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## THE TDN DERBY TOP 12 FOR FEBRUARY 4



**Tiz the Law (3)** hit the ground running in the Holy Bull | *Coglianes*

by T. D. Thornton

Stakes prep for the GI Kentucky Derby in Florida and California yielded some separation at the top of the totem pole last Saturday. This coming weekend will likely feature three Top 12 horses in action, which could create some mid-level movement on the list.

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

O-Albaugh Family Stables & Spendthrift Farm. B-Hardacre Farm (Fl). T-Bob Baffert. Sales History: \$1,000,000 yrl '18 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: MGSW, 3-3-0-0, \$211,000.

Last Start: 1st **GIII Robert B. Lewis S.**, SA, Feb. 1

Accomplishments Include: 1st **GII Los Alamitos Futurity**

Next Start: Uncommitted

EquineLine PPs. KY Derby Points: 20.

 **Sold for Hardacre Farm** 

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Thousand Words has owned the number one ranking since the start of the season, but the gap between this \$1-million KEESEP buy and most of the pack widened discernibly after his grind-'em-down, power-under-pressure score in Saturday's GIII Robert B. Lewis S.

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## KEENELAND'S LIFE'S WORK ORAL HISTORY PROJECT NO. 5: GUS KOCH

by Chris McGrath

TDN is proud to partner with the Keeneland Library and the Nunn Center for Oral History at the University of Kentucky Libraries in a very special collaboration: the Keeneland 'Life's Work' Oral History Project, a series of filmed interviews by TDN columnist Chris McGrath with significant figures in the Thoroughbred industry. The current installment, with Gus Koch of Claiborne Farm, appears here.

Legends, to you and me. Immortals, paragons. But to Gus Koch, they were the flesh-and-blood companions of his daily toil: some were cherished friends; others, just a pain in the butt. He worked with Natalma in Canada, her son Northern Dancer in Maryland, his son Nijinsky II at Claiborne. **Cont. p9**

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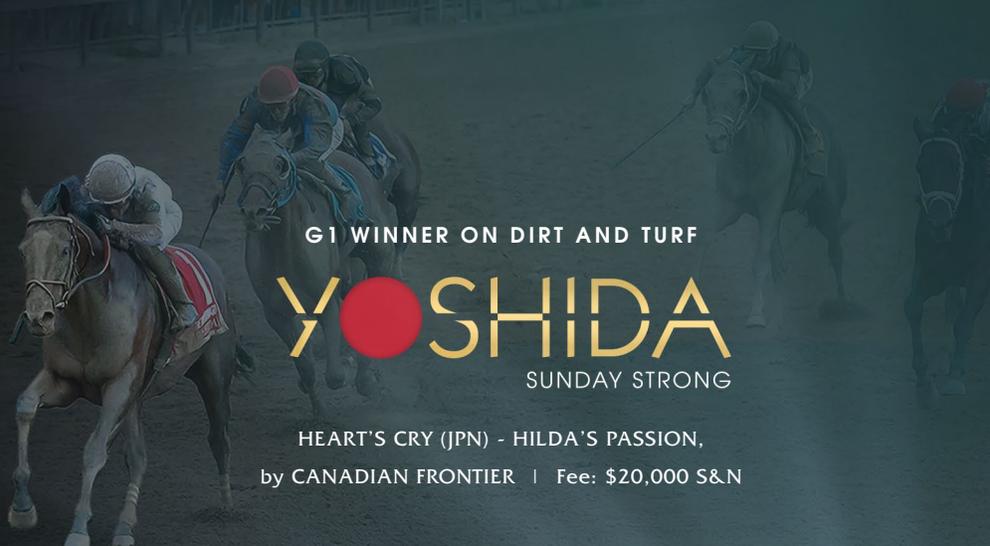
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This still-learning Pioneerof the Nile colt has displayed the strongest combination of physical prowess and mental awareness among top-tier contenders so far, and his three-quarter length win in the Lewis was tactically similar to his GII Los Alamitos Futurity win in that he had to put away a speedy stablemate and then have enough left to confront a fresh closer in deep stretch. This time around, Thousand Words broke fluidly, rated patiently at the rail, dropped back to fifth on the clubhouse turn, then worked his way up to be a stalking fourth on the backstretch. Taking dirt to the face while into the bit, this three-for-three colt was ridden patiently through the far turn. He got nudged along through a narrow hole at the quarter pole, then commenced a long, steady reeling-in of his target

while keeping a late-arriving foe at bay. “He’s got that big, long stride and the farther the better with him,” trainer Bob Baffert said post-race. “You could tell about the last 50 yards he was really getting going. He came back and he wasn’t even tired, so that is a good sign.”

**2) TIZ THE LAW (c, Constitution--Tizfiz, by Tiznow)**



O-Sacketoga Stable. B-Twin Creeks Farm (NY). T-Barclay Tagg. Sales History: \$110,000 yrl '18 FTNAUG. Lifetime Record: GISW, 4-3-0-1, \$498,900.

Last Start: 1st **GIII Holy Bull S.**, GP, Feb. 1

Accomplishments Include: 1st **GI Champagne S.**, 3rd **GII Kentucky Jockey Club S.**, CD, Nov. 30

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**Sequel** New York graduate

Tiz the Law's energetic, big-number (100 Beyer) breakout in the GIII Holy Bull S. was easily the most eye-catching romp among last Saturday's Derby preps. Underscoring how he made a difficult comeback race look easy was the fact that the Holy Bull has been a horrific annual trap for highly touted sophomores, with big-name favorites going down in defeat in nine of the previous 11 runnings. This \$110,000 Fasig-Tipton New York-Bred yearling shot out of the gate, opted for the four path into the clubhouse bend, then jockey Manny Franco conceded the lead and took to the fence to save ground. This tactic resulted in yet another dicey backstretch placement for "Tiz," who for three consecutive stakes now has been forced to steady off heels with Franco applying momentum-drag braking. By the half-mile pole though, Tiz was repositioned outside, relishing the pursuit of front-running prey. He collared Ete Indien (Summer Front) three-eighths out, then the dueling duo opened up six lengths on the rest of the field through legit splits. But by the top of the lane, Tiz the Law left that pretty decent speedster reeling. Franco stayed busy on a lugging-in, looking-out Tiz, cementing a winning margin of three with the remainder of the crushed field 11 1/2 lengths behind the second-place horse.

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

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

Equineline PPs. KY Derby Points: 0.

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Structor is being primed for a turf-to-dirt leap after capping a three-for-three season with a decisive GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf score. His breeding suggests that transition is within his scope (by Palace Malice out of a More Than Ready mare), and you could say that Structor's stock has essentially been on the rise for a year now considering he fetched \$160,000 at KEESEP then resold for \$850,000 at OBSMAR. But potentially more important than pedigree is the authoritative flair with which Structor repulsed some fairly talented competition in both of his stakes wins at age two. I'm especially bullish on his GIII Pilgrim S. score. *Cont. p5*

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Structor stalked confidently, hit the lead under pressure turning for home, then slugged out a head victory after a long stretch fight in which the top five horses were covered by 2 1/2 lengths. A Monday half-mile breeze at Palm Meadows in :48.90 (8/33) was his second published work of the year.

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

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

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

Accomplishments Include: 1st **GIII Iroquois S.**

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

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

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<b>Barry Berkelhammer 352•804•3000</b>		

Albaugh Family Stables owns top-ranked Thousand Words in partnership with Spendthrift Farm, and Albaugh owns **'TDN Rising Star'** Dennis' Moment outright, which makes for a formidable number one-number four punch. "In the past, we were always dodging horses," Albaugh stable manager Jason

Loutsch told *Thoroughbred News Service* last Friday, referring to the outfit's recent Derby hopefuls Free Drop Billy (Union Rags), Brody's Cause (Giant's Causeway), and J Boys Echo (Mineshaft). "We went into this year thinking that we're going to change our mentality. If we're as good as we hope we are, we shouldn't have to dodge anyone." This \$400,000 FTSAUG acquisition looms as the early favorite for the GII Fasig-Tipton Fountain of Youth S. Feb. 29, and it's worth noting that no other Top 12 horses have publicly committed to that same prep, so A-list competition might be hard to come by first time back. Dennis' Moment is four works into his 2020 training, and he cracked bullet status Sunday with a :58.47 (1/49) five-eighths breeze at Gulfstream.

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

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

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

Next Start: Uncommitted.

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

Maxfield has progressed from jogging to galloping at Palm Meadows in his comeback from mid-November surgery to repair a mildly displaced ankle chip. **Cont. p6**

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He had scratched the week of the Breeders' Cup after being installed as the third favorite on the Juvenile morning line, and considering how that race ended up (45-1, 28-1 and 39-1 trifecta with two no-show heavy faves), one can only wonder what might have been had this Street Sense homebred for Godolphin been healthy enough to run. But such speculation is far behind in the rear-view mirror as his connections aim for Maxfield's first public workouts that will lead to a yet-unmapped return to the races. This colt's dynamic, breakaway victory in the GI Breeders' Futurity at Keeneland Oct. 5 still resonates as the most visually impressive two-turn juvenile stakes of 2019, and it looks even better now that both the third- and fourth-place finishers, Enforceable (Tapit) and Ajaaweed (Curlin), have emerged as Top 12 threats.

**6) ENFORCEABLE (c, Tapit--Justwhistledixie, by Dixie Union)**  
 O-John Oxley. B-Clearsky Farm (Ky). T-Mark Casse. Sales History: \$775,000 RNA yrl '18 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: GSW & GISP, 7-2-1-2, \$267,150.  
 Last Start: 1st **Gill Lecomte S.**, FG, Jan. 18  
 Accomplishments Include: 3rd **GI Claiborne Breeders' Futurity**, KEE, Oct. 5  
 Next Start: **GII Risen Star S.**, FG, Feb. 15  
**EquineLine PPs.** KY Derby Points: 13.

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Enforceable looms as the home-court horse to beat in the Feb. 15 **GII Risen Star S.** at Fair Grounds after his off-the-pace shakedown of a good **GIII Lecomte S.** field there Jan. 18. Trainer Mark Casse last year swept the Lecomte-Risen Star tandem with War of Will (War Front), although he's explained that these two colts are not similar in makeup (War of Will was a ready-made learner, Enforceable takes a while to figure things out). Not only is the spacing of the Fair Grounds series favorable to Enforceable timing-wise, but his stamina-centric pedigree is a great fit for the newly elongated Risen Star and **GII Louisiana Derby** (both extended a sixteenth of a mile this season). This \$775,000 KEESEP RNA now owned by John Oxley is a half-brother to 2013 Breeders' Cup Juvenile winner New Year's Day and is a full brother to fellow gray Mohaymen, who won four straight stakes on the 2015-16 Derby prep trail, then ran fourth in Nyquist's Kentucky Derby. Enforceable's dam, Justwhistledixie, was a durable multiple Grade II winner whose sweet spot was eight or nine furlongs on the dirt.

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

 O-Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners, Twin Creeks Racing Stables, LLC, Kathleen & Robert Verratti. B-Woodford Thoroughbreds (Ky). T-Michael Trombetta. Sales History: \$100,000 yrl '18 KEESEP; \$200,000 RNA 2yo '19 FTFMAR. Lifetime Record: GSW, 3-3-0-0, \$210,000.  
 Last Start: 1st **Jerome S.**, AQU, Jan. 1  
 Next Start: **GIII Sam F. Davis S.**, TAM, Feb. 8  
**EquineLine PPs.** KY Derby Points: 10.

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Independence Hall will be solidly favored for Saturday's **GIII Sam F. Davis S.** when Tampa entries are drawn Wednesday. The connections of this undefeated, \$100,000 KEESEP graduate (subsequently RNA'd for \$200,000 at FTFMAR) had been on the fence about whether the Davis or next weekend's **Risen Star S.** at Fair Grounds would be the optimal placement for this Constitution colt's two-turn unveiling. "The [difference in points] was part of the decision process, but the owners feel the points will come if the horse is right," trainer Mike Trombetta said. "This race is here at the track he's training on, and the other one is 600 miles away at a track he's never seen. You weigh all these things, then everybody has to be happy with whatever decision is made and you just roll with it." Derby prognosticators will be keenly watching Independence Hall pre-race to see if he gets hot and bothered in the paddock like he did before his four-length romp in the **Jerome S.** Independence Hall also broke a stutter-step slow in the **Jerome**, and he shied from the stick in both the **Jerome** and his **GIII Nashua S.** win. The Davis has recently been no slam-dunk for favorites--they've lost six of the last eight runnings.



Independence Hall | Sarah Andrew

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ajaaweed will be the second fave behind Independence Hall if he starts in Saturday's Davis S. I like the progression of his career arc, but I have concerns about whether the sometimes-quirky Tampa surface is the best match for this colt's off-the-pace style. The Davis has been won in wire-to-wire fashion by mid-priced upsetters the past two seasons, speed-oriented runners have won four of the last five runnings and the track in general does not favor deep closers. This Shadwell homebred's second-place try in the GII Remsen S. stands out because he was wide on both turns behind a slow pace on a day when speed carried better as the afternoon progressed at Aqueduct. He closed very well, but the horse who was saved by the wire in that race, Shotski (Blame), led but caved as the fave when second to Max Player (Honor Code) this past Saturday in the GIII Withers S. over nine furlongs at Aqueduct.



Ajaaweed | Chelsea Durand

**9) ANNEAU D'OR (c, Medaglia d'Oro--Walk Close, by Tapit)**

O-Peter Redekop B.C. Ltd. B-Highland Yard (Ky). T-Blaine Wright. Sales History: \$170,000 RNA yrl '18 KESEEP; \$480,000 2yo '19 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: GISP, 3-1-2-0, \$399,000.

Last Start: 2nd **GII Los Alamitos Futurity**, LRC, Dec. 7

Accomplishments Include: 2nd **GI TVG Breeders' Cup Juvenile**

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

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

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The plan to equip Anneau d'Or with blinkers and ship to Fair Grounds for a nine-furlong prep over a track with a long stretch makes sense on several levels. This \$480,000 OBSAPR breezer (RNA'd for \$170,000 at KESEEP) was an effective, lumbering closer in a pair of graded stakes at age two. Because the Santa Anita sophomore stakes routinely come up as short-field affairs dominated by speed-centric favorites, racing in one of those races wouldn't play to Anneau d'Or's tactical strengths. Neither would remaining home at Golden Gate Fields for the Feb. 15 El Camino Real Derby, because that synthetic-surface race would deprive this Medaglia d'Oro colt of dirt experience while offering fewer Derby qualifying points than the same-day Risen Star. Joel Rosario has been confirmed as the new jockey for Anneau d'Or's foray to New Orleans.

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

O-Robert LaPenta & Madaket Stables. B-Glen Oak Farm & Two Stamp Stables (KY). T-Brad Cox. Sales History: \$175,000 wnlg '17 KEENOV. Lifetime Record: SP, 3-1-2-0, \$153,412.

Last Start: 2nd **Springboard Mile**, RP, Dec. 15

Next Start: Aiming for GIII Southwest S., OP, Feb. 17

**EquineLine PPs.** KY Derby Points: 4.

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Answer In is quietly building a nice resume that consists of two Churchill sprints (six and seven furlongs) that ended up being productive MSW races and a two-turn debut in the Springboard Mile that was notable for this \$175,000 KEENOV weanling, who dove through at the rail to narrowly miss winning as the 3-5 fave. Trainer Brad Cox has Answer In on target for a sophomore unveiling in the Feb. 17 GIII Southwest S., and he worked the colt in company Sunday with stablemate Gold Standard (Medaglia d'Oro), a Grade III-placed 4-year-old filly who is also pointing for an Oaklawn stakes on the same date. "Both breezed really well," Cox said. "He's a good work horse. She is, too. We'll do a little something again next week." Cox confirmed jockey Javier Castellano has accepted the return call on Answer In after riding this colt at Remington.

**11) AUTHENTIC (c, Into Mischief--Flawless, by Mr. Greeley)**

O-SF Racing LLC, Starlight Racing, Madaket Stables LLC, Fred Hertrich III, John D. Fielding & Golconda Stables. B-Peter E. Blum Thoroughbreds LLC (KY). T-Bob Baffert. Sales History: \$350,000 yrl '18 KESEEP. Lifetime Record: GSW, 2-2-0-0, \$91,200.

Last Start: 1st **GIII Sham S.**, SA, Jan. 4

Next Start: Possible for GII San Felipe S., SA, Mar. 7

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

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Authentic's 7 3/4-length shellacking of a soft GIII Sham S. field stands out by numbers (90 Beyer). But his rodeo-esque antics while soaring solo through mid-stretch didn't earn him any style points. Trainer Bob Baffert said this \$350,000 KESEP yearling got spooked by crowd noise, and only time will tell if the colt's veering in and head tossing are correctable flukes or ingrained behavior. Considering he's a May 5 foal who's only started twice, Authentic gets the benefit of the doubt that he'll figure things out. He's since rattled off three Santa Anita workouts, and as Baffert maps out his annual who's-going-where puzzle for his typical full hand of Derby contenders, Authentic might shake out as the sophomore who ends up staying home for the Mar. 7 GII San Felipe S.

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



O-Exline-Border Racing LLC, David Bernsen, Susanna Wilson & Dan Hudock. B-Stepping Stone Farm (Ky). T-Peter Eurton. Sales History: \$5,000 yrl '18 FTKFEB; \$60,000 2yo '19 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: Ch. 2yo Colt & GISW, 4-2-0-1, \$1,172,951.

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

Next Start: GIII San Vicente S., SA, Feb. 9

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The defending 2-year-old champ will be back in action this weekend, headlining what is likely to be a short field over seven furlongs in the GII San Vicente S. Even though it offers no Derby qualifying points and is the lone remaining stakes sprint of any importance after January on the Derby prep calendar, the San Vicente is a historical stepping-stone to success on the first Saturday in May. Kentucky Derby winners Nyquist (2016) and Silver Charm (1997) both won the San Vicente, as did five other Derby champs dating to 1940 (Majestic Prince, Lucky Debonair, Swaps, Hill Gail and Gallahadion). "He is a May foal, and I believe he's maybe grown an inch or so," **trainer Peter Eurton updated TDN's Joe Bianca last week.** "He never was short or anything, he's always been kind of leggy, not a real thick individual, but I think he has filled out a bit. He's close to 1,100 pounds now, whereas some of these 3-year-olds you see are well in the high 11s, 1,200s, so he's not what you'd call big in thickness, but he's tall and leggy."

**On the Bubble (in alphabetical order)**

**Chance It** (Currency Swap): Will aim to be the hometown hopeful spoiler in the GII Fountain of Youth S. based on 4-for-6 record with four 90+ Beyers at Gulfstream.

**Edge of Fire** (Curlin): Latest '**TDN Rising Star**' won easily with plenty left in tank after deft Gulfstream MSW score on Saturday.

**Eight Rings** (Empire Maker): Still waiting for this '**TDN Rising Star**' to resurface on worktab after getting a post-Breeders' Cup break. The GII Rebel S. Mar. 14 at Oaklawn could be a possible next-race option.

**Gold Street** (Street Boss): Wire-to-wire Smarty Jones S. victor has now won three straight on wet tracks; aiming for Southwest S. at Oaklawn. Asmussen: "The racetracks are definitely playing conducive to his natural style and he took advantage of it."

**Gouverneur Morris** (Constitution): '**TDN Rising Star**' who was second behind No. 5-ranked Maxfield at Keeneland now targeting Southwest at Oaklawn, per Team Valor's Barry Irwin in DRF.

**Max Player** (Honor Code): Parx invader picked up pieces to win Withers; another nine-furlong try in Apr. 4 GII Wood Memorial S. likely next.

**Nadal** (Blame): '**TDN Rising Star**' reportedly will hit the road for Baffert off maiden score, heading to Oaklawn for intriguing Southwest.

**Silver State** (Hard Spun): Caught the eye with a trip-troubled second behind Enforceable in Lecomte S.; just breezed Monday at Fair Grounds in first work back.

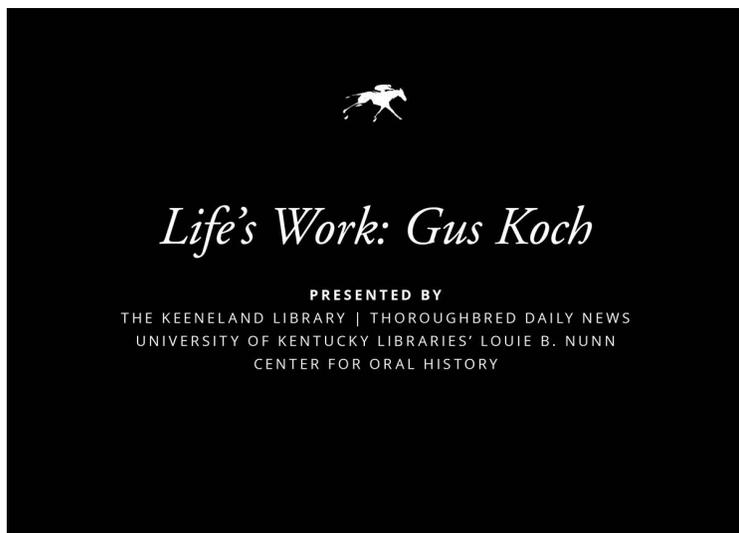
**Three Technique** (Mr Speaker): Owned by Bill Parcels (August Dawn Farm), the Mar. 14 Rebel is likely next for this '**TDN Rising Star**' after firing late on speed-carrying track in Oaklawn's Opening Day feature.

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**UPCOMING MAJOR  
NORTH AMERICAN STAKES**

Date	Race	Track
Feb. 8	GII Las Virgenes S.	Santa Anita
	GIII Suwannee River S.	Gulfstream
	GIII Thunder Road S.	Santa Anita
	GIII Lambholm South Endeavour S.	Tampa Bay
	GIII Sam F. Davis S.	Tampa Bay
Feb. 9	GIII Tampa Bay S.	Tampa Bay
	GII San Vicente S.	Santa Anita
Feb. 15	GII Risen Star S.	Fair Grounds
	GII Rachel Alexandra S.	Fair Grounds
	GII Santa Monica S.	Santa Anita
	GIII Fair Grounds S.	Fair Grounds
	GIII Mineshaft S.	Fair Grounds
	GIII General George S.	Laurel
	GIII Barbara Fritchie S.	Laurel
GIII Royal Delta S.	Gulfstream	



It was at Claiborne, for 31 years, that Koch ran perhaps the most potent breeding shed in Turf history, having been hired as manager soon after the young Seth Hancock had taken the reins.

“Secretariat, of course, was the hype name for non-horse people,” Koch says. “Then we had Danzig, Mr. Prospector, and Nijinsky. Sir Ivor, Damascus. The stallions we had in that barn were just unbelievable.”

Great horses, and great horsemen, have been the fabric of his career. Even when he first met his future wife, Koch was giving a shot to a 31-year-old Triple Crown winner. A Sunday afternoon at Stoner Creek Stud, outside Paris, Kentucky; everyone else has gone home, and Count Fleet is down with colic. And here comes a car, a bunch of girls from Lexington, and one of them turns out to be Theresa. You never know what’s round the corner, whether with people or horses.

Now he sits at home at Mt. Carmel Farm, just a few miles up the road, his retirement sustained by pride in his 10 children. All five boys have followed him into the horse business, and rather more directly than did Koch himself when—having grown up on a grain farm, north of Cincinnati—absorbing the interest of his father, who wrote for periodicals on agriculture as well as racing and sales.

“We always had riding horses,” Koch recalls. “My first was a former lead pony from River Downs. Horse named Billy. I loved that horse. My dad just loved racing and we were always at the Keeneland sales, or at the old Latonia, or at a fair meet.”

Formative experiences, evidently. Nevertheless Koch likes to say that he lived in Ohio for 18 years but grew up in the United States Marine Corps. He had just left high school, Vietnam was beginning to smolder, and they had a Marine quota to fill the day he went before the draft board. Koch put his name down. That night he found himself in California, standing in line “on the yellow footprints,” waiting with suitcase in hand for the barber’s chair.

“And off all our hair comes,” he says. “There were some hippies in our group. I mean, I was a farm boy. But they had hair down to here. It was very hard on them. We had one guy in our draft who tried to kill himself, the second or third night. Even that was brutal. They called us out in the middle of the night. We’re in our skivvies. The drill instructor is going nuts. He’s got a bayonet. He said, ‘The next one of you idiots wants to try this, let me show you something. Don’t you cut across here. You put this bayonet in here. You take it all the way to your elbow and you better be dead when I find you.’ Oh yeah, he challenged us. It was very intense.”

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Gus Koch

## CHURCHILL TO DEBUT NEW 20-STALL STARTING GATE FOR DERBY 146

Churchill Downs has entered into an agreement with Australian-based Steriline Racing to design and construct a new custom-made, 20-stall starting gate that will be used for the 146th running of the GI Kentucky Derby Saturday, May 2, the track announced Monday. The new starting gate will be utilized exclusively for the Kentucky Derby and will replace Churchill Downs’ standard starting gate, which will continue to be used for all other races.

A six-stall “auxiliary starting gate” addition, which was attached to Churchill’s main 14-horse starting gate, was first used in 1942 and 54 times for the Kentucky Derby within that period, including each of the last 22 years. The origination of a 20-stall starting gate eliminates the wide gap between post position number 14 in the standard gate and number 15 in the auxiliary gate. **Cont. p10**



The start of the 2019 Kentucky Derby | Coady

“We believe that a new custom-made, 20-stall starting gate will deliver a clean start for all horses and enhance safety for horses and riders in the Kentucky Derby,” said Mike Ziegler, Executive Director of Racing for Churchill Downs Incorporated. “We’re thrilled to partner with Australia’s Steriline Racing to supply this new starting gate at Churchill Downs.”

The new contiguous 20-stall starting gate, which is due to arrive in early April, is 65-feet wide and will fit comfortably within the 120-foot space on the racetrack at the quarter-mile pole for the start of the Kentucky Derby.

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## ORANGE COUNTY JUDGE RULES IN CHRB FAVOR ON NOCAL SIMULCASTING DISPUTE

by Dan Ross

At the Orange County Superior Court this Monday, Judge Gregory Lewis ruled that the Pacific Racing Association (PRA)--the arm of The Stronach Group (TSG) licensed to operate the meet at Golden Gate Fields--must continue to send its audiovisual signal to the network of satellite wagering facilities in Northern California, thereby throwing a lifeline to the county fairgrounds where these satellites are primarily found, along with the broader status quo of the industry in the northern half of the state.

The crux of the issue surrounded PRA’s legal obligation to contract with the northern fairs that operate as brick-and-mortar satellite wagering facilities if it withdrew from the Northern California Off-Track Wagering, Inc (NCOTWINC)--the organization which has provided the simulcast services to the Northern California satellite facilities for decades. Since June of 2018, the California Horse Racing Board (CHRB) has required that PRA contract with these facilities in return for being

granted a racing license.

PRA has argued that the CHRB required this condition illegally. Indeed, at Monday’s hearing, PRA’s attorney, Richard Specter, argued that “no law” exists requiring the PRA to contract with these satellites if it doesn’t utilize the services of NCOTWINC.

“There’s no applicable statute that requires a racing association like the plaintiffs to enter into a contract with each satellite wagering facility” on condition of being granted a license, he said. “And this court does not make that finding.”

But on Monday, Judge Lewis formally ruled in favor of the defendants, comprising the California Horse Racing Board (CHRB), the California Authority of Racing Fairs (CARF) and the Los Alamitos Quarter Horse Racing Association. The latter relies heavily on the wagering made on its races sent as a signal through the Northern California satellites.



Racing at Golden Gate Fields | Shane Micheli/Vassar Photography

According to Drew Couto, who represented Los Alamitos in the matter, a ruling in PRA’s favor would have had a profound impact in Northern California.

“That was our fear--that was our concern. And it wasn’t just in Northern California. That’s the reason Los Al was involved,” he said. “It would also have had an impact on the Standardbred industry at night. The impact was quite broad.”

The decision follows Lewis’s tentative ruling made last week, in which he stressed the knock-on effects on the industry as a whole if PRA were no longer required to send its signal to these satellite facilities.

“Plaintiffs’ position that large racing associations need not contract directly with satellite wagering facilities affects various aspects of the horse racing industry, including the viability and/or profitability of satellite wagering facilities in Northern and Southern California as well as the racing association’s ability to generate purses,” the judge had written in his tentative ruling. **Cont. p11**

“In addition, because Plaintiffs’ position affects the viability of satellite wagering operations, it could also affect the California Authority of Racing Fairs, the individual racing fairs, labor, horsemen, and other statutory recipients of handle revenue,” he added.

A portion of the handle wagered over the internet on horse racing by California residents is distributed on a pro rata basis to Northern California satellites. In 2018, that amount was \$2,879,935.

“PRA maintains that if the satellites do not exist, that portion distributed to the satellites would largely inure to it, as PRA operates the predominant racetrack in the Zone,” wrote Drew Couto, in a prior court filing.

The issues at play were complicated—indeed, in a May 2018 letter, CARF executive director, Larry Swartzlander, wrote that PRA’s withdrawal from NCOTWINC “also creates other concerns in regards to past liabilities, which total nearly \$13 million.” Historically, the Fairs have funded about 25% of the organization and Golden Gate about 75%.

In his court filing, Couto had argued that TSG’s ultimate aim is to control distribution of the signal in Northern California and to establish its own chain of satellites in that part of the state.

“Plaintiffs seek to divest and shut down the Northern California network of State and county owned satellite wagering facilities, purportedly to replace them with a chain of wholly owned, branded subsidiary internet wagering sites PRA refers to as ‘ADW Cafes,’” he wrote.

“No other licensed racing association, authorized horsemen’s organization, representative of labor, service provider, authorized agricultural district and/or racing fair, nor any members of the betting public has come forward in support of Plaintiff’s Writ or position. None. Not one,” Couto added in the filing.

On Monday, Couto told the *TDN* that the court’s ruling solidified consistency in the interpretation of both “the statutes and the rules for the past 30 years of practice” in California.

“And that is that the signal must be distributed to all of the satellites in Northern California, and wagers have to be facilitated in all of the satellites in Northern California, and it’s going to continue,” he said.

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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.***

**MICHAEL BEHRENS, CEO OF MYRACEHORSE.COM**

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

I’m kind of typical of those people who are exposed to racing early on. I had a friend whose dad was into racing. When I was 16, they invited me out to Santa Anita after school on a Thursday. Of course, I placed my first bet and hit the exacta. So I thought, “Oh, this is easy, I love it.” I remember thinking there were beautiful horses and beautiful scenery, what’s not to like. So after that I was hooked. Right away, I loved the convergence of the competition and the animal and the gaming. But I never got into it much more than going out with my friends every couple months to have a good time. It wasn’t until 20 years later that I got into it professionally.

I was the CMO of Casper Mattress Company, and I lived in California. At the time I was really interested in why the sport wasn’t flourishing as much as I enjoyed it. If I took my own personal barometer, racing was one of the top sports in the US. But that wasn’t manifesting itself into mainstream culture. So I didn’t understand that and I was intrigued. I started to read as much as I could to learn why racing wasn’t as large as I thought it should be in the states as compared to how it is in other countries. I developed some theories and decided to try it out myself. So my business was an intersection of the business side of racing and my enjoyment as a fan.

**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?**

While I am ridiculously biased, I would say that ownership is the most simple and beautiful way to bring someone into this sport. Gaming is complicated and some of the big day events can be expensive, but ownership captures everything. It captures the excitement of the race, and all the people who love and put attention into the horses. The goal for my business is to bring hundreds of thousands of people into the game by making ownership easy, because it gives you a glimpse into every part of the sport and helps you see what makes it so wonderful.

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## HALSTROM NAMED VP, GM OF INDIANA GRAND

Eric Halstrom, who has served in a variety of executive position at racetracks predominantly in the Midwest and Mid-south regions, has been named vice president and general manager of racing at Indiana Grand Racing & Casino, pending all regulatory approvals. Halstrom, who begins his new roles Monday, Feb. 17, is just the second individual to hold that position and succeeds Jon Schuster, who passed away late last year.

“I’m very excited to begin a new chapter at Indiana Grand,” said Halstrom. “This is such an amazing time for this facility and the recent addition of live table games is such a boost to the property. There is so much opportunity for the racing program to grow in the state of Indiana. I’m excited to be part of the team to carry on the great tradition that Jon Schuster has developed over the past 18 years.”

Halstrom, a native of Minneapolis, MN, is--like Schuster before him--a graduate of the University of Arizona’s Racetrack Industry Program and previously served as vice president of racing at Canterbury Park, vice president and general manager of racing operations at Fair Grounds Race Course & Slots, assistant director of racing at Prairie Meadows and most recently vice president of operations at Harrah’s Louisiana Downs.

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### Sunday, Valparaiso Sporting Club, Chile

**CLASICO EL DERBY-G1**, P94,500,000 (*US\$119,708*), Valparaiso Sporting Club, 2-2, 3yo, 2400m /gd, 2:26.01.

1--**WAR BREEZE (CHI)**, 125, c, 3, **War Command**

**1st Dam: Breezy, by Pulpit.**

**2nd Dam: Apache Plume, by Storm Cat**

**3rd Dam: Aishah, by Alydar**

**1ST GROUP WIN. 1ST GROUP 1 WIN.** O-Stud Identic;

B-Agricola Taomina (Chi); T-Juan Pablo Baeza; J-Gonzalo Ulloa.

P70,000,000; Lifetime Record: 11-3-1-1, P99,748,000. **Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree. Werk Nick Rating: A++.**

2--**Savitar (Chi)**, 125, c, 3, **Daddy Long Legs**--Free Dance (Chi), by

War Chant. O-Stud Los Leones; B-Haras Curiche (Chi);

T-Ximeno Urenda. P14,000,000.

3--**Master Piece (Chi)**, 125, c, 3, **Mastercraftsman (Ire)**--Torre

Laguna (Chi), by Proud Citizen. O-Stud Ibiza; B-Haras Don

Alberto (Chi). P7,000,000.

Margins: 1 3/4, 3/4. Odds: 16.90, 5.80, 3.60.

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## FINLEY, DOMINGUEZ ASSUME NEW ROLES FOR NY RACETRACK CHAPLAINCY

West Point Thoroughbreds’ Terry Finley and retired Hall of Fame jockey Ramon Dominguez have been named chairman and president, respectively, of the New York Race Track Chaplaincy.

Finley has been an active supporter of the Chaplaincy for several years and he and his wife Debbie were honored last August for their continued support of the backstretch community and the chaplaincy in particular. Dominguez has been on the Chaplaincy’s Board of Directors since 2012.

“Terry and Ramon both maintain a deep appreciation for the importance of our work,” said Humberto Chavez, the chaplain in New York. “They are universally respected and we are thrilled to have them at the helm as we continue to pursue activities and programs designed to improve the quality of life for our backstretch community.”

The entire board of directors is comprised of Finley (chairman), Dominguez (president), Nancy C. Kelly (vice president) Dorothy Bagnato (treasurer), John Andrew Kay (secretary), Bob Curran Jr., Will Phipps, Vincent Pisani, Kathy Theroux-Reynolds, Johnny Velazquez and John Young.

The New York Race Track Chaplaincy of America ministers to the backstretch community with children’s enrichment, social service, and recreational programs, as well as educational opportunities and non-denominational religious services.

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## KAUAI NAMED IOWA HORSE OF THE YEAR

The Allen Poindexter owned- and -bred **Kauai** (Girolamo) has been named the Iowa Thoroughbred Breeders and Owners (ITBOA) Horse of the Year and champion 3-year-old male.

Trained by Lynn Chleborad, the bay posted a record of 7-3-2-1 in 2019 and earnings of \$167,520, with victories in the Iowa Stallion S. and the Iowa Breeders’ Derby (each non black-type races).

“I was thrilled with his efforts in 2019,” said Poindexter, who also campaigned ITBOA champion 2-year-old filly Flat Out Speed. “I expected that he would run better as the distances increased, and that’s exactly what happened last season.”

The other divisional champions were as follows:

- 2YO Filly **Flat Out Speed** (Flat Out)
- 2YO Male **Chacha Real Smooth** (Palace)
- 3YO Filly **Snappy Gal** (Snappy Halo {Arg})
- Older Male **Minecraft Maniac** (Mineshaft)
- Older Female **Hello Darling** (Girolamo)
- Broodmare **Gizzy** (Malabar Gold, dam of Kauai)
- Breeder **H. Allen Poindexter**
- Stallion **Native Ruler**

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### FIRST FOALS FOR AWESOME SLEW

Ocala Stud stallion **Awesome Slew** (Awesome Again--Slewfoundmoney, by Seeking the Gold), a multiple graded stakes winner, sired his first reported foals Jan. 18 when a bay colt was born in Ocala and a bay filly was foaled in Ohio.

Bill Law bred the colt out of the multiple stakes-winning Yesbyjimminy mare Flay Mignon. Craig and Cindy Powell bred the filly who is produced from the Super Saver mare Winnercoasttocoast.

A Live Oak Stud homebred, Awesome Slew won stakes ranging in distance from seven furlongs to 1 1/16 miles and won or placed in 12 graded stakes over three seasons and at nine different racetracks. He stands for \$5,000 S&N. For more information or to schedule an inspection, contact David or Joe O'Farrell at (352) 237-2171 or visit [www.OcalaStud.com](http://www.OcalaStud.com).

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**IN ITALY:**

**Big Musquetier**, c, 4, **Musketier (Ger)**--Highgate Park (SP), by A.P. Indy. Rome, 1-31, Hcp., 2300m (AWT), 2:28.60. Lifetime Record: 17-4-2-3, \$30,920. O-Diolosa Alessandro. B-Calumet Farm (KY). T-Affe Agostino. \*\$2,000 Ylg '17 FTKOCT.

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**Ippolito Caffi**, c, 4, **Old Fashioned**--Kuhlu, by Ghostzapper. Siracuse, 1-25, Cond., 2100mT. Lifetime Record: 7-3-1-0, \$10,671. O-E. Ginelli. B-Mike Abraham (KY). T-S. Cannavo. \*\$10,000 Ylg '17 FTKOCT. \*\*1/2 to Cheermeister (Bodemeister), GSW-US, \$129,200.

Ital-Cal Horse Management, Inc.

**Unique Diamond**, g, 5, **English Channel**--Diamond Dilemma (Ire), by Sinndar (Ire). Naples, 1-25, Hcp., 2000mT. Lifetime Record: 25-8-9-0, \$58,291. O/T-M.S. SRL di Salvioni Soc. All. B-Calumet Farm (KY). \*\$1,500 Ylg '16 FTKOCT.

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**Big Riot**, g, 5, **Flutter**--Ms. Lydonia (MSW & GSP, \$326,937), by Labeeb (GB). Pisa, 1-9, Hcp., 1200mT, 1:12.20. Lifetime Record: 30-5-0-5, \$50,226. O/T-Paolo Favero. B-Carson Springs Farm (FL). \*\$7,500 Ylg '16 OBSAUG.

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**Stone Skipping**, h, 6, **Bustin Stones**--Mick's Doll, by Mojave Moon. Rome, 1-31, 1200m (AWT). Lifetime Record: 29-7-4-5, \$55,930. O-Scuderia Svetlana. B-Mojo Stables Inc. (NY). T-I. Bugattella. \*\$1,300 Wlg '14 FTNOCT.

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**Sambuco**, g, 6, **Regal Ransom**--Flashy Seniorita, by Pembroke. Siracuse, 1-11, Hcp., 1300mT. Lifetime Record: 45-9-2-6, \$48,965. O-B. Liberatore. B-Jose Carlos Ortega (FL). T-M. Restuccia. \*\$3,500 Ylg '15 OBSAUG.

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**Nobizlikethisbiz**, h, 6, **Sweet Return (GB)**--Dear, by Island Whirl. Rome, 1-17, Hcp., 2300m (AWT), 2:31. Lifetime Record: 26-4-3-2, \$28,009. O-R. Turri. B-Red Oak Stable (FL). T-I. Bugattella.

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**IN JAPAN:**

**Corral Nocturne**, c, 3, **Emcee**. See *US-Bred & Sired Winners in Japan*.

**Jet Max**, c, 3, **Goldencents**--Song'n Dance, by Carson City. Kokura, 2-2, Maiden (\$89k), 1700m, 1:45.8. Lifetime Record: 7-1-5-0, \$151,852. O-Tsuyoshi Ono; B-C Kidder & N Cole (KY); T-Hideyuki Mori. \*\$72,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP; \$100,000 2yo '19 OBSMAR.

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**Jigen**, c, 3, **Into Mischief**--Under Wraps, by Dixie Union. Kyoto, 2-2, Maiden (\$89k), 1200m, 1:13.2. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-0, \$65,741. O-Masamichi Hayashi; B-Diamond A Racing Corp; T-Hidekazu Asami. \*\$90,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP; \$345,000 2yo '19 OBSMAR.

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**IN SOUTH KOREA:**

**Nice Chance**, g, 3, **Declaration of War**--Overly Tempting (GISP, \$207,471), by In Excess (Ire). Busan, 2-2, Hcp. (\$50k), 1600m. B-Liberty Road Stables (KY). \*Won by five lengths as the 3-10 favorite to improve to two wins from as many starts. \*\*1/2 to A Lot (Tapit), MSW & GISP, \$475,440. \*\*\*\$145,000 RNA Ylg '18 KEESEP; \$75,000 2yo '19 OBSJUN.

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**Mighty Go**, g, 3, **Race Day**--Lebo Lady, by Five Star Day. Seoul, 2-1, Hcp. (\$50k), 1300m. B-Jay Goodwin & Rick Smith (KY). \*\$12,000 Ylg '18 OBSOCT; \$45,000 2yo '19 OBSAPR.

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**Preemax**, c, 3, **Race Day**--Stately Appeal, by Successful Appeal. Seoul, 2-1, Hcp. (\$63k), 1200m. B-Michael Wilson (KY). \*\$1,500 Wlg '17 KEENOV; \$10,000 Ylg '18 FTKOCT; \$30,000 2yo '19 FTMMAY.

**The Gumpu**, c, 3, **Strong Mandate**--Jester, by Kiri's Clown. Seoul, 2-2, Hcp. (\$50k), 1700m. B-Freddy Lewis Jr (KY). \*1/2 to Fish (Yonaguska), SP, \$153,048. \*\*\$27,000 Ylg '18 FTKOCT.

**Munhak King**, g, 3, **Tiznow**--Poppy's Baby Girl (GB), by Yankee Victor. Seoul, 2-1, Hcp. (\$63k), 1200m. B-Murray Stroud & Tiznow Syndicate (KY). \*1/2 to Youcan'tcatchme (The Daddy), Ch. Female Sprinter-Can, MGSW, \$425,710. \*\*\$50,000 Ylg '18 OBSOCT; \$37,000 2yo '19 OBSMAR.

**M J Power**, g, 4, **Central Banker**--Making A Point, by Freud. Seoul, 2-2, Hcp. (\$92k), 1200m. B-McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds & Dean Purdom (NY). \*\$27,000 RNA Ylg '17 OBSJAN; \$34,000 Ylg '17 FTKJUL; \$35,000 2yo '18 OBSAPR.

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**Flying Ford**, c, 4, **Shackleford**--One Kid Act, by Lemon Drop Kid. Seoul, 2-2, Hcp. (\$63k), 1600m. B-Brandywine Farm (Jim & Pam Robinson) (KY). \*\$15,000 Ylg '17 FTKJUL; \$40,000 2yo '18 FTMMAY.

**Munhak Tiger**, c, 4, **To Honor and Serve**--A Precious Memory, by Honor Grades. Seoul, 2-1, Hcp. (\$75k), 1900m. B-Epona Equine LLC (KY). \*1/2 to Decisive Edge (Bernardini), GSP, \$210,832; and Big Dollar Bill (Midnight Lute), SW & MGSP, \$309,611. \*\*\$8,000 Ylg '17 FTKOCT.

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**IN PANAMA:**

**Baila**, f, 3, **Danza**--Miss Reve, by Roman Ruler. Hipodromo Presidente Remon, 2-2, Clasico Ernesto Navaro Diaz Y Ernesto Y Ramon Navarro Diez & Eric Navarro C., 1400m. B-Riverfront Farm (KY). \*\$3,500 Ylg '18 FTKOCT. **VIDEO**

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**Sunday's Results:**

**4th-TOK**, ¥11,400,000 (\$104,881), Newcomers, 3yo, 1600m, 1:40.6, ft.

**CORRAL NOCTURNE** (c, 3, **Emcee**--**Cowgirl Lucky**, by **Stephen Got Even**) was bet down to 17-10 favoritism to open his account at first asking and turned in a professional effort to send the chalk bettors to the windows. With the early pace, the bay was eased back into fourth or fifth and traveled just behind the speed on the turn. Waited with into the long Tokyo straight, he was steered out into the three path, took command with about 125 meters to race and edged away to graduate by 1 3/4 lengths. A \$90,000 OBS April purchase (:20 3/5), Corral Nocturne is a half-brother to Calgary Capar (El Corredor), GSW, \$331,220.

◆ **Narvick Int'l / Riki Takahashi** ◆

Cowgirl Lucky's Runhappy filly of 2018 fetched \$100,000 at last year's OBS October sale and she produced a filly by the same sire last year before visiting Super Saver. Sales history: \$90,000 2yo '19 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$55,556. O-Green Fields Inc; B-Harris Training Center LLC (KY); T-Hideaki Fujiwara.



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**IN SOUTH KOREA:**

**Seobu Cat (Kor)**, c, 4, **Discreet Cat**--Deville, by Petionville. Busan, 2-2, Hcp. (\$92k), 1200m. B-Bu Gun Young. \*1/2 to Puntsville (Cashel Castle), MSW, \$485,663; and Devileye (Indygo Shiner), MSW, \$275,474.



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**Golden Lad** (Medaglia d'Oro), Northview Stallion Station, \$5,000 124 foals of racing age/11 winners/2 black-type winners 5-Parx Racing, Msw 5 1/2f, BRILLIANT CHASE, 9-5 \$15,000 EAS MAY 2yo

**Palace** (City Zip), Spendthrift Farm, \$5,000 152 foals of racing age/22 winners/1 black-type winner 2-Mahoning Valley, Alw 6f, MISS MARINETTE, 9-2 \$24,000 RNA FTK OCT yrl

**Palace Malice** (Curlin), Three Chimneys Farm, \$25,000 211 foals of racing age/21 winners/2 black-type winners 2-Mahoning Valley, Alw 6f, GAGLIANO, 15-1 \$7,500 KEE SEP yrl; \$4,000 OBS OPN 2yo

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**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Rstars and Stripes, f, 3, Coil--Kimberly's Gold, by Cee's Tizzy.**  
 Santa Anita, 2-2, (S), (C), 6f, 1:11.26. B-Stephen R Campbell (CA). \*1ST-TIME STARTER.

**Frankie's Gift, f, 4, Eskendereya--Lib, by Unbridled.** Mahoning Valley, 2-3, 6f, 1:14.26. B-Alan S. Kline, Pat Payne & Mark Moran (KY). \*\$12,000 RNA Wlg '16 KEENOV.



**COIL, Rstars and Stripes, f, 3, o/o Kimberly's Gold, by Cee's Tizzy.** MCL, 2-2, Santa Anita

**EL PADRINO, Promised Storm, m, 5, o/o Innovative, by Johannesburg.** AOC, 2-3, Parx Racing

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## STALLION PROSPECT ADDS SPICE TO GOFFS FEBRUARY



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By Daithí Harvey

Tuesday sees Goffs kick off its 2020 sales year with the two-day February Sale consisting of yearlings, 2-year-olds, older horses, horses-in-training, breeding stock and even a stallion prospect in the 2017 G1 Goffs Vincent O'Brien National S. winner **Verbal Dexterity (Ire)** (Vocalised). The 5-year-old will be offered late in the day on Wednesday through his owner/breeder/trainer Jim Bolger's Glebe House Stables as **lot 545**.

This is the second year in a row the February Sale has been compressed into two days having been a three-day event in both 2017 and 2018 and while it is a relatively low key sale in the Goffs calendar, last year's edition still produced a top price of €120,000 when Philip Stauffenberg purchased a Showcasing (GB) yearling colt from TrickleDown Stud. Another feature of last year's sale, which yielded an aggregate of €3,976,150 and a clearance rate of 68%, was the participation of Uzbekistan native Avaz Ismoilov. He signed for 25 horses, the majority low value fillies, however one of his acquisitions included a yearling colt by Sea The Stars, bought from Ballintry Stud for €100,000.

Vendors will be hoping for similar international demand this week and will be buoyed by the sight of Goffs Central & Eastern European agent Kishore Mirpuri and a number of his fellow countrymen inspecting horses on Monday, as well as Goffs Scandinavian agent Filip Zwicky along with the usual familiar faces from Ireland, Britain, Italy, etc. **Cont. p2**

## 2020 EUROPEAN VALUE SIRES: PROVEN SIRES

By Kelsey Riley

With the doors of breeding sheds about to swing open for yet another season, we bring you the sixth and final installment of TDN Europe's Value Sires series.

No longer are we judging stallions on their promise alone or their preliminary racetrack merits: these are the proven battlers, with real numbers behind them. No hiding places anymore.

For this installment, we will focus on proven sires standing for £/€20,000 and below. This can be a tricky segment of the market to stand a proven horse in, with many sires in this bracket more than holding their own on the track but deemed "unfashionable" in the sales ring; a growing concern for breeders in the ever commercial-leaning landscape of our industry.

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Tuesday is devoted to yearlings and an early offering that benefitted from a timely recent update is **lot 31** from Yeomanstown Lodge Stud. This son of Decorated Knight (GB) is already closely related to a few smart stakes horses including last year's Listed Bosra Sham S. winner Mild Illusion (Ire) (Requinto {Ire}), but his 3-year-old half-brother Mr Mooj (Ire) (Camelot {GB}) got off the mark at Dundalk last Friday, albeit with a little help from the stewards. The Joseph O'Brien-trained gelding, who was a 110,000gns yearling, was deservedly promoted to first having been impeded by another rival in the last furlong.

Joe Rogers sold one of the sale toppers at last year's sale and his Ballintry Stud offers a well-bred son of Holy Roman Emperor (Ire) as **lot 22**. The grey colt is a half-brother to the prolific ten-time winner Captain Joy (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}) and also the G2 Premio Federico Tesio winner Chestnut Honey (Ire) (No Nay Never).

**Lot 49** from Oak Lodge & Springfield House Stud is an Australia (GB) filly that is the first produce out of the former Willie McCreery trained stakes winner Champagne Or Water (Ire) (Captain Rio {GB}), while Oghill House Stud offers a Profitable (Ire) colt (**lot 124**) out of Italian stakes winner Iuturna (Intidab),

who has already produced the stakes winner Laviniad (Ire) (Lawman {Fr}) and the stakes placed Fact Of Folklore (Ire) (Lope De Vega {Ire}).

David Stack's Coolagown Stud offers an interesting colt by The Gurkha (Ire). **Lot 229** is a half-brother to the black-type performer Sagaciously (Ire) (Lawman {Fr}), while the dam's now 2-year-old colt by Dandy Man (Ire) made 100,000gns as a yearling last year when bought by Ed Dunlop.

A selection of 2-year-olds, some broken, some not, open proceedings on Wednesday. They provide an opportunity for breeze-up operators to fill a few empty stables with the later breeze-ups in mind and **lot 311** should attract some interest. The chestnut daughter of Night Of Thunder (Ire) from Oghill House Stud is out of Lily White Socks (Ire) (Arakan), a full-sister to the MSW Sruthan (Ire) (Arakan) and whose only runner from just three foals is Romantic Vision (Ire) (Dandy Man {Ire}), a smart, two-time winning juvenile for Kevin Ryan last year.

Among the horses in training, one who appeals as a future winner is **lot 358, Longbourn (Ire)** (Mukhadram {GB}). The 4-year-old has been placed four times in five starts for Eddie Harty, most recently when second in a maiden at Dundalk Jan. 10.

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## Goffs February Preview Cont.

Those seeking to invest in a broodmare should always cast an eye on the Aga Khan draft and **lot 430, Hazakiyra (Ire)** (Camelot {GB}) has sound breeding credentials being a winning half-sister to MGSW Hazapour (Ire) (Shamardal) from the family of Harzand (Ire). Another eye-catching Aga Khan filly is **lot 513, Sheranda (Ire)** (Siyouni {Fr}). The 4-year-old has been placed twice in four starts and is a half-sister to two graded stakes winners in Shamreen (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}) and Shahroze (Ire) (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}).

Jim Bolger's Redmonstown Stud offers **lot 438, Dawn Of A New Era (Ire)** (New Approach {Ire}). The 6-year-old is in foal to Make Believe (GB) and is a full-sister to both Dawn Approach (Ire) and G2 Futurity S. winner Herald The Dawn (Ire) with another Bolger high achiever, Sanus Per Aquam (Ire) (Teofilo {Ire}), also close up on the page.

A stakes-placed mare offered before she embarks on her career as a broodmare is **lot 450, Hergame (GB)** (Motivator {GB}). A dual winner in France when trained by Freddie Head, Hergame will be consigned by Grange Hill Stud and is a half-sister to G3 Prix d'Arenberg winner Yakaba (Fr) (Medicean {GB}) while the dam Kayaba (GB) (Anabaa) was also a stakes winner in France.

There are also some interesting proven broodmares on offer, including **lot 462** from Coolagown Stud. The 11-year-old **Countess Ferrama (GB)** (Authorized {Ire}), a half-sister to G1 Irish 2000 Guineas winner Indian Haven (GB) (Indian Ridge), is in foal to Holy Roman Emperor (Ire) and her 4-year-old son Top Rank (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}) is unbeaten in three starts for trainer James Tate. Rabbah Bloodstock paid €78,000 for her 2-year-old daughter by The Last Lion (Ire) at the Autumn Yearling Sale in Goffs last October.

At 13-years of age, **lot 480, Olga Prekrasa** (Kingmambo), has plenty of years still to build on her already impressive profile as a broodmare. The Irish National Stud-consigned mare is already the dam of G1 Prix Jean Prat winner Zelzal (Fr) (Sea The Stars {Ire}) and G3 Prix Chloe winner Ibiza (Fr) (Redoute's Choice {Aus}). She is offered in foal to Churchill (Ire) on Wednesday.

Meanwhile **lot 521**, Baroda Stud's **Vrai (Ire)** (Dark Angel {Ire}) brings something unique to the sale, as she is a half-sister to Lilbourne Lad (Ire) (Acclamation {GB}) and is the only mare offered in foal to top French stallion Le Havre (Ire).

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In other words, a breeder in this price range may get a runner and ultimately upgrade their mare, but miss out on that crucial early return in the ring. Therefore, we've narrowed this list down to a select eight sires who have a tendency to churn out winners and also offer a chance to profit in the ring.

Let's get the ball rolling with a horse that featured in this installment last year and, as per usual, has just kept on rolling: Coolmore's **Holy Roman Emperor (Ire)**. The 16-year-old son of Danehill has moved into the top 10 on the *TDN's* **cumulative lifetime active sire list for stallions standing in Europe**, where he sits ninth. He has 85 lifetime stakes winners worldwide and had 12 last year alone—the exact number he has averaged throughout his career—thus showing no sign of slowing down. Holy Roman Emperor is responsible for eight lifetime Group 1 winners. His 2018 G1 Irish 1000 Guineas winner Romanised (Ire) last year added the G1 Prix Jacques le Marois and stays in training in 2020, and he had another Classic winner in 2019 in the G3 Italian 1000 Guineas victress Fullness of Life (Ire), and 2-year-old Roman Turbo (Ire) won the G3 Anglesey S. Holy Roman Emperor's progeny are effective all over the globe: he has had stakes winners in Europe, North America, Hong Kong and Singapore, and his excellent strike rate in Hong Kong puts a healthy resale price tag on his offspring. Holy Roman Emperor's yearlings have consistently averaged around three times his stud fee in recent years. Holy Roman Emperor was retired at two after winning a pair of Group 1s to fill the void left by another son of Danehill, the subfertile George Washington, so his racing career is to some degree a case of what could have been, but his progeny have excelled almost equally across distances from 1000 to 2400 metres and train on very effectively. He stands for €15,000 this year at Coolmore's Castle Hyde Stud.

Holy Roman Emperor's Castle Hyde studmate **Footstepsinthesand (GB)** is just outside the top 10 bubble on the lifetime active cumulative sires' list, currently sitting in 11th, and should the purple patch he enjoyed in 2019 continue he could find himself yet climbing the ranks. He was responsible for five stakes winners last year headed by the G2 Gimcrack S. and G2 Champagne S. winner Threat (GB). He also provided one of the most impressive 2-year-old winners of the season in Mums Tipple (Ire), who blew apart York's Goffs UK Premier Yearling Stakes by 11 lengths, and buyers at the sales responded by paying an average of 5.3x his stud fee for his yearlings last year. Like Holy Roman Emperor, Footstepsinthesand has worked across the globe, with stakes winners all across Europe and in Asia and the U.S. He also stands for €15,000, up slightly from the €10,000 he has held since 2013.

Of course, it is not only Castlehyde that offers sires at value in 2020. Amy Lynam detailed the exploits of Juddmonte's **Bated Breath (GB)** in a **recent *TDN* column**.

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The son of Dansili (GB) commands a career-high fee of €12,500 this year at Banstead Manor Stud, having steadily risen from an initial €8,000—just like his sire. As a sign of the value that can be found among proven sires, Bated Breath is interestingly one of just two sires featured in this installment that is standing for higher than his opening fee.

Bated Breath took until the age of five to win a pattern race, taking the G2 Temple S. over five furlongs having the year prior finished an agonizing second in three Group 1 sprints. He was forced to play second fiddle once again when retiring in the same year as Frankel (GB) to Banstead Manor but is suitably holding his own in fourth on the **cumulative fifth-crop sires' list**. Bated Breath had three stakes winners by the time his first cropped wrapped up their 4-year-old campaigns at the end of 2018, and thanks to high-class horses like Worth Waiting (GB)



Holy Roman Emperor | Coolmore

and Beckford (GB), there were whispers that there could be more to come. The whispers grew to shouts last year when Bated Breath added a remarkable 11 stakes winners to his haul, bringing his total to 14. He sired six group winners last year (equal to another illustrious barnmate, Kingman {GB}): the G2 Boomerang S. and G3 Jersey S. victor Space Traveller (GB); the G2 Rockfel S. and G3 Albany S. winner Daahyeh (GB); Worth Waiting, who added the G2 Dahlia S. to her G3 Prix Minerve victory the previous year; Simply Breathless (GB), who won the GIII Wilshire S. in the U.S.; Maid In India (Ire), winner of the G3 Dubai International Airport World Trophy S. and

Breathtaking Look (GB), winner of the G3 Sceptre S. Bated Breath's 177 winners is second only to Frankel's 182 in this sire crop. Bated Breath's current yearling crop numbers 135, he covered 73 mares last year and is booked full for 2020 at 140.

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His numbers at the yearling sales were curiously down last fall, although he still fared well, his average 3.6x his stud fee (it had been 5.5x and 6x the previous two years). The drop is likely a reflection of the fact that his yearlings of 2019 were bred on his lowest stud fee yet of £8,000.



**Bated Breath | Juddmonte**

Bated Breath's G1 July Cup and G1 Sprint Cup conqueror **Dream Ahead** (Diktat {GB}) is also carving out a solid reputation. Joint champion 2-year-old with Frankel and the winner of five Group 1s at two and three, Dream Ahead started out at Ballylinch Stud but has since relocated to Haras de Grandcamp, and his first French-bred crop are yearlings in 2020. Dream Ahead added seven new stakes winners last year worldwide, headed by G1 Prix de l'Abbaye winner Glass Slippers (Ire). Previous stakes winner Donjuant Triumphant (Ire) added to his haul in the G1 QIPCO British Champions Sprint before going to stud; and Dream Ahead had two Group 1-placed sprinters at Royal Ascot: Dream of Dreams (Ire) in the Diamond Jubilee and Forever in Dreams (Ire) in the Commonwealth Cup. Dream Ahead's total of three Group 1 winners makes him the leader of his sire crop in that realm over the likes of Zoffany (Ire) and Wootton Bassett (GB). He has had a minimum of three stakes winners (and up to seven) in each European crop to race thus far. The sire of 27 black-type winners worldwide, Dream Ahead stays at a career-low €12,000 for the third straight year. His 2019 yearlings averaged 2.7x his fee.

A pair of elder statesmen to consider at €10,000 in Ireland are **Tamayuz (GB)** and Raven's Pass. Tamayuz's banner year undoubtedly came in 2017 when he supplied the G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches victress Precieuse (Ire) and the GI E.P. Taylor S. winner Blond Me (Ire). **Cont. p7**

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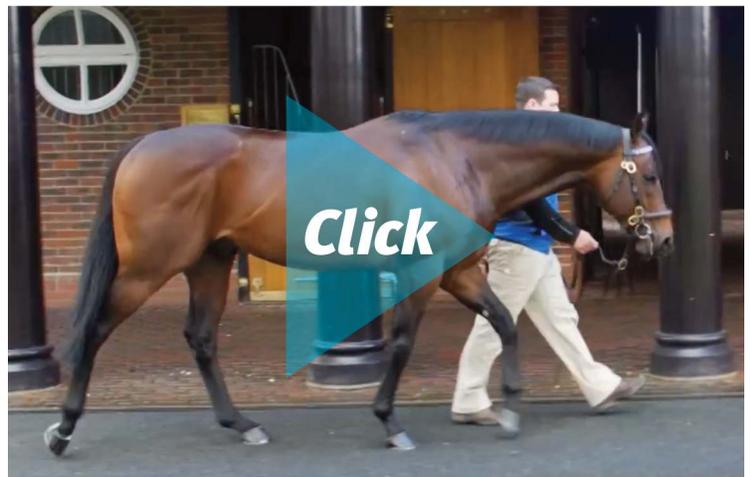
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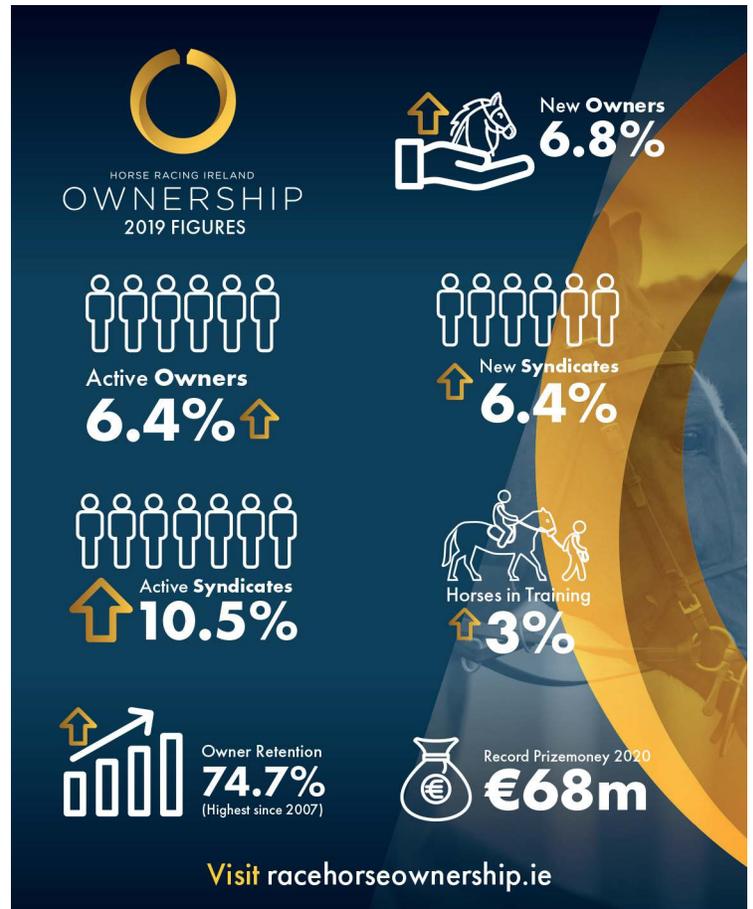
He also had the smart 4-year-old Mustashry (Ire) that year who won the G3 Strensall S., and he has proven an evergreen performer for Sheikh Hamdan, adding a pair of Group 2s at five and the G1 Lockinge S. and G2 Challenge S. at six last year. In fact, Precieuse also won a Grade III in the U.S. at five last year, and Tamayuz was also represented in 2019 by Australian Group 2 winner Gallic Chieftain (Fr). Tamayuz’s strike rate of 6% stakes winners to foals is very respectable for his fee level, and he is maintaining a steady stream of stakes winners year on year. His fee takes a small dip this year from €12,500 the last two seasons. Tamayuz’s yearlings averaged 2.4x his stud fee last year.

The G1 Queen Elizabeth II S. and GI Breeders’ Cup Classic winner **Raven’s Pass**, at Kildangan Stud, has a slightly more impressive stakes winners to foals strike rate of 7%. Raven’s Pass’s books have been capped at around 70 due to him being a selective breeder, but he has nonetheless sired 33 stakes winners, 12 of those group winners and two Group 1 winners. As advertised by Darley, Raven’s Pass’s strike rate of winners to runners is 9%, higher than other outcross sires like Le Havre (Ire), Dark Angel (Ire) and Iffraaj (GB). The son of Elusive Quality out of a Lord at War (Arg) mare has averaged four stakes winners per crop, which makes for impressive reading for a €10,000 price tag. It has taken him some time to come up with a Group 1 winner but he has picked up some steam later in his career: Tower of London (Jpn) was among the top juveniles on the ultra-competitive JRA circuit in 2017 before winning the G1 Sprinters S. last year, and Royal Marine supplied a first European Group 1 win for his sire in the 2018 G1 Jean-Luc Lagardere. His 2019 yearlings averaged three times his stud fee.

**Farhh (GB)** (Pivotal {GB})’s numbers in quantity have been affected by restricted books due to fertility issues, but it is difficult to deny the quality that the G1 Champion S. winner is turning out at a fee of £12,000 at Dalham Hall Stud.



Farhh | racingfotos.com



He sits sixth by earnings among **fourth-crop sires**, but leads by percent of black-type winners to foals (9.9%, higher than his sire Pivotal and the likes of Shamardal, Invincible Spirit, Lope de Vega and Sea The Stars), black-type horses to foals (12%), group winners to foals (5.5%), Group 1 horses to foals (2.2%) and average earnings per foals (£33,763/€40,151). Farhh turned heads immediately when posting two stakes winners from just 20 runners and seven winners in his first year with runners in 2017, and that crop now includes six stakes winners, and his second crop three. His flagbearers from that first crop were the multiple group-winning stayer and G1 Investec Derby second Dee Ex Bee (GB) and Wells Farhh Go (GB), a Group 3 winner at two and three, while last year the 3-year-old King Of Change (GB) beat elders in the G1 Queen Elizabeth II S., while Move Swiftly (GB) took the G2 Duke of Cambridge S. at Royal Ascot and Nocturnal Fox (GB) won Chantilly’s G2 Prix Hocquart. His yearling average in 2019 was likely the perfect storm of excellent racetrack results combined with the scarcity of his progeny, and breeders were rewarded with an average 5.8x his stud fee.

A younger up-and-comer to keep an eye on is third-crop sire **Sea The Moon (Ger)**, who has, remarkably, maintained his £15,000 fee throughout his career thus far.

**2020 European Value Sires: Proven Sires Cont.**

The G1 Deutsches Derby-winning son of Sea The Stars out of a Monsun (Ger) mare defied his stamina-laden blood to supply two group winners in his first season with runners in 2018—equal to No Nay Never (Ire) and Kingman (GB)—and thus entered 2019 with hopes high. His 2018 G3 Preis Zukunftsrennen winner Quest The Moon trained on to add the G3 Prix du Lys and a first-crop filly, the Aga Khan homebred Hamariyna (Ire), took the G3 Derrinstown Stud 1,000 Guineas Trial. Sea The Moon’s second crop came out running just as hard, with Alpha Centauri (Ire)’s half-sister Alpine Star (Ire) taking the G2 Debutante S. and Wonderful Moon (Ger) taking another Group 3 in Germany. They were among 11 second-crop 2-year-old winners last year for Sea The Moon, who had tallied 15 2-year-old winners the year prior. Quest The Moon and Wonderful Moon were both bred by Sea The Moon’s breeder’s Heike Bischoff and Niko Lafrentz of Gestut Gorldorf, who have provided their pride and joy with plenty of support at Lanwades Stud. Sea The Moon currently sits fourth by earnings in his sire crop behind Kingman, No Nay Never and Australia (GB), and is just one stakes winner off the latter with eight. He appears to have plenty of talented runners waiting in the wings, too, with 18 black-type horses. Sea The Moon covered 74 mares in 2018, the year of his first 2-year-olds, and that number spiked to 164 last year. His yearlings in 2019 averaged 4.3x his stud fee.

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**Farhh** (€12,000) - the son of Pivotal has made a big impression from limited books and has thus put a premium on his yearlings.

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**GUSTAV KLIMT SIRES A FILLY**

The first reported foal for G2 Superlative S. hero and MG1SP **Gustav Klimt (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) is a filly, Coolmore announced on Monday. Out of Minch Bloodstock’s Guenea (GB) (Sinndar {Ire}), who has already produced a brace of winners, she arrived on Jan. 31. [Cont. p9](#)

**COURSE RECORD BREAKER**

Group winner **BANGKOK** won Saturday’s 1m2f **Winter Derby Trial Stakes-L.R.** by 4½ lengths for **Andrew Balding** and **King Power Racing** lowering the Lingfield course record by 0.45 seconds.

**“stamped his class in the straight, running out a clear winner”** *RACING POST*



**“He’s a very, very good horse and has a good season ahead of him”** Andrew Balding



**AUSTRALIA**

Also in training for 2020 are Group winners **BEYOND REASON, BUCKHURST, SIR RON PRIESTLEY** and **BROOME** in addition to Group/Listed-winning Classic prospects **CAYENNE PEPPER, MOHICAN HEIGHTS, KING CARNEY** etc.

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**Gustav Klimt Sires a Filly Cont.**

Guenea is a half-sister to G1SWs Guignol (Ger) (Cape Cross {Ire}) and Guiliani (Ire) (Tertullian), as the trio are out of G1 Italian Oaks heroine Guadalupe.

Out of a full-sister to successful sire Kodiak (GB), Gustav Klimt, who was second in the G1 St James’s Palace S. and third in both the G1 Sprint Cup and G1 Irish 2000 Guineas, stands at Coolmore’s Castlehyde Stud for €6,000 in 2020.

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**TELECASTER CAMP MULLS GORDON RICHARDS**

Hughie Morrison has mooted the G3 Gordon Richards S. at Sandown as a possible starting point for **Telecaster (GB)** (New Approach {Ire}) in 2020. The New Approach colt was unraced at two, but chased home Bangkok (Ire) (Australia {GB}) on his debut at the Lincoln meeting and six weeks later won the G2 Dante S. at York--beating champion juvenile Too Darn Hot (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) in the process. While he subsequently failed to back that up in the G1 Derby and G1 Eclipse, Morrison put that

down to immaturity and gave him the rest of the season off.

"He has just started cantering. Physically he has done fantastically well. We just want to have a fit horse in the spring," said Morrison. "There was nothing wrong with him last season, he was just very young, immature both mentally and physically--it just happened all too quickly for him. I don't care what anybody says, [the Dante] was probably one of the best 3-year-old races of last year. I definitely think he has the ability to be a Group 1 horse. He should stay a mile and a half. He could go to the Gordon Richards at Sandown at the end of April."

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**FIREBREAK PASSES AT 21**

Hong Kong Group 1 winner **Firebreak (GB)** (Charnwood Forest {Ire}--Breakaway {GB}, by Song {GB}) was euthanised at Bearstone Stud on Monday. The 21-year-old, who stood his entire career at Bearstone, had been pensioned at the Market Drayton stud for the past two years.

"It's a very sad day at Bearstone Stud, as we had to say goodbye to Firebreak," said Bearstone's Terry Holdcroft on Twitter. "We were very lucky that Sheikh Mohammed, who has always owned him, allowed us to stand him at Bearstone. We bred a Group 1 winner by him in Hearts of Fire from his first crop and he was an absolute pleasure to have around. He never received the mares he deserved. We will all miss him."

Bred by R. P. Williams, the bay had landed the G2 Mill Reef S. and G3 Prix de Cabourg as a juvenile for Ian Balding and Kennet Valley Thoroughbreds and was sold to Godolphin at the end of his 2-year-old season. Bearing the royal blue, he saluted in the 2004 G1 Hong Kong Mile for trainer Saeed bin Suroor, as well as two editions of the G2 Godolphin Mile (2003/04).

At stud, Firebreak sired G1 Gran Criterium victor Hearts of Fire (GB), G3 Sprint S. heroine Caledonia Lady (GB) and G3 Prix Quincey hero Fire Ship (GB) among his four black-type winners.

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## VIDEO LAUNCHED TO PROMOTE ROYAL ASCOT

Royal Ascot is the focus of a new cinematic, Netflix-style brand campaign ([click here to view](#)) to promote the iconic racemeeting, held at Ascot Racecourse from June 16-20, 2020. Created by independent creative agency isobel, the campaign invites us all to 'Be Part of the Drama.' Ascot and isobel partnered with production company Chief and director Yoni Weisberg to develop the concept—two racegoers meet at one of the highlight events on the annual social calendar. Jockey Hayley Turner, who became the second female ever to ride a Royal Ascot winner, features in the video.

"We wanted to launch a very different campaign for Royal Ascot 2020 to appeal to an audience that is increasingly turning to online platforms, such as Netflix, to enjoy the latest drama series and cinematography," said Ascot Racecourse Chief Commercial Officer Juliet Slot. "I hope that people agree we have delivered a campaign that embodies the excitement and atmosphere that Royal Ascot has been delivering to racegoers for some 250 years. We look forward to welcoming regulars of the Royal Meeting again this year, alongside newcomers who are yet to experience the spectacle in person."

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**Flag of Honour (Ire) (Galileo {Ire})** has joined Newmarket's The National Stud as a dual-purpose stallion. The Irish Classic winner was on show during the TBA Stallion Parade held at Tattersalls and Joe Callan, Nominations and Marketing Manager for The National Stud, spoke to Alayna Cullen about the new recruit. ([Click to view the video.](#))



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## BRITAIN

### CONDITIONS RESULT:

**5th-Wolverhampton, £19,000, 2-3, 4yo/up, 8f 142y (AWT), 1:45.76, st.**

**VIA SERENDIPITY (GB) (g, 6, Invincible Spirit {Ire})--Mambo Light {MSW & MGSP-Ger}, by Kingmambo) Lifetime Record:**

29-7-2-5, \$201,044. O-Happy Valley Racing & Breeding Limited; B-Mr R. Shaykhutdinov (GB); T-Stuart Williams. \*€120,000 Ylg '15 ARAUG; 320,000gns 2yo '16 TATBRE; 100,000gns HRA '17 TATJUL. \*\*1/2 to Le Juge (Ire) (Dansili {GB}), GSW-Aus & MSP-Fr, \$358,610, & to Frankel Light (Ire) (Frankel {GB}), SW-Fr.

### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:

**Fair Star (Ire), g, 4, Sea the Stars (Ire)--Night Fairy (Ire), by**

Danehill. Wolverhampton, 2-3, 9f 104y (AWT), 1:59.72.

B-Sunderland Holdings Inc (IRE). \*30,000gns HRA '19 TATJUL.

\*\*1/2 to Majestic Queen (Ire) (Kheleyf), Hwt. Older Mare-Ire at 5-7f, GSW-Ire & Eng, \$235,278.

## SOUTHWELL TO STAGE ALL FEMALE CARD

Southwell will host an all-female card on International Women's Day, Mar. 8. The eight races, held in conjunction with the sport's Diversity in Racing Steering Group, the British Horseracing Authority, Women in Racing and Great British Racing, will be split evenly between Flat and National Hunt racing.

"It's great that Southwell are celebrating International Women's Day with an all-female racecard," said Southwell native and jockey Hayley Turner, who became the second female jockey to ride a Royal Ascot winner last year. We ride against and at the same level as men, so don't think of ourselves as female jockeys, but this is a great way to celebrate the talented women in our sport."

Tallulah Lewis, chair of Women in Racing, said: "Women in Racing was founded to support women across the sport, including female jockeys."

Added Tallulah Lewis, Women in Racing Chair, "Southwell's all-women racecard, with the majority of raceday officials female also, provides a great opportunity to showcase female jockey talent and we're delighted to work with all parties to help make this happen. We will continue our work to showcase the incredible female talent we have across the sport and help ensure that racing can benefit from this in the years ahead."

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**IN JAPAN:**

**Land Ruler (Ire)**, c, 4, **Rulership (Jpn)**--Alderney, by Elusive Quality. Kokura, 2-1, Cond. (£148k/€175k), 1200mT, 1:10.8. Lifetime Record: 9-1-2-1, \$150,833. O/B-Godolphin; T-Keizo Ito. \*1/2 to Dover (Jpn) (Admire Moon {Jpn}), MSW-Jpn, \$1,353,734.

**WINNERS BY EUROPEAN SIRES**

**IN JAPAN:**

**Excellent Fille (Jpn)**, f, 4, **Frankel (GB)**--Xcellence (Fr) (GSW & MG1SP-Fr, MGSP-US, \$527,007), by Champs Elysees (GB). Tokyo, 2-2, Cond. (£148k/€175k), 1800mT, 1:47.8. Lifetime Record: 5-3-1-0, \$288,611. O-Sunday Racing; B-Northern Farm; T-Tetsuya Kimura. \*675,000 in utero '15 TATDEM.



**DEIRDRE IN GOOD FORM PRIOR TO MIDDLE EAST TRIP**

**Deirdre (Jpn)** (Harbinger {GB}), a winner of the G1 Nassau S. last summer, will compete on the Saudi Cup day undercard on Feb. 29 or Dubai in March, *Racing Post* reported on Monday. Fourth in the G1 Longines Hong Kong Vase in early December, the 6-year-old mare returned to trainer Jane Chapple-Hyam's Abington Stables shortly thereafter. Chapple-Hyam is filling in for Deirdre's regular trainer, Mitsuru Hashida.

"Deirdre flew back here after Hong Kong rather than going home and you could say she is now a 'Newmarket Sheila', Chapple-Hyam told *Racing Post*. "She first came here last May and has never been away. She's wintered very well and has been out on the Al Bahathri Polytrack in the last couple of days. I think the plan is to run her in the Gulf at either Saudi Arabia or Dubai in the coming months, but we'll know more nearer the time. It's great to have her around and very sporting of the owners to keep her in training."

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## YES YES YES RETIRES TO COOLMORE AUSTRALIA



Yes Yes Yes and Glen Boss | Bronwen Healy

By Bren O'Brien

A tendon injury has put an end to the burgeoning racetrack career of The Everest winner **Yes Yes Yes** (Rubick), who has been retired to a career as a stallion with Coolmore.

Trainer Chris Waller confirmed on Monday that scans taken over the weekend revealed a small lesion in Yes Yes Yes's left front leg, which while it is not currently causing any lameness or soreness, will prevent him from racing on.

"Explaining tendon injuries to people is never easy, however to best put it into basic terms their tendons are like a rope and when strands break but then repair they don't join back together with the same elasticity," Waller said. "The more strands that break, the more inflammation that occurs and this results in heat and pain and the rest of the tendon is then compromised, increasing the risk of causing further problems. Fortunately he is not lame or sore and early detection has been very fortunate."

Waller said any recovery from the tendon injury would mean Yes Yes Yes would not be able to race for around a year, and with no guarantee that he was going to get back to his best, and being such a valuable colt, he would be retired.

"A return to racing would require a minimum nine-to-12-month program to return to race fitness. However, the tendon would always be at risk of further injury but also has the potential to cause injury to his opposite leg if he was to overcompensate his weight," he said.

The decision was fully supported by Coolmore Australia Principal Tom Magnier, who will welcome Yes Yes Yes on to the roster at Jerrys Plains in 2020.

"Yes Yes Yes's exhilarating Everest victory will live long in the memory of all who witnessed it and we feel privileged to have been a part of the exciting journey on which this electrifying animal and the dedicated team at Chris Waller Racing took us," he said. "At Coolmore, as at Chris Waller Racing, the welfare of the horses always comes first and Yes Yes Yes can look forward to a healthy and happy stud career in the hands of horsemen equally and absolutely dedicated to his care."

Yes Yes Yes, from Rubick's first crop, was a \$200,000 purchase from the 2018 Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale by John Foote/Darren Weir Racing. He is a half-brother to stakes-placed Dee Nine Elle (Duporth), out of Sin Sin Sin (Fantastic Light {USA}), the half-sister to a trio of stakes winners in Hot As Hell (County), Flaming (County) and Craig's Dragon (Catbird) and to Hell It's Hot (Zeditave), the dam of Group 1 winner In Her Time (Time Thief).

He began his career in the Weir stable as an early 2-year-old, winning two of his three starts in his first campaign before being scratched on the eve of the Magic Millions 2YO Classic. He then moved to Waller's stable and kicked off his autumn 2-year-old campaign by winning the G2 Todman S. before Coolmore then bought into him, with a view to him being a future stallion prospect. He competed in the G1 Golden Slipper S. and returned as a 3-year-old with second placings in the G2 Run To The Rose and G1 Golden Rose before his brilliant win against many of the world's best sprinters in The Everest in what was to prove his racetrack farewell. His eight-start career featured four wins and three seconds and he earned \$7.17 million.

"Racing can deliver cruel blows but my team are proud to look back on the short career of Yes Yes Yes and admire the achievements he made," Waller said.

### **Boss Hails Special Colt**

Glen Boss rode Yes Yes Yes in his most important win in Australia's richest race and said the colt had all the attributes of a champion racehorse.

"I only got to ride him twice, one was in a gallop and if you remember I said he made my skin tingle. When you have ridden some good colts, when you get on one again, they almost immediately give you a feel," he told RSN. "I knew I was on something pretty special."



Chris Waller | Bronwen Healy

"He had a turn of speed only reserved for very few horses we have seen in the last 20 years. He was incredible."

Boss saw Yes Yes Yes last Friday and said he was blown away by how much he had strengthened in the break and was relishing the prospect of riding him this autumn.

"He was that Fastnet Rock type of horse in my opinion, he was going to go and take on the world," he said.

While Yes Yes Yes wasn't a Group 1 winner, Boss said his victory in The Everest demonstrated that he was a world-class sprinter, especially having defeated the quality of opposition he did.

"They were at the top of their powers. Nature Strip went out and won a Group 1 sprint down the straight two weeks later. Pierata won the Redzel impressively. These horses were at their best and he simply made them look ordinary when he went past them," he said.

While the chapter has closed on Yes Yes Yes's racing career, Boss believes he is poised to leave quite an impression in the stallion barn.

"He is going to be relevant. He is going to get the opportunity to throw that amazing sprint that he has got into his young progeny. It will go on," he said. "It's a bit like a few years ago when I rode Fastnet Rock as a 3-year-old and he went to Ascot to take on the world and he got travel sickness and had to be retired. That was a real gut wrenching feeling for me because I knew what was going to lie ahead."

"I've been looking for a colt like this for 15 years and in between I've ridden Snitzel, So You Think, I Am Invincible and Ocean Park and they all have that same trait. They are just great athletes and have got that amazing will to win."

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## WINNERS BY AUSTRALIAN SIRES

### IN SOUTH KOREA:

**Spice Candy (Kor)**, f, 3, **Hallowed Crown**--Spicewood (USA), by Dixie Union (USA). Busan, 2-2, Hcp. (\$75k), 1000m. B-Jung Young Sik. \*\$50,000 in utero '16 KEENOV.

