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## INTEGRITY ACT: COMPROMISE IS IN THE EYE OF THE PROPOSER



Dennis Drazin | *Patty Wolfe*

### **The Week in Review, by T.D. Thornton**

Three versions of proposed federal legislation known as the Horseracing Integrity Act have been introduced in the United States Congress over the past five years, and only twice has the bill advanced as far as the subcommittee hearing level, like it did last Tuesday.

Whether you're for or against HB 1754, which would mandate an independent anti-doping and medication control program in our sport, if you're called as a witness, it's crucial to tailor your arguments as concisely as possible.

That's because legislators hearing testimony in the Subcommittee on Consumer Protection and Commerce have zero or limited knowledge of the inner workings of the Thoroughbred industry, and the time window for making one's case is brief and intense, with politicians firing off questions and briskly prompting witnesses to get to the point.

Legislators underscored their lack of familiarity with sport-specific subject matter right off the bat when the Jan. 28 hearing commenced. One politician read opening remarks that incorrectly referred to "Mongo Groom" as the horse who suffered a catastrophic injury in the Breeders' Cup. Another made a cringe-worthy slip of the tongue by calling the sport's showcase event the "Cripple Crown" before quickly correcting herself. **Cont. p3**

## LOUISIANA DERBY COULD BE NEXT FOR TIZ THE LAW by *Bill Finley*

Jack Knowlton, who heads the syndicate that owns **Tiz the Law** (Constitution), reported that his horse came out of Saturday's win in the GIII Holy Bull S. in good order and may go next in the Mar. 21 GI Louisiana Derby. Knowlton said the other choice is a start in the Mar. 28 GI Florida Derby, but confirmed that he was leaning toward going to Louisiana.

"We have been leaning toward Louisiana all along," Knowlton said Sunday. "We are kind of intrigued by the fact they extended it to a mile-and-three-sixteenths. You have that long stretch and he should get a clear run down the stretch. That is appealing to us. We will have a lot of discussions and watch what goes on elsewhere. [Trainer] Barclay [Tagg], [assistant trainer] Robin [Smullen] and I have been through this before [with Funny Cide]. We'll make a decision that everybody is happy with."

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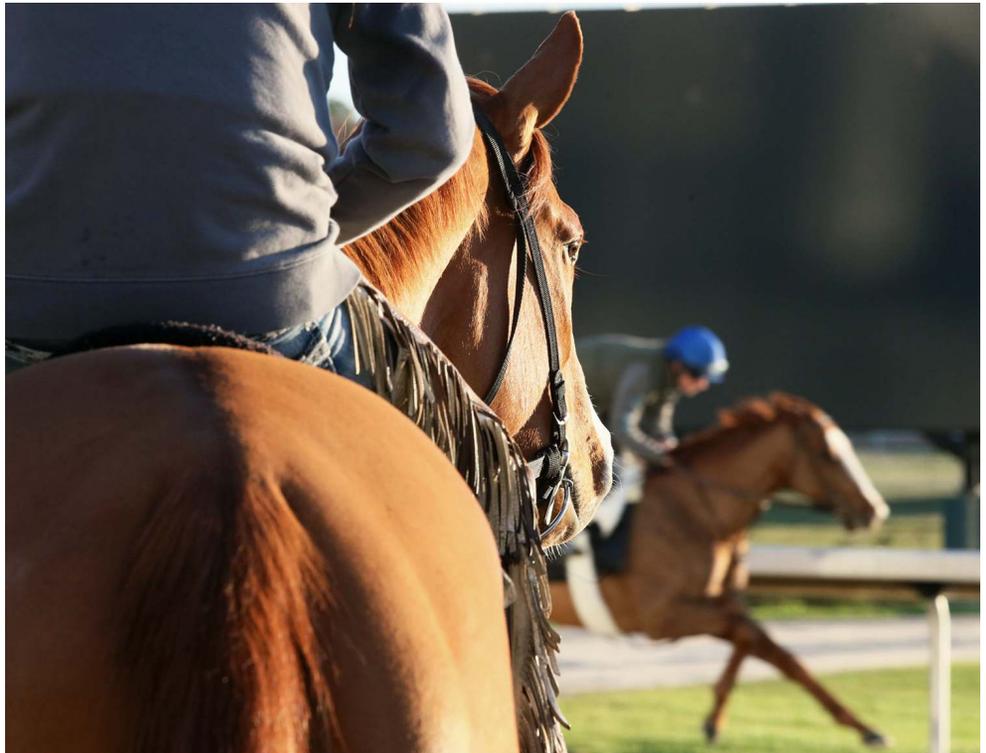
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**A POINDEXTER PICK THREE AT SANTA ANITA 8**

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

Sure, those were inadvertent verbal miscues. Nevertheless, they established an unsettled tone as witnesses attempted in two hours to get lawmakers to understand difficult issues that the Thoroughbred industry has been debating for decades.

Despite the inauspicious start, the most pleasant surprise of the hearing ended up being a thread of cooperation that emerged among pro and con witnesses. Hints of a willingness to work together weren't there the last time the two sides debated the Integrity Act at a 2018 Congressional subcommittee hearing, when testimony took on more of an "Us vs. Them" tenor.

Last Tuesday's pro-legislation witnesses were William Lear, Jr. (vice chairman of The Jockey Club), Joe DeFrancis (advisor to the Humane Society of the United States and former chief executive of the Maryland Jockey Club), Chris McCarron (retired Hall of Fame jockey) and Marty Irby (executive director of Animal Wellness Action, a protection advocacy organization).

The anti-legislation witnesses were Dennis Drazin (chief executive of Darby Development, which operates Monmouth Park), Ed Martin (president of the Association of Racing Commissioners International) and Dr. Kathleen Anderson (a Fair Hill, Maryland, racehorse vet and past president of the American Association of Equine Practitioners).

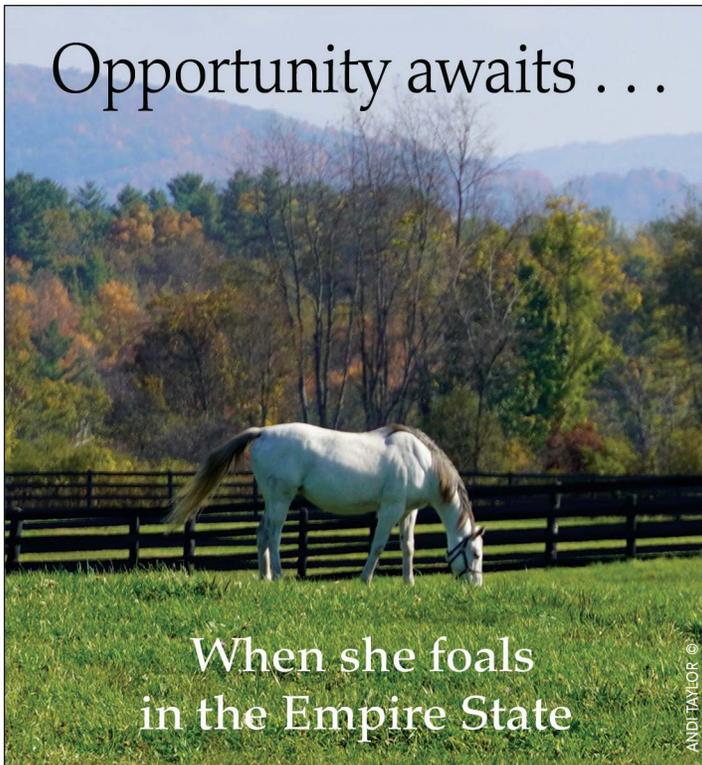
What's changed since 2018 to bring the Integrity Act's supporters and detractors theoretically closer together?

Drazin summed it up best when he said he agreed with the bill's sponsor, Rep. Paul Tonko (D-NY), that the sport's status quo has failed to deliver workable solutions in the face of mounting trouble.

"We're at a crisis now," Drazin explained. "Because of [the equine fatalities] in Santa Anita, the whole focus of the industry is on saving horse racing, because we recognize we're heading in the wrong direction. And I think that if you give us--I'm going to go out on a limb and say another six months--we'll be able to come together with a consensus bill that would be better for the industry."

Drazin didn't offer many specifics about what a compromise bill might look like, but Martin proposed some tweaks worthy of consideration.

"I don't think this bill as presently written is going to improve the integrity of the sport," Martin said. "But I think it would improve the integrity of the sport if it were to take [the proposed] non-governmental organization [and instead] turn it into a multi-jurisdictional investigative [organization] to do out-of-competition testing as well as out-of-competition suitability exams to do the reviews of horses that are red-flagged because of their vet records and procedures."



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8/23/19	FUNNY GUY	\$144,375	\$40,000
10/19/19	CAPTAIN BOMBASTIC	\$137,500	\$40,000
9/30/19	DREAM BIGGER	\$122,828	\$36,848
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The figurative olive branch extended the other way, too. On the pro side, DeFrancis said he agreed with “many of the things that Mr. Martin and Mr. Drazin have said in terms of things that we can do to improve horse health and safety.”

Those ideas included incorporating protocols designed to treat horses likely to suffer catastrophic injuries before they happen (other safety-centric concepts were outlined in *TDN*'s Jan. 28 recap of the hearing; read about them [here](#)).

But compromise is in the eye of the proposer. A sizable rift still exists over the bill's big sticking point--the banishment of all race-day medication, including Lasix. Supporters of HB 1754 want the ban, opponents don't.

This ideological gap is enough to make you wonder whether the “consensus” bill Drazin spoke of might really be better described as a “competing” piece of legislation if and when it surfaces.

At the 2018 hearing for the previous version of the Integrity Act, one Congressman lamented the “unfortunate” missed opportunity that no veterinarians had been invited to the panel to explain the role of Lasix in horses.

The opponents of HB 1754 must have taken note of that, because they were well represented this time around by Anderson, the lone practicing Thoroughbred veterinarian among the witnesses. She held firm under cross-examination from a Congressman who tried to get her to admit that Lasix has performance-enhancing capabilities because of its well-known reputation for eliminating water weight.

“That's common sense, but that's not science,” was Anderson's terse reply when asked if she believed that shedding 20 to 30 pounds would enable a horse to run faster.

Without a strong veterinary rebuttal to counter that Lasix is indeed a performance-enhancer that needs to be prohibited on race day, the HB 1754 proponents were at an argumentative disadvantage.

At one point, McCarron diverged to relate his “personal experience” with using Lasix when he was a jockey in an effort to reduce his own body weight. He was trying to make the point that Lasix can be a caustic substance that wreaks havoc with dehydration.

But you could sense this anecdote was confusing to legislators, many of whom had no idea why the topic abruptly got switched from horses being administered Lasix to a human using it for entirely different purposes.

Which brings us back to the initial point of this column: The need to stick to core arguments when complex subject matter is debated in a Congressional setting.

As I listened to Tuesday's hearing, I jotted down every time the witnesses--both pro and con--cited specialized Thoroughbred terminology that was likely not to be understood by legislators trying to grasp both sides of thorny issues.

Complicated topics that both sides weaved into their testimony included snippets about how the class structure works in racing, how horses are acquired via claiming, the roles of regulatory veterinarians, the concept of foaling-to-retirement lifetime traceability, and the controversial subject of whip abuse.

When one witness cited decades-ago usage of an adjunct drug known as Kentucky Red to stop racehorse bleeding, and another brought up the concept of bisphosphonates testing at yearling sales, I'd be willing to wager the only people in the hearing chamber who knew what was being talked about were the people from the racing industry.

Yet if you're against HB 1754, this sort of general confusion among legislators might be exactly what you want.

When lawmakers are tasked with deciding whether bills on deeply complex topics are going to advance or not, they often default to the position of letting the status quo remain in place if they can't fully comprehend the effects of the proposed legislative changes.

Remember, a Congressional subcommittee isn't required to act upon measures that are referred to it.

Thus, the bill's fate is likely to come down to whether lawmakers emerged from the Horseracing Integrity Act hearing with more or less clarity than when they went into it.

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## Louisiana Derby Could be Next for Tiz the Law *(cont. from p1)*

Knowlton and Tagg were successful taking the Holy Bull-Louisiana Derby route with Funny Cide (Distorted Humor) in 2003. The gelding finished fifth in the Holy Bull and then an improving third in the Louisiana Derby. He followed that with a second-place finish in the GI Wood Memorial before winning the GI Kentucky Derby and GI Preakness S. Should Tiz the Law run in the Louisiana Derby, it would be his last start before the GI Kentucky Derby.



Tiz the Law after Holy Bull victory | *Coglianesse*

“It’s not so much that the Louisiana Derby is sentimental to us,” Knowlton said. “But it was a path that we took and we won the Derby. It was a path we liked then and like now. The downside is shipping, what that entails and the extent it could take something out of the horse. We also know, after yesterday, that he likes Gulfstream. While we won’t be ducking anybody, we will want to see what happens in the GII Fountain of Youth. If **Dennis’ Moment** (Tiznow) is as good as Dale Romans and a lot of other people think he is and he runs a 105 Beyer in the Fountain of Youth, I wouldn’t want to take him on in the Florida Derby. I’d rather wait for that to happen in the Kentucky.”

Knowlton said he has been watching the competition in the 3-year-old ranks closely and will continue to do so.

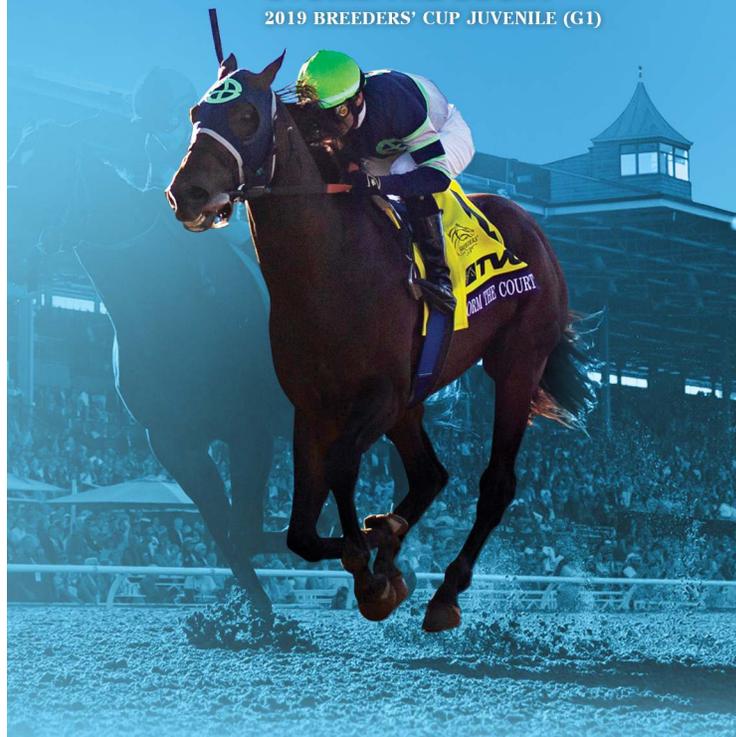
“I looked at the other Derby preps Saturday and **Thousand Words** (Pioneerof the Nile) was all out to beat an 18-1 shot,” Knowlton said. “**Shotski** (Blame) got passed by a relative newcomer [Max Player {Honor Code}] in the GIII Withers. The next one coming up is **Independence Hall** (Constitution) in the GIII Sam F. Davis at Tampa. It’s pretty impressive that Constitution now has two horses from his first crop who have run 100 Beyers and are major threats for the Derby.”

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Tiz the Law had to overcome a bad trip to win the Holy Bull. Under Manny Franco, he showed surprising early speed before he was taken back, steadied and wound up fourth behind horses. Once he settled and got into the clear, he shot by the front-runners to win by three lengths.

“He showed a new dimension, popping right out of the gate like he did,” Knowlton said. “We didn’t want to be on front end and didn’t want to be in a speed duel. We told Manny don’t get stuck inside. That’s what cost us the race in the GII Kentucky Jockey Club. He knew he needed to get outside, and fortunately, the horse responded. It probably cost him two, three lengths, but he was good enough to overcome it and Manny got the job done.”

Saturday’s card at Gulfstream also included the GIII Swale S., a seven-furlong race won by **Mischievous Alex** (Into Mischief). Trainer John Servis reported Sunday that he isn’t ready to commit his colt to the Kentucky Derby trail.

“If he’s doing good, he’s going to have to show me he wants that, but I don’t think he does,” Servis said. “I don’t want to put him on the trail and next thing, you end up with no horse at the end of the year.”

Servis said the GIII Gotham S. at Aqueduct could be next for his horse.

## WOOD MEMORIAL NEXT FOR MAX PLAYER

George Hall’s **Max Player** (Honor Code) exited his victory in Saturday’s GIII Withers S. at Aqueduct in fine shape and will likely make his next appearance in the Apr. 4 GII Wood Memorial.

Sent to post at odds of 5-1, Max Player was in tight and taking significant kickback into the first turn before jockey Dylan Davis angled him outside for smoother sailing. Settled wide in fifth, he grinded his way into contention through the final turn and found his best stride late to put away GII Remsen S. winner **Shotski** (Blame) by 3 1/4 lengths.

“He’s not seasoned enough to handle the kickback yet,” trainer Linda Rice said of the dark bay colt who was making his third start Saturday. “He hasn’t handled it well, but Dylan did a good job of keeping him close enough to contention and getting him outside to where he could get comfortable.”

Rice continued, “He looks good this morning. He came out of the race great and looks happy and playful. We’ll head on to the Wood Memorial.”

Wachtel Stable, Gary Barber, Pantofel Stable and Mike Karty’s Shotski could make his next start in the Mar. 7 GIII Gotham S. or the Feb. 29 GII Fasig-Tipton Fountain of Youth S., according to trainer Jeremiah O’Dwyer.

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“He came out of the race good. I’m very happy with him and we’ll give him a couple of easy days before heading back to the track,” said O’Dwyer. “I spoke with Mr. Wachtel and he mentioned the Gotham and maybe the Fountain of Youth. There’s a couple options in the pipeline. We’ll let the dust settle and make a plan over the next couple of days.”

Also possible for the Gotham is Southern Equine Stable’s **Sixto** (Curlin), a first-out winner at Aqueduct last Thursday.

“I think he’s going to be a nice horse,” trainer Eric Guillot said of Sixto. “He’s named after my number one traveling man over the years, Sixto Chavez. He’s been my main man with a lot of Grade I horses. We’ll see what the race looks like when the time goes and take it from there.”

Sophomore stakes action Saturday also featured the unbeaten **Taraz** (Into Mischief)’s win in the Martha Washington S. at Oaklawn Park. Trainer Brad Cox is keeping all options on the table for the filly, including a run at the boys on the Kentucky Derby trail.

“I thought about it last night and haven’t really come up with a decision on what we’re going to do yet,” Cox, who also trains last year’s champion juvenile filly **British Idiom** (Flashback), said. “And race-wise? Same thing.”

The trainer continued, “She came back good, so far. We’re just walking her, obviously, but she appeared to check out of the race in great order last night and cooled out great and looked

great. Everything looks good.”

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## INDEPENDENCE HALL WORKS FOR DAVIS

**Independence Hall** (Constitution) tuned up for Saturday’s 1 1/16-mile GIII Sam F. Davis S. with a four-furlong drill in :48.60 (10/82) at Tampa Bay Downs Sunday.

“He kicked on nice. I’m very happy with the breeze,” trainer Michael Trombetta said. “The way he started off [an opening eighth of a mile in about :13 seconds], you wouldn’t have thought he’d breeze in :48 and change. The ‘ask’ was somewhere in the :48-49 range and out in the 1:01 range, and he galloped out in 1:00 4/5. So if you’re choosier than that, you’ll never be happy.”

A first-out winner at Parx last September, Independence Hall romped by 12 1/4 lengths in the Nov. 3 GIII Nashua S. and opened 2020 with a four-length victory in the one-mile Jerome S. at Aqueduct Jan. 1.

Also tuning up for a stakes assignment Sunday, **Answer In** (Dialed In) worked five furlongs in :59.40 (3/59) in preparation for the Feb. 17 GIII Southwest S. The Brad Cox trainee is coming off a runner-up effort in the Dec. 15 Springboard Mile S.

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3	<b>Uncle Mo</b> (Ashford)	\$2,530,056
4	Constitution* (WinStar)	\$2,200,411
5	<b>Munnings</b> (Ashford)	\$2,026,851

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1	Into Mischief (Spendthrift)	\$2,579,625
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3	<b>Scat Daddy</b> (Ashford)	\$2,240,436

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3	Into Mischief (Spendthrift)	\$2,286,747

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## A POINDEXTER PICK THREE AT SANTA ANITA

by Jessica Martini

The early race card at Santa Anita had a decidedly Midwest flair Saturday as the winners of the first three races of the day were bred by Missouri-resident Allen Poindexter and two of the three winners were Iowa-breds. The streak began with 15-1 shot **Posit** (Cairo Prince)'s half-length win in an optional claimer; continued with the debut victory of OBS June topper **Clivetty** (Into Mischief) ([video](#)) and concluded with 'TDN Rising Star' **Auberge** (Palace)'s 2 1/4-length allowance win ([video](#)).



Allen Poindexter | Coady Photography

"I wasn't sure about Posit in the first, but I thought the other two had a good shot," Poindexter said Sunday. "Auberge is Grade II placed and was running in an allowance, so I thought she would win. The other filly, I really didn't know if six furlongs would be the right distance. She is a really big Into Mischief filly. I think she is going to want to go long, but she still won going three-quarters."

Of the hat trick, Poindexter said, "I was very pleased. I'm not sure that's ever happened before to win the first, second, and third at Santa Anita with the same breeder. I'm very proud. We

work hard to try to get racehorses. There is a lot of hard work that goes into this. It's a passion, so it's always nice to see your passion paying off."

Auberge, who sold for \$140,000 as a weanling at the 2017 Fasig-Tipton November sale, brought \$170,000 at the 2018 Keeneland September Yearling Sale before Speedway Stable purchased her for \$570,000 at last year's Fasig-Tipton Midlantic May Sale. She was tabbed a 'TDN Rising Star' following her debut win in Arcadia last October and then was second in the GII Santa Ynez S. Jan. 5.

Auberge is out of Prenuptial Vow (Broken Vow) and Poindexter is still considering 2020 matings for that 15-year-old mare.

"We ended up not breeding her back last year because she was going to be on a late cover," he said. "I think right now, we're kind of pointing her towards either Audible or City of Light."

Clivetty, out of **Rosemonde** (Indian Charlie), is a full-sister to multiple Grade I placed Rowayton and both carry the colors of Larry Best's OXO Equine.

"Rosemonde had a May baby and we did not breed her back," Poindexter said. "She is going to Tapit this year."

Best purchased Rowayton for \$320,000 at the 2017 Fasig-Tipton Saratoga Sale and acquired Clivetty for \$900,000 at last year's OBS June Sale. He added more of the family to his stable when going to \$375,000 to acquire the mare's Frosted filly as a weanling at last year's Keeneland November sale.

Rosemonde's 2-year-old colt by Frosted is expected to make an appearance at the juvenile sales this spring.

"The Frosted colt is with Julie Davies [in Ocala] and he's going to a 2-year-old sale," Poindexter said."

Asked if he was hoping Larry Best would be attending that particular auction, Poindexter said with a chuckle, "I don't know, he buys almost everything else, doesn't he? He has bought the whole family. I think I need to sell him the mare, don't you? It would be cheaper for him--buy the factory."

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Poindexter has a broodmare band of some 60 head spread around the country and making good use of several regional markets.

“We have about 25 what I would call top-notch mares that we breed to be Kentucky-breds,” he said. “And the rest of the mares we have regionally. I usually foal out between 12 and 15 in Iowa. This year I have six in Minnesota, nine in Indiana and four or five in Oklahoma, three in Pennsylvania, and the 25 in Kentucky.”



**Auberge | Benoit**

But it is the Iowa racing and breeding scene which has him particularly captivated.

“I am on the HBPA in Iowa, so I am very involved with Iowa-bred racing and breeding,” Poindexter said. “I have a market for a lot of my horses with the Iowa people and I partner a lot with them where they buy half of one of my babies and I stay in for half. It gets a lot more people involved in Iowa with some really good Iowa-breds. This past year, we had the 2-year-old Iowa-bred filly champion, the 3-year-old colt champion, the Horse of the Year, the Broodmare of the Year. So we’re very big into Iowa, improving the Iowa-bred horse racing.”

Posit, the Iowa-bred who kick-started Poindexter’s win streak at Santa Anita Saturday, is a half-sister to multiple stakes winner and graded placed Chanel’s Legacy (Dominus).

“Chanel’s Legacy was an Iowa-bred and I think she only ran once in Iowa,” Poindexter said. “She won the Dixie Belle and the Martha Washington S. and was second in the Gill Fantasy. I still have her.”

Chanel’s Legacy produced a colt by Bernardini in 2019 and was bred back to More Than Ready.

“Some of these Iowa-breds will never run in Iowa,” Poindexter said. “They are good mares bred to Kentucky stallions. Horses like Auberge--she is going to compete with anyone.”

## FROM CHAMPION TO “BABYSITTER,” MAIN SEQUENCE STILL PRODUCING FOR MOTION

by Bill Finley

Every trainer deals with difficult horses, and sometimes they work out and sometimes they don’t. There was a time when Graham Motion didn’t know whether **Mean Mary** (Scat Daddy) would fulfill her potential. Owned and bred by Alex Campbell Jr., she was that tough.

“You had to have your best rider on her,” Motion said. “You had to have her on the pony or she’d pull some antics going to the track. Nothing that was unmanageable, but something you always had to be ready for. She was just very tough.”



**Mean Mary (left) and Main Sequence | Anita Motion photo**

Today, Mean Mary is a stakes winner, a feat she accomplished in last Saturday’s Gill La Prevoyante S. at Gulfstream. Perfectly well behaved throughout, she led every step of the way on her way to a five-length victory under Luis Saez.

Motion deserves credit and so does Saez. But they may not have been able to engineer the La Prevoyante win if it were not for an assist from 2014 GI Breeders’ Cup Turf winner Main Sequence (Aldebaran).

Main Sequence is an 11-year-old gelding who was trained by Motion. A four-time Grade I winner who was named champion older horse and champion turf horse in 2014, he’s now more or less a pet who lives with Motion’s stable at the Fair Hill training center. He’s turned out, living the good life.

With Motion struggling to get Mean Mary to settle down, his wife, Anita, and his assistant, Cat McGee, came up with the idea of turning Mean Mary out in the same paddock with Main Sequence. Maybe something would click.

“We hoped that being turned out all the time would settle her down,” Motion said. “We would turn her out in the morning, train her and then turn her out for the rest of the day.”

But would Main Sequence accept the presence of the filly in his paddock? That was hard to predict and the odds were against it as Motion describes Main Sequence as “pretty cantankerous.” It turns out that there was something that drew them together.

“We just thought it was worth a try,” Motion said. “He was almost like a babysitter. Was he the boss? Probably. But they were very compatible. They sparked this relationship as soon as they were turned out together. They got along great. As nasty as she could be she always got along very well with him and it seems like she turned the corner after we put them together.”



**Mean Mary wins the La Prevoyante | Ryan Thompson photo**

Motion can't tell you why the two got along so well together. “It's hard to say. It's just part of nature,” he said. “He's not like that with every horse. He's not accepting of every horse he goes out with. He's more accepting of fillies, but it's odd with her personality that they were so accepting of each other.”

When Motion shipped Mean Mary and several other horses to Florida it meant that the Main Sequence-Mean Mary friendship would have to be put on hold. But this was now a different Mean Mary than the one who had been giving his trainer so many headaches.

“You still have to watch her and we still tend to keep her on the pony most of the time, but she's mellowed a lot,” Motion said. “She is actually a kind horse to be around. As she has raced more and more she has become more professional.”

Mean Mary broke her maiden at Keeneland in her second career start. Two races later, she won a mile-and-an-eighth allowance at Gulfstream. The big unknown in the La Prevoyante was the mile-and-half distance. With the way Mean Mary ran, it looks like the added distance is something she relished.

“I'd like her to be around for the major races later in the year,” Motion said. “I doubt we'd run her again before we get to Keeneland because Mr. Campbell is pretty partial to Keeneland.”

We would love to make the [GI] Beverly D. with her. Her style could make her very dangerous in these longer races. She won the race the other day with ease and she ran a decent number. That makes you think she can be competitive in the big races this summer.”

Those are big goals, but Motion believes Mean Mary has the talent to win Grade I races. Would that be the case if not for Main Sequence?

“It would have been tough to get through this if we didn't have the environment we have at Fair Hill, where you can turn horses out,” he said. “If not, it's possible I would have had to send her somewhere else. If we didn't do what we did with her, it's possible that we wouldn't have been able to bring out the ability that she obviously has.”

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## WHAT'S IN A NAME?

By *Andrea Branchini*

**TARAZ (f, 3, Into Mischief--Silk Route, by Empire Maker)**  
Oaklawn, 2-1, Martha Washington S., 1m, 1:38.64.

The unbeaten 'TDN Rising Star' and Oaklawn winner owes her name to a smart historical/geographical connection. The 3-year-old is out of the mare Silk Route. The 2000-year-old city of Taraz (now in Kazakhstan) was a major trade center in the inland regions of the Silk Route, which was a series of ancient trade networks that connected China and the Far East with countries in Europe and the Middle East.

Sharp, sophisticated name.

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

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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.*



**Robb Levinsky**

**ROBB LEVINSKY, KENWOOD RACING**

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

I was first introduced to horse racing at age 14 when I was living with my aunt and uncle for the summer in Lincoln, Nebraska. I went with my aunt to Ak-Sar-Ben Racecourse in Omaha on their President's Cup day. Nobody in my family had the slightest interest in racing; it was just something to do for an afternoon. The beauty and power of the animals, the roar of the huge crowd as they came down the stretch, winning my first ever bet--\$2 to show on Jujan (paying \$5.60!), instantly captivated me. I returned to my home in Newton, Massachusetts, and showed up at Suffolk Downs. A young, up-and-coming trainer named J.J. Burke III let me walk a few horses around his shedrow on weekends. Almost immediately, I told him my goal was to own a stable of racehorses. A few years later, still a teenager, Kenwood Stables began with \$100,000 in seed capital from family and friends (including \$15,000 of my own money saved from working odds jobs during high school). When we won our first race with Judged Lucky at Suffolk Downs, the screams were so loud that someone told my trainer J.J. Burke they thought either someone had died or someone was having a baby.

When people have asked me over the years what got me interested in racing, I tell them it finds you. Few things let you combine a love of animals, sports, outdoors with the intellectual challenge of handicapping races and analyzing pedigrees and statistics at a sale. There's an old saying that remains true today: most people who say they don't like horse racing have never been to a horse race.

**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?**

Our goal as an industry must be to transmit all the positive things our sport offers to a new generation of racing fans in the very different world we live in today. It's been a lifelong commitment of mine to bring new people into the game. In 2010, I created a program called "Taste of Thoroughbred Ownership" specifically to allow people to experience the thrill of Thoroughbred ownership for just a few thousand dollars. Many syndicates currently in existence do a great job of introducing new people to the sport, a major change from when I began, and the shared ownership model didn't exist. We need to come together collectively to address our problems and repair our public image, by putting the horses and owners first. If we do that, I won't be the last young person to be captivated by this great sport.

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During the entire Fair Grounds’ 2019-2020 Thoroughbred racing season, consenting Louisiana HBPA member owners have contributed \$5 per starter to racehorse aftercare. At the conclusion of the meet, the track will then match that dollar amount. Efforts made during the Fair Grounds’ 12th annual, 10-day summer Quarter Horse Race season resulted in a total race horse aftercare donation of \$6,580.

“The Louisiana HBPA thanks Fair Grounds for matching our members’ donations to help with horse aftercare,” said Edwin Fenasci, executive director of the LAHBPA. “Our members care deeply for our equine athletes and want to help find a place for them after their racing career. The LAHBPA has provided financial grants to great charitable organizations like NTWO and New Vocations. Their efforts in Louisiana have been transformative and we look forward to their continued good work. Fair Grounds matching those funds is vital for the success of aftercare in Louisiana and shows their commitment to help this great effort.”

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**HARVEY'S LIL GOIL** (Bill Mott)

won the **Busanda S.** by 7 1/2 lengths  
**yesterday** at Aqueduct, earning 10 points  
to the Kentucky Oaks

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**IN ORDER OF PURSE:**

**BUSANDA S.**, \$101,000, Aqueduct, 2-2, 3yo, f, 1 1/8m, 1:54.49, ft.

1--**HARVEY'S LIL GOIL**, 118, f, 3, by **American Pharoah**

**1st Dam: Gloria S**, by **Tapit**

**2nd Dam: Arch's Gal Edith**, by **Arch**

**3rd Dam: Force Five Gal**, by **Pleasant Tap**

**1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN.** O-Estate of Harvey A. Clarke & Paul Braverman; B-Harvey A. Clarke (KY); T-William I. Mott; J-Junior Alvarado. \$55,000. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$96,600.

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2--**Water White**, 118, f, 3, Conveyance--Uzume, by Unbridled's Song. (\$50,000 Ylg '18 FTKJUL). O-E.V. Racing Stable; B-Richard Forbush (KY); T-Rudy R. Rodriguez. \$21,000.

3--**Fiftyslays Ofgreen**, 119, f, 3, **Bernardini**--Divine Dispatch, by Touch Gold. (\$100,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP). O-Leonard C. Green & Sean Shay; B-Gainesway Thoroughbreds Ltd. (KY); T-John C. Servis. \$12,000.

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 **Hidden Brook Florida Graduate** 

Margins: 7HF, 1HF, 4 1/4. Odds: 0.75, 3.70, 11.60.

Also Ran: Persisto, Ankle Monitor, Truth Hurts. Scratched: Quality Heat.

Harvey's Lil Goil started a bit slowly, but finished fast to dominate Sunday's Busanda S. at Aqueduct and become the fifth black-type winner for her Triple Crown-winning champion first-crop sire--on his birthday no less. A debut fourth on the local lawn Nov. 9, the grey broke through by an emphatic six-length margin going a mile over this good main track Dec. 12 and was heavily supported to see out a additional furlong for this.

Away last, Harvey's Lil Goil was hung very wide while trying to make up some ground into the first turn.

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Harvey's Lil Goil | Joe Labozzetta

**Busanda S. cont.**

She settled out in the clear behind splits of :25.30 and :50.59, and was given an early cue by Junior Alvarado to sweep to the front entering the home bend. Already several lengths clear by the time she hit the top of the lane, she poured it on from there to dominate her competition. According to Trakus data, Harvey's Lil Goil covered more ground in the Busanda than every also ran, including 56 ft. (approximately 6 1/2 lengths) more than the runner-up.

"She was much the best; I was just the pilot," Alvarado said. "At the half-mile [mark], she switched gears and I let her run along there. She took over and didn't do much... I didn't want to fight with her to make her stand properly [in the gate], but then she hopped at the break a little bit. In a stakes race, that's not what you want, but she was much the best, so it didn't matter."

Leanna Willaford, assistant to winning conditioner Bill Mott, said, "She ran really well and to expectations, or possibly even better. She came back up to us from Florida last week and has been here for a few days. She had been here prior from July until when she broke her maiden, so we know her well. She looks really about the same since she's left and is progressing well, so it's exciting."

The winner is out of an unraced half-sister to 2012 GI Kentucky Derby and GI Preakness S. winner I'll Have Another (Flower Alley), who was also bred by the late **Harvey Clarke**, and to stablemate Golden Award (Medaglia d'Oro), winner of the GIII Turnback the Alarm H. over track and trip in November. Gloria S produced a Cairo Prince colt last February before being bred back to that former Clarke co-owned runner. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**



**IN ORDER OF PURSE:**

**8th-Oaklawn, \$86,000, Alw** (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$80,000), 2-2, 3yo, 6f, 1:10.04, ft.

**LITTLE MENACE (c, 3, Into Mischief--Pay Attention, by Arch)** finished second on debut under the Twin Spires Nov. 2, and romped by 7 3/4 lengths there next out Dec. 1. He was installed as the 5-2 second choice here as the public favored 'TDN Rising Star' Ancient Warrior (Constitution), a clear-cut debut winner for Hall of Famer Jerry Hollendorfer at Del Mar Nov. 23. Away well but conceding the early advantage to the chalk, Little Menace was ridden along to keep pace as he was shuffled back to fourth into the turn. A pair of foes ganged up on the leader entering the lane, but he appeared to have put those two away

as Little Menace swung wide for the stretch drive. Four runners were stacked across the track by midstretch, but Little Menace had all the momentum down the center and got the job done by a head over American Butterfly (American Pharoah). Marvin (Cross Traffic) edged out Ancient Warrior for third. The winner, who was a \$100,000 in utero purchase at KEENOV '16, is out of a half-sister to MGSW and GISP Balance the Books (Lemon Drop Kid). He has a 2-year-old half-brother by Declaration of War. Sales history: \$460,000 Ylg '18 FTSAUG. Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, \$125,012. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

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Little Menace prevails in a blanket finish | Coady Photo

**6th-Oaklawn, \$86,000, Alw, 2-2, (NW1X), 4yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:38.44, ft.**

**GETRIDOFWHATAILESU (f, 4, Ghostzapper--Autobahn Girl {MSW, \$237,299}, by A.P. Indy)**, runner-up when unveiled beneath the Twin Spires Sept. 15, employed closing tactics and went one better sprinting at Keeneland Oct. 12. After a slow beginning and spooking in the stretch, she reported home seventh going a mile back at Churchill Nov. 16. Trying that trip again Sunday, the 9-5 pick loitered near the back of the pack through the early stages. Making inroads toward the front after halfway, she circled the field and came charging up with a bold move 150 yards from the wire, before spurting away to win by 4 1/4 lengths over Rockin Ready (More Than Ready). The winner's dam, a half-sister to MGSW and GI Test S. bridesmaid Hide and Chic (Seeking the Gold), has a juvenile filly by Animal Kingdom. **Cont. p3**

**6th-OP cont.**

Canadian Champion Sprinter Apelia (Cool Victor), a two time graded winner and third in the GI Ballerina S., is the third dam. Sales history: \$160,000 Ylg '17 FTSAUG. Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-0, \$114,397. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

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**6th-Santa Anita, \$63,540, Alw (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 2-2, 4yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2ft, 1:02.83, fm.**

**DEL MAR MAY (f, 4, Jimmy Creed--Big Lou {MSP, \$205,062}, by Malibu Moon)** was second behind Bellafina (Quality Road) in the GII Sorrento S. at Del Mar in 2018, and dominated her 2019 unveiling when breaking through at Keeneland in April. Seventh in the GII Eight Belles S. in the Churchill slop in May, she resurfaced to annex a Del Mar optional claimer Nov. 23 but could only manage sixth last time in the GI La Brea S. here Dec. 28. Let go at 4-1 while trying turf for the first time here, the bay emerged from between foes to grab a narrow advantage into the turn. Straight and strong into the stretch, she stiff-armed a host of pursuers into the lane, holding sway by 1 1/4 lengths over An Eddie Surprise (Square Eddie). Sales history: \$55,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: GSP, 8-3-2-0, \$175,451. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

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**10th-Gulfstream, \$46,400, Alw (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 2-2, 4yo/up, 1 1/8m, 1:49.69, ft.**

**TROPHY CHASER (c, 4, Twirling Candy--European Union, by Successful Appeal)** was beaten a neck when second in the one-mile Mucho Macho Man S. here in January of 2019, but went missing until clearing his first-level allowance condition in August. He was a distant third in Parx's GII's Gallant Bob S. Sept. 21, but a disappointing fourth at odds-on in a Gulfstream Park West optional claimer Nov. 3. Fourth in the OBS Sprint S. on all-weather Nov. 26, he was backed at 2-1 attempting the farthest distance of his career. Breaking out very sharply at the start and impeding several of his rivals, Trophy Chaser recovered himself to track from second through splits of :23.61 and :47.13 and took over after six panels in 1:11.72. He drifted out and struggled a bit with his leads entering the stretch, but was kept after from there to report home 8 1/4 lengths to the good. Scars Are Cool (Malibu Moon) was second. The result of the race was made official without an inquiry or objection. The winner hails from the family of highest-level winners Air Force Blue, Flanders and Surfside. He has a yearling half-brother by Mosler and his dam most recently visited Empire Maker. Sales history: \$35,000 Wlg '16 KEENOV; \$55,000 RNA Ylg '17 KEESEP; \$42,000 2yo '18 OBSMAR. Lifetime Record: GSP, 10-3-3-1, \$183,350. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O-JCA Racing Stable LLC; B-Overbrook Farm & Kildare Stud (KY); T-Juan Carlos Avila.

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**8th-Gulfstream, \$44,000, (S), Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$16,000), 2-2, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:11.44, ft.**

**GREAT SUCCESS (c, 4, Verrazano--Successful Sarah {GSP, \$169,614}, by Successful Appeal)** graduated locally versus state-breds last March and ran second against similar in the Ocala Breeders' Sales Sophomore S. at Tampa later that month. The dark bay has been working steadily at Gulfstream Park West since the beginning of the year, including a five-furlong work in 1:01 2/5 (4/27) Jan. 25. Sent off at 8-5, the second favorite dropped back initially and gave chase from several lengths off the pace behind a :22.94 opening quarter. He made steady progress up the outside and was within striking distance of the leading trio inside the final quarter mile. Kept to his task as Just Kidding (Kiss the Kid) stayed on well along the rail, Great Success ground past that foe inside the final 50 yards to win by a half-length. The winner is a half to C Z Rocket (City Zip), SW, \$239,740. His dam, a half-sister to SW Rosebud's Ridge (Tiger Ridge) and the dam of MGSW Giant Expectations (Frost Giant), was bred to Malibu Moon last spring. Sales history: \$200,000 RNA Ylg '17 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: SP, 3-2-1-0, \$72,200. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Vicente I. Perez & GDS Racing Stable; B-Farm III Enterprises LLC (FL); T-Gustavo Delgado.

**IN ORDER OF PURSE:**

**1st-Santa Anita, \$55,500, Msw, 2-2, 3yo, 7f, 1:22.50, ft.**

**WEST SIDER (c, 3, Uncle Mo--Vied, by Elusive Quality)**, the less fancied of a pair of Bob Baffert first timers, sat a perfect trip and kicked home to prevail by 2 1/2 lengths Sunday. Drafting off of the dueling pair of Candy Fury (Cross Traffic) and Doctrinaire (Wicked Strong) through swift splits of :21.10 and :44.21, the bay took over near the eighth pole and kicked away to a 2 1/2-length success. Candy Fury out-headed Doctrinaire for second. Mastering (Street Sense), the 8-5 favorite and other Baffert pupil, broke very slowly and never recovered to trail the field home. The winner's dam is a half to Grade I winners Overanalyze (Dixie Union) and Meadow Breeze (Meadowlake). She produced a Nyquist filly in 2018 and a Union Rags filly in 2019 before being bred to American Pharoah. Sales history: \$200,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$33,000.

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**3rd-Gulfstream, \$43,700, Msw, 2-2, 3yo, 1mT, 1:35.43, gd.**

**FANCY LIQUOR (c, 3, Lookin At Lucky--Brandys Secret, by Secret Romeo)** battled back gamely after showing the way early to post a 14-1 debut upset. Doling out splits of :23.21, :47.60 and 1:11.96, the homebred was confronted by fellow longshot firster Counterstrike (Street Boss) at the head of the lane. The pair appeared to brush at one point, which seemed to spur on Fancy Liquor, and he punched back to earn the decision by a head. Favored Proven Strategies (Sky Mesa), last seen finishing a close sixth in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf, could only manage third after sitting just in behind the pacesetters early. The winner has a 2-year-old half-sister by Commissioner and a yearling half-sister by Tamarkuz. Her dam was bred back to Da Big Hoss. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$25,800. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

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**5th-Gulfstream, \$43,000, Msw, 2-2, 3yo, f, 1mT, 1:37.31, gd.**  
**SEA OF BLUE (f, 3, Midshipman--Surf Club, by Ocean Crest)**, away since finishing a distant fifth behind 'TDN Rising Star' and next-out GI Frizette S. winner Wicked Whisper (Liam's Map) sprinting on the Saratoga main track Aug. 25, grabbed command early and never looked back in this first turf and two-turn attempt. Off at 7-1 while breaking from the rail, the homebred zipped through splits of :23 flat and :47.44 without facing much pressure. A number of rivals began to mount bids at the top of the stretch, but Sea of Blue kept finding to repel them all by a length. Trapezium (Hard Spun) made a good, wide run to be second. The well-bred winner is half to Baffled (Distorted Humor), GSP--the dam of sire sensation and MGISW Constitution (Tapit) and two other grade/group winners; Spring Party (Smart Strike), SW, \$202,077, the dam of last year's GIII Sycamore S. upsetter Marzo (Medaglia d'Oro); 'TDN Rising Star' Emcee (Unbridled's Song), GISW, \$479,900; Surfer (Distorted Humor), GSW & G1SP-UAE, \$440,329; and a 2-year-old colt by Distorted Humor. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$29,400. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**  
 O/B-Godolphin (KY); T-Kieran P. McLaughlin.

**6th-Gulfstream, \$43,000, Msw, 2-2, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:11.01, ft.**

**EVE OF WAR (f, 3, Declaration of War--Special Thanks, by Broken Vow)** was pounded down to even-money off a steady, if not overly quick series of drills at Palm Beach Downs ([click for XBTV video](#)), but she showed plenty of zip in the afternoon to run up the score Sunday. Slicing through foes soon after the start to take over, she sped away by several lengths heading to the turn and always appeared in a race of her own from that point forward. Ridden out with hands and heels after posting a :46.11 half, she cruised to the line 7 1/2 lengths to the good of firster and \$400,000 KEESEP yearling Skinny Dip (Into Mischief). The winner's dam is the first foal out of an unraced daughter of MGSW Bedanken (Geri) who cost \$115,000 as a yearling. Her Street Sense filly cost just \$22,000 at the 2019 Keeneland September sale. After producing an Air Force Blue filly last season she was bred back to Hard Spun. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$25,800. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Treadway Racing Stable; B-Jeff Treadway (KY); T-Todd A. Pletcher.

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**Mudaarab**, g, 6, **Distorted Humor**--Middle Club (GB) (MSP-Eng, GSW-Fr, GSP-Ity, \$254,972), by Fantastic Light. Abu Dhabi, 2-2, Hcp. (AED100k), 2200mT, 2:15.53. B-Grousemont Farm (KY).

**VIDEO.** \*\$450,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP.

**Mozu Ascot**, h, 6, **Frankel (GB)**. See "TDN Europe p1".

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**4th-Santa Anita, \$69,620**, (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 2-2, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8mT, 1:48.57, fm.

**OPUS WON (f, 4, Eddington--Russian River, by Stravinsky)**  
Lifetime Record: 10-4-2-1, \$213,570. O-Little Red Feather Racing; B-Frank Mermenstein & Tom McCrocklin (CA); T-Richard Baltas. \*1/2 to Marckie's Water (Tribal Rule), GSW, \$517,034.

**5th-Santa Anita, \$68,602**, (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 2-2, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:09.64, ft.

**TIGER DAD (g, 4, Smiling Tiger--Q T Shae, by Unusual Heat)**  
Lifetime Record: 12-3-4-2, \$190,881. O-Mark Devereaux & Scott Gross; B-Mark Devereaux & Scott & Mark Gross (CA); T-Carla Gaines.

**9th-Santa Anita, \$60,000**, (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 2-1, 4yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:34.42, fm.

**BODHICITTA (GB) (f, 4, Showcasing {GB}--Solfilia {GB}, by Teofilo {Ire})** Lifetime Record: 12-2-3-1, \$80,408. O-Calvin Nguyen; B-Fonthill Farms & Mr & Mrs A. Scott (GB); T-Richard Baltas. \*£55,000 Ylg '17 GOUKPR; £100,000 2yo '18 GOFBRE; 60,000gns 3yo '19 TATHIT.

**4th-Laurel, \$51,408**, 2-2, (NW1X), 3yo, 1m, 1:38.62, ft.

**PITCHING ARI (g, 3, Danza--Pretty Clear, by Mr. Prospector)**  
Lifetime Record: 8-4-0-2, \$124,119. O-Joseph E. Besecker; B-A. G. Chaudry (MD); T-Claudio A. Gonzalez. \*4th consecutive victory.

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**ROYAL MESA (c, 4, Sky Mesa--Flashy Campaign {SP, \$140,860}, by Political Force)** Lifetime Record: SP, 10-3-3-1, \$186,281. O/B-Jerry Namy (KY); T-Philip A. Sims.

**3rd-Sam Houston Race, \$37,000**, (S), 2-1, (NW1X), 4yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:39.52, fm.

**HERBS LOVE (f, 4, Etesaal--Totally Vested, by Siphon {Brz})** Lifetime Record: 13-3-3-3, \$53,520. O-Sam Sherman; B-Joe Keith Davis (TX); T-Danny Pish.

**5th-Sam Houston Race, \$37,000**, 2-1, (NW1X), 4yo/up, 5fT, :59.15, fm.

**EXCITING (g, 4, Midnight Lute--Holy Flapper, by Holy Bull)** Lifetime Record: 13-4-2-4, \$69,939. O-Timothy C. Guidry; B-Peter E. Blum Thoroughbreds, LLC (KY); T-Karl Broberg. \*1/2 to Fiesta (Speightstown), SW, \$181,575.

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**8th-Sunland, \$30,600**, (S), 2-2, (NW2L), 3yo, f, 5 1/2f, 1:03.68, ft.

**TIGHT FITTIN JEANS (f, 3, Shame On Charlie--Curvy Kitten, by Ministers Wild Cat)** Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, \$59,960. O-Greg & Delinda M. Green & Corie O'Connor; B-Greg & Delinda Green (NM); T-Greg Green.

**7th-Charles Town, \$29,000**, (S), 2-1, (NW3L), 4yo/up, 7f, 1:26.35, ft.

**DR. TUCKER (g, 7, Great Notion--Follow the Queen, by Not For Love)** Lifetime Record: 11-3-2-3, \$67,788. O/T-Gary L. Williams, Jr.; B-Gary L. Williams (WV). \*Full to Follow the Notion, SW, \$259,040.

**4th-Charles Town, \$28,000**, 2-1, (NW1X), 4yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:26.51, ft.

**SURFER GIRL CENTS (f, 4, Goldencents--My Surfer Girl, by Henny Hughes)** Lifetime Record: 7-4-0-0, \$43,400. O-Dividing Ridge Farm; B-Dividing Ridge Farm & Travis Coomer (KY); T-Aaron M. West.

**6th-Charles Town, \$28,000**, (S), 2-1, (NW1X), 4yo/up, f/m, 4 1/2f, :53.40, ft.

**SANGRIA SWEET (m, 5, Unbridled Energy--Scottish Kitten, by Kitten's Joy)** Lifetime Record: 19-8-1-0, \$70,651. O-Robert L. Cole, Jr.; B-Williams Racing Corp (WV); T-Kevin S. Patterson.

**7th-Tampa Bay Downs, \$22,000**, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$16,000), 2-2, 4yo/up, f/m, 5fT, :57.60, gd.

**TRACY ANN'S LEGACY (f, 4, Shackleford--Tenacious Tripp, by Trippi)** Lifetime Record: 12-4-4-3, \$116,620. O/T-Juan Arriagada; B-Bridle Oaks Farm Inc. (FL). \*\$27,000 2yo '18 OBSOPN.

#### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Connie's Linda**, f, 3, **Abstraction--Cherokee Jane**, by Yonaguska. Sunland, 2-2, (S), 1m, 1:40.19. B-Frank Bemis (NM).

**David's Gem**, c, 3, **Gemologist--Chokonni**, by Arch. Aqueduct, 2-2, (C), 6 1/2f, 1:20.54. B-John Liviakis (KY). \*\$42,000 RNA 2yo '19 OBSAPR.

**Hamazing Wisdom**, g, 3, **Hamazing Destiny--Twice as Wise**, by Lion Heart. Oaklawn, 2-2, (S), 6f, 1:12.75. B-Starfish Stable, LLC (AR). \*1ST-TIME STARTER.

**No Mas Tequila**, f, 3, **Northern Afleet--Foxy Boss**, by Street Boss. Sam Houston Race, 2-1, (S), 6f, 1:11.89. B-Ronald & Margaret Ellerbee (TX). \*\$29,000 RNA Ylg '18 TTAMIX; \$21,000 2yo '19 TTAAPR.

**Order for Porky**, c, 3, **Uncle Mo--Jessi Take Charge**, by War Chant. Laurel, 2-2, 1m, 1:39.52. B-The Elkstone Group LLC (KY). \*1/2 to Northern Giant (Giant's Causeway), GSP, \$301,255.

**Fully Aware**, f, 3, **Violence--Dance Studio**, by Bertrando. Oaklawn, 2-2, (C), 6f, 1:11.51. B-Hugh Moore & Everett Dyer (KY). \*\$28,000 RNA Ylg '18 KEEJAN; \$130,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP. \*\*1ST-TIME STARTER. \*\*\*1/2 to Zooming (After Market), SW, \$115,891.

**Hallmark Girl**, f, 4, **Bodemeister--Katana** (NZ) (Hwt. 3yo Filly-NZ, SW & G1SP-NZ), by Volksraad (GB). Sam Houston Race, 2-1, (C), 5fT, :59.44. B-SF Racing Group Inc (KY). \*\$135,000 Wlg '16 KEENOV; \$190,000 RNA Ylg '17 KEESEP; \$225,000 Ylg '17 FTKOCT. \*\*1/2 to Broken Sword (Broken Vow), GSW & GISP, \$277,060.

**Quickflash**, g, 4, **Flashback--Stay Composed**, by Bernstein. Aqueduct, 2-2, (S), 6f, 1:12.73. B-Apache Farm LLC (NY). \*\$150,000 Ylg '17 SARAUG.

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**ABSTRACTION**, Connie's Linda, f, 3, o/o Cherokee Jane, by Yonaguska. MSW, 2-2, Sunland

**AIKENITE**, Nashvegas, c, 3, o/o Littlegreatone, by Bernardini. WMC, 2-2, Oaklawn

**AMERICAN PHAROAH**, Harvey's Lil Goil, f, 3, o/o Gloria S, by Tapit. Busanda S., 2-2, Aqueduct

**BODEMEISTER**, Hallmark Girl, f, 4, o/o Katana (Nz), by Volksraad (GB). MCL, 2-1, Sam Houston

**DANZA**, Pitching Ari, g, 3, o/o Pretty Clear, by Mr. Prospector. ALW, 2-2, Laurel

**DECLARATION OF WAR**, Eve of War, f, 3, o/o Special Thanks, by Broken Vow. MSW, 2-2, Gulfstream

**EDDINGTON**, Opus Won, f, 4, o/o Russian River, by Stravinsky. AOC, 2-2, Santa Anita

**ETESAAL**, Herbs Love, f, 4, o/o Totally Vested, by Siphon (Brz). ALW, 2-1, Sam Houston

**FLASHBACK**, Quickflash, g, 4, o/o Stay Composed, by Bernstein. MSW, 2-2, Aqueduct

**GEMOLOGIST**, David's Gem, c, 3, o/o Chokonni, by Arch. MCL, 2-2, Aqueduct

**GHOSTZAPPER**, Getridofwhatailesu, f, 4, o/o Autobahn Girl, by A.P. Indy. ALW, 2-2, Oaklawn

**GOLDENCENTS**, Surfer Girl Cents, f, 4, o/o My Surfer Girl, by Henny Hughes. ALW, 2-1, Charles Town

**GREAT NOTION**, Dr. Tucker, g, 7, o/o Follow the Queen, by Not For Love. ALW, 2-1, Charles Town

**HAMAZING DESTINY**, Hamazing Wisdom, g, 3, o/o Twice as Wise, by Lion Heart. MSW, 2-2, Oaklawn

**INTO MISCHIEF**, Little Menace, c, 3, o/o Pay Attention, by Arch. AOC, 2-2, Oaklawn

**JIMMY CREED**, Del Mar May, f, 4, o/o Big Lou, by Malibu Moon. AOC, 2-2, Santa Anita

**LOOKIN AT LUCKY**, Fancy Liquor, c, 3, o/o Brandys Secret, by Secret Romeo. MSW, 2-2, Gulfstream

**MIDNIGHT LUTE**, Exciting, g, 4, o/o Holy Flapper, by Holy Bull. ALW, 2-1, Sam Houston

**MIDSHIPMAN**, Sea of Blue, f, 3, o/o Surf Club, by Ocean Crest. MSW, 2-2, Gulfstream

**NORTHERN AFLEET**, No Mas Tequila, f, 3, o/o Foxy Boss, by Street Boss. MSW, 2-1, Sam Houston

**SHACKLEFORD**, Tracy Ann's Legacy, f, 4, o/o Tenacious Tripp, by Trippi. AOC, 2-2, Tampa Bay

**SHAME ON CHARLIE**, Tight Fittin Jeans, f, 3, o/o Curvy Kitten, by Ministers Wild Cat. ALW, 2-2, Sunland



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**SHOWCASING (GB)**, Bodhicitta (GB), f, 4, o/o Solfilia (GB), by Teofilo (Ire). AOC, 2-1, Santa Anita

**SKY MESA**, Royal Mesa, c, 4, o/o Flashy Campaign, by Political Force. ALW, 2-1, Turfway

**SMILING TIGER**, Tiger Dad, g, 4, o/o Q T Shae, by Unusual Heat. AOC, 2-2, Santa Anita

**TWIRLING CANDY**, Trophy Chaser, c, 4, o/o European Union, by Successful Appeal. AOC, 2-2, Gulfstream

**UNBRIDLED ENERGY**, Sangria Sweet, m, 5, o/o Scottish Kitten, by Kitten's Joy. ALW, 2-1, Charles Town

**UNCLE MO**, Order for Porky, c, 3, o/o Jessi Take Charge, by War Chant. MSW, 2-2, Laurel

**UNCLE MO**, West Sider, c, 3, o/o Vied, by Elusive Quality. MSW, 2-2, Santa Anita

**VERRAZANO**, Great Success, c, 4, o/o Successful Sarah, by Successful Appeal. AOC, 2-2, Gulfstream

**VIOLENCE**, Fully Aware, f, 3, o/o Dance Studio, by Bertrando. MCL, 2-2, Oaklawn

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## DAVISON KEEPING IT SIMPLE



Trainer Jack Davison | *Racing Post*

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Killarkin Stud has a rich history that Jack Davison knows well. Living in a cottage next to the stables named A1 after the foundation mare that helped to build the place is an everyday reminder of the success that has gone before him.

His grandfather Walton Davison purchased the farm in the late 1950s from where, among others, he bred Group 1 winners Hot Spark (Ire) and Steel Heart (Ire) who--at 72,000gns and 71,000gns, respectively--were the highest-priced colts of their generation, putting Killarkin Stud right to the top of the consignors' list at the yearling sales of 1973, and certainly not for the last time.

Incidentally, both colts were by Habitat who has become widely regarded as one of the greatest broodmare sires in recent history and who Walton, together with his great friend Tim Rogers, was responsible for syndicating: a concept which, in the early 1970s, was way ahead of the curve.

A famed veterinarian, Walton Davison was a master at getting 'tricky' mares in foal, an expertise that served him well when it came to his own broodmare band which included blue hens A1 (GB) and Garvey Girl (GB) and was apparently enhanced by other people's 'infertile' cast-offs.

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## FRANKEL SIRES FIRST DIRT STAKES WINNER

**Mozu Ascot** (Frankel {GB}) became the first black-type winner and group winner on dirt for Juddmonte's brilliant Frankel, as he saluted by 1 1/4 lengths over favoured MGSW **Copano Kicking** (Spring at Last) in the G3 Negishi S. at Tokyo on Sunday. It was the 6-year-old entire's first try over the surface.

Winless since taking the 2018 G1 Yasuda Kinen, Mozu Ascot had performed with credit since then and was second two starts back in the G2 Swan S. on Oct. 26. Fourteenth after a wide trip in the G1 Mile Championship last out, the Kentucky-bred completely missed the break. Recovering to perch out in the middle of the track in midpack for the backstretch run, the 8-1 shot followed a :34.90 600-metre split.

Looping the field five deep on the far turn, he produced a strong stretch drive, tackled the aforementioned dirt specialist Copano Kicking (who had won last year's Negishi S.) inside the final 100 metres, and kicked away to win well. [Cont. p7](#)

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**Jack Davison Cont. from p1**

Jack Davison, who takes Walton as his middle name, sadly never got to meet the grandfather he knows so much about but he's been told he shares his obsessive nature, and on entering Killarkin Stud now one has the feeling that no stone has been left unturned.

"The yard is cleaner than my bedroom," he jokes. "I just like things done a certain way."

Often equipped with a cheeky grin more akin to a scrum half than a racehorse trainer, it is no surprise to learn that Davison was a talented rugby player in his schooldays but "when the other lads got too big" it was horse racing that became the focus for this sporting enthusiast.

A graduate of Equine Science at UCD, Davison spent his university summers in Kentucky at Gerry Dilger's Dromoland Farm as well as at Lane's End Farm, and worked part-time during term time at Shadwell's Derrinstown Stud. Two years on the Godolphin Flying Start course followed.

"In that bubble, surrounded by the very best trainers and breeders in the world, I took notes on everything," he says. "I probably wrote down the entire syllabus. You see, when I'm into something I make it intense because I want to get the most out of it."

The diligent student went on to work for Jim Bolger, or simply "The Boss" as he refers to him--a moniker rarely discarded by those who have served under Bolger's tutelage. "It was a tough station after the Flying Start but I wanted [to] get right back to the coal face. I love working and it was hard going but a real-world foundation to training in Ireland," Davison says.

With a CV that reads like a who's who of the Thoroughbred industry, Davison also worked for Gai Waterhouse in Australia before returning to his birthplace to work for breeze-up consignor Brendan Holland of Grove Stud, whom he credits most for the processes he uses in his training today.

"Maybe it was because I had so many ideas and had learned many ways of doing things that my time at Grove came just at the right point, when I needed some clarity," he reflects. "I'm talking about things like the importance of routine, feeding and doing the basics well over and over. I tuned into those kinds of fundamentals at Grove and I suppose I base my training regime on them."

When Davison initially returned to Killarkin Stud in 2016 he was prepping his parents' yearlings for the sales and, given his family's rich history in breeding and consigning, perhaps this would have been the most logical career option.

"Breeding or consigning would have been the more natural route, but I was born competitive and always wanted to win. My head was saying breeding, but my heart was saying racing. That was where the passion was, I just loved seeing horses at their work," he says. **Cont. p3**

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### Jack Davison Cont.

It is a passion that is plain to see and with a sense that whatever Davison put his mind to would be a success, it turns out that he wasn't bad at consigning either. Among the crop of yearlings in 2016 was a homebred Elzaam (Aus) colt out of Big Swifty (Ire) who, at €95,000, topped the second day of Tattersalls Ireland's September Yearling Sale and, from a covering fee of €3,500 was a huge return on investment. That sales topper went on to be a smart maiden winner at Naas for Adrian Keatley named London Icon (Ire), achieving a rating of 103 at three before being sold to Hong Kong where he remains competitive. It was this early association with London Icon that triggered what was to come.

Davison says, "I used to hand-walk him every day and he was such a machine to work, such a hardy horse. I remember hand-walking him around the field and thinking 'I'd love to put a saddle on your back,' and the next year his half-sister came along and I thought 'well, I'm going training if you're coming down the line.' We came to realise London Icon was pretty fast so that definitely added to the incentive to go training."



Jack Davison, Vanessa Maye and Tom Madden with Mias Comet after winning a Cork handicap in October | *Racing Post*

That half-sister was **Black Magic Woman (Ire)** (Camacho {GB}), who fittingly afforded the fledging trainer with his first winner, a competitive maiden at Dundalk.

Homebred fillies provided the kindling that Davison needed to get going and while a high percentage of the horses in his yard today are owned or leased to him by his parents, it was a filly he bought at the sales for just €15,000 that ultimately paid for the installation of his gallop.

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# The Guineas.

Run over Newmarket's Rowley Mile, it's a renowned 'sire-making' race won by the likes of leading European sires **Frankel**, **Sea The Stars** and **Camelot**. Last season **Footstepsinthesand** was responsible for two of the best two-year-old colts in Europe while **Gleneagles** and **Night of Thunder** both made exceptional starts with their first two-year-old crops.

This bodes well for the stud careers of the last three winners who were all vastly superior to their rivals. They're by three proven sires of sires, from great families and were all top-class two-year-olds to boot.



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**Jack Davison Cont.**

"I started on a restricted licence for two months and had two fillies. One that never won but was placed loads of times and the other we bought for €15,000, came third first time out and we sold for good money, really good profit. Her name was Rayita (Ire). Me being me, that was all capital to reinvest. I find the way I get the best out of myself is to put myself under pressure. So, every penny we got was capital and with it I thought 'right, I'm going to put a full gallop in and kick on with getting my full licence and try to do this thing properly, professionally and see what happens."

That initial investment appears to be paying off with a stable that is on the up, growing from just "six or seven" horses in 2019 to 20 in 2020. Still a small stable, one can't help thinking that Davison is punching well above his weight.

Among the group of six or seven last year were "box office" horses, as he refers to them, **Fresnel (GB)** (Sea The Stars {Ire}), who ran a strong fourth in the G3 Tattersalls Musidora S. at York and dual black-type earner Black Magic Woman. Both now rated in the high 90s, they remain in training this year.

Careful not to "jinx" any big plans he has for the year to come, Davison explains, "Fresnel won first time out in Dundalk at massive odds. By Sea The Stars, she has a good pedigree behind her which was a big help and I'm grateful to the McStays for sending her to me; they took a chance on a rookie

and it remains to be seen whether it's really paid off but they're giving me another year with her. She's been fourth in four black-type races. It would be lovely if we could be back at Royal Ascot with both Fresnel and Black Magic Woman, but I wouldn't be a fan of running a horse in the big meeting just for the sake of it. I want them be competitive and to feel good about themselves." [Cont. p5](#)

I FIND THE WAY I GET THE BEST OUT OF MYSELF IS TO PUT MYSELF UNDER PRESSURE.

Jack Davison

**FACTS**

A new G1 winner this year – that's his 15th so far! – plus **three million-dollar yearlings in Australia** where his three-year-old crop includes three G1-winning colts.

**OPINION**

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**Jack Davison Cont.**

He continues, "It's also fantastic to be training for Garrett Freyne. I've got five for him now including Outside Inside (Ire), who won in early January. When she came to me she was regressive and now she's progressive. Everyone in the yard has helped turn her around and she could be a filly for the Lincoln. We might just sneak her in."

Another filly he hopes to improve is a daughter of Showcasing (GB), **Shorter Skirt (GB)**, whom he purchased at last year's Tattersalls Horses-in-Training Sale on behalf of his late aunt, Mary Davison, who died unexpectedly at the beginning of the year and was the co-breeder of the Group 2 winner and sire Ivawood (Ire) (Zebedee {GB}). With some willing from above no doubt, the Showcasing filly will now compete in Mary's memory for a syndicate made up of her friends.

It is clear that every bit of success that Davison has had to date he's worked hard for but he's quick to reference the help of



**Black Magic Woman** | *Racing Post*

others and most importantly his family.

"It's a family thing," he says. "When I started out there were a few homebred fillies that [my parents] had bred that weren't worth a whole lot but we quite liked them so I was like 'well, we're not giving them away. I'll train them'. **Glow Worm (Ire)** went to the sales and we bought her back for a grand. She might not be the prettiest or perfect in front, but she can gallop. She was placed five times last year and ran second and third to some really good fillies. **Madaket Mystery (Ire)** is another who was third in three maidens--good maidens--and to be placed in a maiden in Ireland more often than not you might have won it in England. The competition running in those maidens is fierce.

"Of course, a place is not the same as a win, but it says something about you and people take note. In Ireland, the more races you can get placed in the better and eventually the winners will come I'm sure."

**Cont. p6**



The European Champion juvenile who is by the **leading first-crop sire** of his generation who in turn is also by the **leading freshman sire**, who in turn is by the **leading first-season sire** of his day. *Can you see a pattern emerging?*

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Clearly amazing

**Jack Davison Cont.**

Davison has not had too long to wait given that he's already been in the winner's circle this year, and with 50% of his runners in 2019 coming home with a place, people are certainly beginning to take note.

So, what's the key to it all? "Simplicity," he says. "The more I do this, the more relaxed I've become because I've concentrated on keeping things simple. I'll then tinker with a bit of detail because of course that's important, but the main thing is keeping everything simple. We turn everything out here, we feed them well, we keep them warm and put good riders on their back. We just always want them to be happy in their work and exercise. The happier they are the more they do for you."

When asked what the ultimate goal is, quick as a flash "champion trainer" is the response, but in customarily understated style Davison is swift to backtrack.

"I'm a realist though and in reality, I just want to do as well as I can with the horses I have," he says. "Of course, the competitor in me wants to train 100 horses one day which means more winners and to me that's more fun and will bring more satisfaction. Right now though, we are busy putting together a nice team of staff and horses so that's where my focus is. I've got a long way to go but I'd like to think that we've made a decent start."

And if he continues as he's begun, Jack Walton Davison might just be a name we see in lights one day. Undoubtedly his namesake would be very proud.

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## EUROPEAN NEWS

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**LUCIANO GAUCCI PASSES AWAY AT 81**

Italian entrepreneur and sportsman Luciano Gucci passed away in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic on Saturday, Gianluca di Marzio reported on Feb. 1. President of the Perugia football club from 1991 to 2004, the Italian was 81. Gucci was also a past president of football clubs Sambenedettese, Viterbo and Catania and vice-president of Rome.

"Luciano Gucci has died," Former Perugia Sporting Director Ermanno Pieroni told Gianluca di Marzio. "I recently learned the news from his son Riccardo....He just wanted to win. He did not admit defeat. Had he been the coach, he would have played with 10 forwards." [Cont. p7](#)



Faugheen and Paul Townend en route to victory in the Grade 1 Flogas Novice Chase at Leopardstown. | [racingfotos.com](http://racingfotos.com)

**Luciano Gaucci Cont.**

Also active in Thoroughbred racing, Luciano owned the farm Allevamento White Star. He reached his zenith as an owner with 1988 G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe (video) hero Tony Bin (Ire) (Kampala {GB}), who won another five races at the top level and would go on to be a successful sire in Japan. He raced 1991 G1 Dewhurst S. victor Dr. Devious (Ire) (Ahoonora {GB}). That colt, sold to Sidney Craig after his juvenile season, would go on to win the 1992 G1 Epsom Derby.

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Mozu Ascot strides away at Tokyo on Sunday | Horsephotos

**Sunday, Tokyo, Japan**

**NEGISHI S.-G3**, ¥72,830,000 (US\$671,990/£508,905/€605,735), Tokyo, 2-2, 4yo/up, 1400m, 1:22.70, gd.

1--**MOZU ASCOT**, 128, h, 6, **Frankel (GB)**

1st Dam: **India (MGSW-US, \$630,859)**, by **Hennessy**

2nd Dam: **Misty Hour**, by **Miswak**

3rd Dam: **Our Tina Marie**, by **Nijinsky II**

(\$275,000 RNA Ylg '15 KEESEP). O-Capital System; B-Summer Wind Farm (KY); T- Yoshito Yahagi; J-Christophe Lemaire.

¥38,581,000. Lifetime Record: G1SW-Jpn, 20-6-5-0. \*1/2 to Kareena (Medaglia d'Oro), SW-US, \$148,000. **Werk Nick**

**Rating: C+**. [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#)



LANE'S END SALES GRADUATE



**THOROSTRIDE**—featured horse

2--**Copano Kicking**, 128, g, 5, Spring At Last--Celadon, by Gold Halo(Jpn). (\$19,000 RNA Ylg '16 KEESEP; \$100,000 2yo '17 FTFMAR). O-Sachiaki Kobayashi; B-Reiley McDonald (KY); ¥15,166,000.



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3--**Smart Avalon (Jpn)**, 123, h, 8, South Vigorous--Suzuka Bloom (Jpn), by Scatter the Gold. (¥6,000,000 Wlg '12 JRHAJUL).

O-Toru Okawa; B-Grand Farm (Jpn); ¥9,583,000.

Margins: 1 1/4, 1, 3/4. Odds: 8.90, 0.90, 38.00.

Also Ran: Danon Face (Jpn), Wide Pharaoh (Jpn), T O Genius (Jpn), Nobo Baccara (Jpn), Wonder Lider (Jpn), Bullbear Iride (Jpn), Kafuji Take (Jpn), Mikki Wild (Jpn), Adler (Jpn), I O Helios, Dream Kirari, Yoshio (Jpn), Sun Grass (Jpn).

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**Pedigree Notes**

One of 10 Group 1 winners for his Banstead Manor Stud-based sire, Mozu Ascot is a half-brother to Kareena (Medaglia d'Oro), who won the Listed Jersey Girl S. over the Monmouth dirt. His dam, GII Cotillion Breeders' Cup H. heroine India foaled the unraced fillies I Thee Wed (Hard Spun) and Silver Strand (Frosted) in 2017 and 2018, respectively. A half-sister to SW Pilfer (Deputy Minister), she was covered by Quality Road last spring. Besides winning the Listed Go For Wand S., Pilfer is responsible for dirt winners: GI Woodward S. and GI Cigar Mile H. hero To Honor and Serve (Bernardini), GI Chandelier S. victress Angela Renee (Bernardini) and SW and GI Donn H. third Elnaawi (Street Sense).

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**Sunday, Kyoto, Japan**

**SILK ROAD S.-G3, ¥75,540,000**

(US\$696,995/£527,841/€628,275), Kyoto, 2-2, 4yo/up, 1200mT, 1:09.00, fm.

**1--A WILL A WAY (Jpn), 121, f, 4, Just a Way (Jpn)**

**1st Dam: Will Power (Jpn), by King Kamehameha (Jpn)**

**2nd Dam: Hollywood Wildcat, by Kris S.**

**3rd Dam: Miss Wildcatter, by Mr. Prospector**

**1ST GROUP WIN.** O-Katsumi Yoshida; B-Northern Farm (Jpn); T-Tomokazu Takano; J-Yuga Kawada. ¥39,658,000. Lifetime Record: 10-4-1-1. \*1/2 to Indy Champ (Jpn) (Stay Gold {Jpn}), Ch. Sprinter & Miler-Jpn, MG1SW-Jpn, \$3,319,265. **Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree. Werk Nick Rating: A+++.** \*Triple Plus\*.

**2--Eighteen Girl (Jpn), 117, f, 4, Johannesburg--Center Gran Tasse (Jpn), by Agnes Tachyon (Jpn). O-Yasushi Nakayama; B-Shono Farm (Jpn); ¥16,188,000.**

**3--Naran Huleg (Jpn), 119, c, 4, Gold Allure (Jpn)--Kelley's Beauty (Jpn), by Brian's Time. O-Kimio Saijo; B-Setsuko Sakato (Jpn); ¥9,894,000.**

Margins: NK, NK, 3/4. Odds: 6.20, 8.10, 13.80.

Also Ran: Mozu Superflare, Seiun Kosei (Jpn), Loving Answer (Jpn), Joyful (Jpn), Happy Hour (Jpn), Peisha Felicita (Jpn), Daimei Princess (Jpn), Karakurenai (Jpn), Deep Diver (Jpn), Teehaff (Jpn), Dimdl (Jpn), Vip Lively (Jpn), Love Kampf (Jpn), Daishin Balkan (Jpn), Red en Ciel (Jpn).

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## GALILEO'S GROWING INFLUENCE IN AUSTRALIA



Galileo | Coolmore Stud

By John Boyce

**Galileo's (Ire)** reputation as a sire needs no introduction. However, he's starting to build an equally impressive record as a broodmare sire in both hemispheres.

When Godolphin's Street Cry (Ire) colt Saamid (GB) won the G2 Champagne S. at Doncaster in 2010 it was the start of a story that still has a long way to run. Saamid was the first stakes winner out of a daughter of Galileo, and he followed up a year later with his first Group 1 winner when La Collina (Ire) took the Phoenix S. Nearly 10 years on, the Coolmore star is rising through the ranks of great broodmare sires at such a rate it's quite startling.

Globally, he's chasing down Danehill's (USA) 74 Group 1 winners and his own sire Sadler's Wells' (USA) exceptional tally of 403 stakes winners. With 30 Group 1 winners and 164 stakes winners already in the bag, Galileo has plenty of ground to make up, but the rate at which his daughters are producing major winners suggests he'll get there in the end, no doubt aided by the fact that he's still siring blue-blooded filly foals.

At the same point in his career, Sadler's Wells was way behind that sort of pace which is understandable given the smaller book sizes of the day. He had sired the dams of 65 stakes winners and 10 Group 1 winners by the time he'd turned 20.

Galileo's 30 Group 1 winners are split 20 to 10 in favour of his daughters' Northern Hemisphere runners. And 20 Northern Hemisphere Group 1 winners is better than any sire born since 1990, with the exception of Pivotal (GB)--foaled five years

earlier--who has 22. But given that Galileo was born at the back end of the 1990s, his tally is all the more impressive, and rather ironically it is Galileo that is fuelling Pivotal's own success as a broodmare sire, siring six of his 22 Group 1 winners.

Any thought of an unfair advantage Galileo derives from the large number of fillies he's sired can be quickly countered by the rate in which his daughters produce stakes winners. His 125 Northern Hemisphere foaled stakes come at a rate of 7.8%, which is a better percentage than the vast majority of stallions can muster in their primary careers.

To put this achievement in context, we can compare his numbers to Pivotal's who has also gone over 100 stakes winners, siring 102 at a rate of 6.3% as a broodmare sire. Going back in time when foal crops were smaller and more select, Sadler's Wells managed 6.8%, while Darshaan (GB)--Europe's most effect broodmare sire by this measure--sired an eye-catching 9.2% stakes winners to runners.

### Locally Produced Daughters

In Australia, where Galileo stood for five consecutive seasons at the outset of his career, he has also been making significant headway of late, but his locally produced daughters were never going to be numerous enough to build and maintain his profile as a broodmare sire there. Of his 10 Group 1 winners in the Southern Hemisphere so far, seven are from European families, headed by multiple Group 1 winner The Autumn Sun, rated 126 by Timeform and therefore one of the very best from a Galileo mare anywhere in the world.

Since 2015, there have been no younger broodmare sires in Australia with as many Group 1 winners, which is quite a remarkable feat given he hasn't stood in Australia for nearly a decade and a half.



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**The Autumn Sun** | Bronwen Healy

On this evidence, we can expect even more of his younger European daughters to head south in the coming years.

Of course every good broodmare sire needs a foil. One or two key stallions that suit a sire's daughters can light up his career. For Darshaan, that sire was Sadler's Wells, who sired eight of his 45 Group 1 winners. For Danehill it was Galileo who sired 15 of his 39 Group 1 winners north of the equator. For Galileo himself, that honour goes to Fastnet Rock, who is responsible for seven of his 30 Group 1 winners, three in Australia and four in Europe. His partnership with Fastnet Rock in Europe is remarkable in that 10 of 31 runners (32%) are stakes winners and seven (23%) are group winners. Moreover, seven of his 10 European stakes winners out of Galileo mares are fillies.

Coolmore has also found a rich vein using War Front (USA) on their Galileo mare Misty For Me (Ire) to produce Group 1 winners US Navy Flag (USA) and Roly Poly (USA) and he's also sire of Canadian Group 1 winner Fog Of War (USA) from a daughter of Galileo.

Dubawi (Ire) (sire of promising young sire Night Of Thunder (Ire) and Group 1 winner Ghaiyyath (Ire)), and Declaration of War (USA) (sire of recent Australian Group 1 winners Warning and Winning Ways) are the only other sires with two or more Group 1 winners from daughters of Galileo. His daughters are

also extremely versatile though, having produced stakes winners by 92 different sires. They're clearly a great fit for the fast stallions of Australia and were always going to suit the European pattern.

Galileo is just about to overhaul Danehill to become the outright leading sire of worldwide Group 1 winners and you wouldn't bet against him deposing his former great stud companion as the world's leading broodmare sire of Group 1 winners either.



**IN HONG KONG:**

**Hong Kong Win**, g, 4, **Mossman**--With Apologies, by Testa Rossa. Sha Tin, 2-2, Hcp. (\$279k), 1000m, :56.53. B-J M Cappellin (Vic). \*\$110,000 Ylg '17 INGFEb. **VIDEO**

**Joyful Heart**, g, 4, **Smart Missile**--Snowy World, by Spinning World (USA). Sha Tin, 2-2, Hcp. (\$186k), 1400m, 1:21.70. B-P Jenkins (NSW). \*\$75,000 Ylg '17 INGFEb; \$280,000 2yo '17 INGRTR. **VIDEO**

**Inner Flame**, g, 4, **Zoustar**--Assertive Sound, by Zeditave. Sha Tin, 2-2, Hcp. (\$279k), 1200m, 1:09.47. B-Stratheden Stud Pty Ltd (NSW). \*Formerly Solar Gale. \*\$90,000 RNA Ylg '17 MMGCYS; \$55,000 Ylg '17 MMJUN. **VIDEO**

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