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David Anderson | Keeneland photo

by Chris McGrath

David Anderson had lost his father barely two months previously, at just 64, to a heart attack. Returning home, trying to light a path through the fog of sudden grief, Anderson had sat down with the farm manager, Ray Carroll.

"Ray, what are we going to do here?"

Carroll looked at Anderson and said: "Dave, I couldn't imagine working anywhere else in my life."

"Perfect. That's all I need to hear. Let's put the pedal down and go for it."

It was much the same with Marette Farrell, whose eye for a horse the late Bob Anderson--a man of strong will and opinions--had respected more than any other.

"Marette had been my first phone call," Anderson recalls. "And it was Marette who gave me the confidence and strength to do what we did. I didn't know whether I wanted to consign my own yearlings. Dad always had, but I interviewed different consignors and thought long and hard about it."

Farrell told him: "Dave, you've got this brand here, with Anderson Farms; this legacy. Just do it. You can do it."

Anderson will always be grateful. "And also for the guidance she gives me," he says. "In buying, and matings, we have the same theories, the same logic. We look at a horse the same way. And she's not driven monetarily. As we know, the only way agents make money is if they buy." **Cont. p3**

TAKING STOCK: SOLE VOLANTE, INEXPENSIVE YEARLING TO CLASSIC CONTENDER

by Sid Fernando

Sole Volante (Karakontie {Jpn}) wasn't an expensive yearling, but he announced his Classic aspirations impressively last weekend in an early GI Kentucky Derby prep. He won the 1 1/16-mile GIII Sam F. Davis S. at Tampa Bay Downs on Saturday, but sold for only \$6,000 at the Keeneland September Yearling sale. He was resold by New Hope AB LLC for \$20,000 at the OBS April sale as a 2-year-old to trainer Patrick Biancone, who knows a quality staying pedigree when he sees one. Of course, Biancone trained the great All Along (Fr), who parlayed wins in the 1983 G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe in France, the GI Rothman's International in Canada, and the GI Turf Classic Aqueduct to a Horse of the Year title as a premier mile-and-a-half filly. **Cont. p8**

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Two-time US Horse of the Year California Chrome is recovering well from a bout with enteritis since his arrival at Arrow Stud Jan. 29. See story, p12. | Sarah Andrew

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*A pair of talented half-sisters owned and bred by Three Chimneys Farm--**Guarana** (Ghostzapper) & **Magic Dance** (More Than Ready)--are nearing a return to action. "Guarana received a clean bill of health from Dr. Bramlage and Chad [Brown]'s been real pleased with the way she's going," Three Chimneys Vice Chairman Doug Cauthen said.*

NO MORE NY FOR MCLAUGHLIN

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Kieran McLaughlin, who has been a fixture on the New York racing scene for over three decades, confirmed to the TDN Thursday that he will not be returning to his usual New York training base at Belmont Park this spring.

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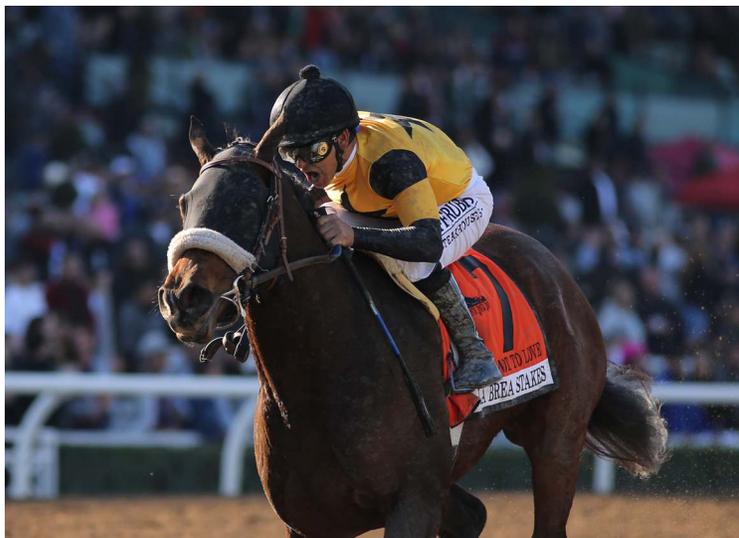
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Anderson continues, "Marette doesn't care if she buys. She wants the right horse, for the right price, for her clients. And that's why she's so successful."

Here they were, anyhow, beginning their tour of the 2011 Keeneland January Sale. The very first mare on their list. The Warrendale consignment, for Live Oak. Out she came, into the freezing morning, exhaling a pale cloud of vapor.

"I remember it like yesterday," Anderson says. "And the first thing I noticed, her breath heavy in that cold January air, was that she had nostrils on her like a hippo. I can always remember, as a kid, my dad saying: 'No nostril, no horse.' They've got to be able to breathe."

Loving Vindication had just turned six. Anderson had her walked up and down, turned to Farrell and announced: "This one's coming back to Canada."

The last time she had been at Keeneland, as a September yearling, the daughter of Vindication made \$725,000. Though she had won a couple of races and run some big numbers, Anderson was able to buy her for \$180,000. He sold her first foal for \$385,000: a colt by Medaglia d'Oro who went on to be Grade II-placed. Otherwise, her only two other starters are Canadian Horse of the Year **Wonder Gadot** (Medaglia d'Oro); and now the one-eyed marvel '**TDN Rising Star**' **Hard Not To Love** (Hard Spun), flamboyant winner of the GI La Brea S. in December for John Shirreffs. On Saturday, Hard Not To Love takes her four-for-five record into the GII Santa Monica S. at Santa Anita.

The only other mare Anderson bought, that first January Sale, was Song and Danz (Unbridled's Song). She had been tailed off on her only start but was already responsible for a graded stakes winner and in foal to Tapit.

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broodmare band," Anderson recalls. "So soon after Dad had died, I'm not going to say it wasn't without a lot of emotion. But honestly, I felt like I had an angel on my shoulder. We had limited resources. I don't have an oil well in the backyard. But I really came in feeling confident. And we just got so fortunate: the marketplace was really weak at the time and those two purchases, right there, kick-started our entire operation."

At \$400,000, Song and Danz remains the most expensive mare Anderson has bought. But it was money well spent, thanks to the Tapit filly she was carrying. Not that it seemed that way to Anderson, when unable to sell her as a yearling.

"Tapit was on fire and I had this really pretty filly," he recalls. "But she got a high nail when they put shoes on her, the day before, so she showed up at the sale just dead lame. I wanted to kill the blacksmith. So I bought her back, raced her--and she had a ton of ability. Unfortunately she broke down, but I bred her to Scat Daddy and got \$1.1 million for her first foal; and then bred her to Hard Spun and got \$950,000 for the second."

The farm's first seven-figure yearling became Sergei Prokofiev, a group winner for Ballydoyle who could yet break into Europe's sprinting elite. And nor did that angel on his shoulder let Anderson down in choosing a single broodmare to retain from the existing band.

"Dad's numbers had been up and down, over the years, but in the end his quality was maybe not where it should have been," he reflects. "We had to reduce those numbers and get some better quality. The only one we kept was a very fast Saint Ballado mare, Flawless Diamond. And she has thrown great foals. They can all run, and last September I sold her Nyquist colt for \$500,000. She's now 20, but last year I think she just laid down and had her best foal ever, an unbelievable colt by Honor



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Of course, Anderson also inherited the soil, hay and climate that had favoured every animal raised on the family estates round St Thomas, Ontario, since 1969. He had been running the flourishing Standardbred division until the loss of his father, and still rears Angus cattle, Clydesdale and Percheron draft horses. So far as Thoroughbreds were concerned, however, the family's greatest legacy had perhaps been the benign interest and counsel of E. P. Taylor. Anderson's father was so inspired by Canada's pioneering Thoroughbred breeder that he liked to call his own farm "Windfields West."

"Mr. Taylor was the reason my father was in the business," says Anderson. "He was Dad's mentor, took him under his wing when he was just 21. Every Saturday morning, when I was a kid, we'd get in the old station wagon and drive to Windfields and hang out for the day: watch horses being broken, stallions breeding, whatever was going on."

One special memory: his seventh birthday, the family round the dinner table, a Windfields van driving up.

"What the heck's going on?" exclaimed his father. "I'm not expecting any horses from Windfields."

He went out, and was met by the driver with an envelope.

"Is David here?" asked the driver.

Taylor's card read: "Happy Birthday, David. I hope you enjoy your new Fell pony."

So much for the forbidding tycoon Taylor. "He was one of the most caring, good-hearted people you'd ever meet," Anderson recalls. "He didn't look at the business from a monetary perspective. He did it because he loved it and because he believed in himself and in his people. It's just remarkable, the empire he built--and that still exists today." He picks up a catalog. "Almost every page."

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"I am a commercial breeder," he concedes. "But at the end of the day, I'm not a trader: I'm a builder. And if I have a legacy someday, I want people to say, 'That's an Anderson family.' I buy mares with the intention of keeping them 10 years, plus; maybe buying daughters back. That's what all the great breeders have done. So you won't see me buying a mare in January, breeding her back, and flipping her in November for a quick profit. Yes, I try and get as much as I can for my yearlings. I have bills to pay like everyone else. But ultimately I'm trying to produce stakes winners."

The breed would certainly prosper if more people grasped that there should be no attribute more commercial than racing ability. Perhaps Anderson, by prospering himself, can help them do so. His consignment has obtained a boutique quality; prospectors come to seek a talented horse, not a cheap one. And he has achieved this by sticking rigorously to the three principles that govern his business.

"And those are discipline, discipline and discipline," he says with a grin. "That's it, period. Disciplined when you sell, disciplined when you buy. My father always said to me, 'David, you make your money when you buy, not when you sell.' And trust me, it's hard for me: I'm a horse guy! At a sale, I want to go

up there and buy horses. But you have to be smart."

You might assume this attitude to be informed by Anderson's parallel success in a more conventional commercial environment, making and distributing sports safety equipment. If anything, however, he says that the more transferable lessons were learned in the horse business.

"In manufacturing, there's cashflow every day," he explains. "We make a widget, it's out the door, and you get paid. In this business, maybe 90% of your revenue comes within one month of the year; and the remaining 11 months, you're either on food stamps or you're going out for steak dinners. It's tough to manage your budget.

"But I've grown up on the farm, I've been in it my whole life. I've seen the roller coaster ride. At the end of the day, we're farmers--and some years it rains, some years it doesn't. We're all in this game because we love it. If you don't, and you lose money, then you're out. Guys come and go. But if you really love the game, you know you're bound to have a couple down years, but you pick yourself up and stay the course. And those are the people that are going to be successful."

Nothing affirms faith in the program like the graduation of a new star. Anderson is especially gratified by Hard Not To Love because of his regard for the ownership team assembled after her \$400,000 sale as a September yearling.



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"And I'm convinced that if she was in the hands of anyone other than John Shirreffs, she would probably never have set foot on the track," he says. "In her early days, she was definitely a quirky one. The first three months of her life, she would not follow her mother in the stall. We had to back her in, every day. The dam has fire in her belly, and she throws it in all her foals. But that's been true of any really good filly I've ever had: they're not necessarily mean, but they can be tough--and they're driven. Wonder Gadot had that little edge on her too."

Anderson notes that while Loving Vindication's dam Chimichurri was a graded stakes winner, her 10 daughters were not so accomplished. But another of them, Chimayo (A.P. Indy), produced last year's GI Beholder Mile S. winner Secret Spice.

"So it's the old adage: maybe the good racemares won't produce, but their daughters will," he says. "Secret Spice went to Japan for a lot of money in November. I have her sister by Street Cry (Ire), who's now in foal to Justify. So the whole page is really starting to fill in."

He jokes that he doesn't know what he "must have been drinking" when he put Loving Vindication through the ring at Fasig-Tipton last November, before repenting and bringing her home at \$1.45 million. Happily, though offered more than the reserve the next day, he still said no. Just weeks later, Hard Not To Love inflated her dam's value with her Grade I breakthrough. Discipline, it seems, can take many forms!

"When you have that much money staring at you..." Anderson shakes his head. "And I'm a working man. You've got to dig deep. But in my gut, I felt like this mare has been so good to me, and she still has so much potential ahead of her. Hard Not To Love was showing tons of ability, and we'd heard great reports out of California. She was, without doubt, her dam's best yearling, in terms of conformation; and she's in the best possible hands, given that she only has one eye [result of a paddock

accident while in Florida to be broken]. She's only just finding her stride, only just getting her confidence. And I commend her groom Martin, too. This guy is unbelievable with her. I've never seen a connection like it, between a man and a horse."

Unsurprisingly, Loving Vindication is heading back to Hard Spun. She has a Curlin colt at foot and is due to Medaglia d'Oro-- a stallion also favoured for consecutive dates with Orchard Beach (Tapit), whose yearling filly Anderson reckons the most beautiful he has ever raised.

His commercial success makes Anderson a living rebuke to all those breeders prepared to trade a fast buck for a slow foal. Except sometimes with a proven mare, he will resist new sires in favour of "boring" achievers. He feels that such early profit as breeders can make, backing new sires, will be lost in the depreciation of their mares.

True, he has rolled the dice with six shares in Collected. ("I just thought he was really good value and it's a great family.") But overall he feels that you will need the solid achiever when the market eventually turns, as it must.

"Whether it's next year, or the year after, at some point it's going to happen," he reasons. "And if you're left holding the bag, with a bunch of these first-year commercial sires, you're done. In tough times I think you need proven winners to keep afloat."

Hard not to admire that approach. Hard not to love it, in fact, especially in a spiritual heir to E. P. Taylor; in such a patriotic Canadian breeder.

"People think that we're up in the great white tundra," he says. "But I'm telling you, I raise all my horses outside, 24/7. They have lots of shelter and cover. But even if the snow's blowing sideways, they're still not in the shed: they're out standing in the middle of the field. And I think it breeds a much healthier animal. They're in a herd environment, which they love. So mentally, they're sound. And physically, they produce better feet, better bone."

With a seat on the board of Ontario Racing, he acknowledges that his domestic breeding industry has recovered only to a state of emergency from the slots crisis. But he describes himself as "semi-optimistic," thanks to government assistance, creative incentives, one of the world's premier racetracks and investment in turf as a surface for the future.

No question about it, Taylor would be proud of the boy who was ecstatic to receive a Fell pony; and likewise, his own father. Anderson himself credits everything to his team on the farm, headed by Carroll. But there's no mistaking his own navigational flair.

"It's become a game of getting the edge," he reflects. "It's not like it was 30 years ago, when you'd just pull them out of the field and bring them into the ring without shoes. There are so

many sharp and astute people, all trying to do the same thing, and it's ultra-competitive. So you either play at that level, or just be a country fair guy. That's the bottom line.

"But there's no one in this game that's been luckier than me. Not just in the horse business. I've been so lucky in life. Everything I've done: my wife, my kids, my other businesses. I could die tomorrow and I'd die with a smile on my face. Literally."

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TAKING STOCK

by Sid Fernando



Taking Stock cont. from p1

For whatever reasons, end-user yearling buyers missed Sole Volante at Keeneland, but it wasn't for a lack of pedigree, because he has that in spades. And he was bred by an outfit that has an excellent reputation. Usually, a low price can be attributed to lack of pedigree and physical; failing the vet; a sire who isn't commercial; an old or unproductive family; or placement too far back in the sale--a result of some or all of the above. Some of these factors may have been in play with Sole



Sole Volante | SV Photography

Volante, but end-users by and large whiffed with him, and he was left as a scrap for a pinhooker who saw enough potential to take a shot. His buyers have been vindicated, as has the breeder that planned the mating.

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"He is a big rugged, two turn looking horse. A very good mover, straightforward mentally, and easy on himself" Nick de Meric on the colt ex Whispering Softly (in OBS March)



"We like this filly a lot. She is very good looking, looks very precocious and goes beautifully on the dirt. She's the kind that could go anywhere, we have high hopes for her." Tris de Meric on the filly ex Sirenage - \$140k Yearling KN Sept

"I have two Air Force Blue's, both are training very forward and are lovely movers." Dave Scanlon



"From the get go at the yearling sales they were pretty bodied, eye catching horses, he is a sire that is very easy to like and they were pretty tough to afford. With the two I have, I have high hopes for Air Force Blue." Brandon Rice

"I like all three of the Air Force Blue's we have, in particular the filly out of Conquest Strate Up who is going to the Miami Sale, she is very nice. They are all athletic, good training horses who get over the ground very well." Mark Roberts of Hidden Brook



"She is a pretty filly who has shown a lot of quality in her training and acts like she could be special." Randy Bradshaw on the filly ex Excelente

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Tree division and in Europe mostly at Coolmore in Ireland, but Flaxman also sends mares to Japan, where the entity has bred to Sunday Silence and Deep Impact (Jpn), among others. Many of the mares in the Flaxman band trace to fillies that Stavros Niarchos, who died in 1996, purchased or bred in the 1970s and 1980s when he based his operation at Haras de Fresnay-le-Buffard, the farm developed and owned by Marcel Boussac for 60 years. Today Flaxman is run by Niarchos's daughter Maria Niarchos-Gouaze, and the family's interest in racing extends another generation to her brother Philippe's daughter Electra, who is a frequent presence on the racecourse.

Sole Volante's sire was bred and raced by Flaxman and was foaled in Japan because his dam Sun Is Up (Jpn) (Sunday Silence) was returned to the land of her birth carrying him, so that she could be bred to the Japanese-based Niarchos-bred-and-raced G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe winner Bago (Fr) (Nashwan). Karakontie is by the Storm Cat horse Bernstein and his third dam is the iconic Flaxman homebred Miesque (Nureyev), who has become an influential name in pedigrees, first through her high-class stallion son Kingmambo (Mr. Prospector) and lately through various branches of her daughters, who've been responsible for recent Flaxman homebred Classic winners like G1 Irish 1000 Guineas winner Alpha Centauri (Ire) (Mastercraftsman, and her third dam is Miesque) and G1 Prix du Jockey-Club (French Derby) winner Study of Man (Ire) (Deep Impact and second dam Miesque).

Like Miesque and Kingmambo, Karakontie won a G1 French Guineas, and like Miesque, he also won the GI Breeders' Cup Mile. He was sent to stud at Gainesway in 2016 for a \$15,000 fee and Sole Volante is from his first crop. The stallion is represented by two other black-type winners, European Group 3 winner Kenzai Warrior and Tyro S. winner Karak. The latter was a \$22,000 Keeneland November weanling, a \$30,000 Keeneland September RNA, and a \$365,000 OBS March 2-year-old. Coincidentally, Kenzai Warrior, like Sole Volante, was a \$6,000 Keeneland September yearling, and he was pinhooked as a 2-year-old in Europe at Goffs for approximately \$58,000.

Karakontie's first yearlings averaged \$34,818 (51 sold) with a \$16,000 median, numbers that probably indicated a commercial bias against his profile as a turf miler. Notwithstanding that his only group/graded winners to date sold for \$6,000 apiece as yearlings, there are other similarities between the two: Kenzai Warrior, bred by John D. Gunther, is from a Lemon Drop Kid (Kingmambo) mare, and Sole Volante is from a mare by Kingmambo, which makes the former inbred 4x4 to Miesque and the latter 4x3.

Inbreeding to superior females through different individuals (the Rasmussen Factor) was a theory espoused by my late longtime friend Leon Rasmussen, one of the great pedigree

writers of the last century and the "Bloodlines" columnist at *Daily Racing Form*. He'd based his views concerning inbreeding on the observations of some great breeders in the past, and it's something that's practiced to this day across the world. For instance, Canadian Chuck Fipke has bred his Flaxman-bred mare Inventing Paradise (Mr. Prospector daughter of Miesque) to Karakontie twice, which gives the foal Miesque 4x2. Fipke's also breeding a homebred daughter of Inventing Paradise to Karakontie this year, and that mating will have Miesque 4x3.

Of Karakontie's 51 first-crop auction yearlings to sell, five were from mares by either Kingmambo or his sons Lemon Drop Kid or Henrythenavigator. To date, two are group/graded winners and another is a winner, which is quite the advertisement for inbreeding to Miesque with Karakontie and a lesson that it pays to analyze the motives of the breeder at a yearling sale, particularly one like Flaxman that's trying to make a homebred stallion. Flaxman's policy is to sell its colts in the US and retain the fillies as potential broodmares, so Sole Volante wasn't a cull.

Motives aside, there's more than enough class in Sole Volante's pedigree to understand his success to date and to project his abilities at 10 furlongs and more. On the face of it, the pedigree is all turf--a strong stamina-oriented turf family combined with a speedy turf miler--but the way he defeated the previously unbeaten Independence Hall (Constitution) on dirt in the Sam F. Davis has removed any doubts about surface preferences. He's a winner now of three of four starts. He made his first two starts on turf, winning his first two races, including the black-type Pulpit S. at Gulfstream in his second start, at a mile on grass. Next, he was third while making his dirt debut going a mile in the Listed Mucho Macho Man S., prior to his win in the 1 1/16-mile Sam F. Davis.

As noted, his dam Light Blow is by Kingmambo, who became an influence for stamina as a stallion. She is also the dam of 4-year-old Explode (Trappe Shot), who last year won the 10-furlong GIII Canadian Derby at Century Mile on dirt via DQ, and stakes-placed Light of Joy (Kitten's Joy). Light Blow's full sister Light Shift won the G1 Epsom Oaks and produced G1 winner Ulysses (Ire) (Galileo), highweighted on the English Free Handicap from 9 1/2 furlongs to 11 furlongs.

Lingerie (GB), the dam of Light Blow and Light Shift and therefore Sole Volante's second dam, is a daughter of stamina influence Shirley Heights (GB). She also produced another of Flaxman's Japanese-bred Group 1 winners in Shiva (Jpn) (Hector Protector), a highweight on the English Free Handicap from 9 1/2 to 11 furlongs. This is the immediate family of Flaxman's US champion turf horse Main Sequence (Aldebaran), a gelding like Sole Volante who won the GI Breeders' Cup Turf among other races.

Sole Volante's third dam is French champion and G1 French

Oaks winner Northern Trick (Northern Dancer), a filly bred by Lane's End's Will Farish and Hermitage Farm's Warner L. Jones who was purchased by Niarchos at the 1982 Keeneland Selected Yearling sale for \$530,000. It's a purchase that's continuing to pay dividends for his heirs, just as Group 1 winner Aviance (Ire) (Northfields), a Niarchos private purchase from Robert Sangster, has: Aviance is the third dam of War of Will (War Front), who was bred and sold by Flaxman and won the GI Preakness last year to become the stable's first US Classic winner as breeder. Sole Volante gives them another chance for a US Classic this year.

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ON TDN WRITERS' ROOM PODCAST, HOW JIM ROME FELL IN LOVE WITH HORSE RACING



“Equine crack” is how Jim Rome describes his first ownership experience on this week’s Writers’ Room podcast

There was a time when radio host Jim Rome poked fun at horse racing, demeaning it as a sport. “It’s not a sport, it is a bet,” he said. Today, he is not only a fan and an owner and breeder but he has become an ambassador for horse racing, sharing his love affair with the game with his audience of 2.5 million and anyone else who will listen.

Rome’s transformation from critic to an advocate happened virtually over night. The credit, he told the panel on this week’s TDN Writers’ Room podcast, presented by [Keeneland](#), goes to the first horse he ever owned a part of, Wing Forward (Arg) (Arch).

Rome knew Billy Koch from Little Red Feather Racing and said

Koch was continually pestering him to invest in a horse. His wife, Janet, also thought it was a good idea because she thought her husband needed a hobby. So, Rome bought in and the payback was almost instantaneous. In his first start with Rome as a part of the ownership group, Wing Forward not only won but won in dramatic fashion.

“I go to the race and you have to understand, I am naive about the process,” said Rome, this week’s [Green Group](#) Guest of the Week. “I know sports but I didn’t know horse racing. This horse, to quote Trevor Denman, came from out of clouds, from worst to first. I’m not kidding you, it’s like somebody rolled up on me and shot me with equine crack. I turned to Koch and said, ‘Dude, what else do you have to sell me, what else can I buy? It all changed in a second. My whole life changed in a second. It was the most amazing thing.”

Some 13 years later, Rome has gone from a partner on one horse in a syndicate to someone who co-owned two-time GI Breeders’ Cup Turf Sprint winner Mizdirection (Mizzen Mast) and multiple Grade I winner Shared Belief (Candy Ride {Arg}) and now has a promising homebred in the filly Gidgetta (Fast Anna), a recent maiden winner at Santa Anita.

Winning races is obviously still a thrill, but it’s not why Rome has become so involved in the sport. It’s his love of the animal.

“Somebody said to me early on, ‘Jim, here is your problem, you fall in love with every single one of the horses.’ I said, ‘That’s not my problem, it is why I am in the business, because I fall in love with every one of the horses,” Rome said. “We were hemorrhaging money at first. We were having no success. Never mind winning a stakes race. I couldn’t get into a stakes race, but I was having the time of my life because I loved every one of the animals. They were so different and so unique and I could recognize the athletic qualities in the horses. First and foremost, I love the animal, more than the business, more than the wins.”

His feelings about the animal are easy for people within the horse racing industry to understand, but he says the focus on the breakdowns at Santa Anita last year often puts him on the defensive when he tries to explain his feelings to outsiders.

“I get the same thing all the time, ‘What the hell is going on there?’” he said. “‘What’s going on at the track? What’s going on in that sport?’”

It is the same people, he says, who can’t understand how it is possible to both love the animal yet participate in a sport that can be very dangerous.

“They find it very hard to believe that we, quote, love the animal,” Rome said. “They say, ‘If you love the animal why do you race the animal or if you love the animal why are you doing this?’ They don’t get it. There is a disconnect. People think I am a liar. They say, ‘No you don’t, you obviously don’t love the

animal if you are in horse racing.' I tell them I am in horse racing because I love the animal. Then the thing just veers off the track all together. It's really A difficult thing to explain to people.

These are hard conversations that I have and not everybody is open to hearing what we have to say about it."

Rome added that it is important for the industry not to run from its problems.

"You have to be accountable, you have to be transparent, you have to be responsible and if things don't go well you need to own them," he said. "When things don't go well you cannot put your head in the sand and say that this too shall pass and then move on to something else. There are some real issues affecting the sport and you need to confront them and own them and be accountable to them."

In this week's news segment, presented by **West Point Thoroughbreds**, the writers discuss last week's Kentucky Derby preps, how horse racing can learn from the XFL to be more transparent, and the pros and cons of the recent Equine Safety and Welfare legislation introduced in the California assembly.

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Tracks Down Top Horses on the Sidelines

'RISING STAR' SIBLINGS GUARANA AND MAGIC DANCE ON THE COMEBACK TRAIL

by Steve Sherack



Guarana | Sarah Andrew

A pair of talented half-sisters owned and bred by Three Chimneys Farm are nearing a return to action.

'**TDN Rising Star**' **Guarana** (Ghostzapper), victress of last term's GI Acorn S. and GI Coaching Club American Oaks, joined trainer Chad Brown's Palm Meadows string to begin the New Year and is close to her first breeze back. She's been sidelined since suffering her first career defeat when second as the even-money favorite in the GI Cotillion S. at Parx Sept. 21.

"She came back jammed up after her race in Pennsylvania, had a little filling in her ankles and was a little off behind," Three Chimneys Vice Chairman Doug Cauthen said.

"It made it an easy decision to just give her a break and not go for the Breeders' Cup. It was very minor--no surgery--she just needed some R&R. She received a clean bill of health from Dr. [Larry] Bramlage and Chad's been real pleased with the way she's going."

Guarana kicked off her career at the age of three with a blowout maiden win in the Keeneland slop last April prior to her three aforementioned attempts at the highest level, including a stakes-record setting performance with a career-best 99 Beyer Speed Figure in the Acorn.

Is there a timetable for her return or some early season targets in mind yet?

"The best thing with her is to let her lead you there because I think the patience that she was afforded as a young horse worked out well," Cauthen responded.

"We will let her tell Chad and Chad will tell us," Cauthen added with a laugh.

Her year-young half-sister and fellow '**Rising Star**' **Magic Dance** (More Than Ready), a hard-fought heroine of last June's Debutante S. at Churchill Downs, has posted five breezes for Hall of Famer Steve Asmussen at Fair Grounds this winter.

The dark bay nearly overcame a horrific stumble at the start in the GII Adirondack S. at Saratoga most recently Aug. 4. She stayed on for third that day behind next out GI Spinaway S. winner Perfect Alibi (Sky Mesa) after leading in the stretch.

Magic Dance earned her 'Rising Star' badge beneath the Twin Spires on debut just a day before Guarana's runaway win on the GI Belmont S. undercard.

"When she went to her nose at the start at Saratoga, she scraped a ton of skin off her forelimb--she grabbed herself pretty bad and basically broke the skin from the contact--and had a deep bone bruise from the blow as a result," Cauthen said.

"She just needed a break and got one. She was a powerful, impressive filly last year, but she has grown and lengthened out quite a bit. Steve's really happy with her progress and has gotten a big bottom into her. He's just building up stamina with her and letting her lead him to a start, which he hasn't officially identified yet, but we could see her back at the races in March."

Guarana and Magic Dance are both out of the winning Distorted Humor mare Magical World, a Phipps Stable-bred daughter of GI Breeders' Cup Distaff heroine Pleasant Home (Seeking the Gold).

Her 2-year-old colt by Pioneer of the Nile brought \$2.1 million from bloodstock agent Mike Ryan on behalf of E Five Racing at last year's Keeneland September sale. Three Chimneys has remained in as a partner on the colt, per Cauthen.

"He's doing great," Cauthen said. "He's at Stonestreet with Ian Brennan. He's really training beautifully. We hope he follows in the family tradition."

Barren for 2019, the 10-year-old Magical World was bred to Horse of the Year and Three Chimneys resident Gun Runner for the 2020 season.

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CALIFORNIA CHROME RECOVERING FROM ENTERITIS



California Chrome | Taylor Gilkey

Two-time US Horse of the Year **California Chrome** (Lucky Pulpit) is recovering well from a bout with enteritis since his arrival at Arrow Stud Jan. 29, the JS Company—who manages the stallion business at Arrow Stud—reported across social media early Thursday (Japanese time). He was not part of the Arrow Stud stallion parade in recent days, prompting concern, but he will be paraded in March.

The tweet read: "Dear all of fans, CC has a minor enteritis after arriving at Arrow Stud and recovering now. Fortunately, he eats very well and his condition becomes better day by day. We are looking forward to a chance to show him next month. Thank you very much for your support. J S Co."

Horse of the Year in 2014 and 2016, California Chrome retired to stud at Taylor Made as the richest winner of the GI Kentucky

Derby in history, having added the G1 Dubai World Cup to his resume. Last November it was announced that the syndicate that owned California Chrome agreed to move forward with a sale to Japan. California Chrome, who is expected to begin covering mares in short order, will stand his first season for a fee of ¥4 million (\$36,471). His first US-sired crop are 2-year-olds of 2020 and he also stood the 2017 and 2018 Southern Hemisphere breeding seasons at Haras Sumaya in Chile.

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ZAYAT CAMP RELEASES STATEMENT

The New York lending firm that last month initiated a \$23-million lawsuit against Ahmed Zayat and his financially troubled Zayat Stables, LLC, broadly amended its civil complaint in a Kentucky court earlier this week (click [here](#)).

Zayat Stables issued the following statement Thursday regarding the amended complaint:

"We are disappointed but not surprised at MGG and Kevin Griffin's aggressive attack on the horse industry. Zayat Stables said from the beginning that it wanted to liquidate certain assets to generate enough proceeds to pay off all of its creditors. Motivated purely by self-interest and greed, MGG, however, was more interested in litigating this dispute at the expense of other creditors. MGG has gone as far as filing baseless claims against reputable horse farms and bloodstock agents. This conduct demonstrates MGG's fundamental lack of knowledge of the horse industry and complete lack of respect for the parties essential to its success. Zayat Stables is doing everything it can to ensure that all of its debts are repaid, but MGG has placed itself above all others and has made it nearly impossible for other creditors to be treated fairly."

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MCLAUGHLIN OPTS OUT OF NEW YORK

by Christina Bossinakis

Kieran McLaughlin, who has been a fixture on the New York racing scene for over three decades, confirmed to the *TDN* Thursday that he will not be returning to his usual New York training base at Belmont Park this spring. McLaughlin, who is one of several New York-based horsemen who have been investigated by both the New York Department of Labor and the U.S. Department of Labor, was fined \$304,646 last November by the state Department of Labor for what was reported as a "violation of minimum wage requirements." An investigation by the federal branch is ongoing and McLaughlin indicated he expects to receive a ruling "any day now."

"Obviously, we made a few little mistakes, but they can really be costly," admitted McLaughlin. "And when they fined me over

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\$300,000, it hurts my feelings. It hurts me because I'm a very good employer and I take good care of my staff. Okay, we made a few mistakes, but I thought it was excessive. I'm still under investigation [re. the H-2B visas] by the Feds and that fine is going to be coming out soon. And I just can't afford to go back to New York because it's very difficult to comply. So, we're going to try a different direction."

In addition to the investigations, and resulting fines, McLaughlin pointed to the overall high cost of maintaining a racing operation in the state; the varying rules governing minimum wage in each county; and differing rules applying to workers on the H2B visa program as contributing factors to his departure.

"It's expensive wherever you are to take good care of a horse," McLaughlin explained when asked about some of the challenges of the present-day trainer. "It's also very difficult to comply [with the Labor Department's rules] and get help. We've always had trouble getting staff that want to get there at 4:30 a.m. and work six or seven days a week. It's hard. So, that's the tough thing to comply with all the labor laws these days."

McLaughlin indicated his current string of [approximately] 40 horses will be sent to Kentucky, his native state, and/or Monmouth Park in New Jersey.

"We're at Palm Meadows now, but we put in for H-2B Visas for Kentucky and New Jersey, because our whole staff is on H-2B Visas," he explained. "We have been approved in Kentucky and not approved yet in New Jersey. So, at this time, we'll head to Kentucky in April and see if the Visas come through for New Jersey. We might split up, or go to New Jersey with all of them. We'll see how we do at Keeneland in April, for now."

Already familiar with Monmouth Park, McLaughlin spent five years in the late 80's at the Oceanport oval as an assistant to Hall of Fame trainer D. Wayne Lukas. He departed the famed

operation in 1991.

"Well, if we go to New Jersey, we can easily ship an hour and a half up the road to Belmont and run there if we have a horse that needs to run in New York," he said. "It's tricky to have a full-time staff there and set up in New York. We feel like we could go there with 10% or 20% of our stakes horses. We're still close enough to go to New York and, hopefully, the clients/owners are okay with that. As for Kentucky, the purses are going through the roof. The racing is great and they like horse racing in Kentucky. We've always gone to the Keeneland spring and fall meets. So, we are looking at Kentucky strongly, too."

When asked if he would be sad to leave New York after calling it home for the past two decades, McLaughlin said, "Yes, New York has been very very good to me and my family."

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IS NOCARDIOFORM PLACENTITIS WORSE THAN IT APPEARS?

by *T.D. Thornton*

When a Lexington-area spike in foal deaths caused by nocardioform placentitis first hit the news at the end of January, there was considerable anecdotal chatter in the Bluegrass region that the number of equine abortions, stillborns and neonate euthanizations might be higher than what is being reported by the University of Kentucky Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory (UKVDL), the main entity that tracks such cases.

Two weeks ago, when *TDN* first reported on the outbreak, the number stood at 44. As of Thursday afternoon, Kentucky's nocardioform placentitis death toll was 65. They are all Thoroughbreds, and the casualties continue to be clustered around Lexington.

Dr. Craig Carter, the director of the UKVDL, confirmed to *TDN* in a phone interview that those casualty totals are, in fact, likely to be higher.

The reasons are twofold: Nocardioform placentitis is not mandated as a reportable agricultural disease. There is also a time lag involved in the period between when a specimen is voluntarily delivered to the lab for testing and when the results appear on the UKVDL's county-by-county interactive map that tracks the outbreak (view it [here](#)). That map is a useful tool, but the UKVDL never intended for it to represent a complete, real-time picture of the disease.

However, Carter said he has no doubt that the UKVDL is compiling and making available enough data for veterinarians and farm personnel to use to increase their awareness and vigilance of nocardioform placentitis, which currently has no known cure or preventative measures.

“I’ve been here 15 years in the trenches doing the diagnostic testing, and I feel really confident that we are getting enough specimens from the field to where we can put out the appropriate alerts,” Carter said. “And that’s really all we can do. Here in the lab, all we can do is confirm a specific diagnosis, and then go back to the veterinarians in the field and say ‘Here’s what you’ve got.’”

Nocardioform placentitis is a group of organisms that causes separation of the placenta from the mare’s uterus. It stops nutrients and oxygen getting from the mare to the fetus, which can damage and be life-threatening to the foal. Foals can either be stillborn or born in a weakened state that requires euthanization. Some diseased foals can be born normally and mature healthily in cases where mares have only a small lesion caused by the disease.

Nocardioform placentitis has thus far stumped equine epidemiologists, because they don’t know how it gets into the mares. It is believed to be either soil- or environment-based, and it seems to spike in the foaling seasons after periods of dry, hot weather in late summer and early fall.

The disease is almost exclusively confined to the Bluegrass region of Kentucky, and cases of it most recently spiked in the 2011 and 2017 foaling seasons. The University of Kentucky’s Gluck Equine Research Center has studied nocardioform placentitis extensively, but has been unable to reproduce the disease by inoculating mares with the organisms.

“I want to emphasize it’s a rare disease,” Carter said. “It’s an unusual bug. It’s not seen much outside the Bluegrass area. There are very few places in the world that have ever seen anything quite like these nocardioform organisms. I’ve heard that Florida has reported a couple and maybe Texas might have diagnosed a couple this year. But why is it focused here and what is its drought relationship?”

“All I can say is if you look at the scientific literature, there is very little known about this particular bug, and so that just makes it tougher,” Carter continued. “Most of the diseases we deal with here, we’re well aware of them. But this one here has never really been seen at all outside of the Bluegrass region.”

Carter explained the UKVDL’s role in combating nocardioform placentitis.

“We [compile the database and map] for situational awareness, basically,” Carter said. “But it’s only based on what people send to us, so it has that limitation.”

Carter added that one diagnostic positive is that unlike in other agricultural settings, the lofty economics of the Thoroughbred breeding industry provide a strong, built-in incentive for farm personnel to want to report these types of diseases.

“In Kentucky’s horse industry, when horses are sick and they’re dying [owners and breeders] want to know what’s going on,”

Carter said. “So we get [reports] of a very high percentage of the problems that are going on. The horse industry is pretty sensitive. A lot of animal agriculture is tightly clustered in eastern Kentucky, so we get a lot more [sampling] that you would in other states. We’re kind of fortunate in that way, because we really want to know what is going on out there.”

When a farm has a suspected nocardioform placentitis case that results in a casualty, the UKVDL becomes aware of it when farm personnel or their veterinarian bring in a dead fetus or a placenta for testing. “We can diagnose it from either specimen,” Carter said. “They give a clinical history of what’s going on on that farm, and we do the work [to generate] a diagnosis, and then that goes in the database,” which has controls to maintain client privacy.

Carter said the UKVDL recognizes that for some smaller-scale farm owners, the cost of testing could be a disincentive for them to bring in specimens

“We actually try our very, very best to keep all the prices for our tests relating to the post-mortem as low as we can,” Carter said. “We do have to charge a fee to keep our doors open. But we work really hard to keep those fees low so that people are encouraged to bring their animals in and get a diagnosis.”

Although Carter didn’t have all the details, he believes the Gluck Equine Research Center is in the process of getting funding approved so that specimen testing kits can be made available to farm personnel for free, which is something that has been done during past nocardioform placentitis outbreaks.

“So that will kind of help solve the problem that’s being talked about where people are saying, ‘This is a lot worse than everybody thinks it is,’” Carter explained. “If we go out and do more surveillance and we test more specimens, that should help either validate that statement or not. The last time the free kits were made available, I think that about doubled the number of specimens that we were able to look at. That’s a good thing. And it’s something that we want to do, because that’s our mission.”

While waiting for researchers, such as the team at Gluck, to achieve new breakthroughs, Carter said “what we do is try to increase the surveillance for the disease, and that’s what we’re in the progress of doing. Right now it looks like it could come close to being as big of a problem as it was in 2010-11.”

Asked his prediction for what direction this year’s outbreak of nocardioform placentitis might take, Carter said he expects it to follow historical, season-related patterns.

“It usually does tail off,” Carter said. “Spikes [have previously resolved] to bell curves.”

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EXCELLENCE IN MARYLAND RACING RECOGNIZED AT 2019 RENAISSANCE AWARDS

The third annual Renaissance Awards, a collaborative effort between the Maryland Horse Breeders Association, Maryland Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association and Maryland Jockey Club, which recognizes excellence in Thoroughbred racing and breeding in Maryland in the past year, was held Tuesday evening, Feb. 11, at the Guinness Open Gate Brewery. **'TDN Rising Star' Sharing** (Speightstown), heroine of the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf, took home top honors as Maryland-bred Horse of the Year, champion 2-year-old filly and champion turf runner. Other winners included: champion 2-year-old male: **Laddie Liam** (Golden Lad); champion 3-year-old male: **Alwaysmining** (Stay Thirsty); champion 3-year-old filly: **Las Setas** (Seville {Ger}); champion older male: **Cordmaker** (Curlin); champion older female: **Majestic Reason** (Majestic Warrior); champion sprinter: **Lewisfield** (Great Notion); Maryland Breeder of the Year: **Sagamore Farm**; Maryland Broodmare of the Year: **Taft Lil Queen** (Irish Open); Maryland Stallion of the Year: **Great Notion** (Elusive Quality); Pimlico Backstretch Worker of the Year: **Urizar "Uri" Velazquez**; Laurel Backstretch Employee of the Year: **Troy Singh**; Trainer: **Mike Trombetta**; Jockey: **Trevor McCarthy**; and Owner: **Hillwood Stable**.

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2020 FACT BOOK AVAILABLE ON TJC WEBSITE

The 2020 edition of the Fact Book is now available in the Resources section of The Jockey Club website at www.jockeyclub.com. The Fact Book is a statistical and informational guide to Thoroughbred breeding, racing and auctions in North American and also includes a directory of Canadian, international, national, and state organizations. Links to the Breeding Statistics report that is released by The Jockey Club each September and the Report of Mares Bred information that is published by The Jockey Club each October can be found in the Breeding section of the Fact Book. This year's Fact Book includes three new statistics: percentage of mares bred by stallion covering year; percentage of first-time starters by age; and percentage of foal crop that won a race by racing year. The 2020 editions of State Fact Books, which feature detailed breeding, racing, and auction sales information specific to

numerous states, Canadian provinces, and Puerto Rico, are also available on The Jockey Club website. The State Fact Books are updated monthly.

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ORI MEETING SET FOR FEB. 23-26

The annual meeting of the Organization of Racing Investigators, presented by **1/ST Safety**, is scheduled for Feb. 23-26 at The Downs at Albuquerque. Registration for ORI members is available at <https://horseracinginvestigators.com/>.

Presentations at the four-day conference include:

- Keynote presentation case study: Kwan Wolsey, Queensland Racing Integrity
- Developing Open Source intelligence--Tyler Durand, Alcohol & Gaming Commission of Ontario
- "Trackman" Safety issues for the equine, related to track conditions--Glen Kozak, NYRA
- What to do if you have an "Active Shooter" at your racetrack --Tim McLaughlin, Parx Racing
- USTA Discussion on Standardbred racing--TC Lane, United States Trotting Association
- Discussion on Conflict of Interest between Horsemen and Officials--Don Ahrens, Sam Houston Race Pack and Juan Estrada, Arizona Department of Gaming
- Shenanigans in the racing office and what an Investigator should look for--Ismael (Izzy) Trejo, New Mexico Racing Commission
- What can't the testing Lab detect it?--Petra Hartman, Industrial Laboratories
- Investigator role in catastrophic Injuries--Jim Blodgett, Texas Racing Commission
- What an Investigator needs to know to enforce TCO2 and Shockwave regulations: Alan Chastain, DVM
- Update on digital tattoos--Teena Appleby, TRPB
- Identifying human signs on drug impairment--Jason Klouser, Pennsylvania State Horse Racing Commission
- Case Study-Jockey Performance--Leasa Johnson, New Mexico Racing Commission
- Discussion of what makes the case for prosecution/appeal--Mark Swanson, NMAAG
- Demonstration of Equine Drug Dog--Luis Alvarez, Ruidoso Downs Racetrack

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REGULATORY VETERINARIAN CONTINUING EDUCATION CONFERENCE: REGISTRATION IS FULL

The Racing Medication Testing Consortium (RMTC) and the National Thoroughbred Racing Association (NTRA) Safety & Integrity Alliance have announced that registration is full for the third annual Reg Vet CE Conference scheduled for Mar. 2-3, 2020, at Santa Anita Park.

A total of 60 veterinarians representing North America and the Caribbean, Australia, Hong Kong, Great Britain, and Chile will participate in 18 hours of continuing education approved by the Registry of Approved Continuing Education (RACE) program of the American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB). Lectures, labs, and on-track drills will be tailored to the needs of the racing regulatory veterinarian.

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THIS DATE IN HISTORY...

February 14, 1966...Buckpasser suffered the only defeat of his three-year-old season, finishing second in a non-betting race, the Black Caesar Purse, at Hialeah. He went on to win 13 straight races in 1966, 12 of them stakes, but missed the Triple Crown due to injury.

February 14, 1990...Ladbroke at Golden Gate Fields inaugurated co-pooling of its wagers with those of a sister organization, Ladbroke Racing Wyoming. The co-pooling of wagers across state lines, made possible by California legislation that had gone into effect Jan. 1, was a first in U.S. racing.

February 15, 1974...Future Triple Crown champion Seattle Slew was foaled at White Horse Acres in Lexington, Kentucky.



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1	Paynter <i>(2009) by Awesome Again FYR: 2015</i>	1	4	1	1	--	--	95	22	60,000	685,614
											<i>Ms Peintour</i>
2	Violence <i>(2010) by Medaglia d'Oro FYR: 2015</i>	1	1	--	--	--	--	93	20	87,600	667,809
											<i>No Parole</i>
3	Flat Out <i>(2006) by Flatter FYR: 2015</i>	--	2	--	--	--	--	75	18	51,000	498,313
											<i>Captain Don</i>
4	Take Charge Indy <i>(2009) by A.P. Indy FYR: 2015</i>	--	--	--	--	--	--	71	17	46,672	481,355
											<i>Isshin</i>
5	Orb <i>(2010) by Malibu Moon FYR: 2015</i>	1	2	--	1	--	--	53	10	60,000	403,068
											<i>Whoa Nellie</i>
6	Overanalyze <i>(2010) by Dixie Union FYR: 2015</i>	--	1	--	--	--	--	66	13	41,250	333,367
											<i>Piedi Bianchi</i>
7	Alternation <i>(2008) by Distorted Humor FYR: 2015</i>	1	3	--	1	--	--	53	9	59,400	319,621
											<i>Serengeti Empress</i>
8	Point of Entry <i>(2008) by Dynaformer FYR: 2015</i>	--	--	--	--	--	--	51	10	33,000	303,732
											<i>Kakistocracy</i>
9	Graydar <i>(2009) by Unbridled's Song FYR: 2015</i>	--	--	--	--	--	--	64	12	33,900	296,616
											<i>Gray Gary</i>
10	El Padrino <i>(2009) by Pulpit FYR: 2015</i>	--	--	--	--	--	--	34	7	47,680	284,250
											<i>Promised Storm</i>
11	Justin Phillip <i>(2008) by First Samurai FYR: 2015</i>	--	--	--	--	--	--	39	12	37,200	281,753
											<i>Riverboat Gambler</i>
12	Smiling Tiger <i>(2007) by Hold That Tiger FYR: 2015</i>	--	--	--	--	--	--	35	9	59,280	269,550
											<i>Tiger Dad</i>
13	Oxbow <i>(2010) by Awesome Again FYR: 2015</i>	--	--	--	--	--	--	54	15	30,000	267,769
											<i>Blackberry Wine</i>
14	Jimmy Creed <i>(2009) by Distorted Humor FYR: 2015</i>	--	--	--	--	--	--	47	5	35,400	195,342
											<i>Del Mar May</i>
15	Data Link <i>(2008) by War Front FYR: 2015</i>	--	--	--	--	--	--	68	5	26,100	188,420
											<i>Big Hoof Dynamite</i>

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Saturday, Fair Grounds, post time: 6:38 p.m. EST

RISEN STAR S. PRESENTED BY LAMARQUE FORD-GII, \$400,000, 3yo, 1 1/8m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Digital 🌿	Into Mischief	Tom R. Durant	Calhoun	Hernandez, Jr.	122
2	Silver State 🌿	Hard Spun	Winchell Thoroughbreds & Willis Horton Racing	Asmussen	Santana, Jr.	122
3	Ready to Roll	City Zip	Allied Racing Stable, LLC	Calhoun	Saez	122
4	Perfect Revenge	I Want Revenge	Braverman, Paul & Pinch, Timothy	Joseph, Jr.	Bridgmohan	122
5	Moon Over Miami	Malibu Moon	Summer Wind Equine	Mott	Alvarado	122
6	Shashashakemeup 🌿	Shackleford	Calumet Farm	Desormeaux	Graham	122
7	Blackberry Wine	Oxbow	Calumet Farm	Sharp	Beschizza	122
8	Enforceable 🌿	Tapit	John C. Oxley	Casse	Leparoux	122
9	Mr. Monomoy 🌿	Palace Malice	Madaket Stables, Dubb & Doheny Racing Stable	Cox	Geroux	122
10	Farmington Road	Quality Road	Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners, Chrysalis Stables LLC & Robert V. LaPenta	Pletcher	Castellano	122
11	Scabbard 🌿	More Than Ready	Joseph W. Sutton	Kenneally	Rosario	122

Breeders: 1-Fred W. Hertrich III & John D. Fielding, 2-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC, 3-Fredericka V. Caldwell & Mitchel Skolnick, 4-David J. Lanzman Racing Inc, 5-Summer Wind Equine, 6-Larkspur Thoroughbreds & Darby Dan, 7-Calumet Farm, 8-Clearsky Farms, 9-FPF LLC & Highfield Ranch, 10-Chrysalis Stables, 11-Joseph W. Sutton

Saturday, Fair Grounds, post time: 7:12 p.m. EST

RISEN STAR S. PRESENTED BY LAMARQUE FORD-GII, \$400,000, 3yo, 1 1/8m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Modernist	Uncle Mo	Wygod, Pam and Martin	Mott	Alvarado	122
2	Truculent	Raison d'Etat	Calumet Farm	Sisterson	Carroll	122
3	Mr. Big News	Giant's Causeway	Allied Racing Stable, LLC	Calhoun	Albarado	122
4	Fame to Famous	Tapit	Kingdom Racing	Mc Allen	Hernandez	122
5	Liam's Lucky Charm	Khozan	Stonehedge LLC	Nicks	Zayas	122
6	Excession 🌿	Union Rags	Calumet Farm	Asmussen	Santana, Jr.	122
7	Major Fed	Ghostzapper	Lloyd Madison Farms, IV LLC	Foley	Leparoux	122
8	Anneau d'Or 🌿	Medaglia d'Oro	Peter Redekop B. C., Ltd.	Wright	Rosario	122
9	Lynn's Map 🌿	Liam's Map	HRH Prince Sultan Bin Mishal Al Saud	Casse	Lanerie	122
10	Finnick the Fierce	Dialed In	Monge, Arnaldo and Hernandez, Rey	Hernandez	Leon	122
11	Mailman Money	Goldcents	Allied Racing Stable, LLC	Calhoun	Saez	122
12	Ny Traffic	Cross Traffic	Fanelli, John, Cash is King LLC, LC Racing & Braverman, Paul	Joseph, Jr.	Castellano	122

Breeders: 1-Wygod Family, LLC, 2-Calumet Farm, 3-Don Alberto Corporation, 4-Tapit Syndicate & Alexander Groves Thoroughbreds, 5-Stonehedge LLC, 6-Randal Family Trust, R David & Marylyn ARandal Trustees, 7-Lloyd Madison IV, LLC, 8-Highland Yard LLC, 9-Alastar Thoroughbred Company, LLC, 10-Paige Jillian Blu Sky Stables, 11-TK Stables LLC, 12-Brian Culnan



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Saturday, Fair Grounds, post time: 6:05 p.m. EST

RACHEL ALEXANDRA S. PRESENTED BY FASIG-TIPTON-GII, \$300,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	His Glory 🌿	Mineshaft	Rollins, Ben and Rollins, Sheila	Amoss	Graham	122
2	Ursula	Tapit	Mt. Brilliant Stable LLC and Ingram, Orrin	Stidham	Murrill	122
3	Swiss Skydiver 🌿	Daredevil	Peter J. Callahan	McPeek	Hernandez, Jr.	122
4	Impeccable Style 🌿	Uncle Mo	Gainesway Stable, Catalyst Stable, McInnis, Paul & Magdalena Racing	McPeek	Lanerie	122
5	Tempers Rising 🌿	Bayern	Stanley, Mark H. and Stanley, Nancy W.	Stewart	Leparoux	122
6	British Idiom	Flashback	Dubb, Michael, The Elkstone Group, LLC, Madaket Stables LLC and Bethlehem Stables LLC	Cox	Castellano	122
7	Finite	Munnings	Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC, Reiman, Thomas J., Dickson, William and Easter, Deborah A.	Asmussen	Santana, Jr.	122

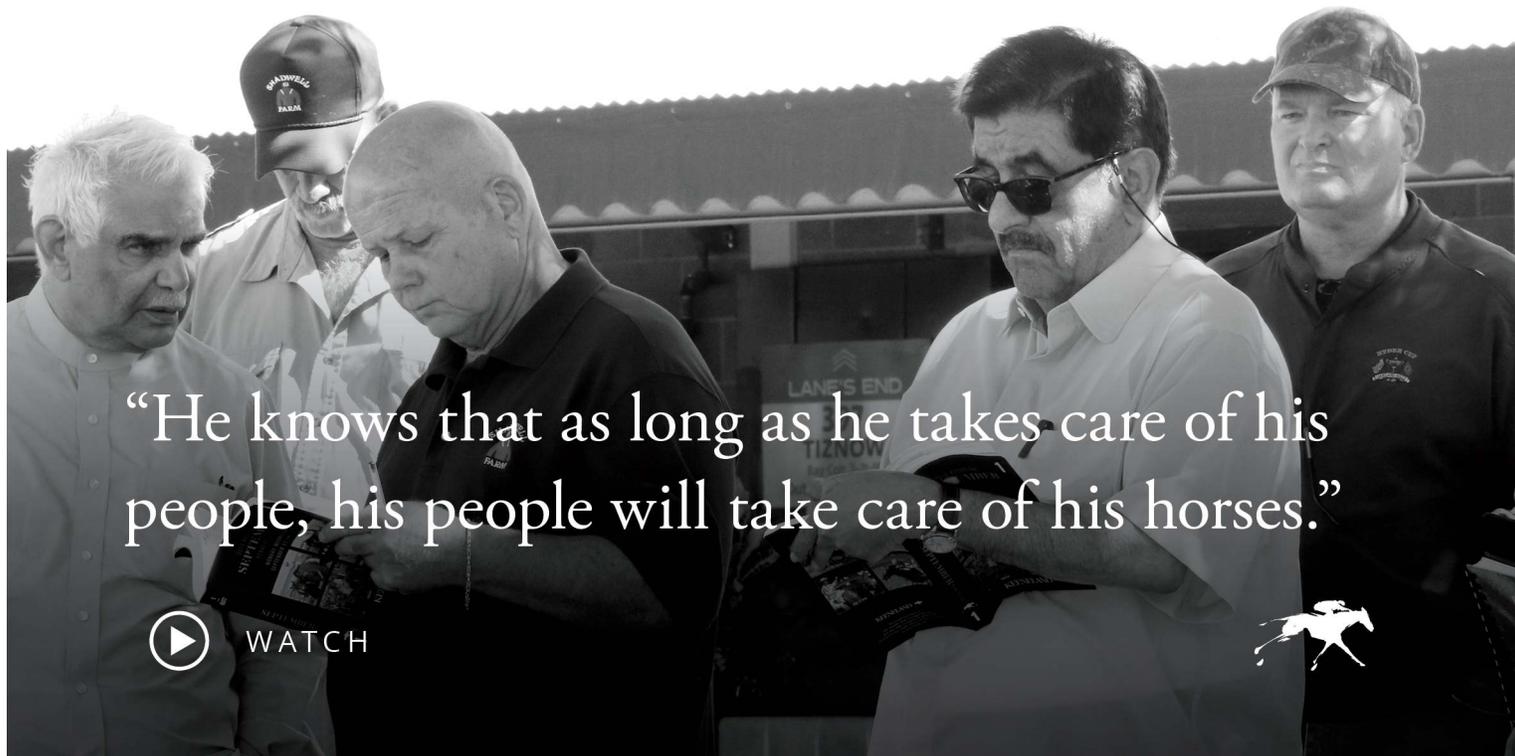
Breeders: 1-Farm III Enterprises LLC, 2-Mt. Brilliant Broodmares II, LLC, 3-WinStar Farm, LLC, 4-Ten Broeck Farm, Inc., 5-Dr. Bryan Boone DVM, 6-Hargus Sexton, Sandra Sexton and Silver Fern Farm LLC, 7-Winchell Thoroughbreds, LLC

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

SANTA MONICA S.-GII, \$200,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 7f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Road Rager 🌿	Quality Road	Jay Em Ess Stable	Koriner	Gryder	120
2	Zusha 🌿	Congrats	Rafael Steinbruch	Mandella	Pereira	120
3	Lady Ninja 🌿	Majesticperfection	Gainesway Stable, Bederian, Harry, Kamberian, Harout and Rosen, Andrew	Baltas	Cedillo	122
4	Hard Not to Love 🌿	Hard Spun	Mercedes Stables, West Point Tbreds, Dilworth, S, Ingordo, Dorothy, Ingordo, David & Mooney, Steve	Shirreffs	Smith	124
5	Mother Mother 🌿	Pioneerof the Nile	Gainesway Stable, Old Bones Racing Stable, LLC, Hall, Barry, Lipman, Barry and Mathiesen, Mark	Baffert	Prat	120

Breeders: 1-Martha Jane Mulholland, 2-Clearsky Farms, 3-Sugartown Stable, 4-Anderson Farms Ont. Inc., 5-T. F. VanMeter



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Saturday, Laurel, post time: 3:20 p.m. EST**RUNHAPPY BARBARA FRITCHIE S.-GIII, \$250,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 7f**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Anna's Bandit	Great Notion	No Guts No Glory Farm	Robb	Perez	120
2	Saguaro Row	Union Rags	Newtown Anner Stud and Breen, Mark D.	Stidham	Lezcano	120
3	Blue Eyed Girl	Super Saver	Kernan, Jr., Morris E. and M-Z Racing Partnership	Zulueta	Cintron	120
4	Majestic Reason	Majestic Warrior	Hillwood Stable LLC and Golden, Richard L.	Motion	McCarthy	120
5	Victim of Love 🌿	Speightstown	Tommy Town Thoroughbreds LLC	Beattie	Hamilton	120
6	Needs Supervision 🌿	Paynter	Howling Pigeon Farms, Barber, Gary, Wachtel Stable and Madaket Stables LLC	O'Dwyer	Lynch	120

Breeders: 1-John Robb, 2-Mark Breen, 3-W. Bruce Lunsford, 4-Sycamore Hall Thoroughbreds, LLC & Ellen Charles, 5-Daniel J. Burke, 6-Mike Abraham

Saturday, Laurel, post time: 3:49 p.m. EST**GENERAL GEORGE S.-GIII, \$250,000, 4yo/up, 7f**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Lone Rock	Majestic Warrior	Shortleaf Stable, Inc.	Mott	Pimentel	120
2	Wonderful Light	Tiz Wonderful	Jay Em Ess Stable	Nevin	Carrasco	120
3	Factor It In 🌿	The Factor	Michael Scheffres	Mancilla	Ruiz	120
4	Still Having Fun	Old Fashioned	Barber, Gary, Wachtel Stable and Terp Racing LLC	Keefe	Lynch	120
5	Honor the Fleet 🌿	To Honor and Serve	Frank V. Demarco	Albertrani	Cintron	120
6	Firenze Fire	Poseidon's Warrior	Mr. Amore Stable	Servis	Ortiz, Jr.	122
7	Threes Over Deuces 🌿	Flat Out	Pocket 3's Racing LLC	Capuano	-	120
8	Tiz He the One 🌿	Tiz Wonderful	Lady Sheila Stable and Iris Smith Stable	Rice	McCarthy	120
9	Wicked Trick	Hat Trick (Jpn)	Rice, Linda and Cooper, Stephen G.	Rice	Lezcano	120

Breeders: 1-Town & Country Horse Farms, LLC & Pollock Farms, 2-Samantha Siegel, 3-Pope McLean, Marc McLean, Pope McLean Jr. & Phil Hager, 4-Mr. & Mrs. Charles McGinnes & Tim Keefe, 5-Gainesway Thoroughbreds Ltd., 6-Mr Amore Stables, 7-Machmer Hall & Montese LLC, 8-James P. Gallagher, 9-Corrigan Racing Stable, Inc.

Saturday, Fair Grounds, post time: 5:01 p.m. EST**MINESHAFT S.-GIII, \$200,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Mocito Rojo	Mutadda	Wayne T. Davis	Wilson	Rodriguez	118
2	Sleepy Eyes Todd 🌿	Paddy O'Prado	David Cobb	Silva	Beschizza	118
3	Gun It 🌿	Tapit	Whisper Hill Farm LLC and Three Chimneys Farm	Asmussen	Santana, Jr.	120
4	Silver Dust 🌿	Tapit	Tom R. Durant	Calhoun	Hernandez, Jr.	122
5	Roiland	Successful Appeal	Durlacher, James and Mary	Amoss	Graham	118
6	Hofburg	Tapit	Juddmonte Farms, Inc.	Mott	Rosario	118
7	Blended Citizen 🌿	Proud Citizen	Sayjay Racing LLC, Hall, Greg & Hubbard, Brooke	Cox	Geroux	118
8	Winning Number 🌿	Speightstown	James D. Spry	House	Martin, Jr.	118
9	Captivating Moon	Malibu Moon	Lothenbach Stables, Inc.	Block	Leparoux	122
10	Cutting Humor 🌿	First Samurai	Starlight Racing	Pletcher	Castellano	118
11	Pirate's Punch 🌿	Shanghai Bobby	Gulliver Racing LLC, Drager, Craig & Legan, Dan	Forster	Albarado	118

Breeders: 1-Paul Van Doren & Andrena Van Doren, 2-Two Hearts Farm LLC & Kristen Goncharoff, 3-Three Chimneys Farm, LLC and Besilu Stables, LLC, 4-Don Alberto Corporation, 5-James M. Durlacher & Mary Durlacher, 6-Juddmonte Farms Inc, 7-Ray Hanson, 8-Hill 'n' Dale Equine Holdings, Inc., 9-Lothenbach Stables Inc, 10-Dell Hancock & Bernie Sams, 11-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC

Saturday, Fair Grounds, post time: 5:32 p.m. EST**FAIR GROUNDS S.-GIII, \$150,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/8mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Wound Tight	Coil	Matt Nelson	Hess, Jr.	Desormeaux	122
2	Synchrony	Tapit	Pin Oak Stable	Stidham	Bravo	118
3	Botswana	Graydar	Bentley Combs	Combs	Morales	118
4	Factor This 🌿	The Factor	Gaining Ground Racing LLC	Cox	Bridgmohan	118
5	Dontblamerocket	Blame	AJ Suited Racing Stable, LLC	Casse	Leparoux	122
6	Classic Covey	Spring At Last	Shields, Jr., Mrs. J. V. & McFadden, Jr., E. J. M.	Mott	Alvarado	118
7	Honovi	Harlan's Holiday	Stonecrest Farm	Walsh	Hernandez	118
8	Tone Broke 🌿	Broken Vow	L and N Racing LLC	Asmussen	Santana, Jr.	118
9	Captivating Moon	Malibu Moon	Lothenbach Stables, Inc.	Block	Hernandez, Jr.	118
10	Space Mountain 🌿	Street Cry (Ire)	Hooties Racing LLC and Hui, Michael M.	Maker	Geroux	118
11	Sailing Solo 🌿	Smart Strike	Louie J. Roussel III	Roussel, III	Murrill	118
12	Midnight Tea Time	Midnight Lute	Bella Cavello Stables	Sharp	Rosario	118
13	Spectacular Gem 🌿	Can the Man	Candie A. Baker	Baker	Graham	122
14	The Great Day (Arg)	Harlan's Holiday	Haras Firmamento	Correas, IV	Lanerie	118

Breeders: 1-Matt Nelson, 2-Pin Oak Stud, LLC, 3-Silverton Hill Farm, LLC, 4-Maccabee Farm, 5-Whitham Thoroughbreds, LLC, 6-J. V. Shields Jr., 7-Stonecrest Farm LLC, 8-Sean Fitzhenry, 9-Lothenbach Stables Inc, 10-G. Watts Humphrey Jr. & St. George Farm LLC, 11-Juddmonte Farms Inc., 12-Alex G. Campbell, Jr. Thoroughbreds, LLC, 13-Ledgeland, LLC & Andrew Ritter, 14-Firmamento

Saturday, Gulfstream, post time: 5:04 p.m. EST**ROYAL DELTA S.-GIII, \$150,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Queen Nekia	Harlington	Ken Copenhaver	Joseph, Jr.	Velazquez	120
2	Coach Rocks	Oxbow	WinStar Stablemates Racing LLC	Pletcher	Saez	120
3	Tweeting	Uncle Mo	Imaginary Stables and Ellis, Glenn	Dobles	Lebron	118
4	Restless Rider 🌿	Distorted Humor	Fern Circle Stables and Three Chimneys Farm, LLC	McPeek	Ortiz	118
5	Golden Award	Medaglia d'Oro	Summer Wind Equine	Mott	Gaffalione	124
6	Cookie Dough	Brethren	Arindel	Joseph, Jr.	Lopez	118

Breeders: 1-Porter Racing Stable, LLC, 2-Calumet Farm, 3-Glen Hill Farm, 4-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC, 5-Harvey A. Clarke, 6-Arindel

Sunday, Santa Anita, post time: 6:30 p.m. EST**SWEET LIFE S.-GIII, \$100,000, 3yo, f, 5 1/2FT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Florentine Diamond	Smiling Tiger	Paula S. Capestro	Capestro	Delgadillo	122
2	Blue Sky Baby 🌿	Pioneerof the Nile	Lombardi, Michael V. & Platts, Joey	D'Amato	Prat	122
3	Orquidias Biz	Fed Biz	Gulliver Racing LLC	Mullins	Smith	122
4	Shines Her Light (Ire)	No Nay Never	Yuesheng Zhang	Sadler	Rispoli	122
5	Lighthouse	Mizzen Mast	LNJ Foxwoods	Callaghan	Van Dyke	122
6	Laura's Light 🌿	Constitution	Gary Barber	Miller	Cedillo	124
7	Roadrunner's Honor 🌿	Honor Code	Roadrunner Racing & W.C. Racing, Inc.	O'Neill	Bejarano	122
8	Spitefulness 🌿	Palace Malice	Agave Racing Stable & Rockin Robin Racing Stable	D'Amato	Gutierrez	122

Breeders: 1-Woodbridge Farm LLC & Paula Capestro, 2-Breeze Easy LLC, 3-Machmer Hall, 4-Pigeon Park Stud, 5-David Chavez Jr., 6-Golden Pedigree LLC, 7-Paget Bloodstock, 8-Three Chimneys Farm, LLC & Doug Cauthen Thoroughbred Management LLC

FRIDAY'S RACING INSIGHTS: GOUVERNEUR MORRIS RETURNS



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6th-TAM, \$27K, Alw/Opt Clm (75k), 3yo, 1m 40yds, 3:16 p.m.

Team Valor International and WinStar Farm's **GOUVERNEUR MORRIS (Constitution)**, tabbed a 'TDN Rising Star' following a nine-length debut win at Saratoga Sept. 2, makes his first start since finishing second behind Maxfield (Street Sense) in the Oct. 5 GI Claiborne Breeders' Futurity. Trainer Mark Casse sends out **Untitled (Khozan)**, a sharp debut winner at Gulfstream in December who returned to finish a troubled fourth in the Feb. 1 GIII Swale S. in his first start for new owner Gary Barber and co-breeder Michael Sebastian. **Letmeno (Twirling Candy)**, a debut winner at Ellis Park last July, was second in the Aug. 18 Ellis Park Juvenile S. and makes his first start since finishing fourth in the Sept. 14 GIII Iroquois S. **TJCIS PPs**

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IN ORDER OF PURSE:

Friday, Turfway, post time: 8:12 p.m. EDT

JOHN BATTAGLIA MEMORIAL S., \$100,000, 3yo, 1 1/16m

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1 Hail to the Chief	Danza	Bravo	Ward	8-1
2 Drew	Bayern	Bocachica	Chapman	30-1
3 Artemus Eagle	Wicked Strong	R Hernandez	Maker	5-1
4 Ryan's Cat	Kitten's Joy	McKee	Chapman	15-1
5 High Holy	Great Notion	A Garcia	Miller	7-2
6 Truculent	Raison d'Etat	Carroll	Sisterson	6-1
7 Toma Todo	English Channel	Corrales	Maker	5-1
8 Invader	War Front	Jimenez	Ward	9-2
9 Shake Some Action	Into Mischief	Lanerie	Cox	4-1
10 My Man Flintstone	Into Mischief	Machado	McPeek	6-1
11 Bahama Channel	English Channel	Burke	Demeritte	20-1
12 Declared	Hard Spun	Cannon	Sisterson	12-1

Friday, Turfway, post time: 9:12 p.m. EDT

CINCINNATI TROPHY S., \$75,000, 3yo, f, 6 1/2f

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1 My Good Girl	Danza	Aragon	Evans	30-1
2 Kay Bee Gee	Tapiture	McKee	Kahles	6-1
3 Rising Seas	First Defence	Lanerie	Colebrook	7-2
4 Baileston Lassie	Verrazano	Prescott	Kahles	12-1
5 Miss Firecracker	Cairo Prince	Leon	Hiles	30-1
6 Fashion Code	Honor Code	A Garcia	Asmussen	10-1
7 Anna's Fast	Fast Anna	Jimenez	Ward	3-1
8 Snaffle	Distorted Humor	Machado	McPeek	8-1
9 Las Ramblas	Karakontie (Jpn)	Achard	Hammond	15-1
10 Karak	Karakontie (Jpn)	Corrales	Ward	7-2
11 Secretly Wicked	Wicked Strong	Williams	Hancock	20-1
12 L. A. Star	Astrology	Goncalves	Lucas	30-1

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Jimmyssmokedcarrot (Turbo Compressor) drives home a first-out winner at Gulfstream Park.

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7th-Fair Grounds, \$45,000, (S), Msw, 2-13, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:12.61, ft. SOUTHERN LIAISON (f, 3, Liaison--Southern Banner {SP, \$108,063}, by Southern Halo), the crowd's even-money choice, was away a step slowly and rushed forward only to get shuffled back in traffic down the backstretch. She was tipped out to the center of the track in deep stretch and closed determinedly, striding under the wire one length to the good of G'S Mine (Redding Colliery). **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$27,000. O/B-Earl and Keith Hernandez & John Duvieilh (LA); T-Sam B. David, Jr.

4th-Gulfstream, \$43,000, (S), Msw, 2-13, 3yo, f, 1mT, 1:35.88, fm.

JIMMYSMOKEDCARROT (f, 3, Turbo Compressor--American Skipper, by Quiet American), the 4-5 favorite, settled in midpack behind an opening quarter in :23.23 and a half in :47.90. The dark bay filly rallied four wide turning for home and kicked into gear with a furlong to run, driving clear to score by 2 1/4 lengths over Tynan (Liam's Map). The winner is a half-sister to Zivo (True Direction, GSW & GISP, \$1,017,300); and Beautiful Lover (Arch, SW, \$144,870). **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$25,800. O/B-Thomas Coleman (FL); T-Chad C. Brown.

7th-Gulfstream, \$43,000, (S), Msw, 2-13, 3yo, 5fT, :56.62, fm.

THE VIRGINIAN (c, 3, Prospective--Pentelicus Gold, by Pentelicus), a well-beaten fourth in his main-track debut at Gulfstream Park West Oct. 26, moved to the lawn for a third-place effort over course and trip versus open company Jan. 18. The 9-5 second choice sat just off the pace as R Man Joe (Kantharos) took the lead down the backstretch and rushed up to challenge the favorite nearing the stretch. He produced a strong late rally to overtake R Man Joe in the final strides and graduate by a head. The Virginian was a \$210,000 OBSMAR juvenile (:20 4/5). His second dam produced Well Dressed, dam of G1 Dubai World Cup winner Well Armed. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, \$32,270. O-Richlyn Farms; B-Ocala Stud (FL); T-William J. Hickey.

U.S.-BRED/SIRED RUNNERS IN JAPAN

In this continuing series, Alan Carasso takes a look ahead at US-bred and/or conceived runners entered for the upcoming weekend at the tracks on the Japan Racing Association circuit, with a focus on pedigree and/or performance in the sales ring. Here are the horses of interest for this weekend running at Kyoto and Tokyo Racecourses:

Saturday, February 15, 2020**3rd-Kyoto, ¥9,680,000 (\$88k), Maiden, 3yo, 1400m**

A SHIN EMBARR (c, 3, Carpe Diem--Ambling, by Chester House), a \$270K Keeneland September purchase, turned in a promising debut effort to be second over this track and trip Jan. 18. A half to dual-surface GSP Triple Arch (Arch), the Mar. 18 foal is out of a full-sister to turf GSW Lady Carlock; and a half to the talented MGSW turf distaffer Solvig (Caerleon) and Swedish Derby hero Swing That Cat (Cat Thief). *B-Randal Family Trust R David & Marilyn A Randal Trustees (KY)*

4th-Tokyo, ¥13,830,000 (\$126k), Allowance, 3yo, 1600m

NOCTURNE NOTES (JPN) (f, 3, Medaglia d'Oro--Summer Soiree, by War Front) was unplaced, but not embarrassed in her first two career trips to the post, and got it right last time, graduating by 1 1/2 lengths on the dirt at Kyoto Oct. 5 ([video](#), gate 1). Chiyoda Farm's Dr. Masatake Iida acquired this filly's GI Del Mar Oaks-winning dam for \$1.3 million at KEENOV in 2016 and Summer Soiree is the dam of a yearling filly by Deep Impact (Jpn). She was most recently bred to Lord Kanaloa (Jpn). *B-Chiyoda Farm Shizunai*

6th-Kyoto, ¥11,400,000 (\$104k), Newcomers, 3yo, 1400m

VALKYRJA (JPN) (f, 3, Tapit--Peace and War, by War Front) is the first foal from her dam, who came from the clouds to cause a 23-1 upset for Qatar Racing in the 2014 GI Darley Alcibiades S. at Keeneland ([video](#)). Runner-up in the GIII Delaware Oaks and third in the GI Cotillion S. at three, she was bought back on a bid of \$1.5 million at FTKNOV in 2015, but sold for \$1.45 million with this filly in utero at KEENOV 12 months later. Peace and War produced a Deep Impact (Jpn) filly last year and is carrying to Horse of the Year Kitan Black (Jpn), a son of Deep Impact's full-brother Black Tide (Jpn). *B-Northern Racing*

Sunday, February 16, 2020**12th-Kyoto, ¥21,000,000 (\$191k), Allowance, 4yo/up, 1200m**

TIMING NOW (c, 4, Tapit--Her Smile, by Include) kicked off his career with back-to-back victories, including a Chukyo allowance last February ([video](#), gate 11), but looks to snap a two-race skid in his first run in nearly 10 months here. A \$750K KEESEP purchase, the bay is the year-younger full-brother to Pink Sands, who has come to life this season with victories in Gulfstream's GIII Rampart S. and GII Inside Information S. in her last two starts. Her Smile, victorious in the GI Prioress S. in 2010, was purchased by Larry and Karen Doyle's KatieRich Farms for \$1.5 million carrying Pink Sands at KEENOV in 2014. *B-KatieRich Farms (KY)*

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**SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: FRIDAY, FEB. 14****Bayern** (Offlee Wild), Hill 'n' Dale Farms, \$15,000

157 foals of racing age/26 winners/0 black-type winners
5-Turfway, \$100K John Battaglia Memorial S., 1 1/16m, DREW, 30-1
\$5,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$9,000 RNA BAR OCT yrl

Circumference (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), Milky Way Farms, \$3,000

41 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
4-Santa Anita, Aoc 1mT, SASSYSERB, 7-2
\$32,000 BAR SEL yrl

Commissioner (A.P. Indy), WinStar Farm, \$7,500

162 foals of racing age/19 winners/3 black-type winners
5-Charles Town, Msw 4 1/2f, COMMCAT, 7-2
\$28,000 RNA FTK JUL yrl; \$10,000 FTK OCT yrl

Constitution (Tapit), WinStar Farm, \$40,000

233 foals of racing age/31 winners/5 black-type winners
6-Tampa Bay Downs, Aoc 1m, GOUVERNEUR MORRIS, 7-5
\$200,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$600,000 FTF MAR 2yo
7-Tampa Bay Downs, Msw 1mT, LAW OF THE LAND, 2-1
\$50,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; \$160,000 OBS APR 2yo

Danza (Street Boss), Fair Winds Farm, \$2,500

140 foals of racing age/14 winners/2 black-type winners
5-Turfway, \$100K John Battaglia Memorial S., 1 1/16m, HAIL TO THE CHIEF, 8-1
\$65,000 KEE SEP yrl
7-Turfway, \$75K Cincinnati Trophy S., 6 1/2f, MY GOOD GIRL, 30-1
\$32,000 FTK HRA 2yo; \$25,000 FTK FEB 2yo

Fast Anna (Medaglia d'Oro), Three Chimneys Farm, \$10,000

142 foals of racing age/15 winners/3 black-type winners
7-Turfway, \$75K Cincinnati Trophy S., 6 1/2f, ANNA'S FAST, 3-1
\$17,000 RNA KEE NOV wnl; \$32,500 FTK JUL yrl; \$470,000 OBS MAR 2yo

Golden Lad (Medaglia d'Oro), Northview Stallion Station, \$5,000

124 foals of racing age/11 winners/2 black-type winners
5-Charles Town, Msw 4 1/2f, PIPERS GOLD, 15-1

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

213 foals of racing age/17 winners/1 black-type winner
7-Turfway, \$75K Cincinnati Trophy S., 6 1/2f, FASHION CODE, 10-1
\$275,000 KEE SEP yrl

Karakontie (Jpn) (Bernstein), Gainesway Farm, \$10,000

130 foals of racing age/13 winners/3 black-type winners
7-Turfway, \$75K Cincinnati Trophy S., 6 1/2f, KARAK, 7-2
\$22,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$30,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; \$365,000 OBS MAR 2yo
7-Turfway, \$75K Cincinnati Trophy S., 6 1/2f, LAS RAMBLAS, 15-1
\$5,000 KEE JAN wnl; \$16,000 OBS OCT yrl; \$40,000 OBS APR 2yo

Khozan (Distorted Humor), Journeyman Stud, \$8,500

130 foals of racing age/23 winners/2 black-type winners
6-Tampa Bay Downs, Aoc 1m, UNTITLED, 9-5
\$45,000 RNA FTK OCT yrl

Last Draw (Lemon Drop Kid)

3 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
7-Golden Gate Fields, Aoc 5 1/2f, DRAW ME, 20-1

Liam's Map (Unbridled's Song), Lane's End Farm, \$35,000

232 foals of racing age/20 winners/2 black-type winners
6-Tampa Bay Downs, Aoc 1m, SOUNION, 6-1
\$360,000 KEE SEP yrl

Micromanage (Medaglia d'Oro), Rockridge Stud, \$4,000

60 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners
1-Aqueduct, Msw 1 1/8m, MICROMILLION, 4-5
\$30,000 FTN MIX wnl

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

79 foals of racing age/13 winners/0 black-type winners
4-Golden Gate Fields, Msw 6f, EXCLUSIVE SPEAKER, 15-1
\$7,000 RNA KEE JAN wnl; \$19,000 RNA NCA AUG yrl; \$17,000 BAR OCT yrl

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 152 foals of racing age/22 winners/1 black-type winner
 2-Fair Grounds, Msw 5 1/2fT, KEYS TO THE PALACE, 10-1
 \$17,000 ESL YRL yrl; \$30,000 RNA OBS APR 2yo

Sky Kingdom (Empire Maker), Darby Dan Farm, \$5,000
 79 foals of racing age/6 winners/0 black-type winners
 3-Aqueduct, Msw 1 1/8m, UNBRIDLED JOHN, 6-1
 \$50,000 EAS MAY 2yo

Summer Front (War Front), Airdrie Stud, \$10,000
 181 foals of racing age/21 winners/2 black-type winners
 8-Delta Downs, Alw 7 1/2f, NOMO D'ORO, 3-1
 \$47,000 RNA OBS OCT yrl; \$52,000 RNA OBS APR 2yo

Tapiture (Tapit), Darby Dan Farm, \$7,500
 246 foals of racing age/32 winners/3 black-type winners
 7-Turfway, \$75K Cincinnati Trophy S., 6 1/2f, KAY BEE GEE, 6-1
 \$33,000 OBS WIN wnl; \$19,000 RNA FTK JUL yrl; \$35,000 FTK
 OCT yrl

Tonalist (Tapit), Lane's End Farm, \$15,000
 179 foals of racing age/20 winners/1 black-type winner
 7-Fair Grounds, Aoc 1 1/16m, ALTA'S AWARD, 5-2

Wicked Strong (Hard Spun), Spendthrift Farm, \$6,000
 232 foals of racing age/31 winners/1 black-type winner
 5-Turfway, \$100K John Battaglia Memorial S., 1 1/16m,
 ARTEMUS EAGLE, 5-1
 7-Fair Grounds, Aoc 1 1/16m, EVIL LYN, 10-1
 \$60,000 KEE SEP yrl
 7-Turfway, \$75K Cincinnati Trophy S., 6 1/2f, SECRETLY WICKED, 20-1
 \$1,300 RNA KEE SEP yrl



ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

8th-Oaklawn, \$86,000, (S), 2-13, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f,
 1:12.94, my.

JOY IN THE JOURNEY (m, 5, Double Irish--Sunny Weekend, by Kipling) Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-0, \$105,544. O/B-David Whited (AR); T-Elueterio J. Altamirano.

5th-Laurel, \$53,508, 2-13, (NW1X), 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m,
 1:46.12, sy.

ARTFUL SPLATTER (f, 4, Bandbox--Barouchka, by Not For Love) Lifetime Record: SW, 16-6-3-2, \$185,833. O-James C. Wolf; B-Ann Biggs Jackson (MD); T-Kieron Magee. *\$16,000 Ylg '17 EASOCT. **1/2 to Renaissance Rosie (Jump Start), MSP, \$372,819; Taco Supream (El Padrino), SW, \$316,477.

3rd-Fair Grounds, \$46,000, (S), 2-13, (NW1X), 4yo/up, 6f,
 1:10.84, ft.

RELEASE THE BEAST (g, 7, Joe's Son Joey--Lil E Rose {SW, \$175,742}, by Lil E. Tee) Lifetime Record: 22-4-3-5, \$87,711. O-Charles Phillips & Gina Ney; B-SMB Corporation (LA); T-John Ney.

4th-Fair Grounds, \$42,000, (S), (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$20,000),
 2-13, 4yo/up, 1mT, 1:42.62, gd.

PAPA'S BOY (g, 5, G. W.'s Skippie--Gayle's Channel, by English Channel) Lifetime Record: 10-4-0-3, \$107,600. O-Glen Warren & The Pinot Group; B-Glen Warren (LA); T-Ron Fauchaux.

8th-Fair Grounds, \$41,120, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 2-13,
 3yo, f, 1mT, 1:41.56, gd.

WEXX (f, 3, Declaration of War--My Rachel {GSP, \$138,285}, by Horse Chestnut {SAf}) Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-1, \$123,484. O/B-Hinkle Farms (KY); T-J. Larry Jones. *1/2 to Orbolution (Orb), SW & GSP, \$164,150.

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6th-Fair Grounds, \$41,000, 2-13, (NW1X), 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:48.33, gd.

SUMMER IN SARATOGA (f, 4, **Hard Spun--Love Theway Youare {GISW, \$372,990}, by Arch)** Lifetime Record: 7-2-1-2, \$95,320.

O-Highlander Training Center; B-My Meadowview (KY); T-Joe Sharp. *\$200,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP; \$165,000 3yo '19 FTKHRA.



2nd-Delta Downs, \$36,240, (NW3L)/Opt. Clm (\$15,000), 2-12, 4yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:19.74, my.

TREASURE TROVE (g, 4, **Tapizar--Cashmere, by Cowboy Cal)**

Lifetime Record: 11-3-2-1, \$82,200. O-Bayou Bengal Racing Stable; B-John & Diane Fradkin (KY); T-Thomas M. Amoss. *\$45,000 RNA Wlg '16 KEENOV; \$10,000 2yo '18 OBSOPN.

6th-Penn National, \$32,368, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 2-12, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:10.26, gd.

KAIJU (g, 4, **Sky Mesa--Five Grand Girl {MSW, \$255,750}, by Five Star Day)** Lifetime Record: 14-4-3-2, \$118,069. O-Tom Coulter; B-Arrowwood Farm (PA); T-Rodrigo Madrigal, Sr..

7th-Penn National, \$31,360, 2-12, (NW1X), 3, 5 1/2f, 1:04.74, sy.

GRAVEL ROAD (c, 3, **Gemologist--Full Moon Frolic, by Vindication)** Lifetime Record: 7-2-0-1, \$71,770. O-Greg Quick; B-Equvine Farm (PA); T-Randy Allen. *\$24,000 Ylg '18 EASOCT.

5th-Oaklawn, \$31,000, (NW2L)/Opt. Clm (\$20,000-\$25,000), 2-13, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:45.95, my.

CANDY STORE (g, 4, **Twirling Candy--Zucchini Flower {MSW, \$248,665}, by Flower Alley)** Lifetime Record: 11-2-3-3, \$78,370. O-Gus Vlahos; B-Albert Frassetto (KY); T-Robertino Diodoro.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Golazo, g, 3, **Bayern**--Seeking Options, by Seeking Daylight. Laurel, 2-13, (WC), 6f, 1:12.15. B-Winners Circle Partners VIII (MD). *1/2 to Daylight Ahead (Mineshaft), SW, \$207,720.

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Your Eyes to Mine, f, 3, **Graydar**--Brown Eyes Blue, by Big Brown. Charles Town, 2-12, 4 1/2f, :53.68. B-Twin Creeks Farm, Steve & Melody Golding & Dennis Steger (NY).

Sassy But Smart, c, 3, **Overdriven**--Home Run Sassy, by Unbridled America. Gulfstream, 2-13, (S), 1mT, 1:34.45. B-Mike & Martha Borchetta & Martin Silver (FL).

Hanging Lake, f, 4, **Nownownow**--Like a Doc (SP), by Mauk Four. Delta Downs, 2-12, (S), 6 1/2f, 1:23.99. B-Jerry D. Cart & Marion Lanasa (LA).

Grab the Gold, g, 4, **Take Charge Indy**--Gold Ribbon, by Medaglia d'Oro. Penn National, 2-12, 6f, 1:12.44. B-Blackstone Farm LLC (PA).

Yes It's Roo, g, 4, **Yes It's True**--Roofus, by Quiet American. Charles Town, 2-12, 7f, 1:27.80. B-Dr. Stephen G & Debbie Jackson (KY). *1ST-TIME STARTER.



BANDBOX, Artful Splatter, f, 4, o/o Barouchka, by Not For Love. ALW, 2-13, Laurel

BAYERN, Golazo, g, 3, o/o Seeking Options, by Seeking Daylight. WMC, 2-13, Laurel

DECLARATION OF WAR, Wexx, f, 3, o/o My Rachel, by Horse Chestnut (Saf). AOC, 2-13, Fair Grounds

DOUBLE IRISH, Joy in the Journey, m, 5, o/o Sunny Weekend, by Kipling. ALW, 2-13, Oaklawn

G. W.'S SKIPPY, Papa's Boy, g, 5, o/o Gayle's Channel, by English Channel. AOC, 2-13, Fair Grounds

GEMOLOGIST, Gravel Road, c, 3, o/o Full Moon Frolic, by Vindication. ALW, 2-12, Penn National

GRAYDAR, Your Eyes to Mine, f, 3, o/o Brown Eyes Blue, by Big Brown. MSW, 2-12, Charles Town

HARD SPUN, Summer in Saratoga, f, 4, o/o Love Theway Youare, by Arch. ALW, 2-13, Fair Grounds

JOE'S SON JOEY, Release the Beast, g, 7, o/o Lil E Rose, by Lil E. Tee. ALW, 2-13, Fair Grounds

LIAISON, Southern Liaison, f, 3, o/o Southern Banner, by Southern Halo. MSW, 2-13, Fair Grounds

NOWNOWNOW, Hanging Lake, f, 4, o/o Like a Doc, by Mauk Four. MSW, 2-12, Delta Downs

OVERDRIVEN, Sassy But Smart, c, 3, o/o Home Run Sassy, by Unbridled America. MSW, 2-13, Gulfstream

PROSPECTIVE, The Virginian, c, 3, o/o Pentelicus Gold, by Pentelicus. MSW, 2-13, Gulfstream

SKY MESA, Kaiju, g, 4, o/o Five Grand Girl, by Five Star Day. AOC, 2-12, Penn National

TAKE CHARGE INDY, Grab the Gold, g, 4, o/o Gold Ribbon, by Medaglia d'Oro. MSW, 2-12, Penn National

TAPIZAR, Treasure Trove, g, 4, o/o Cashmere, by Cowboy Cal. AOC, 2-12, Delta Downs

TURBO COMPRESSOR, Jimmysmokedcarrot, f, 3, o/o American Skipper, by Quiet American. MSW, 2-13, Gulfstream

TWIRLING CANDY, Candy Store, g, 4, o/o Zucchini Flower, by Flower Alley. WCL, 2-13, Oaklawn

YES IT'S TRUE, Yes It's Roo, g, 4, o/o Roofus, by Quiet American. MSW, 2-12, Charles Town



MAGIC LILY COMPLETES MEYDAN STAKES DOUBLE



Magic Lily takes the Balanchine | DRC/Erika Rasmussen

Magic Lily (GB) (New Approach {Ire}) continued to make up for lost time when backing up her victory in the Jan. 16 G2 Cape Verdi with a one-length score in Thursday's G2 Balanchine S. at Meydan. An eight-length debut winner at two and third in the G1 Fillies' Mile, Magic Lily had high hopes riding on her shoulders heading into her 3-year-old campaign in 2018 but an injury kept her on the shelf for two years. Back in action last October, Magic Lily was second in listed company in France and sixth in Lingfield's Listed Gillies Fillies' S. over the all-weather to wrap up that abbreviated campaign. She was a short-head best when returning to the grass in the one-mile Cape Verdi.

Bouncing out of the barriers on Thursday, Magic Lily and William Buick took cover just off the rail and about a length and a half off the lead.

Sliding out into the three path rounding the bend, Magic Lily loomed large in third turning for home and was rolling down the middle of the track by the time they hit the quarter pole. The front-running **Maamora (Ire)** (Dubawi {Ire}) was game on the rail and managed to hold Magic Lily at bay until the final furlong, but the chestnut at last overtook her as **Nisreen (Ire)** (Raven's Pass), who was also runner-up in the Cape Verdi, made headway on her outside.

"What I liked about her this evening is she seems to be growing up," trainer Charlie Appleby said. "She only had four runs in her career before coming to Meydan. She's behaved herself and got into a lovely rhythm and I was always confident going into the straight that she would hit the line strong. Stepping up in trip, we were always confident. It wasn't our intention to win the Cape Verdi because the mile was a bit sharp for her, but [she won] and we were confident coming into today.

"Perhaps we could fall into something like the [G1] Jebel Hatta [on Super Saturday Mar. 7]. We have Barney Roy and a couple others and one other meeting to have a look at it. We will appreciate this evening and look forward to the future with her.

Pedigree Notes

Magic Lily is the second foal out of the G1 Investec Oaks and G1 Preis der Diana victress Dancing Rain (Ire) (Daneshill Dancer {Ire}), who cost Godolphin 4-million gns at the Tattersalls December Mares Sale in 2013.

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Dancing Rain's third foal is Jalmoud (GB) (New Approach {Ire}), winner of France's Listed Prix de l'Avre last year and placed in the G2 Prix Eugene Adam and G1 Grand Prix de Paris, while her 3-year-old filly Sakura Petal (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) is unraced. She produced a colt by Galileo (Ire) last year.

The pedigree, already an excellent one, has improved markedly since Godolphin bought Dancing Rain, with the champion 2-year-old filly Maybe (Ire) (Galileo {Ire})--out of Dancing Rain's three-quarter sister Sumora (Ire) (Danehill)--having produced the G1 2000 Guineas and G1 Racing Post Trophy winner Saxon Warrior (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}). The Group 1 Derby, Dewhurst and Champion S. winner Dr Devious (Ire) (Ahonoora {GB}) appears under the third dam.

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BALANCHINE SPONSORED BY GULF NEWS-G2, \$250,000, Meydan, 2-13, NH4yo/up & SH 3yo/up, f/m, 9fT, 1:47.65, gd. 1--**MAGIC LILY (GB), 129, m, 5, by New Approach (Ire)**

1st Dam: Dancing Rain (Ire) (Hwt. 3yo Filly-Eng at 11-14f & 9.5 to 11f, G1SW-Eng & Ger, \$932,081) by Danehill Dancer (Ire)

2nd Dam: Rain Flower (Ire), by Indian Ridge (Ire)

3rd Dam: Rose of Jericho, by Alleged

O/B-Godolphin (GB); T-Charlie Appleby; J-William Buick. \$150,000. Lifetime Record: G1SP-Eng & SP-Fr, 6-3-1-1, \$398,582. *Full to Jalmoud (GB), SW & G1SP-Fr, \$140,620.

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2--**Nisreen (Ire), 126, m, 6, Raven's Pass--Badweia, by Kingmambo. (32,000gns HRA '17 TATJUL). O-Team Valor Int'l; B-Shadwell Estate Co. Ltd (IRE); T-Hiroo Shimizu. \$50,000.**

3--**Maamora (Ire), 126, f, 4, Dubawi (Ire)--Zoowraa (GB) by Azamour (Ire). O-Sheikh Ahmed bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Godolphin (IRE); T-Simon Crisford . \$25,000.**

Margins: 1 1/4, NK, 3/4.

Also Ran: Surrounding (Ire), Hateya (Ire), Divine Image, Peri Lina (Tur), Dubai Blue. **Click for the Racing Post result. Click for the free Equine.com catalogue-style pedigree. VIDEO.**

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20 / 20 VISION

In this TDN series we ask a group of experts for their predictions for the 2020 flat season in Europe. Today we have Barry Lynch in the irons.

TDN: Who do you think will be the leading first-season sire this year?

BL: There is a good selection of first-season sires with runners to choose from. I liked several. I thought Territories (Ire), in particular, had some nice stock at the sales. Mehmas (Ire) and Adaay (Ire) had sharp early types who look like they will get up and go. After weighing up pedigree, race record and the yearling sales I think Territories will give a good account of himself.



Barry Lynch | Tattersalls

TDN: Have you bought any yearlings by Territories? Does he typically stamp his stock?

BL: I bought a Territories colt [lot 219 at Goffs UK Premier Yearling Sale] from Cooneen Stud for Michael Dods. He was a well made colt with a lovely temperament and Michael Dods likes him.

TDN: Hope for the 2020 flat season?

BL: Happy clients and good horses who outperform expectations and price.

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TDN: We have been running a series in the TDN recently on value sires. What European stallion(s) do you think represents the best value?

BL: Starspangledbanner (Aus) had another solid year with several black-type 2-year-olds and a Group 1 filly in Millisle (Ire). He stands at €22,500 and compared to other top proven sprinting stallions I feel he is well priced.

Another horse with an interesting profile is Kuroshio (Aus) at Starfield Stud in Co. Meath who stands for €6,000. He made an impression with his first crop from a small book and it was backed up by Kurious (GB) going on and winning a Group 3 as a 3-year old in 2019.

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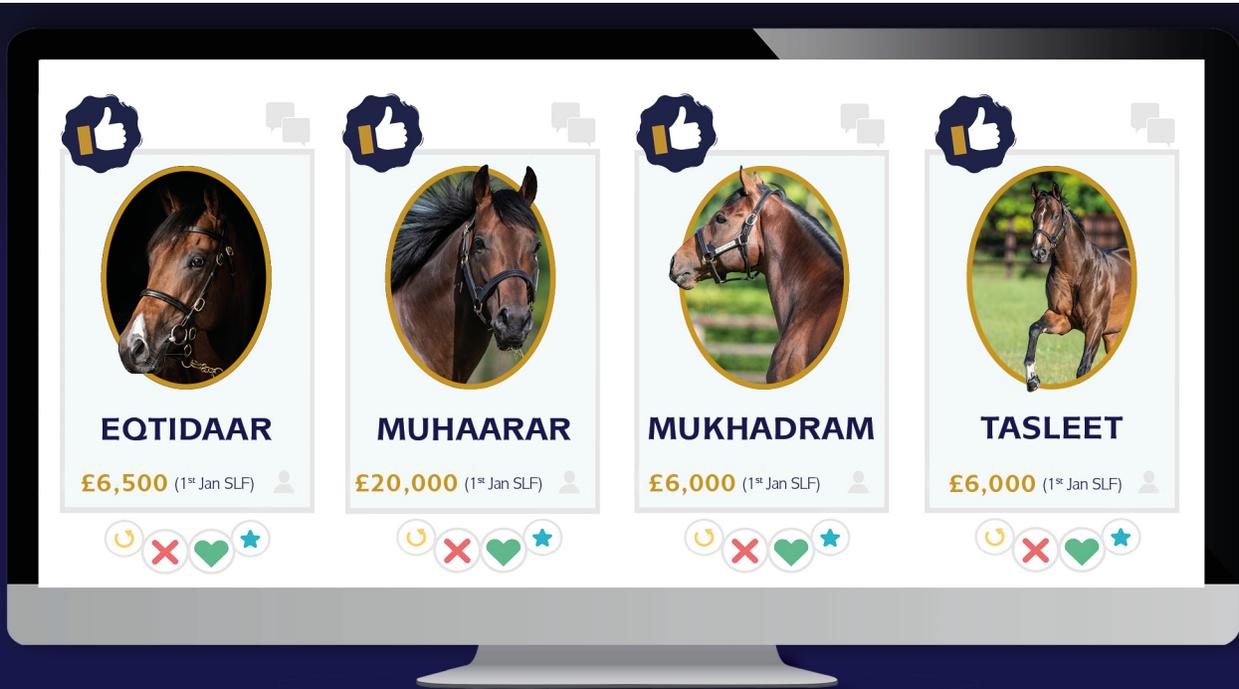
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Thursday's Result:

6th-Chelmsford City, £8,550, Novice, 2-13, 3yo, 10f (AWT), 2:06.05, st.

DA VINCI (IRE) (c, 3, Golden Horn {GB}--What a Picture {Fr}, by Peintre Celebre), a 16-1 shot on debut, followed the leader Pitcher's Point (Medaglia d'Oro) throughout. Pushed along at stages, the bay responded to urgings to collar that rival in the final yards and score by a neck. The winner is a half-brother to Partner Shift (Ire) (Night Shift), SW-Fr, \$135,826, to Mufarrh (Ire) (Marju {Ire}), GSP-UAE, \$406,920, and to the listed-placed Majenta (Ire) (Marju {Ire}). The dam is a half to the G1 Gran Criterium winner Night Style (Fr) (Night Shift) from the family of the G1 Irish Derby and G1 Tattersalls Gold Cup hero Grey Swallow (Ire) (Daylami {Ire}). Her 2-year-old colt by Oasis Dream (GB) sold for €95,000 to the China Horse Club at the Goffs Orby Sale, while she also has a yearling colt by Australia (GB). Sales history: 95,000gns RNA Wlg '17 TATFOA; 40,000gns Ylg '18 TATDEY. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$7,166.

O-Brown, Hathorns & Partner; B-Kenilworth House Stud (IRE); T-Mark Johnston.



Horse Name	Price	Notes
EQTIDAAR	£6,500	(1 st Jan SLF)
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CONDITIONS RESULT:

4th-Chelmsford City, £20,000, 2-13, 4yo/up, f/m, 8f (AWT),
1:39.15, st.

SOLAR HEIGHTS (IRE) (f, 4, Cape Cross {Ire}--Solar Moon {GB},
by Pivotal {GB}) Lifetime Record: 11-4-1-2, \$48,326. O-Saeed

Manana; B-Norelands Bloodstock & Yarraman Park (IRE);

T-James Tate. *€85,000 Ylg '17 GOFOR.



This Almanzor filly, born Jan. 29 out of At Your Pleasure (War Front), is getting a running start in life at Haras d'Etream. The mare will be bred back to Wootton Bassett.

WORLDWIDE NEWS

CAPEZZANO BACK ON TOP IN FIREBREAK

Capezzano (Bernardini) was a revelation at last year's carnival when winning three straight including the G1 Al Maktoum Challenge R3 by 9 1/2 lengths over Thunder Snow (Ire) (Helmet {Aus}), but the 6-year-old gelding had been off since coming up lame after a last-place finish in the G1 Dubai World Cup. The dark bay had never won first-up but he put that stat firmly behind him with a seven-length victory in stakes record time in Thursday's G3 Firebreak S. going a mile on the dirt. Bouncing away from gate five, Capezzano and Mickael Barzalona led the way down the backstretch with some of the other expected speed in the race failing to materialize. Three lengths clear by the time they hit the quarter pole, Capezzano was much the best at the wire having been hand ridden throughout, with Secret Ambition (GB) (Exceed and Excel {Aus}) coming on for second after missing the break.

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Trainer Salem bin Ghadayer said it is the Feb. 29 \$20-million Saudi Cup next for Capezzano, followed by the Dubai World Cup on Mar. 28.

“I know it’s just two weeks until the Saudi Cup, but we needed this race for his confidence, and thank God he performed well,” the trainer said. “He showed his ability. We will go to the Saudi race and then [Dubai] World Cup night.”

Barzalona added, “He ran a big race and should have plenty left in the tank. We are pretty happy with the way he is handling it before the race. I’m pretty sure this will give him a lot of confidence. Now he will fly over there [to Saudi Arabia] and the track will suit him over there as well. Hopefully he runs a big race. I’m very pleased with the way Capezzano ran today.”



Capezzano takes the Firebreak S. | DRC/Erika Rasmussen

Pedigree Notes

Capezzano’s dam Cableknit was unplaced in two starts but being a daughter of Unbridled’s Song and a half-sister to GI Breeders’ Cup Sprint winner and leading sire Speightstown, she had already earned a spot at stud and has justified it. Cableknit and Speightstown are also siblings to Irap (Tiznow), winner of a GI Kentucky Derby prep in the GII Blue Grass S., and later in the year the GIII Ohio Derby and GIII Indiana Derby. The line of the third dam, Silken Doll (Chieftain), has produced a myriad of stakes winners including the GI Spinaway S. winner Mani Bhavan (Storm Boot). Cableknit has a 2-year-old full-sister to Capezzano named Vintage Style, a yearling filly by Raison d’Etat and is due to foal to Honor Code this season.

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Thursday, Meydan, Dubai

FIREBREAK S. SPONSORED BY GN.COM-G3, \$200,000, Meydan, 2-13, NH4yo/up & SH 3yo/up, 8f, 1:36.23, fs.

1--**CAPEZZANO, 126, g, 6, by Bernardini**

1st Dam: Cableknit, by Unbridled’s Song

2nd Dam: Silken Cat, by Storm Cat

3rd Dam: Silken Doll, by Chieftain

O-Sultan Ali; B-Darley (KY); T-Salem bin Ghadayer; J-Mickael Barzalona. \$120,000. Lifetime Record: G1SW-UAE, 16-6-1-2, \$823,676. **Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.**

Werk Nick Rating: A+.

2--**Secret Ambition (GB)**, 126, h, 7, **Exceed and Excel (Aus)**-- Inner Secret, by Singspiel (Ire). O-Nasir Askar; B-Darley (GB); T-Satish Seemar. \$40,000.

3---**Matterhorn (Ire)**, 126, h, 5, **Raven’s Pass**--Tanaghum (GB), by Darshaan (GB). (70,000gns Wlg ‘15 TATFOA). O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed Al Maktoum; B-Barronstown Stud (IRE); T-Salem bin Ghadayer. \$20,000.

Margins: 7, 3/4, 3 1/4.

Also Ran: Ambassadorial, Quip, Fight On, Walking Thunder, Thegreatcollection. Scratched: Muntazah (GB), Heavy Metal (GB). **Click for the Racing Post result. Click for the free EquineLine.com catalogue-style pedigree. VIDEO.**

2nd-Meydan, Cond, \$100,000, 3yo, 9 1/2fT, 1:56.16, gd.
YA HAYATI (c, 3, Dubawi {Ire}--Wedding Toast {MGISW-US, \$1,419,956}, by Street Sense), a regally-bred Godolphin representative, made it two wins from three starts in his turf bow in this Meydan Trophy. Sixth going a mile on debut over the Kempton all-weather on Oct. 2, Ya Hayati broke his maiden four weeks later over the same track and trip. Making his 3-year-old bow here and stepping up in trip, Ya Hayati and William Buick took cover just over a length off the lead down the backstretch. Losing some position amidst the shuffle rounding the bend, Buick moved Ya Hayati four-wide for room approaching the quarter pole. Let loose upon straightening, Ya Hayati stormed to the lead under a drive and won comfortably with Timo Nurmos (Fr) (Le Havre) and Grey Flash (The Factor) mounting only mild threats late. "He has been a bit of a character at times and is still somewhat immature, so definitely a work in progress so to speak," trainer Charlie Appleby said. "We wanted to run him on turf first before trying him on the dirt, but he will switch surfaces now and possibly go for the [Listed] Al Bastakiya [at Meydan on Super Saturday Mar. 7]." Ya Hayati is the first foal out of Godolphin's GI Ogden Phipps S. and GI Beldame S. victress Wedding Toast (Street Sense), who produced a colt by Tapit in 2019 and is back in foal to that champion sire for 2020. Wedding Toast is herself out of a half-sister to the five-time Grade I winner Congaree. This is a family that was acquired by Sheikh Mohammed with his purchase of the McNair family's Stonerside Farm and bloodstock in 2008. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$64,974. O/B-Godolphin (KY); T-Charlie Appleby.

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Ya Hayati | DRC/Erika Rasmussen

3rd-Meydan, Hcp, \$135,000, NH4yo/up & SH 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10.87, fs.

BOCHART (GB) (g, 7, Dubawi {Ire}--Camlet {GB}, by Green Desert) caught a flyer at the break and never looked back, going gate to wire and lengthening in the lane to dominate this by 7 1/2 lengths and stamp himself another G1 Dubai Golden Shaheen contender for the Satish Seemar stable that won that contest in 2013 with Reynaldothewizard (Speightstown). Leading the field along by a length down the backstretch, Bochart absolutely exploded upon straightening. Posting yet another placed effort for Doug O'Neill was Prodigal Son (Square Eddie), who made eye-catching progress from the back of the pack. Bochart was making his second start of the carnival, having won under these same conditions on Jan. 16. Bochart is a half-brother to Cheviot (Rahy), who was listed placed in Ireland. They are out of Camlet (GB) (Green Desert), a winning half-sister to Horse of the Year, Classic winner and Breeders' Cup champion Barathea (Ire) (Sadler's Wells) and G1 Irish 1000 Guineas and G1 Fillies' Mile winner Gossamer (GB) (Sadler's Wells), who herself went on to produce the G1 Racing Post Trophy winner Ibn Khaldun (Dubai Destination). Gossamer is the second dam of G3 Prix Eclipse winner Sound and Silence (GB) (Exceed and Excel {Aus}) and G2 Park Hill S. winner Silk Sari (GB) (Dalakhani {Ire}) among many stakes horses in her dynasty. Lifetime Record: 35-7-7-7, \$374,707.

O-Al Bait Mutawahed Team; B-Darley (GB); T-Satish Seemar.

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Thursday's Results:

7th-Meydan, Hcp, \$175,000, NH4yo/up & SH 3yo/up, 2410mT, 2:28.42, gd.

EYNHALLOW (GB) (g, 6, Nathaniel {Ire}--Ronaldsay {GB}, by Kirkwall {GB}) Sales history: £160,000 Ylg '15 DBSPRM; 300,000gns HRA '17 TATAUT. Lifetime Record: 17-3-3-3, \$197,576. O-Godolphin; B-Stowell Hill Ltd & D Ludlow (GB); T-Charlie Appleby.

5th-Meydan, Hcp, \$135,000, NH4yo/up & SH 3yo/up, 5fT, 0:57.24, gd.

WAADY (IRE) (g, 8, Approve {Ire}--Anne Bonney {GB}, by Jade Robbery) Sales history: €14,000 RNA Wlg '12 GOFNOV; €37,000 Ylg '13 TIRSEP; 240,000gns 2yo '14 TATBRE. Lifetime Record: 31-8-2-4, \$391,751. O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Knocklong House Stud (IRE); T-Doug Watson.

Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong, post time: 2:15 p.m.

CITI HONG KONG GOLD CUP-G1, HK\$10,000,000 (£986,749/€1,187,352/A\$1,915,262/US\$1,287,374), 3yo/up, 2000mT (PPs)

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	9	Exultant (Ire)	Teofilo (Ire)	Purton	Cruz	126
2	4	Southern Legend (Aus)	Not A Single Doubt (Aus)	Schofield	Fownes	126
3	10	Furore (NZ)	Pierro (Aus)	Spencer	Lor	126
4	1	Citron Spirit (Ire)	Invincible Spirit (Ire)	Callan	Yiu	126
5	7	Ho Ho Khan (NZ)	Makfi (GB)	Ho	Hall	126
6	6	Dark Dream (Aus)	All American (Aus)	van Niekerk	Lor	126
7	8	Time Warp (GB)	Archipenko	Moreira	Cruz	126
8	5	Doctor Geoff (Ire)	Fast Company (Ire)	Leung	Lui	126
9	3	Eagle Way (Aus)	More Than Ready	Shinn	Moore	126
10	11	Northern Superstar (SAf)	Count Dubois (SAf)	Teetan	Millard	126
11	2	Glorious Dragon (Ire)	Teofilo (Ire)	Badel	Millard	126

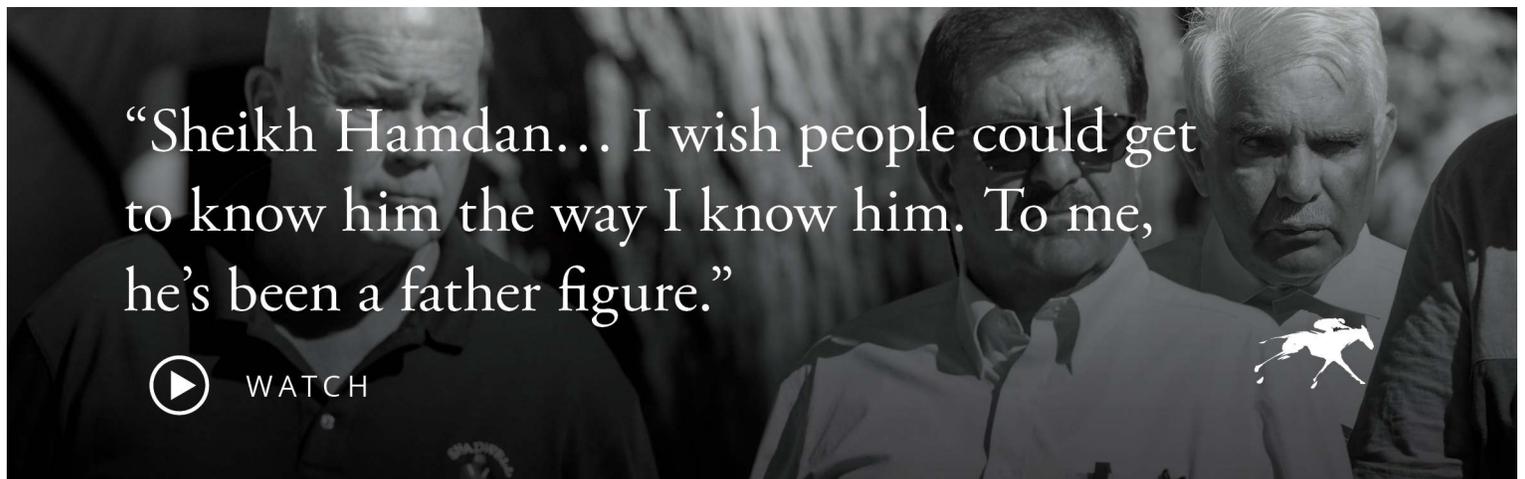
Breeders: 1-Ballygallon Stud Ltd; 2-Corumbene Stud (NSW); 3-GSA Bloodstock Pty Ltd; 4-Mrs E Bifova; 5-G Harvey; 6-Miss J E Healey (NSW); 7-Miss K Rausing; 8-DDE Syndicate; 9-Segenhoe Thoroughbreds Australia Pty Ltd (NSW); 10-Klawervlei Stud; 11-Team Hogdala AB

Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong, post time: 3:20 p.m.

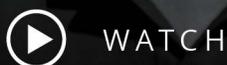
QUEEN'S SILVER JUBILEE CUP-G1, HK\$10,000,000 (£986,749/€1,187,352/A\$1,915,262/US\$1,287,374), 3yo/up, 1400mT (PPs)

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	3	Beauty Generation (NZ)	Road to Rock (Aus)	Purton	Moore	126
2	2	Beat the Clock (Aus)	Hinchinbrook (Aus)	Moreira	Size	126
3	6	Hot King Prawn (Aus)	Denman (Aus)	Teetan	Size	126
4	4	Thanks Forever (Aus)	Duporth (Aus)	van Niekerk	Moore	126
5	1	Rattan (NZ)	Savabeel (Aus)	Schofield	Gibson	126
6	5	Wishful Thinker (Aus)	I Am Invincible (Aus)	Ho	Gibson	126
7	7	Ka Ying Star (GB)	Cityscape (GB)	Spencer	Cruz	126

Breeders: 1-Nearco Stud Ltd; 2-Miss J Henderson (NSW); 3-Torryburn Stud (NSW); 4-Mr AC Lloyd Jones (NSW); 5-M H S & S H R Davison & Mrs M P Schick; 6-Mr J Davies (Qld); 7-Kingsclere Stud



“Sheikh Hamdan... I wish people could get to know him the way I know him. To me, he’s been a father figure.”





GENERATION NEXT PUTS CREDENTIALS ON THE LINE



Yes Yes Yes | Bronwen Healy

By Bren O'Brien

They line-up like Hollywood stars on a movie poster, a 3-year-old crop of such depth and diversity that they have become the star attraction of the upcoming autumn features in Melbourne and Sydney. There are 16 individual Australian Group 1 winners from the current crop of 3-year-olds which when you consider that they have only been racing in the top-flight for less than 12 months, is quite remarkable. What is also intriguing is that none of those 16 horses have been multiple Group 1 winners. That list does not include horses such as New Zealand's best 3-year-old prospect, Catalyst (NZ) (Darci Brahma {NZ}), a Group 1 winner in his homeland, boom galloper Alligator Blood (All Too Hard), whose only defeat in nine starts was when second in the G1 Caulfield Guineas, and leading prospects Standout (Exceed And Excel), Libertini (I Am Invincible) and Dalasan (Dalakhani {Ire}). It also doesn't include recently retired The Everest winner Yes Yes Yes (Rubick), perhaps the best case study for how the top 3-year-olds of this crop measure up to the older horses. There are a trio of 3-year-olds who have won Group 1 races at open age so far this season, Loving Gaby (I Am Invincible) in the Manikato S., Kay Cee (Playing God) in the Kingston Town Classic, and most recently Alabama Express (Redoute's Choice) in the CF Orr S.

For Arrowfield chairman John Messara those results against the older horses are the best guide to where the quality of the current crop sits.

"The answer at face value is that we seem to have a very good crop," he told *TDN AusNZ*. "This year they are taking on the older horses and seem to be able to cope with that which is always a good sign. I'd want to see a bit more, and maybe some continuity of form. I'd love to see Super Seth come out and win the G1 Futurity and Alabama Express frank that form again."

Arrowfield bred and sold G1 Caulfield Guineas winner Super Seth (Dundeel {NZ}), while it holds part ownership in the emerging Alabama Express and recently took a controlling interest in G1 Champagne S. winner Castelveccchio (NZ) (Dundeel {NZ}). It is also well-placed to assess the comparative merits of the past two crops of 3-year-olds as it bred, part owned and now stands the Champion 3-year-old Colt of last season The Autumn Sun (Redoute's Choice). In that case, The Autumn Sun stood out as the clear benchmark colt, with Sunlight (Zoustar) the clear top filly. Both had established their dominance in the spring and franked that in the autumn. This year is very different, which is why Messara is prepared to reserve his judgement.

"Before being categorical about anything to do with a crop, there are so many of them in a clutch that I kind of worry," he said. "It's like the finish of a race where you have four or five within a length and a half. You start to think how good are they?"

"They might all be good, or we might have a weaker older brigade of horses as well. It could be a mixture of both. It's a waiting game. We need to let the Championships go by until we get categorical about anything."



John Messara | Bronwen Healy

Track Provides the True Test

It's true that the track will be the ultimate test, as it should be, and this weekend's racing at Randwick and Flemington are set to provide a substantial early pointer.

Loving Gaby again tackles the open-age horses at weight-for-age in the G1 Black Caviar Lightning, while the G3 CS Hayes S. for the colts at Flemington and the G2 Light Fingers S. for the fillies at Randwick shape as crucial early autumn contests.

The CS Hayes sees Catalyst tackle Alligator Blood, arguably the two horses with the biggest X-factor of the 3-year-old colts, in a race that also contains Dalasan as well as untapped Godolphin colt Chenier (Medaglia d'Oro {USA}) and the Lindsay Park-trained Yourdeel (NZ) (Dundeel {NZ}) a dual Group 1 winner in New Zealand as a 2-year-old.

Where Catalyst fits into the picture of the Australian 3-year-olds is hard to assess, but experienced handicapper and Racing Victoria's EGM - Racing, Greg Carpenter, expects him to measure up well.

"Catalyst looked outstanding in New Zealand, his Guineas win last year and his first-up win in the Mr Tiz was sensational," Carpenter said. "Every which way you look, there seems to be a very good group of 3-year-olds, but there is a lot to play out over the autumn here in Melbourne and into The Championships in Sydney."

The Light Fingers S. features three Group 1 winning Godolphin fillies, Lyre (Lonhro), Kiamichi (Sidestep) and Flit (Medaglia d'Oro {USA}) up against the highly-rated Anthony Cummings-trained Libertini (I Am Invincible), who loomed as the top seed of the fillies early last campaign.

Blue Army Holds Many Cards

Unsurprisingly of all those top quality 3-year-olds, it is Godolphin which holds the deepest hand in terms of numbers, with its top band of fillies joined by a pair of elite colts in reigning Champion 2-year-old Microphone (Exceed And Excel) and G1 Golden Rose S. winner Bivouac (Exceed And Excel) as well as a host of contenders to the throne.

"You never anticipate, you always hope," Godolphin Australia Managing Director Vin Cox said. "We have got a very strong hand obviously.

"We are very excited with the Bivouacs and Microphones of the world, from an ongoing stallion point of view, but even horses like Pandemic and our other Group 1 winners, Flit, Lyre and Kiamichi, it's an extraordinary crop," he said.

"To put this season's 3-year-old crop into context, if it was a football team with one standout player you wouldn't have a champion team," Cox said. "However, a group of superior athletes will deliver a premiership. This is likely a group of superior athletes."

In terms of runs on the board, Cox said Microphone, who won the G1 Inglis Sires' last year and claimed the G2 Autumn S. at Caulfield last weekend, probably deserved to be its top seed, but that there was so much water to flow under the bridge in the coming months.

While Godolphin, and in particular head trainer James Cummings, has both the quantity and quality, it is interesting to note that of the Top 20 prospects we looked at, they were prepared by 15 different trainers and were by

16 different stallions.

"The depth of our racing is outstanding," Cox said. "It's a great thing to see that not only are a number of breeders breeding top class horses, but a number of owners have got top class horses and so too, have a number of stables.

"It's all about having a lot of participants in the business, and while there is a cross section of owners, trainers, jockeys and breeders, it keeps it all very vibrant and viable."

So Who Will Emerge on Top?

As mentioned, Cox believes the colts Microphone and Bivouac can add further to the runs they have on the board, while emerging stars such as Pandemic (Sepoy) and Chenier can take giant leaps forward.

Messara has understandably a huge wrap for Alabama Express' win in the CF Orr S. and thinks there is more to come from the Michael Moroney-trained colt.

"He won that the hard way on Saturday. It was a strong finishing burst and he was wide all the way. But it was a very good effort. That didn't look like any sort of fluke," he said.

The Arrowfield chairman is also eagerly anticipating the return of the Richard Litt-trained Castelvechchio.

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James Cummings and Vin Cox (right) | Bronwen Healy

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"We are going to see Castelvechchio emerge in the next couple of weeks and I think he might take a step forward. He doesn't have to go far forward. He is at the top of the crew at the moment, but we are pretty hopeful with how he is going," he said.

Carpenter doesn't have a vested interest in any camp, but he too is excited to see Castelvechchio back on the track in the autumn after he was beaten only by the highly-rated Japanese mare Lys Gracieux (Heart's Cry {Jpn}) in the G1 Cox Plate.

He is also anticipating a big autumn from G1 Victoria Derby winner Warning (Declaration Of War {USA}).

"His win in the Derby was a stunning victory. He's headed directly to Sydney and we should be very alive to his prospects in the staying contests," he said.

The Team Hawkes-trained Exceedance (Exceed And Excel), the winner of the G1 Coolmore Stud S. in the spring, is also nearing a racetrack return, with a goal of targeting the G1 TJ Smith S.

A Coolmore in the Autumn?

There are 10 Group 1 races remaining in Australia this season which are specifically for the 3-year-olds, while there are a host of races at open age handicap or weight-for-age level which are also likely to fall onto the radar of many of these rising stars.

Interestingly, of those 10 3-year-old specific races, only three are staged at below 2000 metres, and none below the 1400 metres of the G1 Surround S.

What that means is that unlike the spring, where the G1 Coolmore Stud S. represents a sprint championships for the 3-year-olds, there is no autumn sprint 3-year-old 'grand final'.

Messara believes Racing NSW wants to address this with its desire to have the G2 Arrowfield 3YO Sprint, held on the second day of The Championships in April, upgraded.

"We've got the Arrowfield during The Championships which is now worth \$1 million. You would hope that would develop into it," he said.

"The Arrowfield is the race that I know Racing NSW are trying

to turn into the equivalent of the Coolmore in the autumn, as the autumn championship for 3-year-old sprinters."

Cox believes the quality of 3-year-olds later in the season is best-measured against the open age horses, where he said there are plenty of races to test their mettle.

"There's a lot of options. Does it need to be a 3-year-old race? There's the Arrowfield during The Championships. It's a nice

race, but I think to get real credibility for your 3-year-old colt, you need to be performing at weight-for-age level in the latter part of your 3-year-old year.

"Whether it be Oakleigh Plates, Newmarkets, Futuritys, TJ Smiths, George Ryders, there are lots of options."

Carpenter also feels the true test of those 3-year-olds is against the big boys and girls in the elite open-aged races towards the end of the season.

"I relish seeing the 3-year-olds run against the older horses. The 3-year-olds have exposed the older horses already this season and on our own ratings, we measure our 3-year-olds when they do take on that challenge," he said,

"I think protecting them and giving them more opportunities within their own age group is fine for the spring, but whether it is Europe or here, the pattern tells us that the expectation is they take on the older horses later in the year."



Castelvechchio | Bronwen Healy

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