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Pegasus field Saturday at Gulfstream | Cris Morales

The Week in Review, by Bill Finley

When The Stronach Group came up with the concept of the Pegasus World Cup, it wanted nothing less than a race that would immediately become the richest and one of the biggest in the world. It was a commendable try, but now, after four runnings, it's clear that what The Stronach Group was trying to pull off is no longer feasible. The Pegasus, with its reduced purse, might have to settle for being a very good, very rich race.

That doesn't mean that the current format can't be improved upon. The answer is not to throw more money into the purse. That's not going to happen and it probably wouldn't help that much. What they should do is relocate the race on the calendar.

In last week's *TDN Writers' Room podcast*, Gulfstream Park Vice President of Racing Operations Mike Lakow said that moving the races back one or two weeks was under consideration. Why stop there? The Pegasus should be held on the last Saturday in December. The timing would be ideal and a late December Pegasus could give some horses a meaningful last shot to topple their contenders in tight Eclipse Award races.

Normally, all the divisional championships are wrapped up at the conclusion of the Breeders' Cup. The Breeders' Cup was designed to be a championship event, but that doesn't mean that the sport can't have some meaningful events over the last seven weeks of the calendar year. *Cont. p3*

THE CREEK IS RISING: FROM HUMBLE BEGINNINGS TO STALLION MAKERS

by Patrick Gilligan

You've heard the name: Twin Creeks. But what you might not know is the racing stable and farm has been involved in some monumental deals in the past decade. Add in their current involvement in one of the hottest freshman sires on the planet and one of his Derby-bound sons, and you're likely to hear a whole lot more about Steve Davison and Randy Gullatt's Twin Creeks in the future.

Originally established in 1992, Twin Creeks Farm was founded by the two old school friends from Louisiana. Davison and Gullatt spent nearly a decade racing in their home state and then in Northern California prior to their notable success both on the track and in the sales ring.

While Davison earned a law degree, Gullatt went straight to the track from high school: galloping horses, grooming, hotwalking, learning. *Cont. p6*

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CABLE BAY FAST OUT OF THE BLOCKS

Highclere Stud's **Cable Bay (Ire)** (Invincible Spirit {Ire})'s first crop of runners exceeded expectations in 2019. Daithi Harvey chats with Highclere's Jake Warren.

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2. American Pharoah	Private	15.3%
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4. Into Mischief	\$175,000	14.0%
- War Front	\$250,000	14.0%
6. Medaglia d'Oro	\$200,000	13.9%

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After the fourth race on the Pegasus World Cup card Jan. 25 at Gulfstream Park, the Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance and approximately 25 of its accredited aftercare organizations accepted a check for \$80,000 from Gulfstream Park. The \$80,000 represents 2% of the purses of both the Pegasus World Cup Invitational (G1) and the Pegasus World Cup Invitational Turf (G1T) that The Stronach Group announced would be awarded to Thoroughbred aftercare. The gift is one of the largest purse contributions to aftercare at a major racing event. | *Coglianesse Photos*

LADY APPLE TAKES HOUSTON LADIES CLASSIC

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Lady Apple (Curlin) ran down favored Serengeti Empress (Alternation) to win the GIII Houston Ladies Classic at Sam Houston Sunday, opening her 2020 campaign the same way stablemate Midnight Bisou began her championship season a year ago.

DOT MATRIX MAKES THE GRADE IN THE CONNALLY

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Third in the GIII Red Smith S. last time out, veteran Dot Matrix (Freud) earned his first graded score Sunday at Sam Houston in the GIII John B. Connally Turf Cup S.

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The Week in Review *(cont. from p1)*

Had the latest Pegasus been run Dec. 28, 2019, it wouldn't have had any impact on Horse of the Year, which was going to go to **Bricks and Mortar** (Giant's Causeway) no matter what. But there are years where Horse of the Year and divisional honors aren't so clear cut after the Breeders' Cup. One such division was the F/M Turf, where **Sistercharlie (Ire)** (Myboycharlie {Ire}) was second in the voting to **Uni (GB)** (More Than Ready). Owner Peter Brant made no secret of the fact that he badly he wanted an Eclipse Award for his mare. Had the GI Pegasus World Cup Turf Invitational been run in 2019, would Brant have entered Sistercharlie against the boys? We'll never know.

There will be other Sistercharlies, horses that, with one last big Grade I win on their records, would move past their competitors and wrap up a championship. That's exactly the type of scenario that would give the Pegasus the sort of electricity that wasn't there this year.

Even if you take the Eclipse Award argument out of the equation, moving the race to December makes sense. These days, you can't give trainers enough time between races. That's one of the reasons so many top horses weren't pointed to this year's Pegasus. With such a huge purse, the \$20-million Saudi Cup became the first priority for several trainers and owners. They didn't want to run five weeks beforehand in the Pegasus and then ship across the globe to Riyadh.

With the December date, the Pegasus would be seven weeks after the Breeders' Cup and nine weeks before the Saudi Cup. That's exactly the type of schedule most top trainers want these days for their horses.

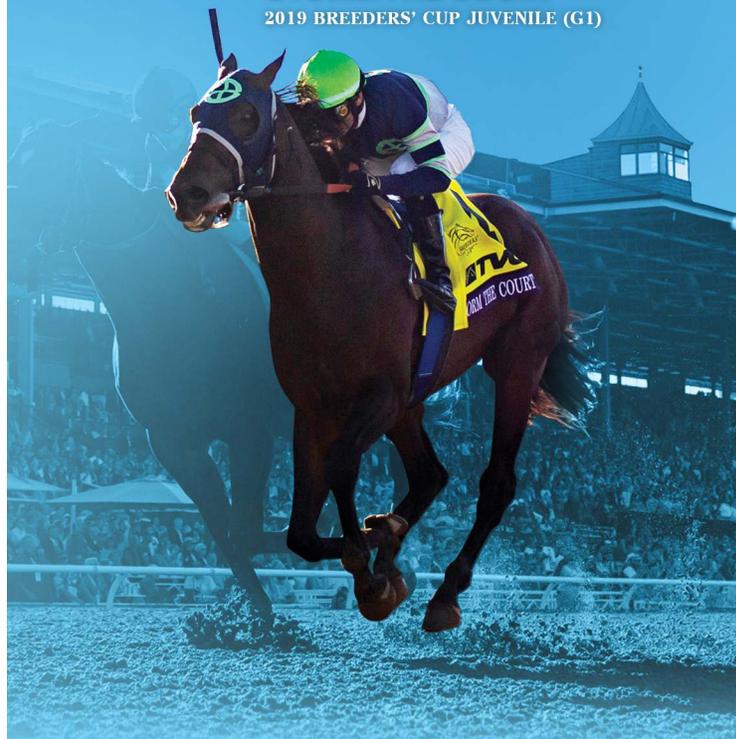
This was easily the weakest Pegasus run yet, which makes it necessary for The Stronach Group to go back to the drawing board once more to try to find ways to improve the races. One change that is highly unlikely is to bring back the massive purses of 2017 (\$12 million) and 2018 (\$16 million). The original idea was that the owners would be the ones generating the purse dollars by paying a hefty fee to enter, as much as \$1 million. That was never going to work in the long run as the formula made sense only for those who had the favorites. The Pegasus was always going to have a bunch of 30-1 and 40-1 shots and what owner in his right mind would pay \$1 million to enter a horse in a race where they had little chance to recoup their investment?

That's why the purses were reduced this year. Obviously, they were having problems attracting horses under the old system. And The Stronach Group is in no position to put up \$12 million or \$16 million of its own money for a single race. A \$3 million race is not as sexy as a \$16-million race or the \$20 million being offered in Saudi Arabia. But it's still a huge pot, the biggest in the U.S. outside of the Breeders' Cup, and should be enough to attract most of the top horses in training.

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With a \$16-million purse no longer a realistic option and with the Saudi Cup's massive purse having the effect it has had on the sport, The Stronach Group can only do so much with the race. Move the date back, make all announcements regarding dates, purses, etc. sooner than later and the Pegasus can be a very good, very rich race. There's nothing wrong with that.

The Aidan O'Brien Mystery

Aidan O'Brien may be the best trainer in the world, which is why it is so surprising that he can't win a race in North America anymore. O'Brien had two starters on the Pegasus card and two losers as **Magic Wand (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) was second in the Pegasus World Cup Turf Invitational and **Simply Beautiful (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) was seventh in the GIII La Prevoyante S. Going back to the start of 2018, O'Brien is 1 for 59 in North America. He was 0 for 28 last year and 1 for 29 in 2018. His last North American winner was **Athena (Ire)** (Camelot {GB}) in the July 7, 2018 GI Belmont Oaks Invitational.



Aidan O'Brien | *Racing Post*

Would Mucho Gusto Have Beaten Omaha Beach?

The **Mucho Gusto** (Mucho Macho Man) who came into the Pegasus was a bit of an underachiever. He ran well to be third in the GI Travers S. and second in the GI Haskell Invitational, but didn't get the job done either time. His biggest wins were three victories in Grade III races.

A very different horse showed up Saturday at Gulfstream. With a powerful move, he stormed to the lead nearing the top of the stretch and drew off to win by 4 1/2 lengths. Never before had he shown that sort of explosiveness.

That he faced a modest group of opponents that did not include **Omaha Beach** (War Front) or **Spun to Run** (Hard Spun) has to be taken into consideration when evaluating his effort.

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Valiant Minister - Silent Triumph (City Zip)

Sire **VALIANT MINISTER**,
a \$680,000 OBS June graduate is the son of Champion Sire **CANDY RIDE (ARG)**

Dam **SILENT TRIUMPH**

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- Dam is full-sister to Stakes Winner **Ima Jersey Girl** and half to Stakes Winner **King For A Day**



Mind Control winning the Bayshore S. (GIII)

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

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



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But he turned in such a big race that it may be that no one could have beaten him in the Pegasus. His winning Beyer number of 107 is better than any number put up by Omaha Beach and in the ballpark of Spun to Run, whose best Beyer was a 110.

Lasix Ban Not a Factor

While two races is an inadequate sample size, the fact that the two Pegasus races went off without a hitch despite the Lasix ban means something. It showed that you can take the drug out of the mix and the world won't come to an end. There were no reports of any Pegasus horse having bled and the races were formful.

If Lasix is banned, here is what is going to happen--nothing. The sport did fine without the drug for 200 years or so and will do just fine without it going forward.



Mike Maker in Pegasus World Cup Turf winner's circle | *Coglianes*

Magic Maker

Mike Maker continues to amaze. He claimed **Zulu Alpha** (Street Cry {Ire}) Sept. 14, 2018 for \$80,000 and the gelding has gone on to win five graded stakes races, including the Pegasus World Cup Turf. Along with the GIII Kentucky Turf Cup, that was his second win in a \$1-million race.

Maker has claimed 15 horses that have gone on to win graded stakes races. Each one was claimed for somewhere between \$35,000 and \$80,000. Saturday's win was the first in Grade I company for Zulu Alpha, Maker has also won Grade I races with former claimers **Al's Gal** (English Channel) **Bigger Picture** (Badge of Silver) and **King David** (Hat Trick {Jpn}).

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The Creek is Rising *(cont. from p1)*

Gullatt decided to try his hand at training and asked his friend's dad if he might help with some modest funding.

That first bankroll enabled the friends to claim a horse down in Louisiana. It won a couple of races, got claimed from them, and they reinvested. The next one won a few better races. There were ups and downs, but they managed to keep going.



Randy Gullatt at Twin Creeks | *Patrick Gilligan photo*

"I didn't know where my expectations were then," said Gullatt. "I was just a competitive person, so I just wanted to be successful and win."

They grew their small barn, then Gullatt moved his family west. They came up with La Paz (Hold Your Peace), an Arizona-bred who won a couple of minor stakes. Gullatt's children were growing up though and the two friends came up with a plan to build a farm in Kentucky, to focus on breeding horses instead of racing them in order to provide a more stable life for Gullatt's family.

"Coming from Louisiana we really hadn't been exposed to the top level of business. Only when we started becoming bigger and more successful did we realize what could be accomplished, and that took years," he said.

La Paz came good as a broodmare, throwing Forest Camp (Deputy Minister) who won the GII Del Mar Futurity in 1999. Striking while the iron was hot, the friends sold her for \$1.6 million at the next year's Keeneland November breeding stock sale.

Fast forward eight years from that sale, and the two friends found they weren't finished with La Paz yet. In 2008, she had an Unbridled's Song colt entered in the Keeneland September sale. Gullatt and Davison had recently decided they wanted to race again. Gullatt loved the colt, whom they bought for \$200,000 and named Mission Impazible.

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Trained by Todd Pletcher, Mission Impazible won first time out at Keeneland the following spring. He ended up taking the GII Louisiana Derby and became the first of three GI Kentucky Derby runners they have been involved with thus far. He also became the first stallion prospect they made.

The friends then found Graydar, another Unbridled's Song, in 2011 for \$260,000 as a Fasig-Tipton 2-year-old. Also trained by Pletcher, he came into his own as a 4-year-old, winning the GI Donn H., the GII New Orleans H., and the GII Kelso H. Now they had a second stallion prospect.

Destin (Giant's Causeway), a \$400,000 Keeneland September purchase in 2014, was another who took them to the Kentucky Derby and did one better to miss by just a nose in the GI Belmont S. Twin Creeks was staking more for their yearlings as Davison's business interests prospered, but they only buy a handful each year so the results were still impressive.



Constitution has been just one of several stallion prospects for Twin Creeks this past decade | WinStar

"We have had our share of disappointments," said Gullatt. They lost a horse called Montauk (Medaglia d'Oro), whom Gullatt thought may have been the best of them all. Bought with partners for \$850,000 at OBS April in 2017, he only raced once, winning by 11 1/4 lengths that autumn at Belmont, then he broke his shoulder one morning in training and was gone.

"He was a very special talent," said Gullatt. "I don't think I'll ever get over him."

They had other setbacks, including late scratches when fancied from the Kentucky Derby and the G1 Dubai World Cup, as well as from Breeders' Cup races. There are always more tough days than good in horse racing,

but Gullatt said he has always had a competitive streak which keeps driving him on, pushing him forward.

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In Memory of Ashton Moynihan



The Thoroughbred aftercare community lost one of its biggest champions Friday, January 24, 2020, with the passing of Ashton Moynihan. As her friends, we would like to honor her memory by raising money for the organization about which she was most passionate, the **Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance**.

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"I think one of the biggest lessons I have learned from training and raising horses is when to be patient and when to be aggressive," he noted.

Twin Creeks bought into Catholic Boy (More Than Ready), who went on to victory in the GI Runhappy Travers S. It marked another share in another stallion for the 20-odd mares they had now accumulated back at Twin Creeks.



Independence Hall | Sarah Andrew

But perhaps Gullatt and Davison's biggest score has been with a son of Tapit, bought at the Fasig-Tipton Saratoga sale in 2012 for \$400,000 in partnership with WinStar Farm. Gullatt had known WinStar's CEO Elliott Walden for years. The colt they named Constitution had caught both their eyes.

Before Constitution even ran, Gullatt was so taken with the colt he went out and found his dam, Baffled (Distorted Humor), and purchased her privately. In 2016, Baffled was resold for \$3.5 million at Fasig-Tipton's Kentucky November sale.

"Constitution was showing elite talent," said Gullatt. "We thought it was a huge opportunity, and luckily we were right."

Constitution went on to win the GI Florida Derby and the GI Donn H. Another good racehorse, another stallion for the friends. Standing initially for \$15,000 at WinStar, he became a standout freshman sire of 2019 and saw his fee upped to \$40,000 for this year. Tiz the Law, a Grade I winner from that first crop, was bred and then sold by Twin Creeks. And then there's Constitution's Independence Hall, the undefeated GIII Nashua S. winner who added the Jerome S. at Aqueduct on New Year's Day--Twin Creeks bought into him too. They are on the Derby trail again, with one of the ante-post favorites, a trail Gullatt says is a conscious target for them now.

Around the farm the paddocks are neatly fenced, an equine swimming pool has been built, woods were cleared for the barn, and a home was built up on the hill.

Gullatt's wife, Kim, a former jockey, has taken in some of their retired racehorses for retraining and showing.

This past fall she won a Liberty class with Mission Impazible's first winner, Silver Mission, and is preparing another Twin Creeks retiree for the 2020 Thoroughbred Makeover.

"It comes from that respect for the racehorse, getting to raise them," said Gullatt. "You form an attachment, you feel you owe it to them. We had the facility and the capability, and we really enjoy doing it. My wife is the leader in that department."

Gullatt said trust is the principle reason for his sustained success with Davison.

"Steve and I have an extremely strong trust for each other," he said. "We respect each other and we are always looking out for each other and we have always been on the same page as far as growth. That early childhood friendship has helped. But really it comes down to that word, trust."

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Sunday, Sam Houston Race Park

HOUSTON LADIES CLASSIC S.-GIII, \$300,000, Sam Houston Race, 1-26, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:44.19, ft.

1--**LADY APPLE, 123, f, 4, by Curlin**

1st Dam: Miss Mary Apples (GSP, \$171,172), by Clever Trick

2nd Dam: Sacred Sue, by Holy Bull

3rd Dam: Bootshine Girl, by Green Dancer

(\$100,000 RNA Ylg '17 KEESEP). O-Phoenix Thoroughbred III & KatieRich Stables; B-KatieRich Farms (KY); T-Steven M.

Asmussen; J-Ricardo Santana, Jr. \$178,200. Lifetime Record: 12-6-2-1, \$990,150. *1/2 to Miss Red Delicious (Empire Maker), MSW, \$203,425; and Dr. Diamonds Prize (Pure Prize), SW & GSP, \$240,903. **Werk Nick Rating: A. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.**

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2--**Serengeti Empress**, 120, f, 4, **Alternation**--Havisham, by Bernardini. (\$25,000 Wlg '16 KEENOV; \$70,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP). O-Joel Politi; B-Tri Eques Bloodstock, LLC (KY); T-Thomas M. Amoss. \$59,400.

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3--**Street Band**, 123, f, 4, **Istan**--Street Minstrel, by Street Cry (Ire). O-Ray Francis, Cindy & J. Larry Jones, Medallion Racing & MyRaceHorse Stable; B-Larry Jones, Cindy Jones & Francis Ray (KY); T-J. Larry Jones. \$32,670.

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Lady Apple surged up the rail to overtake pacesetter Serengeti Empress in deep stretch and earn her second straight graded victory in the GIII Houston Ladies Classic Sunday at Sam Houston. Serengeti Empress zipped out to the early lead and Lady Apple settled off the pace as the favorite took the field through fractions of :23.40 and :47.31. The field bunched up on the turn and Lady Apple was forced to wait for running room along the rail as Street Band was making a four-wide move into contention. The favorite began to tire after three-quarters in 1:12.37, with Lady Apple finding room to her inside and Street Band challenging to her outside. The Oaks winner hung on tenaciously, but Lady Apple was able to get her measure in the final strides for a cozy victory.

"She sat in a comfortable spot," said winning jockey Ricardo Santana. "She was really comfortable in that position. She was traveling good and I was really happy with how she was traveling. Turning for home, the rail opened and I asked her and she gave it to me. She is an amazing filly. I know she was going to give me everything she had."

Lady Apple's stablemate Midnight Bisou (Midnight Lute) opened her championship campaign with a win in last year's Ladies Classic and trainer Steve Asmussen is hoping for the same this year.

"Midnight Bisou started her year here and ended up with an Eclipse Award," Asmussen said. "We will try to follow a similar plan with her and go to Oaklawn most likely for the [Feb. 17 GIII] Bayakoa."

Lady Apple earned a berth in the GI Kentucky Oaks with her victory in the GIII Fantasy S. last April. She was third, beaten 7 1/4 lengths by Serengeti Empress on the first Friday in May, but came back to win the July 5 GIII Iowa Oaks. Well beaten in the Aug. 17 GI Alabama S., she was making her first start since winning the Sept. 29 GIII Remington Park Oaks.

Pedigree Notes:

Katie Rich Stables purchased Miss Mary Apples for \$37,000 as a yearling at the 2001 Keeneland September sale and she was second in the farm's colors in the 2002 GII Schuylerville S. Her first foal was multiple stakes winner Miss Red Delicious (Empire Maker), who is the dam of graded stakes winner Nootka Sound (Lonhro {Aus}). Her second foal, My McIntosh (Pulpit) produced multiple graded placed Parlor (Lonhro {Aus}).

Miss Mary Apples RNA'd with Lady Apple in utero for \$100,000 at the 2015 Fasig-Tipton November sale. With no reported foals in 2018 or 2019, she was bred to American Pharoah last spring.

Sunday, Sam Houston

JOHN B. CONNALLY TURF CUP S.-GIII, \$200,000, Sam Houston Race, 1-26, 4yo/up, 1 1/2mT, 2:33.46, gd.

1--**DOT MATRIX, 123, g, 7, by Freud**

1st Dam: Aunt Dot Dot, by Gulch

2nd Dam: Aunt Dot, by Capote

3rd Dam: Ann Alleged, by Alleged

1ST GRADED STAKES WIN. O-Ten Strike Racing; B-Truxton Stables (NY); T-Brad H. Cox; J-Florent Geroux. \$114,000.

Lifetime Record: 31-10-4-5, \$601,487. *1/2 to Aunt Ellipsis (Successful Appeal), SW, \$204,386. **Werk Nick Rating: B.** Click for [eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree](#).



2--**Bemma's Boy, 120, g, 5, Into Mischieff--Arcing**, by Arch.

(\$15,000 Ylg '16 FTKFEB; \$20,000 Ylg '16 KEESEP). O-Paradise Farms Corp.; B-Lochlow Farm (KY); T-Michael J. Maker. \$38,000.



3--**Marzo, 123, g, 5, Medaglia d'Oro--Spring Party**, by Smart Strike. (\$1,000,000 Ylg '16 KEESEP; \$35,000 3yo '18 FTKHRA; \$140,000 4yo '19 KEEJAN). O-Three Diamonds Farm; B-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC (KY); T-Michael J. Maker. \$20,900.



Margins: 3/4, HF, NK. Odds: 3.10, 2.60, 2.50.

Also Ran: Zumurudee, Tracksmith, Another Mystery, Prospector Fever, Patriot Drive, Yeowzer, Sleepy Eyes Todd. Scratched: Nate's Attack, Cross Border. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#), the [TJCS.com PPs](#) or the [free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree](#).**

Ten Strike Racing's Dot Matrix, coming off a third-place effort in the Nov. 23 GIII Red Smith S., earned the first graded victory of his career in the GIII John B. Connally S. at Sam Houston Sunday. The bay gelding tracked pacesetter Sleepy Eyes Todd (Paddy o'Prado) through moderate fractions while under a snug hold by jockey Florent Geroux. He hit the front as that rival packed it in on the final bend and turned back a pair of Mike Maker trainees down the lane, with Marzo offering a stiff challenge into the stretch before stablemate Bemma's Boy closed late for second.

"I was happy to find a nice spot on the outside in the two path," Geroux said of his trip. "I just wanted to make sure that I didn't move too soon because I had a feeling those [Mike] Maker horses would be running at me at the end."

Dot Matrix was on the board in a pair of 2019 stakes events before winning the Ashley T. Cole S. at Belmont last September. He was a troubled fifth in the Oct. 19 Mohawk S. and was a solid third behind multiple Grade I placed Sadler's Joy (Kitten's Joy) while making his graded stakes debut in the Nov. 23 Gill Red Smith S. last time out.

OMAHA BEACH TO ARRIVE AT SPENDTHRIFT MONDAY

Multiple Grade I winner **Omaha Beach** (War Front--Charming, by Seeking the Gold), **forced to miss his expected career finale in Saturday's GI Pegasus World Cup Invitational**, is scheduled to arrive at Spendthrift Farm late Monday to begin his stud career. The 4-year-old will briefly be available for viewing at 1 p.m. Tuesday.

"Omaha Beach is doing very well and we look forward to his arrival at the farm on Monday. This is a special horse with true breed-shaping potential, and we are hopeful his impact will carry on as an important sire for decades to come," said Ned Toffey, General Manager at Spendthrift. "The response we've had from the breeding community has been overwhelming and very positive. We plan to show Omaha Beach at the farm for a brief period at 1 p.m. Tuesday. Then, we want to allow him to settle into his new surroundings and new lifestyle as we prepare for the upcoming breeding season."

Campaigned by Fox Hill Farms and trained by Richard Mandella, Omaha Beach won last year's GI Arkansas Derby, GI Santa Anita Sprint Championship S., and GI Malibu S. He will stand his first season in 2020 for a fee of \$45,000 S&N.

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TIME TO DOUBLE DOWN

Anne Sabatino Hardy, Executive Director Visit Horse Country

I didn't grow up around horses, but I did grow up with a gambler. My dad liked Craps and Blackjack mostly, and played well. According to family legend, during a high school spring break trip to Las Vegas, one successful late-night Craps game was punctuated by "Annie needs a new prom dress!" I can't verify the story (my parents had standards, after all--I was relegated to the room), but indeed my first prom dress was secured during a visit to Caesar's Palace before heading home.

He always told me he preferred those games because of the odds--there was strategy behind the gut feeling, the risk teetering just a bit heavier on the side of benefit than loss.

On some hands, the opportunity comes to double down. A set of circumstances emerge that lend themselves to an increased chance of success, and the success itself stands to be multiplied --if you recognize it, and if you're ready to put a bit more skin in the game.



Young fan meets champion Beholder at Spendthrift
Visit Horse Country photo

For Visit Horse Country, that time is now.

The organization celebrated a quiet birthday in November of 2019: five years of operation. Along with that milestone, by the end of 2019, we counted more than 120,000 guests through Horse Country member locations, of which there are now 40. The vast majority of those regularly offer opportunities to experience the very heart our sport intimately, organically, and most importantly, transparently.

The members of Horse Country have thrown wide their gates to showcase the entire life cycle of the horse--Disney said, "from foaling barn to finish line," we added "and beyond." In addition to studs, nurseries, training and tracks, clinics and feed, three TAA-accredited aftercare organizations also tell their part of the story to our guests from all over the world.

If there ever was a winning of hearts and minds, it is during these experiences. We have the data that shows it. And it's not just fan development, it's so much bigger--it's overcoming obstacles and developing advocates just by allowing people in to see, touch, hear, and fall in love. Recent feedback from a guest embodies everything we all hope to accomplish right now: "Seeing this behind-the-scenes operation will make watching racing more enjoyable for me."

We enter 2020 in a unique place of opportunity. With a bit of experience under our belts, we've learned some lessons: we're working to boost utilization rates on tours; we've tweaked our marketing strategy and spend a dozen different ways. We've built and rebuilt our web site front and back end.

There's still work to do, but halfway through our fiscal year, sales are 40% ahead of the same time last year.

Inspired by successful industry days hosted by Buffalo Trace Distillery, we'll host the first Horse Country Hospitality Days presented by Keeneland (also a member), where we'll invite frontline hospitality and attraction staff to experience our hospitality and build awareness. Our annual community outreach program, Meet the Neighbors, will grow significantly.

We have the most consistent, varied experiences we've ever had available--Horse Country does many things, but we don't give tours, so we are only as strong as our member engagement. Thankfully our members have led the charge--they've invested in hiring staff, making capital improvements and purchasing shuttles, and even reinvesting in Horse Country to allow us to pursue more ambitious marketing and more engaging user experiences. They've embraced the wisdom of our supporters and counselors at VisitLEX, and the tour guest as a customer, worth time, effort and consideration.

We all lose a bet now and then, but my gut and raising says this is the right time to double down.

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HOOKED ON HORSE RACING

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



Marshall Gramm | Lucas Marquardt

MARSHALL GRAMM

What was the experience that made you fall in love with horse racing?

My way to horse racing was fairly unconventional. I grew up in Washington DC in the pre-cable television era. Cable didn't come to DC until the late 1980s, so my access to sports was fairly limited. We only got a handful of stations at my house, and so I read the newspaper. In the *Washington Post*, they listed entries for the harness parks and Thoroughbred tracks in Maryland, and Andy Beyer would write a weekly column on the big races for that week.

I was a kid who was into numbers, and most kids that are into numbers often get into baseball. But I found the numbers for horse racing to be fascinating and so I wanted to learn all about it. I bought Andy Beyer's books and any other books I could find on racing. When the Kentucky Derby would come around, I would follow it and I started to watch the races once they came on cable.

None of my family had any background or interest in racing. They thought it was a bizarre hobby and that over time it would disappear.

Once I got my driver's license, my brother and I drove to Baltimore to go to Pimlico. I remember we bet a horse named Quail Ridge Swaps. I think we bet him to show, but I remember that he ran well enough for us to make a little bit of money for the day.

Would you commit to creating one new fan this year and, if so, what would be the experience you use to introduce them to the sport?

If I were to bring a potential new fan into racing, I would want to introduce them to rudimentary handicapping. Once you show them all the information that there is, if they get the bug, they will want to find out more on their own. I would definitely take them to the track, go through the *Form* with them, and teach them some basic handicapping angles.

If there's one area we need to be concerned about in our sport, it's the fact that purses have grown, but wagering handle is falling substantially over the past decade. Even more alarming, purses represent about 10.6% of handle, which is not sustainable without actual fans. We need to do more to grow our betting population. We need to figure out how to turn small bettors into bigger betters, and non-bettors into horseplayers.

I teach at Rhodes College in Memphis, Tennessee as an economist. Last spring, I taught a class called the Economics of Race Track Wagering Markets. I had 40 students in the class. These college students are interested in gambling, and I think it's because it has become more socially acceptable. They want something that isn't lottery or slot pullers, but something that is intellectually challenging. I think we need to do everything we can to make our game more appealing to this type of audience.

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1,000th VICTORY FOR CARRASCO

Victor Carrasco recorded the 1,000 victory of his career when he guided Justin Front (Justin Phillip) to a 1 1/4-length score Sunday at Laurel.

“It’s a great feeling,” Carrasco said of the milestone. “After dealing with so many injuries and having some health issues and everything, it feels amazing.”



Victor Carrasco | MIC photo

Carrasco won the Eclipse Award as the nation’s leading apprentice rider in 2013. The 27-year-old, a native of Guyama, Puerto Rico, graduated from the famed Escuela Vocacional Hipica jockey school and won 11 races in his home country before coming to the United States in March 2013. During his rookie season, Carrasco led all bug riders with 215 wins and \$4.35 million in purse earnings.

Carrasco was joined in the winner’s circle after the race by members of both his family and Maryland’s jockey colony.

“I was blessed to have the support of my family, especially my mother and my girl Brooke who worked with me every day,” Carrasco said. “To be honest, I thought that I wasn’t going to make it back to ride. After months of going to doctor appointments and all of that, things were the same. I never thought that I would be able to come back and be back in the winner’s circle.”

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The future of the Del Mar fairgrounds? No guns, less racing, and more concerts Agriculture and horses, once the economic backbone of San Diego County, still dominate activities at the 340-acre Del Mar Fairgrounds, but the question is, “How much longer?” Time and tastes change. Attendance at the San Diego County Fair is leveling off. Mounting horse deaths have soured the appetite for thoroughbred racing. **Phil Dielh, Del Mar Times**

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Cruise and Danze (Danza) earns first stakes victory in Ruthless S. at Aqueduct Sunday.

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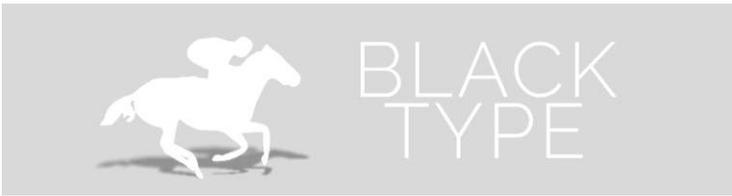
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TEXAS TURF MILE S., \$200,000, Sam Houston Race, 1-26, 3yo, 1mT, 1:37.01, gd.

1--**BODECREAM**, 116, g, 3, by **Bodemeister**

1st Dam: Call Mariah, by Dixie Union

2nd Dam: Chasethewildwind, by Forty Niner

3rd Dam: Race the Wild Wind, by Sunny's Halo

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. (\$50,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP). O-Red Lane Thoroughbreds LLC; B-Judy Hicks, Kathryn Nikkel & Sanford Robertson (KY); T-Danny Pish; J-Deshawn L. Parker. \$114,000. Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-0, \$137,307.

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2--**Toma Todo**, 118, c, 3, **English Channel**--Henna, by Horse Chestnut (SAf). (\$11,000 Wlg '17 KEENOV). O-Bloom Racing Stable LLC; B-B. P. Walden (KY); T-Michael J. Maker. \$38,000.

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3--**Pixelate**, 122, c, 3, **City Zip**--Speckled, by Street Cry (Ire).

O/B-Godolphin (KY); T-Michael Stidham. \$20,900.

Margins: 3HF, 1 3/4, 1HF. Odds: 9.50, 13.60, 2.00.

Also Ran: Chimney Rock, Jack and Noah (Fr), Southgate, Deviant, Drewpower, Memorable, Alohlouya. Scratched: Field Pass, Billy Batts.

Bodecream failed to make a dent when off the board in three dirt tries last spring and summer in Kentucky, but perked up with a victory when moved to turf Aug. 28 at Retama and followed that up with a surprise second at 33-1 in a Fair Grounds optional claimer four months later. Sent away as the distant fourth choice in this stakes debut, the gelding settled in eighth as favored Jack and Noah (Fr) (Bated Breath {GB}) tore off through fractions of :22.51 and :46.23. Still with a lot of work to do turning for home, he found his best stride passing the furlong grounds when Jack and Noah threw in the towel and swept past Toma Todo to a powerful victory. The winner's dam, a half to GISWs Daredevil (More Than Ready) and Albertus Maximus (Albert the Great), foaled a colt by Verrazano last term before visiting Practical Joke. [Click for the Equibase.com chart.](#)

RILEY ALLISON DERBY, (NB) \$104,200, Sunland, 1-26, 3yo, 1m, 1:37.29, ft.

1--**ROWDY YATES**, 124, c, 3, by **Morning Line**

1st Dam: Spring Station, by Yes It's True

2nd Dam: Woodford Girl, by Honour and Glory

3rd Dam: Shawgatny, by Danzig Connection

(\$42,000 Ylg '18 FTKOCT). O-L and N Racing LLC; B-Tracy Rene Strachan (OK); T-Steven M. Asmussen; J-Luis Contreras. \$62,520. Lifetime Record: 8-5-1-0, \$273,418.

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2--**Competitive Idea**, 120, g, 3, **Competitive Edge**--That's the Idea, by Diabolical. O/B-J. Kirk & Judy Robison (KY); T-Todd W. Fincher. \$20,840.

3--**Arizona Jeremy**, 124, g, 3, Ez Effort--Glassford Hill, by Benton Creek. (\$33,000 Ylg '18 ARZNOV). O-Stable H. M. A.; B-Fleming Thoroughbred Farm LLC (AZ); T-Molly J. Pearson. \$10,420. Margins: 3HF, 4 1/4, NK. Odds: 0.50, 3.30, 13.30.

Also Ran: Top Draw, Side Street Dave, Old Trafford, Code Runner.

Favored Rowdy Yates has kept some pretty nice company, finishing well behind 'TDN Rising Stars' Dennis' Moment (Tiznow) in the GIII Iroquois S. and Shoplifted (Into Mischief) in the Remington Springboard Mile S. last year. Around those two missteps, he's built a resume of wins in the TwinSpires Ellis Park Juvenile S., Oklahoma Classics Juvenile S., and the Don C. McNeill S., in addition to a placing in the GIII Bashford Manor S.

Last seen in the Dec. 15 Springboard, Rowdy Yates was loaded for bear, breaking on top in the Riley Allison Derby but restrained while wide and taken off the pace. He tried to split horses on the final turn, couldn't find a hole, was tipped wider still, and unleashed a furious rally to blow by the field and win with his ears pricked.

Rowdy Yates is the only reported foal for his unraced dam, a half to GSW Rich Mommy (Algorithms), who was sold with him in utero for \$1,800 at the 2016 Keeneland November breeding stock sale. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

RUTHLESS S., \$100,900, Aqueduct, 1-26, 3yo, f, 7f, 1:25.00, gd.

1--**CRUISE AND DANZE**, 118, f, 3, by **Danza**

1st Dam: Mare and Cher, by Old Fashioned

2nd Dam: Havenliss, by Elusive Quality

3rd Dam: Cruising Haven, by Shelter Half

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. (\$90,000 RNA 2yo '19 EASMAY).

O/B-Haymarket Farm LLC (KY); T-Jeremiah O'Dwyer; J-Eric Cancel. \$55,000. Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-0, \$97,200. *Second SW for first-crop sire (by Street Boss).

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2--**Panthera Onca**, 118, f, 3, Super Saver--Molto Vita, by Carson City. (\$30,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP; \$70,000 2yo '19 OBSAPR; \$175,000 2yo '19 EASDEC). O-Narola, LLC; B-John D. Gunther (KY); T-Brad H. Cox. \$20,000.

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3--**Miss Marissa**, 118, f, 3, He's Had Enough--Ardara, by Arch. (\$11,000 Ylg '18 OBSOCT). O-Alfonso Cammarota; B-Woodford Thoroughbreds, LLC (KY); T-James T. Ryerson. \$12,600.

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Margins: 2 1/4, NO, 7. Odds: 2.95, 3.40, 1.70.

Also Ran: Wiggle and Jiggle, Wicked Amber, Well Brush Mytooth, Bay Jewel, The New Miami. Scratched: Love of My Heart.

Cruise and Danze, fourth debuting Oct. 4 at Laurel, graduated when adding Lasix there Nov. 1 and was fifth in the Smart Halo S. Nov. 16 before finishing second by a nose in a sloppy-track local allowance/optional claimer Dec. 14. Off as the second choice in this Sunday feature, the homebred dueled with Panthera Onca through the first three furlongs and started to get away from that rival after the half went up in :47.06. Facing a fresh challenge from favored Miss Marissa turning into the stretch, the dark bay went clear past the furlong pole and kept to her task for a convincing victory. Panthera Onca re-rallied along the fence to grab second from Miss Marissa on the wire.



Cruise and Danze | Chelsea Durand

"I always liked this filly," said winning trainer Jeremiah O'Dwyer. "I was a little concerned about the seven furlongs because she's very fast. Eric [Cancel] gave her a lovely ride. She's very rateable. She's very straightforward. She was well educated when she came to us. We'll try to stretch her out at some stage if she keeps running like she did today. She did everything right."

The victress, the second black-type winner for her first-crop sire, has a juvenile half-brother by Mineshaft and a yearling Upstart half-brother. Her dam was paired with Bernardini last spring. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or **VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

FRONTIER UTILITIES TURF SPRINT S., \$100,000, Sam Houston Race, 1-26, 4yo/up, 5fT, :57.30, gd.

1--**REAL NEWS, 120, c, 4, The Factor--Missy's Advantage (SP), by Tactical Advantage. 1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN.** (\$85,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP). O-Town and Country Racing, LLC; B-Georgia Farms Inc (KY); T-Albert M. Stall, Jr.; J-Colby J. Hernandez. \$55,500. Lifetime Record: 8-4-2-1, \$225,020. *1/2 to Good Morning Diva (Lion Heart), MSW & MGSP, \$328,578.

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2--**Fast Boat**, 123, g, 5, City Zip--Yellow Boat, by Lemon Drop Kid. (\$95,000 RNA 4yo '19 FTKHRA). O-Brad Grady; B-R. S. Evans (KY); T-Joe Sharp. \$18,500.

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3--**Powell**, 123, c, 4, Munnings--Dearest One, by Macho Uno. (\$57,000 RNA Wlg '16 FTKNOV; \$52,000 Ylg '17 KEEJAN). O-DARRS, Inc.; B-Mike Abraham (KY); T-Michael Stidham. \$10,175.

Margins: HF, 2HF, 1HF. Odds: 0.90, 3.00, 19.10.

Also Ran: Imma Bling, Grade One, Nicky Numbers, Jazzy Times, Stormieis Blue, Richard's Boy, Drowningndiamonds. Scratched: Roger Brown, Dance Proudly.

The most lightly raced in this field of 10 veterans, Real News placed in three consecutive black-type events last spring: Penn National's GII Penn Mile S., Keeneland's Palisades Turf Sprint S., and Pimlico's James W. Murphy S. The only off-the-board finish of his career was in a June 29 allowance/optional claimer over the main track at Churchill Downs and the bay was shelved until Dec. 12, when he returned as the victorious favorite in a 5 1/2-furlong sprint over the Fair Grounds grass.

Tracking the pace intently just behind the frontrunners off of fractions of :22.19 and :45.51, Real News was sent wide on the turn as part of a mad scramble for the lead. Fast Boat got the jump on him and looked a determined winner until the dying strides when Real News inched forward in the last steps to outfinish him and notch his first stakes victory.

Dam Missy's Advantage, a half-sister to MGSW Umpateedle (Suave Prospect), has a 2-year-old colt by Tonalist named Classic Missy who sold for \$20,000 at last year's Keeneland September sale. Last bred to Accelerate, she hails from the family of 1987 Eclipse champion and GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies winner Epitome (Summing). [Click for the Equibase.com chart.](#)

STONERSIDE SPRINT S., \$75,000, Sam Houston Race, 1-26, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:09.94, ft.

1--**MR MONEY BAGS, 123, g, 4, Silver City--Miss Photogenic (MSW, \$246,279), by You and I.** O/B-Roy W. Cobb (TX); T-Mike R. Neatherlin; J-Ernesto Valdez-Jiminez. \$43,800. Lifetime Record: 11-8-0-1, \$389,070. *1/2 to Miss Photo (Light Up the Score), SP.

2--**Takes Two to Tango, 116, g, 4, Half Ours--** Doyouwanttodance, by Disco Rico. O/B-Melissa Cantacuzene (LA); T-J. Luis Garcia. \$14,600.

3--**Direct Dial, 123, h, 5, Too Much Bling--Fast Find, by** Mineshaft. (\$105,000 Ylg '16 TTAMIX). O/B-W. S. Farish (TX); T-Steven M. Asmussen. \$8,030.

Margins: 6 3/4, 1HF, 2 3/4. Odds: 1.50, 6.90, 18.70.

Also Ran: Pete's Play Call, Paddock Pick, Trumpence, Malpais.

Winner of five previous black-type events including the \$250,000 Zia Park Derby last out Nov. 27, Mr Money Bags looked to shorten up from 8 1/2 furlongs to six panels, a distance he had faced four times previously and won each time. The versatile gelding, who won his last two by narrow margins, got his first five victories by a combined margin of over 41 lengths.

It was another daylight margin Sunday, as Mr. Money Bags settled off the pace of Takes Two to Tango before tackling him on the turn. The gray blew by in the stretch to gallop home a 6 3/4-length victor.

The homebred Mr Money Bags is one of two stakes horses for his dam, a multiple stakes winner herself in Texas and Louisiana in the early 2000's. Her most recent foal is a juvenile filly named Missheartbreaker (Crossbow). She was bred to Too Much Bling for this term. [Click for the Equibase.com chart.](#)

BORDERPLEX S., \$65,000, Sunland, 1-26, 3yo, f, 6 1/2f, 1:17.39, ft.

1--**DYNASTY OF HER OWN, 116, f, 3, Shanghai Bobby--Lady Dynasty (MSP, \$140,418), by Richter Scale. 1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN.** (\$95,000 RNA Ylg '18 KEESEP). O-Tommy Town Thoroughbreds LLC; B-Richard S. Kaster (KY); T-Jonathan Wong; J-Francisco Arrieta. \$39,000. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$57,000. *1/2 to Bluegrass Angus (Bluegrass Cat), MSW & GSP, \$185,228.

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2--**Topless, 118, f, 3, Successful Appeal--Bid On a Dancer, by** Anet. (\$12,000 Ylg '18 FTKOCT). O-Poindexter Thoroughbreds LLC & Susan Montanye; B-Pam Davis (IA); T-Steven M. Asmussen. \$13,000.

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3--**Showmethemagic, 118, f, 3, Power Broker--Magic Charm, by** Horse Greeley. (\$1,200 Ylg '18 KEEJAN; \$1,000 RNA Ylg '18 COYRL). O-Vanessa Evans & Ken Tevelde; B-Gary & Mary West Stables Inc. (KY); T-Justin R. Evans. \$6,500.

Margins: 5 3/4, 2 1/4, 1. Odds: 3.90, 3.50, 3.30.

Also Ran: Roses for Laura, Miss High Heels, Dansmetothendoflov, Luck Be Mine, Our Iris Rose.

Dynasty of Her Own, a first-out victress when favored Nov. 22 at Golden Gate, was one of five horses sent off between 3-1 and 9-2 in this stakes bow and bobbed a bit coming out of the stalls. Traveling in fifth off of a :22.62 quarter, the gray drew on even terms four wide past a :45.46 half, took charge while drifting into the center of the track turning for home and kicked clear to score as much the best. Topless completed the exacta. The victress has a juvenile Vancouver (Aus) half-sister named Miller's Maiden and her dam produced a Goldencents filly last term before visiting Gormley. [Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)



IN ORDER OF PURSE:

8th-Oaklawn, \$88,000, Alw (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 1-26, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:11.88, my.

BOLDOR (c, 4, Munnings--Senate Caucus, by Siphon {Brz}), third in the local Smarty Jones S. a year ago, was sixth in the GIII Southwest S. and went to the sidelines for nearly seven months before resurfacing with a victory in the Virginia-bred Punch Line S. Sept. 7 at Colonial. Off the board in his next two, he rebounded to be second in the OBS Sprint S. when last seen Nov. 26 in Ocala. Let go at 28-5 here, the \$700,000 OBS April purchase was away near the back of the pack before making a wide blitz toward the frontrunners leaving behind a :22.33 quarter. Driving to the lead three sixteenths from home, he kicked clear from there en route to a three-length success. K Choice (Flatter) won a photo for the place. The winner is a half to Avarice (Not For Love), SP, \$202,193, and shares a second dam with champion Summer Bird (Birdstone). His dam produced a Maclean's Music filly last season before returning to his sire. Sales History: \$100,000 Ylg '17 FTSAUG; \$700,000 2yo '18 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: MSP, 9-3-2-1, \$200,397. [Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#) O-Ed & Susie Orr; B-Carlos S. E. Moore & Gillian Gordon-Moore (VA); T-Steven M. Asmussen.

7th-Oaklawn, \$86,000, Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$80,000), 1-26, 3yo, 1m, 1:40.20, my.

WELLS BAYOU (c, 3, *Lookin At Lucky*--*Whispering Angel*, by *Hard Spun*) scored a frontrunning success on debut in the Keeneland slop Oct. 26 and retreated to seventh when stretching out to a mile over another sloppy track Nov. 30 at Churchill. Off as the 2-1 chalk in this first two-turn test, the bay dueled through splits of :23.49 and :48.29, found a bit of daylight nearing the lane and spurted clear once straightening for home to triumph by four lengths. *Something Natural* (*Violence*) was clearly second best. The winner has a juvenile *Karakontie* (Jpn) half-sister and his dam was paired with *Army Mule* last season. Sales History: \$50,000 Ylg '18 *KEEJAN*; \$18,000 Ylg '18 *KEESEP*; \$105,000 2yo '19 *OBSMAR*. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$95,293. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

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6th-Aqueduct, \$76,650, Alw (C)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 1-26, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11.14, gd.

PIEDI BIANCHI (m, 5, *Overanalyze*--*Adore You* {SP, \$276,240}, by *Tactical Cat*) placed in a trio of Grade Is for Doug O'Neill as a juvenile in 2017, and switched to the Todd Pletcher barn for an up-and-down 2018 campaign that resulted in only one win--a score over Indiana-breds in the *Frances Slocum S.* at Indiana Grand. Last seen running sixth in *Gulfstream's* turfy *South Beach S.* exactly one year ago, the gray returned here as a 14-1

longshot for the Carlos Martin outfit and posted up outside in a joint third past a :22.78 quarter. Drawing into contention approaching the furlong pole, she ran down frontrunner *Honey I'm Good* (*Shackleford*) in deep stretch to score a 3/4-length upset. Odds-on favorite *Bridlewood Cat* (*Street Sense*) finished a disappointing fourth after chasing the speed. The winner has a juvenile half-brother by *Outwork* and her dam visited both *Curlin* and *Pioneerof the Nile* last term. Sales History: \$60,000 Wlg '15 *KEENOV*; \$80,000 Ylg '16 *KEESEP*; \$80,000 2yo '17 *OBSMAR*. Lifetime Record: SW & MGISP, 13-3-3-3, \$403,100. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

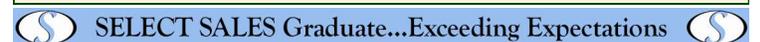
O-Jay Oringer, Jack Bick & Madaket Stables LLC; B-Deann Baer & Greg Baer DVM (IN); T-Carlos F. Martin.


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8th-Fair Grounds, \$39,770, Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 1-26, 3yo, f, 5 1/2f (off turf), 1:04.94, sy.

SPECIALLY (f, 3, *Tapiture*--*Peace Process*, by *War Front*), named a '**TDN Rising Star**' for her 5 1/4-length debut victory Oct. 5 at Keeneland, disappointed when last at even-money in the *Rags to Riches S.* Oct. 27 at Churchill and was hammered down to 1-5 to bounce back in this off-the-turf spot. Sitting third behind dueling leaders through a :22.61 quarter, the \$475,000 *OBS March* buy cruised past the frontrunners three deep at the top of the lane and drew off under minimal urging to romp by 12 1/4 lengths. *Lucky Quarters* (*General Quarters*) won a photo for second. The winner is a half to *Joevia* (*Shanghai Bobby*), SW & GISP, \$322,850, last year's *GI Belmont S.* third finisher who came back to the races with a sharp allowance score Jan. 17 at Aqueduct. She has a juvenile *Magician* (Ire) half-brother named *Sheehan* and a yearling half-sister by *Keen Ice*. Her unraced dam was sent to *Practical Joke* last season. Sales History: \$20,000 Wlg '17 *KEENOV*; \$40,000 Ylg '18 *FTKJUL*; \$475,000 2yo '19 *OBSMAR*. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$68,421. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-John C. Oxley; B-Ikhana Farm (KY); T-Mark E. Casse.


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6th-Oaklawn, \$85,000, Msw, 1-26, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:12.08, my.

PERFECT HAPPINESS (f, 3, Majesticperfection--Divine Happiness, by Divine Park) couldn't run down the leader in her Dec. 21 debut over this distance at Fair Grounds and changed her tactics at 6-5 to take over the lead herself after a :22.32 opening quarter. She was in front by three lengths at the half and kept increasing her dominance, with rider Kelsi Harr glancing behind her several times but otherwise never moving. Perfect Happiness won by 8 1/4 lengths with Beach Time (Bernardini) a clear second. Her juvenile half-brother, Espia (Creative Cause), sold for \$7,000 at last September's Keeneland yearling sale, while a half-brother by American Freedom was born last spring. The winner's dam has been bred back to American Freedom. Sales History: \$22,000 RNA Ylg '18 FTKOCT. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$60,000. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O/B-Brereton C. Jones (KY); T-J. Larry Jones.

1st-Aqueduct, \$68,000, Msw, 1-26, 4yo/up, 7f, 1:25.13, my.

FLYING CURLIN (g, 4, Curlin--Leaveminthedust, by Danzig) did little running in two starts at Woodbine to open his career in the fall of 2018, beating three horses combined, and returned off the bench as a new gelding here. Made a 37-10 chance as part of an entry, the dark bay tracked from second at the rail off of a :23.03 quarter and dropped back to fifth past a :46.23 half. Starting to pick up his feet three sixteenths out, he swept past odds-on Fast Break (Uncle Mo) inside the furlong grounds and kicked away to a 2 3/4-length graduation. Fast Break held for second money. The winner is a half to Leavem in Malibu (Malibu Moon), GSW, \$326,412; and Danzig Moon (Malibu Moon), GISP, \$311,445. His dam returned to Malibu Moon last season and was sold for \$55,000 to Jerry Bilinski at Keeneland November. Sales History: \$250,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$39,442. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Gary Barber & John C. Oxley; B-William D. Graham (ON); T-Mark E. Casse.



4th-Santa Anita, \$56,000, Msw, 1-26, 3yo, 5 1/2f, 1:03.70, ft.

SILENT FURY (c, 3, Violence--Silent Emotion {SW, \$209,993}, by Ghazi) dueled up front before settling for third when unveiling July 14 at Los Alamitos and was made a 21-5 proposition here.

Urged from his inside draw to dictate terms through a :21.77 quarter, the \$200,000 Keeneland September buy was challenged by odds-on firster Yeng Again (Carpe Diem) midway around the turn. Carrying that foe wide entering the stretch, he dug in gamely through the final furlong to repel the favorite by a half-length. The victor is a half to Emotional Kitten (Kitten's Joy), GSW & MGISP, \$563,761; and Unspoken Word (Catienus), MSW & GISP, \$370,122. He has a juvenile half-brother by Mshawish and his dam was bred to Laugh Track last spring. Sales History: \$100,000 Ylg '18 KEEJAN; \$200,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$37,800. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Jay Em Ess Stable; B-Mike Abraham (KY); T-Brian J. Koriner.



3rd-Santa Anita, \$55,500, Msw, 1-26, 3yo, f, 5 1/2f, 1:05.14, ft. MORNING ADDICTION (f, 3, Carpe Diem--Quay, by Tapit)

chased the pace before retreating to finish sixth debuting on the Del Mar turf Nov. 15 and was let go at 43-10 switching to dirt here. Off a bit awkwardly, the chestnut was the inside marker of a three-way duel through a :22.21 quarter. Shaking loose past the eighth pole, she held on late to edge closing odds-on favorite Regal Beauty (Malibu Moon) by a head. The winner has a juvenile half-brother by Will Take Charge and her dam was bred to Always Dreaming last spring. Sales History: \$90,000 RNA Wlg '17 KEENOV; \$180,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$33,351. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-C R K Stable LLC; B-Mark Stansell (KY); T-Peter Eurton.



1st-Gulfstream, \$43,000, Msw, 1-26, 3yo, f, 1 1/16mT, 1:40.37, fm.

LUCKY POLLY (f, 3, Lookin At Lucky--Polly Alexander {Ire} {SP-Itly}, by Foxhound) closed with interest to be third on debut Sept. 5 at Kentucky Downs and took a tough beat when second by a neck Oct. 4 at Keeneland before checking in a disappointing eighth over course and distance Jan. 1. Dismissed at 14-1 off that effort here, the chestnut settled in sixth behind a sizzling :22.02 quarter and moved up a spot through a :45.59 half. Advancing three wide nearing the straightaway, she overhauled tiring pacesetter Stunting (Daredevil) a sixteenth from home and edged clear to a two-length success. Stunting did well to hold the place over late-running firster Fresco (Freud). The victress, a half to Gabo's Macondo (Cape Blanco {Ire}), SW, \$146,006; and Undulated (Curlin), SW, \$136,864, has a juvenile half-brother by Palace Malice and a yearling Exaggerator half-sister. Her dam visited Good Samaritan last spring. Sales History: \$22,000 RNA Wlg '17 KEENOV; \$40,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP. Lifetime Record:

4-1-1-1, \$53,430. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Gary Barber; B-Nicholas J. Sibilio (KY); T-Mark E. Casse.

2nd-Sam Houston Race Park, \$36,000, Msw, 1-25, 3yo, f, 6 1/2f, 1:18.49, ft.

MARGAUX MANIA (f, 3, Uncle Mo--Time to Tap, by Tapit)

showed speed before tiring to finish a well-beaten third debuting Nov. 30 at Delta and was supported down to 11-10 favoritism to go two better here. Breaking on top, the homebred was reined back to travel in fourth behind a :22.33 quarter, drew alongside pacesetting second choice Hallajoori (Bayern) passing a :45.87 half and gradually wore that foe down in the final sixteenth to score going away by 2 1/4 lengths. The winner's unraced dam, a full-sister to these connections' champion Untapable and a half to GISW and sire Paddy O'Prado (El Prado {Ire}), is responsible for a juvenile Candy Ride (Arg) colt and was bred to Gun Runner last term. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$25,000. **Click for the Equibase.com chart.**

O/B-Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC (KY); T-Steven M. Asmussen.



IN AUSTRALIA:

Kentucky Tornado, m, 5, Mizzen Mast--Somerset West, by Gone West. Newcastle, 1-25, Hcp. (\$24k), 2330mT, 2:24.24 (NCR). B-Dr John A Chandler (KY). *Formerly Bluegrass Blizzard. **Full to Seaspeak, GSW, \$270,262; 1/2 to Innovation Economy (Dynaformer), SW, \$272,503. *\$27,000 Ylg '16 KEESEP; €45,000 RNA 2yo '17 ARQMAY.**

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STAKES RESULTS:

JOHNIE L. JAMISON H., (NB) \$100,000, Sunland, 1-26, (S), 4yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:15.57, ft.

1--**RIG TIME, 123, g, 5, Right Rigger--Stardust Lady, by Dry Gulch.** O-Larry R. & T. Harry Teague; B-Larry R. Teague (NM); T-Weston L. Martin; J-Luis Contreras. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: SW, 20-7-6-3, \$297,154. *Full to Dust Alert, SW, \$165,874.

2--**Jet N G, 123, g, 5, Mr. Trieste--Book the Cat, by Tabasco Cat.** O-Maurcenia Cross; B-Maurcenia & Gary Cross (NM); T-Gary W. Cross. \$20,000.

3--**Shining Source, 123, g, 9, Source--Shine Miss Comet, by Comet Shine.** O-Barton Ranch Stables, LLC & Blake Rust; B-Susan K Vescovo (NM); T-Blake Rust. \$10,000.
 Margins: 4, 2 3/4, 2. Odds: 1.90, 4.10, 11.10.

CLOCKER'S CORNER S., \$89,200, Santa Anita, 1-26, (C), 4yo/up, 5 1/2ft, 1:02.62, fm.

1--**LIL MILO, 122, g, 5, Rocky Bar--Solid Brass Cat, by Editor's Note. 1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN.** O-Dr. Jack Weinstein & Robert T. Cannon; B-Jack Weinstein (CA); T-Alfredo Marquez; J-Ruben Fuentes. \$57,960. Lifetime Record: 13-5-2-1, \$218,625.

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2--**What's on the agenda**, 120, g, 6, Dialed In--Open Agenda, by More Than Ready. (\$30,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP; \$75,000 2yo '16 OBSAPR). O-Berman Family Trust, Greg Hall & Sayjay Racing LLC; B-Lantern Hill Farm LLC (KY); T-Doug F. O'Neill. \$15,120.

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3--**Ax Man**, 122, g, 5, Misremembered--Shameful, by Flying Chevron. O-Patti & Hal J. Earnhardt III; B-Hal J Earnhardt (KY); T-Bob Baffert. \$9,072.

Hill 'n' Dale Foaled and Raised

Margins: 1 1/4, 1 1/4, HF. Odds: 6.10, 7.70, 4.30.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

5th-Oaklawn, \$86,000, 1-26, (NW1X), 4yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:45.46, my.

MY SIXTH SENSE (g, 4, Street Sense--Livermore Leslie {SP, \$205,192}, by Mt. Livermore) Lifetime Record: 12-4-2-2, \$171,059. O-HWL Partnership; B-Brent & Beth Harris (KY); T-Steve Hobby. *\$225,000 2yo '18 OBSAPR. **Full to Sweet Reason, MGISW, \$1,437,700; 1/2 to Don't Forget Gil (Kafwain), GSW & GISP, \$370,737.

5th-Fair Grounds, \$47,000, (S), 1-26, (NW3L), 4yo/up, 1m 70y, 1:47.12, sy.

WHATDATPAY RAY (g, 5, Zarbyev--Prado Strutter, by El Prado {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 38-3-6-5, \$157,040. O/T-Garland Goins; B-Garland Goins & Andre Simpson (LA). *1/2 to She's Prado's Idol (Screen Idol), MSW, \$350,320.

7th-Turfway, \$46,310, 1-25, (NW2L), 4yo/up, f/m, 1m (AWT), 1:38.55, ft.

SPEEDY SOLUTION (f, 4, Real Solution--Speed Goddess, by Johannesburg) Lifetime Record: 7-2-1-3, \$97,950. O/B-Kenneth L. & Sarah K. Ramsey (KY); T-Wesley A. Ward.

8th-Golden Gate Fields, \$40,942, 1-25, (NW1\$X), 4yo/up, 1 1/16m (AWT), 1:44.35, ft.

PREMIUM FOREST (h, 5, Forest Command--Saturday Premium, by Any Given Saturday) Lifetime Record: 24-10-4-2, \$159,345. O-Steve Goldberg; B-Four Quarters Corp (CA); T-Ari Herbertson.

2nd-Sam Houston Race Park, \$37,000, 1-26, (NW1X), 4yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:46.25, gd.

GRAY HOPE (c, 4, Paddy O'Prado--Lee Gage, by Fit to Fight) Lifetime Record: 11-5-0-2, \$72,049. O/T-Steven M. Asmussen; B-Lichtefeld and Stewart Racing (KY). *1/2 to Engaginglee (Fusaichi Pegasus), GSW & GISP, \$340,620.



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3rd-Sam Houston Race Park, \$37,000, (S), 1-26, (NW1X), 4yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:26.22, gd.

BOLD LEGEND (m, 5, Contemporary--Lovely Eyes, by Out of Place) Lifetime Record: 26-4-7-4, \$83,664. O-Empire Racing Stables, LLC (Jason Bullard); B-Terry Eoff & Johnny Evans (TX); T-Karl Broberg.

7th-Sam Houston Race Park, \$37,000, 1-25, (NW2L), 4yo/up, 6f, 1:10.38, ft.

KANSAS CITY ZIP (g, 5, City Zip--Home's the Best {SW & GSP, \$414,865}, by Western Playboy) Lifetime Record: 18-2-1-3, \$93,068. O-GK Racing LLC; B-Nancy Vanier (KY); T-Karl Broberg.

8th-Delta Downs, \$36,880, (C)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 1-25, 4yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:19.71, ft.

SUMMER'S INDY (m, 5, Take Charge Indy--Summer Humor, by Distorted Humor) Lifetime Record: SP, 25-6-9-1, \$257,904. O-Makbrook Capital LLC & Jerome & Kristina Russell; B-WinStar Farm, LLC (KY); T-Karl Broberg. *\$25,000 Ylg '16 KEESEP; \$37,000 RNA 2yo '17 BARMAR.

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4th-Sunland, \$34,000, (S), 1-26, (C), 4yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:16.22, ft. FORGER (g, 7, Attila's Storm--Faked Out, by Gone Hollywood) Lifetime Record: 37-9-11-3, \$372,225. O-Judge Lanier Racing; B-R. D. Hubbard (NM); T-Miguel L. Hernandez.

3rd-Charles Town, \$29,000, (S), 1-25, (NW1X), 4yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:48.32, my.

ACCESS TO DENIS (g, 5, Denis of Cork--Vow to Access, by Broken Vow) Lifetime Record: 30-4-1-4, \$52,102. O/T-Joseph Pyke; B-James Casey (WV).

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Irish Silver, c, 3, Aikenite--Cee's Irish (MSW & MGSP, \$423,085), by Cee's Tizzy. Sam Houston Race, 1-26, 6 1/2f, 1:18.87. B-Calumet Farm (KY). *\$3,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP.

 VINERY SALES GRADUATE

American Farmer, c, 3, Bluegrass Cat--Farmers Wife, by Quiet American. Golden Gate Fields, 1-26, 1 1/16m (AWT), 1:45.83. B-BKB Stables LLC (CA). *Full to Blue Diva, SW, \$173,469.

African Heritage, c, 3, Cairo Prince--Celtic Gift, by Van Nistelrooy. Gulfstream, 1-26, 1 1/16mT, 1:43.29. B-Timothy C. Thornton (KY). *\$75,000 Wlg '17 KEENOV; \$100,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP; \$95,000 RNA 2yo '19 OBSMAR.

Lucky Dime, f, 3, Creative Cause--Indian Miss, by Indian Charlie. Gulfstream, 1-26, 7f, 1:24.52. B-Edward A. Cox (KY). *1/2 to Mitole (Eskendereya), Ch. Male Sprinter & MGISW, \$3,104,910.

 HERMITAGE FARM

Whale of a Ride, g, 3, Fiber Sonde--Follow the Whales, by Civilisation. Charles Town, 1-25, (S), 4 1/2f, :53.17. B-Steve Stuhr (WV).

One Last Trial, f, 3, Tonalist--Thisdanseistaken (SP, \$258,910), by Gators N Bears. Laurel, 1-26, (WC), 1 1/16m, 1:48.17. B-The Elkstone Group LLC (MD).

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Rebation, f, 4, Acclamation--Reba Is Tops (MSW & MGSP, \$464,267), by He's Tops. Golden Gate Fields, 1-25, 5 1/2f (AWT), 1:03.93. B-Eric Schweiger, Gordy Jarnig & Kenny Marshall (CA).

Eatorbeaten, g, 4, Animal Kingdom--Beautiful Liar, by Candy Ride (Arg). Fair Grounds, 1-26, (S), 1m 70y (off turf), 1:48.34. B-Keith Plaisance (LA).

Ciao Ciao, f, 4, Grasshopper--Dehere's Dream, by Dehere. Sam Houston Race Park, 1-25, (S), 1m, 1:41.99. B-Fletcher Properties, Inc. (TX). *1/2 to Rumpole (Too Much Bling), MSW, \$206,354.

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ACCLAMATION, Rebation, f, 4, o/o Reba Is Tops, by He's Tops. MSW, 1-25, Golden Gate

AIKENITE, Irish Silver, c, 3, o/o Cee's Irish, by Cee's Tizzy. MSW, 1-26, Sam Houston

ANIMAL KINGDOM, Eatorbeaten, g, 4, o/o Beautiful Liar, by Candy Ride (Arg). MSW, 1-26, Fair Grounds

ATTILA'S STORM, Forger, g, 7, o/o Faked Out, by Gone Hollywood. ALW, 1-26, Sunland

BLUEGRASS CAT, American Farmer, c, 3, o/o Farmers Wife, by Quiet American. MSW, 1-26, Golden Gate

BODEMEISTER, Bodecream, g, 3, o/o Call Mariah, by Dixie Union. Texas Turf Mile S., 1-26, Sam Houston

CAIRO PRINCE, African Heritage, c, 3, o/o Celtic Gift, by Van Nistelrooy. MSW, 1-26, Gulfstream

CARPE DIEM, Morning Addiction, f, 3, o/o Quay, by Tapit. MSW, 1-26, Santa Anita

CITY ZIP, Kansas City Zip, g, 5, o/o Home's the Best, by Western Playboy. ALW, 1-25, Sam Houston

CONTEMPORARY, Bold Legend, m, 5, o/o Lovely Eyes, by Out of Place. ALW, 1-26, Sam Houston

CREATIVE CAUSE, Lucky Dime, f, 3, o/o Indian Miss, by Indian Charlie. MSW, 1-26, Gulfstream

CURLIN, Flying Curlin, g, 4, o/o Leaveminthedust, by Danzig. MSW, 1-26, Aqueduct

CURLIN, Lady Apple, f, 4, o/o Miss Mary Apples, by Clever Trick. Gill Houston Ladies Classic S., 1-26, Sam Houston

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DANZA, Cruise and Danze, f, 3, o/o Mare and Cher, by Old Fashioned. Ruthless S., 1-26, Aqueduct

FIBER SONDE, Whale of a Ride, g, 3, o/o Follow the Whales, by Civilisation. MSW, 1-25, Charles Town

FREUD, Dot Matrix, g, 7, o/o Aunt Dot Dot, by Gulch. GIII John B. Connally Turf Cup S., 1-26, Sam Houston

GRASSHOPPER, Ciao Ciao, f, 4, o/o Dehere's Dream, by Dehere. MSW, 1-25, Sam Houston

LOOKIN AT LUCKY, Lucky Polly, f, 3, o/o Polly Alexander (Ire), by Foxhound. MSW, 1-26, Gulfstream

LOOKIN AT LUCKY, Wells Bayou, c, 3, o/o Whispering Angel, by Hard Spun. AOC, 1-26, Oaklawn

MAJESTICPERFECTION, Perfect Happiness, f, 3, o/o Divine Happiness, by Divine Park. MSW, 1-26, Oaklawn

MORNING LINE, Rowdy Yates, c, 3, o/o Spring Station, by Yes It's True. Riley Allison Derby, 1-26, Sunland

MUNNINGS, Boldor, c, 4, o/o Senate Caucus, by Siphon (Brz). AOC, 1-26, Oaklawn

OVERANALYZE, Piedi Bianchi, m, 5, o/o Adore You, by Tactical Cat. AOC, 1-26, Aqueduct

PADDY O'PRADO, Gray Hope, c, 4, o/o Lee Gage, by Fit to Fight. ALW, 1-26, Sam Houston

REAL SOLUTION, Speedy Solution, f, 4, o/o Speed Goddess, by Johannesburg. ALW, 1-25, Turfway

RIGHT RIGGER, Rig Time, g, 5, o/o Stardust Lady, by Dry Gulch. Johnie L. Jamison H., 1-26, Sunland

ROCKY BAR, Lil Milo, g, 5, o/o Solid Brass Cat, by Editor's Note. Clocker's Corner S., 1-26, Santa Anita

SHANGHAI BOBBY, Dynasty of Her Own, f, 3, o/o Lady Dynasty, by Richter Scale. Borderplex S., 1-26, Sunland

SILVER CITY, Mr Money Bags, g, 4, o/o Miss Photogenic, by You and I. Stonerside Sprint S., 1-26, Sam Houston

STREET SENSE, My Sixth Sense, g, 4, o/o Livermore Leslie, by Mt. Livermore. ALW, 1-26, Oaklawn

TAKE CHARGE INDY, Summer's Indy, m, 5, o/o Summer Humor, by Distorted Humor. AOC, 1-25, Delta Downs

TAPITURE, Specially, f, 3, o/o Peace Process, by War Front. AOC, 1-26, Fair Grounds

THE FACTOR, Real News, c, 4, o/o Missy's Advantage, by Tactical Advantage. Frontier Utilities Turf Sprint S., 1-26, Sam Houston

TONALIST, One Last Trial, f, 3, o/o Thisdaneistaken, by Gators N Bears. WMC, 1-26, Laurel

VIOLENCE, Silent Fury, c, 3, o/o Silent Emotion, by Ghazi. MSW, 1-26, Santa Anita

ZARBYEV, Whatdatpay Ray, g, 5, o/o Prado Strutter, by El Prado (Ire). ALW, 1-26, Fair Grounds



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By Daithi Harvey

Cable Bay (Ire) entered stud with solid credentials, being a multiple group-winning son of Invincible Spirit (Ire), but it is safe to say that the Highclere Stud resident exceeded expectations with his first runners in 2019.

Cable Bay finished last season ranked the second-leading first-season sire in Europe based on worldwide earnings, siring 28 winners of 38 races. His progeny to date include the multiple stakes winner Liberty Beach (GB) and Roney Guest (GB), who despite still being a maiden was placed six times in stakes company last year. Meanwhile Cable Bay's highest earner was King's Lynn (GB), winner of the £300,000 Weatherbys Racing Bank 2-Year-Old S. for his breeder The Queen.

Toughness and consistency were the hallmarks of Cable Bay's own racing career, which was highlighted by a victory on his final start in the G2 Dubai Challenge S. at Newmarket for trainer Charlie Hills and he certainly seems to be passing on those traits, among others, to his progeny.

While Cable Bay's emergence as a stallion of great promise may have come as a surprise to some, it certainly didn't to Highclere Stud's Jake Warren who, along with his parents John and Lady Carolyn Warren, was quietly optimistic the horse would make a big impression with his first runners.

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"It's always an incredibly nerve-wracking thing having a new stallion coming through but from the word go last season he impressed us the whole way through the year with his progeny," Jake Warren said. "It wasn't a total surprise as we had always been keen on his stock from early on. The foals were very well-balanced and strong and they developed into attractive, precocious-looking yearlings. That said he was a £6,500 stallion and that obviously put a limit on our expectations, but he has certainly punched above his weight and it has been very exciting so far and great for the stud."

Despite a relatively low introductory fee for a well-bred, high-achieving son of sire maker Invincible Spirit (Ire), Cable Bay's first yearlings were quite well received by the market, averaging £20,000, with his top-priced yearling in 2018 fetching £150,000. By the time the 2019 yearling sales came around his prowess as a sire had started to become obvious and that average price more than doubled to £47,000. [Cont. p2](#)

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In the latest The Week in Review, Bill Finley chimes in on how the GI Pegasus World Cup Invitational S. can be improved. [Click or tap here to go straight to TDN America.](#)

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Cable Bay Cont. from p1

Highclere Stud sold the top-priced yearling so far by the sire when Mike Ryan bought a daughter of Tebee (GB) (Selkirk) for 320,000gns at Tattersalls October Book 1. His impressive results have unsurprisingly prompted a rise in Cable Bay's covering fee for 2020, but Warren reports plenty of demand for the horse's services at his new fee of £15,000.

"He is going to cover a full book of mares this year which is fantastic and obviously the quality of the mares that he will cover will be his best yet," Warren said. "There are a lot of nice dams of stakes winners and high-performing race mares already booked in, and to be honest this will be the first time he has had that quality in numbers. We did send him some good mares early on but now that he has begun to prove himself the mares coming in this year will give him a great chance of continuing that success."

Momentum really is an important component for a stallion to remain successful and there are plenty of examples of stallions who fail to replicate a good opening season or those whose stock don't progress with age. Optimism stems from the fact that Cable Bay proved both progressive and durable on the track, saving one of his best displays until late into his 4-year-old season and these traits should help him in his second career.

"Cable Bay seems to do quite well with speedy mares, for example Liberty Beach's dam was quite fast and when you put speed with him it does tend to really light up and do well," Warren said. "He covered 123 mares in his second year and we sent him more of our own mares in year two than in his first year because we were so impressed with the first foals we saw. One of those mares was Tebee (GB), the dam of Hertford Dancer (GB) (Foxwedge {Aus}) who won the Listed Oaks Trial at Lingfield and was third in the G2 Ribblesdale S. at Ascot. We were well rewarded for our confidence in Cable Bay when that yearling filly made 320,000gns at Tattersalls last year. Also we have noticed a lot of his stock are now going to some of the more high-profile trainers so based on what's out there at the moment and the mares he is set to cover, we are very hopeful of his future."

"I must add one of the highlights of last year was the victory of King's Lynn at Doncaster. It was amazing for Her Majesty and he was fantastically trained by Andrew Balding. He knew King's Lynn had a lot of ability but it was brave to put him in a race like that on his second start and he is a very exciting horse for this year."

Highclere Stud also has a new stallion project for 2020 in Land Force (Ire). [Cont. p3](#)

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Cable Bay Cont.

The son of sire sensation No Nay Never hails from an instantly recognizable and successful female family with his dam, the Group 3-winning Theann (Ire) (Rock Of Gibraltar {Ire}), not only the dam of the dual Grade I-winning mare Photo Call (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) but is also herself a half-sister to Classic winner Halfway To Heaven (Ire) (Pivotal {GB}), who in turn is the dam of Magical (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) and Rhododendron (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}).



Land Force | Racing Post

Land Force also comes with a smart race record on his CV, having won the G2 Qatar Richmond S. at Goodwood in 2018 following a slightly unlucky third in the G2 Norfolk S. at Royal Ascot. Like his barnmate Cable Bay, he too starts off his stallion career at a fee of £6,500.

"We've been bowled over by the interest in Land Force with a lot of people coming to the stud over Christmas and the New Year to see him, with him having been very well received at Newmarket in December," Warren said. "He is going to cover a lovely book of mares and being such a fantastic looker himself and coupled with his precocious form and the No Nay Never factor, we have high hopes for him."

Warren continued, "His Royal Ascot run was brilliant and then to back that up in the Richmond proved he was a top-class horse. We think he has the right combination of attributes to make him an attractive commercial proposition. We also put a lot of emphasis on the fact the female side of his pedigree is so strong. It's one of the best out there and when you look at the stallion options in Europe there wouldn't be many with a better page than him. We also feel we have priced him fairly and will be supporting him strongly with our own mares as well as promoting him strongly to British, Irish and French breeders."

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IN TDN AUS/NZ TODAY

CARVELL STRIKES FOR PIERRO COLT TOPPER

Bloodstock agent Garry Carvell purchased a NZ\$900,000 colt by Pierro (Aus) to top the first day of the NZB National Yearling Sale. [Click or tap here to go straight to TDN Aus/NZ.](#)

Cable Bay Cont.

There is no doubt Warren will have plenty to keep him occupied in 2020, as apart from the management of the two stallions he is also involved with his father under the John & Jake Warren bloodstock agency as well as advising some select clients who keep their stock at Highclere Stud.

"We have a fantastic team here but also from a family point of view between myself and my mother and my father we all help each other out," Warren said. "It's an exciting time as we also have some fantastic clients at the stud including Sheikh Isa Bin Salman Al Khalifa from Bahrain who is developing a lovely portfolio of broodmares. We bought some beautiful yearlings for him last year, probably the most we've ever bought for him in any given year so it will be exciting to see how they get on this year on the track. He has some nice mares at stud including last year's stakes

winner Tapisserie (GB) (Le Havre {Ire}), who will be covered by No Nay Never this year. He has a small boutique operation but it is getting bigger.

"It's a similar story with the likes of Simon Scupham of Bermuda Racing; he has nice portfolio of five or six quality mares including Queen Of Bermuda (GB) (Exceed And Excel {Aus}), who we bought for him at the breeze ups. She won the [G3] Firth Of Clyde S. and she will also visit No Nay Never this year."

Warren continued, "Mike Morris is another fantastic client of ours. He's a UK businessman who has a small team of mares here at Highclere and is producing some lovely stock. So when you marry all that up with the agency work for Highclere Thoroughbred Racing and the Royal Ascot Racing Club, it's busy and exciting. But we're also getting some good results for the clients which is the most important thing." **Cont. p5**



Jake Warren and Harry Herbert | Goffs

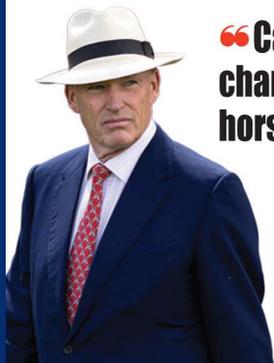
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While Warren's career path has been well guided by some significant family connections, there is no hiding the drive and work ethic that is also required for a business to continue developing and moving forward. To be able to achieve that alongside one's family is also something to be proud of.

"I guess like in any business, families in horse racing are really important," he said. "We work together well and we work hard together and it's great to have people close to you to bounce ideas off. I have a long way to go to live up to what my mother and father have achieved here but if I keep working hard hopefully I might get there."

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CLASSIC-PLACED MR. OWEN CELEBRATES FIRST FOAL

MSP **Mr. Owen** (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), who stands at Haras du Petit Tellier, sired his first foal, a filly, on Jan. 25, according to *Journal de Galop*. Born at Haras des Marais, the bay is out of the maiden mare Penjing (Fr) (Olympic Glory {Ire}). Third in the 2015 G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains, the former David Simcock trainee stands at Haras du Petit Tellier for €3,000 in 2020.

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ITBA NATIONAL BREEDING & RACING AWARDS ANNOUNCED

The 2019 ITBA National Breeding & Racing Awards were held at The Heritage Killenard in Co. Laois, Ireland on Jan. 25. Over 370 people attended the awards, which honour the achievements of Irish breeders and Irish-bred horses on the Flat and in the National Hunt sphere in 2019. Among the notable honourees, JP McManus was inducted into the ITBA Hall of Fame, while the inaugural ITBA Next Generation award was given to Joanne Lavery. The complete list of the 2019 winners is as follows:

- ITBA Next Generation: Joanne Lavery
- Young National Hunt Horse: Gypsy Island (Ire) (Jeremy)
 - B-Rosetown Bloodstock
- Novice Hurdler: City Island (Ire) (Court Cave {Ire})
 - B-Kenneth Parkhill
- Novice Chaser: Lostintranslation (Ire) (Flemensfirth)
 - B- Andrew Kavanagh
- Hurdler: Paisley Park (Ire) (Oscar {Ire})
 - B-Michael Conaghan
- Chaser: Altior (Ire) (High Chaparral {Ire})
 - B- Paddy Behan
- Small Breeder: Paddy Kelly
- 2yo Filly: Millisle (Ire) (Starspangledbanner{Aus})
 - B-Stonethorn Stud Farms Ltd
- 2yo Colt: Pinatubo (Ire) (Shamardal)
 - B-Godolphin
- 3yo Filly: Iridessa (Ire) (Ruler of the World {Ire})
 - B-Whisperview Trading Ltd
- 3yo Filly: Search For A Song (Ire) (Galileo {Ire})
 - B-Moyglare Stud Farm Ltd
- 3yo Colt: Ten Sovereigns (Ire) (No Nay Never)
 - B-Camas Park, Lynch Bages & Summerhill
- Wild Geese: Mags O'Toole
- Life Time Achievement: Philip Myerscough

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G1SP SEAHENGE SIRES HIS FIRST FOAL

G2 Champagne S. hero **Seahenge** (Scat Daddy)'s first foal was born on Jan. 21, *Journal de Galop* reported. The filly is the fourth foal from Courmarine (Ire) (Smart Strike). Third in the G1 Dewhurst S., the bay stands for a fee of €5,000 at Haras de la Haie Neuve in 2020.

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**IN UAE:**

Dubai Canal (GB), c, 4, **Nayef**--It's the War, by Consolidator. Abu Dhabi, 1-26, Mdn. (AED80k), 1600mT, 1:37.24, gd. B-Hamad Mohammed bin Kadfoor Al Mehairi (GB).

WORLDWIDE NEWS

CHAMPION CLAIMS ANOTHER GROUP RING

2018 Japanese champion 3-year-old colt **Blast Onepiece (Jpn)** (Harbinger {GB}) rebounded from an unplaced effort in the G1 Qatar Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe in October to take the G2 American Jockey Club Cup by 1 1/4 lengths at Nakayama on Sunday.

Tracking the leading trio in fourth past the stands and into the first turn, Kohei Matsuyama had the 5-year-old entire in an ideal tracking position as **Stiffelio (Jpn)** (Stay Gold {Jpn}) set a measured pace on the front end. The stalking **Meiner Frost (Jpn)** (Black Tide {Jpn}) went amiss at the 600-metre mark, and Matsuyama steered the chalk to the outside of the hooded grey and back towards the inner without mishap. He took aim on the laboring Stiffelio at the head of the lane, but **Stay Foolish (Jpn)** (Stay Gold {Jpn}), who had enjoyed a ground saving trip in second for much of the circuit, had all the momentum against the fence and took up the baton. Blast Onepiece persevered and passed that rival in the final 75 metres to win. **Last Draft (Jpn)** (Novellist {Ire}) closed from the centre of the course to take third, 1 3/4 lengths behind.

An up-and-down career has seen Blast Onepiece win his first three starts including the G3 Mainichi Hai in March of 2018. Only fifth in the G1 Tokyo Yushun (Japanese Derby), he bounced back with a win in the G3 Niigata Kinen that September, and earned his sophomore championship title with a score in the G1 Arima Kinen that December. Unplaced in March and May of 2019, the then 4-year-old righted the ship with a win in the Aug. 18 G2 Sapporo Kinen. Testing the waters outside of his native land, he ran 11th in the G1 Qatar Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe last October.

Pedigree Notes

The first foal out of his three-timing winning dam, Blast

Onepiece was followed in consecutive years by the winning fillies Victoria Piece (Jpn) (Victoire Pisa {Jpn}) and Ho O Peaceful (Jpn) (Orfevre {Jpn}). G2 Nikkei Sho victor Al Nasrain (Jpn) (Admire Vega {Jpn}) shares his SP dam with Tsurumaru Onepiece. The Group 1 Classic-placed G2 Prix de Royallieu heroine Summer Trip (L'Emigrant) is from the same family as Blast Onepiece.

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Sunday, Nakayama, Japan

AMERICAN JOCKEY CLUB CUP-G2, ¥119,720,000

(US\$1,098,265/£839,244/€995,533), Nakayama, 1-26 4yo/up, 2200mT, 2:15.00, gd.

1--BLAST ONEPIECE (JPN), 126, h, 5, Harbinger (GB)

**1st Dam: Tsurumaru Onepiece (Jpn),
by King Kamehameha (Jpn)**

2nd Dam: Tsurumaru Glamor (Jpn), by Fuji Kiseki (Jpn)

3rd Dam: Elatis, by El Gran Senor

O-Silk Racing; B-Northern Farm (Jpn); T-Masahiro Otake; J-Yuga Kawada. ¥62,854,000. Lifetime Record: Ch. 3yo Colt-Jpn, G1SW-Jpn, 12-7-0-0. **Werk Nick Rating: A+++.** *Triple Plus*. **Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.**

2--**Stay Foolish (Jpn)**, 123, h, 5, Stay Gold (Jpn)--Kauai Lane (Jpn), by King Kamehameha (Jpn). O-Shadai Race Horse; B-Shiraoi Farm (Jpn); ¥25,244,000.

3--**Last Draft (Jpn)**, 121, c, 4, Novellist (Ire)--Marcellina (Jpn), by Deep Impact (Jpn). O-Shadai Race Horse; B-Shadai Farm (Jpn); ¥16,122,000.

Margins: 1 1/4, 1 3/4, 3/4. Odds: 2.00, 7.00, 5.80.

Also Ran: Mikki Swallow (Jpn), Satono Chronicle (Jpn), Nishino Daisy (Jpn), Uranus Charm (Jpn), Stiffelio (Jpn), Luminous Warrior (Jpn), Kurosuke (Jpn), Globe Theatre (Jpn), Meiner Frost (Jpn). **Click for the JRA chart and video or the free Equine.com catalogue-style pedigree.**

Sunday, Kyoto, Japan

TOKAI TV HAI TOKAI S.-G2, ¥106,440,000

(US\$974,052/£745,061/€883,466), Kyoto, 1-26, 4yo/up, 1800m, 1:50.20, my.

1--AIR ALMAS, 123, h, 5, Majestic Warrior

1st Dam: Nokaze, by Empire Maker

2nd Dam: Macarena Macarena, by Gone West

3rd Dam: Angelic Song, by Halo

1ST GROUP WIN. O-Lucky Field Inc.; B-Sekie Yoshihara & Tsunebumi Yoshihara (KY); T-Manabu Ikezoe; J-Kohei Matsuyama. ¥56,148,000. Lifetime Record: 16-7-3-1. **Werk Nick Rating: A+.** **Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.**

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2--**Vengeance (Jpn)**, 123, h, 7, Casino Drive--Special Queen (Jpn), by Special Week (Jpn). O-Junzo Miyakawa; B-Tomita Farm (Jpn); ¥22,328,000.

3--**Inti (Jpn)**, 128, h, 6, Came Home--Kitty (Jpn), by Northern Afleet. O-Shigeo Takeda; B-Kiyoshige Yamashita (Jpn); ¥14,164,000.

Margins: HF, HF, 3. Odds: 2.80, 5.40, 1.30.

Also Ran: Angreifen (Jpn), King's Guard (Jpn), History Maker (Jpn), Hiro Brave (Jpn), Mozu Attraction (Jpn), Cosmo Canadian (Jpn), Koma Bisho (Jpn), Meisho Utage (Jpn), Eifer Ichi O (Jpn), Bilge Keel (Jpn), Lord Arpeggio (Jpn), Sumahama (Jpn), Meiner Cras (Jpn). [Click for the JRA chart and video or the free](#)

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Air Almas, out of the Winchester Farm-bred Nokaze, is pictured after Sunday's win. Winchester's Dr. Naoya and Marie Yoshida purchased a season to Empire Maker out of the January 2008 TCA charity auction specifically and Nokaze, who is currently in foal to Goldencents, was the result. | *Horsephotos*

ASIA

GOLDEN SIXTY LOOKS TOUGH TO OPPOSE IN CLASSIC MILE *by Alan Carasso*

A trio of 100-plus rated 4-year-old heads to the post for Monday's first leg of the Classic series in Hong Kong, the Hong Kong Classic Mile.

Two of those have already achieved the rare feat of defeating more seasoned gallopers at group level, including the very progressive **Golden Sixty (Aus)** (Medaglia d'Oro). One of a pair of entrants from the on-fire Francis Lui yard, the gelded son of Gaudeamus (Distorted Humor) has won eight from nine, including a commanding two-length tally in the G3 Chinese Club Challenge Cup H. (1400m) on New Year's Day, where he had **Champion's Way (Aus)** (Hinchinbrook {Aus}) some 2 1/2 lengths back in third. Lui also sends out the longer-winded **More Than**

This (GB) (Dutch Art {GB}), who exits a very tough win over the course and distance in the international day finale Dec. 8. Ryan Moore jets in from Miami for the ride.



Golden Sixty | *HKJC photo*

Champion's Way (rated 108) was the cat's meow at three, winning six of his seven starts capped by a defeat of last year's Classic Mile third Ka Ying Star (GB) (Cityscape {GB}) in the G3 Lion Rock Trophy H. in June. The same race was won a few years back by future Classic series sweeper Rapper Dragon (Aus) (Street Boss). Champion's Way was average in his first- and second-up runs, but was back to something approaching his best last time out.

Beauty Legacy (Aus) (Fiorente {Ger}) figures to improve as the distances get longer and he opened many eyes when skimming the rails en route to success in his Hong Kong debut in Class 2 over 1400 metres Jan. 5. He was raised eight points to an even 100 and Joao Moreira sees fit to stick around.

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Sunday's Results:

FORTUNE BOWLS S., S\$175,000 (A\$189,717/£99,058/€117,456/US\$129,499), Kranji, 1-26, 3yo/up, 1400mT, 1:21.70, gd.

1--**BOLD THRUSTER (AUS)**, 123, g, 4, **Turffontein (Aus)**--**Aelia Capitolina (NZ)**, by **Elusive City**. (A\$82,000 Ylg '17 INGMAR). O-Tivic Stable; B-P Payne (Vic); T-Michael Clements; J-Vlad Duric; S\$104,125. Lifetime Record: 15-8-3-1, S\$715,009.

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2--**Grand Koonta (Ire)**, 114, g, 5, Dark Angel (Ire)--Wrong Key (Ire), by Key of Luck. (€140,000 Ylg '16 GOFORB). O-China Horse Club Stable. S\$37,188.

3--**Countofmontecristo (NZ)**, 123, g, 6, Echoes of Heaven (Aus)--Replicate (NZ), by Towkay (Aus). (NZ\$57,500 2yo '15 NZBRTR). O-Joe Giovanni Sarjeet Singh. S\$18,813.

Margins: NK, 1, 1 3/4. Winner's Odds: 4.20.

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CARVELL STRIKES FOR PIERRO COLT TOPPER



Lot 155, the sale-topping colt by Pierro | Darryl Sherer

By Paul Vettise

Cambridge bloodstock agent Garry Carvell bought a rare youngster during the first session of New Zealand Bloodstock's National Yearling Sale, but it came at a hefty price when he pushed to NZ\$900,000 to secure the session-topping son of Pierro.

At A Glance

- Cambridge agent goes to NZ\$900,000 to land the day's top lot, a colt by Pierro from Westbury Stud's draft for an undisclosed buyer.
- Te Akau supremo David Ellis has purchased three Group 1 winners by Savabeel and has high hopes again for his NZ\$800,000 purchase by the Waikato Stud stallion.
- The opening day average was NZ\$145,381, a 10% increase on 2019, the median was up 6% to NZ\$110,000 with 145 lots sold during the session for NZ\$21,112,500 and a clearance rate of 72%.
- American Pharoah (USA) has made a strong start in the Northern Hemisphere and agent Guy Mulcaster paid NZ\$575,000 for a son of the first-season sire.
- Ciaran Maher's Bloodstock Manager Will Bourne following orders with the NZ\$500,000 purchase of a colt by the Group 1 producer Showcasing (GB).

Successful Cross

Presented as Lot 155 by Westbury Stud, the sale-topping Pierro colt is out of a Redoute's Choice mare and that cross piqued the interest of Carvell, who operates under his Hiwi Lodge banner, on behalf of an undisclosed client. He first inspected the youngster from the Gerry Harvey-owned nursery last week and with the looks to match his pedigree, Carvell formed a plan that he executed on Sunday at the expense of several other keenly interested parties.

"He's by a sire who's booming and the cross with Redoute's Choice mares produces plenty of winners and stakes winners," he said. "He's a lovely horse and they aren't easy to find. When you go through the sales in Australia there were only two or three colts out of Redoute's Choice mares. I thought he might go to NZ\$800,000 or more."

The Pierro-Redoute's Choice cross has been responsible for eight stakes winners, including the G1 ATC Derby winner Levendi, the G1 Kingston Town Classic winner Arcadia Queen and the G1 Railway S. winner Regal Power. It also courses through the veins of the G2 Auckland Guineas winner Dragon Leap, who is at the top of the pre-post market for the G1 New Zealand Derby at Ellerslie.

Carvell said they would be in no rush with the colt, whose dam Our Squeezer was a two-time winner.

"We'll take our time with him and get him broken in and go from there. He'll be telling us how good he is and where he goes."

A half-brother to the multiple winner and black-type performer Tamarack (NZ) (Redwood {GB}), the colt's mother is a half-sister to the former New Zealand Horse of the Year Bonneval (NZ) (Makfi {GB}), who won three Group 1 races.

Strong Trade

New Zealand Bloodstock Sales Manager Danny Rolston was more than satisfied with the opening session of Book 1.

"The atmosphere has been great and the sale is going really well," he said. "I'm just thrilled there has been so much New Zealand activity with Go Racing who were strong, obviously Te Akau, and Roger James, Grahame Richardson and Graeme Rogerson and others.

"There's plenty to come and some have still got their powder dry."



Danny Rolston | TDN AusNZ

Te Akau's David Ellis topped the individual spend with 11 horses bought for a total of NZ\$2,660,000 with champion trainer Chris Waller and Guy Mulcaster second leading buyers with five yearlings secured for NZ\$1,375,000.

Major Savabeel Fan

David Ellis is sold on the progeny of Savabeel and he added another high-end colt to his collection during the sale when the Te Akau chief was dogged in his pursuit of Lot 79 and signed the ticket at NZ\$800,000. Ellis entered into a bidding battle with Hawkes Racing for the Waikato Stud youngster and won out in the end to secure the youngster, who is a son of the G3 Taranaki 2YO Classic winner Magic Dancer (NZ), a daughter of stakes winner Dazzling Belle (NZ) (Desert Sun {GB}).

"We've been busy so far today. We've had a lot of interest from people who want to invest and race horses with Te Akau," Ellis said. "I think the quality of the sale this year is at a very high level. We've had good growing conditions in New Zealand this season and that's reflected in the quality of horses in this catalogue. This Savabeel colt is a beautiful colt. He's attractive a colt as I've bought at this sale--the only other one I've rated as highly as this colt was Xtravagant. Genetics experts rated this genetic cross as high as you can get."

Xtravagant (NZ) (Pentire {GB}) was a NZ\$375,000 Karaka purchase and won six of his 12 starts for Te Akau including the G1 New Zealand 2000 Guineas and the G1 NRM Sprint. He is now at stud at Newhaven Park in New South Wales.

"We think this colt can run in the race (Karaka Million 2YO) next year and he'll go into this year's colts' syndicate," Ellis said. "He's a different type of Savabeel to Probabeel, but I'd say he compares very favourably with Cool Aza Beel. He might be more precocious than him, and he has a lot of 2-year-old black-type in his pedigree."

"In the morning my budget for this colt was NZ\$600,000, but Mark Walker told me I wouldn't get him for less than NZ\$800,000. He was bang on."

Waikato Stud principal Mark Chittick was delighted, and mildly surprised, with the result.

"He's a quality colt and exceeded our expectations," he said. "I think if any horse makes over \$500,000 you have to be happy. It was a battle between Te Akau and Team Hawkes and David got it. It's another huge credit to Savabeel and he repaid Te Akau on Saturday night."

Chittick was referring to Savabeel's Karaka Million double at Ellerslie with Cool Aza Beel and Probabeel.

Pharoah Admirer

Guy Mulcaster is an American Pharoah (USA) fan and he backed his judgment when he signed for Pencarrow Stud's colt, Lot 189, for NZ\$575,000.

"He's doing a super job and they're doing it on the grass and on dirt. To have a Triple Crown winner standing down here is a privilege and he's leaving really good types," Mulcaster said.

American Pharoah's first Northern Hemisphere crop includes the GII Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf Sprint winner Four Wheel Drive (USA) and the GII Keeneland Jessamine S. winner Sweet Melania (USA).

Mulcaster said he purchased the colt for clients of Chris Waller's champion stable.

"I first saw the colt last Wednesday and Chris saw him on Saturday morning and loved him. We were lucky enough to secure him."

Mulcaster was expecting tough competition and he wasn't disappointed.

"These good colts are making their money, some are struggling a bit and people are after quality," he said.



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The American Pharoah colt is a half-brother to the five-time winner and listed placegetter Podravina (Bel Esprit). Their dam Posavina (NZ) (Tiger Hill {Ire}) won the G3 Lowland S. and is a half-sister to the G2 Travis S. winner Rasa Lila (NZ) (Darci Brahma {NZ}). There is also a strong international element to this family with the three-time North American Group 1 winner Stella Madrid (USA) (Alydar {USA}) on the page.

Mulcaster later went to NZ\$360,000 for Koru Thoroughbreds' son, Lot 216, of Medaglia d'Oro (USA) and Razeena (Exceed And Excel). He too will head to Waller's yard. The colt boasts a strong international pedigree with the second dam Earthsea (Fr) (Machiavellian {USA}) a half-sister to the Group 1 winners and sires Dolphin Street (Fr) (Bluebird {USA}) and Saffron Walden (Fr) (Sadler's Wells {USA}).

Job Secure

Will Bourne's position as Ciaron Maher's Bloodstock Manager is safe following his purchase with Astute Bloodstock's Louis Le Metayer of a Showcasing (GB) colt, Lot 28, for NZ\$500,000 out of Haunui Farm's draft.

"Ciaron flew back on Saturday morning and told me if I don't buy him I won't have a job," Bourne said. "He was the one horse on the complex that he wanted. He said he really reminded him of Jameka in the way he walked. We've done a bit of business with Astute so we decided to buy the colt together."

Jameka (Myboycharlie {Ire}) was a star performer for Maher and won six races, including the G1 VRC Oaks and the G1 Caulfield Cup. The youngster is from the last crop of Showcasing, who no longer shuttles to Haunui from his English base at Whitsbury Manor Stud after they bought out the New Zealand shareholders in 2018.

"He had two Group 1 winners at Royal Ascot from his first two crops," Le Metayer said. "He has about 6% of stakes winners to runners and is as good a stallion as there is."

Advertise (GB) and Quiet Reflection (GB) have been his flagship performers in the Northern Hemisphere. The colt is a son of Kholes (NZ) (Don Eduardo {NZ}), who raced once, and is a brother to the Group placed La Mouline (NZ) and a half-brother to the Singapore stakes winner Bahana (NZ) (Elusive City {USA}).



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It is also the family of the G1 Schweppes Oaks winner Princess Jenni (NZ) (High Chaparral {Ire}) and the G3 Hawkesbury Gold Cup winner Beauty Watch (Belong To Me {USA}), also a multiple Group 1 placegetter.

Realistic Approach

Cambridge Stud Chief Executive Officer Henry Plumptre emphasised a realistic approach had to be taken at this sale and he was delighted with the NZ\$375,000 realised by the farm's Snitzel colt, Lot 13, out of the history-making Katie Lee (NZ) (Pins).

"You have got to meet the market and get these horses sold," he said. "This colt is a combination of Mum and Dad. He's not big, but Snitzel wasn't a huge yearling. He punches well above his weight and is a fantastic stallion."

The dam Katie Lee, the only horse to have completed the G1 New Zealand 1000-2000 Guineas double, has left two winners

while her son Lethal (NZ) (Savabeel) has placed from a handful of starts. Lethal was a NZ\$1,025,000 yearling purchase for Ellis, who also had the final say on securing the Snitzel colt. Katie Lee had an Iffraaj (GB) colt that was sold last year to Aquis and Team Rogerson for NZ\$420,000 and has had one start. The mare has an Almanzor (Fr) foal at foot and is back in foal to the multiple Group 1 winner.

Well-related Colt

A half-brother to the Group 1 winner Julius (NZ) (Swiss Ace) offered by Westbury Stud as Lot 145 was sold for NZ\$330,000 to the Hong Kong Jockey Club. The grey colt is out of the Danzero mare Oh So Royale, who won two minor sprints, and she has also produced Battenburg (NZ) (Reliable Man {GB}). He has yet to win, but placed in the G1 Spring Champion S. The family also includes the G2 Shannon S. winner Vashka (Exceed And Excel) and the black-type winner Renewal (Dream Ahead {USA}).

"He's a well balanced, athletic colt from a tough, sound family who we believe will be well suited to Hong Kong," said Craig Rounsefell, Southern Hemisphere buyer for the Hong Kong Jockey Club.

One of the underbidders on the Westbury Stud colt was trainer John Bell, who prepared Julius to claim top honours in the G1 Railway S. at Ellerslie.

**IN SINGAPORE:**

Rocket Star, g, 3, **Star Witness**--Tragic Moment (USA), by Pivotal (GB). Kranji, 1-26, Hcp. (\$54k), 1400m, 1:22.56. B-Widden Stud Australia Pty Ltd (NSW). *MSP-Sin. **\$190,000 RNA Ylg '18 MMGCYS; \$130,000 2yo '18 MMOCT. **VIDEO**

Inherit, g, 4, **Pierro**--In the Future, by Redoute's Choice. Kranji, 1-26, Hcp. (\$54k), 1400m, 1:22.69. B-Hutchins Thoroughbreds (Qld). *\$180,000 Ylg '17 MMGCYS. **VIDEO**

Siam Royal Orchid, g, 4, **Shamus Award**--Chaotic, by King of Kings (Ire). Kranji, 1-26, Hcp. (\$54k), 1200m (AWT), 1:12.89. B-Dr K Pendergast (NSW). *\$100,000 Ylg '17 MMGCYS. **VIDEO**

Bold Thruster, g, 4, **Turffontein**. See 'TDN Europe-Worldwide News.'

**IN SINGAPORE:**

Mr Malek, g, 3, **Swiss Ace (Aus)**--Tina, by Danasinga (Aus). Kranji, 1-26, Hcp. (NZ\$84k), 1200m, 1:09.51. B-C K Phua. *1/2 to Daniel (Guillotine), MSW-Sin, US\$629,715.

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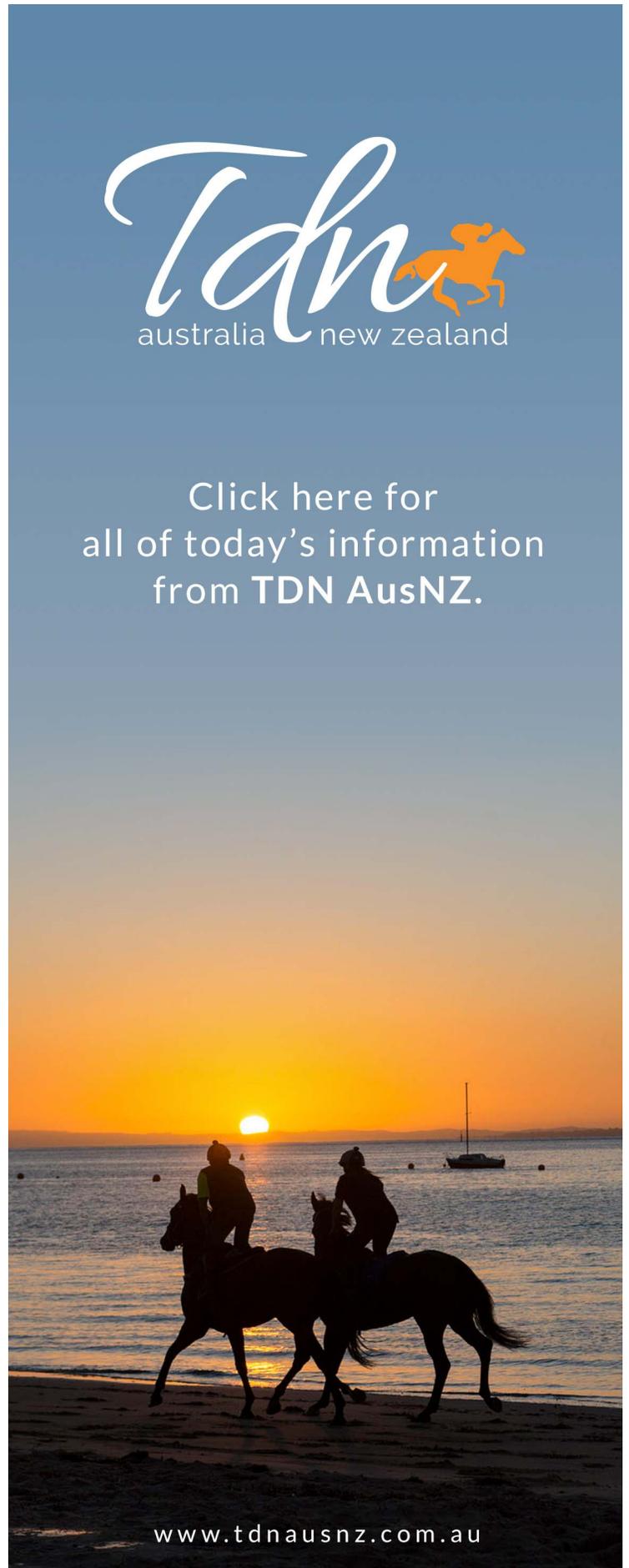
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