



JOURNEYMAN STUD HOPES ST. PATRICK'S DAY REPEATS KHOZAN SUCCESS



St. Patrick's Day | Louise Reinagel

by Katie Ritz

Over the past year, Brent and Crystal Fernung, the owners of Journeyman Stud in Ocala, Florida, have carefully tracked wins from Journeyman first-crop sire Khozan. It's kept them busy.

To date, 20 sons and daughters of the son of Distorted Humor have tallied up 26 victories, but the Fernungs are even more excited about the nine black-type runners Khozan has already accounted for, placing him among the top three freshman sires in the country in that particular category.

"It's one thing to get winners," said Brent Fernung. "A lot of horses can get winners, but Khozan is getting a high-quality winner."

Khozan is owned by a partnership that includes Journeyman, Al Shaqab Racing, and Stonehedge LLC. The Fernungs credit this partnership for much of Khozan's early success.

"If you look at the early stakes winners by Khozan, a lot of them are bred by Stonehedge," said Crystal Fernung. "There's a big upside on a stallion that has a really committed stallion ownership that is willing to put a lot of good mares under him."

Brent added, "It's always been my theory that in Kentucky, everyone in the state helps make that stallion. But in Florida and other regional markets, the owners are the driving force in a stallion's early success." **Cont. p3**

TAYLOR'S IDEA TO SHAKE UP SALES, ON TDN PODCAST

Appearing this week as The Green Group Guest of the Week on the [TDN's Writers' Room podcast for Jan. 8](#), Mark Taylor said that the industry needs to re-examine the role X-rays and the repository play in the sales process.

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"I don't know if buyers would ever endorse this, but take Keeneland September Books 4, 5 and 6 and say there is not going to be a repository, it is absolutely buyer beware," said Taylor, who is the vice president of marketing and public sales operations for Taylor Made. "It wouldn't work for \$1 million horses, but would it work for \$50,000, \$60,000 horses?"

Taylor understands the desire of buyers to have as much information as possible on potential purchases, but said that people have become too reliant on X-rays, which is causing a handful of unnecessary problems. **Cont. p5**

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Bellafina, most recently second in the GI La Brea S., galloped at Santa Anita Thursday.
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Journeyman Stud Hopes St. Patrick's Day Repeats Khozan Success *(cont. from p1)*

A very similar partnership that includes Journeyman, Stonehedge, and Climax Stallions was formed for **St. Patrick's Day** (Pioneerof the Nile--Littleprincesemma, by Yankee Gentleman), a newly turned 5-year-old full-brother to Triple Crown hero American Pharoah, who will stand his first year at Journeyman Stud this year. Aside from an analogous ownership group, Brent noted other comparable qualities.

"St. Patrick's Day reminds me a lot of Khozan when he entered stud. They are both really talented horses with a tremendous pedigree, plus the looks to back it up."



Khozan | Louise Reinagel

Brent Fernung said that they had kept an eye on St. Patrick's Day ever since his career debut. "I remember reading articles after his first start about how much Baffert liked him and knew he would be a talented horse." On debut, the colt ran second to then-stablemate Zatter (Midnight Lute), who finished second in the GI Del Mar Futurity in his next start.

St. Patrick's Day went on to break his maiden next time out against a talented field that included eventual graded stakes winners Instilled Regard (Arch) and Blended Citizen (Proud Citizen). He was transferred to Aidan O'Brien as a sophomore, placing third in the Millennium Millionaire Celebration S. at Curragh, and later running second in the G3 Renaissance S. at Naas.

"He just had a lot of speed," Brent Fernung said. "While an injury prevented him from stretching out like the rest of his family, the raw talent was always there. Plus his physical is exactly what you're looking for in a stallion prospect--beautiful topline, a long, elegant neck, and extremely well-muscled. When you add in that he's a full brother to a Triple Crown winner, that's just the icing you need on your cake."



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"Florida breeders are so excited to get a quality pedigree," Crystal added. "His pedigree is proven, and not just with one or two horses, but a consistently good pedigree."

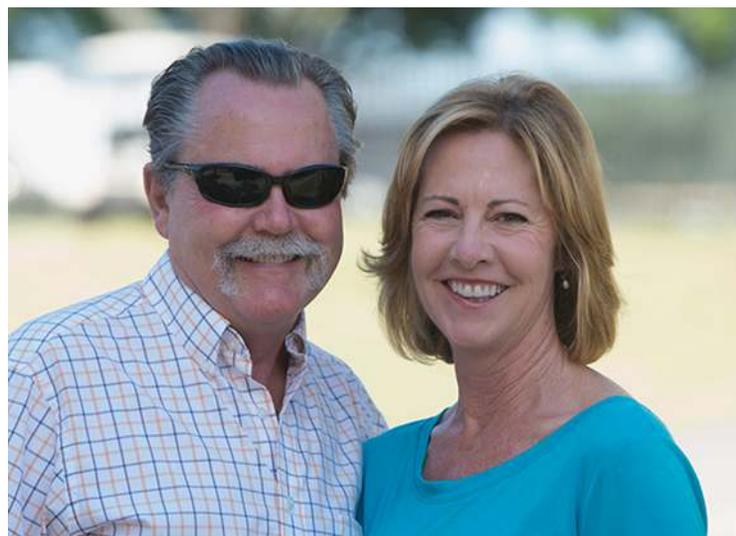
The Fernungs said they see St. Patrick's Day's potential to stand out within the Florida stallion market.

"In Florida, you often get stallion prospects with a really good pedigree, or a really good race record," Brent said. "Very few can claim both. Plus he's a natural fit for the mares down here, as they have a tendency to be fast and tough."

Four Decades of Experience...

The Fernungs have been involved in Florida's Thoroughbred industry for over 40 years. Not long after they were married and both in their early 20s, the couple was on vacation in Ocala. While there in 1976, Brent and Crystal were offered jobs at the Ocala division of Lasater Farm—Brent had worked for Lasater Farm in Kentucky and his brother, John, was an employee of the farm in Ocala.

In 1989, they made the decision to go out on their own, establishing Journeyman Bloodstock Services, and in 2000, Brent took on the role of General Manager of CloverLeaf Farms, where he oversaw the growth of their stallion division. His recruits included Congrats (A.P. Indy), the leading first-crop sire of 2010 in Florida, as well as eventual four-time leading Florida sire Wildcat Heir (Forest Wildcat).



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"When I began at CloverLeaf, they had one stallion," said Brent. "When they closed seven years later, we were up to 10." When the farm closed in 2007, the Fernungs created Journeyman Stud, enabling the CloverLeaf roster to remain in Florida as a part of Journeyman's new stallion station.

Journeyman Stud has developed under the Fernungs's collective sharp eye for stallion prospects. Brent explained his two rules for considering a stallion prospect.

"The first and the most important thing I look at is if the horse can run," he said. "I don't get caught up in who is the sire of the month, because if he's by a hot stallion I probably can't afford him and the market could change by tomorrow anyways. I also want them to have a solid female family. I want to be able to explain why a horse can run. Both St. Patrick's Day and Khozan have a very prolific female family."

The Fernungs said they believe that hard work and a hands-on approach to their business have been integral to their farm's growth over the years.

"We know where all our horses are and we are very much involved in the day-to-day aspects of the operation," said Crystal. "This has always been a mom-and-pop thing. We are horsemen and that's what we do."

Added Brent, "I was a groom when I first got here over 40 years ago. Many of the people I started out with went into pinhooking and breaking and training. That's considered the way you do things here in Ocala. But we decided to go the old fashion route by sticking with broodmares and stallions."

This year, the couple incorporated a **silent auction** into their fall stallion show, with proceeds going towards Second Chances Farm at the Lowell Correctional Center. The project ended up raising almost \$10,000.

"It was one of those years that we felt like it was time to try and give back," Crystal Fernung said. "Some people can work hard and not have good luck, but we've done this together for the last 44 years, so we are very thankful."

Good fortune has also played a role, Brent said.

"I'll have to admit that luck has had a lot to do with it. But I've found that the harder we work, the luckier we get. We had no reason to believe that no matter how hard we worked, we would be this fortunate. But so far, it has worked out well for us."

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Taylor's Idea to Shake Up Sales, on TDN

Podcast *(cont. from p1)*

"From my perspective as someone who sells more yearlings than anyone else on the planet other than Keeneland and Fasig-Tipton, we watch what these horses do. We don't forget about them after we sell them," Taylor said. "We track the ones who are running and the ones who aren't and what level they wind up at. The correlation between what the X-ray report says and how they run is very unpredictable. The vet reports have become the most important component of the sales process and that's a case of the tail wagging the dog. When you go the sales, that paper better be clean or else you are completely up the creek."



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Taylor said ending the repository system for certain books at certain sales would help the smaller breeders financially. He also said that the extensive work done on horses before sales in hopes that they have clean X-rays is not good for the horse.

“You have to X-ray them in February of their yearling year,” he said. “They all have these little tiny chips, so you have to send them to the clinic, hang them upside down, put a tube down their throat, anesthetize them and then they have to stand in a stall for 45 days before the get back outside. We are doing all these really unnatural things to the horse to fix problems, that in my mind, were never going to bother the horse to begin with.

“There are no X-rays. There is no scoping. It’s just buyer beware. You would bring in a bunch of well-raised horses and you advertise that they were raised organically, that we haven’t done anything to them. A market like that would be so much more healthy because you’d save the breeder probably an extra \$6,000, \$7,000 and you’d be delivering a sound product.”

Taylor said that his idea would be a matter of returning to the past.

“This may sound crazy, but it could be the future and this thing could come back full circle to the days when my dad was raising horses,” he said. “They didn’t go looking for problems. If the horse went lame, they would get a diagnosis and try to fix it. We subject our horse to a ton of unnatural things trying to satisfy

the vet reports. This would be a way to rectify some of these problems and draw breeders back in.”

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SHARP DEBUT WINNER UNTITLED PURCHASED PRIVATELY & TARGETING

SWALE by *Steve Sherack*

Flashy front-running debut winner **Untitled** (Khozan–Cindy Says, by Elusive Quality) has been purchased privately by Gary Barber and is being aimed at the seven-furlong GIII Swale S. at Gulfstream Park Feb. 1, per trainer Mark Casse.

The newly turned 3-year-old colt aired first time out with a gaudy 98 Beyer Speed Figure versus Florida-breds going six furlongs in his Gulfstream debut Dec. 14 ([video](#)). Untitled’s final clocking of 1:10.17 was flattered when Lady’s Island (Greatness) stopped the clock in 1:10.75 for the same distance later on the that card in the GIII Sugar Swirl S. for older fillies and mares.

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Untitled breezed a four-furlong bullet in :48 (1/17) at the Casse Training Center Jan. 4.



Untitled | Lauren King

“Gary Barber bought a majority interest in him and Mike Sebastian kept a small portion,” Casse said. “I really like him. I’ve been impressed by him so far. He had a nice breeze at our training center and he’s going to have a breeze this weekend at Palm Meadows.

Casse continued, “He got away a little slow [in his debut], was able to scoot up the rail and run fast and win easy. He ran faster than the fillies ran in the stake that day. He’s about 16.2 [hands]—he’s a big, leggy horse. If you base your opinion on the way he moves and his physique, you would say he definitely would get two turns.”

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Chris Tweedy, son of Penny Chenery, will also be on hand to represent his family.

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BRICKS AND MORTAR WINS VOX POPULI AWARD

A winner of the GI Breeders' Cup Turf at Santa Anita Nov. 2 and unbeaten in six starts last year, **Bricks and Mortar** (Giant's Causeway) has been named the winner of the 10th annual Vox Populi Award, which will be presented in a winner's circle ceremony Saturday at Santa Anita Park.

Created by the late owner of 1973 Triple Crown hero Secretariat, Penny Chenery, the inaugural Vox Populi (Voice of the People) Award was won by the legendary Zenyatta in 2010.

Bricks and Mortar was campaigned by owners Klaravich Stables, LLC and William H. Lawrence, and was conditioned by Chad Brown. He was retired to stud at Shadai Farm in Japan with earnings of \$7,085,650.

There will be a special poster giveaway celebrating all 10 winners of the Vox Populi Award and past winning connections will be on hand beginning at 11 a.m. to sign them in Santa Anita's Paddock Gardens area.



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Hosted in Santa Anita's Chandelier Room, the March event will include cocktails, lunch, and the opportunity to shop from local vendors. All proceeds will be earmarked by the foundation to benefit the backstretch community in Southern California.

"The Fashionable Fillies Luncheon has been a successful event in Saratoga for nearly two decades, and we wanted to bring it to the west coast to engage the California racing community and show the good work that the Safety Net does for those who work in the racing industry across the country," said Shannon Kelly, executive director for the foundation. "We are thankful for the support from The Stronach Group and their help in hosting and organizing this event."

"The Thoroughbred breeding and racing industries would not be possible without the efforts of the men and women who work behind the scenes on behalf of our equine athletes," said Aidan Butler, chief strategy officer and acting executive director of California Racing Operations for The Stronach Group. "The Stronach Group is proud to support the Safety Net Foundation's mission through the Fashionable Fillies Luncheon Goes West."

"I am honored to be a part of the Fashionable Fillies Luncheon Goes West and raise money for the men and women who are the backbone of the Thoroughbred industry," said Jill Baffert, chair of the event committee.

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CLASSIC WINNER SHACKLEFORD SOLD TO KOREA

Shackleford (Forestry--Oatsee, by Unbridled), the 2011 GI Preakness S. winner, has been sold to continue his stud career in Korea, officials at Darby Dan Farm confirmed Thursday afternoon.

Bred and raced by Mike Lauffer and Bill Cubbedge and trained by Dale Romans, the blaze-faced chestnut defied big odds to finish second in the GI Florida Derby and set the majority of the pace in the GI Kentucky Derby before settling for a close fourth-place effort. He defeated Derby winner Animal Kingdom (Leroideasanimaux {Brz}) two weeks later and would go on to win the GI Met Mile H., the GI Clark H. and the GII Churchill Downs S. at four. He was retired to Darby Dan with a record of 20-6-5-1 and earnings of \$3,090,101.

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FIRST WINNER FOR MARQUEZ

Charlie Marquez rode the first winner of his career with **Sierra Leona** (Point Given)'s 3/4-length victory at Laurel Park Thursday. It was the eighth career mount for the 16-year-old, who rode his first race Jan. 1 at Laurel.

"It feels amazing. I'm only 16; it's a lot to digest," Marquez said. "But I'm glad I'm here and I'm thankful for all the opportunities being given to me. This means so much to me."

From Columbia, Maryland, Marquez is the son of 52-year-old Carlos Marquez, Jr., a multiple graded-stakes winner of 3,150 career races currently riding at Camarero in Puerto Rico. His grandfather, Carlos Marquez, Sr., was also a successful jockey.

"I've been riding my whole life, in the pony races and riding over jumps," Marquez said. "I've done a whole bunch of different things, so this is an honor to be a professional now and finally win my first race."

Marquez said he plans to finish his secondary education at home as he pursues his riding career. "I'm turning in [forms] to get homeschooled, but there's no way I'm dropping out."

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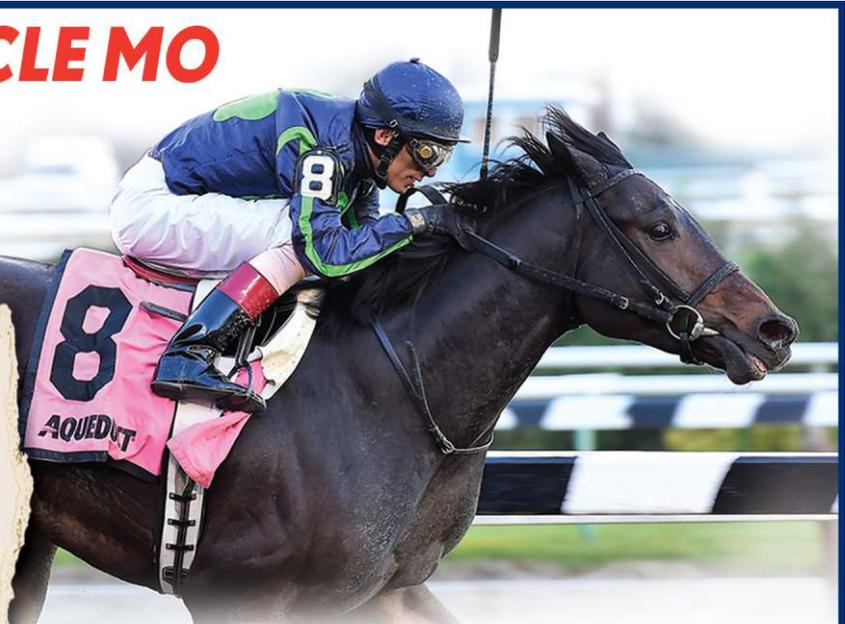
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2020 GOALS

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My number one goal for racing in 2020 is to formulate a 10-year vision for the future, break down what specific steps and alliances it would take to achieve that vision, and take proactive responsibility for doable daily steps towards getting there. In doing so, I am sure that we will find more of what unites us than what divides us. I hope that we can work to replace knee-jerk reactions with principled actions that we can stand behind with fans, media and our own best angels. While this exercise is most impactful for the leadership organizations within the current horse racing structures, it is just as useful for us individual owners, breeders, bettors, facility managers, and casual fans. Everyone counts, and everyone can make things better by being proactive.

As Michael Blowen from Old Friends told me, "Everything is really quite simple when we start and end with what is good for the horse."

It is important for this vision to be long enough out in the future that we can go through a few breeding and racing cycles before getting there. Otherwise, current limitations and fears are likely to set us back, such as when we set valuable goals to get rid of Lasix to appease the rightfully concerned public, but knowing full well that our current racing population has horses that may not be able to race effectively without Lasix.

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And we face field-size issues even without taking that population (estimated to me by racetrack vets at a sizable 13% to 17%) out of the available racing pool. It is difficult to take bold actions when we don't have current better alternatives, but with human ingenuity, we can likely come up with them when we have a far-out vision that allows us to dream without short-term constraints about how the vision may come about. Just as a ship can spend weeks or months traveling through a vast ocean when the GPS is set to its destination, I believe that our industry and individual participants can handle temporary challenges better when we know where we want to go. Anyone who makes it their life's work to be around gorgeous animals 10 times bigger, stronger and faster than them can surely look our current issues squarely in the eye and make this industry relevant and beautiful for the modern times.

I was inspired by reading about David Stern, the former NBA Commissioner who passed away recently and who is widely credited for leading the NBA through small viewership and scandals to the popular and financial juggernaut it is today. Sound familiar in that we have a potential for crossroads, but can choose a pathway of leadership? We have so much astounding talent in the bench of our ownership base alone, I know that we can stage more than just mere industry survival if we focus on it. Our industry, by its nature, is very reactive. Information can change on daily basis. Surprises good and bad are plentiful, as one weekend's win or good sale can pay our bills or a loss can set us back the same or worse. We are often vulnerable to forces completely outside of our own control. We may have planned a great mating, but can suffer financially if the horse's sire goes cold, just as much as we can benefit from the same if we are lucky and that sire is popular. News is often negative over positive and can force us to change course on a dime. It is a 24/7 occupation and it is a challenge to look past the next colic patrol or sales cycle. It is easy to get discouraged when we plunk down five or six figures for a horse or stud fee, and get an unsellable horse with a large OCD in the wrong place or a slow racehorse instead of the million-dollar superstar that we were hoping for. It is difficult to feel smart or have a sense of vision when a sickness, injury or breakdown changes best-laid plans. We have experienced all of those in 2019 in our own operations, topped by the very public and sensationalized loss of GISW Battle of Midway, the best horse we have bred to date and, as Jerry Hollendorfer told me before the 2017 Kentucky Derby, the best horse we are likely to have bred. I hope to still prove Jerry wrong some day and get another chance at glory at that level, but I am also humble enough to know how many things it takes to go right for it to happen.

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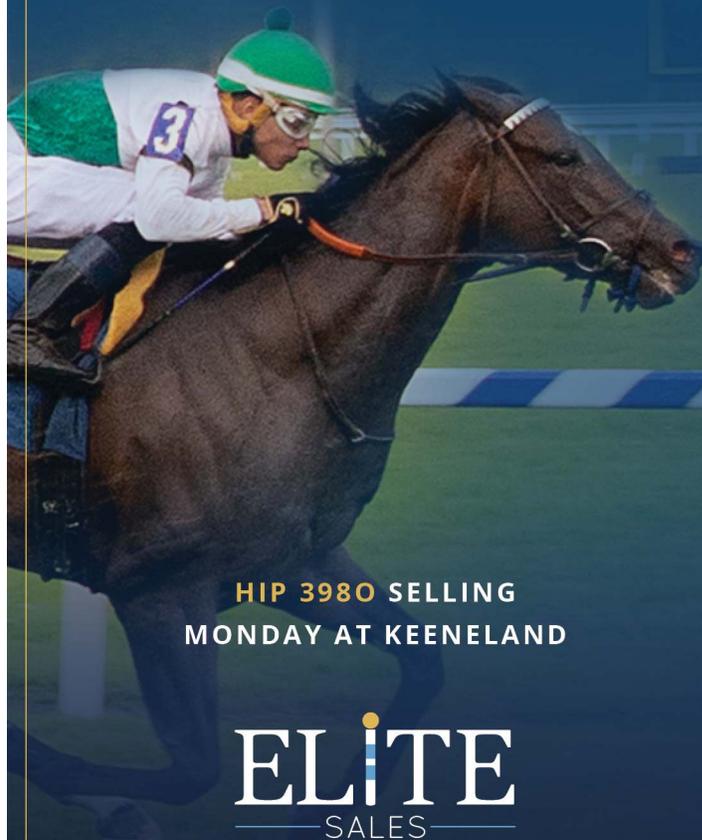
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It all becomes even more complicated when there is a small but vocal army of funeral-veiled activists announcing the worst of our worst issues with megaphones amplified by main stream media and social media, without acknowledging the many positive aspects or presenting remotely realistic alternatives and solutions. This industry has never been for the faint-hearted in the first place, but now we are in a position to either cower to the negative forces eager to push us around, or to put our big boy pants on and chart our desired destination.

For me, my 10-year vision is to breed, raise, sell and race sound and healthy horses with the foundation to thrive through multi-year campaigns at the highest levels, retire sound and have good outcomes in their post-racing lives, whether in the breeding shed or in second careers. To achieve that vision, I will continue to look at what decisions, resources, learning, research, feedback, locations, alliances, organizations and relationships are most likely to support where I want to go. I will treat failures with as much dignity as the successes, and use them as useful feedback rather than a reason to give up. I will be focused on the necessary process needed to get towards that vision, and I will judge results by the process rather than any single short-term result.

We depend on luck even more than daily hard work in racing, but I believe that an honest and bold 10-year vision is what provides both the inspiration and the practical framework required to rise above bad luck and temporary challenges. 2030, here we come.

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STALLIONS' FIRST FOALS

ARMY MULE

- Army Mule (Friesan Fire), unbeaten winner of the 2018 GI Carter H., sired his first foal when Burke's Garden (Speightstown) produced a filly Jan. 8 at Hill 'n' Dale Canada.
- The filly is owned by St Elias--which campaigned Army Mule--in partnership with Elevage. She is the first foal out of Burke's Garden, whose second dam is broodmare of the year Oatsee.
- Hill 'n' Dale Canada President R. Glenn Sikura said, "The foal is very well made with a lot of substance. There's certainly much to like about her, especially for a first foal."
- Army Mule stands at Hill 'n' Dale in Lexington. His 2020 stud fee is \$10,000 S&N.

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SHARP AZTECA

- Sharp Azteca (Freud), winner of the 2017 GI Cigar Mile, was represented by his first foal when Special City (City Zip) produced a filly Jan. 5 at Wind-n-Wood Farm.
- The filly was bred by Chesapeake Farm and Crown Chase Farm and is the first foal out of Special City.

- Special City's dam is a half-sister to Grade I winner Haynesfield (Speightstown).
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Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	Cairo Prince <i>(2011) by Pioneer of the Nile</i>	5	12	2	4	--	--	156	76	628,373	4,945,174
		<i>FYR: 2016 Stands: Airdrie Stud KY Fee: \$25,000</i>								<i>Mont Perdu</i>	
2	Fed Biz <i>(2009) by Giant's Causeway</i>	5	13	--	2	--	--	120	57	176,917	3,137,311
		<i>FYR: 2016 Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$7,500</i>								<i>Change of Control</i>	
3	Souper Speedy <i>(2009) by Indian Charlie</i>	5	6	--	1	--	--	44	19	267,352	1,466,416
		<i>FYR: 2016 Stands: T. C. Westmeath Stud Farm ON Fee: 5,000</i>								<i>Speedy Soul</i>	
4	Goldcents <i>(2010) by Into Mischief</i>	4	10	2	2	--	1	161	83	1,136,820	5,641,194
		<i>FYR: 2016 Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY Fee: \$25,000</i>								<i>Mr. Money</i>	
5	Mucho Macho Man <i>(2008) by Macho Uno</i>	4	7	2	3	--	2	74	42	635,800	2,852,776
		<i>FYR: 2016 Stands: Adena Springs KY Fee: \$10,000</i>								<i>Mucho Gusto</i>	
6	Central Banker <i>(2010) by Speightstown</i>	3	5	--	--	--	--	95	46	419,613	3,583,116
		<i>FYR: 2016 Stands: McMahon of Saratoga TBs NY Fee: \$7,500</i>								<i>Newly Minted</i>	
7	Cross Traffic <i>(2009) by Unbridled's Song</i>	3	9	1	1	--	1	101	46	284,300	2,286,343
		<i>FYR: 2016 Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY Fee: \$15,000</i>								<i>Jaywalk</i>	
8	Noble Mission (GB) <i>(2009) by Galileo (Ire)</i>	2	2	2	2	1	1	109	47	2,211,570	4,827,785
		<i>FYR: 2016 Stands: Lane's End Farm KY Fee: \$20,000</i>								<i>Code of Honor</i>	
9	Will Take Charge <i>(2010) by Unbridled's Song</i>	2	7	--	4	--	1	120	46	171,983	2,963,270
		<i>FYR: 2016 Stands: Three Chimneys Farm KY Fee: \$15,000</i>								<i>Manny Wah</i>	
10	Strong Mandate <i>(2011) by Tiznow</i>	2	3	--	1	--	--	85	43	280,090	2,095,875
		<i>FYR: 2016 Stands: Three Chimneys Farm KY Fee: \$5,000</i>								<i>Gotta Be Strong</i>	
11	Itsmyluckyday <i>(2010) by Lawyer Ron</i>	2	4	--	--	--	--	88	49	153,921	1,878,664
		<i>FYR: 2016 Stands: Maro Veterinary Services OH Fee: \$2,000</i>								<i>Itsmyluckycharm</i>	
12	Can the Man <i>(2011) by Into Mischief</i>	2	6	--	--	--	--	78	46	147,555	1,831,107
		<i>FYR: 2016 Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY Fee: \$3,500</i>								<i>Spectacular Gem</i>	
13	Seville (Ger) <i>(2008) by Galileo (Ire)</i>	2	2	--	--	--	--	54	20	226,890	1,091,522
		<i>FYR: 2016 Stands: Heritage Stallions USA (Dead/Ret/Exp)</i>								<i>Las Setas</i>	
14	Clubhouse Ride <i>(2008) by Candy Ride (Arg)</i>	2	3	--	--	--	--	32	23	126,271	928,448
		<i>FYR: 2016 Stands: Legacy Ranch CA Fee: \$3,500</i>								<i>Warren's Showtime</i>	
15	Real Solution <i>(2009) by Kitten's Joy</i>	2	2	--	1	--	--	34	20	149,295	892,094
		<i>FYR: 2016 Stands: Calumet Farm KY Fee: \$7,500</i>								<i>Sister Peacock</i>	

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Saturday, Santa Anita, post time: 7:00 p.m. EST

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

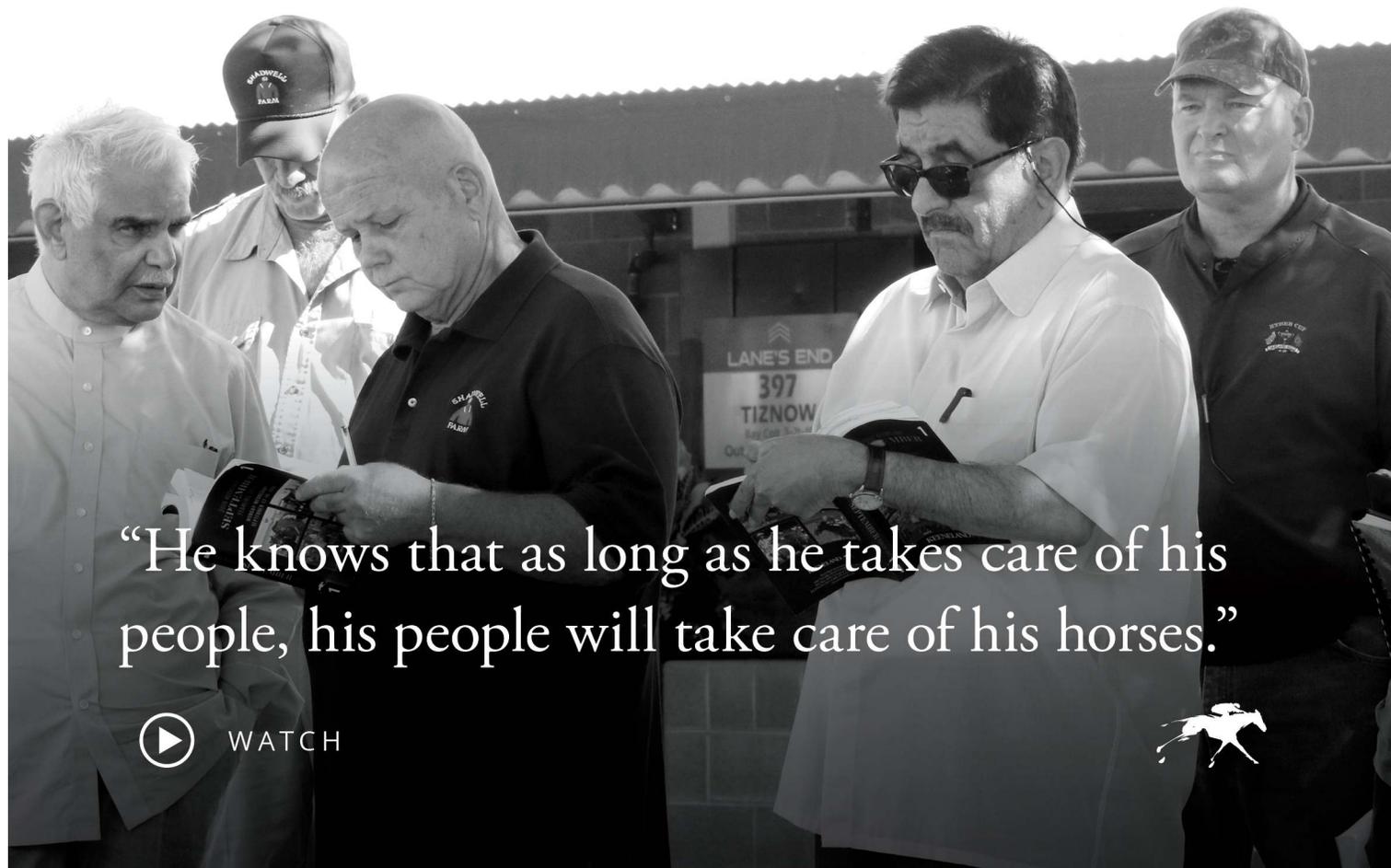
Breeders: 1-Merriebelle Stable, LLC, 2-Clearsky Farms, 3-Tommy Town Thoroughbreds, LLC, 4-C. Kidder & N. Cole, 5-David Randall & Vida Randall, 6-Holly Crest Farm, 7-Premier Thoroughbreds LLC, 8-Donald R. Dizney, LLC



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PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Malkia	Animal Kingdom	Laura Cazares	Cazares	Maragh	118
2	Piece by Peace 🦿	Declaration of War	Jeff Drown	Brisset	Velazquez	118
3	Magic Star 🦿	Scat Daddy	Don Alberto Stable	Brown	Ortiz, Jr.	118
4	Sweet Bye and Bye	Sky Mesa	Joseph M. Imbesi	Klesaris	Saez	120
5	Andina Del Sur	Giant's Causeway	Don Alberto Stable	Albertrani	Castellano	122
6	Maroubra (Fr)	Lawman (Fr)	Manganaro Bloodstock & West Point Thoroughbreds	DeVaux	Lopez	118
7	Munchkin Money	Freud	Sweet Home Stables, Parkinson, Mark, Martin, Brian Bouchey, Steven and Weintraub, Tony	Clement	Gaffalione	120

Breeders: 1-Nursery Place, Donaldson & Broadbent, 2-Samac, 3-Betz, D. J. Stables, CoCo, Burns & Magers, 4-Joseph Imbesi, 5-Don Alberto Corporation, 6-Petra Bloodstock Agency Ltd, 7-Dr. Thomas M. Murray

Saturday, Gulfstream, post time: 4:38 p.m. EST**TROPICAL TURF S.-GIII, \$100,000, 4yo/up, 1mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Empire of War 🦿	Declaration of War	Three Diamonds Farm	Maker	Castellano	118
2	Maraud 🦿	Blame	Collinsworth Thoroughbred Racing LLC	Orseno	Lopez	120
3	Big Agenda	Data Link	Lilli Kurtinecz	Kurtinecz	Prado	118
4	Gidu (Ire)	Frankel (GB)	Zayat Stables, LLC	Pletcher	Velazquez	120
5	Gunnison 🦿	Bernardini	Gunpowder Farms LLC and Hinkle Farms	Rubley	Juarez	118
6	Tusk 🦿	Tapit	Jordan V. Wycoff	Joseph, Jr.	Gaffalione	118
7	Gemonteer	Distorted Humor	Gelfenstein Farm	Antonucci	Jaramillo	120
8	A Thread of Blue 🦿	Hard Spun	Leonard C. Green	McLaughlin	Saez	122
9	Exulting 🦿	Tapit	Hui, Michael M., Hooties Racing & WSS Racing	Maker	Ortiz, Jr.	120
10	Sand Dancer	Eskendereya	Sea Gull Capital	Hills	Rendon	118

Breeders: 1-Mr. & Mrs. Kirk Wycoff, 2-John R. Penn & Frank Penn, 3-Mr. & Mrs. Bertram R. Firestone, 4-Ecurie Des Monceaux, 5-Hinkle Farms & Darley, 6-Flaxman Holdings Limited, 7-Millennium Farms & Distorted Humor Syndicate, 8-Flaxman Holdings Limited, 9-Peter E. Blum Thoroughbreds, LLC, 10-Seagull Associates, LLC

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

Breeders: 1-Kimberly S. Bradley & William B. Bradley, 2-Keith Abrahams, 3-Stud T N T, 4-Reddam Racing, LLC, 5-SF Bloodstock



IN ORDER OF PURSE:

9th-Gulfstream, \$44,000, Alw (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 1-9, 3yo, f, 1 1/16mT, 1:40.97, fm.

STUNNING SKY (f, 3, Declaration of War--Sky Walk, by Unbridled's Song) finished sixth debuting at two turns on the Aqueduct turf Nov. 9 and rallied from last to graduate over \$50,000 maiden claimers in a local off-the-turfer Dec. 12. Claimed from Parkland Thoroughbreds and Jorge Abreu out of that effort, the bay was made a 2-1 favorite returning to grass for new connections here and cabooseed the field through fractions of :23.92 and :47.67. Picking it up while going wide past a 1:11.48 three-quarter split, she charged to the lead outside the sixteenth pole while racing greenly and inched clear to a 1 1/2-length triumph. Pace player Ginger Kitty (Red Rocks {Ire}) just held for second. The victress shares a second dam with MGISW Tourist (Tiznow). Her dam is responsible for a juvenile Tiznow colt named O'Hara Lane and foaled a colt by Frosted last term before visiting Kitten's Joy. Sales History: \$85,000 RNA Wlg '17 KEENOV; \$100,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$47,150. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Paradise Farms Corp.; B-Stephen J McDonald (KY); T-Michael J. Maker.

7th-Fair Grounds, \$42,000, Alw (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 1-9, 4yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2fT, 1:05.50, fm.

LAKE LOCAL (f, 4, Street Boss--White Waves, by Any Given Saturday) scored a first-out success over course and distance in December of 2018 and repeated off the layoff Sept. 28 at Monmouth before fading to 10th in her first two-turn try Oct. 17 at Keeneland. Third as the favorite after an awkward break back sprinting here Dec. 15, the homebred was the public's choice again at 8-5 in this spot and traveled in fifth behind a sharp :21.97 quarter. Hung wide on the turn, she drew into contention a furlong from home, went on with it nearing the sixteenth pole and held firm to prevail by 1 1/4 lengths. She's All Skeet (Trappe Shot) was second best. The winner, who shares a second dam with MGISW and superstar first-crop sire Constitution (Tapit), is out of a half-sister to GISW Emcee (Unbridled's Song) who has a juvenile Frosted colt and a yearling colt by Overanalyze. She was bred to Arrogate this season. Lifetime Record: 5-3-0-1, \$81,334.

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O/B-Godolphin (KY); T-Michael Stidham.

2nd-Delta Downs, \$40,000, (S), Alw, 1-8, (NW2L), 4yo/up, f/m, 5f, :59.30, ft.

SETHAMEE STREET (f, 4, Street Sense--Charged Cotton {SW, \$162,741}, by Dehere) scored a 12-1 upset debuting over track and trip last March and was hammered down to 3-10 as part of an entry in this return. Settling in fifth behind a contested :22.66 quarter, the homebred advanced sharply while three wide on the turn, took control nearing the top of the lane and scooted clear from there to best stablemate Rockin Sunday (Star Guitar) by four lengths. The winner has half-sisters by Star Guitar from each of the last two seasons and her dam was bred to the Clear Creek Stud resident once more for 2020. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$51,000. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Brittlyn Stable, Inc.; B-Brittlyn, Inc. (LA); T-Jose M. Camejo.

8th-Charles Town, \$30,000, Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$30,000), 1-8, 3yo, f, 6 1/2f, 1:21.60, ft.

NEKIA'S FIRST LADY (f, 3, First Dude--All Night Labor {MSW, \$513,749}, by Double Honor) romped by 8 3/4 lengths at 10-1 in her track-and-trip debut Dec. 5 and was made the even-money favorite to repeat here. Off a half-step slowly, the bay recovered to press the pace from second through a :24.30 quarter. Poking her head in front past a :48.43 half, she edged clear into the stretch and held sway late for a 1 1/2-length success. Ultimate Justice (Race Day) completed the exacta. The victress has a yearling full-brother and her dam visited First Dude again last season. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$33,900. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

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IN ORDER OF PURSE:

2nd-Gulfstream, \$43,000, (S), Msw, 1-9, 3yo, 6f, 1:11.45, ft. CROSS COURT (c, 3, Cross Traffic--Hurricane Annie, by Stormy Atlantic) got bet down to favoritism before finishing a distant second to impressive winner Untitled (Khozan) debuting over track and trip Dec. 14 and was sent off at 2-5 to go one better here. Tracking from a close second through a :22.69 quarter, the gray took charge five sixteenths from home and kept to his task in the final furlong to score by 3 1/2 lengths over Uncle Skeets (Khozan). The victor has a juvenile half-sister by Jess's Dream. Sales History: \$28,000 Ylg '18 OBSOCT. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$33,400. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Joker Racing LLC; B-Fools on a Hill (FL); T-Jorge Delgado.

9th-Fair Grounds, \$40,000, Msw, 1-9, 4yo/up, 1mT, 1:41.01, fm. BOTSWANA TAPS (c, 4, Distorted Humor--Unaccloud, by Unaccounted For), a \$400,000 Fasig-Tipton Saratoga buy in 2017, was dismissed at 14-1 making his belated debut in this spot and hopped a bit breaking from his rail draw. Quickly compensating for that stutter-step, he pulled his way to the fore to dictate terms through fractions of :24.67 and :50.40. Confidently handled heading into the lane, the gray shook clear strongly once set down and poured it on entering the final furlong before jumping back to his left lead late in a two-length upset. Reach the Moon (Tapit) got up for the place. The winner is a half to Overanalyze (Dixie Union), GISW, \$1,046,381; Meadow Breeze (Meadowlake), GISW, \$301,301; and Majesto (Tiznow), GISP, \$264,938. His dam, bought last year at Keeneland January for \$100,000, produced his full-brother Mar. 19 before being bred to West Coast. Sales History: \$400,000 Ylg '17 FTSAUG. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$24,000. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

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Amira's Prince (Ire) (Teofilo {Ire}), Pleasant Acres Stallions
 35 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
 3-Sam Houston Race, Msw 6f, RIKKI'S GIFT, 10-1
 \$12,000 RNA TTA APR 2yo

Bayern (Offlee Wild), Hill 'n' Dale Farms, \$15,000
 157 foals of racing age/23 winners/0 black-type winners
 8-Santa Anita, Msw 5 1/2fT, BELLA VITA, 7-2
 \$75,000 FTK OCT yrl; \$400,000 OBS APR 2yo
 5-Delta Downs, Msw 6 1/2f, GREEN MONSTER, 6-1
 \$20,000 FTK FEB wnl; \$80,000 OBS OCT yrl

Carpe Diem (Giant's Causeway), WinStar Farm, \$15,000
 231 foals of racing age/17 winners/2 black-type winners
 3-Sam Houston Race, Msw 6f, SEIZE THE CROWN, 12-1
 \$12,000 KEE SEP yrl

Commissioner (A.P. Indy), WinStar Farm, \$7,500
 162 foals of racing age/17 winners/3 black-type winners
 5-Aqueduct, Msw 1m, HALO CITY, 7-2
 \$18,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$37,000 RNA FTK JUL yrl; \$25,000 OBS OCT yrl; \$50,000 OBS OPN 2yo
 3-Sam Houston Race, Msw 6f, IAMINTERESTING, 15-1
 \$14,000 RNA KEE NOV wnl; \$18,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$12,500 OBS APR 2yo

Competitive Edge (Super Saver), Ashford Stud, \$12,500
 155 foals of racing age/26 winners/4 black-type winners
 3-Aqueduct, Aoc 6 1/2f, TRASH TALKER, 2-1
 \$57,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$115,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$145,000 RNA OBS MAR 2yo
 2-Gulfstream, Msw 6f, TRULY AMBITIOUS, 15-1

Constitution (Tapit), WinStar Farm, \$40,000
 233 foals of racing age/29 winners/5 black-type winners
 5-Laurel, Aoc 1m, JARA, 9-2
 \$45,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; \$240,000 OBS APR 2yo

Conveyance (Indian Charlie), Buck Pond Farm, \$3,500
 68 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners
 3-Aqueduct, Aoc 6 1/2f, HIM SHE KISSES, 9-2
 \$21,000 KEE JAN wnl; \$30,000 FTK OCT yrl; \$30,000 OBS OPN 2yo

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Danza (Street Boss), Fair Winds Farm, \$2,500
 140 foals of racing age/12 winners/1 black-type winner
 1-Charles Town, Msw 7f, NEW BEGINNING, 5-1
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 157 foals of racing age/14 winners/1 black-type winner
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Fast Anna (Medaglia d'Oro), Three Chimneys Farm, \$10,000
 142 foals of racing age/11 winners/3 black-type winners
 5-Turfway, Msw 6 1/2f, FAME IS ROUGH, 30-1

Golden Lad (Medaglia d'Oro), Northview Stallion Station, \$5,000
 124 foals of racing age/10 winners/2 black-type winners
 5-Laurel, Aoc 1m, LONG POINT BEACH, 9-2
 \$50,000 EAS MAY 2yo

Hampton Court (Aus) (Redoute's Choice {Aus}), Spendthrift Farm
 44 foals of racing age/11 winners/0 black-type winners
 6-Delta Downs, Alw 5f, NANCY'S RESCUE, 12-1

Khozan (Distorted Humor), Journeyman Stud, \$8,500
 130 foals of racing age/19 winners/2 black-type winners
 2-Gulfstream, Msw 6f, KASHAN, 4-1
 \$15,000 OBS OCT yrl; \$140,000 OBS OPN 2yo
 2-Gulfstream, Msw 6f, QUEEN LETIZIA, 15-1
 \$10,000 OBS OCT yrl

Medal Count (Dynaformer), Mapleton Thoroughbred Farm,
 \$2,000
 81 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners
 5-Delta Downs, Msw 6 1/2f, TWILIGHT GLOW, 10-1

Mr. Prankster (It's No Joke)
 4 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
 7-Charles Town, Alw 4 1/2f, DISTORTED SPLENDOR, 6-1

Normandy Invasion (Tapit), Pin Oak Lane Farm, \$2,500
 79 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners
 7-Tampa Bay Downs, Msw 5fT, VERY REPLACEABLE, 20-1
 \$25,000 EAS OCT yrl

Palace Malice (Curlin), Three Chimneys Farm, \$25,000
 211 foals of racing age/20 winners/2 black-type winners
 5-Aqueduct, Msw 1m, MIRABELL MEI, 4-1
 \$60,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$100,000 KEE SEP yrl

Secret Circle (Eddington), Hill 'n' Dale Farms, \$5,000
 62 foals of racing age/10 winners/0 black-type winners
 3-Aqueduct, Aoc 6 1/2f, SECRET RULES, 4-5
 \$5,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$75,000 EAS MAY 2yo

Summer Front (War Front), Airdrie Stud, \$10,000
 181 foals of racing age/18 winners/2 black-type winners
 7-Tampa Bay Downs, Msw 5fT, SUMMER ASSAULT, 8-1
 \$80,000 RNA FTK JUL yrl; \$15,000 FTK OCT yrl; \$45,000 OBS APR 2yo

Tapiture (Tapit), Darby Dan Farm, \$7,500
 246 foals of racing age/27 winners/2 black-type winners
 5-Turfway, Msw 6 1/2f, EL FRANCO, 20-1

Wicked Strong (Hard Spun), Spendthrift Farm, \$6,000
 231 foals of racing age/28 winners/1 black-type winner
 1-Charles Town, Msw 7f, FUERTE, 12-1
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In this continuing series, Alan Carasso takes a look ahead at US-bred and/or conceived runners entered for the upcoming weekend at the tracks on the Japan Racing Association circuit, with a focus on pedigree and/or performance in the sales ring. Here are the horses of interest for this coming Sunday and Monday running at Nakayama and Kyoto Racecourses:

Sunday, January 12, 2020

1st-NKY, ¥9,680,000 (\$88k), Maiden, 3yo, 1200m

DETROIT TESORO (f, 3, Speightstown--Bella Traviata, by Indian Charlie) ran with credit to be third, each time at less than 4-1, in seven-furlong turf events at Tokyo in October and at Chukyo last month. She cuts back a bit in trip and should take to the dirt on pedigree, as her stakes-placed dam is a half-sister to Afleet Deceit (Northern Afleet), herself a black-type winner and three times graded placed on the main track. A \$190K buyback at the 2018 Fasig-Tipton Saratoga sale, she RNAd for \$127K at FTKOCT and improved into a \$375K FTFMAR breezer last year. *B-Blackstone Farm (PA)*

3rd-KYO, ¥9,680,000 (\$88k), Maiden, 3yo, 1400m

AMERICAN NINA (f, 3, Carpe Diem--Mane Princess, by Mineshaft) may not have preferred a rain-affected track when a debut sixth at Toyko Oct. 5, but she showed marked improvement over a dry strip last time, fighting on gamely to finish narrowly runner-up (video, gate 10). A \$110K Keeneland November weanling turned \$260K KEESEP yearling, the late March foal is out of a daughter of SW & GISP Extended Applause (Exbourne), the dam of GSW Channel Marker (Purim). *B-Catherine Jennings & Marian Kuhatschek (MD)*

4th-KYO, ¥11,400,000 (\$104k), Newcomers, 3yo, 1200m

DYLAN'S SONG (c, 3, Summer Front--Poetic Riches, by Songandaprayer), bought back on a bid of \$75K at KEESEP in 2018, then was knocked down to Katsumi Yoshida for \$130K at OBS March last year (:10 1/5), the second most expensive of his sire (by War Front)'s first-crop juveniles sold in the U.S. in 2019 and fourth-highest overall. Dylan's Song, out of a half to MGSP Hard Seven (Rock Hard Ten), gets the debut endorsement from Christophe Lemaire and goes out for the Silk Racing syndicate that campaigns 2018 Japanese Horse of the Year Almond Eye (Jpn) (Lord Kanaloa {Jpn}) among many other successful runners. *B-Erin Knehr & Catalyst Bloodstock (KY)*

Monday, January 13, 2020

3rd-NKY, ¥9,680,000 (\$88k), Maiden, 3yo, 1800m

MR SAND (c, 3, Tapit--Smart Surprise, by Smart Strike), a \$400K KEESEP purchase, gave a solid account of himself on his course-and-distance unveiling Nov. 30, finishing third and less than two lengths off the victorious US-bred Seattle Tesoro (Will Take Charge) (video, gate 6). A son of GSW Smart Surprise, Mr Sand is a half-brother to Sovereign Award winner and MGSW Moonlit Promise (Malibu Moon), who is in turn kin to MGISW Court Vision (Gulch), SW Garcia Marquez (Gulch) and MSW/MGSP Lord Snowdon (Seeking the Gold). Third dam Weekend Surprise (Secretariat) produced A.P. Indy and Summer Squall, et al. *B-Hill 'n' Dale Equine Holdings Inc (KY)*

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

6th-Aqueduct, \$70,367, (S), (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 1-9, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:11.84, ft.

DARK MONEY (g, 4, Central Banker--Candelabra, by Purge)

Lifetime Record: 11-5-2-0, \$172,642. O-Michael Dubb, Bethlehem Stables LLC & Joseph M. & Michael A. Zinman; B-Cedar Meadow, Inc. (NY); T-Rudy R. Rodriguez.

7th-Laurel, \$53,508, 1-9, (NW1X), 4yo/up, 6f, 1:11.13, gd.

FOLLOW THE DOG (c, 4, Bandbox--Two's Cozy, by Cozzene)

Lifetime Record: SW, 8-3-2-1, \$156,182. O-Waldorf Racing Stables LLC; B-Sycamore Hall Thoroughbreds, LLC (MD); T-Phil Schoenthal. *\$40,000 Ylg '17 EASOCT.

8th-Fair Grounds, \$47,000, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 1-9, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11.65, ft.

LA FEMME ROYALE (m, 5, Tale of Ekati--Ash, by Smoke Glacken) Lifetime Record: 26-8-8-0, \$181,287. O-Ten Strike Racing; B-Marty & L. William Johnson (KY); T-Matt A. Shirer.

7th-Delta Downs, \$40,000, (S), 1-8, (NW2L), 4yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:20.11, ft.

SOUTHERNAIRE (g, 4, Munnings--Seaside Affair {SW, \$229,476}, by Sea of Secrets) Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-1, \$37,605. O-Tyson Dehoet; B-Stewart M. Madison (LA); T-Isai V. Gonzalez.



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5th-Penn National, \$31,600, (S), 1-8, (NW1X), 4yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:06.82, gd.

MISS DILLINGHAM (f, 4, Jump Start--Dillingham, by Pleasant Tap) Lifetime Record: 13-3-6-1, \$89,364. O/B-Thomas G. McClay (PA); T-Michael W. Salvaggio, Jr. *\$5,500 Wlg '16 KEENOV.

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Swing Batter, g, 3, Fiber Sonde--Safe At First, by Honour and Glory. Charles Town, 1-8, (S), 4 1/2f, :53.72. B-Cynthia O'Bannon (WV). *Full to Mr. Ripken, MSP, \$199,296.

Sweet Mia, f, 3, The Big Beast--Lady Bluegrass, by Bluegrass Cat. Gulfstream, 1-9, (C), 6f, 1:12.52. B-Dani Dougherty (FL). *\$35,000 Ylg '18 OBSOCT; \$25,000 2yo '19 OBSOPN. **1ST-TIME STARTER.

Kneesinthebreeze, g, 4, Bandbox--Sister Silver, by Saint Ballado. Laurel, 1-9, (WC), 6f, 1:11.84. B-William T. Bourne (MD).

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Dereka's Bluff, f, 4, Brother Derek--Hidden Bluff, by Ball's Bluff. Charles Town, 1-8, (S), 4 1/2f, :54.56. B-Gary William Carter (WV).

Bulwark, g, 4, Hard Spun--Awesome Bull, by Holy Bull. Aqueduct, 1-9, (S), 6 1/2f, 1:19.51. B-Edition Farm (NY). *\$120,000 RNA Ylg '17 SARAUG.

Petalite, f, 4, Liaison--Tishmeister (SW, \$186,255), by City Zip. Aqueduct, 1-9, (S), 1m, 1:43.34. B-John P. Hicks & Howard C. Nolan (NY). *\$22,000 Ylg '17 SARAUG.

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Razeena, f, 4, Malibu Moon--Pink Palace, by Empire Maker. Fair Grounds, 1-9, 1 1/16mT, 1:47.77. B-Anderson Farms Ont. Inc. (ON). *\$27,000 RNA Ylg '17 KEESEP; \$185,000 2yo '18 OBSAPR; \$225,000 3yo '19 KEENOV.

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BROTHER DEREK, Dereka's Bluff, f, 4, o/o Hidden Bluff, by Ball's Bluff. MSW, 1-8, Charles Town

CENTRAL BANKER, Dark Money, g, 4, o/o Candelabra, by Purge. AOC, 1-9, Aqueduct

CROSS TRAFFIC, Cross Court, c, 3, o/o Hurricane Annie, by Stormy Atlantic. MSW, 1-9, Gulfstream

DECLARATION OF WAR, Stunning Sky, f, 3, o/o Sky Walk, by Unbridled's Song. AOC, 1-9, Gulfstream

DISTORTED HUMOR, Botswana Taps, c, 4, o/o Unacloud, by Unaccounted For. MSW, 1-9, Fair Grounds

FIBER SONDE, Swing Batter, g, 3, o/o Safe At First, by Honour and Glory. MSW, 1-8, Charles Town

FIRST DUDE, Nekia's First Lady, f, 3, o/o All Night Labor, by Double Honor. AOC, 1-8, Charles Town

HARD SPUN, Bulwark, g, 4, o/o Awesome Bull, by Holy Bull. MSW, 1-9, Aqueduct

JUMP START, Miss Dillingham, f, 4, o/o Dillingham, by Pleasant Tap. ALW, 1-8, Penn National

LIAISON, Petalite, f, 4, o/o Tishmeister, by City Zip. MSW, 1-9, Aqueduct

MALIBU MOON, Razeena, f, 4, o/o Pink Palace, by Empire Maker. MSW, 1-9, Fair Grounds

MUNNINGS, Southernaire, g, 4, o/o Seaside Affair, by Sea of Secrets. ALW, 1-8, Delta Downs

STREET BOSS, Lake Local, f, 4, o/o White Waves, by Any Given Saturday. AOC, 1-9, Fair Grounds

STREET SENSE, Sethamee Street, f, 4, o/o Charged Cotton, by Dehere. ALW, 1-8, Delta Downs

TALE OF EKATI, La Femme Royale, m, 5, o/o Ash, by Smoke Glacken. AOC, 1-9, Fair Grounds

THE BIG BEAST, Sweet Mia, f, 3, o/o Lady Bluegrass, by Bluegrass Cat. MCL, 1-9, Gulfstream

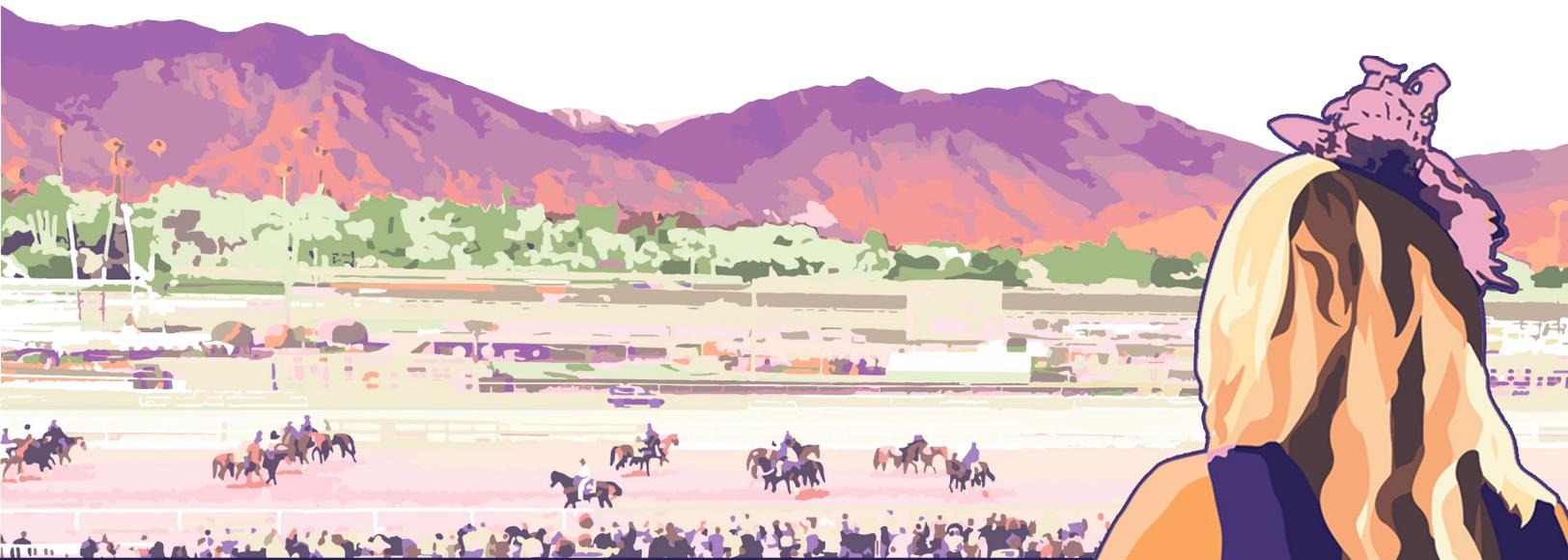
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Goffs has released a catalogue of 546 lots for its February Sale, which takes place Feb. 4 and 5 at Kildare Paddocks.

The mixed flat and National Hunt sale features a day of short yearlings during Tuesday's opening session, while Wednesday will comprise breeding stock, 2-year-olds, horses in training and stallion prospects **Verbal Dexterity (Ire)** (Vocalised) (lot 545) and **News Anchor (Ire)** (New Approach {Ire}) (lot 546).

The yearlings include lot 22, a Holy Roman Emperor (Ire) half-brother to Italian Group 2 winner Chestnut Honey (Ire) (No Nay Never); lot 49, an Australia filly who is the first foal out of listed winner Champagne Or Water (Ire) (Captain Rio {GB}); lot 50, a Dandy Man (Ire) half-brother to nine winners including the stakes-winning Beringoer (Fr) (Bering {GB}); lot 83, a full-sister to listed performer Al Hamdany (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}); lot 124, a Profitable (Ire) half-brother to listed winner Lavinia (Ire) (Lawman {Fr}); lot 204, a Starspangledbanner (Aus) half-sister to a listed winner; and lot 243, a Wootton Bassett (GB) colt out of a half-sister to Karakontie (Jpn) (Bernstein).

Highlights of the breeding stock pages include **Circus Tent (Ire)** (Fastnet Rock {Aus}) (lot 419), a sister to five stakes horses including Grade I winner Gorella (Fr) (Grape Tree Road {GB}).

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BENBATL BACK WITH A BANG AT MEYDAN

After winning a trio of Group 1s internationally in 2018, **Benbatl (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}) left his followers wondering as a 5-year-old last year. Sure, he won his belated seasonal debut, the G2 Joel S. at Newmarket on Sept. 27, by five lengths, but he was last seen trailing home last of 16 over the heavy ground in the G1 Queen Elizabeth II S. on Champions Day at Ascot on Oct. 19. The Godolphin colourbearer displayed nothing but brilliance, however, on return on Thursday in Meydan's G2 Singspiel S., taking the 1800-metre contest by 4 3/4 lengths geared down.

It is true that much else would have been a disappointment, with Benbatl towering over his four rivals on paper, but he still had to put it together on the racecourse. In control from the break, the bay was confronted by **Famous Wolf (Fr)** (Kendargent {Fr}) coming off the bend but required just the slightest shake of the reins to draw clear as Famous Wolf came under the whip.

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JOURNEYMAN PINS HOPES ON ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Katie Ritz speaks with Brent and Crystal Fernung of Journeyman Stud on their new sire **St. Patrick's Day** (Pioneerof the Nile).

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Dawn of a New Era (Ire) (New Approach {Ire}) (lot 438), a full-sister to champion Dawn Approach (Ire) in foal to Make Believe (GB); **Jumellea (Ire)** (Zoffany {Ire}) (lot 441), a stakes-placed 4-year-old from the immediate family of Rock of Gibraltar (Ire); Italian listed winner **Crisaff's Queen (GB)** (Zoffany {Ire}) (lot 471); **Olga Prekrasa** (Kingmambo) (lot 480), the dam of two stakes winners including Group 1 winner Zelzal (Fr) (Sea The Stars {Ire}) in foal to Churchill (Ire); the stakes-producing **Araajmh** (Street Cry {Ire}) (lot 500) in foal to US Navy Flag; and **Vrai (Ire)** (Dark Angel {Ire}) (lot 521), a three-quarter sister to Lilbourne Lad (Ire) (Acclamation {GB}) in foal to Le Havre (Ire).

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MEADE, PHOENIX PART WAYS

Phoenix Thoroughbreds and trainer Martyn Meade—who conditioned the owners’ Advertise (GB) (Showcasing {GB}) to win three Group 1s—have reportedly parted ways. The story was first reported by *Racing Post*. Meade told that publication, “I no longer train for Phoenix.”

Meade’s son-in-law Dermot Farrington also left his post as a bloodstock advisor to Phoenix in November after it came out that Phoenix was **alleged to be wrapped up in a money laundering scandal**. Phoenix Thoroughbreds owns an estimated 300 Thoroughbreds on five continents.

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BRITAIN

Thursday's Results:

6th-Newcastle, £8,050, Novice, 1-9, 3yo, 8f 5y (AWT), 1:42.38, st.
LONDON ARCH (GB) (c, 3, **Fastnet Rock {Aus}--**Mount Crystal {Ire}**, by **Montjeu {Ire}**)**, runner-up to the potentially smart Hypothetical (Ire) (Lope de Vega {Ire}) on debut over this trip at Chelmsford in December, raced close to the early pace before gaining a slight edge approaching the final two furlongs. Briefly headed by Salsada (Ire) (Mukhadram {GB}) a furlong from home, the 15-8 favourite shook off that rival to score by 1 1/2 lengths. Pitcher's Point (Medaglia d'Oro), Godolphin's \$800,000 KEESEP son of the dual Grade II winner and Grade I-placed miler Hungry Island (More Than Ready), had every chance in the closing stages but faded to be a further 1 1/4 lengths away in third. The winning dam has a 2-year-old colt by Zoffany (Ire) and a yearling filly by Postponed (Ire). Mount Crystal (Ire) is a daughter of State Crystal (Ire) (High Estate {Ire}) who captured the G3 Lancashire Oaks and was placed in the G1 Yorkshire Oaks and G1 Prix Vermeille. Her family features the G2 Chairmans H. winner Libran (Ire) (Lawman {Fr}) and the G1 Fillies' Mile heroine Crystal Music (Nureyev). Sales history: 110,000gns Wlg '17 TATFOA; 200,000gns Ylg '18 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$10,877.

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O-Mr P Hickman, Mr G Johns & Mr D King; B-The Pocock Family (GB); T-Charlie Fellowes.

7th-Chelmsford City, £7,649, Novice, 1-9, 3yo, 10f (AWT), 2:06.18, st.

BRIGHT MELODY (IRE) (g, 3, **Dubawi {Ire}--**Lyric of Light {GB}** {G1SW-Eng, \$212,991}, by **Street Cry {Ire}**)**, sent off the 7-4 favourite on this debut, was sluggish from the gates and needed cajoling to join the pack. Making ground steadily in the back straight, the homebred picked up to reel in the long-time leader Arabian Moon (GB) (Al Kazeem {GB}) inside the last 150 yards en route to an ultimately smooth 1 1/4-length success. The dam, who was unbeaten throughout her 2011 campaign for the operation and collected the G1 Fillies' Mile and G2 May Hill S., is a daughter of Suez (GB) (Green Desert) who captured the Listed Dick Poole Fillies' S. and was runner-up in the G1 Cheveley Park S. Descended from a celebrated Meon Valley Stud dynasty featuring Cezanne (GB) and Colorspin (GB), she also has a yearling filly by Shamardal. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$6,480. O/B-Godolphin (IRE); T-Charlie Appleby.

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LITT MAKES AN IMPACT AT MAGICS

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THE 1,000 GUINEAS WINNER, SPE **C**IOSA
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A HALF-SISTER TO FILLIES' MILE AND FALMOUTH WINNE **R**, SIMPLY PERFECT
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A HALF-SISTER TO JAPANESE SUPERSTAR VOD **K**A
A HALF-SISTER TO **DERBY HERO**, W **I**NG **S** OF EAGLES
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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:

Clareyblue (Ire), c, 3, **Zebedee (GB)**--Fancy Feathers (Ire), by Redback (GB). Newcastle, 1-9, 5f (AWT), 1:00.33. B-Philip O'Dwyer & P. J. Walsh (IRE). *€30,000 Wlg '17 GOFNOV; £46,000 Ylg '18 GOUKPR.

FRANCE

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:

Glaciate (GB), f, 4, **Kingman (GB)**--Winter Silence (GB) (SP-Fr), by Dansili (GB). Pornichet, 1-9, 8 1/2f (AWT), 1:44.60. B-Juddmonte Farms (GB). *1/2 to Snow Sky (GB) (Nayef), MGSW & G1SP-Eng, \$783,269, & to Ice Breeze (GB) (Nayef), Hwt. 3yo-Fr at 14f+, G1SW-Fr, \$556,056.

OSARUS ADDS NEW SPRING NH SALE

A new spring National Hunt sale will be conducted by Osarus, the sales company announced on Thursday. Slated for June 12, 2020 for Maisons-Laffitte, the sale will consist of 2-year-old stores and select horses-in-training.

"With the good results of our Autumn 100% National Hunt sale which took place last October and the current jumps market, we felt that vendors would be interested in an earlier opportunity to sell their horses," said Osarus Managing Director Emmanuel Viaud. "Our aim is to offer a reduced catalogue of approximately 50 to 60 2-year-old stores and horses-in-training. We decided that Friday the 12th of June would coincide well with the weekends racing calendar, Auteuil on Saturday, [June] 13th and the G1 Prix de Diane at Chantilly on Sunday, [June] 14th."

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**IN QATAR:**

Seeyoubyme (Fr), g, 4, **Siyouni (Fr)**--Painted Song (MSP-Fr), by Unbridled's Song. Al Rayyan, 1-9, Graduation Plate, 1600mT, 1:35.62. B-Jean-Pierre Dubois. *1/2 to Palavas (Fr) (Redoute's Choice {Aus}), MSP-Fr, \$131,046. **€240,000 Ylg '17 ARQAUG; 30,000gns HRA '19 TATJUL. **VIDEO**

The Blue Eye (GB), h, 8, **Dubawi (Ire)**--Soneva (MGSW-Fr, GSW-UAE, \$339,837), by Cherokee Run. Al Rayyan, 1-5, Cond., 2000mT, 2:04.95. B-Aleyrion Bloodstock Ltd. *€400,000 HRA '14 ARQARC. **3x Hwt. Older Horse & MSW-Qat. **VIDEO**

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Benbatl Back With A Bang At Meydan Cont. from p1

The margin was 4 3/4 lengths but could have been much more. **For The Top (Arg)** (Equal Stripes {Arg}) got up for second with **Majestic Mambo (SAf)** (Mambo In Seattle) filling third.

"He went to the front really easily," Soumillon said. "I was quite surprised to see someone chasing me turning [into the stretch] because the pace was quite good; it wasn't too slow. I was like, 'what's going on here,' but then my horse had a good blow. He really dominated the race. He always runs good fresh, but it's nice to build on this and get him as fit as possible for the big race."

"To be honest, it wasn't the best lesson for a horse to have him in the front as the big favourite, but today was like a morning gallop on his own. Next time, if he has a chance to get cover, it'll be better for him. Today he was the best horse in the field and probably Dubai at the moment."

Benbatl displayed talent at three, winning the G3 Hampton Court S. at Royal Ascot and placing in races like the G3 Craven S. and G2 Dante S., but it was at four that he really came to life.

Cont. p5

G2 Singspiel S. Cont.

He won three of his four starts at Meydan that campaign, beginning with the then-Group 3 Singspiel and culminating in the G1 Dubai Turf. He ventured to Germany in July to take the G1 Grosser Dallmayr Preis, and after finishing fifth in the G1 Juddmonte International he shipped Down Under to take the G1 Caulfield Cup by a short head before finishing second to Winx (Aus) (Street Cry {Ire}) in the G1 Cox Plate.

Trainer Saeed bin Suroor was keeping his cards close to his chest concerning Benbatl's future targets.

"He ran really well. I'm happy with him," the trainer said. "He showed plenty of speed and was travelling really good. It didn't matter about the ground. The way he finished his race made me really happy. He was around 90% [fit]. There could be options."



Benbatl | DRC/Erika Rasmussen

Pedigree Notes

Benbatl is the first foal out of the G1 Prix de l'Opera and G1 Flower Bowl Invitational S. winner Nahrain (GB) (Selkirk), who is in turn a daughter of the G2 Ribblesdale S. and G3 Musidora S. victress Bahr (GB) (Generous {Ire}), who was also placed in the English and Irish Oaks and the Flower Bowl. The family traces its earlier roots to New Zealand, with the G1 Toorak H. winner Our Rokkii (NZ) (Roc de Cambes {NZ}) appearing under the third dam and the fourth dam being the New Zealand Horse of the Year La Mer (NZ) (Copenhagen II {GB}). Nahrain has a 2-year-old filly by Sea The Stars (Ire) and a yearling filly by Dubawi.

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Thursday, Meydan, Dubai

SINGSPIEL S. PRESENTED BY LONGINES MASTER

COLLECTION-G2, \$250,000, Meydan, 1-9, 3yo/up, 9fT, 1:52.18, gd.

1--BENBATL (GB), 130, h, 6, by Dubawi (Ire)

1st Dam: Nahrain (GB) (Hwt. 3yo Filly-Eng at 9.5 to 11f, G1SW-Fr & US, GSP-Ire, \$1,041,961), by Selkirk

2nd Dam: Bahr (GB), by Generous (Ire)

3rd Dam: Lady of the Sea, by Mill Reef

O-Godolphin; B-Darley (GB); T-Saeed bin Suroor; J-Christophe Soumillon. \$150,000. Lifetime Record: Hwt. Older Horse-Eng & UAE at 7 to 9.5f, Hwt. Older Horse-Ger at 9.5 to 11f, G1SW-UAE, Ger & Aus, MGSW-Eng 19-9-3-1, \$5,445,821. **Werk Nick Rating: A. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.**

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2--Fot The Top (Arg), 126, c, 4, Equal Stripes (Arg)--Felicita One (Arg), by Bernstein. O-Sheikh Rashid bin Humaid Al Nuaimi; B-Haras El Turf (ARG); T-Salem bin Ghadayer. \$50,000.

3--Majestic Mambo (Saf), 126, g, 5, Mambo in Seattle--Regal Classic (SAf), by Al Mufti. O-Mrs M Slack & J T Peter; B-Moutonshoek (SAF); T-Mike de Kock. \$25,000.

Margins: 4 3/4, HD, SHD.

Also Ran: Famous Wolf (Fr), Gm Hopkins (GB). Scratched: Dream Castle (GB).

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'BEAR' WORTHY IN AL MAKTOUM CHALLENGE R1

The G2 Al Maktoum Challenge R1, run over a mile on the Meydan main track was a nailbiter, but **Kimbear** (Temple City) got his head down on the line where it counted, winning a three-way photo over GSW **Secret Ambition (GB)** (Exceed And Excel {Aus}) and Group 1 winner **North America (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}). **Cont. p6**

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G2 Al Maktoum Challenge R1 Cont.

Racing in the rear of the main pack against the fence as **Heavy Metal (GB)** (Exceed And Excel {Aus}) showed the way initially, the Doug Watson colourbearer began to improve as North America took over, with Heavy Metal relegated to second on the bend. Kimbear followed directly behind North America and slid out to engage the rallying Secret Ambition a quarter mile from home. That duo appeared to be battling for second, but the leader was coming back to them inside the final 100 metres and all three horses hit the line as one. The final margins were a short head between Kimbear and Secret Ambition and an equal margin back to North America on the fence.

“He was very brave today,” said winning jockey Pat Dobbs. “He was following [North America] and hit a flat point turning in. Then he got a second wind and stuck his head down at the line. Luckily our head was down at the line. His work has been exceptional at home. I didn’t think he’d get beat last time. Doug [Watson] is a brilliant trainer. He knows how to get them to progress through the year. You’ve got to tip your hat to him.”



Kimbear (center) wins the Al Maktoum Challenge
DRC/Erika Rasmussen

Added Watson, “He ran a great race. He likes a fight. Last year was such a struggle and this year he has just done everything right. Those are two nice horses that he just finished with and we were lucky to get away with that. Pat gave him a great ride. He was fit today and his works were fantastic. He always needs that first run. I was little worried with it being three weeks back [after the Listed Dubai Creek Mile.] We’ll give him a nice break now. It’s a great win for Sheikh Rashid. He bought this horse a couple years ago and last year wasn’t his year. Hopefully it is this year. I was really pleased with Muntazah (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}). It’s tough to come back being a big heavy horse. He dug in there and finished fourth.”

Pedigree Notes

The dark bay is one of eight graded/group winners out of 14 overall black-type winners for his Spendthrift Farm-based sire. The first foal out of his GSP dam, Kimbear is one of three winners from three to race. Sky Dreamer was covered by both Violence and Mo Tom last spring.

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Thursday, Meydan, Dubai

AL MAKTOUM CHALLENGE R1 PRESENTED BY LONGINES CONQUEST V H P-G2, \$350,000, Meydan, 1-9, 3yo/up, 8f, 1:37.56, fs.

1--**KIMBEAR**, 126, h, 6, by **Temple City**

1st Dam: **Sky Dreamer**, by **Sky Mesa**

2nd Dam: **To Dream About**, by **Monarchos**

3rd Dam: **Beautiful Pleasure**, by **Maudlin**

(\$30,000 Ylg ‘15 KEESEP). O-Sheikh Rashid bin Humaid Al Nuaimi; B-John C Oxley (KY); T-Doug Watson; J-Pat Dobbs. \$210,000. Lifetime Record: 21-4-7-4, \$766,699. **Werk Nick Rating: A+**. [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#)

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2--**Secret Ambition (GB)**, 126, h, 7, **Exceed and Excel (Aus)**--Inner Secret, by Singspiel (Ire). O-Nasir Askar; B-Darley (GB); T-Satish Seemar. \$70,000.

3--**North America (GB)**, 126, g, 8, **Dubawi (Ire)**--Northern Mischief, by Yankee Victor. (100,000gns Wlg ‘12 TATFOA). O-Ramzan Kadyrov; B-Qatar Bloodstock Ltd (GB); T-Satish Seemar. \$35,000.

Margins: SHD, SHD, 9.

Also Ran: Muntazah (GB), Rodaini, Team Talk (GB), Heavy Metal (GB). Scratched: Thegreatcollection.

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DUBAI

3rd-Meydan, Cond, \$100,000, 3yo, 8f, 1:39.69, fs.

COMMANDING (IRE) (c, 3, **Camacho {GB}**--**Chateau Dauphin**, by **First Defense**) was a neck second on debut in a seven-furlong dirt maiden at Meydan on Nov. 21, and he got off the mark next out when stepping up to this mile trip when airing by five lengths on Dec. 5. Posted far out in 13 in this fully subscribed 16-horse field for the UAE 2000 Guineas Trial, the chestnut was hustled early by Richie Mullen to take up a stalking position down the backstretch. [Cont. p7](#)



Commanding (black noseband) | DRC/Erika Rasmussen

3rd-MEY Cont.

Three lengths off the lead rounding the bend, Commanding was under a drive in the three path when they straightened with dead aim on the front-running Al Modayar (Competitive Edge). It appeared for some time as if that game rival would hold Commanding at bay, but Commanding got up in the very last jump to win by a short head despite failing to change leads down the stretch. It was the same margin back to Dark of Night (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}), who closed strongly in the final furlong.

“He’s a smashing horse and he felt like it was his first ever run and was uncoordinated,” Mullen said. “He’s such a big horse and was on the wrong lead around the turn. He was lugging in and just felt like he hadn’t had two runs. I think that’s a good thing going forward. He is still learning about the game and I wouldn’t be at all surprised if we maybe put some headgear on him to help him travel a bit. He jumped very well and they were fanned out and I was able to get a slot. He hung in a bit and was in further than intended because he was hanging. It wasn’t until he was in a battle and Antonio [Fresu on Dark of Night] came late that he decided to get on with it. We knew he had to up his game and that Saeed bin Sueroor had a few nice horses. I still believe there’s a bit more in the tank.”

Trainer Satish Seemar confirmed post-race that it is on to the G3 UAE 2000 Guineas. “This horse and his pedigree, it doesn’t say much about the dirt, but we have always thought highly of him,” he said. “I think he will be one of those freak [turf] pedigrees that runs on the dirt.

Commanding, a €15,000 Fairyhouse yearling turned 55,000gns Tattersalls Guineas breeze-up sale graduate, is the second foal out of the unraced Chateau Dauphin, whose first foal is the winning 4-year-old Lady Dauphin (Ire) (Bungle Inthejungle {GB}). Chateau Dauphin sadly died last year but has

a 2-year-old colt by Prince of Lir (Ire) still to come. Sales history: €15,000 yrl ‘18 TATSEP; 55,000gns HRA ‘19 TATMAY. Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, \$108,321. **Click for the [Racing Post result](#). [VIDEO](#).**

O-Nasir Askar; B-Thomas Hassett (IRE); T-Satish Seemar.

5th-Meydan, Hcp, \$135,000, NH4yo/up & SH 3yo/up, 8ft, 1:35.90, gd.

ZAKOUSKI (GB) (g, 4, **Shamardal--O’Giselle {Aus}**, by **Octagonal {NZ}**), a winner over the Kempton all-weather in November of 2018, the half-brother to group winners Albrecht (Aus) (Redoute’s Choice {Aus}), GSW & G1SP-Aus, \$454,634; and King’s Command (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}), GSW-Fr, made just one start last term, a fifth trying the turf in the G3 Craven S. at HQ in April. Benched again and gelded in the interim, the bay tracked the pace just behind the leaders through the early stages. Winding up as he left the turn and steered to the two path, Zakouski seized the advantage in a matter of strides 250 metres from home and ran out an easy 3 3/4-length winner over Yaalail (Ire) (Intello {Ger}).



Zakouski | DRC/Erika Rasmussen

“We have always thought he was a nice horse and gelding him has helped,” trainer Charlie Appleby noted. “We put him away because we thought the carnival schedule would suit him came here very confident and he has certainly not disappointed. We look to step him up in grade now and races like the Al Fahidi Fort (G2) and Zabeel Mile (G2) would be two possible targets.”

His unraced dam, a full-sister to Australian Horse of the Year Lonhro (Aus) (Octagonal {NZ}), MG1SW Niello (Aus) (Octagonal {NZ}) and SW Shannara (Aus) (Octagonal {NZ}), has a yearling colt by Shooting to Win (Aus). Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$88,069.

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O/B-Godolphin (GB); T-Charlie Appleby.

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Aidan O'Brien



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7th-Meydan, Cond, \$100,000, 3yo, 6fT, 1:11.70, gd.

PLATINUM STAR (IRE) (c, 3, Lope de Vega {Ire}--Toquette {Ire}, by Acclamation {GB}), successful in the Ripon Champion 2-Years-Old Trophy S. in late August, was a tired seventh in the G3 Cornwallis S. at Newmarket to end his juvenile season on Oct. 11. One of the lesser lights for Godolphin in this contest due to the presence of the previously undefeated Chasing Dreams (GB) (Starspangledbanner {Aus}), the bay was a touch slowly away and was well covered up as Story of Light (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}) and Raahy (GB) (Brazen Beau {Aus}) scrimmaged for the lead. A quarter mile from home, Raahy had beat a hasty retreat and Story of Light was coming under fire from a rallying Hamama (Shackelford), who hadn't been keen on loading during the preliminaries. Letting down powerfully out in the center of the course, Platinum Star got up in the final three jumps from Hamama, to win by a neck. Story of Light faded to fourth. Chasing Dreams did not quicken as expected after stalking the pace and faded tamely to eighth.

"He wasn't really fit today," said Soumillon. "Unfortunately he was a bit naughty and missed the start and I lost maybe five or six lengths. It wasn't easy to make up ground. Finally he was really running the last 300m. He kept going all the way and I thought we could get it. That's good for the future. He's really relaxed. The ground was soft today. It looks like if he has to go a bit farther, he can make it. Now the question is are we staying on the turf or going to the dirt for the Derby. He won really well in the end and got some kickback like dirt today, so I hope he learned something from it. I'm happy because he put his head down and [left] his heart on the track."

The winner is a half-brother to French listed winner Tifosa (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}), SW-Fr, a juvenile colt by Kingman (GB) and a yearling Awtaad (Ire) filly.



Platinum Star | DRC/Erika Rasmussen

His dam is a half-sister to G1 Prix Morny hero and sire Arcano (Ire) (Oasis Dream {GB}). Sales history: 150,000gns Ylg '18 TAOCT. Lifetime Record: 8-3-3-0, \$141,735. [Click for the Racing Post result or the Video.](#)

O-Godolphin; B-Corduff Stud & Farmleigh Bloodstock Ltd (IRE); T-Saeed bin Suroor.

HANDICAP RESULTS:

2nd-Meydan, Hcp, \$175,000, NH4yo/up & SH 3yo/up, 6fT, 1:09.50, gd.

EKHTIYAAR (GB) (c, 3, Bated Breath {GB}--Bayja {Ire}, by Giant's Causeway) Lifetime Record: 17-5-3-3, \$518,913. O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-James Ortega Bloodstock (GB); T-Doug Watson. *110,000gns Ylg '15 TAOCT.

8th-Meydan, Hcp, \$135,000, NH4yo/up & SH 3yo/up, 8fT, 1:37.58, gd.

KEY VICTORY (IRE) (g, 5, Teofilo {Ire}--Patroness (GB), by Dubawi {Ire}) Lifetime Record: SW-Eng, 13-3-0-0, \$221,175. O/B-Godolphin (GB); T-Charlie Appleby. *1/2 to Blair House (Ire) (Pivotal {GB}), G1SW-UAE & G1SP-Aus, \$588,444.

MIDDLE EAST

REMAINING AL SHAAB STUD HORSES STOLEN

Following a raid that resulted in **six stallions and six in-foal mares stolen by armed militia on Saturday**, the remaining 30 horses were stolen from Libya's Al Shaab Stud early this week, *Racing Post* reported. Among the first batch of horses was the stallion Eavesdropper (Kingmambo), a half-brother to Horse of the Year, Classic winner and outstanding sire A.P. Indy (Seattle Slew).

"Now armed militias from Tarhuna have returned to steal the remaining 30 horses," Al Shaab's General Manager and resident veterinarian Dr. Amad Eshaab tweeted. "I expect the worst. I stand in front of a stable silenced, my world is sad, the world is shameful. Militias want to set fire to the stud. They have already burned my heart and soul."

The stud, the largest Thoroughbred breeding operation in its war-torn country, is located near Tripoli. Currently, the whereabouts of the horses are unknown.

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LITT MAKES 'IMPACT' IN MILLIONS RING



Lot 385, the session-topping Deep Impact colt | Bronwen Healy

By Bren O'Brien & Paul Vettise

The good times continue to roll for trainer Richard Litt and the spotlight was on him in a new role when a son of the legendary Deep Impact (Jpn) from Arrowfield Stud's draft was knocked down to the Warwick Farm conditioner for \$1.9 million to top Day 2 of the Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale.

At A Glance: Magic Millions Day 2

- Trainer Richard Litt snared sale-topping Deep Impact (Jpn) colt out of Arrowfield Stud's draft for \$1.9 million on behalf of loyal owners Ottavio and Wendy Galletta.
- The aggregate at the halfway point of Book 1 was up slightly on the record first two days of 2019 from \$103.65 million to \$104.34 million.
- The comparative clearance rate has risen from 85% to 86%.
- Average after two days is slightly down at \$249,032 compared to \$251,578
- The median is identical at \$180,000 as to the same stage last year
- Bloodstock agent Sheamus Mills went to \$1.5 million to get his dream yearling filly by Written Tycoon out of the consignment of Strawberry Hill Stud.

- Cool hand James Bester wasn't to be denied his pick of the sale and secured Yarraman Park's son of Hinchinbrook for \$1,150,000.
- Gerald Ryan is expecting \$1,100,000 Redoute's Choice colt sold by Bhima Thoroughbreds to create an early impression as a 2-year-old.

Association Runs Deep

Richard Litt has formed a close and successful association with owners Ottavio and Wendy Galletta, who race the Sydney trainer's first Group 1 winner Castelvechio (Dundeel {NZ}), and he purchased the Deep Impact colt on their behalf. Litt said he had no limit to his budget and ended what he described as a nerve-wracking exercise to secure the youngster and breathed a sigh of relief when the hammer fell in his favour.

"I'm glad it's not coming out of my account, but it's an amazing opportunity. I'm happy and extremely grateful to the Gallettas for sending me up here to buy him," he said. "It's a massive responsibility on me and I won't be taking it lightly. It's my time to step up and deliver. They have given me every opportunity and I'm very grateful."

The colt is the first foal of the G3 Widden S. winner Honesty Prevails (Redoute's Choice), a half-sister to the stakes performer Aerobar (Flying Spur) with the second dam a sister to the Listed Hall Mark S. winner Ego's Dare (Hussonet {USA}). Further back in the pedigree is the multiple Grade I winner and champion sire A.P. Indy (USA) and his half-brother Summer Squall (USA), also twice successful at the highest level and a successful sire.



Richard Litt | TDN AusNZ

“Ottavio knows his horses and buys the ones he wants. He does his homework,” Litt said. “I only saw the colt a couple of hours ago and he’s just striking, perfect.

“Obviously, he’s got the pedigree and he’s a lovely individual. There are no better people than Arrowfield to buy off and their record speaks for itself.”

Arrowfield bought into the Gallettas’ star Group 1 performer Castelvechio after he finished runner-up in the G1 Cox Plate and the colt is close to resuming after a break.

“He’s flying and I’m very happy. He’ll step out at the end of the month and we’re all looking forward to it,” Litt said.

Arrowfield principal John Messara said the colt’s price met expectations, but he was unaware of the purchaser’s interest.

“I thought it would be \$1.5 million to \$2 million,” said Messara. “He’s a good-looking athlete and he had everything you’d want to see in a yearling. Ottavio plays his cards pretty close to his chest, but he did ask me a few times about this horse. Ottavio is a canny investor and I guess he’s given us some of our money back for Castelvechio.”

Flawless Filly Wows Mills

Bloodstock agent Sheamus Mills took the biggest calculated gamble of his career when he signed the docket at \$1.5 million for the most expensive yearling ever sold by Written Tycoon. She was offered by Strawberry Hill Stud as Lot 434 and Mills said in all his years of scouring sale yards for talent he had not seen a better yearling.

“People use these superlatives about best horse in the sale, but in my opinion she’s as good as I’ve ever seen,” he said. “I think she’s outstanding. I just couldn’t fault her. I’ve given horses an A plus and I’ll have to invent a new category on my scale. If there’s such a thing as an A triple plus, that’s her.



Sheamus Mills | TDN AusNZ



A filly by Written Tycoon | Magic Millions

“There’ll be a little gang of people in her and to be brutally honest I’m still not 100% sure. It’s not often you spec a \$1.5 million and I’ve never done this and I just wanted her. We’re not going to die wondering—at least she’s a filly and there’ll be a lot of expensive geldings here.”

The filly is a half-sister to the listed winner Eawase (Sebring) with their dam the G3 Red Anchor S. winner and Group 1 performer Karuta Queen (Not A Single Doubt).

“I’ve looking at yearlings for a long time and I’ve bought fast ones and I’ve bought slow ones. She’s an extraordinary horse, you don’t get any better,” Mills said. “My list of A plus yearlings tire as the sale goes on, but she didn’t tire one bit. She walked as well in the back parade ring as she walked on the first day I saw her. To do that, she’s an extraordinary horse.

“It is a big deal and I wouldn’t do it on a colt. In my opinion, black cats get black kittens and regardless if she can run we’ll hopefully be back here at Magic Millions selling \$600,000, \$700,000 and \$800,000 foals.”

Strawberry Hill’s Bloodstock Manager Duncan Grimley said there had been extraordinary interest in the youngster.

“It’s an outstanding sale and she was a magnificent filly, a real queen. I’ve been selling horses for a long time, but you very rarely get a filly who looks like that,” he said. “She paraded beautifully the whole sale, never turned a hair. Everyone looked at her and inspected her, the good judges were back four and five times and she paraded perfectly every time and they thought it was extraordinary themselves.

“When the horse went in the ring there were bids everywhere, so to get that result was fantastic for everybody. We are selling a lot of horses that in a normal year we would keep, but we haven’t been kicking enough goals on the racetrack at the moment, so that is reflected in our yearling sales.



Barry Bowditch | TDN AusNZ

"It's unfortunate for John [Singleton] that we are selling a filly like that, but the other side of it is that she has gone to a great home and we got a great price and we will follow her with great interest."

Sale Charts Record Pace

The sale itself is closely matching the record pace set last year, defying pre-sale suggestions of a market slump.

"It's above our expectations at this point. The market was solid from start to finish. I think we set the tone early and it flowed pretty consistently through the day," Magic Millions Managing Director Barry Bowditch said. "When you have got an 86% clearance rate and you have sold 420 horses so far, it's deep and obviously the vendors are being very realistic. They have sent great horses to the sale and putting realistic reserves on them, the buyers are finding their level, they have got confidence in the market to bid and it's hard not to be pleased with what is going on out there."

Bowditch said the spread of purchasers, with the top 10 lots going to nine different buyers, was particularly pleasing.

"It's a great spread of buyers at the moment. It is great to see new names at the top, having Richard Litt and Sheamus Mills at the top. They are names we are unfamiliar with in that role. We are thrilled they were able to find the horses they want and find clients to purchase them for," he said.

Cool Bester Wins out

James Bester was never going to let a handsome son of Hinchinbrook slip away and, on behalf of Coolmore, he went to \$1,150,000 for Yarraman Park's colt offered as Lot 364. Bester was smitten by the son of Hinchinbrook since he first laid eyes on him at Yarraman Park six weeks ago and after sealing the deal on Thursday had no hesitation in labelling him the best colt

at the auction. He is out of Harlem Heat (Xaar {GB}), who was successful five times, and is from the family of The Everest winner Yes Yes Yes (Rubick) and the two-time Group 1 winning sprinter In Her Time (Time Thief).

"When I first saw him I thought right away this is the one. I had to wait for the guys to come over from Ireland and they all agreed," Bester said. "I thought he was the nicest horse in the sale with a beautiful head and great colour and quality. He's got a great hindquarter and walks like a panther."

"Yes Yes Yes didn't hurt the pedigree at all and we have great expectations for him at Royal Ascot this year. In Her Time is a top-class Group 1 sprinter as well and this all bodes well for this colt. We had the half-sister Harlem River and she was a 2-year-old stakes winner and a really good quality filly so we already knew the family."

"It's seldom you get an animal with such quality with also that speed look about him. He's the one I had my heart set on, hence I did the bidding and for the sake of one or two more bids you don't want to lose them."

Hopes of Early Return

Respected trainer Gerald Ryan will be tasked with guiding the racing career of a son of the late, great Redoute's Choice who left the ring with a \$1,100,000 price tag around his neck. Ryan was the successful bidder on the Redoute's Choice colt, who was offered by Bhima Thoroughbreds as Lot 354, on behalf of Golden East Horse managed by An Zhiqiang and there are high hopes of early returns on the significant investment. The Rosehill trainer, who recently produced the impressive debut winner Return With Honour (Fastnet Rock) for Golden Horse, said he expected the son of Redoute's Choice to make his mark as a 2-year-old.



James Bester | TDN AusNZ



Gerald Ryan | TDN AusNZ

"I'm not surprised we had to pay that much for him. He's from a great family and he's a very athletic horse," he said. "I'd be very surprised if he wasn't up and going as a 2-year-old, whether it be here on the Gold Coast or in the autumn. He's as good a moving colt that is here at the sale. He looks pretty sharp and well balanced and gives the impression to be a horse that would sit back off the pace in a shorter race and 1400 metres will be up his alley."

The colt's dam Gresset (Hussonet {USA}), who raced three times without success, is a sister to the G2 Turffontein Camellia S. winner and Group 1 performer Honorine and a family that has enjoyed success in Europe and Australia. It boasts former champion European colt, multiple Group 1 winner and sire Almanzor (Fr) (Wootton Bassett {GB}), French Group 1 winners Darsi (Fr) (Polish Precedent {USA}), Darjina (Fr) (Zamindar {USA}) and Daryaba (Ire) (Night Shift {USA}). The latter also produced the elite level winners Daryakana (Fr) (Selkirk {USA}) and Dariyan (Fr) (Shamardal {USA}) while the G3 Tesio S. winner and G1 Coolmore Classic winner Gentle Genius (Daneshill {USA}) is also within the family ranks.

Aquis Strikes

Aquis was also in undeniable form and went right to the wire to claim Rosemont Stud's I Am Invincible colt, Lot 371, for \$975,000.

"It was nice to get the lucky last. We had one more bid and fortunately no-one wanted to come over the top," Aquis' Managing Director Shane McGrath said. "It's a bit of a cliché, but he ticked every box and he's got a stallion's pedigree and he just has to go out and do it on the track."

The colt is out of Heavenly Sound (GB) (Street Cry {Ire}) and his second dam Helena Molony (Ire) (Sadler's Wells {USA}) is a sister to the former champion performer and sire High Chaparral (Ire). The family also has Australia form with this season's G2 Moonee Valley Cup winner Hunting Horn (Ire) (Camelot {GB}) on the

pedigree page.

"We've got a lot of bullets left to fire, but we couldn't leave without a colt like this," McGrath said.

Spendthrift More than Ready

Spendthrift stayed the distance to bag a handsome More Than Ready (USA) colt for \$900,000 out of Lime Country Thoroughbreds' draft. The youngster is out of La Fluorescent (General Nediym) who is a half-sister to the G2 Moonee Valley Vase winner and the G1 Spring Champion S. placegetter Savvy Nature (NZ) (Savabeel) and his G3 Ming Dynasty H. winning brother Addictive Nature. The pedigree also features the G1 New Zealand 1000 Guineas winner Hasahalo (NZ) (Savabeel).

"I think he was the best More Than Ready on the complex and if all goes to plan on the racetrack he's a horse we can stand in both Hemispheres," Spendthrift Australia General Manager Garry Cuddy said. "It's obviously a nice family underneath the first dam. We'll give him every opportunity here and if it all goes to plan, being an international operation, he can be a Northern and Southern Hemisphere stallion.

"He is the best More Than Ready I have ever seen. He has a big engine, a lovely shoulder and he just walked out of his box every day and never turned a hair. We are just happy to have him in the stable. "

Fans of Frosted

Spendthrift is also a big fan of first-season sire Frosted (USA) and the Australian arm of B. Wayne Hughes' Kentucky operation went to \$650,000 to secure a daughter of the multiple Group 1 winner. Lot 301 was offered by Widden Stud and is a half-sister to the outstanding sprinter Santa Ana Lane (Lope de Vega {Ire}), Group 1 winner of the TJ Smith S., Sprint Classic, Stradbroke H., Goodwood H. and the Sir Rupert Clarke S.



Frosted | Darley

“Obviously he’s one of the best sprinters in the world and we’ve been talking about Frosted for the last few days and we bought two in the Northern Hemisphere,” Cuddy said.

Cuddy said both Spendthrift operations worked closely together to give them future options with their fillies. The filly is out of the winning Fastnet Rock mare Fast Fleet, who is a half-sister to the G3 Waikato Guineas winner Blimey O’Reilly (NZ) (O’Reilly {NZ}), the stakes winner Flag Officer (Excites) and to the dam of the South African Group 2 winner Doublemint (SAF) (Twice Over {GB}).

Also among the draft that Spendthrift will be taking home to Victoria is Lot 329, a half-sister by Star Witness to reigning G1 Melbourne Cup champion Vow And Declare (Declaration Of War {USA}). Offered by Widden, the filly changed hands for \$320,000 and is out of Geeblitz (Testa Rossa) from the family of the Group 1 winning half-brothers Hauraki (Reset) and Kidnapped (Viscount).

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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
Mar. 7	G1 Newmarket H.	Flemington
	G1 Australian Cup	Flemington
	G1 Mostyn Copper Randwick Guineas	Randwick
	G1 Canterbury S.	Randwick
Mar. 14	G1 Coolmore Classic S.	Rosehill
Mar. 20	G1 William Reid S.	The Valley
Mar. 21	G1 Longines Golden Slipper S.	Rosehill
	G1 The Agency George Ryder S	Rosehill
	G1 Ranvet S.	Rosehill
	G1 The Galaxy S.	Rosehill
	G1 Sky Racing Rosehill Guineas	Rosehill
Mar. 28	G1 Tancred S.	Rosehill
	G1 Vinery Stud S.	Rosehill

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Apr. 4	G1 The Star Doncaster Mile S.	Randwick
	G1 T J Smith S.	Randwick
	G1 Harrolds Australian Derby	Randwick
	G1 Inglis Sires’ S.	Randwick
Apr. 11	G1 Longines Queen Elizabeth S.	Randwick
	G1 Schweppes Sydney Cup	Randwick
	G1 Heineken 3 Australian Oaks	Randwick
	G1 Coolmore Legacy S.	Randwick

