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KENTUCKY VALUE SIREs 2020, PART III: FIRST YEARLINGS



Mastery | *Benoit*

by *Chris McGrath*

We've taken a breather in this series during the January Sale, where I shared many conversations on themes raised in its first two parts--notably the market's addiction to unproven stallions. Time after time, it was the same story. A shrug of the shoulders, a helpless spreading of the hands: "Yes, we know it's nuts. But we have to make the game pay."

Fair enough. It's a bit like the individual who asks why he or she should make a massively inconvenient personal sacrifice, with regard to the climate crisis, when its impact on the global picture will be so infinitesimal.

And I flew to the sale, after all. Cutting out the carbon would have meant a long walk. So certainly I can't blame anyone in this precarious business for playing the bloodstock market as it is.

In both theaters, we all have to trust each other to do our bit; to render our individual stands collectively worthwhile. Somehow we need to make the breeding of *runners* the most commercial thing we can do. Because while it's barely an eighth of a mile from the sales pavilion, sometimes it feels as though the winner's circle at Keeneland might as well be on Mars.

There's one stallion out there--and we won't even specify the year he retired, never mind his name--who assembled well over 200 mares for his first season; and was down to 50-odd for his second. **Cont. p3**

THE 'SOCIETAL EVOLUTION' OF STALLION SELECTION

The Week in Review, by T.D. Thornton

Although the long-term implication of breeding trends on the soundness of racehorses was not an aspect that got covered in the post-mortem report released last week on Mongolian Groom (Hightail)'s fatal injury in the GI Breeders' Cup Classic, the author of that analysis, Dr. Larry Bramlage, did address the topic in a Jan. 16 media teleconference that followed up on the study he was commissioned to write for the Breeders' Cup.

And while the breeding-related remarks by the internationally respected equine orthopedic surgeon were brief, they are worth summarizing here beyond TDN's initial coverage of the report ([here](#)) and the teleconference ([here](#)).

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SUNNY ATMOSPHERE DURING LA ROUTE DES ETALONS

Lovely weather over the past weekend showcased the French stallions on display on La Route des Etalons. Tom Frary reports from Normandy. [Click or tap here to go straight to TDN Europe.](#)

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G1 English Derby hero Ruler of the World (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) poses at Haras de Bouquetot during La Route des Etalons in Normandy. Go to TDN Europe for more. | Zuzanna Lupa

WHAT'S IN A NAME: ODYSSEUS

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In this new series, we highlight horses with clever names, starting with Friday's third race winner at Santa Anita, Odysseus (Candy Ride {Arg}--Charm the Giant {Ire}), by Giant's Causeway.

MS PEINTOUR UPSETS ASTRA

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Stretching out past nine furlongs for the first time, Ms Peintour (Paynter) pulled a 13-1 upset in the 12-panel Grade III Astra S. Sunday at Santa Anita.

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Kentucky Value Sires Part III, cont. from p1

I don't know which is the more ridiculous figure. On the one hand, his racing performance and pedigree didn't remotely entitle him to a debut book so much bigger than is assembled by many sires of proven merit. On the other, for him to be written off when he hadn't offered a single weanling for sale, never mind tested his stock on the track, shows how even "three-and-out" is now a quaintly outdated formula.

And really, everybody loses: not just the stud accountants, at least on that model, but also mare owners. Because even if you happen to back the eventual champion freshman, you will typically have to compete with dozens of others when his first yearlings reach a sales catalogue.

Value, then, will mean very different things to the breed-to-race guy, who has *never* had it so good, and to those sucked into this commercial vortex.



Arrogate followed by Gun Runner in Dubai
Dubai Racing Club/Andrew Watkins

Today we come to those sires entering their third season--at a time when their own careers are receding from memory, while their stock must still wait until next year for even a preliminary opportunity on the track.

The market has meanwhile been offered two intakes of fresh alternatives, all safely unproven. Nominations salesmen are duly obliged to work harder and harder just to keep stallions in the game long enough for a run of success on the track, and to reverse the decline that will often be legible in their fees.

If you are persuaded to persevere, of course, there's always the possibility that you land on one of those whose first runners will actually improve the market standing of the crop they

conceive this spring. Few breeders will dare to increase their exposure.

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HOW DO NY-BREDS PERFORM?

like this:

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Yet they should keep in mind that this group of sires, by the 2022 September Sale, won't just have a second crop of juveniles up and running. They will also have a first crop showing its hand round two turns, and so indicating any eligibility to produce the type of horse required on the first Saturday in May.

That should favor the two most expensive stallions who set up shop in 2018, **ARROGATE** (Unbridled's Song--Bubbler, by Distorted Humor) and **GUN RUNNER** (Candy Ride {Arg}--Quiet Giant, by Giant's Causeway). The first didn't break his maiden until six days before the Belmont, and then pounced on the Triple Crown survivors in the GI Travers S. Gun Runner, third in the Travers, had been up and running to win the GII Risen Star S. and GII Louisiana Derby and then made the Kentucky Derby podium; but he unmistakably reached his peak the following year, chasing home Arrogate in Dubai before embarking on a spree of five consecutive Grade 1s.

These two champions plainly represent models of the modern breed, brilliant and tough and progressive as they were. But nobody could sensibly expect them to be showing their full hand when Wesley Ward is trying out potential Royal Ascot dashers at Keeneland.

And it makes still less sense to judge any two-turn stallion--for better or worse--according to the faddish consensus of cocktail hour during their first weanling sales.

Both, in fairness, punched their weight very well, duly topping the averages at a very rewarding multiple of their fees, albeit from a pretty small sample. Yet Juddmonte have given breeders a pretty sensational incentive to stick with Arrogate, slashing his fee to \$50,000 from \$75,000 when every syllable you hear about his first mares and their foals has been positive.

Last year I met one of his first sons at Stone Farm. He was acquired in utero with his dam, and Arthur Hancock has known him as "Bones" since his foaling, so taken was he with the youngster's substance and bone. One in four of Arrogate's first book was either a Grade I winner or producer, and the handful of its graduates sold as weanlings/short yearlings (six, from seven offered) achieved an average of \$251,666.

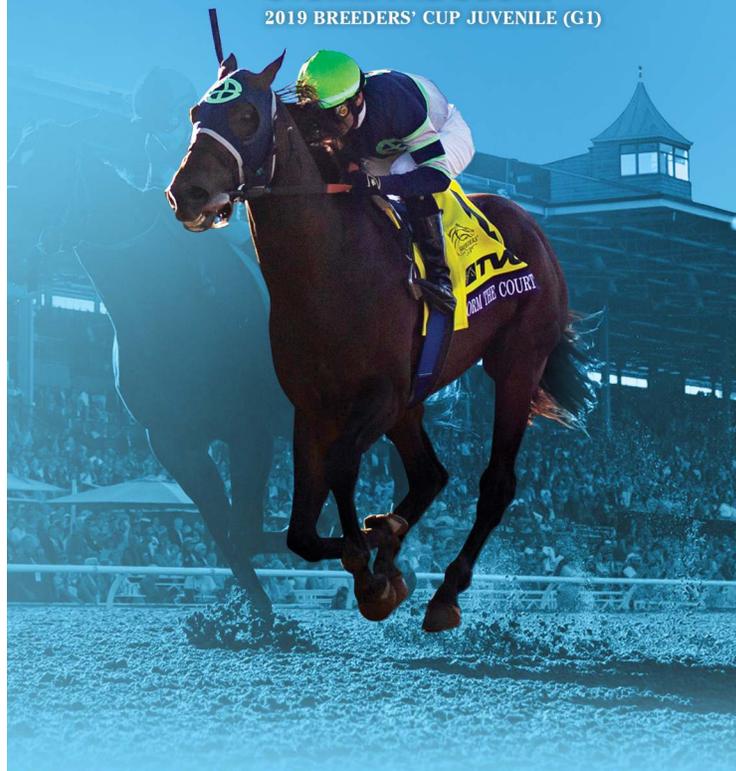
True, as a yearling acquisition himself, Arrogate doesn't offer the usual deep Juddmonte family. But his first two dams were graded stakes-placed, the second by broodmare sire legend Deputy Minister; while the third is six-time Grade I winner Meadow Star (Meadowlake). One way or another, their genes clicked in fairly epoch-making fashion with Unbridled's Song. In becoming America's richest racehorse, Arrogate outpaced consecutive Horses of the Year in the GI Breeders' Cup Classic and then in Dubai; while the staggering 13 1/2-length margin of his Travers success was underwritten by one of the sport's most storied track records.

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Keeneland November Sale

Weanlings sold for **\$260,000** (Oxo Equine), **\$210,000** (Waystar Co.), **\$185,000** (Brookstone Farm), **\$120,000** (De Meric Stables, agent), **\$115,000** (McMahon & Hill Bloodstock, agent), **\$110,000** (Red Devil Bloodstock) etc.

Fasig-Tipton November Sale

His only weanling offered sold for **\$240,000** (Oxo Equine)

"I have had a lot of success with Into Mischief and from what I have seen so far I really like the Practical Joke's. This is the third one we have bought, they are all great-bodied, athletic, strong individuals, all the attributes that would make you hope Practical Joke could follow in the footsteps of his sire."

LARRY BEST



"He is just a super nice individual. We looked at him in the barn several times and he had a lot of class and carried himself very well. Larry Best has had a lot of success with Into Mischief and he likes Practical Joke a lot too. He already bought two who are back at the farm and doing very well, we're delighted to get another one today." KATIE TAYLOR who signed the \$320,000 ticket for Hip 550 on behalf of Larry Best's Oxo Equine

"He was a very good physical, straight forward and a good walking horse. I have been very impressed with the Practical Joke's overall. He was an exceptional racehorse, I'm a big fan of him as a sire and this was the horse we wanted today." ARCHIE ST GEORGE with wife MICHELLE of Brookstone Farm, purchasers of Hip 548 for \$210,000



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As a son of Candy Ride (Arg), Gun Runner represents the same Fappiano line as Arrogate; and it must be granted that his immediate family is somewhat more supportive of his next career, as the son of a Grade II-winning half-sister to another Horse of the Year in poor Saint Liam (Saint Ballado). (Their dam, incidentally, is by Fappiano's son Quiet American.)

On the track, Gun Runner passed Arrogate on the stairs, reaching new heights as that rival began to fade; and duly engraved his own name next in the roll of honor for both the Breeders' Cup Classic and GI Pegasus World Cup. Those wins sealed the dominant air he had established in winning other Grade Is by margins as yawning as 10 and seven lengths, and Three Chimneys duly assembled books matching quality and quantity for his first two seasons.

Of 14 weanlings offered, Gun Runner found new homes for all but one at a class-leader average of \$275,923, headlined by the \$750,000 filly who topped the bill at Fasig-Tipton November. (By the way, to clarify: all "weanling" sales stats in this review also combine short yearling prices to date.) He duly holds his \$70,000 fee, which should remain especially palatable to end-users who can back his stock, once up and running, to keep on progressing.

Another son of Candy Ride, **MASTERY** (Candy Ride {Arg}--Steady Course, by Old Trieste), was unfortunately denied the opportunity to fulfil his potential in the same way. In a few seconds that vividly condensed the highs and lows of our sport, he confirmed himself the horse to beat in the Derby, adding a runaway win in the GII San Felipe S. to his Grade I success at two, only to break down after the line. **Cont. p6**



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What made him a blatant standout, when launched at \$25,000 by Claiborne, was that his precocity and brilliance are underpinned by a third dam who is a full-sister to Miswaki. His dam, closely related to Pennsylvania's serial champion sire Jump Start, combines A.P. Indy (via his son Old Trieste) and Storm Cat. Both those great sires are out of famous daughters of Secretariat, in Weekend Surprise and Terlingua; while Buckpasser recurs both as sire of Mastery's fourth dam and as damsire of Weekend Surprise (who herself duplicates Secretariat's dam Somethingroyal 2x4). With so many broodmare sire titans clustered in his maternal family, fillies by Mastery will surely have a lasting value in their second careers.

His farm reliably resisted greed in assembling a first book of 139 mares, but 84 were black-type runners/producers including the dam of Monomoy Girl (Tapizar). And it all came together in the sales ring, with 21 of 25 Mastery weanlings processed at an average \$157,476. Ladies and gentlemen, form an orderly line please.

The third son of Candy Ride launched in this intake is **UNIFIED** (Candy Ride {Arg}--Union City, by Dixie Union). All three look promising at different levels of the market, this guy standing alongside dad at Lane's End off \$10,000. He's out of a sister to a Grade II winner and boasts a Storm Bird half-sister to Dehere as third dam. Unraced at two, he landed running with a 99 Beyer

on debut, promptly graduating to Grade III and Grade II wins--clocking 1:47.14 in the Peter Pan S. Though ultimately confined to seven starts, he reiterated his natural speed when only beaten a neck in the GI Carter H.

That secured him 152 mares in his debut season and, though the 31 graduates offered as weanlings made a steady enough start (20 sold at \$28,360), these could hardly be earlier days--and this handsome physical did muster another six-figure book last spring. He'll have some dashing flagbearers, you would think.

Mastery's superb sales debut elevated him past two Ashford rivals who had started at higher fees, though both nonetheless managed a solid yield at fourth and fifth in the table.

CLASSIC EMPIRE (Pioneerof the Nile--Sambuca Classica, by Cat Thief) extended the farm's collection of Eclipse Award-winning juveniles, and opened up with 185 mares at \$35,000. A clip to \$25,000 helped maintain a six-figure book last spring, and now he gets another businesslike trim to \$20,000.

That's pretty tempting about a young stallion with every right to produce runners. From the family of Harlan's Holiday, Ride the Rails and Boldnesian, his first four dams entwine strong distaff influences: respectively by Cat Thief, Miswaki, Hoist the Flag and Princequillo.

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POWERING UP

MS PEINTOUR

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As a sophomore Classic Empire added to his two Grade I juvenile wins in the Arkansas Derby, before running fourth and second, beaten a head, in the first two legs of the Triple Crown.

Classic Empire faces plenty of competition among heirs to the lamented Pioneer of the Nile--think American Pharoah, Cairo Prince, Midnight Storm--but offers a pretty comprehensive package, duly retailing at \$108,925 for 27 weanlings sold (of 36 offered).

Classic Empire put **PRACTICAL JOKE** (Into Mischief--Halo Humor, by Distorted Humor) in his place in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile: namely, third. But his future studmate was already a dual

Grade I winner and then, as a sophomore, conformed to a pattern familiar in Into Mischief's cheaper early books, managing fifth when stretched out for the Kentucky Derby before reverting to seven furlongs to win the GI Allen Jerkens S.

Practical Joke is also typical of his sire's rise in that his physical and athletic distinction upgrades a pretty ordinary immediate family. That has not prevented him herding a staggering 420 assignments in his first two seasons, though he too receives a

precautionary easing in fee from \$30,000 to \$25,000 despite moving on 34 of 43 weanlings at \$103,647. He'll surely have a helpful impact as a rookie.

Ashford's other start-up was **CUPID** (Tapit--Pretty 'n Smart, by Beau Genius), whose 223 mares at \$12,500 in his debut book was surpassed among all American sires only by Into Mischief himself. The son of Tapit's aura of brilliance was fruitfully if somewhat fitfully sustained on the track, the GI Gold Cup at Santa Anita crowning his \$1.7 million

earnings. A \$900,000 yearling, he's out of a graded stakes-placed producer of two Grade III winners, besides Cupid, with a curious pedigree herself (her dam by Vice Regent; sire out of a mare by his brother Viceregal). **Cont. p8**



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Cupid found the going tougher last year, when clipped to \$10,000, but creditably processed 35 of 41 weanlings at \$46,214.

Another son of Tapit, **MOHAYMEN** (Tapit--Justwhistledixie, by Dixie Union), also made a solid start from a budget fee of \$7,500. A \$2.2-million yearling, whose half-sibling New Year's Day (Street Cry {Ire}) has of course achieved a startling revival in his own stud reputation this year, he was an unbeaten dual Grade II winner at two who picked up seamlessly in his Derby preps. Though he derailed after finishing fourth at Churchill, it's interesting to see Tapit's third dam mirrored by her full-brother Relaunch as grandsire of Mohaymen's granddam. Here was another whose second book dwindled, but 18 of 23 weanlings sold at \$37,416 is an encouraging springboard.

The mighty sire of Cupid and Mohaymen is inbred 3x4 to Mr. Prospector and there's an auspicious echo of that in another son of Pulpit, **LORD NELSON** (Pulpit--African Jade, by Seeking the Gold)--who features Mr. P. 3x3, as damsire of Pulpit and grandsire of his dam.

Lord Nelson had left 180 mares at the altar when his scheduled launch was scuppered by laminitis. After a plucky recovery, he was eventually able to fill a debut book of 127 mares at \$25,000, maintained those numbers last spring at 131, and now gets a seductive trim to \$20,000.

Though his sales debut has been fairly steady, 12 of 18 weanlings selling at \$49,583, he definitely merits perseverance--whether you're a commercial breeder, tempted by the speed he showed in racking up three consecutive Grade I sprints (broke longstanding Del Mar stakes record in the Bing Crosby S. at 1:07.65); or an end-user, hoping to recycle the toughness and class in his pedigree (venerable Argentinian family, second dam was a Grade I winner and her sister produced two others including Carina Mia (Malibu Moon)). Don't be surprised if he has had a Saratoga winner or two by the time weanlings conceived this spring come to market.

KEEN ICE (Curlin--Medomak, by Awesome Again) remains advertised at \$20,000 after welcoming 249 mares across his first two seasons at Calumet. I like this horse plenty. He's one of those who could actually suffer through undue promotion of his finest hour, beating Pharoah himself in the Travers, as nobody could sensibly take that form at face value. But he otherwise compiled a body of work that showed him to be extremely hardy, and only a notch below the best. When you throw his pedigree into the mix, you could see him excelling at stud if given a realistic chance.

True, he hasn't been undervalued (and why should he be?) so Keen Ice may need end-users to help make his name. Commercially, his weanlings made slim impact (27 offered, 15 sold at \$32,366) but he's out of a mare by Deputy Minister's son

Awesome Again, while Curlin's dam is herself by Deputy Minister--so Keen Ice is inbred 3x3 to one of the great distaff influences. The fourth dam is the Emory Hamilton matriarch Chic Shirine (Mr. Prospector), whose influence is about to be extended by Preservationist (Arch) at Airdrie; while there's a stairwell of Classic sires seeding the page. If I were breeding to race, I'd love a Keen Ice filly or two to add to my broodmare band someday.



Connect | Chelsea Durand

At this early stage, however, he cannot match the commercial jostle of another son of Curlin, standing at the same fee.

CONNECT (Curlin--Bullville Belle, by Holy Bull) packed four six-figure Beyers into just eight career starts, crowned in the GI Cigar Mile, to earn 275 mares in his first two seasons at Lane's End. He certainly has an outcross family, albeit one featuring some fairly accomplished runners and/or producers, but that did not put off the market: 27 of 34 weanlings rehoused at \$62,166.

KLIMT (Quality Road--Inventive, by Dixie Union) proved a brisk commercial vehicle for Darby Dan at \$10,000. He covered no fewer than 222 mares in his first season, and 187 in his second, a pretty astonishing footprint. Sure enough, no fewer than 57 weanlings were offered but 46 were sold at an average \$42,041.

Commercial breeders obviously liked the blend of Quality Road class and GI Del Mar Futurity precocity, Klimt having clocked 1:21.8 in winning by 4 1/4 lengths, albeit he derailed at three. His pedigree (third dam a sister to Breeders' Cup Classic winner Concern) does entitle him to produce stock that can sustain his speed, but it will be a fast-and-early first crop who'll be expected to reward the fees paid this spring.

GORMLEY (Malibu Moon--Race to Uрга, by Bernstein) ended Klimt's unbeaten run at two in the GI Frontrunner S. and added a second Grade I the following spring in the Santa Anita Derby, but disappeared after failing to land a blow in the Classics.

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After covering 307 mares through his first two seasons at Spendthrift, he has sold 29 of 40 weanlings at \$31,227 and gets a trim from \$10,000 to \$7,500.



Gormley | Benoit

There are some interesting turf elements behind Gormley: his second dam was Classic-placed in Europe, his fourth being champion grass mare Estrapade. Given that his sire Malibu Moon is out of a top-class French juvenile, there could be a dimension here untapped in Gormley's own career.

One who left no doubt as to his versatility, with triple-digit Beyers on both dirt and turf, was **MIDNIGHT STORM** (Pioneer of the Nile--My Tina, by Bertrando). The son of Pioneer of the Nile won Grade II prizes four years running and wired the GI Shoemaker Mile field for an overall record of 10-for-27 (earning \$1.78 million), buttressed by a family of corresponding, old-school merit: his third dam was by Vertex, who was foaled in 1954 and won 17 of 25 starts.

Midnight Storm remained industrious at Taylor Made, opening with 207 mares across his first two years, meanwhile clipped from \$12,500 to \$10,000. His weanlings average \$27,700, but 10 of 11 have sold and they should benefit from the kind of teak and diversity that can be priceless to so many modern mares.

Another whose pedigree compresses the decades is **AMERICAN FREEDOM** (Pulpit--Gottcha Last, by Pleasant Tap), whose third dam is by Cyane. From the final crop of Pulpit, he is aptly out of Gottcha Last, herself a stakes winner and dam of a multiple graded stakes winner besides this \$500,000 September yearling, who proceeded to win the GIII Iowa Derby and get closest of Arrogate's pursuers in the Travers. He went to stud with a strong commitment both from the Wests, in whose silks he raced, and his hosts at Airdrie--and that has translated into 248 mares in his first two books. So he has been given every chance at \$10,000, despite a low-key weanling yield (23 of 35 sold at \$26,508).

Seeking a niche at a smaller farm is **WILDCAT RED** (D'wildcat--Racene, by Miner's Mark) at Buck Pond. He didn't go on but was dashing in his youth, a dual graded stakes winner beaten a neck by Constitution (Tapit) in the GI Florida Derby. And while his farm couldn't be expected to corral a great herd of mares, at \$7,500 he offers brawn and speed with, for instance, breeze-show potential.

At the other end of the farm scale, Jonabell's 2018 newcomer **ASTERN (AUS)** (Medaglia d'Oro--Essaouira {Aus}, by Exceed And Excel {Aus}) majored in Aussie speed--a good example, as such, of the overall diversity of the El Prado (Ire) branch of the Sadler's Wells sire-line, compared with its principal agents in Europe.

Being a reverse shuttler, the son of Medaglia d'Oro is half a year ahead of the rest of this intake and recently sold one of his first Australian yearlings for Aus\$725,000 (US\$498,900). They know his worth down there, having witnessed Group 1 wins both by Astern himself and his half-sister Alizee (Aus) (Sepoy {Aus}). Third and fourth dams also scored at the highest level, and in his homeland he commands double the fee he does here (now \$10,000, down from \$15,000).

That reflects limited traction with his first U.S. weanlings, 13 of 20 selling at \$22,000, but a couple of hundred mares through his first two Kentucky books will give him every chance to show whether his speed and cosmopolitan pedigree will work in this environment. There's absolutely no reason why they shouldn't--but I guess we know how culpably myopic breeders everywhere tend to be, about all such transferability. So while he is yet to get due recognition here, his third crop could end up riding a wave.

Another Southern Hemisphere transfusion is available through **BAL A BALI (BRZ)** (Put It Back--In My Side {Brz}, by Clackson {Brz}), held at \$15,000 by Calumet. He barely dipped his toe into the sales ring, but 199 covers to date should allow him to test the substance of a pretty exotic career--having disclosed toughness as well as class to recover from laminitis and add two American Grade Is to the resume he imported as Horse of the Year in his homeland. He's something different, which should be at an increasing premium for the breed.

The first weanlings by **SHAMAN GHOST** (Ghostzapper--Getback Time, by Gilded Time), bred in California before his transfer to Adena Springs in Kentucky, likewise received marginal exposure to the sales ring. But he has covered 159 mares in his migration, and \$7,500 gets you a Canadian sophomore champion who then earned his stripes on dirt, south of the border, with two Grade I wins and podiums behind Arrogate in the Pegasus and Gun Runner in the GI Clark H. Some pretty left-field names seed his family but they clearly laid a seam of class and toughness. **Cont. p10**



Shaman Ghost | Benoit

Another Canadian star decorates a more familiar pedigree behind **MR. Z** (Malibu Moon--Stormy Bear, by Storm Cat), who is out of a half-sister to the prolific turf champion Chief Bearhart (Chief's Crown). This is a very well-bred millionaire, his third dam being a half-sister to Mr. Prospector, who recurs as damsire of his father Malibu Moon. Mr. Z's second book was small but his page entitles him to punch weight off \$5,000 at Calumet--where exactly the same holds true of **WAR CORRESPONDENT** (War Front--Tempo West, by Rahy), a brother to Declaration of War out of a half-sister to Union Rags.

BIRD SONG (Unbridled's Song--Bird Town, by Cape Town) has reached a similar junction at Gainesway: a small second book at the same fee doesn't prohibit him adding to the distinction in his immediate family (out of Bird Town, Classic-winning half-sister to a Classic winner). He was an accomplished runner, if hardly in the same league as the other stallion by his sire in this group. And the beauty of this game is that Bird Song, relatively unfashionable as he is, remains perfectly entitled to produce a champion at a fraction of the cost.

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Silver: Classic Empire, \$20,000 Coolmore

Consecutive trims despite strong profile, books and weanling yield

Bronze: Astern (Aus), \$10,000 Jonabell

Ripples from Australia suggest his third KY crop could ride a wave

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Week in Review cont. from p1

"We used to reward horses for durability," Bramlage said. "Whenever the stallions were selected from the large racing families, so to speak, those horses got [selected for breeding] because they raced for a long time and they were earners, and then they would earn their way into their stallion barn."

Bramlage gave a comparison of how other sports have changed in the past 50 years, using the analogy of how baseball's World Series used to be conducted between the teams that finished first in both the American and National Leagues to decide the season-ending championship.

In some years--like when the New York Yankees were routinely dominant in the 1950s--the pennant race was over two months before the end of the regular season. Such a playoff format might have rewarded consistently durable winners, "but that didn't sell tickets or didn't create television revenue," Bramlage noted.



Into Mischief has become a superstar stallion despite only racing six times in his career | Sarah Andrew

Thus the divisional playoff system was invented in 1969 to spice up spectator interest and give second-tier teams a chance at disrupting the balance of power over a shorter series of games.

That format has now expanded to the point where every major American team sport has multiple levers of qualifiers and wild-card entrants. In the case of baseball, winning consistently over the course of a long, slow, 162-game season got de-emphasized at the expense of winning highly-hyped playoff rounds.

The same thing has happened in Thoroughbred racing, with mega-events like the Triple Crown and the Breeders' Cup now generating outsized attention and emphasis at the expense of more traditional performance-over-time benchmarks.

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“Now we have showcases that generate a lot of interest, and those situations make brilliance over a few events more likely to be rewarded than durability over the long term,” Bramlage said.

“We don’t really assess durability now,” Bramlage explained in a follow-up email to *TDN* that was relayed by the Breeders’ Cup. “We value brilliance more. Winning a few prominent races is valued more than a long career. So we may be inadvertently selecting against durable horses. It is a result of society’s ‘event mentality’ where the big event is valued more than a long season.

“So I think there is somewhat of a change in the breed,” Bramlage summed up. “It’s not purposeful, but it’s sort of societal evolution as to how we select our stallions.”

Possible settlement in \$150 million NJTHA lawsuit

A pair of intriguing articles ([here](#) and [here](#)) by John Brennan of the news site *NJ Online Gambling* last week examined court documents just made public in the ongoing federal court battle between the New Jersey Thoroughbred Horsemen’s Association (NJTHA) and the major U.S. sports leagues (NFL, MLB, NBA, NHL and NCAA).

The key takeaway is that the leagues have expressed interest in settling a \$150-million lawsuit initiated by the NJTHA that dates to 2014, when the leagues tried to block Monmouth Park’s initial attempts in 2012 at getting sports betting up and running.

At that time, the leagues had been required to post a \$3.4-million bond to cover estimated damages during a four-week court injunction that lasted until the judge ruled in favor of the leagues. Because the leagues won the argument, they didn’t have to pay any damages.

But in May 2018, the U.S. Supreme Court struck down the federal law that had prohibited sports betting in all but a few grandfathered states. Soon after, the NJTHA-run Monmouth opened for sports betting.

The NJTHA subsequently appealed the 2014 decision that had denied it the ability to conduct sports betting at Monmouth, arguing that it had been “wrongfully enjoined” from taking sports bets at the track. Last September, a three-judge panel on the U.S. Third Circuit Court of Appeals agreed, and by a 2-1 margin, vacated that 2014 decision, putting the bond and the question of damages back in play.

Now the NJTHA wants to collect on damages that don’t just cover the initial four-week period that existed while the injunction was in effect, but for the years-long entirety of the time that it was unable to conduct sports betting until the Supreme Court ruling said it could in 2018. That new amount, the NJTHA has claimed in court, is \$150 million.

In his reporting, Brennan discovered a Dec. 30, 2019, letter

from NJTHA attorney Ron Riccio to a lawyer for the leagues that said, “I informed you that we intended to serve discovery requests but would wait if the Leagues were interested in continuing settlement discussions that you initiated.” This represents the first public disclosure that the leagues might be willing to settle on the suit.

A subsequent court filing cited in the *NJ Online Gambling* story quoted Riccio as writing to the judge overseeing the case that “I am also willing to discuss mediation as an alternative to continued litigation” but that “to date, the leagues have not responded...”

Brennan wrote in his Jan. 15 story that “just the possibility of a settlement is tantalizing news for the state’s horse racing industry. Even half of the proposed \$150 million—and minus possibly hefty legal fees—would be a major financial infusion for a sport that a decade ago seemed on the verge of a shutdown when Governor Chris Christie elected to take the state out of the horse racing business.”

Loaded agendas

The Eclipse Awards and the GI Pegasus World Cup will dominate the racing news this coming week, but racing commission meetings in both Illinois and California are expected to produce fireworks that could reverberate into 2020 and beyond.

At Tuesday’s Illinois Racing Board (IRB) meeting, the status of the deadlocked (and acrimonious) purse contract negotiations between the Illinois Thoroughbred Horsemen’s Association and Arlington International Racecourse anchors the agenda.

The dispute is threatening the status of the 2020 meet at Arlington, because a state law enacted last year imposed the new requirement that a purse contract must be in place by Dec. 31, and none was filed before that deadline. When *TDN* last reported on the issue, the two sides were \$70,000 apart on average daily purses (\$130,000 to \$200,000).

Also of note is that the IRB appears poised to join other jurisdictions in restricting whip use. A staff-submitted request to initiate new whip-related rulemaking is on the agenda.

At Wednesday’s California Horse Racing Board (CHRB) meeting, an agenda item is listed that would “modify riding crop specifications” and “require racetracks to supply and control riding crops.”

Morning workout drug testing could also be coming to California. The CHRB will hear commentary and take action on a measure “to establish threshold limits for the presence of certain drug substances and medication in official test samples taken from horses after they complete a timed workout.”

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WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Editor's note: What's in a name is a new feature where we give a shout-out to owners and trainers whose cleverness might have gone right over our heads the first time...

by Andrea Branchini

ODYSSEUS, (c, 4, Candy Ride {Arg}--Charm the Giant {Ire} {GSW, \$336,309}, by Giant's Causeway. Santa Anita, \$56,500, Msw, 1-17, 4/up, 5 1/2fT, 1:03.49, gd. O-Cheyenne Stables LLC, Perry R Bass II & Ramona S Bass; B-Ron & Deborah McAnally (KY); T-Richard E Mandella.

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Odysseus | Benoit

Honorable Mention: **A FREUD OF MAMA** (Freud-Mama Theresa, by Carson City). FRANKLIN SQUARE S., \$104,250, Aqueduct, 1-18, (S), 3yo, f, 6 1/2f, 1:19.15, ft.

Italian-born Andrea Branchini lives in Lexington, KY and works in the horse transport industry.

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Sunday, Santa Anita

ASTRA S.-GIII, \$101,000, Santa Anita, 1-19, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/2mT, 2:26.71, fm.

1--**MS PEINTOUR, 120, m, 5, by Paynter**

1st Dam: Dyna's Destiny (MSW, \$124,695), by Dynaformer

2nd Dam: Arjunand, by Diesis (GB)

3rd Dam: Begum, by Alydar

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN, 1ST GRADED STAKES WIN. (\$24,000 RNA Wlg '15 KEENOV; \$24,000 RNA 2yo '17 OBSAPR; \$20,000 RNA 2yo '17 OBSOPN). O-Jay Em Ess Stable; B-Bill Adair, Phyllis Adair & Connie Brown (KY); T-Brian J. Koriner; J-Brice Blanc. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: 13-3-1-2, \$166,534.

Werk Nick Rating: A+++ *Triple Plus*.

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2--**Tiny Tina**, 120, m, 5, Paddy O'Prado--Tenacious Tina, by Benchmark. O-A Venneri Racing, Inc. & Anthony Fanticola; B-Marjorie Dye & Alex Venneri (KY); T-Philip D'Amato. \$20,000.

3--**Siberian Iris (Ire)**, 122, m, 6, Excelebration (Ire)--Dawn To Dance (Ire), by Selkirk. (\$70,000 RNA Ylg '15 KESEP). O-Calumet Farm; B-Sahara Group Holdings (IRE); T-Richard E. Mandella. \$12,000.

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Margins: 2, 1, 1 1/4. Odds: 13.20, 1.40, 1.60.

Also Ran: Blue Diva, Heathers Grey, Lostintranslation, Trust Fund Kitty. **Click for the Equibase.com chart, the TJCIS.com PPs or the free EquineLine.com catalogue-style pedigree. VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

Longshot Ms Peintour, winless for nearly 21 months, got the jump on favored Tiny Tina and finished strong to upset the GIII Astra S. Sunday at Santa Anita.

Third in the 2018 GII Honeymoon S. following a score against first-level allowance company, the bay was off the board in two more graded stakes tries before running second in a local allowance off the bench last May. No better than sixth in her next three outings at that level, she was most recently seen fading to seventh after pressing the pace in the GIII Robert J. Frankel S. here Dec. 28.

Away as the co-second biggest price in this field, Ms Peintour settled into a stalking position in the second flight as Lostintranslation (Lucky Pulpit) dictated terms through fractions of :24.48, :48.20: and 1:12.96. Given more rein by Brice Blanc entering the far turn, she swept past the leaders three deep soon after straightening for home.

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Tiny Tina, who had tracked from the pocket throughout, emerged from cover and briefly appeared the one to beat, but Ms Peintour had plenty in reserve and easily held that rival at bay to score a clear victory. Narrow second choice Siberian Iris (Ire) rallied from last to be third.

“After her last race, I told [trainer] Brian [Koriner] I think she wants to run further,” said Blanc. “She stays very steady and even though she doesn’t have a big turn of foot, she keeps trying. This race came up at a mile and half and it was perfect. I’m very happy to be right and I’m glad to have this opportunity with Brian and [owner] Samantha [Siegel].”

“She’s always loped out strong,” added Koriner, who bagged his third win of the day. “She doesn’t have that turn of foot, but she’s acted like she wants to go and go. We thought if Brice could get the jump on them today, we wouldn’t have horses finishing like they do at shorter distances.”

Pedigree Notes:

With the victory, Ms Peintour becomes the third graded stakes winner and ninth overall stakes winner for Paynter. Dyna’s Destiny, who captured two stakes on grass in just seven career starts, is responsible for a juvenile Upstart filly named Little Nutter and was bred to Wicked Strong last term.

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Monday, Santa Anita, post time: 6:37 p.m. EST

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

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	ML
1	Carressa 	Uncle Mo	Mercedes Stables LLC, West Point Thoroughbreds, S. Dilworth, Dorothy & David Ingordo & S. Mooney		Shirreffs	Espinoza 120
2	Take These Chains (Ire)	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	John Gunther & Eurowest Bloodstock Services	Colebrook	Rispoli	120
3	Keeper Ofthe Stars 	Midnight Lute	Tommy Town Thoroughbreds LLC	Wong	Cedillo	124
4	Tonahutu (Ire)	Sir Prancealot (Ire)	Jpf Investments I, G. Alvernaz, S. Ribeiro & R. Gold		Blacker	Atzeni 120
5	Streak of Luck	Old Fashioned	Roncelli Family Trust	Chew	Valdivia, Jr.	120
6	Brill	Medaglia d'Oro	OXO Equine LLC	Chatlos	Smith	122
7	La Sardane (Fr)	Kingsalsa	Team Valor International	Drysdale	Prat	120
8	Super Patriot	Unusual Heat	Little Red Feather Racing, R. Baltas, J. Peskoff, J. Ramos & R. Salvatore	Baltas	Rosario	120

Breeders: 1-Michael C. Stinson, 2-Eurowest Bloodstock, 3-Olin Gentry, Omar Trevino & Anthony Cappola, 4-Ringfort Stud, 5-Roncelli Family Trust, 6-Southern Equine Stables, 7-SCEA Plessis & Jean Guillemin, 8-Harris Farms

Sunday, Sam Houston Race, post time: 6:20 p.m. EST

HOUSTON LADIES CLASSIC S.-GIII, \$300,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	ML
1	Serengeti Empress 	Alternation	Joel Politi	Amoss	Prat	120
2	Out for a Spin 	Hard Spun	Commonwealth Stable, Bradshaw, Randy and Stonestreet Stables, LLC	Stewart	Hernandez, Jr.	120
3	Saracosa 	Bernardini	Chad Schumer	Walsh	Lanerie	118
4	Lady Apple 	Curlin	Phoenix Thoroughbred III and KatieRich Stables	Asmussen	Santana, Jr.	123
5	Mylady Curlin	Curlin	Sather Family LLC	Cox	Gaffalione	123
6	Street Band	Istan	Francis, Ray, Jones, Cindy, Jones, J. Larry, Medallion Racing and MyRaceHorse Stable	Jones	Doyle	123

Breeders: 1-Tri Eques Bloodstock, LLC, 2-William M. Backer Revocable Trust, 3-Meritage Ventures, Inc., 4-KatieRich Farms, 5-Sather Family LLC, 6-Larry Jones, Cindy Jones & Ray Francis



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Sunday, Sam Houston Race, post time: 7:00 p.m. EST

JOHN B. CONNALLY TURF CUP S.-GIII, \$200,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/2mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	ML
1	Prospector Fever	Pomatini	Brian Goodman	Davidson	Valdez-Jiminez	116
2	Cross Border 🦋	English Channel	Three Diamonds Farm	Maker	Prat	120
3	Patriot Drive 🦋	Majestic Warrior	Eccentric Club Racing Stable	Maker	Hernandez	116
4	Zumurudee	Stormy Atlantic	DARRS, Inc.	Stidham	Hernandez, Jr.	120
5	Yeowzer 🦋	Include	End Zone Athletics, Inc.	Broberg	Diego	116
6	Another Mystery	Temple City	Team Block	Block	Valdivia, Jr.	118
7	Marzo 🦋	Medaglia d'Oro	Three Diamonds Farm	Maker	Lanerie	123
8	Nate's Attack 🦋	Quality Road	Norman Stables, LLC	Briley	Batista	118
9	Dot Matrix	Freud	Ten Strike Racing	Cox	Geroux	123
10	Tracksmith	Street Sense	Calumet Farm	Sharp	Beschizza	118
11	Sleepy Eyes Todd 🦋	Paddy O'Prado	Thumbs Up Racing, LLC	Silva	Cabrera	123
12	Bemma's Boy 🦋	Into Mischief	Paradise Farms Corp.	Maker	Gaffalione	120

Breeders: 1-Richard V. Halter, 2-Berkshire Stud & B. D. Gibbs, 3-Cottonwood Stables LLC, 4-Double K LLC, Brookdale & Jack Swain III, 5-Breton C. Jones, 6-Team Block, 7-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC, 8-JSM Equine, LLC., 9-Truxton Stables, 10-Cobalt Investments, LLC & Godolphin, 11-Two Hearts Farm LLC & Kristen Goncharoff, 12-Lochlow Farm



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AMERICAN PHAROAH COLT GREEN, BUT GOOD AT TAMPA; GETS RISING STAR NOD

Kahlid Abdul Rahim's **Bitcoin Passion (Ire)** (American Pharoah) was backed down to 2-1 favoritism amongst a well-bred field at Tampa Sunday off a series of five-panel drills at Payson Park, and the money proved prescient as he overcame some greenness in a powerhouse performance worthy of 'TDN Rising Star'-dom. Hopping up at the start, the chestnut found a midpack spot along the rail early behind splits of :23.71 and :48.45. He came off the inside heading into the second bend, but leading local rider Antonio Gallardo hadn't yet given him the OK to go as they approached the straight. Put to a drive at the head of the lane, he shifted in greenly as he picked off rivals. Seemingly running himself off his own feet, Bitcoin Passion inhaled his competition with bounding strides before leveling off late to kick away by 1 3/4 lengths. Fellow firster Buy Me Candy (Candy Ride {Arg}) completed the exacta.

The winner's dam, by one of the world's hottest broodmare sires in Bernardini, was a \$420,000 purchase at the 2014 Keeneland November sale while in foal to Tiznow. She is a half to MGSW dirt runner Listen Here (Gulch) and to GSP Listen (Chester House), who in turn produced Grade I-winning grasser La Coronel (Colonel John). Further down the page are the likes of MGSW Listening (Night Shift) and Grade II winner Beautiful Noise (Sunny's Halo) and her daughter Linda (Scat Daddy), also a Grade II winner on the lawn. Listen Dear produced colts in 2018 and 2019 by owner/breeder Kahlid Abdul Rahim's Al Rifai (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}--Lahaleeb {Ire}).

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3rd-Tampa Bay Downs, \$20,000, Msw, 1-19, 3yo, 1 1/16mT, 1:43.82, fm.

BITCOIN PASSION (IRE), c, 3, American Pharoah

1st Dam: Listen Dear, by Bernardini

2nd Dam: Listen Now, by Storm Bird

3rd Dam: Listen Well, by Secretariat

Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$11,400. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#). [Click for the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.](#)

O/B-Kahlid Abdul Rahim (IRE); T-Christophe Clement.

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NADAL ACES UNVEILING; NETS RISING STARDOM



Nadal | Benoit Photo

George Bolton, Arthur Hoyer, Barry Lipman and Mark Mathiesen's **Nadal (Blame)** broke slowly as the 6-5 favorite in his Santa Anita unveiling Sunday, but he had no trouble giving his foes a head start, and ultimately proved too much for them to handle en route to being named a 'TDN Rising Star'. A \$65,000 KEESOP yearling turned \$700,000 Fasig-Tipton Gulfstream grad after a :10 flat breeze, the Bob Baffert pupil had been buzzed about for some time despite a setback over the summer, and finally showed what all the fuss was about.

Away last as is often the case for rail-drawn firsters, the bay zoomed up to seize a narrow advantage through a :21.88 opening quarter. He shook loose through a :44.91 half, and waved goodbye to his competition from there as he kicked home by 3 3/4 lengths. Exalted (Twirling Candy), a \$200,000 Fasig-Tipton Saratoga grad, got up for second over Lane Way (Into Mischief), a \$550,000 OBSMAR purchase.

By far his sire's priciest juvenile to sell last year by \$410,000, Nadal is one of just two foals out of the late Ascending Angel (Pulpit), who hails from the family of champion juvenile filly Pleasant Stage and GISWs Marsh Side, Changeintheweather, A Phenomenon and Seattle Meteor.

G1 Hopeful S. runner-up and fellow 'Rising Star' Mucho is also bred on the same Blame over Pulpit cross, while Arch (Blame's sire) over Pulpit is the cross responsible for MGSW Newsdad. G1 Prix de Diane heroine Senga (Blame) was out of an A.P. Indy mare (Pulpit's sire).

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7th-Santa Anita, \$56,000, Msw, 1-19, 3yo, 6 1/2f, 1:15.82, ft. NADAL, c, 3, Blame



1st Dam: Ascending Angel, by Pulpit
2nd Dam: Solar Colony, by Pleasant Colony
3rd Dam: Meteor Stage, by Stage Door Johnny

Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$33,000. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton. Click for the free Equineline.com catalog-style pedigree.**

O-George Bolton, Arthur Hoyer, Barry Lipman & Mark Mathiesen; B-Sierra Farm (KY); T-Bob Baffert.

*\$65,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP; \$700,000 2yo '19 FTFMAR.

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MONDAY'S RACING INSIGHTS: BAFFERT UNVEILS PRICEY PAIR OF OBS PURCHASES

1st-SA, \$55K, Msw, 3yo, f, 6 1/2f, 3:30 p.m. ET

Trainer Bob Baffert unveils two more members of his extremely well-stocked stable in the form of a pair of pricey OBS acquisitions. **Merneith (American Pharoah)** was a \$350,000 Fasig-Tipton November weanling turned \$600,000 OBSMAR graduate after a :20 4/5 breeze in Ocala. Her dam Flattermewithroses (Flatter) became a stakes winner when breaking her maiden at 53-1 in the 2012 Voodoo Dancer S. over seven yielding turf furlongs at Belmont. **Reem (Danza)**, a \$74,000 Fasig-Tipton October yearling, was by far the most expensive juvenile from her sire's first crop when she brought \$400,000 at OBSAPR following a powerful :9 4/5 move. The pair prepped for this by working in company here Jan. 14--Reem was credited with the five-furlong bullet in 1:00 flat, while Merneith was given a 1:00 1/5 time despite the latter finishing in front at the wire (*XBTV Video*). **TJCS PPs**

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6th-FG, \$40K, Msw, 3yo, 5 1/2ft, 3:55 p.m. ET

Barbara Banke's Stonestreet Stables paid \$535,000 for **Lontano (Street Boss)**, the most of any 2-year-old by his sire in 2019, after he blazed through a quarter-mile in :20 4/5. The newcomer's dam is a full to GSP Crossbow (Bernardini) out of a MGSW full-sister to potent speed influence Wildcat Heir (Forest Wildcat). Lontano is bred on the same Street Cry (Ire)--Bernardini cross as last year's standout juvenile Maxfield (Street Sense). Trainer Tom Proctor rarely wins with firsters, but Glen Hill Farm homebred **Hurricane Party (Medaglia d'Oro)** boasts a solid pedigree. His War Front dam Theatre Star was a stakes winner and graded-stakes placed on the grass for these connections, and is a half to GISW and 2013 'Rising Star' Taris (Flatter). **TJCS PPs**

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CALIFORNIA CUP OAKS, \$202,000, Santa Anita, 1-18, (S), 3yo, f, 1mT, 1:36.50, fm.

1--WARREN'S SHOWTIME, 124, f, 3, by Clubhouse Ride

1st Dam: Warren's Veneda (GISW, \$932,112), by Affirmative

2nd Dam: More Cal Bread, by Flying Continental

3rd Dam: Nature's Way, by Nain Bleu (Fr)

O-Benjamin C. & Sally Warren; B-Benjamin C. Warren (CA); T-Craig Anthony Lewis; J-Jorge I. Velez. \$110,000. Lifetime Record: 6-3-0-2, \$236,271.

2--Bulletproof One, 124, f, 3, Idiot Proof--Onefonsonofagun, by Decarchy.

O-Gary & Cecil Barber, Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners & Wachtel Stable; B-Victory Rose Thoroughbreds & KMN Racing (CA); T-Peter Miller. \$38,000. **Cont. p3**

3--**Warrior's Moon**, 124, f, 3, Jeranimo--Casual Observer, by Half Ours. O/B-Wade Jacobsen (CA); T-Peter Eurton. \$22,000. Margins: 3HF, NK, HD. Odds: 4.10, 3.60, 21.40.

Also Ran: California Kook, Smiling Shirlee, Homehome, Wise Rachel, Almost a Factor, Cholula Lips, Midnight Sunrise, Been Studying Her, Smokin Hot Bobbie.

Warren's Showtime earned her second stakes win over this turf course Saturday while successfully kicking off her sophomore season. A second-up graduate when going turf to dirt and sprint to route at Del Mar last August, she was eighth in the open Del Mar Juvenile Fillies Turf Sept. 2 before looking like a different horse when upending the course-and-distance Surfer Girl S. at 35-1 Oct. 6. She had been off since finishing third behind a couple of these rivals in the Golden State Juvenile Fillies S. sprinting on the dirt Nov. 1, but the return to her preferred surface and trip made all the difference here. Grabbing an early foothold at the fence while tracking from fifth around the first turn, the homebred had to tap on the brakes around the second bend while in tight. She quickly gathered herself up, hugged the fence at the top of the lane to sneak through and leveled off powerfully once asked for more to leave her competition in the dust.

"She's really a nice filly," said trainer Craig Lewis, who also trained sire Clubhouse Ride and has conditioned a bevy of

winners by the young sire. "She's got a terrific turn of foot and it helped her today. It got a little tight around the turn, but the jock waited and the rail opened up and we got through. She had a fever a little while back and we had to back off for a while. I'm hopeful that we haven't got to the bottom of her potential yet. She has done a lot to date."

He added, "This sire has kept me alive. We are reaping the benefits of the offspring. He is wonderful for California we couldn't be more excited about the future with him."

The winner's GISW dam produced a Clubhouse Ride colt and filly in 2018 and 2019, respectively, and returned to him for 2020. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

LADIES H., \$97,800, Aqueduct, 1-19, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8m, 1:54.87, sy.

1--**BELLERA**, 123, f, 4, **Bernardini--Habiboo (MGSP, \$190,190), by Unbridled's Song.** (\$90,000 Ylg '17 KEESSEP). O-Mathis Stables LLC, Madaket Stables LLC, Doheny Racing Stable; B-Hardacre Farm (FL); T-Todd A. Pletcher; J-Jose Lezcano. \$55,000. Lifetime Record: GSW, 7-4-2-0, \$264,960. *1/2 to Life Imitates Art (More Than Ready), GSW, \$203,720.

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Ladies H. cont.

2--**Lucky Move**, 119, m, 6, Lookin at Lucky--Quiet Mover, by Quiet American. (\$57,000 Ylg '15 FTKOCT). O-Ten Strike Racing; B-Maltese Cross Stables & Stonegate Stables LLC (NY); T-Juan Carlos Guerrero. \$20,000.

Yearling recommendation by Marette Farrell**TEN STRIKE RACING**

3--**Another Broad**, 121, m, 5, Include--Dynamic Deputy, by Deputy Minister. (\$340,000 4yo '19 KEENOV). O-Kip Knelman; B-Fitzhugh, LLC (MD); T-Todd A. Pletcher. \$12,600.

IT PAYS TO BREED MARYLAND-BREDS

Margins: 3/4, 1, 8. Odds: 0.50, 12.00, 2.30.

Also Ran: Entropia (Arg), Nonsensical. Scratched: Annie Rocks, Our Super Nova.

Bellera loomed large off the strength of her track-and-trip victory in the GIII Comely Nov. 29, and came through at short odds Sunday while having to work for it a bit. Away alertly from her outside draw, the bay crossed over and grabbed clear command around the first turn. She doled out a :25.59 opening quarter, but then allowed eager longshot Nonsensical (Street Sense) to take over and speed well clear down the backside. Joined by Lucky Move to her outside as they rapidly cut into the leader's advantage along the home bend, Bellera poked a head in front right at the quarter pole. Lucky Move looked for much of the stretch like she'd get by, but Bellera called on her class and dug deep to eke out the decision.

"She broke real good out of the gate and she was there the whole time for me," said winning pilot Jose Lezcano. "When I asked her, she gave me everything she had. She really fought hard in the stretch with the other filly [Lucky Move] to go on to win the race.

"I wanted the lead, but when [Reylu Gutierrez, aboard Nonsensical] took off, I had to give my filly a breather. I couldn't go head-to-head the whole way around. She settled well and handled the track very well. She's a very nice filly."

Second in a Florida-bred maiden special weight last May, Bellera broke through emphatically around two turns at Monmouth in July and added a five-length first-level optional claiming tally going this distance in the Saratoga slop in August. She was beaten a neck looking to clear another condition at Keeneland Oct. 6, and lost Lezcano at the start of the GIII Turnback the Alarm H. here Nov. 2 before bouncing back under John Velazquez in the Comely.

The winner's dam is a half to MGISW and sire Street Boss (Street Cry {Ire}). She produced a Candy Ride (Arg) filly in 2018, and most recently visited Medaglia d'Oro. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

**IN ORDER OF PURSE:**

9th-Gulfstream, \$44,000, Alw, 1-19, (NW1\$X), 4yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:38.96, fm.

LARGENT (g, 4, Into Mischief--Life in Seattle, by Unbridled) was a sharp debut winner here last March, but came up a neck short at Pimlico on GI Preakness S. weekend when run down by Eons (Giant's Causeway), subsequent winner of the Stanton S. and GIII Kent S. Gelded since his last appearance, the 9-5 favorite sat in a distant second early behind a runaway leader who posted ambitious splits of :22.60, :45.29 and 1:09.09. He took over willingly heading for home, and poured it on from there to run up the score to 5 3/4 lengths. Bourbon in May (More Than Ready) rallied to complete the exacta for trainer Todd Pletcher. Largent is half to Kona Blend (Dixieland Band), MSW & GSP, \$174,960; and Edgewater (Lion Heart), MSP, \$250,142. His second dam is MGISW Life at the Top (Seattle Slew). NFL Hall of Famer Steve Largent played 14 seasons at wide receiver with the Seattle Seahawks. Sales history: \$460,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, \$63,120. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Twin Creeks Racing Stables, LLC & Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners; B-Lazy Lane Farms, LLC. (VA); T-Todd A. Pletcher.

Bridlewood Farm Training Graduate

10th-Gulfstream, \$44,000, (S), Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$16,000), 1-19, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:12.35, ft.

TALE OF SUCCESS (f, 3, Tale of the Cat--Successful Sarah {GSP, \$169,614}, by Successful Appeal) belied 19-1 odds to score first up here Nov. 29, but could only manage fifth after a tardy start in the Glitter Woman S. Jan. 4. Back against state-breds off of fairly short rest, the 7-2 shot attended the pace inside of a foe, shook free at the top of the lane and held sway by a length over Let's Be Honest (He's Had Enough). The winner is half to \$800,000 OBSJUNE grad C Z Rocket (City Zip), SW, \$239,740 and has a 2-year-old full-brother. Her dam was bred to Malibu Moon last season. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$52,582. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Vicente I. Perez & GDS Racing Stable; B-Farm III Enterprises LLC (FL); T-Gustavo Delgado.



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IN ORDER OF PURSE:

4th-Aqueduct, \$68,000, Msw, 1-19, 4yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:20.16, sy.

TAN AND TIGHT (f, 4, Uncle Mo--Claire's Song, by Unbridled's Song) had four placings to her name dating back to her debut last June but was last seen finishing fourth in a Nov. 21 turf sprint at the Big A. Sent back to the main track for this one at a half-furlong longer than ever before, the bay tracked the early pace from the outside, set sail for the lead coming off the turn, and quickly asserted herself for a wide and visually powerful daylight win as the 6-5 choice. It was 5 1/2 lengths back to 20-1 Jasmynesque (Will Take Charge). A half to Elusive Mischief (Into Mischief), SW, \$203,747; and to juvenile and yearling fillies by Exaggerator and Gun Runner, respectively, Tan and Tight counts GSW & GISP Chimichurri (Elusive Quality) as her second dam. That makes Claire's Song a half to the dams of 2018 Canadian Horse of the Year Wonder Gadot (Medaglia d'Oro), last month's GI La Brea S. winner Hard Not to Love (Hard Spun), and last year's GI Beholder Mile S. winner Secret Spice (Discreet Cat). Claire's Song was bred to West Coast for 2020. Sales History: \$250,000 Ylg '17 FTSAUG; \$250,000 2yo '18 EASMA. Lifetime Record: 6-1-3-1, \$90,800. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-e Five Racing Thoroughbreds; B-Jim & Katie FitzGerald (VA); T-Chad C. Brown.

DAM PURCHASED BY AND RESIDES AT MACHMER HALL
TRAINED AT ALL IN LINE STABLES
THOROSTRIDE - featured horse

1st-Gulfstream, \$43,000, Msw, 1-19, 3yo, f, 5fT, :56.10, fm.
RELUCTANT BRIDE (f, 3, Speightstown--Sassy Image {MGISW, \$828,216}, by Broken Vow) showed some speedy works at Palm Meadows for this first go, but was dismissed at 13-1 as Feeling Funny (American Pharoah), an \$875,000 yearling who was third in a rained-off race like this one last month, took the most support. Reluctant Bride was out-footed early as Feeling Funny dueled with Coin the Phrase (Goldencents) through swift splits of :21.09 and :43.95. The chestnut had picked things up heading for home and caught the eye down the center of the course. Still with a tall task ahead of her, she continued to gobble up ground over the top to get up in the shadow of the wire by a neck. Feeling Funny finished ahead of Coin the Phrase by a similar margin. The winner, whose dam won both the GIII Pocahontas S.

and GII Golden Rod S. at two before cutting back at four to annex the 2011 GI Humana Distaff and GI Princess Rooney H., has a 2-year-old half-brother by Super Saver. Sassy Image visited Hard Spun this past breeding season. Reluctant Bride breezed in :10 1/5 over the local main track at last year's Fasig-Tipton Gulfstream sale before RNA'ing for \$235,000. Sales history: \$160,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP; \$235,000 RNA 2yo '19 FTFMAR. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$25,800. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton. ThoroStride Video Inspection.**

O-D P Racing LLC & Patrick L. Biancone Racing LLC; B-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC (KY); T-Patrick L. Biancone.

THOROSTRIDE - featured horse



Reluctant Bride as a juvenile | ThoroStride Photo

4th-Gulfstream, \$43,000, Msw, 1-19, 3yo, f, 1mT, 1:33.96, fm.
HIGHLAND GLORY (f, 3, Sky Mesa--Kristi With a K {GSP, \$194,647}, by Petionville) was a well-beaten second behind 'TDN Rising Star' and next-out GI Frizette S. winner Wicked Whisper (Liam's Map) in a Saratoga sprint last August, and settled for fourth going a one-turn mile at Belmont Oct. 5 behind a pair of subsequent scorers, including Tempted S. romper and GII Demoiselle S. runner-up Maedean (Tapit). Backed down to 3-1 favoritism trying the surface that her pedigree suggested she might prefer, the bay was a bit eager in midpack and out wide around the first turn. She was pushed along to draft from the pocket approaching the stretch after a solid :46.66 half, and reeled in pacesetter Mimina's Team (Uncle Mo) en route to a handy 1 3/4-length victory. The winner is a full-sister to long-winded Highland Sky, MSW and GISP, \$725,494. **Cont. p6**

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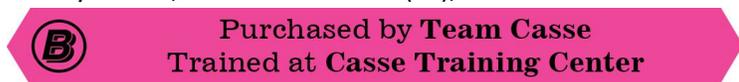
Her dam, who is a half to GISW Bit of Whimsey (Distorted Humor)--herself the dam of GSW/GISP Caroline Thomas (Giant's Causeway)--was bred to Lord Nelson for 2020. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$48,300. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Steadfast Stable; B-Bonner Young (KY); T-Barclay Tagg.



6th-Gulfstream, \$43,000, Msw, 1-19, 3yo, f, 1mT, 1:35.25, fm. DECLARATIONWARRIOR (f, 3, Declaration of War--Hoh Buzzard {Ire} {GSW-US, SW-Eng, GSP-Fr, \$319,839}, by Alhaarth {Ire}) flattened out after a five-wide bid to finish fifth in her unveiling over this course and distance Dec. 8. The blaze-faced chestnut broke from the 10 hole here, but had enough gas to claim a spot shadowing frontrunner Duchess of Sussex (Palace Malice). The two drew on even terms coming off the turn and battled down the stretch before Declarationwarrior took command to cross the wire 1 1/4 lengths the best. She paid \$12.60 for the win. Dam Hoh Buzzard, who hasn't produced a foal in two years but was bred to American Pharoah for this spring, has also produced Via Villaggio (Bernardini), GSW & GISP, \$373,419; Little Curlin (Curlin), GSP, \$191,722; and Dr. Smarty Jack (Smarty Jones), SP, \$153,079. Sales History: \$85,000 RNA Ylg '18 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$26,200. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Gary Barber; B-Camas Park Stud (KY); T-Mark E. Casse.



11th-Gulfstream, \$43,000, Msw, 1-19, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:41.37, fm. ELIZABETH WAY (IRE) (f, 4, Frankel {GB}--Maids Causeway {Ire} {G1SW-Eng, \$644,496}, by Giant's Causeway) had decent form in Ireland while trained by M. Halford--including a last-out second Nov. 15 at Dundalk going 12 furlongs over the all-weather surface--prior to finding new connections at the Goffs sale in November. She worked four times at Payson Park since coming stateside, but was devoid of speed at 11-1 and immediately dropped back to last in this maiden. A good eight or so lengths off the leaders, Elizabeth Way began moving up steadily while hugging the rail on the backstretch, then moved out around rivals on the turn, changing leads a bit belatedly but running down all in a sustained drive to find the wire three-quarters of a length in front of Take Ten (Uncle Mo). A daughter of 2005 G1 Coronation S. winner Maids Causeway, who also placed in that year's G1 One Thousand Guineas and G1 Meon

Valley Stud Mile, Elizabeth Way has a 2-year-old half-brother named Dandy Maestro (GB) (Dandy Man {Ire}) and a yearling half-sister by Showcasing (GB). Sales History: €58,000 3yo '19 GOFNOV. Lifetime Record: 6-1-2-0, \$31,549. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O-John J. McCormack; B-Godolphin (IRE); T-Roger L. Attfield.

8th-Tampa Bay Downs, \$22,100, Msw, 1-19, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:10.19, ft.

CHART (f, 3, Lea--Gauge, by War Front) blew out for this with a :34 flat bullet breeze Jan. 16, and was favored by \$235 at 5-2 for a barn that rarely wins with newcomers. Taking a narrow early lead without being asked for much, the bay was soon joined and passed by fellow 5-2 shot Shari's Tune (Adios Charlie). She battled back to challenge that one after a :45.62 half, and eventually switched leads while scampering clear to the tune of 5 1/4 lengths. Shari's Tune held second. Dam Gauge is a full-sister to Irish highweight Spirit of Valor and a half to MGSW/GISP Brilliant (War Chant) and SW/GSP 'TDN Rising Star' Street Life (Street Sense). Gauge has not produced a live foal since Chart, but was bred to Flatter for 2020. Sales history: \$120,000 2yo '19 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$12,000.

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O-Leonard C. & Jonathan I. Green; B-Claiborne Farm & Adele B. Dilschneider (KY); T-Gary C. Contessa.



FIRST-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: MONDAY, JANUARY 20
American Pharoah (Pioneerof the Nile), Ashford Stud, private
 318 foals of racing age/29 winners/4 black-type winners
 1-Santa Anita, Msw 6 1/2f, MERNEITH, 6-5
 \$350,000 FTK NOV wnl; \$600,000 OBS MAR 2yo

Bayern (Offlee Wild), Hill 'n' Dale Farms, \$15,000
 157 foals of racing age/23 winners/0 black-type winners
 7-Fair Grounds, Msw 1 1/16m, BAYERN TO BE WILD, 12-1
 \$60,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$140,000 RNA FTF MAR 2yo
 7-Fair Grounds, Msw 1 1/16m, WILD UNION, 9-5
 \$95,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$225,000 OBS MAR 2yo

Bold Red (Wiseman's Ferry)
 3 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
 1-Mahoning Valley, Msw 5 1/2f, REALLY RED, 9-5

Bourbon Courage (Lion Heart), Anchor & Hope Farm, \$5,000
93 foals of racing age/9 winners/1 black-type winner
4-Aqueduct, Aoc 1m, COURAGEOUS GIRL, 8-1

Carpe Diem (Giant's Causeway), WinStar Farm, \$15,000
231 foals of racing age/18 winners/2 black-type winners
1-Parx Racing, Wmc 7f, CURRENT SITUATION, 9-2
\$65,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$120,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$70,000 RNA EAS
MAY 2yo

Curlin to Mischief (Curlin), Rancho San Miguel, \$3,500
59 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners
4-Golden Gate Fields, Aoc 6f, MISCHIEVOUS CURLIN, 5-2
\$9,000 RNA BAR OCT yrl

Danza (Street Boss), Fair Winds Farm, \$2,500
140 foals of racing age/12 winners/1 black-type winner
5-Laurel, Aoc 6f, PITCHING ARI, 2-1
1-Santa Anita, Msw 6 1/2f, REEM, 5-1
\$74,000 FTK OCT yrl; \$400,000 OBS APR 2yo

Fast Anna (Medaglia d'Oro), Three Chimneys Farm, \$10,000
142 foals of racing age/12 winners/3 black-type winners
1-Santa Anita, Msw 6 1/2f, GIDGETTA, 9-5

Gleneagles (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), Coolmore Stud, \$35,000
223 foals of racing age/25 winners/3 black-type winners
8-Fair Grounds, Msw 1mT, CLOUD TEN, 12-1
\$185,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl

Honor Code (A.P. Indy), Lane's End Farm, \$30,000
213 foals of racing age/14 winners/0 black-type winners
6-Fair Grounds, Msw 5 1/2fT, AUTUMN JETT, 8-1
\$210,000 KEE SEP yrl
3-Santa Anita, Msw 1mT, HONOR HOP, 30-1
\$60,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; \$150,000 FTK OCT yrl
6-Fair Grounds, Msw 5 1/2fT, KIANG, 5-1
\$260,000 KEE SEP yrl

Imagining (Giant's Causeway), Anchor & Hope Farm, \$7,500
98 foals of racing age/6 winners/1 black-type winner
5-Laurel, Aoc 6f, ON THE TURF, 5-2
\$13,000 EAS OCT yrl
1-Parx Racing, Wmc 7f, YOURINDENIAL, 20-1
\$2,000 EAS OCT yrl

Jack Milton (War Front), Crestwood Farm, \$6,500
101 foals of racing age/9 winners/0 black-type winners
6-Fair Grounds, Msw 5 1/2fT, JACK BEANSTALK, 20-1
\$6,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$25,000 RNA OBS MAR 2yo; \$50,000 OBS
OPN 2yo

Karakontie (Jpn) (Bernstein), Gainesway Farm, \$10,000
130 foals of racing age/12 winners/3 black-type winners
8-Fair Grounds, Msw 1mT, CAZADORA, 20-1
8-Fair Grounds, Msw 1mT, SLIME QUEEN, 7-2
\$37,000 KEE SEP yrl

Last Gunfighter (First Samurai), Pin Oak Lane Farm
36 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
1-Parx Racing, Wmc 7f, GUNFIGHTER'S GIRL, 8-1

Lea (First Samurai), Claiborne Farm, \$7,500
103 foals of racing age/10 winners/2 black-type winners
3-Santa Anita, Msw 1mT, UNDISTURBED, 8-1
\$130,000 KEE SEP yrl

Liam's Map (Unbridled's Song), Lane's End Farm, \$35,000
232 foals of racing age/19 winners/2 black-type winners
1-Santa Anita, Msw 6 1/2f, DRAMA FOR MAMA, 5-1
\$250,000 FTS AUG yrl

Normandy Invasion (Tapit), Pin Oak Lane Farm, \$2,500
79 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners
1-Parx Racing, Wmc 7f, HOPE TAKES OVER, 8-1

Palace Malice (Curlin), Three Chimneys Farm, \$25,000
211 foals of racing age/21 winners/2 black-type winners
4-Aqueduct, Aoc 1m, ICE PRINCESS, 1-1
\$75,000 SAR AUG yrl

Tonalist (Tapit), Lane's End Farm, \$15,000
179 foals of racing age/18 winners/1 black-type winner
1-Parx Racing, Wmc 7f, ALWAYS A QUEEN, 6-1

Wicked Strong (Hard Spun), Spendthrift Farm, \$6,000
232 foals of racing age/28 winners/1 black-type winner
4-Aqueduct, Aoc 1m, MYAWAYA, 7-2
\$45,000 FTK OCT yrl



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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

6th-Aqueduct, \$73,605, 1-19, (NW1\$X), 4yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:40.91, sy.

JENNEMILY (f, 4, Strong Mandate--Paloma Mesa {SW, \$162,856}, by Sky Mesa) Lifetime Record: 13-3-4-2, \$148,651. O-R. Townsend Sparks; B-Dr. Stephen G. & Debbie Jackson (KY); T-Steven M. Asmussen.

4th-Laurel, \$58,365, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$35,000), 1-19, 4yo/up, 1m, 1:38.12, my.

HARPERS FIRST RIDE (g, 4, Paynter--Polyester, by Tiz Wonderful) Lifetime Record: 7-4-0-0, \$110,777. O-Robert D. Bone; B-Sagamore Farm (MD); T-Claudio A. Gonzalez.

5th-Laurel, \$43,260, 1-19, (NW1X), 4yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:40.13, my.

HELL OF AFIRE (m, 7, Friesan Fire--Helen Louise, by Louis Quatorze) Lifetime Record: 39-7-6-12, \$261,599. O-Charles Orfe; B-Kenneth Lowe (WV); T-Alfredo Velazquez.

6th-Fair Grounds, \$41,000, 1-19, (NW1X), 4yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2ft, 1:03.57, fm.

COBRA CASABLANCA (f, 4, Tizway--Poetic Riches, by Songandaprayer) Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-1, \$73,528. O-Gorsky/Levy Racing, LLC; B-Erin Knehr & Catalyst Bloodstock (KY); T-W. Bret Calhoun. *\$2,200 Ylg '17 KEEJAN; \$24,000 RNA Ylg '17 OBSOCT; \$30,000 2yo '18 OBSMAR.

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8th-Delta Downs, \$40,000, (S), 1-18, (NW1X), 3yo, 7f, 1:29.00, sy.

FREEDOMFI (c, 3, Guilt Trip--Charming Colleen {SW & GISP, \$126,153}, by Charismatic) Lifetime Record: 10-2-3-1, \$74,682. O/B-James McIngvale (LA); T-Chris Richard. *1/2 to Underpressure (Birdstone), MSW, \$603,382; Full to Goodprofit, MSW, \$200,428.

2nd-Delta Downs, \$38,480, (C)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 1-18, 4yo/up, 1m, 1:39.85, sy.

EXTIRPATOR (g, 5, Gemologist--True Breeze, by Yes It's True) Lifetime Record: SP, 15-5-4-0, \$139,378. O-Jack Frost; B-William Hardin & WinStar Farm, LLC (KY); T-Patti Turner. *\$10,000 Ylg '16 KEEJAN.

4th-Golden Gate Fields, \$37,324, (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 1-19, 3yo, 5 1/2f (AWT), 1:03.49, ft.

SMILEFORME (g, 3, Smiling Tiger--Chati Valley, by Globalize) Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-0, \$48,986. O-William J. Delia, Sue Greene & Ray Pagano; B-Woodbridge Farm LLC, Bill Delia & Ray Pagano (CA); T-William Delia. *1/2 to Chati's On Top (Old Topper), SW, \$306,668.

7th-Delta Downs, \$34,000, 1-18, (NW1X), 4yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:21.37, sy.

LADY C (f, 4, San Pablo--Pawnee Patti {SP, \$107,901}, by Sir Richard Lewis) Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-0, \$46,680. O-Bayou Bengal Racing Stable; B-Dan Bearden (KY); T-Thomas M. Amoss. *1/2 to Comedero (Posse), GSW, \$675,814; Awesome Gent (Awesome Again), SW, \$307,337.

5th-Charles Town, \$29,000, 1-18, (NW1X), 4yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:47.82, sy.

TOTALITARIO (g, 5, Super Saver--Unshackled Rouge, by Sir Shackleton) Lifetime Record: 16-4-6-1, \$108,048. O-Erin McElwee; B-Rafael Lopez (KY); T-Kieron Magee. *\$49,000 RNA Wlg '15 KEENOV.

3rd-Charles Town, \$28,000, 1-18, (NW1X), 4yo/up, 4 1/2f, :52.48, sy.

ALLTHEWAY TO CAIRO (g, 4, Cairo Prince--Turtle Beach, by Out of Place) Lifetime Record: 5-3-0-0, \$33,150. O-Norman Garnes; B-Highclere Inc. (KY); T-Joan A. Reynolds. *\$265,000 Ylg '17 FTKJUL; \$145,000 RNA 2yo '18 FTFMAR; \$10,000 RNA 3yo '19 FTKHRA. **1/2 to Putthebabiesdown (Closing Argument), GISP.

8th-Sunland, \$23,871, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$10,000), 1-19, 4yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:16.58, ft.

RUNAWAY KATIE (f, 4, Delhomme--Runaway Bee, by Runaway Groom) Lifetime Record: 4-3-0-0, \$33,493. O/B-Willard Burbach (NM); T-Nancy Summers. *\$2,500 RNA Ylg '17 COYRL.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Dancin All Alone, f, 3, **Congrats**--Silver Frame, by Northern Afleet. Sam Houston Race, 1-18, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:06.21. B-No Escape Ranch (TX). *\$150,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP. **1ST-TIME STARTER. ***Won by 3 3/4 lengths.

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Red's Showtime, c, 3, **Lakerville**--Red Intrigue, by Redattore (Brz). Golden Gate Fields, 1-19, (S), 5 1/2f (AWT), 1:04.42. B-Watchorn, Morrow & Fast Lane Farms (CA). *1ST-TIME STARTER.

Glenn Likes Gin, c, 3, **Macho Uno**--Lemon Drop Dolly, by Lemon Drop Kid. Aqueduct, 1-19, (S), (C), 1m, 1:42.29. B-Mark W. & Jean Connolly (NY). *\$14,000 RNA Ylg '18 OBSOCT.

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Saber Cut, f, 3, **Sabercat**--Shes Dixies Eskimo (SW, \$188,192), by Eskimo. Delta Downs, 1-18, (S), 5f, 1:00.60. B-John Luck (LA). *1/2 to Dixie Brees (Good and Tough), SP, \$275,460.

Guitar Tribute, c, 3, **Star Guitar**--Sunday's Child (SW, \$141,370), by Any Given Saturday. Fair Grounds, 1-19, (S), 6f, 1:11.90. B-Brittlyn, Inc. (LA).

Unthrottled, c, 3, **The Big Beast**--Unlimited Pleasure (SP), by Valid Appeal. Fair Grounds, 1-19, 1 1/8mT, 1:50.14. B-Ocala Stud (FL). *\$52,000 2yo '19 OBSAPR. **1/2 to Beacon Shine (Montbrook), GSW, \$106,530; Jardin (Montbrook), GSW & GISP, \$168,836; Unlimited Budget (Street Sense), MGSW & GISP, \$758,837.

Brightest, f, 3, **Too Much Bling**--Fast Find, by Mineshaft. Sam Houston Race, 1-18, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:06.32. B-W. S. Farish (TX). *Full to Scooter's Choice, SW, \$113,006; Shaded, SW, \$133,315; Direct Dial, MSW, \$264,227.

Eskendar, f, 4, **Eskendereya**--Island Love Song, by Dehere. Sam Houston Race, 1-18, 6f, 1:13.50. B-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC (KY). *\$55,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP. **SP.

Tromador, c, 4, **Exchange Rate**--Diamondesque, by Any Given Saturday. Santa Anita, 1-19, (C), 7f, 1:24.87. B-Charles H. Deters (KY). *\$75,000 Ylg '17 FTSAUG; \$80,000 2yo '18 OBSAPR.

Peggy B Fast, f, 4, **Mr. Gold Mover**--Oh So Grand, by Grand Reward. Sunland, 1-19, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:05.15. B-Mike & Peggy B. Rust & Charles Henderson (NM).

Doll, f, 4, **Verrazano**--Dootsie (SW, \$117,142), by Dixieland Band. Aqueduct, 1-19, (S), 6f, 1:13.60. B-Daniel J Burke & Kathleen Schweizer (NY). *\$77,000 Ylg '17 SARAUG; \$85,000 2yo '18 OBSMAR. **1/2 to Liam's Song (Saint Liam), SP, \$239,522.

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My Little Spitfire, f, 4, **Watch Me Daddy**--Savannah Lane, by Glitterman. Delta Downs, 1-18, 6 1/2f, 1:23.15. B-Walter Slaughter (AR).

Rosey Sky, m, 5, **Street Boss**--Rose Canyon, by Sky Mesa. Santa Anita, 1-19, (S), 5 1/2fT, 1:03.02. B-Regan Wright & Don Gibb (CA). &\$60,000 Ylg '16 BARSEL.

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AMERICAN PHAROAH, Bitcoin Passion (Ire), c, 3, o/o Listen Dear, by Bernardini. MSW, 1-19, Tampa Bay
BERNARDINI, Bellera, f, 4, o/o Habiboo, by Unbridled's Song. Ladies H., 1-19, Aqueduct
BLAME, Nadal, c, 3, o/o Ascending Angel, by Pulpit. MSW, 1-19, Santa Anita
CAIRO PRINCE, Alltheway to Cairo, g, 4, o/o Turtle Beach, by Out of Place. ALW, 1-18, Charles Town
CLUBHOUSE RIDE, Warren's Showtime, f, 3, o/o Warren's Veneda, by Affirmative. California Cup Oaks, 1-18, Santa Anita
CONGRATS, Dancin All Alone, f, 3, o/o Silver Frame, by Northern Afleet. MSW, 1-18, Sam Houston
DECLARATION OF WAR, Declarationwarrior, f, 3, o/o Hoh Buzzard (Ire), by Alhaarth (Ire). MSW, 1-19, Gulfstream
DELHOMME, Runaway Katie, f, 4, o/o Runaway Bee, by Runaway Groom. AOC, 1-19, Sunland
ESKENDEREYA, Eskendar, f, 4, o/o Island Love Song, by Dehere. MSW, 1-18, Sam Houston
EXCHANGE RATE, Tromador, c, 4, o/o Diamondesque, by Any Given Saturday. MCL, 1-19, Santa Anita
FRANKEL (GB), Elizabeth Way (Ire), f, 4, o/o Maids Causeway (Ire), by Giant's Causeway. MSW, 1-19, Gulfstream
FRIESAN FIRE, Hell of Afire, m, 7, o/o Helen Louise, by Louis Quatorze. ALW, 1-19, Laurel

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GUILT TRIP, Freedomfi, c, 3, o/o Charming Colleen, by Charismatic. ALW, 1-18, Delta Downs

INTO MISCHIEF, Largent, g, 4, o/o Life in Seattle, by Unbridled. ALW, 1-19, Gulfstream

LAKERVILLE, Red's Showtime, c, 3, o/o Red Intrigue, by Redattore (Brz). MSW, 1-19, Golden Gate

LEA, Chart, f, 3, o/o Gauge, by War Front. MSW, 1-19, Tampa Bay

MACHO UNO, Glenn Likes Gin, c, 3, o/o Lemon Drop Dolly, by Lemon Drop Kid. MCL, 1-19, Aqueduct

MR. GOLD MOVER, Peggy B Fast, f, 4, o/o Oh So Grand, by Grand Reward. MSW, 1-19, Sunland

PAYNTER, Harpers First Ride, g, 4, o/o Polyester, by Tiz Wonderful. AOC, 1-19, Laurel

PAYNTER, Ms Peintour, m, 5, o/o Dyna's Destiny, by Dynaformer. GIII Astra S., 1-19, Santa Anita

SABERCAT, Saber Cut, f, 3, o/o Shes Dixies Eskimo, by Eskimo. MSW, 1-18, Delta Downs

SAN PABLO, Lady C, f, 4, o/o Pawnee Patti, by Sir Richard Lewis. ALW, 1-18, Delta Downs

SKY MESA, Highland Glory, f, 3, o/o Kristi With a K, by Petionville. MSW, 1-19, Gulfstream

SMILING TIGER, Smileforme, g, 3, o/o Chati Valley, by Globalize. AOC, 1-19, Golden Gate

SPEIGHTSTOWN, Reluctant Bride, f, 3, o/o Sassy Image, by Broken Vow. MSW, 1-19, Gulfstream

STAR GUITAR, Guitar Tribute, c, 3, o/o Sunday's Child, by Any Given Saturday. MSW, 1-19, Fair Grounds

STREET BOSS, Rosey Sky, m, 5, o/o Rose Canyon, by Sky Mesa. MSW, 1-19, Santa Anita

STRONG MANDATE, Jennemily, f, 4, o/o Paloma Mesa, by Sky Mesa. ALW, 1-19, Aqueduct

SUPER SAVER, Totalitario, g, 5, o/o Unshackled Rouge, by Sir Shackleton. ALW, 1-18, Charles Town

TALE OF THE CAT, Tale of Success, f, 3, o/o Successful Sarah, by Successful Appeal. AOC, 1-19, Gulfstream

THE BIG BEAST, Unthrottled, c, 3, o/o Unlimited Pleasure, by Valid Appeal. MSW, 1-19, Fair Grounds

TIZWAY, Cobra Casablanca, f, 4, o/o Poetic Riches, by Songandaprayer. ALW, 1-19, Fair Grounds

TOO MUCH BLING, Brightest, f, 3, o/o Fast Find, by Mineshaft. MSW, 1-18, Sam Houston

UNCLE MO, Tan and Tight, f, 4, o/o Claire's Song, by Unbridled's Song. MSW, 1-19, Aqueduct

VERRAZANO, Doll, f, 4, o/o Dootsie, by Dixieland Band. MSW, 1-19, Aqueduct

WATCH ME DADDY, My Little Spitfire, f, 4, o/o Savannah Lane, by Glitterman. MSW, 1-18, Delta Downs

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SUNNY OUTLOOK DURING LA ROUTE DES ETALONS



Siyouni puts on a show during La Route des Etalons
Zuzanna Lupa

By Tom Frary

Melting frost drips uniformly from the thatch at Haras de la Huderie. The January sun is a penetrating golden disc above the historic timbers of Haras du Quesnay. A broodmare rolls in one of Haras de Colleville's open green spaces. Normandy's tree-lined lanes bask in the generous light. Haras de Bonneval's undulating pastures grace the eye, picture perfect. It is *La Route des Etalons* once again in all its glory, blessed by a rare weekend-long respite from winter's most ruinous elements. The centrepiece of it, the stallion himself, struts his timeless strut for the gathered congregations. Shown off to all, his contained power is framed by genuine beauty all around.

Upper Normandy's scattered assembly of studs open up for an initiative which grows in popularity year upon year. It helps if you are not of a nervous disposition as a driver, with the network of country roads connecting the establishments often calling on all your previous experience behind a wheel. The one essential is Satnav, but as that generally comes as standard there is nothing holding back anybody with a love of the Thoroughbred. Saturday and Sunday went without hitch as the crowds of breeders and enthusiasts hit the 25 studs and Deauville's *Pole Internationale du Cheval* to see the stars of yesterday's racing papers up close. [Cont. p2](#)

THE JOHN (SIZE) AND JOAO SHOW AT SHA TIN *by Alan Carasso*

Hammered into \$1.50 (2-1 on) favouritism to assume the mantle of Hong Kong's top miler, **Waikuku (Ire)** (Harbour Watch {Ire}) was given a ride full of finesse from jockey Joao Moreira and raced over the top of two-time defending Horse of the Year **Beauty Generation (NZ)** (Road to Rock {Aus}) in the dying strides for a maiden Group 1 success in Sunday's Stewards' Cup at Sha Tin. But while there very well may be a new sheriff in town, the deposed king of the hill showed that there remains a fair bit of life in his limbs and could take his show on the road in the next couple of months.

Beauty Generation was rumoured to be showing signs of his old self since his defeat in the G1 Longines Hong Mile six weeks ago, where Waikuku was one spot ahead.

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THE 'SOCIETAL EVOLUTION' OF STALLION SELECTION

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La Route des Etalons Cont. from p1

Taking precedence in terms of prestige and gravitas is His Highness the Aga Khan's Haras de Bonneval, with **Siyouni (Fr)** (Pivotal {Fr}) commanding a well-earned €100,000 fee as a result of outstanding work in the past few seasons. Long-serving stud manager Georges Rimaud has a warning for his competition.

"The best is yet to come," he says of the area's kingpin. "He has had huge opportunities and the 3-year-olds coming through this year could put him on another level."

Siyouni is the sire of last year's G1 Prix du Jockey Club hero Sottsass (Fr), who has now secured Coolmore's interest as he is prepared for a potentially fruitful 2020 campaign, as well as star turns Ervedya (Fr), Laurens (Fr) and the newly-retired leading domestic sprinter **City Light (Fr)** who was shown off at Haras d'Etream as the first of his sons to stand in France.

Away from Siyouni, Bonneval also have a precious commodity in **Zarak (Fr)** (Dubawi {Ire}), the G1 Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud-winning son of the operation's prized Zarkava (Fr). Paraded under the loving eye of Alain de Royer-Dupre, the weekend's pedigree prize-winner has an assortment of progeny here and elsewhere due to race in 2021.

Georges Rimaud is very keen on his chances of making it. "His foals look great and it's good to remind people about him," he says. "It can be a difficult time going into the third year, but it's rather easy with him as he has produced nice foals and people are coming back. They are strong with good bone he is stamping them, so I am pretty confident."

Also on show is **Dariyan (Fr)** (Shamardal), the G1 Prix Ganay-winning son of the electric 2009 G1 Hong Kong Vase heroine

Daryakana (Fr) (Selkirk) whose 2-year-olds race this term.

Rimaud said, "It's his fourth year and with a bit of luck his 2-year-olds will turn out to be nice. He had that turn of foot that his dam had and that Alain [de Royer-Dupre] likes to work with. These stallions are here to stay and we are patient with them. His Highness is a breeder at heart and this [the Route des Etalons] is an opportunity to showcase the sires. They are all Group 1 winners with very clean pedigrees from nurtured families who retired sound."

Ploughing South, the next destination is Julian Ince's picturesque Haras du Logis which would be the envy of horse lovers everywhere. Contained within the "magic triangle" of success as he terms it, the stud "*le plus charmant*" boasts a lineup with real potential alongside the proven **Manduro (Ger)**

(Monsun {Ger}). His son **Ultra (Ire)** is joined by new boy **Cloth of Stars (Ire)** (Sea the Stars {Ire}) (first foals this year) and they cut serious figures in the winter sunshine. The G1 Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere-winning Ultra has attracted much domestic interest already and has an athleticism which is undeniable.

Along "La Route", there is also a reminder of how fickle the business can be, with the storied Haras du Mezeray left with just a trio of stallions following the

departure of Myboycharlie (Ire) to Turkey. With the stud stalwart **Muhtathir (GB)** now 25 and limited to a 40-mare book, hopes are pinned on **De Treville (GB)** (Oasis Dream {GB}) who as a half-brother to Too Darn Hot (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) could prove a snip at €2,000, and also **Taareef** (Kitten's Joy) who is available for €3,000. Kitten's Joy's influence is yet to grip French breeders, but it is surely a matter of time.



Zarak is greeted by Alain de Royer-Dupre | Zuzanna Lupa

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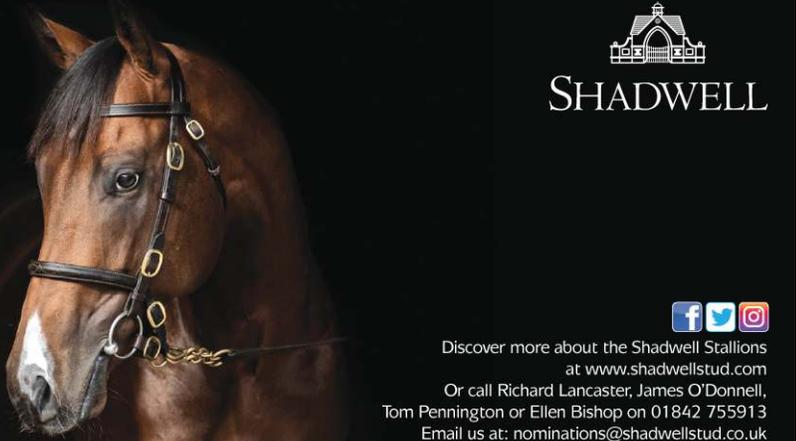
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GROUP 1 TARGETS FOR EXCITING JUVENILES

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Tareef, a son of Kitten's Joy | Zuzanna Lupa

La Route des Etalons Cont.

Al Shaqab's hub at Haras de Bouquetot is another major draw of the weekend, with the likes of **Shalaa (Ire)** (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), **Toronado (Ire)** (High Chaparral {Ire}), **Olympic Glory (Ire)** (Choisir {Aus}) and **Al Wukair (Ire)** (Dream Ahead) paraded in the stunning yard. Shalaa boasts the most expensive fee of all at €25,000 and with his juveniles out in force in 2020, the dual-hemisphere prospect is as exciting as any newcomer in the country. Towards the coast is Haras de la Huderie, where Beranger Bussy shows **Garswood (GB)** (Dutch Art {GB}) and **Birchwood (Ire)** (Dark Angel {Ire}) to the interested parties at this glorious establishment. The former, whose Cala Tarida (GB) and Little Kim (GB) have made an early impact, is distinctly promising and has an elite pedigree with the likes of Mutakayyef (GB) (Sea the Stars {Ire}) and Veracious (GB) (Frankel {GB}) boosting his profile in recent seasons. [Cont. p4](#)



Shalaa on parade | Zuzanna Lupa

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Le Havre eyes his admirers at Haras de Montfort et Preaux
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La Route des Etalons Cont.

Elsewhere, there is the undiminished beauty of the Head family's Haras du Quesnay where old-stager **Motivator (GB)** (Montjeu {Ire}) is neighboured by **Anodin (Ire)** (Anabaa), **Attendu (Fr)** (Acclamation {GB}), **Intello (Ger)** (Galileo {Ire}) and **Recoletos (Fr)** (Whipper); Sylvain Vidal's Haras de Montfort & Preaux which houses the local sensation **Le Havre (Ire)** (Noverre); Haras d'Etream with **Wootton Bassett (GB)** (Iffraaj

{GB}) and his dual Champion S.-winning son **Almanzor (Fr)**; Haras de Grandcamp where **Lawman (Fr)** (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), **Dream Ahead** (Diktat {GB}) and **Dabirsim (Fr)** (Hat Tick {Jpn}) can be found; and Haras de Colleville with the celebrated **Kendargent (Fr)** (Kendor {Fr}) enjoying deserved limelight.

As I depart on the Sunday afternoon, Deauville and its accompanying resorts are slowly letting go of a sun-powered warmth which at various spells has been spring-like in its intensity. The sun is setting on the Atlantic as it rubs the shoreline with its gentle caress. A perfect weekend? As close as it gets at this time of year I'm sure. "La prochaine fois", as they say here.

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MAKING THEIR MARK

WITH SAM HARTE

In this new series we sit down with a selection of Europeans making a significant impression in the Thoroughbred industry on foreign shores. Today we have Co. Wexford's Sam Harte.

Position: I work at Cornett, a creative marketing agency based in Lexington, Kentucky. I specifically manage and work closely with our Lane's End Farm and Breeders' Cup accounts. **Cont. p5**

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Original Hometown: New Ross, Co. Wexford, Ireland.

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Thing you miss most about Ireland (not including family and friends): National Hunt racing, especially this time of year in the run up to the Cheltenham and Punchestown Festivals.

Person in the industry you admire: Clodagh Kavanagh, Godolphin Flying Start. Since 2005, Godolphin Flying Start has provided 12 trainees a year with the skills and knowledge they need to fulfill their dream jobs in the Thoroughbred industry. In the coming years the course will see its 200th graduate thanks to the generosity of Godolphin and Clodagh’s role as Executive Director. The drive and professionalism that she brings in her approach is something she inspires in the trainees and graduates of the program, which I was fortunate to graduate from in 2016.

Three dinner guests: David Attenborough, to hear his many stories of the natural world. Don Henley, for a song after dinner. David McWilliams, to hear his economic and political hot takes.

Best thing about a career in the Thoroughbred industry: It truly is a global industry with something to always look forward to on the international calendar of racing and breeding.



Sam Harte | Team Cornett

Favourite racehorse: The Fugue (GB) competed time and time again at the highest level across the world. She won four Group 1 races but she was unlucky not to win more. While completing an internship at York Racecourse I saw her win the G1 Yorkshire Oaks and I remember being completely taken aback by her in the paddock before the race.

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Today, many organisations will offer cost-saving incentives such as flights, accommodation and visas for international employees, so I think the barriers to entry aren’t as high as many may think. The opportunity to make connections across the world will be beneficial for a lifetime.

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BOLLIN ERIC, 21, PASSES AWAY

Dual English highweighted stayer **Bollin Eric (GB)** (Shaamit {Ire}--Bollin Zola {Ire}, by Alzao), who won the 2002 G1 St Leger, has died at Colmer Stud in Dorset on Jan. 18, the *Racing Post* reported on Sunday. He was 21. Bred by the late Sir Neil and Lady Westbrook, the February foal raced for his breeders and trainer Tim Easterby. **Cont. p6**



Bollin Eric | Racing Post

Although he has moved several times since, Bollin Eric held court at Colmer Stud as a National Hunt sire since 2012.

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BRITAIN

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Prompting (GB), g, 4, **Bated Breath (GB)**--Enticing (Ire) (MGSW-Eng, \$260,363), by Pivotal (GB). Wolverhampton, 1-19, 7f 36y (AWT), 1:29.17. B-Lael Stables (GB). *7,000gns 3yo '19 TATFEB. **1/2 to One Master (GB) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}), Hwt. Older Mare-Fr at 7-9.5f, MG1SW-Fr, GSW-Ire, SW & MG1SP-Eng, \$921,573.

Bollin Eric Cont.

In addition to his Classic triumph, the bay also saluted in the G3 Lonsdale S. and was placed a further five times at group level. A half-brother to Group 3 victress Bollin Joanne (GB) (Damister), the son of the Mtoto (GB) horse Shaamit retired to The National Stud in 2004 with four wins from 18 starts and earnings of \$789,397.

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st.

WALTHAM (FR) (c, 3, Wootton Bassett {GB}--Baki {Fr}, by Turtle Bowl {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, €22,600. O-Mme Marie-Therese Dubuc-Grassa & M Horse Racing; B-Francois Rohaut (FR); T-Christophe Ferland. *€110,000 Ylg '18 ARAUG; €110,000 RNA 2yo '19 ARQMAY.

8th-Pau, €18,000, Cond, 1-19, 4yo/up, 6f (AWT), 1:09.90,
st.

BILLYCOCK HILL (GB) (h, 5, Kyllachy {GB}--Red Kyte {GB}, by Hawk Wing) Lifetime Record: 20-6-5-2, €59,900. O-Cuadra Mediterraneo; B-Malih Al Basti (GB); T-Guillermo Arizkorreta Elosegui. *20,000gns Wlg '15 TATFOA; 45,000gns Ylg '16 TAOCT; 11,000gns 2yo '17 TATHIT.

8th-Pornichet-La Baule, €16,000, Cond, 1-18, 4yo, 12f (AWT), 2:30.89, st.

NOXARENO (GER) (c, 4, Maxios {GB}--Nobilissima {Ger} {SW-Ger}, by Bluebird) Lifetime Record: 9-3-3-0, €37,420. O-Ecurie Normandie Pur Sang; B-Stiftung Gestut Fahrhof (GER); T-Fabrice Chappet. *€28,000 Ylg '17 BBAGS. **1/2 to Nianga (Ger) (Lomitas {GB}), MSW & GSP-Ger; and Nadelwald (GB) (Shamardal), GSP-Ger, \$143,749.

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Karakorum (Fr), g, 3, Elvstroem (Aus)--Mes Bleus Yeux (Fr) (SP-Fr), by Exit to Nowhere. Dortmund, 1-19, 9f (AWT), 2:04.77. B-Haras de Saint Julien & Mme Antoinette Tamagni (FR). *€8,000 Ylg '18 BBAGS.



EUROPEAN-BRED
WINNERS

IN HONG KONG:

Waikuku (Ire), g, 5, Harbour Watch (Ire). See 'Worldwide News'.

IN UAE:

Craving (Ire), h, 5, Equiano (Fr)--Pretty Bonnie (GB) (SP-Eng), by Kyllachy (GB). Abu Dhabi, 1-19, Hcp. (AED\$100k), 1600mT, 1:37.20, gd. Lifetime Record: 15-4-3-3, \$64,493. O-Sultan Ali. B-Lynn Lodge Stud (Ire). T-Simon Crisford. **VIDEO.** *£40,000 Ylg '16 GOFAUG.

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Racing without the blinkers and equipped with cheekpieces for the first time in his 28 local starts, the 7-year-old was kicked straight into the lead by Zac Purton and set the pace from a slow-starting **Ka Ying Star (GB)** (Cityscape {GB}) as Moreira dropped Waikuku out to the tail.

Whereas Beauty Generation began to send out early distress signals in three straight defeats, he continued to roll along into the final 200 metres, but try as he might, he could not quite resist the late surge from Waikuku, who was produced wide off the home corner and closed off in :22.38 to seal the deal.



Waikuku gets his Group 1 at Sha Tin | HKJC photo

"I was always aware that I could not turn for home too far away," Moreira told the HKJC's David Morgan. "Just before turning for home I started to angle him out and didn't hesitate to make a long run to make sure that I didn't go into the last 300 metres too far back."

Following back-to-back Stewards' Cups in 2018 and 2019, Beauty Generation cut back in trip to add the G1 Queen's Silver Jubilee Cup (1400m). But trainer John Moore is eager to travel the Kiwi-bred. **Cont. p8**

Sha Tin Group 1s Cont.

“He was gallant in defeat; our boy is on the slow fade but is capable of running a big one in Dubai if we get the go-ahead,” Moore said, adding that he will pitch the Kwok family on the idea. “The 1800 metres there (G1 Dubai Turf), putting him on the other leg, I think it would really rejuvenate him; and he won't meet Waikuku in Dubai, so the trip would be the best way forward.”

Consistent As The Day Is Long...

Exiting a tough win in the G1 Longines Hong Kong Sprint Dec. 8, the ever-consistent **Beat the Clock (Aus)** (Hinchinbrook {Aus}) was back to his determined best to successfully defend his title in the G1 Centenary Sprint Cup, giving Moreira and trainer John Size a sweep of the day's features.

A half-step slow to begin, the reigning champion sprinter settled second-last early on as **Thanks Forever (Aus)** (Duporth {Aus}) and Hong Kong Sprint runner-up **Hot King Prawn (Aus)** (Denman {Aus}) showed the most early initiative, even as the race was run at early sectionals about two-fifths of a second outside of standard. That meant that a flying finish would be necessary from anything coming from the back, but Beat the Clock proved equal to the task, knifing through between a very game Thanks Forever and a tiring **Full of Beauty (Aus)** (Darci Brahma {NZ}) before finding his way home first. His final 400m was clocked in a spectacular :21.91. In 24 career appearances, never has he finished outside the top three.



Beat the Clock gets it done in the Centenary Sprint Cup | HKJC photo

“He seems to overcome the circumstances of a race, whatever they may be, to win. That's something you can't deal with, he just does it himself,” said Size, who has sent out the winners of seven of the last 10 Group 1 sprints in Hong Kong.

There are no overseas objectives for Beat the Clock, who likely makes his next start in the Queen's Silver Jubilee in a month's

time. John Moore was over the moon with Thanks Forever, calling it “the best run of his life.” The QSJC is next on the agenda, with a trip to Dubai not out of the question. Stablemate Aethero (Aus) (Sebring {Aus}) is also slated for a trip to Meydan, with a newly programmed Class 1 handicap (1200m) Mar. 8 a lead-up, *South China Morning Post* reported Sunday.

Pedigree Notes

A maiden winner in two Irish runs for John Oxx, Waikuku is one of seven stakes winners for his late sire and his first Group 1 winner. London Plane is also responsible for the Clive Cox-trained It's Good to Laugh (Ire) (Tamayuz {GB}), an €100,000 TISEP grad who posted a record of 4-1-2-0 as a 2-year-old last season. A full-sister to multiple group-placed Al Waab (Ire), London Plane produced a filly by dual Hong Kong Vase winner Highland Reel (Ire) last Mar. 9.

One of four Group 1 winners for his sadly departed stallion, Beat the Clock has a yearling half-sister by Your Song (Aus) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}) that was purchased by Ontrack Thoroughbreds for A\$90,000 at the recently concluded Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale. Flion Fenena was purchased for A\$120,000 with that filly in utero at the 2018 Magic Millions Gold Coast National Broodmare Sale. She is also represented by a filly foal by Smart Missile (Aus) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}) after being passed in for A\$140,000 at Magic Millions' National Broodmare Sale last May. Flion Fenena, an own sister to SP Lil Elsa, was most recently among the first mares bred to MGSW/G1SP Encryption (Aus), a son of Lonhro (Aus) out of champion and four-times Group 1 winner Guelph (Aus) (Exceed and Excel {Aus}).

Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong

STEWARDS' CUP-G1, HK\$10,000,000 (£984,230/€1,155,283/A\$1,864,899/US\$1,286,714), Sha Tin, 1-19, 3yo/up, 1600mT, 1:33.04, gd.

1--**WAIKUKU (IRE)**, 126, g, 5, by Harbour Watch (Ire)

1st Dam: London Plane (Ire), by Danehill Dancer (Ire)

2nd Dam: Aunt Julia (GB), by In the Wings (GB)

3rd Dam: Original (GB), by Caerleon

1ST GROUP 1 WIN. (€33,000 Ylg '16 TISEP). O-Jocelyn Siu Yang Hin Ting; B-Shane Molan; T-John Size; J-Joao Moreira; HK\$5,700,000. Lifetime Record: 15-7-4-1, HK\$24,894,680.

Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree. Werk Nick Rating: A+.

2--**Beauty Generation (NZ)**, 126, g, 7, Road to Rock (Aus)--Stylish Bel (Aus), by Bel Esprit (Aus). (NZ\$60,000 Ylg '14 NZBJAN). O-Patrick Kwok Ho Chuen; B-Nearco Stud Ltd; T-John Moore; J-Zac Purton; HK\$2,200,000.

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3--**Ka Ying Star (GB)**, 126, g, 5, Cityscape (GB)--Casual Glance (GB), by Sinnadar (Ire). O-Leung Shek Kong; B-Kingsclere Stud; T-Tony Cruz; J-Karis Teetan; HK\$1,000,000.

Margins: NK, 4 1/4, 3/4. Odds: 1-2, 9-5, 14-1.

Also Ran: Rattan (NZ), Citron Spirit (Ire), Southern Legend (Aus), Furore (NZ). **Click for the HKJC chart, PPs and sectional timing.**

VIDEO. **Click for the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.**

Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong

CENTENARY SPRINT CUP-G1, HK\$10,000,000 (£984,230/€1,155,283/A\$1,864,899/US\$1,286,714), Sha Tin, 1-19, 3yo/up, 1200mT, 1:08.57, gd.

1--**BEAT THE CLOCK (AUS)**, 126, g, 6, by Hinchinbrook (Aus)

1st Dam: Flion Fenena (Aus) (GSP-Aus), by Lion Hunter (Aus)

2nd Dam: Fenena (NZ), by Crested Wave

3rd Dam: On the Wind (NZ), by Sea Anchor (Ire)

(A\$70,000 Ylg '15 INGMAR; NZ\$200,000 2yo '15 NZBRTR). O-Merrick Chung Wai Lik; B-Miss J Henderson (NSW); T-John Size; J-Joao Moreira; HK\$5,700,000. Lifetime Record: Ch. Sprinter-HK, 24-10-8-6, HK\$52,561,525. **Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree. Werk Nick Rating: A.**

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2--**Thanks Forever (Aus)**, 126, g, 4, Duporth (Aus)--Cinécitta (Aus), by Exceed and Excel (Aus). (A\$170,000 Ylg '17 MIMGCYS). O-Patrick Ng Pak Hong, Albert Lee Wai Choi, Francis Lee Lan Yee & Chan Wing Kwong; B-AC Lloyd Jones (NSW); T-John Moore; J-Grant van Niekerk; HK\$2,200,000.

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3--**Hot King Prawn (Aus)**, 126, g, 5, Denman (Aus)--De Chorus (Aus), by Unbridled's Song. (A\$90,000 Ylg '16 INGFEF). O-Lau Sak Hong; B-Torryburn Stud (NSW); T-John Size; J-Karis Teetan; HK\$1,000,000.

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Margins: HD, 1, HF. Odds: 3-2, 15-1, 13-5.

Also Ran: Wishful Thinker (Aus), Mr Stunning (Aus), Full of Beauty (Aus), D B Pin (NZ). Scratched: Premiere (NZ).

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Sunday, Nakayama, Japan

KEISEI HAI-G3, ¥72,650,000 (US\$660,025/£508,045/€595,189), Nakayama, 1-19, 3yo, 2000mT, 2:02.10, gd.

1--**CRYSTAL BLACK (JPN)**, 123, c, 3, Kizuna (Jpn)

1st Dam: Ash Cake (Jpn), by Taiki Shuttle

2nd Dam: Keiai Glory, by Kris S.

3rd Dam: Star Pitcher, by Star Choice

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. 1ST GROUP WIN. O-Isamu Okada; B-Okaribe Farm (Jpn); T-Fumimasa Takahashi; J-Yutaka Yoshida. ¥38,455,000. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0. **Werk Nick Rating: A++.** **Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.**

2--**Sky Groove (Jpn)**, 119, f, 3, Epiphaneia (Jpn)--Admire Sceptre (Jpn), by King Kamehameha (Jpn). O-Silk Racing; B-Northern Farm (Jpn); ¥15,130,000.

3--**Diastima (Jpn)**, 123, c, 3, Deep Impact (Jpn)--Sweet Reason, by Street Sense. O-Sunday Racing; B-Northern Farm (Jpn); ¥9,565,000.

Margins: HF, 2HF, NK. Odds: 19.90, 1.10, 12.00.

Also Ran: Bitterender (Jpn), King of Dragon (Jpn), Remember Memory (Jpn), Roll of Thunder (Jpn), Vehement (Jpn), Xenoverse (Jpn), Hygge (Jpn), Kimuken Dream (Jpn), Chuwa Jordan (Jpn).

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Although he only had a debut win going 1800 metres locally to his name on Dec. 15, Crystal Black handled the step up to group company with aplomb, landing the G3 Keisei Hai by a half-length over favoured Sky Groove at Nakayama. Diastima was 2 1/2 lengths back in third.

Trying 2000 metres for the first time, the 19-1 shot was fighting pilot Yutaka Yoshida from the bell, while under a snug hold in the last flight against the fence. He eventually relaxed near the tail of the field through 1000 metres in 1:01.5 as Roll of Thunder (Jpn) (Epiphaneia {Jpn}) set an even pace while pressured by even-money favourite Sky Groove. Making a strong move a quarter mile from home, he fanned out into the center of the course in upper stretch to mount his challenge. Letting down powerfully, Crystal Black sprinted past Sky Groove in the final few jumps to ultimately win a shade cozily. **Cont. p10**



Crystal Black | Horsephotos

Pedigree Notes

The second black-type winner at Group 3 level for his champion and G1 Tokyo Yushun (Japanese Derby) winning sire Kizuna (Deep Impact {Jpn}), Crystal Black is from his first crop of 184 foals. He joins G3 Hakodate Nisai S. hero Bien Fait (Jpn) and Japanese listed winner Chimera Verite (Jpn) as black-type winners by the 2013 G2 Prix Niel victor. Carrying the colours of Isamu Osada, he is one of five winners from five foals out of the winning Ash Cake (Taiki Shuttle). Crystal Black's second dam was a \$90,000 BARMAY juvenile buy who went on to win twice in Japan before retiring to the paddocks.

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Sunday, Kyoto, Japan

NIKKEI SHINSHUN HAI-G2, ¥109,740,000

(US\$997,013/E767,322/€899,267), Kyoto, 1-19, 4yo/up, 2400mT, 2:26.90, fm.

1--**MOZU BELLO (JPN), 115, c, 4, Deep Brillante (Jpn)**

1st Dam: Harlan's Ruby (SW & GISP-US, 4172,245), by Harlan's Holiday

2nd Dam: Smiling Eyes, by Saint Ballado

3rd Dam: Western Lady, by Gone West

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. 1ST GROUP WIN. O-Capital System; B-Murata Farm (Jpn); T-Naoyuki Morita; J-Kenichi Ikezoe.

¥58,008,000. Lifetime Record: 11-4-2-0. **Werk Nick Rating: A.**

Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.

2--**Red Leon (Jpn), 119, h, 5, Deep Impact (Jpn)--Red Elsa, by Smart Strike.** O-Tokyo Horse Racing; B-Northern Farm (Jpn); ¥23,288,000.

3--**A T Lassen (Jpn), 112, h, 6, Summer Bird--Charm Lady (Jpn), by Agnes Tachyon (Jpn).** O-Toru Araki; B-Maeda Farm (Jpn); ¥14,144,000.

Margins: 2HF, 3/4, NO. Odds: 3.90, 7.10, 57.30.

Also Ran: Taisei Trail (Jpn), Prince of Pesca (Jpn), Satono Garnet (Jpn), Red Genial (Jpn), Master Code (Jpn), Melody Lane (Jpn), Lord Vent d'Or (Jpn), African Gold (Jpn), Chestnut Coat (Jpn), Suzuka Deep (Jpn), Saimon Ramesses (Jpn).

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GROUP 1 TARGETS FOR EXCITING JUVENILES



Personal bearing the Coolmore colours | Bronwen Healy

By Paul Vettise

Two expensive youngsters purchased out of Cressfield's draft at last year's Inglis Sydney Easter Yearling Sale draft have emerged as genuine Group 1 contenders with **Personal** (Fastnet Rock) and **Cellsabeel** (Hinchinbrook) to be aimed at the top level by their respective connections. The 2-year-olds handed the New South Wales operation a day to remember with Lindsay Park's Personal successful at her second start at Flemington Saturday, while Cellsabeel also came up trumps at the second time of asking for trainers Ciaran Maher and David Eustace at Rosehill.

There were still smiles all round at Cressfield on Sunday with General Manager Wayne Bedggood delighted with the results and looking forward to the pair's future exploits.

"It was a great day for us. Let's hope we're talking a Blue Diamond and a Slipper, you can only dream," he said.

The G1 Blue Diamond S. is on the radar of Personal, who was knocked down to the final \$640,000 bid of Tom Magnier to race in the familiar silks of Coolmore. Personal is a half-sister to the black-type performers Trope (More Than Ready {USA}) and the siblings Selectify (Redoute's Choice) and Laser Flash with their dam the Listed Queen Adelaide S. winner Personify (Galileo {Ire}). She was purchased for \$2 million by Kieran Moore

Bloodstock on behalf of Bruce Neill's Cressfield at the Inglis Sydney Broodmare Sale in 2008.

"She's 16 now and her last four or five foals have been delivered by caesarean so she's been a little bit difficult," Bedggood said. "She's holding to Headwater now and that will quite likely be her last foal."

Personify boasts a strong sprinting background as a half-sister to the five-time South African Group 1 winner Laisserfaire (Daneshill {USA}), the dual Group 3 winner A Time For Julia (Redoute's Choice) and her stakes winning brother and sire Time Thief. It's also the family of the Group 2 winners Centennial Park (NZ) (Thorn Park) and Zodiac Ruler (Zoffany {Ire}).

"To be honest, Personal probably looked more like a miler than a sprinter so it's very pleasing to see what she's doing," Bedggood said. "It's certainly not unexpected as the family have all run early, but you just think she'll be better over a little bit more ground."

Co-trainer David Hayes said he will monitor Personal's progress in the coming days and is tempted to send her into the Blue Diamond without another run.

"We'll just see how she pulls up; whether she has a run before it, or goes straight in. I do think she's probably more of a Sires' Produce S. filly than a sprinter, but Miss Finland was a bit that way as well."

Miss Finland (Redoute's Choice) was a star for Hayes and finished runner-up in the Blue Diamond before winning the Golden Slipper and a further four Group 1 events.



The winning connections of Personal | Bronwen Healy



Cellsabeel winning at Rosehill | TDN AusNZ

Hayes said he was most impressed with the manner in which Personal finished off her race at Flemington for rider Craig Williams.

“She was in a world of pain with 300 metres to go and she showed her class when he got her to the outside.”

Group 1 Pedigree

A \$400,000 buy for Sheikh Mohammed Bin Khalifa Al Maktoum, Cellsabeel is a daughter of the G1 Railway S. winner Our Egyptian Raine (NZ) (Desert Sun {GB}), who was also bought by Moore at the Sydney Broodmare Sale for \$900,000.

“The mare’s been very good and throws to herself and she’s not the biggest or most impressive looking animal, but they can all run and obviously a few of them can run very well,” Bedggood said. “Cellsabeel was easily the best looking of her progeny and she sold accordingly. She looked forward and early and almost looked like a colt. She’s a lovely animal and strong in the shoulder, a typical Hinchinbrook I suppose.”

Our Egyptian Raine has also produced the dual Group 3 winner Egyptian Symbol (Stratum) and the multiple winner and G1 Hong Kong Chairman’s Sprint prize placegetter Strathmore (Fastnet Rock).

“She’s got an All Too Hard colt who’s is probably going to the June Magic Millions at this stage. He’s a November foal so he just needs a bit of time,” Bedggood said. “She’s not in foal this year because she foaled too late and she’s got a Headwater colt at foot.”

Cellsabeel’s romp to victory at Rosehill immediately placed her at the top of markets for the G1 Golden Slipper S.

“We have had a big opinion of her right from the start. She has always been a high-quality horse and she will head to the Slipper,” Maher said.



IN HONG KONG:

Champion Supreme, g, 4, **Denman**--Future Choice, by Redoute’s Choice. Sha Tin, 1-19, Hcp. (\$270k), 1600m, 1:34.52. B-Team Valor Pty Ltd (NSW). *1/2 to Eight Till Late (Lonhro), GSW-Aus, \$132,280. **\$40,000 Ylg ‘17 INGFEF; \$70,000 2yo ‘17 MMOCT. **VIDEO**

Valiant Dream, g, 4, **Magnus**--Captivating Lady, by Elvstroem. Sha Tin, 1-19, Hcp. (\$270k), 1200m, 1:09.32. B-Mr RJ Coombes, Mrs E Coombes, Mr D Coombes (Vic). *\$60,000 Ylg ‘17 INGFEF. **VIDEO**

Undeclared, g, 4, **Shamus Award**--Attractive (NZ), by Zabeel (NZ). Sha Tin, 1-19, Hcp. (\$180k), 1200m, 1:09.48. B-B 2 B Bloodstock (NSW). *\$185,000 Ylg ‘17 INGEAS. **VIDEO**

Beat the Clock, g, 5, **Hinchinbrook**. See ‘TDN Europe--Worldwide News.’



IN HONG KONG:

Duke Wai, g, 4, **Per Incanto (USA)**--(She’s) Swan Lake (SP-NZ), by Green Perfume (USA). Sha Tin, 1-19, Hcp. (NZ\$409k), 1200m, 1:08.56. B-Waikato Stud Ltd. *NZ\$40,000 Wlg ‘16 NZBMAY; NZ\$45,000 Ylg ‘17 NZBFEB; NZ\$70,000 RNA 2yo ‘17 NZBRTR. **VIDEO.**

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