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PERFECT SEASON EARNS BRICKS AND MORTAR HOTY HONORS



Horsephotos

by Alan Carasso

A little more than two years ago, the career of Klaravich Stable and William H. Lawrence's **Bricks and Mortar** (Giant's Causeway) hung squarely in the balance, as he was suffering from a case of stringhalt, a neuro-muscular condition affecting his right-hind leg that hindered his ability to gallop.

Even after he performed corrective surgery, renowned equine veterinarian Dr. Larry Bramlage told Bricks and Mortar's owners and trainer Chad Brown that there was no better than a 50-50 chance that the colt would be able to return to the races, much less return to the form that saw him beat the likes of 'TDN Rising Star' Yoshida (Jpn) (Heart's Cry {Jpn}) in Saratoga's GII Hall of Fame S. in 2017. **Cont. p3**

2019 ECLIPSE AWARD WINNERS

Horse of the Year	Bricks and Mortar	2YO Filly	British Idiom
Older Dirt Male	Vino Rosso	3YO Male	Maximum Security
Older Dirt Female	Midnight Bisou	3YO Filly	Covfefe
Male Turf Horse	Bricks and Mortar	Owner	Klaravich/Lawrence
Female Turf Horse	Uni (GB)	Breeder	George Strawbridge Jr
Male Sprinter	Mitole	Trainer	Chad Brown
Female Sprinter	Covfefe	Jockey	Irad Ortiz, Jr
2YO Male	Storm the Court	Apprentice	Kazushi Kimura

ZAYAT STABLES IN RECEIVERSHIP: WHAT EXACTLY DOES THAT MEAN

by T.D. Thornton, additional reporting by Lucas Marquardt

When the assets of Zayat Stables, LLC, were ordered into receivership by a Fayette Circuit Court judge in Kentucky on Wednesday as part of a \$23-million lawsuit by a lender alleging fraud and loan defaults, the judgment caused reverberations within the Thoroughbred bloodstock and racing world beyond those felt by Ahmed Zayat and his family. ([Click here to read the TDN story](#))

Specifically, questions began to swirl about what would happen to the Zayat horses either at farms or currently in training in New York, Florida, California and Arizona, and what might be the responsibilities of horse industry people and firms hired by the 2015 Triple Crown-winning owner to take care of those animals. **Cont. p5**

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OMAHA BEACH, SPUN TO RUN OUT OF PEGASUS

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The field for Saturday's GI Pegasus World Cup Invitational S. changed dramatically Thursday with the scratchings of morning-line favorite Omaha Beach (War Front) and second choice Spun To Run (Hard Spun).

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But return he did--and with a bullet at that--and Thursday night, Bricks and Mortar was recognized as the Runhappy Horse of the Year for 2019 at the Eclipse Award ceremonies at Gulfstream Park in Hallandale Beach, Florida, besting fellow HOTY candidates **Mitole** (Eskendereya) and **Maximum Security** (New Year's Day).

Fittingly a turf horse, he is the first runner conditioned by Brown to be honored with the night's most-coveted trophy. In winning his fourth consecutive Eclipse as champion trainer, Brown was following in the considerable footprints of his mentor, the late Bobby Frankel, who accepted the award five times in total and each year from 2000-2003. Bricks and Mortar received each of the 241 first-place votes cast in the Male Turf division and is the second U.S. Eclipse winner for his late sire, who has also accounted for champions in Canada,

Chile, England, France, Ireland, Italy, Peru and New Zealand among major racing jurisdictions.

In addition to Brown, Bricks and Mortar's other human connections also made a trip to the podium Thursday evening.

Irad Ortiz, Jr. amassed earnings north of \$34 million in 2019 and was named the outstanding jockey for the second straight year, while Seth Klarman (Klaravich) and Lawrence scooped their first statuette as champion owners. George Strawbridge, Jr. has bred any number of top-class horses for decades and was recognized for breeding the Horse of the Year with the Eclipse as outstanding breeder.

Covfefe (Into Mischief) was the evening's other dual winner, taking home the Eclipse for

champion 3-year-old filly and as champion female sprinter. The blaze-faced bay becomes the first U.S. champion for her all-conquering stallion. **Cont. p4**



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Midnight Bisou (Midnight Lute) was somewhat controversially denied a spot on the Horse of the Year ballot, but was an overwhelming--though not unanimous--winner of the Eclipse as champion older female, easily outdistancing GI Breeders' Cup Distaff winner **Blue Prize (Arg)** (Pure Prize).

Mitole received 236 of the 241 first-place votes (Maximum Security collected five) and was the deserving winner of the Eclipse for champion sprinter, while **Vino Rosso** (Curlin), who joins Mitole on the Spendthrift stallion roster for 2020, took the evening's most contested category, outpointing Mitole by a 21-point margin (129-108) to be named older dirt male.



A win in the GI Breeders' Cup Classic helped secure **Vino Rosso** champion dirt male honors | *Breeders' Cup/Eclipse Sportswire*

Another of the more up-in-the-air categories was the Turf Female division and it was ultimately a Chad Brown exacta, as GI Breeders' Cup Mile victress **Uni (GB)** (More Than Ready) took down defending champion **Sistercharlie (Ire)** (Myboycharlie {Ire}) by a somewhat surprising count of 126 to 61. The Brown-trained Lady Eli (Divine Park) took home top honors in 2017.

The winners of the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile and Juvenile Fillies--**Storm the Court** (Court Vision) and **British Idiom** (Flashback)--were each named their divisional champions, while **Winston C (Ire)** (Rip Van Winkle {Ire}) was named the Eclipse-winning steeplechaser and Woodbine-based Kaz Kimura was named champion apprentice.

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Zayat Stables in Receivership cont. from p1

TDN has obtained the court order signed by judge Kim Bunnell that details exactly what receivership entails in this complex case, and an outline of the responsibilities of both the receiver and affected parties follows.

The plaintiff, MGG Investment Group, LP, had requested receivership as part of its civil suit against Zayat. The court granted this request, and the appointed receiver is Lexington-based Elizabeth Woodward, the director of forensic accounting and litigation support for Dean Dorton, one of the largest certified public accounting firms in Kentucky.

At a \$365 hourly fee, Woodward has been authorized by the court to “take charge of, operate, preserve, maintain and care for all of the assets of the defendant, Zayat Stables, including, but not limited to, all horses, breeding rights, files, papers, records, documents, insurance policies, monies, securities, bank accounts, books of account, and all other Property, real or personal.”



Ahmed Zayat and American Pharoah | Susie Raisher

It appears as if a distinct element of wanting to preserve day-to-day operations has been written into the order. There is no mention of liquidating assets in the form of selling horses.

The receiver “may contract and pay for routine and ordinary items pertaining to the Property and not involving expenditures of a capital nature or otherwise outside of the ordinary course of the business of the operation and management of the Property” and “may pay all other expenses required in order to preserve and operate the Property during the pendency of this action, including borrowing money to do so, provided the payment of such does not involve expenditures of a capital nature or is otherwise outside of the ordinary course of the business operation and management of the Property.”

As the process begins for the receiver to initiate contact with Zayat’s employees and trainers, the order states that the receiver “may provide a copy of this Order to anyone who may be affected by its terms and provisions” and that “the receiver shall undertake only those actions which are reasonably calculated to benefit the Property and which manifest fair dealing with respect to the Property.”

A section of the order that outlines “Instructions to Third Parties” states that “The Defendants shall instruct all third parties to make payments of rents or accounts directly to the Receiver, and shall not instruct any third party to make payments of rents or accounts other than to Receiver without the prior written order of the Court.”

Any “agents, employees or representatives” of Zayat are “ordered to and shall pay over, surrender and deliver to Receiver: all books, records, accounts, papers, monies, and all other assets of Zayat Stables, including all evidence of indebtedness, and all monies and other assets, which are held or purported to be held by Zayat Stables.”

One horse-specific reference in the order states that affected third parties must provide “a certified list of all [Zayat] horses and all Jockey Club Certificates; all active files pertaining to vendors, employees, trainers or other persons or entities supplying services to the Property.”

As of deadline for this article, Ahmed Zayat has yet to respond to a detailed voice message left by TDN on Wednesday night asking for his side of the story.

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ALLEGED ZAYAT FRAUD: YEARS IN THE MAKING, FOUR MONTHS TO UNRAVEL

By T.D. Thornton

The \$23-million lawsuit by a lender against Ahmed Zayat and his financially troubled Zayat Stables, LLC, was nearly four years in the making. But a series of red-flag events over the last four months put the alleged fraud more alarmingly into focus, sparking frantic efforts by the plaintiff to get the troubled racing and bloodstock business into court-mandated receivership before the equine assets used to secure \$30 million in loans were potentially sold off and hidden.

Although the major allegations in the civil lawsuit filed by MGG Investment Group, LP, in Fayette Circuit Court in Kentucky revolve around accusations that Zayat Stables hid the proceeds from the sale of nine lifetime breeding rights shares to 2015 Triple Crown winner American Pharoah, the plaintiff is arguing in court documents that Zayat's alleged malfeasance could extend to the covert sales of at least 15 other "valuable racing Thoroughbreds" held as collateral, including retired Zayat color bearers and bloodstock assets Bodemeister, Eskendereya, El Kabair and Zensational.

"Even though MGG is not aware of all of the deceptive actions of Zayat Stables and Mr. Zayat, it has already uncovered several million dollars of equine collateral in addition to the interests in American Pharoah that Zayat Stables and Mr. Zayat have purported to sell out from under the Agent's security interests in violation of the Loan Agreements," the lawsuit states.

Years before Zayat Stables bred and raced champion American Pharoah, Ahmed Zayat was in the news and in the courts for money troubles. The Lexington *Herald-Leader* reported Wednesday that in 2009, "Fifth Third Bank sued Zayat for \$34 million, alleging he had defaulted on loans, [and a] deal was reached in 2010 in federal bankruptcy court in New Jersey to replay the loans as well as reorganizing Zayat Stables."

And as recently as October, *TDN* reported that Zayat was involved in a disputed \$600,000 training-bills debt with New York conditioner Rudy Rodriguez that reportedly was settled under the legal threat of Zayat's horses being sold at a court-mandated auction to satisfy the debt.

According to the Jan. 22, 2020, lawsuit, on July 26, 2016, Zayat entered into an agreement with MGG to finance existing debt via a series of loans totaling \$30 million.

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Zayat cont.

On its corporate Linked In page, MGG describes itself as “a private direct lender focused on the deeply under-served and less competitive lower-middle market. In particular, we excel at investments in complex and special situations that require distinct underwriting expertise.”

For background, the suit explains that when Zayat sold 100% of American Pharoah’s breeding shares to Orpendale (an organization the suit describes as “affiliated with” Coolmore and Ashford Stud) in 2015 for \$23 million, Zayat and his wife and children were assigned among them nine lifetime breeding rights to American Pharoah.

The suit further states that as part of the 2016 loan agreement, “Mr. Zayat was fully aware that MGG’s loans to Zayat Stables were contingent upon the American Pharoah breeding rights being among its assets, all of which were pledged to secure the loans, as evidenced by the Zayat AP Breeding Rights Transfer Document, which he signed along with his wife and children.”

Nevertheless, the suit contends, “between December 2018 and June 2019, Mr. Zayat and his family purported to sell all nine of the Zayat AP Breeding Rights, with proceeds of the purported sales totaling \$3.3 million.”

In chronological order during that seven-month time frame, the court documents detail through bills of sale that LNJ Foxwoods allegedly bought two American Pharoah breeding shares for \$375,000 each. Orpendale allegedly bought the remaining seven—two for \$400,000 and five for \$350,000.

But despite raking in an alleged \$3.3 million on those deals, “Zayat Stables did not make any principal payments as the result of any of the purported sales of the Zayat AP Breeding Rights, as was required pursuant to the Financing Agreement,” the suit states.

Then, “A few days before the Sept. 30, 2019, payment was due, Mr. Zayat informed MGG that Zayat Stables would not be able to make the required loan payments.”

On Oct. 24, 2019, Zayat visited MGG’s offices in New York and told lending officials that “several hundreds of thousands of dollars in proceeds of a recent sale of his family’s personal assets were used to pay other debts of Zayat Stables.”

By early December, Zayat had been served with two subsequent notices of default. The \$23-million amount listed in the suit represents the principal plus interest through that date that the plaintiff is seeking to recover.

But the suit also states that MGG was unaware even after issuing three default notices that Zayat Stables had sold its nine breeding rights to American Pharoah

In fact, the suit states, when Ahmed Zayat presented a liquidation proposal to MGG on Dec. 12, 2019, the American

Pharoah breeding rights were still listed as assets on the stable’s balance sheet.

Six days later, MGG asked Zayat to start selling some of those assets to generate loan repayment money. The two parties agreed to meet again in mid-January for a progress report.

But on Jan. 2, 2020, an assets appraiser who had been appointed to the case flagged to MGG that Zayat Stables no longer owned the nine American Pharoah breeding rights.

On Jan. 7, an MGG official called Zayat to “confront him regarding the breeding rights to American Pharoah. On that call, Mr. Zayat denied that any of the breeding rights had been sold,” the suit states.

Zayat allegedly admitted to MGG’s Patrick Flynn in a Jan. 12 phone call that he had, in fact, sold all nine of the stable’s American Pharoah shares. The suit states that Zayat reiterated that admission in an email later that day.

“I am ready if needed to walk away and give you the keys and full control if that is what you want,” Zayat’s email said, according to the suit.

On Jan. 15, Zayat allegedly admitted in an email to MGG that he also sold without permission assets related to six other horses that were supposed to have been collateral on his loans.

MGG, still in the midst of its preliminary investigation, discovered Jan. 16 that assets related to nine other Zayat horses were also allegedly sold without permission.

Although Zayat Stables was placed into receivership Jan. 22 with no explicit plans in the court order itself to sell off any horses, the suit does state that “MGG is prepared to expend the necessary capital for a receiver to oversee the liquidation of the collateral.”

The suit continues: “As a direct and proximate result of Defendants’ material misstatements, MGG has been damaged and is continuing to be damaged in an amount to be proven at trial, but not less than \$23 million.”

Ahmed Zayat has not yet responded to a detailed voice message left by *TDN* on Wednesday asking for his side of the story.

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OMAHA BEACH, SPUN TO RUN OUT AS PEGASUS FIELD DECIMATED

By Bill Finley

In what may be an unprecedented example of bad luck for a major race, Saturday's GI Pegasus Invitational lost not just its marquee star, but also its second choice Thursday. The day kicked off with the news that GI Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile winner **Spun to Run** (Hard Spun) would be scratched due to a skin issue. About five hours later, it was learned that morning-line favorite **Omaha Beach** (War Front) would also be a late scratch as trainer Richard Mandella discovered his colt had an issue with his right hind ankle.

The defections of both horses were first reported by the *Daily Racing Form's* Jay Privman.

After Omaha Beach had a routine gallop Thursday morning, trainer Richard Mandella noticed a possible problem and had X-rays taken and sent to Dr. Larry Bramlage. Bramlage told Omaha Beach's connections that the X-rays revealed the possibility that the problem could be the beginnings of a fractured cannon bone.



Omaha Beach | Ryan Thompson

"It was observed this morning that Omaha Beach had light swelling in his right hind fetlock," Mandella told Gulfstream's publicity department. "While we are disappointed to have to miss the Pegasus World Cup Invitational, Omaha Beach's safety and well-being comes first and we wanted to do what was best for him. He has been a great pleasure to have around the barn and we are grateful for the opportunity to train such a magnificent horse."

"From what Dr. Bramlage told us, there was no way we could take a chance with this horse," owner Rick Porter said. "It's a good thing that he didn't get to run because if he had it might have been a disaster. That would have been a last-straw type of thing."

Mandella had a similar outlook on the situation.

"The way you have to look at this is that if we ran him and he got hurt we would have really looked bad," he said.

Omaha Beach will soon be on his way to Spendthrift Farm to begin his career as a stallion. It was a career that will be remembered more for what could have been than what was. After winning the GI Arkansas Derby, Omaha Beach was installed as the morning-line favorite for the GI Kentucky Derby. But he had to miss that race when coming down with an entrapped epiglottis.

At the time, Mandella believed his horse would be sidelined for just a brief period. He had a virus and another setback in his training, which cost him his chance to run not only in the Triple Crown races but in all the major 3-year-old races during the summer. Mandella brought Omaha Beach back for the Oct. 5 GI Santa Anita Sprint Championship, which the colt won after running down the top 3-year-old sprinter Shancelot (Shanghai Bobby). Because his horse had been off nearly six months, Mandella didn't think he was ready for a mile-and-a-quarter and entered him not in the GI Breeders' Cup Classic, but in the Dirt Mile. He had to settle for second in that race, losing to Spun to Run.

The Pegasus was expected to be Omaha Beach's chance to bask in the glory of a victory in a marquee race before going off to stud. Instead, his career ended with a win in the seven-furlong GI Malibu S.

"It's so unfortunate that he didn't get one last chance," Mandella said. "But you couldn't do much more in a career than he did. He won sprinting. He won at a mile-and-an-eighth and did so at the very highest level. We probably didn't see his best. He had grown and developed so much since the spring. He just galloped in the Malibu. I know that he was really good. But just how good? He never really got a chance to prove that."

"It's just a bummer," Porter said. "While I look at it that the glass is half full, we will never know just how good he was."

Omaha Beach retires with a record of 5-4-1 from 10 starts. He won three Grade I races and four stakes overall. He is a half-brother to 2014 Breeders' Cup winner and champion 2-year-old filly Take Charge Brandi (Giant's Causeway). His second dam is three-time GI-winning millionaire Take Charge Lady (Dehere), who was named Broodmare of the Year in 2013 after her son Will Take Charge (Unbridled's Song) was the Eclipse Award-winning 3-year-old colt that same year. She's also the dam of GI Florida Derby winner and sire Take Charge Indy (A.P. Indy).

Trainer Juan Carlos Guerrero said that Spun to Run had been dealing with skin issues for "three or four weeks" and was breaking out in hives. He originally thought they wouldn't be an impediment to his horse running in the Pegasus. **Cont. p9**

Omaha Beach, Spun to Run cont.

“We were training him with the skin issues and he was training really good,” Guerrero said. “He worked really good the other day. It didn’t seem to bother him.”

Guerrero said that once the skin problems showed up on Spun to Run’s legs he knew the only option was to withdraw from the race.

“It would kind of go away and then the next day it would pop back up somewhere else,” he said. “The last one was on his legs. The body I could have handled, but not the legs. The legs are for running so I couldn’t do it, I couldn’t run him. I didn’t want to be in any position where he could get hurt. He’s too valuable for me to do that. The last thing you want is for him to try to get off one leg and put too much weight on the other. That’s how a horse can get hurt. I decided to take him out and live for another day. That’s what’s best for him.”

Guerrero was clearly upset about the development, saying that it nearly brought him to tears.

“I want to cry,” he said “It’s horrible. Gulfstream has been so good to me. I feel bad for them. I feel bad for Javier (Castellano), who took off another horse (Tenfold) to ride him. That’s what hurts the most. Gulfstream gave me everything I wanted, they were more than great to me. The race was between our horse and Omaha Beach. Now it’s a whole different race. We just have to move on. Every time I talk about it, I feel like crying, but that’s not going to change anything.”

So far as a new target for Spun to Run, Guerrero said he might have his horse ready for a trip to Dubai in March.

“I will go over it with the owner and see what he wants to do. Right now, I don’t know. He has lost all his hair and doesn’t look like himself. I want to get his hair back normal, make him happy and go from there. The good news is the horse is fine and his skin will clear up. It would have been a lot worse if I ran him and he wound up getting hurt. Then I would really be devastated. He’s happy, eating fine and the vet has already started treating him for the skin problem. We should be good.”

The Pegasus does not have an also-eligible list, meaning just 10 horses will start. The race still has a \$3-million purse and Gulfstream can expect a large and enthusiastic crowd, but the quality of the field is nowhere near what it should be for a \$3-million race. **Mucho Gusto** (Mucho Macho Man) will be the morning-line favorite despite the fact he is coming off a fourth-place finish in the GIII Oklahoma Derby and his biggest wins have all come at the Grade III level. **Higher Power** (Medaglia d’Oro) and **Seeking the Soul** (Perfect Soul {Ire}) are the only Grade I winners in the field. Seeking the Soul won the GI Clark H. in 2017 and Higher Power won the GI TVG Pacific Classic last summer at Del Mar.

Omaha Beach’s defection will also affect his stud fee at Spendthrift. His stud fee was first announced at \$40,000, but Spendthrift had a contingency written into the contacts whereby the fee would increase by \$5,000 with wins in either to Malibu or the Pegasus. It is now set at \$45,000.

Asked if whether or not this would affect the start of the breeding season, Spendthrift’s General Manager Ned Toffey said, “He will go to Spendthrift on Monday and we will assess him. I won’t see him until tomorrow morning, but just in preliminary conversations with Richard Mandella, we don’t know, but I’m cautiously optimistic that this isn’t a problem for the start of breeding season. If we had more time, they could do an MRI and potentially say this isn’t what we think it is. It’s essentially a precursor to a fracture. All there was according to Richard was a very small amount of filling and he was a little tender to flexion, but had been totally sound in the workout this morning. But these are things you just don’t take chances with.”

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BROWN’S TRIPLE TURF THREAT

by Christina Bossinakis



Instilled Regard winning the Fort Lauderdale | Adam Coglianese

In last year’s inaugural GI Pegasus World Cup Turf Invitational S. at Gulfstream Park, Chad Brown brought a single gun to the fight. In fact, it was more of a cannon. Klaravich Stables and William Lawrence’s Bricks and Mortar (Giant’s Causeway) made short work of his rivals that day--winning by 2 1/2 lengths--and proceeded to carve out a championship-worthy season consisting of five additional graded wins, including the GI Breeders’ Cup Turf at Santa Anita.

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Looking at this season's Pegasus World Cup Turf, Brown—who is favored to add his fourth training title at Thursday's Eclipse Awards at Gulfstream—may not have a horse of the caliber of the likely Horse of the Year, however, he is well represented by a trio of contenders—**Without Parole (GB)** (Frankel {GB}), **Instilled Regard** (Arch) and **Sacred Life (Fr)** (Siyouni {Fr}).

OXO Equine LLC's Instilled Regard, who kicked off his career with Jerry Hollendorfer, rounded out his juvenile campaign with a second-place effort—after getting promoted via DQ—in the GI Los Alamitos Derby. On the Triple Crown trail at three, he won the GIII Lecomte S. before finishing fourth in the GII Risen Star S., GI Santa Anita Derby and GI Kentucky Derby. Turned over to Brown thereafter, the dark bay failed to make an impact when a well-beaten ninth in the GI Pennsylvania Derby before trying turf for the first time in the nine-furlong GI Hollywood Derby at Del Mar where he finished a respectable third behind stablemate Raging Bull (Fr) (Dark Angel {Ire}).

“His pedigree suggested he could run on both surfaces,” explained Brown regarding the decision to try the colt on the turf. “I thought his dirt races were very good, but the more that we worked with the horse and just watched him move, he clearly showed that he'd be able to at least handle the turf. So, I think he's a dual surface horse.”

A close-up second in a Keeneland allowance on the turf last April, he was given one more chance on the dirt and he didn't show much, finishing sixth in Churchill's GII Alysheba S. Third when returned to the grass for an Aqueduct optional claimer in November, he rounded out the year with a victory in the nine-furlong GII Ft. Lauderdale S. over the Gulfstream lawn Dec. 14.

Reflecting on the win, Brown explained: “I think he established good position in the race, which was good. He didn't fall too far behind, which was also good. I think he settled real nicely and really cooperated with [Irada Ortiz Jr.], and I think he got a great trip, too. We know we have a talented horse there. He has good turn of foot. He's a really quality class horse, but you need to get a good trip, too, and Irada was able to give him a really good ride. So it all worked out.”

Ortiz Jr., who was aboard for Instilled Regard's two most recent starts, will be back in the saddle for Saturday's PWCT.

“He needs some sort of pocketed, ground-saving trip and

needs to find some room at some point,” added Brown. “That will be a much tougher race than the last race he was in, so some sort of wide trip with no cover won't work for him.”

Looking beyond the Pegasus Turf with the graded winner on both turf and dirt, Brown expects to keep the 5-year-old on the grass for the foreseeable future.

“He's won some nice races on both, but at this stage of his career, I think that turf's going to suit him better moving forward, especially from a soundness standpoint,” he offered. “It seems to be a little easier on him. He seems to exit his races and his works on the turf a little better.”

Another horse who joined Brown's team after the fact, John and Tanya Gunther's Without Parole reeled off four consecutive victories in England at three, headed by the G1 St. James's Palace S. at Royal Ascot. Unable to recapture that form in five subsequent Group 1 starts through May of 2019, he joined Brown's Saratoga string last summer, but didn't make his stateside debut until the GI TVG Breeders' Cup Mile, where he finished third—beaten just under three lengths—by stablemate and Eclipse Award finalist Uni (GB) (More Than Ready).

“Immediately he showed us that he's a quality horse,” recalled Brown. “He's a good mover and integrated very well into our

program. He started training really well, so we ended up taking a shot at the Breeders' Cup off a layoff, and he ran super. It's not like me to do something like that, but we didn't really have any other options where to run him. He was ready around that time, and we gave it a shot.”

He added, “The race was very impressive. He ran really huge to be third. Considering how much he was up against, his first time running in the States and off that long of a layoff, a new program, new rider—new everything. So, he really ran well and Irada [Ortiz Jr.], again, gave him a good trip.”

According to Brown, Frankie Dettori, who has accompanied the English-bred in all nine overseas starts, including his St. James's victory, is slated to ride in the Pegasus Turf.

“I hope he breaks well and get some sort of decent position in the field,” said Brown. “I'd like to see him saving ground, following the right horses. I think if he gets the same [type of trip as the Mile] turning for home, I think we're going to see a pretty good turn of foot. He's trained exceptionally well for this race.”



Without Parole (GB) | Racing Post

Brown's Triple Turf Threat cont.

Rounding out the Brown triumvirate, Sacred Life won all three of his starts at two, including the G3 Prix Thomas Byron at Saint-Cloud. He later won or placed in four of five starts at three--including two at the Group 3 level--before ending his European campaign with a fourth in the G3 Exbury at Saint-Cloud in March. Secured by a partnership of Michael Dubb, Madaket Stables, Wonder Stables and Bethlehem Stables and transferred to Brown, he was runner-up in both the Lure S. and GII Bernard Baruch S. at Saratoga last summer before accounting for his first stateside win in an 8 1/2-furlong Keeneland allowance in October. In his most recent start, he came up a half-length short in Del Mar's GII Seabiscuit H. Nov. 30.

"He's very consistent in his races and he seems to be improving," said Brown. "He's actually moving better now than he was for most of last year. I'd say he is an average mover when he trains on the dirt, but his turf works are really solid. He's a little bit of a tricky horse to ride. He can be a little headstrong and he's got a little bit of a light mouth on him, but he's a very hardy horse and tries hard. He can be a tough horse [his personality] and I like that about him. I've been impressed with him, particularly the last three months."

In regards to the 5-year-old's latest victory Brown added, "When we were training him for the Seabiscuit and I had never seen this horse breeze that well. He's always a good workhorse, but his last couple works for that race were particularly good. They really caught my attention. He came out of the race good. He was just an unlucky loser in that race. I thought he looked like he was much the best. He just had a really difficult trip and just didn't have enough time to get there, although he tried. He came home very, very fast in the last quarter."

And according to Brown he has been pleased with the bay since his arrival at Brown's Palm Meadows training base in Florida.

"He's come down to South Florida and trained just as well, if not even better than before, so he really deserves a shot in the race," he said.

Brown confirmed that Sacred Life will be partnered by Jose Ortiz for the first time in the Pegasus Turf.

"He doesn't have a lot of early speed and he's going to need some pace in front of him," he said. "He's going to have to find a way to follow the right horses and get himself in some sort of striking position when they turn for home and not find himself too far back. I think that's the key to this horse."

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ASMUSSEN TRIO LOOMS LARGE IN SMARTY JONES



Silver Prospector | Coady

by Joe Bianca

Four colts from the Steve Asmussen barn, three of which have big chances, give the Hall of Fame trainer a strong hand in Friday's Smarty Jones S., the opening-day feature at Oaklawn Park. The two-turn, one-mile test is the first of a four-race GI Kentucky Derby prep series at the Hot Springs oval and promises 10 Derby qualifying points to the winner.

Given a slight nod on the morning line at 5-2 is Ed and Susie Orr's **Silver Prospector** (Declaration of War). Failing to make an impact in three turf tries to open his career, the gray flipped a switch when moved to the main track Oct. 13 at Keeneland, graduating with a 91 Beyer, 29 points higher than his top on turf. Third in the Street Sense S. Oct. 27 at Churchill, the \$190,000 OBS April buy rallied to upset heavily-favored Tiz the Law (Constitution) in the GII Kentucky Jockey Club S. Nov. 30 in Louisville.

The narrow second choice at 3-1 is Cheyenne Stables, Grandview Equine and LNJ Foxwoods' **'TDN Rising Star' Shoplifted** (Into Mischief). Bursting onto the scene with an eye-catching debut success July 27 at Saratoga, the \$800,000 Fasig-Tipton Gulfstream purchase was a distant runner-up to stablemate Basin (Liam's Map) in the GI Runhappy Hopeful S. Sept. 2 at the Spa before disappointing when off the board in the GI American Pharoah S. and GI TVG Breeders' Cup Juvenile. The bay bounced back when overcoming a wide journey to narrowly capture the Remington Springboard Mile S. last out Dec. 15. Shoplifted will be ridden by Tyler Gaffalione for the first time with Santana opting to stick with Silver Prospector.

Mike McCarty's improving **Gold Street** (Street Boss) gives Asmussen a third contender while stretching out beyond six furlongs for the first time. Ninth debuting in an Ellis off-the-turf spot Aug. 24, the \$150,000 Keeneland September graduate was



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runner-up Sept. 20 at Churchill and Oct. 19 at Keeneland before breaking through by seven lengths in the slop beneath the Twin Spires Nov. 23. Stepping into stakes company Dec. 21 at Fair Grounds, the bay caught another sloppy track and scored by 3 1/2 lengths in the Sugar Bowl S. Martin Garcia will ride in place of Santana. Calumet Farm's **Jungle Runner** (Candy Ride {Arg}) rounds out the Asmussen quartet and would be a surprise after finishing 14 lengths behind Shoplifted at Remington.



Three Technique | Chelsea Durand

August Dawn Farm's **Three Technique** (Mr Speaker) adds some East Coast flavor for trainer Jeremiah Englehart, housing a string at Oaklawn for the first time this winter. Runner-up twice to start his career, including to the aforementioned Basin July 21 at Saratoga, the \$180,000 Fasig-Tipton July pickup earned his **'TDN Rising Star'** badge with a blowout maiden win at the Spa Aug. 31. Given a brief break, he scored an easy allowance victory at 15 cents on the dollar Nov. 20 at Aqueduct.

Rockingham Ranch's **Nucky** (Ghostzapper), a 35-1 upsetter of the GI Runhappy Del Mar Futurity Sept. 2, tries to bounce back after beating one horse combined in his subsequent two starts.

Friday, Oaklawn Park, post time: 4:52 p.m. EDT

SMARTY JONES S., \$150,000, 3yo, 1m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1	Lykan	Congrats	Thompson	Mason	20-1
2	Silver Prospector	Declaration of War	Santana Jr.	Asmussen	5-2
3	Shared Sense	Street Sense	Geroux	Cox	12-1
4	Nucky	Ghostzapper	Talamo	Miller	10-1
5	Jungle Runner	Candy Ride (Arg)	Vazquez	Asmussen	20-1
6	Gold Street	Street Boss	Garcia	Asmussen	5-1
7	Shoplifted	Into Mischief	Gaffalione	Asmussen	3-1
8	Lynn's Map	Liam's Map	Mena	Casse	6-1
9	Three Technique	Mr Speaker	Ortiz Jr.	Englehart	9-2

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SYNTHETIC DOPING AGENT DETECTED IN TWO STANDARDBREDS

Dr. George Maylin, the director of the New York Equine Drug Testing Programs, has confirmed the presence of IOX-2, a small molecule synthetic doping agent and a threat to both human and equine sport, in a pair of Standardbred horses racing at Yonkers Raceway. IOX-2 is a blood and gene doping agent that Dr. Maylin warned attendees about at the annual ARCI conference in Arcadia, California.

The New York horseracing lab is believed to be the first--either in horse racing or the worldwide WADA network of testing labs--to screen for and confirm the presence of IOX-2, an IHF stabilizer that can trigger EPO-like effects as well as overall stimulation of an athlete.

A member of the ARCI Scientific Advisory Group, Dr. Maylin has stressed that the more serious threat to the sport of horse racing lies in these types of agents rather than the misuse of therapeutic medications.

All RCI member jurisdictions are on notice of the details of the developments.

"The New York Gaming Commission and Dr. Maylin specifically, should be commended for their work and focus on finding new and emerging threats to clean sport," said ARCI President Ed Martin. "Dr. Maylin has worked long and hard looking for these type of substances and his work will benefit all ARCI member jurisdictions.

"Unfortunately IOX-2 is just one doping agent and we are not naive to believe that others are not finding their way into professional sport. Whether it be a racing lab or a WADA lab, we share a common mission and can never let our guard down. Today, it's IOX-2, tomorrow it's going to be something else. Horse racing is blessed to have experts like Dr. Maylin in our regulatory network."

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FIRST FOAL FOR EASTWOOD

Graded stakes-placed **Eastwood** (Speightstown--Fifth Avenue Ball, by Deputy Minister) sired his first foal Jan. 20 when winning dam I'm Just Sayin (Bear's Kid), produced a bay filly for owner/breeder Martina Rojas. Eastwood stands at Diamond B Farm in Mohrsville, PA.

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KEENELAND NAMED ONE OF BEST PLACES TO WORK IN KENTUCKY

Keeneland Association Inc. has been named among the 2020 'Best Places to Work in Kentucky' by the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce and the Kentucky Society for Human Resource Management.

Winners were selected in three categories, with Keeneland named among median companies (150-499 employees). The selection process, managed by Best Companies Group, is based on an assessment of the company's employee policies and procedures and the results of an internal employee survey.

"Keeneland is proud to once again be formally recognized as one of the best places to work in Kentucky," Keeneland President and CEO Bill Thomason said. "Our standing as a world leader in Thoroughbred racing and sales is a direct reflection of our employees' passion and dedication. As a company, we are committed to providing a respectful and progressive workplace, and to offering our team members a total rewards package, including a pension, 401(k) and other benefits that distinguish us as an employer and create an environment of excellence."

For additional information on the 'Best Places to Work in Kentucky', visit www.bestplacestoworkky.com.

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INDIANA GRAND TO HONOR LATE VP SCHUSTER DURING 2020 MEET

The 18th season of Thoroughbred and Quarter Horse racing at Indiana Grand will begin Tuesday, Apr. 14, but for the first time in the history of the track, one person will be noticeably missing. Jon Schuster, longtime vice president and general manager, passed away in late 2019 and Indiana Grand will hold several tributes to him when racing resumes.

"Jon was such an integral part of the progress of Indiana Grand dating back to the very first season," said Mike Rich, senior vice president and general manager. "He was very dedicated to Indiana Grand and extremely respected in the horse racing industry. We want to ensure his legacy and work continues on for many years by establishing several new initiatives in his honor connected to the business he loved so much and worked so tirelessly to promote."

Opening day's activities will begin with a moment of silence for Schuster prior to the playing of the National Anthem. The first race of the meet will be named the Jonathan B. Schuster Memorial Mile. Family, friends, team members, and racing participants will gather in the winner's circle following the race for a photo and dedicated tribute in his honor.

Several other tributes for Schuster are planned beginning in 2020. Schuster, a graduate of the University of Arizona's Racetrack Industry Program, will have an annual \$2,500 scholarship named in his honor funded by Indiana Grand. The track will also formally announce a name change to the Jonathan B. Schuster Memorial for one of the stakes races held each year on Indiana Derby Night.

Live Thoroughbred and Quarter Horse racing will resume at Indiana Grand Tuesday, April 14 for the 120-day racing season. Action will begin at 2:15 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays with Saturdays' first post set for 6:15 p.m.

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BRICKS STARS AT ECLIPSE AWARDS

by Christina Bossinakis

HALLANDALE BEACH, FL--The stars of racing were out in full force for the 2019 Runhappy Eclipse Awards in Gulfstream Park's Sport of Kings auditorium Thursday night. The new hosting trio of TVG's Gabby Gaudet, NBC and TVG's Brittany Eurton and Gulfstream's

Acacia Courtney led the evening's program, reflecting on a season that had it all--celebration, challenge and above all, tremendous change. While a total of 11 equine champions and five human divisions were crowned, it was a single individual that cast a thread through several of the victorious connections of the night. **Bricks and Mortar** (Giant's Causeway) took down the big prize of the evening--Horse of the Year--in addition to the Champion

Turf Male title. The 5-year-old was also instrumental in bestowing his trainer--Chad Brown--with his fourth consecutive training championship. Other divisional winners with close ties to the five-time Grade I winner are Klaravich Stables and William Lawrence (Owner); George Strawbridge, Jr. (Breeder); and Irad Ortiz, Jr. (Jockey).

Also a major talking point through the two-hour show was Thoroughbred aftercare. With video segments of retired off-the-track Thoroughbreds shown periodically throughout the evening as part of NTRA's #NeverEclipsed social media campaign, equine care and safety were touched upon by winners and presenters.

"The safety of our horses and riders are our number one priority, every race, every day, every racetrack," said NTRA President and CEO Alex Waldrop. Underscoring its importance to many of those in attendance, Waldrop announced that Courtney, Gaudet and Eurton all were donating their wages for the evening to the cause of aftercare.

All Roads Lead to Brown

The very first winner of the night appeared to set the tone for the rest of the evening as Bricks and Mortar, trained by Brown, earned the title for Champion Turf Horse and rounded out the night with a Horse of the Year title. Giving credit to his staff, owners and riders, in addition to the racing circuits he frequented for much of the year, Brown tied his former mentor

Bobby Frankel, Todd Pletcher and Laz Barrera as the only trainers to win four consecutive training championships. Among his notable achievements in 2019, Brown tied his 2018 mark of 20 Grade I victories again in 2019 and surpassed his own personal record with 54 graded wins. He also bagged an enviable quartet of graded stakes at Arlington Park Aug. 10 when taking the GI Arlington Million (Bricks and Mortar); GI Secretariat S. (Valid Point); GI Beverly D. S.

(Sistercharlie {Ire}); and GIII Pucker Up S. (Cafe Americano).

And not one to rest on his laurels, Brown is already looking on to the next challenge.

"Jan. 1 is a clean slate for everyone," he said. "It's great to go back and think about the great year we had with so many highlights of Bricks and Mortar. Also, Arlington Park stands out. Going there for the day and winning those four races that day was just unbelievable. I replay that in my head. I do take time to think about it, but you've got to keep moving forward. That bit of history is already secured, which is comforting, but we're also in a business of what have you done for me lately. So, we have to keep moving forward, appreciate what has happened and be thankful for it."

Brown also trained Champion Turf Female winner **Uni (GB)** (More Than Ready)--campaigned by Michael Dubb, Head of Plain Partners, Robert LaPenta & Bethlehem Stables.

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Maximum Redemption

One of the most talked about horses in 2019 was without a doubt **Maximum Security** (New Year's Day), who was disqualified from first in the GI Kentucky Derby. Much drama ensued, both immediately after the race and in the months to come, however, the bay colt closed out the rest of the season in impressive fashion, collecting the 3-year-old male title over **Code of Honor** (Noble Mission {GB}) and **Omaha Beach** (War Front). He was the third consecutive Eclipse Award winner for Gary and Mary West following West Coast (Flatter) (3-year-old) in 2018 and Game Winner (Candy Ride {Arg}) (2-year-old) last year. West, who was very vocal as he spent much of the year trying to get the Kentucky Derby disqualification ruling overturned, was gracious in accepting his trophy, giving props to his trainer Jason Servis and his team. Maximum Security's Derby disqualification earned him a second title on the night, the 2019 NTRA Moment of the Year.



The connections of Maximum Security: Jason Servis, Mary & Gary West and Luis Saez | Horsephotos

When asked by Courtney to describe his emotions through that roller coaster 2019 Kentucky Derby result, Servis quipped, "Where is the guy with the horn?" in hopes of having himself ushered off the stage.

Ladies Day

Several ladies were lauded over the course of the night, chief among them was LNJ Foxwoods **Covfefe** (Into Mischief), who completed a notable double, winning one award for champion 3-year-old filly and another as the leading female sprinter in 2019. The filly was trained by Brad Cox, who was also responsible for the undefeated champion juvenile filly **British Idiom** (Flashback). Stuart Grant, accepting on behalf of British Idiom, acknowledged his

partners and friends, Micheal Dubb and Mike Caruso, in addition to Cox, Sol Kumin, Liz Crow, Brad Weisbord and Javier Castellano. **Cont. p3**



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Another filly honored Thursday evening was Bloom Racing Stables, Allen Racing and Madaket Stables’s **Midnight Bisou** (Midnight Lute), who was named the leading older dirt female.

“What an amazing filly,” said an overwhelmed Jeff Bloom. “The whole thing is surreal. Midnight Bisou exemplifies class, heart and determination and she truly epitomizes the true racehorse.”

Among other notable moments of the evening was a touching segment featuring racing figures who passed in 2019, including Marylou Whitney, Morton Fink, Randy Romero, Jimmy Crupi, Carmen Barrera, Bob Fortus, Howard Wolfendale and one of *TDN*’s very own, Ben Massam.

In a contested division, the award for Champion Older Horse went to **Vino Rosso** (Curlin). Trained by seven-time Eclipse Award winner Todd Pletcher and owned by Repole Stable and St. Elias Stable.

“Very exciting and honestly, quite frankly humbling,” said Vinnie Viola. “Vino Ross aged like a fine wine.”

Setting the tone not only for the evening, but probably the entire 2019 season was Seth Klarman’s acceptance speech as leading owner.

“The sport is not organized at the national level,” said Klarman. “We lack uniform rules, such as on medication and the use of whips. Stewards decisions go largely unexplained, creating a sense of chaos and unfairness. The sport is criticized, and not wrongfully when the interest of the horses are placed second behind economics and personal glory. Those of us who love horse racing, everyone in this room, will appreciate the majesty and the courage of our equine athletes and must fix the sport or risk its demise. We must care for our Thoroughbreds in their retirement and we must ensure the track safeness at all times. And when they’re not, races should not be run. We must end the impact of medication on the health and safety of racehorses. And we must ensure that nobody ever runs unsound horses. Only when we put the horses first are we able to put the sport first. Nothing less will do. We’re at a tipping point. We truly have no choice, but to come together, reform and re-prioritize. Everyone in this room has had a richer, more exciting and more memorable life because horse racing made it so. Everyone knows what is wrong and that we can and must do better. Thank you for listening and thank you for this incredible honor.”

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GI Breeders' Cup Turf • GI Arlington Million • GI Manhattan S. • GI Old Forester Turf Classic • GI Pegasus World Cup Turf Invitational • TJCS PPs • Equine catalog-style pedigree



Bricks and Mortar | Horsephotos

Having been nursed back to health over much of calendar year 2018 after being treated for a **potentially career-ending case of stringhalt**, Bricks and Mortar was an unstoppable force last year and became the first Horse of the Year for trainer Chad Brown Thursday evening. He was also a unanimous winner of the Eclipse Award for older turf male, the third in five years for a Brown trainee (Big Blue Kitten, 2015; Flintshire {GB}, 2016).

Underfoot conditions were of no concern to the \$200,000 Keeneland September graduate last season, as he commenced his unbeaten streak with a smooth victory over Magic Wand (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) in the inaugural GI Pegasus World Cup Turf S. over yielding Gulfstream turf in January, then sat up on the 'speed' in a pacesetter renewal of the GII Mervin Muniz Memorial H. at the Fair Grounds and managed to gut it out late. He overcame another soft pace in the GI Old Forester Turf Classic in May, added a 1 1/2-length defeat of stablemate Robert Bruce (Chi) (Fast Company {Ire}) in the GI Manhattan S. the following month and finished fast to best Magic Wand in the GI Arlington Million. *Cont. p5*



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From Mike Ryan Bloodstock

Bricks and Mortar cont.

The connections of Bricks and Mortar | Horsephotos

After a time of indecision as to which Breeders' Cup race might suit him best, Bricks and Mortar ultimately went for the Turf. He proved wrong those who doubted his ability to stay the 12-furlong trip, leading home a 1-2 finish for his sire over United with G1 Investec Derby hero Anthony Van Dyck (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) close up in third.

Bricks and Mortar stands his first year at stud at Shadai Farm in Japan in 2020.

Accepting the Award (Horse of the Year)...

"Thank you for this honor. Bill and I want to congratulate the owners of Maximum Security and Mitole for incredible campaigns. They were all great horses and worthy candidates. Horse racing has a way of getting in your blood. I know it did with me as a teenager at Pimlico. I love so much of this sport. The perpetual puzzle of handicapping a winner. Enjoying watching a stretch-long battle between two equine athletes who wouldn't yield. The anticipation of a top race at an elite meet. The big races you attended and remember like they were yesterday are mileposts on life's journey. I know horse racing got into the blood of Chad Brown as he was growing up in Saratoga. It's never luck when you see Chad in the winner's circle. It's intensity, preparation, a man, a plan, a highly functioning team. I believe Chad and I are a great team, but I mean that in the sense that Chad and anybody are a great team. Chad, in effect, manages my stable, most of the buying and selling, the training facilities, the breeding decisions. I want to acknowledge the people here with me tonight. My long-time partners, Bill and Gloria Lawrence, what a great partnership. Nick and Jacqui de Meric, who buy, break and train many of our babies. My friend Andy Serling and of course, my wife Beth, who's been on this journey with me the entire way. I never thought we'd ever have a chance to win this award. Bill and I are so grateful to the voters for this incredible, once-in-a-lifetime honor." --Seth Klarman of Klaravich Stables, co-owner

Accepting the Award (Champion Turf Male)...

"Bricks and Mortar has been the thrill of a lifetime for Bill [Lawrence] and me. Bricks ended his career with 11 victories from 13 starts. He was within a length and a half of being undefeated. In 2019 alone, he was six-for-six at six different tracks, five of which were Grade I wins. In his career he won a staggering \$7-million in purses. We ran him against the best competition we could find. He danced every dance. These accomplishments are largely due to the efforts of Chad Brown. Chad is an incredibly gifted horseman and he managed this horse with great patience and skill. Irad Ortiz rode this horse confidently and masterfully, the perfect rider for this perfect season. I want to thank the voters for recognizing the achievements of this truly exceptional equine athlete." --Seth Klarman of Klaravich Stables, co-owner

Early Impressions...

"We bought him as a yearling and he went to Stonestreet as many of the Klaravich horses do. He was a big horse and we knew in the spring he was a two-turn horse. He was an easy horse to train, a good mover, but he was a horse you weren't going to run until late in his 2-year-old career and maybe even his 3-year-old career. He actually didn't leave Stonestreet until about late October of his 2-year-old career. He was always a classy horse who had a great appetite for work. The more you did with him, the better he liked it.

I remember the last time I saw him at Stonestreet, he was galloping in a big 50-acre field, up and down a hill. I remember standing up there with Ian Brennan watching him float over the ground and we said, 'Man, would this horse look good in Europe.' He was just one of those agile horses, it didn't matter he could switch leads on a nickel and handled the hills up and down. You could tell that this was a different athlete. He was a different kind of horse. He was one of those rare horses, pretty elite horses, and he was like that from the get-go and he delivered every time. His determination and his courage were extraordinary.

Like Giant's Causeway, they used to call him the Iron Horse, he loved to fight and he knew where the wire was. He was just a very gutsy, courageous and determined horse. He was the horse of a lifetime, really. I'm sorry he's not here with us in Kentucky where we could see him and breed to him. I think the Japanese are looking good there." --bloodstock agent Mike Ryan, who purchased Bricks and Mortar as a yearling for Klaravich & Lawrence

ECLIPSE AWARDS 2019 First-Place Votes
Horse of the Year: Bricks and Mortar, 204; Mitole, 19; Maximum Security, 14; Midnight Bisou, 1; Omaha Beach, 1; Vino Rosso, 1; Voter Abstention, 1.

Champion Turf Male: Bricks and Mortar, 241 (unanimous)

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CHAMPION TURF FEMALE

UNI (GB)

(m, 5, **More Than Ready**--Unaided {GB}, by Dansili {GB})

€40,000 Ylg '15 ARQAUG

O-Head of Plains Partners, Michael Dubb, Robert LaPenta & Bethlehem Stables LLC; B-Haras d'Etream; T-Chad Brown.

2019 Record: 4-3-1-0, \$1,455,000

Major 2019 Races

GI Fourstardave H. • **GI First Lady S.** • **GI Breeders' Cup Mile**
• **TJCIS PPs** • **Equine catalog-style pedigree**



Uni winning the Breeders' Cup Mile | Breeders' Cup/Eclipse Sportswire

Uni presented her sire with an Eclipse Award winner for the third consecutive year (Roy H, 2017, 2018) and gave her trainer Chad Brown a third champion turf female in succession and fourth in six years Thursday evening. In doing so, she out-pointed her stablemate and 2018 champion Sistercharlie (Ire) (Myboycharlie {Ire}) and the Mark Casse-trained Got Stormy (Get Stormy).

Winner of Belmont's Perfect Sting S. when returning from an eight-month absence in late June, Uni tried the boys for the first time in this country--she defeated males in French listed company in 2017--in Saratoga's GI Fourstardave H. Aug. 10. She trailed by as many as 17 lengths passing halfway and it proved a gap just too big to bridge, as she closed fast to finish third, 2 1/2 lengths behind Got Stormy. Back with her peers for Keeneland's GI First Lady S. Oct. 5, she covered the final quarter mile in :22.68 and the last eighth of a mile in :11.46 for a 2 1/2-length tally in course-record time. Supplemented for \$100,000 to the GI Breeders' Cup Mile, she turned in an effort very similar to the one in Lexington, tossing in her final two furlongs in :22.69 (:11.29 home) en route to a 1 3/4-length defeat of Got Stormy.

Bred on the highly successful cross of More Than Ready--sire of champions in seven countries--over Danehill-line mares, Uni stays in training at age six in 2020.

Accepting the Award...

"On behalf of my partners Sol Kumin, Bobby LaPenta and Mike Caruso, I am honored to accept this award on behalf of Uni. Uni truly speaks for herself and I thank the Eclipse voters for listening. I would be remiss if I did not congratulate the connections of Sistercharlie and Got Stormy. In any other season, they would have likely been crowned champion. This is personal in so many ways. I take tremendous pride in sharing this with Chad Brown and his staff. I've been with Chad from the beginning, really when he just had a dozen horses. We claimed horses together, we won stakes races with those horses together and the die was cast as far as Chad Brown goes. Chad to me is like a brother, a son and most of all a best friend and this all could not have happened without Chad." --*Michael Dubb, co-owner*

Early Impressions...

"Uni was one of the fillies I indicated to my partner in America Bradley Weisbord to buy for his client Sol Kumin during the 2017 winter. She was in training with Fabrice Chappet in Chantilly and he always liked her. She won her maiden by four lengths at Deauville on her third outing in January and then came third against the colts in a listed race at Cagnes-Sur-Mer meeting. At that point, I did really push Sol to get involved in her as her previous owner Nicolas de Chambure from Etream was only interested to sell a share in her. Brad put together a deal for Sol Kumin and Mike Dubb to buy half of her and the story began.

She won a listed race brilliantly against the colts in Paris and went to the USA to run in the [GI] Belmont Oaks, where she finished third to Sistercharlie. To see her be crowned champion after winning the Breeders Cup Mile, beating the boys, is a dream come true for all involved." --*bloodstock agent Nicolas de Watrigant of the Mandore Agency*

ECLIPSE AWARDS 2019 First-Place Votes

Champion Turf Female: Uni (GB), 126; Sistercharlie (Ire), 61; Got Stormy, 33; Iridessa (Ire), 15; Concrete Rose, 3; Vasilika, 2; Cambier Parc, 1.

All horses are listed with their 2019 ages

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CHAMPION OLDER DIRT MALE

VINO ROSSO

(c, 4, **Curlin**-Mythical Bride, by Street Cry {Ire})

\$410,000 yr1 '16 KEESEP

O-Repole Stable and St. Elias Stable; B-John D. Gunther (Ky);

T-Todd Pletcher

2019 Record: 6-3-1-1, \$3,960,625

Major 2019 Races

GI Breeders' Cup Classic • GI Gold Cup at Santa Anita S. •

Stymie S.

TJCIS PPs • Equine catalog-style pedigree



The connections of Vino Rosso | Horsephotos

Repole and St. Elias Stable's Vino Rosso had his share of ups and downs throughout the 2019 racing season, however, he rounded out the year, as well as his racing career, in rousing fashion with an authoritative 4 1/4-length victory in the GI Breeders' Cup Classic at Santa Anita Nov. 2.

After launching 2019 with a score in the one-mile Stymie S. last March, the chestnut was fourth in the seven-panel GI Carter H., but showed his obvious affinity for the added yardage with a 3/4-length win over Gift Box in the 10-furlong GI Gold Cup at Santa Anita in May. Third behind fellow Eclipse finalist McKinzie (Street Sense) in the Aug. 3 GI Whitney S. over nine furlongs, the John Gunther-bred colt posted another strong performance, crossing the wire a nose ahead of Code of Honor (Noble Mission {GB}) in Belmont's GI Jockey Club Gold Cup Sept. 28, but was subsequently demoted to second for interference in the stretch. After punctuating the season with a Classic score, trainer Todd Pletcher remained confident that the 4-year-old had done enough to merit a year-end title.

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VINO ROSSO

CHAMPION OLDER DIRT MALE

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“To me, the champion older horse is one that won at a Classic distance,” said Pletcher. “Vino Rosso had two Grade 1’s at a mile and a quarter, a controversial disqualification in another, and he stamped himself as the dominant Classic older horse in the country. With the most significant race for older horses being the Breeders’ Cup Classic and putting forth a dominant victory there, I believe he deserved the champion older male title.”

Vino Rosso retired to Spendthrift Farm following the World Championships, where he stand for an introductory fee of \$30,000.

Accepting the Award...

“This is a humbling honor. On behalf of Mike Repole, his family and Repole Stables, led by Jimmy Martin and Ed Rosen, and St. Elias Stables, led by Rory Babitch and John Sparks, Teresa and I, we want to thank the NTRA, the NTWAB and the *Daily Racing Form* for this distinct honor. Most important, we want to thank three people and a horse. The horse was selected, broken quite arduously—he was a stubborn, too cool for school young horse—by Jimmy Crupi, who, if not for him, my family would not have taken the test of this industry and great sport. Irad Ortiz, in a horse’s career, there is that one rider that brings out the best, and you did that for Vino Rosso. Your confidence and bravado

really truly propelled him. Todd Pletcher is beyond a doubt the most significant creator of stallions in our industry and is a horsemen of terrific discipline and rigor. He conducts himself in a way that is unparalleled amongst the giants in our sport. The confidence of Todd Pletcher and Mike Repole made this horse what he became. Finally, Vino Rosso, like a fine wine, aged magnificently.” --*Vinnie Viola of St. Elias Stable, co-owner*

Early Impressions...

“I thought that physically, he very much looked like a Curlin. What impressed us about training him as a 2-year-old was, even though he wasn't extremely precocious, when he did come in and get up to that 5/8ths breeze, which seems to be the barrier that separate the real quality from the pretenders, that is when he started to excel. We thought here is a horse that is bred to get better when he is older and gets to stretch out in distance, but he was training like the type who would win and be competitive in his first start, which we felt boded well for his future.” --*trainer Todd Pletcher*

ECLIPSE AWARDS 2019 First-Place Votes
Champion Older Male: Vino Rosso, 129; Mitole, 108; McKinzie, 3; Voter Abstention, 1.



Vino Rosso romping in the Breeders' Cup Classic with fellow Eclipse winner Irad Ortiz aboard | *Eclipse Sportswire/Breeders' Cup*

CHAMPION OLDER FEMALE

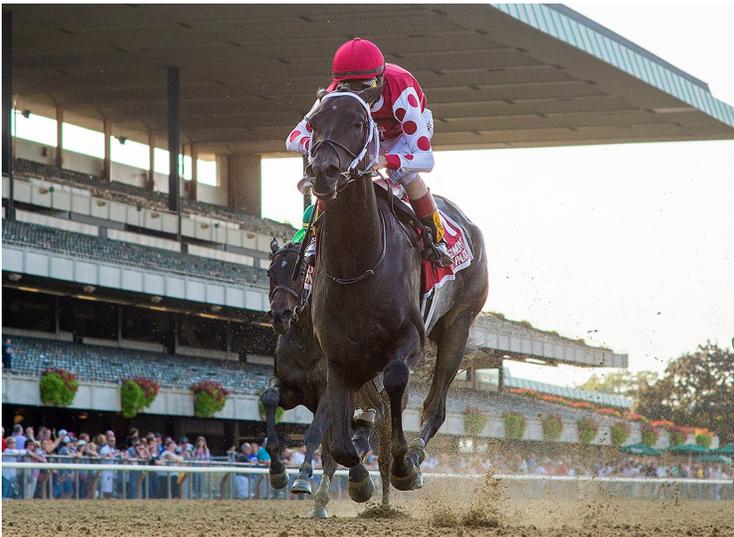
MIDNIGHT BISOU

(f, **Midnight Lute**--Diva Delite, by Repent)

\$19,000 RNA Ylg '16 KEESEP; \$80,000 2yo '17 OBSAPR
O-Bloom Racing Stable, Madaket Stables & Allen Racing;
B-Woodford Thoroughbreds (KY); T-Steve Asmussen
2019 Record: 8-7-1-0, \$2,185,000

Major 2019 Races

GI Personal Ensign S. • **GI Ogden Phipps S.** • **GI Apple Blossom H.**
TJCS PPs • **EquineLine catalog-style pedigree**



Midnight Bisou | Sarah Andrew

Midnight Bisou was nothing short of sensational in 2019, winning seven straight races--all of which were graded--and finishing second in the GI Longines Breeders' Cup Distaff S. Capturing her seasonal bow in the GIII Houston Ladies Classic S. Jan. 27, the dark bay nosed out Escape Clause (Going Commando) after a gritty stretch duel in that venue's GI Apple Blossom H. next out Apr. 14. Facing a small, but talented field in Belmont's GI Ogden Phipps S. June 8, the \$80,000 OBSAPR purchase won for fun with a 3 1/2-length defeat of Come Dancing (Malibu Moon).

Scoring another facile victory in Monmouth Park's GIII Molly Pitcher S., Midnight Bisou won a knock-down-drag-out battle with Elate (Medaglia d'Oro) by the tip of her nose in the GI Personal Ensign S. at Saratoga Aug. 24. A decisive winner of Belmont's GII Beldame S. Sept. 28, the Steve Asmussen trainee came running late in the Breeders' Cup, but could not reel in Blue Prize (Arg) (Pure Prize) and was forced to settle for second.

Midnight Bisou accomplished more than enough prior to the World Championships to remain on top of her division and was scratched from the Fasig-Tipton November Sale to stay in training for 2020. Her dam Diva Deelite did go through the ring at Fasig's Night of the Stars, selling to David Redvers for \$1.2-million carrying a foal by Justify. **Cont. p10**



MIDNIGHT BISOU

CHAMPION OLDER
DIRT FEMALE

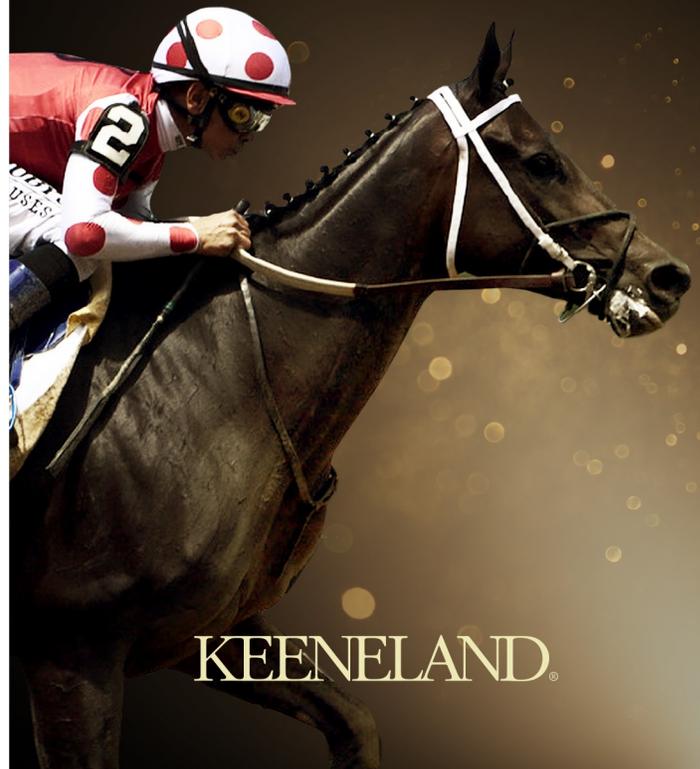
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The connections of Midnight Bisou | Horsephotos

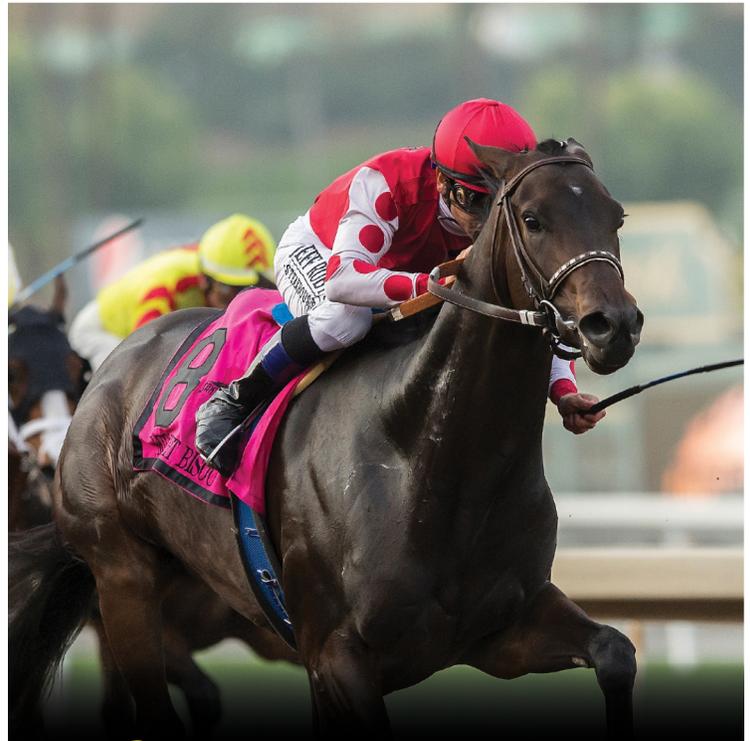
Accepting the Award...

“What an amazing feeling to be up here. The whole thing is surreal. First of all, I'd like to thank all the voters for voting our filly an Eclipse winner. And of course, we were in an amazing category with Elate and Blue Prize. They were very accomplished fillies and mares and very competitive. A huge thanks to all the individuals who made this happen for us. Anybody who in any way touched our amazing filly, starting at the beginning with Woodford who bred, raised and trained her to get her to the sales; Bill Spawr, who started her out in California for us; the incomparable Steve Asmussen, who consistently and always does just such an amazing job, including Scott Blasi, Darren Fleming and the rest of the team, too many to name, but I can't thank them enough. The jockeys, of course, Hall of Fame jockey Mike Smith, who has done such an amazing job on our filly, as well as Johnny Velazquez and the other riders who rode her. And of course, I'm standing here with my family, Susie, Hannah, Ashley, and our dear friends and partners Chuck and Lori Allen, Andrew Yaffe, who couldn't be here tonight, and Steve Kulmin, Sol Kumin's father. Sol couldn't be here, but Steve is here representing, making this evening so special for us. And then finally, Midnight Bisou, who exemplifies class, elegance, and determination. She is truly the heart and soul of an athlete and really epitomizes a true racehorse.” --Jeff Bloom of Bloom Racing Stable, co-owner

Early Impressions...

“Midnight Bisou was a decent-sized foal weighing in at 120 lbs. She was always a very efficient mover, but she wasn't a standout by any means. It wasn't until she was in training in Ocala as a 2-year-old that she began to develop towards what she is today. She was a 19k RNA at Keeneland September and we now all wish we had bid 20!” --Matt Lyons, former manager of Woodford Thoroughbreds

ECLIPSE AWARDS 2019 First-Place Votes
Champion Older Female: Midnight Bisou, 210; Blue Prize (Arg), 31.



Congratulations!

Midnight Bisou Older Dirt Female

**Owners - Bloom Racing Stable LLC,
 Madaket Stables LLC, Allen Racing LLC**

Trainer - Steven M. Asmussen

Buyer - Jeffrey Bloom

Consignor - Woodford Thoroughbreds

Breeder - Woodford Thoroughbreds

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CHAMPION MALE SPRINTER

MITOLE

(c, Eskendereya--Indian Miss, by Indian Charlie)
 \$20,000 Ylg '16 KEESEP; \$140,000 2yo '17 OBSAPR
 O-William & Corinne Heiligbrodt;
 B-Edward A. Cox, Jr. (KY); T-Steve Asmussen
 2019 Record: 7-6-0-1, \$2,756,200

Major 2019 Races

GI Breeders' Cup Sprint • GI Forego S. • GI Metropolitan H.
TJCIS PPs • EquineLine catalog-style pedigree



Mitole | Horsephotos

Mitole was a dominant force in the male sprint division in 2019, capturing six of his seven starts, including four wins at the highest level. Kicking off the year with a decisive optional claimer score at Oaklawn Mar. 2, the \$20,000 KEESEP yearling turned \$140,000 OBSAPR juvenile scored a facile victory in that venue's GIII Count Fleet Sprint H. next out Apr. 13. Registering his first top-level success in the GI Churchill Downs S. on the GI Kentucky Derby undercard, the fleet-footed bay followed suit with an impressive defeat of McKinzie (Street Sense) and Thunder Snow (Ire) (Helmet {Aus}) when trying a mile for the first time in Belmont's prestigious GI Metropolitan H. June 8.

Mitole suffered his first loss of the season at the hooves of the "Little Rocket" Imperial Hint (Imperialism) when third in Saratoga's GI Alfred G. Vanderbilt S. July 27, but returned to winning ways with a three-length score in the Spa's GI Forego S. Aug. 24, setting a new stakes record in the process. The Heiligbrodt colorbearer reeled in the ultra speedy sophomore Shancelot (Shanghai Bobby) in the stretch of the GI Breeders' Cup Sprint at Santa Anita Nov. 2, cementing his status as the nation's top sprinter. He was retired to Spendthrift Farm following the World Championships and will stand his first season for \$25,000. **Cont. p12**



MITOLE

CHAMPION MALE SPRINTER

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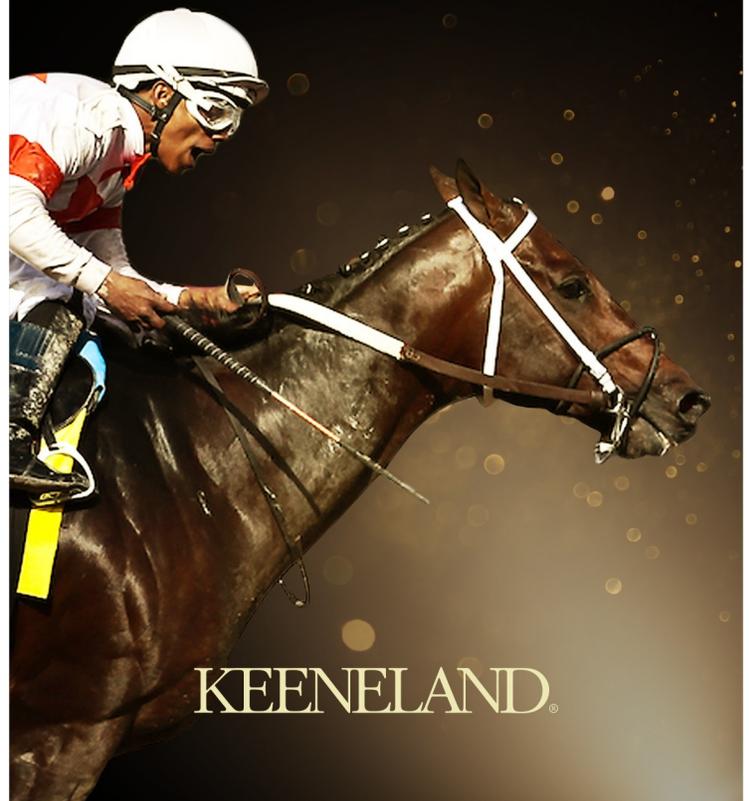
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BRICKS AND MORTAR

FEMALE TURF HORSE:
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The Heiligbrodt family | Horsephotos

Accepting the Award...

“This is a wonderful award, my family appreciates it very much. It’s been a long journey for us. Coming from Texas, where horses are a part of life, I’d just like to say that Corinne and I believe that what makes horses are the people that touch them. Mitole’s life started with Ed Cox, the breeder, then Bill Landes at Hermitage Farm, who I believe thinks he might have been the fastest horse ever there. To David McKathan, who started this horse as a 2-year-old and probably is more responsible for us owning this horse than anyone else. Susan Montanye who took this horse as a 2-year-old. He wasn’t a perfect gentleman when he got there, but he was when he left. And the ‘A Team’--Steve Asmussen, Scott Blasi and Darren Fleming, who Corinne and I won more races with than I could have imagined. Nobody could have or would have trained Mitole than Steve Asmussen--he’s the best. Spendthrift purchased the stallion and he’s on to a new career. And finally my granddaughter, she’s holding the trophy here, she went to Spendthrift and picked the stall Mitole would live in for the rest of his life. It’s a family situation, we thank you and I promise you one thing--you’ll see orange and white on a 2-year-old by Mitole at Keeneland in April 2023, I promise you that. Thank you, Mighty Mitole.” --Bill Heiligbrodt, co-owner

Early Impressions...

“We always liked him. We had him in a 2-year-old in training sale and he worked dynamite [:10 flat] and galloped out big. We thought he was a pretty nice horse. We actually recommended him to all of our top clients.” --David McKathan of Grassroots Training & Sales, who broke Mitole and sold him at OBS April.

ECLIPSE AWARDS 2019 First-Place Votes
Champion Male Sprinter: Mitole, 236; Maximum Security, 5.



Congratulations!

Mitole Male Sprinter

Owners -
William L. and Corrine Heiligbrodt

Trainer - Steven M. Asmussen

Buyer - East Hickman Bloodstock

Consignor - Grassroots Training & Sales

Breeder - Edward A. Cox, Jr.

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Corinne & Bill Heiligbrodt greet Mitole & Ricardo Santana after their BC Sprint win | *Eclipse Sportswire/Breeders' Cup*

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CHAMPION 3-YEAR-OLD FILLY CHAMPION FEMALE SPINTER

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(f, **Into Mischief**--Antics, by Unbridled)

\$250,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP

O-LNJ Foxwoods

B-Alexander-Groves Thoroughbreds (KY); T-Brad Cox

2019 Record: 6-5-0-1, \$1,052,425

Major 2019 Races

GI Breeders' Cup F/M Sprint • GI Test S.

TJCIS PPs • Equine catalog-style pedigree



Covfefe | Breeders' Cup/Eclipse Sportswire

Covfefe flashed her brilliance during her dominant debut win in 2018, but proved to be a forced to reckoned with on the female sprinter circuit in 2019, as well as the best 3-year-old filly of the year. Opening her sophomore account with a facile optional claimer score at Keeneland in April, the flashy bay set a new track record when romping by 8 1/2 lengths in Pimlico's GIII Adena Springs Miss Preakness S. May 17. Third behind Grade I winner Mia Mischief (Into Mischief) when facing her elders in the Roxelana S. at Churchill Downs June 22, the \$250,000 KEESEP buy rebounded with a gutsy defeat of GI Kentucky Oaks victress Serengeti Empress (Alternation) in Saratoga's GI Longines Test S. Aug. 3. Making a mockery of the Dogwood S. field with an effortless eight-length victory Sept. 21, Covfefe ran to the money in the GI Breeders' Cup F/M Sprint, holding off a late run from fellow sophomore Bellafina (Quality Road) to win by 3/4 of a length. It was another 7 3/4 lengths back to the third-place finisher.

Covfefe, who is famously named after a Donald Trump tweet, was given a brief freshening following her win at the World Championships. She returned to trainer Brad Cox at his Fair Grounds winter base last week to prepare for her 4-year-old campaign. **Cont. p15**



COVFEFE

CHAMPION
THREE-YEAR-OLD FEMALE
AND
FEMALE SPINTER

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OWNER

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Alexander-Groves Thoroughbreds

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Covfefe cont.



Jaime, Larry & Nanci Roth | Horsephotos

Accepting the Award (Champion Female Sprinter)...

“On behalf of my wife Nanci and my daughter Jaime, we would like to thank the NTRA, the *Daily Racing Form* and the National Turf Writers and Broadcasters Association for recognizing and acknowledging the outstanding achievement of Covfefe. Her 2019 campaign included her breaking the Pimlico track record in the Miss Preakness by two seconds; winning the fastest Test at Saratoga in over 20 years; breaking the Dogwood S. record at Churchill Downs held by our very own Super Majesty by over two seconds; and culminating the 2019 year by being the first to win the Breeders’ Cup Filly and Mare Sprint from post one and just the second 3-year-old to win this most prestigious race. This would not be possible without the incredible team we have assembled over the years. Most importantly, I must thank our incredible filly Covfefe, who did everything that was asked of her, and all of her fans who follow her everyday on Twitter. As *CNN* said on their five-minute segment they did on Covfefe after winning the Breeders’ Cup, the world now knows who is the real stable genius.” --Larry Roth of LNJ Foxwoods

Accepting the Award (Champion 3-Year-Old Filly)...

“I just want to thank everyone who voted for Covfefe. It’s the first time a champion sprinter has won champion 3-year-old, so it’s a historic moment. None of this could be possible without our trainer Brad Cox and his entire barn. I want to say that Brad and our bloodstock agents [Alex Solis and Jason Litt] came up with a campaign for her in 2019 and they executed it to perfection. Brad never lost confidence in this filly and that means a lot. I want to thank all of our jockeys--Shaun Bridgmohan, Javier Castellano and Joel Rosario--for giving her incredible rides that got her to the winner’s circle. To the McKathan Brothers who broke her as a 2-year-old and told us to go to Fasig-Tipton [Gulfstream] and sell her--thank God we didn’t. And to Helen Alexander who bred an amazing double champion--it’s been a pleasure to get to know her and spend some time with her. To our amazing team--Madison Scott, Jason Litt and Alex Solis--they are superstars and in seven years they’ve gotten us onto this stage with two champions and I couldn’t be more thankful. To my parents, who believed in the dream I had, and to my wife, who deals with a crazy horse owner now, I love you.” --Jaime Roth of LNJ Foxwoods

Early Impressions...

“She was in Book 2 and she had a great walk, really athletic, a good-bodied filly, on the smaller side. Originally we bought her with the idea of pinhooking her if she grew and she looks the way she did then. She’s just grown a little bit.

She was actually entered in the Fasig Gulfstream sale and we went down there and looked at her and said, ‘We’re going to keep this one.’ So we scratched her from the sale. And from the beginning, she was always straightforward. Brad [Cox] got her at Keeneland and [assistant] Tessa [Bisha] had her and she said, ‘This filly is awesome.’ From the beginning, everyone who had her told us this filly was very impressive.” --Alex Solis II, bloodstock advisor for LNJ Foxwoods with partner Jason Litt

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ECLIPSE AWARDS 2019 First-Place Votes
 Champion 3-Year-Old Filly: Covfefe, 189; Guarana, 19; Serengeti Empress, 11; Iridessa (Ire), 9; Concrete Rose, 6; Dunbar Road, 6; Cambier Parc, 1.
 Champion Female Sprinter: Covfefe, 235; Belvoir Bay (GB), 4; Mia Mischief, 1; Serengeti Empress, 1.

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CHAMPION 3-YEAR-OLD COLT MAXIMUM SECURITY

(c, New Year's Day--Lil Indy, by Anasheed)
O/B-Gary & Mary West (KY); T-Jason Servis
2019 Record: 8-6-1-0, \$1,791,100

Major 2019 Races

GI Cigar Mile • GIII Bold Ruler H. • GI Haskell Invitational S.
TJCIS PPs • Equineline catalog-style pedigree



Maximum Security winning the Cigar Mile | Sarah Andrew

Maximum Security's sophomore season had plenty of ups and downs, but, in the end, he proved he truly was the best of his generation. Dangled for a \$16,000 tag when winning his debut in December of 2018, the homebred kicked off 2019 with a pair of dominant starter optional claiming scores at Gulfstream Jan. 24 and Feb. 20, respectively. The bay jumped right to the top of the class ladder after that and showed that he belonged there with a 3 1/2-length victory in the GI Xpressbet.com Florida Derby Mar. 30, stamping his ticket for the First Saturday in May.

Maximum Security crossed the line first, 1 3/4 lengths ahead of longshot Country House (Lookin at Lucky), in the GI Kentucky Derby, but was controversially disqualified and placed 17th for interference in the stretch. Trainer Jason Servis elected to bypass the rest of the Triple Crown trail after that and pointed his charge to the GI TVG Haskell Invitational S. at his Monmouth Park homebase. Prepping for that event with a second in the Pegasus S. June 16, Maximum Security returned to winning ways with a facile score in the Haskell July 20. He was scheduled to make his next start in the GI Pennsylvania Derby, but had to miss that race due to a bout of colic and was rerouted to the GIII Bold Ruler H. at Aqueduct Oct. 26, which he won in front-running fashion. The West runner clinched the Eclipse trophy with a dominant victory in that venue's GI Cigar Mile H. Dec. 7.

Coolmore purchased a **half-interest** in Maximum Security on New Year's Day and he is currently being pointed at the \$20-million Saudi Cup Feb. 29. Sold to Korean interests for \$11,000 carrying a full-sibling to Maximum Security at the 2018 Keeneland November Sale, his dam Lil Indy and weanling full-sister were **privately purchased** by SF Bloodstock and returned to America, where they were re-offered at Keeneland November. This time around Lil Indy summoned **\$1.85 million** from Jane Lyon's Summer Wind Equine while carrying a foal by Quality Road.

Accepting the Award...

"It is an honor and a privilege for Mary and I to be here tonight to accept this award on behalf of Team Maximum Security. Team Maximum Security is comprised of trainer Jason Servis, assistant Henry Argueta, grooms Milton Hernandez and Tedoro Caderez, Garrett Servis and, most of all, his rider Luis Saez. Jason has an uncanny ability of knowing when to rest a horse and he knows when to run a horse when a horse is doing good. As an owner, you can't ask for any more than that. I wish more owners would be considerate of their trainers opinions of what they do. Thank you very much." --Gary West, co-owner & co-breeder

Early Impressions...

"I bought his sire and I bought his dam and did the mating. At that point in time, when I was looking at him [as weanling and yearling], the New Year's Days were not running up to par. it was kind of tough to be excited about at that time, but now I am excited after New Year's Day became a pretty good sire. We took him down to Ocala and broke him and sent him to Jason [Servis]. We had him in the sale, but he started training pretty good so we took him out. We always liked him, but I can't say he was a superstar. He was always a laid back colt. The other yearlings would come running to the fence and he would stay laying down. He didn't get excited about anything. He was the same way when he was training, but we saw enough to send him to the East Coast. He wasn't lazy. He was just a laid back colt who was fine with whatever he was doing." --Ben Glass, longtime racing manager and bloodstock agent for the Wests

ECLIPSE AWARDS 2019 First-Place Votes
Champion 3-Year-Old Colt: Maximum Security, 217; Omaha Beach, 16; Code of Honor, 8.

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(Flashback--Rose and Shine, by Mr. Sekiguchi)

\$40,000 Ylg '18 FTKOCT

O-Michael Dubb, The Elkstone Group LLC, Madaket Stables LLC
& Bethlehem Stables LLC; B-Hargus & Sanda Sexton
& Silver Fern Farm LLC (KY); T-Brad H. Cox
2019 Record: 3-3-0-0, \$1,381,250

Major 2019 Races

GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies • GI Darley Alcibiades S.
TJCIS PPs • Equine catalog-style pedigree



British Idiom | Breeders' Cup/Eclipse Sportswire

The modestly bred British Idiom cost just \$40,000 as a yearling at Fasig-Tipton's October Sale and is worth much more than that now after an undefeated championship season. Backed to narrow favoritism in her six-furlong career bow at Saratoga, which was restricted to horses purchased or RNA'd for \$45,000 or less, she pressed the pace and drew off to a 3 1/2-length score. Adding Lasix and stretching out to two turns in the GI Darley Alcibiades S. Oct. 4 at Keeneland, she was a powerful victress, taking over on the turn and kicking clear in the lane for a 6 1/2-length romp. She got hooked into a dogfight for the first time in her young career in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Nov. 1 at Santa Anita, as the promising Donna Veloce (Uncle Mo) gave her all she could handle, but British Idiom showed her grit and wore that foe down to prevail by a neck, locking up the 2-year-old filly championship. Getting almost two months off as a reward for her efforts, she returned to the worktab Dec. 29 at Fair Grounds with an eye towards making her sophomore debut in the GII Rachel Alexandra S. Feb. 15 in New Orleans.

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2019 ECLIPSE CHAMPION TWO-YEAR-OLD FILLY



KY OCTOBER YEARLINGS GRADUATE

BRITISH IDIOM

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British Idiom cont.

Accepting the Award...

“What a fantastic year she had! She is not only fast, but mentally tough and she is one of the sweetest fillies you could possibly imagine. Thank you to Brad Cox and his team for doing such a great job training British Idiom and to Javi Castellano for three beautiful rides. Thanks to Liz Crow, Paul [Sharp] and his team for selecting British Idiom at the Fasig-Tipton sale. And, thank you to Brad Weisbord and his team for managing the filly as well as managing her owners. As much fun as British Idiom has been, it wouldn’t be nearly as much fun without my longtime partners Mike Dubb and Mike Caruso. We have been racing horses together for over a decade. One could not ask for better partners or better human beings. Mike and Mike have done so much for this sport and their communities, it is honor to call them friends and share this honor with them. To my more recent partner Sol Kumin, Sol brings a level of enthusiasm to racing that few can match. To my wife Suzanne, who takes great pleasure in seeing her husband take great pleasure in the sport of racing. On behalf of the entire British Idiom team, thank you for this Eclipse Award. We invite you to enjoy the ride of British Idiom’s campaign because who doesn’t love a good British Idiom?” --*Stuart Grant of the Elkstone Group, co-owner*



British Idiom & Javier Castellano | Eclipse Sportswire/Breeders' Cup

Early Impressions...

“She was really level-headed and a smart filly from the moment I saw her at the Fasig October sale. She was a really athletic, good-sized strong filly. She had everything I was looking for aside from the pedigree. As far as Flashback goes, he stands for \$3,500 in Pennsylvania. So I was a little leery of the page, but I’ve had luck with the Tapit line--Monomoy Girl is by Tapizar. I’ve always been the type of buyer who looks for physical first and pedigree second and she was probably one of my favorite physicals in the sale. She also had the mentality to go with it.” --*bloodstock agent Liz Crow*

ECLIPSE AWARDS 2019 First-Place Votes
 Champion 2-Year-Old Filly: British Idiom, 222; Bast, 12; Sharing, 6; Alms, 1.



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CHAMPION 2-YEAR-OLD MALE STORM THE COURT

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\$5,000 Ylg '18 FTKFEB; \$60,000 2yo '19 OBSAPR
O-Exline-Border Racing LLC, David A. Bernsen, Susanna Wilson
& Dan Hudock; B-Stepping Stone Farm (KY); T-Peter Eurton
2019 Record: 4-2-0-1, \$1,172,951

Major 2019 Races

GI TVG Breeders' Cup Juvenile

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Storm the Court (inside) besting Anneau d'Or
in the BC Juvenile | *Breeders' Cup/Eclipse Sportswire*

Storm the Court has been overlooked for most of his young career thus far, but that changed with his recognition as an improbable champion 2-year-old male. Purchased by horseman Bryan Rice for just \$5,000 as a Fasig-Tipton February yearling in 2018, he blossomed in the ensuing year and sold for \$60,000 to the shrewd Marette Farrell after breezing a quarter-mile in :21 2/5 at OBS April as the only representative of his sire in the entire sale.

Scoring a 12-1 upset in his debut Aug. 10 at Del Mar, the bay was stepped up by trainer Peter Eurton in the GI Runhappy Del Mar Futurity next out. That race is infamous for the antics of heavy favorite Eight Rings (Empire Maker), who ducked in sharply soon after the start and unseated his rider. Storm the Court, who also lost his pilot because of the incident, was a mere footnote in the affair. He did little to make a name for himself in the GI American Pharoah S., finished a well-beaten third behind an Eight Rings that was on his best behavior Sept. 27 at Santa Anita.

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2019 ECLIPSE CHAMPION TWO-YEAR-OLD MALE



KENTUCKY WINTER MIXED GRADUATE

STORM THE COURT

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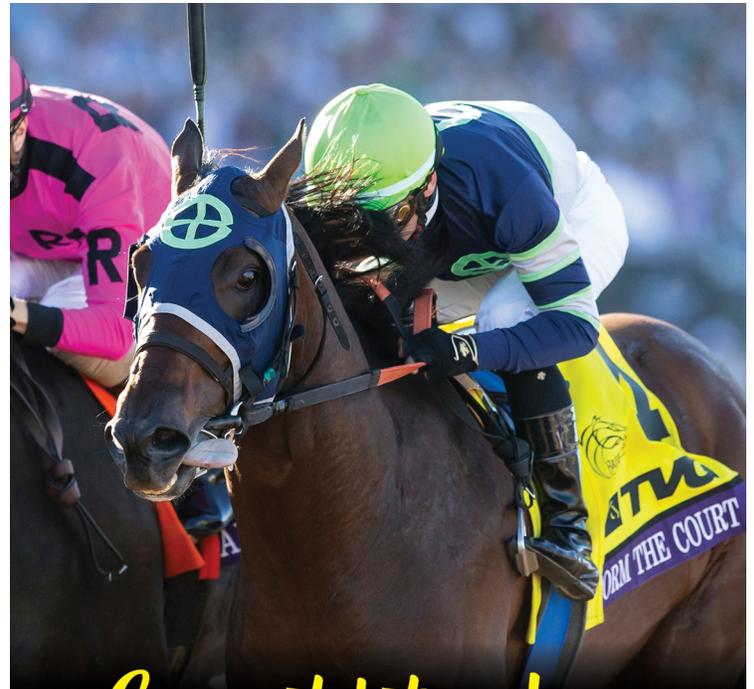


The winning connections of Storm the Court | Horsephotos

That led to him being dismissed at nearly 46-1 in the GI TVG Breeders' Cup Juvenile Nov. 1 in Arcadia, but the bay kept finding more after setting a quick pace, and dug in resolutely to turn back fellow longshot Anneau d'Or (Medaglia d'Oro) by a head, pulling off the biggest stunner of the World Championship weekend. Drilling steadily at his Santa Anita base, Storm the Court is slated to take his first step as a sophomore on the GI Kentucky Derby trail in the Feb. 9 GII San Vicente S.

Accepting the Award...

"I am incredibly honored to accept this award on behalf of the entire Storm the Court team. There are many people who have contributed to this colt's special moment. Marette Farrell and her team who do all the bloodstock work for Exline-Border are some of the hardest-working people I know. They are honest, diligent and I can confidently say we would not be standing here today without their guidance. Peter Eurton did an excellent job with 'Storm.' Peter is an excellent horseman, but he's like family to us. He has continuously delivered us success on the biggest of stages and we are lucky to have him on our team." --Ryan Exline of Exline-Border Racing, co-owner



Congratulations!

**Storm the Court
Two Year Old Male**

Owners - Exline-Border Racing, LLC,
David A. Bernsen, LLC,
Susanna Wilson and Dan Hudock

Trainer - Peter Eurton

Buyer - Marette Farrell, Agent for
Exline-Border Racing

Consignor - Woodside Ranch

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Early Impressions...

“I really liked the horse's balance, frame and movement when I first saw him at the [Fasig-Tipton February] sale. That is what drew me to him. That colt really sold himself on my first evaluation and throughout the whole time I had him, he stayed the same in those initial qualities that caught my eye. He gave me those really good feelings about what he was capable of through his body language, his frame and his motion. I am excited to continue following his development throughout his career.” --*Bryan Rice, who purchased Storm the Court as a yearling, broke him and resold him at OBS through he and his wife Holley's Woodside Ranch consignment*

“His video was flawless and despite the white page, ‘racehorse’ was my word for him when I saw him. I then went digging through every single horse on the page for a valid reason to buy him! So glad Exline/Border Racing went with my wild hunch”. --*bloodstock agent Marette Farrell, who purchased Storm the Court as a 2-year-old*

ECLIPSE AWARDS 2019 First-Place Votes
 Champion 2-Year-Old Colt: Storm the Court, 147; Structor, 51; Maxfield, 12; Independence Hall, 8; Tiz the Law, 5; Four Wheel Drive, 4; Dennis' Moment, 3; Anneau d'Or, 2; Eight Rings, 2; Thousand Words, 2; Basin, 1; Nucky, 1; Voter Abstentions, 2.

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CHAMPION STEEPLECHASER WINSTON C (IRE)

(5, g, Rip Van Winkle {Ire}--Pitrezza {Ire}, by Machiavellian)
30,000gns HRA '18 TATFEB; 55,000gns yrl '15 TATOCT;
80,000gns wnlg '14 TATNOV
O-Hudson River Farms;
B-Patrick Kelly (Ire); T-Jonathan Sheppard
2019 Record: 8-5-0-1, \$246,334

Major 2019 Races

- G1 A.P. Smithwick Memorial Steeplechase •**
- G1 New York Turf Writers Cup H.**
- TJCIS PPs • Equineline catalog-style pedigree**

Winston C, campaigned by Edward Swyer's Hudson River Farms and trained by Hall of Famer Jonathan Sheppard, began the year in the maiden ranks, but ended it an Eclipse champion thanks to a pair of Grade 1 tallies at Saratoga. The gelding announced his arrival on the big stage with a widening 3 1/2-length victory in the July 25 G1 A.P. Smithwick Memorial Steeplechase S. at Saratoga in July. A month later, he romped to an 8 3/4-length victory in the G1 New York Turf Writers Cup H. Winston C concluded the season with a troubled fourth-place effort in the G1 Lonesome Glory S. at Belmont Park.



Jonathan Sheppard and Winston C | Sarah Andrew

Swyer acquired Winston C last spring after he was shopped to the Sheppard team by jockey Thomas Garner and his bloodstock partner, Noel Fehily, a now-retired jockey who spotted the 5-year-old when riding him to a maiden victory at Wincanton in January.

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Winston C cont.

Accepting the Award...

“Our Hall of Fame trainer Jonathan Sheppard made the bold and instinctive decision to enter Winston in the Grade 1 Smithwick after a novice third-place finish. Tom Garner, Winston’s rider, spent many full days schooling Winston to adjust his balance from UK hurdles to U.S. steeplechase hurdles. Thank you, Tom for working so intensely, often full days. And thank you for the brilliant ride in the Smithwick. Thank you to Carrie Woerner. It’s been a joy working with you and your team. And congratulations to the connections of Scorpiancer and Brain Power. By sharing the nomination with them, it puts Winston C in a rare class of exceptional jumpers. Thank you to everyone here tonight sharing this moment.” --*Edward Swyer, owner of Hudson River Farms and Winston C.*

ECLIPSE AWARDS 2019 First-Place Votes
Champion Steeplechase Horse: Winston C (Ire), 158; Brain Power (Ire), 44; Scorpiancer (Ire), 3; Voter Abstentions, 36.

OUTSTANDING OWNER
KLARAVICH STABLES, INC. &
WILLIAM LAWRENCE

2019 Record: 41-17-7-6, \$43,204,529

Seth Klarman’s Klaravich Stables, Inc. and William Lawrence ended their successful partnership last November, but the team went out on a high note. Klaravich Stables and Lawrence led the nation’s owners by earnings, thanks in large part to the exploits of Horse of the Year and champion turf horse **Bricks and Mortar** (Giant’s Causeway). Their silks were also carried to victory in 2019 by GI Sword Dancer S. winner **Annals of Time** (Temple City) and GII Pan American S. victor **Focus Group** (Kitten’s Joy).

During the longtime partnership, Klaravich and Lawrence also campaigned three-time Grade I winner Practical Joke (Into Mischief); GI Preakness S. winner Cloud Computing (Maclean’s Music); and GI Cigar Mile H. hero Patternrecognition (Adios Charlie). They sold the remaining eight horses in their partnership at last year’s Keeneland November sale. **Cont. p24**

This is only the second time the connections of the Horse of the Year also swept the trainer, jockey, owner and breeder categories. The first was 1981 with John Henry.



Congratulations
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BRITISH IDIOM
 and her connections

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Breeders:

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Klaravich Stables & William Lawrence cont.



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Accepting the Award...

“Thank you so much for this incredible honor. Bill [Lawrence] and I couldn’t be more grateful. But even as we celebrate Bricks’s amazing year, I want to share a few thoughts about my concerns for the great sport of horse racing.

“The sport is not organized at the national level. We lack uniform rules such as on medication or the use of whips. Stewards’ decisions go largely unexplained, creating a sense of chaos and unfairness. The sport is criticized, not wrongly, when the interest of the horses are seemingly put second to economics or personal glory. Those of us who love horse racing--everybody in this room--who appreciate the majesty and courage of our equine athletes must fix the sport or risk its demise.

“We must care for our Thoroughbreds in their retirement. We must insure that the track surfaces are safe at all times and when they are not, races should not be run. We must study the impact of medication on the health and safety of horses. We must insure that no one ever runs unsound horses. Only when we put the horses first are we able to put the sport first.

“Nothing less will do. We are at the tipping point. We truly have no choice but to come together, reform and re-prioritize. Everyone here tonight has had a richer, more exciting and more memorable life because horse racing made it so. Everyone here knows what is wrong and that we can and must do better.

“Thank you for listening and thank you for this incredible honor.” --Seth Klarman of Klaravich Stables

ECLIPSE AWARDS 2019 First-Place Votes

Outstanding Owner: Klaravich Stables, Inc. and William H. Lawrence, 184; Gary Barber, 18; Peter Brant, 11; Calumet Farm, 6; William and Corrine Heiligbrodt, 3; Gary and Mary West, 3; Joseph Besecker, 2; End Zone Athletics, Inc., 2; Hronis Racing, 2; Madaket Stables LLC, 2; LNJ Foxwoods, 1. Voter Abstentions, 7.

**OUTSTANDING BREEDER
GEORGE STRAWBRIDGE, JR.**

Led by an unbeaten six-for-six season by Horse of the Year and champion turf male **Bricks and Mortar** (Giant’s Causeway), longtime owner/breeder George Strawbridge, Jr. took home the hardware as outstanding breeder. Bricks and Mortar racked up five top-level wins for owners Klaravich Stables and William Lawrence and trainer Chad Brown in 2019, led by memorable performances in the GI Breeders’ Cup Turf at Santa Anita and GI Pegasus World Cup Turf Invitational S. at Gulfstream Park.

Strawbridge-bred runners won 26 races, good for third overall on the individual breeders list with a total of \$7,505,233 in earnings in 2019. Racing in the famed green-and-white silks of his Augustin Stable, Strawbridge has campaigned champions such as **Forever Together** (Belong to Me), **Informed Decision** (Monarchos) and **Waya (Fr)** (Faraway Son). He is also the all-time leading steeplechase owner by purse earnings in North America. Strawbridge owns a 700-plus acre farm in Chester County, Pa.

Accepting the Award...

“This is an enormous surprise--sort of a David and Goliath type of thing. And I have to thank the owners of Bricks and Mortar and the trainer of Bricks and Mortar. What a terrific job they did. Can you imagine giving him a year off because there was a problem? How perceptive is that? Thank you all very much.”

--George Strawbridge, Jr.

ECLIPSE AWARDS 2019 First-Place Votes

Outstanding Breeder: George Strawbridge, Jr., 122; Calumet Farm, 94; Godolphin, 8; Edward A. Cox, Jr., 2; Gary and Mary West, 2; WinStar Farm, 2; William S. Farish, 1; Kenneth and Sarah Ramsey, 1; Stonestreet Thoroughbreds, 1; Voter Abstentions, 8.



George Strawbridge | Horsephotos

OUTSTANDING TRAINER CHAD BROWN



Chad Brown | Horsephotos

As Hall of Fame trainer D. Wayne Lukas likes to say, the greatest enemy of good is better. And Chad Brown's march toward his fourth consecutive Eclipse Award title underscores that point. Responsible for 222 wins (27%) and with an

impressive 62% of his runners finishing in the top three, the Mechanicville native surpassed his own 2018 earnings mark of \$27,546,057 by amassing \$31,112,144 last season. Also establishing a career-high winning 54 graded wins in 2019, he rounded out the year by equaling his 2018 benchmark of 20 Grade I wins.

Based predominantly in the Empire State, the 41-year-old won four individual New York meet titles--both Aqueduct and Belmont fall meets--en route to collecting his fifth consecutive New York Racing Association year-end training title. Brown collected his second straight H. Allen Jerkens award (and third overall) as leading Saratoga trainer, as well as leading the Belmont spring/summer meet over Todd Pletcher.

Highlighting Brown's sparkling roster of runners in 2019 is Horse of the Year and Champion Turf Horse **Bricks and Mortar** (Giant's Causeway), the winner of five Grade I's last season; champion **Sistercharlie (Ire)** (Myboycharlie {Ire}) and undefeated **Structor** (Palace Malice), winner of the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf. Additionally, Brown was responsible for 2019 Grade I winners **Uni (GB)** (More Than Ready), **Rushing Fall** (More Than Ready) **Guarana** (Ghostzapper), **Cambier Parc** (Medaglia d'Oro), **Dunbar Road** (Quality Road) and **Annals of Time** (Temple City). *Cont. p26*

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Chad Brown cont.

Accepting the Award...

“To operate a racing stable of this size and quality requires the largest team effort in professional sports. Luckily, I am on a team of the most talented horsemen and horsewoman that I have ever seen in my 23 years at the racetrack. Their talent, skill and dedication are the reason I’m standing here tonight. I want to thank them and accept this award on their behalf. Thank you to all of our brave jockeys, who rode our horses with amazing skill and concentration. Thank you to my family. And finally, I want to thank all of our amazing equine athletes. They are certainly the reason we are all here tonight.” --Chad Brown

ECLIPSE AWARDS 2019 First-Place Votes
Outstanding Trainer: Chad Brown, 204; Steve Asmussen, 19; Brad Cox, 5; Jason Servis, 5; Karl Broberg, 2; Mark Casse, 1; Voter Abstentions, 5.

OUTSTANDING JOCKEY
IRAD ORTIZ, JR.

2019 Record: 1516-324-311-221, \$34,109,019

Irada Ortiz, Jr. continued the domination of he and his brother with a second-straight Eclipse Award for Outstanding Jockey of 2019. The 27-year-old native of Puerto Rico took home the hardware last year, following in the footsteps of his younger brother Jose, who received the award for his 2017 season. The Ortiz brothers completed the North American exacta in 2019 by money won--Irada's mounts racked up \$34,109,019 with 324 winners from 1516 rides (21%), while Jose piloted the earners of \$27,529,006 while taking 274 trips to the winner's circle (19%). Irada led all riders in the country in wins in 2019, as well as in mounts.



Irada Ortiz | Horsephotos



Irada Ortiz celebrates winning the Breeders' Cup Turf aboard Bricks and Mortar | Breeders' Cup/Eclipse Sportswire

Irada Ortiz, Jr. rode four breeders' Cup winners at the 2019 World Championships--including GI Longines Turf hero and Horse of the Year **Bricks and Mortar** (Giant's Causeway), who he was aboard for all six of his wins from six tries last term. Ortiz's other Breeders' Cup winners were GI Longines Classic winner **Vino Rosso** (Curlin), GI Big Ass Fans Dirt Mile victor **Spun to Run** (Hard Spun) and GII Juvenile Turf Sprint scorer **Four Wheel Drive** (American Pharoah). Ortiz won 35 graded stakes in 2019, including 11 at the highest level.

Accepting the Award...

“First of all, I want to thank God for all the success I have been having in my career. I want to say thanks to all of the owners and trainers who help me a lot. Without you guys, I wouldn't be here today. I want to thank the Eclipse Award voters, and also thank my agent Steve Rushing, who has done an amazing job for me. I am so happy. I have no words to explain how happy I am right now. So thanks to everyone.” --Irada Ortiz, Jr.

ECLIPSE AWARDS 2019 First-Place Votes
Outstanding Jockey: Irada Ortiz, Jr., 205; Javier Castellano, 21; Flavien Prat, 5; Joel Rosario, 3; Mike Smith, 3; Jose Ortiz, 1. Voter Abstentions, 3.

OUTSTANDING APPRENTICE JOCKEY KAZUSHI KIMURA

2019 Record: 871-148-134-117, \$4,746,556



Kazushi Kimura | Horsephotos

Japanese-born, Woodbine-based **Kazushi Kimura** built on a strong first season of riding in 2018 (104 wins, \$2,451,326 in

earnings) in 2019, booting home 148 winners (17%) and racking up \$4,746,556 in earnings. Those stats were good for third-best by wins and fourth-best by earnings at Woodbine's April to December meet. He lost his bug Oct. 26.

Accepting the Award...

"First, I want to say congratulations to everyone. I am proud of the Eclipse Award and to be nominated with so many great trainers, owners and jockeys. Let me say thank you to my agent Jordan Miller. We always stay together. He is so supportive of my success. Also thank you to a lot of trainers and assistant trainers and exercise riders and grooms and owners for giving me the wonderful opportunities. I appreciate it. I would also like to praise the other apprentice riders--this year there were so many great apprentice riders. Congratulations to Julio Correa and Angel Diaz." --Kazushi Kimura

ECLIPSE AWARDS 2019 First-Place Votes
 Outstanding Apprentice Jockey: Kazushi Kimura, 74; Julio Correa, 60; Angel I. Diaz, 53; Cristian A. Torres, 19; Jorge I. Velez, 3; Reylu Gutierrez 1; Keimar Trotman, 1; Voter Abstentions, 30.

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Irad Ortiz was joined on stage by his elder daughter, 5-year-old Sarai, who was the hit of last year's Eclipse Awards | Horsephotos



IN ORDER OF PURSE:

4th-Aqueduct, \$68,000, Msw, 1-23, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:12.72, ft.

KANSAS KIS (f, 3, Constitution--Storm Crossing, by Tiznow), a well-beaten third behind subsequent GII Demoiselle S. heroine Lake Avenue (Tapit) Nov. 14, was second best at the Big A last out Dec. 22. Favored at 4-5 this time, she kept the early leaders within her scope on the inside in third, launched a six-wide bid into the stretch and reeled in the pacesetting French Cafe (Into Mischief) to graduate by 1 1/4 lengths. Storm Crossing had a filly by Into Mischief in 2019 and was bred back to Always Dreaming. Sales history: \$50,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP; \$57,000 2yo '19 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-2, \$73,200. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Perrine Time Thoroughbreds; B-Ashview Farm & Colts Neck Stables (KY); T-Raymond Handal.



3rd-Gulfstream, \$44,400, Msw, 1-23, 4yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:38.28, ft.

NAVASHA (f, 4, Giant's Causeway--Composition {SP}, by Malibu Moon) rolled a pair of fours in her first two attempts, including a well-beaten effort behind 'TDN Rising Star' Indian Pride (Proud Citizen) at the Spa, then switched to grass with an eighth-place finish at Aqueduct last time Nov. 9. Given a 7-2 chance to break through back on dirt here, she sat a tracking trip in second, began to set her sights on 15-1 first-time starter Jeana's Gem (Big Drama) leaving the quarter pole and powered clear in the stretch to graduate by two lengths over that rival. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-0, \$36,050. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Cheyenne Stables LLC; B-Candy Meadows LLC (KY); T-Christophe Clement.

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5th-Fair Grounds, \$40,000, Msw, 1-23, 3yo, f, 5 1/2f (off turf), 1:05.61, sy.

SUMMERS HOPE (f, 3, Summer Front--Frank's Hope, by Pulpit), off at odds of 5-2 in this rained-off debut, blasted out to the lead, showed the way through a sharp opening quarter in :21.95 and kept on rolling down the stretch, en route to a 6 3/4-length victory. Dulcimer Dame (Mineshaft) was second. The winner is a half-sister to Strike Silver (Violence), SW & GSP, \$227,885. Frank's Hope, a daughter of GISW Silver Maiden (Silver Buck), was bred to Bolt d'Oro for the 2020 season. Sales history: \$40,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$24,000. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Stallionaire Enterprises LLC; B-Lantern Hill Farm LLC (KY); T-Michael Stidham.



7th-Fair Grounds, \$40,000, (S), Msw, 1-23, 3yo, 1m 70y (off turf), 1:44.82, sy.

EXTRA MILE (c, 3, Country Day--Yes Beth, by Deputy Commander) completed the exacta in his unveiling going a mile over the Fair Grounds lawn Dec. 20 and was backed as the 7-5 chalk in this off-the-turfer. The rail-drawn chestnut sat just behind the leaders in third, began to roll with a four-wide move off the turn and stormed home a nine-length winner. Yes Beth had a filly by Due Date last year. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$32,000. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O/B-Klein Racing (LA); T-Brad H. Cox.



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Summers Hope (Summer Front) wins for fun in her rained-off debut.

1st-Charles Town, \$27,000, Msw, 1-22, 3yo, f, 4 1/2f, :52.82, ft. SHE GIVES ME FITS (f, 3, Daredevil--My Time Now {GSP, \$123,689}, by Unbridled), off as the 6-5 favorite to win at first asking, sprinted up on the outside to take the lead approaching the three-eighths marker. She began to let it out a notch on the far turn and had 2 1/4 lengths over Your Eyes to Mine (Graydar) on the wire. Sales history: \$6,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP; \$30,000 2yo '19 OBSMAR. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$16,740. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Rockingham Ranch; B-Jose Luis Espinoza (KY); T-Jeff C. Runco.

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FIRST-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: FRIDAY, JANUARY 24

American Pharoah (Pioneer of the Nile), Ashford Stud, private
318 foals of racing age/29 winners/4 black-type winners
5-Turfway, Msw 6f, BLACK SHEEP, 8-1
8-Fair Grounds, Msw 5 1/2ft, DRAPES, 10-1
8-Fair Grounds, Msw 5 1/2ft, SAIL ON ELLEN, 8-1

Amira's Prince (Ire) (Teofilo {Ire}), Pleasant Acres Stallions
35 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
5-Gulfstream, Msw 5ft, FUTURE PRINCE, 20-1
3-Gulfstream, Msw 1mT, OUR FANTASY, 8-1
\$50,000 OBS APR 2yo

The Big Beast (Yes It's True), Ocala Stud, \$6,000
102 foals of racing age/20 winners/0 black-type winners
8-Gulfstream, Aoc 5ft, MS HEADLEY, 8-1
\$20,000 OBS OCT yrl; \$20,000 OBS MAR 2yo; \$47,000 RNA FTK HRA 2yo

Carpe Diem (Giant's Causeway), WinStar Farm, \$15,000
231 foals of racing age/18 winners/2 black-type winners
6-Gulfstream, Aoc 7 1/2ft, MONFORTE, 9-5
\$10,000 KEE SEP yrl

Commissioner (A.P. Indy), WinStar Farm, \$7,500
162 foals of racing age/17 winners/3 black-type winners
5-Aqueduct, Msw 1m, PAVE IT, 4-1
\$7,500 KEE NOV wnl; \$50,000 KEE SEP yrl

Competitive Edge (Super Saver), Ashford Stud, \$12,500
155 foals of racing age/30 winners/4 black-type winners
9-Oaklawn, Aoc 6f, COMPETITIVE FIRE, 20-1
\$40,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$57,000 RNA FTK OCT yrl; \$140,000 RNA EAS MAY 2yo
8-Gulfstream, Aoc 5ft, REITERATE, 12-1
\$45,000 OBS OCT yrl

Constitution (Tapit), WinStar Farm, \$40,000
233 foals of racing age/29 winners/5 black-type winners
9-Oaklawn, Aoc 6f, COMPELLING SMILE, 8-1
\$22,000 KEE SEP yrl

Danza (Street Boss), Fair Winds Farm, \$2,500
140 foals of racing age/12 winners/1 black-type winner
4-Turfway, Aoc 6 1/2f, EMELY HEART, 15-1

Daredevil (More Than Ready), Turkish Jockey Club, private
158 foals of racing age/15 winners/1 black-type winner
9-Oaklawn, Aoc 6f, SHEDARESTHEDEVIL, 5-2
\$100,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$20,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; \$280,000 I '19 KEE NOV

Fast Anna (Medaglia d'Oro), Three Chimneys Farm, \$10,000
142 foals of racing age/13 winners/3 black-type winners
4-Fair Grounds, Msw 1mT, BLESSED ANNA, 7-2
\$50,000 ESL MIX yrl
8-Fair Grounds, Msw 5 1/2ft, CHICK BE QUICK, 6-1
\$42,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$40,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$100,000 EAS MAY 2yo

Fury Kapcori (Tiznow), Journeyman Stud, \$2,500
62 foals of racing age/8 winners/1 black-type winner
3-Gulfstream, Msw 1mT, SO DEAR, 15-1

Hampton Court (Aus) (Redoute's Choice {Aus}), Spendthrift Farm
44 foals of racing age/11 winners/0 black-type winners
5-Turfway, Msw 6f, KITTEN'S MAN, 8-1
4-Turfway, Aoc 6 1/2f, WELL SPENT, 9-2

Honor Code (A.P. Indy), Lane's End Farm, \$30,000
213 foals of racing age/14 winners/0 black-type winners
6-Oaklawn, Msw 1 1/16m, DESCENT, 9-2
\$145,000 RNA KEE NOV wnl; \$300,000 KEE SEP yrl
2-Laurel, Wmc 1m, SECURITY BREACH, 3-1
8-Fair Grounds, Msw 5 1/2ft, TACTFUL SUSAN, 12-1
\$95,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; \$95,000 RNA OBS APR 2yo

Imagining (Giant's Causeway), Anchor & Hope Farm, \$7,500
 98 foals of racing age/6 winners/1 black-type winner
 2-Laurel, Wmc 1m, MARKET MOVER, 10-1
 \$2,500 EAS OCT yrl

Jack Milton (War Front), Crestwood Farm, \$6,500
 101 foals of racing age/10 winners/0 black-type winners
 4-Fair Grounds, Msw 1mT, BALOOK, 9-2
 \$2,000 RNA ESL YRL yrl; \$20,000 RNA EQL 2YO yrl
 9-Oaklawn, Aoc 6f, MOORAC, 15-1
 \$57,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$49,000 RNA FTK OCT yrl; \$42,000 OBS
 OPN 2yo

Karakontie (Jpn) (Bernstein), Gainesway Farm, \$10,000
 130 foals of racing age/13 winners/3 black-type winners
 4-Turfway, Aoc 6 1/2f, LAS RAMBLAS, 5-2
 \$5,000 KEE JAN wnl; \$16,000 OBS OCT yrl; \$40,000 OBS APR 2yo

Katz My Song (Unbridled's Song), Champagne Farm
 28 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
 9-Oaklawn, Aoc 6f, ELITE SONG, 10-1

Khozan (Distorted Humor), Journeyman Stud, \$8,500
 130 foals of racing age/21 winners/2 black-type winners
 3-Gulfstream, Msw 1mT, INDEPENDENT MISS, 15-1

Lea (First Samurai), Claiborne Farm, \$7,500
 103 foals of racing age/10 winners/2 black-type winners
 9-Tampa Bay Downs, Msw 1mT, ANDIAMA, 4-1
 \$190,000 OBS APR 2yo

Liam's Map (Unbridled's Song), Lane's End Farm, \$35,000
 232 foals of racing age/19 winners/2 black-type winners
 8-Oaklawn, \$150K Smarty Jones S., 1m, LYNN'S MAP, 6-1
 \$270,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$285,000 OBS APR 2yo
 3-Gulfstream, Msw 1mT, TYNAN, 15-1
 \$225,000 KEE SEP yrl

Mr Speaker (Pulpit), Lane's End Farm, \$10,000
 79 foals of racing age/11 winners/0 black-type winners
 8-Oaklawn, \$150K Smarty Jones S., 1m, THREE TECHNIQUE, 9-2
 \$50,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$180,000 FTK JUL yrl

Normandy Invasion (Tapit), Pin Oak Lane Farm, \$2,500
 79 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners
 5-Aqueduct, Msw 1m, BRUNATE, 12-1

Palace Malice (Curlin), Three Chimneys Farm, \$25,000
 211 foals of racing age/21 winners/2 black-type winners
 8-Gulfstream, Aoc 5fT, GRUDGE, 12-1
 \$170,000 OBS MAR 2yo
 5-Aqueduct, Msw 1m, TRUE PALACE, 20-1
 \$15,000 FTK OCT yrl; \$9,000 EAS MAY 2yo

Sky Kingdom (Empire Maker), Darby Dan Farm, \$5,000
 79 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners
 5-Aqueduct, Msw 1m, UNBRIDLED JOHN, 12-1
 \$50,000 EAS MAY 2yo

Stephanoatsee (A.P. Indy), Sequel New York, private
 15 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
 5-Aqueduct, Msw 1m, BEACH PASS, 15-1
 5-Aqueduct, Msw 1m, BEG TO DIFFER, 8-1

Summer Front (War Front), Airdrie Stud, \$10,000
 181 foals of racing age/20 winners/2 black-type winners
 4-Oaklawn, Msw 1 1/16m, FULL AUTHORITY, 15-1
 \$17,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; \$37,000 RNA OBS MAR 2yo

Tapiture (Tapit), Darby Dan Farm, \$7,500
 246 foals of racing age/30 winners/2 black-type winners
 9-Oaklawn, Aoc 6f, BLACK KAT TAPS, 5-2
 \$30,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$65,000 KEE SEP yrl
 5-Turfway, Msw 6f, EL FRANCO, 30-1
 9-Oaklawn, Aoc 6f, SPECIALLY, 2-1
 \$20,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$40,000 FTK JUL yrl; \$475,000 OBS MAR
 2yo

Tonalist (Tapit), Lane's End Farm, \$15,000
 179 foals of racing age/18 winners/1 black-type winner
 9-Tampa Bay Downs, Msw 1mT, PERT, 15-1

Wicked Strong (Hard Spun), Spendthrift Farm, \$6,000
 232 foals of racing age/28 winners/1 black-type winner
 4-Oaklawn, Msw 1 1/16m, OCTOBER SURPRISE, 4-1
 \$35,000 RNA KEE NOV wnl; \$100,000 KEE SEP yrl
 4-Turfway, Aoc 6 1/2f, SECRETLY WICKED, 5-1



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Raabihah, f, 3, **Sea The Stars (Ire)**. See "France".

IN QATAR:

Al Shaman, h, 6, **War Front**--Communique (MGSW & MGISP, \$594,841), by Smart Strike. Al Rayyan, 1-23, Al Areeq Cup (Cond.), 1600mT, 1:35.99. B-G Watts Humphrey Jr (KY). *1/2 to Woodfield Springs (Raven's Pass), GSP, \$137,713. **\$600,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP. **VIDEO**

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

7th-Aqueduct, \$67,600, (S), 1-23, (NW1\$X), 4yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:39.72, ft.

THE GREAT JOHANNA (m, 5, Teuflesberg--Money My Honey {SP, \$126,701}, by Red Bullet) Lifetime Record: 13-3-5-3, \$188,904. O-A & J McMahon, K. Buchakjian, G. Dalton & K. Latta; B-McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds, LLC (NY); T-James W. Ferraro. *\$34,000 RNA Ylg '16 SARAUG; \$14,000 RNA 2yo '17 EASMAY. **1/2 to Esposito (Ghostzapper), SP, \$163,473.

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5th-Aqueduct, \$65,936, (S), Opt. Clm (\$80,000), 1-23, 3yo, 6f, 1:11.84, ft.

FIRST DEPUTY (c, 3, Awesome Again--Queen Buxley, by Super Saver) Lifetime Record: 7-2-3-1, \$121,530. O-Calumet Farm; B-Clark O Brewster (NY); T-Linda Rice. *\$80,000 Wlg '17 FTNMIX; \$215,000 Ylg '18 SARAUG; \$145,000 RNA 2yo '19 FTFMAR; \$200,000 2yo '19 EASMAY.

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8th-Fair Grounds, \$47,000, (S), (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$20,000), 1-23, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:12.21, sy.

YANKEE SEVEN (g, 4, Yankee Gentleman--Real Peace, by War Front) Lifetime Record: 7-3-0-0, \$72,960. O-Margolis Racing, LLC & Columbus Circle Partners; B-Steve Margolis, Wahl & Assoc., George Messina & Kerima Haddad (LA); T-Steve Margolis.

9th-Fair Grounds, \$41,000, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$17,500), 1-23, 4yo/up, 5 1/2f (off turf), 1:03.76, sy.

JUST MIGHT (g, 4, Justin Phillip--Dynamite Babe, by Dynameaux) Lifetime Record: 13-2-4-4, \$112,007. O/B-Griffon Farms & Michelle Lovell (KY); T-Michelle Lovell.

4th-Delta Downs, \$40,000, (S), 1-22, (NW1X), 4yo/up, 5f, :59.86, my.

ALLTHEWAYWITHTAYE (g, 5, Half Ours--L'Apparita, by Ghostzapper) Lifetime Record: 10-5-1-1, \$66,290. O-End Zone Athletics, Inc.; B-Larry Romero & Cradle Song Farm LLC (LA); T-Karl Broberg.

6th-Penn National, \$31,976, 1-22, (NW1X), 4yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:46.41, ft.

PATTY'S BOY (g, 4, Reflect Times {Jpn}--Run Patty Run, by Aisle) Lifetime Record: 11-3-3-2, \$87,132. O-Wildcard Stable; B-Flint W Stites & Robert M Bouse (PA); T-Flint W. Stites.

4th-Charles Town, \$29,000, (S), 1-22, (NW1X), 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:47.33, ft.

DUBAI WAS LIT (f, 4, Midshipman--Hot Sauce {MSP, \$167,467}, by Prized) Lifetime Record: 12-2-3-2, \$57,187. O/B-O'Sullivan Farms (WV); T-Javier Contreras.

6th-Charles Town, \$29,000, (S), 1-22, (NW3L), 4yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:27.36, ft.

TECHNIQUE ONLY (f, 4, Great Notion--Mountain Bonfire, by Mt. Livermore) Lifetime Record: 11-3-2-2, \$65,544. O/B-Coleswood Farm, Inc. (WV); T-Jeff C. Runco. *1/2 to Somethingaboutther (War Chant), MSP, \$107,040.



3rd-Charles Town, \$28,000, 1-22, (NW2LX), 4yo/up, 7f, 1:24.67, ft.

HERO'S MAN (g, 4, Charitable Man--Hero's Siren, by Sea Hero)
 Lifetime Record: MSP, 11-6-2-2, \$125,504. O/B-Taylor Mountain Farm (WV); T-James W. Casey.

7th-Charles Town, \$28,000, 1-22, (NW2LX), 4yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:19.59, ft.

AVA O (m, 5, Hunt Crossing--Shesabopper {SP}, by Bop)
 Lifetime Record: 19-5-0-6, \$102,744. O-New Hope Farm, LLC; B-Tommy Lee Jones (MD); T-Neil R. Morris.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Cafe Gold, g, 3, My Golden Song--Santacafe (MSP), by Early Flyer. Sam Houston Race, 1-22, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:06.76. B-Douglas Scharbauer (TX). *\$25,000 Ylg '18 TTAMIX.



AWESOME AGAIN, First Deputy, c, 3, o/o Queen Buxley, by Super Saver. AOC, 1-23, Aqueduct

CHARITABLE MAN, Hero's Man, g, 4, o/o Hero's Siren, by Sea Hero. ALW, 1-22, Charles Town

CONSTITUTION, Kansas Kis, f, 3, o/o Storm Crossing, by Tiznow. MSW, 1-23, Aqueduct

COUNTRY DAY, Extra Mile, c, 3, o/o Yes Beth, by Deputy Commander. MSW, 1-23, Fair Grounds

DAREDEVIL, She Gives Me Fits, f, 3, o/o My Time Now, by Unbridled. MSW, 1-22, Charles Town

GIANT'S CAUSEWAY, Navasha, f, 4, o/o Composition, by Malibu Moon. MSW, 1-23, Gulfstream

GREAT NOTION, Technique Only, f, 4, o/o Mountain Bonfire, by Mt. Livermore. ALW, 1-22, Charles Town



Summer Front's Summers Hope splashes her way home to a runaway debut victory | Hodges Photography

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HALF OURS, Allthewaywithtaye, g, 5, o/o L'Apparita, by Ghostzapper. ALW, 1-22, Delta Downs

HUNT CROSSING, Ava O, m, 5, o/o Shesabopper, by Bop. ALW, 1-22, Charles Town

JUSTIN PHILLIP, Just Might, g, 4, o/o Dynamite Babe, by Dynameaux. AOC, 1-23, Fair Grounds

MIDSHIPMAN, Dubai Was Lit, f, 4, o/o Hot Sauce, by Prized. ALW, 1-22, Charles Town

MY GOLDEN SONG, Cafe Gold, g, 3, o/o Santacafe, by Early Flyer. MSW, 1-22, Sam Houston

REFLECT TIMES (JPN), Patty's Boy, g, 4, o/o Run Patty Run, by Aisle. ALW, 1-22, Penn National

SUMMER FRONT, Summers Hope, f, 3, o/o Frank's Hope, by Pulpit. MSW, 1-23, Fair Grounds

TEUFLESBERG, The Great Johanna, m, 5, o/o Money My Honey, by Red Bullet. ALW, 1-23, Aqueduct

YANKEE GENTLEMAN, Yankee Seven, g, 4, o/o Real Peace, by War Front. AOC, 1-23, Fair Grounds

THIS DATE IN HISTORY...

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, Miche, Citation, carrying 130 pounds, lost only by a neck.

January 27, 1973...Penny Chenery accepted the Eclipse Award for Horse of the Year on behalf of Secretariat, who was also voted champion two-year-old of 1972.

January 28, 1928...Kentucky Derby winner Black Gold broke down during the running of the Salome Purse at Fair Grounds and is buried in the track's infield.

January 29, 1960...Future Kentucky Derby and Preakness winner Carry Back finished 10th in his first start ever, a three-furlong race for two-year-old maiden runners at Hialeah. Sired by Saggy, the only horse to defeat Citation during his three-year-old season, out of an undistinguished mare named Joppy, Carry Back became a popular runner and was dubbed, "the people's horse."

January 29, 1973...Forego, the Horse of the Year from 1974-76, broke his maiden by eight lengths at Hialeah in his second career start.



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GLORIOUS JOURNEY GIVES APPELBY MEYDAN TRIFECTA



Glorious Journey claimed the fourth group win of his career on Thursday | DRC/Erika Rasmussen

Tattersalls October co-topper **Glorious Journey (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}) bounced back from a ninth in the Oct. 6 G1 Qatar Prix de la Foret at ParisLongchamp, with a comfortable win in the G2 Al Fahidi Fort over 1400 metres at Meydan on Thursday. The first three home were all trained by Charlie Appleby who was winning this contest for the fifth time, with Her Highness Sheikhha Al Jalila's 2.6-million guineas purchase besting the Godolphin duo of **Mythical Magic (Ire)** (Iffraaj {GB}) and **Mubtasim (Ire)** (Arcano {Ire}) by 3/4s of a length and a length, respectively.

It was the third straight win in the 1400-metre turf event for the combination of Appleby and jockey James Doyle, who found success with Jungle Cat (Ire) (Iffraaj {GB}) in 2018 and D'bai (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}) last term. Godolphin's Safety Check (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}) gave Appleby his first two wins in 2015/16.

Toting 129 pounds, four more than his rivals, the 5-year-old raced at the tail of the field for the initial stages as Mubtasim loped along on the engine, but soon moved up to midpack as the field entered the bend. Mubtasim continued to cut out uncontested fractions with Mythical Magic full of run in second against the fence and **Poet's Society (GB)** (Poet's Voice {GB}) tracking him.

Coming out a path inside the final quarter mile, Mubtasim allowed Mythical Magic to come up on the inside.

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1774 NOMINATIONS FOR DUBAI WORLD CUP NIGHT

A total of 902 horses, with 1,774 nominations between them, threw their collective hats in the ring for the 25th \$35-million Dubai World Cup night card at Meydan on Mar. 28. Among the leading hopefuls are Japanese Horse of the Year and 2019 G1 Dubai Turf heroine **Almond Eye (Jpn)** (Lord Kanaloa {Jpn}); America's 2019 Horse of the Year candidate and MGISW **Maximum Security** (New Year's Day); last year's G1 Investec Derby hero **Anthony Van Dyck (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}); Hong Kong superstar and outstanding miler **Beauty Generation (NZ)** (Road to Rock {Aus}); Aussie speedball **Nature Strip (Aus)** (Nicconi {Aus}), winner of the G1 Darley Sprint Classic in November; **Star Catcher (GB)** (Frankel {GB}), who saluted in the 2019 G1 Investec Oaks; and Godolphin's globetrotter and MG1SW **Benbatl (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}).

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BRICKS & MORTAR CROWNED U.S. HORSE OF THE YEAR
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G2 Al Fahadi Fort Cont. from p1

In the meantime, Glorious Journey was steered into the three path and bounded up toward the leading pair. A half-length behind his stablemates 300 metres from home, they formed a line of three shortly thereafter, with Mubtasim beginning to tire. Glorious Journey asserted himself from there and edged away in the final 100 metres for the score and Mythical Magic staying on along the inside.

"I'm delighted, as Mythical Magic is a good horses and seven furlongs is his trip," said Appleby. "He was a bit disappointing in his last start, but he has rock-solid form. The plan now is to perhaps go to Saudi for a race just short of seven furlongs, which seems perfect for him. With Mythical Magic, we'll probably do the same and go to the [Feb. 20 G2] Zabeel Mile with him and Mubtasim is undecided. We'll just have to see how he comes out. There's a race during the Craven meeting for him and possibly at the Carnival beforehand. They're all three Group 2/Group 3 horses and showed that they're that caliber today."

Added Doyle of the winner, "It was a nice race. He's a fun horse to have around. He cost a few quid, so it's nice that he can repay the team. It's a difficult decision between those three for William [Buick on Mythical Magic], because there isn't much in it and you could see that at the line. He had the penalty and he's a

classy horse, as is Mythical Magic. He's an exciting horse who I'm sure will improve fitness-wise. Things are going well so far. I have five winners on the board, so there are some nice horses to look forward to. We'll take it as it comes."

A winner of the G3 Prix la Rochette in Sept. of 2017 after breaking his maiden at first asking at Newmarket that June, the gelding returned to the winner's enclosure several starts later, in August of 2018, bolting up by two lengths in the G3 Prix Daphnis at three. Placed in both the Listed Hamilton S. at Windsor in May 2019 and the G3 Criterion S. at HQ that June, Glorious Journey stepped up to Group 2 company with a half-length victory in the Aug. 17 G2 Hungerford S. at Newbury prior to the Foret.

Pedigree Notes

Selected by John Ferguson out of the 2016 **Tattersalls October Yearling Sale Book 1** for 2.6 million guineas, the Feb. 9-foaled bay was consigned by Norris Bloodstock for Philippa Cooper's Normandie Stud. He is the second foal out of 2012 G1 Coronation S. heroine Fallen For You. After foaling Glorious Journey, Fallen For You produced the placed 4-year-old filly It Had To Be You (GB) (Frankel {GB}), and the unraced colt Turquoise Kingdom (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) in 2017—a 500,000 guineas 2018 Tattersalls October yearling.

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MASAR

Being by New Approach, I'd expect him to be a good walker and a good-looking horse, but the thing that hits me most is how strong he is.
Michael Swinburn

Extremely imposing, powerfully made with a great shoulder, a kind eye and good head. He paraded very well. I have recommended him to several clients.
Richard Brown

WHAT THE INSIDERS SAY

Nice, strong and good sized. A very impressive winner of the Derby – with plenty of speed in there as well.
Simon Venner

All quality with a great hind leg on him.
Andrew Thompson

A good-looking horse with great movement and a powerful hindquarter. Inbred to the remarkable Urban Sea, he has everything one looks for in a first-season sire.
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G2 Al Fahidi Fort Cont.

Out of the SW and MGSP Fallen Star (GB) (Brief Truce), who in turn is a half to English highweight and G1 Lockinge winner Fly to the Stars (GB) (Bluebird), Fallen For You's latest produce is the filly Love Is You (Ire) (Kingman {GB}) in 2018.

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Thursday, Meydan, Middle East

AL FAHIDI FORT (SPONSORED BY DP WORLD UAE REGION)-G2, \$250,000, Meydan, 1-23, NH4yo/up & SH3yo/up, 1400mT, 1:22.35, gd.

1--**GLORIOUS JOURNEY (GB)**, 129, g, 5, by **Dubawi (Ire)**

1st Dam: **Fallen For You (GB)** (Hwt. 3yo Filly-Eng at 7-9 1/2f, G1SW-Eng), by **Dansili (GB)**

2nd Dam: **Fallen Star (GB)**, by **Brief Truce**

3rd Dam: **Rise and Fall (GB)**, by **Mill Reef**

(2,600,000 gns Ylg '16 TATOCT). O-HH Sheikha Al Jalila Racing; B-Normandie Stud Ltd (GB); T-Charlie Appleby; J-James Doyle. \$150,000. Lifetime Record: MGSW-Fr, GSW-Eng, 15-5-2-1, \$371,076. **Werk Nick Rating: A+++**. *Triple Plus*. [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#)

2--**Mythical Magic (Ire)**, 126, g, 5, **Iffraaj (GB)**--Mythie (Fr), by Octagonal (NZ). (140,000gns Wlg '15 TATNOV). O-Godolphin; B-Peter Kelly & Ms Wendy Daly (Ire); T-Charlie Appleby. \$50,000.

3--**Mubtasim (Ire)**, 126, g, 6, **Arcano (Ire)**--Start the Music (Ire), by King's Best). (€22,000 Wlg '14 GOFNOV; 38,000gns Ylg '15 TAOOCT; 140,000gns HRA '18 TATOCT). O-Godolphin; B-Mrs Natasha Drennan (IRE); T-Charlie Appleby. \$25,000.

Margins: 3/4, 1, 5.

Also Ran: **Blitzkrieg**, **Royal Meeting (Ire)**, **Inverleigh (Ire)**, **Poet's Society (GB)**. [Click for the Racing Post chart or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.](#) [Video.](#)

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FILLY FOAL IS THE FIRST FOR CRACKSMAN

English/French highweight and two-time G1 Champion S. hero **Cracksman (GB)** (Frankel {GB}) sired his first reported foal at Newsells Park Stud on Jan. 22, Darley announced on Thursday. Bred by W & R Barnett Ltd., the filly is out of Amber Silk (Ire) (Lawman {Fr}), a winning full-sister to G1 Irish 1000 Guineas heroine and GI E.P. Taylor S. victress Just The Judge (Ire) (Lawman {Fr}) from the family of MGSW and G1 Epsom Oaks/G1 Coronation Cup third High Heeled (Ire) (High Chaparral {Ire}).

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A filly by Cracksman out of Amber Silk | Newsells Park Stud

Cracksman First Foal Cont.

Julian Dollar, General Manager of Newsells Park Stud, said, “[She is] a neat, attractive foal. She looks well balanced, bright and alert.”

Cracksman, who also won the G1 Coronation S. and G1 Prix Ganay, stands for £25,000 this year.

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CHLOE PITTS JOINS TATTERSALLS



Chloe Pitts | Tattersalls

Tattersalls has announced the appointment of Chloe Pitts to the role of marketing executive.

A recent graduate of the Godolphin Flying Start Programme, Pitts has also completed the BHA Graduate Programme and the Irish National Stud Thoroughbred Breeding Course, as well as stints working for the Thoroughbred Breeders' Association and New England Stud in Newmarket. [Cont. p5](#)

“the right time to roll the dice”



Winning the French 2,000 Guineas by 5½ lengths

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...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}).

The fact that he is down to €12,500 at Coolmore makes 2020 the right time to roll the dice.

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Pitts Joins Tattersalls Cont.

"We are delighted to welcome Chloe to Tattersalls and to the marketing department. Chloe brings with her a wealth of knowledge and will be a major asset to the team," said the company's marketing director Jimmy George.

Pitts, who started her new job on Monday, Jan. 20, added, "I am delighted to be joining Tattersalls in the role of marketing executive. Tattersalls draws vendors and purchasers from all over the world and I'm looking forward to developing relations in as many markets as possible."

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BRITAIN

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Mews House (GB), c, 3, **Coach House (Ire)**--Beauty Pageant (Ire), by Bahamian Bounty (GB). Southwell, 1-23, 4f 214y (AWT), 1:00.16. B-Mr & Mrs D H Brown (GB).

Savage Beauty (Ire), f, 3, **Starspangledbanner (Aus)**--Sister Sylvia (GB), by Fantastic Light. Newcastle, 1-23, 7f 14y (AWT), 1:29.50. B-M Morrissey (IRE). *€7,000 Ylg '18 TIRSEP; £20,000 2yo '19 GOFBRE.

FRANCE

Thursday's Results:

3rd-Cagnes-sur-Mer, €21,000, Mdn, 1-23, unraced 3yo, c/g, 10f (AWT), 2:06.53, st.

PORT GUILLAUME (FR) (c, 3, Le Havre {Ire})--Keira {Fr}, by Turtle Bowl {Ire}) lobbed along in second for much of this first start.

Inching closer on the home turn, the 6-4 chalk seized control entering the final eighth and powered away from toiling rivals thereafter to hit the line six lengths ahead of No Turning (Ire) (Clodovil {Ire}). He becomes the third individual scorer from as many runners produced by a winning sibling to three black-type performers and the March-foaled bay is a full-brother to last term's Listed Prix Pelleas victor Aubevoye (Fr). He is also kin to a 2-year-old colt by Rajsaman (Fr) and a yearling colt by Recorder (GB). Sales history: €55,000 Ylg '18 AROCT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €10,500.

1ST-TIME STARTER. O-Claudio Marzocco, Bernard Benaych & Jean-Claude Rouget; B-Franklin Finance SA, Mme Elisabeth Vidal & Sylvain Vidal (FR); T-Jean-Claude Rouget.



2nd-Cagnes-sur-Mer, €21,000, Mdn, 1-23, unraced 3yo, f, 10f (AWT), 2:03.76, st.

RAABIHAH (f, 3, Sea the Stars {Ire})--Garmoosha, by Kingmambo chased the leaders in fourth for most of this debut. Scrubbed along into the straight, the 8-5 favourite quickened to challenge with 300 metres remaining and was coaxed clear in the latter stages to easily account for Dilala (Fr) (Makfi {GB}) by three lengths. Becoming the second winner out of an unraced daughter of G1 Epsom Oaks heroine Eswarah (GB) (Unfuwain), she is kin to the stakes-placed Filfila (Kitten's Joy) and a yearling filly by Kitten's Joy. The homebred chestnut's dam Garmoosha (Kingmambo) was bred to More Than Ready last year. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €10,500.

1ST-TIME STARTER. O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Shadwell Farm LLC (KY); T-Jean-Claude Rouget.

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

5th-Cagnes-sur-Mer, €19,000, Cond, 1-23, 4yo, 10f 165yT, 2:21.89, vsf.

JOE FRANCAIS (FR) (c, 4, George Vancouver--Gibraltar Bay {Ire}, by Cape Cross {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 6-3-0-0, €46,750.

O-Joseph Lesgeur; B-Nicholas Hughes (FR); T-Jean-Claude Rouget. *€20,000 Ylg '17 OSLATE; €37,000 2yo '18 OSAAPR. **1/2 to Cnicht (Fr) (Silver Frost {Ire}), MSW-Spa, \$204,837; and Rooke (GB) (Pastoral Pursuits {GB}), SW-Fr & MSP-Spa, \$119,395.



IN QATAR:

Ex Miss (Ire), f, 4, **Excelebration (Ire)**--Miss Starlight (GB) (GSW-Ger, MSP-Eng, \$188,364), by Trade Fair (GB). Al Rayyan, 1-23, Cond., 2000mT, 2:05.66. B-Mr H A A M Al-Abdulmalik. **VIDEO**

Seeyoubyme (Fr), g, 4, **Siyouni (Fr)**--Painted Song (MSP-Fr), by Unbridled's Song. Al Rayyan, 1-23, Cond., 2000mT, 2:04.65. B-Jean-Pierre Dubois. *€240,000 Ylg '17 ARQ AUG; 30,000gns HRA '19 TATJUL. **VIDEO**

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IN QATAR:

Black Pearl (QA), g, 4, **Footstepsinthesand (GB)**--Ella (GB), by Pivotal (GB). Al Rayyan, 1-23, Local Thoroughbred Plate, 1200mT, 1:13.03. B-n/a. *Remained undefeated in four career starts. **14,000gns in utero '15 TATDEM. **VIDEO**

Dubai World Cup Night Nominations Cont. from p1

Besides Maximum Security, the U.S. contingent numbers Eclipse Older Dirt Female nominee and MGISW **Midnight Bisou** (Midnight Lute), Eclipse Older Dirt Male nom and MGISW **McKinzie** (Street Sense) and other Grade I winners **Gift Box** (Twirling Candy), **Higher Power** (Medaglia d'Oro), **Math Wizard** (Algorithms), **Seeking the Soul** (Perfect Soul {Ire}) and **Roadster** (Quality Road).

Almond Eye is not the only representative from the Land of the Rising Sun, as G1 Champions Cup heros **Chrysoberyl (Jpn)** (Gold Allure {Jpn}) and **Gold Dream (Jpn)** (Gold Allure {Jpn}) and G1 JBC Classic winner **K T Brave (Jpn)** (Admire Max {Jpn}) are also making the trip. The local nominees feature **North America (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}) and **Capezzano** (Bernardini).

For the full list of nominations, go to www.dubairacingclub.com.

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Flashback Friday: Arazi and Patrick Valenzuela with a memorable victory in the 1991 GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile at Churchill Downs. The son of Blushing Groom (Fr) ended his juvenile campaign with a BHA Rating of 130. | *Horsephotos*

2020 DUBAI WORLD CUP NOMINATIONS

(902 Horses, 1774 Nominations)

Purse	Race	Noms
\$12m	G1 Dubai World Cup (2000m)	176
\$6m	G1 Dubai Sheema Classic (2410mT)	194
\$6m	G1 Dubai Turf (1800mT)	264
\$2.5m	G1 Dubai Golden Shaheen (1200m)	209
\$2m	G1 Al Quoz Sprint (1200mT)	199
\$2.5m	G2 UAE Derby (1900m)	205
\$1.5m	G2 Dubai Gold Cup (3200mT)	138
\$1.5m	G2 Godolphin Mile (1600m)	307
\$1m	G1 Dubai Kahayla Classic (2000m)	82*

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DUBAI

Thursday's Results:

UAE 1000 GUINEAS (SPONSORED BY MINA HAMRIYA)-Listed, \$250,000, Meydan, 1-23, NH3yo & SH3yo, f, 1600m, 1:37.98, ft.

1--**DUBAI LOVE (GB), 126, f, 3, by Night of Thunder (Ire)**

1st Dam: Devotion (Ire) (GSP-Ire), by Dylan Thomas (Ire)

2nd Dam: Bright Bank (Ire), by Sadler's Wells

3rd Dam: Pay the Bank (GB), by High Top (Ire)

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. (120,000gns Wlg '17 TATDEC).

O-Godolphin; B-Petches Farm Ltd (GB); T-Saeed bin Suroor; J-Pat Cosgrave. \$150,000. Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-1, \$162,908. *8th SW for his second-season sire (by Dubawi {Ire}).

2--**Down On Da Bayou, 126, f, 3, Super Saver--Bayou Tortuga, by Empire Maker.** (\$220,000 RNA Wlg '17 KEENOV; \$150,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP; €190,000 2yo '19 ARQMAY). O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed Al Maktoum; B-McCann Bloodstock, Mark Kelder & Doug Richards (KY); T-Salem bin Ghadayer. \$50,000.

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3--**Final Song (Ire), 126, f, 3, Dark Angel (Ire)--Rahiyah, by Rahy.** O/B-Godolphin (IRE); T-Saeed bin Suroor. \$25,000.

Margins: 3 1/4, 2, 5HF.

Also Ran: Rio Angie, Ascot Brass (Swe), Silent Night (Swe), Havana Red (GB), Silent Wave (GB), Chasing Dreams (GB).

Dubai Love had already proved she stayed a mile as a juvenile and back up to that distance in the Listed UAE 1000 Guineas she was able to turn the tables with the favoured Final Song, to whom she had finished fourth in the trial three weeks earlier.

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Flashback Friday: Celtic Swing (GB) en route to winning the 1994 G1 Racing Post Trophy at Doncaster. The Lady Herries-trained colt was duly awarded a rating of 130 by the BHA. | [Racingfotos.com](#)



Dubai Love | DRC/Erika Rasmussen

Listed UAE 1000 Guineas Cont.

In this instance Final Song had to settle for third behind her stablemate, continuing a good start to Thursday's Meydan meeting for trainer Saeed bin Suroor and Godolphin, who also won the opening handicap with progressive 4-year-old with Dubai Future (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) and later notched a treble with Laser Show (Ire) (New Approach {Ire}) in the Al Bastikaya Trial.

"I knew this filly would stay," said jockey Pat Cosgrave after Dubai Love had become the eighth black-type winner for her young sire. "She has a mile and a quarter written all over her and I think she's come on from her first run here. I was quietly confident and she ran a massive race."

He added, "She beat [Final Song] and I was impressed with the way she ran in the straight. I said to Saeed that after her last run, she will be a staying filly for the Oaks."

On his first- and third-place finishers, bin Suroor said, "Final Song is classy and has ran well, but not stayed. Whereas Dubai Love, who ran well behind her in the Trial, has seen the trip out very well. The 1900m of the UAE Oaks should really suit her."

Breaking well, Dubai Love, one of four runners for Godolphin in the nine-strong field, took up a stalking position on the rail behind early leader Down On Da Bayou with Final Song also prominent through the race to the outside. Steadying the tempo on the turn, Down On Da Bayou stepped up the pace again in the stretch to be briefly headed by Final Song before the eventual winner laid down her determined challenge and took command with a furlong to run. Down On Da Bayou came out on top in the battle for the runner-up slot, finishing 3 1/4 lengths behind Dubai Love, with Final Song another two lengths back ahead of a strung-out field.

Making just her fourth start and second in the country for which she is named, Dubai Love, a wining debutante last October, is another promising individual from the first crop of the Darley stallion Night Of Thunder, who was the leading

first-season sire in Europe in 2019. Bred by Petches Farm, the filly was bought as a foal by Godolphin at Tattersalls for 120,000gns. Her dam Devotion (Ire) (Dylan Thomas {Ire}) was a winner at two and later runner-up in the G3 Derrinstown Stud 1000 Guineas Trial and has produced two other multiple winners, Faithful Promise (GB) (Acclamation {GB}) and Nick Vedder (GB) (Rip Van Winkle {Ire}). Grandam Bright Bank (Ire) is a half-sister to the Irish 1000 Guineas-placed My Branch (GB), who is in turn the dam of crack sprinter Tante Rose (Ire). Dubawi and another of his sons, Makfi (GB), have also worked well with the family in the past to produce the Group/Grade 1-winning three-quarter siblings Dubawi Heights (GB) and Make Believe (GB), both of whom are out of My Branch's daughter Rosie's Posy (Ire). Devotion has a 2-year-old colt by Pivotal (GB), a yearling colt by Iffraaj (GB) and was covered last year by Cracksman (GB). **Click for the [Racing Post chart](#) or the [VIDEO](#).**

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DUBAI DASH H. (SPONSORED BY JAFZA)-Listed, \$175,000, Meydan, 1-23, NH4yo/up & SH3yo/up, 1000mT, :56.60, gd.
1--EQUILATERAL (GB), 132, g, 5, Equiano (Fr)--Tarentaise (GB), by Oasis Dream (GB). O-Khalid Abdullah; B-Juddmonte Farms Ltd (GB); T-Charles Hills; J-James Doyle. \$105,000. Lifetime Record: SW & GSP-Eng, 16-5-1-1, \$190,111.
2--Waady (Ire), 127, g, 8, Approve (Ire)--Anne Bonney (GB), by Jade Robbery. (€14,000 RNA Wlg '12 GOFNOV; €37,000 Ylg '13 TISSEP; 240,000gns 2yo '14 TATAPR). O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum. \$35,000.
3--Rusumaat (Ire), 132, g, 6, Arcano (Ire)--Queen Wasp (Ire), by Shamardal. (€5,000 RNA Wlg '14 GOFNOV; £45,000 Ylg '15 DNPAUG). O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum. \$17,500.
 Margins: 2, 2 1/4, SHD.
 Also Ran: Caspian Prince (Ire), Neverland Rock (GB), Prodigal Son, Abrantes (Spa), A Momentofmadness (GB).

Juddmonte Farms' Equilateral (GB) holds the distinction of being the first winner at the Dubai International Racing Carnival for trainer Charlie Hills after cruising to victory in the Listed Dubai Dash on the turf at Meydan.

Held up early on in the five-furlong sprint, the 5-year-old eased into contention in the second half to run home two lengths clear of Sheikh Hamdan's Waady, with a close call for third when Shadwell's other runner Rusumaat narrowly gained the verdict over the Michal Appleby-trained Caspian Prince (Ire) (Dylan Thomas {Ire}).

James Doyle is no stranger to Prince Khalid Abdullah's silks and previously rode Cityscape (GB)—who is a half-brother to Equilateral's dam—to glory for the owner-breeder in the G1 Dubai Duty Free in 2012. **Cont. p9**



Charlie Hills, right, celebrates his first carnival win with Equilateral DRC/Erika Rasmussen

Listed Dubai Dash H. Cont.

He made the most of a chance ride on Equilateral and said after their victory, "I sat on him earlier this week and he was pretty full of himself. He gave me a really nice feel. He couldn't have felt better and we were pretty excited tonight. He was fresh and well in the race. We were going a good gallop and he was eager to get on with it. It was a just a case of hanging onto him as long as I could. I spoke to Ryan Moore, who has a good record with the horse, and he said the key is to just try and time it right and get there as late as you can. It wouldn't have mattered today. He's won very well."

Making his first start since being gelded, Equilateral is now a five-time winner, having struck on debut at two and progressed to land last season's Listed Scarborough S. at Doncaster. His trainer is now looking ahead to group contests later in the carnival.

Hills said, "We have tried to win in Dubai for a while, so it was good to get that monkey off your back. It's important because this country has been such a great supporter of ours through the years. There's a Group 2 [Meydan Sprint] in a few weeks' time with him. If we can win that, then we'll definitely try him at the [\$2-million G1 Al Quoz Sprint] over six furlongs."

As previously noted, Equilateral's dam Tarentaise (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}) is a half-sister to Cityscape as well as top sprinter and Juddmonte stallion Bated Breath (GB). It is a family which boasts top-class form at both ends of the distance spectrum as another half-sibling, Scuffle (GB) (Daylami {Ire}), is the dam of last year's St Leger winner Logician (GB) (Frankel {GB}).

Tarentaise was herself unraced and Equilateral is her first foal. She was sold at the Tattersalls July Sale of 2016 for 36,000gns to Haras d'Haspel. Her 3-year-old Tampa Dream (GB) (Champs Elysees {GB}) is in training in France with Francois Rohaut and she has a yearling colt by Siyouni (Fr). The mare made a return

journey to Equilateral's sire Equiano last season. **Click for the Racing Post chart or the VIDEO.**

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1st-Meydan, \$135,000, Hcp, 1-23, NH4yo/up & SH3yo/up, 2410mT, 2:27.91, gd.

DUBAI FUTURE (GB) (c, 4, Dubawi {Ire}--Anjaz {GSW-US, \$195,378}, by Street Cry {Ire}), runner-up going a mile at Haydock when unveiled on July 5, graduated next out at Windsor upped to 2000 metres 17 days later. He made it two straight with a four-length score going 1 1/2 miles trying the Kempton all-weather on Nov. 19 and looked to be a colt with promise lining up in his longest start to date on Thursday.

Able to secure an ideal tracking spot just off of pacesetter Zaman (GB) (Dutch Art {GB}) a few paths off the rail, positions were largely unchanged until the quarter pole. He tackled that foe at the head of the lane and, after a brief tussle, forged to the front as Zaman weakened. Close home, Massif Central (Ire) (Arcana {Ire}) was whittling down the Godolphin runner's advantage, but his late run was not enough and he finished 3/4s of a length behind.



Dubai Future | DRC/Erika Rasmussen

"The pace was pretty genuine throughout and I knew my horse stays well and we had a lovely low weight, so I was keen to be positive," said Harry Bentley. "I was probably left in front a bit earlier than I planned, though the horse ran on well for me. I ride out for Saeed every day, so it is great to ride a winner for him, especially at the Carnival."

The second foal and second winner for his GIII Orchid S.-winning dam, Dubai Future is a full-brother to the unraced Strong Rhythm (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}) and juvenile and yearling fillies by Sea The Stars (Ire) and Shamardal, respectively.

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1st-Meydan Cont.

English highweight 2-year-old filly turned G1 Meon Valley Stud Mile victress Playful Act (Ire) (Sadler’s Wells), who joined the Darley fold after being knocked down to John Ferguson for \$10.5 million at the Keeneland November Breeding Stock Sale in 2007, is the second dam. Playful Act is a daughter of blue hen Magnificent Style (Silver Hawk), thus a half-sister to English/Irish highweight and MG1SW Nathaniel (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) among others. That Newsells Park stallion is the sire of Juddmonte’s champion Enable (GB). Lifetime Record: 4-3-1-0, \$92,129. **Click for the [Racing Post chart](#) or the [VIDEO](#).**

O/B-Godolphin (GB); T-Saeed bin Suroor.

4th-Meydan, \$100,000, Cond, 1-23, NH3yo & SH3yo, 1900m, 1:59.88, ft.

LASER SHOW (IRE) (c, 3, [New Approach {Ire}](#)--Entertains {Aus} {GSP-Aus}, by [Street Cry {Ire}](#)) put on a show at Meydan on Thursday, drawing off to win this pointer to the G3 UAE 2000 Guineas by 4 1/2 lengths. A narrow winner of a Sandown novice race when unveiled July 5, he donned cap and gown via a stalking trip in his all-weather bow returning from a lengthy break at Kempton on Nov. 19. Never a factor trying dirt for the first time on Jan. 9, he returned just a dozen days later in this contest in his first start both wearing a hood and beyond a mile.

Fired up after brushing with Lost in Time (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) from the stalls as that rival led the vanguard, the bin Suroor charge perched a few lengths back, as the blue-capped First View (Ire) (Exceed And Excel {Aus}) pressed in second. Much more focused on the turn in, the chestnut was just a half-length behind the dueling leaders and was poised to pounce 700 metres from the winning post. He spurted away a few strides later and had the lane all to himself, as the field gave fruitless chase. Kevin Stott gave Laser Show an easy time of it in the latter stages and Dark of Night (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}) mounted a sustained challenge, but could not reach the winner.

Bin Suroor said, “The visor has certainly made a difference; the last time he just took no interest in the race and was not concentrating. Obviously, he has stayed this trip well, but in the visor, we will probably have to try the 1600m again and go for the [G3] UAE 2000 Guineas.”

The first foal out of his Group 3-placed and three-time winning dam, Laser Show is followed by the unraced Invincible Spirit (Ire) colt Egot (Ire) and a yearling filly by Shamardal. Darley homebred Entertains, who ran third in the G3 Aspiration Quality, is out of Australian Champion 3-year-old Filly and three-time Group 1 winner Serenade Rose (Aus) (Stravinsky). Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-0, \$72,283. **Click for the [Racing Post chart](#) or the [VIDEO](#).**

O/B-Godolphin (IRE); T-Saeed bin Suroor.



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HANDICAP RESULTS:

6th-Meydan, \$135,000, Hcp, 1-23, NH4yo/up & SH3yo/up, 2000m, 2:04.99, ft.

GEORGE VILLIERS (IRE) (h, 5, [Dubawi {Ire}](#)--Comic {Ire}, by [Be My Chief](#)) Lifetime Record: 17-5-3-2, \$203,554. **Click for the [Racing Post chart](#) or the [VIDEO](#).**

O-Mohammed Khalifa Al Basti; B-Floors Farming & The Duke of Devonshire (IRE); T-Satish Seemar. *750,000gns Ylg ‘16 TATOCT. **1/2 to Shambolic (Ire) (Shamardal), MSP-Eng; Laughing (Ire) (Dansili {GB}), SW-Ire, MGISW-US, \$1,178,855; and Comic Strip (GB) (Marju ({Ire}), Horse of the Year-HK, 2x Ch. Older Horse-HK, 2x Ch. Stayer-HK, MG1SW-HK, SW-Eng, G1SP-UAE, \$10,975,356.



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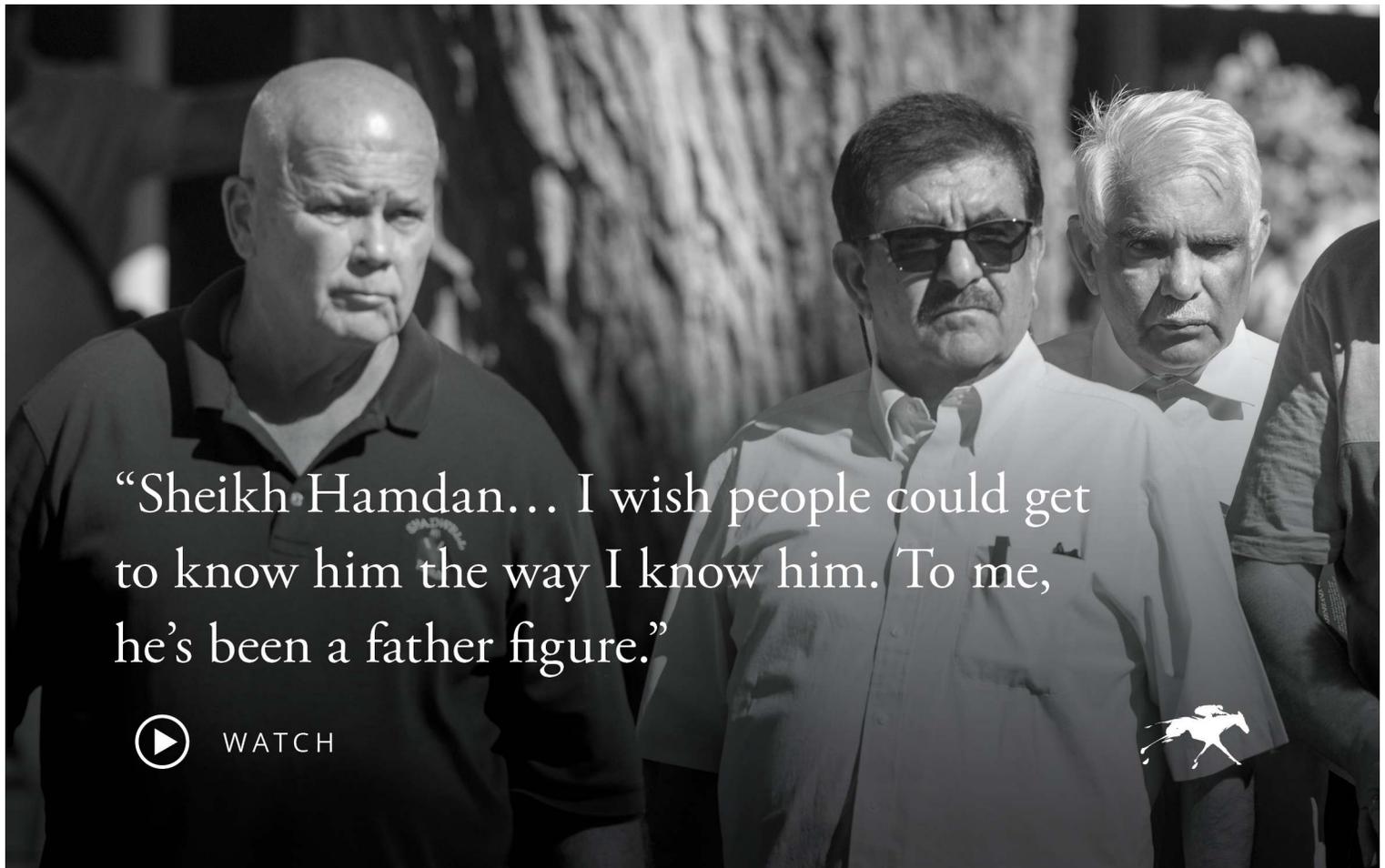
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By Paul Vettise

The foundation of the racing world is built on results and so for the Kentucky-based Joe Miller he's rarely short of material in his mission to spread the word on the achievements of New Zealand's breeding industry. A successful global bloodstock agent in his own right, Miller was appointed as New Zealand Bloodstock's North American representative a little over two years ago and since then he's had plenty to crow about.

His main mission is to increase awareness in the quality of the Kiwi-bred and the investment opportunities available at Karaka. While the United States is home, it's not the only market he preaches to.

"I do a lot of bloodstock work all over the world so I travel and promote New Zealand to anyone who is interested, whether they are in America or not," Miller said. "One of my good friends who I have done business with for a number of years, Alastair Donald of SackvilleDonald, made his first trip to New Zealand last year and bought quite a few yearlings for clients. He's one of the most significant buyers to the Hong Kong market and one of his big Hong Kong owners asked him to go to New Zealand and buy some yearlings.

"Jay Kilgore, who advises people on heart scans and data analysis, has been coming for quite a few years and has clients over there that he advises and helps buy horses. I would love to get more and more Americans to come down, but really we're

thinking global. It has a lot of appeal to Europeans.

"If you look at the results of what New Zealand-breds have done, certainly if you look at Hong Kong, Singapore and Australia, that quadrant of the world, it's pretty impressive how they stack up especially at the races over a mile plus."

Miller said the working environment Karaka offered was another major drawcard.

"It's second to none and it's one of most enjoyable sales to attend. It's fantastic and Sir Peter Vela and his staff have done an amazing job of building one of the most user friendly sales grounds in the world. It's so easy to get around. The hospitality is great and the grounds are right there with the best of them."

New Zealand Bloodstock has ramped up its presence in the United States in the last few years with good results.

"More recently, Danny Rolston has been making quite a few trips to America. Danny and I have been going around recruiting people and we're getting new people in," Miller said. "It's a really fun sale and great to be in Auckland in January, as opposed to being in Kentucky. We've been able to get a few people to come over and do some pinhooking."

Miller is also keen to build on his own involvement as a purchaser at Karaka with Kip Elser, who operates Kirkwood Stables in South Carolina, and fellow bloodstock agent Justin Casse.



Joe Miller | Triton Stable

“Kip, Justin and myself have always wanted to come and do a bit more in the New Zealand market and ultimately buy some horses to sell on to Hong Kong,” he said. “That’s why we originally got into pinhooking over there. We felt that Hong Kong is very strong and if there is any economic downturn it doesn’t really seem to affect that market like a lot of other markets around the world.

”I’ve only been coming out for two years and we bought into one horse the first year with Sam Beatson, a Tavistock colt, and we did well pinhooking him.

“This past year I did two with Sam and one with Eion Kemp. We did fairly well on those two and Eion bought us a More Than Ready that we bought for NZ\$80,000 and got NZ\$280,000 and Sam bought us a Savabeel that we partnered up on and got for NZ\$200,000 and we got NZ\$440,000 for him.

“We’ve had a couple of good results so we’re trying to grow it. It’s a great place to buy a horse and a great place to raise a horse and in a global industry it should be on everyone’s radar.”

New Zealand and Australian bloodlines have proved highly compatible with those in the United States and that has provided further encouragement to overseas purchasers.

“We’ve had quite a few of the big farms like Newgate and Kia Ora etc showing up here, not only for broodmare sales but also for yearling sales,” Miller said. “Obviously, they have all done very well buying mares in American to head back down there for new bloodlines. There’s a lot of quality first-season sires at Karaka and maybe a chance to get an American Pharoah. There’s been a few Americans come over in the last few years and more and more seem to be interested.”

Miller has also worked for Kern Thoroughbreds for more than a decade, as well as other business interests, and advising clients on matings.



Danny Rolston | TDN AusNZ

“I work with Lincoln Collins and manage quite a few racing and breeding operations for quite a lot of people and buy a lot of horses internationally to come back to America to race,” he said. “I’ve got a racing partnership and quite a few pinhooking partnerships going on as well.”



IN QATAR:

Off He Goes, g, 6, Casino Prince--Perfectly Stunning (NZ), by Perfectly Ready. Al Rayyan, 1-23, Khor Al Adaid Cup (NBT) (\$40k), 2800m, 3:06.42. B-P J Cranitch (Qld). *\$26,000 Ylg '16 MGMMAR; \$55,000 RNA 2yo '16 MMOCT. **VIDEO.**

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	G1 TAB Chipping Norton S.	Randwick
	G1 Surround S.	Randwick
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	G1 Australian Cup	Flemington
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