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## LIVING THE DREAM



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by Christina Bossinakis

Saffie Joseph Jr. lived what many might call an idyllic life in his native Barbados. Since relocating his family and burgeoning racing stable to Southern Florida in 2011, however, the third-generation horseman has seen his own American dream given wings as he begins to realize his childhood ambitions. After arriving in the U.S. with only two horses, the 33-year-old's operation has expanded to a team 65-strong, including Grade I winner **Math Wizard** (Algorithms), GI Kentucky Derby hopeful **Chance It** (Currency Swap) and undefeated **Tonalist's Shape** (Tonalist). And while Joseph points out that the horses, and the expanding team of dedicated owners who support him, are important factors in his success, the father of two acknowledges that his predecessors were the ones who planted the seed and cultivated his passion for racing.

"I've basically been in horse racing my whole life," explained Joseph. "My dad [Saffie Joseph Sr.] was a trainer and our granddad [Attie] was an owner. I was born into racing. Racing has been a family tradition."

Born on the island of Barbados in 1987, Joseph was introduced to horses early on by his father Joseph Sr., who was a trainer on the island, and his grand father Attie Joseph, a successful owner in the Caribbean. He admits he can't remember a time when horses didn't play a major part in his life.

"My granddad started it all," he said. "He was one of the top owners in Trinidad and Barbados. My aunt [Claudette], also had some of the horses run in her name, too. Between the two of them, they were fortunate to win a lot of big races."

Joseph, who took out his training license at age 18, credits much of his present-day success to his father, who served as a mentor to the aspiring young horseman. **Cont. p3**

## SPUN TO RUN GETS A JOCKEY, BUT NOT RESPECT

by Bill Finley

A strange four-day period in which the likely second choice in a \$3-million race did not have a jockey ended Tuesday with the announcement that Javier Castellano will ride **Spun to Run** (Hard Spun) in the GI Pegasus World Cup Invitational at Gulfstream.

Castellano replaces Irad Ortiz, Jr., who made the peculiar decision to take off Spun to Run in order to ride the Bob Baffert-trained **Mucho Gusto** (Mucho Macho Man). Mucho Gusto was last seen running third in the GIII Oklahoma Derby Sept. 29 and his biggest wins have come at the Grade III level. Meanwhile, Spun to Run was second in his last start behind likely 3-year-old champion Maximum Security (New Year's Day) in the GI Cigar Mile and, before that, he won the 2019 GI Big Ass Fans Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile with Ortiz aboard. **Cont. p6**

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The Ortiz brothers stop for a picture as GI Pegasus World Cup Invitational week gets underway at Gulfstream. | Christina Bossinakis

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**Saffie Joseph cont. from p1**



**Saffie Joseph Jr. | Sarah Andrew**

“Most of our system is basically based under his philosophy,” said Saffie Jr. “My dad taught me, if the horses are happy, they’re going to run. And they’re going to run through little things that are insignificant. That’s the main thing. Just keep them happy and stay on top of things.”

According to Joseph, his father remains an integral part of his Gulfstream Park-based operation, and continues to exact the

same work ethic that inspired him early on in his career.

“We argue every day,” said Joseph. “He probably puts more pressure on me than any of my owners, but I think it works out better for us. It works out better for the horses, definitely.”

He added, “He taught me the value of hard work and that’s what I try to enforce with our team, too. We know we’re going to work hard, but the success will come back to us. It’s all very rewarding.”

**Rising Star**

Not without an abundance of time and effort propelling it, success came early in Joseph’s career when, at just age 22, he became the youngest trainer in Barbados’s history to win the Triple Crown in 2009 with Areyoutalkintome.

“He was the best horse I ever trained in Barbados,” Joseph said of the Triple Crown winner. “Probably one of the best horses to ever run in Barbados.”

Bolstered by the experience, Joseph realized it was time to make a change if he was going to take his game to the next level.

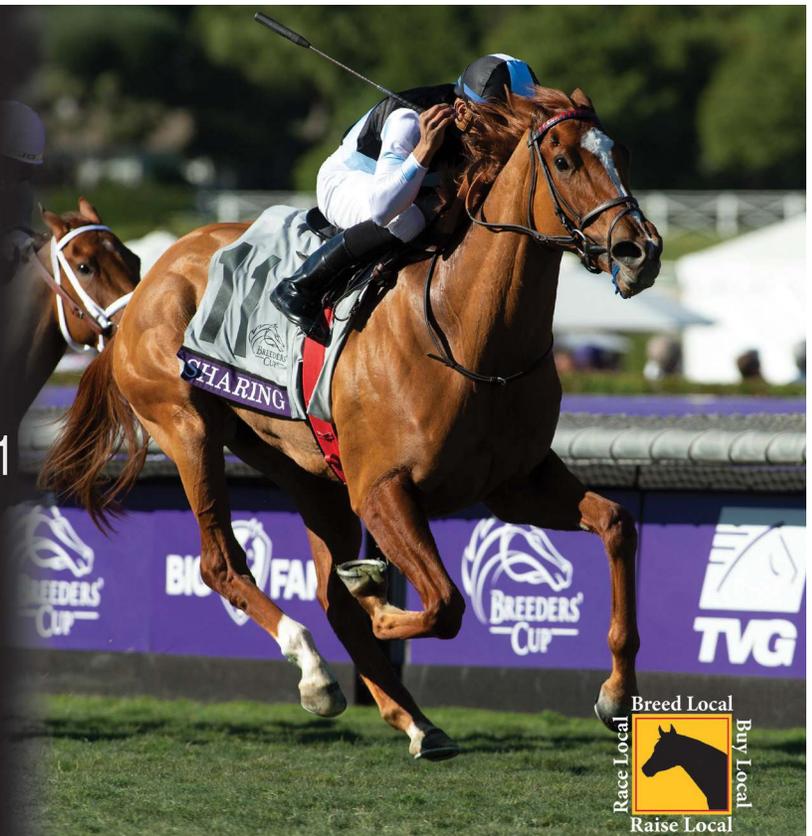
“Barbados is limited since they only race twice a month,” explained Joseph. “Over there, it’s more of a hobby as opposed to America, where it’s more businesslike. And my dream was to win the best races in the world. As a kid, I used to see the stars

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Joseph arrived in the U.S. with only two horses and one of them, Artifacts, won his first three Stateside starts. Despite the taste of success, however, the early years weren't without their challenges.

“It was hard at the beginning because we owned all the horses ourselves,” he recalled. “My dad, myself, we had six or seven horses. Artifacts won his first three races in America, but outside of that, it wasn't easy.”

Gradually building his operation through the better part of the last decade, Joseph's hard work paid off with a horse named Math Wizard, who got up in the final jump to collect the first Grade I victory for the barn in the Sept. 21 Pennsylvania Derby at Parx. The colt was fifth in the Nov. 2 GI Breeders' Cup Classic at Santa Anita in his most recent start.

“To be honest with you, going into the [Pennsylvania Derby], I didn't think we could win,” admitted Joseph. “I thought we had a chance, but I was hoping to get a good pace. Just to see it happen was surreal. It brought tears to my eyes. It's probably one of the greatest days of my life in horse racing.”

After initially considering the GI Pegasus World Cup Invitational at Gulfstream for the chestnut's 2020 debut, the team finally decided to ship overseas to contest the \$20-million Saudi Cup Feb. 29.

“If Math Wizard goes to Saudi Arabia [Saudi Cup Feb. 29] and all goes well, we're obviously out there so we would like to go to [the G1 Dubai World Cup Mar. 28] next. After Dubai, we'd probably bring him back to the U.S. and give him another break. Then we'll map out a plan for later in the year with him.”

With the older horse division solidly covered, Joseph has also thrown his hat into the sophomore division with a pair of up-and-coming 3-year-olds, Chance It, a two-time stakes winner at

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"Chance It showed a lot of guts last time," said Joseph of the Mucho Macho Man. "Coming back off a [four-month] layoff and to have to belly down the way he did, shows us he is a special horse."

Chance it is slated to make his next start in the GII Fasig-Tipton Fountain of Youth S. Looking ahead to the first Saturday in May, Joseph added, "I think he's definitely a Derby horse. There are a lot of expectations, obviously, but there's a lot of hope that he's the horse that could take us there. He has a lot of speed and stamina doesn't seem to be a problem for him. In my opinion, he's one of the best horses in the country."

Also armed in the filly division, Joseph has high hopes for Tonalist's Shape. A debut winner for trainer Juan Carlos Avila at Gulfstream last September, she won her first start for Joseph at Gulfstream Park West in October before airing by nine lengths in the eight-furlong Hut Hut.

"She was very impressive," said Joseph. "It was her first time stretching out. Obviously, they need to do it, and until they do it, you never know. But she did it the right way, so we're excited about her."

According to Joseph, the chestnut is expected to make her

next start in the seven-furlong GIII Forward Gal S. at Gulfstream Feb. 1.

"We definitely think she's going to get even better when she goes two turns," he opined. "We're cutting her back in trip a little bit to seven eighths, but it's a good starting point."

**Strength to Strength**

At the conclusion of 2019, Joseph accumulated 95 wins from 370 starts, while amassing \$3,877,156 in earnings. The barn's runners finished in the top three 57% of the time. The previous year, he was listed with 57 wins from 242 starts and earnings of \$1,280,403.

"About two years ago, there were times where I thought, 'Is it going to happen?' You know you're capable, but you need opportunities. Without owners providing opportunities, it makes it very difficult. So, we're thankful for all the owners that give us all these chances because without the owners, we're nothing."

He continued, "There was never doubt in our ability, but there was doubt in would it happen. I think God just had things aligned that kept us working hard and trusting it would come through. Right now, everything is rolling. We have a good team behind us and just want to keep winning. We just love to win."

And as the wins continue to stack up and Joseph checks off the boxes on his long-held wish list at a rapid rate, he acknowledges

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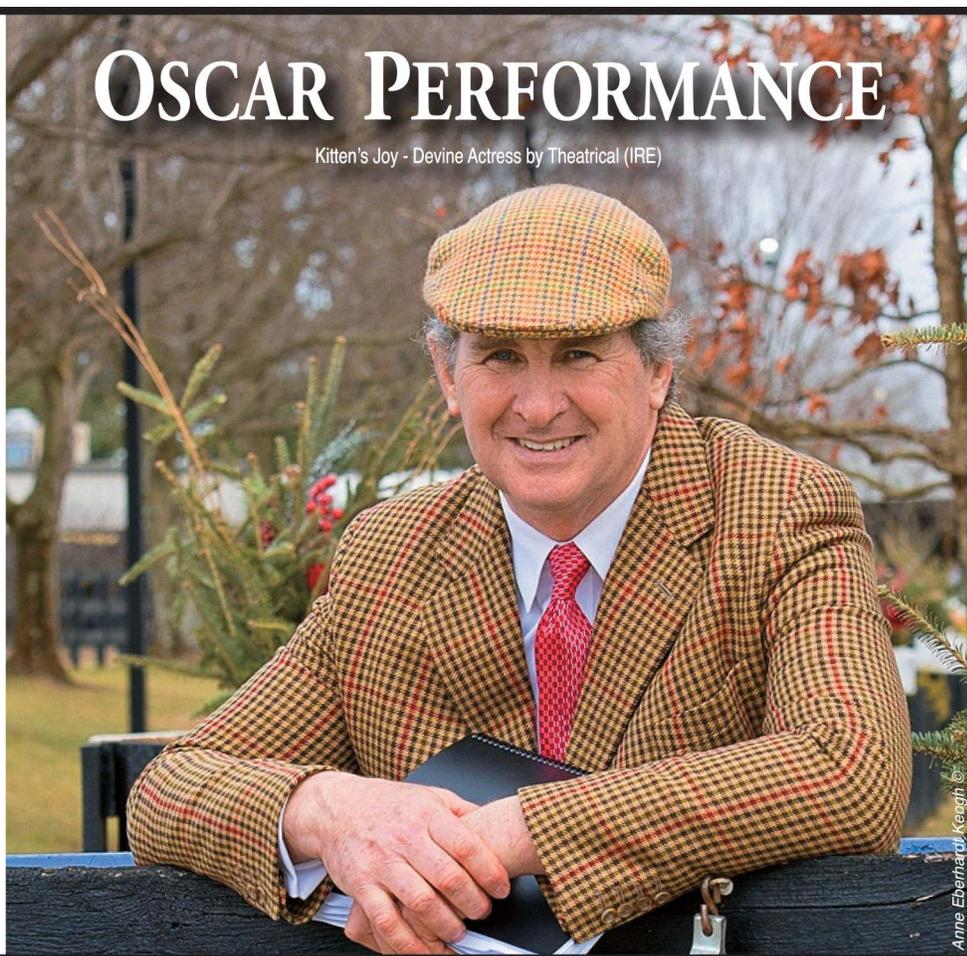
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that there is more he would still like to accomplish.

“We would like to become one of the top trainers in America and win races like the Breeders' Cup and the Kentucky Derby,” he said. “I realize that I’ve been dreaming of this my whole life and now we’re getting to a point where it’s actually becoming a reality.”

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**Spun to Run cont. from p1**



**Spun to Run** | *Horsephotos*

Owner Bob Donaldson said he wasn’t pleased to find himself without a jockey so close to such an important race, but was happy to have landed Castellano.

“Luis Saez wanted to ride him and so did Javier,” Donaldson said. “Javier kept calling. With Saez, he wasn’t good about getting back to [trainer] Carlos [Guerrero]. We weren’t going to wait around. Javier, he’s money. I know Javier can get the job done. I am relieved. We went through a lot of stress and the anxiety waiting to get an answer. With this kind of horse, you wouldn’t expect that.”

Donaldson said he wasn’t upset with Ortiz.

“I can’t get mad at Irad. It’s a business,” he said. “Would I have liked him to be loyal to us? Yes. Baffert can offer him a lot more than we can. So I understand.”

Castellano had been listed earlier in the week as the rider for **Tenfold** (Curlin) in the Pegasus.

A few hours before his connections landed Castellano, Spun to Run had his final work for the Pegasus, going four furlongs in :47.51 (1/25) at Palm Meadows. As he has done in prior works, Spun to Run worked without Lasix, which will not be permitted in the Pegasus.

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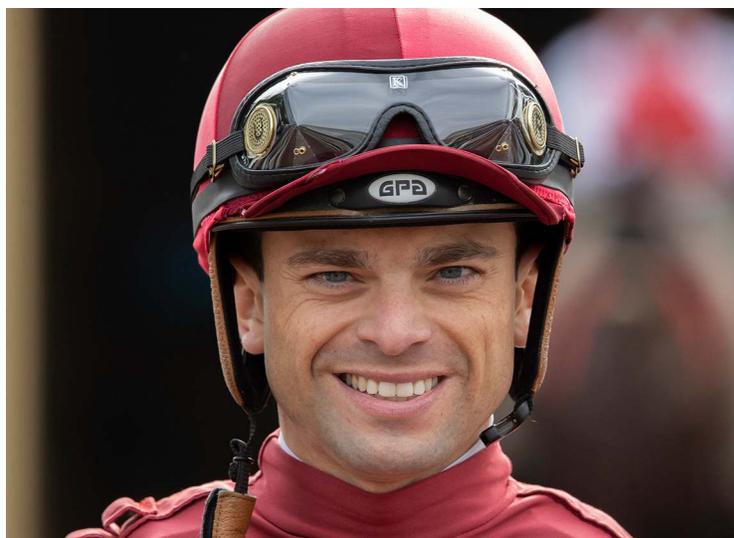
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and he went in :47 and change. This horse is flourishing. You haven't seen the best of him yet."

With **Omaha Beach** (War Front) the center of attention in the lead-up to the Pegasus, Spun to Run seems to have been largely forgotten. That Spun to Run defeated Omaha Beach handily in the GI Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile the only time the two met seems to be a non-issue.

"I've read all the articles and we're not getting any respect," Donaldson said. "Let people say what they want. I enjoy being under the radar."

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## OFF TO SOLID START, RISPOLI AIMING

**HIGHER** By Bill Finley

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"My target is to win some of the major races in the U.S.," he said. "Flavien Prat is a good example. He came from Europe and

he won the [GI] Kentucky Derby last year and has had many wins in big races like the Breeders' Cup. I would like to follow in his footsteps."

In 2009, Rispoli had 245 winners in Italy, breaking Frankie Dettori's record for most wins in a calendar year. He was named champion rider in Italy that year, a feat he repeated in 2010. Ready to move on, Rispoli began splitting his time between France and Hong Kong before he made the switch to Hong Kong

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on a year-round basis. Hong Kong was never a good fit for him. He had 31 winners there during the 2017-2018 season, but his numbers fell afterwards. When he left in December, he had just five wins on the season.

"There was not enough opportunity in Hong Kong," he said. "Whenever I got a good horse to ride I was replaced by another jockey. Zac Purton and Joao Moreira, they are the two kings over there and they get all the best mounts. There's not a lot of loyalty. You work hard, get up early in morning to work horses. You try to build up relationships with trainers and once horses are ready to go and win, they change the jockey. There was no respect and no loyalty at all. The last few seasons in Hong Kong were very, very tough. I'm not the only jockey that decided to leave."

He began to lay the groundwork for coming to the U.S. last summer when Dettori put in a good word for him with agent Ron Anderson and put the two together. Rispoli traveled to Saratoga to meet the agent, who suggested he wait until after the Breeders' Cup and then come to California.

"I have known Frankie since I was very young," he said. "For any Italian rider, Frankie is on top, he is everything. I have a very good relationship with him and it was kind of him to have a chat with Ron about me. That helped because Ron didn't know me at all. I'm doing my best to not let Frankie down."

The biggest obstacle Rispoli faced when he came to California was that trainers not only didn't know him, most had never heard of him.

"I was riding in another country and the time difference between the two was 16 hours," he said. "It is difficult to follow races all over the world. I have ridden all over the world, but I was not surprised that people here didn't know me. That made things difficult. I also had to go against some very good riders like Joel Rosario, Mike Smith, Flavien Prat and Abel Cedillo."

He got off to a fast start, winning four races during the first eight days of the meet. He then cooled off a bit, but came back to win one race each on Friday and Saturday. He currently has six wins from 37 mounts and a winning rate of 16%.

"Considering that no one knew who I was when I came here, I think I am doing pretty good," he said. "It was a good time to come and I am very happy with the way my season has started in California. I like this place. I've had some winners. I am happy when I go to work in the mornings and I'm happy to have met the people I have."

One concern Rispoli has is that he will be type-cast as a grass rider. Five of his six wins have come on the grass and he did not get his first dirt win until Saturday when he won a six-furlong race aboard D's Lovely Sophia (Big Bad Leroybrown).

"There are some smaller tracks that have dirt courses in Italy and I won a lot of dirt races there," he said. "Definitely,

American horses on dirt are a different story than rest of the world. I don't think it will be really difficult to adapt, but I know I have some things to learn. I don't want people to classify me as just a turf jockey. I know I am capable on the dirt. I just need the opportunities."

Because Anderson, who is also the agent for Rosario, will return to the East in the spring, Rispoli isn't sure whether or not he will stay in California or head to New York with his agent. He said he will lean heavily on Anderson for advice. Either way, he insists he has no plans to return to Europe or Hong Kong. His goal is to make it in the U.S.

"Every day here, you learn," he said. "When you do something with heart and it is a pleasure, it is easy to learn. There are more big races coming up and we'll see if I get a mount on a top horse. I am happy here, but I have to learn every day. This is a big opportunity for me. I am young, just 31, so I have 10, 15 years to go further. I'm here to stay. I am not going to go back."

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## MAJOR REFORMS TO MEDICATION AND RIDING CROP POLICIES FOR 2-YEAR-OLD SALES

Officials from Keeneland Association, Fasig-Tipton Company Inc. and Ocala Breeders' Sales Company Inc. jointly announced significant changes to policies regarding medication, including restriction of non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) and a ban on bronchodilators at all 2-year-old sales, and limited use of riding crops at under-tack shows. The revised Conditions of Sale for each sales company take effect March 2020.

These proactive measures demonstrate continued uniformity among the United States' three largest Thoroughbred auction houses and are the latest round of leadership reforms undertaken in recent years, following action in 2009 to ban the use of anabolic steroids in sales horses and last year's ban on the off-label use of bisphosphonates in horses younger than four years old.

Keeneland President and CEO Bill Thomason, Fasig-Tipton President Boyd T. Browning Jr. and OBS President Tom Ventura said in a joint statement: "We continue to refine and adapt our policies with the overriding goal of protecting both the human and equine athletes while providing our customers the best opportunity for success at the racetrack."

### Medication Reforms

The following changes in the medication rules will be in place for all 2-year-old sales at each of the three auction companies:

- No more than one NSAID may be administered. Stacking of

NSAIDS is prohibited; and

- Bronchodilators (Clenbuterol, Albuterol and all other bronchodilators) are prohibited substances and may not be administered.

No medication may be administered 24 hours prior to a horse's performance in an under-tack show. The schedule for administration of permitted medication at Keeneland's April 2-Year-Olds in Training Sale will be governed by the rules of racing as set forth by the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission.

### Use of a Riding Crop and Spurs at an Under Tack Show

All three sales companies now prohibit the excessive use of a riding crop on the track. Under the enhanced guidelines, a rider may remove his or her hands from the reins and strike a horse once behind the girth only prior to the starting pole at which the horse begins to breeze. At any time after the start of the breeze, a rider may only use the riding crop while both hands are holding the reins and may not strike the horse behind the girth. A rider is prohibited from striking the horse in any manner beyond the finish line. In situations where the safety of the horse or rider is in jeopardy, a riding crop may be used in front of the girth. Spurs are not allowed.

Any infraction of this policy may result in a substantial fine to be paid by the consignor, and chronic offenders may be banned from riding on the sales grounds.

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## NO OFFERS IN PIPELINE TO BUY ARLINGTON; NO BUDGE IN CONTRACT STALEMATE *by T. D. Thornton*

Purse contract negotiations between the Illinois Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association (ITHA) and Arlington Park remain deadlocked three weeks after missing a state-mandated deadline to have one in place for the 2020 meet.

Despite the issue taking center stage with 90 minutes of testy back-and-forth debate at Tuesday's Illinois Racing Board (IRB) meeting, the two sides appear no closer to bridging the gap, which chiefly hinges on a daily average purse figure of \$130,000 versus \$200,000 for the 68-date, May-through-September meet.

IRB chairman Jeffrey Brincat did underscore on Tuesday that the horsemen and Arlington are both now considered to be in violation of a portion of the Illinois Gaming Act that passed last June, with "both potentially subject to remedies...including monetary fines for both parties."

But Brincat added that the board will be holding off on any sanctions for the time being in light of the fact that the state-mandated deadline for having a purse contract in place is a



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new law that just went into effect for the 2020 season, and that the stalemate represents uncharted territory for everyone involved.

One on-the-record assertion that did get clarified is that Arlington's parent company, the gaming firm Churchill Downs Inc. (CDI), is not in receipt of any offers by another party to purchase the track. Tony Petrillo, Arlington's president, responded to an under-oath question about a possible sale by responding that no deal is in the pipeline.

So absent any third-party savior rushing in to smooth over the situation by buying Arlington and presumably offering the horsemen more favorable terms, the two groups will continue to fight through a contract as Opening Day looms.

"This is a private contract between these two parties.... This is the first year of the new constraints with respect to a year-end deadline for a contract," Brincat said. "We're [beginning the process] in January, so if we need to address this" in February or March with fines or sanctions, the IRB can.

"It's kind of like North Korea," Brincat added, using the analogy of that country's complex and difficult nuclear missile diplomacy negotiations with the United States. "Nothing's off the table."

Although in actuality, some topics were ruled off the table by Brincat on Tuesday.

These included most references to how the snag first started last August, when CDI stunned Illinois horsemen by intentionally missing a deadline to apply for newly legalized racino licensure that would have bolstered purses at the track. That decision has taken on added controversy because CDI has an ownership stake in a nearby competing casino, and the firm has stated an intent to open another gaming facility near Chicago.

When Kerry Lavelle, an attorney for the ITHA, testified how the state's gaming landscape changed dramatically when CDI invested in the competing casino, he was cut short by Brincat, who had said prior to taking up the agenda item that he would

not be allowing that topic to be considered during the purse contract negotiation updates given by both sides.

“Sir, that’s a hypothesis,” Brincat said. “I don’t think it’s the role of the ITHA or its members to pontificate with respect to Churchill’s plans or to Arlington’s plans.”

Lavelle replied that he wasn’t hypothesizing—he was reciting facts about a relevant business decision that has already come to pass.

Again, Brincat interjected: “This is not germane to the existence of a contract. And the point is, the organizational licensee is Arlington. It has been Arlington [as opposed to CDI]. And again, to open up this avenue of questioning invites propositions that I don’t think are beneficial for any party.... I think we’re walking down a very dangerous road when we try to speak to the motivations of others.”

ITHA president Michael Campbell tried a different angle. He pointed out how the horsemen have proposed numerous ways to reach an agreement. These include 1) Arlington foregoing the “recapture” money it is allowed to reclaim from the purse account under certain circumstances related to handle; 2) Restructuring the stakes schedule so more money instead goes to overnight purses, or 3) Setting up a quasi-loan that would repay Arlington the purse money it puts up if the track changes its mind to apply for racino licensure.

“We’re not saying do away with the [GI Arlington] Million. On the contrary, we’re saying run the Million,” Campbell said. “But at the same time, we’re saying the Beverly D. [S.] and the [GI] Secretariat [S.] are [very heavily funded] races. Maybe someone ought to take a look at that and decide if the affordability [reflects the] present conditions.

“This is an apportionment issue,” Campbell continued. “That balance between a healthy stakes account and a healthy purse account. We can meet in the middle somewhere. It doesn’t have to be all one thing or all of another. Otherwise we’re definitely going to hurt the majority of horsemen that practice their trade in Illinois.”

Petrillo, Arlington’s president, had a different view of the sticking points in the negotiations.

“I’m just going to be very frank. We’ve had unreasonable demands from the ITHA,” Petrillo said, noting that the horsemen’s desire for a \$200,000 daily purse average “would result in losses to Arlington. They’re unrealistic in this economic environment within our industry. It would cripple us.”

Lavelle later retorted: “Please do not buy into [Arlington’s] narrative of ‘demand, demand, demand’. They’ve used that word countless times when they’ve been before you.... We are not looking for that, and instead are looking for solutions and pathways that would not [equate to guaranteed purses].”

“There are options out there,” Lavelle said. “We spent four

hours one day talking about this issue. And at the end of it, they said, ‘Here’s the offer. Let’s use last year’s contract.’ It went nowhere. That got us nowhere.”

IRB commissioner Thomas McCauley told the ITHA that “I do want to impress on you that there’s a lot of sympathy for the purse situation.” But he added that the more effective long-term plan for horsemen might be trying to get changes made at the state level instead of at the IRB level.

“I guess my main point is that if you need relief, we can only do so much,” McCauley said. “Everybody would love to see the overnight purses double or triple, and get back to the days when Illinois racing was right up there, arguably, with New York, Florida, California, Kentucky. That would be glorious, and I really thought that was going to happen, to tell you the truth, when this Gaming Act passed.

“I can’t imagine anybody’s happy with [the low purses being offered by Arlington],” McCauley continued. “So again, we’re limited in the relief that we can give.... If we could give it to you, we would. I think I can say that with confidence for the board, because there is definitely an understanding and sympathy for the dire situation.”

In other IRB business, the board unanimously voted to move ahead with rewriting state rules on whipping in harness races, but unanimously voted to table a motion to make similar restrictions to Thoroughbred whipping rules, citing a need to study the situation further.

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## AMID UNCERTAINTY, ARLINGTON RELEASES 2020 STAKE SCHEDULE

Amid uncertainty over whether or not the track will be dark in 2020 as negotiations with Churchill Downs continue, the Arlington Racing Department has released the track’s 2020 stakes schedule.

The Aug. 15 \$1-million GI Arlington Million is the highlight of the 18-stakes schedule worth \$3.65 million. Opening May 1, the highlight of the 68-day race meet is the International Festival of Racing where, in addition to the 1 1/4-mile Million, Arlington also hosts the 1 3/16-mile \$600,000 GI Beverly D. S. for fillies and mares and the 1-mile \$500,000 GI Secretariat S. for sophomores. Both the Million and the Beverly D. are part of the “Win And You’re In” Breeders’ Cup challenge series. Those three races are the only Grade I races conducted in the state of Illinois.

“We are very excited for the upcoming meet,” said Arlington President Tony Petrillo. “The Arlington International Festival of Racing has always been a highly regarded event, drawing racing fans and horses from all over the world. It is the day that bringsthe superstars of racing like Illinois-bred The Pizza Man, Bricksand Mortar and Sistercharlie to our state. Illinois racing

receives unprecedented attention as these horses are in the spotlight on their Road to the Breeders' Cup World Championships. This maintains an interest in Illinois racing for fans in the state and worldwide."

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## BREEDERS' CUP TICKETS GO ON SALE MAR. 9

Tickets for the 2020 Breeders' Cup World Championships will go on sale to the public Mar. 9 at 9:00 a.m. EST, the Breeders' Cup announced Tuesday. The 37th running of the Breeders' Cup will return to historic Keeneland Race Course in Lexington, Kentucky Friday, Nov. 6 and Saturday, Nov. 7.

The 2020 World Championships marks the second time that the event will be held at Keeneland following its inaugural running at the venue in 2015, which was widely praised as one of the best in the event's history. On the heels of the successful 2015 debut, anticipation and demand for tickets to the 2020 event are expected to be high and tickets are likely to sell out quickly.

Fans are encouraged to visit [BreedersCup.com/2020](https://BreedersCup.com/2020) now to review available seating options and pricing and to be prepared to purchase tickets starting at 9:00 a.m. EST Mar. 9. As with all major events that have strong demand for tickets, longer than normal wait and queue times are anticipated during the first few hours of the March 9 on-sale date. It is strongly recommended that fans utilize the online purchasing system via [BreedersCup.com](https://BreedersCup.com) to purchase tickets. Fans will be placed into a queue in order received and will be allotted time to make their purchase.

Event attendance will again be capped at 45,000 to ensure an enhanced on-track experience for all attendees. To further elevate the experience for all fans and participants, Breeders' Cup and Keeneland will invest over \$10.5 million in the coming months to expand luxury seating areas.

Available single-day ticket prices range from \$40 to \$440 on Friday, and \$60 to \$590 on Saturday. Two-day packages available for purchase range from \$325 to \$1,780. All tickets will be sold in advance of the event. No tickets will be sold on event days at the racetrack.

Based on the successful 2015 transportation plan, the Breeders' Cup will again offer a Park-and-Ride program from three local destinations to Keeneland on event days. Parking on-site at Keeneland will be extremely limited and only available to those with official pre-paid parking credentials. All others will be turned away at the gates and directed to a Park-and-Ride facility. For more information fans can visit the Plan Your Visit section of the Breeders' Cup website.

The 37th running of the Breeders' Cup World Championships will be televised live by NBC Sports Group.

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# HOOKED ON HORSE RACING

*Tired of all the bad news? So were we. So, in our new series, we focus on the positive, asking people from non-horse racing families two questions: how they get hooked, and how they'll hook someone else on horse racing this year.*



Jon Green | courtesy Jon Green

### JON GREEN, GENERAL MANAGER, DJ STABLES

#### What was the experience that hooked you on the sport?

I grew up in a family of accountants, and, in 1989, I attended my first auction "unchaperoned" by my parents--it was the New Sire Showcase portion of the Fasig-Tipton July sale. Back then the consignors hired as many food/drink servers as horse grooms--they offered cold lemonade, ice cream, mint juleps, etc. to anyone looking at their yearlings. So as I stood there with a drink in one hand and semi-melted ice cream bar dripping down my other arm, I could not take my eyes off a beautiful, steel gray filly across the walking ring. The filly was by freshman sire Pancho Villa, and was easily the most stunning athlete I had ever seen. She walked with a certain confidence and aura around her and had a long stride and graceful walk. I likely spent 15 minutes watching her walk, graze and stand in the summer sun. Needless to say I was in love.

So it was with great excitement that I entered the phone booth (yes in those days we had to walk inside the sales pavilion, wait in line for a payphone and then actually remember what phone number to dial) and called my parents to discuss this filly. My parents listened to my detailed description of the filly and then asked the trainer her thoughts. The trainer

agreed that the filly was very athletic, had a great top line, etc. but added that her knees were very offset and that she toed in badly. We all collectively decided that we would bid modestly due to the filly's conformation flaws. Thankfully the filly was hip 11, so I did not have long to wait, and was able to buy her for \$23,000. I ran back to the phone bank, made a collect call to my parents and excitedly reported the stunning news of our new purchase.

That filly, named Do It With Style, broke a track record at Philadelphia Park in her first start, ran second to Meadow Star in the Comely and won the Grade I Ashland as a 3-year-old. While the filly's racing career was one of the high points of our stable's history, attending the New Sire Showcase in 1989 is the experience that hooked me into the sport. To this day whenever I bid on a horse at Fasig-Tipton, I sit under Style's nameplate for good luck.

**Would you commit to converting one person into a fan this year, and if so, what is the experience you would give them to do it?**

If price were no object, then the perfect Thoroughbred experience would start with a tour of one of the historic Kentucky horse farms. There our new fans would see how mares and their foals run, play and learn social norms out in the fields. Interacting, petting and feeding the foals would build an immediate bond to the "young ambassadors" of our sport. The afternoon would be spent watching "world-class" racing at Keeneland where full fields and great wagering opportunities avail themselves every half-hour. A final stop would include a walk in Keeneland's open-air paddock where you can rub elbows and ask questions to the top trainers, breeders and owners in the sport. I cannot think of a better introduction to both sides of our business (breeding and racing) than that day's events.

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**JOCKEYS AND JEANS STALLION SEASON SALE ATTRACTS HOST OF POPULAR NEW STALLIONS**

The fifth annual Jockeys and Jeans Stallion Season sale has attracted a host of new and popular stallions, led by Eclipse Award-winning Champion Sprinter Runhappy. The season was donated by his famous Houston owner Jim "Mattress Mac" McIngvale, a major donor to the PDJF. Other popular stallions include Tonalist, Point of Entry, World of Trouble, Mucho Macho Man, Alternation, Army Mule, Oxbow, Upstart, American Freedom, Tapiture, and Adios Charlie and First Dude, the two leading Florida stallions in 2019 by money won. The list of over 50 stallions include those standing in Kentucky, Florida, New York, California and Pennsylvania.

A preview of the seasons is available Tuesday, Jan. 28 at Starquine.com. The sale starts Wednesday, Jan. 29 at 9:00 a.m. EST and ends Friday Jan. 31 at 6:00 p.m. EST.

"Believe me, we understand that breeding farms are deluged with requests for season donations from a wide variety of charities and state breeding programs," said Jockeys and Jeans President, Barry Pearl. "But ours is the only online sale we know of that the proceed goes solely to human beings, namely those 60 former jockeys who suffered catastrophic, career ending injuries and are supported by a \$1,000 monthly stipend by the PDJF. For some it means paying the electric bill and making the rent."

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**OBS WINTER MIXED SUPPLEMENTAL CATALOGUE NOW ONLINE**

The supplemental catalog to the Ocala Breeders' Sales Company's 2020 Winter Mixed Sale is now available on the company's website at [obssales.com](http://obssales.com).

Nineteen horses have been supplemented to the Preferred Session, for a total of 186 horses cataloged as Hips 1-186. The Session will begin Tuesday, Jan. 28 at 11:00 a.m.

The addition of 29 supplements swells the Horses of Racing Age Session to a total of 151, cataloged as Hips 201-351, beginning immediately following the Preferred Session.

Twelve horses have been added to the Open Session, which gets underway Wednesday, Jan. 29 at 11:00 a.m. with a total of 310 horses cataloged as Hips 401-710.

The Racing Age section's optional Under Tack Show is

scheduled for Monday, Jan. 27 at 10:00 a.m.

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### FIRST FOAL A FILLY FOR FREE DROP BILLY

Grade I winner and Spendthrift stallion **Free Drop Billy** (Union Rags--Trensa, by Giant's Causeway) sired his first foal when stakes-placed Sweet Diva (Purim) produced a filly Jan. 19 at Heaven Trees Farm in Lexington, KY. "This is a good-sized filly with a lot of bone. She's going to be nice," said Adolfo Martinez, manager at Heaven Trees. The foal was bred by Bill O'Neill through Spendthrift's "Share the Upside" program.

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### STETTIN WINS HANDICAPPING TOURNAMENT, DONATES PRIZE TO TAA

Professional handicapper and owner of PastTheWire.com Jonathan Stettin won the inaugural Handicapping for Horses Tournament this past August in Saratoga and donated his prize money to the Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance. The prize money will be presented to the TAA during the Jan. 24 card at Gulfstream Park.

The tournament, which lasted the duration of the 2019 meet at Saratoga, featured notable horseplayers and included a weekly Friday meet and greet at The Diamond Club at Embassy Suites in Saratoga. The meet and greet offered select beverages provided by Maker's Mark and Jackson Family Wines with all proceeds going to Thoroughbred aftercare.

A total of \$5,240 was donated, with half awarded to TAA-accredited Old Friends at Cabin Creek and the remaining half to the TAA, Stettin's choice of charity.

"I'm happy to make the donation, knowing the money is going to two important organizations the sport needs and depends on. Hopefully, we can do it again this year," Stettin said.

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### After Fatalities, Can Gulfstream Park Lead Horse Racing Back to Firmer Footing?

*For decades, Hollywood and horse racing stood atop parallel foundations of inconvenient truths. Tinseltown looked the other way when powerful men behaved badly toward aspirant actresses--until Harvey Weinstein made it impossible to avoid the issue in 2017. And the Sport of Kings quietly euthanized Thoroughbreds in significant numbers--until the 2019 meet at Santa Anita Park outside Los Angeles rolled around.*

**Mike Seely, Miami New Times**

### Four horses euthanized after races at New Orleans Fair Grounds Race Course

*An animal advocacy group based in Washington, D.C., claims that four horses have been euthanized after racing at the New Orleans Fairgrounds Race Course within the last ten days--a claim that is not disputed by Fairgrounds racing officials.*

**Victoria Cristina & Susan Roesgen, WGNO New Orleans**

### THIS DATE IN HISTORY...

**January 23, 1994...**Pat Day, at age 40, became the 10th rider in North American racing history to ride 6,000 winners when he rode Miss Popsnorkle to victory in the first race at Oaklawn Park.

**January 24, 1974...**Jockey Chris McCarron rode his first race, in which he finished last aboard Most Active at Bowie Racecourse.

**January 26, 1950...**Citation's 16-race win streak came to an end in the La Sorpresa Handicap at Santa Anita. Despite giving 16 pounds to the winner, Mische, Citation, carrying 130 pounds, lost only by a neck.

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## 2019 Leading Sixth-Crop Sires by Earnings

for stallions standing in North America through Monday, Jan. 20

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Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	<b>Quality Road</b> <i>(2006) by Elusive Quality FYR: 2012</i>	10	26	6	9	4	4	223	113	4,000,000 <i>City of Light</i>	13,297,503
		<i>Stands: Lane's End Farm KY Fee: \$200,000</i>									
2	<b>Munnings</b> <i>(2006) by Speightstown FYR: 2012</i>	11	25	2	8	--	1	256	146	368,349 <i>Finite</i>	8,192,931
		<i>Stands: Ashford Stud KY Fee: \$30,000</i>									
3	<b>Lookin At Lucky</b> <i>(2007) by Smart Strike FYR: 2012</i>	5	13	3	8	1	3	187	91	2,105,800 <i>Country House</i>	8,179,293
		<i>Stands: Ashford Stud KY Fee: \$20,000</i>									
4	<b>Kantharos</b> <i>(2008) by Lion Heart FYR: 2012</i>	6	17	2	2	2	2	191	107	1,537,850 <i>X Y Jet</i>	7,209,523
		<i>Stands: Hill 'n' Dale Farms KY Fee: \$30,000</i>									
5	<b>Temple City</b> <i>(2005) by Dynaformer FYR: 2012</i>	6	13	3	5	2	2	244	110	523,300 <i>Annals of Time</i>	5,741,965
		<i>Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY Fee: \$7,500</i>									
6	<b>Blame</b> <i>(2006) by Arch FYR: 2012</i>	6	16	6	11	1	4	172	85	418,000 <i>Marley's Freedom</i>	5,307,910
		<i>Stands: Claiborne Farm KY Fee: \$35,000</i>									
7	<b>Midshipman</b> <i>(2006) by Unbridled's Song FYR: 2012</i>	8	21	1	3	--	--	182	106	182,044 <i>Bohemian Bourbon</i>	5,270,122
		<i>Stands: Darley KY Fee: \$8,500</i>									
8	<b>Warrior's Reward</b> <i>(2006) by Medaglia d'Oro FYR: 2012</i>	2	8	--	1	--	--	215	111	249,921 <i>Night Ops</i>	4,280,139
		<i>Stands: WynOaks Farm PA Fee: \$5,000</i>									
9	<b>Hold Me Back</b> <i>(2006) by Giant's Causeway FYR: 2012</i>	4	4	--	1	--	--	116	65	194,332 <i>Restrainedvengence</i>	2,503,544
		<i>Stands: NY Fee: N/A</i>									
10	<b>Tale of Ekati</b> <i>(2005) by Tale of the Cat FYR: 2012</i>	2	7	--	2	--	--	89	51	168,380 <i>Totally Obsessed</i>	2,265,658
		<i>Stands: Darby Dan Farm KY Fee: \$5,000</i>									
11	<b>Desert Party</b> <i>(2006) by Street Cry (Ire) FYR: 2012</i>	--	2	--	--	--	--	69	40	102,847 <i>Orchid Party</i>	1,695,888
		<i>Stands: Irish Hill Century Farm NY Fee: \$3,000</i>									
12	<b>Line of David</b> <i>(2007) by Lion Heart FYR: 2012</i>	--	3	--	--	--	--	112	49	186,008 <i>Celesse</i>	1,606,715
		<i>Stands: Red River Farms LA Fee: \$2,500</i>									
13	<b>Street Magician</b> <i>(2004) by Street Cry (Ire) FYR: 2012</i>	1	5	--	--	--	--	60	27	158,933 <i>So Street</i>	1,490,618
		<i>Stands: Roland Farm MD Fee: \$2,000</i>									
14	<b>Charitable Man</b> <i>(2006) by Lemon Drop Kid FYR: 2012</i>	--	3	--	--	--	--	79	37	108,704 <i>Hero's Man</i>	1,235,105
		<i>Stands: Taylor Mountain Farm USA (Dead/Ret/Exp)</i>									
15	<b>Southwestern Heat</b> <i>(2004) by Gone West FYR: 2012</i>	1	3	--	--	--	--	46	31	102,000 <i>Sunscreen</i>	911,987
		<i>Stands: A &amp; A Ranch USA (Dead/Ret/Exp)</i>									

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**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

**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-Brereton 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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## FIRST-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22

**Bourbon Courage** (Lion Heart), Anchor & Hope Farm, \$5,000  
93 foals of racing age/9 winners/1 black-type winner  
1-Charles Town, Msw 4 1/2f, SMOOKIE, 6-1  
\$6,500 EAS DEC yrl

**Daredevil** (More Than Ready), Turkish Jockey Club, private  
158 foals of racing age/14 winners/1 black-type winner  
1-Charles Town, Msw 4 1/2f, SHE GIVES ME FITS, 5-2  
\$6,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$30,000 OBS MAR 2yo



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## ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

**8th-Parx Racing, \$48,000**, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$35,000), 1-21,  
4yo/up, 6f, 1:12.41, ft.  
**RUNFORTHEMUNNINGS** (c, 4, **Munnings--Lanett Lady {Ire}**, by  
**Teuflesberg**) Lifetime Record: 9-3-2-0, \$99,721.  
O-John K. Dewberry; B-Dewberry Thoroughbreds, John  
Dewberry & Nicky Hartery (KY); T-Jeremiah C. Englehart.  
\*Won by 6 lengths.

**Another Webb Carroll Training Center Graduate**

**9th-Parx Racing, \$42,500**, (S), 1-21, (NW1BX), 4yo/up, 6f,  
1:14.01, ft.

**FINAL SHOT** (g, 5, **Talent Search--Last Shot, by Pioneering**)  
Lifetime Record: 16-2-4-4, \$137,434. O-Hopes Racing Stable,  
Inc.; B-Wendy H. Mutnick (PA); T-Guadalupe Preciado. \*1/2 to  
Amandasromeo (Weigelia), SP, \$167,360.

**3rd-Mahoning Valley, \$34,000**, (NW3X)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000),  
1-21, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:39.09, ft.

**MAGNA MAN** (g, 7, **Magna Graduate--Personal Notebook, by  
Miner's Mark**) Lifetime Record: 37-7-8-6, \$210,690.  
O-John Hoctel; B-Ron Treadway (OH); T-Ivan Vazquez.

**1st-Sunland, \$30,600**, (S), 1-21, (NW2L), 3yo, 1m, 1:40.13, ft.

**GO NOW GO** (g, 3, **Laugh Track--Tiz Beautiful, by Tiznow**)  
Lifetime Record: 8-2-1-3, \$77,796. O-McQueen, Robertson,  
Bobby J. Glen & Dale F. Taylor Racing, LLC; B-Mike Abraham  
(NM); T-Todd W. Fincher. \*\$31,000 Ylg '18 RUIAUG.

**2nd-Sunland, \$30,000**, (C)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 1-21, 4yo/up,  
1m, 1:35.70, ft.

**SPHENE** (h, 5, **Bodemeister--Cherokee Jewel {MSW, \$190,685},  
by Cherokee Run**) Lifetime Record: MSP, 15-4-2-3, \$163,258.  
O-Judge Lanier Racing; B-WinStar Farm, LLC (KY); T-Miguel L.  
Hernandez. \*\$15,000 2yo '17 KEENOV. \*\*1/2 to Bayerd  
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**4th-Mahoning Valley, \$23,500**, 1-21, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 5 1/2f,  
1:04.77, ft.

**SIR MICHAEL** (g, 4, **Gemologist--Don't Tacha Me, by A.P. Indy**)  
Lifetime Record: 8-2-1-0, \$38,865. O/T-Michelle L. Elliott;  
B-Brandywine Farm (Jim & Pam Robinson) (KY). \*\$17,000 RNA  
Ylg '17 FTKJUL; \$15,000 Ylg '17 FTKOCT; \$9,000 RNA 2yo '18  
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**Carmeltini**, f, 3, **Orb--One too Many, by E Dubai**. Parx Racing,  
1-21, (C), 6 1/2f, 1:20.61. B-Stone Farm (KY). \*\$65,000 RNA Ylg  
'18 KEESEP; \$25,000 2yo '19 EASMAV.

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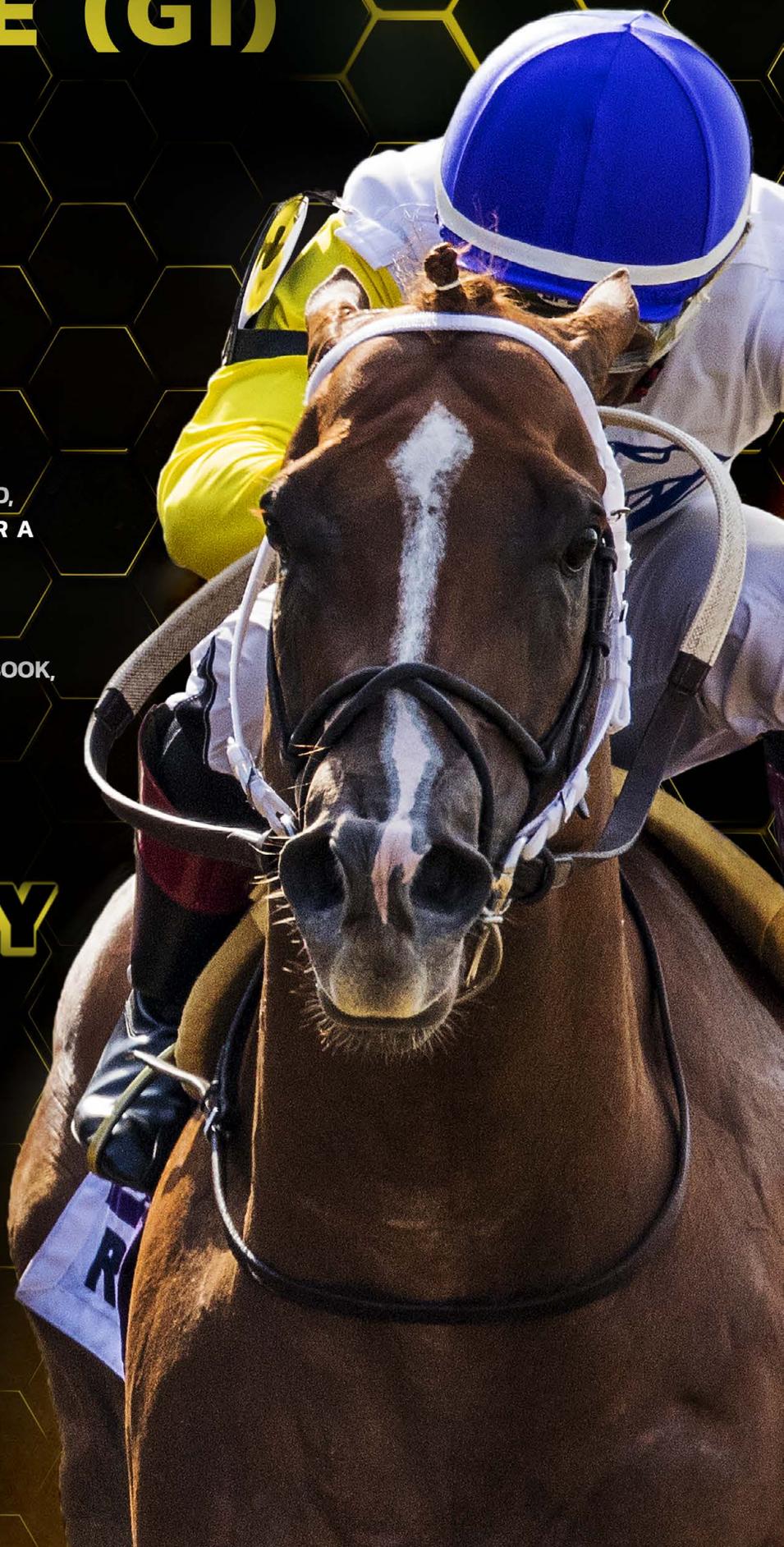
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**Shugs Charlie**, f, 3, **Shame On Charlie**--Shug's Spirit, by Diabolical. Sunland, 1-21, (S), 6f, 1:11.10. B-Barbara Brown (NM).

**Miss International**, f, 3, **Tapizar**--Assoulin, by Candy Ride (Arg). Mahoning Valley, 1-21, 5 1/2f, 1:06.06. B-Gainesway Thoroughbreds Ltd. (KY). \*\$1,000 Ylg '18 KESEP; \$15,000 2yo '19 OBSOPN.

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**BODEMEISTER**, Spheue, h, 5, o/o Cherokee Jewel, by Cherokee Run. AOC, 1-21, Sunland

**GEMOLOGIST**, Sir Michael, g, 4, o/o Don't Tacha Me, by A.P. Indy. ALW, 1-21, Mahoning Valley

**LAUGH TRACK**, Go Now Go, g, 3, o/o Tiz Beautiful, by Tiznow. ALW, 1-21, Sunland

**MAGNA GRADUATE**, Magna Man, g, 7, o/o Personal Notebook, by Miner's Mark. AOC, 1-21, Mahoning Valley

**MUNNINGS**, Runforthemunnings, c, 4, o/o Lanett Lady (Ire), by Teufflesberg. AOC, 1-21, Parx Racing

**ORB**, Carmeltini, f, 3, o/o One too Many, by E Dubai. MCL, 1-21, Parx Racing

**SHAME ON CHARLIE**, Shugs Charlie, f, 3, o/o Shug's Spirit, by Diabolical. MSW, 1-21, Sunland

**TALENT SEARCH**, Final Shot, g, 5, o/o Last Shot, by Pioneering. ALW, 1-21, Parx Racing

**TAPIZAR**, Miss International, f, 3, o/o Assoulin, by Candy Ride (Arg). MSW, 1-21, Mahoning Valley

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## VALUE SIRES: FIRST 2-YEAR-OLDS



Shalaa's yearlings averaged 3.6x his stud fee | Zuzanna Lupa

By Kelsey Riley

For the stallions with first-crop 2-year-olds of 2020, the guessing game is effectively over. The market has offered up its opinions at the foal and yearling levels--for some, reputations have been enhanced even before their firstborns bore tack. For others, the market has nearly already decided their fate.

Irrespective of what happened in the ring, however, a great many first-crop 2-year-olds are now in the hands of their trainers, and we have just mere months to wait before the most precocious of those begin to show their hands. In the meantime, in this fourth installment of the *TDN's* Value Sires series, let's take a look back on the racetrack and sales ring accomplishments of stallions with their first runners in 2020.

It was a significant coup for the French breeding industry in 2017—one that would be repeated the following year—when Europe's most expensively priced newcomer joined the ranks at Haras de Bouquetot. **Shalaa (Ire)** (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) was priced at €27,500 on the merits of a champion 2-year-old campaign that included five wins from six starts, culminating in victories in the G1 Prix Morny over Gutaifan (Ire) and G1 Middle Park S. over Buratino (Ire).

It is very much a case of what could have been for Shalaa; injury ruled him out of much of his 3-year-old campaign, but when he at last got going in October he took the six-furlong G3 Bengough S.

It hasn't hurt Shalaa's chances in the interim that he is a son of Invincible Spirit, who needs no introduction as a sire of sires. Further clout is added to the pedigree by the fact that Shalaa's dam, Ghurra (War Chant) is a half-sister to G1 Middle Park S. winner Hayil (Dayjur). Useful sire Dragon Pulse (Ire) (Kyllachy {GB}) also appears under the first dam.

Shalaa led all first-crop sires by foal average at the 2018 breeding stock sales, and he retained his crown last year at the yearling sales. He had 64 sold from 74 offered for an average of £99,251/€117,020 (3.6x his 2017 fee) and a median of £73,607/86,807. Shalaa's fee had dropped to €22,000 last year but he is back up a touch to €25,000 for 2020.

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**Value Sires: First 2-Year-Olds Cont. from p1**

Shalaa isn't the only son of Invincible Spirit who has the chance to become the next Kingman (GB), Cable Bay (Ire) or I Am Invincible (Aus). **Territories** was among the more talked-about first-crop sires at the yearling sales last year, and his 73 sold averaged 3.8x his £12,000 stud fee at £45,508/€53,655. His median of £33,938/€40,024 was 2.8x his fee.

Territories packages together both pedigree and performance. Out of a Machiavellian mare and from the family of Street Cry and Shamardal, he was Group 1-placed at two and went on to win the G1 Prix Jean Prat at three and place in the G1 2000 Guineas—second to Gleneagles (Ire)—and G1 Prix Jacques le Marois. Territories has held his £12,000 fee his first four years at Dalham Hall Stud.

Dalham Hall also has in this sire crop the G1 Middle Park S. winner **Charming Thought (GB)** (Oasis Dream {GB}). Godolphin's 625,000gns yearling won three of his four starts at two, and his third dam is the blue hen Flamenco Wave (Desert Wine), the dam of Group 1 winners Ballingarry (Ire), Aristotle (Ire) and Starborough (GB). It is also the family of the champion 2-year-old and multiple Group 1-winning stayer St Nicholas Abbey (Ire) (Montjeu {Ire}). Charming Thought is available for £5,000 in 2020, with his first yearlings having averaged 2.8x his opening stud fee of £8,000 at £17,186/€20,265.

The first-crop foals and yearlings of G1 Irish 2000 Guineas winner **Awtaad (Ire)** (Cape Cross {Ire}) have been very well received. He checked in second to Shalaa by average in both realms, and his 52 yearlings sold last year averaged £72,721/€85,740 (4.8x his €15,000 fee) and returned a median of £42,710/€50,397. Awtaad broke his maiden in his second start at two and went unbeaten through his first three starts at three, including the Irish Guineas over the G1 2000 Guineas winner Galileo Gold (Ire) (Paco Boy {GB}). Awtaad added the G2 Boomerang S. later in the season. He remains at €15,000 at Derrinstown Stud.

**The Gurkha (Ire)** is the latest Classic winner by Galileo to attempt to add his name to the burgeoning list of sire sons by his peerless father, and somewhat surprisingly he is the only elite son of Galileo in this sire crop. The Gurkha raced exclusively at three and jumped from maiden company to win the 2016 G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains. He was runner-up in the G1 St James's Palace S. and the G1 Coral-Eclipse before besting Galileo Gold by a neck in the G1 Sussex S. in what would prove his final start due to a bout of colic suffered thereafter. The Gurkha is similarly bred to Frankel, being out of the Group 3-winning Danehill Dancer (Ire) mare Chintz (Ire), and his second dam is a half-sister to G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe winner Solemia (Ire) (Poliglote {GB}). **Cont. p3**

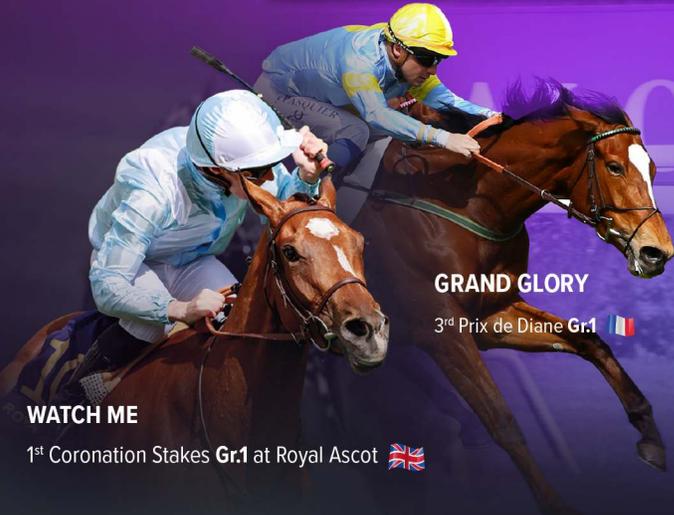
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### **Value Sires: First 2-Year-Olds Cont.**

The Gurka's 51 yearlings sold last year averaged twice his initial €25,000 stud fee at £50,985/€60,112, and the fact that he is down to €12,500 at Coolmore makes 2020 the right time to roll the dice.



**The Gurka** | Coolmore

Ballylinch's **New Bay (GB)** is the lone son of Dubawi (Ire) in this sire crop, and his supporters thus far can rejoice in the success of Darley's lynchpin as a sire of sires, bolstered significantly this year by the promising start by Night of Thunder (Ire). New Bay gets strong marks on the bottom side of his pedigree, too. He is out of the stakes-winning Zamindar mare Cinnamon Bay, and his third dam is Bahamian (Ire) (Mill Reef), whose dynasty includes Oasis Dream (GB), Kingman (GB), Beat Hollow (GB) and Martaline (GB). New Bay won the 2015 G1 Prix du Jockey Club over Highland Reel (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) and took the G2 Prix Guillaume d'Ornano and G2 Prix Niel in the following months before finishing third behind Golden Horn (GB) and Flintshire (GB) in the G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe. He added the G3 Prix Gontaut-Biron at four and holds the advantage of being supported by a syndicate that includes Ballylinch, his breeder Juddmonte Farms and the China Horse Club. New Bay's 46 yearlings sold last year averaged £39,105/€46,105, and he stands for €15,000 this year.

Starting out alongside New Bay at Ballylinch was fellow Group 1 winner **Fascinating Rock (Ire)** (Fastnet Rock {Aus}). The Dermot Weld-trained colt won a pair of Derby preps at three and trained on to take the G1 Champion S. at four and the G1 Tattersalls Gold Cup at five, both over the prolific mare Found (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), and retired with an official rating of 123. He shares a broodmare sire, Polar Falcon, with the great Pivotal (GB), who is by that son of Nureyev. Fascinating Rock is down to €7,000 from an opening fee of €10,000, and his yearlings averaged £27,895/€32,892–2.8x his stud fee. [Cont. p4](#)



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**Value Sires: First 2-Year-Olds Cont.**

Breeder Newtown Anner Stud supported him heavily at the sales buying his top two lots, fillies for 140,000gns and €160,000.

Gilltown Stud's dual Derby winner **Harzand (Ire)** (Sea The Stars {Ire}) has swung wildly in fashion before a runner has even set foot on the racetrack. He covered 87 mares in his debut season and dropped to 30 in 2018. The judges must have liked what they saw in his first-crop foals, however, as he was back up to 94 last year. Indeed, his 31 first-crop yearlings sold averaged 2.6x his opening fee at £39,026/€46,014. Harzand, in the mould of his sire, was at his best at three so it would be no surprise if his progeny were to take time to develop, and breeders that use the horse in 2020 would have foals to sell when Harzand's first crop are completing their 3-year-old campaigns. After starting out at €15,000, he has dropped down to €8,000.

The hopes of Darley's Kildangan Stud ride on three in this sire crop: Belardo (Ire) (Lope de Vega {Ire}), The Last Lion (Ire) (Choisir {Aus}) and Buratino (Ire) (Exceed and Excel {Aus}).

**Belardo** has the momentum behind him of his grandsire Shamardal--who he stands alongside--and indeed like

Shamardal, Belardo won the G1 Dewhurst S. at two before going on to win a Group 1 mile, in his case the G1 Lockinge S. at four. Only the champion miler Solow (GB) (Singspiel {Ire}) stood between Belardo and a Group 1 win at three in the G1 Queen Elizabeth II S., and just Tepin (Bernstein) prevented him from going out a winner in Royal Ascot's G1 Queen Anne S. Belardo is out of the G1 Cheveley Park S. and G2 Lowther S.-placed Danaskaya (Ire) (Danehill), now a multiple stakes producer. His 52 yearlings sold last year averaged £34,354/€40,507, and his six-figure yearlings were bought by the likes of Klaravich Stables, Mike Ryan and Shadwell. Belardo started at €15,000 and is standing for the second straight year at €10,000.

**Buratino** has been the busiest of the Kildangan trio, covering a combined 360 mares his first three seasons at €5,000. The chestnut was in action on the first day of the season in 2015, breaking his maiden by 3 1/2 lengths at Chelmsford and he held his form through seven subsequent starts at two. He took Epsom's Listed Woodcote S. on Derby day and beat Air Force Blue (War Front) by two lengths in the G2 Coventry S. at Royal Ascot. Buratino was then placed in the G1 Phoenix S. and G1 Middle Park S. to round out the season. [Cont. p5](#)



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Buratino is out of the listed-placed Kingmambo mare Bergamask, and his Group 3-winning second dam Adonesque (Ire) (Sadler's Wells) is a half-sister to Danehill Dancer (Ire). That's a lot of sire power in a €5,000 package, and breeders likely aren't going to have to wait long for the Buratinos to shine on the racecourse.

**The Last Lion** was similarly precocious, having first stepped out on Apr. 2 of his 2-year-old campaign with a win at Doncaster and having held his form through nine subsequent starts before capping off his campaign—and career—with a win in the G1 Middle Park S. over Blue Point (Ire) (Shamardal). The son of sprint star Choisir and the dual Group 1-placed juvenile Mala Mala (Ire) (Brief Truce) was never off the board in the interim, also winning the G3 Sirenia S. and Listed Dragon S. and placing in the G2 Norfolk S., G3 Molecomb S., G2 Gimcrack S. and G2 Flying Childers S. His first yearlings found favour with the market, his 26 sold averaging almost three times his opening fee of €12,000 at £34,091/€40,197. The Last Lion stands for €7,500 in 2020.

Tally-Ho Stud is home to a pair in this crop in Mehmas (Ire) (Acclamation {GB}) and Vadamos (Fr) (Monsun {Ger}). Mehmas carries the same cross as Dark Angel—being by Acclamation out

of a Machiavellian mare—and like that luminary he retired after a prolific 2-year-old campaign. Mehmas was second to Caravaggio in the G2 Coventry S. before winning the G2 July S. and G2 Richmond S.—the latter over Blue Point—and he rounded out his career with placed efforts in the G1 National S. and the G1 Middle Park S. behind Churchill (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) and The Last Lion, respectively. Mehmas's pedigree also includes dual French Classic winner Avenir Certain (Fr) (Le Havre {Ire}) and the GI Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf victress Queen's Trust (GB) (Dansili {GB}). Mehmas has seen a gradual reduction in fee and is down to €7,500 this year. His yearlings averaged £31,238/€36,833 last year.

**Vadamos** brings an interesting profile to the table. He broke his maiden going 2100 metres at three and won a listed race three months later over 2400 metres. After moving from Francois Rohaut to Andre Fabre at four, however, he was dropped down to a mile for the G2 Oettingen-Rennen and won by five lengths. He had a globetrotting campaign at five, running in France, Dubai and Australia and collecting three more group races over a mile, headed by the G1 Prix du Moulin de Longchamp. He was fourth in both the G1 Cox Plate and G1 Emirates S. in Australia and retired with a rating of 120. Vadamos was well supported with 167 mares in year one, but was visited by just 65 in year two. [Cont. p6](#)

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He was back up to 84 last year when dropped from €10,000 to €7,500, and he is given a further cut to €6,000 in 2020. His yearlings averaged £26,150/€30,834.

Cheveley Park Stud starts out another sprint stallion in **Twilight Son (GB)**, and they will be hoping he follows in the hoofprints of his sire Kyllachy (GB) and grandsire Pivotal (GB), both of which they have stood. Twilight Son showed brilliance right off the bat and won his first five starts including the G1 Haydock Sprint Cup at three, and he added Royal Ascot's G1 Diamond Jubilee S. at four. Twilight Son's yearlings averaged £28,358/€33,436 (2.8x his fee), and he is available for £7,000 in 2020, down from his initial £10,000.

Emerging as a bit of a surprise package at the yearling sales was Tara Stud's **Estidhkaar (Ire)** (Dark Angel {Ire}), whose yearlings averaged 4.2x his £5,000 stud fee last year at £20,765/€24,485. He had three six-figure yearlings, two of which were secured by his racing owner Sheikh Hamdan for 120,000gns and 110,000gns, and one of which was bought by Roger Varian for 140,000gns. Estidhkaar is a half-brother to champion 2-year-old Toormore (Ire) (Arakan) and he himself was precocious, winning the G2 Superlative S. and G2 Champagne S. at two.

Similarly popular with his first yearlings was Chapel Stud's (formerly Bucklands Farm & Stud) group-winning sprinter **Pearl Secret (GB)** (Compton Place {GB}). The 11-year-old has stood for £4,000 his first four seasons, and his yearlings averaged 4.4x that—£17,578/€20,729 for 23 sold. His median held up similarly well at £13,377/€15,776. Pearl Secret raced from two to six and won three five-furlong stakes including the G2 Temple S., and was third in the G1 King's Stand S. in 2013. He is from the family of good sire Dutch Art (GB).

Another son of Dark Angel raced by Sheikh Hamdan in this sire crop is **Markaz (Ire)**, who stands alongside Awtaad at Derrinstown Stud for €5,000. The full-brother to G1 Nunthorpe S. winner Mecca's Angel (Ire) won the G3 Criterion S. over seven furlongs and three and added the G3 Chipchase S. over six at four.

With Roaring Lion having sadly died and Hawkbill off to Darley Japan after one season in Newmarket, the hopes of Kitten's Joy establishing a sire son in Britain now lie with Lanwades's G1

Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint winner **Bobby's Kitten**. A Grade III winner at two, Bobby's Kitten bested none other than No Nay Never at the Breeders' Cup and became the first 3-year-old to win the Turf Sprint. He was later transferred from Chad Brown to Dermot Weld to take a shot at Royal Ascot, and while he didn't make it to that meeting he did win his lone start in Ireland, the Listed Cork S., by 8 1/2 lengths. Bobby's Kitten is a full-brother to stakes winners Camelot Kitten and Major Magic, and his third dam is the influential American mare North of Eden (Ire) (Northfields), the dam of champion Paradise Creek and Grade I winners Forbidden Apple and Wild Event. Bobby's Kitten started at £12,500 and is available for £8,000 this year.

Breeders in Britain and Ireland looking for four-figure sons of Kodiak (GB) certainly aren't lacking for choice. Whitsbury Manor Stud's multiple Group 2-winning sprinter **Adaay (Ire)** was well received at the yearling sales, his 54 sold averaging £25,112/€29,610, 3.6x his €7,000 opening fee, while his

median also held up well at £16,237/€19,148. Adaay won the G2 Sandy Lane S. and G2 Hungerford S. at three and is available for €5,000 this year.

Rathbarry's **Kodi Bear (Ire)** was patronized at the sales last year by the likes of China Horse Club—who bought a €100,000 colt—his former trainer Clive Cox, Stephen Hillen and Kevin Ryan and SackvilleDonald. Kodi Bear was a listed winner at two and second in the G1 Dewhurst S. before winning the G3 Sovereign S. and G2 Celebration Mile both

over 1600 metres at three. After starting out at €10,000, he is down to €6,000 for 2020.

**Prince of Lir (Ire)** retired to Ballyhane Stud after his 2-year-old campaign, the highlight of which was a victory over The Last Lion in the G2 Norfolk S. His highest-priced yearling by far was a 260,000gns three-quarter brother to last year's G2 Mehl-Mulhens Rennen winner Fox Champion (Ire) (Kodiak {GB}). Prince of Lir stands for €4,000.

**Coulsty (Ire)** joined the ranks at Rathasker Stud after a four-year career that included a win in the G3 Prix de Meautry over six furlongs at three. He rejoins the ranks at Rathasker this year after spending one season at Norman Court Stud in Britain and is available for €4,000.

In France, Haras de Bonneval's **Dariyan (Fr)** is the lone son of Shamardal in this crop, and he has held his €8,000 introductory fee through his first four years. [Cont. p7](#)



Markaz | Derrinstown Stud



Dariyan | The Aga Khan Studs

### Value Sires: First 2-Year-Olds Cont.

Dariyan was a smart middle- distance performer, winning the G2 Prix Eugene Adam over 2000 metres at three before rounding out that campaign with a third behind Highland Reel (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) in the G1 Hong Kong Vase and adding the G1 Prix Ganay at four. Not surprising for a product of the Aga Khan's system, Dariyan is bred in the purple, being a son of the G1 Hong Kong Vase victress Daryakana (Fr) (Selkirk) and a grandson of the G1 Prix de Diane winner Daryaba (Ire) (Night Shift). Dariyan posted promising yearling sale results, his 25 sold averaging 2.4x his stud fee at £19,171/€22,608.

Another interesting prospect for France is **Scissor Kick (Aus)**, a son of Redoute's Choice (Aus) who shuttles from Australia to Haras d'Etream and is available for €5,000 this year. Scissor Kick was beaten just a head in the stallion-making G1 Golden Rose S. over seven furlongs at three, and later that season took the G3 Eskimo Prince S. over six furlongs. Redoute's Choice himself shuttled to France for two seasons and that move really bore fruit last year, as he was responsible for the G1 Grosser Dallmayr-Preis victor Danceteria (Fr) and the triple Group 2-winning staying filly Enbihaar (Ire). Scissor Kick's pedigree packs plenty of kick, indeed, on the bottom side too, his third dam Kerali (GB) having produced the legendary mare Hasili (Ire), dam of Dansili (GB) and his five Grade I-winning siblings. Scissor Kick's first yearlings averaged £20,624/€24,316.

**Goken (Fr)** started out at Haras de la Huderie, and this year moves to Haras de Colleville to stand alongside his sire Kendargent (Fr) in the year of his first runners. A Group 3 winner at two, Goken added the G3 Prix Texanita over 5 1/2 furlongs at

three. His first yearlings were well received in France, especially at Arqana's v2 sale where he had a high price of €50,000. His 26 yearlings sold averaged four times his opening €5,000 stud fee at £20,420/€17,316, and he stands for €3,000 this year.

The flagbearer of this sire crop in Germany is **Protectionist (Ger)** (Monsun {Ger}), Gestut Rottgen's G1 Melbourne Cup and G1 Grosser Preis von Berlin victor. Protectionist was a winner and Group 2-placed at two, and while he had an abbreviated 3-year-old campaign he made amends at four, winning Group 2s in Germany and France before heading Down Under to clinch their greatest prize. An Australian-based campaign, however, was not as kind to Protectionist the following season, and he went winless in eight starts while trained by Kris Lees. He came back to life when returned to his native land, however, winning the Berlin and the G2 Grosser Hansa-Preis at six. Protectionist has been supported at stud and in the sales ring by owner Australian Bloodstock, and his yearlings made up to €95,000 off a €6,500 stud fee. They averaged an impressive £37,774/€44,540–5.8x his fee, although just nine of 17 through the ring were sold.

### Value Sires Podium

**Gold - Shalaa** (€25,000) - the most expensive member of the crop has been very well supported and may never be this low again.

**Silver - The Gurkha** (€12,500) - a Classic-winning son of Galileo who is now available for half his initial price.

**Bronze - Estidhkaar** (£5,000) - a son of Dark Angel who has been well supported by his owner Sheikh Hamdan.

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## MAKING THEIR MARK

*In this new series we sit down with a selection of Europeans making a significant impression in the Thoroughbred industry on foreign shores. Today we have Annabel Neasham.*

**Position:** Assistant trainer to Ciaran Maher and David Eustace. We are based in Melbourne and Sydney and I currently run the Sydney operation, which is based at Warwick Farm.

**Original Hometown:** Croughton, Northamptonshire, UK.

**Current Hometown:** Sydney, Australia.

**Things you miss most about the UK:** Other than a good old-fashioned village pub, I miss open spaces to train horses. [Cont. p8](#)

### Value Sires: First 2-Year-Olds Cont.

**AN Cont.** It's no wonder the Europeans are so much better with stayers when they are prepared up beautiful rolling hills with endless grass. In Australia, most of the training is done around a racetrack and it makes it hard to get stayers fit whilst keeping them sound. I also miss the jumps racing and all the Cheltenham Festival build-up.



Annabel Neasham | Maher/Eustace Racing

**Hidden Talent:** I was musical growing up and got to grade eight in piano, violin and trumpet but haven't played a note since leaving school.

**Person in the industry you admire the most:** I may gain some brownie points by saying the boss Ciaran Maher. He is a visionary man. His training operation has quadrupled since I started working for him and he is one of the few diverse trainers who can train sprinters, 2-year-old stakes winners, Classic winners, and Grand National Steeplechase winners.

He has also built up a fantastic internal bloodstock team which allows him to be very bold at the sales. He purchased 24 yearlings on spec at this year's Magic Millions sale and all 24 of them are sold out. His ability to delegate and trust has allowed him to build such a large, diverse and successful team.

**Three dinner guests:** Bradley Cooper, John Gosden, Rich Ricci.

**Best thing about a career in the Thoroughbred industry:** If you like Thoroughbreds and want to work with them, it can take you almost anywhere in the world. With racing and breeding prominent in so many countries, it opens doors for young people to explore other parts of the world whilst doing what they love. I love being in Australia now and what was supposedly a one-year trip has turned into nearly four and

counting.

**Favourite racehorse:** Dubious (Aus). He was the first horse we took to Sydney when we opened up our operation there and I was with him from the very start. He won us the Breeders' Plate and I then travelled with him for a month in the lead up to the Magic Millions.

When you spend that amount of time with one horse you become quite attached. He has more air miles than most and is just a lovely character. I have a feeling Cellsabeel (Aus), a very smart 2-year-old filly, is fast becoming another favourite. She has been a Queen since the day she arrived and is currently the Golden Slipper favourite after a stunning performance at Rosehill on Saturday.

**Piece of advice for someone starting out:** Travel around at the start and spend time working in different places, seeing different things and meeting new people. When I started out, I spent various seasons doing yearling preparations, a breeding season, a breaking-in season, time with a bloodstock agent, office work with a consigner, trackwork etc.

It is one of the few industries whereby it is seen as ok to jump around from place to place when starting out, and it will ensure you are well-rounded. Eventually you will find what you like and that's when it is time to stay put in one place and get stuck in.

One thing I have learned is that success usually boils down to attention to detail and the little one percenters make the difference. You can't take short cuts and very few people get successful without working extremely hard. Work hard and you'll make your own luck.

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## EUROPEAN NEWS

### PRINCESS YAIZA CAMP EYES SAUDI CUP MEETING

GSW **Princess Yaiza (Ire)** (Casamento {Ire}) could make an appearance in Saudi Arabia next month after returning to Gavin Cromwell's yard. The Highland Yard, LLC runner enjoyed an excellent campaign in 2018, running some fine races in defeat before claiming Group 2 honours in the Prix de Royallieu at ParisLongchamp on Arc weekend. Her ninth place in the GI Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf was due to be her final outing for Irish-based Cromwell, with her American owners opting to keep her in the US with leading trainer Christophe Clement.

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**Princess Yaiza Cont.**

However, having failed to make the racecourse since the 2018 Breeders' Cup, she is now back in County Meath and Cromwell is considering sending her on her travels again for the Neom Turf Cup—a \$1-million contest on the undercard of the inaugural Saudi Cup on Feb. 29.

Cromwell said, "Princess Yaiza has been back with us a few months and we're very happy with her. She had a few niggly problems and she's now back with us. She could go to Saudi if she gets the invite. She's not going to be covered this year, so hopefully we'll see her racing here [Europe] later in the year."

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**FIRST FOAL FOR LIGHTNING SPEAR**

Group 1 winner **Lightning Spear (GB)** (Pivotal {GB}) celebrated his first foal, a colt, born at Crimbourne Stud in Marlborough on Jan. 16, Tweenhills Stud announced on Tuesday. The chestnut is out of the winning Moonlight Rhapsody (Ire) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}), herself a half-sister to G2 Queen Elizabeth S. hero Fantastic Love (Peintre Celebre). Under the second dam is champion sprinter and sire Last Tycoon (Ire) (Try My Best {Ire}).

Tweenhills, in light of Lightning Spear's early sub-fertility issues, is offering 2020 seasons at £5,000, due Oct. 1. The first 50 mares booked will transfer from Oct. 1 contracts to lifetime breeding rights, as long as the mare is in foal on Oct. 1. If a breeder holds a breeding right, they will be entitled to one nomination per year, as long as Lightning Spear stands at Tweenhills at no further fee (excluding keep and veterinary costs). For more information, go to [www.tweenhills.com](http://www.tweenhills.com).

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The first reported foal for **Lightning Spear**, a colt out of **Moonlight Rhapsody** | Tweenhills

**FIGURES UP AT GOFFS UK JANUARY OPENER**

National Hunt mares and short yearlings took to the ring at Doncaster on Tuesday for the first of two sessions of the Goffs UK January Sale. The session returned increases across the board, with the average up 22% to £11,551 and the median soaring 42% to £8,500. The clearance rate for the 108 horses sold was 68%. The 82 yearlings sold returned the second-highest average ever for the sale at £12,560.

Taking top billing was Mill House Stud's yearling colt by Blue Bresil (Fr) (lot 71), who was picked up by B.A.A. Bloodstock for £55,000. He is from the family of Morley Street (GB) and Granville Again (GB). The top in-foal mare, the six-time winner Rattlin (GB) (Bollin Eric {GB}) (lot 141), was sold in foal to Blue Bresil for £25,000 to Brendan Bashford.



Session-topping **Blue Bresil** colt | Goffs UK

Goffs UK Managing Director Tim Kent said, "We are delighted with the level of trade shown throughout the day today. We had very positive feedback following the publication of the catalogue and a lot of vendors reported that they were far busier yesterday than at the same stage last year. This was complemented with more buyers arriving this morning which has resulted in a buoyant trade with increases across the board.

"We would like to thank the National Hunt breeders for their continued support of the UK's only NH foal [short yearling] sale and we look forward to offering a day of horses-in-training [on Wednesday]. This features some outstanding young form horses which have also generated a significant amount of interest in recent weeks."

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## BRITAIN

### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Youneverletmedown (Ire)**, f, 3, **Footstepsinthesand (GB)**-- Calorie (GB), by Sea the Stars (Ire). Newcastle, 1-21, 5f (AWT), 1:00.66. B-Paul & Billy McEnery (IRE). \*€28,000 Ylg '18 GOFSP.

## FRANCE

### CONDITIONS RESULTS:

**4th-Cagnes-sur-Mer**, €19,000, Cond, 1-21, 4yo, 12f (AWT), 2:31.67, st.

**BELLARIVA (FR)** (f, 4, **Myboycharlie {Ire}**--**Lady Millon {Ire}**), by **Kheleyf**) Lifetime Record: 7-2-0-1, €24,920. O-LG Bloodstock; B-Gerard Laboureau (FR); T-Christophe Ferland. \*1/2 to Rovigo (Fr) (Deportivo {GB}), SP-Fr.

## AU-DELA DES PISTES HOLDS GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The 2019 General Assembly of Au-Dela des Pistes, the equine charity that works for the promotion and retaining of Thoroughbred horses in France, was held at the Salon Katko at Chantilly's training centre last Friday, Au-Dela des Pistes announced on Tuesday. Fourteen of the 24 **retraining establishments** referenced by the charity were in attendance at the assembly, which included a visit to Fabrice Chappet's stable and watching morning training on the Lions training track. The representatives were also able to speak with trainers, breeders, agents, vets and other racing industry professionals, as well as Dr. Paul-Marie Gadot of France Galop, with whom ADDP signed a partnership agreement with in April of 2019.

Among the issues raised during the assembly were: the management of horses retired through injury, the financial contribution of the transferring owners, the issues of transparency regarding the actual state of health of retired racehorses and the marketing of horses after their retraining.

ADDP will focus on two main areas for 2020: to implement major educational actions to raise awareness among owners and trainers of the benefits of transparency when retraining an injured horse and to work on a system to help establish a complete veterinary file at the time of placement. Also, Carole Desmetz will take over the role of communication and events for the charity from Marine Thevenet.

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## WORLDWIDE NEWS

### PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD FINALISTS ANNOUNCED

The four finalists for the **People's Choice Award** were announced by Dubai Racing Club on Tuesday. A fan-voted accolade recognizing the most compelling 2019 moment in horseracing and part of the **HH Sheikh Mohamed bin Rashid Al Maktoum Horseracing Excellence Awards**, the 2019 finalists are: retired champion jockey **Pat Smullen's greatest race**, who, despite battling pancreatic cancer, has raised nearly \$3 million for Cancer Trials Ireland; **Belvoir Bay (GB)** (Equiano {Fr}), a burn victim of the San Luis Rey Downs fire, who would go on to take the GI Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint for trainer Peter Miller; **Team Deirdre**--owner Touji Morita, trainer Mitsuru Hashida, assistant trainer Yoshitake Hashida, and Deirdre (Jpn) (Harbinger {GB}) herself, who saluted in the G1 Nassau S. at Glorious Goodwood during a truly international campaign; and **Andre Fabre's record-extending eighth Arc**--Fabre saddled Waldgeist (Ger) (Galileo {Ire}) to take the G1 Qatar Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, providing the French maestro with his eighth win.

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2	Mubtasim (Ire)	Arcano (Ire)	B. Doyle	Appleby	125
3	Mythical Magic (Ire)	Iffraaj (GB)	Buick	Appleby	125
4	Poet's Society (GB)	Poet's Voice (GB)	Beasley	bin Harmash	125
5	Inverleigh (Ire)	Excelebration (Ire)	Barzalona	bin Ghadayer	125
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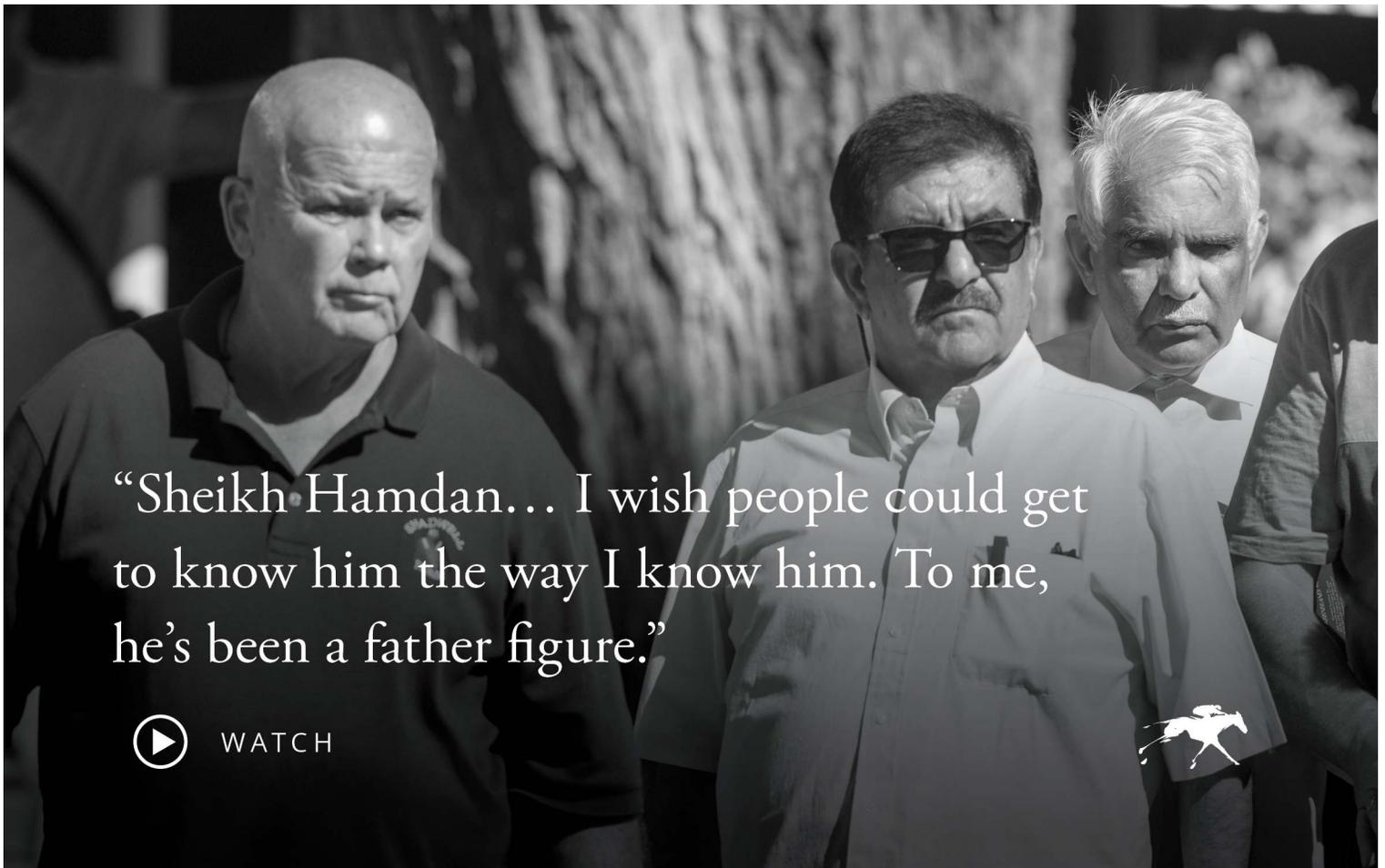
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## NOT A SINGLE DOUBT RETIRED FROM STUD DUTIES



Not a Single Doubt | Bronwen Healy

By Bren O'Brien

Arrowfield Stud's **Not A Single Doubt** (Redoute's Choice) has been retired from stud duties after failing to show improvement following treatment for a pulmonary disease. The sire of 69 stakes winners, including 11 Group 1 winners, has been undergoing treatment after being diagnosed with a pulmonary condition. But having not shown significant improvement, the decision has been made to retire him after 15 seasons at stud, at age 18.

"He suffers respiratory compromise at rest and even short periods of hand walking exacerbate this," Arrowfield's Chairman John Messara said. "Our head vet has advised that Not A Single Doubt is incapable of performing his breeding duties and accordingly he has been retired from active service."

The decision comes after the son of Redoute's Choice reached his highest ever service fee in 2019 of \$110,000 (inc GST) after a terrific run of results on the racetrack. He had four separate Group 1 winners in 2019, Kenedna (twice), Qafila, Scales Of Justice and Samadoubt, while he was fifth overall in the Australian Sires Table in 2018/19.

Since the start of November, he has had five separate stakes winners, including leading 2-year-old prospects in Australia and New Zealand in Farnan and Not An Option. He is currently third

on the Australian 2019/20 2YO Sires' Premiership. His progeny are very much still in demand and he was the third leading sire on aggregate at the recent Magic Millions Gold Coast Sale, with 32 sold for a total of \$11.025 million.

"Not A Single Doubt is a wonderful story for Arrowfield and for many breeders, owners, buyers and trainers, rising from the bottom of our roster to become one of Australia's most popular and successful stallions," Messara said. "We are immensely grateful to him, and he will be loved and cared for at Arrowfield for the rest of his life."

Not A Single Doubt was bred at Arrowfield from the stakes-placed mare Singles Bar, a daughter of Rory's Jester and influential mare Easy Date (Grand Chaudiere {Can}), and a half-sister to Group 1 winner and stallion Snippets (Lunchtime {GB}). The colt was purchased by Graeme Rogerson Bloodstock for \$230,000 from the Arrowfield Stud draft at the 2003 Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale.

On the track, he holds the distinction of being the first stakes winner for his legendary sire Redoute's Choice, winning the Listed Canonbury S. for Rogerson at his third start. He would run second in the Magic Millions 2YO Classic at his next start, while he would add another stakes win as a 3-year-old in the Listed Zeditave S. before heading to stud after finishing down the track in the 2005 Lightning S.

Not A Single Doubt started his stud career standing alongside his father at a fee of \$13,750 (inc GST) and would get his first stakes winner in 2010 with Doubtful Jack. **Cont. p2**



Miracles of Life | Bronwen Healy



**Not a Single Doubt** | *Bronwen Healy*

**Not a Single Doubt Retired Cont. from p1**

His first Group 1 win as a stallion came when Miracles Of Life won the 2013 G1 Blue Diamond S., while further top-flight glory would flow through Good Project, Extreme Choice, Single Gaze, Secret Agenda, Clearly Innocent, Mighty Boss as well as the recent Group 1 winners mentioned above.

He was the leading Australian-based sire on worldwide prizemoney in 2015/16 and has been a top 10 sire of 2-year-olds since 2011. As it stands, he has produced 629 winners and his progeny have earned over \$106 million in prizemoney. He currently has two of his sons at stud in Australia in Newgate's Extreme Choice and Sun Stud's Squamosa.

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