



## BUSINESSLIKE OPENER TO KEENELAND JANUARY



Session-topping Applauding | Keeneland

by Jessica Martini and Christie DeBernardis

LEXINGTON, KY - The five-day Keeneland January Horses of All Ages Sale opened with a workmanlike session Monday in Lexington, with **Applauding** (Congrats), a mare originally led out unsold, ultimately bringing the day's highest price of \$360,000. The session topper ([hip 135](#)) was consigned by Hill 'n' Dale Sales Agency and was purchased by Hunter Valley Farm. Tami Bobo's First Finds purchased the day's top-priced short yearling, going to \$310,000 for a son of Quality Road ([hip 242](#)) from the Denali Stud consignment.

"It was a typical January Sale," said Keeneland's Director of Sales Operations Geoffrey Russell. "The horses that stood out, like the Quality Road yearling, were very much rewarded."

The session missed out on a knockout sale when the supplemental entry **Meets Expectations** (Valid Expectations), dam of Eclipse finalist World of Trouble (Kantharos), RNA'd for \$675,000 late in the day.

"A horse like Meets Expectations was a nice one to get added in, but unfortunately she didn't meet expectations," said Russell. "There is the possibility, like the horse that topped the session today, that we can get her sold privately, so that will be our goal."

In all, 219 horses sold Monday for a total of \$14,257,800. The average was \$65,104 and the median was \$35,000.

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## TRAINER RUIS FILES PETITION AGAINST CHRB

by Dan Ross

Trainer Mick Ruis filed a petition against the California Horse Racing Board (CHRB) Monday in the Los Angeles Superior Court for writ of mandate and damages. The petition concerns Justify (Scat Daddy)'s victory in the 2018 GI Santa Anita Derby, in which the Ruis-trained Bolt d'Oro (Medaglia d'Oro) finished runner-up to the Bob Baffert-trained runner.

In a post-race urine sample, Justify tested positive for scopolamine--a prohibited substance--as revealed by *The New York Times* in a bombshell story September of last year. Scopolamine is found in jimsonweed, which is known to contaminate feedstuffs like hay. The CHRB didn't file a complaint, choosing instead to dismiss Justify's positive in a closed-door session in August of 2018. **Cont. p11**

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**Businesslike Opener to Keeneland January cont. from p1**

With 88 horses reported not sold, the buy-back rate was 28.66%.

Last year’s opening session of the January sale, which included the \$5-million sale of champion Abel Tasman (Quality Road), saw 234 horses sell for \$21,929,200 for an average of \$93,715 and a median of \$39,500. The session’s buy-back rate was 25.95%.

“We always look to try and find an Abel Tasman every year or get a dispersal or something to add a little spice to the January sale,” Russell said. “Some years we are successful and some years we are not. With the absence of an Abel Tasman, we have \$5 million taken off the top. I think the rest of the catalogue is a solid group. Some nice broodmare prospects with some black-type sold really well and the good yearlings were very well rewarded.”

The Keeneland January sale continues through Friday with sessions beginning daily at 10 a.m.

**An Encore for Applauding**

**Applauding** (Congrats), in foal to Curlin, was originally led out of the Keeneland sales ring unsold Monday, but the 10-year-old mare eventually found a new home, selling to Hunter Valley Farm for a session-topping \$360,000.



**Adrian Regan | Keeneland**

“We were underbidder on her originally,” Hunter Valley’s Adrian Regan explained. “We tend to price them accordingly and it was a bit more than we wanted to spend on her.”

Hunter Valley purchased the mare’s filly by Curlin for \$250,000 as a weanling at last year’s Keeneland November sale and the operation has been keeping tabs on her unraced 3-year-old filly by the same sire who was purchased by Peter Brant for \$475,000 at the 2018 Fasig-Tipton Saratoga sale and is in training with Chad Brown. **Cont. p4**

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“We’re very happy with the weanling,” Regan said. “And we got good reports about the Curlin with Chad. For us, Curlin is probably one of our favorite sires and his sales record speaks volumes. Our partnership was just keen to have her.”

Applauding, out of Andria’s Forest (Forestry), is a full-sister to the dam of graded placed Shedaresthedevil (Daredevil) and Mojovation (Quality Road). She was consigned by Hill ‘n’ Dale Sales Agency on behalf of Marne Fauber’s Imagine, which purchased her for \$100,000 at the 2016 Keeneland November sale. Imagine also sold a colt by Distorted Humor out of the mare for \$400,000 at the 2019 Keeneland September sale.

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### Bell Rings for Zia

Nicoma Bloodstock’s Price Bell struck early in the Keeneland January sale to secure the 8-year-old mare Zia (Munnings) (hip 117) for \$335,000 on behalf of an undisclosed client. Consigned by Ballysax Bloodstock on behalf of Geoff Nixon, the stakes-placed mare sold in foal to Into Mischief.

“She’s a nice mare, a young mare,” Bell said. There are seven fillies in production underneath her. Into Mischief is tough to find, so we’re excited to get a shot with a nice young mare.”

Out of Faux Pas (Ire), Zia is a half-sister to the dam of Selflessly (More Than Ready), winner of last year’s GII Miss Grillo S. She is

also a half to stakes winner Sans Souci Island (Chester House), who produced graded stakes winner River Seven (Johannesburg).

“It felt like a fair market for January,” Bell said of the mare’s price tag. “There is quite a bit more depth to come, so we were excited to try and strike early.”

Of plans for the mare, Bell added, “We’re not sure. We bought her for a new client and we’re very excited to get her to the farm and figure it out.”

Nixon purchased Zia for \$100,000 at the 2016 Keeneland November sale. Her Into Mischief filly sold for \$285,000 at last year’s Keeneland September Yearling Sale and her Malibu Moon filly sold for \$125,000 as a weanling two months later at the Keeneland November sale.

“We made the decision to put her in this sale during the November sale,” Ballysax’s Carl McEntee explained of the decision to send Zia through the sales ring Monday. “[Nixon] bought several in November and we thought this was the right time to put her in the marketplace. We priced her in the \$300,000 to \$350,000 range. It was a fair price for the mare—a good physical mare in foal to the right horse. The Into Mischief we sold in September for \$285,000 was a nice sort.”

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Hip 242 in the ring | Keeneland

Buyers will likely get another chance to buy **Hip 242**, a well-related son of Quality Road, at the Fasig-Tipton Saratoga Sale as he was purchased by horsewoman Tami Bobo as a pinhooking prospect for \$310,000 with that August auction in mind.

"I thought he was exceptional," Bobo said after signing the ticket out back. "I have had a lot of luck with Quality Road. Quality Road has been good to me and I loved the colt, so I felt

he was the horse we needed."

She continued, "He is beautiful. He is forward. He looks early. He is the kind of horse you want to go to Saratoga, so, if all the stars align, we will try."

Bred by Williamson Racing, the dark bay is out of MGSW & GISP Foxysox (GB) (Foxhound), who is also the dam of MSW Curlin's Fox (Curlin). He was consigned by Denali Stud, who also sold a \$290,000 Gun Runner colt earlier in the session (**Hip 69**).

"When we did our presale inspection and looked at these two yearlings, we definitely got excited," said Denali's Conrad Bandoroff. "We knew we had two serious bullets to fire. Both horses handled themselves well on the grounds. They made our jobs easier."

As for Hip 242 specifically, he said, "He was a beautiful colt with a tremendous profile to him. It didn't take much imagination to see what he could potentially grow into. He was bought by a very astute judge and it is a compliment to the colt and how he was raised." --*CDeBernardisTDN*

## De Meric Secures Popular Gun Runner Colt

Nick de Meric fended off all challengers to secure a popular colt from the first crop of Horse of the Year Gun Runner for \$290,000.

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The horseman was acting on behalf of Seth Klarman’s Klaravich Stables and will prepare the short yearling for a racing career with Chad Brown.

When asked what he liked about the dark bay, de Meric said, ‘Everything. He is a beautifully balanced, smooth, athletic colt. He is by a young sire that I think has a tremendously bright future. He is a sire that is already turning heads and I think the best is yet to come for him.’

As for the price, he said, ‘That was plenty of money for him. We knew he wouldn’t be cheap, let’s put it that way. Time will tell. I think the same horse here in September could easily bring 30% to 40% more than he did here today. That is what we are gambling on.’



Nick de Meric | Keeneland

Consigned by Denali Stud as Hip 69, the son of MSP Sunday Sonnet (Any Given Saturday) was bred by Hermitage Farm.

‘That was very pleasant,’ said Hermitage Farm General Manager Bill Landes. ‘We had him in the November sale and a little setback brought us to this sale. But I’m happy that he stood out here—we were a big fish in a smaller pond, especially with a good-looking colt like him.’

Sunday Sonnet, who is a half-sister to MGSW Pianist (More Than Ready), was purchased by Hermitage for \$110,000 at the 2017 Keeneland November Sale. Hip 69 is her first foal.

When asked if she was purchased specifically to go to Gun Runner, Landes said, ‘Oh no! Absolutely not. I had to sweat bullets to get to Gun Runner. We were worried that we wouldn’t be accepted because I knew it took a hellava mare to get Gun

Runner. But bless their hearts, they accepted us and the colt came out well. The mare is in foal to More Than Ready now and I’m really excited about that as well. But I am over the moon with this sale for the new owners of Hermitage. That is what is important.’

Hip 69 was not the only son of Gun Runner who proved popular during Monday’s session. Hip 397, another colt from the Three Chimneys stallion’s first crop, brought \$300,000 from Larry Best’s OXO Equine. Taylor Made’s Katie Taylor signed the ticket on Best’s behalf. --CDeBernardisTDN

### Constitution Colt a Dream for Thompson

Iowa breeder Maynard Thompson enjoyed a dream sales result Monday at Keeneland when his colt by Constitution sold for \$135,000 to Classic Bloodstock. The youngster was consigned by Carl McEntee’s Ballysax Bloodstock.

‘This is a dream,’ Thompson said when reached by phone shortly after the short yearling (hip 198) exited the sales ring. ‘You’re hoping that you get one of them that turns out to be the big deal. I’m a farmer here in Iowa. To me this is like hitting the lottery, to be honest with you. I’ve had several people call me and congratulate me and it’s a very special day for me.’

Named Buddy’s Law, the dark bay colt is out of Crazy Woman Creek (Wild Rush). The mare, with this foal in utero, sold for \$1,000 to Charles Yochum at the 2018 Keeneland November sale.

‘Charles Yochum bought her a year ago in November and he took her to Texas,’ Thompson explained. ‘I ended up buying three mares off of him and she was one of them. I picked out three mares because they were bred to Constitution, Flat Out and English Channel—all fairly well-respected stallions and I thought, ‘Maynard, take a shot at it.’”

Thompson, who purchased Crazy Woman Creek privately for \$4,500, admitted he had high hopes for the mare’s yearling Monday, but the result exceeded expectations.

‘I’ve been sweating bullets to see if he would pass his physical,’ Thompson said. ‘Carl [McEntee] and Connie Brown, who was taking care of the baby in Kentucky for me, told me if he passed his physical, I could start dreaming. We were thinking \$75,000 or \$80,000 is where the colt should have been. Carl told me there were a lot of people who really liked him.’

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Asked if the colt's \$135,000 final price was the most he'd ever sold a horse for, Thompson laughed heartily.

"This is the very, very highest I've ever sold one for," he said, adding he was all set up to watch the sale from his home.

"We had the TV on, I had my computer on. And we were taping both of them," he said. "We were hoping there would not be a commercial on the TV, but as soon as he came into the ring, there was a commercial."

Thompson currently has four broodmares, but Crazy Woman Creek passed away shortly after her Constitution foal was born.

"The mare died when that baby was a day and a half old," Thompson said. "So we have spent a lot of time with that colt. I've got three daughters and that was my little boy. So it was kind of tough to sell him. But \$135,000, that's covers some toughness, I guess."

While Thompson's plan is to sell the foals out of his broodmares, he admitted that could change slightly in the near future.

"It's my game plan [to sell], but we have a yearling filly out of Flat Out and my girlfriend is attached to her. So I'm probably going to get back into the racing business, would be my guess."

Constitution, whose first-crop runners in 2019 included Grade I winner Tiz the Law and graded winners Amalfi Sunrise, By Your Side and Independence Hall, rewarded another breeder Monday

at Keeneland a few hips later in Monday's session. Morell Bloodstock signed for Distinct Sparkle, in foal to the WinStar stallion, for \$23,000 at the 2019 Fasig-Tipton February sale. The dark bay filly ([hip 213](#)) born two months later and bred by Roberta Schneider, sold through the Fort Christopher's Thoroughbreds consignment for \$165,000 to Canaan Creek Stables. [@JessMartiniTDN](#)

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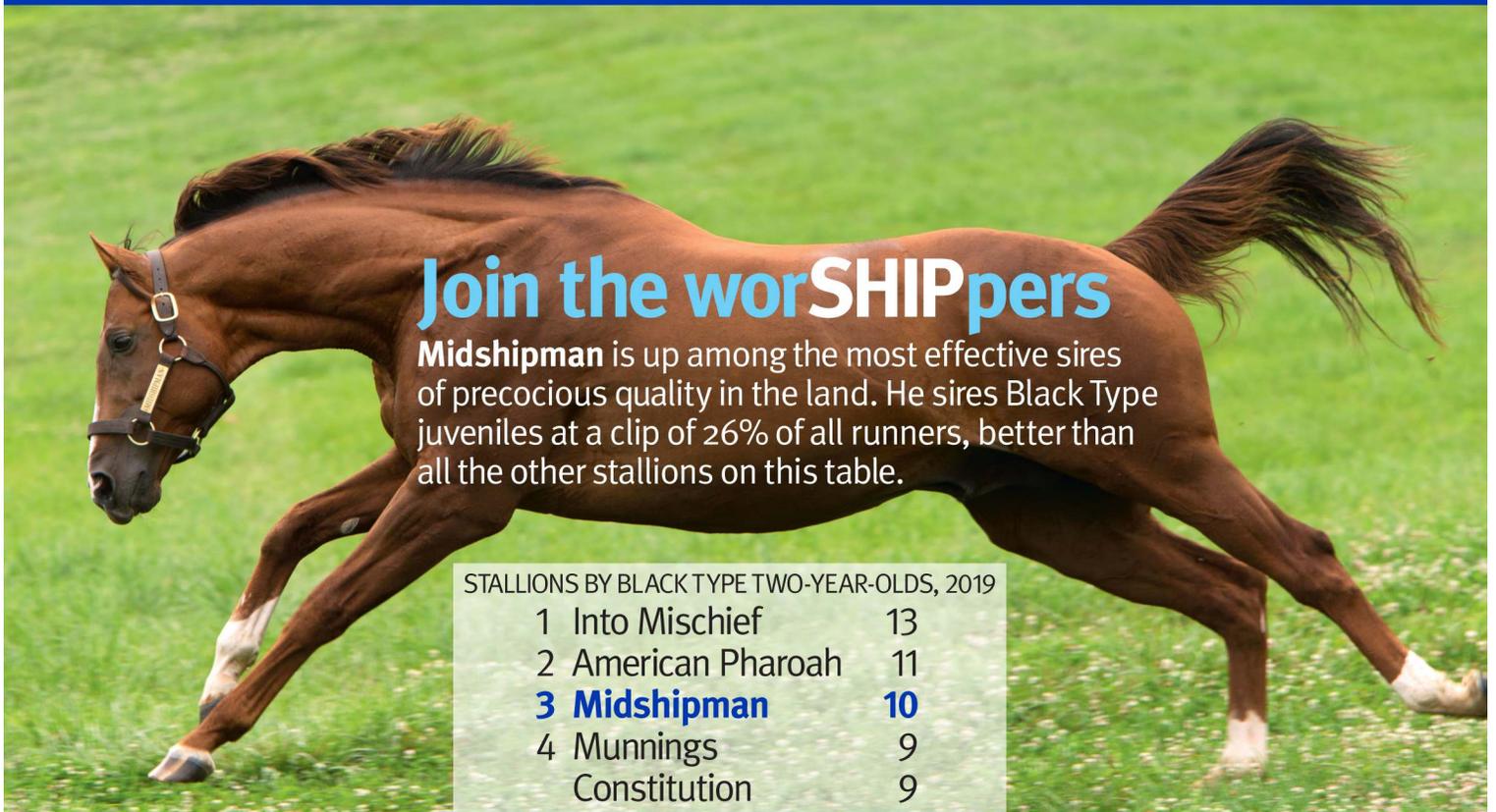
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	Consigned by Hill 'n' Dale Sales Agency, agent Purchased by Hunter Valley Farm, agent		
<b>117</b>	<b>Zia</b> <i>(8, Munnings–Faux Pas {Ire}, by Sadler's Wells)</i>	<b>i/f Into Mischief</b>	<b>335,000</b>
	Consigned by Ballysax Bloodstock, agent XVI Purchased by Nicoma Bloodstock, agent		
<b>370</b>	<b>Moonlit Garden</b> <i>(6, Malibu Moon–Winter Garden, by Roy)</i>	<b>Racing/Bmare Prospect</b>	<b>335,000</b>
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 Consigned by Bluewater Sales LLC, agent V  
 Purchased by White Birch Farm, Inc., N.S. Bloodstock, agent
- 289 Hot Blooded Girl** **i/f Curlin** **280,000**  
*(6, Tapit–Taste the Passion, by Wild Again)*  
 Consigned by Hill ‘n’ Dale Sales Agency, agent  
 Purchased by James Schenck, agent
- 142 Awesome Baby** **i/f Bayern** **250,000**  
*(9, Awesome Again–Miss Attractive, by Running Stag)*  
 Consigned by Hill ‘n’ Dale Sales Agency, agent  
 Purchased by Fairview LLC
- 328 Lemoona** **Racing/Bmare Prospect** **250,000**  
*(5, Lemon Drop Kid–Singita, by Holy Bull)*  
 Consigned by Taylor Made Sales Agency, agent XXII  
 Purchased by Thomas Clark Bloodstock, agent
- 398J Stormy Embrace** **Broodmare Prospect** **250,000**  
*(6, Circular Quay–Stormy Allure, by Stormy Atlantic)*  
 Consigned by Taylor Made Sales Agency, agent CXVIII  
 Purchased by SF Bloodstock

**KEENELAND JANUARY - MONDAY'S TOP YEARLINGS**

<u>HIP</u>	<u>SEX</u>	<u>SIRE   DAM</u>	<u>PRICE (\$)</u>
<b>242</b>	<b>c</b>	<b>Quality Road–Foxysox (GB)</b> <i>Breeder: Williamson Racing (KY)</i> <i>Consignor: Denali Stud, agent XII</i> <i>Purchaser: First Finds</i>	<b>310,000</b>
<b>397</b>	<b>c</b>	<b>Gun Runner–Onna Bugeisha</b> <i>Breeder: Jose Luis Espinoza (KY)</i> <i>Consignor: Select Sales, agent XXXII</i> <i>Purchaser: OXO Equine, LLC</i>	<b>300,000</b>
<b>69</b>	<b>c</b>	<b>Gun Runner–Sunday Sonnet</b> <i>Breeder: Hermitage Farm (KY)</i> <i>Consignor: Denali Stud, agent XXXIV</i> <i>Purchaser: de Meric Stables, agent</i>	<b>290,000</b>
<b>64</b>	<b>c</b>	<b>Uncle Mo–Starless Night</b> <i>Breeder: ERJ Racing (KY)</i> <i>Consignor: Taylor Made Sales Agency, agent XLII</i> <i>Purchaser: Bradley Thoroughbreds, agent</i>	<b>200,000</b>

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<u>Hip</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Sire</u>	<u>Dam</u>	<u>Price (\$)</u>
69	C	<b>Gun Runner</b>	<b>Sunday Sonnet</b>	290,000

*B-Hermitage Farm (KY)*

Consigned by Denali Stud, Agent XXXIV

Purchased by de Meric Stables, Agent

Steve Wilson and Laura Lee Brown's Hermitage Farm paid \$110,000 for multiple stakes-placed maiden mare Sunday Sonnet (Any Given Saturday) at the 2017 Keeneland November sale. The half-sister to MGSW Pianist (More Than Ready) was bred to Horse of the Year Gun Runner on a \$70,000 cover.

198	C	<b>Constitution</b>	<b>Crazy Woman Creek</b>	135,000
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*B-Maynard Thompson (IA)*

Consigned by Ballysax Bloodstock, Agent V

Purchased by Classic Bloodstock

This May 19 foal, already named Buddy's Law, was just a \$1,000 in utero purchase at the 2018 Keeneland November sale. After the year Constitution had with his first crop of runners in 2019, his progeny and mares covered by him have been in high demand.

213	F	<b>Constitution</b>	<b>Distinct Sparkle</b>	165,000
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*B-Roberta L. Schneider, MD (PA)*

Consigned by Fort Christopher's Thoroughbreds LLC, Agent V

Purchased by Canaan Creek Stables

This Pennsylvania-bred miss was another who provided her breeders with a nice payday on the strength of Constitution's very stellar start at stud, which has included four graded stakes winners so far. Dam Distinct Sparkle (With Distinction) was carrying this filly when she sold for just \$23,000 at last year's Fasig-Tipton February sale.

321	F	<b>Practical Joke</b>	<b>Lady Diplomat</b>	150,000
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*B-Fergus Galvin & Jayne Johnson (KY)*

Consigned by Hunter Valley Farm, Agent

Purchased by Andre Lynch, Agent

Dam Lady Diplomat (Silver Deputy) was carrying this filly when she brought \$42,000 as part of the Edward Cox, Jr. dispersal at the 2018 Keeneland November sale. Lady Diplomat's then weanling colt by Runhappy sold for \$115,000 at that same auction, and then went for \$225,000 at KEESEP '19.

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**KEENELAND JANUARY - BROODMARES**

Hip	Name	Status	Price (\$)
51	Sociable	I/f Mor Spirit	155,000

(m, 10, Run Away and Hide--Greyciousness, by Miswaki)

Consigned by Taylor Made Sales Agency, Agent LXX

Purchased by Hunter Valley Farm

Sociable was purchased for just \$32,000 at this sale a year ago in foal to Classic Empire. After producing a colt Mar. 23, the half-sister to The Factor was bred to another former Bob Baffert pupil in Mor Spirit on a \$10,000 cover. She got her big boost in October when then 3-year-old daughter Keeper of the Stars (Midnight Lute) annexed the GIII Autumn Miss S. at Santa Anita.

**Ruis Files Petition Against CHRB cont. from p1**

After his win in the \$1-million Santa Anita Derby, the Bob Baffert-trained Justify proceeded to annex the Triple Crown. He was retired unbeaten shortly thereafter.

The petition seeks for a preemptory writ of mandate ordering the board to set aside its dismissal of the case, and for the purse money to be redistributed. The difference between winning and finishing second in the Santa Anita Derby that year was \$400,000.

“There was another way to handle this, and it was simply for the CHRB to do what it normally does and follow its own

procedures: to file a complaint and to have a hearing,” said Darrell Vienna, Ruis’s attorney. “If at the hearing, [CHRB Equine Medical Director] Rick Arthur or anyone wanted to present evidence that this was a case of environmental contamination, they could have exonerated Mr. Baffert, and that would have still left the issue of redistribution of purse. That’s what normally happens in almost every case.” **Cont. p12**



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Towards the end of last year, Ruis requested the CHRB to conduct a public hearing into the board's handling of the case. The board denied Ruis's request.

"Why was this case handled differently?" said Vienna. "If this was the other way around, if Mick Ruis had the winning horse and it tested positive, do you think this would have happened? Because I don't."

Though the CHRB told *TDN* that it has no comment at this time, it has consistently denied wrongdoing. In a statement to the *TDN* last October, for example, Baedeker wrote that the CHRB's decision was based on the "merits of the case", which showed that Justify's positive was a case of environmental contamination.

"Scopolamine naturally occurs in jimsonweed, which is sometimes harvested along with straw or hay and delivered to racetracks for feed or bedding. Such contamination has occurred in the past, as in 2016 when the CHRB issued an advisory after jimsonweed had been found in straw at Del Mar and again in spring of 2018 at Santa Anita, when laboratory findings found that several horses in various barns had ingested plant alkaloids, including scopolamine, from straw, hay or other feed. Jimsonweed was subsequently located in straw there," Baedeker wrote.

"The Board, in consultation with the Executive Director and the Equine Medical Director [Rick Arthur], may choose not to file a

complaint when an investigation determines that a laboratory finding resulted from factors beyond the control of the trainer or owner, such as environmental contamination," Baedeker added.

In Monday's court filing, the timeline of events is laid out in chronological order. The Santa Anita Derby was held Apr. 7. On Apr. 18, the filing states, the laboratory reported that Justify's official urine sample contained scopolamine.

"On Apr. 20, 2018, CHRB Equine Medical Director Rick Arthur emailed CHRB Executive Director Rick Baedeker, CHRB counsel, and the CHRB Chief Investigator stating that the Justify case needs to be 'handled differently than usual,'" the filing states.

On May 28, the laboratory confirmed the positive in a split sample, the filing states. Then, in August of that year, the CHRB held a special executive session meeting to consider the matter, unanimously voting to dismiss the case.

At the crux of the issue, according to the filing, is whether the CHRB made a legal error in treating the overage as a Class 4c violation with a lesser penalty, rather than a tougher 3b penalty which would have required disqualification and redistribution of purse money.

"On the day of the collection of the official sample (Apr. 7, 2018)," the court filing states, "the CHRB classification for a scopolamine violation was a Class 3 Penalty category B which requires forfeiture of the purse." **Cont. p13**



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In May of 2018, the CHRB drafted an amendment to its drug classification rules, proposing that scopolamine will be lowered from a Class 3b violation to a Class 4c violation. This removed the requirement for disqualification of the horse and forfeiture of the purse. The drug, however, didn't officially receive its lesser categorization until Jan. 1, 2019.

According to Vienna, even if Justify is stripped of his victory in the Santa Anita Derby, that action wouldn't impact his subsequent achievements.

"There's a California case which says a horse's eligibility [to compete] is determined at the point which it is entered and nominated," he said. "At that point in time, there had been no adjudication. He was eligible to compete in all those races."

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**Horses in the care of the National Thoroughbred Welfare Organization in 2018 | Courtesy NTWO**

## DINA ALBORANO FINED, SANCTIONED BY STATE OF NEW JERSEY

by Bill Finley

Dina Alborano, who ran the "I Care I Help" Thoroughbred rescue, has reached an agreement with the State of New Jersey that calls for her to pay a \$5,000 fine and to permanently cease raising money. The announcement was made Monday by Attorney General Gurbir S. Grewal and the Division of Consumer Affairs, which alleged that Alborano, a New Jersey resident, raised more than \$340,000 for her horse rescue and deposited it in a personal bank account. The officials also announced that I Care I Help was never registered with the state, which is required by law.

The ruling, however, did not include any criminal charges. "Donors were led to believe that the money they contributed to I Care I Help would be used to purchase Thoroughbred horses bound for the slaughterhouse and pay for the animals' care while they awaited adoption into permanent homes," said Howard Pine, Acting Director of the Division of Consumer Affairs. "Instead, donor funds were funneled into bank accounts controlled by Alborano and an acquaintance and it's unclear from the records kept just how much of that money was actually used for rescuing horses."

"So many charities in New Jersey do incredible work to serve good causes," said Attorney General Grewal.

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### 1st dam

**QUIET GIANT**, by Giant's Causeway. 7 wins in 12 starts at 3 and 4, \$405,389, Hill 'N' Dale Molly Pitcher S. [G2] (MTH, \$150,000), Lady's Secret S. [L] (MTH, \$60,000), Rare Treat S. (AQU, \$39,000), Cheap Seats S. (AQU, \$36,000), Lady on the Run S. (AQU, \$36,000), 2nd Ladies H. [L] (AQU, \$30,000), Polly's Jet S. (DEL, \$10,000). Dam of 4 foals, 3 to race, 2 winners.

**GUN RUNNER** (c. by Candy Ride (ARG)). 12 wins in 18 starts at 3 and 4, \$15,988,500, in N.A./U.S., horse of the year, champion older horse, Fasmas World Cup Invitational S. [G1] (GP, \$7,000,000), Breeding for Success S. [G1] (DMR, \$3,300,000), Whitney S. [G1] (SAR, \$2,000,000), S. [G1] (SAR, \$400,000), Stephen Foster H. [G1] (GP, \$300,000), [G1] (CD, \$294,000), Louisiana S. [G1] (GP, \$60,000), Veterinary S. [G1] (GP, \$50,000), Black H. [G3] (OP, \$30,000), etc. (Total: \$15,988,500). Sire: Quiet Giant. Dam: Quiet Dam. Breeder: Three Chimneys. Trainer: Tap Gun. Owner: Oxo Equine, LLC.

### 2nd dam

**QUIET DAM**, by Quiet American. 10 wins in 12 starts at 3 and 4, \$1,400,000, Gala Lil S. (PIM, \$1,000,000), etc. (Total: \$1,400,000). Sire: Quiet American. Dam: Quiet Giant. Breeder: Three Chimneys. Trainer: Tap Gun. Owner: Oxo Equine, LLC.

**Miss Besilu** (f. by Medaglia d'Oro). Winner at 2 and 3, \$187,829, 2nd Grade 1 S. (GP, \$200,000), 3rd Alabama S. [G1] (SAR, \$60,000), etc. (Total: \$187,829). Sire: Quiet Giant. Dam: Quiet Dam. Breeder: Three Chimneys. Trainer: Tap Gun. Owner: Oxo Equine, LLC.

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I Care I Help made a splash in 2018 after a flattering story about the rescue’s work to save retired Thoroughbreds. The positive coverage helped it raise money that Alborano told donors was being used to save horses in Louisiana who were candidates to be sent to the slaughterhouse. Alborano posted on her website that in the first five months of 2018 she saved 100 horses from kill lots in Louisiana. Her critics argued that she was in fact collecting “bail money” on the horses, driving up their prices at sales frequented by meat dealers by tugging on the heartstrings of her donors.

Subsequent news reports further questioned Alborano’s efforts and, in particular, her association with Hal Parker, a former employee of a company known to sell horses to slaughterhouses. Parker, who was put in charge of caring for the I Care I Help horses after they were purchased, has been charged with a number of felony counts involving animal cruelty and the charity’s horses. An August 2018 investigation by the National Thoroughbred Welfare Organization (NTWO) claimed that it had uncovered numerous examples of horses that were in poor or very poor condition once leaving I Care I Help’s care and turned over to adopters.

On her website, Alborano called the NTWO’s charges “slanderous attacks.”

The New Jersey investigation did not focus on the treatment of the animals, which, to some, was a disappointment. Horse owner and attorney Maggi Moss, a frequent critic of Alborano’s, said the penalties leveled by New Jersey officials were too light.

“This was extremely weak but at least it is something,” Moss said. “With any law enforcement, it’s sad where their priorities lie when it comes to animal welfare. You find that throughout the country. Usually, if you get a media splash you get charges. That didn’t happen here. Are there still people looking at her criminally? I don’t know the answer to that.”

Alborano’s attorney, Frank Arleo, issued a statement to the *Paulick Report* that said, “As can be seen from a reading of the Consent Order, I Care I Help resolved this purely civil matter by paying a small fine related to its failure to properly register as a non-profit in accordance with New Jersey law. Ms. Alborano is happy to have resolved this matter in an amicable fashion.”

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## ROSARIO TO RIDE IN SAUDI ARABIA THIS WEEK

by Bill Finley

Jockey Joel Rosario has accepted an offer from the Jockey Club of Saudi Arabia to ride at King Abdulaziz Racetrack Friday and Saturday. With eight local group races to be run over the two-day period, the Friday and Saturday cards are the biggest held in Saudi Arabia outside of the Feb. 29 Saudi Cup program.

“I’m very excited to be going over there,” Rosario said. “I’ve been there before and it is exciting to go back. It will be a good chance for me to check things out before the Saudi Cup. I’ll be able to get used to the weather and the track.”

The entries have been released for both cards, but the final jockey assignments have yet to be determined. Rosario’s agent Ron Anderson said he did not know who his rider would be aboard but said the focus will be on the group races that will serve as preps for the Saudi Cup card.

“With the Saudi Cup, this is now their second biggest day, but it’s still a huge deal to them,” Anderson said. “It’s a huge deal for the princes and for The King. I’m not sure who else is coming, but I’d be surprised if Joel was the only big-name rider to fly in for the weekend.”

The highlight of the two days will be Saturday, when there will be four local Group 1 races, two over 1600 meters and two over 2000 meters. Each race is worth about \$213,000.

In the \$20-million Saudi Cup, Rosario is expected to have the mount on ‘**TDN Rising Star**’ **McKinzie** (Street Sense) for trainer Bob Baffert.

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### THE TDN DERBY TOP 12 FOR JAN. 14



Thousand Words winning the Los Alamitos Futurity | Benoit

by T.D. Thornton

The Top 12 right now resembles an evenly matched marathon. There is no breakaway leader, no odds-on favorite, and the main threats are all keeping an eye on one another waiting for the first bold move. Feb. 1 looms as the next significant shakeup date, when Road to the GI Kentucky Derby points races will be run in New York, Florida and California.

**1) THOUSAND WORDS (c, Pioneerof the Nile--Pomeroy's Pistol, by Pomeroy)**

O-Albaugh Family Stables & Spendthrift Farm. B-Hardacre Farm (Fl). T-Bob Baffert. Sales History: \$1,000,000 yrl '18 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: GSW, 2-2-0-0, \$151,000.

Last Start: 1st **GII Los Alamitos Futurity**, LRC, Dec. 7

Next Start: **GIII Bob Lewis S.**, SA, Feb. 1

**EquineLine PPs.** KY Derby Points: 10.

Thousand Words will be among the earliest of Top 12 heavy hitters to start in 2020, which means he'll have a direct say in how long he retains his No. 1 ranking. Given the light prep schedule over the next several weeks, no one is going to leapfrog this \$1 million KEESEP Pioneerof the Nile bay prior to

the colt's scheduled start in the Feb. 1 **GIII Lewis S.** Undeafated at 2-for-2, Thousand Words's win over a sealed track and three rivals in the **Grade II Los Alamitos Futurity** stands out because he engaged favored stablemate **High Velocity (Quality Road)** through legit splits, sniping back and forth spiritedly before brushing aside that determined rival and then adeptly beating back a fresh challenge from the well-regarded **Anneau d'Or (Medaglia d'Oro)**. Even though **Anneau d'Or** got on even terms with Thousand Words in deep stretch, Thousand Words never let him by, and this colt capped his resurgent late run with a strong gallop-out that was extra impressive considering it was his first attempt at both two turns and winners. Of trainer **Bob Baffert's** six **Los Al Futurity** winners, the only two to go on and start in the **Kentucky Derby--Dortmund** and **Mor Spirit--**both won the **Lewis S.** in their next starts.

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**2) STRUCTOR (c, Palace Malice--Miss Always Ready, by More Than Ready)**

O-Jeff Drown & Don Rachel. B-Three Chimneys Farm (Ky). T-Chad Brown. Sales History: \$160,000 yrl '18 KEESEP; \$850,000 2yo '19 OBSMAR. Lifetime Record: GISW, 3-3-0-0, \$709,500.

Last Start: 1st **GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf**, SA, Nov. 1

Accomplishments Include: 1st **GIII Pilgrim S.**, BEL, Sept. 28

Next Start: Uncommitted.

**EquineLine PPs.** KY Derby Points: 0.

Structor (3-for-3 exclusively on turf) earned an Eclipse Award finalist berth in the juvenile division, and if he beats out the two other accomplished dirt-based nominees Jan. 23, it could foreshadow what he might do on the racetrack in his expected transition from grass. This \$160,000 KEESEP pinhook--who then sold for \$850,000 at OBSMAR--broke alertly, was allowed to settle, and had a covered-up trip in the **GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf**. But he looked soundly beaten coming off the final turn until he tipped three wide and unleashed a smart late kick, closing very rapidly.

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**3) DENNIS' MOMENT (c, Tiznow--Transplendid, by Elusive Quality)**



'TDN Rising Star' O-Albough Family Stables LLC. B-Tolo Thoroughbreds (Ky). T-Dale Romans. Sales History: \$400,000 yrl '18 FTSAUG. Lifetime Record: GSW, 4-2-0-0, \$167,800.

Last Start: 8th GI TVG Breeders' Cup Juvenile, SA, Nov. 1

Accomplishments Include: 1st GIII Iroquois S.

Next Start: Aiming for GII Fountain of Youth S., GP, Feb. 29

Equineline PPs. KY Derby Points: 10.

Saturday was the first breeze back since a post-Breeders' Cup freshening at WinStar Farm for this 'TDN Rising Star,' who is being aimed toward a two-prep Florida path to Louisville. A bad stumble out of the gate in the GI Juvenile cost Dennis' Moment any shot at running competitively as the 9-10 favorite, and his planned 3-year-old debut in the GII Fountain of Youth S. Feb. 29 figures to be one of the most anticipated comebacks of the 2020 Derby campaign. *Cont. p17*



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Trainer Dale Romans has indicated that this \$400,000 FTAUG Tiznow bay would ideally then race in the GI Florida Derby Mar. 28, leaving a five-week cushion to the first Saturday in May. But until “Dennis” actually hits the track in the afternoon, debate is going to swirl as to which of his past performance lines from 2019 are indicative of his true ability. You don’t see too many highly hyped Derby candidates whose only four races sandwich a DNF (lost jock in debut) and a last-place finish (Juvenile) with chart comment superlatives like “demolished field” (19-length maiden win) and “cruised final 1/16th” (geared-down GIII Iroquois S. win).

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**4) MAXFIELD (c, Street Sense--Velvety, by Bernardini)**  
 O/B-Godolphin LLC (KY). T-Brendan Walsh. Lifetime Record: GISW, 2-2-0-0, \$354,412.  
 Last Start: 1st GI Claiborne Breeders’ Futurity, KEE, Oct. 5  
 Next Start: Uncommitted.

**Equineline PPs.** KY Derby Points: 10.

Maxfield’s recovery from surgery to fix a mildly displaced ankle chip was buoyed by the recent announcement that he has been named as one of three finalists in the juvenile male Eclipse Award category. The honor underscores how impressively he won the GI Breeders’ Futurity S. at Keeneland; the other two nominees in the division were both victors of Breeders’ Cup races. Last week on “At the Races with Steve Byk,” trainer Brendan Walsh said this Street Sense homebred is back jogging in Ocala. The colt is more or less on schedule, but Godolphin has indicated there will be no all-out frenzy to rush Maxfield into the Triple Crown. “We’re going to have a look at his x-rays again. His last examination was very good, and everybody was happy with the way he was progressing. So we’re going to have another look at him kind of towards the end of the second half of January. And if he’s okay, he can start back galloping,” Walsh said.

**5) INDEPENDENCE HALL (c, Constitution--Kalahari Cat, by Cape Town)**

 O-Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners, Twin Creeks Racing Stables, LLC, Kathleen & Robert Verratti. B-Woodford Thoroughbreds (Ky). T-Michael Trombetta. Sales History: \$100,000 yr1 ‘18 KEESEP; \$200,000 RNA 2yo ‘19 FTFMAR. Lifetime Record: GSW, 3-3-0-0, \$210,000.

Last Start: 1st Jerome S., AQU, Jan. 1  
 Next Start: Possible for GIII Sam F. Davis S., TAM, Feb. 8  
**Equineline PPs.** KY Derby Points: 10.

Undefeated Independence Hall’s stock figuratively soared northward after his dime-on-the-dollar ransacking of the overwhelmed Jerome S. field at Aqueduct on New Year’s Day,

but the colt himself has literally gone south, where he’s now stabled at Tampa Bay Downs. The GIII Davis S. Feb. 8 is the likely next target for this big-framed \$100,000 KEESEP Constitution colt (subsequently RNA’d for \$200,000 at FTFMAR). Even though his 3-for-3 record signals perfection on paper, trainer Mike Trombetta has acknowledged Independence Hall has quirks that need correcting. These include getting hot and bothered in the paddock and breaking a stutter-step slow (both in the Jerome), and shying from the whip (in the Jerome and the GIII Nashua S.). But Trombetta doesn’t think those antics represent any major head-case issues, and the colt does act more orderly in morning training. Independence Hall earned a lot of ink for running a gaudy 101 Beyer Speed Figure in his Nashua romp, but the 83 he ran in the Jerome is closer to the 82 from his winning debut at Parx.

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**Independence Hall | Sarah Andrew**

**6) AJAAWEED (c, Curlin--Asiya, by Daaher)**  
 O-Shadwell Stable. B-Shadwell Farm (KY). T-Kieran McLaughlin. Lifetime Record: GSP, 4-1-1-0, \$119,850.  
 Last Start: 2nd GII Remsen S., Aqu, Dec. 7  
 Accomplishments Include: 4th GI Claiborne Breeders’ Futurity, Kee, Oct. 5  
 Next Start: Uncommitted.  
**Equineline PPs.** KY Derby Points: 5.

There are three horses ranked within the Top 12 right now whose runner-up efforts in stakes represent better tries than the horses who beat them (Nos. 7 and 10 are the others). In fact, Ajaaweed’s deep-closing second, beaten only a half-length in the slow-paced, speed-carrying GII Remsen, has been so often cited as a better-than-it-looks sleeper that any “wiseguy” value one might expect to glean from that knowledge has already evaporated. **Cont. p18**

This Curlin homebred for Shadwell is wintering at Palm Meadows with trainer Kiaran McLaughlin, but that shipping outside of Florida for Ajaaweed’s next race is a possibility. “I’m a little worried about Gulfstream with his [late] running style,” McLaughlin told HorseRaceInsider.com’s John Pricci last week. “He may make his first start elsewhere... They’ve got that long stretch at the Fair Grounds.”

**7) ANNEAU D’OR (c, Medaglia d’Oro--Walk Close, by Tapit)**  
 O-Peter Redekop B.C. Ltd. B-Highland Yard (Ky). T-Blaine Wright.  
 Sales History: \$170,000 RNA yrl ‘18 KEESEP; \$480,000 2yo ‘19 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: GISP, 3-1-2-0, \$399,000.  
 Last Start: 2nd **GII Los Alamitos Futurity**, LRC, Dec. 7  
 Accomplishments Include: 2nd **GI TVG Breeders’ Cup Juvenile**  
 Next Start: Uncommitted.

**EquineLine PPs.** KY Derby Points: 12.

Last November’s GI Breeders’ Cup Juvenile runner-up isn’t getting a lot of retrospective respect. That’s deservedly so--the third favorite scratched with an injury, the second fave spit the bit with no visible excuse, the odds-on choice stumbled to lose all chance, and the top three finishers were 45-1, 28-1 and 39-1 odds. But if you had to pick the Juvenile horse who ran best against the grain of adversity, it would be this \$480,000 OBSAPR Medaglia d’Oro bay (RNA’d for \$170,000 at KEESEP). Anneau d’Or was four/three wide on the turns, got first (and only) run at the pacemaker, then slugged it out the length of the lane to lose only by a neck. Subsequently, Anneau d’Or launched into a late, lumbering run to lose by the same margin to Thousand Words in the Los Al Futurity. Horses that consistently run well over varying surfaces are always sneaky threats on the Derby trail (in this colt’s case, firm Golden Gate turf, deep Santa Anita dirt, wet and sealed Los Al).

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**8) TIZ THE LAW (c, Constitution--Tizfz, by Tiznow)**  
 O-Sackatoga Stable. B-Twin Creeks Farm (NY). T-Barclay Tagg. Sales History: \$110,000 yrl ‘18 FTNAUG. Lifetime Record: GISW, 3-2-0-1, \$347,000.  
 Last Start: 3rd **GII Kentucky Jockey Club S.**, CD, Nov. 30  
 Accomplishments Include: 1st **GI Champagne S.**, BEL, Oct. 5  
 Next Start: Aiming for the **GIII Holy Bull S.**, GP, Feb. 2  
**EquineLine PPs.** KY Derby Points: 12.

This \$110,000 SARAUG Constitution bay is three breezes into his training for an anticipated sophomore debut in the GIII Holy Bull S. Feb. 1. A trio of Twitter postings last week from the workout analyst at Palm Meadows for the @Racingwithbruno clocking team noted that Tiz the Law has been “putting in a lot of miles” and that he “relaxes in his gallops and carries himself

well” with “good flesh and weight” even though the colt “is a very compact type more associated with milers.” An obvious story line for “Tiz” is that he shares the same owner/trainer tandem as Funny Cide, the fellow New York-bred who won the Derby and GI Preakness S. in 2003. Jack Knowlton of Sackatoga Stable told TDN in December that Tiz’s prep path might mirror Funny Cide’s by potentially aiming for the GII Louisiana Derby after the Holy Bull. That plan underscores how “less is more” training has evolved, because 17 years ago Funny Cide, like a lot of prospects, raced in a third Derby prep in April (the then-Grade I Wood Memorial). Now, horses that end up with three pre-Derby preps are pretty much the ones chasing qualifying points, as two-prep spacing has evolved as the standard.

**Sequel** New York graduate



Tiz the Law | Sarah Andrew

**9) AUTHENTIC (c, Into Mischief--Flawless, by Mr. Greeley)**  
 O-SF Racing LLC, Starlight Racing, Madaket Stables LLC, Fred Hertrich III, John D. Fielding & Golconda Stables. B-Peter E. Blum Thoroughbreds LLC (KY). T-Bob Baffert. Sales History: \$350,000 yrl ‘18 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: GSW, 2-2-0-0, \$91,200.  
 Last Start: 1st **GIII Sham S.**, SA, Jan. 4  
 Next Start: Uncommitted  
**EquineLine PPs.** KY Derby Points: 10.

This \$350,000 KEESEP Into Mischief bay cracks the Top 12 based on his 7 3/4-length pummeling of the GIII Sham S. field at Santa Anita Jan. 4. But the romp by the 6-5 favorite was not without stretch drama, which came when Authentic was soaring solo through the lane before suddenly ducking in, veering out, and repeatedly throwing his head while fighting his rider.

The colt eventually regained focus and won geared down, and the morning after the race trainer Bob Baffert said he believes Authentic got spooked in the stretch. "He'd never done that, and I think it was the noise. He heard the noise, he went to the rail, and when he saw the rail, he got scared from that, so I think we'll either use ear plugs or blinkers next time. But his competition might be a little closer to him in his next race, and that might help, too." Authentic is 2-for-2, having broken his maiden sprinting 5 1/2 furlongs as the 3-5 fave at Del Mar Nov. 9.

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#### 10) **ANSWER IN** (g, **Dialed In--D'ya Knowwhatimean, by Broken Vow**)

O-Robert LaPenta & Madaket Stables. B-Glen Oak Farm & Two Stamp Stables (KY). T-Brad Cox. Sales History: \$175,000 wnlg '17 KEENOV. Lifetime Record: SP, 3-1-2-0, \$153,412.

Last Start: 2nd **Springboard Mile**, RP, Dec. 15

Next Start: Uncommitted

**Equine** PPs. KY Derby Points: 4.

This \$175,000 KEENOV Dialed In weanling made a larger progression leap than is evident with his head loss as the 3-5 fave in the Springboard Mile S. Consider that in both of his first two starts, Answer In broke dead last in large fields. In his debut against both winners and around two turns at Remington Dec. 15, he got away much better and promptly settled midpack, had an inside-outside-inside trip that cost him a lot of lateral real estate, and he was full of run when asked to shoot a narrow gap at the fence in deep stretch. Answer In is currently training at Oaklawn. Long-range, it's worth noting that this colt has already run well twice at Churchill (a maiden loss by a nose and a 5 1/4-length win at 1-2 odds over a runner-up who came back to win).

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#### 11) **STORM THE COURT** (c, **Court Vision--My Tejana Storm, by Tejano Run**)



O-Exline-Border Racing LLC, David Bernsen, Susanna Wilson & Dan Hudock. B-Stepping Stone Farm (Ky).

T-Peter Eurton. Sales History: \$5,000 yrl '18 FTKFEB; \$60,000 2yo '19 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: GISW, 4-2-0-1, \$1,172,951.

Last Start: 1st **GI TVG Breeders' Cup Juvenile**, SA, Nov. 1

Next Start: Aiming for GIII San Vicente S., SA, Feb. 9

**Equine** PPs. KY Derby Points: 22.

Storm the Court has worked the past four Sundays at Santa Anita in defense of his 45-1 upset of the Breeders' Cup Juvenile. What was supposed to be a planned solo five-eighths move Jan.

12 ended up with uninvited company, because at the 3 1/2-furlong pole Storm the Court ran up from behind on a slower-working tandem, and Flavien Prat had to back off a beat to keep from getting pegged down inside. The unintended workmates drifted out a bit turning for home, affording Storm the Court an opportunity to kick on through, but the trio re-engaged and finished stacked across the track for the run through the wire. "Not what I was looking for," trainer Peter Eurton told DRF.com. "If he had been outside, I would have been fine with that." This \$60,000 OBSAPR Court Vision bay (bought for \$5,000 as a FTKFEB yearling) will likely have his soph debut in the Feb. 9 San Vicente S. over seven furlongs.

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#### 12) **CHANCE IT** (c, **Currency Swap--Vagabon Diva, by Pleasantly Perfect**)

O-Shooting Star Thoroughbreds LLC. B-Bett Usher (FL). T-Saffie A. Joseph, Jr. Lifetime Record: MSW, 6-4-2-0, \$444,910.

Last Start: 1st **Mucho Macho Man S.**, GP, Jan. 4

Next Start: Aiming for a February GP stakes

**Equine** PPs. KY Derby Points: 0.

Chance It is one of those horses who will largely get dismissed as a long-term Derby threat right now, but do so at your own peril. The chief reasons cited will be A) He's an overachiever who's started against far lesser company; B) He's run some big-number races likely aided by a glib Gulfstream surface he so loves (4-for-6 with four 90+ Beyers there), and C) His ability at longer distances seems questionable. But wait a minute--don't those criticisms sound an awful lot like what people were saying about Maximum Security (New Year's Day) last year? This Currency Swap colt's win as the 7-10 favorite in the one-turn-mile Mucho Macho Man S. Jan. 4 demonstrated he can withstand a length-of-stretch fight, and these types of in-form horses have a knack for catching highly-ranked layoff sops off guard in Florida's winter preps. The Holy Bull and Fountain of Youth are both under consideration for Chance It. It's worth noting that favorites have lost the last three editions of both those stakes, and he would be a live longshot in either spot.

#### **On the Bubble:** (in alphabetical order)

**Ancient Warrior** (Constitution): 'TDN Rising Star' training at Los Al for Hollendorfer with eye on Oaklawn stakes.

**Enforceable** (Tapit): Oxley-owned gray for Casse, full to Mohaymen and half to New Year's Day, makes 2020 debut in Saturday's GIII Lecomte S. **Cont. p20**

**High Velocity** (Quality Road): \$350,000 KEESEP colt for Wests/Baffert was beaten fave behind stablemate Thousand Words in Los Al Futurity.

**Honor A.P.** (Honor Code): Back jogging for Shirreffs after negative right front x-rays in wake of Jan. 4 Sham scratch. “Maybe he wrenched it,” trainer speculated.

**Scabbard** (More Than Ready): His Juvy fourth was blah, but he was the only one gaining on wrapped-up Dennis’ Moment in Iroquois. Resurfaces Saturday as Lecomte threat.

**Shoplifted** (Into Mischief): ‘**TDN Rising Star**’ is the only BC Juvenile next-out winner so far. Currently breezing at Oaklawn after capable Springboard Mile win.

**Shotski** (Blame): Wired Remsen over nine furlongs on day when speed held better as afternoon progressed; will try same distance again in GIII Withers S.

**Silver Prospector** (Declaration of War): Four five-eighths breezes at Fair Grounds since three-quarter length splash-home win in Kentucky Jockey Club S.

**Untitled** (Khozan): Won Gulfstream sprint debut with 98 Beyer; last week was **privately purchased** and will now aim for seven-furlong GIII Swale S. for Barber/Casse.

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## BUCCHERO ‘LOYALTY LOCK-IN’ PROGRAM UNVEILED

During the annual stallion show at Pleasant Acres Stallions in Morriston, Florida, Saturday, Jan. 11, Harlan Malter, whose Ironhorse Racing Stable campaigned two-time GII Woodford S. winner **Bucchero** (Kantharos--Meetmeonline, by General Meeting) and who serves as the managing partner of Bucchero Stallion LLC, announced a bonus program designed to reward breeders who patronize the sire during his first few seasons at stud.

The “Bucchero Loyalty Lock-In: Breed Twice, Lock In the Price” incentive enables breeders who breed a mare to the splashy chestnut in 2020 and 2021--same mare or different mares--to breed at that stud fee in each of the next three seasons.

“So many breeders in Florida have supported stallions early in their career and watched their foals help make the stallion, only

to then get priced out when the stud fees get raised to two or three times their initial fee,” said Malter. “Stallion owners have every right to raise the stud fees of successful stallions, we just feel that loyalty and support needs to be rewarded. These early breeders are our partners in making Bucchero. If he hits, it is very important for us to make sure the breeders have been rewarded for their loyalty.”

Bucchero covered a book of 130 mares during his first year at stud in 2019.

“We were absolutely thrilled to see so many Florida breeders be won over by Bucchero’s record, exceptional physical and, most importantly to us, the class he exudes,” said Malter. “Bucchero’s success in his first year was a real testament to the breeders in Florida who were the foundation of many successful Florida stallions in the past.”

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## DESTIN SIRES FIRST FOAL

**Destin** (Giant’s Causeway--Dream of Summer, by Siberian Summer), who set a track record in winning the GII Tampa Bay Derby and went on to miss by a nose in the GI Belmont S., was represented by his first foal Jan. 11. A colt by the full-brother to Creative Cause and the first produce of Jurere (Take Charge Indy) was born at Saratoga Glen Farm. He was bred by Amber Cobb.

Destin stands at Sequel Stallions New York for Gainesway Farm, Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners, Twin Creeks Farm and Sequel. Destin will be available for inspection at the Sequel Open House on January 19.

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## SECRET CIRCLE RELOCATING TO LOUISIANA

**Secret Circle** (Eddington--Ragtime Hope, by Dixieland Band), who achieved the rare feat of winning multiple Breeders’ Cup races, will relocate to Michele Rodriguez’s Elite Thoroughbreds in Louisiana, it was announced Monday. The deal was brokered by Chad Schumer of Schumer Bloodstock.

Trained by Bob Baffert, Secret Circle was perfect in three starts at two, capped by a victory in the Breeders’ Cup Juvenile Sprint, but successfully carried his speed around two turns at three, winning the GIII Southwest S. and GII Rebel S. before finishing second to stablemate Bodemeister (Empire Maker) in the GI Arkansas Derby. **Cont. p21**



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Kept around one turn for the balance of his career, the bay added the 2013 GI Breeders' Cup Sprint and was runner-up in defense of that title the following year. Also second in the GI Cigar Mile H., he closed his career with a success in the G1 Dubai Golden Shaheen. He won half of his 16 trips to the post for earnings of \$3,670,790, making him one of the richest horses to ever stand in the state.

Secret Circle is the sire of 13 winners to date, including the stakes-placed Woopigsooie and Reach the Circle, runner-up in the 2019 Louisiana Futurity.

"Secret Circle presents an unprecedented opportunity for Louisiana breeders to use a Breeders' Cup Sprint champion who is in what may be the deepest crop of freshman sires we've seen in years," Schumer said.

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## APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR TJC SCHOLARSHIPS

Applications for two college scholarships offered by The Jockey Club totaling \$21,000 are now open. The pair of scholarships will be awarded for the academic year beginning in the fall of 2020.

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Criteria to be considered for The Jockey Club Scholarship include career aspirations, activities involving the equine or Thoroughbred industry and high academic achievement.

The Jockey Club Scholarship complements The Jockey Club Jack Goodman Scholarship, created in 2007 and awarded to a student of the University of Arizona Racetrack Industry Program (RTIP). The \$6,000 scholarship is based on academic achievement, a proposed career path in the Thoroughbred racing industry, and previous industry involvement.

The deadline for both applications is March 31, 2020.

"The Jockey Club is proud to offer these scholarships in an effort to support young individuals who are interested in pursuing a career in the horse racing industry," said James L. Gagliano, president and chief operating officer, The Jockey Club.

More information can be found [here](#). The winners will be announced later this summer.

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2020 that want to remain accredited need to re-apply.

Accreditation status is determined after a complete review of five areas of an aftercare organization: operations, education, horse health care management, facility standards and services, and adoption policies and protocols. Organizations passing the application review will be subject to site inspections of all facilities housing Thoroughbreds.

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1	<b>Into Mischief</b> <i>(2005) by Harlan's Holiday</i>	<b>23</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>385</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>1,052,425</b>	<b>19,179,389</b>
	<i>FYR: 2010 Crops: 8 Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY Fee: \$175,000 Covfefe</i>										
2	<b>Curlin</b> <i>(2004) by Smart Strike</i>	<b>18</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>3,960,625</b>	<b>15,618,574</b>
	<i>FYR: 2010 Crops: 8 Stands: Hill 'n' Dale Farms KY Fee: \$175,000 Vino Rosso</i>										
3	<b>Tapit</b> <i>(2001) by Pulpit</i>	<b>26</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>26</b>	--	<b>5</b>	<b>292</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>1,634,500</b>	<b>15,048,784</b>
	<i>FYR: 2006 Crops: 12 Stands: Gainesway Farm KY Fee: \$200,000 Tacitus</i>										
4	<b>Hard Spun</b> <i>(2004) by Danzig</i>	<b>11</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>286</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>1,140,660</b>	<b>13,843,341</b>
	<i>FYR: 2009 Crops: 9 Stands: Darley KY Fee: \$40,000 Spun to Run</i>										
5	<b>Giant's Causeway</b> <i>(1997) by Storm Cat</i>	<b>7</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>6,723,650</b>	<b>13,717,604</b>
	<i>FYR: 2002 Crops: 16 Stands: Ashford Stud USA (Dead/Ret/Exp) Bricks and Mortar</i>										
6	<b>Quality Road</b> <i>(2006) by Elusive Quality</i>	<b>10</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>4,000,000</b>	<b>13,297,503</b>
	<i>FYR: 2012 Crops: 6 Stands: Lane's End Farm KY Fee: \$200,000 City of Light</i>										
7	<b>Street Sense</b> <i>(2004) by Street Cry (Ire)</i>	<b>14</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>2,232,560</b>	<b>12,477,042</b>
	<i>FYR: 2009 Crops: 9 Stands: Darley KY Fee: \$75,000 McKinzie</i>										
8	<b>Medaglia d'Oro</b> <i>(1999) by El Prado (Ire)</i>	<b>13</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>241</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>1,284,370</b>	<b>12,422,342</b>
	<i>FYR: 2006 Crops: 12 Stands: Darley KY Fee: \$200,000 Higher Power</i>										
9	<b>Speightstown</b> <i>(1998) by Gone West</i>	<b>14</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>1,058,962</b>	<b>11,951,310</b>
	<i>FYR: 2006 Crops: 12 Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$70,000 Mozu Superflare</i>										
10	<b>Empire Maker</b> <i>(2000) by Unbridled</i>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>269</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>583,938</b>	<b>11,024,588</b>
	<i>FYR: 2005 Crops: 13 Stands: Gainesway Farm KY Fee: \$85,000 Smart Dandy (JPN)</i>										
11	<b>Kitten's Joy</b> <i>(2001) by El Prado (Ire)</i>	<b>11</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>410</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>717,751</b>	<b>10,847,150</b>
	<i>FYR: 2007 Crops: 11 Stands: Hill 'n' Dale Farms KY Fee: \$75,000 Henley's Joy</i>										
12	<b>Scat Daddy</b> <i>(2004) by Johannesburg</i>	<b>21</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>276</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>1,192,878</b>	<b>10,768,092</b>
	<i>FYR: 2009 Crops: 8 Stands: Ashford Stud USA (Dead/Ret/Exp) Mr Melody</i>										
13	<b>Uncle Mo</b> <i>(2008) by Indian Charlie</i>	<b>11</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>302</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>732,200</b>	<b>10,637,737</b>
	<i>FYR: 2013 Crops: 5 Stands: Ashford Stud KY Fee: \$125,000 Bast</i>										
14	<b>Candy Ride (Arg)</b> <i>(1999) by Ride the Rails</i>	<b>14</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>637,600</b>	<b>10,270,060</b>
	<i>FYR: 2006 Crops: 12 Stands: Lane's End Farm KY Fee: \$100,000 Vekoma</i>										
15	<b>More Than Ready</b> <i>(1997) by Southern Halo</i>	<b>9</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>282</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>1,455,000</b>	<b>10,218,278</b>
	<i>FYR: 2002 Crops: 16 Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$80,000 Uni (GB)</i>										

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**LECOMTE S.-GIII, \$200,000, 3yo, 1 1/16m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Finnick the Fierce	Dialed In	Monge, Arnaldo and Hernandez, Rey	Hernandez	Leon	122
2	Mr. Monomoy 🐾	Palace Malice	Madaket Stables LLC, Dubb, Michael and Doheny Racing Stable	Cox	Geroux	122
3	Perfect Star 🐾	Into Mischief	Anton Kubacak	Gelner	Albarado	122
4	Scabbard 🐾	More Than Ready	Joseph W. Sutton	Kenneally	Lanerie	122
5	Excession 🐾	Union Rags	Calumet Farm	Asmussen	Hernandez	122
6	New Eagle 🐾	Street Boss	Calumet Farm	Maker	Saez	122
7	Halo Again 🐾	Speightstown	Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC and Willis Horton Racing LLC	Asmussen	Talamo	122
8	Jack the Umpire	Bodemeister	P. Dale Ladner	Brinkman	Bridgmohan	122
9	Silver State 🐾	Hard Spun	Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC and Willis Horton Racing LLC	Asmussen	Santana, Jr.	122
10	Enforceable 🐾	Tapit	John C. Oxley	Casse	Leparoux	122
11	Bango	Congrats	Tamaroak Partners LLC	Foley	Pedroza	122
12	Shashashakemeup 🐾	Shackleford	Calumet Farm	Desormeaux	Graham	122
13	Sycamore Run 🐾	Street Sense	Dilworth, Scott and Dilworth, Evan	Sharp	Beschizza	122
14	Lynn's Map 🐾	Liam's Map	HRH Prince Sultan Bin Mishal Al Saud	Casse	Mena	122

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**Saturday, Fair Grounds, post time: 5:21 p.m. EST**

**LOUISIANA S.-GIII, \$100,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	My Boy Jack 🐾	Creative Cause	Don't Tell My Wife Stables and Monomoy Stables, LLC	Desormeaux	Desormeaux	118
2	Silver Dust 🐾	Tapit Tom R. Durant	Calhoun	Gilligan	124	
3	Blended Citizen 🐾	Proud Citizen	Sayjay Racing LLC, Hall, Greg and Hubbard, Brooke	Cox	Geroux	118
4	Gun It 🐾	Tapit	Whisper Hill Farm LLC and Three Chimneys Farm	Asmussen	Santana, Jr.	120
5	Captivating Moon	Malibu Moon	Lothenbach Stables, Inc.	Block	Hernandez, Jr.	122
6	Roiland	Successful Appeal	Durlacher, James and Mary	Amoss	Graham	118
7	Tone Broke 🐾	Broken Vow	L and N Racing LLC	Asmussen	Talamo	118
8	Kukulkan (Mex)	Point Determined	St. George Stable LLC	Gutierrez	Mena	122

**Breeders:** 1-Brereton C. Jones, 2-Don Alberto Corporation, 3-Ray Hanson, 4-Three Chimneys Farm, LLC and Besilu Stables, LLC, 5-Lothenbach Stables Inc, 6-James M. Durlacher & Mary Durlacher, 7-Sean Fitzhenry, 8-Rancho San Jorge



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**9th-Santa Anita, \$58,000, (S), Msw, 1-12, 3yo, 1mT, 1:36.17, fm.**

**MARGOT'S BOY (g, 3, Clubhouse Ride--Margot Machance {GB}, by Creachadoir {Ire})**, fifth with some traffic trouble at Del Mar Nov. 14, was given a 7-2 chance for an outfit that does excellent work with second timers. Straight to the lead, the homebred drifted out at the top of the lane, but was full of run as he kicked away from his competition by 2 3/4 lengths. Rocks and Salt (Acclamation) was second. The winner has a 2-year-old half-sister by Big Coupe and a short yearling full-sister. His dam was bred back to Lakerville. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$34,040. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O/B-Alfred A. Pais (CA); T-Craig Anthony Lewis.



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4-Mahoning Valley, Alw 1m, ROMPED, 9-5  
\$28,000 RNA EAS MAY 2yo

**Cryptolight (Fantastic Light)**, R.C. Cline Thoroughbred Farm  
8 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners  
2-Mahoning Valley, Msw 5 1/2f, CRISTALINDA, 4-5

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**Margot's Boy (Clubhouse Ride) runs away to graduate Sunday evening at Santa Anita.**

**Danza (Street Boss)**, Fair Winds Farm, \$2,500  
140 foals of racing age/12 winners/1 black-type winner  
7-Mahoning Valley, Msw 6f, DANCING GRACE, 15-1

**Medal Count (Dynaformer)**, Mapleton Thoroughbred Farm, \$2,000  
81 foals of racing age/6 winners/0 black-type winners  
4-Mahoning Valley, Alw 1m, APPLETON SPECIAL, 6-1  
\$3,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$8,000 OBS OPN 2yo



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**Sunday's Results:**

**3rd-KYO, ¥9,680,000 (\$88,058), Maiden, 3yo, 1400m, 1:25.5, ft. HARRY BAROWS (c, 3, Uncle Mo--Isobel Baillie {GB} {SP-Fr}, by Lomitas {GB})** was pounded into 30 cents on the dollar for his course-and-distance debut Nov. 2, but weakened to finish third after taking a short lead in upper stretch (video, gate 10). Favored here as well, but less prohibitively at 9-5, Harry Barows was off a half-step slow, but recovered to sit in a stalking second down the back. Held together on the turn, he accelerated sharply with 350 meters to race and was punched out hands and heels to defeat Jigen (Into Mischief) by three convincing lengths. American Nina (Carpe Diem) and Trokia (Animal Kingdom) rounded out a rare top-four sweep for American-breds. A \$275,000 buyback at Keeneland September in 2018, Harry Barows matured into a \$425,000 OBS April breezer (:21 4/5). The May 6 foal is a half-brother to MGSW turfer Isabella Sings (Eskendereya), MGSW, \$648,170; Alaura Michelle (Arch), MSW & GSP, \$229,179; and Tobacco Road (Quality Road), SW, \$128,394, and is the last listed produce for his dam. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$63,031. **Cont. p2**

**Harry Barrows cont.**

O-Hirotsugu Inokuma; B-Flaxman Holdings Limited & Airlie Stud (KY); T-Mitsumasa Nakauchida.

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**IN SOUTH KOREA:**

**Baedari Prince**, c, 3, **Oxbow**--Triple Cream (MGSP), by Tapit. Seoul, 1-12, Hcp. (\$52k), 1200m. B-Calumet Farm (KY). \*\$20,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP.

**Incheon Chief**, c, 4, **Pioneer of the Nile**--Indy Five Hundred (GISW, \$244,510), by A.P. Indy. Seoul, 1-11, Hcp. (\$65k), 1800m. B-Godolphin (KY). \*1/2 to Ecliptic (Kingmambo), GSP-Eng; and Magny Cours (Medaglia d'Oro), GSP-Fr; and Albert Park (Street Sense), SW. \*\*\$13,000 2yo '18 OBSJUN.

**Daegun Cheonha**, c, 4, **Verrazano**--Fanfire, by Elusive Quality. Seoul, 1-12, Hcp. (\$78k), 1400m. B-Gallagher's Stud (NY). \*\$65,000 Ylg '17 KEEJAN; \$70,000 RNA '17 KEESEP; \$95,000 RNA 2yo '18 OBSAPR.

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**Tiz Plan**, h, 5, **Tiznow**--Amusing Plan, by Pleasantly Perfect. Seoul, 1-12, Hcp. (\$95k), 2000m. B-Three Chimneys Farm LLC (KY). \*1/2 to Street Moxie (Street Sense), SP, \$192,456. \*\*\$25,000 RNA Ylg '16 KEESEP.

**Morning Daero**, h, 7, **With Distinction**--Stock Tip, by Thunder Gulch. Busan, 1-12, Hcp. (\$95k), 1400m. B-Victor Dominguez (FL). \*1/2 to Stock Fund (Stonesider), SP, \$330,190. \*\*\$14,500 Ylg '14 OBSJAN; \$50,000 2yo '15 OBSAPR.

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**IN SOUTH KOREA:**

**Big To the Big**, f, 3, **Uncaptured**--Vegas Babe, by Bernardini. Seoul, 1-12, Hcp. (\$52k), 1300m. B-Barbara J Minshall (ON). \*\$37,000 Wlg '17 FTKNOV; \$9,000 Ylg '18 FTKOCT; \$47,000 RNA 2yo '19 OBSJUN.

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**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

**9th-Parx Racing, \$63,494**, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 1-13, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:12.56, ft.

**SUNDAY INN (f, 3, El Padrino--Dynamist {MSW, \$154,556}, by Dynaformer)** Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, \$64,656. O-Someday Farm; B-Patricia L. Chapman (PA); T-J. Tyler Servis.

**8th-Parx Racing, \$50,180**, 1-13, (NW1X), 4yo/up, 1m 70y, 1:44.88, ft.

**TAP THE MARK (c, 4, Tritap--Mark Up Tiny, by Benchmark)** Lifetime Record: 17-6-3-2, \$151,409. O-BB Horses; B-Kevin P Morgan (MD); T-Claudio A. Gonzalez. \*\$9,500 Ylg '17 EASOCT.

**6th-Parx Racing, \$41,250**, (S), 1-13, (NW1BX), 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:47.91, ft.

**LORDEN'S LOVE (f, 4, Stephen Got Even--Snow Sprite, by Snow Ridge)** Lifetime Record: 24-4-2-5, \$98,081. O-Ruperto A. Perez; B-Dennis Johnson (PA); T-Carlos Soto.

**8th-Golden Gate Fields, \$39,082**, 1-12, (NW1\$X), 4yo/up, 6f (AWT), 1:10.26, ft.

**TAP IT CHAMP (c, 4, Champ Pegasus--Tap Tap Ur It, by Tapit)** Lifetime Record: 5-4-0-0, \$61,566. O-Robert G. A. Jones; B-Richard Barton Enterprises (CA); T-Faith Taylor. \*\$26,000 Ylg '17 NCAAUG. \*\*1/2 to Tap Back (Einstein {Brz}), SW, \$182,100.

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**1st-Mahoning Valley, \$31,300, (S), 1-13, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:12.73, gd.**

**FOOLISH EQUATION (g, 3, Algorithms--Foolish Kiss, by Kissin Kris)** Lifetime Record: 5-2-2-0, \$49,300. O-Ron Paolucci Racing, LLC; B-Pick View LLC (OH); T-Jeffrey A. Radosevich. \*\$40,000 2yo '19 OBSOPN.

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**3rd-Mahoning Valley, \$27,000, 1-13, (NW2X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12.00, gd.**

**PAINT DAKOTA (m, 5, Paynter--Reliquary, by Pulpit)** Lifetime Record: 29-12-2-6, \$134,575. O-Jefferson Evangelista; B-Three Lyons Racing LLC (KY); T-Alejandro Murillo Rodriguez. \*\$42,000 Ylg '16 KEEJAN.

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**5th-Mahoning Valley, \$23,500, 1-13, (NW2L), 3yo, f, 6f, 1:13.45, gd.**

**SUCH GREAT HEIGHTS (f, 3, Awesome Again--Starship Universe {MGSP, \$106,830}, by Mineshaft)** Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$30,255. O-Gene Austin; B-Adena Springs (KY); T-Aaron M. West. \*\$15,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP; \$30,000 2yo '19 FTKHRA.

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**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Irish Roar (Ire), c, 4, Discreet Cat--Forty Greeta (Arg) (Ch. 2yo Filly-Arg, MG1SW-Arg), by Roar.** Parx Racing, 1-13, 6f, 1:11.70. B-Godolphin (IRE). \*\$20,000 Ylg '17 FTKOCT.

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**ALGORITHMS**, Foolish Equation, g, 3, o/o Foolish Kiss, by Kissin Kris. ALW, 1-13, Mahoning Valley

**AWESOME AGAIN**, Such Great Heights, f, 3, o/o Starship Universe, by Mineshaft. ALW, 1-13, Mahoning Valley

**CLUBHOUSE RIDE**, Margot's Boy, g, 3, o/o Margot Machance (GB), by Creachadoir (Ire). MSW, 1-12, Santa Anita

**DISCREET CAT**, Irish Roar (Ire), c, 4, o/o Forty Greeta (Arg), by Roar. MSW, 1-13, Parx Racing

**EL PADRINO**, Sunday Inn, f, 3, o/o Dynamist, by Dynaformer. AOC, 1-13, Parx Racing

**PAYNTER**, Paint Dakota, m, 5, o/o Reliquary, by Pulpit. ALW, 1-13, Mahoning Valley

**STEPHEN GOT EVEN**, Lorden's Love, f, 4, o/o Snow Sprite, by Snow Ridge. ALW, 1-13, Parx Racing

**TRITAP**, Tap the Mark, c, 4, o/o Mark Up Tiny, by Benchmark. ALW, 1-13, Parx Racing

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## PORTMAN'S TALENT IS NO ILLUSION



Jonny Portman on the gallops in Upper Lambourn | Emma Berry

By Emma Berry

Captain Tim Forster, a trainer whose love of steeplechasing ran so deep that he wasn't disparaging just of Flat racing but also of hurdling, was a renowned pessimist. His famously gloomy advice to Charlie Fenwick ahead of the American amateur rider going out to partner Ben Nevis in the 1980 Grand National was "keep remounting." And in a sense it would be good advice to aspiring trainers: to keep getting back up even when it seems the odds are against you.

As it happened, Fenwick didn't have to heed the Captain's advice. Ben Nevis won, giving his trainer his second of three Grand National victories and fleeting cause to eschew his avowed pessimism.

One man to have benefitted from Forster's advice, at least in one aspect of his approach to training, is his former employee, Jonny Portman. What his erstwhile boss would have had to say about Portman graduating from training jumpers to placing a much stronger emphasis on the Flat would probably be unprintable, but he would perhaps take pride in the earnest way his protegee coaxes the best from horses often recruited inexpensively.

And undoubtedly the Captain--who in turn had learned at the hand of Portman's grandfather, Derrick Candy--would approve of the liberal sprinkling of pessimism which accompanies Portman's daily activities.

At least that's what the Lambourn trainer would have us believe. Listen carefully to his words and you will detect his wry humour. In fact, one is compelled to listen carefully in Portman's company as he speaks slowly and deliberately, often with long pauses--and sometimes even disappearing from the room--in mid-sentence. He's certainly not one given to slapping his thigh as he roars at his own jokes, but as his stories unfold, it becomes apparent that Portman doesn't take himself as seriously as he does the business of training racehorses.

"I don't want to be renowned as being an optimist but I'm a lot more optimistic and positive than I let on," he says, with the faintest hint of a grin flitting across his face. "But I don't like to be seen as being optimistic because then one looks silly when it all goes wrong." [Cont. p2](#)

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### KEENELAND JANUARY GETS UNDER WAY

Jessica Martini and Christie DeBernardis report from the opening day of trade at the 2020 Keeneland January Horse of All Ages Sale. [Click or tap here to go straight to TDN America.](#)

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**Portman's Talent Is No Illusion cont. from p1**

On a slate grey January day with the wind buffeting the Lambourn Downs, it's a leap to call to mind the colourful high summer meetings which are meat and drink to Flat trainers. But they are not far from the mind of Portman as he assesses his new intake of 25 juveniles among a string which will number 55 when all are present and correct after the winter holidays.

"I hate to be disappointed--I hate disappointing myself and I hate disappointing others," says the man whose line of business includes some degree of disappointment as an almost daily staple. "But I think it would be silly not to be excited about this year because this is as good as it gets for me. I know I haven't got really good horses so I know I'm not going to win big races but a lot of the 3-year olds look like they will win

something and the 2-year olds, well there must be something in there that can do alright."

Pessimism, it would seem, is turning to cautious optimism, and with good cause. In a hugely competitive business, the middle-sized to smaller stables need at least one flag-bearer to keep their name in lights and in recent seasons Portman has been represented by two juvenile fillies who have delivered the perfect advertisement of their trainer's prowess. Moreover, **Mrs Danvers (GB)** (Hellvelyn {GB}) and **Mild Illusion (Ire)** (Requinto {Ire}) each went through a sales ring with the figure 1,000 next to their names. The former was returned to Portman's Whitcombe House Stables as vendor for £1,000 when catalogued at Ascot as a 2-year-old, while Mild Illusion was picked up for 1,000gns by the trainer at Tattersalls October Book 3.



Jonny Portman | Emma Berry

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"**Gleneagles (Ire)**, who bears such a close physical resemblance to his sire **Galileo (Ire)**... made a more than pleasing start in 2019... He has two Group 2 winners to his credit--the colts named after fellow Scottish golf courses **Royal Lytham (Fr)** and **Royal Dornoch (Ire)**, who landed the July Stakes and Royal Lodge Stakes respectively--as well as the Royal Ascot winner **Southern Hills (Ire)**, who won the Listed Windsor Castle Stakes.... **There's good reason to believe that members of his first crop will be gracing Classic fields later this year.**"

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## IN TDN AUS/NZ TODAY

### AMERICAN FLAVOUR ON THE GOLD COAST

From John Moynihan at the sales to Hannah Mathiesen at the track, Americans made their presence felt at the Gold Coast last week. [Click or tap here to go straight to TDN Aus/NZ.](#)

### **Portman's Talent Is No Illusion cont.**

Portman continues, "My wife's mother always asks me about this time of year how my yearlings are and, out of routine now, I'll always say I'm really disappointed with them. My wife is always teasing me about that but I am pessimistic by nature because I worry about it, and I look around the yard and I think how am I going to have 'x' number of winners this year, and I get very down about it.

"But dare I say it, I like my yearlings this year. And if my mother-in-law was to ask me--I think she's given up--I would have to say that I do like the ones I have in at the moment. Have I got a Mrs Danvers? Probably not. Have I got a Mild Illusion? Maybe."

Mrs Danvers--the second of Portman's G3 Cornwallis S. winners after Royal Razalma (Ire) (Lope De Vega {Ire})--came to Whitcombe House following a speculative email sent by her breeder Connie Burton to a number of trainers offering her on a lease basis. Her name continues the theme set by her dam, Rebecca de Winter (GB) (Kyllachy {GB}), taken from Daphne du Maurier's chilling novel Rebecca.



**Mrs Danvers and connections after winning the Super Sprint | *Racing Post***

The literary Mrs Danvers was a force to be reckoned with and, while her namesake certainly was when she made it to the track, there were a number of factors that made her unbeaten juvenile season anything but plain sailing.

"The breeder of Mrs Danvers emailed about 25 trainers in January saying that she had a filly that she didn't want to sell but also didn't want to put into training herself," recalls Portman, who was one of only two trainers to respond to the email.

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 A HALF-SISTER TO M**A**SAR'S DAM, KHAWLAH  
 THE 1,000 GUINEAS WINNER, SPE**C**IOSA  
 KAZEEM, DAM OF FOUR-TIME G1 WINNER AL**K**AZEEM  
 A HALF-SISTER TO **2,000 GUINEAS WINNER**, FOOT**S**TEPSINTHESAND  
 STAKES WINNER POSTERITAS, DAM OF G1 WINNER **M**UTUAL TRUST  
 A HALF-SISTER TO UNDEFE**A**TED **FRENCH CHAMPION JUVENILE**, ULTRA  
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 A HALF-SISTER TO THE BRILLIANT PEINTRE **C**ELEBRE  
 A HALF-SISTER TO JAPANESE SUPERSTAR VOD**K**A  
 A HALF-SISTER TO **DERBY HERO**, W**I**NG**S** OF EAGLES  
 A HALF-SISTER TO CI**M**A DE TRIOMPHE, GALILEO'S G1 ITALIAN DERBY WINNER  
 A DAUGHTER OF THE 1,000 GUINE**A**S WINNER VIRGINIA WATERS  
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 A BEAUTIFULLY BRED HALF-SISTER TO FR**E**NCH DERBY WINNER **ANABAA BLUE**, FROM GALILEO'S FAMILY  
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### Portman's Talent Is No Illusion cont.

Portman continued, "I went to see her and I liked her immediately. She was a bull of a 2-year old, just broken, and I couldn't find anything wrong with her at all. I said to myself straight away 'Super Sprint.' I think with horses you have to look at them the whole time and think about what they can do for you as well as what we can do for them. I spotted what I thought she could do for me if she was any good, but of course because she was broken in very late, she was green as grass and she got every bug going. She was very sickly but there was always something about her. I had to rush her through Ascot sales to qualify for the Super Sprint and luckily no one else [at the sale] was interested in her so we got a light weight."

Prior to her victory in the Super Sprint, Mrs Danvers had won twice in June, her debut coming in the fortnight before Royal Ascot, and in hindsight Portman is grateful for the fact that the filly's fluctuating health made him decide against aiming for the Royal meeting.

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"Ascot does stupid things to trainers. It distracts you from a sensible plan, and so it was marvellous that she didn't make Ascot so we could take our time and plan every run," he says. "I didn't expect her to win first time out at 33-1 but I expected her to show me enough. My 2-year-olds rarely win first time--they always come on for the run. An agent rang up after her maiden win to try to buy her for £50,000. I turned him down and said to him that I could see her winning the Cornwallis and he laughed at me. The Super Sprint is always a bit of a lottery but she won the Cornwallis, and that doesn't mean I'm a soothsayer, but some horses just give you that feeling. She won all those races as a 2 year-old but before every race there was a health hiccup. As I said, she was always a sickly horse, but that in a way helped her, or rather helped me look good, because had she not had all those health issues, had she come to hand quicker, I would have made the mistake that we all make when we have a 2-year old

that wins before Ascot--you go and run at Ascot. I would have run her in the Queen Mary and she would have been second behind Lady Aurelia, and I don't want to come second and nothing would have come near to Lady Aurelia that day."

In the case of listed winner Mild Illusion, bred by Marston Stud, it's scarcely credible that her half-sister Mrs Worthington (Ire) had been bought a year earlier for owners Ann Plummer and Tony Wechsler for 270,000gns and sent to Portman, who bought Mild Illusion for a fraction of that price. But that is where stallion fashion comes in: Mrs Worthington is by Dark Angel, while her sister is by the less in-vogue Requito. Mrs Worthington, an 11-race maiden, was subsequently found to have a kissing spine which hampered her racing career.

"I probably would have missed Mild Illusion if it hadn't been for Mrs Worthington," Portman confesses. "Mrs Worthington had ability but she had medical issues that stopped her from being good. I didn't look at Mild Illusion until the very last minute and I actually liked her more than Mrs Worthington in terms of physical precocity. She looked very neat and tidy and like she wouldn't take long but I hadn't expected to buy her because I had no one for her and I thought she would fetch at least 20 grand. I followed her through with no intention to buy her and when she was stuck on 800 quid I was rather insulted and I bought her for a grand."



**Some of the Portman juveniles on the Kingsdown gallop in Lambourn | Emma Berry**

He adds, "The people who need a pat on the back are her breeders because the biggest problem is the breeders who consign horses at the sales and are convinced that their horses are worth more than they are. These breeders were probably gutted to sell a future listed winner for a grand but it has helped their mare and they made her buyable. There's nothing worse than going to a sale and not being able to buy anything because owners have stupid reserves on horses and then they don't sell them but have no intention of putting them into training either. Their stock is only worth what people are going to pay for them on the day. [Cont. p5](#)

### Portman's Talent Is No Illusion cont.

"I know the sort of horses I want to train and what I am prepared to spend on them and we have done okay. I guess I could have been bolder, and if I had Jamie Osborne's testicles maybe I could be a millionaire by now, but I am cautious and if I suddenly owed the sales company a lot of money I wouldn't be able to sleep, so I'm never going to be reckless at the sales. The wonderful thing is that it is very possible, with a lot of hanging around, to find a nice horse. It's amazing how many trainers aren't prepared to look at something which isn't going to fetch a lot of money."

Portman's success is not restricted to 'cheap' horses--though in December the £800 yearling Annie Quickstep (Ire) (Epaulette {Aus}) completed his list of winners for 2019 when winning at Lingfield for Mark and Connie Burton of Mrs Danvers fame. But this willingness to consider horses overlooked by others has certainly reaped dividends, just as it has done for the trainer's uncle, Henry Candy. While Portman has settled not far from Candy's turf of Kingston Warren, his early intention was to set up in Chantilly, where he had worked for Jonathan Pease after a stint with Luca Cumani in Newmarket.

"Not a day goes by when I don't think about what Luca's approach to a problem or to a horse would be," he says. "One thing that unites us is that we all have problems, whether you train Group 1 horses or lesser horses, and we all need to sort them out. What sorts good people out from the bad is how well you sort your problems out. I felt Luca always did this very well and tended to spot them before they happened. That's what you learn. I didn't learn how to train horses, I learned how to think about training horses."

Portman continues, "I wanted to train in France and Jonathan Pease was my mentor but he wasn't behind it at all, so I thought I'd look rather silly trying to start up if he wasn't backing me. He suggested I came home and started training jumpers and that's what I did, and it's been okay."

Another member of the Pease family, the trainer's mother Rosie, has provided notable backing to Portman, however. She has had a number of horses in training with him as well as being the breeder of one of his best horses to date, the G3 Oak Tree S. winner Anecdote (GB) (Lucky Story). But it is his own mother, a former point-to-point trainer, whom Portman credits with having played the most important role in his early introduction to the world of Thoroughbreds. [Cont. p6](#)



The Irish Stallion Trail welcomed over 2,700 visitors to 30 stud farms over the weekend. Three-time Group 1 winner Decorated Knight is pictured at the Irish National Stud | ITM

## Portman's Talent Is No Illusion cont.

He says, "My mother probably taught me the most. She was very horsey but if she'd been a trainer she would have upset all the owners. She was brilliant with legs. When the Captain [Tim Forster] had a horse that got a leg, he would ring my mother on the way back from the races and say, 'If you can get him patched up he might make you a nice point-to-pointer'. And she worked tirelessly patching these horses up, she was brilliant at it. She taught me hard work and horse sense and the art of prayer--and those are the three things you need."

Again the wry grin makes a fleeting appearance as Portman adds, "I'm not religious but I like to stay in touch, just to keep on the right side of Him. One does feel that so much of what happens is divine intervention."

Perhaps he's right. But there's much to be said for making your own luck. In the horse business that generally comes about through hard graft, of which Portman and his wife Sophie are clearly not afraid. Sooner or later those efforts are recognised by others.

Portman expresses a degree of surprise when relating the tale of receiving an email from a first-time prospective owner who wished to spend a decent sum to buy a horse to send to his yard. Having asked the man why he had chosen him as a trainer, Portman was told, "Because I looked at your website and you're not a show-off but you're capable."

He adds, "Sometimes I think I should write a blog as occasionally I like to be amusing but you end up doing nothing and hoping that your horses will do the talking."

In an industry in which self-promotion is increasingly as expected as it is vital, a quietly cautious trainer could be in danger of being overlooked. For Portman, with or without help from above, his horses' actions have certainly spoken loudly as to his inherent ability.

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## BRITAIN

### Monday's Results:

**6th-Wolverhampton, £5,300, Mdn, 1-13, 3yo/up, 9f 104y (AWT), 2:00.31, st.**

**NEVER ALONE (GB) (g, 3, Dubawi {Ire}--Yummy Mummy {GB}, by Montjeu {Ire})**, a 1.2million TATOCT half-brother to the G1 1000 Guineas heroine Legatissimo (Ire) (Daneshill Dancer {Ire}), had been gelded since disappointing when ninth in a Newmarket novice event over a mile in October and raced keenly in first-time blinkers behind the leading quartet early. Chased along to gain the advantage with a furlong to race, the 2-9 favourite stayed on to score by five lengths from Cape Abel (Ire) (Australia {GB}). Legatissimo, who also captured the G1 Nassau S. and G1 Matron S. and was runner-up in the G1 Epsom Oaks and G1 Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Turf, MG1SW-Eng & G1SW-Ire, GISP-US, \$1,718,277, is out of a full-sister to Fame and Glory (GB), Europe's champion stayer in 2011 and G1 Irish Derby and G1 Tattersalls Gold Cup hero. Also related to the dual group 1 winner Gonbarda (Ger) (Lando {Ger}) who produced this operation's high-class Farhh (GB), her 2-year-old full-brother to this winner named Sifting Sands (GB) fetched 500,000gns when knocked down to White Birch Farm at the recent Tattersalls October Book 1 Sale. Unsurprisingly, she was sent back to Dubawi and has a yearling filly to follow. Sales history: 1,200,000gns Ylg '18 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-1, \$7,194.

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O-Godolphin; B-Newsells Park Stud (GB); T-Charlie Appleby.

### CONDITIONS RESULT:

**4th-Wolverhampton, £19,000, 1-13, 4yo/up, 16f 120y (AWT), 3:40.60, st.**

**RAINBOW DREAMER (GB) (g, 7, Aqlaam {GB}--Zamhrear {GB}, by Singspiel {Ire})** Lifetime Record: 26-8-6-3, \$133,024. O-The Maple Street Partnership; B-Rabbah Bloodstock Limited (GB); T-Alan King. \*4,200gns Ylg '14 TAOCT; 6,000gns 2yo '15 TATHIT.

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**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:**

**Harbour Front (GB)**, g, 4, **Iffraaj (GB)**--Wosaita (GB), by Generous (Ire). Southwell, 1-13, 12f 14y (AWT), 2:38.81. B-Mr G S Bishop & New England Stud (GB). \*19,000gns RNA 2yo '18 TATBRE. \*\*1/2 to Whazzat (GB) (Daylami {Ire}), SW-Eng, & to Whazzis (GB) (Desert Prince {Ire}), GSW-Itly & SW-Eng, \$149,964.

## FRANCE

**Monday's Result:**

**1st-Cagnes-sur-Mer**, €21,000, Mdn, 1-13, 3yo, f, 10f (AWT), 2:10.06, st.

**BEBEAUTIFUL (FR)** (f, 3, **Le Havre {Ire}**--**Be Released {Ire}**, by **Three Valleys**), runner-up over nine furlongs when last seen on turf at Marseille Borely in October, was allowed to dictate steady fractions in front from the outset. Kicking from two out, the 23-10 second favourite was too strong for her rivals and hit the line with three lengths to spare over Golnar (Ire) (Pour Moi {Ire}). The unraced dam, whose 2-year-old filly Be Great (Fr) is by Myboycharlie (Ire), is a half to the G1 George Ryder S., G1 Prix de la Foret and G1 Haydock Sprint Cup hero Gordon Lord Byron (Ire) (Byron {GB}). This is also the family of the G1 St. James's Palace S. winner Barney Roy (GB) (Excelebration {Ire}). Lifetime Record: 3-1-2-0, €7,200.

O-Gerard Augustin-Normand; B-Haras D'Haspel (FR); T-Frederic Rossi.

**CONDITIONS RESULTS:**

**2nd-Cagnes-sur-Mer**, €28,000, 1-13, 3yo, 10f (AWT), 2:06.70, st.

**LONDON MEMORIES (FR)** (c, 3, **Hurricane Cat**--**Elusive Lily {GB}**, by **Elusive City**) Lifetime Record: 8-4-0-0, €36,150. O-Georges Duca & Mme Laurence Samoun; B-S Vidal (FR); T-Christophe Escuder. \*1/2 to Kilfrush Memories (Fr) (Shakespearean {Ire}), GSP-Fr.

**4th-Cagnes-sur-Mer**, €28,000, 1-13, 4yo, 12fT, 2:36.80, vs. **MATANDAR (FR)** (g, 4, **Rio De La Plata**--**Mamitador {GB}**, by **Anabaa**) Lifetime Record: 11-3-5-2, €75,300. O-Catherine Meignan; B-Haras D'Haspel (FR); T-Fabrice Vermeulen. \*€27,000 Ylg '17 ARAUG.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:**

**Fantastic Spirit (Fr)**, c, 3, **Charm Spirit (Ire)**--**Fantastic Cuix (Fr)**, by **Fantastic Light**. Cagnes-sur-Mer, 1-13, 10f (AWT), 2:09.34. B-Mlle L Kneip, J Bossert & Mme V Haendler (FR). \*€25,000 Wlg '17 ARDEC; €50,000 2yo '19 ARMAY.

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**Monday, Nakayama, Japan**

**FAIRY S.-G3**, ¥67,430,000, Nakayama, 1-13, 3yo, f, 1600mT, 1:34, fm.

1--**SMILE KANA (JPN)**, 119, f, 3, by **Deep Impact (Jpn)**

1st Dam: **A Shin Cool D (SP-Jpn, \$1,485,252)**,

by **Distorted Humor**

2nd Dam: **Catalina**, by **Storm Cat**

3rd Dam: **Carolina Saga**, by **Caro (Ire)**

**1ST STAKES WIN. 1ST GROUP WIN.** (¥56,000,000 yrl '18 JRHAJUL). O-Shigeyuki Okada; B-Kida Farm; T-Yoshiyasu Takahashi; J-Daichi Shibata; ¥35,581,000. Lifetime Record: 4-3-0-0, ¥52,812,000. **Werk Nick Rating: B. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.**

2--**Chain of Love (Jpn)**, 119, f, 3, Heart's Cry (Jpn)--Fair Ellen, by Street Cry (Ire). O/B-North Hills; ¥14,166,000.

3--**Pollentia (Jpn)**, 119, f, 3, Heart's Cry (Jpn)--Pollen (Ire), by Orpen. O-Silk Racing; B-Shiraoi Farm; ¥8,883,000.

Margins: 2HF, 1 1/4, HD. Odds: 7.40, 16.70, 11.10.

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## AMERICAN FLAVOUR ON THE GOLD COAST



**Hannah Mathiesen leads in Away Game after the Magic Millions 2YO Classic | Bronwen Healy**

by Bren O'Brien

While the resurgence in the market which led to a record breaking Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale was fuelled to a large extent by domestic buyers, the results of the \$2 million Magic Millions 2YO Classic could well lead to a further influx on investment from the United States in the coming years.

American interests dominated the 2YO Classic, with the winner Away Game (Snitzel) owned by a syndicate headed by Hannah Mathiesen, while Stellar Pauline (Not A Single Doubt), is owned by Barbara Banke's Stonestreet Stables.

Banke was active again in the sales ring through her agent John Moynihan, and they picked up two fillies on the Gold Coast under the Stonestreet name, Lot 102, an I Am Invincible filly from Bhima Thoroughbreds for \$750,000, and Lot 566, a Not A Single Doubt filly from Arrowfield for \$650,000.

Stonestreet purchased another six colts as part of the Newgate/China Horse Club fund in what was a busy week for Moynihan, who said the global nature of the thoroughbred business made him very comfortable to buy in the Australian market.

"We pick in spots and we buy things that are quality. Quality here in Australia that we can either keep here or bring back to the United States.

We just have to pick out a few we really, really like," he said after buying the I Am Invincible filly on Day 1.

"We had very good luck with a mare we bought here a few years ago, called Bounding. She produced the second highest priced horse in America this year at US\$4.1 million (AU\$5.9 million). We've had great luck doing it. We love Australia, we love the product here in Australia, the horses and we love the Australian people.

"A lot of the yearlings I look at I know the family, I know the mares and so it's because of that, we have a real comfort level here."

The buyer location stats from 2020 don't indicate a substantial boost in American investment per se, but the nature of ownership agreements often don't reflect the country of origin in terms of investment.

For example, Spendthrift Australia, which is classified as an Australian buyer, is backed by the American operation, and all of its eight purchases were bought with the possibility of America in mind. Spendthrift lifted its investment in this sale from \$2.53 million last year to \$3.66 million this year.

Starlight Racing's Jack Wolf was also on the Coast through the week and it purchased into four colts with Newgate and China Horse Club, alongside American-based SF Bloodstock, for a total of \$2.06 million.

Leading trainer Todd Pletcher was also present, sitting with Aquis, who he trains for in the USA, as it purchased nine yearlings under its own name and several more in partnership.



**Away Game and Luke Currie | Bronwen Healy**

All of this at the same time as the first US Triple Crown winner ever to stand in Australia, American Pharoah (USA), debuted his first crop at an Australian yearling sale.

They were fabulously popular with 20 of them selling at an average of \$350,000, with a top price of \$850,000.

However, the most successful American of the week was undoubtedly Mathiesen, who formerly worked for Ciaron Maher Racing in Australia and has returned home to set up her own pinhooking and racing business, Oakmont Horse Club.

She got to lead Away Game back to the yard after her brilliant win in the Classic and that image will no doubt be a key marketing tool for Magic Millions in getting more investment from Stateside in the coming years.

"It's a market we have worked at," Magic Millions Managing Director Barry Bowditch said. "Whether it be America, Europe or Asia, our team's mandate is to get around the world, engage people not only in Magic Millions, but in Australian racing. Due to the fact, we've got great prizemoney, great racing culture, events like we have had over the last week have got these guys locked in. They are not only coming here to do business, but they are also having a hell of a lot of fun.

"Not only Hannah, but all the other Americans that were here. They have had a great week, huge success. Why wouldn't they want to be at Magic Millions going forward?"

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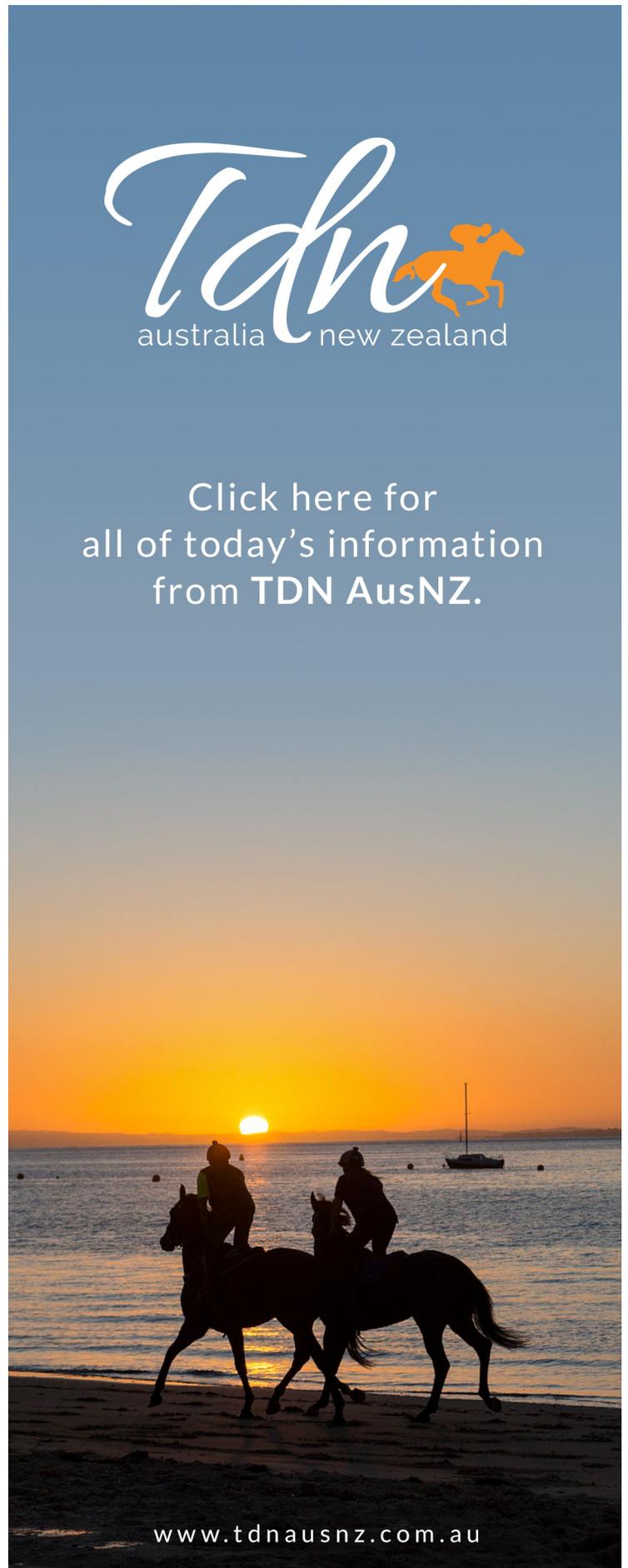
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