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Thousand Words | Benoit

by T.D. Thornton

Three prominent GI Kentucky Derby prep stakes are on the docket for Saturday in New York, Florida and California as we await the first major blockbuster performance of the season that upends the pecking order.

### 1) THOUSAND WORDS (c, Pioneerof the Nile--Pomeroy's Pistol, by Pomeroy)

O-Albaugh Family Stables & Spendthrift Farm. B-Hardacre Farm (Fl). T-Bob Baffert. Sales History: \$1,000,000 yrl '18 KEESEP.

Lifetime Record: GSW, 2-2-0-0, \$151,000.

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Next Start: GIII Bob Lewis S., SA, Feb. 1

Equineline PPs. KY Derby Points: 10.

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Thousand Words celebrated his third birthday Monday with a final breeze before an expected start in Saturday's GIII Bob Lewis S. at Santa Anita (entries drawn Wednesday). This long-striding, \$1-million KEESEP bay is undefeated at two-for-two, and he earned style points in the GII Los Alamitos Futurity by surviving an internal pace battle and then winning the overall war when confronted in deep stretch by a more seasoned foe.

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### TDN NEW STALLIONS: AUDIBLE

Today, after **Audible** (Into Mischief) has retired and is ready to begin stud duties at WinStar Farm, WinStar General Manager David Hanley can say with confidence that the 2018 GI Florida Derby winner was a "tremendous horse." It just took everyone a while to figure that out.

It seems that Audible didn't actually present as an overnight sensation. After being purchased for \$500,000 at the 2017 Fasig-Tipton Florida Select 2-Year-Olds in Training, the New York-bred wasn't exactly blowing away his owners or trainer Todd Pletcher.

"He was always a very laid back horse, so he was never really impressive in his work.," Hanley said. "So, we didn't know what to expect. He was never a horse that really impressed you in his work." **Cont. p3**

### IN TDN EUROPE TODAY

#### POST PEGASUS TURF, MAGIC WAND TARGETS SAUDI CUP

**Magic Wand (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) came out of her second in the GI Pegasus World Cup Turf in good order and is now targeting the Feb. 29 \$20-million Saudi Cup. [Click or tap here to go straight to TDN Europe.](#)

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**Time Machine Tuesday.** March 31, 2018: Audible wins the GI Florida Derby with John Velazquez up. [Click here](#) to watch Audible's new TDN video. | Lauren King/Coglianese

**MIXED SALES SEASON CONTINUES IN OCALA**

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Alan Carasso and Jessica Martini preview the OBS Winter Mixed Sale, which kicks off a two-day run in Central Florida Tuesday morning.

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**TDN New Stallions: Audible cont. from p1**



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Nothing changed in Audible’s debut, where he finished third against state-bred horses at Belmont. It was a good effort, but nothing that would suggest that this colt would go on to be a major force among the 3-year-old ranks the following year. But that would be the last time that he would lose until a third-place finish in the GI Kentucky Derby. What transpired over that time was that Audible developed into a top horse who was always competitive in what was one of the deepest 3-year-old crops in recent years.

Audible broke his maiden in his second career start, but Hanley didn’t really get excited about him until his next race, an allowance at Aqueduct going a mile. He won that day by 9 3/4 lengths.

“He won his maiden at Aqueduct in the fall and he won okay,” Hanley said. “But then he ran in an allowance going a mile and he just blew them away and came home by nine and a half lengths. The way he finished up that day, we were thinking, ‘Wow, this could be something.’”

Off the allowance win, it was time to get ambitious. Pletcher and the ownership group, which consisted of WinStar, China Horse Club, Head of Plains Partners LLC and Starlight Racing, decided on the GII Holy Bull S. That would tell them whether or not they had a Derby horse or just another horse. The answer came with a 5 1/2-length victory. The win also answered another question, whether or not Audible could go long and win around two turns.

“He won by 5 1/2 lengths, the fastest Holy Bull in six years,” Hanley said. “And there was the way he did it. With his relaxed way training, with his stride, with the way he gallops, we felt this horse was going to go long at that point and that he was really exciting.”

The Florida Derby was next and, this time, expectations were high. **Cont. p4**

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Audible was the 8-5 favorite and was already considered a top threat for the Kentucky Derby. He didn't disappoint, winning by three lengths.

"I was standing at the eighth pole on the stairs there at Gulfstream and when he pulled clear at the eighth pole and drew off, it was quite something to watch," Hanley said. "He looked magnificent doing it."

Audible finished third, beaten 2 1/2 lengths, in the Derby, but it was far from a disappointing effort. The winner, Justify (Scat Daddy), would go on to win the Triple Crown. The runner-up, Good Magic (Curlin), was the champion 2-year-old in 2017 and won the GI Haskell Invitational as a 3-year-old.

After the Derby, Audible was off six months and returned with a win in the Cherokee Run. He was zero-for-two as a 4-year-old, his career ending after a fifth-place finish in the G1 Dubai World Cup.

"After the Derby, he had a few little issues and he never really got to show what he was after that," Hanley said. "He had a bit of bone bruising and we had to give him 90 days. We tried to bring him back and then he had another little issue. It was unfortunate that he didn't get to come back."

As a sire, Audible checks a lot of boxes. He was a Grade I winner on the track and he is by Into Mischief.

"Into Mischief is just phenomenal," Hanley said. "He's just an amazing stallion. To have a son of his as good a horse as Audible was, it's really exciting to have him and to stand him here. Physically, he's just an amazing specimen, a very good mover and, for an Into Mischief, he's got a lot of stretch and leg under him. We're really excited about having him here."

Dig a little deeper and you'll find that he comes from an

impressive family on his dam's side, as well.

"He's out of the Gilded Time mare, Second Dimes by Gulch, Hanley said. "Gulch was a really good miler, but then you've got Easy Goer back there and you've got Classy Cathy who won the Alabama and the Ashland and, of course, Easy Goer's by Alydar. I think the stamina he had comes from Classy Cathy and Easy Goer. The horse's stride and his movement is not typical of a sprinter. He covers a lot of ground and he's got a big stride on him. He's also got that Into Mischief muscle tone to him. He's got a speedy body, but he's got that big action. He's an interesting package."

Hanley said Audible has been well received by the many people who have come to WinStar to get a look at the stallion roster. Breeders can be a choosy bunch, but Hanley said he has heard nothing but positive feedback on Audible.

"Everybody who has come here to see him has been really impressed," he said. "I haven't heard anybody that said, 'I didn't like him.'"

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RK	STALLION	EARNINGS
1	Into Mischief	\$3,468,791
2	<b>AMERICAN PHAROAH*</b>	<b>\$2,873,170</b>
3	<b>UNCLE MO</b>	<b>\$2,530,056</b>
4	Constitution*	\$2,200,411
5	<b>MUNNINGS</b>	<b>\$2,026,851</b>

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## MIXED SALES SEASON CONTINUES IN OCALA



2019 Winter Mixed topper Golden Notion | *ThoroStride*

by Alan Carasso

A total of 646 horses of all ages have been cataloged for the Ocala Breeders' Sales Company's Winter Mixed Sale, which kicks off a two-day run in Central Florida Tuesday morning. The sale begins at 11 a.m. ET with a consignor preferred session (hip 1-186) to be immediately followed by the horses of racing age section (hip 201-351). The balance of the horses (hip 401-710) will be offered during the sale's open session Wednesday morning at 11 a.m.

"We've had a chance to go around and look at the horses and there are some awfully nice horses in the sale," said OBS Director of Sales Tod Wojciechowski. "There have been no significant changes in world landscape really in terms of economics. Our breeze show went off great Monday, the weather has been excellent and we are looking for a good sale.

He continued, "I think one thing about the timing is that having the Eclipse Awards on Thursday prior to the sale means that we might get some people we otherwise might not have seen. Maybe they make the drive up to see their horses and it's really a fortuitous time to conduct a sale."

The under-tack preview was held Monday morning over the nearby SafeTrack surface and a trio of 3-year-olds shared the bullet, stopping the clock in :32 3/5 for three furlongs:

- **Hip 209**, Sensationalist, g, 3, by Wicked Rich, consigned by Wes Carter, agent ([video](#))
- **Hip 326**, Allied Armada, c, 3, Normandy Invasion, consigned by Julie Davies LLC, agent ([video](#))
- **Hip 327**, unnamed, c, 3, by Constitution, consigned by Eddie Woods, agent LV ([video](#))

"While our horses-of-racing-age section isn't new, the breeze show is something unique to us," said Wojciechowski. "It's an added piece of the puzzle to help our buyers make their decisions." **Cont. p6**



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There is certainly a Kentucky feel to the Winter Mixed catalog, with young horses set to go under the hammer by leading freshmen sires American Pharoah and the aforementioned Constitution as well as the late Empire Maker, Goldencents, Hard Spun, Into Mischief, former Florida stalwart Kantharos, Liam's Map, Mucho Macho Man—sire of GI Pegasus World Cup winner Mucho Gusto—Palace Malice, Speightstown, Tapiture, Uncle Mo and Union Rags.

But Florida-based stallions are always an integral component of any OBS sale and this event is no exception.

“Florida has always been something of a proving ground for stallions and the buying public is well aware of that fact,” Wojciechowski said.

Khozan (Distorted Humor) made an enormous impression with his first crop of runners in 2019 and is the sire of 11 youngsters in the catalog, five of which are newly turned yearlings. The Journeyman inmate is also represented by eight in-foal mares, while horses like Kantharos's well-received son Bucchero (seven mares) and GISW Girvin (Tale of the Cat, nine mares) represent the Sunshine State's young guns with their first mares in foal.

A then 3-year-old colt by Goldencents topped last year's Winter Mixed Sale on a bid of \$200,000. Now named Golden Notion, the bay hit the board in each of his three starts last season and is back in steady training with Brad Cox at Oaklawn. Golden Notion worked a half-mile in a bullet :47.80 (1/101) in the Hot Springs mud Jan. 26.

For the catalog and additional information, visit [www.obssales.com](http://www.obssales.com).

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## BOLAND TRIES THE CONSIGNING GAME

by Jessica Martini

As the daughter of a Hall of Fame jockey, Sherri Boland has been involved in just about every facet of the racing game, but the Ocala horsewoman will be offering her first-ever consignment during the the Ocala Breeders' Sales Company's Winter Mixed Sale Tuesday.

“I've been in the business my whole life,” Boland said. “I've trained, broke babies. And I thought, you know what, I've done every other aspect of this business, why not me? Why can't I do this?”

Boland is consigning under the banner Middleground, named after the horse her father, Bill Boland, rode to victory in the 1950 Kentucky Derby. It's a fitting tribute to the man who introduced her to the racing industry, even if he originally wanted to keep her out of one part of the game.

“I have been around horses from birth,” she said. “I trained and I galloped. I never rode races. Back in the day, when he was president of the Jockeys' Guild, my father voted women not to be able to ride races.” **Cont. p7**

# HIP 498, F.

## Valiant Minister - Silent Triumph (City Zip)

Sire **VALIANT MINISTER**,  
a \$680,000 OBS June graduate is the  
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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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**MIND CONTROL** is also the recent winner of the **Toboggan S. (GIII)** at AQU on Saturday, 1/18

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Boland currently trains a racing stable of 10 older runners and has a limited broodmare band at her Caledonia Farm in Ocala.

Through her Middleground consignment, Boland will offer six mares at OBS. Four of the mares sell in foal to Buccheri and all sell with a 2020 no-guarantee season to the graded-stakes winning son of Kantharos.

“I’m very happy with them,” Boland said of the group. “I think they are great mares for the Florida market. It’s a tough market down here because breeding has kind of taken a backseat to the 2-year-olds in training sales. But I think they are well-bred and I think it’s a good starting point to get my feet in.”

The consignment includes **Quick and Golden** (Medaglia d’Oro) (hip 41), whose second dam is Grade I winner Pearl City (Carson

City); **Madama Butterfly** (Grand Slam) (hip 42), dam of multiple stakes placed Copa del Rey (With Distinction); and Fine Silver (Bluegrass Cat) (hip 87), a half-sister to multiple graded stakes placed SwingfortheFences (Boston Harbor).



**Bill Boland** | Keeneland Library

Boland is hoping this is just the first of many consignments.

“I’ve got a great team working with me and I’ve got a lot of support,” she said. “So yes, I would like to do this more. Preferably more client-based, I think. I’ll probably keep a couple of yearlings and consign them myself, but I would prefer to be mostly client-based.

She continued, “My goal would be to go to Kentucky. That’s the cream of the crop, that’s where I would like to set my standards. But

I’m quite happy here. The reception has been wonderful, they’ve been very accommodating to me. So it’s kind of a ride. We’ll see where this ride takes us.”

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Trainer Bob Baffert has saddled seven winners of the Lewis, including the 2009 edition with this colt's sire, Pioneer of the Nile. Yet the Lewis hasn't been a springboard to Louisville success for Baffert, as none of his five Kentucky Derby champs prepped in the Lewis. Thousand Words was equipped with blinkers for the first time in his Los Al stakes score, and after the race Baffert commented he had intentionally used "a lot of blinker" on the colt because Thousand Words is not naturally quick early and can get a little lazy if not cued to quicken in the early stages. With Southern California's sophomore stakes often drawing short fields, being disengaged early can be more of a disadvantage than in larger fields where pacemakers are likely to face multiple waves of challengers. Thus, Thousand Words is once again going to have to be prominent both early and late in Saturday's 1 1/16-mile test.

**2) STRUCTOR (c, Palace Malice--Miss Always Ready, by More Than Ready)**

O-Jeff Drown & Don Rachel. B-Three Chimneys Farm (Ky). T-Chad Brown. Sales History: \$160,000 yrl '18 KEESEP; \$850,000 2yo '19 OBSMAR. Lifetime Record: GISW, 3-3-0-0, \$709,500. Last Start: 1st GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf, SA, Nov. 1 Accomplishments Include: 1st GIII Pilgrim S., BEL, Sept. 28 Next Start: Uncommitted.

Equineline PPs. KY Derby Points: 0.

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Structor just had his first breeze of 2020 and his comeback race has yet to be disclosed, but trainer Chad Brown indicated after this Palace Malice bay's GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf win last autumn that a dirt-centric Derby path could be a very real possibility. Structor's three-for-three grass season (capped by two very smart poise-under-pressure stakes wins) was enough to stamp him as the real deal regardless of racing surface. This \$160,000 KEESEP pinhook (resold for \$850,000 at OBSMAR) is one of the few top-tier Derby candidates who has run exclusively in mile or longer races through his brief career, so

the 10-furlong foundation is already there. For a deeper dive into Structor's makeup and pedigree, check out a TDN profile on him from November ([here](#)), in which bloodstock agent Mike Ryan recalled Brown telling him at Saratoga "I think I saw my Derby horse. I had a horse come down in the lane this morning like a Derby horse."

**3) DENNIS' MOMENT (c, Tiznow--Transplendid, by Elusive Quality)**

'TDN Rising Star' O-Albaugh Family Stables LLC. B-Tolo Thoroughbreds (Ky). T-Dale Romans. Sales History: \$400,000 yrl '18 FTSAUG. Lifetime Record: GSW, 4-2-0-0, \$167,800.

Last Start: 8th GI TVG Breeders' Cup Juvenile, SA, Nov. 1

Accomplishments Include: 1st GIII Iroquois S.

Next Start: GII Fountain of Youth S., GP, Feb. 29

Equineline PPs. KY Derby Points: 10.

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'TDN Rising Star' Dennis' Moment has the makings of a "Saturday horse" who can fill a starring role on the most prominent race day of the week, and he's now three published workouts into his 2020 training, with (fittingly) all three half-mile morning moves coming on Saturdays at Gulfstream Park. The season-starting target for this \$400,000 FTSAUG Tiznow bay is the GII Fountain of Youth S. Feb. 29, and trainer Dale Romans has indicated that, if all goes well, the GI Florida Derby Mar. 28 would be the final pre-Derby prep. Dennis' Moment's schizophrenic running lines are familiar by now: Lost jockey in debut, won an Ellis Park maiden by 19 lengths, roughed up the field in the GIII Iroquois S., then stumbled badly and finished last in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile. A strong performance by this beaten Juvenile favorite would help to clarify whether or not that longshot-dominated stakes was a fluke or even a "negative" key race. To date, only four horses have run back out of the Juvenile, and they are a collective one-for-five.

**4) MAXFIELD (c, Street Sense--Velvety, by Bernardini)**

O/B-Godolphin LLC (KY). T-Brendan Walsh. Lifetime Record: GISW, 2-2-0-0, \$354,412.

Last Start: 1st GI Claiborne Breeders' Futurity, KEE, Oct. 5

Next Start: Uncommitted.

Equineline PPs. KY Derby Points: 10.

Maxfield is the horse within the Top 12 who appears farthest out from a race (recovering from ankle chip surgery). But he also owns the most eye-catching two-turn juvenile stakes win from last season, and his 5 1/2-length smackdown of the GI Breeders' Futurity S. field last October took on an even more impressive glow after third-place finisher Enforceable (Tapit) won his 2020 debut in the GIII Lecomte S. at Fair Grounds. This Street Sense Godolphin homebred is out of a Bernardini mare who is a half-sister to \$633,076-earning MGSW Sky Mesa (Pulpit). Maxfield's second dam, Caress, was a durable 13-for-29 MGSW. She had an explosive turn of foot and was a turf specialist who excelled at eight and nine furlongs; Caress even beat the boys in the 1995 GIII Poker S. at Belmont Park.



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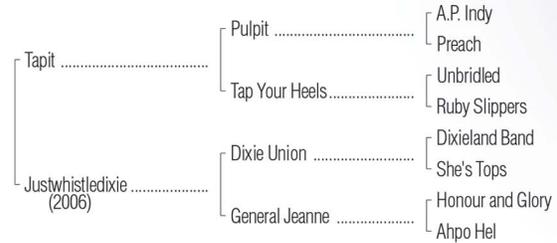


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**1st dam JUSTWHISTLEDIXIE**, by Dixie Union. 5 wins to 3, \$449,427, Bonnie Miss S. **[G2]** (GP, \$120,000), Davona Dale S. **[G2]** (GP, \$90,000), Ruthless S. (AQU, \$42,477), Love Affair S. (AQU, \$41,850), 2nd Acorn S. **[G1]** (BEL, \$60,000), Top Flight H. **[G2]** (AQU, \$30,000). Dam of 5 foals, all winners, including--

**NEW YEAR'S DAY** (c. by Street Cry (IRE)), 2 wins in 3 starts at 2, \$1,154,000, Breeders' Cup Juvenile **[G1]** (SA, \$1,100,000). Sire.

**MOHAYMEN** (c. by Tapit). 5 wins at 2 and 3, \$998,417, Xpressbet.com Fountain of Youth S. **[G2]** (GP, \$245,520), Lambholm South Holy Bull S. **[G2]** (GP, \$214,830), Remsen S. **[G2]** (AQU, \$180,000), Nashua S. **[G2]** (AQU, \$120,000).

**KINGLY** (c. by Tapit). 3 wins at 2 and 3, 2019, \$267,200, La Jolla H. **[G3]** (DMR, \$90,000), California Derby [L] (GG, \$60,000), 2nd El Camino Real Derby [L] (GG, \$20,000), 3rd Los Alamitos Derby **[G3]** (LRC, \$18,000), Alcatraz S. (GG, \$9,000).

**ENFORCEABLE** (c. by Tapit). Winner at 2 and 3, 2020, \$267,150, Lecomte S. **[G3]** (FG, \$120,000), 3rd Claiborne Breeders' Futurity **[G1]** (KEE, \$50,000).

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**5) ENFORCEABLE (c, Tapit--Justwhistledixie, by Dixie Union)**

O-John Oxley. B-Clearksky Farm (Ky). T-Mark Casse. Sales History: \$775,000 RNA yrl '18 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: GSW & GISP, 7-2-1-2, \$267,150.

Last Start: 1st **GIII Lecomte S.**, FG, Jan. 18

Accomplishments Include: 3rd **GI Claiborne Breeders' Futurity**, KEE, Oct. 5

Next Start: Aiming for **GII Risen Star S.**, FG, Feb. 15

**Equine PPs.** KY Derby Points: 13.



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Enforceable made a leapfrog move to launch into the Top 12, and this Tapit gray's advanced placement can be chalked up to the combination of his game win in the Lecomte S., a robust pedigree, and the fact that trainer Mark Casse is quietly confident there is still room for improvement. "He's been a big kid that needed to grow up, and he's growing up," Casse said last week on 'At the Races with Steve Byk'. This \$775,000 KEESEP RNA now racing for John Oxley is likely to follow the same Fair Grounds prep path as the Casse-trained War of Will (War Front) last year (which resulted in a GI Preakness S. win). Casse said the timing of the Fair Grounds series works out well, and he's keen on the newly elongated distances of those preps (the GII Louisiana Derby is now 1 3/16 miles). After experimenting with being closer to the lead early in his career, Enforceable now looks most comfortable as an off-pace threat, but just remember the annual caveat: Deep closers can be dangerous to fall in love with as Derby prospects, because their success in a 20-horse field is often pace- and trip-dependent.

**6) INDEPENDENCE HALL (c, Constitution--Kalahari Cat, by Cape Town)**

O-Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners, Twin Creeks Racing Stables, LLC, Kathleen & Robert Verratti. B-Woodford Thoroughbreds (Ky). T-Michael Trombetta. Sales History: \$100,000 yrl '18 KEESEP; \$200,000 RNA 2yo '19 FTFMAR.

Lifetime Record: GSW, 3-3-0-0, \$210,000.

Last Start: 1st **Jerome S.**, AQU, Jan. 1

Next Start: Possible for **GIII Sam F. Davis S.**, TAM, Feb. 8

**Equine PPs.** KY Derby Points: 10.

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Undefeated Independence Hall is wintering at Tampa Bay Downs, but it's not etched in stone that his next start will be the GIII Davis S. there Feb. 8. The Risen Star S. at Fair Grounds one week later has emerged as another option for this athletically framed \$100,000 KEESEP colt (who subsequently RNA'd for \$200,000 at FTFMAR). "There are a lot of factors to weigh," trainer Mike Trombetta said in a Tampa-issued press release. "The goal for all of us is to have a horse that's ready, but still fresh enough to run well when the stakes get higher. When

you're running that last race before the [Kentucky] Derby and [then] the Derby [itself], they're the ones you have to show up for." Interestingly, both Independence Hall's damsire, Cape Town, and his sire, Constitution, both won the Florida Derby. Cape Town ended up fifth in the 1998 Kentucky Derby as the third favorite. Constitution figured to be among the favorites for the 2014 Derby, but a hairline fracture in his front right cannon bone kept him from starting in Louisville.

**7) AJAAWEED (c, Curlin--Asiya, by Daaher)**

O-Shadwell Stable. B-Shadwell Farm (KY). T-Kieran McLaughlin. Lifetime Record: GSP, 4-1-1-0, \$119,850.

Last Start: 2nd **GII Remsen S.**, Aqu, Dec. 7

Accomplishments Include: 4th **GI Claiborne Breeders' Futurity**, Kee, Oct. 5

Next Start: Uncommitted.

**Equine PPs.** KY Derby Points: 5.

Ajaaweed could be the most underrated Derby prospect within the Top 12. He ran fifth when sprinting in a Saratoga MSW in which the second- and third-place finishers both won next time out. Ajaaweed did too, then was asked to take on Grade I company stretching out to two turns at Keeneland 24 days later. In retrospect, that now seems like too tough an assignment. This Curlin homebred for Shadwell was fourth in that Breeders' Futurity S. behind the ultra-impressive Maxfield and well-regarded third-place finisher Enforceable.

But Ajaaweed's second-place try in the Dec. 7 GII Remsen S.--beaten only half a length while wide on both turns and closing against the grain of a speed-conducive track--is more representative of this colt's true ability. **Cont. p11**

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No one's going to quibble with the stamina influences on the top side of Ajaaweed's pedigree, and his dam, Asiya, was another Shadwell homebred who lends a speed-centric influence. She was stakes placed and won two races from seven starts on the New York circuit, running up the score over 6 1/2 and seven furlongs by a combined total of 19 1/4 lengths.

**8) ANNEAU D'OR (c, Medaglia d'Oro--Walk Close, by Tapit)**  
 O-Peter Redekop B.C. Ltd. B-Highland Yard (Ky). T-Blaine Wright.  
 Sales History: \$170,000 RNA yrl '18 KEESEP; \$480,000 2yo '19 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: GISP, 3-1-2-0, \$399,000.  
 Last Start: 2nd **GII Los Alamitos Futurity**, LRC, Dec. 7  
 Accomplishments Include: 2nd **GI TVG Breeders' Cup Juvenile**  
 Next Start: Uncommitted.

**Equine PPs.** KY Derby Points: 12

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Anneau d'Or is not one of those electrifying types of colts who catches your attention with a "Wow!" way of going. But he's a pretty capable contender with a Classics-styled pedigree (Medaglia d'Oro out of a Tapit mare) who looks to have plenty of upside as he figures things out. This \$480,000 OBSAPR bay (RNA'd for \$170,000 at KEESEP) broke his maiden by eight lengths going a mile on the grass at Golden Gate Fields, then ended up on the dirt in the Breeders' Cup as Plan B when the Juvenile Turf was oversubscribed. He was beaten only a neck by the eventual 2-year-old male Eclipse champ while wide on both turns, and Anneau d'Or proved that Juvenile effort was no fluke when he closed determinedly to lose by the same margin to number-one-ranked Thousand Words in the Los Al Futurity. This colt has been training in blinkers for his yet-to-be-determined 2020 debut and he bulleted six furlongs on Saturday, suggesting that he might be nearing a race.

**9) TIZ THE LAW (c, Constitution--Tizfiz, by Tiznow)**  
 O-Sackett Stable. B-Twin Creeks Farm (NY). T-Barclay Tagg. Sales History: \$110,000 yrl '18 FTNAUG. Lifetime Record: GISW, 3-2-0-1, \$347,000.  
 Last Start: 3rd **GII Kentucky Jockey Club S.**, CD, Nov. 30  
 Accomplishments Include: 1st **GI Champagne S.**, BEL, Oct. 5  
 Next Start: **GIII Holy Bull S.**, GP, Feb. 2  
**Equine PPs.** KY Derby Points: 12.

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Tiz the Law looms as the heavy favorite for Saturday's **GIII Holy Bull S.** at Gulfstream. His bullet half-mile breeze Sunday stamped a figurative exclamation point on his respectable two-for-three block of past performances, in which his only loss was a locked-and-blocked horror trip as the 3-5 fave in the

**GII Kentucky Jockey Club S.** But this \$110,000 **SARAUG Constitution** bay largely created his own woes in that Churchill stakes, with jockey Manny Franco repeatedly having to ride the brakes to keep from getting pocketed on the backstretch and again in the home straight. "Tiz" also overcame similar self-induced trip difficulties in a very "busy" **GI Champagne S.**, and his habit of racing with his head cocked to the grandstand (in both stakes tries) does raise questions about this New York-bred's ability to stay focused and on target. The probabilities on paper for the **Holy Bull** (to be drawn Wednesday) don't contain any top-tier sophomore threats. But bear in mind that favorites in the **Holy Bull** have disappointed with an alarmingly low strike rate since 2009. They've lost the last three editions, and have managed only two wins from the last 11 runnings.

**10) AUTHENTIC (c, Into Mischief--Flawless, by Mr. Greeley)**  
 O-SF Racing LLC, Starlight Racing, Madaket Stables LLC, Fred Hertrich III, John D. Fielding & Golconda Stables. B-Peter E. Blum Thoroughbreds LLC (KY). T-Bob Baffert. Sales History: \$350,000 yrl '18 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: GSW, 2-2-0-0, \$91,200.  
 Last Start: 1st **GIII Sham S.**, SA, Jan. 4  
 Next Start: Uncommitted

**Equine PPs.** KY Derby Points: 10.

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Authentic scores highly in the "raw potential" category based on his 7 3/4-length cuffing of a weak **GIII Sham S.** crew, and this \$350,000 **KEESEP Into Mischief** bay provided some unintended excitement by veering in and out and fighting his rider through that solo stretch run. Authentic can get away with those antics in a six-horse field in January--it was the first race outside the maiden ranks and around two turns, plus he's a May 5 foal--and trainer Bob Baffert has acknowledged it's a problem that needs solving (with ear plugs or blinkers). **Cont. p12**



Authentic | Horsephotos

Still, having Mr. Greeley as his damsire does give Authentic's pedigree a sprint-centric slant. His dam, Flawless, won her seven-furlong debut by 13 1/4 lengths, then retired after losing a one-turn mile allowance by half a length (with the rest of the field 11 3/4 lengths behind). So the potential is there for breakaway brilliance--the chief question will likely come down to Authentic's distance preference. Baffert has won five previous editions of the Sham, yet none of his five Derby champs won that prep race. In fact, his only Sham winner to even run in the Derby was Bob and John (17th in 2006).

**11) ANSWER IN (g, Dialed In--D'ya Knowwhatimean, by Broken Vow)**

O-Robert LaPenta & Madaket Stables. B-Glen Oak Farm & Two Stamp Stables (KY). T-Brad Cox. Sales History: \$175,000 wnlg '17 KEENOV. Lifetime Record: SP, 3-1-2-0, \$153,412. Last Start: 2nd **Springboard Mile**, RP, Dec. 15 Next Start: Aiming for GIII Southwest S., OP, Feb. 17 **Equineline PPs**. KY Derby Points: 4.

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As a Jan. 15 foal, Answer In boasts a birth-rank advantage over the majority of his peers, and I'm bullish on how he overcame a difficult trip with a lot of lateral movement to burst through at the rail to snag second in the Springboard Mile S. as the beaten 3-5 favorite. Trainer Brad Cox passed on the Smarty Jones S. on

opening day at Oaklawn with this \$175,000 KEENOV Dialed In weanling, and will instead target the GIII Southwest S. there Feb. 17. "Too much, too quick for a young horse, in my opinion," Cox told the Oaklawn notes team. "[The Springboard] was a step forward. He ran a winning race. He was right there and I'm very proud of the effort. He bounced out of it in good shape." Shoplifted (Into Mischief), the horse who beat Answer In at Remington, did run in the Smarty Jones, but he finished a non-threatening third.

**12) STORM THE COURT (c, Court Vision--My Tejana Storm, by Tejano Run)**

 O-Exline-Border Racing LLC, David Bernsen, Susanna Wilson & Dan Hudock. B-Stepping Stone Farm (Ky). T-Peter Eurton. Sales History: \$5,000 yrl '18 FTKFEB; \$60,000 2yo '19 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: Ch. 2yo Colt & GISW, 4-2-0-1, \$1,172,951. Last Start: 1st **GI TVG Breeders' Cup Juvenile**, SA, Nov. 1 Next Start: Aiming for GIII San Vicente S., SA, Feb. 9 **Equineline PPs**. KY Derby Points: 22.

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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**.

For many years, Ashton was the funding director of the TAA, tirelessly raising money for the organization which accredits, inspects, and awards grants to approved aftercare organizations to retrain, retire, and rehome Thoroughbreds using industry-wide funding.

Let's help Ashton do the job she loved, one last time, in her memory.

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Storm the Court can add now “champion” to his resume after earning top honors in the Eclipse voting for the male juvenile division last Thursday. The 45-1 upset winner of the Breeders’ Cup Juvenile is targeting the seven-furlong Feb. 9 San Vicente S., and trainer Peter Eurton has been building a nice foundation of four- and five-furlong works on each of the last six Sundays for this colt’s 2020 debut. “He’s a late foal [May 5], so he’s still growing,” Eurton said. “He’s filled out some since the Breeders’ Cup, and he’s training well.” Although this \$60,000 OBSAPR bay (bought for \$5,000 at FTKFEB) doesn’t have a “traditional” Derby-threat pedigree, glimmers of promise are there. Sire Court Vision, although known as a MGISW turfer who capped his career with a win in the GI Breeders’ Cup Mile, began his career on dirt with nice stakes wins in the Iroquois and Remsen at age two, and he started in both the Kentucky Derby and GI Travers S. at three. And dam-sire Tejano Run was a rugged (8-4-6 from 21 starts) MGSW who ran second in the 1995 Derby.

### On the Bubble (in alphabetical order)

**Ancient Warrior** (Constitution): Unbeaten ‘[TDN Rising Star](#)’ targeting a first-level allowance sprint at Oaklawn on Sunday for 2020 debut.

**Chance It** (Currency Swap): Mucho Macho Man S. victor aiming for a Gulfstream prep as a home-court horse (4-for-6 with four 90+ Beyers there).

**Gold Street** (Street Boss): Wired Smarty Jones S. over sealed muddy track on Opening Day at Oaklawn, when early speed dominated (five wire winners and two pace-pressers on nine-race card).

**High Velocity** (Quality Road): \$350,000 KEESEP colt for Wests/Baffert now six works into preparedness for first start since third-place Los Al Futurity.

**Nadal** (Blame): ‘[TDN Rising Star](#)’ won highly hyped Santa Anita debut despite slow start from rail. **Cont. p13**

**Shotski** (Blame): wire-to-wire Remsen winner looking for back-to-back nine-furlong wins in Saturday’s Withers S.

**Silver State** (Hard Spun): Closed with purpose behind Enforceable in Lecomte S., gained second after swinging six wide turning for home and then having to switch off heels in stretch. Better-than-looks effort.

**Three Technique** (Mr Speaker): ‘[TDN Rising Star](#)’ stalked in fourth, then only one with late run behind wire winner of Smarty Jones S. on speed-carrying track. Strong gallop-out; headed in right direction.

**Untitled** (Khozan): Will headline field over seven furlongs in Saturday’s GIII Swale S. after 98 Beyer in Gulfstream debut.

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## THOROUGHBRED SAFETY COALITION STEERING COMMITTEE MEETS IN FLORIDA



Donna Brothers is joining the TSC as a strategic adviser | *Horsephotos*

The steering committee of the [Thoroughbred Safety Coalition](#) met in Florida and reports progress in developing a framework for the implementation of reforms while approving four new members and adding a familiar face within the industry in a leadership role.

With the objective of furthering and continuing to add to the reform initiatives announced late last year, the coalition Steering Committee has begun outlining a formal process to evaluate and institute future reforms in the areas of medication, transparency, track surfaces and racing operations. Members are currently meeting with stakeholders and plan to announce additional reforms, including a country-wide standard for riding crop usage and increased medication restrictions, among others.

Four new members have been added to the Coalition: the American Association of Equine Practitioners (AAEP); William Shiveley’s Dixiana Farm; Greg Goodman’s Mt. Brilliant Farm; and Barbara Banke’s Stonestreet Farm.

“We are proud to partner with the coalition to look for new and improved ways to strengthen safety measures, while advocating for increased implementation at tracks throughout the country,” said Dr. Kathleen Anderson, Past President of AAEP and longtime member of its racing committee. Dr. Anderson, along with Dr. Stuart Brown, will serve as the coalition’s AAEP liaisons.

Added Banke: “The Thoroughbred community is united in our devotion to the safety and welfare of our athletes. We are committed to advancing measures that are in the best interest of the horses and those involved in their care.”

The Steering Committee also announced that Donna Brothers has formally joined the TSC’s leadership team as its strategic advisor. **Cont. p14**

“I grew up in Thoroughbred horse racing and in a family that was indelibly drawn to the horses,” said Brothers. “Their love of and admiration for them was passed down to me. As a former jockey, I appreciate the sport’s increased focus on safety for both horse and rider. I’m honored to play a role in the coalition’s efforts as we work together to make racing safer for all involved.”

The next Steering Committee meeting will be held in late February.

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## TURF PARADISE ‘NOT GOING OUT OF BUSINESS’ OVER STRONACH SIMO SIGNAL DISPUTE

by T.D. Thornton

Three days into a state-mandated simulcast standoff that has resulted in Arizona horseplayers being unable to wager on signals distributed by a subsidiary of The Stronach Group (TSG), management at Turf Paradise issued a press release to try and quell rumors that the track would be closing because of its inability to accept wagers on popular winter tracks.

“Turf Paradise is not going out of business. The Phoenix-based track...is not closing its doors,” stated the first line of an update posted on the track’s website signed by Turf Paradise general manager Vincent Francia.

“We wish to dispel any concerns you might have or rumors you may have heard, because effective Saturday, Jan. 25, Turf Paradise was ordered to stop offering simulcast wagering on Santa Anita, Gulfstream Park, Golden Gate, etc...” Francia wrote.

At issue is a long-simmering dispute between TSG’s Monarch Content Management, LLC, and the Arizona Department of Gaming over whether a relatively new state law or the federal Interstate Horseracing Act of 1978 should take precedence. Monarch has initiated a federal lawsuit over the dispute.

The Turf Paradise press release explained the issue from the track’s perspective:

“At a Racing Commission meeting on Friday, Jan. 24, a motion was made and passed by three of the Arizona Racing Commissioners that the law (HB 2547) would have to be followed by the three race tracks in the state, Turf Paradise, Arizona Downs and Rillito Park. What HB 2547 basically says is that, all simulcast providers sending their races into Arizona have to offer their race products to all tracks and all their Off Track Betting parlors (OTB) equally. In other words, what is offered to one must be offered to all. The constitutionality of HB 2547 is being litigated in the courts right now.

**Cont. p15**

“The Monarch Corporation, owned by [TSG], provides race signals to the three Arizona race tracks. Signals like Santa Anita, Gulfstream Park, Laurel Park, Tampa Bay, to name a few. Monarch also sends its race signals to Turf Paradise’s 60 OTB locations. However, Monarch and Arizona Downs are currently in a contract dispute and Monarch does not send its race products to the one Arizona Downs OTB that is still in operation. Monarch has its own reasons for this decision. Among those reasons is that having competing OTB networks in the same state only results in both of them failing.

“Thus the Racing Commission ruled that Monarch was in violation of HB 2547, despite the fact that the constitutionality is currently being litigated in the courts, and that Turf Paradise and the other two race tracks had to cease immediately accepting wagers on race tracks from Monarch. Turf Paradise is doing everything it can as fast as it can to help get this matter corrected.”

A notice posted on the Arizona Department of Gaming website stated that “The Commission’s decision only affects the Monarch simulcast signal. All other approved simulcast signals and associated wagering in Arizona remain unaffected and will continue uninterrupted. The Commission’s action to disapprove the Monarch signal remains in effect until the Commission receives, reviews and approves simulcast agreements in accordance with Arizona’s new law.”

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**CONOR FOLEY**

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

My dad's roommate in college was Tom Durkin, and he was still good friends with my parents when I was a kid. So when I was growing up, horse racing was something that was always on the television at my house and viewed as important. But the first instance I remember being mentally captured by the sport was when I was there for Alysheba winning the Kentucky Derby.



Conor Foley | *Fasig-Tipton*

**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 introduce a new fan to the sport, I would definitely take them to the backside of Churchill Downs on Kentucky Derby week. Every year, I try to do that for anyone I know that wants to go. I think Derby week is the time when our sport is best shown off on multiple facets. I've never taken anyone who has never been and they had a bad time.

When I take people to the backside on Derby Week, I think they're blown away by the sophistication of it all. Obviously, these are some of our best athletes, so I think that even if it's someone who has never seen a racehorse, they can look at a horse that's about to run in the Derby and know it's something special.

We need to make it more clear that the portal to entry for our sport is not as difficult as some people think. People know how to buy a house or buy a car, but the process for buying a racehorse is not clear to a fan. I'd like to see it be a more friendly interaction for people that are interested in owning their first racehorse.

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#### Belinda Stronach: 'Horse Racing Got a Wake-Up Call'

*There was a frothy cappuccino in a tall glass mug on the table in front of Belinda Stronach. She was seated on a white couch, looking out the floor-to-ceiling windows to survey another sun-drenched day at Gulfstream Park.*

**Tim Reynolds, Associated Press**

#### Lawson feels time is now for single-event sports wagering in Canada

*Jim Lawson firmly believes the time is now for single-event sports wagering in Canada. The issue gained some traction during last fall's federal election, however single-event betting remains illegal. But legalization seems to be gaining momentum again in Canada and Lawson, the CEO of Woodbine Entertainment Group, wants to ensure horse racing is well positioned if it happens.*

**Dan Ralph, The Canadian Press**



#### HUGHES WINS LOUISVILLE'S GALBREATH AWARD

The University of Louisville College of Business Equine Industry Program has named Spendthrift Farm owner B. Wayne Hughes as the winner of the 2019 John W. Galbreath Award for Outstanding Entrepreneurship in the Equine Industry.

"B. Wayne Hughes helped shift the breeding industry paradigm significantly in the last decade," said Sean Beirne, director of the equine program. "He has not been afraid to rethink and experiment to lead the industry in a new direction."

The Galbreath Award has been given annually since 1990 to honor entrepreneurial leadership that has had a significant and positive impact on the equine industry. Galbreath was the

visionary owner of Darby Dan Farm in Lexington and a former Churchill Downs chairman who distinguished himself as both a businessman and a horseman.

"Thoroughbred horse racing has been a tremendous passion of mine ever since my father took me to the races as a young boy. It's something he and I got to share together, and I've been fortunate to be able to make it a large part of my life and share it with so many that are dear to me," Hughes said. "There are few thrills greater than what horse racing can provide, and it is our responsibility to do a better job of improving this great sport so that future generations can enjoy it as much as John Galbreath did and as much as I have."

A dinner and award presentation are scheduled for Mar. 2 at the PNC Club in UofL's Cardinal Stadium. For further information, call 502-852-7617 or email [equine@louisville.edu](mailto:equine@louisville.edu).

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#### GREATNESS RETURNS TO SOLERA FARM 'FOR LIFE'

Florida sire **Greatness** (Mr. Prospector--Harbour Club, by Danzig) has returned to his roots and will stand the 2020 season at Solera Farm in Williston, west of Ocala, Fla, Dr. Krista Seltzer announced Monday. There he will join Field Commission, Florida's eighth-leading active sire of 2019 with progeny earnings of more than \$1.6 million.

"[Greatness] has a home here for life beyond his breeding career," said Seltzer. "My dad [Edward Seltzer] bred him, raised and raced him and now he is back with us forever."

The 21-year-old Greatness is one of the last sons of super-sire Mr. Prospector still at stud and was recently represented by Lady's Island, 6 3/4-length winner of the Gill Sugar Swirl S. at Gulfstream Park Dec. 14, followed by a runner-up finish in the \$100,000 Sunshine Millions Sprint S. Jan. 18. Now six, Lady's Island has compiled a record of 13-4-3 in 27 starts with earnings of \$404,195, and is 8-2-0 in her last 10 starts.

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Mr Money Bags had six wins from nine starts and earnings of \$328,470 as a 3-year-old in 2019. The gelding was undefeated in his home state, winning a division of the Clarence Scharbauer Jr. Texas Stallion Stakes Series and the Groovy S. at Sam Houston and another division of the Texas Stallion Stakes at Lone Star Park. The Mike Neatherlin trainee also proved himself against open company with two stakes wins at Zia Park, highlighted by a victory in the \$250,000 Zia Park Derby. Mr Money Bags also earned the award for Texas Champion 3-Year-Old Colt/Gelding. The Texas-bred kicked off his 2020 campaign over the weekend with a dominating victory in the \$75,000 Stonerside Sprint at Sam Houston.

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## IN ORDER OF PURSE:

**1st-Parx Racing, \$56,300, Msw, 1-27, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:13.38, ft. GUATAVITA (f, 3, Lemon Drop Kid--Scoop of Gold, by Giant's Causeway),** let go at 8-1, sat off the early pace and reeled in the dueling pacesetters on the turn. She rallied four wide into the stretch and drove by pacesetting favorite Shez a Doubletake (Fed Biz) en route to a 3 1/4-length victory. The winner is a half-sister to Madea (Ire) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}, GSW, \$264,845). Her second dam, Scoop the Gold (Forty Niner), produced multiple Grade I winner High Yield (Storm Cat). **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$37,800. O/B-Cornerstone Thoroughbreds LLC (PA); T-Francis Abbott, III.

**4th-Parx Racing, \$41,250, (S), Msw, 1-27, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:14.03, ft. CINNABUNNY (f, 3, Golden Lad--English Mum, by Congrats),** a 5-1 shot, led the field down the backstretch and inched away down the lane before just holding off the late-rushing longshot Run Florence Run (Jump Start) to win by a head. English Mum produced a full-brother to the winner in 2019 and was bred back to Hoppertunity. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$24,000. O/B-Shooting Star Stable (Anspach) (PA); T-Kathleen A. Demasi.

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**Carpe Diem** (Giant's Causeway), WinStar Farm, \$15,000  
231 foals of racing age/19 winners/2 black-type winners  
5-Parx Racing, Wmc 7f, CURRENT SITUATION, 10-1  
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**Global Power** (Pulpit)  
11 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners  
4-Mahoning Valley, Alw 1m, POWERS OUT, 8-1

**High Constable** (Duke of Marmalade {Ire})  
4 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners  
5-Mahoning Valley, Msw 5f, SHOW ME THE BEST, 10-1

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

**Last Gunfighter** (First Samurai), Pin Oak Lane Farm, \$0  
36 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners  
5-Parx Racing, Wmc 7f, GUNFIGHTER'S GIRL, 12-1

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

**Tonalist** (Tapit), Lane's End Farm, \$15,000  
179 foals of racing age/19 winners/1 black-type winner  
5-Parx Racing, Wmc 7f, ALWAYS A QUEEN, 8-1

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**Saturday's Results:**

**9th-NKY, ¥19,510,000 (\$179,133), Allowance, 3yo 1800m, 1:54.5, ft.**

**SEREIN (f, 3, Uncle Mo--Tiz Mis Sue {GISW, \$1,129,709}, by Tiznow),** very game in graduating first time out at Sapporo last July, was runner-up trying winners for the first time at Tokyo Oct. 15 and was last seen finishing a well-beaten 12th to the promising Dieu du Vin (Jpn) (Declaration of War) in the Cattleya Sho (allowance) at headquarters Nov. 23. Sent off the 27-5 fourth choice, Serein showed the way passing under the wire with a circuit to travel and galloped along rhythmically beneath Yutaka Take. Nursed along up front on the second turn, she was asked to sprint off the final corner, was tackled by Pinono (Jpn) (King Kamehameha {Jpn}) inside the final furlong and held gamely to score by a neck. She could make her next start in the G3 UAE Oaks (1900m) at Meydan Feb. 20. A \$500,000 Keeneland September yearling, Serein has a 2-year-old half-brother by American Pharoah and a yearling half-brother by Curlin. Tiz Miz Sue, a half-sister to 2018 Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf Sprint winner Bulletin (City Zip), was most recently covered by Into Mischief. Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-0, \$196,697. **VIDEO** O-North Hills Co Ltd; B-CresRan (KY); T-Mikio Matsunaga.

**7th-KYO, ¥13,830,000 (\$126,954), Allowance, 3yo, 1400m, 1:24.2, my.**

**HERRSCHAFT c, 3, Will Take Charge--Love Ava Love, by Mr. Greeley)** broke his maiden over this course and distance in his second career start Nov. 24 and was beaten just one length into fourth in a Dec. 15 Chukyo allowance. Favored at 70 cents on the dollar for his 3-year-old debut, Herrschaft was first to break the line from his outside draw, then drifted back to sit about midfield while well out into the track. Creeping into it on the turn, the chestnut was four deep at the 400-meter marker, but found extra gears in the lane and was 3 1/2 lengths clear at the wire. A \$110,000 KEENOV weanling and \$200,000 KEESEP yearling, Herrschaft has a 2-year-old half-sister named Bound By Love (Oxbow). Love Ava Love was most recently bred by Mendelssohn. Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-0, \$136,697. O-Kanayama Holdings Co Ltd; B-Colts LLC (KY); T-Kenji Nonaka.

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**1st-KOK, ¥9,680,000 (\$88,846), Maiden, 3yo, 1000m, :57.9, ft. ISSHIN (c, 3, Take Charge Indy--Appealing Stella {SW, \$187,455}, by Closing Argument),** a debut third going six furlongs at Hanshin Dec. 14, was cutting back to this minimum trip for his sophomore unveiling. Quickly into stride, the 21-10 second pick showed in front, set a good pace in hand and rocketed clear of his rivals in the final 350 meters to score by eight impressive lengths. A \$15,000 KEENOV weanling, Isshin was bought back on a bid of \$32,000 at KEESEP in 2018, but matured into a \$100,000 OBS March juvenile (:9 4/5). Appealing Stella is the dam of the 2-year-old filly Marlin Monroe (Honor Code) and a yearling filly by Lord Nelson. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$63,303. **VIDEO** O-Masamichi Hayashi; B-Stonecliff Farm (FL); T-Hidekazu Asami.



**IN JAPAN:**

**Isshin, c, 3, Take Charge Indy.** See 'US-Bred & Sired Winners in Japan.'

**Serein, f, 3, Uncle Mo.** See 'US-Bred & Sired Winners in Japan.'

**Herrschaft, c, 3, Will Take Charge.** See 'US-Bred & Sired Winners in Japan.'

**IN ENGLAND:**

**Sherpa Trail, c, 4, Gio Ponti.** See "Britain".

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**STAKES RESULTS:**

**JERSEY LILLY TURF S.**, \$75,000, Sam Houston Race, 1-26, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:45.15, gd.

1--**WINNING ENVELOPE, 123, f, 4, More Than Ready--Granby Girl, by Badge of Silver.** (\$3,000 2yo '18 KEEJAN). **1ST BLACK TYPE WIN.** O-Lothenbach Stables, Inc. (Bob Lothenbach); B-Ramspring Farm (KY); T-Chris M. Block; J-Flavien Prat. \$41,400. Lifetime Record: 13-4-0-2, \$198,258.

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2--**Dream Passage, 123, m, 6, Stormy Atlantic--Raffie's Dream,** by Raffie's Majesty. (\$130,000 Ylg '15 FTKOCT). O-Circle B Racing; B-Wellspring Stables (NY); T-Brad H. Cox. \$13,800.

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3--**Orageuse, 123, m, 5, Broken Vow--Aurore, by Arch.** (\$40,000 3yo '18 KEENOV). O-Jackie D. Huckabay, Jr.; B-Wertheimer Et Frere (KY); T-Brendan P. Walsh. \$7,590.

Margins: 3 1/4, 1 1/4, 3 1/4. Odds: 2.20, 1.50, 23.40.

**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

**5th-Mahoning Valley, \$23,500, 1-27, (C), 3/up, 1m, 1:42.46, my. PALLADIUM (g, 4, Graydar--Lilies So Fair, by Giant's Causeway)** Lifetime Record: SP, 19-5-3-3, \$112,243. O-Ron Paolucci Racing, LLC; B-Lee & Mary McMillin & David Thorner (KY); T-Gary L. Johnson. \*\$20,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Da Dude, g, 3, Big Atlantic--Becky Becky Becky, by Pioneering.** Mahoning Valley, 1-27, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:07.76. B-Dick Alderson (OH). \*Full to Kelly's Pride, SW, \$128,301.

**BIG ATLANTIC, Da Dude, g, 3, o/o Becky Becky Becky, by Pioneering.** MSW, 1-27, Mahoning Valley

**GOLDEN LAD, Cinnabunny, f, 3, o/o English Mum, by Congrats.** MSW, 1-27, Parx Racing

**GRAYDAR, Palladium, g, 4, o/o Lilies So Fair, by Giant's Causeway.** ALW, 1-27, Mahoning Valley

**LEMON DROP KID, Guatavita, f, 3, o/o Scoop of Gold, by Giant's Causeway.** MSW, 1-27, Parx Racing

**MORE THAN READY, Winning Envelope, f, 4, o/o Granby Girl, by Badge of Silver.** Jersey Lilly Turf S., 1-26, Sam Houston

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	GII San Marcos S.	Santa Anita	
Feb. 8	GIII Withers S.	Aqueduct	
	GIII Holy Bull S.	Gulfstream	
	GIII Swale S.	Gulfstream	
	GIII Forward Gal S.	Gulfstream	
	GIII Sweetest Chant S.	Gulfstream	
	GIII Robert B. Lewis S.	Santa Anita	
	GII Las Virgenes S.	Santa Anita	
	GIII Suwanee River S.	Gulfstream	
	GIII Thunder Road S.	Santa Anita	
	GIII Lambholm South Endeavour S.	Tampa Bay	
Feb. 9	GIII Sam F. Davis S.	Tampa Bay	
	GIII Tampa Bay S.	Tampa Bay	
Feb. 9	GII San Vicente S.	Santa Anita	
Feb. 15	GIII Fair Grounds S.	Fair Grounds	
	GIII Mineshaft S.	Fair Grounds	
	GII Rachel Alexandra S.	Fair Grounds	
	GIII Royal Delta S.	Fair Grounds	
	GIII Barbara Fritchie S.	Laurel	
	GIII General George S.	Laurel	
	GII Santa Monica S.	Santa Anita	
	GIII Sweet Life S.	Santa Anita	
	Feb. 16	GIII Bayakoa S.	Oaklawn
		GIII Razorback H.	Oaklawn
GIII Southwest S.		Oaklawn	
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	GII Buena Vista S.	Santa Anita	

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## CITY LIGHT SHINES ON SIYOUNI'S FRENCH LEGACY



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By Emma Berry

As Siyouni (Fr) embarks on his 10th season at the Aga Khan's Haras de Bonneval, his fee has increased in line with his profile. From a relatively lowly €7,000 starting price to being France's most expensive stallion at €100,000, it is a rise closely mirroring that of his own very successful sire Pivotal (GB).

As of this year, Siyouni now has two sons at stud—Le Brivido (Fr) at Overbury Stud in Britain and **City Light (Fr)** at Haras d'Etream in his native France. They will doubtless be joined in the coming seasons by the G1 Prix du Jockey Club winner Sottsass (Fr), recently acknowledged as the top-rated 3-year-old of 2019 in the Longines World's Best Racehorse Rankings.

The fast City Light naturally aroused the interest of a number of potential buyers when coming within a nose of being his sire's first Group 1-winning colt at Royal Ascot in 2018. Ultimately, however, a deal was done for the now 6-year-old to remain in France for his stud career, and he is the latest addition to an impressive Flat roster at Haras d'Etream, which is also home to rising star Wootton Bassett (GB) and his champion son Almanzor (Fr), whose first yearlings will hit the sale-rings later this year.

"His last year on the track was as a 5-year old so we have been seeing him and following him for a while now," said Nicolas de Chambure in a quick break during the busy weekend of the Route des Etalons. **Cont. p2**

## POST PEGASUS TURF, MAGIC WAND TARGETS SAUDI CUP

The connections of dual GI Pegasus World Cup Turf runner-up **Magic Wand (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) are considering trying the daughter of Prudenzia (Ire) (Dansili {GB}) on dirt in the upcoming \$20-million Saudi Cup on Feb. 29, *Racing Post* reported. Successful in the Nov. 9 G1 Mackinnon S. Down Under and runner-up in the G1 Longines Hong Kong Cup on Dec. 8, the Aidan O'Brien trainee and Coolmore representative sports nine placings at Group 1 level from 23 starts. She is one of 14 entries for the master of Rosegreen spread throughout the card at Abdulaziz Racecourse. G1 Investec Derby hero **Anthony van Dyck (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) is a possible for the \$1-million Neom Turf Cup over the Classic distance, among several others.

"Magic Wand ran another good race in America and seems fine since," O'Brien told *Racing Post*. "She's due to come home this evening." **Cont. p4**

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**City Light Cont. from p1**

In unseasonably warm January weather, plenty of breeders from home and abroad made the trip to see the stallions at the stunning 250-hectare Haras d'Etreham, near Bayeux.

The bright bay City Light gleamed in the sunshine amid the honey-stone walls of the stallion yard where he has been resident since his final outing on the turf at ParisLongchamp in October, where once again he came agonisingly close to Group 1 glory.

His short-head defeat by Merchant Navy (Aus) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}) in the G1 Diamond Jubilee S. as a 4-year-old will doubtless rank as his finest hour, certainly on the international stage, and he was just half a length behind One Master (Ire) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}) for his swansong in the G1 Qatar Prix de la Foret during the Arc meeting.

Consistency has been City Light's watchword, and he knew how to win right from the start, having made a successful debut at two at Saint-Cloud. In 22 starts, he saluted the judge seven times, including two Group 3 wins at ParisLongchamp and in Britain's All-Weather Sprint Championship at Lingfield, as well as finishing second on nine occasions. More than ever, a progressive consistency is a trait to be valued in a breeding prospect of either sex.



City Light, left, finishes a close second to Merchant Navy in the G1 Diamond Jubilee S. | *Racing Post*

"He was second in the Diamond Jubilee at Ascot, beaten almost nothing by Merchant Navy," added de Chambure. "There were a lot of people trying to buy him at the time and we were lucky that the owners decided to keep him in France and, little by little, we managed to secure him."

City Light was bred at Jedburgh Stud in Normandy by Isabelle Corbani and Alec Waugh, who of his formative years working at Etreham. Corbani raced him in partnership with Jean-Louis Bouchard from Stephane Wattel's Deauville stable. **Cont. p3**

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### City Light Cont.

"He's the only son of Siyouni to have performed at Group 1 level over shorter distances so he's a very exciting prospect," added de Chambure. "He has settled really well at the stud since he's been here. He's enjoying the new routine. He's by Siyouni out of a Kendor mare so some of the breeders were asking questions about his attitude and his mind but he's been really easy to deal with and really quiet. And he did show that courage and consistency on the track so on that side of things I think breeders can be confident that he will pass something positive to his progeny."

At least half of City Light's first book of mares will come from the shareholders who were quick to invest in him, along with a number of Etreham's own mares. The farm has had extra cause for celebration in the last week as the breeder of GI Breeders' Cup Mile heroine Uni (GB) (More Than Ready), who was one of the winners at the recent Eclipse Awards. Her dam Unaided (GB) (Dansili (GB)) is now in the ownership of Peter Brant after being sold for €1.25 million at Arqana in December, but Etreham has her yearling colt by Almanzor to offer this August.



Nicolas de Chambure | Laura Green/Tattersalls

"These days we see that it's very difficult to launch a stallion if you don't have strong syndicate behind you and if you don't support the horse yourself as the stud standing them, so we will be sending about 10 mares and he will probably be covering about 70 to 80 mares from shareholders," de Chambure explained. "He was well received: we sold the shares within two weeks when he was announced, and being a son of Siyouni was obviously a big help. He will probably start at 130 [mares] and if he manages the numbers in his book well we could open it back up and sell maybe 10 or 15 more [nominations], but I don't really like going above 150 on any stallion. I think that's plenty to give a horse a chance and to protect him a bit."

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### Magic Wand Cont. from p1

He added, "It's very possible that she'll be heading to Saudi Arabia next month. We're thinking about running her on the dirt. It'd be something new for her so we'll see she comes out of her last run between now and then. We'll have an idea of what we'll run on the card over the next week or 10 days but I'd imagine Anthony Van Dyck is possible to run over there. Circus Maximus has an entry but may not run. Kew Gardens and Sergei Prokofiev are only possible runners at this stage and we'll see how things go with them over the next week or so."

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Magic Wand prior to her runner-up performance in the 2020 Pegasus World Cup Turf | [Racingfotos.com](#)

## IRISH RACING CONTINUES UPWARD TREND IN 2019

The 2019 Irish horse racing and breeding industry statistics were released by Horse Racing Ireland on Monday. During the past year, the number of horses returned in training in Ireland rose 3% to 8,949, with new owner registrations up by 6.8% to 851 new racehorse owners. These were split into 600 new sole owners and partners and 216 new syndicates. Commercial race sponsorship and contributions to prizemoney by racecourses continued to rise also, growing by 17.3% in 2019. There were over 1.3 million people who attended a racemeeting in 2019 and on course betting rose 4.5% compared to 2018. Following a series of changes in betting tax arrangements, off course betting duty receipts collected by the government amounted to €95

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"Horse racing generates a very significant return to the rural economy in Ireland and a positive international profile for our country," said HRI Chief Executive Brian Kavanagh. "None of this success could be achieved without the support provided by the Government. 2019 was a good year for Irish racing, however the industry requires long-term certainty of funding to be able to plan strategically, not least in the context of the challenges provided by Brexit.

"The increased revenue from betting tax provides the basis for such a long-term funding mechanism and Horse Racing Ireland will engage actively with the incoming Government in the coming month to achieve this objective. Increasing ownership and participation is a strategic priority for Horse Racing Ireland and 2019 delivered healthy increases in the number of new and total owners and, consequently, the number of horses-in-training. It was very positive to see 216 new syndicates registering with Horse Racing Ireland in 2019. Our analysis shows that an average syndicate has eight members and the syndicate model is a cost-effective and fun way for people to get involved in horse ownership. Further analysis has shown that these 216 new syndicates have horses in training with 110 different trainers and it is encouraging that the increases we are seeing in racehorse ownership are being felt all over the country.

"The rise in owners was reflected in an increase in horses-in-training, both for the number of individual runners in 2019 (5.7%) and for the number of total runners on the track (5.4%). The Ownership Department in Horse Racing Ireland continues to work closely with the racecourses to ensure that racehorse owners in Ireland have a good experience." [Cont. p5](#)

### Irish Racing Cont.

He added, “We need to keep those improvements going and ensure that prizemoney and minimum race values remain competitive. Owner retention (i.e. those active for two consecutive years) in 2019 was 75%, the highest rate it has been since 2007, so the strides made in owner experience and the commitment to prizemoney are paying off.”

Kavanagh continued, “On the track, Irish-bred horses continued to succeed at the highest levels internationally and the value of Irish-foaled exports in 2019 was up by over 6% to €279.1m. Bloodstock sales at public auction also posted an increase year-on-year, by 2.4% to €165.3m. These figures are all the more welcome given the damaging uncertainty in the market created by Brexit. The hope is that with certainty creeping into the Brexit process for the time being anyway, the gains made in 2019 can be replicated and built upon in 2020.

“Encouragingly, there is a continuing attraction of Irish-foaled horses to international buyers. As well as the increased sales figures, we see confirmation of this with the fact that Irish-foaled horses sold through auction were exported to 32 countries. The horses themselves are their best advertisement and this statistic is a tribute to the quality of the Irish horse and its global reputation for excellence.”

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### BREXIT STEERING GROUP RELEASES UPDATE

Following the UK leaving the European Union on Jan. 31, 2020, an implementation/transition period lasting from Feb. 1, 2020 to at least Dec. 31, 2020 will begin, the Thoroughbred Industries Brexit Steering Group (TIBSG) announced in an update on Monday. Current arrangements relating to the movement of Thoroughbreds and people will operate as they currently do, as the existing Tripartite Agreement remains in place. European Union and European Economic Area nationals are encouraged to apply now for settled status beyond the end of the transition period. The priorities of the TIBSG are:

- maintenance of the free movement of the Thoroughbred horse across Europe
- safeguarding the free movement of people working within the Thoroughbred industry as much as possible
- Ensure there are common technical, transport and taxation policies in order to assist with the above

“As the Brexit negotiations move in to the second phase, our industry continues with an international outlook and the aim of avoiding any unnecessary barriers to trade or the movement of the Thoroughbred,” said Thoroughbred Industries Brexit Steering Group Chair Julian Richmond-Watson. “We will work alongside European and sector colleagues, and the UK

Government, aiming to deliver a future relationship with the EU which will enhance our great industry, support our highly valued European employees, and raise the already high animal health and welfare standards we have in place.”

To view more information on Brexit and how it will affect British horse racing, go to [www.britishhorseracing.com](http://www.britishhorseracing.com). The full update can be found [here](#).

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### ANNA KERR APPOINTED COO FOR THE NATIONAL STUD



Anna Kerr | *The National Stud*

Anna Kerr, previously the manager of Goodwood Racecourse's sponsorship portfolio, has been appointed the Chief Operating Officer of The National Stud effective immediately, the Newmarket stud announced on Monday. Kerr first gained experience in the industry under her father, bloodstock agent Bert Kerr, and she is also a graduate of the Irish National Stud Thoroughbred Breeding Course. Kerr has also worked with Irish Thoroughbred Marketing, Leopardstown Racecourse and Paul Moroney Bloodstock.

“We are delighted to appoint Anna Kerr as our new Chief Operating Officer,” said The National Stud Director Tim Lane. “She brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to the Stud and will be crucial in implementing our future strategies and elevating the Educational arm of The National Stud in particular.”

“It is a really exciting time to be joining The National Stud,” said Kerr, who will report to Lane. “I am particularly looking forward to working closely with Tim, the Stud team and our board to develop further the award-winning education programme and to help mentor the future leaders of our industry.”

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# BRITAIN

**CONDITIONS RESULT:**

**4th-Wolverhampton, £5,300, 1-27, 4yo/up, 7f 36y (AWT), 1:29.34, st.**

**SHERPA TRAIL (c, 4, Gio Ponti--Vapour Musing {GB}, by Manduro {Ger})** Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$8,077. O-Mrs T. Walker; B-James Moloney & Patrick Moloney (NY); T-Ed Walker. \*\$25,000 RNA Ylg '17 FTKTUR.



**IN JAPAN:**

**Ironworks (GB), c, 3, Mastercraftsman (Ire)--Nantyglo (GB)** (SW & GSP-Eng), by Mark of Esteem (Ire). Kokura, 1-25, Maiden (£68k/€81k), 1800mT, 1:50.8. Lifetime Record: 6-1-0-1, \$63,303. O-Godolphin; B-Usk Valley Stud; T-Yoshitada Takahashi. \*Won by seven lengths as the 9-10 favorite. \*\*60,000gns Wlg '17 TATDEF.

**Myrtle Field (Ire), c, 3, Siyouni (Fr)--Banksia (GB)** (SW-Fr), by Marju (Ire). Kyoto, 1-26, Maiden Race (£80k/€95k), 1600mT, 1:37.5. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$64,151. O-Godolphin; B-Tinnakill Bloodstock & Jack Cantillon; T-Yoshito Yahagi. \*1ST TIME STARTER. \*\*€80,000 RNA Wlg '17 GOFNOV; €160,000 Ylg '18 GOFORB.

**IN HONG KONG:**

**Exultant (Ire), g, 6, Teofilo (Ire).** See 'TDN Europe--Worldwide News.'

# WORLDWIDE NEWS

## GOOD AS 'GOLD' IN THE CLASSIC MILE

by Alan Carasso



Golden Sixty | HKJC photo

Dispatched the \$1.80 (5-4 on) favourite to run his lifetime record to eight wins from nine runs, **Golden Sixty (Aus)** (Medaglia d'Oro) took off once in the clear in upper stretch and whooshed home to best his Francis Lui stablemate **More Than This (GB)** (Dutch Art {GB}) by a comfortable 1 1/4 lengths.

The early sections of the Classic Mile were run at a muddling pace, and that caused the likes of **Star Performance (NZ)** (Per Incanto) and the well-backed **Beauty Legacy (Aus)** (Fiorente {Ire}) to overrace while Golden Sixty settled in the latter third of the field for the opening 800m. With Vincent Ho looking to get into the clear off the home corner, Golden Sixty ran to daylight four or five away from the inside at the quarter pole and finished his final 400m in :22.24 to record a cosy success. More Than This, roused along early by Ryan Moore, trailed down the back and was home slightly faster than the winner for second, while **Champion's Way (Aus)** (Hinchinbrook {Aus}) endured a wide trip without cover and was admirable in third.

Beauty Legacy finally settled for Joao Moreira at midway and copped a check when More Than This crossed him inside the final furlong, but was likely never finishing better than fourth in what will be a useful trial going forward.

"Golden Sixty has done what has been asked of him every time," Lui told the HKJC's David Morgan. "Last race he went 1400 metres, this race was a mile and next time will be 1800 metres in the [Feb. 23] Hong Kong Classic Cup, so we will take it step by step. If he runs well in the Classic Cup we will go to the [Mar. 22 BMW Hong Kong] Derby." **Cont. p7**

## WINNERS BY EUROPEAN SIRES

**IN JAPAN:**

**Bur Dubai (Jpn), h, 5, Dubawi (Ire)--Pop Icon (Jpn), by Daiwa Major (Jpn).** Nakayama, 1-25, Cond. (£101k/€120k), 1600mT, 1:34.7. Lifetime Record: 7-2-2-1, \$277,982. O-Godolphin; B-Darley Japan Farm; T-Tetsuya Kimura.

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### Listed Hong Kong Classic Mile Cont.

Lui will also send More Than This into the Classic Cup.

“I think More Than This can handle the Derby distance, and Golden Sixty, the next race is the Classic Cup, so I’ll take it step by step but the main target for both is the Derby,” Lui added.

### Pedigree Notes

Golden Sixty, who became his sire’s first Hong Kong stakes winner in the G3 Chinese Club Challenge Cup H. last time, was an A\$120,000 purchase out of the 2017 Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale, then made for a solid pinhook when fetching NZ\$300,000 from Lui at New Zealand Bloodstock’s Ready To Run Sale 10 months later ([under-tack preview](#)).

Golden Sixty is one of four winners from six to race from his dam, winner of the 2006 G2 Debutante S. at Leopardstown for trainer Jim Bolger. His stakes-placed second dam was a half-sister to four full black-type winners, including champion Proskona (Mr. Prospector) and Korveya (Riverman), the dam of the outstanding champion and MG1SW Bosra Sham (Woodman), fellow champion and French Classic winner Hector Protector (Woodman) and G1 Pouliches victress Shanghai (Procida). Golden Sixty’s third dam includes Hong Kong fan favourite and MG1SW California Memory (Highest Honor {Fr}).

Those questioning Golden Sixty’s chances of seeing out longer trips would be heartened by the cross of Medaglia d’Oro over sire sons of Forty Niner which has yielded the likes of US Horse of the Year Rachel Alexandra (out of a daughter of Roar), champion Songbird and other 10-furlong Grade I winners Elate and New Money Honey (each o/o a Distorted Humor dam).

Gaudeamus is the dam of a 2-year-old colt by Choisir (Aus), a weanling filly by G1 Golden Slipper S. winner Capitalist (Aus) (Written Tycoon {Aus}) and was most recently bred to Trapeze Artist (Aus) (Snitzel {Aus}) on a Nov. 18 cover date.

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### Monday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong

**HONG KONG CLASSIC MILE-LR**, HK\$10,000,000 (£985,278/€1,136,233/A\$1,889,589/US\$1,286,163), NH/SH4yo, 1600mT, 1:33.61, gd.

1--**GOLDEN SIXTY (AUS)**, 126, g, 4, by **Medaglia d’Oro**

1st Dam: Gaudeamus (GSW-Ire, \$179,846),  
by Distorted Humor

2nd Dam: Leo’s Lucky Lady, by Seattle Slew

3rd Dam: Konafa, by Damascus

(A\$120,000 Ylg ‘17 MMGCYS; NZ\$300,000 2yo ‘17 NZBRTR). O-Stanley Chan Ka Leung; B-Asco International Pty Ltd; T-Francis Lui; J-Vincent Ho; HK\$5,700,000. Lifetime Record: GSW-HK, 9-8-0-0, HK\$14,370,600.

2--**More Than This (GB)**, 126, g, 4, Dutch Art (GB)--Striving (Ire),

by Danehill Dancer (Ire). (40,000gns Ylg ‘17 TATOCT). O-Huang Kai Wen; B-Cheveley Park Stud Ltd; T-Francis Lui; J-Ryan Moore; HK\$2,200,000.

3--**Champion’s Way (Aus)**, 126, g, 4, Hinchinbrook (Aus)--Greta’s Yarn (Aus), by Redoute’s Choice (Aus). (A\$150,000 Ylg ‘17 INGFEF). O-Dr & Mrs Arthur Leung, Elaine & Angela Leung; B-G Bunt (NSW); T-John Size; J-Karis Teetan; HK\$1,150,000. Margins: 1 1/4, 1HF, 1HF. Odds: 4-5, 17-5, 14-1.

Also Ran: Beauty Legacy (Aus), Star Performance (NZ), Buddies (Aus), Playa del Puente (Ire), Decrypt (Ire), Awe (GB).

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### Monday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong

**CENTENARY VASE H.-G3**, HK\$3,250,000 (£320,215/€397,010/A\$614,194/US\$418,005), 3yo/up, 1800mT, 1:46.01, gd.

1--**EXULTANT (IRE)**, 133, g, 6, by **Teofilo (Ire)**

1st Dam: Contrary (Ire), by Mark of Esteem (Ire)

2nd Dam: Crystal Gaze (Ire), by Rainbow Quest

3rd Dam: Jumilla, by El Gran Senor

O-Eddie Wong Ming Chak & Wong Leung Sau Hing; B-Ballygallon Stud Ltd; T-Tony Cruz; J-Zac Purton; HK\$1,852,500. Lifetime Record: Ch. Middle Distance Horse, Ch. Stayer & MG1SW-HK, G1SP-Ire, 26-11-6-4, HK\$51,649,410.

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2--**Glorious Dragon (Ire)**, 113, g, 5, **Teofilo (Ire)**--Tipperary Honor (Fr), by Highest Honor (Fr). (€235,000 Ylg ‘16 ARQOCT).

O-LWF Family Syndicate; B-Team Hogdala AB; T-Tony Millard; J-Alexis Badel; HK\$715,000.

3--**Doctor Geoff (Ire)**, 114, g, 6, **Fast Company (Ire)**--More Respect (Ire), by Spectrum (Ire). (€17,500 Wlg ‘14 GOFNOV; €18,000 RNA Ylg ‘15 GOFSP; £58,000 RNA 2yo ‘16 GOFAPR). O-Huang Kai Wen; B-DDE Syndicate; T-Francis Lui; J-Matthew Chadwick; HK\$372,750.

Margins: 1HF, NO, 3/4. Odds: 3-2, 9-1, 83-10.

Also Ran: Chefano (SAf), Eagle Way (Aus), Simply Brilliant (GB), Dark Dream (Aus), Ho Ho Khan (NZ), Harmony Victory (Brz), Sacred Capital (NZ). Scratched: Time Warp (GB).

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**'Shell-shocked' bookmakers face big fines for underage betting at Royal Ascot** Seven on-course bookmakers allowed a 16-year-old to place a £5 bet during the 2019 Royal Meeting and are facing fines. **Chris Cook, *The Guardian***

### TALISMANIC'S FIRST FOAL A COLT

2017 GI Longines Breeders' Cup Turf hero **Talismanic (GB)** (Medaglia d'Oro) sired his first foal, a colt, on Jan. 25, Darley Japan announced. The bay colt is the first produce of the winning Dynamis (Jpn) (Street Sense), from the family of Japanese Horse of the Year Air Groove (Jpn) (Tony Bin {Ire}), herself the dam of Japanese Champion Older Mare Admire Groove (Jpn) (Sunday Silence). Admire Groove, a half-sister to G1 Queen Elizabeth II Cup winner and sire Rulership (Jpn) (King Kamehameha {Jpn}) is already a proven commodity in the paddocks as the dam of Japanese champion 3-year-old colt Duramente (Jpn) (King Kamehameha {Jpn}). The former Andre Fabre trainee stands for ¥1,800,000 at Darley Japan in 2020.

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## QATAR

### ENTRIES RELEASED FOR QATAR FESTIVAL

Among the 321-strong entries for His Highness The Amir Sword Festival in Qatar are 105 overseas horses set to contest the \$2.95-million six-race card at Al Rayyan Racecourse in Qatar on Feb. 21-22. There are two \$1-million races on tap, one for Thoroughbreds--the 2400-metre HH The Amir Trophy presented by Longines. 2019's winner, G1SW **French King (GB)** (French Fifteen {Fr}), squares off against the second-fourth--**Royal Julius (Ire)** (Royal Applause {GB}), **Hunting Horn (Ire)** (Camelot {GB}), and **The Blue Eye (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}). Fellow German Group 1 winner **Aspetar (Fr)** (Al Kazeem {GB}) also lines up.

"The huge number of entries is a demonstration of the progress of Qatar's horseracing," said Qatar Racing & Equestrian Club (QREC) CEO Nasser bin Sherida Al Kaabi. "It also reflects the success of the organisers to attract international trainers and owners to enter their horses for the six international races of the Festival. The quality and variety of the horses entered promise that Al Rayyan Park will be home for top-class action at the highlights of our racing calendar."

For the full list of entries, go to [www.qrec.gov.qa](http://www.qrec.gov.qa).

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G2 Prix Maurice de Nieuil hero Talismanic celebrated his first foal, a colt | [Racingfotos.com](http://Racingfotos.com)

## Cumulative Leading General Sires by Winners

for stallions standing in Europe through Sunday, Jan. 26

Earnings represent worldwide figures, stud fees listed are 2020 fees.

Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	<b>Galileo (Ire)</b> <i>(1998) by Sadler's Wells FYR: 2003 Crops: 16</i>	<b>286</b>	<b>453</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>329</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>1685 1112</b>	<b>10,530,964</b>	<b>228,272,578</b> <i>Highland Reel (Ire)</i>
2	<b>Invincible Spirit (Ire)</b> <i>(1997) by Green Desert FYR: 2004 Crops: 15</i>	<b>117</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>1374 945</b>	<b>2,250,214</b>	<b>81,064,600</b> <i>Moonlight Cloud (GB)</i>
3	<b>Pivotal (GB)</b> <i>(1993) by Polar Falcon FYR: 1998 Crops: 21</i>	<b>147</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>1310 943</b>	<b>7,865,831</b>	<b>101,838,748</b> <i>African Story (GB)</i>
4	<b>Oasis Dream (GB)</b> <i>(2000) by Green Desert FYR: 2005 Crops: 14</i>	<b>119</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>1167 783</b>	<b>3,438,502</b>	<b>73,261,078</b> <i>Midday (GB)</i>
5	<b>Rock of Gibraltar (Ire)</b> <i>(1999) by Danehill FYR: 2004 Crops: 15</i>	<b>81</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>1261 763</b>	<b>3,522,735</b>	<b>75,971,819</b> <i>Eagle Mountain (GB)</i>
6	<b>Dubawi (Ire)</b> <i>(2002) by Dubai Millennium (GB) FYR: 2007 Crops: 12</i>	<b>158</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>1028 753</b>	<b>7,403,790</b>	<b>148,324,058</b> <i>Monterosso (GB)</i>
7	<b>Exceed and Excel (Aus)</b> <i>(2000) by Danehill FYR: 2006 Crops: 13</i>	<b>78</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>1126 727</b>	<b>6,275,972</b>	<b>80,641,751</b> <i>Mr Stunning (Aus)</i>
8	<b>Shamardal</b> <i>(2002) by Giant's Causeway FYR: 2007 Crops: 13</i>	<b>121</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>1014 721</b>	<b>7,841,534</b>	<b>101,399,197</b> <i>Able Friend (Aus)</i>
9	<b>Acclamation (GB)</b> <i>(1999) by Royal Applause (GB) FYR: 2005 Crops: 14</i>	<b>52</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>1057 670</b>	<b>1,827,455</b>	<b>48,189,368</b> <i>Expert Eye (GB)</i>
10	<b>Kodiac (GB)</b> <i>(2001) by Danehill FYR: 2008 Crops: 11</i>	<b>54</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1014 618</b>	<b>3,314,220</b>	<b>36,418,446</b> <i>Best Solution (Ire)</i>
11	<b>Holy Roman Emperor (Ire)</b> <i>(2004) by Danehill FYR: 2008 Crops: 11</i>	<b>65</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>908 608</b>	<b>8,028,921</b>	<b>68,426,621</b> <i>Designs On Rome (Ire)</i>
12	<b>Dark Angel (Ire)</b> <i>(2005) by Acclamation (GB) FYR: 2009 Crops: 10</i>	<b>57</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>884 541</b>	<b>1,793,398</b>	<b>45,674,173</b> <i>Battaash (Ire)</i>
13	<b>Iffraaj (GB)</b> <i>(2001) by Zafonic FYR: 2008 Crops: 11</i>	<b>47</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>885 533</b>	<b>3,503,680</b>	<b>40,602,287</b> <i>Ribchester (Ire)</i>
14	<b>Footstepsinthesand (GB)</b> <i>(2002) by Giant's Causeway FYR: 2006 Crops: 12</i>	<b>47</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>875 528</b>	<b>2,132,753</b>	<b>51,392,994</b> <i>Beauty Flame (Ire)</i>
15	<b>Kheylef</b> <i>(2001) by Green Desert FYR: 2006 Crops: 13</i>	<b>20</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>811 491</b>	<b>917,632</b>	<b>24,577,992</b> <i>Desert Oasis (Jpn)</i>



## FEARLESS ELLIS STRIKES AT KARAKA



Lot 454 | TDN AusNZ

By Paul Vettise

David Ellis's drive to see the cream of New Zealand's best colts remain in the country continued at Karaka on day two of the Book 1 sale when, late in the session, he signed for the session sale-topper with the gavel coming down on Windsor Park Stud's Savabeel colt for NZ\$875,000.

### At A Glance

- David Ellis continues his spending spree at the top level with his NZ\$875,000 purchase of the day's session-topper, a colt by Savabeel from Windsor Park Stud's draft.
- The Te Akau boss cemented his position as the leading purchaser by aggregate after a spend of NZ\$5,585,000 for 21 horses while Australian buyers have outlaid NZ\$22,322,500 on 152 lots.
- Cambridge Stud enjoys rich success from both sides of the fence, buying a richly-bred Iffraaj (GB) filly and shortly after selling a Lonhro colt for NZ\$675,000.
- Agent Bruce Perry is a fan of Tivaci and he went to NZ\$500,000 to secure a son of the first-season sire out of the consignment of Trelawney Stud.
- The second day average was NZ\$150,456, compared to the NZ\$137,437 achieved at the end of the 2019 sale. The median is currently NZ\$120,000, up from NZ\$100,000 last year.

- The sale aggregate currently totals NZ\$49,500,000 and is tracking toward a total gross in 2019 of NZ\$67,206,500. The clearance rate is marginally ahead of 12 months ago at 78%.

### The Dominant Force

Te Akau chief David Ellis has been the leading buyer at New Zealand Bloodstock's National Yearling Sale for well over a decade and he dominated second day proceedings with a host of purchases, including the top price of NZ\$875,000 for Lot 454. Ellis is fearless and rarely does he finish second and there was no way he was going to settle for a runner-up finish when it came to Windsor Park Stud's stand-out son of champion sire Savabeel.

"I would have been happy to get him for NZ\$750,000, but these top colts have a lot of good judges on them and sometimes you have to pay a bit more," he said. "A really top colt like this could turn out to be cheap, if not then he's very expensive, but I expect him to be very good. Jamie [Richards] is so excited to be training him and it's been a successful couple of days for Te Akau.

He continued, "I'm thrilled to have got so many nice horses and I can't wait for them to be racing for Te Akau. I also want them for New Zealand racing and the studs here. If we want to take this industry to the next level we have to buy these top-quality colts at the sales."

The son of Savabeel is out of Bayrock (Fastnet Rock) and she is a sister to the two-time Group 1 winning sprinter Merchant Navy and the G2 Roman Consul S. winner Jolie Bay, also second in the G1 Coolmore Classic.

Ellis is unflinching in his approach, seated as always to the auctioneer's right, and no longer feels the pressure of going into sales week without pre-auction orders.

"All my horses I buy on spec, I'm used to it now. People will visit the farm every day for the next month or so and we'll sell them all down," he said. "This one is a beautiful animal, a real athlete, and being out of a Fastnet Rock mare is hard to beat."

Windsor Park Stud's Rodney Schick said he was one of the best colts they had ever presented at Karaka.

"John O'Shea was underbidder but DC [Ellis] and Jamie [Richards] are very strong and they have had such great success with the Savabeels," said Schick. "What a great sire Savabeel has been for New Zealand and for the sale again this year. It is really such a great result for us."

### Special Moment

Ellis was also a major player in an earlier sale, when he successfully bid NZ\$325,000 for Lot 449, a Savabeel filly who provided Charlotte Chittick, daughter of farm principal Mark, with a memorable moment. It was the first time she led a yearling through the ring.

“It was lovely to be part of it, Charlotte is a very special young lady,” Ellis said. “It was exciting for me to be part of it and I think this filly can be in the Karaka Million next year. Her pedigree is full of 2-year-old form.”

The Savabeel filly is out of Baby Shacks (NZ), an O’Reilly (NZ) mare who is a sister to G2 Avondale Guineas winner Joey Massino (NZ) and G2 Makybe Diva S. winner Vigor (NZ). She is also a half-sister to the inaugural Karaka Million winner Vincent Mangano (NZ) (No Excuse Needed {GB}).

### Double Strike

Cambridge Stud starred in two roles in quick-fire time on day two of New Zealand Bloodstock’s Yearling Sale when it purchased a well-related Iffraaj (GB) filly, Lot 337, for NZ\$400,000 and then received a whopping NZ\$675,000 for Lot 342, a handsome son of Lonhro.

Coolmore was the successful bidder on the Lonhro colt, who is from a well-performed female family and is out of the G3 Alexandra S. winner Thames Court (Commands) while the second, third and fourth dams all boast black-type form.

“The American Pharoah we bought yesterday and this one were our two picks. He’s a beautiful colt by Lonhro, one of the best I’ve seen,” Coolmore bloodstock consultant James Bester said.

The American Pharoah (USA), who was sold by Pencarrow Stud as Lot 189 for NZ\$575,000 to agent Guy Mulcaster with Coolmore to be involved in the colt, is headed to Chris Waller’s stable.



LONHRO - THAMES COURT COLT (photo taken 30/12/19)

Lot 342 | NZ Bloodstock



Cambridge Stud's Henry Plumtre | NZ Bloodstock

“The Lonhro colt’s mother still holds a track record at Moonee Valley and this horse, to me, is a late season 2-year-old and Golden Rose and Guineas type. He’s a special horse,” Bester said. “We outbid an outstanding judge in John O’Shea, who is one of the best, so that also gives me great confidence.”

Bester said Coolmore had placed more of an emphasis in recent times in securing high-quality colts,” and added, “The good ones can be hard to find, but if you get it right you’ve got a very valuable stallion so we’ve been looking.”

Cambridge Stud’s Brendan Lindsay was overjoyed to successfully execute a plan for the purchase of the Haunui Farm-offered Iffraaj youngster with a final bid of NZ\$400,000. She is a daughter of the black type winner Talaria (NZ) (O’Reilly {NZ}) and she is a sister to the G1 Doncaster H. winner Brutal (NZ). The pedigree page also features the G2 Matamata Breeders’ S. winner Te Akau Rose (NZ) (Thorn Park) and the G3 Thoroughbred Club S. winner Cavalry Rose (Charge Forward).

“She was at the top of the list and that’s exactly what we valued her at,” Lindsay said. “The mare’s got an Iffraaj filly at foot and is in foal to I Am Invincible so they’re giving her every chance. It’s a magnificent family, just gold, and this is what Cambridge Stud needs.”

Lindsay said his operation have been having a whale of a time at Karaka, both selling and buying. “If it gets any better anywhere else then let me know.”

### Ellis Stays Distance

Ellis’s tenacity was again put to the test when Lot 247 came into the ring, but the Te Akau supremo once again refused to be beaten and exceeded his budget to claim Trelawney Stud’s I Am Invincible colt for NZ\$625,000.

“This is absolutely a Karaka Million colt. He’s really precocious and has a lot of class and he’s a beautifully balanced colt,” he said.

“We've loved this one since we first saw him, he ticked all of our boxes, and he's developed beautifully over the last few weeks. I thought he was about the right price. I was hoping I might be able to get him for NZ\$500,000, but with these really good ones I don't like to get beaten.”

Ellis said his belief in the colt was emphasised by his opposition in the ring.

“He's a beautiful colt. The underbidder was Mark Pilkington, who I regard as one of the best judges anywhere. It's very pleasing that such a great eye saw the same thing that we did. We're being quite picky with what we buy and we're only buying the ones we really, really like.

“This colt was bred by one of our great nurseries. Some of New Zealand's best ever horses have come off that farm and Brent and Cherry Taylor have taken it to a new level.”

He added, “The colt is by I Am Invincible, who's also the sire of our very promising filly Festivity-- she's had two starts for two wins-- and we'd like to think she'll go to Australia at some stage later this year.”

The youngster is a son of Sancerre (NZ) (O'Reilly {NZ}), who won four races, and she is a daughter of the G1 Queensland Oaks winner Vouvray (NZ) (Zabeel {NZ}). The third dam Real Success (NZ) (Success Express {USA}) won the G2 Dulcie S. and produced the dam of the G1 Thorndon H. winner A Touch Of Ruby (NZ) (Pins).

Ellis said he had been impressed by the colt's temperament at the sale grounds.

“You can see when they come to the sale whether they are enjoying it, whether they want to be part of it, whether they are coping with leaving home for the first time,” he said. “They are like teenagers when they go flatting for the first time, some take a while to get used to it while some people excel in it. If he is a Group 1 horse, then he is a NZ\$25- to NZ\$30-million stallion, which is what the studs will have to pay.”

### ***Tivaci Colt Popular***

First-season sire Tivaci made a significant impact early on in the session when a high-powered syndicate fronted by bloodstock agent Bruce Perry outlaid NZ\$500,000 for Trelawney Stud's colt, Lot 241. The youngster owns a stallion's pedigree, as they say, being a half-brother to the dual Group 1 winner Grunt

who served his first book at Yu Long last year. Their dam Ruggaya (NZ) (Van Nistelrooy {USA}) is also a half-sister to former New Zealand Horse of the Year and G1 Cox Plate winner Ocean Park (NZ) (Thorn Park) and also the family of the G1 Easter H. winner Prince Kaapstad (NZ) (Kaapstad {NZ}).

“He's part of a colts' partnership we have put together with Lib Petagna, Waikato Stud, James Chapman (of Jamieson Park), Jomara Bloodstock, Greg Clarke and Dave and Mickey Wilson,” said Perry, who is Petagna's Bloodstock Manager. “We bought a couple at the Gold Coast, an I Am Invincible colt and a Lonhro colt, and this one was a horse we wanted. Lib was in Tivaci and I was the underbidder on him when he was a yearling. I love the Tivacis and this is just a beautiful horse. We'll get him broken in here and he'll eventually go to Australia.”

Perry's colts' syndicate also race the promising Written Tycoon

colt Banquo out of Danny O'Brien's Flemington stable. He has won two of his seven starts, including the Listed Hilton S. on his home track in the spring. The colt recently placed when resuming following a break and is on a Group 1 path.

“He'll run in the Autumn Stakes and then hopefully on to the Australian Guineas,” Perry said.

A \$600,000 Magic Millions purchase, he is out of the Flying Spur mare Noondie who is also the dam of the G1 Oakleigh Plate winner Booker (Written Tycoon) and the family of the two-time G1 Toorak H. winner Umrum (Umatilla {NZ}).



David Ellis | TDN AusNZ

### ***Exceedingly Good***

Exceed And Excel has been a good sire to Gary Harding and he didn't hesitate to go to NZ\$500,000 for a son, Lot 368, of the Darley stallion offered by Cambridge Stud. Harding raced the G1 Railway S. winner Bounding (Lonhro), who is out of an Exceed And Excel mare and since her purchase by Stonestreet Stables at a Magic Millions Broodmare Sale she has had a Curlin (USA) colt sell for US\$4.1 million at last year's Keeneland September Yearling Sale.

“I'm a bit biased toward Exceed And Excel after Bounding. I've also got a very good Exceed And Excel 2-year-old (Key) I bought for \$500,000 at the Gold Coast. She hasn't raced yet and is with Cody Cole,” Harding said.

His latest acquisition will be trained at Otaki by Johno Benner and Hollie Wynyard.

“He scoped well and vetted well so I’m very happy to have him. I thought he’d go for about that price and he’ll stay in New Zealand and if he comes up he’ll go to Australia,” Harding said.

The colt is a son of Tricia'o (NZ) (O'Reilly {NZ}), who is a half-sister to the G2 Tatts Winter S. winner La Sizeranne (NZ) (Stravinsky {USA}), who also won twice at Group 3 level and was runner-up in the G1 New Zealand 1000 Guineas.

### **Tried and True**

agent Guy Mulcaster has an outstanding association with Wentwood Grange and he was more than happy to stick to a tried and true formula in his successful pursuit of the Cambridge farm's Savabeel filly, Lot 379. Mulcaster stayed the distance strongly to land her for NZ\$500,000 and is now hoping history can repeat for a third time.

“We've been lucky enough to get Kolding and Kermadec from Wentwood Grange so we know their horses and how well prepared they are,” he said.

Kermadec (NZ) (Teofilo {Ire}) was a NZ\$260,000 buy and won the G1 Doncaster H. and the G1 Epsom H. while Kolding (NZ) (Ocean Park {NZ}) won last year's G1 Epsom H. and the inaugural edition of the Golden Eagle. He was a NZ\$170,000 Karaka buy.

The Savabeel filly is the second foal of the G1 Herbie Dyke S. winner Valley Girl (NZ) (Mastercraftsman {Ire}) and she is a daughter of the G3 Cuddle S. winner Leigh Valley (NZ) (Bianconi {USA}).

“She'll be raced by the Kaha Syndicate, I've been buying for them for the last three or four years.”

Among them is Relucent (NZ) (Savabeel), a NZ\$300,000 purchase from Waikato Stud's draft, who has yet to win for Chris Waller but placed in the Listed Geelong Classic last season and finished fourth in the G1 VRC Derby.



### **IN HONG KONG:**

**Wellington**, g, 3, **All Too Hard**--Mihiri (GSP-Aus, \$146,460), by More Than Ready (USA). Sha Tin, 1-27, Hcp. (\$184k), 1200m, 1:09.37. B-Kia Ora Stud Pty Ltd, David Paradise, Steve McCann (NSW). \*1ST TIME STARTER. \*\*\$70,000 Ylg '18 MMGCYS.

### **VIDEO**

**War of Courage**, g, 3, **Declaration of War (USA)**--Arms Wide Open, by Encosta de Lago. Sha Tin, 1-27, Hcp. (\$184k), 1000m, :56.79. B-K Biggs Enterprises Pty Ltd, Horseshoe Investments (WA). \*\$80,000 Ylg '18 INGFE. **VIDEO**

**Super Wealthy**, g, 4, **Epaulette**--Well Hidden (USA) (SW-US, US\$100,600), by More Than Ready (USA). Sha Tin, 1-27, Hcp. (\$276k), 1200m, 1:09.06. B-Kerry O'Brien Thoroughbreds P/L (SA). \*Formerly Covert Operation. \*\*\$55,000 Ylg '17 INGFE; \$80,000 RNA 2yo '17 INGRTR. **VIDEO**

**Golden Sixty**, g, 4, **Medaglia d'Oro (USA)**. See 'TDN Europe--Worldwide News.'

**Perfect Match**, g, 4, **Not A Single Doubt**--Modave (NZ), by Montjeu (Ire). Sha Tin, 1-27, Hcp. (\$532k), 1400m, 1:21.56. B-Arrowfield Group Pty Ltd, Jungle Pocket Pty Ltd (NSW). \*1/2 to Schiffer (Snitzel), SP-Aus, \$379,000. \*\*\$130,000 Ylg '17 INGFE. **VIDEO**

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	G1 Canterbury S.	Randwick
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Mar. 21	G1 Longines Golden Slipper S.	Rosehill
	G1 The Agency George Ryder S	Rosehill
	G1 Ranvet S.	Rosehill
	G1 The Galaxy S.	Rosehill