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MEXICO'S TOP TRAINER LOOKING TO CONQUER U.S.



Fausto Gutierrez | Adam Coglianese

by Bill Finley

Fausto Gutierrez is not well known in U.S. racing circles and neither is his owner, St. George Stable. That may be about to change.

Mexico's dominant trainer and owner have set up a U.S. division based at the Palm Meadows training center and, after a handful of starts in 2019, are ready for what they hope will be a successful 2020 season. It starts Saturday at Fair Grounds, where the star of the barn, **Kukulkan (Mex)** (Point Determined) will go in the GIII Louisiana S. and the well-bred first-time starter **Maddox** (Into Mischief) will face eight others in a maiden special weight.

Gutierrez has been among the biggest winners in the Clasico Del Caribe series, which has been run at Gulfstream since 2017 and is restricted to horses from a handful of Latin American and Caribbean countries. After the 2018 event, Gutierrez returned to Mexico, but kept Kukulkan in the U.S. After winning two more Clasico Del Caribe races in December, he took the next step, establishing a Florida base with 15 horses.

He doesn't know quite what to expect.

"We he have done well with our horses in the Caribbean Classic, which is the normal level of competition for them," he said. "In Florida, the competition is very tough, especially for horses who were running in Mexico. I know how different the competition is here." **Cont. p3**

IN WAKE OF MONGOLIAN GROOM FATALITY, BOTH HIGH- AND LOW-TECH DIAGNOSTICS CAN SPUR IMPROVEMENT

by T.D. Thornton

Veterinarians who work in the Thoroughbred industry are still a year or two away from being able to make better practical use of emerging digital imaging technologies to avoid racehorse injuries before they happen, but there are some low-technology tools and practices that can be implemented to identify at-risk horses at both high-profile racing events and on a day-to-day basis. That was the takeaway message in a half-hour Thursday teleconference that featured Dr. Larry Bramlage. The internationally recognized equine orthopedic surgeon was fielding media questions one day after the release of a highly anticipated post-mortem report that Breeders' Cup Ltd. commissioned him to write. **Cont. p4**

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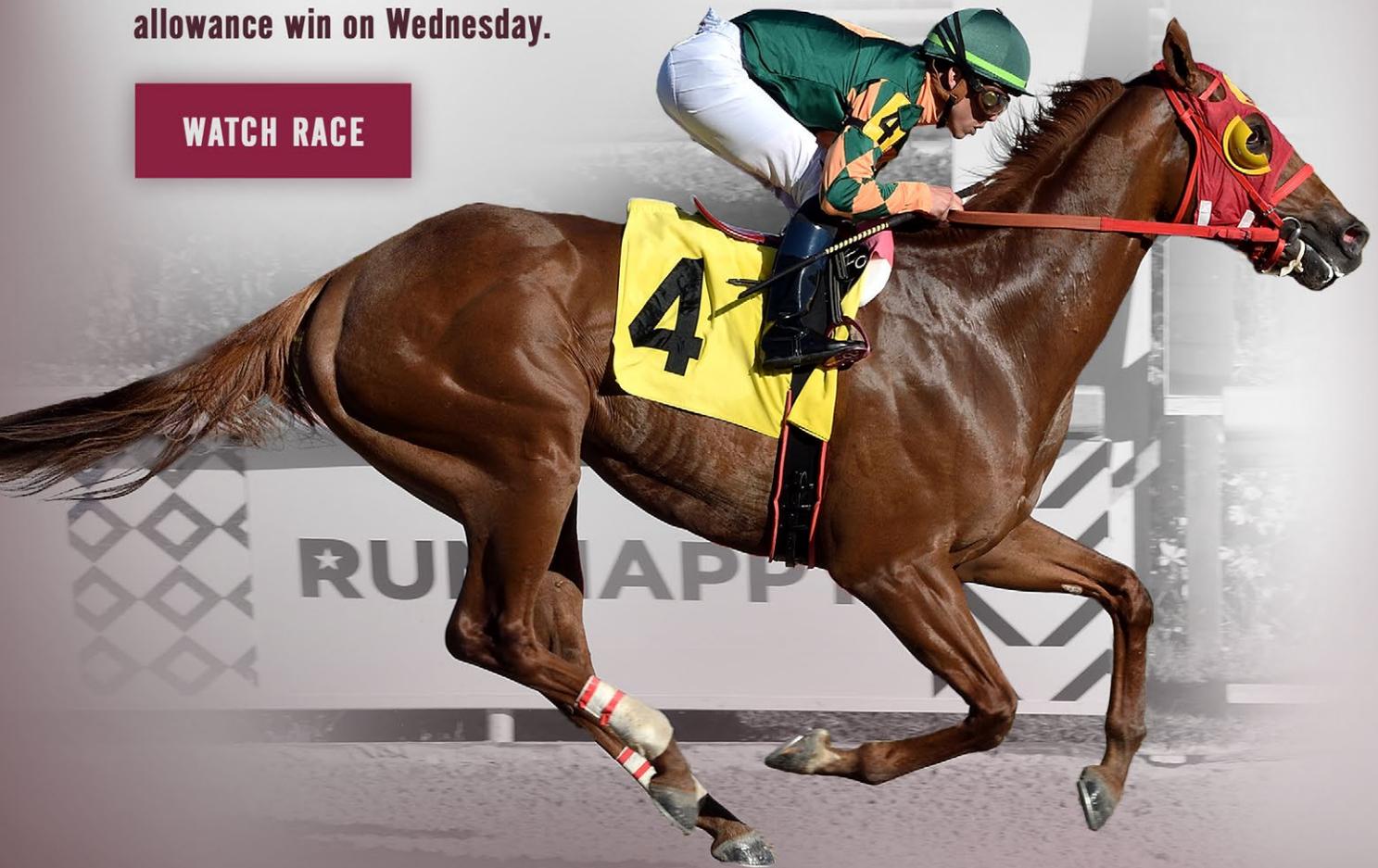
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Mark Thompson, better known as Snake, enjoys the TDN while running cards at the South Point consignment on Thursday at Keeneland January. | Justina Severni

SAM-SON MARE TOPS KEEJAN

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BEHOLDER DELIVERS WAR FRONT FILLY

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Four-time champion Beholder (Henny Hughes) delivered a filly by War Front Wednesday night at Spendthrift Farm in Lexington. "Beholder foaled a very nice War Front filly last night on the farm," confirmed Ned Toffey, General Manager at Spendthrift. "This filly is a good-sized, well-made foal, with a great shoulder and plenty of bone. She couldn't be doing any better."



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Mexico's Top Trainer cont. from p1



Fausto Gutierrez | *Coady*

Much of his future success will depend on his owner and how committed he is to winning in America. St. George is owned by German Larrea. Larrea is the majority owner of Mexico's largest copper mining company and is, according to *Forbes*, worth \$16.3 billion, making him the second richest person in Mexico. Because Larrea shies away from the spotlight, a lot is not known about him. However, he clearly likes racing.

According to Gutierrez, St. George has about 120 horses in Mexico and has had as many as 160 at times. He said that about 30% of all Thoroughbreds born each year in Mexico are bred by Larrea. Prior to 2019, Larrea had had a small presence in U.S. racing, campaigning a few horses with trainer Efran Loza Jr.

"He has been my main owner for the last 15 years and he has had horses here," Gutierrez said. "About a year ago, he said he wanted to move some horses here to try to win in the U.S."

While Gutierrez says he's still not sure where his horses fit in the U.S., Kukulcan has given him some answers. Among the best horse ever to race in Mexico, he was 13 for 13 there and won Mexico's Triple Crown. Since coming to the U.S. he has won two Clasico Del Caribe races and shown that he can be effective at the Grade III level. His best performances have come in an allowance race at Churchill and a second-place finish in the GIII West Virginia Governor's S. at Mountaineer.

"After his last start versus the Carribean horses, he looks strong and I think the race for him Saturday is the right level where he belongs," Gutierrez said. "I think this is a good race for him. I think he is one of the best horses to come out of Mexico, but he was racing at a very different level from what they have in the United States."

Another horse he feels can win here is **Letruska** (Super Saver). She was undefeated in six starts in Mexico before winning a Clasico Del Caribe race.

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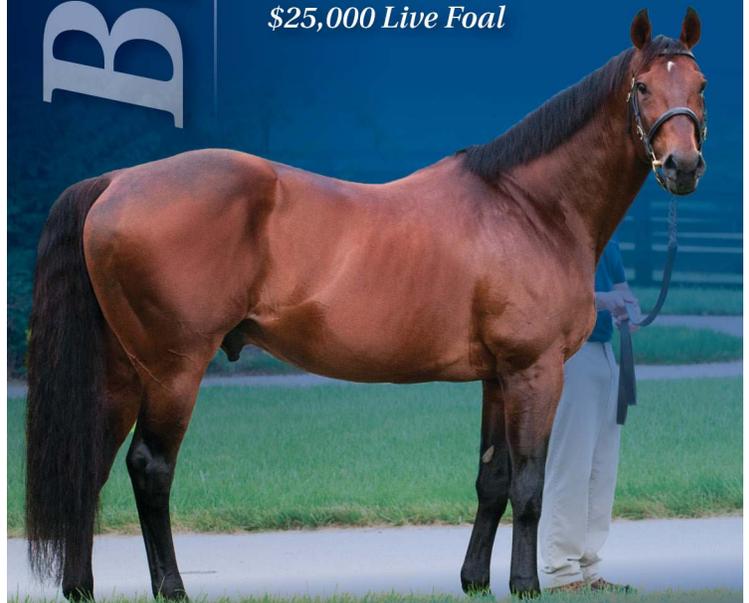
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She ran poorly in her next start, finishing 13th in the Tropical Park Oaks. That was her grass debut and Gutierrez blamed himself for the defeat, saying he never should have run her on the turf.

Many of the horses in his U.S. division are 3-year-olds that have not started yet. That includes the filly Maddox. She was bred in Kentucky by St. George Stable and is by a potent sire in Into Mischief.

“She is a good filly and has a nice pedigree,” Gutierrez said.

This is Gutierrez’s second stint in the U.S. The racetrack in Mexico City, Hipodromo de las Americas, was closed for three years starting in 1996, before the trainer had gone to work for Larrea. With no place else to go, he wound up on the Texas circuit, winning 20 races between 1998 and 1999.

Though the purses are small in Mexico (Kukulkan made only \$10,146 when winning the Derby Mexicano), Gutierrez said that his owner enjoys racing there and does not see him cutting back on his numbers. That means he will not have a massive stable in the U.S. any time soon, but Gutierrez said he wouldn’t be surprised if Larrea eventually built the U.S. string to about 50 horses.

“We have won all the big races in Mexico,” he said. “Here, I hope to have a chance to be competitive.”

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Bramlage cont. from p1



Dr. Larry Bramlage | *Horsephotos*

Bramlage wrote in his 25-page analysis that while there was no veterinary "cover-up" in the fatal injury suffered by **Mongolian Groom** (Hightail) in the 2019 GI Classic, teams of veterinarians did miss opportunities to scratch the gelding before his left hind leg fractured catastrophically at Santa Anita Park Nov. 2 in the highest-profile championship race (*TDN's* full coverage of that report is [here](#)).



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Yet Bramlage underscored this caveat several times during the teleconference: Even if vets have the world’s greatest diagnostic technologies at their disposal, horses are always going to have aches, pains, and routine stiffness that a skilled vet is going to have to identify and assess first before deciding whether or not the issue warrants closer scrutiny via imaging.

And even then, Bramlage said, there are real-world complications that can limit theoretical diagnostic capabilities.

“I don’t think you’ll ever be able to image every horse that’s entered,” Bramlage said. “It’s just not practical. The right way to do it is to trust the regulatory veterinarian to pick out the horse who meets the threshold” of showing signs of needing more detailed imaging.

“These are high-level athletes, and every high-level athlete [has] a certain degree of stiffness, and needs to warm up before any race,” Bramlage explained. “The difficult question is ‘Is this just routine soreness?’... There’s a certain degree of stiffness that’s expected.

“All horses have always gotten wear and tear as the result of the process of training,” Bramlage continued. “I don’t think horses are that much different than they’ve ever been. Our awareness is way more attuned to what’s going on with the horse, and in fact, we’re actually much better at picking out injuries well before they become as severe as the ones that we’re talking about today.”

In his report, Bramlage wrote that digital radiographs, nuclear scintigraphs (bone scans), computerized axial tomography (CAT scans), standing magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), and positron emission tomography (PET scans) are among the imaging tools that are “promising but...still not perfected.”

On Thursday, Bramlage expanded upon the evolution of veterinary imaging.

“I think the three-dimensional imaging of CAT scans will eventually become an imaging method that we will use because it’s quick, it has a bit higher accuracy than radiographs,” Bramlage said. “Radiographs have made tremendous progress in the digital age, but we still are [looking at] a two-dimensional image.

“The PET scan is an added resource in that you can use the PET scan to get the physiology of the injury that you [first] pick up with the anatomy of CAT scan, or vice versa,” Bramlage said.

“But those technologies are just coming of age and they’re not quite mature yet. I think in a year or two we will be using one or both of those as a method to look at the horses that we think need to be [given extra scrutiny] in some fashion,” Bramlage said.

Four horses at the 2019 Breeders’ Cup were identified as stiff or choppy enough in their week-of-race examinations that the veterinary team did escalate the level of scrutiny to radiographs,

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Bramlage said.

But Mongolian Groom was not one of them. Bramlage wrote in his report that post-mortem radiographs showed the gelding had small, pre-existing stress fractures in both hind cannon bones, but because he did not show any asymmetrical lameness, the team of vets did not flag him for any imaging before his fatal race to have a closer look.

“Mongolian Groom, he was so similar to how he had been over the last six months of racing that he didn’t stick out as having anything particularly different going on,” Bramlage said. “So it’s potentially possible, had he been radiographed, [that] you might have found something. But you might have found nothing.”

The quarter-inch cannon bone lesion that Bramlage subsequently saw on an enlarged radiograph when compiling his report is the type of lesion a vet would look for, he said, “but you have to have exactly the right radiographic view to find it.”

Bramlage outlined six suggestions in his report that he said could improve exam processes moving forward. When asked on Thursday which of those ideas might be most beneficial, he did not hesitate to highlight a potential low-tech solution: The availability of a space on the backstretch that is essentially a 60-foot-radius circle where vets can observe horses at a routine jog while controlled by a handler.

Jogging horses in a straight line—the standard pre-race exam

practice—has its limitations, Bramlage said, because a horse can seem to have a choppy gait that disappears when it is allowed to move more rapidly. If a horse still looks “off” when jogging circularly, a vet could escalate the diagnostics to the imaging level.

Creating jogging circles seems like a low-cost tool to implement, but Bramlage gave a few reasons as to why they haven’t yet been added to most racetrack backstretches.

“Space is usually limited. It does take time—it adds time to the exam,” Bramlage said, even after estimating that a regulatory vet might only call for three or four such circular jogs a day. “And it’s not all that useful in the whole spectrum. It’s only really useful if you have a horse that you don’t actually like the way he’s moving, and then it helps you in determining whether that’s just [stiffness] or whether there actually is a significant lameness in some fashion.”

Plus, the horse has to cooperate. “Jogging in a circle doesn’t always agree with the horse,” Bramlage said. “They’ll try to rear, and the way we handle that if we’re doing a routine lameness exam is to tranquilize them. And it makes them settle down [to] show us where their problem is. But you can’t do that before a race, because the tranquilizer would show up in a post-race test.”

Bramlage repeatedly shifted back to the point that regulatory

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“The evolution of the regulatory veterinarian is relatively recent, and it’s the single biggest factor in [reducing] injury rates over time,” Bramlage said. “I think the racetracks are coming on board with looking at their own injury rates and employing [veterinary] professionals who are good at [spotting problems before they progress]. That didn’t happen a few years ago.

Regulatory vets “do a good job,” Bramlage said. “They want to do a better job. We give them a little bit more [in terms of tools] to work with, we should continue to move forward.”

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SAM-SON MARE ON TOP AT KEENELAND

THURSDAY by *Jessica Martini*

LEXINGTON, KY - The Keeneland January Horses of All Ages Sale concluded its penultimate session Thursday with the unraced Sam-Son Farm-bred filly **Electricita** (Ghostzapper) ([hip 1402](#)) bringing the top price of \$180,000. The 4-year-old mare, who was purchased by Cecil Seaman on behalf of Jon Marshall, was one of three to bring six figures during the session. Jim FitzGerald’s Knockgriffin Farm purchased the session’s top two priced short yearlings, going to \$90,000 for a son of Street Boss



Electricita | Keeneland

([hip 1486](#)) just one hip after purchasing a colt by American Freedom ([hip 1485](#)) for \$80,000.

During Thursday’s session, 244 horses sold for \$3,448,100 for an average of \$14,132 and a median of \$7,000. With 44 horses reported not sold, the session’s buy-back rate was 15.28%.

With one session still to go, a total of 952 head have grossed \$41,118,900 for an average of \$43,192 and a median of \$17,000. Last year’s four-session auction, which included a \$5-

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3	Uncle Mo	\$2,530,056
4	Constitution	\$2,200,411
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Electricita to Marshall



Cecil Seaman & Sally Nims | Keeneland

Bloodstock agent Cecil Seaman, bidding on behalf of longtime client Jon Marshall, secured the 4-year-old racing/broodmare prospect **Electricita** (Ghostzapper) for \$180,000 Thursday at Keeneland.

Bred and consigned by Sam-Son Farm, the unraced filly is out of Dance With Doves (A.P. Indy) and is a half-sister to graded placed Dance Again (Awesome Again) and Swoop and Strike (Smart Strike). Her second dam is Canadian champion Dancethruthedawn (Mr. Prospector).

“It’s an unbelievable family,” Seaman said after signing the ticket on the filly (**hip 1402**). “We might put her back in training.”

Sally Nims, sitting alongside Seaman as he did the bidding, added, “Jon asked us what else had sold in the family and we told him nothing. He was thrilled when this one was offered. He wants to breed her, but she might race.”

Marshall lives in Houston, and is retired from the offshore drilling business. He campaigned multiple graded stakes winner Tricky Escape (Hat Trick {Jpn}). That 7-year-old mare was bred to Medaglia d’Oro last spring and is expecting her first foal this year.

Canada’s historic Sam-Son Farm offered three mares Thursday at Keeneland. The farm’s general manager David Whitford said he was pleased with Electricita’s final price.

“We were very reasonable with our reserve,” Whitford said. “[The reserve was] well under that and we were prepared to take her home of course. We were delighted with the price.”

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Electricita did put in a series of works at Fair Hill in 2018, but has yet to make it to the races.

“We really did like her as a racing prospect, we just couldn’t get her to the races unfortunately,” Whitford said. “We knew that there were plenty of people that would like her as a broodmare. We’ve got lots of different parts of that family. We’ve got different limbs of that tree, you might say. It’s a family that just keeps on giving to us. We still have lots, so we’re not afraid to sell some. But we don’t do it very often, I suppose, especially for a nice filly like that.”

Also Thursday, Sam-Son sold **Thrill of Giants** (Giant’s Causeway) for \$70,000 to Kendel Standlee. The 4-year-old (hip 1270) sold as a racing or broodmare prospect. She is out of Catch the Thrill (A.P. Indy) and her second dam is champion Catch the Ring (Seeking the Gold).

“She wouldn’t have fit our broodmare band, but we were delighted to sell her to people who are just getting into the game,” Whitford said. “Giant’s Causeway out of an A.P. Indy mare is just a nice line for broodmare duty as well.”

Wallace Strikes for Tip Top Tap



Adrian Wallace | Keeneland

Adrian Wallace added **Tip Top Tap** (Tapit) to his broodmare band when going to \$150,000 to acquire the 5-year-old in foal to Kantharos Thursday at Keeneland.

“She’s by Tapit, it’s a lovely family, and she’s very well covered,” Wallace, who signed the ticket on hip 1272 as Stripes Stable, said. “I think she’ll be a very nice broodmare. We’ll take her home and see what kind of foal we get and then we’ll see who we will breed her to next. She’s a nice young mare and very well related, so hopefully she’ll be a nice mare for the future.”

Tip Top Tap, bred by Saint Elias Stables and Gainesway Thoroughbreds and consigned Thursday by Gainesway, was winless on the racetrack while racing for Alex G. Campbell, Jr.,

but is a full-sister to Grade I winner Ring Weekend.

“It’s obviously a very good family with Ring Weekend in there,” said Gainesway’s Neil Howard. “And Tapit is making a name for himself as a broodmare sire. She’ll be one of the better mares on the day, so we are delighted she brought that kind of money.”

Broodmares by Gainesway’s Tapit have produced 34 black-type winners and 14 graded winners, as well as two champions. Promising sophomores Silver Prospector (Declaration of War), Anneau d’Or (Medaglia d’Oro) and Finite (Munnings) are out of Tapit mares.

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KEENELAND JANUARY THURSDAY - TOP MARES

HIP	NAME	STATUS	PRICE (\$)
1402	Electricita	racing/b'mare prospect	180,000
	<i>(4, Ghostzapper–Dance with Doves, by A.P. Indy)</i>		
	<i>Consignor: Sam-Son Farm</i>		
	<i>Purchaser: Cecil Seaman, Agent for Jon Marshall</i>		
1272	Tip Top Tap	i/f Kantharos	150,000
	<i>(5, Tapit–Free the Magic, by Cryptoclearance)</i>		
	<i>Consignor: Gainesway, Agent III</i>		
	<i>Purchaser: Stripes Stable LLC</i>		
1177	Piece by Peace	racing/b'mare prospect	100,000
	<i>(4, Declaration of War–Be My Prospect, by Forest Wildcat)</i>		
	<i>Consignor: Indian Creek, agent</i>		
	<i>Purchaser: Machmer Hall, Agent for Robert J Slack</i>		
1270	Thrill of Giants	racing/b'mare prospect	70,000
	<i>(4, Giant’s Causeway–Cath the Thrill, by A.P. Indy)</i>		
	<i>Consignor: Sam-Son Farm</i>		
	<i>Purchaser: Kendel Standlee</i>		

KEENELAND JANUARY THURSDAY - TOP YEARLINGS

HIP	SEX	SIRE DAM	PRICE (\$)
1486	colt	Street Boss–Lotta Lolly	90,000
		<i>Breeder: Kingswood Farm (Ky)</i>	
		<i>Consignor: Indian Creek, agent</i>	
		<i>Purchaser: Knockgriffin Farm</i>	
1485	colt	American Freedom–Looking Great	80,000
		<i>Breeder: Morgan’s Ford Farm (Va)</i>	
		<i>Consignor: Stuart Morris, Agent for Morgan’s Ford Farm</i>	
		<i>Purchaser: Knockgriffin Farm</i>	

Thursday's KEEJAN Toppers cont.

- 1518 colt Gormley–Mott N Hester 77,000**
Breeder: Small Batch Thoroughbreds & Robert Fetkin (Ky)
Consignor: Small Batch Sales, Agent V
Purchaser: Blue Sky Stables
- 1417 colt Exaggerator–Frolic's Revenge 75,000**
Breeder: Woodford Thoroughbreds
Consignor: Woodford Thoroughbreds, Agent I
Purchaser: AROC
- 1253 colt Munnings–Stormy Play 69,000**
Breeder: Morgan's Ford Farm (Va)
Consignor: Stuart Morris, Agent for Morgan's Ford Farm
Purchaser: Meah/Lloyd Bloodstock,
Agent for Calvin Nguyen

REPORT ON MONGOLIAN GROOM SUBJECT OF PODCAST



Mongolian Groom | Horsephotos

The Breeders' Cup-commissioned investigation into the death of **Mongolian Groom** (Hightail) in the GI Breeders' Cup Classic was among the main subjects tackled this week in the *TDN* Writers' Room podcast, and the crew questioned whether or not the horse should have been scratched.

The report revealed that examining veterinarians determined during pre-race examinations that Mongolian Groom was "stiff" and "choppy" behind, the reasons why he among 73 Breeders' Cup entrants put on a "watch list" and was one of 24 horses selected for "extra scrutiny" or additional pre-race examinations.

Kicking off the "Today's News" segment, sponsored by **West Point Thoroughbreds**, Jon Green questioned whether or not "watch lists" or "extra scrutiny lists" created too much of a gray area.

"There were multiple opportunities to look at a horse and scratch a horse," he said. "The thing I question is why have a 'maybe list.' It seems like they had three lists. They had yes, definitely not and a watch list. To me, it's like being half pregnant. Either you are or you aren't. The horse is either okay to run or it's not okay to run."

There was universal agreement among the writers that the Breeders' Cup had issued a thorough and transparent report.

"I want to give a shout out to Breeders' Cup when it comes to how transparent they were," Joe Bianca said. "It is an extensive report from Dr. Larry Bramlage and it seems like they left no stone unturned as to why this happened. The main conclusion was that there are a lot of factors that go into breakdowns on the track, but there is nothing where you can get one plus one and say that's why this horse broke down. There are always a number of other factors, sometimes mitigating factors. This is the kind of transparency we want to see but don't see that often



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• RNAs	44	46
• % RNAs	15.28%	17.29%
• No. \$100K+	3	6
• High Price	\$180,000	\$230,000
• Gross	\$3,448,100	\$3,872,000
• Average	\$14,132 (-19.7%)	\$17,600
• Median	\$7,000 (-12.5%)	\$8,000
CUMULATIVE TOTALS	2020	2019
• Catalogued	1543	1554
• No. Offered		1181
• No. Sold	952	951
• RNAs	243	230
• % RNAs	20.33%	19.48%
• Gross	\$41,118,900	\$48,280,100
• Average	\$43,192 (-14.92%)	\$50,768
• Median	\$17,000 (-15.00%)	\$20,000



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in racing.”

As this week’s guest in the “Green Group Guest of the Week” segment, owner Willis Horton provided his outlook on the two starters he has in Saturday’s GIII Lecomte S. at Fair Grounds. Along with Winchell Thoroughbreds, he is the co-owner of **Halo Again** (Speightstown) and **Silver State** (Hard Spun). Horton is hoping to have better luck in this year’s GI Kentucky Derby than he did in the 2019 running when his Long Range Toddy (Take Charge Indy) was among the horses the Churchill Downs stewards ruled was interfered with by Maximum Security (New Year’s Day).

Surprisingly, Horton said he thought Maximum Security should not have been disqualified.

“I never did think that horse should have come down,” he said. “He was the best horse. At the same time, I had a horse right there with him and he got the worst of the whole deal and that took him out of the race.”

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BEHOLDER DELIVERS WAR FRONT FILLY



Beholder and her War Front Filly | *Autry Graham*

Four-time champion **Beholder** (Henny Hughes) delivered a filly by War Front Wednesday night at Spendthrift Farm in Lexington.

“Beholder foaled a very nice War Front filly last night on the farm,” confirmed Ned Toffey, General Manager at Spendthrift. “This filly is a good-sized, well-made foal, with a great shoulder and plenty of bone. She couldn’t be doing any better. The delivery was very smooth and uneventful. It was another beautiful effort by Beholder.”

The dark bay filly was born at approximately 8:30 p.m. and “stood up within 20 minutes” according to Toffey. She’s the third foal for Beholder, who has a 2-year-old Uncle Mo colt--named Q B One--and a yearling filly by Curlin. Beholder will visit Spendthrift stallion Bolt d’Oro in 2020.

Beholder retired from racing in 2016 with 18 wins (including three wins in the Breeders’ Cup) from 26 starts with earnings of \$6,156,600. She earned Eclipse Awards as the outstanding 2-year-old filly of 2012, 3-year-old filly of 2013, and older filly & mare of 2015 and 2016. For more information, visit www.ChampionBeholder.com.

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When Titles Are Tarnished By Cheating, But Not Taken Away

The Houston Astros’ sign-stealing scheme could be the apex of the cheating era. Or maybe that’s just the way things are now in sports. **Joe Drape, New York Times**

Horses For Handicapped Raising Funds After Loss of Horse

On Dec. 6, Horses for Handicapped volunteers noticed that one of their horses, Hagrid, wasn’t feeling well. They brought him to their equine veterinarian, who determined he was suffering from colic, and he immediately went into overnight emergency surgery. It was too late to save him, though, and the 17-year-old Belgian Thoroughbred died during surgery.

Tiffany Razzano, Tampa Bay Newspapers

Why Mary Hirsch Belongs in the Hall of Fame

A dictionary definition of a Hall of Fame is “an institution honoring the achievements of individuals in a particular activity of field.” Or, “the class or category of those who have excelled in a particular activity or field.” Mary Hirsch (married surname McLennan), pioneering Thoroughbred horse trainer, exemplifies the definition of Hall of Famer.

Bill Shanklin, Horse Racing Business

F-T WINTER MIXED CATALOGUE ONLINE

Fasig-Tipton has catalogued 542 entries for the main catalogue of its Kentucky Winter Mixed Sale, which takes place Feb. 10 and 11, and the catalog may now be viewed [online](#). Sessions will begin each day at 10 a.m. Hips 1-324 will be offered during Monday's session and Hips 325-542 will be on offer the following day. The sale also features a supplemental catalogue, which will be offered following Tuesday's session. Fasig-Tipton will continue to accept supplemental entries through the end of January.

"The year's main catalogue is 26% larger, and features a strong group of stakes-credentialed racing and broodmare prospects, proven producers, and a large contingent of 'short' yearlings," said Fasig-Tipton President Boyd Browning. "As the final mixed sale of the season, Kentucky Winter Mixed always offers tremendous opportunities to buyers. The sale's latest success story is Breeders' Cup Juvenile winner and Eclipse finalist Storm the Court, who was first offered at Kentucky Winter Mixed as a yearling."

Print catalogues will be available beginning Jan. 22. The catalogue will also be available via the equine sales catalogue app.

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ONTARIO RACING UPDATE ON MRP, MPP PROGRAMS

Ontario Racing (OR) offered an update on the Mare Recruitment Program (MRP) and the Mare Purchase Program (MPP), a pair of Thoroughbred Horse Improvement Programs (TIP) launched last fall. A total of 79 in-foal mares have been registered through the MRP, which offers Cdn\$5,000 to breeders as an incentive to bring an in-foal mare to Ontario to foal, through Jan. 14. Of these, 42 have been submitted to be bred back to a registered Ontario Sire during the 2020-21 breeding season, an incentive worth Cdn\$2,500. The Mare Recruitment Program, which offered a \$500,000 cap in incentives, is fully subscribed for the 2019-20 breeding season.

Additionally, a total of 17 submissions have been received for the Mare Purchase Program (MPP), which offers eligible applicants 50% of the purchase price of an in-foal broodmare--up to a maximum of Cdn\$15,000--at various recognized public auctions. Currently, seven will be sent to a registered Ontario

sire, also a Cdn\$2,500 incentive. Nearing the conclusion of the breeding stock sales' season, breeders may still participate in the Mare Purchase Program through Keeneland's January Horses of All Ages Sale Jan. 13-16; the OBS Winter Mixed Sale Jan. 28-29; and the Fasig-Tipton Kentucky Winter Mixed Sale Feb. 10-11.

For more information about the Mare Purchase Program and Mare Recruitment Programs, visit www.ontarioracing.com/Industry/Thoroughbred-Improvement-Program.

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MNREP, CANTERBURY LAUNCH NEW RACING CLUB



Canterbury Park has teamed up with the Minnesota Racehorse Engagement Project (MNREP) to introduce a new version of their successful club platform for 2020. The new club will offer fans the opportunity to experience the pleasure, prestige, and emotional rewards of owning a racehorse, while assisting horses transitioning from the track into new careers. The cost of membership is \$199. All net profits from the club will be going to support local equine organizations, including This Old Horse, University of Minnesota, Crookston Equine Science Program and Acres of Life.

"Our mission is to engage new people with Thoroughbred racehorses, both active and retired," said Joe Scurto, Executive Director MNREP. "The new club will be able to offer both. The organizations working with us to transition horses will also benefit. People joining will get more than their monies worth and support equine aftercare in the process."

The new Canterbury Park Racing Club will offer members several perks, including a free season pass, access to Canterbury Park's paddock and winners' circle on race day, stable area tours, invitation to an exclusive preview event for Canterbury's

Festival of Racing and a discount on Horse Country tours.

For more information on the Canterbury Park Racing Club, visit www.jointheracingclub.com

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FUSSENEGGER APPOINTED KY DERBY MUSEUM VP



Katie Fussenegger | *Ky Derby Museum*

Katie Fussenegger has been appointed Vice President of the Kentucky Derby Museum in Louisville, Kentucky. She officially joins Kentucky Derby Museum Feb. 10. In her new role, Fussenegger will oversee daily operations, provide leadership oversight and work to increase revenue for several departments, including visitor services, retail and membership. Additionally, she will oversee the museum’s overall budget, while maintaining and tracking financial records of multiple department budgets and will be involved in hiring, developing and appraising staff.

“Katie comes with a very impressive track record and strong endorsements from trusted leaders in the Kentucky tourism industry,” said Patrick Armstrong, President and CEO of Kentucky Derby Museum. “We are excited to have Katie’s expertise in a leadership position at the Museum as we continue to grow.”

Fussenegger, who served as the President & CEO of ShelbyKY Tourism since 2010, previously worked at Louisville Tourism. Involved in the tourism industry at the state level, she currently serves as the Board Treasurer of the Kentucky Tourism Industry Association, and is past president of the Kentucky Association of Convention & Visitors Bureaus. Fussenegger has a Bachelor’s degree in Communications from the University of Louisville and has won several awards for tourism leadership in-state.

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THIS DATE IN HISTORY...

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

January 19, 1955...Swaps won the San Vicente S., the first race of his three-year-old campaign, by 3½ lengths at Santa Anita Park. He went on to triumph over Nashua in the Kentucky Derby, but was in turn defeated by his rival in a \$100,000 match race at Washington Park on Aug. 31, his only loss that year.

January 19, 1986...Lester Piggot, who took nine renewals of the Epsom Derby, won for the final time in his career when he guided Sonny Barich to victory in the International Jockeys' Cup at Bay Meadows.

January 20, 1972...Secretariat was shipped from Virginia to Florida to be trained by Lucien Laurin.

January 20, 1979...Odds-on favorite Affirmed, with Steve Cauthen aboard, finished second in the San Fernando S. at Santa Anita, beaten 2 3/4 lengths by Radar Ahead. It was their fourth consecutive defeat. Cauthen subsequently lost the mount on Affirmed to jockey Laffit Pincay, Jr., who rode the horse for the remainder of his four-year-old season, winning seven victories in as many starts. Affirmed was later voted Horse of the Year for 1979. Cauthen had ridden Affirmed to a Triple Crown sweep the previous year and the pair recorded 11 wins in their 16 races together.

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Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	Goldencents <i>(2010) by Into Mischief FYR: 2016</i>	4	10	2	2	--	1	161	83	1,136,820	5,641,194
				Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY Fee: \$25,000						Mr. Money	
2	Cairo Prince <i>(2011) by Pioneerof the Nile FYR: 2016</i>	5	12	2	4	--	--	156	76	628,373	4,945,174
				Stands: Airdrie Stud KY Fee: \$25,000						Mont Perdu	
3	Noble Mission (GB) <i>(2009) by Galileo (Ire) FYR: 2016</i>	2	2	2	2	1	1	109	47	2,211,570	4,829,161
				Stands: Lane's End Farm KY Fee: \$20,000						Code of Honor	
4	Central Banker <i>(2010) by Speightstown FYR: 2016</i>	3	5	--	--	--	--	95	46	419,613	3,583,116
				Stands: McMahon of Saratoga TBs NY Fee: \$7,500						Newly Minted	
5	Fed Biz <i>(2009) by Giant's Causeway FYR: 2016</i>	5	13	--	2	--	--	120	57	176,917	3,137,311
				Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$7,500						Change of Control	
6	Will Take Charge <i>(2010) by Unbridled's Song FYR: 2016</i>	2	7	--	4	--	1	120	46	171,983	2,963,270
				Stands: Three Chimneys Farm KY Fee: \$15,000						Manny Wah	
7	Mucho Macho Man <i>(2008) by Macho Uno FYR: 2016</i>	4	7	2	3	--	2	74	42	635,800	2,852,776
				Stands: Adena Springs KY Fee: \$10,000						Mucho Gusto	
8	Flashback <i>(2010) by Tapit FYR: 2016</i>	1	2	1	1	1	1	94	39	1,381,250	2,645,811
				Stands: Diamond B Farm PA Fee: \$3,500						British Idiom	
9	Cross Traffic <i>(2009) by Unbridled's Song FYR: 2016</i>	3	9	1	1	--	1	101	46	284,300	2,286,343
				Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY Fee: \$15,000						Jaywalk	
10	Strong Mandate <i>(2011) by Tiznow FYR: 2016</i>	2	3	--	1	--	--	85	43	280,090	2,095,875
				Stands: Three Chimneys Farm KY Fee: \$5,000						Gotta Be Strong	
11	Itsmyluckyday <i>(2010) by Lawyer Ron FYR: 2016</i>	2	4	--	--	--	--	88	49	153,921	1,878,664
				Stands: Maro Veterinary Services OH Fee: \$2,000						Itsmyluckycharm	
12	Can the Man <i>(2011) by Into Mischief FYR: 2016</i>	2	6	--	--	--	--	78	46	147,555	1,831,107
				Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY Fee: \$3,500						Spectacular Gem	
13	Souper Speedy <i>(2009) by Indian Charlie FYR: 2016</i>	5	6	--	1	--	--	44	19	267,352	1,466,416
				Stands: T. C. Westmeath Stud Farm ON Fee: 5,000						Speedy Soul	
14	He's Had Enough <i>(2010) by Tapit FYR: 2016</i>	--	3	--	--	--	--	90	36	83,248	1,362,557
				Stands: Woodford Thoroughbreds FL Fee: \$2,500						Replete	
15	Super Ninety Nine <i>(2010) by Pulpit FYR: 2016</i>	--	2	--	--	--	--	43	24	111,596	1,244,650
				Stands: Country Life Farm MD Fee: \$3,000						Tommy Shelby	

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Saturday, Fair Grounds, post time: 6:55 p.m. EST

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

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	ML
1	Finnick the Fierce	Dialed In	Monge, Arnaldo and Hernandez, Rey	Hernandez	Leon	15-1
2	Mr. Monomoy 🦟	Palace Malice	Madaket Stables LLC, Dubb, Michael and Doheny Racing Stable	Cox	Geroux	9-2
3	Perfect Star 🦟	Into Mischief	Anton Kubacak	Gelner	Albarado	30-1
4	Scabbard 🦟	More Than Ready	Joseph W. Sutton	Kenneally	Lanerie	7-2
5	Excession 🦟	Union Rags	Calumet Farm	Asmussen	Hernandez	12-1
6	New Eagle 🦟	Street Boss	Calumet Farm	Maker	Saez	20-1
7	Halo Again 🦟	Speightstown	Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC and Willis Horton Racing LLC	Asmussen	Talamo	15-1
8	Jack the Umpire	Bodemeister	P. Dale Ladner	Brinkman	Bridgmohan	20-1
9	Silver State 🦟	Hard Spun	Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC and Willis Horton Racing LLC	Asmussen	Santana, Jr.	5-1
10	Enforceable 🦟	Tapit	John C. Oxley	Casse	Leparoux	15-1
11	Bango	Congrats	Tamaroak Partners LLC	Foley	Pedroza	20-1
12	Shashashakemeup 🦟	Shackelford	Calumet Farm	Desormeaux	Graham	20-1
13	Sycamore Run 🦟	Street Sense	Dilworth, Scott and Dilworth, Evan	Sharp	Beschizza	6-1
14	Lynn's Map 🦟	Liam's Map	HRH Prince Sultan Bin Mishal Al Saud	Casse	Mena	6-1

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Saturday, Aqueduct, post time: 3:55 p.m. EST

TOBOGGAN S.-GIII, \$150,000, 4yo/up, 7f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	ML
1	Sunny Ridge	Holy Bull	Dennis A. Drazin	Servis	Lezcano	9-2
2	American Anthem 🦟	Bodemeister	Don Tiger	Gargan	Franco	7-2
3	Arch Cat 🦟	Arch	Burns Thoroughbred Racing LLC	Velazquez	Cancel	15-1
4	Nicodemus	Candy Ride (Arg)	Everything's Cricket Racing and Goichman, Lawrence	Rice	Carmouche	5-1
5	T Loves a Fight	Girolamo	Noda Brothers, LLC	Noda	Rdriguez Castro	5-1
6	Bon Raison	Raison d'Etat	Peter Tournas	Tournas	Gutierrez	20-1
7	Still Having Fun	Old Fashioned	Barber, Gary, Wachtel Stable & Terp Racing LLC	Keefe	Alvarado	12-1
8	Mind Control	Stay Thirsty	Red Oak Stable and Madaket Stables, LLC	Sacco	Velazquez	2-1
9	The Sicarii	Violence	DLM Stables LLC	DeLauro	Camacho, Jr.	50-1

Breeders: 1-Dennis Drazin, 2-WinStar Farm, LLC, 3-Santucket Stables & Indian Creek, 4-WinStar Farm, LLC, 5-Hoffman Thoroughbreds LLC, 6-Calumet Farm, 7-Mr. & Mrs. Charles McGinnes & Tim Keefe, 8-Red Oak Stable, 9-Rachelle Larsen

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	ML
1	My Boy Jack 🌿	Creative Cause	Don't Tell My Wife Stables & Monomoy Stables	Desormeaux	Desormeaux	8-1
2	Silver Dust 🌿	Tapit	Tom R. Durant	Calhoun	Gilligan	3-1
3	Blended Citizen 🌿	Proud Citizen	Sayjay Racing LLC, Hall, Greg & Hubbard, Brooke	Cox	Geroux	7-2
4	Gun It 🌿	Tapit	Whisper Hill Farm LLC and Three Chimneys Farm	Asmussen	Santana, Jr.	9-2
5	Captivating Moon	Malibu Moon	Lothenbach Stables, Inc.	Block	Hernandez, Jr.	6-1
6	Roiland	Successful Appeal	Durlacher, James and Mary	Amoss	Graham	12-1
7	Tone Broke 🌿	Broken Vow	L and N Racing LLC	Asmussen	Talamo	10-1
8	Kukulkan (Mex)	Point Determined	St. George Stable LLC	Gutierrez	Mena	9-2

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

Sunday, Santa Anita, post time: 6:00 p.m. EST

ASTRA S.-GIII, \$100,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/2mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Lostintranslation	Lucky Pulpit	Hesz, Aaron, Hendrickson, Denis & McClanahan, Jerry	Baltas	Rosario	120
2	Tiny Tina	Paddy O'Prado	A Venneri Racing, Inc. and Fanticola, Anthony	D'Amato	Prat	120
3	Blue Diva	Bluegrass Cat	Frances Rainin	Herbertson	Cedillo	122
4	Trust Fund Kitty 🌿	Kitten's Joy	Richard Barton	Brinkerhoff	Espinoza	120
5	Siberian Iris (Ire) 🌿	Excelebration (Ire)	Calumet Farm	Mandella	Bejarano	122
6	Ms Peintour 🌿	Paynter	Jay Em Ess Stable	Koriner	Blanc	120
7	Heathers Grey 🌿	The Factor	Sayjay Racing LLC	McCarthy	Gryder	120

Breeders: 1-Lilley Ranch, 2-Marjorie Dye & Alex Venneri, 3-BKB Stables LLC, 4-Kenneth L. Ramsey & Sarah K. Ramsey, 5-Sahara Group Holdings, 6-Bill Adair, Phyllis Adair & Connie Brown, 7-Frederick C. Wieting



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Hidden Scroll | Leslie Martin

9th-GP, \$51K, Alw/Opt. Clm (\$35,000), 4yo/up, 6f, 4:38 p.m ET

There are select few horses who have the ability to win by 14 lengths in their career debut with a triple-digit Beyer Speed Figure, but that's what Juddmonte homebred **HIDDEN SCROLL (Hard Spun)** accomplished last January on the GI Pegasus World Cup Invitational S. undercard at Gulfstream. Named a no-brainer 'TDN Rising Star' that day, the bay had the racing world buzzing about what was to come, but failed to find the mark in three subsequent tries, albeit with some excuses. Stumbling at the start of the GI Xpressbet Fountain of Youth S., Hidden Scroll set a sizzling pace and held on as long as he could before settling for fourth behind eventual MGISW and Eclipse finalist Code of Honor (Noble Mission {GB}). The horse who chased his speed that day, Gladiator King (Curlin), came back to win a pair of sprint stakes and just missed by a head in another one. In a possible over-correction, rider and tactics switches were made for the GI Xpressbet Florida Derby; the colt was wrangled off the pace and never looked comfortable, fading to sixth behind wire-to-wire winner and presumptive champion Maximum Security (New Year's Day). Taken off the GI Kentucky Derby trail, he finished third at odds-on in a seven-furlong Churchill allowance May 4, after which he was shelved for the rest of the year.

Resurfacing in this six-panel sprint, the Bill Mott trainee looks like he means business straight off the bench, drilling five

consecutive bullets at his Payson Park base, capped by a half-mile move in :48 flat (1/27) Jan. 11 that was four-fifths of a second faster than the next swiftest breeze at the distance.

Of his seven opponents, there is another intriguing, lightly-raced 4-year-old coming off a long break to contend with in Jim Bakke and Gerry Isbister's **Sniper Shot (Shackleford)**. Earning just a 48 Beyer when breaking his maiden first out locally in the summer of 2018, the chestnut was laid up for nearly nine months, but returned with a big try to be a nose second in the Keeneland slop last April, more than doubling his previous figure to post a 97. The winner that day, Pole Setter (Take Charge Indy), returned to capture the Paradise Creek S. next out, while third finisher Borracho (Uncle Mo) came back to upset Hidden Scroll in that aforementioned Churchill allowance before running a narrow third at 15-1 in the GI Woody Stephens S. Sniper Shot returns as a new gelding here for trainer Todd Pletcher. **TJCIS PPs --@JBiancaTDN**

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9th-Fair Grounds, \$51,000, Alw (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 1-16, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:43.18, ft.

PIRATE'S PUNCH (g, 4, Shanghai Bobby--Catch the Moon, by Malibu Moon) broke his maiden for a \$30,000 tag July 6 at Ellis while in the care of Jeff Mullins and romped by 8 3/4 lengths in an Indiana Grand allowance first out for this barn Aug. 3. Completing the trifecta in the GIII Super Derby Sept. 7 at Louisiana Downs, the gelding was a narrow runner-up at 17-1 in a Keeneland allowance Oct. 11 and again just missed when second in a similar spot Nov. 10 at Churchill. Knocked down to 6-5 favoritism in this 4-year-old debut, the dark bay broke alertly from his rail draw and shook off the early challenge of a longshot to dictate terms through fractions of :23.83 and :47.19. Widening in hand past three quarters in 1:12.03, he never faced an anxious moment in the stretch and powered home 11 1/2 lengths to the good of Seek the Peak (Curlin). The winner is a half to Girvin (Tale of Ekati), GISW, \$1,624,392, who captured the GII Louisiana Derby and GII Risen Star S. over this track in 2017, as well as Cocked and Loaded (Colonel John), GSW, \$497,660. His unraced dam, purchased with him in utero for \$240,000 by Stonestreet at Keeneland November in 2015, is responsible for a juvenile Tiznow colt who hammered for \$525,000 to Winchell Thoroughbreds at Keeneland September. She produced a colt by Curlin last term before visiting Quality Road. Sales History: \$90,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: GSP, 11-3-2-2, \$136,151. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

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Bayern (Offlee Wild), Hill 'n' Dale Farms, \$15,000 157 foals of racing age/23 winners/0 black-type winners 6-Laurel, Wmc 6f, GOLAZO, 6-1

The Big Beast (Yes It's True), Ocala Stud, \$6,000 102 foals of racing age/18 winners/0 black-type winners 7-Charles Town, Aoc 4 1/2f, PAPPAROXY, 6-1 \$32,000 EAS MAY 2yo

Constitution (Tapit), WinStar Farm, \$40,000 233 foals of racing age/29 winners/5 black-type winners 7-Fair Grounds, Msw 1 1/16m, FASHION RULES, 6-1 \$185,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$175,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; \$145,000 RNA OBS APR 2yo 5-Aqueduct, Msw 6 1/2f, NEW YORK SUPREME, 5-1 \$18,000 RNA SAR AUG yrl; \$40,000 OBS APR 2yo

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 142 foals of racing age/11 winners/3 black-type winners
 5-Sam Houston Race, Msw 1m, BRING ME A CHECK, 3-2
 7-Charles Town, Aoc 4 1/2f, MAGICAL ANNA, 8-1
 \$55,000 OBS APR 2yo
 3-Delta Downs, Msw 5f, MR. MOTIVATION, 12-1
 \$400 RNA ESL YRL yrl
 5-Aqueduct, Msw 6 1/2f, VIENNA CODE, 30-1
 \$1,000 RNA FTN MIX wnl

Honor Code (A.P. Indy), Lane's End Farm, \$30,000
 213 foals of racing age/14 winners/0 black-type winners
 5-Sam Houston Race, Msw 1m, SLEW TANG CLAN, 6-1
 \$28,000 KEE SEP yrl

Karakontie (Jpn) (Bernstein), Gainesway Farm, \$10,000
 130 foals of racing age/12 winners/3 black-type winners
 5-Sam Houston Race, Msw 1m, MARKS SAINT, 12-1
 \$15,000 KEE SEP yrl

Khozan (Distorted Humor), Journeyman Stud, \$8,500
 130 foals of racing age/20 winners/2 black-type winners
 6-Laurel, Wmc 6f, LYNARD, 20-1
 \$1,100 RNA OBS WIN wnl
 8-Fair Grounds, Aoc 1mT, SEBS PRINCESS, 8-1
 \$5,500 ESL YRL yrl

Micromanage (Medaglia d'Oro), Rockridge Stud, \$4,000
 59 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners
 5-Aqueduct, Msw 6 1/2f, HELMERS RUN, 20-1
 4-Aqueduct, Aoc 1m, MICROSCOPE, 5-2

Mr Speaker (Pulpit), Lane's End Farm, \$10,000
 79 foals of racing age/11 winners/0 black-type winners
 8-Fair Grounds, Aoc 1mT, LADY JENNEVIERE, 6-1
 \$100,000 KEE SEP yrl

Palace (City Zip), Spendthrift Farm, \$5,000
 151 foals of racing age/17 winners/1 black-type winner
 7-Charles Town, Aoc 4 1/2f, SHANNA'S GRAY, 15-1
 \$12,000 EAS MAY 2yo

Palace Malice (Curlin), Three Chimneys Farm, \$25,000
 211 foals of racing age/21 winners/2 black-type winners
 5-Sam Houston Race, Msw 1m, YOU SAY, 20-1
 \$30,000 KEE JAN wnl; \$6,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl

Secret Circle (Eddington), Hill 'n' Dale Farms, \$5,000
 62 foals of racing age/10 winners/0 black-type winners
 6-Laurel, Wmc 6f, JUSTWAVEANDSMILE, 9-5
 \$55,000 EAS OCT yrl

Tonalist (Tapit), Lane's End Farm, \$15,000
 179 foals of racing age/17 winners/1 black-type winner
 7-Fair Grounds, Msw 1 1/16m, ALTA'S AWARD, 3-1
 7-Fair Grounds, Msw 1 1/16m, ARTISTIC JEWELER, 8-1
 5-Sam Houston Race, Msw 1m, TONEDOUT, 10-1

Wicked Strong (Hard Spun), Spendthrift Farm, \$6,000
 232 foals of racing age/28 winners/1 black-type winner
 4-Aqueduct, Aoc 1m, FOREVER WICKED, 5-2
 \$6,000 EAS MAY 2yo
 8-Fair Grounds, Aoc 1mT, QUEENOF CATNIPHILL, 8-1



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In this continuing series, Alan Carasso takes a look ahead at US-bred and/or conceived runners entered for the upcoming weekend at the tracks on the Japan Racing Association circuit, with a focus on pedigree and/or performance in the sales ring. Here are the horses of interest for this weekend running at Kyoto and Nakayama Racecourses:

Saturday, January 18, 2020

4th-KYO, ¥11,400,000 (\$104k), Newcomers, 3yo, 1400m

A SHIN ENBARR (c, 3, Carpe Diem--Ambling, by Chester House), a half-brother to three-time graded-placed Triple Arch (Arch), was his sire (by Giant's Causeway)'s 10th most expensive first-crop yearling when hammering for \$270K at Keeneland September in 2018. The Mar. 18 foal is out of a daughter of Incha (GB) (Nashwan), dam of MGSW turf mare Solvig (Caerleon) as well as GSW Lady Carlock (Chester House) and SW Swing That Cat (Cat Thief). Top German jockey Andrasch Starke begins a short-term Japanese contract this weekend and has the call. *B-Randal Family Trust, R David & Marilyn Randal Trustees (KY)*

6th-KYO, ¥13,830,000 (\$126k), Allowance, 3yo, 1800m

AMERICAN BABY (JPN) (c, 3, Bernardini--Nile Queen, by Pioneer of the Nile) is out of a half-sister to 2016 GI Preakness S. hero Exaggerator (Curlin) and was purchased in utero for \$525K at KEENOV in 2016 before fetching ¥29 million (\$254k) from owner Katsumi Yoshizawa at the 2017 JRHA Select Foal Sale. A touch green when scoring by five lengths at first asking at Tokyo Nov. 2 (video, SC 12), he makes his first start since finishing down the field behind the impressive Dieu du Vin (Jpn) (Declaration of War) in the Nov. 23 Cattleysa Sho at headquarters. Also making his 3-year-old debut is **Full Flat** (Speightstown), last seen finishing a respectable fifth in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile. *B-Queens Ranch Ltd*

10th-KYO, Kobai S.-Listed, ¥38,000,000 (\$345k), 3yo, f, 1600mT

COMBAT MARCH (f, 3, Shackleford--Combat's Love, by Combat Ready) turned in a spectacular racetrack debut, dictating from the front to score by two lengths at odds of 28-1 at Hanshin Dec. 14. A \$2K purchase as a weanling at KEENOV in 2017, she made for a tidy profit when hammering for \$55K at Fasig-Tipton October 11 months later. Her dam is a full-sister to Leslie's Love and Our Love, both multiple stakes winners on the Louisiana circuit. *B-Jay Goodwin & Brian Foret (KY)*

Sunday, January 19, 2020

7th-NKY, ¥14,360,000 (\$130k), Allowance, 4yo/up, 1800m

DOVER TESORO (c, 4, Union Rags--Miss Emilia, by War Front) placed twice from three JRA maidens to begin his career and made his last two appearances at Sonoda on the NAR circuit, graduating by about eight lengths Oct. 31 before a similarly easy score Nov. 20. A \$195K buyback when offered in utero at KEENOV in 2015, the bay was a \$130K KEENOV weanling and 210k gns (\$288k) TATOCT yearling. Dover Tesoro is out of a half to French MSW/GSP War Officer (Grand Slam), SW Doo Lang (Pulpit) and MGSP Danceland (Tapit). The female family includes War Front's G1 Dewhurst S. winner War Command. *B-Chadds Ford Stable LLC (KY)*

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

9th-Gulfstream, \$44,000, (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$75,000), 1-16, 3yo, f, 1m, 1:38.55, ft.

DREAM MARIE (f, 3, Graydar--Lin Marie, by Curlin) Lifetime Record: 5-3-0-0, \$58,360. O-Miracle's International Trading, Inc.; B-Wynnstay LLC & GWR LLC (KY); T-Matthew J. Williams. *\$10,000 Ylg '18 FTKOCT; \$25,000 2yo '19 OBSMAR.

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2nd-Delta Downs, \$42,000, (S), 1-15, (NW2X), 4yo/up, 7f, 1:27.99, ft.

MR. GRACEFUL (g, 7, Ruler's Court--Graceful Touch, by Touch Gold) Lifetime Record: 40-10-4-9, \$188,980. O-End Zone Athletics, Inc.; B-Len Z. Williams (LA); T-Karl Broberg.

7th-Delta Downs, \$40,000, (S), 1-15, (NW1X), 4yo/up, f/m, 5f, :59.87, ft.

DUEFORADATE (m, 5, Due Date--Allison Renee, by Leestown) Lifetime Record: 10-3-2-4, \$68,810. O-The Peach Pit LLC; B-Speyrer & Son (LA); T-Brett A. Brinkman.

6th-Penn National, \$29,120, 1-15, (NW1X), 4yo/up, 6f, 1:08.69, ft.

TEAK (g, 6, Broken Vow--Tears of Joy, by Mt. Livermore) Lifetime Record: 18-4-4-2, \$105,855. O-Bell Gable Stable LLC; B-Bertram R. Firestone (KY); T-Jamie Ness. *\$22,000 5yo '19 EASDEC. **1/2 to Varsity (Indian Charlie), MSW, \$276,075.

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7th-Penn National, \$28,616, 1-15, (NW1X), 4yo/up, 6f, 1:10.69, ft.

ZITARROSA (g, 4, Noble Mission {GB}--Watrugonnadorosie, by Curlin) Lifetime Record: 13-5-1-3, \$75,820. O-Leonard Mattingly; B-St. Elias Stables, LLC & Robert Masiello (KY); T-Anthony Farrior. *\$2,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Causalistic, c, 3, **Tonalist**--Banker's Buy (SW, \$279,958), by Distorted Humor. Gulfstream, 1-16, (C), 1m, 1:37.91. B-Edward A. Cox, Jr. (KY). *\$17,000 RNA Wlg '17 KEENOV; \$60,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP.

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Countenance, m, 5, **Bellamy Road**--Stirling Bridge (MSW, \$179,890), by Prized. Sam Houston Race, 1-15, 1m (off turf), 1:40.21. B-Brereton C. Jones (KY). *\$20,000 Ylg '16 KEESEP. **1/2 to Washington Bridge (Yankee Gentleman), GSW, \$273,502; Jose Sea View (Badge of Silver), MSW, \$299,622; and Fire Path (Tale of the Cat), GSP, \$192,811.



BELLYMAY ROAD, Countenance, m, 5, o/o Stirling Bridge, by Prized. MSW, 1-15, Sam Houston

BROKEN VOW, Teak, g, 6, o/o Tears of Joy, by Mt. Livermore. ALW, 1-15, Penn National

DUE DATE, Dueforadate, m, 5, o/o Allison Renee, by Leestown. ALW, 1-15, Delta Downs

GRAYDAR, Dream Marie, f, 3, o/o Lin Marie, by Curlin. AOC, 1-16, Gulfstream

NOBLE MISSION (GB), Zitarrosa, g, 4, o/o Watrugonnadorosie, by Curlin. ALW, 1-15, Penn National

RULER'S COURT, Mr. Graceful, g, 7, o/o Graceful Touch, by Touch Gold. ALW, 1-15, Delta Downs

SHANGHAI BOBBY, Pirate's Punch, g, 4, o/o Catch the Moon, by Malibu Moon. AOC, 1-16, Fair Grounds

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By Diana Pikulski

Heightened awareness of animal welfare causes and the plight of retired racehorses over the past 30 years has dramatically changed the landscape in Thoroughbred aftercare and it continues to evolve as more racing jurisdictions recognize the need for institutional aftercare funding. Organizations forming now to provide safe and meaningful retirement for Thoroughbreds have the benefit of an enlightened racing and breeding industry. In the past, the road to establishing necessary partnerships with racing and breeding organizations was often a dead-end. Now, the path is much more direct.

For Au-Delà des Pistes, founded in 2016, an astute, driven and well-connected board of directors quickly partnered with Arqana and Longines. In April 2019, they reached a landmark agreement for funding with France Galop which gave their organization a percentage of the racing handle, allowing them to expand their services and work towards one day being able to provide a safe landing for every Thoroughbred racehorse in need of options at retirement.

Au-Delà des Pistes set out to create a system for trainers and owners to find easy and quick retirement options for Thoroughbreds who had run their last race and an efficient way for every rider wishing to adopt a Thoroughbred access to the right horse. The goal was to get as many horses as possible placed in second careers as sport horses, while increasing people's awareness of the versatility of the Thoroughbred.

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LILY BLOOMS IN CAPE VERDE

Magic Lily (GB) (New Approach {Ire}), third in the G1 Fillies' Mile as a juvenile, made good on her early promise with a narrow victory over Team Valor International's **Nisreen (Ire)** (Raven's Pass) in the G2 Cape Verde at Meydan on Thursday. The Charlie Appleby runner bore the Godolphin blue silks in the one-mile contest under pilot James Doyle, who, along with Appleby, were winning their third Cape Verde. The 5-year-old completed the Cape Verde in a new stakes and track record-setting time of 1:34.84.

Sent straight to the head of affairs as the gates flew, Magic Lily was passed by fellow Godolphin runner **Dubai Blue (More Than Ready)** on the extreme outside and was relegated to second for the backstretch run. A touch headstrong as a result, she set her sights on that rival and began to make up ground heading into the lane. Nisreen got first jump on the tiring leader however, and drew first blood after dashing through a hole on the fence.

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"We thought it was the right time [to organize Au-Delà des Pistes] because there were a lot of new associations against racing and against using horses to do anything," said Aliette Forien, President of Au-Delà des Pistes. "So, we thought that it was important now to let the people know how well the horses are treated in the racing industry. Many people were waiting for an association to help the horses after their racing career."

Forien is an accomplished show jumper as well as a breeder and owner of racehorses. Since 1984, she has owned and operated Haras de Montaigu which was founded by her grandfather in 1903.

"Because people in show jumping don't know much about racing, I am able to be a bridge," said Forien. "My experience is helpful because I can tell them how the horses are treated with the trainers and how they are bred at the farms. I love racing and I love showjumping and I think it's important to have the two disciplines working together."

"France Galop gives us a percentage of the racing turnover," Forien explained of the unique funding agreement. "This is so important because everybody contributes to that turnover--the breeders, the trainers, the owners, and even the bloodstock agents. We also have help from the sales agencies so now everybody contributes to help the horses after their racing career."

"France Galop has been involved in the aftercare of race horses for many years, and we thought it was the time to go further and to be more efficient in the way we proceeded," said Olivier Delloye, General Director of France Galop. "Now we are getting into a new era, and I'm very confident that the work we'll do with Au-Delà des Pistes will enable us to significantly grow the number of race horses successfully retired and converted into new disciplines."

Au-Delà des Pistes, at the outset, was primarily focused on transitioning racehorses directly into retraining for a second careers in horse sporting events. As in all of racing, France has horses needing time to rest, and often rehabilitation before they can be retrained.

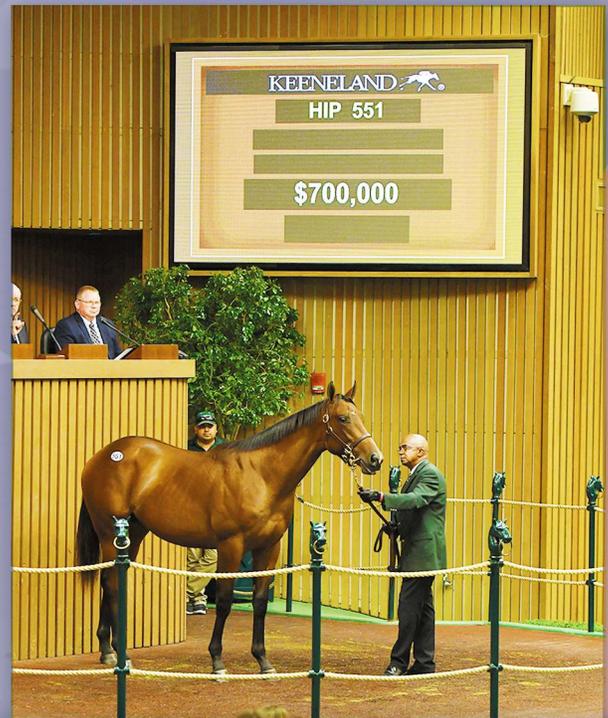
"The issue that we will have to tackle with Au-Delà des Pistes is to have a specific focus on the horses that need maybe two or three months of specific care before being ready to do something else," said Delloye. "Focus will be on those horses that need to be cared after." **Cont. p3**

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Au-Dela des Pistes Cont.

While, the general public as well as owners, trainers and racing's leaders were already aware of the arguments for institutionalized participation and funding, there were some hurdles in getting wide acceptance of the organized approach to aftercare in France.

"It was very much a question of right place at the right time," said Alix Choppin, Head of Marketing and Communications at Arqana and a member of the Steering Committee at Au-Delà des Pistes. "I mean, we probably were right about the timing because it was a time where France was maybe perceived as being slightly behind on aftercare.

"We knew from our own experiences in racing that it would take a while for people to change their habits. And for instance, I've used a comparison with the UK, but in the UK, the slaughter of racehorses is forbidden. While in France, not only is slaughtering of racehorses allowed, but we also have a long history of eating horse meat. So, we sort of knew that we would face the very conservative mentalities of: is it really such a big issue? You know, racehorses being slaughtered is it that bad?"

"Lots of trainers felt a bit offended that we founded this charity as if they had been doing nothing," said Choppin. "So, they were keen to tell us, 'Oh, but you know, I take care of my retired race horses. I give them to so-and-so. And all my staff always know someone who knows someone who needs an off-the-track Thoroughbred'. And the message we pressed home--and this took time--is that it's not the first year you need to worry about the horse, it's 10 years down the line. So that was probably the biggest hurdle, convincing people that what they were doing was fine, but could they tell us five or 10 years down the line where the horse they had given to the friend of a friend of a friend had ended up?" **Cont. p4**

IN TDN AUS/NZ TODAY

BUYERS KEEN ON VADAMOS YEARLINGS

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Au-Dela des Pistes Cont.

The founders were correct in thinking that France had many equestrians who were looking for a good but inexpensive horse, but did not have the level of horsemanship to allow them to buy a horse off the track. They have had remarkable success in placing horses in many equine disciplines at all levels. The organization regularly puts on a Retrained Racehorse Day at tracks across the country where former stars of the track as well as unknowns return to show off their new skills.

"The parade of horses returning on Retrained Racehorse Day, some Group 1 winners, brings tears to your eyes," said Choppin. "And the non-racing horse lovers get to learn about racing and how racing cares for the horses. It is a wonderful event."

One to watch is Wont Wait (Fr) (Starborough {GB}), who retired at four and never showed ability on the track or over hurdles.

"Wont Wait was not a very good racehorse," said Choppin. "He was useless. And now he is one of the best eventing horses in France being ridden by Clara Loiseau. I think he will go to the next Olympic Games."

"I couldn't emphasize enough how important Aliette has been as a chairman of Au Delà des Pistes bringing these two cultures together," said Choppin. "Another great example of her doing that is Astier Nicolas who represented France at the 2016 Summer Olympics, where he won the gold medal in the team eventing and the silver in the individual eventing. He is riding an ex-racehorse and he is an ambassador to Au-Delà des Pistes."

For more information, go to <https://www.audeladepistes.fr/>.

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A re-trained racehorse plays polo during the Retrained Racehorse Day held by Au-Dela des Pistes. | Scoop Dyga

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MAKING THEIR MARK

In this new series we sit down with a selection of Europeans making a significant impression in the Thoroughbred industry on foreign shores. First up, we have SF Bloodstock's Caroline Wilson.



Caroline Wilson | Jon Siegel

Position: Team member at SF Bloodstock.

Original Hometown: Clontarf, Co. Dublin.

Current Hometown: Lexington, Kentucky.

Thing you miss most about Ireland (not including family and friends): Rugby, the ingredients of an Irish breakfast, and the Irish welcome.

Best thing about a career in the Thoroughbred industry: The lifestyle; careers in horse racing are for the most part incredibly demanding but I feel lucky that I live to work rather than the other way around.

Favourite racehorse: Too many to name, most recently Beholder. I was lucky enough to watch her win her last ever race by a nose over another queen, Songbird, at the Breeders' Cup in 2016. The atmosphere was amazing.

Piece of advice for someone starting out: Work hard, ask questions, admit when you're wrong, and find your people. I didn't grow up in racing and owe all of the opportunities I've been afforded to the people who mentored me along the way.

Hidden Talent: DIY home improvements.

Person in the industry you admire the most: Aisling Duignan, a role model for anyone wanting to forge a path in bloodstock. I have luckily been a recipient of her advice and support a number of times in my career.

Three dinner guests: John Messara of Arrowfield Stud, Andrew Harding formerly of the Hong Kong Jockey Club, and Roger Goodell, Commissioner of the NFL. I'd be interested to hear their thoughts on the future of racing in the U.S., especially given their collective experience at the forefront of lucrative sporting industries in other jurisdictions.

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EUROPEAN NEWS

LWBR AND LWBHR CEREMONY TO BE LIVE STREAMED

The annual Longines World's Best Racehorse and Longines World's Best Horse Race Ceremony will be live streamed by the International Federation of Horseracing Authorities (IFHA). Slated for Jan. 22, the ceremony will be held at The Landmark hotel in London and begin at 2:45 p.m. local time. The stream will be available at www.ifhaonline.org, as well as the Longines World's Best Racehorse Facebook page.

In 2018, Cracksman (GB) (Frankel {GB}) and Winx (Aus) (Street Cry {Ire}) shared the title of Longines World's Best Racehorse, while the G1 Qatar Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe earned the highest accolade as the Longines World's Best Horse Race. The final 2019 rankings will be revealed on the day of the ceremony, where the connections of the winning horse(s) will receive a Longines watch and replica of the Longines World's Best Racehorse vase. The connections of the Longines World's Best Horse Race will be similarly honoured, with a replica of a horse head utilized instead of a vase.

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A COLT ARRIVES FOR U S NAVY FLAG

MG1SW **U S Navy Flag** (War Front) celebrated another new foal, as the maiden mare Edelline (Ire) (Cape Cross {Ire}) gave birth to a bay colt at Gigginstown House Stud on Jan. 5. Pictured at 10 days of age, the colt was bred by Gigginstown House Stud. His dam is a half-sister to German highweight, MGSW and G1 Criterium International second Emerald Commander (Ire) (Pivotal {GB}).

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ZOFFANY

2019 performers include Gr.1 winning 2YO Albigna, Gr.2 winners Main Edition & Oscar Dominguez, multiple Gr.1 placed Fleeting etc.

Romanised (**HOLY ROMAN EMPEROR**), winner of the Gr.1 Irish 2,000 Guineas, lands the **Gr.1 Prix Jacques les Marois**

Technician (**MASTERCRAFTSMAN**), three Group wins in 2019 including the **Gr.1 Prix Royal-Oak**



Millisle (**STARSPANGLED BANNER**), the top-rated 2YO filly in Europe, wins the **Gr.1 Cheveley Park Stakes**



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A colt by U S Navy Flag out of Edelline | Gigginstown House Stud

U S Navy Flag Cont.

“He’s a lovely, correct colt and is a very good advertisement for the sire as he’s out of a maiden mare,” said Eddie O’Leary of Gigginstown House Stud on the ‘20 Edelline colt.

RECOLETOS SIRES FIRST FOAL

MG1SW **Recoletos (Fr)** (Whipper) sired his first foal, a filly, at Haras de Saint Isidro on Wednesday, Haras de Quesnay announced via Twitter. Bred by Dario Hinojosa’s Darpat France, who also bred and raced Recoletos, the filly is out of Next Life (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}) and was one of a dozen mares sent by Hinojosa to support his young stallion. Next Life is out of G2 Ribblesdale S. heroine Silkwood (GB) (Singspiel {Ire}).

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A Recoletos filly | Haras du Quesnay

BRITAIN

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:

Redesdale Rebel (GB), g, 4, **Mayson (GB)**--Jubilee (GB), by Selkirk. Newcastle, 1-16, 6f (AWT), 1:13.35. B-Mrs P. Good (GB). *1/2 to Professor (GB) (Byron {GB}), MSW & MGSP-Eng, \$275,056.

FRANCE

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Coco Caline (Fr), f, 3, **Sri Putra (GB)**--Mina Hill (Fr), by Green Tune. Pau, 1-16, 10f (AWT), 2:05.60. B-Mlle R Dwek, N Simon & R Y Simon (FR). *€5,000 Ylg ‘18 ARNOV; €7,000 2yo ‘19 OSAAPR.

Firstman (Fr), c, 3, **Zoffany (Ire)**--Tortsanlottie (Ire), by Teofilo (Ire). Pau, 1-16, 10f (AWT), 2:04.40. B-SCA Elevage De Tourgeville, Mme H Erculiani & Elevage Des Vallons (FR). *€65,000 Ylg ‘18 ARAUG.

WORLDWIDE NEWS

G2 Cape Verde Cont. from p1

The chestnut and **Beyond Reason (Ire)** (Australia {GB}) let down in tandem with the grey **Peri Lina (Tur)** (Falco) flying on the outside in the final 100 metres. Magic Lily outfooted Beyond Reason and drew away to engage Nisreen, before receiving a lucky bob to take the Group 2 feature by a short head from that foe. It was 2 1/2 lengths back to Beyond Reason, who was only a short head better than Peri Lina.

“I had my head down to ride and didn’t think we’d got up [to win], but she’s tough and very game,” said Doyle. “It didn’t go entirely our way. The plan was to lead or if not be very close, which is what happened. When [Dubai Blue] went by me [on the backstretch], it sort of set her alight. She was over-racing a little bit. She’ll definitely be better going another furlong. We think she’s a nine or 10-furlong filly.”

A winner at first asking at Newmarket in September of 2017 and a solid third in the G1 Fillies’ Mile that October, she returned off a 721-day injury-induced break to take second in the Listed Prix Dahlia at Saint-Cloud Oct. 4. Magic Lily signed off on her 4-year-old year with a tiring sixth in the Listed Gillies Fillies’ S. at Lingfield on Nov. 16. [Cont. p7](#)



Magic Lily (left) battles with Nisreen | Erika Rasmussen/DRC

Pedigree Notes

Magic Lily is the 50th stakes winner and 33 group winner for her G1 Derby-winning sire who is based at Dalham Hall Stud under the Darley banner. A daughter of the English and German Oaks heroine Dancing Rain, the chestnut is also a full-sister to French listed winner and G1 Grand Prix de Paris third Jalmoud (GB) (New Approach {Ire}), while G1 English 2000 Guineas hero Saxon Warrior (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}) is under the second dam, being out of European champion juvenile filly Maybe (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}). Dancing Rain foaled Sakura Petal (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) in 2017 and she has a yearling colt by Galileo (Ire).

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Thursday, Meydan, Dubai

CAPE VERDI SPONSORED BY CREEK VIEWS-G2, \$250,000, Meydan, 1-16, 3yo/up, f/m, 8fT, 1:34.84 (NCR), gd.

1--**MAGIC LILY (GB)**, 126, m, 5, by **New Approach (Ire)**

1st Dam: Dancing Rain (Ire) (Hwt. 3yo Filly-Eng at 9 1/2-11f & 11-14f, G1SW-Eng & Ger, \$932,081), by Danehill Dancer (Ire)

2nd Dam: Rain Flower (Ire), by Indian Ridge (Ire)

3rd Dam: Rose of Jericho, by Alleged

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. 1ST GROUP WIN. O/B-Godolphin (GB); T-Charlie Appleby; J-James Doyle. \$150,000. Lifetime Record: G1SP-Eng, SP-Fr, 5-2-1-1, \$248,582. *Full to Jalmoud (GB) (New Approach {Ire}), SW & G1SP-Fr, \$162,707. **Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.** Werk Nick Rating: **A+++.**

***Triple Plus*.**

2--**Nisreen (Ire)**, 126, m, 6, **Raven's Pass**--Badweia, by Kingmambo. (32,000gns HRA '17 TATJUL). O-Team Valor International; B-Shadwell Estate Company Limited (IRE); T-Hiroo Shimizu. \$50,000.

3--**Beyond Reason (Ire)**, 126, f, 4, **Australia (GB)**--No Explaining

(Ire), by Azamour (Ire). (370,000gns Ylg '16 TATOCT). O-Godolphin; B-Paget Bloodstock (IRE); T-Charlie Appleby. \$25,000.

Margins: SHD, 2HF, SHD.

Also Ran: Peri Lina (Tur), Maamora (Ire), Hateya (Ire), Surrounding (Ire), Dubai Blue.

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DUBAI

Thursday's Results:

ZABEEL TURF SPONSORED BY RIVIERA 1-Listed, \$175,000, Meydan, 1-16, 3yo/up, 10fT, 2:00.67, gd.

1--**CERTAIN LAD (GB)**, 118, g, 4, **Clodovil (Ire)**--**Chelsey Jayne (Ire)**, by **Galileo (Ire)**. (13,000gns Ylg '17 TAOCT; 170,000gns RNA '19 TATAUT). O-C R Hirst; B-Barry Walters (GB); T-Mick Channon J-Ben Curtis. \$105,000. Lifetime Record: SW-Fr, GSP-Ire & SP-Eng, 18-6-1-2, \$229,411.

2--**Simsir (Ire)**, 117, g, 4, Zoffany (Ire)--Simawa (Ire), by Anabaa. O-H.H. Aga Khan; B-His Highness the Aga Khan's Studs S.C. (IRE); T-Mick Halford. \$35,000.

3--**Desert Fire (Ire)**, 128, h, 5, Cape Cross (Ire)--Crystal House (Chi), by Golden Voyager. O/B-Godolphin (IRE); T-Saeed bin Suroor. \$17,500.

Margins: 3/4, 3/4, 1.

Also Ran: First Nation (GB), Art Du Val (GB), Big Country (Ire), Dream Castle (GB), Dubai Horizon (Ire), Astronomer (Ire), Loxley (Ire), Famous Wolf (Fr).

Certain Lad provided the UK with a victory during the third night of the Dubai World Cup Carnival on Thursday when taking the Listed Zabeel Turf H. over 2000 metres for trainer Mick Channon. It was in fact a European one-two, with Mick Halford's Simsir closing late for second.

Certain Lad flashed promise at two, winning his first two starts before finishing third in G2 Railway S. at The Curragh. He picked up a listed win in the fall going a mile Lyon Parilly, and was gelded after finishing sixth in a Group 3 in Germany. He took a few starts to find his footing last year at three, winning a Haydock handicap going a mile in July and successfully stepping up to this race's mile and a quarter trip at Ayr when last seen on Sept. 21.

Off towards the rear of the field, Certain Lad took cover under Ben Curtis on the rail, with Simsir directly to his outside down the backstretch and Dream Castle one path further out and just off them. Certain Lad was put to a drive by Curtis upon straightening and gradually ground down the front-running Godolphin pair Desert Fire and Art Du Val. **Cont. p8**

Listed Zabeel Turf Cont.

He hit the lead with a furlong to run and was three-quarters of a length to the good of the rallying Simsir at the line, equaling the track record in the process.

“He’s improving with every run,” said Curtis, who was in town for one day to partner Certain Lad. “It’s unbelievable. The way he travelled today was even better. He’s a handful, but it’s probably a good thing, because if he wasn’t a handful, they probably wouldn’t have flown me out to ride him. He does everything a horse should do to get himself beat, but he keeps winning. In the prelims he gets very warm and is notorious for it. He gets hot and sweaty, but it doesn’t seem to bother him in the race. He ran a bit fresh and keen the first two furlongs, but once he got into a rhythm, I was delighted. He picked them up well and kept going all the way to the line. He ran a good race and the time backed it up.”



Certain Lad | DRC/Erika Rasmussen

Trainer Mick Channon added, “He has always been a good horse, he was in good form and we had the [nerve] to go and it worked out. We’ve always thought a lot of him. He won a listed race as a 2-year-old and was consistent last year. It’s hard to place these horse, but we knew we could be competitive tonight. You never know going against Godolphin. We’ve always been competitive and never slow at having a crack. That’s why we have race horses. We’ll have a go at the best if we can and go on to the next race [at Meydan].”

Certain Lad is out of the Galileo mare Chelsey Jayne, who was herself unplaced but is out of the G2 Futurity S. winner Lady Lahar (GB) (Fraam {GB}) and a sister to four stakes horses including the G3 Prix du Pin winner and Group 1-placed Jallota (GB) (Rock of Gibraltar {Ire}) and listed-winner Classic Legend (GB) (Galileo {Ire}). Chelsey Jayne has a 2-year-old colt by former shuttler Pride of Dubai (Aus). **Click for the [Racing Post result](#).**

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6th-Meydan, \$175,000, Hcp, 1-16, NH4yo/up & SH 3yo/up, 8fT, 1:35.54, gd.

SUEDOIS (FR) (g, 9, Le Havre {Ire}--Cup Cake {Ire}, by Singspiel {Ire}), a veteran campaigner and winner of the 2017 GI Shadwell Turf Mile at Keeneland, parlayed a third-place in the Jan. 2 Listed Meydan Challenge locally into a nose victory in the Meydan nightcap on Thursday. Daniel Tudhope allowed the 9-year-old gelding to find his footing near the middle of the field as a loose-on-the-lead Connect (GB) (Roderic O’Connor {Ire}) blasted out to an open-length advantage. Steered closer to the fence for the lone turn, the dark bay began to pick off horses while creeping back toward the outside and had clear sailing inside the final 300 metres. He charged up in between horses and held firm to the line, withstanding the withering run of Epic Hero (Fr) (Siyouni {Fr}) to his outside in a tight finish to win by a nose.

“He’s a fantastic horse, a Grade I winner and has won a load of prize money,” trainer David O’Meara said. “We’re delighted. I wasn’t sure we won it when he cross the finish, but he ran a great race. I did think about running in the Group 2, but thought it would be a tougher race and he is well up to running in a handicap. He gave a lot of weight away, but good horses like him who have won a Grade I, then can give weight away and still win. After here, we could look at the [G2] Zabeel Mile.”

After winning the G3 Supreme S. at Goodwood at the end of August, the May foal reported home fourth in Leopardstown’s G2 Boomerang S. a month later and was third in the 2019 Shadwell Turf Mile Stateside on Oct. 5, his final start before moving to the desert. His dam foaled the unraced fillies Cyrenaica (Ire) (Angliana) and Kadupul (Fr) (Dark Angel {Ire}) in 2017 and 2018, respectively. Sales history: €165,000 HRA ‘15 ARAOCT. Lifetime Record: GSW & G1SP-Fr, GSW-Ire, GISW-US, GSW & MG1SP-Eng, SP-UAE, 49-10-10-13, \$1,953,995. **Click for the [Racing Post result](#) or the [VIDEO](#).**

O-George Turner & Clipper Logistics; B-Elisabeth Vidal (FR); T-David O’Meara.



Daniel Tudhope waves to the crowd after Suedois’s victory at Meydan

Erika Rasmussen/DRC

5th-Meydan, \$135,000, Hcp, 1-16, NH4yo/up & SH 3yo/up, 8f, 1:36.73, fs.

MIDNIGHT SANDS (c, 4, Speightstown--It's Midnight {SW-Fr}, by Shamardal), winless in his three starts on turf in England, placed second in a dirt Meydan maiden event last February. Kept solely to the main track in three subsequent starts, the \$70,000 KEESEP RNA yearling rattled off wins on Mar. 2, Nov. 7 and Dec. 5 over this strip, to end his sophomore year on a three-race winning streak. Upped to a mile for the first time on Thursday, the chestnut stalked from fourth leaving the chute and onto the backstretch. Asked for his bid midway on the turn, he took dead aim on Ambassadorial (Elusive Quality) and, despite taking the length of the stretch, edged past that game rival to win by a short head. His victory marked trainer Doug Watson's 600th win in the UAE.

"We are very fortunate," Watson said. "I came up under Kieran McLaughlin and I got the job when he left. He left a good bunch of horses, which made life easier for me in the first few years and a good staff. They are the main drivers behind it [our success]. I was thinking about [win 600] going into tonight. The owner of Thegreatcollection (Saint Anddan), Zaur Sekrekov, sent me a picture and I didn't realize we got to 500 with Thegreatcollection [who ran fourth on Thursday]. I thought 'Wow, this could be funny.'"



Doug Watson (right) is presented with a trophy after Midnight Sands gave him his 600th win in Dubai. | Erika Rasmussen/DRC

On Thursday's winner, Watson said, "Credit to the owners because they let me put him away after he won his maiden with this season in mind and they have been rewarded. The runner-up looked to have opened up a decent lead and, half a furlong out, I was not sure we would get there but this horse has a great attitude and battles hard. We will have to see what the handicapper does now before we make plans but he is a nice horse and Pat gets on well with him."

The winner is a half-brother to GIII Tropical Turf S. hero Tusk

(Tapit), (GSW, \$441,317), who also ran second in the GIII El Camino Real Derby. Sales history: \$70,000 RNA Ylg '17 KEESEP; \$90,000 2yo '18 ARMA. Lifetime Record: 8-4-1-0, \$178,045.

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O-The Cool Silk Partnership; B-Flaxman Holdings Limited (KY); T-Doug Watson.



HANDICAP RESULTS:

1st-Meydan, \$135,000, Hcp, 1-16, NH4yo/up & SH 3yo/up, 6fT, 1:08.80, gd.

ROULSTON SCAR (IRE) (g, 4, Lope de Vega {Ire}--Pussycat Lips {Ire} {GSP-US}, by Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 11-4-2-3, \$129,037. **Click for the [Racing Post result](#). [VIDEO](#).**

O-Abdullah Menahi; B-Epona Bloodstock Ltd (IRE); T-Simon Crisford. *€130,000 Ylg '17 GOFSEP; 78,000gns 2yo '18 TATBRE; 110,000gns HRA '19 TATAUT. **1/2 to Special Purpose (Ire) (Scat Daddy), GSP-Eng.

2nd-Meydan, \$135,000, Hcp, 1-16, NH4yo/up & SH 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10.18, fs.

BOCHART (GB) (g, 7, Dubawi {Ire}--Camlet {GB}, by Green Desert {GB}) Lifetime Record: 34-6-7-7, \$296,713. **Click for the [Racing Post result](#). [VIDEO](#).**

O-Al Bait Mutawahed Team; B-Darley (GB); T-Satish Seemar. *SP-UAE. **1/2 to Cheviot (Rahy), SP-Ire.

SOUTH AFRICA

SILVANO COLT TOPS CAPE SALE

A colt by South African champion sire Silvano (Ger) took top billing at the Cape Premier Yearling Sale staged in Cape Town on Thursday. Offered as **lot 99** by Drakenstein Stud, the bay was bought by Nicholas Jonsson for R3-million (£159,394/€187,124). He is the second foal out of Song of Happiness (SAf) (Giant's Causeway), a winning daughter of champion Captain's Lover (SAf) (Captain Al {SAf}), who is herself a half-sister to Classic winner and triple Group 1 winner Ebony Flyer (SAf) (Jet Master {SAf}). Jonsson had earlier in the session secured another son of Silvano from Drakenstein (**lot 15**) for R900,000 (£47,817/€56,137).

With similar numbers catalogued to last year's sale and just one fewer horse through the ring this year (215), figures took a tumble. **Cont. p10**



Silvano | *Maine Chance Farms*

Silvano Colt Tops Cape Sale Cont.

With 117 sold for an aggregate of R40,180,000 (£2,134,762/€2,506,440), the clearance rate was 54.4%, down from 89.3% last year. The average wound up at R343,418 (£18,247/€21,422), plunging 21%, while the median dropped 16.7% to R250,000 (£13,284/€15,592).

Amanda Skiffington was in action as per usual at this sale and the British agent secured the joint second-highest priced lot, a colt by Rafeef (Aus) from Ridgemont Highlands (lot 145) for R2.2-million (£116,892/€137,208). The bay is a grandson of the G1 Manikato S. winner Piavonic (Aus) (Scenic {Ire}) and related to the G2 VRC Sires' Produce S. winner Von Costa de Hero (Aus) (Encosta de Lago {Aus}). Skiffington also scooped up a colt by Silvano (lot 51) for R975,000 (£51,804/€60,808). Also reaching R2.2-million was Klawervlei Stud's colt by Gimmethegreenlight (Aus) (lot 174) who was hammered down to El Bloodstock.

The top-priced filly also went the way of an international agent, with the New Zealand-based Ric Wylie signing for lot 120, a Trippi daughter of champion sprinter and stakes producer Val De Ra (SAf) (Var), for R1.65-million (£87,669/€102,906). Val De Ra's first foal was the listed-winning Miss Frankel (SAf) (Frankel {GB}).

Bjorn Nielsen, best known as the owner of the five-time Group 1-winning champion stayer Stradivarius (Ire) (Sea The Stars {Ire}), was also in action in Cape Town, and he took home a colt by What A Winter (SAf) (lot 19) from the family of the great producer Fall Aspen for R900,000 (£47,820/€56,133).

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ASIA

FORK IN THE ROAD STRAIGHT AHEAD FOR BEAUTY GENERATION *by Alan Carasso*

For as dominant an animal as he was over the course of 18 months from April 2018 through October 2019, **Beauty Generation (NZ)** (Road to Rock {Aus}) has come back to the pack over his last three appearances and he faces something of a reckoning when he heads to the post in defence of his title in Sunday's G1 Stewards' Cup at Sha Tin Racecourse. A win--or even a race that remotely approximates his prior form--and it could be on to sexier ports of call. A fourth straight defeat would put pay to those plans in favor of races over 1400-1600 metres at home. For their part, trainer John Moore and jockey Zac Purton continue to see the glass as half-full as it pertains to the immediate task at hand.



Beauty Generation | *Horsephotos*

"He's jumping out of his skin at the present moment so that's a good sign," the trainer told the Hong Kong Jockey Club's David Morgan. "We've changed a few things--work patterns and the like--so taking into consideration the barrier trial last week and the feedback after the trial from Zac, we're pleased."

The 7-year-old has had only one trial since his third-place effort to Admire Mars (Jpn) (Daiwa Major {Jpn}) and the re-opposing Waikuku (Ire) (Harbour Watch {Ire}), and it resulted in a third-place effort to G1 Centenary Sprint Cup hopeful Wishful Thinker (Aus) (I Am Invincible {Aus}) ([video](#)) Jan. 10. Notably, Beauty Generation went round without blinkers and with cheekpieces added, and those gear changes will be in effect on raceday. Moore and Purton report that he seems to be holding his form. **Cont. p11**

Beauty Generation Cont.

“The feedback is positive,” Moore said. “Purton’s never been that complimentary and this is actually the first time he has been complimentary, so I’m taking that positively. The horse was sweating up a little bit this morning, which is a good sign, so I’m happy with him. If he could just have that easy lead!

He continued, “This morning he went down the back on the grass under Romain (Clavreul) and walked back on the dirt track, none of this coming round and trotting back in front of the stands--just to start to get him to think about it all. He pulled up brilliantly.

Added Purton: “He has to find that spark and the hunger to want to just get the job done--it’s not going to take much. I thought his last trial, maybe mentally he was in a bit of a better place and we go to the races hoping he’s going to bounce back.”

And if he does? The G1 Dubai Turf is on the horizon, said Moore.

“The 1800 metres in Dubai is perfect,” he said of the gelding, who holds the Sha Tin course record for 2200 metres. “If he runs a big race at the weekend, going 1800 metres on the other leg--counter-clockwise--that would be better. We know he goes over further, he was bought as a Derby horse and that would be the right way to go.”

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Feb. 22	G1 Ladbrokes Blue Diamond S.	Caulfield
	G1 Ladbrokes Oakleigh Plate	Caulfield
	G1 Futurity S.	Caulfield
Feb. 29	G1 Australian Guineas	Flemington
	G1 TAB Chipping Norton S.	Randwick
	G1 Surround S.	Randwick
Mar. 7	G1 Newmarket H.	Flemington
	G1 Australian Cup	Flemington
	G1 Mostyn Copper Randwick Guineas	Randwick
	G1 Canterbury S.	Randwick
Mar. 14	G1 Coolmore Classic S.	Rosehill
Mar. 20	G1 William Reid S.	The Valley
Mar. 21	G1 Longines Golden Slipper S.	Rosehill
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	G1 Ranvet S.	Rosehill
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1	3	Beat the Clock (Aus)	Hinchinbrook (Aus)	Moreira	Size	126
2	2	Hot King Prawn (Aus)	Denman (Aus)	Teetan	Size	126
3	4	Mr Stunning (Aus)	Exceed and Excel (Aus)	Bowman	Lor	126
4	6	Full of Beauty (Aus)	Darci Brahma (NZ)	Purton	Size	126
5	1	Wishful Thinker (Aus)	I Am Invincible (Aus)	Soumillon	Gibson	126
6	5	D B Pin (NZ)	Darci Brahma (NZ)	Shinn	Size	126
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SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	1	Beauty Generation (NZ)	Road to Rock (Aus)	Purton	Moore	126
2	2	Rattan (NZ)	Savabeel (Aus)	Ho	Gibson	126
3	7	Waikuku (Ire)	Harbour Watch (Ire)	Moreira	Size	126
4	5	Southern Legend (Aus)	Not A Single Doubt (Aus)	Shinn	Fownes	126
5	4	Furore (NZ)	Pierro (Aus)	Bowman	Lor	126
6	6	Citron Spirit (Ire)	Invincible Spirit (Ire)	de Sousa	Yiu	126
7	3	Ka Ying Star (GB)	Cityscape (GB)	Teetan	Cruz	126

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“It was almost like an adventure movie ...
It was such a cast of characters.”



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BUYERS KEEN ON VADAMOS YEARLINGS



Vadamos | Tally-Ho Stud

By Paul Vettise

The first crop representatives of **Vadamos (Fr)** have turned heads ahead of New Zealand Bloodstock's National Yearling Sale series with leading buyers impressed by the quality of the Rich Hill Stud resident.

TDN AusNZ courted the opinions of several buyers and bloodstock agents on the Kiwi-based first-season sires leading into Karaka 2020 and the Group 1 winner Vadamos has made quite an impression, with Waikato Stud's **Tivaci** and Windsor Park Stud's **Turn Me Loose (NZ)** also high on wish lists.

The country's leading buyer of yearlings is David Ellis and he was firmly in the corner of Vadamos, a son of the influential Monsun (Ger) who has received strong support since his retirement to Rich Hill.

"Vadamos has really taken my eye. He has left a number of exciting young horses, very classy," the Te Akau principal said. "Turn Me Loose is also leaving some very athletic types and those two along with Tivaci are three pretty exciting stallions heading into the future."

Ellis is expecting competition at the top end of the market at Karaka to be as strong as ever.

"I would say we have had a very good growing season in New Zealand with quite a mild winter. The yearlings are looking as good as I've ever seen them so I think it will be a strong sale."

Ellis has been the leading buyer at Karaka for the last 14 years and purchased 42 yearlings at the 2019 National Sale, spending NZ\$7,995,000 with his top lot a Savabeel colt out of Make A Wish (NZ) (Pins) bought for NZ\$1.4 million out of Waikato Stud's draft. Named No Limits (NZ), the colt has won and placed in his two trial appearances for Te Akau head trainer Jamie Richards.

"He pulled a muscle and is out spelling, but he's a very, very good horse. He'll be ready to run in March or April and we'll probably take him to Brisbane in the winter for the Group 1 (JJ Atkins S.) there," Ellis said.

Hale Won Over

Cambridge-based bloodstock agent Stuart Hale is firmly in the camp of Vadamos.

"He's leaving some great sorts and I think him and Tivaci will probably fight out the first-season sires' title," he said. "The Vadamos colt, Lot 429, is one of the best I've seen. **Preferment** might not quite have the numbers of the other two, but he's got some lovely types as well."

Hale has also been impressed with a number of first crop representatives of Australian-based stallions and in particular **American Pharoah (USA)**.

"Lot 189 from Pencarrow Stud is the best colt I've seen out of the 800-odd yearlings I've inspected," Hale said. "He's well-balanced and just a beautiful horse. The **Asterns** I've seen look very good and **Maurice** has a couple of cracking types in the sale as well."

Hale hosts a week-long annual Auckland-Waikato yearling tour, this year inspecting more than 750 youngsters from more than 30 farms.

"It's always a popular tour, but what I was quite perturbed about that there's less and less New Zealand buyers," he said. "However, I think the top level of the sale will be very strong and good horses sell no matter what sale it is."

Hale's top buy 12 months ago was a Savabeel colt sourced from Waikato Stud's draft for NZ\$500,000 on behalf of Hong Kong interests and is with trainer Keith Hawtin.

"Everyone loves him, he's a sensation. He's a half-brother to Regency Legend, who won his first four starts in Hong Kong," he said.

Cataldo's Head Turned

Agent Phill Cataldo is very much in the camp of the three-time Group 1 winner Turn Me Loose.



Stuart Hale | TDN AusNZ

“He’s leaving big, scopey horses, perhaps more 3-year-old types and they are good movers,” he said. “Tivaci and Vadamos are leaving really good, quality sorts and good movers as well. The **Tarzino**’s look like Guineas-Derby horses, which is what you’d be hoping they would be. There’s a good sprinkling of Australian sires to spice it all up and plenty of Tavistocks and Savabeels. Overall, the quality is good and I’m hoping all the vendors have big sales.”

He also said the four-time Group 1 winner Preferment (NZ) had passed on his quality to his first crop yearlings.

Cataldo’s most expensive purchase 12 months ago was Comanche Brave (NZ), a son of Savabeel bought for NZ\$240,000 out of Cambridge Stud’s consignment.

“He’s going along well and is with Julius Sandhu, a new trainer on the block at Cranbourne and he’s a friend of Mick Price, who I do a lot of business with,” Cataldo said.

Impressed with Quality

Bevan Smith has been taken by the quality on show from a number of stallion newcomers.

“There is a really good crop of first-season sires, half a dozen or more are well-credentialed,” the Cambridge agent said.

“Tivaci is leaving big, strong, forward types and there’s plenty to like about them. I’ve been impressed by Preferment. He looks like he’s leaving good staying 3-year-old types with class and the style of horses that will keep improving.

“Turn Me Loose is another one I’ve been impressed with. They’ve got plenty of strength and scope, some really nice types. Yearlings by all these new season sires are exciting and people want to come out and they are the types of horses the market wants to look at.”

Smith is expecting stiff competition again at the higher end with depth in the buying ranks.

“At most sales the top 20% look after themselves and relatively easy ones for sellers to move on. I’m optimistic the middle market will be stronger than previous years.”

Fabulous four

Michael Stedman also singled out Turn Me Loose, Tivaci, Vadamos and Preferment as the top quartet of newcomers.

“They’ve got the numbers and from what I’ve seen they are all top class Group 1 winners and they’re leaving a lot of athletic horses. Some big, some small but the bulk of them are good athletes,” the Matamata agent said. “Top-class stallions will leave good 2-year-olds. They stamp their progeny and you’d like to see them with Sires’ Produce or Sistema runners at the back end of the season.

“The new stallions inject a lot of interest in the whole scenario. It’s very interesting and everyone is looking for the new kids on the block.”

Stedman believed one external factor could impact on the sale.

“The Chinese New Year is the day before the sale and that could affect the Hong Kong attendance at the sale,” he said. “It may be a bit softer than normal.”



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