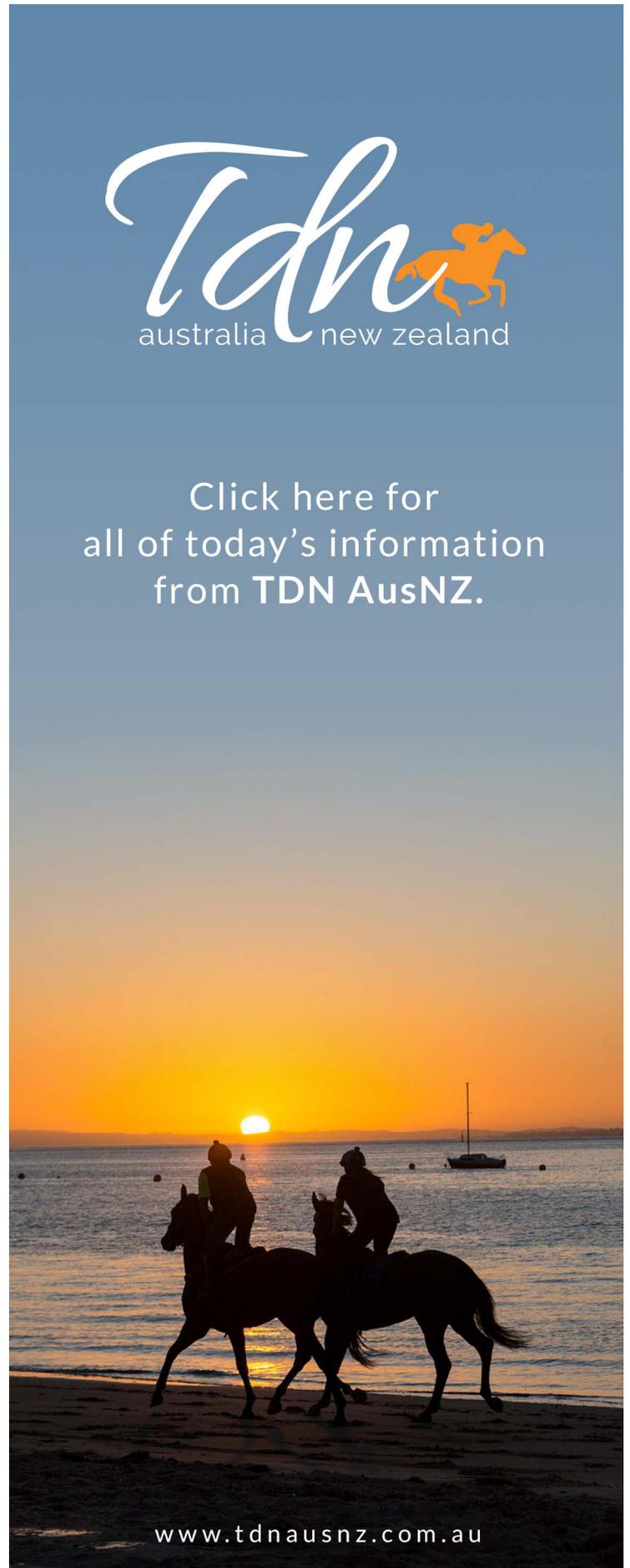
**IN AUSTRALIA:**

**Travest**, g, 3, **Tavistock**--Glamorous Girl (GSW-NZ, NZ\$130,025), by Thorn Park (Aus). Warwick Farm, 1-8, Maiden (NZ\$52k), 1200m, 1:11.49. B-Sir Patrick & Lady Hogan. \*1ST TIME STARTER. \*\*NZ\$120,000 RNA Ylg '18 NZBJAN; A\$155,000 2yo '18 INGRTR.

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	G1 Ladbrokes Oakleigh Plate	Caulfield
	G1 Futurity S.	Caulfield
Feb. 29	G1 Australian Guineas	Flemington
	G1 TAB Chipping Norton S.	Randwick
	G1 Surround S.	Randwick
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	G1 Australian Cup	Flemington



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