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FOAL DEATHS FROM NOCARDIOFORM PLACENTITIS SPIKING IN KY



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By T.D. Thornton

A spike in foal deaths caused by nocardioform placentitis has been reported in Kentucky as the first month of the 2020 Thoroughbred foaling season comes to a close.

As of late Thursday afternoon, the number of equine abortions reported by the University of Kentucky Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory (UKVDL) stood at 44. The UKVDL's statewide map of the foal deaths listed 29 in Fayette County alone. Other abortions listed by county include six each in Woodford and Bourbon, and one each in Shelby, Scott, and Harrison. You can view the interactive UKVDL map [here](#). Note that it accounts for all reported equine deaths, and is not Thoroughbred-specific.

Dr. Barry Ball, a veterinarian with the University of Kentucky's Gluck Equine Research Center who holds the Albert G. Clay Endowed Chair in Equine Reproduction, told *TDN* that in a normal year, the number of foal deaths from nocardioform placentitis might be in the single digits or low teens by this time of the season.

"This would be a significant upturn from those numbers, and right now it's looking like it's on par with numbers reported in 2017 and 2011," said Ball, referring to Kentucky's two most recent breeding seasons that saw spikes in foal deaths from nocardioform placentitis. **Cont. p3**

TAKING STOCK: TAGG'S CLASSIC PROSPECT

By Sid Fernando

Barclay Tagg is a straightforward, no-nonsense type of guy who's been training horses for close to 50 years. During his career, he had a stint as an assistant to legendary hard-boot trainer Frank Whiteley, Jr., and before that, he was a steeplechase jockey. He's in his early eighties and has spent most of his adult life around Thoroughbreds, including some greats, like Ruffian. He's won some big races, too, like the GI Kentucky Derby and that's a big package of experience he brings to the table as the man behind **Tiz the Law** (Constitution), who will start as the favorite in the 1 1/16-mile GIII Holy Bull S. at Gulfstream Saturday on his path to the Kentucky Derby.

Tagg doesn't look his age. He carries his lithe, fit frame upright, with no slouch or limp despite plenty of falls as a jock; dresses like a country gentleman; and has a stern countenance that belies an easy laugh once you get to know him.

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Ball continued, "Both of those years were significant upturns, and this certainly looks like it's heading in that direction."

Dr. Karen Wolfsdorf, a reproduction specialist at Hagyard Equine Medical Institute, told *TDN* the situation calls for vigilance--not panic--at this point.

"While I do think we have an increase in incidence this year, it's still not the worst that it's been, or at 'epidemic' levels," Wolfsdorf said. "It's just something to be aware of that is on the increase this year."

Wolfsdorf gave an overview of what nocardioform placentitis is, how it's diagnosed, and what warning symptoms Thoroughbred farm personnel can look for in pregnant mares.

"Nocardioform placentitis is a group of organisms that forms mucous production that then causes separation of the placenta from the mare's uterus," Wolfsdorf explained. "So it stops nutrients and oxygen getting from the mare to the fetus, which can damage and be life-threatening to the foal."

Foals can either be stillborn or born in a weakened state that requires euthanization. Some foals are "born alive and do perfectly fine" in cases where mares have only a small lesion, Wolfsdorf said.

"There are two main types of nocardioform placentitis that we see most commonly," Wolfsdorf said. "One is the bacterial organism *Crossiela equi*. The other one is *Amycolatopsis*. We tend to see foals either aborted or born a month early with the *Crossiela equi*, as opposed to *Amycolatopsis*, where [foals] seem to have a better survival rate or live foal rate. It depends on when the mare is infected or when the lesions start to form as well as how large those lesions are, because that will determine how much nutrients and oxygen that foal is deprived of."

Wolfsdorf noted that nocardioform placentitis differs from placentitis caused by an "ascending infection," which is when pathogens get past a mare's vulva to ascend through the reproductive tract.

In nocardioform placentitis, "we don't know how it gets there," Wolfsdorf said.

"We believe it's in the soil in the environment," Wolfsdorf continued. "We don't know how it gets to the uterus. But the lesions that you see are pretty characteristic, and they're usually found at the base of the horns of the uterus or in the body of the uterus. This is unlike ascending placentitis."

The first clinical signs of nocardioform placentitis are usually vaginal discharge and premature lactation.

"Usually how we identify it is when a mare starts to develop a mammary gland prematurely," Wolfsdorf said. "Usually that's associated with placentitis or twins."

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Wolfsdorf said that if those signs are present, the first step is to rule out ascending placentitis by ultrasound. Then a different ultrasound view will be used to look for the distinctive nocardioform placentitis lesions.

But that diagnostic method is far from perfect.

"It's more of a rule-in than a rule-out process," Wolfsdorf said. "If [a nocardioform lesion] is there, you can see it. But if it's not there, it doesn't mean that she doesn't have it, because the area where the lesion can be is so small and the surface area of the uterus is so large."

Ball agreed: "The difficulty with those kinds of clinical signs is that the disease is pretty far progressed by the time you see some of those changes," he said.

"We don't have good diagnostic techniques for early diagnosis," Ball added. "That's something that we've been working on for awhile. Ultrasound of the placenta is being used with some success, but the sensitivity of that is uncertain. It may only be useful in relatively late cases, but we are seeing it being used at farms that are at risk"

Wolfsdorf explained how farm personnel can be on the lookout for those first clinical signs.

"Monitor the mare for premature mammary gland development," Wolfsdorf said. "And then just practice good

husbandry. Look under the tail every day to make sure there are no signs of a discharge there. Make sure the mare is acting and behaving normally."

Wolfsdorf pointed out that vigilance should also extend to foals that appear totally healthy, underscoring her earlier point about how a foal can be born without complications even if the mare had nocardioform lesions.

"The only way you know sometimes if they had that disease is by examining the placenta," Wolfsdorf said. "That's another thing farm personnel can do--make sure to turn the placentas inside out both ways, so you look at not only the white shiny side, but you look at the red side, where you're going to see these lesions. And if you see that you're having an increased number of lesions, then maybe it's time to be proactive and ultrasound your mares transabdominally to see if you can identify any more lesions."

"It's a disease that although there's been a lot of research to try and determine where it comes from, it still eludes us," Wolfsdorf said. "It's very farm-dependent, area-dependent. We don't know why some farms have it and some farms don't have it."

Both Ball and Wolfsdorf noted there appears to be a spike of the disease in years when unseasonably warm weather precedes foaling seasons. **Cont. p5**



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“Hot, dry Augusts and Septembers are statistically associated with an increased incidence of the disease in the following winter and spring,” Ball said, noting that he is in the process of completing a 30-year historical study on potential effects of weather on nocardioform placentitis.

“We don’t know what the meaning of that association is,” Ball said. “But it’s a statistically significant relationship. It doesn’t mean it’s a cause. It just means that there is some association, and we don’t yet understand” what that is.

This past autumn, parts of Kentucky broke dryness and heat records, with a string of rainless, 90-degree days extending through September. On Oct. 1, a National Weather Service meteorologist based in Louisville described conditions statewide as “really, literally, the summer that won’t end.”



Sarah Andrew

Ball said future projects he is involved with might yield better clarity.

“Nocardioform placentitis is on our radar. It has been for a long time,” Ball said. “We’re finishing a study right now looking at the genome-wide transcript of those kinds of tissues, basically looking at gene expression across the placentas of mares with those diseases compared to controls. We know a lot more about the inflammatory picture associated with it. But that hasn’t given us much in the way of clues about the etiology in terms of how this starts.

“We’ve also done some pretty extensive studies with inoculating mares trying to reproduce the disease,” Ball summed up. “But to date we have not had any success. So we clearly have a lot to learn.”

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by Sid Fernando



Tagg's Classic Prospect cont. from p1

He's frequently in the company of his longtime assistant and significant other, Robin Smullen, with whom he shares a home in Boynton Beach near Palm Meadows in the winter and a place behind Belmont Park the rest of the year. Whenever he doesn't know or recall the answer to a question, he'll turn to her and she'll provide it without missing a beat. It's Smullen who gets the call when there's a tough horse to ride in the mornings or when there's a special one, like Tiz the Law. Between the two of them, they have the bases covered on their team like the experienced double-play partners that they are, Tagg the field general at shortstop and Smullen sure-handed and deft on the pivot at



Barclay Tagg | Sarah Andrew

second base. It's the type of defense you want when you send a young but talented pitcher to the mound or a thrice-raced colt on the Kentucky Derby trail.

They won the Kentucky Derby and the GI Preakness 17 years ago with Sackatoga Stables's Funny Cide (Distorted Humor). Sackatoga, a partnership whose principal is Jack Knowlton, is

also the owner of Tiz the Law, who, like Funny Cide, was foaled in New York and is sired by a first-crop WinStar stallion. Smullen galloped Funny Cide too, but the obvious similarities end there. For one, most of the partners in Sackatoga are not the same as they were in Funny Cide, and the latter was a 16.2-hand gelding compared to the 15.2 and a half-hand colt that is Tiz the Law.

"They are just two completely different types," Tagg said. "Funny Cide was a big and strong horse, a tough horse to gallop, with a real long stride to him, a lovely big horse. He looked like he could go any distance to me, by the way he looked and trained." **Cont. p7**

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Tagg continued, "I could not see any reason why he couldn't, but I got a hemorrhage from the press on it and a hammering from other people, and everybody told me I was crazy and had Derby fever and the horse would never go a mile and a quarter. Tiz the Law, I thought he was a sprinter/miler when I bought him--he was smaller and a stocky type--and that's what he looks like. He doesn't have the long stride on him that Funny Cide did, but nothing bothers him and so far he's trained like distance isn't a problem. He hasn't shown me one thing that would make me think that he couldn't do it. He's just got a great, great mind to him."



Tiz the Law | Sarah Andrew

The Pedigree

Tiz the Law was bred by Steve Davison and Randy Gullatt's **Twin Creeks**, which was recently profiled in *TDN*. They sold him to Tagg and Knowlton for \$110,000 at the Fasig-Tipton New York-Bred Yearling sale at Saratoga. Twin Creeks, in partnership with WinStar, had purchased and raced Constitution.

Constitution (Tapit--Baffled, by Distorted Humor) finished second to American Pharoah (Pioneer of the Nile) on the leading freshman sires list last year and is an up-and-coming stallion who flashed serious potential with his first 2-year-olds, despite not racing at two himself. It's logical, therefore, to assume that Constitution's progeny will be even better at three and four, when he won the GI Florida Derby and the GI Donn H., respectively, at Gulfstream--the site of the Holy Bull.

Tiz the Law's dam, Tizfiz (Tiznow--Gin Running, by Go for Gin), won the GII San Gorgonio H. at Santa Anita at nine furlongs on turf at five and was also unraced at two, as was her sire, who won the 10-furlong GI Breeders' Cup Classic at three when he was Horse of the Year and again at four when he was the champion older horse. Her dam, Gin Running (Go For Gin), sired by a Kentucky Derby winner, was also unraced at two. She also produced Tizfiz's full brother Fury Kapcori, a graded winner at four in the GIII Precisionist S. at a mile and a sixteenth on dirt at Santa Anita. Fury Kapcori, unlike his sister, was a winner at two, and he'd placed second to Violence (Medaglia d'Oro) in the GI CashCall Futurity on all-weather at Hollywood Park.

On the surface of things, then, Tiz the Law, who won the

GI Champagne S. last year and two of three starts altogether, has a lot of late-maturing blood close up in his pedigree, including some horses and sires that have won at the Derby

distance or have sired winners that got the trip. There's also enough early maturity and speed further back in his family to explain his own development at two, and this combination appears to give him a great balance of speed and early maturity with some promise of stamina and continued development. This is what Tagg sees in the colt and the way he trains, which are positives for Tiz the Law's Derby aspirations.

Tiz the Law's third dam, stakes-placed Crafty and Evil (Crafty Prospector), was sired

by a stallion noted for speed. Crafty and Evil won her debut in April of her 2-year-old season in a 4 1/2-furlong dash at Keeneland and was placed in the seven-furlong Indian Summer S. at the same track in October after giving way late in the race. Altogether she won two races, but none after the age two, and she was challenged at distances above sprints.

Crafty and Evil's half-brother was champion Favorite Trick (Phone Trick), an outstanding 2-year-old of 1997. He, too, won his debut in April at Keeneland but kept going, winning all eight of his starts that year, including the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile, and was named the first Horse of the Year at two since Secretariat in 1972. However, he wasn't the same colt at three and was eighth in the Kentucky Derby.

Likewise, there are others in Tiz the Law's immediate family that were limited by distance and/or were specialists at two or in sprints. They include GII Smile Sprint S. winner and millionaire Favorite Tale (Tale of the Cat); Moonshine Memories (Malibu Moon), a two-time Grade I winner at two who didn't train on at the same level at three; and Indian Evening (Indian Charlie), who only raced at two and won the seven-furlong Swynford S. at Woodbine and two of three starts altogether.

However, this family has shown that when bred to stamina horses, it can deliver stamina. The mare Legs Lawlor, a half-sister to Favorite Trick by Derby winner Unbridled, produced the listed 12-furlong turf stakes winner Clarinet, a daughter of Giant's Causeway.

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Tiz the Law's sire's performance with his 3-year-olds this year will shed more light on his contributions to the pedigree, but Constitution's sire has three GI Belmont S. winners to his credit, and his broodmare sire, aside from getting Derby winner Funny Cide, has reliably and surprisingly sired an array of staying horses, including Belmont S. and Breeders' Cup Classic winner Drosselmeyer, GI Travers winner Flower Alley and GI Man o' War winner Boisterous.



Funny Cide with Robin Smullen aboard | Sarah Andrew

At the time Tagg was preparing Funny Cide for the Derby, all that was known about Distorted Humor was that he was a sprinter who didn't stay past a mile, which is why Tagg caught some flak for believing that his gelding could win at the Derby trip. History has frequently shown, however, that a horse's own race record doesn't necessarily define him as a stallion. With Constitution, there's probably more to recommend Classic ability on paper than there was with Distorted Humor, but none of that mattered to Tagg then or now, because he goes by what he sees in front of him.

The Colt

"For his size, he's got a very efficient stride on him," Tagg said Thursday, describing Tiz the Law's way of going. "He doesn't waste any motion, and, yeah, he pulls a bit, but he doesn't take anything extra out of himself."

Smullen had galloped the colt a mile and three-eighths Thursday at Palm Meadows. A day earlier, after a mile-and-a-half gallop at the training center, Tagg had shipped the colt to Gulfstream to school in the paddock before the first race.

"He's doing great," Tagg said. "We weighed him over there, and he's 1,084 pounds."

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The colt's last serious piece of work for the Holy Bull was completed Sunday at Palm Meadows, a half-mile in a bullet :48--fastest of 41 works for the distance. The colt had worked in company with the Tagg-trained 7-year-old stakes winner Realm (Haynesfield).

"We broke him off two lengths behind Realm, and he went by him pretty easily," Tagg said.

A few works earlier, Tagg's pocket rocket had easily handled an older graded stakes-winning sprinter in similar style.

After the Holy Bull, the GII Louisiana Derby Mar. 21 at Fair Grounds is next for Tiz the Law, Tagg said. The \$1-million race will be contested at a mile and three-sixteenths and is the longest Derby-points prep (40) in the U.S.

"I like to give him about six weeks between races, and that falls perfectly," the conditioner said. "If you're going for a mile-and-a-quarter race, you can't be afraid of a mile and three-sixteenths."

Aside from winning the Derby with Funny Cide in 2003, Tagg was sixth in the race with Lael Stable's Grade I winner Showing Up (Strategic Mission) in 2006 and fourth with Charles Fipke's Grade I winner Tale of Ekati (Tale of the Cat) in 2008, when he'd also saddled Eric Fein's GIII Tampa Bay Derby winner Big Truck (Hook and Ladder) to an 18th-place finish.

In other words, Tagg isn't one to chase after the Derby unless he thinks he's got a legitimate chance to win the race, and his actions with Tiz the Law speak louder than the few words he utters. Last fall, he bypassed the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile and a chance at the 2-year-old championship to race his colt instead in the GII Kentucky Jockey Club S. at Churchill Downs.

Over a sloppy track, the colt didn't have a great trip and finished third in the race, beaten less than a length for it all, but the experience of a run over the track, Tagg knows, was worth the gamble, because his intent all along was to return there this spring.

The Holy Bull begins that journey for Tagg and Tiz the Law, and the veteran trainer couldn't be more confident in the abilities of his developing colt.

Sid Fernando is president and CEO of Werk Thoroughbred Consultants, Inc., originator of the Werk Nick Rating and eNicks.

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King for a Day | Sarah Andrew

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Red Oak Stable homebred **King for a Day** (Uncle Mo) posted a hard-fought victory over the disqualified GI Kentucky Derby winner after that one stumbled at the start in the TVG.com Pegasus S. at Monmouth June 16. The bay disappointed in his next start, however, and was placed on the sidelines following a well-beaten fifth-place finish as the 5-2 second-choice after being checked hard on the far turn in the weather-delayed GI TVG.com Haskell Invitational S. on a scorching summer day on the Jersey Shore July 20.

With four breezes under his belt at Todd Pletcher's Palm Beach Downs base this month, including a four-furlong spin in :48.69 (2/22) Jan. 19, the Gill Challenger S. at Tampa Mar. 7 is a tentative early-season target for King for a Day, per Rick Sacco, Red Oak's racing and operations manager.

"It was just a rough day overall waiting to run that horse on Haskell day and he wasn't the same when he hit the paddock," Sacco said.

"He didn't run his race and he lost his action before the quarter pole having to steady and pull up. He hit himself at that point and he was a little banged up when he came back to the barn. We decided to give him the time at Red Oak Farm and

pinfired his ankles where he hit himself and the horse has come back super. Each and every week he's getting better and stronger and the horse physically looks awesome. He's sound and happy and Todd is very pleased with him."

Sacco concluded, "We're looking forward to getting him back on track and just can't wait to get him back to the races."

King for a Day, also a smart winner of last May's Sir Barton S. at Pimlico, is out of the unraced French Deputy mare Ubetwereven. He is a half-brother to the stakes winner Feel That Fire (Lightnin N Thunder), the dam of Red Oak and Madaket Stables's MGISW Mind Control (Stay Thirsty), who recently returned from a layoff with a game victory in the Gill Toboggan S. at Aqueduct.

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SOUTHERN BELLE THOROUGHBREDS'

IMPACT GROWS

By Diana Pikulski

Since the *TDN* first interviewed Katie Larsen, who founded Southern Belle Thoroughbreds in 2017, the organization's impact on safe placement of racehorses at Woodbine and Fort Erie has grown exponentially.

Southern Belle has placed 257 racehorses in two years and it has become a regular source for Thoroughbred Makeover prospects. The operational model at Southern Belle resembles that of Canter in the United States. Southern Belle has volunteers on the racetrack grounds who serve as the organization's ambassadors and facilitators, making contact with trainers who have racehorses they wish to retire and sell. The volunteers are experienced in seeing the potential in a horse as well as limitations based on injury or conformation. They photograph and video the horse and then the horse is listed on Southern Belle's website, promoted on social media and shared with the network of potential buyers that Larsen has developed.

"Without dedicated people to be our 'boots on the ground, we would not be so impactful," said Larsen. "At Fort Erie, Lamar Squires is my go to volunteer if a call comes in from a trainer. He goes immediately, sends me the photos, videos and descriptions and I write the ads and find the suitable buyer."

In the summer and fall, when Southern Belle is receiving its highest volume of calls, they can be listing as many as five to seven horses a day. **Cont. p11**



Southern Belle Thoroughbreds grad Ultimate Blue

"Exercise rider Chelsea Clouter is my partner at Woodbine Racetrack," said Larsen. "She has been a cornerstone for us, taking photos of up to five horses a day sometimes which need to be re-homed immediately. Chelsea, Lamar and I all work closely together which is why we are as efficient as we are in the placement of these Thoroughbreds."

Larsen works full-time in the banking industry. She rode as young girl, but could not keep up with the high cost of horses and life on the show circuit. After making the decision to bring horses back into her life, she bought her first Thoroughbred, Mia Bella Amore (Golden Missile). Her relationship with the mare inspired Southern Belle Thoroughbreds.

"I didn't expect to be so successful, so soon," said Larsen. "I understand the trainers and owners wish to move a horse as quickly as possible once they make the decision to sell it. We appreciate that they have made the decision and the horse is our number one priority so we act immediately and hit our growing network of trainers who are looking for sound horses or horses who need a little bit of time off or rehabilitation. Many of our horses from last year appeared at the Retired Racehorse Project Thoroughbred Makeover in 2019, which was overwhelmingly incredible to see."

Thoroughbreds are enjoying an increase in popularity in the showing and eventing circuits fueled in large part by the Thoroughbred Makeover and the racing industry incentive programs such as NYTHA's Take2 and The Jockey Club's Thoroughbred Incentive Program. These initiatives create Thoroughbred-only divisions and offer prize money to winners. Southern Belle emerged at the right time to help meet the increased demand for sound Thoroughbreds.

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"With the help of Facebook, we reach a large audience," said Larsen. "Also, I am diligent about following up on horses and staying in touch with our purchasers. They appreciate that and see us as a family. On our website, in addition to the horses which are available, we feature the horses in their new homes."

One of Larsen's favorite success stories is **Smooth Spirit** (Smooth Bid), a 9-year-old mare who raced 30 times and is now eventing at training level with Darby Delle Donne. As a racehorse, Smooth Spirit, was trained by Anthony Alderson and earned \$33,320 before retiring at six.

"Donne is an accomplished eventer and she saw the potential in Smooth Spirit, now known as Renegade," said Larsen. "The duo even travels to Florida to train on the eventing circuit throughout the colder Ontario months. This horse is thriving and absolutely loves her new job."

Another inspiring placement was **Ultimate Blue** (Giant Gizmo), known at Fort Erie as the 'one-eyed wonder horse' who started 48 times. He is now on the hunter circuit as a true ambassador of the breed.

In 2019, Southern Belle's efforts were recognized with sponsorship from Canadian Thoroughbred Horse Society.

"There has been a ton of negative publicity this past year around horse racing in regards to the meat industry as well as track conditions and I think it is important to share the positivity that we experience in our dealings with trainers who want to do the right thing and the loving homes where we place our horses," said Larsen. "It is a labor of love for us at Southern Belle and it is a thrill to experience success at securing happy retirement for our beloved Thoroughbreds."

For more information, contact Katie Larsen [here](#) or visit the Southern Belle Thoroughbreds [website](#).

Diana Pikulski is the editor of the Thoroughbred Adoption Network and a partner at Yepsen and Pikulski, Public Policy Specialists.

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Smooth Spirit & Kelly Delle Donne

TIF PUBLISHES 'AMERICAN RACING'S SUSTAINABLE FUTURE'

Considering three systemic issues and offering three recommendations, the Thoroughbred Idea Foundation released its newest white paper, "[American Racing's Sustainable Future](#)."

"No matter where an American racing stakeholder stands on the issues that seemingly have consumed the majority of the dialogue in the sport in recent months--the 'federal bill' or use of the crop amongst them--it is beyond time to start tackling the larger, fundamental concerns which threaten our industry and work towards a more sustainable future," said TIF Executive Director Patrick Cummings. "This paper is broader than our previous work and is the culmination of months of research and discussion with dozens of concerned industry stakeholders who rightly believe that modernization and evolution are necessary to arrest our decline."

"Stakeholders have rightly complained about a worrisome future for American racing over decades," added Craig Bernick, President and CEO of Glen Hill Farm and TIF founder. "It is a tremendous time to be an owner or breeder given slot-fueled subsidies that have left purses at record levels, but many owners and breeders remain unaware of the industry's struggle as it relates to lax oversight from some state racing commissions, the lack of incentives from racetracks to grow the sport or the failure of the industry's own organizations to address these systemic issues. Meanwhile, racing's wagering business is not competitive in the current market. This is an unthinkable position.

"Substantial change is needed and we are just starting the greater campaign to raise awareness. Horse owners have the greatest incentive to save racing."

Recommending a rethink of the role of the industry's self-created organizations, "[American Racing's Sustainable Future](#)" embraces a more centralized structure where it such centralization can be achieved.

"Our industry's greatest critics take delight in racing's inability to get its act together," said Cummings. "Why has our sport allowed this to continue year after year after year? Again--it doesn't matter where you stand on some of the issues that seemingly draw the most attention and divide us far more than they unite us. We must make our own sport as sustainable as possible."

This most recent paper will be supplemented over the coming weeks with a series of follow-ups that outline specific examples of racing's systemic issues.

[Click here to read "American Racing's Sustainable Future."](#)

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LATEST F-T FEBRUARY SUPPLEMENTS NOW ONLINE

Fasig-Tipton has catalogued an additional 36 entries for its 2020 Kentucky Winter Mixed Sale supplemental catalogue and they are now [online](#).

The latest entries include:

- Stakes winner **Jenda's Agenda** (Proud Citizen) ([Hip 614](#)), who is carrying her first foal by Justify.
- **Jilted in the City** (City Zip) ([Hip 611](#)), a full-sister to MGSW and sire Run Away and Hide.
- **Evocative** (Pioneerof the Nile) ([Hip 610](#)), a 3-year-old half-sister to MGSW Justwhistledixie (Dixie Union), who is the dam of GISW New Year's Day (Street Cry {Ire}), MGSW Mohaymen (Tapit), GSW Kingly (Tapit) and recent Gill Lecomte S. winner Enforceable (Tapit).
- GSW **Brooklynsway** (Giant Gizmo) ([Hip 644](#)), who will be followed into the ring by her yearling filly by Uncle Mo ([Hip 645](#)).

The Fasig-Tipton February Sale will be held Feb. 10 and 11 with the supplemental entries following the completion of the regular catalogue Tuesday.

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GOLDEN GATE CANCELS RACING THE REST OF THE WEEK DUE TO LACK OF HOT WATER

Golden Gate Fields has cancelled racing for the rest of the week after repairs from a gas leak in the area surrounding the track damaged the facility's hot water system. In addition to affecting food and beverage at the track, the issue impacts backstretch workers and the track is installing portable hot water showers for them during the repair process.

"There is no concern of a gas leak at Golden Gate Fields," said David Duggan, Vice President & General Manager, Golden Gate Fields. "Unfortunately, there was a leak in the area Thursday. In order to repair it, the utility company responsible for the gas line had to shut off the gas to the track. When they re-pressurized the lines afterwards, it did some damage to the pipes that supply hot water to the facility. After speaking with specialists, it's highly unlikely we will be fixed this weekend, so in the best interest of our horsemen, fans and employees and to safely expedite the repairs, we are cancelling both racing and simulcasting this weekend. We feel confident we can be fully up and running by Thursday."

The Stronach 5 was also canceled due to the absence of racing at Golden Gate Friday. It will return next Friday.

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IN TDN WRITERS' ROOM PODCAST, MOLLIKA DISCUSSES DIFFICULTIES FACING N.Y. TRAINERS

Trainers who run on the New York circuit tend to have the best horses in the country and compete for some of the highest purses in North America. But attorney Drew Mollica, whose expertise is equine law, said investigations conducted by the New York State Department of Labor have put many New York horsemen in a precarious position. Mollica made his comments on this week's edition of the *TDN Writers' Room* podcast in a segment sponsored by The Green Group.

Several prominent New York trainers have been hit with huge fines from the Department of Labor, which alleged that backstretch workers employed by those trainers were victims of wage theft. Mollica said the charges were not accurate and that the penalties were substantial.

"The Department of Labor has done things to fillet great employers and get them on technicalities," he said. "I have had the privilege to represent some very prominent people in these Department of Labor issues. The Governor of New York put out a press release that said the trainers were fined or settled because they were exploiting labor. I'm not going to get into the specifics of any one case, but I will say some of the employers who were targeted didn't exploit labor. I represented some people that treated their employees very well and the Department of Labor somehow found problems with them. One of the problems is that the Department of Labor doesn't understand this industry."

Mollica also touched on the on-going dispute between Ahmed Zayat and MGG Investments that has led to the possibility that a receiver will be responsible for overseeing the stable's assets. Mollica represented trainer Rudy Rodriguez in a dispute with Zayat over alleged unpaid training bills.

"There are probably a lot of other issues in this case that no one knows about," Mollica said. "The court pleadings are just meant to be a general laying out of the party's position. When a lawsuit goes to the discovery stage, these things tend to open up a little bit more. There are general pleadings, general denials, general accusations. A lawsuit is nothing more than an allegation...There are a lot of other issues in play here, like horses that are racing, licensing issues. A lot of things are going on here and there are a lot of moving parts."

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HOOKED ON HORSE RACING

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

TERRY FINLEY



Terry Finley | Fasig-Tipton Photo

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

Like a lot of other people who aren't born into the business, my exposure to racing happened when I went to the races with my father, who was a school teacher. When I was a kid, I started working at Colts Neck Farm in New Jersey. As soon as I started working there, I realized how much I loved this world. And that love has not subsided in the last 45 years.

The industry was a lot more popular with American society then, so it was a lot easier to gain exposure and access to racing. Times change and our industry is a lot different now in many ways.

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

It is incumbent on every one of us to bring in at least one new fan each year, so I feel like it is my duty to give back by bringing in more than one fan every year.

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Hooked on Horse Racing cont.

I think it is best to bring in new fans in a very individualized way. We know that marketing programs are good, but there's nothing that beats one-on-one interactions and looking someone in the eye to explain what our industry is all about.

It's important to get the feel of where they are struggling with in our business. Most of the time, they struggle with the handicapping side of it. I've found that when I've introduced people to it, it's so much more effective to do it individually. That way I can pick up on body language to see where they are exhibiting misunderstanding or confusion.

I don't downplay our industry's challenges. It goes a lot easier when you are trying to turn someone on to our game that you put our issues up front. Here are the things we are dealing with. People like authenticity, when you don't sugar coat our sport. We don't live in a fantasy, we live and work in an industry that is currently struggling to keep and build upon its identity to the American public. We can help change that by interacting with the public one by one.

Whatever way you do it, just do it.

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STATE-OF-THE-ART EQUINE AMBULANCE NOW AVAILABLE TO HORSEMEN

Horsemen's Track and Equipment and SCTrailers have joined forces to create a new equine ambulance. The Equine Medical Transport unit offers several unique features, including key fob technology, which allows operators to move the divider and lower the trailer flush to the ground with the touch of a button.

"With the past industry gold standard, Kimzey, focusing their business on splints and other items and no longer producing an equine ambulance, we felt that we had to offer an option," said Randy Block of Horsemen's Track and Equipment. "We were fortunate to be introduced to Michael Cox of SCTrailers. Like me, Michael's a horseman first, and understands the key features needed."

With significant input and best-practices shared by track superintendents; first responders and veterinarians, Horsemen's Track and SCTrailers, key features include the ambulance being able to be lowered flat to the ground and a strong electric divider to help comfort an injured horse.

"Our industry continues to focus on jockey and equine safety and welfare. In times of equine injuries rapid response is crucial," said Dr. William Farmer, Churchill Downs Equine Medical Director. "This ambulance not only streamlines the process of loading and transporting a horse, but does so while keeping the horse and attendants safe. It is well thought out with the lowering floor--electric divider--as well as other features and the key fob control sure makes it easier!"

To make the Equine Medical Transport more accessible to racetracks, equine hospitals and other equestrian venues, Horsemen's Track has developed a rent or lease option, allowing customers to lease the vehicle with an end of term buyout, or rent shorter for weeks or months at a time.

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TAPWRIT'S FIRST FOAL ARRIVES

GI Belmont S. winner **Tapwrit** (Tapit) was represented by his first foal Jan. 27. The colt out of Anna Elizabeth (Animal Kingdom) was born at Waymore Farms in Kentucky. Tapwrit stands at Gainesway for \$12,500.

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By Andrea Branchini

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).

A winner of a maiden in Texas has a curious name.

MERITATEN is a daughter of QUEEN NEFERTITI, in very ancient history--and also in the Jockey Club Register three millennia later.

The original Nefertiti (1370-1330 BC) was an Egyptian queen and the Great Royal Wife of Akhenaten, the Pharaoh who started a religious revolution by worshipping one god only, the sun (named Aten). Meritaten was the first of their six daughters and her name means "She who is beloved of Aten." As naming strategies go, I would call this a "parallel thread", which mimics an original link or connection.

An Italian native, Andrea Branchini now lives in Lexington, Ky. where he works in the equine transport industry.

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MARYLAND THOROUGHBRED INDUSTRY RENAISSANCE AWARDS SET FOR FEB. 11

The third annual Maryland Thoroughbred Industry Renaissance Awards will be presented to the top Maryland owner, trainer, jockey, breeder, broodmare and stallion, as well as the champion Maryland-breds of 2019, Feb. 11 at the Guinness Open Gate Brewery in Halethorpe.

The Renaissance Awards were created to recognize the best of Maryland racing and breeding from the previous year and are a cooperative effort between the Maryland Horse Breeders Association, Maryland Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association and Maryland Jockey Club.

Award finalists (listed alphabetically):

Maryland-bred champion 2-year-old male: Laddie Liam (Golden Lad); Monday Morning Qb (Imagining); Ournationonparade (Cal Nation)

Maryland-bred champion 2-year-old filly: Hello Beautiful (Golden Lad); Selflessly (More Than Ready); Sharing (Speightstown)

Maryland-bred champion 3-year-old male: Alwaysmining (Stay Thirsty); Stranger Danger (Buffum); Top Line Growth (Tapizar)

Maryland-bred champion 3-year-old filly: Introduced (El Padrino); Las Setas (Seville {Ger}); Zonda (Scat Daddy)

Maryland-bred champion older male: Clubman (Not For Love); Cordmaker (Curlin); Just Howard (English Channel)

Maryland-bred champion older female: Another Broad (Include); Blamed (Blame); Majestic Reason (Majestic Warrior)

Maryland-bred champion sprinter: Laki (Cuba); Lewisfield (Great Notion); Taco Supream (El Padrino)

Maryland-bred champion turf runner: Beach View (Giant's Causeway); Just Howard; Sharing

Owner of the Year: Hillwood Stable LLC, No Guts No Glory Farm, Smart Angle

Trainer of the Year: Dale Capuano, Claudio Gonzalez, Mike Trombetta

Jockey of the Year: Trevor McCarthy, Sheldon Russell, Jorge A. Vargas Jr.

Breeder of the Year: Robert T. Manfuso and Katharine M. Voss, Sagamore Farm

Broodmare of the Year: Casual Kiss, Taft Lil Queen, Tanca

Stallion of the Year: Friesan Fire, Great Notion

Pimlico Backstretch Employee of the Year: Urizar "Uri" Velazquez

Laurel Backstretch Employee of the Year: Troy Singh

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BELMONT STAKES RACING FESTIVAL TICKETS ON SALE FEB. 6

Tickets for the 2020 Belmont Stakes Racing Festival will go on sale to the public Thursday, Feb. 6, starting at 10 a.m. via Ticketmaster.com, the New York Racing Association, Inc. (NYRA) announced Thursday.

Highlighted by the 152nd running of the Grade I, \$1.5 million Belmont S.--the oldest and most challenging leg of horse racing's vaunted Triple Crown--the Belmont S. Racing Festival will begin Thursday, June 4, and conclude Saturday, June 6.

The three-day event, launched in its current format in 2015, features a unique blend of world-class racing and entertainment complemented by a variety of hospitality options.

NYRA will be offering advance pre-sale opportunities to NYRA Bets members and returning ticket buyers via email. In addition, all prospective ticket buyers can visit BelmontStakes.com to sign up for the pre-sale and secure a spot at the 2020 Belmont S. Racing Festival.

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FIRST FOAL FOR LONG RIVER

The first foal for **Long River** (A.P. Indy) arrived at Anchor & Hope Farm in Maryland Jan. 23. Bred by Lady Olivia, the chestnut colt is out of Joe Bee (American Lion). Long River stands for \$3,000.

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Horse Racing Proposal Stalls in Georgia Senate Panel

Hours after Georgia Senate leaders said it was unlikely gambling legislation would clear the chamber this year, a panel declined to vote on horse racing proposals that easily cleared the same committee last session. **Maya T. Prabhu, The Atlanta Journal-Constitution**

GRAYSON-JOCKEY CLUB RESEARCH FOUNDATION TO HOLD PHOTO CONTEST

Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation is holding an online photo contest for horse lovers to celebrate their equine companions. The contest opens Feb. 1 and entries will be accepted through Feb. 29. They are seeking original photos of horses representing all breeds, backgrounds and disciplines.

Finalists will be selected by the Grayson team and the winning photo will be chosen by votes from the public on Grayson’s Facebook page. The winner will receive a Grayson “swag bag,” and each finalist will also receive a prize. Selected photos submitted to the contest will be shared on Grayson’s social media accounts using the hashtag #lovehealthyhorses.

Click [here](#) to enter and click [here](#) for contest rules.

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Legendary basketball player Kobe Bryant was memorialized at Santa Anita Thursday with a saddle cloth bearing his name, his original number and his Lakers team logo placed atop the Seabiscuit statue. Bryant, his daughter Gianna and seven others died in a helicopter crash Sunday in California.

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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

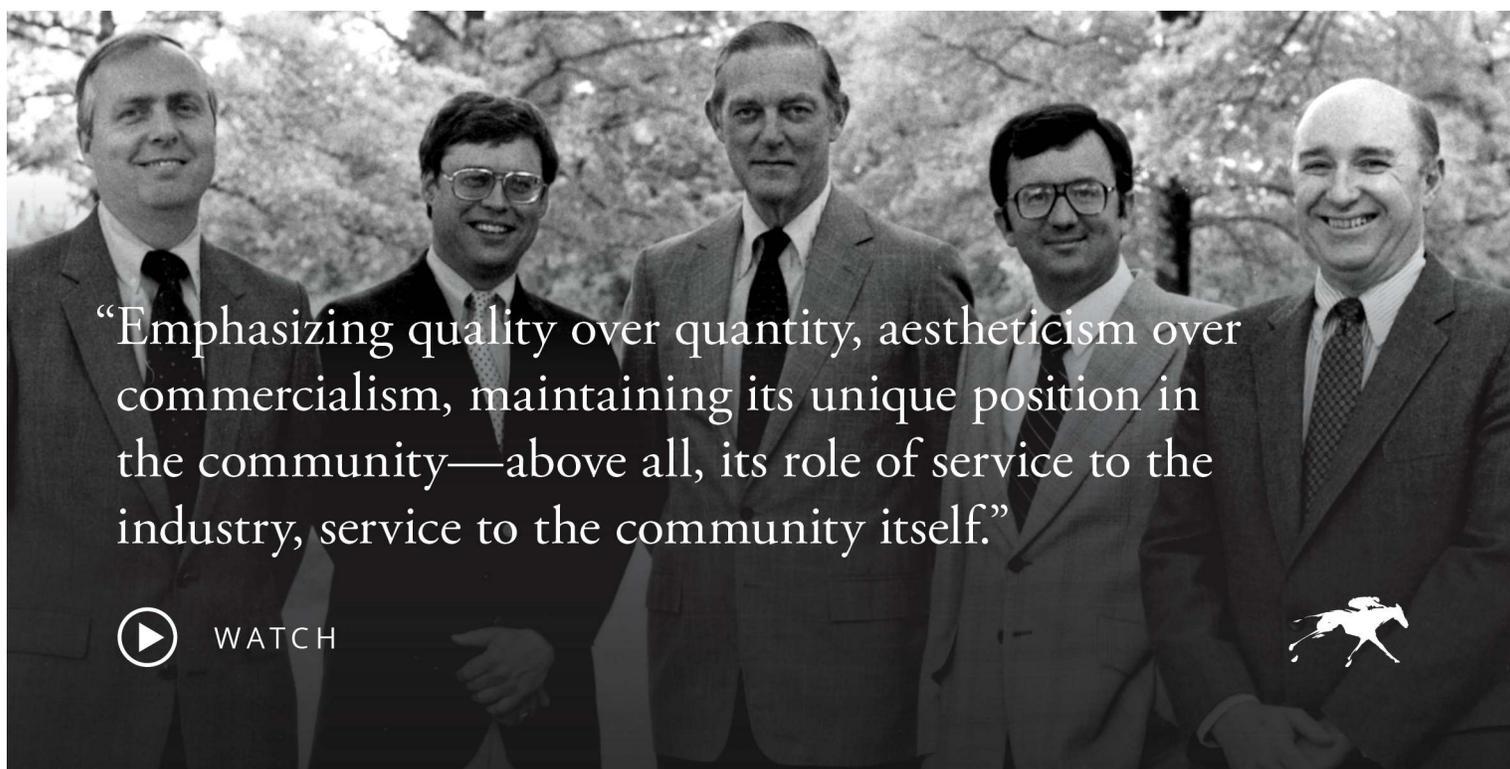
Breeders: 1-Rosedown Racing Stables, LLC, 2-SF Bloodstock, 3-Haras Du Quesnay, 4-Mike Abraham, 5-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC, 6-Godolphin, 7-Highfield Investment Group, Inc., 8-Arindel, 9-Michael Baum & Reiko Baum

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

Breeders: 1-Peter Lamantia & Greg Ramsby, 2-Hardacre Farm, 3-Woodford Thoroughbreds, 4-Stonehaven Steadings, 5-Dell Ridge Farm, LLC, 6-Stonehedge, LLC



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Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	Into Mischief <i>(2005) by Harlan's Holiday Crops: 8</i>	6	13	1	6	--	5	96	41	385,500	3,468,791
				<i>Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY Fee: \$175,000</i>						<i>Shoplifted</i>	
2	American Pharoah <i>(2012) by Pioneerof the Nile Crops: 1</i>	4	11	3	8	--	3	72	27	692,500	2,873,170
				<i>Stands: Ashford Stud KY Fee: Private</i>						<i>Four Wheel Drive</i>	
3	Uncle Mo <i>(2008) by Indian Charlie Crops: 5</i>	1	3	1	2	1	2	74	21	732,200	2,530,056
				<i>Stands: Ashford Stud KY Fee: \$125,000</i>						<i>Bast</i>	
4	Constitution <i>(2011) by Tapit Crops: 1</i>	5	9	4	8	1	2	70	29	347,000	2,200,411
				<i>Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$40,000</i>						<i>Tiz the Law</i>	
5	Munnings <i>(2006) by Speightstown Crops: 6</i>	4	9	1	2	--	--	74	29	368,349	2,031,384
				<i>Stands: Ashford Stud KY Fee: \$30,000</i>						<i>Finite</i>	
6	More Than Ready <i>(1997) by Southern Halo Crops: 16</i>	4	8	1	5	--	--	51	25	232,848	1,807,484
				<i>Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$80,000</i>						<i>Scabbard</i>	
7	Speightstown <i>(1998) by Gone West Crops: 12</i>	4	4	1	1	1	1	34	11	730,300	1,773,351
				<i>Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$70,000</i>						<i>Sharing</i>	
8	Palace Malice <i>(2010) by Curlin Crops: 1</i>	2	4	1	2	1	1	63	20	709,500	1,761,057
				<i>Stands: Three Chimneys Farm KY Fee: \$25,000</i>						<i>Structor</i>	
9	Flashback <i>(2010) by Tapit Crops: 2</i>	1	1	1	1	1	1	27	9	1,381,250	1,613,737
				<i>Stands: Diamond B Farm PA Fee: \$3,500</i>						<i>British Idiom</i>	
10	Tapit <i>(2001) by Pulpit Crops: 12</i>	2	6	1	3	--	1	40	19	191,000	1,523,506
				<i>Stands: Gainesway Farm KY Fee: \$200,000</i>						<i>Lake Avenue</i>	
11	Liam's Map <i>(2011) by Unbridled's Song Crops: 1</i>	2	3	2	2	2	2	46	16	329,500	1,482,114
				<i>Stands: Lane's End Farm KY Fee: \$35,000</i>						<i>Wicked Whisper</i>	
12	Tapiture <i>(2011) by Tapit Crops: 1</i>	2	5	--	--	--	--	72	27	171,436	1,461,988
				<i>Stands: Darby Dan Farm KY Fee: \$7,500</i>						<i>Axiomo</i>	
13	Sky Mesa <i>(2000) by Pulpit Crops: 13</i>	4	8	1	2	1	1	31	15	560,988	1,451,359
				<i>Stands: Three Chimneys Farm KY Fee: \$15,000</i>						<i>Perfect Alibi</i>	
14	Competitive Edge <i>(2012) by Super Saver Crops: 1</i>	4	6	--	--	--	--	58	27	219,308	1,446,430
				<i>Stands: Ashford Stud KY Fee: \$12,500</i>						<i>My Italian Rabbi</i>	
15	Kitten's Joy <i>(2001) by El Prado (Ire) Crops: 11</i>	3	5	1	1	1	1	71	25	328,300	1,410,580
				<i>Stands: Hill 'n' Dale Farms KY Fee: \$75,000</i>						<i>Jezebel's Kitten</i>	

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IN ORDER OF PURSE:

9th-Gulfstream, \$44,000, Alw, 1-30, (NW1\$X), 4yo/up, f/m, 1 3/16mT, 1:52.74, fm.

BACCHANALIA (f, 4, Union Rags--Crazy Party, by A.P. Indy) was a debut third to future SW & GISP Princesa Carolina (Tapit) in Saratoga maiden company in September 2018 and resumed from a seven-month absence to finish fourth to subsequent GSP Romantic Pursuit (Medaglia d'Oro) in a 10-furlong Belmont maiden last July. A neck better than the beautifully bred Ava Malone (Curlin x Dayatthespa) in Elmont Oct. 20, she was first-up yet again but at a juicy 9-1. Given a ground-saving trip beneath Irad Ortiz, Jr., Bacchanalia rode the rails into the second turn before easing out into the three path nearing the stretch. Produced on the grandstand side, she found a bit more inside the final furlong and was up in time to best favored Cap de Creus (Tapit) by a half-length. The latter was consigned to a four-wide trip with no cover, but nonetheless made the lead in upper stretch, only to be clawed back late. Cap de Creus covered an additional 34 feet according to Trakus. A \$190,000 Keeneland November weanling, Bacchanalia is out of a half-sister to Quiet Royal (Royal Academy), a Group 3 winner and second in the G1 Prix Marcel Boussac in France and a stakes winner and third in the GI QE II Challenge Cup in this country; and to French Group 3 winner Acago (Royal Academy). Her third dam includes giant killer Dare and Go (Alydar) and Grade I-winning turfer Go Deputy (Deputy Minister). Crazy Party's most recent produce is a 2-year-old filly by Paynter. Sales history: \$190,000 Wlg '16 KEENOV. Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-1, \$83,250.

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O-Klaravich Stables Inc; B-Baumann Stables (KY); T-Chad C Brown.



IN ORDER OF PURSE:

5th-Aqueduct, \$65,960, Msw, 1-30, 3yo, 6f, 1:13.27, ft.

SIXTO (c, 3, Curlin--Drift to the Lead, by Yonaguska), dismissed at odds of 13-1 in a field reduced to five by the post-time scratching of Ghost Fighter (Tapit), was roused to the lead approaching the sixteenth pole and held on for a 1 3/4-length victory in his career debut. Only fairly away, the dark bay gained a bit of ground as favored Its a Wrap (Twirling Candy) cut out the running. Three deep on the turn, the May 17 foal looked a bit one-paced as the field hit the stretch, but he woke up with a furlong to travel and finished with good energy for the victory. Cousin Andrew (Into Mischief) dropped well out of it and was already feeling the whip a half-mile from home, but he put his mind on running and railed through to be a good second before galloping out past the winner by the time they reached the clubhouse turn. A \$330,000 Keeneland September yearling and \$250,000 Fasig-Tipton Santa Anita juvenile (:10 3/5), Sixto is a half-brother to SW & GISP Catch My Drift (Pioneerof the Nile) and his dam is a half-sister to MSW/GSP Mindy Sue (Pleasantly Perfect) and to MSP Our Dark Knight (Medaglia d'Oro). Drift to the Lead produced a Pioneerof the Nile colt in 2019 and was most recently bred to West Coast. Sales history: \$330,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP; \$250,000 2yo '19 FTSANA. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$37,400. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).**

O-Southern Equine Stable LLC; B-Fred W Hertrich III & John D Fielding (KY); T-Eric J Guillot.



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4th-Santa Anita, \$56,500, Msw, 1-30, 4yo/up, 1mT, 1:35.08, fm.

GO DADDY GO (c, 4, Scat Daddy--Going to Kukaro {SW, \$173,648}, by Speightstown) checked in fifth in the Sept. 29 Santa Anita won by future GISW Mo Forza (Uncle Mo), dead-heated for third in a similar test Oct. 29 and was most recently an even fifth Jan. 5. The 22-5 chance, getting the blinkers back on, was asked for some early speed by Umberto Rispoli and landed in a stalking second outside of pacesetter Muralist (Street Sense). Asked to come after the front-runner midway on the turn, Go Daddy Go edged past Muralist inside the furlong

marker and found the line 3/4 of a length the best. Border Town (War Front), a touch slow into stride, made a menacing wide move into contention at the top of the lane, but he hung a bit late and settled for a close third. Purchased in utero for \$240,000 at Keeneland November in 2015, Go Daddy Go was a \$160,000 KEESEP yearling and \$200,000 OBS April breezer. His 3-year-old half-sister Praise and Honor (Honor Code) has yet to start and he has a 2-year-old half-sister by Runhappy and a yearling half-brother by Kantharos. Going to Kukaro was bred to Twirling Candy. Sales history: \$160,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP; \$200,000 2yo '18 OBSAPR. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** Lifetime Record: 5-1-0-1, \$40,151. O-Jay Em Ess Stable; B-Breffni Farm (KY); T-Brian J. Koriner.



LANE'S END SALES GRADUATE



FIRST-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: FRIDAY, JANUARY 31

American Pharoah (Pioneer of the Nile), Ashford Stud, private
318 foals of racing age/29 winners/4 black-type winners
9-Sunland, Msw 6 1/2f, CEBOLLA, 8-1
5-Gulfstream, Aoc 1 1/16mT, SPEEDY VANESSA, 8-1

Bayern (Offlee Wild), Hill 'n' Dale Farms, \$15,000
157 foals of racing age/23 winners/0 black-type winners
1-Tampa Bay Downs, Aoc 6f, JUDY'S WAY, 6-1
\$90,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$35,000 OBS OPN 2yo

Carpe Diem (Giant's Causeway), WinStar Farm, \$15,000
231 foals of racing age/19 winners/2 black-type winners
6-Santa Anita, Aoc 1mT, CARPE VINUM, 7-2
\$140,000 FTS AUG yrl; \$200,000 OBS APR 2yo

Commissioner (A.P. Indy), WinStar Farm, \$7,500
162 foals of racing age/19 winners/3 black-type winners
9-Oaklawn, Msw 1 1/16m, FLORADO, 15-1
\$21,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$35,000 KEE SEP yrl

Competitive Edge (Super Saver), Ashford Stud, \$12,500
155 foals of racing age/31 winners/4 black-type winners
4-Aqueduct, Msw 1m, BEAUTIFUL KAREN, 9-2
\$20,000 RNA SAR AUG yrl; \$20,000 EAS OCT yrl; \$13,000 OBS MAR 2yo

Constitution (Tapit), WinStar Farm, \$40,000
233 foals of racing age/30 winners/5 black-type winners
6-Santa Anita, Aoc 1mT, ESTABLISH JUSTICE, 10-1
\$50,000 RNA KEE JAN wnl; \$110,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$110,000 OBS MAR 2yo

Conveyance (Indian Charlie), Buck Pond Farm, \$3,500
68 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners
9-Oaklawn, Msw 1 1/16m, A J ROCK, 6-1
\$27,000 RNA KEE NOV wnl; \$85,000 FTK JUL yrl; \$150,000 OBS OPN 2yo

Five Iron (Sharp Humor), Starfish Stallions
12 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
5-Oaklawn, Msw 6f, FIVE QUEENS, 12-1

Free Eagle (Ire) (High Chaparral {Ire}), Irish National Stud, \$12,500
150 foals of racing age/13 winners/1 black-type winner
6-Santa Anita, Aoc 1mT, LITTLE BIRD (Ire), 5-2
€3,000 GOF NOV wnl; 40,000gns TAT AHI 2yo

Fury Kapcori (Tiznow), Journeyman Stud, \$2,500
62 foals of racing age/8 winners/1 black-type winner
1-Tampa Bay Downs, Aoc 6f, THE GODDESS LYSSA, 8-5
\$10,000 OBS OPN 2yo

Hakassan (Chi) (Sir Cat), Millennium Farms
15 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
1-Delta Downs, Msw 5f, CHROME FIRE, 6-1

Honor Code (A.P. Indy), Lane's End Farm, \$30,000
213 foals of racing age/15 winners/0 black-type winners
9-Oaklawn, Msw 1 1/16m, SENTIMENTAL, 5-1
\$340,000 KEE SEP yrl

Khozan (Distorted Humor), Journeyman Stud, \$8,500
130 foals of racing age/23 winners/2 black-type winners
1-Tampa Bay Downs, Aoc 6f, SOLID AS A ROCK, 5-2

Medal Count (Dynaformer), Mapleton Thoroughbred Farm, \$2,000
81 foals of racing age/7 winners/0 black-type winners
5-Oaklawn, Msw 6f, HISSY MISSY, 15-1

Mr Speaker (Pulpit), Lane's End Farm, \$10,000
79 foals of racing age/12 winners/0 black-type winners
2-Laurel, Msw 6f, DETERMINED HEART, 10-1
\$63,000 EAS OCT yrl
9-Oaklawn, Msw 1 1/16m, HASHTAG WINNER, 12-1

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

Race Day (Tapit), Spendthrift Farm, \$7,500
145 foals of racing age/20 winners/4 black-type winners
6-Penn National, Alw 1m, THUNDER DAY, 10-1

First-Crop Runners cont.

Secret Circle (Eddington), Hill 'n' Dale Farms, \$5,000
62 foals of racing age/12 winners/0 black-type winners
1-Delta Downs, Msw 5f, SECRET BISCUIT, 10-1
\$2,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$3,000 OKC YRL yrl

Stephanoatsee (A.P. Indy), Sequel New York, private
15 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
4-Aqueduct, Msw 1m, MY MY MICHELLE, 9-5

Tonalist (Tapit), Lane's End Farm, \$15,000
179 foals of racing age/20 winners/1 black-type winner
9-Oaklawn, Msw 1 1/16m, GLAMOUR GIRL, 15-1
\$100,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$140,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl



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in 2019 en route to the Negishi. Copano Kicking, who could go on to the G1 February S. (1600m) at Tokyo in three weeks' time, also holds entries for the \$1.5-million Riyadh Dirt Sprint (1200m) late next month and the G1 Dubai Golden Shaheen (1200m) in March. Connections have also expressed an interest in the GI Breeders' Cup Sprint. G1SW Mozu Ascot (Frankel {GB}), a son of MGSW India (Hennessy), tries the dirt for the first time here.
B-Reiley McDonald (KY)



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U.S.-BRED/SIRED RUNNERS IN JAPAN



US BRED WINNING HAS NO BOUNDARIES

In this continuing series, Alan Carasso takes a look ahead at US-bred and/or conceived runners entered for the upcoming weekend at the tracks on the Japan Racing Association circuit, with a focus on pedigree and/or performance in the sales ring. Here are the horses of interest for this weekend running at Kokura, Kyoto and Tokyo Racecourses, the latter of which hosts the G3 Negishi S. and has attracted its defending champion Copano Kicking (Spring At Last) and G1SW Mozu Ascot (Frankel {GB}) making his dirt debut:

Sunday, February 2, 2020

11th-TOK, Negishi S.-G3, ¥72,000,000 (\$662k), 3yo/up, 1400m

Arguably Japan's top dirt horse from 1200-1400m, **COPANO KICKING** (g, 5, Spring At Last--Celadon, by Gold Halo {Jpn}) is back to defend his title in this event en route to possible major targets near-term. Victorious in nine of his 15 career starts and only twice out of the top three, the \$19K KESEEP RNA turned \$100K Fasig-Tipton Gulfstream breezer exits a comprehensive score in the G3 Capella S. (video, gate 7), a race he also annexed

Saturday, February 1, 2020

2nd-KYO, ¥11,400,000 (\$105k), Newcomers, 3yo, 1200m

MIAMI TESORO (c, 3, Speightstown--Run a Risk, by Distorted Humor), a \$160K Keeneland September yearling, is the second foal to the races from his multiple stakes-placed dam, a half-sister to GSWs Rey de Cafe (Kingmambo) and El Crespo (A.P. Indy); and to SW Tricky Causeway. The chestnut's third dam Tricky Game (Majestic Light) was a half to Seeking the Gold (Mr. Prospector) and produced MGSW/MGISP King Cugat (Kingmambo). A Medaglia d'Oro half-brother to Miami Tesoro fetched \$240K from Mike Ryan at KESEEP last fall. Owner Kenji Ryotokuji campaigned this sire's MSW & G1SP Rieno Tesoro.
B-G Watts Humphrey Jr (KY)

4th-TOK, ¥13,830,000 (\$127k), Allowance, 3yo, 1600m

SUNRISE RAPPORT (JPN) (c, 3, Constitution--Kara's Match Point, by Curlin) validated debut odds of 6-5 to post a three-length victory over 1800 meters at Hanshin Dec. 21 (video, gate 12). His dam, a half-sister to GISW Dancing Rags (Union Rags) and MGSW Coup de Grace (Tapit), was purchased for \$450K carrying this foal in utero at KEENOV in 2016. Sunrise Rapport's third dam was champion and GI Breeders' Cup Distaff winner Jewel Princess (Key to the Mint).
B-Shimokobe Farm

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10th-KOK, ¥19,110,000 (\$176k), Allowance, 3yo, 1700m CLEPAT (f, 3, American Pharoah--Intelyhente, by Smart Strike) became her sire's first Japanese winner when taking out an 1800m Hanshin maiden by open lengths Sept. 15 (video, gate 3), but may have struggled with a rain-affected track when down the field in the Cattleya Sho (allowance) at Tokyo Nov. 23. A \$310K KEESEP yearling, the April foal is a half-sister to SP Count Alexander (Scat Daddy) and her dam is a full-sister to MGSW Bel Air Beauty, dam of Canadian champion Stacked Deck (First Samurai) and GSP Valentino Beauty (Vindication).
B-William Duignan & Tranquility Investments Limited (KY)

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

3rd-Laurel, \$48,410, Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 1-30, 4yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:03.47, ft.

FACTOR IT IN (c, 4, The Factor--Speightlass, by Speightstown) Lifetime Record: 12-5-1-0, \$150,005. O-Michael Scheffres; B-Pope & Marc McLean, Pope McLean Jr & Phil Hager (KY); T-Carlos A Mancilla. *\$75,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP.



4th-Fair Grounds, \$47,000, (S), 1-30, (NW3L), 4yo/up, f/m, 1m 70y, 1:45.57, ft.

FORT POLK (f, 4, Behindatthebar--Military Miss {SP, \$162,116}, by Military) Lifetime Record: 14-3-2-3, \$85,985. O-Steve D & Patricia L Roe; B-Spanish Cross Stable LLC (LA); T-Patrick Mouton.

9th-Fair Grounds, \$45,400, Opt. Clm (\$80,000), 1-30, 4yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:45.82, gd.

NINETY ONE ASSAULT (g, 7, Artie Schiller--Lilly Ladue, by Chief Three Sox) Lifetime Record: SW, 30-6-3-6, \$308,683. O-Thomas Morley & Paul Braverman; B-Richey & Strode Stables LLC (LA); T-Thomas Morley.

7th-Delta Downs, \$40,000, (S), 1-29, (NW1X), 4yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:21.84, ft.

THEGOODWITCH (m, 7, My Pal Charlie--Jurist, by Kris S.) Lifetime Record: MSP, 48-9-10-6, \$162,905. O/T-Patti Turner; B-Wells Watson (LA).

2nd-Charles Town, \$30,000, Opt. Clm (\$30,000), 1-29, 3yo, f, 7f, 1:26.85, ft.

PUNK ROCK PRINCESS (f, 3, Bourbon Courage--My Little Monkey, by Old Trieste) Lifetime Record: 10-3-2-1, \$111,545. O-Trevor Johnson, Dan Slattery & Jeremiah O'Dwyer; B-Thomas L Teal (MD); T-Jeremiah O'Dwyer. *\$25,000 Ylg '18 EASOCT. **1/2 to Money's Medal (Medallist), SP, \$404,157.



7th-Charles Town, \$29,000, 1-29, (NW1X), 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:48.49, ft.

BANANA ANNA (m, 8, Kodiak Cowboy--Blank Invition, by Not For Love) Lifetime Record: 55-12-9-10, \$331,355. O-Dunham Thoroughbreds; B-Joe-Dan Farm Inc (NJ); T-Bernard G Dunham. *1/2 to Blank Paige (Jump Start), SW, \$264,380. **\$22,000 HRA '16 EASJAN.

4th-Charles Town, \$28,000, 1-29, (NW2LX), 4yo/up, f/m, 4 1/2f, :52.73, ft.

LA MEDALLA DE ORO (m, 5, Langfuhr--Golden Indeed, by Allen's Prospect) Lifetime Record: 12-4-4-1, \$92,187. O-Fairview Farm (E H Walters); B-Francis W Daniel (WV); T-David Walters.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Tiz Kaz Now, g, 3, Bank Heist--Christinelisa, by Tiznow. Aqueduct, 1-30, (S), (C), 6f, 1:13.95. B-Kaz Hill Farm (NY).

Taking Flight, f, 3, Colonel John--Sky Given, by Sky Mesa. Charles Town, 1-29, 6 1/2f, 1:21.90. B-Susan H Wantz (MD).



Justinthenickotime, g, 3, Justin Phillip--Watch Smartly, by Smart Strike. Gulfstream, 1-30, (C), 1 1/16mT, 1:43.15. B-Gabriel Duignan (KY). *\$22,000 RNA Ylg '18 KEESEP. **1/2 to Frost Wise (Frost Giant), SW, \$266,613.

Awesome One, f, 4, Speightstown--Liam's Dream (GSW, \$194,760), by Saint Liam. Fair Grounds, 1-30, 1mT, 1:41.29. B-Three Chimneys Farm (KY). *\$150,000 2yo '18 FTFMAR.

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- BEHINDATTHEBAR**, Fort Polk, f, 4, o/o Military Miss, by Military. ALW, 1-30, Fair Grounds
- BOURBON COURAGE**, Punk Rock Princess, f, 3, o/o My Little Monkey, by Old Trieste. AOC, 1-29, Charles Town
- COLONEL JOHN**, Taking Flight, f, 3, o/o Sky Given, by Sky Mesa. MSW, 1-29, Charles Town
- CURLIN**, Sixto, c, 3, o/o Drift to the Lead, by Yonaguska. MSW, 1-30, Aqueduct
- KODIAK KOWBOY**, Banana Anna, m, 8, o/o Blank Invitation, by Not For Love. ALW, 1-29, Charles Town
- LANGFUHR**, La Medalla de Oro, m, 5, o/o Golden Indeed, by Allen's Prospect. ALW, 1-29, Charles Town
- MUCHO MACHO MAN**, Mucho Macho Woman, f, 4, o/o Analemma, by Half Ours. MCL, 1-30, Santa Anita
- MY PAL CHARLIE**, Thegoodwitch, m, 7, o/o Jurist, by Kris S.. ALW, 1-29, Delta Downs
- SCAT DADDY**, Go Daddy Go, c, 4, o/o Going to Kukaro, by Speightstown. MSW, 1-30, Santa Anita
- SPEIGHTSTOWN**, Awesome One, f, 4, o/o Liam's Dream, by Saint Liam. MSW, 1-30, Fair Grounds
- THE FACTOR**, Factor It In, c, 4, o/o Speightlass, by Speightstown. AOC, 1-30, Laurel
- UNION RAGS**, Bacchanalia, f, 4, o/o Crazy Party, by A.P. Indy. ALW, 1-30, Gulfstream



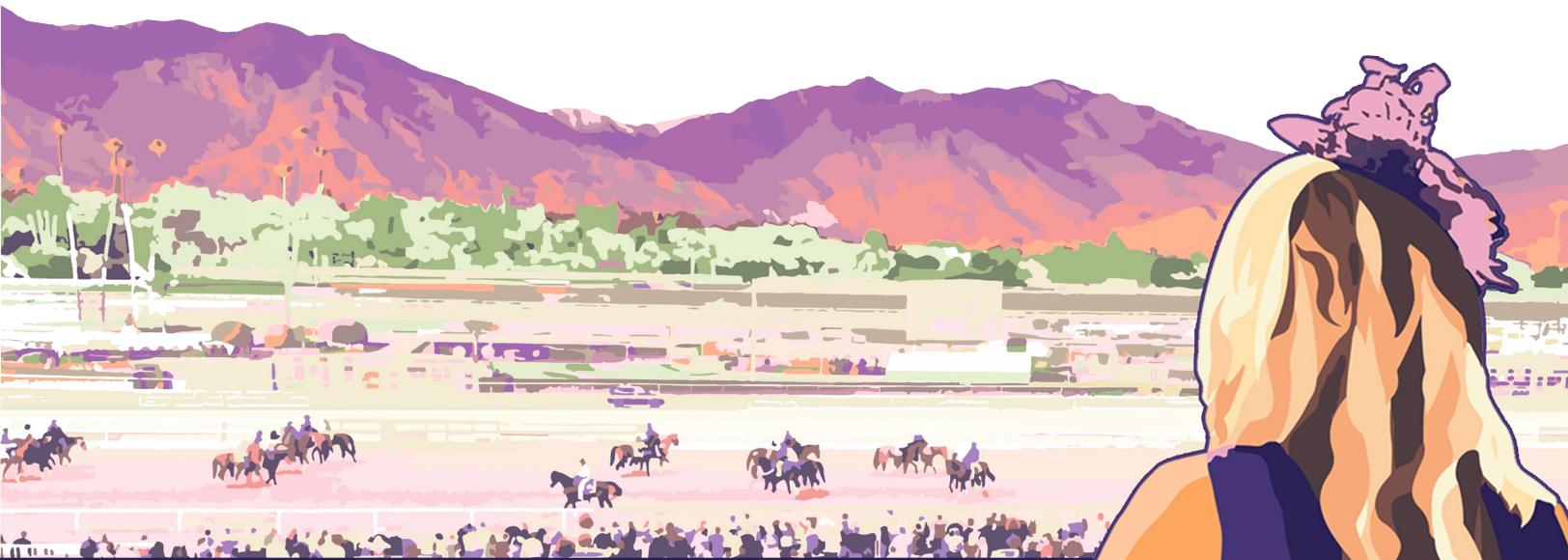
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The listed-winning I'll Have Another | Tattersalls

By Emma Berry

NEWMARKET, UK--The February Sale may present a relatively low-key start to the sales year at Tattersalls but it has nevertheless drawn a decent crowd of potential buyers from many countries and trade during the first session was well ahead of that produced 12 months ago in only the third time that the sale has been extended to two days.

The major boost came predominantly from the former Mark Johnston trainee and listed winner **I'll Have Another (Ire)** (Dragon Pulse {Ire}) (lot 120), who led the first day of trade when sold to agent Cormac McCormack for 200,000gns. The 4-year-old, who was also Group 3-placed in Germany and runner-up in the Zetland S., was sold through the National Stud for owners Paul and Clare Rooney.

"We sold horses for the Rooneys in December and they very kindly let us consign this mare too," said National Stud director Tim Lane.

The winner of four of her 18 starts and bought as a yearling by Kevin Ross for £32,000, I'll Have Another is a daughter of Jessie Jane (Ire) (Dylan Thomas {Ire}), a winning half-sister to the G3 Chester Vase runner-up Icon Dream (Ire) (Sadler's Wells).

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BARNEY ROY BACK A WINNER AT MEYDAN

The G2 Al Rashidiya S. at Meydan on Thursday came down to a pair of Godolphin Group 1 winners in the final furlong, and it was the returning G1 St James's Palace S. winner **Barney Roy (GB)** (Excelebration {Ire}) who collared and passed the defending race winner and last year's G1 Jebel Hatta S. winner **Dream Castle (GB)** (Frankel {GB}) inside the final eighth to score by 2 1/4 lengths, leading home a Godolphin top four finish.

Barney Roy was making his fourth start back from a failed stud career due to fertility issues, and his first appearance since finishing eighth in the G1 Queen Anne S. at Royal Ascot last June. Gelded in late 2018, Barney Roy joined the stable of Charlie Appleby, having previously been trained by Richard Hannon, and was second on return in Ascot's Listed Paradise S. in May before taking ParisLongchamp's Listed Prix de Montretout three weeks later.

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TAKING STOCK: TAGG'S CLASSIC PROSPECT

Sid Fernando speaks with trainer Barclay Tagg on GIII Holy Bull favourite **Tiz the Law** (Constitution). [Click or tap here to go straight to TDN America.](#)

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SESSION TOTALS	2020	2019
• Catalogued	204	224
• Number Offered	166	174
• Number Sold	138	130
• Not Sold	28	44
• Clearance Rate	83%	75%
• High Price	200,000gns	55,000
• Gross	1,754,300gns	925,700gns
• Average (% change)	12,712gns (+79%)	7,121gns
• Median (% change)	5,000gns (+82%)	2,750gns

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The family has served breeder Manister House Stud well over the years, especially through another of the dam's half-sisters, Starfish (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), whose offspring include dual Group 1 winner La Collina (Ire) and listed winner Fox Chairman (Ire).

McCormack didn't name his client but said. "She has a pedigree and is a lovely scopey mare, a queen. She will be covered by Ten Sovereigns this season."

The median for the session was close to double last year's mark at 5,000gns, while the average was up 79% at 12,712gns. In total, 138 horses sold for 1,754,300gns, a rise of 90%, bringing an improved clearance rate of 83%.

Also reaching the six-figure mark was the gelding **Power Link** (Data Link), sold from James Tate's Jamesfield Stables on behalf of Rabbah Bloodstock for 100,000gns. Paul Murphy signed the ticket for **lot 159** and was acting for Paul Harley, who is currently in Saudi Arabia, where the 4-year-old will continue his racing career from Abdul Rahman Fahd Al Bawardi's Emblem Stables.

Murphy said, "This horse has a good rating and looks as though he will be a great fit for racing in Saudi."

The 96-rated four-time winner is a three-parts brother to

Lane's End Farm's Grade I winner and accomplished young sire The Factor and has won at three of Britain's all-weather tracks as well as finishing runner-up last February at Meydan.

The 20-strong Godolphin draft provided two of the day's leading lots headed by **156, Memphis (Ire)**, a daughter of Dubawi (Ire) and a half-sister to G1 Fillies' Mile winner Lyric Of Light (GB) (Street Cry {Ire}). Matt Houldsworth secured the unraced 3-year-old for a bid of 62,000gns and she will be heading to the Southern Hemisphere.

"She's been bought as a breeding prospect and is off to a good farm in Australia," said the agent. "Her sister is a Group 1 winner who is breeding now and she's from a really good family."

That family is one made famous over the last four decades by Meon Valley Stud as Memphis's third dam is the famed Reprocolor (GB) (Jimmy Reppin {GB}), whose Group 1-winning descendants include Colorspin (GB) (High Top {GB}), Kayf Tara (GB) (Sadler's Wells) and Zee Zee Top (GB) (Zafonic).

British-based Australian agent Stuart Boman of Blandford Bloodstock stepped in for another member of the Godolphin draft, **Dubrava (GB)** (Dansili {GB}) (**lot 154**), for an unnamed client at 55,000gns. **Cont. p3**



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A 78-rated winner for owner-breeder Sheikh Mohammed Obaid when trained by Roger Varian, the 4-year-old is a half-sister to GIII Robert G Dick Memorial S. winner Real Smart (Smart Strike) and a granddaughter of the Group 1-winning sprinter Tante Rose (Ire) (Barathea {Ire}).

"She was one we selected in the catalogue and we loved her when we saw her so we're delighted," Boman said. "It doesn't often happen that a horse matches the pedigree physically. She is a beautiful filly and is by a good broodmare sire in Dansili."

From a small selection of just-turned yearlings, the top price was paid for the sole offering by the dual 2000 Guineas winner Churchill (Ire) in the catalogue. The April-born filly has joined the team at Tally-Ho Stud after Roger and Henry O'Callaghan outbid Paul McCarthy at 56,000gns.

Sold by the Castlebridge Consignment for Italian breeder Azienda Agricola Gennaro Stimola, **lot 109** is out of the unraced Hussonet mare Miss Mariduff, the dam of G2 Premio Ribot winner Porsenna (Ire) (Dylan Thomas {Ire}) and listed winner Basileus (Ire) (Dream Ahead). The 15-year-old mare has also produced another two black-type performers among her seven winners.

Members of the first crop of the Coolmore stallion proved popular at the foal sales in November, with 13 sold for an average price of 108,000gns.

The February Sale concludes on Friday with trade getting underway at 10 a.m.

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SESSION TOPPERS

TATTERSALLS FEBRUARY SALE DAY 1

Lot	Name	Status	Price (gns)
120	I'll Have Another (Ire)	Horse Out of Training	200,000
<i>(f, 4, Dragon Pulse {Ire}--Jessie Jane {Ire}, by Dylan Thomas {Ire})</i>			
<i>Bred by Manister House Stud (Ire)</i>			
<i>Consigned by The National Stud Ltd.</i>			
<i>Purchased by Cormac McCormack</i>			

159	Power Link	Horse in Training	100,000
<i>(g, 4, Data Link--Greyciousness, by Miswaki)</i>			
<i>Bred by SF Bloodstock LLC (KY)</i>			
<i>Consigned by Jamesfield Stables (J. Tate)</i>			
<i>Purchased by Emblem Stable</i>			

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Tom Frary speaks with Benoit Jeffroy of Haras de Bouquetot on their dual hemisphere stallion Shalaa (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}). [Click or tap here to go straight to TDN Aus/NZ.](#)



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EUROPEAN NEWS

SEBASTIEN LE FORBAN DIES



Sebastien Le Forban | *Scoop Dyga*

The French bloodstock industry was shaken on Thursday by the tragic news of the death overnight in Florida of bloodstock agent Sebastien Le Forban, who was just 35 years old.

Le Forban's friend Rupert Pritchard Gordon, who he also had a successful business relationship with, said, "He had a lot of good friends and we are all in total shock. He has gone far too soon.

"Seb was a great guy, very thoughtful and kind. He was also

the funniest and most quick-witted man a lot of us had ever met. He just had that ability to make a very quiet supper become lively, often with people he hardly knew, and have people literally bent over laughing for hours on end with his stories and personal adventures. Once you'd enjoyed a dinner with him, you didn't forget it. He didn't live long enough, but I'd bet he lived life a whole lot more than most people that lived twice as long as him. Seb bought two horses at last October's Arc Sale, Graignes and Les Hogues, and it would be a fitting tribute if one of them was to land a big prize in 2020."

Another close friend Le Forban also brokered successful deals with was Edouard Lyon, who told *Jour de Galop*, "We have to keep our heads up high for him, but it's very, very hard. Sebastien, he was someone always in a good mood. Like me, he was from Maisons-Laffitte, but we really became friends in Florida. He was there when I had difficult moments; he knew how to find the words to boost me. We had a few horses together and he came to the stable almost every day. He was a real horse lover. He came to evening stables and enjoyed walking the horses, dressing them; even if they weren't his own. Although he came from a family in racing for several generations, it can be said that he made himself. He worked in Australia, then in Dubai, for Satish Seemar, who also entrusted him with the responsibility of a few horses in France. He then [started his agency] in France, and had a great clientele, French and foreign. He was a great guy."

Funeral arrangements could not be immediately confirmed but will be published when available.

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BOUDOT DENIES RAPE ALLEGATIONS

Champion French jockey Pierre-Charles Boudot has denied rape allegations brought against him for an incident in Deauville in August of 2015. The complaint was filed in October of 2018.

Boudot voluntarily spoke with investigators at a police station in Chantilly on Thursday. [Cont. p5](#)

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Pierre-Charles Boudot and Waldgeist | *Scoop Dyga*

Boudot Cont.

His lawyer Florence Gaudilliere told media afterwards that Boudot “is the object of amorous revenge” and that he volunteered to speak to police, “because he has absolutely nothing to reproach himself for.”

Boudot enjoyed a career-best year on the track last year, his Group 1 wins including the Prix de l’Arc de Triomphe aboard Waldgeist (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), the Coronation S. at Royal Ascot on Watch Me (Fr) (Olympic Glory {Ire}) and the Prix de Diane with Channel (Fr) (Nathaniel {Ire}).

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CRAVEN A POSSIBLE TARGET FOR KAMEKO

Andrew Balding could look to the G3 bet365 Craven S. at Newmarket as a potential starting point for **Kameko** ahead of an outing in the G1 QIPCO 2000 Guineas. The Kingsclere handler believes the mile Group 3 contest could be the ideal stepping stone for the son of Kitten’s Joy, before returning him to the track for the opening Classic. After finishing second over course and distance in the Royal Lodge S. on his penultimate start, Kameko ended the year on a high when winning the first Group 1 race staged on an artificial surface in Britain, the rearranged Vertem Futurity Trophy at Newcastle.

Balding said, “Kameko is just starting out to do two canters. He has been ticking over quietly during the winter. We are looking forward to this year as he is a high-class horse. As long as he stays healthy the 2000 Guineas will be his first main objective. It is quite possible he will have a run beforehand as he improved with racing last season.

“The Burradon S. at Newcastle is a listed race and he would have to carry a penalty, but he is a course and distance winner. He wouldn’t have to carry a penalty in the Craven S., so we

might end up looking at that if everything falls right and we decide to have a run.”

Though Balding expects Kameko, who is the general 10-1 second-favourite for the G1 Investec Derby at Epsom, to get further than a mile this season, he remains unsure what his ultimate trip will end up being.

He added, “I’m not sure just how far he will stay, as there are mixed messages in the pedigree. Without a shadow of a doubt he will stay a mile and a quarter, but whether he stays a mile and a half there is a big question mark. Hopefully we will be able to work that out by the first Saturday in June.”

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Kameko winning the G1 Vertem Futurity Trophy | *Racingfotos.com*

HRI PARTNERS WITH MARKETING AGENCY

Horse Racing Ireland has entered into a three-year partnership with sports marketing agency Two Circles with the goal of growing racecourse attendance and improving customer experience. The partnership comes on the back of a pilot project between the two organizations that allowed them to gain a better understanding of who Irish racing’s customers are and what drives their relationship to the sport. Two Circles also works with the likes of the RCA (Racecourse Association), Great British Racing, The Jockey Club, Ascot Racecourse, Goodwood, Juddmonte Farms, World Horse Racing, the Hong Kong Jockey Club and the Australian Turf Club.

Paul Dermody, chief executive of HRI Racecourses Division, said, “We’re hugely passionate about making Irish racing the best day out in sport, and to do that listening to our fanbase and understanding what they want from a day at the races is critical. Two Circles have already become a valuable extension to our team and we believe their expertise will give us the customer insight and strategic guidance to achieve our objectives for the benefit of Irish racegoers.” [Cont. p6](#)

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BRITAIN

Thursday’s Result:

3rd-Chelmsford City, £8,550, Novice, 1-30, 3yo/up, 6f (AWT), 1:13.66, st.

TIME TO STRIKE (IRE) (f, 3, **Muhaarar {GB}--Up In Time {GB} {MGSW-US, \$255,576}, by Noverre),** who was sixth when last seen over six furlongs on turf at Newmarket in August, moved smoothly tracking the early pace before looming on the front end with a furlong remaining. Shaken up there, the 6-4 favourite readily asserted to score by 3 1/2 lengths from The Cola Kid (GB) (Lethal Force {Ire}). The winner is the last known foal out of Up In Time, who was successful in the GII San Clemente H. and GIII Harold C. Ramser Sr. S. Her family includes Summer Fete (Ire) (Pivotal {GB}), winner of the G3 Oak Tree S. and dam of last year’s juvenile sensation Raffle Prize (Ire) (Slade Power {Ire}). Sales history: 70,000gns Ylg ‘18 TAOCT. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$7,201.

O-Mr Abdulla Al Mansoori; B-Roundhill Stud & J. S. Investments (IRE); T-David Simcock.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:

Thai Terrier, g, 4, **Kitten’s Joy--Perfect Agility, by Perfect Soul (Ire). Chelmsford City, 1-30, 10f (AWT), 2:07.63. B-Kenneth L. & Sarah K. Ramsey (KY). *\$30,000 Ylg ‘17 KEESSEP.**

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:

Wootton Saga (Fr), f, 3, **Wootton Bassett (GB)--Saga d’Or (Fr), by Sagacity (Fr). Chantilly, 1-30, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:18.36. B-Mme J-L Giral (FR).**

WORLDWIDE NEWS

Barney Roy Back A Winner At Meydan Cont. from p1

It was the French Group 2 winner **Loxley (Ire)** (New Approach {Ire}) in the Godolphin black cap who bounced out of the gates on Thursday to lead the field of seven through the opening stages, with listed winner **Mountain Hunter** (Lonhro {Aus}) stalking and Dream Castle leading Barney Roy, each separated by not much more than a length. Those margins diminished approaching the quarter pole as the quartet bunched up with Barney Roy and Dream Castle soon separating themselves. They engaged in a brief battle before Barney Roy took control on the outside and drew clear from his rival with relative ease. It was the second time that pair has finished one-two, with Barney Roy having also beat home Dream Castle in the G3 Greenham S. three years ago on his second start. Barney Roy would go on to finish second to Churchill (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) in the G1 2000 Guineas and also picked up placings behind Ulysses (GB) (Galileo {Ire}) in the G1 Coral-Eclipse and G1 Juddmonte International before the season was out.

“He came in here with a bit to work on,” said Appleby. “He’s a very lightly framed horse, so we don’t do much with him. He was fresh in the paddock and for the first half of the race, but once he got into it, I was always hopeful that his class would prevail and that is what we’ve seen at the end. That will hopefully take the freshness out of him now and hopefully we can work backward from the Jebel Hatta [on Mar. 7]. All being well, it’s one step at a time. We’ll get Super Saturday out of the way and hopefully we can book ourselves a slot for Dubai World Cup night.

Appleby wasn’t ruling out Europe’s middle-distance highlights for later in the season. **Cont. p7**



Barney Roy | DRC/Erika Rasmussen

G2 Al Rashidiya Cont.

“Visually, from what we’ve seen there, you’d be quite happy to step up to 10 furlongs. He was just touched off in the [2017] Juddmonte [International] and is a class animal. It’s just nice to see him back to his winning ways this evening.”

Pedigree Notes

Barney Roy is the first foal out of the unplaced Galileo (Ire) mare Alina (Ire), also the dam of the listed-placed Wisdom Mind (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}). The second dam, Cheyenne Star (Ire) (Mujahid), won the G3 Ridgewood Pearl S. and G3 Brownstown Stud S., and it is also the family of the top-class evergreen sprinter Gordon Lord Byron (Ire) (Byron {GB}).

Eliza Park International purchased Alina for 65,000gns at the Tattersalls December Mares Sale in 2013 carrying Barney Roy. He was let go for 30,000gns as a foal and pinhooked as a yearling for £70,000, and Eliza Park has since enjoyed a couple excellent sales of the mare’s produce. David Redvers purchased the mare’s 2016 Kodiak (GB) filly for 400,000gns, and last year her Dubawi (Ire) colt topped Tattersalls October Book 1 when bought by Godolphin for 3.6 million gns. Alina also has a 3-year-old colt by Free Eagle (Ire) named Thames River (GB) who was retained by Eliza Park and was a winner last year for Joseph O’Brien.

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Thursday, Meydan, Dubai

AL RASHIDIYA SPONSORED BY HAMDAN BIN MOHAMMED CRUISE TERMINAL-G2, \$250,000, Meydan, 1-30, 3yo/up, 9fT, 1:47.41, gd.

1--**BARNEY ROY (GB)**, 126, g, 6, by Excelebration (Ire)

1st Dam: Alina (Ire), by Galileo (Ire)

2nd Dam: Cheyenne Star (Ire), by Mujahid

3rd Dam: Charita (Ire), by Lycius

(30,000gns Wlg ‘14 TATFOA; £70,000 Ylg ‘15 DNPRM). O-Godolphin; B-Eliza Park International Pty Ltd (GB); T-Charlie Appleby; J-William Buick. \$150,000. Lifetime Record: G1SW-Eng, SW-Fr, 11-5-3-1, \$943,503. *1/2 to Wisdom Mind (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}), SP-Eng. **Werk Nick Rating: A+.** [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#)

2--**Dream Castle (GB)**, 126, g, 6, **Frankel (GB)**--Sand Vixen (GB), by Dubawi (Ire). O-Godolphin; B-Darley (GB); T-Saeed bin Suroor. \$50,000.

3--**Mountain Hunter**, g, 6, Lonhro (Aus)--Tamarillo (GB), by Daylami (Ire). O-Godolphin; B-Darley (KY); T-Saeed bin Suroor. \$25,000.

Margins: 2 1/4, 6 1/4, 3.

Also Ran: Loxley (Ire), Majestic Mambo (SAf), Sharpalo (Fr), Light The Lights (SAf).

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GLADIATOR KING REIGNS AGAIN

Gladiator King has proven a shrewd purchase by Sheikh Rashid bin Humaid Al Nuaimi, the 4-year-old son of Curlin now two-for-two in Dubai, having added victory in Thursday’s G3 Al Shindagha Sprint to his score in the G3 Dubawi S. on opening night of the carnival on Jan. 2.

Gladiator King was previously trained by Jaime Mejia in the U.S., and he won a key U.S. 3-year-old sprinting contest, the GIII Hutcheson S., last winter before finishing a head second in the GIII Chick Lang S. on the Preakness undercard. Transferred to Satish Seemar, he defied odds of 10-1 to win the Dubawi first-up and is now firmly among the favourites for the G1 Dubai Golden Shaheen on Mar. 28. [Cont. p8](#)



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G2 Al Shindagha Sprint Cont.

Breaking from the rail on Thursday, Gladiator King was shifted out a few paths by Mickael Barzalona to track the pacesetter **I Kirk (Swe)** (Eishin Dunkirk) and Doug O'Neill's **Truck Salesman** (Can The Man), making his first start outside the U.S. I Kirk began to tire turning for home as Gladiator King began to pick it up, and although it looked for a few strides as if Truck Salesman may have gotten first run on him, Gladiator King ultimately wore down that rival to win by three-quarters of a length.

"We were very pleased with the way he did it today," said Barzalona. "He has some natural speed. If he would be in front, it wouldn't be a problem for him. He's a lovely horse, he's easy to ride and hopefully there's more to come. I was a little scared of [fourth place finisher] Drafted, to be fair, but I feel my horse is still improving and going the right way."

Pedigree Notes

Gladiator King is out of the Grade II-winning Golden Dawn (Hennessy), who has a 2-year-old colt by Maclean's Music named Beyond Infinity and is in foal to Palace Malice after coming up barren last year. Golden Dawn is out of the Grade II winner Paved In Gold (Carson City), herself a half-sister to the stakes-winning Dressed In Gold (Black Tie Affair {Ire}).

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Thursday, Meydan, Dubai

AL SHINDAGHA SPRINT SPONSORED BY DP WORLD UAE

REGION-G3, \$200,000, Meydan, 1-30, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11.41, ft.

1--**GLADIATOR KING, 128, c, 4, by Curlin**

1st Dam: Golden Dawn, by Hennessy

2nd Dam: Paved in Gold, by Carson City

3rd Dam: Amber Gem, by Amber Pass

(\$65,000 RNA Ylg '17 KEESEP; \$195,000 RNA 2yo '18 OBSJUN).

O-Sheikh Rashid bin Humaid Al Nuaimi; B-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC (KY); T-Satish Seemar; J-Mickael Barzalona. \$120,000. Lifetime Record: 17-7-2-1, \$498,740.

Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree. Werk Nick Rating: A.

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2--**Truck Salesman, 126, g, 4, Can the Man--Brittney Brat, by Pikepass.** (\$35,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP; \$230,000 2yo '18 OBSMAR). O-Alejandro Mercado; B-Springland Farm & Lynden Branch (KY); T-Doug O'Neill. \$40,000.

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3--**Ibn Malik (Ire), 126, g, 7, Raven's Pass--Moon's Whisper, by Storm Cat.** O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Shadwell Estate Company Ltd (Ire); T-Musabbah Al Mheiri. \$20,000.

Margins: 1, 1 1/4, NO.

Also Ran: Drafted, I Kirk (Swe), All Out Blitz, Alkaraama, Alfredo Arcano (Ire).

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DUBAI

Thursday's Results:

MEYDAN CUP SPONSORED BY P & O MARINAS-Listed,

\$175,000, Meydan, 1-30, NH4yo/up & SH 3yo/up, 2810mT, 2:58.51, gd.

1--**SECRET ADVISOR (FR), 117, g, 6, Dubawi (Ire)--Sub Rose (Ire) (GSW-Fr), by Galileo (Ire). 1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN.**

O-Godolphin; B-Haras de Saint Pair (FR); T-Charlie Appleby; J-Tadhg O'Shea. \$105,000. Lifetime Record: GSP-Eng, 9-3-2-1, \$222,750. *1/2 to Subway Dancer (Ire) (Shamardal), HotY-Cze, MGSW-Fr, G1SP-Eng, \$476,121.

2--**Dubai Horizon (Ire), 117, g, 6, Poet's Voice (GB)--Chibola (Arg), by Roy.** (100,000gns Wlg '14 TATFOA). O-Godolphin; B-Mrs James Wigan (IRE); T-Saeed bin Suroor. \$35,000.

3--**Dubhe (GB), 117, g, 5, Dubawi (Ire)--Great Heavens (GB), by Galileo (Ire).** O-Godolphin; B-Kincorth Investments Inc (GB); T-Charlie Appleby. \$17,500.

Margins: 1, 3/4, SHD.

Also Ran: Mekong (GB), Dee Ex Bee (GB), Universal Order (GB), Zamaam (GB).

Secret Advisor parlayed a stalking trip to a first black-type rosette in the Listed Meydan Cup on Thursday. He took up a tracking position two deep in fourth as Dee Ex Bee (GB) (Farh {GB}) seized command past the winning post the first time. Nice and relaxed in the wake of a crawling pace, the bay became restless, tossing his head repeatedly once passed by Zamaam (GB) (Muhtahtir {GB}) to his outside approaching the final turn. Tadhg O'Shea had to take a sit but didn't lose his cool, finally asking the gelding 500 metres out. The gaps opened several paths off the fence and the 6-year-old charged through, tackling rival and fellow Godolphin runner Dubai Horizon at the furlong grounds, that foe having taken over from a grudgingly retreating Dee Ex Bee. He left it until late, but Secret Advisor let down strongly, grinding past Dubai Horizon inside the final 50 metres to win by a length. It was 3/4s of a length back to Dubhe (GB) in third. Dee Ex Bee tired to fifth.

"He has some good back form this horse, including winning a Melrose H., but had a few setbacks, missed a year and was disappointing last season," Appleby explained. "We decided to be patient with him today. Since arriving in Dubai, he has really thrived."

A debut winner at Thirsk in April of 2017, the lightly raced Secret Advisor was third later that spring in the G2 Queen's Vase at Ascot to none other than champion stayer Stradivarius (Ire) (Sea The Stars {Ire}). **Cont. p9**



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Listed Meydan Cup Cont.

Successful in a York handicap in August that year, he disappeared for 664 days and was gelded, before two unplaced runs in June and July at the handicap level last term. He was returning off a 202-day break for the Meydan Cup.

Out of the G3 Prix de Royaumont victress Sub Rose, Secret Advisor is the 181st black-type winner for his Dalham Hall Stud-based sire who stands under the Darley banner. The Haras de Saint Pair-bred is also a half-brother to French MGSW and G1 Champion S. third Subway Dancer (Ire) (Shamardal). Sub Rose foaled the winning 4-year-old Silver Seam (Fr) (Dark Angel {Ire}) two years after Secret Advisor. Her 2-year-old of 2018, the Muhaarar (GB) filly Sub Sahara (Fr), is joined by a yearling filly by G1 Prix Jacques Le Marois victor Al Wukair (Ire) (Dream Ahead). His third dam is GSW and MG1SP Magic Gleam (Danzig). **Click for the Racing Post chart or the VIDEO.**

4th-Meydan, Hcp, \$175,000, NH4yo/up & SH 3yo/up, 8f, 1:37.95, ft.

PLATA O PLOMO (g, 6, Paddy O'Prado--Profitability, by Cherokee Run), a dual listed winner in Sweden last summer, led home a Scandinavian one-two here when beating Stricker (GB) (Poet's Voice {GB}) home by a length. Traveling midpack and well off the rail down the backstretch, Plata O Plomo was four-wide at the quarter pole. He moved in a path to split rivals at the two pole, hooking up with Stricker and ultimately pulling clear. "He stays further, so the fast gallop has really suited him and he ran on very strongly for me when I asked him," said jockey Carlos Lopez. Out of the listed-placed Profitability (Cherokee Run), Plata O Plomo's third dam is the triple Grade I winner Banker's Lady (Nijinsky II), dam of the Grade II winner and sire Banker's Gold. Profitability is also the dam of Carolina Jasmine

(Line of David), SP-US, \$226,491, and her last reported foal was a 2015 colt by Friesan Fire. Plata O Plomo is part of a 28-strong Scandinavian challenge at this year's carnival. Sales history: \$30,000 Ylg '15 KESEEP. Lifetime Record: MSW-Swe, 22-9-3-1, \$326,625. **Click for the Racing Post result. VIDEO.**

O-Hastgruppen i Lund AB; B-Spendthrift Farm LLC (KY); T-Susanne Berneklint.

5th-Meydan, Hcp, \$135,000, NH4yo/up & SH 3yo/up, 8ft, 1:36.31, gd.

SALUTE THE SOLDIER (GER) (g, 5, Sepoy {Aus}--Street Fire {Ire}, by Street Cry {Ire}) broke his maiden in a Kempton all-weather handicap going this trip in November of 2018. Back on top several starts later in a 1400-metre handicap at Goodwood on Aug. 24, he won a similar contest at Ascot on Sept. 7. Trying stakes company for the first time at Newbury on Sept. 20, the bay ran third after briefly leading in the Listed Dubai Duty Free Cup S. in his final start for Mr. and Mrs. P. Hargreaves, A. D. Spence and trainer Clive Cox. Salute the Soldier was knocked down for 380,000gns during the Tattersalls Autumn Horses in Training Sale to Oliver St Lawrence Bloodstock, the third-highest price of the sale. A bit keyed up in the preliminaries, the 5-year-old gelding settled in an embattled third while saving all the real estate for the backstretch run, behind the pacesetter. Tipped out a path inside the final 450 metres, the bay stormed to the front just 100 metres later and held off the late rush of Land of Legends (Ire) (Iffraaj {GB}) up the inner to win by a half-length. Both Championship (Ire) (Exceed And Excel {Aus}) and Lyndon B (Ire) (Charm Spirit {Ire}) were pulled up. "He is a very nice horse and an exciting one going ahead," trainer Fawzi Nass said. "As you saw, he is a bit of a character, not the easiest to deal with and managed to dump Adrie in the parade ring. His form in England was good and Clive Cox did a good job with him. We will sit down now and make a plan." GI Breeders' Cup Classic hero Skywalker (Relaunch) is a half-brother to the third dam, SW & MGSP Danzante (Danzig). Sales history: 380,000gns HRA '19 TATAUT. Lifetime Record: GSP-Eng, 15-5-5-2, \$249,580. **Click for the Racing Post chart or the VIDEO.**

O-Victorious; B-Alan Spence (GER); T-Fawzi Nass.

7th-Meydan, Hcp, \$135,000, NH4yo/up & SH 3yo/up, 10ft, 2:01.56, gd.

AMERICAN GRAFFITI (FR) (g, 4, Pivotal {GB}--Adventure Seeker {Fr} {SW & GSP-Fr, \$155,312}, by Bering {GB}), off the mark at third asking over Newcastle's all-weather last February, returned after a 121-day absence to take a 10-furlong Newmarket handicap last June before a third at that level at Ascot on July 12. Thursday was his first start since.

7th-Meydan Cont.

Perched behind a wall of horses from the bell, the chestnut was always traveling well off the inside and well within himself. He took dead aim on the leaders at the quarter pole, rattled up into contention and, after taking charge, had just enough of a cushion to hold off the onrushing duo of Gm Hopkins (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) and Certain Lad (GB) (Clodovil {Ire}). The winning margin was 3/4s of a length with Gm Hopkins fending off Certain Lad by a neck for place honours. It was trainer Charlie Appleby's third win on the card, all for Godolphin, who also had G2 Al Rashidiya victor Barney Roy (GB) (Excelebration {Ire}) and Listed Meydan Cup hero Secret Advisor (Fr) (Dubawi {Ire}). "He jumped quick and dropped in nicely then picked up well," said jockey Brett Doyle said. "He ran all the way to the line and is probably a horse who stays farther. It was a perfect race. He's a consistent horse." The winner's dam produced the once-raced Soyounique (Ire) (Siyouni {Fr}) in 2017 and she has a juvenile colt by Zoffany (Ire), besides Andrea Mantegna (Giant's Causeway), GSP-Aus, \$248,890. His third dam was the U.S. Horse of the Year All Along (Fr) (Targowice), who was also a champion in France. Sales history: €68,000 Wlg '16 GOFNOV; €320,000 Ylg '17 GOFORB. Lifetime Record: 6-3-2-1, \$100,894. **Click for the [Racing Post chart](#) or the [VIDEO](#).**

O-Godolphin; B-Dayton Investments Limited; T-Charlie Appleby.

Magic Wand, who at last got her Group 1 in the Mackinnon S. in Australia in November, was a short-head second in the G1 Hong Kong Cup in December over the Gold Cup course and distance, and she was last seen finishing second in the G1 Pegasus World Cup Turf last weekend. The 4-year-old Mount Everest, who was last seen finishing last of 14 in the G1 Hong Kong Vase, is owned by the Coolmore partners in partnership with breeder the Niarchos family.

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MAGIC WAND ENTERED FOR HK GOLD CUP

Ballydoyle's globetrotting filly **Magic Wand (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) and stablemate **Mount Everest (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) have been given entries in the G1 Hong Kong Gold Cup going 2000 metres at Sha Tin on Feb. 16. They are two of just three international entries, with Sacred Capital (NZ) (O'Reilly {NZ}) from Macau also engaged.

JAPANESE GROUP RACES -2019/2020

Date	Race	Track
Feb. 2	Negishi S. (G3)	Tokyo
	Silk Road S. (G3)	Kyoto
Feb. 9	Tokyo Shimbun Hai (G3)	Tokyo
	Kisaragi Sho (G3)	Kyoto
Feb. 15	Daily Hai Queen Cup (G3)	Tokyo
Feb. 16	Kyoto Kinen (G2)	Kyoto
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SHALAA, A GLOBAL BRAND



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By Tom Frary

Haras de Bouquetot's stud manager Benoit Jeffroy was a recent visitor to the Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale. *TDN AusNZ* caught up with the Frenchman to get his impression of the Australasian industry, as well as some insights on dual-hemisphere stallion **Shalaa (Ire)**.

As the recent Magic Millions Sale wore on, there was one name that surged the current relentlessly and it was Arrowfield's newcomer Shalaa. His sire is a genuine dual-hemisphere sensation, one of those genuine sire of sires that we talk about in reverential tones. As his sons Kingman (GB) and I Am Invincible bestride the globe's opposing zones like some joint command, attention inevitably turns to his latest offering up to the commercial powers in bloodstock.

Shalaa is to date Invincible Spirit's (Ire) highest-achieving juvenile, having stampeded through the sprint mainstays of the July S., the Richmond, Morny and Middle Park in 2015. On the track he was pure devastating speed and precocity, fired by that Danzig (USA) intensity that has so impacted European racing since the 1980s.

At stud he has so far produced correct, smooth-moving foals who have evolved into yearlings with augmenting prowess. In Europe, they are now in their first racing year awaiting the true test of their physicality and bloodlines.

Now back in his Northern Hemisphere home of Haras de Bouquetot in Normandy, France's most happening stallion presence for many years faces considerable scrutiny as his

juveniles stride on to the turf of Britain, Ireland, France and Japan's racecourses.

A Tantalising First-Season Sire

In all respects, Shalaa is as tantalising a first-season sire as it is possible to name in 2020. "He ticks all the boxes," Haras de Bouquetot's stud manager Benoit Jeffroy says. "The Magic Millions was my first experience of an Australian sale and I was impressed with the enthusiasm and the buzz around it. Shalaa has been received as well as we could have expected he would be and we can only be happy."

Topping Shalaa's seven yearlings to fetch more than \$300,000 at the auction was John Sadler's \$600,000 purchase, the half-brother to the G1 HKJC Queen's Silver Jubilee Cup and G1 Champions Mile hero Contentment (Hussonet).

There had been 600,000 spent in euros in his native France at the Arqana August Sale when his son of the G2 Prix de Sandringham winner Maiden Tower (GB) (Groom Dancer {USA}) was snapped up by Emmanuel de Seroux for the Satomi Horse Company. His brand is already global.

Shuttling is nothing new to Al Shaqab, with **Toronado (Ire)** and **Olympic Glory (Ire)** occupying important space in Australia in recent seasons, but Shalaa could add that extra dimension with his enticing profile.

Jeffroy sees the link with Australia and New Zealand as vitally important to the operation. "We are trying to be closer to the Australian market and there is a great atmosphere with great people doing great business there," he comments.



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Shalaa | Zuzanna Lupa

“After I Am Invincible it makes Shalaa easier to advertise, he has plenty of speed in his pedigree with his sire-line bringing that factor and so he has arrived here at the right time. Paul and John Messara spoke to the local buyers and they said they looked great, so they are very hopeful he can make it.”

Shalaa’s influence is spread across Europe too, as Jeffroy points out. “He has as many horses in England and Ireland as he has in France,” he states. “They are going well early, have good minds, seem easy to train and want to go to work, so we’ll hear more when it gets to March or April. There is a real expectation around him and it is an exciting and worrying time. It depends on him now, as all stallions have to pass something on, to be improvers.”

Jeffroy is in no doubt about the importance of Shalaa standing in France, a country in resurgent mood when it comes to breeding top-class commercial prospects. “We are very proud to be able to retire a horse of his calibre in France,” he says. “French bloodstock has been more on the map in the last five years, with the likes of Siyouni, Kendargent and Le Havre and it’s

a boost for the whole French bloodstock economy and the young breeders and investors. There was a big gap for a while after the old names Anabaa, Linamix and Highest Honor and it went a bit quiet without much happening.

“You only have to see what Siyouni has done in recent times. Ultimately, they have to do it themselves and if Shalaa can in both hemispheres that can only be a positive. The Australian people are winners,” he concludes. “They have a good attitude and we have a good relationship with them which we want to be long-term. You can see that they are willing to do things to promote their country’s breeding and racing. This is going to be a big thing for us and it’s so far, so good.”

High-class juvenile, gifted with speed and quality with the genetic factors that tell in both regions of world racing, Shalaa has the perfect alchemy. Now to the proving ground.

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Feb. 8	G1 C. F. Orr S.	Caulfield
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