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## HOPE SPRINGS ETERNAL AT SPRINGLAND



Shotski (inside) winning the Remsen | Sarah Andrew

by Chris McGrath

We've all got a shot. But only Bill Nicholls has a **Shotski** (Blame). Not strictly true, of course. The son of Blame, who makes his sophomore bow in the GIII Withers S. Saturday, is banking his racetrack purses for a partnership comprised of Adam Wachtel, Gary Barber, Pantofel Stable and Mike Karty; and raised no more than \$25,000 when sold as a yearling by Springland Farm and Prime Bloodstock LLC. But if that's a fairly minimal reward, for breeding a GII Remsen S. winner, then Nicholls can comfort himself that Shotski's dam is still grazing the pastures at Springland, his family farm near Paris; is still only 12 years of age; and is due to Bernardini in mid-March.

Who knows what Shotski might do, at Aqueduct, for the value of this sibling? Or what his further development, in the hands of trainer Jeremiah O'Dwyer, might yet achieve for his mother She Cat? A daughter of Bluegrass Cat, she was picked out by Nicholls for just \$10,500, with an Archarcharch cover, at the Keeneland January Sale of 2013. In four starts, she had faced 35 rivals and beaten four of them, but she was a half-sister to one graded stakes winner and to the dam of another. Their mother, in turn, is out of a half-sister to Try Something New (Hail The Pirates), who was Shug McGaughey's first Grade I winner in the 1983 Spinster S.

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## FROM UNKNOWN TO CHAMPION, STORM THE COURT READIES FOR 3YO ENCORE

by Joe Bianca

In the fall of 2016, trainer Peter Eurton saddled a big longshot in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies at Santa Anita who rode a game upset to an improbable divisional championship. Three years later, he did the same thing, this time with an unheralded colt in the Juvenile, whose shocking and resolute victory propelled him to an unforeseeable Eclipse Award of his own. Eurton hopes the comparisons end there, however, as his **Storm the Court** (Court Vision) prepares to get his sophomore season underway while adding the weight of expectation next Sunday in the GII San Vicente S.

It was Champagne Room--campaigned in part by Ryan Exline and Justin Border's Exline-Border Racing just like Storm the Court--who toppled the Juvenile Fillies at 33-1 in 2016 to earn her statuette. But the bay filly finished a well-beaten third in her 3-year-old debut and was shelved for over seven months before winning just one of her final three starts that fall. **Cont. p6**

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**IMBRIALE REPLACES COLLMUS ON NYRA MIC 8**

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## Hope Springs Eternal at Springland

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Nicholls partnered with a couple of Arkansas pals, Elgin Hamner and Luke Kauffman, who had been looking to dip their toes in the business. She Cat was their first mare together, and their friendship is making the emergence of Shotski all the more rewarding.

Her Archarcharch filly was cashed in for \$42,000 that November and went on to win five races. She Cat had meanwhile been sent to Pioneerof the Nile, just ahead of the American Pharoah curve, and produced a colt named Colonist who was twice graded stakes-placed. Next, the mare was given consecutive assignments with Blame, first producing a colt who broke down in his second start; and then Shotski.

"She's not a big mare, but she's put together well," Nicholls explained. "We thought we'd try to breed her to bigger horses and the Blames came out huge. Though Shotski wasn't as big as the first one, who was probably 1,100 lbs as a yearling.



Shotski at FTKOCT | Taylor Made

"Shotski was a very laid back, easy horse, just never any trouble at all. I think that's the kind you want: the learning type, that will take the trainer's advice and do what they need to do. But we brought him up to Keeneland [for the September Sale] and there just wasn't a lot of interest. I thought he was a very nice horse, but the sire was kind of down then, and he was probably two or three days early for a Blame at that time. So we scratched him out, took him home and decided to put him through the October Sale."

Not that there was a great deal more demand at Fasig-Tipton. "So we sold him to some people we knew: I've dealt with Kings Equine in the past and they really liked the horse," Nicholls said. "It wasn't quite what we wanted for him, but we weren't in a position to race anything at the time so we had to let him go at that."



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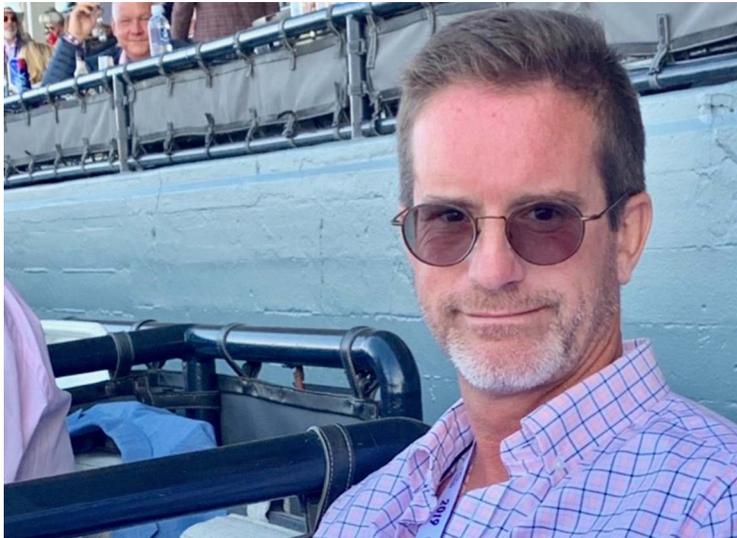
  
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And maybe that was where Nicholls might have shared with his partners the seasoned, shrug-of-the-shoulder perspectives of a third-generation horseman.

Old timers in the Bluegrass will remember his grandfather, W.K. Taylor, who founded Springland in 1962 while general manager at Claiborne. His parents have a picture at home of Taylor greeting Secretariat to the farm, the champion exiting the orange and yellow horsebox. After that, Taylor took a similar post at Bluegrass Farm for Nelson Bunker Hunt.



Bill Nicholls

Some of the original Springland estate was sold to other concerns, including Hidden Brook and Beau Lane, but Nicholls redeemed the brand when buying a nearby parcel of land in 1998. He was still only in his twenties, and maybe that was just as well. For while he was grateful for the counsel of his father and grandfather, it was an enterprise that required the energy of a young man.

"It was 150 acres with one horse barn on it," Nicholls recalled. "No road, no fence, nothing. So we laid it out. I had some of my dad's old clients, some of my own. And then M.R.L.S. hit. I had to lay off all my help, and it was just me and my dad because everybody shipped their horses out of Kentucky.

"It was a real struggle. But I don't have quit in me. So I went to some friends, went 'round some farms, basically begged for horses. I filled back up pretty quickly, got some really good clients--and then the market crashed in '08. Again, tough times. But there's always something. Knock on wood, Shotski's been good to us, but his dam was carrying an Empire Maker a couple of years ago and was empty on fall check. Stuff like that hurts. But it's just part of the business."

One way or another, then, Springland is just another of those smaller Kentucky farms trying to ride the dips, hoping that the good days level out the bad in the longer term.

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It's good that there remains a niche for places like this, among the more industrial outfits; and it's good when a sunbeam like Shotski illuminates the skills of born-and-bred horsemen like Nicholls. And while he knows he can't hit a home run every year, he believes that a more intimate regime has day-to-day benefits for his customers.

"I think it's about personal touch," he explained. "One of my clients had horses at several different farms and he told me years ago that the difference was he could always call me and I can tell him right away what's going on with his horses. These other farms, they have to go call someone and they'll get back to me. I'm hands-on. I foal every mare, the night person calls me and I'm out there. I'm with the vet every day during breeding season, and basically 24/7, it's my life other than my family."

But you can learn from the storied operators, too. His father rode with the vet round Claiborne, when Taylor was manager there; and Nicholls himself did the same for seven or eight years after leaving college.

"I learned a lot from how they raised horses," he said. "They've done it for 100-plus years and they've not changed a lot over

that time. I've never believed in doing anything that wasn't good for the horse. You feed them right, raise them right, you get good blacksmiths and make sure they're walking right. A yearling shouldn't come into the sale looking like it's ready to go to the track."

Springland Farm co-bred the winner of the GI Santa Anita Oaks in 2014, Fashion Plate (Old Fashioned), but in the GI Kentucky Oaks she got upset in the gate--and that was that. No need, then, to tell Nicholls to keep his feet on the ground. But if you've raised a Remsen winner and he then goes on to win the Withers, it's hard not to allow the "D" word to start percolating through your subconscious. After all, the whole point of paying your dues is to enjoy the good times when you can.

"You have to, because there's more downs than ups," Nicholls said with a shrug. "And you can be excited inside, while still being realistic because anything can happen. One of my partners texts Jeremiah O'Dwyer all the time and they do really like the horse. From my standpoint, I think he's a classic two-turn horse. That's kind of how he looked as a yearling, too, just a big stretchy type. I think he's a horse that should rate. I know he went out on the lead in the Remsen, but I think he should be able to stay back and come running."

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She Cat has already more than paid her way, her weanling daughter by California Chrome having made \$160,000 at Fasig-Tipton's Fall Sale in 2018. And though she missed the last cycle, after losing her Empire Maker foal, her future foals would seem likely to be moving up the catalog.

"My budget's pretty low," Nicholls said. "I'm not rich by any means, I'm working class. I tend to be in that \$20,000-\$30,000 range when I go to buy a mare. My wife is a nurse, and she puts up with a lot because horses get in the way of a lot of family stuff. So you've got to love the animal, and you've got to love what you produce. It's fun to follow your horses on the track, after you've sold them; fun to see what you can do."

He has a Shotski and, for anyone renewing the patient cycles of his calling, that's no more than you can ever ask.

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## Storm the Court Readies for 3YO Encore

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"They have to stay healthy, and unfortunately 'Champagne' came up with a foot fracture, mild, very minor, and that kind of stopped us in our tracks," Eurtion said. "We were pretty excited about her going forward."

That level of excitement has been rekindled for Storm the Court, a double-digit price in all four of his career outings who set a fast pace and kept finding through the stretch to score the biggest shocker of Breeders' Cup weekend at over 45-1. Given seven weeks off after that, the \$60,000 OBS April bargain returned to the worktab Dec. 22 and hasn't missed a beat since, drilling six times at his Santa Anita base, most recently covering five furlongs in 1:00 3/5 (10/48) Jan. 26.



Storm the Court working at Santa Anita | Horsephotos

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“I just thought it would be good for him to not do much after the Breeders’ Cup and freshen up, maybe grow a little bit,” Eurton said. “He is a May foal, and I believe he’s maybe grown an inch or so. He never was short or anything, he’s always been kind of leggy, not a real thick individual, but I think he has filled out a bit. He’s close to 1100 pounds now, whereas some of these 3-year-olds you see are well in the high 11s, 1200s, so he’s not what you’d call big in thickness, but he’s tall and leggy.”



Peter Eurton (right) | Breeders' Cup/Eclipse Sportswire

As for Storm the Court’s seemingly out-of-nowhere victory in the Breeders’ Cup, Eurton noted that even he was slightly taken aback based on what he’d seen from the colt in the mornings.

“We always thought that the company he was working with was better than him, but he was such a cool cat that he never showed you all of his cards until he actually ran,” he said. “He was always fast, but there were always questions on how far he would go. Any time you get a horse with that kind of talent, it’s always gratifying, absolutely, to surprise you the way that he did.”

Returning in the seven-furlong San Vicente, his first one-turn outing since losing his jockey when favored Eight Rings (Empire Maker) veered into him at the start of the GI Runhappy Del Mar Futurity, Storm the Court has gone from the hunter to the hunted.

“It’s fun, obviously you like to be the dark horse nobody even pays attention to, but it’s also fun to be ‘the’ horse, too, because he’s done something to deserve it,” Eurton said. “It’s got good and bad on both [sides]. We’re just going to enjoy it and see what happens. It’s seven-eighths, he doesn’t have to win it, but it’s a good race to get him started in. It used to be done a lot more often than it is now, starting off [at seven furlongs], but it worked out timing-wise for me.”

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Eurton said Storm the Court will have one more workout this Sunday for the San Vicente, and he hasn't mapped out anything beyond that, but is open to putting his pupil on a plane for one of his following preps if he decides it's part of the most optimal path to Louisville.

"Just one race at a time, don't have a clue yet [what's next], I know there's a lot of options and I have no issue with shipping him once if we have to, or staying here," he said. "I just want him to be the best he can be in the first week of May, if that works out for us."

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## IMBRIALE REPLACING COLLMUS FULL-TIME AT NYRA

John Imbriale, who has been with the New York Racing Association for better than 40 years, has been appointed the full-time racecaller and track announcer, taking over the position held by Larry Collmus since 2014. Imbriale joins a long list of legendary racecallers in New York, including Tom Durkin, Marshall Cassidy, Chic Anderson, Dave Johnson and Fred Capossela.

"John Imbriale is a central part of the fabric of Thoroughbred racing in New York," said NYRA CEO & President Dave O'Rourke. "Johnny I's high level of professionalism and flawless delivery are well known to horseplayers and racing fans, and we congratulate him on becoming the voice of NYRA. We would like to thank Larry Collmus for his many contributions to NYRA and wish him the very best as he takes the next step in his career."



John Imbriale | NYRA/Adam Coglianese

# In Memory of Ashton Moynihan



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

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Imbriale joined NYRA in 1979 after winning a *New York Daily News* contest which gave him the chance to call a race and work with the NYRA press office. He became the backup to Durkin in 1990 and has since been part of the commentary team at Aqueduct, Belmont and Saratoga. Imbriale has worked with the likes of Harvey Pack on the "Inside Racing" program and also in behind-the-scenes roles with NYRA TV, most recently as NYRA's Director of Television Production.

"In a sense, this is a job for which I've been preparing for years," said Imbriale, who celebrated his 40th anniversary with NYRA Nov. 5. "I've been so lucky to be surrounded by incredible racecallers during my career. I learned from all of them and these lessons live with me to this day. I'm humbled by the trust placed in me by NYRA and look forward to calling races for the best fans in the sport."

Collmus took over from Durkin and had the good fortune of calling two Triple Crown winners--American Pharoah (2015) and Justify (2018)--during his tenure.

"I'd like to thank the New York Racing Association for five great years calling memorable races at these wonderful venues," said Collmus. "I will certainly miss the people and places that make NYRA so special, especially the passionate racing fans at Saratoga, but it's the right time for me to move on to the next challenge while continuing my work with NBC Sports."

Imbriale, who has been the primary racecaller at Aqueduct, will slide into his new role immediately.

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## SOVEREIGN AWARD FINALISTS ANNOUNCED

The Jockey Club of Canada announced the finalists for the 2019 Sovereign Awards, which honors Canada's champions and recognizes their achievements in Canadian Thoroughbred Racing and Breeding. The winners of the 12 horse categories and the five human categories will be announced at the 45th Annual Sovereign Awards Ceremony Apr. 16 at Universal Eventspace in Vaughan, Ontario. Finalists for Horse of the Year will be announced during the ceremony.

Charles E. Fipke will be awarded the E. P. Taylor Award of Merit and Harvey Warner will be presented with the Special Sovereign Award during the ceremony. Additionally, the three finalists in each of the media categories will be announced on or before Feb. 15, as will be the winner of the Award for Outstanding Groom. For more information, visit

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## TVG TO SPONSOR KEENELAND'S WOODFORD, LIMESTONE TURF SPRINT

TVG and Keeneland have expanded their relationship for the 2020 season with the network slated to sponsor a pair of races during the track's spring and fall meets. The \$100,000 TVG Limestone Turf Sprint--a 5 1/2-furlong turf race for 3-year-old fillies--will be run on the GI Maker's Mark Mile undercard Apr. 10. The \$200,000 GII Woodford S., Presented by TVG is scheduled for Oct. 3 and is a 5 1/2-furlong test for 3-year-olds and up on turf.

"We're very excited to expand our association with Keeneland with the sponsorship of these two major stakes," said Enrico Rusi, general manager of TVG. "The sponsorship of these races is one component of a broader, long-standing partnership that includes special coverage of Keeneland's race meets and sales and enhanced promotion on our network."

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## U.S. HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEE HEARS TESTIMONY ON LEGISLATURE TO BAN HORSE SLAUGHTER

Federal legislation that would permanently ban horse slaughter in the U.S. and end the export of American horses for slaughter abroad was on Wednesday's agenda at the U.S. House Subcommittee on Health of the Committee on Energy and Commerce's hearing of "Improving Safety and Transparency in America's Food and Drugs." The legislation, which was introduced by Reps. Jan Schakowsky (D-Ill.) and Vern Buchanan (R-Fla.) in 2019, is included in the Safeguard American Food Exports (SAFE) Act (H.R. 961).

"I am grateful to Chairwoman [Anna] Eshoo for including the SAFE Act in today's hearing," said Schakowsky. "The SAFE Act is vital for the health of consumers and well-being of horses. Horses are ingrained in our national story and deserve far better than being exported in inhumane conditions for slaughter. Many of the substances used to treat horses are banned by the FDA, making horsemeat dangerous for human consumption. As a lifelong advocate for consumer protection and animal welfare, I welcome the focus on this legislation."

Among the groups represented during the Subcommittee hearing, Nancy Perry, senior vice president of Government Relations for the ASPCA, said, "The ASPCA is working resolutely in concert with other organizations across the country to solve equine welfare issues on the ground, but we cannot fully succeed while the slaughter pipeline remains open. With the strong support of the American public and a clear FDA mandate to regulate and ban toxic substances routinely given to horses that threaten public health, it is time to end the slaughter of

American horses for human consumption. We thank the committee for hearing this legislation, and we urge Congress to pass the SAFE Act to protect our horses as well as public health."

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## HOW COMMON ARE HEART ATTACKS IN HORSES? by Jen Roytz

In horses, humans and all other mammals, the heart is responsible for delivering oxygenated and nutrient-rich blood throughout the body and removing metabolic waste through a vast network of blood vessels. Therefore any disruption in this process can have detrimental effects.

In horse racing, and most other equestrian sports, the term "heart attack" has become a catch-all phrase for suspected fatal cardiac events, as was the case recently with the passing of G1 Dubai Golden Shaheen winner **XY Jet** (Kantharos), who died of an apparent cardiac event the morning of Jan. 8.

While in humans a heart attack, or myocardial infarction, is commonly the result of a loss of blood flow (clogged arteries) which damages part of the heart muscle, in the equine the scenario is much different. As such, it is exceedingly rare for a horse to suffer a "heart attack" in the truest sense of the term, however horses can still be at risk for other heart-related maladies.



Sarah Andrew

While sudden death due to a cardiac event is rare, especially in horses of racing age, it is not out of the realm of possibility. The types of heart disease most often associated with equine deaths include electrical irregularities (cardiac arrhythmias), heart valve defects (murmurs), congenital defects, aortic rupture and inflammation or degradation due to illness or toxins.

Equine veterinarian Dr. Foster Northrop, DVM, who practices primarily on Thoroughbred racehorses at Churchill Downs, Keeneland and Palm Meadows, offered his insights to help give clarity to what are often referred to as "heart attacks" in horses.

"Heart attacks in humans are caused by blockage of the coronary arteries," said Northrop. "This does not happen in horses. Rather, sudden death in horses relating to the heart is usually an aortic arch rupture or an electrical event, such as a rhythm deficiency, like atrial fibrillation. Valve deficiencies also may be a factor in heart deaths in horses."



*Sarah Andrew*

While aortic arch ruptures are in general uncommon, if and when they occur it is more often in 2-year-olds, according to Northrop. In such instances, the horse often has a previously undiagnosed defect in the aortic arch that, once they are working at or near sustained maximum exertion for the first times in their lives, becomes compromised. Once the aorta—the largest artery in the body—ruptures, the horse's blood pressure falls rapidly as blood rushes uncontrollably into the chest cavity. While this is often a massive and near-instantly fatal event, it is possible in rare cases for a horse to experience a smaller rupture and experience a steady decline in blood circulation over the course of hours or days.

Another type of cardiac event that can result in sudden death in a horse is an arrhythmia, or abnormal heartbeat, which can cause the heart to stop suddenly. Arrhythmias are often triggered by adrenaline, such as when a horse's heart rate is elevated during morning exercise or racing.

The risk of such events can increase in extreme heat, which exacerbates the potential for arrhythmias due to calcium loss through excessive sweating.

While an aortic rupture can be identified in a necropsy, arrhythmias are electrical events that do not leave visible effects on the heart muscle itself, so often a definitive diagnosis is hard to make.

There are also chronic diseases of the equine heart that may not result in sudden death, but can significantly impact a horse's athletic capabilities, quality of life, and over time can be fatal. These include birth defects to the heart's valves, chambers and blood vessels; previous heart issues; cancer; or disease in other organs which in turn compromises blood flow in and out of the heart. Over time such ailments limit the heart's ability to pump oxygenated blood throughout the body and lead to heart failure.

"There are no routine tests that I know of that will predict aortic issues, however listening to a horse's heart with a stethoscope will pick up on murmurs associated with valve issues," said Northrop.

Examining a horse's heart with a stethoscope on both sides of the chest to listen for abnormal sounds (murmurs) and performing a calculation of rate are an important baseline assessment of cardiac health. Sometimes findings in such exams, combined with outward signs such as unexpected fatigue or exercise intolerance, can lead to recommendations for diagnostics, such as an EKG or ultrasound to identify at-risk horses.

Just as with humans, exercise during extreme heat or other types of extreme stress can increase a horse's risk for a fatal cardiac event, as can illness or disease elsewhere in the body. Age can also play a role, as an animal's heart, lungs and other organs gradually decrease in functionality and arteries can lose elasticity, which could lead to an increased risk of aortic rupture in theory, however the age at which even older horses compete on the racetrack is still relatively young when compared to a horse's average life span.

"Excessive stress, such as heat or other factors, can always increase risk," said Northrop. "Age can factor in, as can fitness. Extreme exercise in an unfit horse could put the animal at heightened risk."

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## SUMMER FRONT COLT TOPS OBS OPEN SESSION

A \$92,000 Summer Front short yearling colt topped the open and final session of the Ocala Breeders' Sales Company's Winter Mixed Sale Wednesday. Consigned as **hip 633** by Select Sales, Agent II, the Apr. 12 foal was purchased by Dailey Bloodstock's Renee Dailey. The bay was bred in Florida by Machmer Hall and Marco Medina. His now 2-year-old half-brother by Into Mischief was a \$350,000 Fasig-Tipton November weanling in 2018. Unplaced dam Diva Star (Cherokee Run) is a half to MSW and GSP Captain Serious (Successful Appeal) and hails from the family of two-time GI Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint heroine Mizdirection (Mizzen Mast).

"We had a Summer Front filly last year that was one of my favorite fillies on the farm and I'm hearing good things about her as a 2-year-old," Dailey said. "This colt is a solid, well-made individual with a great walk. He never got tired and showed himself every time. I think he'll just continue to get better throughout the year."

Summer Front, whose first foals are 3-year-olds, has been represented thus far by the likes of GIII With Anticipation S. winner Fighting Seabee and Chelsey Flower S. heroine Speaktomeofsummer.

For Wednesday's session, 200 head changed hands for gross receipts of \$1,649,900. The open session average was \$8,250 compared to \$6,501 in 2019, while the median rose from \$4,000 to \$5,000. The RNA rate at the end of trade Wednesday was 24.5%, but that number will likely decrease as OBS adds in additional post-sale transactions. Last year's open session RNA rate eventually settled at 14.9%.

The entire two-day auction, which also featured a select session and horses of racing age offerings Tuesday, generated \$4,957,800 in sales on 359 transactions at an average of \$13,810 and median of \$7,000. A total of 399 horses sold at the 2019 auction for \$4,459,900 (\$11,178 average, \$6,000 median).

Summerfield was leading consignor with 66 sold for \$757,800, while Bill and Corinne Heiligbrodt led all buyers by gross with four acquisitions for \$258,000.

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#### OBS WINTER MIXED SALE

OPEN SESSION	2020	2019
• Catalogued	309	338
• No. Offered	265	269
• No. Sold	200	229
• RNAs	65	40
• % RNAs	24.5%	14.9%
• High Price	\$92,000	\$70,000
• Gross	\$1,649,900	\$1,488,800
• Average (% change)	\$8,250 (+26.9%)	\$6,501
• Median (% change)	\$5,000 (+25%)	\$4,000



## PENN GAMING ACQUIRES INTEREST IN BARSTOOL SPORTS

Penn National Gaming, Inc. has entered into an agreement to acquire a 36% interest in Barstool Sports, Inc., a digital sports media company, for approximately \$163 million in cash and convertible preferred stock. Under the agreement, Penn National will be Barstool Sports' exclusive gaming partner for up to 40 years and have the sole right to utilize the Barstool Sports brand for all of the company's online and retail sports betting and iCasino products.

Penn National's initial investment for 36% of the equity of Barstool Sports is comprised of approximately \$135 million in cash and \$28 million in shares of non-voting convertible preferred stock. After three years, Penn National will increase its ownership to approximately 50% with an incremental investment of approximately \$62 million, consistent with the implied valuation at the time of the initial purchase. Following the close of the transaction, scheduled for the first quarter of 2020, entities affiliated with The Chernin Group--which previously owned approximately 60% of Barstool Sports--will own 36% of Barstool Sports, and the remaining 28% will be held by Barstool Sports' employees, including Barstool Founder David Portnoy and Erika Nardini, chief executive officer of Barstool Sports.

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“With its leading digital content, well-known brand and deep roots in sports betting, Barstool Sports is the ideal partner for Penn National and will enable us to attract a new, younger demographic, which will nicely complement our existing customer database,” said Jay Snowden, President and Chief Executive Officer of Penn National. “In addition, with 66 million monthly unique visitors, we believe the significant reach of Barstool Sports and loyalty of its audience will lead to meaningful reductions in customer acquisition and promotional costs for our sports betting and online products, significantly enhancing profitability and driving value for our shareholders.”

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### GOLDEN GATE CANCELS THURSDAY CARD

Golden Gate Fields has cancelled its Thursday race card after an issue with a main gas line led to a loss of hot water at the facility.

“There had been an issue with the gas lines that do not belong to us, and when it was fixed, it caused some issues in other areas, when they re-pressurized the lines,” explained Aidan Butler, chief strategy officer at The Stronach Group. “It doesn't appear to be serious, but as a precaution, we decided to cancel Thursday's racing.”

Live racing is scheduled to resume at the Northern California oval Friday, but Butler said official word on that card would have to wait.

“I'm hopeful we'll have racing back ASAP,” he said. “Ordinarily, they might have given me a time frame that we'd be offline. They haven't told me that, all they have told me is that they are working on it. But, the moment I know it is resolved, I will radio it out as quickly as I can so the officials, staff and horsemen are well aware. So for the moment, it's just for the one day, but I should know more by the end of the day.”

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-  Has had a graduate in either the **Kentucky Derby, Kentucky Oaks** or **Steve Haskin's Derby Dozen** the last 4 years in a row

#### Majority of House members support bill to set new rules for horse racing nationwide

The federal government would be firmly in charge of horse racing in the United States under legislation that now has the support of a majority of House of Representatives members as lawmakers and racing advocates warned Congress urgent action is needed to boost the sport's sagging image. The sport is currently governed by a patchwork of 38 states' laws.

**Edward McKinley, McClatchy DC**

#### Churchill Downs executive addresses surge in horse deaths

The corporate owner of a New Orleans horse racing track appeared before Louisiana's Racing Commission on Monday to address a surge in horse deaths there. Mike Ziegler, executive director of racing for Kentucky-based Churchill Downs Inc., presented a list of potential reforms for the commission to consider, including restrictions on certain equine drugs that have been linked by some to premature horse deaths at the Fair Grounds Race Course, The Times-Picayune/The New Orleans Advocate reported. **Associated Press**

## UPCOMING MAJOR NORTH AMERICAN STAKES

Date	Race	Track
Feb. 1	GII San Pasqual S.	Santa Anita
	GII San Marcos S.	Santa Anita
	GIII Withers S.	Aqueduct
	GIII Holy Bull S.	Gulfstream
	GIII Swale S.	Gulfstream
	GIII Forward Gal S.	Gulfstream
	GIII Sweetest Chant S.	Gulfstream
Feb. 8	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
	GIII Sam F. Davis S.	Tampa Bay
	GIII Tampa Bay S.	Tampa Bay

# HOOKED ON HORSE RACING

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

**CHRISTA MARRILLIA, VICE PRESIDENT & CHIEF MARKETING OFFICER, KEENELAND**



Christa Marrillia | Keeneland photo

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

So like many who grew up in Central Kentucky, my passion for the sport sparked from my experiences at Keeneland. In high school, I would skip class to go racing with friends and admittedly, this pastime continued throughout my days at the University of Kentucky. For just a few short weeks in the spring and fall, Keeneland was, and still is, the heartbeat of Lexington. And I couldn't get enough. While it was the pageantry and excitement surrounding the Keeneland meets that attracted me, I wasn't hooked until I landed an internship at Keeneland my senior year at UK. This experience afforded me the opportunity to take a look behind the "Keeneland green curtain" and opened my eyes to the depth and true beauty of this industry. I immediately appreciated the reverence for these amazing animals, the thrills of the sport (both on the racetrack and in the sales ring) and the sheer passion of the people--far beyond the gates of Keeneland. From the billionaire to the blacksmith--the common bond and love for the horse was contagious. I was hooked and the rest is history!

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

Challenge accepted! I have the privilege of hosting out-of-town media and newbies to the sport quite frequently, and I actually have a secret sauce for creating a new fan which I'll share with you.

1. Book a window seat on an AM flight into Blue Grass Airport. Our guest will take in the stunning landscape, rolling hills and manicured horse farms from above. It looks like a picture from Town & Country.
2. Make the quick journey from the airport across the street to the Keeneland Track Kitchen. Order the sausage and biscuits and casually point out the Hall of Fame trainers enjoying the same.
3. Grab a coffee to-go and walk the barns to the track. On your way, watch a horse enjoy a post-workout bath. Speak to the care these animals receive from their capable teams.
4. When you get to the track...just stop and take in the beauty of the morning works. Stop talking and let them experience it with all their senses. It's magic.
5. Wrap up the morning and send our guest on a horse farm tour or to an aftercare facility. I hang back at Keeneland so I often coordinate these mid-morning experiences with my friends at Horse Country.
6. Back to the track for racing! Stop by Wagering Central for a betting tutorial with a Keeneland BETologist, download our race day mobile app, hand them a cup of burgoo and few pre-loaded wagering vouchers and you have the ingredients for a perfect day at the races.
7. After enjoying a bit of the action, I'll stop by the box or table for a surprise trip to the paddock and to watch a race from the winner's circle. I love getting a new guest close to the athletes where they might shake hands with a jockey and feel the thunder of the hooves racing by as they hold onto the rail. A keepsake picture with Steve the Bugler is also a must. We now have a fan.
8. After racing, I either join our guest or send them on their own to experience Lexington's downtown culinary scene. Dudley's on Short for dinner followed by a nightcap (clearly bourbon) nearby provides the perfect setting to share stories of the day and plan their next trip to the races.

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## Leading Third-Crop Sires by Cumulative Earnings

for stallions standing in North America through Tuesday, Jan. 28

Earnings represent worldwide figures, stud fees listed are 2019 fees.

Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	<b>Goldencents</b> (2010) by Into Mischief FYR: 2016	6	15	2	2	--	1	172	100	1,287,220 Mr. Money	7,305,312
2	<b>Cairo Prince</b> (2011) by Pioneerof the Nile FYR: 2016	7	14	3	6	--	--	166	88	690,393 Mont Perdu	6,418,784
3	<b>Noble Mission (GB)</b> (2009) by Galileo (Ire) FYR: 2016	2	3	2	2	1	1	115	56	2,358,320 Code of Honor	5,748,097
4	<b>Mucho Macho Man</b> (2008) by Macho Uno FYR: 2016	4	7	2	3	1	2	78	45	2,441,800 Mucho Gusto	5,269,323
5	<b>Central Banker</b> (2010) by Speightstown FYR: 2016	4	7	--	--	--	--	103	52	557,825 Bankit	4,862,700
6	<b>Cross Traffic</b> (2009) by Unbridled's Song FYR: 2016	6	13	1	1	1	1	107	57	1,668,500 Jaywalk	4,636,047
7	<b>Will Take Charge</b> (2010) by Unbridled's Song FYR: 2016	3	10	--	6	--	1	131	56	271,208 Manny Wah	4,274,267
8	<b>Fed Biz</b> (2009) by Giant's Causeway FYR: 2016	7	16	--	2	--	--	126	69	193,537 Change of Control	4,175,110
9	<b>Flashback</b> (2010) by Tapit FYR: 2016	1	4	1	3	1	2	104	45	1,381,250 British Idiom	3,364,524
10	<b>Strong Mandate</b> (2011) by Tiznow FYR: 2016	2	4	--	1	--	--	88	47	323,180 Gotta Be Strong	2,638,976
11	<b>Itsmyluckyday</b> (2010) by Lawyer Ron FYR: 2016	2	5	--	--	--	--	95	56	226,531 Itsmyluckycharm	2,424,234
12	<b>Can the Man</b> (2011) by Into Mischief FYR: 2016	2	6	--	--	--	--	83	52	178,105 Spectacular Gem	2,278,825
13	<b>He's Had Enough</b> (2010) by Tapit FYR: 2016	--	4	--	--	--	--	96	47	113,861 Liam Lets Go	2,053,976
14	<b>Souper Speedy</b> (2009) by Indian Charlie FYR: 2016	6	8	--	1	--	--	44	21	369,249 Speedy Soul	1,976,053
15	<b>Drill</b> (2009) by Lawyer Ron FYR: 2016	1	3	--	--	--	--	57	33	268,110 Drillit	1,620,399

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**Saturday, Santa Anita, post time: 6:30 p.m. EST**

**SAN MARCOS S.-GII, \$200,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/4mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Chosen Vessel	English Channel	Masino Racing Stable	Dollase	Van Dyke	120
2	Cleopatra's Strike	Smart Strike	Slam Dunk Racing and Nentwig, Michael	D'Amato	Cedillo	124
3	Multiplier 🐾	The Factor	Wachtel Stable, Kerr, George J. and Barber, Gary	Miller	Rispoli	120
4	United 🐾	Giant's Causeway	LNJ Foxwoods	Mandella	Prat	120
5	Brown Storm (Chi)	Scat Daddy	Matriarca	McCarthy	Berrios	120
6	Campaign 🐾	Curlin	Woodford Racing, LLC	Sadler	Bejarano	122
7	Oscar Dominguez (Ire)	Zoffany (Ire)	Messineo, Nancy and Sands, Bruce	Baltas	Rosario	124

**Breeders:** 1-Calumet Farm, 2-Sam-Son Farm, 3-Mark Stansell, 4-Rosemont Farm LLC, 5-Haras Matriarca, 6-Alexander-Groves Thoroughbreds, 7-Whisperview Trading Ltd

**Saturday, Santa Anita, post time: 7:00 p.m. EST**

**SAN PASQUAL S.-GII, \$200,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/8m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Roadster 🐾	Quality Road	Speedway Stable LLC	Baffert	Rosario	122
2	Route Six Six 🐾	Quality Road	Jay Em Ess Stable	Koriner	Valdivia, Jr.	120
3	Restrainedvengence 🐾	Hold Me Back	Brinkerhoff, Kelly and Grayson, Jr., Bob	Brinkerhoff	Cedillo	120
4	King Abner	Hansen	Summit Racing, Ticket To Ride, Branch, W, Owen, Jeff and Rojas, Jackie	D'Amato	Prat	120
5	Midcourt 🐾	Midnight Lute	C R K Stable LLC	Shirreffs	Espinoza	122
6	Instagrاند	Into Mischief	OXO Equine LLC	Chatlos	Rispoli	120
7	California Street	Street Boss	Gilbert, Julie and Sones, Aaron	Gallagher	Smith	120
8	Two Thirty Five 🐾	Stay Thirsty	Baltas, R, Mansor, T, Nielsen, T & Rasmussen, K	Baltas	Fuentes	120
9	Bold Endeavor	Bernardini	Decker Racing	Papaprodromou	Gutierrez	120
10	Combatant 🐾	Scat Daddy	Hronis Racing LLC	Sadler	Van Dyke	120

**Breeders:** 1-Stone Farm, 2-Sagamore Farm, 3-Westwind Farms, 4-Golden Eagle Farm, 5-Dixiana Farms LLC, 6-Stoneway Farm, 7-Kenneth Littrell, 8-A Footstep Away Syndicate, 9-Fedai Kahraman, 10-Paget Bloodstock

**Saturday, Aqueduct, post time: 4:25 p.m. EST**

**WITHERS S.-GIII, \$250,000, 3yo, 1 1/8m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Mr. Shortandsimple 🐾	Pioneerof the Nile	Rudy R. Rodriguez	Rodriguez	Gutierrez	118
2	Monday Morning Qb	Imagining	Cash is King LLC and LC Racing LLC	Reid, Jr.	Vargas, Jr.	120
3	Max Player 🐾	Honor Code	George E. Hall	Rice	Davis	118
4	New Commission	Field Commission	Diane M. Day	Day	Adorno	118
5	Shotski	Blame	Barber, Gary, Wachtel Stable, Pantofel Stable and Howling Pigeon Farms, LLC	O'Dwyer	Saez	123
6	Prince of Pharoahs	American Pharoah	Bilinski, Darlene and Patten, Harry	Rice	Carmouche	118
7	Vanzzy 🐾	Verrazano	Daniel M. Ryan	Pino	Alvarado	120
8	Portos	Tapit	Wertheimer and Frere	Pletcher	Lezcano	118

**Breeders:** 1-WinStar Farm, LLC, 2-Bowman & Higgins Stable & Cary Frommer, 3-K & G Stables, 4-Harold Lee Jordan, 5-Springland Farm & Prime Bloodstock LLC, 6-Dr. Jerry Bilinski & Harry Patten, 7-Alexander-Groves Thoroughbreds, 8-Wertheimer et Frere

**Saturday, Gulfstream, post time: 5:04 p.m. EST****HOLY BULL S.-GIII, \$250,000, 3yo, 1 1/16m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Toledo	Into Mischief	Juddmonte Farms, Inc.	Brown	Ortiz, Jr.	118
2	Uncork the Bottle	Colonel John	Bassett Stables	Joseph, Jr.	Zayas	118
3	Tiz the Law	Constitution	Sackatoga Stable	Tagg	Franco	124
4	Ete Indien 🌿	Summer Front	Shanahan, L, Bacon, Sd, Dream With Me Stable, Horse France America, D P Racing & Patrick Biancone Racing	Biancone	Panici	120
5	Clear Destination	Seek Again	Colebrook Farms	Brnjas	Lopez	120
6	Relentless Dancer	Midshipman	Paradise Farms Corp., Raymond, T & Wagner, J	Maker	Ortiz	122
7	Mayberry Deputy 🌿	Majesticperfection	Walking L Thoroughbreds, LLC	McPeek	Leparoux	118

**Breeders:** 1-Juddmonte Farms Inc, 2-Kenneth L Ramsey & Sarah K Ramsey, 3-Twin Creeks Farm, 4-Robert B. Tillyer & Eric Buckley, 5-Seek Again Syndicate & Cedar Gate Farm LLC, 6-Paul Pruett, 7-Marianne Stribling

**Saturday, Gulfstream, post time: 2:34 p.m. EST****FORWARD GAL S.-GIII, \$150,000, 3yo, f, 7f**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Nikki and Papa	Mineshaft	Ron Paolucci Racing, Cady, T, Anderson-Butler, L Lambert, J, Melen, Steve and Sigband, Nydia M.	Hess, Jr.	Olsson	118
2	Compensate	Liam's Map	CJ Thoroughbreds	Gambolati	Ortiz	120
3	Fujairah 🌿	Ghostzapper	Three Rivers Stable Inc.	David	Lopez	118
4	Street of Dreams	Street Sense	Lothenbach Stables, Inc.	Wilkes	Landeros	118
5	New Day Dawning	Medaglia d'Oro	WinStar Stablemates Racing LLC	Brisset	Gaffalione	118
6	Tonalist's Shape 🌿	Tonalist	Slam Dunk Racing, Branham, D & Legacy Ranch	Joseph, Jr.	Ortiz, Jr.	122

**Breeders:** 1-Susan King, 2-Westpoint Stables, 3-St. George Farm LLC, 4-New Cal Stable, 5-WinStar Farm, LLC, 6-Sabana Farm

**Saturday, Gulfstream, post time: 4:04 p.m. EST****SWALE S.-GIII, \$150,000, 3yo, 7f**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Mischevious Alex 🌿	Into Mischief	Cash is King LLC and LC Racing LLC	Servis	Ortiz, Jr.	122
2	Untitled	Khozan	Barber, Gary and Sebastian, Michael B.	Casse	Ortiz	118
3	Flash Pass	Gemologist	Frank Anthony Occhigrossi	Loza, Jr.	Prado	118
4	Green Light Go	Hard Spun	Stronach Stables	Jerkens	Castellano	124
5	Shivaree	Awesome of Course	Jacks or Better Farm, Inc.	Nicks	Jaramillo	122
6	Necker Island 🌿	Hard Spun	Sagamore Farm LLC and Hough, Stanley M.	Hough	Gaffalione	120
7	Inter Miami	Big Drama	Santa Rosa Racing Stables	Delgado	Lopez	118
8	Point Winner 🌿	Liam's Map	Pet Go Racing Stables, LLC	Gonzalez	Gonzalez	118

**Breeders:** 1-WinStar Farm, LLC, 2-Brent Fernung, Crystal Fernung, Mike Sebastian Jr. & Mike Sebastian, 3-Orlyana Farm, 4-Adena Springs, 5-Jacks or Better Farm Inc., 6-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC, 7-Sergio Ripamonti, 8-Nancy C. Shuford



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**Saturday, Gulfstream, post time: 3:34 p.m. EST**

**SWEETEST CHANT S.-GIII, \$100,000, 3yo, f, 1mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Sunset Promise	Broken Vow	David Staudacher	Maker	Ortiz, Jr.	118
2	Moana's Tale 🌿	Bayern	Morris Bailey	Gargan	Franco	118
3	She's My Type (Fr) 🌿	Dunkerque (Fr)	Ghislaine Head	Clement	Gaffalione	122
4	Cheermeister	Bodemeister	Palmer, Teresa and David W.	De La Cerda	Jaramillo	122
5	Reluctant Bride 🌿	Speightstown	D P Racing LLC & Patrick L. Biancone Racing LLC	Biancone	Panici	118
6	Micheline	Bernardini	Godolphin, LLC	Stidham	Ortiz	122
7	Moral Reasoning 🌿	More Than Ready	Klaravich Stables, Inc.	Brown	Castellano	118
8	Filly Jean King	Brethren	Arindel	Alvarado	Zayas	118
9	Ivyetsu 🌿	Tapit	Baum, Michael and Reiko	Arnold, II	Leparoux	118

**Breeders:** 1-Rosedown Racing Stables, LLC, 2-SF Bloodstock, 3-Haras Du Quesnay, 4-Mike Abraham, 5-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC, 6-Godolphin, 7-Highfield Investment Group, Inc., 8-Arindel, 9-Michael Baum & Reiko Baum

**Saturday, Santa Anita, post time: 6:00 p.m. EST**

**ROBERT B. LEWIS S.-GIII, \$100,000, 3yo, 1 1/16m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Encoder	English Channel	Hronis Racing LLC	Sadler	Smith	124
2	Thousand Words 🌿	Pioneerof the Nile	Albaugh Family Stables & Spendthrift Farm LLC	Baffert	Prat	124
3	Tizamagician	Tiznow	MyRacehorse.com and Spendthrift Farm LLC	Mandella	Espinoza	120
4	Royal Act 🌿	American Pharoah	C R K Stable LLC	Eurton	Cedillo	120
5	High Velocity 🌿	Quality Road	West, Gary and Mary	Baffert	Rosario	120
6	Zimba Warrior	Khozan	Marquis, Charles K. and Marquis, Cynthia F.	Desormeaux	Valdivia, Jr.	120

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**IN ORDER OF PURSE:**

**3rd-Sam Houston Race Park, \$36,000, Msw, 1-29, 3yo, f, 1m (off turf), 1:40.92, gd.**

**TIZ FOREVER (f, 3, Tiznow--Bernardette, by A.P. Indy)** could do no better than eighth in her unveiling on the Fair Grounds turf Dec. 26, but was hammered down to 4-5 favoritism for this off-the-turf event. Pressing the pace in a two-wide third through soft early splits, the Godolphin homebred drew even with the top two at the halfway point. Taking control on the backstretch, the bay kicked clear in the lane to graduate by 6 1/4 lengths over Malibu Midnight (Midnight Lute). Godolphin sent the winner's dam Bernardette, carrying a foal by Hard Spun, through the 2017 Keeneland November Sale, where she was purchased by Calumet for \$70,000. The resulting foal is a now-2-year-old filly and she failed to get in foal to Oxbow the following season, but was bred back to English Channel last spring. Bernardette is a daughter of GISW Cara Rafaela (Quiet American), making her a full-sister to champion and Darley stallion Bernardini and a half to GISP Ile de France (Storm Cat), who is the dam of MGISW Love and Pride (A.P. Indy). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$21,420.

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O/B-Godolphin (KY); T-Brad H. Cox.

**8th-Tampa Bay Downs, \$20,000, Msw, 1-29, 3yo, 1mT, 1:35.94, fm.**

**COMMENCE (c, Jump Start--Step Aside Boys, by Quiet**

**American)** missed by just 3/4 of a length when second on debut over course and distance Dec. 28 and was sent off just a tick below favored Chad Brown/Klaravich firster Economic Policy (Giant's Causeway) at 8-5. Racing in mid-pack through an opening quarter in :22.84, the homebred tugged his way up into third as the longshot pacesetter clocked a half in :46.85. Sticking his nose in front of that foe on the backstretch, the dark bay stormed clear in the lane to earn his diploma. Economic Policy came flying late to close the gap to 1 1/4 lengths on the line. Commence is the first foal out of Step Aside Boys, who has since produced a juvenile colt by Algorithms and a yearling filly by Lemon Drop Kid. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$16,000. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O/B-Stella F. Thayer (PA); T-Arnaud Delacour.

**FIRST-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: THURSDAY, JANUARY 30**

**Bayern (Offlee Wild), Hill 'n' Dale Farms, \$15,000**

157 foals of racing age/23 winners/0 black-type winners  
5-Delta Downs, Msw 7f, GREEN MONSTER, 7-2  
\$20,000 FTK FEB wnl; \$80,000 OBS OCT yrl

**Honor Code (A.P. Indy), Lane's End Farm, \$30,000**

213 foals of racing age/15 winners/0 black-type winners  
5-Turfway, Msw 6f, FASHION CODE, 3-1  
\$275,000 KEE SEP yrl  
5-Turfway, Msw 6f, SWAY TO GO, 10-1

**Medal Count (Dynaformer), Mapleton Thoroughbred Farm, \$2,000**

81 foals of racing age/7 winners/0 black-type winners  
5-Delta Downs, Msw 7f, TENDERNESS, 6-1  
\$27,000 RNA FTK OCT yrl; \$70,000 RNA OBS APR 2yo

**Mr Speaker (Pulpit), Lane's End Farm, \$10,000**

79 foals of racing age/12 winners/0 black-type winners  
5-Aqueduct, Msw 6f, MR PHIL, 3-1  
\$30,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$25,000 RNA OBS APR 2yo

**Summer Front (War Front), Airdrie Stud, \$10,000**

181 foals of racing age/21 winners/2 black-type winners  
5-Turfway, Msw 6f, NEVER KNOW CHRISTY, 8-1

**Tapiture (Tapit), Darby Dan Farm, \$7,500**

246 foals of racing age/30 winners/2 black-type winners  
5-Delta Downs, Msw 7f, LACI LU, 5-1  
\$11,000 RNA ESL YRL yrl; \$11,000 TTA APR 2yo  
5-Charles Town, Msw 4 1/2f, TAPTAP, 10-1



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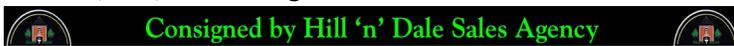
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**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

**7th-Sam Houston Race, \$38,000, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$30,000), 1-29, 4yo/up, f/m, 1m (off turf), 1:39.87, ft.**

**HOUSTON STRONG (f, 4, Declaration of War--Arch Royal, by Arch)** Lifetime Record: 11-3-2-0, \$59,320. O-Love Partnership Interests LP; B-Nordic Thoroughbreds & Giant's Causeway Syndicate (KY); T-W. Bret Calhoun. \*\$28,000 RNA Wlg '16 KEENOV; \$22,000 RNA Ylg '17 KEESep.



**9th-Sam Houston Race, \$37,000, 1-29, (NW1X), 4yo/up, f/m, 5f (off turf), :58.56, ft.**

**MOREISBETTER (f, 4, Verrazano--Reina Diamante, by Pulpit)** Lifetime Record: 8-2-2-0, \$90,402. O-Charles Garvey; B-Steven & Brandi Nicholson (KY); T-Robertino Diodoro. \*\$10,000 Ylg '17 FTKOCT; \$27,000 4yo '20 CTBAJA.



**5th-Tampa Bay Downs, \$23,250, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$32,000), 1-29, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10.42, ft.**

**GRAY OWL (f, 4, City Zip--Weoka, by Cherokee Run)** Lifetime Record: 15-5-3-2, \$119,290. O/B-Carolyn Wilson (FL); T-Larry Rivelli. \*\$135,000 RNA Ylg '17 KEESep.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Queen High, f, 3, K One King--Record High, by Touch Gold.** Mahoning Valley, 1-29, (S), 1m, 1:45.77. B-David & Mark Doering & Jeff Gardella (OH). \*1/2 to Lucabunny (Silver Train), SW, \$203,424; and a full to Monongahela, GSW, \$488,843.

**Meritaten, f, 3, War Front--Queen Nefertiti (Ire) (GSP), by Galileo (Ire).** Sam Houston Race, 1-29, 1m (off turf), 1:41.38. B-Claiborne Farm (KY).



**Aura, f, 4, Midnight Lute--Spirit, by Indian Charlie.** Sam Houston Race, 1-29, 1m (off turf), 1:41.71. B-Peter E. Blum Thoroughbreds, LLC (KY). \*\$105,000 RNA Ylg '17 FTKJUL.



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- DECLARATION OF WAR**, Houston Strong, f, 4, o/o Arch Royal, by Arch. AOC, 1-29, Sam Houston
- JUMP START**, Commence, c, 3, o/o Step Aside Boys, by Quiet American. MSW, 1-29, Tampa Bay
- K ONE KING**, Queen High, f, 3, o/o Record High, by Touch Gold. MSW, 1-29, Mahoning Valley
- MIDNIGHT LUTE**, Aura, f, 4, o/o Spirit, by Indian Charlie. MSW, 1-29, Sam Houston
- TIZNOW**, Tiz Forever, f, 3, o/o Bernardette, by A.P. Indy. MSW, 1-29, Sam Houston
- VERRAZANO**, Moreisbetter, f, 4, o/o Reina Diamante, by Pulpit. ALW, 1-29, Sam Houston
- WAR FRONT**, Meritaten, f, 3, o/o Queen Nefertiti (Ire), by Galileo (Ire). MSW, 1-29, Sam Houston



## MIXED OFFERING SET FOR TATTERSALLS FEBRUARY



Ted Durcan made a splash at last year's February Sale | *Racing Post*

By Emma Berry

NEWMARKET, UK--The Tattersalls February Sale has once again sneaked into the tail-end of January and, now expanded to two days to incorporate the 401 lots catalogued, it offers the usual mix of broodmares, horses in training and young stock.

It took a bid of 105,000gns from Ted Durcan to secure last year's top lot, Magic Illusion (GB) ((Dubawi {Ire}), who was bought from Godolphin to race in Dubai. Another of the jockey-turned-agent's purchases from the 2019 sale was Dramatic Device (GB) (Dansili {GB}), who was bought for 20,000gns and went on to win three races for The Clodhoppers syndicate from Chris Wall's stable before being sold on at the Horses-in-Training Sale in October for 220,000gns.

Durcan will surely not be the only one on the lookout over the next two days for similarly progressive prospects from a range of drafts, the largest of which comes from The Castlebridge Consignment, which will offer 28 horses. These include lot 367, **Arbiter (GB)**, on behalf of John Gosden's Clarehaven Stables. The 3-year-old Kingman (GB) half-brother to one of Gosden's stable stars, Coronet (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}), finished second at Newcastle on Jan. 23 since the catalogue was published.

The listed-winning Sea The Stars (Ire) mare **Sivoliere (Ire)**, in foal to Kingman, had been slated to be one of the headline acts but she is among more than 60 withdrawals. [Cont. p2](#)

## VALUE SIRES: SECOND-CROP SIRES

By Kelsey Riley

When all was said and done in the first-season sires' race in Europe in 2019, it was undoubtedly the year of **Night of Thunder (Ire)**. Darley's G1 2000 Guineas and G1 Lockinge S. winner was out in front on his own not only in terms of quantity—he sired the winners of the most races (44), stakes winners (seven), stakes horses (11) and group winners (three) and had the highest earnings (£879,457/€1,034,567) of any sire in his intake—but also quality.

As detailed by John Boyce at the tail-end of the season, Night of Thunder's seven stakes winners last year marked the first time that Fasliyev's 19-year-old record had been matched in Europe, and outpointed the early results posted by the likes of Frankel (GB) (five first-crop stakes winners), Kingman (GB) (five) and No Nay Never (six).

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## IN TDN AMERICA TODAY

### HOPE SPRINGS ETERNAL AT SPRINGLAND

Chris McGrath speaks with Bill Nicholls of Springland Farm on the Springland-bred GII Remsen S. hero **Shotski** (Blame). [Click or tap here to go straight to TDN America.](#)

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**Tattersalls February Cont. from p1**

Breeders looking for a daughter of Sea The Stars will find the well-bred **Paschalia (Ire)**, a daughter of German Group 1 winner Baila Me (Ger) (Samum {Ger}) among 20 fillies out of training and broodmares consigned by Godolphin (lot 141).

Old Buckenham Stud offers the only mare in foal to last season's champion first-season sire Night Of Thunder (Ire) (lot 116). The 11-year-old **Rosa Eglanteria (GB)** (Nayef) was a listed winner in Italy as well as finishing runner-up in the G1 Premio Gran Criterium and is the dam of juvenile winner Rosatello (GB) (Muhaarar {GB}).

Thirty-one short yearlings are catalogued, including fillies from the first crops of Postponed (Ire) and Churchill (Ire).

As usual, Thursday's session will be preceded by the TBA Flat Stallion Parade, with eight stallions set to take a turn of the ring, including new recruits to the British ranks, **Flag Of Honour (Ire)**, **Land Force (Ire)** and **Le Brivido (Fr)**.

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**Value Sires: Second-Crop Sires Cont. from p1**

Night of Thunder was the Northern Hemisphere's leading first-season sire in 2019 by stakes winners—clear of America's Constitution with five and the trio of American Pharoah, Competitive Edge and Race Day with four apiece—and his

percentage of black-type winners to starters was a dazzling 14.3%; again, Frankel's at the same stage was 12.8% and No Nay Never's 10.3%. And he has already gotten 2020 off to a fast start with Dubai Love (GB) becoming his eighth stakes winner in the Listed UAE 1000 Guineas last week over the Meydan dirt. A Beautiful Night (Aus) became his first Australian stakes winner—and ninth overall—from his first crop sired Down Under in Saturday's G3 Blue Diamond Preview. He currently sits third on Australia's first-season sires' table.

Night of Thunder was last year responsible for seven 2-year-olds with an official rating of 100 or higher, and 12 rated 90+. His 10 highest-rated runners averaged an official rating of 101. Those included the G2 Premio Dormello winner Night Colours (Ire), G3 Prix des Reservoirs winner Pocket Square (GB) and G3 Princess Margaret Keeneland S. victress Under The Stars (Ire) as well as four listed winners and five listed-placed horses.

After two years at Dalham Hall Stud alongside his sire, Night of Thunder returns to the place he started, Kildangan Stud in Ireland, for 2020, with Darley generously maintaining a reasonable fee of €25,000 off of £15,000 the past two seasons. Given the way Dubawis tend to improve with age across all spectrums and the fact that Night of Thunder is out of a Galileo (Ire) mare descending from the G1 Irish 1000 Guineas winner Forest Flower (Green Forest), there is every reason to believe that Night of Thunder's success will long continue. [Cont. p3](#)



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**Value Sires: Second-Crop Sires Cont.**

On his numbers thus far Night of Thunder is the value sire of this intake, but there are a few stalking the pace in behind that could make things interesting this year. Please note that numbers supplied reflect only 2019 figures; most of these sires have added another winner or two since the turn of the calendar.

Highclere Stud's **Cable Bay (Ire)** was runner-up on the European first-season sires' table by earnings (£672,529/€791,320), was the joint leader with Gleneagles (Ire) by number of group horses (four) and sired 24 winners in the calendar year. His flagbearer was the G3 Molecomb S. winner and G2 Lowther S. second Liberty Beach (GB), while Ropey Guest (GB) was possibly the best juvenile in Britain last year to not win a race while picking up placings in the G3 Horris Hill S., G3 Autumn S., G3 Somerville Tattersall S. and G3 Acomb S. Jouska (GB) and Separate (GB) were also Group 3-placed, and Cable Bay had three listed-placed runners. His highest earner was King's Lynn (GB) courtesy of his win in the £300,000 Weatherbys Racing Bank 2YO S., and the fact that one is a homebred for The Queen shows the kind of support Cable Bay has received.



European champion first-season sire  
Night of Thunder | [racingfotos.com](http://racingfotos.com)

Cable Bay's 10 best 2-year-olds averaged an official rating of 95.3, while three were rated 100+ and seven 90+, and he is the latest success story for sire of sires Invincible Spirit (Ire). He was a precocious juvenile who trained on to win a pair of group sprints at four and his family further backs up the notion that he should sire progeny who likewise train on.

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**Value Sires: Second-Crop Sires Cont.**

Cable Bay jumps up to £15,000 this season, having stood for £6,500 in 2019.

The dual Guineas winner **Gleneagles (Ire)**, as previously stated, was the joint leader of this class last year on group horses with four, with the G2 Royal Lodge S. winner Royal Dornoch (Ire) and the G2 July S. victor and G1 Phoenix S. third Royal Lytham (Fr)—the only Group 1 horse for a first-crop sire last year—leading his three stakes winners. The other, Southern Hills (Ire), won the Listed Windsor Castle S. at Royal Ascot, so the quality among his juveniles was there for all to see. He had four runners rated 100+ and seven rated 90+, and Royal Lytham at 111 received the highest official rating of any 2-year-old by a first-season sire last year. Gleneagles is perhaps the epitome of what a future leading sire should be—a Group 1-winning 2-year-old and dual Classic and Royal Ascot winner at three by Galileo and out of a blue hen full-sister to champion sire Giant’s Causeway.

**Gutaifan (Ire)** was the crop leader by winners, edging Night of Thunder by one with 29. Those 29 came out running like their sire, who—like his own sire Dark Angel (Ire)—was retired at two after winning the G2 Prix Robert Papin and the G2 Flying Childers S. and finishing second to Shalaa (Ire) in the G1 Prix Morny. Gutaifan clearly stems from precocity, with a half-brother and the progeny of two half-sisters all doing their best running at two when picking up stakes placings. His dam won at three, however, and it is also the immediate family of stouter performers like the dual G2 Hardwicke S. winner Maraahel (Ire) (Alzao), and further down the G1 Lockinge S. victor Mustashry (GB) (Tamayuz {GB}) and the G1 Premio Jockey



**Gleneagles** | *Coolmore*

Club victor Ventura Storm (Ire) (Zoffany {Ire}). Gutaifan provided one stakes horse in his first crop, the G3 Firth of Clyde S. second Graceful Magic (GB). He dips to €6,000 at Yeomanstown Stud after standing for €10,000 the past three seasons.

Rathasker Stud’s **Anjaal (GB)** took fifth in the first-season sire standings thanks in large part to Bettys Hope (GB)’s victory in the £250,000 Weatherbys Super Sprint. He also had Above (Fr), Group 3-placed in Germany, and the Italian listed-placed Sicilian Focus (Ire) among his 18 winners, with three winners already in January. Anjaal won the G2 July S. at two in the Sheikh Hamdan silks and picked up a group placing at three in the G2 Lennox S. over seven furlongs. As a son of Bahamian Bounty (GB) out of a Peintre Celebre mare, Anjaal is a complete outcross to the likes of Sadler’s Wells and Danzig. He stays at €5,000 this year.

Two others in this sire crop join Gleneagles in joint second by stakes winners with three: Whitsbury Manor Stud’s **Due Diligence** (War Front) and Ballylinch’s Make Believe (GB) (Makfi {GB}).

Expatriated to Ireland to join the Ballydoyle brigade at three, Due Diligence won a listed stake as Naas before finishing runner-up in Royal Ascot’s G1 Diamond Jubilee S. His three first-crop stakes winners are headed by the G3 Cornwallis S. winner (and G2 Lowther S. third) Good Vibes (GB) and the G3 Sirenia S. winner Streamline (GB)—both bred by Whitsbury Manor out of daughters of its former resident sire Compton Place (GB)—and also include the Irish listed victor and French Group 2-placed Sir Boris (Ire). Due Diligence—who had 18 winners—had three first-crop runners officially rated 100+ and four 90+, and his 10 highest-rated runners averaged an official rating of 90.8.

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**Value Sires: Second-Crop Sires Cont.**

The breeders who supported him at £4,000 last year could be in for a stellar couple years at the sales should Due Diligence's progeny train on as indicated. He is up to £8,500 for 2020.



**Due Diligence** | Whitsbury Manor Stud

**Make Believe** was just shaded by Due Diligence on the sires' table, winding up seventh, and indeed their numbers nearly mirror one another. Make Believe had two runners surpass an official rating of 100 and four 90 with an average top 10 rating of 89.6. His chief earner was the classy filly Rose Of Kildare (Ire), who closed out a 12-race (yes, 12) juvenile season with back-to-back Group 3 victories in the Firth of Clyde S. and Oh So Sharp S. Rose Of Kildare is surpassed on ratings, however, by the smart Tammani (GB), who won the Listed Prix Isonomy in October by four lengths. Make Believe also has one of the favourites for the German fillies' Classics next year in the G3 Preis Der Winterkonigin winner Ocean Fantasy (Fr). The G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains and G1 Prix de la Foret winner certainly made a good account of himself last year and Ballylinch keeps him at €12,000.

As the leading first-crop sire of sales weanlings and yearlings in 2017 and 2018, Shadwell's **Muhaarar (GB)** (Oasis Dream {GB}) had a lot riding on his shoulders in 2019. He wound up with 16 first-crop winners but no black-type winners.

There is reason to be optimistic heading into 2020, however. While Muhaarar was a good 2-year-old himself, winning the G2 Gimcrack S. and finishing third in the G1 Middle Park S., he absolutely blossomed at three to win four consecutive Group 1 sprints.

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**Value Sires: Second-Crop Sires Cont.**

His 2-year-olds were headed by the G3 Silver Flash S. second Unforgettable (Ire) as well as good maiden winners like Enemy (GB) and Custodian (Ire), and he has roughly 50 unraced 3-year-olds still to be unveiled. Those are in addition to a second crop that includes siblings to the likes of Calyx (GB), Eqtidaar (Ire), Estidhkaar (Ire) and Harbour Watch (Ire).

And let's not forget that Muhaarar is out of a daughter of Linamix, whose progeny had a habit of doing their best work at three and older. Muhaarar is down to £20,000 for 2020, with plenty of upside still possible.



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**Golden Horn (GB)**, at £60,000, was the most expensive member of this crop when they retired in 2016 (with Gleneagles at €60,000), and while he didn't blow any doors off with his early results last year he did enough to head into his debut season with 3-year-olds with hopes high. The 2015 G1 Investec Derby, G1 Coral-Eclipse, G1 Irish Champion S. and G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe winner supplied eight winners, two of which won stakes: the 101-rated West End Girl (GB), who took the G3 Sweet Solera S., and the Italian listed winner Festive Star (GB). The son of Cape Cross was also responsible for the G2 Beresford S. third Gold Maze (GB). Golden Horn himself raced just once at two but put together an almost flawless 3-year-old campaign, winning seven of nine starts with his only defeats coming when second in the G1 Juddmonte International and G1 Breeders' Cup Turf. He is down to a career-low £40,000 for 2020, with his runners likely to pick up steam this spring.

Another whose progeny were fully expected to need time was the Irish National Stud's **Free Eagle (Ire)**. The son of High Chaparral (Ire) is out of Moyglare Stud's celebrated mare Polished Gem (Ire) (Danehill), who was a winner herself at two but whose six stakes winners all improved with age. **Cont. p7**

# THE TALK

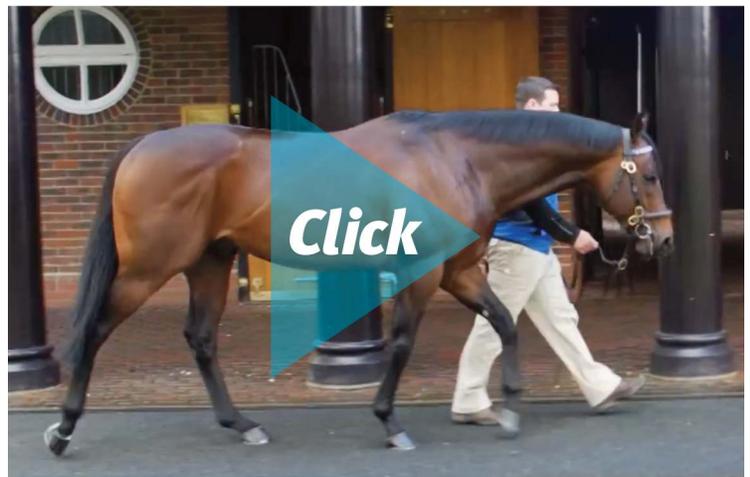
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**Value Sires: Second-Crop Sires Cont.**

Free Eagle supplied 12 winners last year including the listed winner and G3 Eyrefield S. third Justifier (Ire) as well as the listed placed Auxilia (Ire). Free Eagle is best remembered for winning the G1 Prince of Wales's S. at four, but digging a bit deeper it isn't entirely surprising his runners showed a bit of early flash.

Free Eagle is in fact his dam's only 2-year-old winner, and he won on debut by 5 1/2 lengths before finishing second to Australia (GB) in the G3 Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf Trial S. His only two starts at three resulted in a seven-length win in the G3 KPMG Enterprise S. off a year-long layoff and a third in the G1 Champion S. over heavy ground, and he built on his promise at four with his Prince of Wales's win and G1 Irish Champion S. third behind Golden Horn. He is available for the second straight year at €12,500, having started at €20,000.

Landing in ninth on the first-season sires' table was Dalham Hall's **Outstrip (GB)**, who remains at £5,000. The son of Exceed and Excel (Aus) outperformed a handful of higher-priced contemporaries on the basis of winners (22) and earnings, and his flagbearers were the listed-winning Flippa The Strippa (Ire) and the German listed-winning La La Land (Ger).

**Hot Streak (Ire)**, winner of the G3 Cornwallis S. and Listed Roses S. at two, lodged 10 winners in 2019 headed by the French listed winner and G3 Prix d'Arenberg third Flaming Princess (Ire), and he has had three winners in January. He had



Free Eagle | Irish National Stud

three runners rated 90+ last year and he himself trained on to win the G2 Temple S. at three. Hot Streak stands for £5,000 in 2020.

**Cappella Sansevero (GB)** (Showcasing {GB})—who moves to Micheal Orlandi's Starfield Stud for 2020 and stands for €7,000—provided six first-crop winners last year from a crop of 31 named foals headed by the G2 Mill Reef S. winner Pierre Lapin (Ire), who at 110 had the second-highest official rating for a first-crop sire last year. Credit must also be paid to Pierre Lapin's dam Beatrix Potter (Ire) (Cadeaux Genereux {GB}), also the dam of the champion sprinter Harry Angel (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}), but Cappella Sansevero's 28.5% strike rate of winners to runners is respectable.

From a first crop of 30 named foals, Haras de Colleville's

**Galiway (GB)** (Galileo {Ire}) supplied five winners (45% of starters) including the G3 Prix La Rochette and Listed Prix des Jouvenceaux et des Jouvencelles victor Kenway (Fr) as well as the listed-placed Galova (Fr). Galiway is out of the high-class Danehill mare Danzigaway and a half-brother to Silent Name (Jpn) (Sunday Silence), a leading sire in Canada, with sire Gold Away also in the Wertheimer pedigree. Galiway was himself a winning and Group 3-placed 2-year-old who won a listed race over 1800 metres at

three. Should he be able to maintain his percentages, Galiway could be another success story for the stud that produced Kendargent (Fr). After standing his first four seasons for €3,000, he is up to €10,000 for 2020.

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**Value Sires: Second-Crop Sires Cont.**

After standing his first four seasons at Coolmore, the G2 July S. and G2 Richmond S. winner **Ivawood (GB)** (Zebedee {GB})—who was also placed in the G1 Middle Park S., G1 2000 Guineas and G1 Irish 2000 Guineas—is on the move to Haras du Mont Goubert for 2020, where he is available for €3,500. Ivawood set a good foundation in 2019, siring 14 winners including the French and Italian listed-winning Chares (Ger) and Sopran Ival (Ire). He also had highly rated maiden winners like Alabama Whitman (GB) and For The Trees (Ire), while Hurricane Ivor (Ire) was a ‘TDN Rising Star’.

**Value Sire Podium**

**Gold - Night of Thunder** (€25,000): he has started out like a great sire.

**Silver - Due Diligence** (£8,500): sire of three first-crop stakes winners available for a four-figure fee.

**Bronze - Make Believe** (€12,000): has three high-class stakes winners in three countries and that Dubawi-line power.

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**MAKING THEIR MARK**

*In this new series we sit down with a selection of Europeans making a significant impression in the Thoroughbred industry on foreign shores. Today we hear from Sophie Doyle.*

**Position:** Professional Jockey.

**Original Hometown:** Lambourn, Berkshire. I was born in Cambridge and moved at age six to Lambourn until I moved to the U.S.

**Current Hometown:** I own a home in Lexington, Kentucky but I divide my time throughout the year between Kentucky, New Orleans and Chicago depending on the racing season.

**Thing you miss most about the UK (not including family and friends):** Horse riding in the countryside and riding through the woods. I’m a true country girl at heart.

**Hidden Talent:** Dancing. I used to be in a contemporary dance company.



Sophie Doyle | SD photo

**Person in the industry you admire the most:** Any female jockey, it takes a lot of skill, determination and a strong mindset in this game to survive. [Cont. p9](#)

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**Making Their Mark: Sophie Doyle Cont.**

**Three dinner guests:** Being a family girl, without doubt my mum Jacqueline, my brother James and my grandparents. For one last dinner to hear my grandfather Joe’s great stories and jokes and also to see the love my Mor-Mor (Norwegian for grandmother) still had for him after 60 plus years together, still to their last days together he made her laugh. True Love.

**Best thing about a career in the Thoroughbred industry:** I get to work every day with the most amazing athletes around the world, the Thoroughbred.

**Favourite racehorse:** In the U.S. it would be Street Band, my first Group 1 winner. And in the UK the great Desert Orchid.

**Piece of advice for someone starting out:** Sometimes the smallest step in the right direction ends up being the biggest step of your life, tip toe if you must but take the step. Your speed doesn’t matter forward is forward. Never give up on your dreams, anything is possible when you put your mind to it.

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## EUROPEAN NEWS

### TASLEET CELEBRATES FIRST FOALS

Shadwell’s MGSW **Tasleet (GB)** (Showcasing {GB}) has sired his first reported foals, Shadwell announced on Wednesday. A chestnut colt out of Power to Exceed (Ire) (Exceed And Excel {Aus}) arrived at Barouche Stud on Jan. 7. The dam is a half-sister to G2 May Hill S. heroine and G1 Bet365 Fillies Mile bridesmaid Powerful Breeze (GB) (Iffraaj {GB}).

Glebe Farm Stud welcomed a bay filly on Jan. 20. She is out of Voicemail (GB) (Poet’s Voice {GB}), a winner as a juvenile and hailing from the extended family of U.S. Champion Sprinter Lit de Justice (El Gran Senor).

The third foal graced Whatton Manor Stud on Jan. 24. The chestnut colt was produced by the winning Feint (GB) (Teofilo {Ire}), whose dam is a half-sister to G3 Jersey S. winner Ardkinglass (GB) (Green Desert). Whatton Manor’s Ed Player said, “We’re thrilled with him. He is a good-sized, strong quality foal with good limbs and he has a real presence.”

A runner-up in the G1 Diamond Jubilee S., Tasleet is standing his second season at Nunnery Stud for £6,000. **Cont. p10**

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**Tasleet's First Foals Cont.**

He is available for viewing, along with the fellow Shadwell stallions **Eqtidaar (Ire)** (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), **Muhaarar (GB)** (Oasis Dream {GB}) and **Mukhadram (GB)** (Shamardal) at Beech House Stud in Newmarket during the Tattersalls February Sale on Jan. 30.

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## BRITAIN

**Wednesday's Results:**

**1st-Kempton, £6,000, Mdn, 1-29, 3yo, 8f (AWT), 1:40.90, st/sl.**

**KING OF ARMS (GB) (c, 3, Kingman {GB}--Marika {GB}, by Marju {Ire})**, tried in cheekpieces after a third placing in a Lingfield mile novice last month, soon had control on the front end. Lengthening gradually clear in midstraight, the 5-4 favourite hit the line strong with two lengths to spare over Surround (Ire) (Iffraaj {GB}). The winner is a half-brother to Sabratah (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}), MSW & GSP-Fr, \$165,478--

herself the dam of the multiple group 3-placed Syrtis (GB) (Frankel {GB})--to Raw Impulse (GB) (Makfi {GB}), SW-Aus & GSP-NZ, \$210,506, and to this stable's G3 Sovereign S. winner Kick On (GB) (Charm Spirit {Ire}). The listed-winning dam, who also has a 2-year-old colt by Oasis Dream (GB), hails from the family of the G1 Prix d'Ispahan-winning dam Best of the Bests (Ire) (Machiavellian). Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-1, \$7,050. O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed Al Maktoum; B-Shutford Stud (GB); T-John Gosden.

**2nd-Kempton, £6,000, Mdn, 1-29, 3yo, 8f (AWT), 1:40.82, st/sl.**

**GROUP ONE POWER (GB) (c, 3, Lope de Vega {Ire}--Lady Aquitaine, by El Prado {Ire})**, an 11-2 shot, was able to coast along close to the early pace. Committed on the front end approaching the two-furlong pole, the bay held Endured (Ire) (Shamardal) at bay to score by a neck. Out of the G3 Sirenia S.-placed Lady Aquitaine, the winner is therefore a half-brother to the G2 Prix de Royallieu runner-up Lady of Kyushu (Smart Strike), SW & MGSP-Fr, \$151,021, and to Clint Maroon (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}), SW-US, \$162,240. [Cont. p11](#)



A colt by new Shadwell stallion Tasleet out of Feint entered the world on Jan. 24 | *Whatton Manor Stud*

**2nd-Kempton Cont.**

A granddaughter of the G1 Cheveley Park S.-winning champion Durtal (Ire) (Lyphard) from the family of the G1 Irish 2000 Guineas-winning sire Roderic O'Connor (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), the dam's yearling filly by Sea the Stars (Ire) was bought by Tanya Gunther for 130,000gns at the Tattersalls December Foal Sale. Sales history: 90,000gns Ylg '18 TAOCT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$5,056.

O-King Power Racing Co Ltd; B-Sahara Group (GB); T-Andrew Balding.

**FRANCE****Wednesday's Result:**

**3rd-Cagnes-sur-Mer, €21,000, Mdn, 1-29, 3yo, f, 2150mT, 2:20.46, sf.**

**AMERICAN APPLES (FR) (f, 3, American Post {GB}--Apple Kimbi {Fr}, by Beauchamp King {GB}),** who was fifth on debut over 7 1/2 furlongs here Jan. 14, broke well from her outside stall before gaining cover behind the early leaders. Unleashed down the centre of the home straight, the 12-1 shot struck the front with a furlong remaining before surging to a three-length success from Moko (Fr) (Amarillo {Ire}). The winner is the first representative of the unraced dam, whose stakes-winning half-sister Sharp Apple (Diesis {GB}) has produced four stakes performers including the G2 Lancashire Oaks and G3 Prix Minerve winner and G1 Prix Vermeille runner-up Pomology (Arch) and Sassy Little Lila (Artie Schiller) who was runner-up in the G1 Just a Game S. and G1 American Oaks. This is also the family of the G1 Turf Classic Invitational, G1 Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud and G1 Coronation Cup-winning Apple Tree (Fr) (Bikala {Ire}). Sales history: €16,000 Ylg '18 ARFEB. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, €10,550.

O-Bloodstock Agency Ltd; B-L Dulong, Mlle M Dulong, B Dulong & W Garreau (FR); T-Yann Barberot.

**CONDITIONS RESULT:**

**1st-Cagnes-sur-Mer, €28,000, 1-29, 4yo/up, 8f (AWT), 1:35.90, st.**

**ROCQUEMONT (FR) (c, 3, Anodin {Ire}--Rebecca's Filly {Fr}, by Elusive City)** Lifetime Record: MSP-Fr, 14-5-4-1, €103,680. O-Gerard Augustin-Normand, Georges Duca & Mme Laurence Samoun; B-C & S Thomas (FR); T-Christophe Escuder. \*€23,000 Wlg '16 ARDEC; €60,000 Ylg '17 ARAUG.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:**

**Akyo (Fr), c, 3, Rajsaman (Fr)--Beynotown (GB),** by Authorized

(Ire). Cagnes-sur-Mer, 1-29, 2150mT, 2:20.60. B-S.C.E.A. Haras De Manneville (FR). \*€4,000 Ylg '18 AROCT; €6,000 2yo '19 OSAAPR.

**IRELAND****HRI OWNERSHIP LAUNCHES 'MAKE IT YOUR DAY'**

'Make It Your Day', a series of videos following the reaction and story of owners as they watch their horses run, was launched by Horse Racing Ireland Ownership on Wednesday. The concept will form the basis of the ownership marketing campaign this term, as a series of videos and static assets will be rolled out over the coming months on social media channels.

"The emotion and adrenaline rush you get as an owner is hard to describe," said HRI's Amber Byrne. "Be it a sole owner or someone who owns a hair in a horse's tail, the feeling is the same. This campaign follows 12 owners with different personas, we have a farmer from Cork, a lawyer based in New York, a bar owner in Kildare and a retired man from Meath amongst others. They all have something in common, they are passionate about horse racing and racehorse ownership. We hope the creative will tell the ownership story and show the emotion ownership evokes."

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## WORLDWIDE NEWS

### BARNEY ROY LEADS GODOLPHIN CHARGE IN AL RASHIDIYA

2017 G1 St James's Palace S. hero **Barney Roy (GB)** (Excelebration {Ire}) makes his Dubai debut in the grassy G2 Al Rashidiya over 1800 metres at Meydan on Thursday, as the Dubai World Cup Carnival takes another step toward Super Saturday and then Dubai World Cup night itself. One of four in the race for Godolphin, the Charlie Appleby-trained gelding who made an abortive attempt at stud in 2018, won the Listed Prix de Montretout at ParisLongchamp last May. He was a last out eighth in the G1 Queen Anne S. at Royal Ascot and has been off since.

"He had that summer campaign [in 2019] and we purposely gave him a break with the Carnival in mind," Appleby said. "Where we are at the moment, we are working backward from the [G1] Jebel Hatta and obviously Benbatl (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) not being declared now has opened that race.

"If he were to bring his 'A-game,' or whatever he does Thursday evening, he's going to step forward for it," he

concluded. "He's the class animal in the field there and he might just be good enough to get away with that slight lack of race fitness on Thursday. Hopefully that'll springboard him onto Super Saturday."

Joining him are: stablemate 2018 G2 Grand Prix de Deauville victor **Loxley (Ire)** (New Approach {Ire}) and from the Saeed bin Suroor yard, 2019 G1 Jebel Hatta victor **Dream Castle (GB)** (Frankel {GB}) and Listed Godolphin S. winner **Mountain Hunter** (Lonhro {Aus}).

Mike de Kock's G1SP **Majestic Mambo (SAf)** (Mambo in Seattle), third to Benbatl in the G2 Singspiel S. on Jan. 9, wheels back on seven days' rest after running down the field in a Jan. 23 2410-metre handicap.

Thursday also sees the running of the G3 Al Shindagha Sprint over the main track. Meydan veteran and crowd favourite **Drafted** (Field Commission) made a strong late move in the G3

Dubawi S. on Jan. 2, but could not overcome the fine efforts of **Gladiator King** (Curlin) and Dec. 5 Listed Garhoud Sprint winner **Ibn Malik (Ire)** (Raven's Pass) that day. The Doug Watson trainee, who bears the colours of Misty Hollow Farm and won this contest in 2019, is aiming for a better exit from the stalls and leaves from gate five.

"He was a little ring-rusty and broke really slow in the Dubawi," Watson explained. "We know he'll come from off the pace with his style, but he was too far back. He had also missed some training with a foot issue, so we were very happy with the way he ran and the way he closed. Since then, he's had a really good couple pieces of work and I'm hopeful for a good run."

Sitting on a three-race winning streak, Swedish wunderkind/GSW **I Kirk (Swe)** (Eishin Dunkirk), who won a local handicap last January and was sixth in the G3 Mahab Al Shimaal on Mar. 9, returns to Meydan. The Susanne Berneklint trainee



Barney Roy | Mathea Kelley

swept a pair of Swedish listed affairs on either side of a conditions race on May 19, July 14, and June 26, respectively. He leaves from stall four.

2018 G1 Epsom Derby runner-up **Dee Ex Bee (GB)** (Farhh {GB}), weighted 132lbs, gives his rivals anywhere from nine to 15 pounds in the Listed Meydan Cup. Transferred from Mark Johnston to Salem bin Ghadayer for this 2810-metre Meydan turf bow, the Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohd Al Maktoum runner has filled the frame in five Group 1 contests and was a last out third in the G1 Prix du

Cadran on Oct. 5.

"I checked all of the [DWC Carnival] programme and there was only one race just he could run in right now," Bin Ghadayer said. "I spoke to the boss and we decided to run him. We would like to run him in Saudi before the [\$1.5-million G2] Dubai Gold Cup and we need a race before that. He will need the race. He's about 70% ready and after this we will see about Saudi and then the Gold Cup. I just hope for a good race and for everything to go alright.

"I'm happy with how he's accepted the program here, which is very different from the Johnston yard. Some horses need time to acclimatize, but he's a professional. He is a little lazy. If I showed you how he gallops, you would think he's a 45-rated horse—an average horse—but he's a different horse in the race and he has that experience." **Cont. p13**

**Dubai Preview Cont.**

Added bin Ghadayer, “He is smart and he knows training isn’t racing. Sometimes it’s better to have the lazy horse than the keen horse, because they take care of themselves. Like I like to say, ‘a lazy horse is a sound horse.’ I’m happy with how he’s improved since he arrived and I couldn’t ask for anything more.”

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Jockeys James Doyle, Danny Tudhope, Frankie Dettori and William Buick partook on Wednesday in the first trial races on the new turf course at King Abdulaziz Racecourse ahead of Saudi Cup Day on Feb. 29. The track was designed by STRI, which has done work for Ascot, the FIFA World Cup, Wimbledon and the 2012 London Olympics

*Photo courtesy Saudi Cup*

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**MIDDLE EAST**

**Thursday, Meydan, post time: 7:40 p.m.**

**MEYDAN CUP SPONSORED BY P & O MARINAS, \$175,000, NH 4yo/up & SH 3yo/up, 2810mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Dubai Horizon (Ire)	Poet’s Voice (GB)	Bentley	bin Suroor	117
2	Mekong (GB)	Frankel (GB)	Crowley	Osborne	123
3	Dubhe (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Doyle	Appleby	117
4	Universal Order (GB)	Universal (Ire)	Mullen	Simcock	117
5	Zamaam (GB)	Muhtathir (GB)	Veron	Charpy	117
6	Secret Advisor (Fr)	Dubawi (Ire)	O’Shea	Appleby	117
7	Dee Ex Bee (GB)	Farhh (GB)	Barzalona	bin Ghadayer	132

**ASIA**

**Wednesday’s Result:**

**KAWASAKI KINEN-Listed, ¥102,000,000, Kawasaki, 1-29, 4yo/up, 2100m, 2:14.10, sloppy.**

**1--CHUWA WIZARD (Jpn), 126, h, 5, King Kamehameha (Jpn)--Chuwa Blossom (Jpn), by Durandal (Jpn).** O-Shinobu

Nakanishi; B-Northern Farm; T-Ryuji Okubo; J-Yuga Kawada; ¥60,000,000. Lifetime Record: GSW-Jpn, 15-9-3-2.

**2--Hikari Oso (Jpn), 123, c, 4, Furioso (Jpn)--Hikari Vigorous (Jpn), by South Vigorous.** O-Tsuru Nishimori; B-Hikaru Farm; ¥21,000,000.

**3--Derma Louvre (Jpn), 123, c, 4, Pyro--Caribbean Romance (Jpn), by Commands (Aus).** O-Hiroyuki Asanuma; B-Bando Farm; ¥12,000,000.

Margins: 6, 1, NK. Odds: 0.60, 35.00, 7.00.

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**Thursday, Meydan, UAE, post time: 7:05 p.m.**

**AL RASHIDIYA SPONSORED BY HAMDAN BIN MOHAMMED CRUISE TERMINAL-G2**, \$250,000, NH 4yo/up & SH 3yo/up, 1800mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Sharpalo (Fr)	Shamardal	Beasley	bin Harmash	125
2	Loxley (Ire)	New Approach (Ire)	Doyle	Appleby	125
3	Mountain Hunter	Lonhro (Aus)	Cosgrave	bin Suroor	125
4	Dream Castle (GB)	Frankel (GB)	Soumillon	bin Suroor	125
5	Majestic Mambo SAf)	Mambo in Seattle	de Vries	de Kock	125
6	Light the Lights (SAf)	Western Winter	Mullen	Seemar	125
7	Barney Roy (GB)	Excelebration (Ire)	Buick	Appleby	125

**Thursday, Meydan, UAE, post time: 9:25 p.m.**

**AL SHINDAGHA SPRINT SPONSORED BY DP WORLD UAE REGION-G3**, \$200,000, NH & SH 3yo/up, 1200m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Gladiator King 	Curlin	Barzalona	Seemar	128
2	Alfredo Arcano (Ire)	Arcano (Ire)	Cosgrave	Marnane	125
3	Ibn Malik (Ire)	Raven's Pass	Crowley	Al Mheiri	125
4	I Kirk (Swe)	Eishin Dunkirk	Lopez	Berneklint	125
5	Drafted	Field Commission	Dobbs	Watson	125
6	Alkaraama 	War Front	O'Neill	Al Mheiri	125
7	Truck Salesman 	Can the Man	Jara	O'Neill	125
8	All Out Blitz	Concord Point	Mullen	Seemar	125

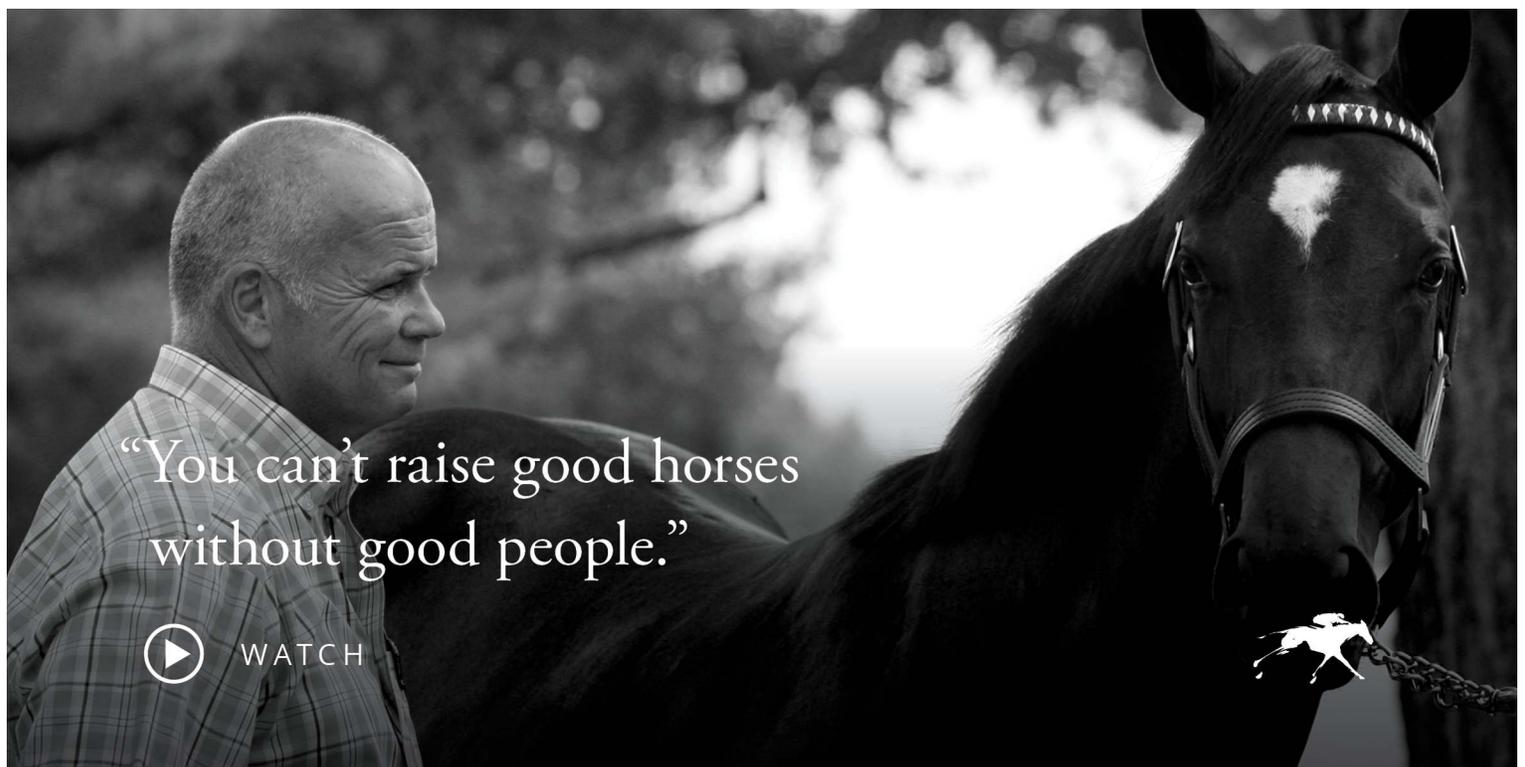
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## SESSION-TOPPER PURCHASED WITH HK IN MIND



Wednesday's topper, lot 726 | NZ Bloodstock

By Paul Vettise

John Foote is hoping a Per Incanto (USA) colt, Lot 726, purchased on behalf on an undisclosed Hong Kong client during the opening session of New Zealand Bloodstock's Book 2 Yearling Sale will prove himself worthy of a future passage to Asia.

### At A Glance:

- John Foote purchased session-topping son of Per Incanto (USA) out of Little Avondale Stud's draft for NZ\$160,000 and has high hopes the colt can make his future mark in Hong Kong.
- A Contributor (Ire) colt made an early impression on Guy Mulcaster and he parted with NZ\$130,000 to secure the youngster presented by Lansdowne Park.
- The only filly by Puissance de Lune (Ire) to be offered at public auction adds unique quality to the draft of new vendor Dylan Ralph.
- Highview was the leading vendor by aggregate with 11 lots sold for NZ\$477,000 at an average of NZ\$43,363 ahead of Haunui Farm with nine lots sold for NZ\$398,000 at an average of NZ\$44,222.
- The turnover reached NZ\$3,113,500, representing an average of NZ\$34,594 for 90 horses sold. The median closed at NZ\$27,500 with the clearance rate of 71%.

### Foote Tops the Bill

Queensland bloodstock agent John Foote went to NZ\$160,000 for Little Avondale Stud's Per Incanto colt, a session-topping son of Makkura (NZ) (Falkirk {NZ}) who was successful nine times and was a stakes winner in Singapore.

"Per Incanto has done well in Asia, he's an under-rated sire," Foote said. "The mother could run and they took her to Singapore and she did well.

"He will go across to Australia and go through the system there and trial and go to Hong Kong if he's good enough. He was one of the better colts here and I figured I'd have to pay that for him."

The colt is from the family of the three-time Group 1 winner Our Westminster (NZ) (Grosvenor {NZ}), who enjoyed success at stud and sired the G1 Thorndon Mile winner Pace Invader (NZ) and the G3 Sweet Embrace S. winner All The Chat (NZ).

Foote was also active during the Book 1 sessions at Karaka and was involved in 19 purchases up to NZ\$220,000, going to that figure for Lots 152 and 277.

The first is an Iffraaj (GB) filly bought out of Haunui Farm's draft and she is a granddaughter of the G3 Queen of the Turf S. winner The Perfume Garden (NZ) (Tights {USA}) and the second is a son of Savabeel whose second dam She's A Meanie (NZ) (Prince Salieri) won the G1 Avondale Gold Cup.

"We bought quite a few and I was happy with the prices. The NZ\$220,000 was the dearest we paid for two horses and the rest were under that," Foote said.

Little Avondale Stud's Sam Williams said Per Incanto's progeny had been running hot in the lead-up to the sale and he was far from surprised with the interest showed in his progeny.

"The horse had five stakes performers last week and 10 winners over an eight day period. He is having a wonderful trot. You can't do much more than win on the track and hope that the results follow through into the sales ring.

"Constance Cheng owns the horse and we've been breeding with her in partnership and she was tickled pink with the result. She races a lot of horses in Singapore and she was quite keen that if he didn't make his reserve she was going to race him in Singapore.

"He was pretty much on the market all the way so I was confident he was going to soar past his reserve.

"This is a gorgeous horse, the second foal and the first is with Nigel Blackiston."



Guy Mulcaster | NZ Bloodstock

### Plenty to Contribute

A son of Contributor (Ire) caught Guy Mulcaster’s eye on the morning of the sale and followed through with a winning final bid of NZ\$130,000 for Lot 775.

“I bought him for myself and we’ll take him along quietly and get a few people involved in him,” the Cambridge-based agent said. “He’s a nice horse and I like the fact that he’s out of a Savabeel mare and we got a few Contributors last year.”

The colt was presented by Lansdowne Park and is a son of Parvati (NZ), who was a winner and she is a sister to the G2 Auckland Thoroughbred Breeders’ S. winner Yearn (NZ), also recently third in the G1 Thorndon Mile.

Breeder Kiernyn Tapper was thrilled with the result, which fulfilled an ambition.

“It means a lot to me, my goal two years ago was to breed and sell a \$100,000 yearling,” he said. “It’s brilliant that Guy Mulcaster has picked him. He has excellent judgement and I look forward to following him in the future.”



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### Rare Opportunity

A unique individual graced the Karaka ring when a daughter of Puissance de Lune (Ire), Lot 768, was knocked down to New Plymouth trainer Warren Bolton for NZ\$70,000. The grey is the only filly by Swettenham Stud’s stallion to be offered for sale in Australasia this year and was prepared for Book 2 by Dylan Ralph.

“She was bred by a new client, James Russell of Hastings, and she never put a foot wrong. They wanted to put her in Book 3, but we fought to get her in Book 2 and it’s gone well,” he said. “We were hoping for NZ\$100,000, but you need two to dance and there was only one on her, but she’ll get her chance. She’s a massive filly, as big as a colt.”

She is a daughter of the unraced Our Georgie Girl (NZ) (Mastercraftsman {Ire}), who is out of the stakes winner Cheval De Troy (NZ) (Zabeel {NZ}) and the family of the Group 3 winners Le Destina (Waajib {Ire}) and Exchequer (Marauding).

“The mare’s got an Adelaide colt on the ground and she’s in foal to Eminent,” Ralph said.

Ralph, whose father Stephen is a Group 1 winning trainer, operates Ralph Thoroughbreds with his wife Caitlen and they both recently welcomed baby Kaden.

“This is only our second year. We sold all five last year and four so far this time and we got NZ\$140,000 for a Shamexpress colt in Book 1,” the 27-year-old said. “I worked for Haunui Farm for two years and then Mark Chitty gave me two to sell and before that I had three years with Westbury Stud. I’ve also got a stable job with (trainer) Nigel Tiley in the off season.”

Ralph also sold an Iffraaj (GB) colt, Lot 763, to South Australian horseman Michael Hickmott earlier in the session for NZ\$60,000. He is from the celebrated family of champion sire Redoute’s Choice and the multiple Group 1 winner Shoals (Fastnet Rock).



### IN HONG KONG:

**Californiadeepshot**, c, 3, **Deep Field**--Vormista (GSW & MG1SP-Aus, \$468,110), by Testa Rossa. Happy Valley, 1-29, Hcp. (\$277k), 1200m, 1:09.75. B-Emmaroo Bloodstock Pty Ltd (NSW). \*1/2 to Reemah (Redoute’s Choice), G1SP-Aus, \$216,350. \*\*\$180,000 RNA Ylg ‘18 MMGCYS; \$260,000 Ylg ‘18 INGEAS. **VIDEO**



**IN HONG KONG:**

**Amazing Star**, g, 5, **Darci Brahma (NZ)**--Bright Abyss (USA) (SP-Fr, , by Royal Academy (USA). Happy Valley, 1-29, Hcp. (NZ\$414k), 1200m, 1:08.99. B-Mrs H G & W H Bax. \*NZ\$30,000 Ylg '16 NZBJAN. **VIDEO**

**Cinquante Cinq**, g, 5, **Tavistock**--Jugadora (Aus), by Jugah (USA). Happy Valley, 1-29, Hcp. (NZ\$286k), 1650m, 1:39.67. B-A J & J P D & Est late M L Ryan. \*NZ\$18,000 Wlg '15 NZBMAY; \$NZ\$160,000 Ylg '16 NZBJAN. **VIDEO**

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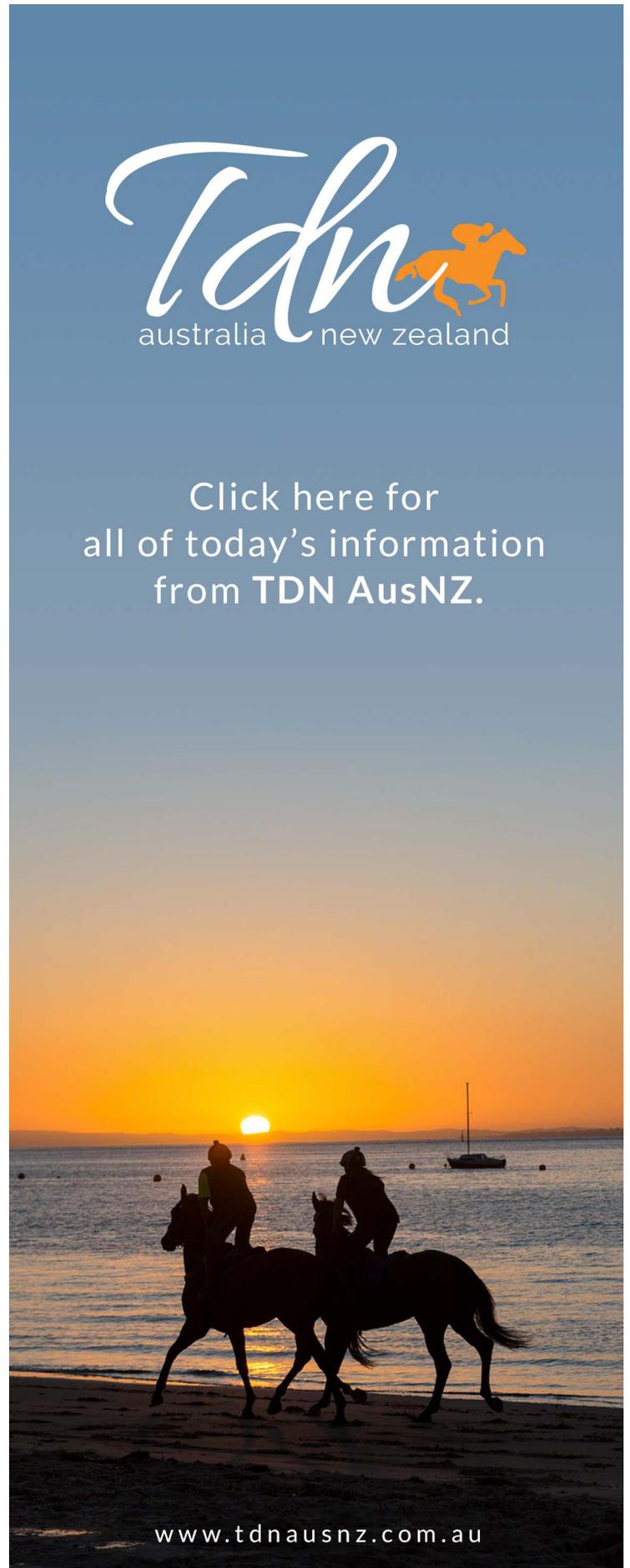
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	G1 Futurity S.	Caulfield
Feb. 29	G1 Australian Guineas	Flemington
	G1 TAB Chipping Norton S.	Randwick
	G1 Surround S.	Randwick
Mar. 7	G1 Newmarket H.	Flemington
	G1 Australian Cup	Flemington
	G1 Mostyn Copper Randwick Guineas	Randwick
	G1 Canterbury S.	Randwick
Mar. 14	G1 Coolmore Classic S.	Rosehill
Mar. 20	G1 William Reid S.	The Valley
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	G1 The Agency George Ryder S	Rosehill
	G1 Ranvet S.	Rosehill



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