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KENTUCKY SIRES 2020 VII: ESTABLISHED SIRES



Hard Spun | Darley

by Chris McGrath

Right, that's enough ranting for now. In the course of this series, I've repeatedly professed bewilderment and alarm over the damage to the Thoroughbred gene pool threatened by a witless stampede towards unproven newcomers, and the no less puerile impatience with which they are promptly abandoned. But we won't revisit those complaints today. Embarking on this final instalment, dealing with those stallions talented or lucky enough to have come out the other side with a viable stud career in Kentucky, we'll just offer one simple consolation.

Because if you're one of the few breeders more interested in a fast horse than a fast buck, then you've probably never had it so good. Not only do you tend to find yourself competing with horses bred for the wrong piece of wood (the auctioneer's gavel, rather than the winning post). Sometimes you can also expect to be charged less for the kind of blood that works in the real proving ground.

True, the cream that rises to the very top tends to be equally effective in the ring and on the track--and to be priced accordingly. But today we'll finish off the series (albeit with a look at regional sires still to follow) with seven stallions, at different levels of the market, whose proven merit remains undervalued.

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FASIG, KEENELAND ANNOUNCE REVISED PROCEDURES FOR TAA FUNDING

Fasig-Tipton Company, Inc. and Keeneland Association representatives announced revised procedures to provide funding to the Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance (TAA). Beginning with the 2020 yearling sales, all sellers/owners will be charged 0.05% of the sales price (for example, \$50 on a \$100,000 sale) on each horse sold at public auction with the two companies. Previously, sellers have had the opportunity to "opt out" of the TAA contribution. The sales companies will each continue to contribute 0.05% of the sales price on each horse sold at their respective auctions. Buyers will continue to be billed 0.05% of the purchase price on behalf of the TAA, with participation voluntary.

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Trainer Salem bin Ghadayer leads Down On Da Bayou and pilot Mickael Barzalona back after the Super Saver filly won the G3 UAE Oaks at Meydan on Thursday. In 2016, 'TDN Rising Star' Polar River (Congrats), a half-sister to Down On Da Bayou, took the Oaks before running second in the G2 UAE Derby on Dubai World Cup night. For more go to TDN Europe/Worldwide News p6 | DRC/Erika Rasmussen

THE NOMINATION STRUGGLE: PETE BRADLEY

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In this continuing series, respected bloodstock agent Peter Bradley shares his thoughts on what can be done to make easier the task of selling seasons to stallions standing their third year at stud as well as more established sires. "It all comes down to the fact that there is too much supply on the market," he opines.

BAST RETIRED WITH SOFT-TISSUE INJURY

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Baoma Corp.'s talented 3-year-old filly Bast (Uncle Mo) has suffered a soft-tissue injury and has been retired. "It's minor, but she'd need at least four months off and there is no guarantee how she'd come back," trainer Bob Baffert said.

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Value Sires VII cont.

In surveying half-a-dozen intakes up to this point, we've been as exhaustive as possible, in the interest of fairness to stallions largely still trying to make a name for themselves. But nobody needs telling why Into Mischief or Tapit are standing at the fees they do, so let's just crack on and round up some of the less usual suspects. One or two are old friends, but deserve revisiting after again performing well in 2019.

**HARD SPUN (Danzig--Turkish Tryst by Turkoman), \$40,000
Darley at Jonabell**



Hard Spun | Darley photo

Value can be found at every level of the market. This farm stands a remarkably efficient sire of stakes performers in Midshipman (Unbridled's Song), whose stats in 2019 confirm that he punches well above weight at \$8,500. In terms of bang for your buck, however, perhaps not even he can quite match this guy.

It's not as though Hard Spun needed a total reset after that brief sojourn in Japan in 2014. He had covered 141 mares the year before; was welcomed back to Kentucky by 155 the year after; and has more or less maintained that kind of volume ever since. But something has to explain how a stallion in his prime, now 16 years old, remains available at two-thirds of the fee he was able to command in 2013.

That may not be the case for very long, however. The first crop he sired on his return to Kentucky were sophomores of 2019, and included three Grade I winners--Spun To Run (Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile); Hard Not To Love (La Brea S., and looking better than ever in the GII Santa Monica S. last weekend); and Out For A Spin (Ashland S.)—as well as \$1 million Saratoga Derby Invitational winner A Thread of Blue. Meanwhile he also had a leading juvenile in Green Light Go, winner of the GII Saratoga Special S. and runner-up in the GI Champagne S; plus a Group 1 winner in Australia. **Cont. p4**



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Hard Spun ended the year fourth on the general sires' list, behind three sires each standing at \$175,000 or more. And, being five years younger than his farm's premier stallion Medaglia d'Oro, I wouldn't be at all surprised to see him eventually elevated into the six-figure elite himself.

Remember that Hard Spun throws us a very short lifeline to his breed-shaping sire, belonging to an even later crop than War Front. His Darby Dan bottom line, moreover, features a Roberto half-sister to 1974 champion Little Current as close up as his second dam.

And remember, too, that Hard Spun showed corresponding throwback virtues in his first career, holding his sophomore form through a relentless campaign--from his GIII Lecomte S. romp in January to the GI Breeders' Cup Classic, where he chased home Curlin. In between, he took a solid supporting role in all three legs of the Triple Crown, notably as runner-up in the Derby, and dropped back to seven furlongs for his elite score in the GI King's Bishop S.

That versatility has come through in his stock, too, making him a diversifying influence after the fashion of Danehill, another son of Danzig. Short or long, turf or dirt, with Hard Spun only class comes as standard.

LOOKIN AT LUCKY (Smart Strike--Private Feeling by Belong To Me), \$20,000 Coolmore



Lookin At Lucky | Coolmore

He continues to lose commercial ground with Munnings, who started at Ashford the same season--yet it is Lookin At Lucky who keeps turning up a really big horse. Yes, he had a frustrating start to his stud career, with serial near-misses at the elite level. But no sooner did champion Accelerate retire to stud than Lookin At Lucky promptly produced Country House.

Typical, really, that the Kentucky Derby winner should have been damned with such faint praise: controversially awarded

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the race, and lucklessly denied the opportunity to confirm his merit thereafter. But even second past the post in the Derby should be considered a feather in any stallion's cap, and Lookin At Lucky had already had one of those.

As it is, while Munnings continues to upgrade his books (now in the 200-club) and fee, Lookin At Lucky somehow continues to struggle with the ludicrous reputation of not being a "sales sire." Which, given his propensity to produce top-class runners, begs the question: what exactly can all these experts be looking for at the sales? As it is, his yearlings retailed at an average \$41,266 last year, down from \$52,910. **Cont. p5**

Value Sires cont.

In fairness, Munnings is now making all the progress everyone has been anticipating, as his bigger and better books kick in. He certainly looked value at \$20,000 this time last year, and is duly up to \$30,000, with Venetian Harbor and Finite giving him a strong early hand for the GI Kentucky Oaks.

Nonetheless it's hard not to feel affronted on behalf of his studmate, who outpunched him at the top end in 2019 despite fewer runners (187 against 256). Both had eight graded stakes performers, but Lookin At Lucky had three winners at that level (Munnings two) and three Grade I performers (Munnings one). Munnings admittedly had the better year at basic black-type level, but there's no denying it: when Lookin At Lucky gets a good one, the sky is the limit.

Which is no less than you would expect, of a horse who won championship laurels at both two and three. For a \$20,000 stallion to be consecutively represented by the winners of the GI Breeders' Cup Classic and GI Kentucky Derby, and yet remain stalled in this way, tells you everything about the perversity of the commercial market.

At least it looks as though the end-users have cottoned on, his book having moved back up to 134 in 2019 from just 76 two years previously. And they will have the last laugh on the track.

DIALED IN (Mineshaft--Miss Doolittle by Storm Cat), \$20,000 Darby Dan



Dialed In | *Matt Goins*

A clip in fee belies a year of excellent consolidation by the champion freshman of 2016, a status he had achieved (by both prizemoney and winners) from \$7,500 covers.

His opening fee was duly doubled for 2017, and moved up again to \$25,000 for 2018 after he again distinguished himself--joint-top or top for both black-type winners and

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performers--even among an intake that flashed some very conspicuous first sophomores. But whereas Bodemeister, for instance, proved unable to build on Always Dreaming and has since been exported, by last year only The Factor (more on him in a minute) in this group exceeded the 18 black-type and eight graded-stakes operators mustered by Dialed In.

Importantly, moreover, The Factor had 283 starters against just 131 for the Darby Dan dude. That translates to a stellar ratio in both those categories--almost exactly in step, in fact, with that achieved by the year's champion sire Into Mischief.

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Value Sires cont.

So here's a stallion who is absolutely following through on his flying start; and who will imminently benefit from a massive boost in terms of ammunition. His current sophomores graduate from a book of 105 in 2016; as champion freshman, however, he covered a staggering 231 mares the following year. That means he will be able to launch an armada of juveniles through the months ahead, with another 284 covers across the next two years to keep the momentum going.

And remember that we're talking about a really flamboyant individual—whether standing up or running (as highlighted, in a light career, by the GI Florida Derby). And, in terms of pedigree, he has a flawless "stairwell" through his third generation: besides the familiar interplay of Secretariat's daughters Weekend Surprise and Terlingua, respectively with Seattle Slew and Storm Bird, we have Mr Prospector with matriarch Up The Flagpole; and Mt. Livermore with Daring Bidder, who was responsible for GI Santa Anita Derby winner Dinard (Strawberry Road) as well as Dialed In's champion second dam Eliza. In other words, it doesn't matter what hits and what misses. Whatever percolates can only be class.

Dialed In's fee cut presumably reflects a dependence, hitherto, on Gunnevera as his only real source of headlines on the big stage. But that breakout Grade I success just a matter of time and, with reinforcements about to pour over the horizon, this could prove a smart moment to get involved.

THE FACTOR (War Front--Greyciousness by Miswaki), \$17,500 Lane's End



The Factor | Lee Thomas

Here's a vivid gauge of this guy's progress in 2019: ranked by black-type horses, he was seventh among active stallions behind only Into Mischief (\$175,000); Tapit (\$200,000); Curlin

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(\$175,000); Medaglia d'Oro (\$200,000); War Front (\$250,000); and Speightstown (\$70,000). By earnings, moreover, he was the only one among the top 20 sires in Kentucky still standing under \$40,000; and the only one besides Uncle Mo who remains as young as 12.

Like Hard Spun, The Factor has had to regroup after a year away in Japan. His was an absence that certainly made the heart grow fonder, leaving behind so many maturing talents that he topped the third-crop sires' table in 2018. And after returning from Hokkaido last spring, he again topped his intake by nearly every index. **Cont. p7**

Value Sires cont.

Before his migration, however, he had experienced some rather paradoxical fortunes. His first crop of yearlings had been so warmly received at the sales that, most unusually, he was given an immediate fee hike from \$15,000 to \$25,000. But some of them, presumed to be precocious dashers, were probably pressed too impatiently by their trainers.

That caused the initial buzz to fade for a while, until The Factor had time to demonstrate that his stock instead majors in the soundness and mentality to keep thriving. One of those first yearlings, for instance, was Cistron--who last year won his first Grade I at the age of five. Cistron, having been graded stakes-placed on turf before finding his metier in dirt sprints, also evidenced another of his sire's developing trademarks: versatility.

That figures, with The Factor combining two potent international influences as a son of War Front out of a Miswaki mare. He had to settle for 80 mares on his return and won't have any American yearlings to sell this year, which doubtless contributed to a temperate policy over his fee (nudged only to \$17,500 from \$15,000). The resulting window of opportunity for breeders, however, may not last long.

SKY MESA (Pulpit--Caress by Storm Cat), \$15,000 Three Chimneys



Sky Mesa | *EquiSport Photos*

You can set your clock by this guy. His nine stakes winners in 2019 once again came at a remarkable rate, especially for this level of the market. And though he has now turned 20, they also featured an auspicious emphasis on youth--crowned by GI Spinaway S. winner Perfect Alibi. **Cont. p8**



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Taking some random examples, among many stallions too accomplished to be embarrassed by the comparison, Sky Mesa's 20 black-type performers last year came at a level or superior ratio to Candy Ride (Arg), Malibu Moon, Pioneer of the Nile, More Than Ready, Street Sense, Kitten's Joy and Empire Maker. Nor was this a flash in the pan, with his cumulative stats similarly placing him ahead of numerous big hitters.

Sky Mesa's problem has always been converting consistent quality to headline success at the highest level. In fact, Perfect Alibi was his first Grade I winner since a couple graduated from only his second crop. But he can't do it on his own, and has to make do with the kind of mares who deal at this level of the market. So if really high peaks are infrequent, the whole mountain range overshadows many bigger names and fees.

It's not hard to figure why that should be: Sky Mesa was an unbeaten Grade I winner at two, with a sensational pedigree and looks to match. Certainly any breeder would be glad to have one of his daughters in the herd. Another to unite Secretariat's premier legacies as broodmare sire, A.P. Indy and Storm Cat, he has a page weighted top and bottom by distaff names for the ages. You couldn't prove a mare at a better fee.

MIDNIGHT LUTE (Real Quiet--Candytuft by Dehere), \$15,000 Hill 'n' Dale



Midnight Lute | Hill 'n' Dale

An Eclipse Award reiterates the stature of the flagbearer, but Midnight Bisou does not lack competent escorts. Her sire's three other graded stakes winners in 2019 included Midcourt, now on a roll--in the skilled hands of John Shirreffs--that has GI Santa Anita H. written all over it, his recent success in the GII San Pasqual S. being his fifth in six starts. Overall Midnight Lute's nine stakes winners and 15 black-type performers came at a better clip than many flourishing sires standing at a higher fee, from Uncle Mo to Union Rags. **Cont. p9**

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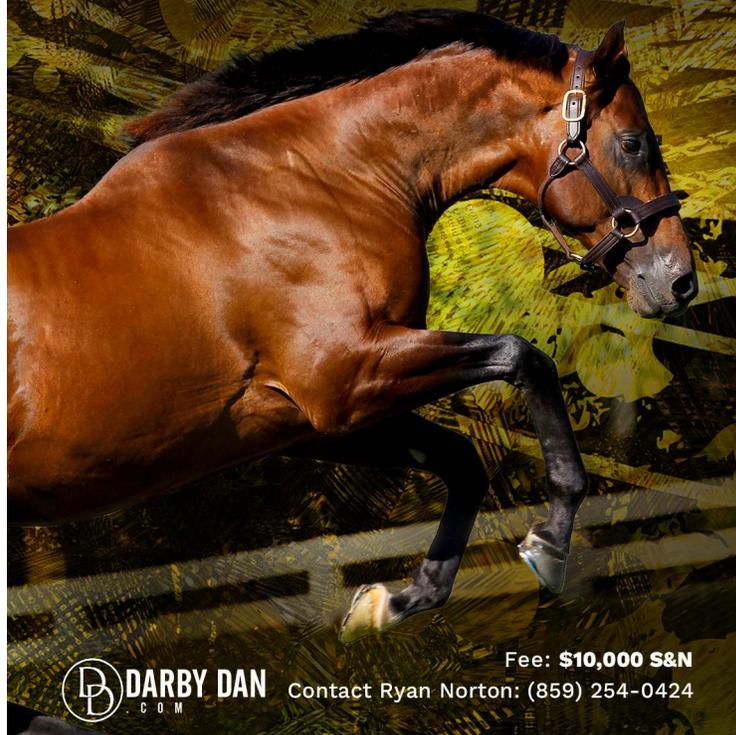
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Though now 17 and in a notoriously tricky bracket of the market, Midnight Lute has at least been granted fresh momentum by Midnight Bisou. In 2017, he was cut from \$25,000 to \$20,000 and covered 56 mares. The following year he was cut again, to his present fee, and moved up to 93; and then to 118 last year. So he's hanging in there, and end-users in particular can be confident that he will reliably continue to earn his stripes. If you want to breed yourself a racehorse, this is a really solid play.

GET STORMY (Stormy Atlantic--Foolish Girl by Kiri's Clown), \$7,500 Crestwood



Get Stormy | Sarah Andrew

Last year he was favoured by the most helpfully named of advertisements in dual Grade I scorer Got Stormy, a \$23,000 yearling (\$45,000 2-year-old) who broke the Saratoga track record as the first female winner of the GI Fourstardave H. in 1:32 flat, besides also finishing second in the GI Breeders' Cup Mile. But Get Stormy is no one-trick pony, with four other graded-stakes performers in 2019 headed by dual Grade I-placed Clyde's Image, himself a \$24,000 yearling.

Though he is viewed absolutely as a turf sire, I have a bit of a crackpot theory about Get Stormy. Physically he has all the bone and power you seek in a dirt horse and it might be wrong to typecast him at what remains an early stage of his career.

Last year 71 of his 106 starters raced on turf; but this group accounted only for 26 of his 48 winners (leaving 22 winners from the remaining 35). Similar story in 2018: 75 of 114 starters raced on turf, but included basically only half his total winners at 27 out of 53 (leaving 26 winners from the other 39). Even allowing for the fact that some of these others scored on synthetics, I just have a feeling that he's not being given adequate opportunity on dirt.

Get Stormy himself certainly carried his speed relentlessly, the premier hallmark of dirt racing, having made the running for all three of his Grade I wins. Obviously the Storm Cat line is associated with versatility and while there's plenty of grass in his pedigree, it's a healthy mix overall: his damsire is by Foolish Pleasure, for instance, and his sire's dam is by Seattle Slew. In terms of sheer quality, moreover, he also carries Claiborne champion and matriarch Moccasin 4x5. Anyhow that constitution of his (won graded stakes four years running) would be worth replicating for any discipline of racing.

So let's forget prescribing any rules for Get Stormy and just recognise how he's upgrading the limited material he can expect at this level of the market. Got Stormy herself, for instance, is out of a \$4,500 Malabar Gold mare who raced in Puerto Rico.

Just imagine what Get Stormy might achieve with the mares lavished, at more industrial farms, on newcomers who will never make the grade. As it is, he is in excellent hands; and last year already expanded his book from 47 to 86. And that was before his first big star had remotely hit her full stride.

The barometer says Stormy, but that means a sunny outlook for breeders.

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TAA Funding cont. from p1

"Since inception, the Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance has provided in excess of \$17 million toward the post-racing care and retraining for thoroughbreds across North America, and we are proud to have played a role in the organization's founding and continued financial support," said Bill Thomason, President & CEO of Keeneland Association. "Our customers, breeders, owners, and sellers understand that we all have an obligation to care for these tremendous animals from birth through retirement."

Fasig-Tipton President Boyd Browning added: "The TAA has done an outstanding job of providing accreditation and funding to organizations dedicated to retire, retrain, and rehome racehorses. All industry participants have a shared responsibility for the animals that are the foundation of our sport, and these newest procedures ensure consistent and reliable funding for an industry initiative that is of the utmost importance." **Cont. p10**

TAA president John Phillips commented: "Industry participants must understand that aftercare is not an option. Aftercare is our inarguable responsibility to the horse and our obligation to the sport. The TAA dutifully seeks to spread this responsibility to every sector in every region, and we deeply appreciate Keeneland and Fasig-Tipton for embracing the new reality of social expectations. This response by leaders such as Fasig-Tipton and Keeneland helps assure the survival of our sport and the equine athletes to whom we owe so much. If you love our equine athletes and our sport, then you must receive this news with enthusiasm."

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We naturally limited book size 40 years ago. When I was first back here in the 80s, there was a nice horse named It's Freezing, who was a very good meat-and-potatoes type of sire. He stood for around \$10,000 to \$15,000, and he would get his 70 mares every year. You draw a line from him to a horse like Run Away and Hide, who is a very good racehorse sire, but he was sold this year because they couldn't get enough mares to him. I would say that those two sires were very similar in that they could get you a racehorse at a reasonable stud fee.



Pete Bradley | Fasig-Tipton

The combination of the commercial market wanting something that you can sell instead of a true racehorse sire makes these proven, moderately priced stallions hard to sell.

For the good of the game, limiting book size would help, but on the other side of the coin, I like the free market that lets the chips fall where they may. It's a difficult conundrum because in the end, even if you limit book size, some horses are going to get weeded out anyway.

You have this boomerang effect where you go from 150 foals in your first crop, and then 100 in your second, but then all of a sudden you're at 30 in your third crop. Even if the first two crops can run, you're going to have a void there when that third crop comes around.

There are these programs where you get a breeding right if you breed to the horse, and essentially if you don't have to put money up front and you don't have a vested interest from that standpoint, it makes it easy to walk away from what you've got instead of using it. These programs have been tools that in some ways have worked, but in other ways they have created an excess number of seasons that people aren't using. So if the farms want to sell their season they have to cut the price substantially to get it sold. **Cont. p11**

THE NOMINATION STRUGGLE

Chris McGrath's Value Sires series in the TDN has frequently touched on the difficulty in selling nominations to stallions in their third-year at stud, as well as to solid, established stallions standing for a moderate fee. We asked stallion managers and nominations teams as well as bloodstock agents what changes could be made, if any, to help the situation.

Peter Bradley, Bradley Thoroughbred Brokerage

It all comes down to the fact that there is too much supply on the market. We have followed this path over the last 40 years or so. I don't know the exact numbers, but I know that average book size has pretty much doubled.

The Nomination Struggle cont.

When you look at promotions as an answer, I don't think you can promote every horse. If everyone is doing the same promotion, it's not going to make people go to 20 different stallions. One of the most interesting promotions we can look at is Runhappy. The promotions are only as good as the offspring, and people liked Runhappy's yearlings, so if you add incentive to something you already like, it's going to be beneficial. The market forces say that the horse has a chance of making it, so if you add a promotional carrot on top of it, that probably helps. But if you do the same thing to a horse that is less popular, I don't think it would be beneficial.

It simply comes down to supply and demand. The oversupply of seasons rules what we are doing. If you have the right horse from a market standpoint, you get the mares to him. A horse that is doing extremely well this year that I think will carry on to next year is City of Light. He's a horse that everybody is on, so people will gamble on him in his third year.

If you go back to Economics 101 and look at supply and demand, it all comes down to market forces and oversupply. In my opinion the market will not change and may not even be able to change, so addressing the oversupply is our best answer.

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BAST RETIRED



Bast | Benoit

Three-time Grade I winner **Bast** (Uncle Mo--Laffina, by Arch) has been retired from racing after suffering a soft tissue injury, trainer Bob Baffert reported Thursday afternoon.

"She wasn't off at all, but we noticed some slight filling in an ankle," Baffert said. "It's minor, but she'd need at least four months off and there is no guarantee how she'd come back. So we just decided to retire her. She'll go back to Kentucky to be bred."

Owned by Susan and Charlie Chu's Baoma Corporation, Bast broke her maiden with an 8 3/4-length win in last year's GI Del Mar Debutante. She followed up with a win in the GI Chandelier S. and, following a third-place finish in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies, she concluded her juvenile campaign with a win in the GI Starlet S. In her lone start this year, the bay filly won the Jan. 5 GII Santa Ynez S. She retires with four wins from six starts and earnings of \$852,200.

A \$200,000 Keeneland November weanling, Bast was purchased by bloodstock agent Donato Lanni on behalf of the Chus for \$500,000 at the 2018 Fasig-Tipton Saratoga sale.

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ON TDN PODCAST, LAWSON SAYS WOODBINE AIMS TO KEEP NEW WHIP RULES

The experimental rules regarding whipping that were in place during the final two months of the 2019 Woodbine meet will likely become permanent in 2020, Woodbine CEO Jim Lawson said on this week's *TDN Writers' Room* podcast, presented by **Keeneland**. Starting Oct. 18 and running through the end of the meet on Dec. 15. Woodbine riders were prohibited from striking horses with an overhanded motion. The rules were considered the most restrictive in North America when it comes to whipping.

The Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) will have the final say on the whipping rules. But expectations are it will approve whatever Woodbine recommends.

"On the whipping rules, I have every reason to believe we are going to leave the urging rules that we had at the end of the meet last year as the status quo," said Lawson, who was the **Green Group** Guest of the Week. "I think it was a successful experiment. We didn't have any big issues. As everyone appreciates, the rules were in large part a reaction to public perception. More importantly, I think it's better for the horses. Not allowing that overhanded whaling on a horse, as we've seen historically, is just better all the way around. It wasn't trouble free in the sense that the jockeys didn't like it and a number of them still won't like it. But they have learned to adapt. We did not have a lot of problems or complaints from our customers, so, all in all, we regarded it as a successful experiment."

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The 2020 Woodbine meet, which begins April 18, will likely also include new rules regarding disqualifications. Woodbine has applied to the AGCO to go to the Category 1 system regarding interference. Under Category 1 a horse is disqualified only when the stewards believe the horse that was impeded would have finished ahead of the horse who caused the foul. The Category 1 system is in place in most racing jurisdictions, other than the U.S. and Canada.



Jim Lawson | Michael Burns photo

North American racing currently uses the Category 2 system, whereby a horse is disqualified if the stewards believe its infraction affected the outcome of the race in any way.

“We’re of the view that we’d like to see North American go to Category 1 interference rules,” Lawson said. “Our wagering customers like it better and we think it is a better rule. We think it makes more sense and we are hoping we will see Canada, and certainly Ontario, go to Category 1 interference rules. The AGCO has completed a survey and before the season starts they will make a decision. This is an example of how we’re trying to do things differently. We hope other jurisdictions in the U.S. will follow our lead.”

On the News of the Week segment, sponsored by **West Point Thoroughbreds**, the writers discussed the late changes to the to weights in races last weekend at the Fair Grounds, Bob Baffert’s embarrassment of riches when it comes to 3-year-old colts and the road to the GI Kentucky Oaks.

The **podcast** is now available.

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NO ACTION--YET AGAIN--BY CHRB ON WHIP CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS *by T.D. Thornton*

For the second straight month, the California Horse Racing Board (CHRB) has postponed voting on a motion pertaining to the exact specifications of whips that jockeys and exercise riders would be allowed to use.

After 35 minutes of input from jockeys and the public at Thursday’s monthly meeting in Sacramento, the board made a unanimous 4-0 vote to table the measure.

Several CHRB members cited a desire to seek broader input that they hoped would help fine-tune the proposed amendments to CHRB Rule 1685. That was the same reasoning given when the CHRB postponed voting on a slightly different version of this rule amendment Jan. 22.

It’s important to note that the proposed changes to Rule 1685 deal only with codifying how the whips are constructed, with the intent of making permitted whips adhere to more humane and safety-centric standards.

Thus, Thursday’s discussion was not directly related to the proposed changes to Rule 1688 that the CHRB advanced Dec. 12, 2019.

That separate rule is the “six underhanded strikes per race, only two in succession” enforcement action that was unanimously approved and sent out for the state-mandated 45-day public commentary period. It has yet to resurface for a final vote.

The Rule 1685 amendments that were debated Thursday were initially crafted in January to incorporate the specifications for the 360 Gentle Touch (GT) riding crop, which is the design manufactured by retired Hall-of-Fame jockey Ramon Dominguez.

The 360 GT has no stitching and a cylindrical popper made of foam that is designed to decrease welts and cutting while producing a louder audible sound that purportedly startles horses into running faster. This type of modified whip allegedly does not cause as much physical damage as the traditional (short-popper and leather-fringed) whips that are being phased out of the sport worldwide.

During the Jan. 22 meeting, representatives of the Jockeys’ Guild spoke out against re-crafting Rule 1685 so that the rule’s specifications dovetailed so closely with one specific model of whip, arguing that a “one size fits all” mentality would not work. They also lobbied against a provision that would have required racetracks to control and assign conforming whips to jockeys for each and every race.

So over the past month, CHRB staffers retooled the amendment with some of the Guild’s input in mind.

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CHRB Takes No Action on Whip Construction Standards cont.

The revised measure that came up for voting on Thursday was without the requirement that tracks supply whips to riders, and it did include a different minimum circumference measure to allow for a more tapered popper than the 360 GT currently uses.

But Shane Gusman, an attorney representing the Jockeys' Guild, tactfully tried to underscore that the latest round of tweaks still too narrowly defines a whip's specifics with reference to the 360 GT.



The 360 GT riding crop | Horsephotos

"We're totally for and supportive of innovations and equipment that make the sport safer," Gusman said. "What we want to ensure though, is that it actually works in practice, and that it doesn't have any unintended consequences in use. And I think the way the rule is drafted and the specifications have some of those unintended consequences."

The big question, Gusman postulated, remains "Is this equipment on day one readily available for 100% of the jockey community in the state of California to be able to obtain?"

"I don't know if we have an adequate answer to that," he rhetorically answered.

"And secondly," Gusman continued, "I would caution [against] adopting a rule that is so specific that perhaps only one manufacturer can satisfy the rule."

Commissioner Wendy Mitchell said she saw logic in that argument, and she also sympathized with testimony from jockeys about the CHRB insisting on whip specifics that have yet to be widely studied, either in California or in other jurisdictions.

"I guess my concern here is we're going to be mandating something that's really untested," Mitchell said. "I don't know if there's a way to phase this in, or give it a trial period for jockeys to try it out before it's mandated.... I don't feel that we have enough information in order to make decisions on what should be used or what's going to be effective."

Mitchell said she also had misgivings about the CHRB, which is a governmental entity, essentially mandating that a whip from a specific manufacturer be used, as opposed to providing parameters that would enable other whip manufacturers to bring products to the marketplace.

Gusman agreed: "I think the unknown here is we don't know if there will be multiple manufacturers of this particular technology that is mandated in the rule, because we don't know if the [360 GT's] manufacturer has intellectual property rights over that."

Even though she expressed support for allowing multiple manufacturers to market conforming whips, Mitchell expressed skepticism to Gusman's claim that the 360 GT manufacturer would be able to patent something seemingly so simple as a piece of cylindrical foam.

"You'd be surprised what you can patent," Gusman replied.

Commissioner Alex Solis, a retired Hall-of-Fame jockey, said the more choices jockeys have in selecting the tools of their trade, the better.

"We're moving forward to have the most strict rules in the country," Solis said, referencing Rule 1688's pending enforcement language. "If I was riding, I would like to have options. Nothing against the 360 [GT]. I like it. But I would like to have options."

Vice chair Oscar Gonzales said just prior to the vote to table the motion that he understands there is frustration on both sides of the issue because of how long it's taking for the two whip-related rules to be crafted. But in the bigger picture, he noted that California stewards and jockeys are already embracing the coming changes, even though they have yet to be codified.

"We're trying to get this right," Gonzalez said. "I really believe that I've seen change, I really have. I know we're still getting some fines and penalties [for whip-use violations], and to the point of the public, [those penalties] should be a lot more stiff. But I am noticing this cultural change within the ranks of the jockeys, where they're hand-riding more, they're being a lot more selective. And perhaps this is just to gear up for change that is on the way."

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PLAINTIFF IN 2019 RADIOGRAPHS LAWSUIT 'EMBARRASSED'; DEFENDANTS CONSIDER COUNTERCLAIMS

A report in the Feb. 20 Lexington *Herald-Leader*, claims that Midwest trainer Tom Swearingen, [who filed a class-action lawsuit in February 2019](#) alleging that Hagyard Davidson McGee Associates had been falsifying dates on radiographs for over a decade, admitted in a deposition that he never viewed or relied on X-rays during the years in question, nor did he have a veterinarian examine X-rays.

"That is the foundation of his claim, and removing that foundation causes that whole complaint to collapse," Tom Miller, the attorney representing Dr. Robert Hunt, one of four Hagyard vets named individually in the suit.

According to the original lawsuit, Swearingen purchased two dozen horses at Keeneland during the time the misdated X-rays were placed on file and goes on to suggest that the trainer would not have purchased the horses had he known about the alteration. Keeneland was not listed as a defendant in the lawsuit.

Soon after the original lawsuit was filed, Hagyard and the implicated vets entered a motion to dismiss, saying that time constraints were behind the altering of the dates, not an intent to deceive any prospective buyers.

In his deposition, Swearingen admitted that he could not list any damages he incurred as a result of the mis-dated radiographs and that when asked if he was embarrassed about the lawsuit being filed despite some of the claims being false, he answered 'yes,' the *Herald-Leader* reported, citing the transcript of the deposition.

The defendants have initiated the process to bring counterclaims against Swearingen, accusing him of "malicious prosecution" and "abuse of process." In the motion to bring counterclaims, it was alleged that Swearingen's attorney recruited or solicited him to file the initial complaint against Hagyard and the veterinarians.

The various motions filed since the depositions are expected to be heard in Fayette County Circuit Court in the coming weeks, the *Herald-Leader* reported.

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BEE JERSEY'S FIRST FOAL A FILLY

The first foal for Darby Dan stallion **Bee Jersey** (Jersey Town--Bees, by Rahy) is a filly out of Ice Tales (Tale of Ekati) foaled Jan. 31 at Clearbrook Farm in Paris, KY. She was bred by Charles Fipke, who raced both the sire and dam.

"She's a beautiful, long-legged filly," said Clearbrook Farm's Bill

Anderson. "She's well-balanced and we're very happy with her."

Bee Jersey began his career under the tutelage of Doug Watson in Dubai, where he was second to future dual G1 Dubai World Cup hero Thunder Snow (Ire) (Helmet {Aus}) in the 2017 G3 UAE 2000 Guineas. Transferred to Steve Asmussen later that season, Bee Jersey won four of his five subsequent starts, besting GISW Girvin (Tale of Ekati) by 5 1/2 lengths in the GIII Steve Sexton Mile S. before holding off MGI/G1SW Mind Your Biscuits (Posse) in the GI Metropolitan H., stopping the clock in 1:33.13, good for a 109 Beyer Speed Figure.

Bee Jersey hails from the female family of Weekend Surprise (Secretariat), dam of Classic winners A.P. Indy and Summer Squall.

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XBTV INTRODUCES TRIPLE CROWN TRAIL PORTAL

XBTV has launched the [Triple Crown Trail](#), a portal on the XBTV.com website devoted to sophomores headed towards the 2020 Classics. The portal will contain exclusive, searchable workout videos, interviews and handicapping insights.

The portal will also include handicapper Jeff Siegel's weekly Top 20 Rankings, the first installment of which is due Tuesday, Feb. 25.

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NYRA ESTABLISHES SAFETY AND INTEGRITY TEAM WITH ADDITION OF TWO SAFETY STEWARDS

Juan Dominguez and Tim Kelly will serve new roles as New York Racing Association Safety Stewards as part of a four-person Safety and Integrity Team dedicated to enhancing existing safety protocols at Aqueduct Racetrack, Belmont Park and Saratoga Race Course.

Dominguez and Kelly will complement a unit that includes current Safety Steward Hugh Gallagher and Jean Claude Jaramillo, NYRA's Equine Investigator Specialist.

The newly formed team will consult and advise stakeholders on matters relating to overall safety and integrity, including a focus on the health and welfare of equine athletes, jockeys and exercise riders. The Safety and Integrity Team will specifically

focus on maintaining and expanding best practices during morning training, afternoon racing, and in the barn areas at NYRA tracks in coordination with the New York State Gaming Commission.

"The addition of Juan and Tim will bolster and reinforce our commitment to safety and integrity as key members of a strong team. Each of these four individuals bring a unique perspective and skill set to the job," said Martin Panza, NYRA's Senior Vice President of Racing Operations. "This will allow us to have more boots on the ground and increase coverage at all three facilities to ensure a safer working environment, as well as further enhancing the integrity of the sport."



Martin Panza | NYRA photo

Dominguez joined NYRA in 2000 and is in his fifth decade in racing overall in different capacities, including trainer, jockey agent, investigator and, since 2017, an alternate steward.

Kelly has served as NYRA's Clerk of Scales since 2005 before joining the Safety and Integrity Team. With more than 35 years of experience in the racing industry, Kelly earned a reputation as an accomplished trainer with 314 career wins to his credit from 1984-01.

Sal Russo, who previously served as Assistant Clerk of Scales, has been promoted to Clerk of Scales. Gallagher, a longtime steward and a former chairman of ROAP, joined NYRA in April 2014 to fill the newly created position of Safety Steward, among the first of its kind in the country at the time. Jaramillo, who joined NYRA in 2011, is the Vice Chair of the Organization of Racing Investigators.

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NEW VOCATIONS JOINS VISIT HORSE COUNTRY

New Vocations Racehorse Adoption Program has become the 40th organization to join Visit Horse Country, formed in 2014 to promote Kentucky's rich Horse Country heritage. New Vocations will begin offering tours of its Mereworth Farm facility in April. Tour dates and times can be found [here](#).

"The program at New Vocations has long done great work with retraining and adoption; we're excited to partner with them in sharing that work with guests--seeing an off-track Thoroughbred being trained for a second career is inspiring," said Anne Sabatino Hardy, executive director of Visit Horse Country.

"New Vocations is proud to share our work with the public; we're grateful to get the chance to tell the whole story about retired racehorses," said Anna Ford, Thoroughbred Program Director of New Vocations. "We celebrate each success as these former racehorses go on to new careers in loving homes. For them, the finish line is just the beginning."

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Saturday, Santa Anita, post time: 5:30 p.m. EST

BUENA VISTA S.-GII, \$200,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Jolie Olimpica (Brz)	Drosselmeyer	Fox Hill Farms, Inc.	Mandella	Smith	122
2	Carressa 🌿	Uncle Mo	Mercedes Stables, West Point Thoroughbreds, Dilworth, S, Ingordo, Dorothy & David & Mooney, S	Shirreffs	Espinoza	122
3	Muchly (GB)	Iffraaj (GB)	Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners	Callaghan	Rispoli	120
4	Mucho Unusual 🌿	Mucho Macho Man	George Krikorian	Yakteen	Rosario	122
5	Sold It 🌿	The Factor	Dunne, Ciaran and Reddam Racing LLC	O'Neill	Gutierrez	120
6	Meal Ticket 🌿	Malibu Moon	Jeong, Peter and Johnston, Keith F.	Chew	Pereira	120
7	Brill	Medaglia d'Oro	OXO Equine LLC	Chatlos	Franco	120
8	Lady Prancealot (Ire)	Sir Prancealot (Ire)	Arntz, Craig, Arntz, Josie, Durando, Donald, Iavarone, Jules & Michael & McClanahan, Jerry	Baltas	Bravo	124
9	Super Patriot	Unusual Heat	Little Red Feather Racing, Baltas, R, Peskoff, J Ramos, Jose Cruz and Salvatore, Raymond L.	Baltas	Fuentes	120
10	La Sardane (Fr)	Kingsalsa	Team Valor International	Drysdale	Prat	120
11	Keeper Ofthe Stars 🌿	Midnight Lute	Tommy Town Thoroughbreds LLC	Wong	Cedillo	122
12	Tiny Tina	Paddy O'Prado	A Venneri Racing, Inc. and Fanticola, Anthony	D'Amato	Van Dyke	120

Breeders: 1-Stud T N T, 2-Michael C. Stinson, 3-Highclere Stud, 4-George Krikorian, 5-Jeanne Canty, Judy Hicks, Kathryn Nikkel & Pegasus Stud LLC, 6-Glen Hill Farm, 7-Southern Equine Stables, 8-Tally-Ho Stud, 9-Harris Farms, 10-SCEA Plessis & Jean Guillemin, 11-Olin Gentry, Omar Trevino & Anthony Cappola, 12-Marjorie Dye & Alex Venneri

Saturday, Gulfstream, post time: 4:04 p.m. EST

WORLD OF TROUBLE SPRINT S.-GIII, \$100,000, 4yo/up, 6f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Epic Dreamer	Orb	Epic Racing, LLC	Breen	Ortiz	118
2	Lasting Legacy 🌿	Tapizar	West, Gary and Mary	Servis	Lopez	122
3	Sweetontheladies	Twirling Candy	The Four Horsemen Racing Stable, Inc. and Lady Lindsay Racing Stables	Collazo	Meneses	120
4	Admiral Lynch 🌿	Super Saver	Michael Dubb	Servis	Ortiz, Jr.	118
5	Jackson	Kantharos	Tracy Pinchin	Pinchin	Saez	122
6	Fast Pass 🌿	Successful Appeal	Paradise Farms Corp. and Walder Racing	Walder	Torres	122
7	Goldenlion 🌿	Curlin	Maria Ines Mejia	Sanchez	Zapico	118
8	Yorkton	Speightstown	Chiefswood Stables Limited	Simon	Landeros	124

Breeders: 1-J.D. Stuart, P.C. Bance, A REnterprises, J Hollendorfer & G Todaro, 2-Jack Swain III, 3-English Range Farm, 4-WinStar Farm, LLC, 5-Tracy Pinchin, 6-John T. L. Jones Jr. & Walmac Farm LLC, 7-Nicholas J. Sibilio, 8-Chiefswood Stables Limited



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1	Uncle Mo <i>(2008) by Indian Charlie Crops: 6</i>	2	3	2	2	--	--	33	14	277,400	915,556
				<i>Stands: Ashford Stud KY Fee: \$125,000</i>						<i>Modernist</i>	
2	Into Mischief <i>(2005) by Harlan's Holiday Crops: 9</i>	5	7	2	3	--	--	54	11	90,210	795,512
				<i>Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY Fee: \$175,000</i>						<i>Mischevious Alex</i>	
3	Munnings <i>(2006) by Speightstown Crops: 7</i>	2	4	2	3	--	--	24	6	270,000	638,906
				<i>Stands: Ashford Stud KY Fee: \$30,000</i>						<i>Finite</i>	
4	Tapit <i>(2001) by Pulpit Crops: 13</i>	1	4	1	3	--	--	24	5	200,000	511,851
				<i>Stands: Gainesway Farm KY Fee: \$200,000</i>						<i>Enforceable</i>	
5	Constitution <i>(2011) by Tapit Crops: 2</i>	2	4	1	3	--	--	34	7	151,900	486,932
				<i>Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$40,000</i>						<i>Tiz the Law</i>	
6	Violence <i>(2010) by Medaglia d'Oro Crops: 4</i>	1	1	--	--	--	--	27	11	87,600	435,399
				<i>Stands: Hill 'n' Dale Farms KY Fee: \$25,000</i>						<i>No Parole</i>	
7	Palace Malice <i>(2010) by Curlin Crops: 2</i>	1	1	1	1	--	--	32	4	260,000	418,464
				<i>Stands: Three Chimneys Farm KY Fee: \$25,000</i>						<i>Mr. Monomoy</i>	
8	Carpe Diem <i>(2012) by Giant's Causeway Crops: 2</i>	--	2	--	1	--	--	34	6	60,000	366,304
				<i>Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$15,000</i>						<i>Zabardast</i>	
9	Khozan <i>(2012) by Distorted Humor Crops: 2</i>	1	2	--	1	--	--	28	6	105,000	352,866
				<i>Stands: Journeyman Stud FL Fee: \$8,500</i>						<i>Liam's Lucky Charm</i>	
10	Tonalist <i>(2011) by Tapit Crops: 2</i>	1	1	1	1	--	--	28	6	92,070	344,181
				<i>Stands: Lane's End Farm KY Fee: \$15,000</i>						<i>Tonalist's Shape</i>	
11	Twirling Candy <i>(2007) by Candy Ride (Arg) Crops: 6</i>	1	1	1	1	--	--	29	5	150,000	342,268
				<i>Stands: Lane's End Farm KY Fee: \$40,000</i>						<i>Fore Left</i>	
12	Tapiture <i>(2011) by Tapit Crops: 2</i>	1	3	--	--	--	--	33	8	90,000	332,440
				<i>Stands: Darby Dan Farm KY Fee: \$7,500</i>						<i>Steph'sfullasugar</i>	
13	Curlin <i>(2004) by Smart Strike Crops: 9</i>	--	1	--	1	--	--	27	9	51,000	328,644
				<i>Stands: Hill 'n' Dale Farms KY Fee: \$175,000</i>						<i>Fire Coral</i>	
14	Goldencents <i>(2010) by Into Mischief Crops: 3</i>	--	--	--	--	--	--	37	8	47,062	307,647
				<i>Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY Fee: \$25,000</i>						<i>Jet Max</i>	
15	I'll Have Another <i>(2009) by Flower Alley Crops: 5</i>	--	--	--	--	--	--	36	3	49,108	306,045
				<i>Stands: Ballena Vista Farm CA Fee: \$6,000</i>						<i>Mangan (JPN)</i>	

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IN ORDER OF PURSE:

8th-Oaklawn, \$84,280, Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$80,000), 2-20, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:12.04, my.

KISS THE GIRL (f, 3, Into Mischief--Spin the Bottle, by Hard Spun), a debut winner at Belmont Park last June, went to the sidelines following a runner-up effort in the July 11 GIII Schuylerville S. in her final outing for trainer Todd Pletcher. She was a well-beaten sixth over this track and trip in her first outing for Steve Asmussen Jan. 24. The 7-5 favorite broke alertly, but allowed Elite Song (Katz My Song) to take the early lead, tracking that rival through an opening quarter in :22.76 as Sweet Kisses (Carpe Diem) was in tight quarters along the rail in third. While Sweet Kisses had nowhere to go at the top of the lane, Raggedy Annie (Union Rags) was three wide and clear, surging to the lead

and quickly opening up a clear advantage. The 5-2 shot looked home free, but Kiss the Girl reeled her in in the final strides to win by a neck. Sweet Kisses finally found enough running room late and was five lengths back in third. Kiss the Girl topped the 2018 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic October sale when selling for \$210,000 to Three Diamonds Farm. She is the first foal out of the unraced Spin the Bottle, who produced a filly by Malibu Moon this year. **Click for [Equibase.com chart](#). VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** Lifetime Record: GSP, 4-2-1-0, \$125,846. O-Three Diamonds Farm; B-Classic Thoroughbred XII (MD); T-Steven M. Asmussen.

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5th-Aqueduct, \$77,644, Alw (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 2-20, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:13.20, ft.

GYPSY JANIE (m, 5, Daaher--Peaceful Splendor, by Honour and Glory), claimed for \$25,000 out of a 6 1/4-length victory at this oval Dec. 28, returned to take a track-and-trip allowance last time out Jan. 24. The 5-2 shot sat just off pacesetting favorite Our Circle of Love (Distorted Humor), overtook that rival with a furlong to run and held off Slimey (Quality Road) to score her third straight by 3/4 lengths. It was another 3 1/4 lengths back to Our Circle of Love in third. The winner RNA'd for \$14,000 as a KEESep yearling. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** Lifetime Record: 27-9-2-4, \$329,556.

O-Paul Braverman & Timothy Pinch; B-Richard J. Forbush (KY); T-Michael Tannuzzo.



IN ORDER OF PURSE:

7th-Fair Grounds, \$45,000, Msw, 2-20, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11.37, sy.
UNCLE MOMO (g, 4, Uncle Mo--Veronica's Lake {SP, \$130,970}, by Salt Lake), a \$40,000 KEENOV weanling, was sent off at 7-2 in this belated debut. The dark bay gelding jumped out to the early lead, setting fractions of :22.44 and :46.18 with Cavalry Charge (Honor Code) his nearest pursuer. He held off that foe to the wire to graduate by 3/4-lengths, with Symphonic (Magician {Ire}) making up ground late to finish a head back in third. Veronica's Lake, in foal to Texas Red, sold for \$2,000 at last month's Keeneland January sale. Her Texas Red yearling filly sold at the same auction for \$1,000, while her now 3-year-old colt by Flatter sold for \$100,000 at last year's Fasig-Tipton Midlantic May sale. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$27,000. O-KEM Stables; B-Machmer Hall (KY); T-Steven M. Asmussen.

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U.S.-BRED/SIRED RUNNERS IN JAPAN



*In this continuing series, Alan Carasso 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, featuring the 4-year-old debut of the extremely talented **Mont Perdu** (Cairo Prince)*

Saturday, February 22, 2020

1st-KYO, ¥9,680,000 (\$87k), Maiden, 3yo, 1800m

ABUL HAUL (c, 3, American Pharoah--Kitten's Dumplings, by Kitten's Joy), the first foal from the 2013 GI QE II Challenge Cup winner, was pounded into 1-2 favoritism for his Sept. 14 bow over the Nakayama turf, but could manage only a mid-pack seventh. The April foal switches to the dirt here and gets the services of Christophe Lemaire. Kitten's Dumplings, a full-sister to GSW Granny's Kitten and to SW/GSP Granny Mc's Kitten, was acquired privately by Shadai Farm in 2016. She was bred back to American Pharoah after producing this colt, was exported and produced a colt by the Triple Crown winner in 2018. Kitten's Dumplings was most recently covered by Duramente (Jpn) (King Kamehameha {Jpn}). *B-Teruya Yoshida (KY)*

Sunday, February 23, 2020

1st-TOK, ¥9,680,000 (\$87k), Maiden, 3yo, 1400m

SUI (f, 3, Candy Ride {Arg}--Eltimaas, by Ghostzapper), a half-sister to Eclipse Award and GI Breeders' Cup Sprint winner and Japanese-based stallion Drefong (Gio Ponti), sat a difficult trip from a wide draw in her 1800-meter debut at Nakayama Dec. 14 and tired late to finish a distant eighth behind Sunday's Listed Hyacinth S. hopeful Cafe Pharoah (American Pharoah). Out of an unraced half-sister to champion Action This Day (Kris S.), the \$300K Keeneland September yearling turned \$675K OBS March breezer (:10 flat) cuts back to the metric seven furlongs for this and attracts the services of leading jockey Mirco Demuro. *B-Machmer Hall, Carrie & Craig Brogden (KY)*

11th-KYO, ¥41,800,000 (\$374k), Open Class, 4yo/up, 1200m

The fleet-footed **MONT PERDU (f, 3, Cairo Prince--Spanish Post, by Flatter)** was arguably Japan's best female dirt sprinter last season, with four victories and a third from seven runs, including track record-setting performances at Chukyo in July and over this track and trip in October (*video, gate 5*).

The New York-bred was well-backed for the Listed JBC Ladies' Classic Nov. 4, but took a horrific spill after 400 meters and was given ample time to recover. A \$115K graduate of the 2017 Fasig-Tipton NY-Bred Sale, the bay realized \$325K at F-T Gulfstream the following March. *B-Bluewater Sales LLC & Three Diamonds Farm (NY)*

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 MAR 2yo; \$725,000 RNA FTK HRA 2yo
 7-Fair Grounds, Msw 6f, SAINTSATION, 7-2
 \$13,000 OBS OCT yrl; \$110,000 EAS MAY 2yo

Constitution (Tapit), WinStar Farm, \$40,000
 233 foals of racing age/32 winners/5 black-type winners
 7-Aqueduct, Aoc 6f, KANSAS KIS, 10-1
 \$50,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$57,000 OBS APR 2yo

Conveyance (Indian Charlie), Buck Pond Farm, \$3,500
 69 foals of racing age/6 winners/0 black-type winners
 7-Aqueduct, Aoc 6f, LEAVEUWITHASMILE, 5-1
 \$8,000 KEE JAN wnl; \$52,000 KEE SEP yrl

Dramedy (Distorted Humor), Sau, private
 29 foals of racing age/4 winners/1 black-type winner
 8-Fair Grounds, Msw 7 1/2f, MIGHTY HEART, 8-1

Fast Anna (Medaglia d'Oro), Three Chimneys Farm, \$10,000
 142 foals of racing age/16 winners/3 black-type winners
 5-Sam Houston Race, Msw 5 1/2f, A FAST BROAD, 6-1
 \$14,000 RNA KEE NOV wnl; \$14,000 RNA FTK OCT yrl; \$23,000
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Honor Code (A.P. Indy), Lane's End Farm, \$30,000
 213 foals of racing age/17 winners/1 black-type winner
 5-Aqueduct, Aoc 1m, SOMETHINGTOTELLYOU, 3-1
 \$260,000 SAR AUG yrl; \$160,000 F '19 KEE NOV

Jimmy Windows (Proud Accolade)
 4 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
 5-Sam Houston Race, Msw 5 1/2f, ANGRY BEE, 20-1

Liam's Map (Unbridled's Song), Lane's End Farm, \$35,000
 232 foals of racing age/22 winners/2 black-type winners
 1-Laurel, Msw 1 1/16m, DREAMS OF YVONNE, 7-2

Palace (City Zip), Spendthrift Farm, \$5,000
 152 foals of racing age/23 winners/1 black-type winner
 8-Delta Downs, Alw 1m, NINE IS MINE, 8-1
 \$5,000 ESL MIX yrl

Secret Circle (Eddington), Hill 'n' Dale Farms, \$5,000
62 foals of racing age/13 winners/0 black-type winners
8-Delta Downs, Alw 1m, REACH THE CIRCLE, 5-1

Tonalist (Tapit), Lane's End Farm, \$15,000
179 foals of racing age/20 winners/1 black-type winner
8-Fair Grounds, Msw 7 1/2ft, DACK JANIEL'S, 15-1

Wicked Strong (Hard Spun), Spendthrift Farm, \$6,000
232 foals of racing age/31 winners/1 black-type winner
5-Aqueduct, Aoc 1m, FOREVER WICKED, 12-1
\$6,000 EAS MAY 2yo



ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

9th-Gulfstream, \$44,700, (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$35,000), 2-20,
4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11.11, ft.

FLAT AWESOME JENNY (m, 5, Flat Out--Jennie R. {MSW & GSP, \$338,034}, by Awesome Again) Lifetime Record: 13-5-1-1,
\$144,270. O-M and W Stables, LLC; B-Nicholas M. Lotz & Betsy
Kelley (KY); T-Kelly J. Breen. *\$40,000 Ylg '16 KEESEP. **1/2 to
Magic d'Oro (Medaglia d'Oro), MSP, \$197,869; La Grange
(Curlin), SW & GSP, \$107,200.

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6th-Fair Grounds, \$42,800, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$17,500), 2-20,
4yo/up, 5 1/2f (off turf), 1:04.35, sy.

**BERTIE'S GALAXY (g, 4, Greeley's Galaxy--Wild Bertie, by Wild
Rush)** Lifetime Record: 9-4-3-1, \$127,150. O-Allen Cassidy;
B-Margie K. Averett (LA); T-Ron Fauchaux.

4th-Delta Downs, \$40,000, (S), 2-19, (NW1X), 4yo/up, 5f,
:59.83, ft.

**SUCCESSFUL RYKER (g, 7, Successful Appeal--Larry's Case, by
Gold Case)** Lifetime Record: 33-5-4-7, \$88,570. O/T-Judy Beavin;
B-Lisa Meaux (LA). *\$16,000 2yo '15 EVAMAR. **1/2 to Why
Wear Shoes (Wildcat Shoes), SW, \$147,354; Moon Larry
(Lunarpal), MSP, \$196,020.

7th-Delta Downs, \$34,000, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$15,000), 2-19,
4yo/up, 7f, 1:25.70, ft.

**AROUND THE DIAL (g, 4, Strong Mandate--Western Resolve
{SP}, by West by West)** Lifetime Record: 11-4-0-2, \$62,310.
O-Maggi Moss; B-Moreau Bloodstock International, Inc. (KY); T-T
Amoss. *\$42,000 Wlg '16 KEENOV; \$140,000 2yo '18 OBSAPR.

7th-Charles Town, \$32,500, (S), 2-19, 4yo/up, 7f, 1:25.30, ft.
**MEAN BEAN (g, 8, Garnered--Distinctly Spring, by Distinctive
Pro)** Lifetime Record: SP, 38-10-12-6, \$252,423. O/T-Glenn N.
Harrison; B-Jessica Loy (WV).

8th-Penn National, \$31,976, 2-19, (NW1X), 4yo/up, 6f, 1:11.56,
ft.

**BIG DAVE (g, 5, Successful Appeal--First Class Fever {SW,
\$117,658}, by Stormin Fever)** Lifetime Record: 23-4-5-1,
\$110,121. O-William K. Dove II; B-Rick Abbott (PA); T-Thomas H.
Lingenfelter. *\$16,000 Ylg '16 KEEJAN.

6th-Penn National, \$31,600, (S), 2-19, (NW1X), 4yo/up, 6f,
1:10.95, ft.

**BROAD STREET BULLY (g, 4, El Padrino--Broad Gale, by Broad
Brush)** Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, \$45,440. O-Prima Ventures LLC;
B-Spring Run Farm, LLC (PA); T-Flint W. Stites.

4th-Charles Town, \$28,000, 2-19, (NW2LX), 3yo/up, f/m, 4 1/2f,
:53.20, ft.

**OWNER'S SUITE (f, 3, Competitive Edge--Street Trick, by Street
Sense)** Lifetime Record: 7-2-2-0, \$49,470. O-TOLO
Thoroughbreds, Inc. & Run Pony Run, LLC; B-Hunter Valley Farm,
Keith Lazarz & Dermot Ryan (KY); T-Paul McEntee. *\$5,000 RNA
Wlg '17 KEENOV; \$14,000 RNA Ylg '18 KEESEP; \$25,000 2yo '19
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2nd-Charles Town, \$24,500, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$15,000), 2-19,
4yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:19.23, ft.

**POTENTIAL GRIZZLY (g, 5, Fiber Sonde--Salony {SP, \$111,058},
by Two Smart)** Lifetime Record: 18-5-3-1, \$94,987.
O/B/T-Elizabeth E. Meehan (WV). *Full to Fairweather Friend,
MSP, \$165,240.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Montana Man, c, 3, **Constitution**--Shytoe Lafcet (SW,
\$332,473), by King of Kings (Ire). Gulfstream, 2-20, (C), 1mT,
1:36.24. B-WinStar Farm, LLC (KY). *\$25,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP.
**1/2 to Ontology (Tapit), GSP, \$144,050.

Piece of My Heart, f, 3, **Flat Out**--Intheriver, by Sunriver. Fair
Grounds, 2-20, 1m 70y (off turf), 1:45.21. B-Hidden Point Farm
Inc. (FL). *\$35,000 Ylg '18 OBSWIN; \$7,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP.

Bad Beat Brian, g, 3, **Jack Milton**--Ultimate Class (MSP,
\$283,253), by During. Gulfstream, 2-20, (C), 1mT, 1:35.51.
B-Pope McLean, Pope McLean Jr., Marc McLean & Phil Hager
(KY). *\$22,000 RNA Wlg '17 KEENOV; \$16,000 RNA Ylg '18
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Fu Man Sue, g, 3, **Sky Mesa**--My Sister Sue (MSW, \$207,883), by Broken Vow. Penn National, 2-19, 6f, 1:10.49. B-Dr. Steve & Debbie Jackson (KY).

Anydayisherday, f, 4, **Alpha**--Stormy Peron, by Hard Spun. Aqueduct, 2-20, (S), 6f, 1:14.46. B-Tammy & Robert Klimasewski (NY). *\$12,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP.

Indian Counselor, g, 4, **Paynter**--Counselor Cabot, by Indian Charlie. Gulfstream, 2-20, 1mT, 1:33.74. B-George Krikorian (KY). *\$170,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP.



Moonlight Now, g, 4, **Tiznow**--Moonlightandbeauty (SW, \$228,053), by Capote. Aqueduct, 2-20, (S), 1m, 1:39.54. B-Albert Fried (NY). *1/2 to Giant Moon (Giant's Causeway), GSW, \$502,586; Moonlight Song (Unbridled's Song), MSW, \$534,294.



ALPHA, Anydayisherday, f, 4, o/o Stormy Peron, by Hard Spun. MSW, 2-20, Aqueduct

COMPETITIVE EDGE, Owner's Suite, f, 3, o/o Street Trick, by Street Sense. ALW, 2-19, Charles Town

CONSTITUTION, Montana Man, c, 3, o/o Shytoe Lafleet, by King of Kings (Ire). MCL, 2-20, Gulfstream

DAAHER, Gypsy Janie, m, 5, o/o Peaceful Splendor, by Honour and Glory. AOC, 2-20, Aqueduct

EL PADRINO, Broad Street Bully, g, 4, o/o Broad Gale, by Broad Brush. ALW, 2-19, Penn National

FIBER SONDE, Potential Grizzly, g, 5, o/o Salony, by Two Smart. AOC, 2-19, Charles Town

FLAT OUT, Flat Awesome Jenny, m, 5, o/o Jennie R., by Awesome Again. AOC, 2-20, Gulfstream

FLAT OUT, Piece of My Heart, f, 3, o/o Intheriver, by Sunriver. MSW, 2-20, Fair Grounds

GARNERED, Mean Bean, g, 8, o/o Distinctly Spring, by Distinctive Pro. ALW, 2-19, Charles Town

GREELEY'S GALAXY, Bertie's Galaxy, g, 4, o/o Wild Bertie, by Wild Rush. AOC, 2-20, Fair Grounds

INTO MISCHIEF, Kiss the Girl, f, 3, o/o Spin the Bottle, by Hard Spun. AOC, 2-20, Oaklawn

JACK MILTON, Bad Beat Brian, g, 3, o/o Ultimate Class, by During. MCL, 2-20, Gulfstream

PAYNTER, Indian Counselor, g, 4, o/o Counselor Cabot, by Indian Charlie. MSW, 2-20, Gulfstream

SKY MESA, Fu Man Sue, g, 3, o/o My Sister Sue, by Broken Vow. MSW, 2-19, Penn National

STRONG MANDATE, Around the Dial, g, 4, o/o Western Resolve, by West by West. AOC, 2-19, Delta Downs

SUCCESSFUL APPEAL, Big Dave, g, 5, o/o First Class Fever, by Stormin Fever. ALW, 2-19, Penn National

SUCCESSFUL APPEAL, Successful Ryker, g, 7, o/o Larry's Case, by Gold Case. ALW, 2-19, Delta Downs

TIZNOW, Moonlight Now, g, 4, o/o Moonlightandbeauty, by Capote. MSW, 2-20, Aqueduct

UNCLE MO, Uncle Momo, g, 4, o/o Veronica's Lake, by Salt Lake. MSW, 2-20, Fair Grounds

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GHAIYYATH BACK WITH A BANG



Ghaiyyath takes the Dubai Millennium S. | DRC/Erika Rasmussen

Ghaiyyath (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}) had not been seen since beating just two home in the G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe on Oct. 6, and upon return in Thursday's G3 Dubai Millennium S. going 2000 metres on the Meydan turf he looked much more like the horse that won the G1 Grosser Preis von Baden by 14 lengths last summer, blowing apart an overmatched field by 8 1/2 lengths.

An exciting proposition at two off the back of a five-length maiden win and a score in Newmarket's G3 Autumn S., Ghaiyyath was seen just once at three when winning ParisLongchamp's G3 Prix du Prince d'Orange by three lengths, and he at last got to put together a proper season last year at four. He kicked things off with a win in the G2 Prix d'Harcourt before finishing third behind Waldgeist (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) in the G1 Prix Ganay, which was followed by his Grosser Preis von Baden tour de force. Ghaiyyath set the pace over the heavy going in the Arc but rapidly dropped out of contention down Longchamp's false straight. He threw himself into the reckoning for all the top middle-distance contests in 2020, however, with a smart return performance on Thursday.

Kept wide of his five rivals initially by William Buick, Ghaiyyath soon found himself cruising along six lengths in front under a snug hold while Saeed bin Suroor's **Royal Meeting (Ire)** (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) led Ghaiyyath's Charlie Appleby stablemate **Spotify (Fr)** (Redoute's Choice {Aus}), the winner of this race last year. [Cont. p2](#)

WHIP, DATA USE AT CENTRE OF WELFARE STRATEGY

British racing's Horse Welfare Board—an independently chaired organization comprising the British Horseracing Authority, racing's stakeholders and the Racecourse Association—has released a **five-year welfare plan** for horses bred for racing. The strategy focuses on the ambition that every horse bred to race should lead a life well lived, and the overarching themes of the plan are traceability, safety and well being, communication and the use of data.

The whip is a prominent topic in the strategy, which calls for racing to make changes to the way the whip is used but stresses it is not calling for the removal of the whip. The strategy asks the BHA to review penalties for the breach of whip rules by the end of October 2020, stressing to the need to increase penalties for rule breaches. [Cont. p3](#)

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Dubai Millennium S. Cont. from p1

Ghaiyyath simply asserted his dominance upon straightening and drew clear to win by a geared-down 8 1/2 lengths from Spotify in track-record time. Spotify had overtaken Royal Meeting at the quarter pole, with the Norwegian Derby winner **Privilegiado (GB)** (Sea the Moon {Ger}) making up ground from last to be third.

“I’m delighted,” said Appleby. “We’ve all seen what this horse can do. The reason we’ve come here instead of going down the classic Sheema Classic route of running in the [G2] Dubai City of Gold is that this gives us two more weeks.

“The plan was to just let him float into [the race] from his outside post and once he was on the lead, we would let him roll along. We’ve seen on numerous occasions what he can do when he’s left to his own devices like that. Hopefully we can just freshen him up now and aim toward the Sheema Classic.”

Pedigree Notes

Ghaiyyath, the highest-rated horse currently in training in Dubai at 126, is the product of a pair of Classic winners, as a son of Dubawi and the 2006 G1 Irish 1000 Guineas winner Nighttime (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}). As accomplished as she was on the racecourse Nighttime has outdone herself as a producer; Ghaiyyath is her second Group 1 winner, his three years older sister being the GI Man O’War S. winner Zhukova (Ire) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}). Godolphin purchased Ghaiyyath at Goffs November as a foal for €1.1 million and Zhukova at Tattersalls December two years later for 3.7million gns, and Sheikh Mohammed can look forward to seeing Nighttime’s 2-year-old and yearling colts by Dubawi carry his colours; he bought them for 700,000gns and €1.2 million, respectively, as foals from the Weld family’s Springbank Way Stud.

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DUBAI MILLENNIUM S. (SPONSORED BY JAGUAR)-G3, \$200,000, Meydan, 2-20, NH4yo/up & SH3yo/up, 2000mT, 2:00.33 (NCR), gd.

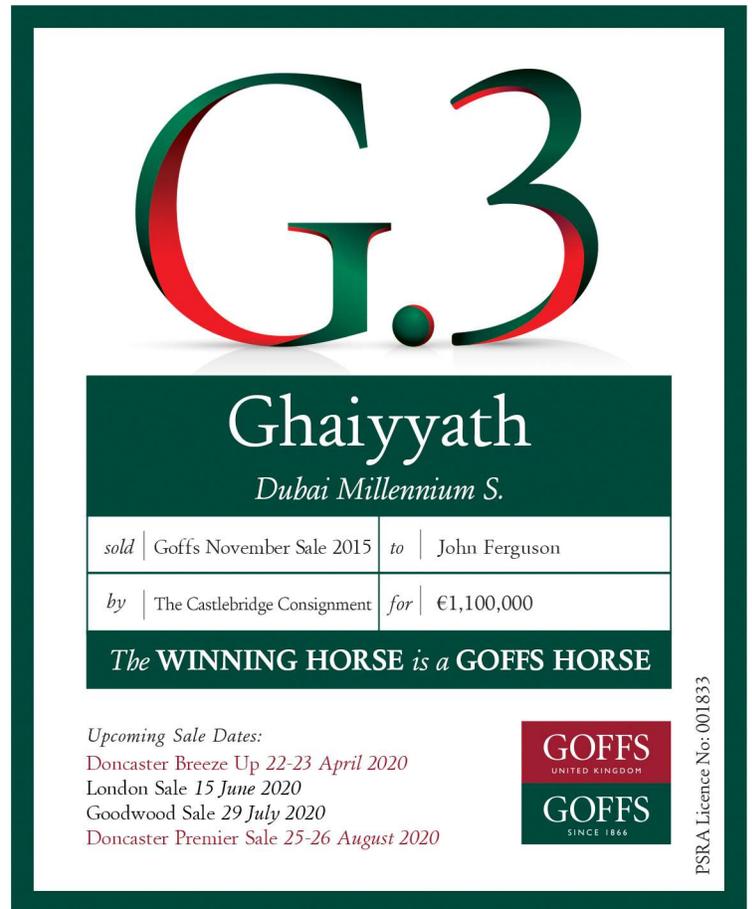
1--**GHAIYYATH (IRE), 131, h, 5, by Dubawi (Ire)**

1st Dam: Nighttime (Ire) (G1SW-Ire, \$299,507), by Galileo (Ire)

2nd Dam: Caumshinaun (Ire), by Indian Ridge (Ire)

3rd Dam: Ridge Pool (Ire), by Bluebird

(€1,100,000 Wlg ‘15 GOFNOV). O-Godolphin; B-Springbank Way Stud (IRE); T-Charlie Appleby; J-William Buick. \$120,000. Lifetime Record: Hwt. Older Horse-Ger at 11-14f, GSW-Eng, GSW & G1SP-Fr, G1SW-Ger, 9-6-0-2, \$507,280. *1/2 to Sleeping Beauty (Ire) (Oasis Dream {GB}), SP; and Zhukova (Ire) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}), Hwt. Older Mare-Eur at 9 1/2-11f,



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MGSW-Ire, GISW-US, \$499,594. **Werk Nick Rating: A+++.**
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 2--**Spotify (Fr)**, 126, g, 6, Redoute’s Choice (Aus)--Gwenseb (Fr), by Green Tune. (€250,000 HRA ‘18 AROCT). O-Godolphin; B-Wertheimer & Frere (FR); T-Charlie Appleby. \$40,000.
 3--**Privilegiado (GB)**, 125, c, 4, Sea the Moon (Ger)--Scarlett’s Pride (Fr), by Singspiel (Ire). (€17,000 RNA Wlg ‘16 ARQDEC; €67,000 Ylg ‘17 ARQOCT). O-Stall Bright Side of Life; B-SARL Elevage du Haras de Bourgeauville (GB); T-Niels Petersen. \$20,000.
 Margins: 8HF, 4, HF.
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OLMEDO HEADED TO AUSTRALIA

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EUROPEAN NEWS

Whip, Data Use at Centre of Welfare Strategy Cont. from p1

Also central in the report is the need to grow the industry's databases in regards to welfare, and the board calls for the creation of a Thoroughbred Welfare Database.

Key projects that will require the collaboration of the industry's power brokers in conjunction with all participants include an enhanced traceability strategy focusing on eliminating gaps and shortfalls in data; communication of traceability requirements, removal of barriers to traceability and streamlining processes; an analysis of racing's welfare funding model; a review of sections of the industry currently not fully subject to full BHA regulation, like breeding, pre-training and sales, to assess potential benefits of registration schemes, codes of practice, accreditation schemes, or licensing arrangements; continuing consideration of the pros and cons of different breeding practices (natural vs artificial); further development and application of the Jump Racing Risk Model; the continued gathering and analysis of data of fatalities linked to racing that occur off the racecourse; the continued gathering and analysis of medication data and clinical records linked to general welfare considerations and to racing-related fatalities; reviews of stalls designs and loading procedures and ground/going research.

The BHA Board has accepted all the recommendations of the Horse Welfare Board, and the BHA's Chief Executive Nick Rust said, "I am proud of the work already done by the sport, including our own team of vets and officials, to give our horses the best possible quality of life." [Cont. p4](#)



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Whip, Data Use at Centre of Welfare Strategy Cont.

He added, "Our sport's record in making racing safer for horses and jockeys is the result of many people working together for a common purpose. The BHA's role in self-regulation of racing has been endorsed by the Welfare Board as it has by government.

"When I saw the scale of the Welfare Board's ambition, I was even more proud. Racing people want the very best for our horses. We would love more people outside our sport to understand just how much we put into keeping horses safe and allowing them to enjoy the quality of life that goes with being an equine athlete.

"I know our sport has been frustrated at times because it feels not enough has been done to speak up for racing. I firmly believe that the strategy gives us a platform to talk about all the good things we do with pride and confidence. That is why it is a pivotal moment, an opportunity to show that we can be trusted to do the right thing for our horses."

Maggie Carver, chair of the Racecourse Association, said, "I would like to congratulate the Horse Welfare Board in producing such a thorough, comprehensive, evidence-based report. That evidence shows that there are areas where we can strive to do better and that there is an urgent need to respond to changes in society in order to keep racing popular. It is now up to all of us to respond with positive plans for improvement and change, not just in the short term but sustainably over the years ahead."

Nicholas Cooper, president of the Racehorse Owners Association, said, "The founding principle of the Horse Welfare Board was to better engage the wider bloodstock and racing industry in a structured manner, in order to allow our great sport to advance welfare standards for all Thoroughbreds as well as minimise--wherever possible--the risks associated with racing horses. The strategy proposed today is of huge importance and significance for the racing industry and the welfare board should be congratulated for delivering such a rounded and thorough document. We hope that the entire sport will get behind it and support the strategy, and play their part in its implementation."

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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 hear from Whatton Manor's Ed Player.

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

EP: I'm a big fan of Shalaa (Ire). He has it all; good looks, racing ability and he bred a fantastic first crop of mares.

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TDN: Have you raised/bred many by Shalaa? Does he typically stamp his stock?

EP: We sold an outstanding yearling colt by him, out of Vayasa (Fr), to Shadwell at Tattersalls for 110,000 gns. He goes into training with Sir Michael Stoute. We also have two yearling colts this year by Shalaa. All three are great physicals, very strong, good minds, and very athletic. [Cont. p5](#)



Ed and Catherine Player | Tattersalls

20/20 Vision Cont.

TDN: Hope for the 2020 flat season?

EP: To breed sound, healthy, and talented horses. We have been lucky enough to sell a group winner each of the last 10 years, so it would be great to carry this on.

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

EP: It's hardly original, but I think Darley's Night Of Thunder (Ire) for €25,000 is outstanding value. We are lucky enough to have four client mares visiting him and we ourselves are sending the dam of Alligator Alley (GB), who we have high hopes for in 2020.

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This filly, born Feb. 10, is from the first crop of Group 1-winning 2-year-old and Classic winner Saxon Warrior. Out of Miss Understood (Ire) (Excellent Art {GB}), she was bred by Philip & Carolyn Cort.

BRITAIN

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Godfather (Ire), c, 3, **Night of Thunder (Ire)**--Aqlaam Vision (GB) (SW-Eng), by Aqlaam (GB). Southwell, 2-20, 7f 14y (AWT), 1:28.95. B-Rabbah Bloodstock Ltd (IRE). *80,000gns Ylg '18 TATOCT.

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3rd-Chantilly, €35,000, Cond, 2-20, 3yo, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:17.90, st.

SPEED CHANCE (IRE) (c, 3, Born To Sea {Ire}--Speed Song {GB}, by Fasliyev) Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-1, €31,000. O/B-Sunderland Holding Inc (IRE); T-Didier Guillemin.

5th-Chantilly, €21,000, Cond, 2-20, 4yo/up, 7f (AWT), 1:24.67, st.

TRUE ROMANCE (FR) (g, 5, George Vancouver--Hallen {Fr}, by Midyan) Lifetime Record: 9-4-2-1, €60,080. O-Francis-Henri Graffard, Haras des Adelis, Mme Danielle de la Heronniere & Thierry de la Heronniere; B-Thierry de la Heronniere & Mme Danielle de la Heronniere (FR); T-Francis-Henri Graffard. *€30,000 RNA Ylg '16 OSLATE. **1/2 to Zayade (Fr) (Country Reel), MSP-Fr, \$194,973; and Winter Springs (Fr) (Stormy River {Fr}), SP-Fr, \$143,078.

7th-Chantilly, €18,000, Cond, 2-20, 4yo, 9 1/2f (AWT), 1:56.50, st.

HOUSE OF KINGS (IRE) (g, 4, Camelot {GB}--Celestial Bow {Ire}, by Raven's Pass) Lifetime Record: 12-2-2-3, €24,706. O-Craig Buckingham; B-Grange Stud (IRE); T-Anne-Sophie Crombez. *42,000gns Wlg '16 TATFOA; €35,000 RNA Ylg '17 GOFORB; 37,000gns 3yo '19 TATHIT.

WORLDWIDE NEWS

BAYOU BLITZES OAKS RIVALS

Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed's **Down On Da Bayou** (Super Saver) had to play second fiddle to Godolphin fillies in the Listed UAE 1000 Guineas on Jan. 23 and the trial three weeks prior to that, but fortunes were reversed and son prevailed over father in the G3 UAE Oaks at Meydan on Thursday evening, with Down On Da Bayou strolling home by 18 1/2 lengths over **Dubai Love (GB)** (Night of Thunder {Ire}) while stepping up to 1900 metres for the first time.



Down On Da Bayou | DRC/Erika Rasmussen

Breaking well from the extreme outside gate six, Down On Da Bayou bounded past her rivals in a matter of strides and crossed over to grab the lead on the rail by the time they passed the finish line the first time. Dubai Love breathed down her rival's neck down the backstretch but Down On Da Bayou shook off the challenge, kicking clear at the quarter pole as Dubai Love chased in vain. The American-bred, Japanese-trained filly **Serein** (Uncle Mo) put in a mild rally to be third.

A soundly beaten fourth behind 'TDN Rising Star' **Rio Angie** (Honor Code) on debut after blowing the break going seven

furlongs at Meydan on Nov. 7, Down On Da Bayou bounced back to air by eight lengths going gate to wire on Dec. 19. The bay set the tempo once again in the Guineas trial on opening night of the carnival on Jan. 2 before Final Song (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}) collared her in the closing stages, and it was a similar story three weeks later in the Guineas with Dubai Love. Trainer Salem bin Ghadayer revealed the filly will back up in next weekend's \$800,000 Saudi Derby over a mile.

"She's an amazing filly," he said. "Before we had the question mark about the distance, but she showed her class. We knew she should get at least nine furlongs, so it was only a question of the final 100 metres.

"It's the owner's decision [where she goes next]. We entered her in the Saudi Derby and I asked my boss if we should go to this race and he said no problem. The next and last step for her this season I think will be next week [in the Saudi Derby]. She always recovers quickly; one day after a race, she needs two people [to lead her]. I hope everything goes well and she'll be fine and sound and in good health."

Pedigree Notes

Down On Da Bayou is the second winner of the UAE Oaks for the Empire Maker mare Bayou Tortuga, with Polar River (Congrats) having won it in 2016 for owners Valentin Bukhtoyarov and Evgeny Kappushev and trainer Doug Watson. Polar River had been a \$25,000 yearling turned \$40,000 2-year-old, while Down On Da Bayou was bought by Tally-Ho Stud for \$150,000 as a yearling and sold for €190,000 to Rabbah at Arqana's May Breeze-Up Sale last year.

Bayou Tortuga has a 2-year-old colt by Orb that was bought by Powerstown Stud for \$30,000 as a yearling at Keeneland September, a yearling filly by Gun Runner and was bred to Blame for 2020. Bayou Tortuga, who has also produced the Grade III-placed Rare Form (The Factor), is a half-sister to three state-bred stakes winners.

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Thursday, Meydan, Middle East

UAE OAKS (SPONSORED BY RANGE ROVER)-G3, \$250,000, Meydan, 2-20, NH3yo & SH3yo, f, 1900m, 1:58.35, ft.

1--DOWN ON DA BAYOU, 126, f, 3, by Super Saver

1st Dam: Bayou Tortuga, by Empire Maker

2nd Dam: Tortuga Band, by Dixieland Band

3rd Dam: Super Fan, by Lear Fan

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. 1ST GROUP WIN. (\$220,000 RNA Wlg '17 KEENOV; \$150,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP; €190,000 2yo '19 ARQMAY). O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed Al Maktoum; B-McCann Bloodstock, Mark Kelder & Doug Richards (KY);

T-Salem bin Ghadayer; J-Mickael Barzalona. \$150,000. Lifetime Record: 5-2-2-0, \$249,654. *1/2 to Polar River (Congrats), GSW-UAE, \$771,139; and Rare Form (The Factor), GSP, \$192,835. [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#)

Werk Nick Rating: A+.

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2--**Dubai Love (GB)**, 126, f, 3, **Night of Thunder (Ire)**--Devotion (Ire), by Dylan Thomas (Ire). (120,000gns Wlg '17 TATDEC). O-Godolphin; B-Petches Farm Ltd (GB); T-Saeed bin Suroor. \$50,000.

3--**Serein**, 126, f, 3, **Uncle Mo**--Tiz Miz Sue, by Tiznow. (\$500,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP). O-Koji Maeda; B-Cres Ran LLC (KY); T-Mikio Matsunaga. \$25,000.

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Margins: 18HF, 4HF, 1 1/4.

Also Ran: Ascot Brass (Swe), Careless Whisper (Swe), Tapi Sioux.

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GODOLPHIN TRIFECTA IN ZABEEL MILE

Second choice on the board, **Zakouski (GB)** (Shamardal) just nipped heavy favourite **Mythical Magic (Ire)** (Iffraaj {GB}) by a neck in a blanket finish in the \$250,000 G2 Zabeel Mile going a mile over the Meydan grass on Thursday. It was a similar margin back to **Dream Castle (GB)** (Frankel {GB}) in third, with pacesetter **Salute The Soldier (Ger)** (Sepoy {Aus}) another neck behind in fourth. Charlie Appleby trained the first two home, with Saeed bin Suroor's Dream Castle giving Godolphin the trifecta.

Content to race in fourth against the fence as Salute The Soldier raced on the engine several lengths ahead, the 4-year-old colt relaxed beautifully under James Doyle. Mythical Magic dogged Salute the Soldier just off that rival's right shoulder and got first run on the pacesetter at the top of the lane. Zakouski was winding up for his run as the top pair exchanged blows and began to rally inside the final 150 metres, with Dream Castle letting down to his outside. That pair pounced a few strides before the wire, with Zakouski flashing the superior turn of foot, as Mythical Magic hung on for second over Dream Castle. Salute the Soldier was a game fourth, with the top quartet covered by under a length.

"To be honest, not at any stage did I think he would win until probably the final 100m," said James Doyle. "He seemed to find the ground a bit loose today, but you have to remember that was just his fourth career start and he has beaten three tough customers already proven at this level. He hit the line well and hopefully he'll have a nice campaign now from here. I think he'll take a big step forward from today."

Added Appleby, "We know Mythical Magic had solid form and at home was the better work horse. You just have to go back to Zakouski when he broke his maiden over a good horse at Kempton and has always had ability. It will be interesting to see [if he'll go farther] and what James says. I'm delighted with the results."



Zakouski prevails in a blanket finish | DRC/Erika Rasmussen

"He had a similar race to what he had last year in the race," said Mythical Magic's jockey William Buick. "He's obviously a year older and he ran very well. It's just that Mythical Magic had been there and done that and was a safe bet, but I knew [Zakouski] was an improver."

A debut winner at Kempton in November of 2018, Zakouski ran fifth in his only start of last year--the G3 Craven S. that April. Put away for 267 days, he emerged with a solid handicap victory over course-and-distance on Jan. 9.

Pedigree Notes

One of 145 black-type winners and 74 group winners for his sire, Zakouski is bred on the same Shamardal/Octagonal cross as G3 Oak Tree S. heroine Amy Eria (Ire) and similarly to Australian MG1SW and G1 VRC Oaks heroine Faint Perfume (Aus), whose dam is by Octagonal's sire Zabeel (NZ). The third group winner for his dam, the unraced O'Giselle, Zakouski (GB)'s older half-brother Albrecht (Aus) (Redoute's Choice {Aus}) landed an Australian Group 3 and was second in the G1 Golden Rose S., while his year-younger half-brother King's Command (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) claimed last year's G3 Prix Thomas Bryon in France. His dam, a full-sister to Australian Horse of the Year Lonhro (Aus) and their full-brother MG1SW Niello (Aus), foaled a yearling colt by Shooting to Win (Aus) as her latest progeny.

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Thursday, Meydan, Middle East**ZABEEL MILE (SPONSORED BY AL TAYER MOTORS)-G2,**

\$250,000, Meydan, 2-20, NH4yo/up & SH3yo/up, 1600mT, 1:35.93, gd.

1--**ZAKOUSKI (GB), 126, c, 4, by Shamardal**

1st Dam: O'Giselle (Aus), by Octagonal (NZ)

2nd Dam: Shadea (NZ), by Straight Strike

3rd Dam: Concia (NZ), by First Consul

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN, 1ST GROUP WIN. O/B-Godolphin (GB); T-Charlie Appleby; J-James Doyle. \$150,000. Lifetime Record: 4-3-0-0, \$238,069. *1/2 to Albrecht (Aus) (Redoute's Choice {Aus}), GSW & G1SP-Aus, \$454,634; and King's Command (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}), GSW-Fr. **Werk Nick Rating: C. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.**

2--**Mythical Magic (Ire), 126, g, 5, Iffraaj (GB)--Mythie (Fr), by Octagonal (NZ).** (140,000gns Wlg '15 TATNOV). O-Godolphin; B-Peter Kelly & Ms Wendy Daly (IRE); T-Charlie Appleby. \$50,000.

3--**Dream Castle (GB), 126, g, 6, Frankel (GB)--Sand Vixen (GB), by Dubawi (Ire).** O-Godolphin; B-Darley (GB); T-Saeed bin Suroor. \$25,000.

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Margins: NK, NK, NK.

Also Ran: Salute the Soldier (Ger), Zainhom, Eqiraan (Ire), Golden Jaguar.

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WAADY BEST IN MEYDAN SPRINT

Shadwell's **Waady (Ire)** (Approve {Ire}) proved best of the straight course specialists in the 1000-metre G2 Meydan Sprint on Thursday. The 8-year-old secured his second group victory by 3/4 of a length over Juddmonte's progressive **Equilateral (GB)** (Equiano {Fr}), with American **Blitzkrieg** (War Front) another 1 1/4 lengths in arrears in third.

Always involved just off the tempo set by **Caspian Prince (Ire)** (Dylan Thomas {Ire}), the hooded gelding began to let down with 400 metres remaining. The bay began to inch into contention as that foe weakened, while on the fading Michael Appleby trainee's other side Equilateral took command. His ascension was brief, as Waady kept finding and was kicking away at the wire.

"I think he's improved," said winning hoop Jim Crowley. "It was a better performance than last week. A lot of credit must go to Doug Watson and his team. He's not an easy horse in the mornings. They've done a great job with him to come back a week later and put in a better performance. The key to this horse is that he stays five [furlongs] so well and gallops past the

line. It was a job to pull up with him. He just keeps going. He's come out here and he's thriving out here. At the age of seven, he's really found his form."



Waady | DRC/Erika Rasmussen

Added Watson, "This horse surprised us all season, his third with us and we have changed his preparations and training routine this campaign. Everything has gone well. He has natural speed for 1000m, but we will have to go back up to 1200m now, but he deserves a crack at another big prize."

A winner of Sandown's G3 Coral Charge S. in 2015, Waady has enjoyed his best season in the desert this autumn and winter, striking in a Meydan handicap on Nov. 7, before a runner-up performance in the Listed Garhoud Sprint on Dec. 5. Only fourth after a slow beginning in the G3 Dubawi S. the day after New Year's Day, he improved to second in the wake of Equilateral in the Listed Dubai Dash on Jan. 23. Tried just seven days ago in a course and distance handicap, the veteran got the job done by a half-length on Feb. 13.

Pedigree Notes

Waady is the first Group 2 winner for his G2 Norfolk S. And G2 Gimcrack S.-winning and G1 Middle Park S. third sire Approve, the other being Evo Campo (Ire), out of seven total black-type scorers. The third foal and fifth winner from his placed dam, the 8-year-old is a half-brother to the once-raced sophomore filly Rachel Wall (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}). His third dam Flamenco Wave (Desert Wine), a winner of the G1 Moyglare Stud S., produced Irish highweight and two-time Group 1 winner Ballingarry (Ire) (Sadler's Wells), G1SW Aristotle (Ire) (Sadler's Wells), G1 St. James's Palace S. hero Starborough (GB) (Soviet Star) and the Sure Blade mare Leaping Water (GB), dam of the star-crossed European highweight St Nicholas Abbey (Ire) (Montjeu {Ire}).

Thursday, Meydan, Middle East

MEYDAN SPRINT (SPONSORED BY LAND ROVER)-G2, \$250,000, Meydan, 2-20, NH3yo/up & SH3yo/up, 1000mT, :56.87, gd.

1--**WAADY (IRE), 126, g, 8, by Approve (Ire)**

1st Dam: Anne Bonney (GB), by Jade Robbery

2nd Dam: Sanchez (GB), by Wolfhound

3rd Dam: Flamenco Wave, by Desert Wine

(€14,000 RNA Wlg '12 GOFNOV; €37,000 Ylg '13 TISSEP; 240,000gns 2yo '14 TATAPR). O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Knocklong House Stud (IRE); T-Doug Watson; J-Jim Crowley. \$150,000. Lifetime Record: GSW-Eng, 32-9-2-4, \$541,751. **Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.**

Werk Nick Rating: D+.

2--**Equilateral (GB), 126, g, 5, Equiano (Fr)--Tarentaise (GB), by Oasis Dream (GB).** O-Khalid Abdullah; B-Juddmonte Farms Ltd (GB); T-Charles Hills. \$50,000.

3--**Blitzkrieg, 126, g, 5, War Front--Bauble Queen, by Arch.** O-R3 Racing LLC & Calara Farms; B-Ramona S Bass LLC (KY); T-Doug O'Neill. \$25,000.

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

Also Ran: Caspian Prince (Ire), Yaalail (Ire), Angel Alexander (Ire), Poet's Society (GB), Mazzini (GB), Inverleigh (Ire). Scratched: Hawkesbury (GB).

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DETTORI TO RIDE GRONKOWSKI IN SAUDI, DUBAI CUPS

Frankie Dettori has been booked to ride Phoenix Thoroughbred and Khalid bin Mishref's **Gronkowski** (Lonhro {Aus}) in next Saturday's \$20-million Saudi Cup and the Mar. 28 G1 Dubai World Cup, in which Gronkowski was runner-up last year by a nose.

"It's an amazing ride to get," said Dettori. "I'm excited to ride him [in Saudi] for two reasons. First, he doesn't have to travel that far from Dubai and I think the track will suit him. It's probably the best dirt track I've ridden anywhere in my life. It's got the longest straight; he'll relish that and is the type of horse that will enjoy the Riyadh track."

The 5-year-old Gronkowski hasn't won since taking a listed stake at Newcastle at three, but he has put in some memorable performances, including a second to Justify (Scat Daddy) in the GI Belmont S. and his Dubai World Cup finish last year under Oisin Murphy. The bay was third in Meydan's Listed The Entisar on Dec. 5 and filled the same position in the G2 Al Maktoum Challenge R2 on Feb. 6 under Mickael Barzalona.

"He had his final prep run the other day and when you see the bare form you might think he's not run so well," Dettori said.

"But I spoke with his trainer, Salem bin Ghadayer, and he said it was just a stepping stone for the big day and that he wanted me to ride the horse in both races, so I'm super excited.

"He likes the dirt, he's rated 120 so he's no slouch and he doesn't have many miles on the clock. I've been very lucky for Phoenix Thoroughbreds so let's hope the luck continues."

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Frankie Dettori | *Racing Post*

BETTING CHALLENGES, OPPORTUNITIES IN SPOTLIGHT AT ARC

The combat of illegal betting was a key theme during the first session of panels at the Asian Racing Conference in Cape Town on Wednesday.

Douglas Robinson, senior due diligence and research manager for the Hong Kong Jockey Club and deputy chairman of the Asian Racing Federation Anti-Illegal Betting Taskforce, said racing "faces a war against a rampant illegal betting market" and stressed the need for racing regulators to build relationships with governments to combat the problem.

The ARF's Anti-Illegal Betting Taskforce was set up in 2016 and comprises 14 members, and Robinson cited evidence from Hong Kong, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, South Korea and Singapore to show that "illegal markets across the six territories are large--often larger than regulated markets--and expanding faster than regulated markets.

"Illegal markets are also associated with criminality such as loan sharking and money laundering and they also have a comparatively larger negative social impact on customers than regulated operators." **Cont. p10**

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Robinson said it is essential to show governments “how and why illegal betting has a larger negative impact than legalised betting and that it causes widespread social issues,” in order to gain their support in tackling the problem.

“The scale of illegal betting is now so huge, and its operations spread across so many different countries, that horse racing and sports organisations alone cannot effectively combat the threat,” he said. “Instead, sports must now engage with multiple stakeholders and at the top of this pile are governments, primarily because they control and direct policy.”

Continuing the wagering theme, Hong Kong Jockey Club Chief Executive Officer and Asian Racing Federation Chairman Winfried Engelbrecht-Bresges, speaking via video presentation, encouraged the growth of commingled betting as a means to grow the sport globally.

“I believe international commingling will be key for future development of racing as a global sport and through this concept we have the chance to really harvest the potential of our international racing,” he said.

International commingling accounts for between \$15 billion to \$17 billion in annual global turnover—between 15 and 20% of total global turnover on racing.

“The commingling development in Hong Kong is an astonishing success and we are seeing in the 2019-2020 season that it has gone up to around 20% of turnover,” he said. “Riding on that success, with our partners at Ascot and Totepool, we created a new dimension to commingling with the first global pool at Royal Ascot which enabled people around the world to make use of huge liquidity and led to a 60% increase in turnover.”

The growth of commingled betting has brought with it opportunities to expand offerings of exotic bets and returns for customers.

“With new protocols available we can create a racing bet type that is attractive to customers who look for higher returns—and even Lottery-like returns—while retaining the skill-based differentiation which is important in racing,” Engelbrecht-Bresges said.

Thursday’s session of the Asian Racing Conference featured

the fourth International Forum for the Aftercare of Racehorses, which featured presentations from four jurisdictions on the advancement of their welfare practices. Representatives from South Africa detailed how the National Horseracing Authority of Southern Africa has written new rules that make owners responsible for the welfare of racehorses throughout their lives, and rules are also being drafted to increase traceability through increased regulation of private auctions and sales.

The Japan Racing Association has launched a program that provides financial resources to farms that take care of retired racehorses and organizations that work to promote second careers for former racehorses, like the U.S.’s Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance and the UK’s Retraining of Racehorses.

Dr. Jinkap Kim, chief manager of the Veterinary Regulation & Welfare team at the Korea Racing Authority’s Veterinary Department, explained how the KRA has handled the fallout

from videos released by animal activists showing former racehorses being treated cruelly in slaughterhouses. The KRA has expanded its Equine Welfare Committee, revised equine welfare guidelines, introduced equine welfare knowledge as components of qualification and licensing exams and established a task force for retired racehorses.

Racing Victoria’s General Manager for Equine Welfare, Jennifer Hughes, detailed how her organization categorizes ex-racehorses by their suitability to progress to

second careers and facilitates incentive-driven traceability programs.

At an international stewards’ conference earlier this week in advance of the ARC, Henri Pouret—Deputy Director General of Racing Operations for France Galop—revealed that the adoption of Category 1 stewarding rules in France has led to a reduction in dangerous riding charges against jockeys.

In its second year operating under its new rules, dangerous riding charges decreased by 35%. France was one of the two final major racing jurisdictions in Europe—and was subsequently followed by Germany—to make the change from Category 2 to Category 1.

In its final full year under Category 2, stewards in France made 42 demotions from 310 inquiries, compared to eight demotions from 206 inquiries in 2018 and 11 from 194 in 2019. **Cont. p11**



Douglas Robinson | HKJC

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For fear that the shift in rules would lead to a more dangerous riding culture, France lobbied the International Federation of Horseracing Authorities to add a clause to the rules to give stewards authority in the event of dangerous riding. They succeeded in that.

“The number of dangerous riding charges in France decreased from 29 in our first year under Category 1 to 19 in 2019,” Pouret said. “There were a few high-profile charges early after adoption and jockeys took notice. It has clearly had a deterrent effect.

“The overall number of inquiries did not drop as much as you see [in jurisdictions that have had Category 1 for far longer], but that has been somewhat deliberate. Stewards are making it known they saw something and are reviewing it, but the number of relegations is down considerably.”

“If our feedback channels are any guide, it is clear customers prefer fewer relegations,” said Pouret. “Any time there is some element of interference, someone always feels harmed, but our customers have made it quite clear they have embraced the new system. In an annual survey conducted by French betting operator Pari-Mutuel Urbain (PMU), we received a total of two complaints in two years about questionable decisions. It was many, many more under Category 2.”

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DUBAI

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2	Conclusion (Jpn)	Deep Impact (Jpn)	Fresu	Al Mheiri	125
3	Irish Freedom	Pioneerof the Nile	Mullen	Seemar	125
4	Just a Penny (Ire)	Kodiac (GB)	Hitchcott	Watson	125
5	Mark of Approval	Lemon Drop Kid	Cosgrave	Hussain	125
6	Montsarrat (Ire)	Poet’s Voice (GB)	Ziani	bin Ghadayer	125
7	Shamaal Nibras	First Samurai	Dobbs	Watson	125
8	Team Decision (Ire)	Teofilo (Ire)	Mazur	Al Mheiri	125
9	Yulong Warrior	Street Cry (Ire)	O’Shea	Seemar	125
10	Magnificent McCool	Giant’s Causeway	Nicholls	bin Ghadayer	124
11	Superior	Majesticperfection	Beasley	bin Harmash	124

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& SH 3yo/up, 1000m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Alkaraama	War Front	Fresu	Al Mheiri	125
2	Drummore (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	Beasley	Al Alawi	125
3	High on Life (GB)	Invincible Spirit (Ire)	Ffrench	bin Ghadayer	125

4	Lavaspin (GB)	Hard Spun	O’Shea	Seemar	125
5	Leading Spirit (Ire)	Exceed And Excel (Aus)	Mullen	Seemar	125
6	Neverland Rock (GB)	No Nay Never	Ziani	bin Ghadayer	125
7	Nine Below Zero (GB)	Showcasing (GB)	Dobbs	Nass	125
8	Taneen	Speightstown	O’Neill	Al Mheiri	125
9	Thammin (GB)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Crowley	Al Mheiri	125

Thursday’s Results:

6th-Meydan, \$135,000, Hcp, 2-20, NH4yo/up & SH3yo/up, 1400m, 1:23.79, ft.

MIDNIGHT SANDS (c, 4, Speightstown--It’s Midnight {SP-Fr}, by Shamardal) failed to factor in three starts on the turf in Britain at two, but has blossomed since arriving in Dubai last winter and has now won five straight. Last seen winning by a short head going a mile on Jan. 16, Midnight Sands dropped back a furlong here. Breaking amongst the leaders, Midnight Sands and Pat Dobbs allowed the Macau representative Fasuba (Ire) (Power {GB}) to go forward and settled second between runners down the backstretch. Midnight Sands was there to pick up the pieces, with Behavioral Bias (Shackleford) at his throat, at the quarter pole as Fasuba retreated, but Midnight Sands never let that rival head him, kicking clear and hitting the line a cozy 3 1/2 lengths the better. Midnight Sands is the fourth foal out of the Listed Prix Coronation winner It’s Midnight (Shamardal), who has had some bad luck as of late having lost a Munnings foal in 2018 and having come up barren the following year. It’s Midnight’s first foal was the GIII Tropical Turf S. winner Tusk (Tapit) (\$441,317), and it is the family of multiple French group winner and sire Titus Livius (Fr) (Machiavellian) and U.S. champion turf mare Zagora (Fr) (Green Tune). Sales history: \$70,000 RNA yrl ‘17 KEESEP; €80,000 2yo ‘18 ARQMAY. Lifetime Record: 9-5-1-0, \$258,878. **Click for the Racing Post result. VIDEO.**

O-The Cool Silk Partnership; B-Flaxman Holdings Ltd (KY); T-Doug Watson.


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LANE’S END SALES GRADUATE


2nd-Meydan, \$135,000, Hcp, 2-20, NH4yo/up & SH3yo/up, 1600mT, 1:36.74, gd.

CLIFFS OF CAPRI (GB) (g, 6, Canford Cliffs {Ire}--Shannon Spree {GB}, by Royal Applause {GB}) Sales history: 45,000gns Ylg ‘15 TAOOCT; 50,000gns HRA ‘17 TAOOCT. Lifetime Record: 29-6-4-4, \$172,184. **VIDEO.**

O-Melbourne 10 Racing; B-Glebe Farm Stud (GB); T-Jamie Osborne.

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7th-Meydan, \$135,000, Hcp, 2-20, NH4yo/up & SH3yo/up, 1600mT, 1:35.35, gd.

EPIC HERO (FR) (g, 4, Siyouni {Fr}--Grace Lady {Fr} {GSW-Fr, \$209,174}, by Muhtathir {GB}) Sales history: €120,000 RNA Ylg '17 ARAAUG; €280,000 2yo '18 ARQMAY. Lifetime Record: GSP-Fr, 9-2-2-2, \$178,246. **VIDEO.**

O-Abdullah Menahi; B-Jean-Philippe Dubois (FR); T-Simon Crisford. *1/2 to Alhadab (Fr) (Camelot {GB}), MGSP-Fr.

MIDDLE EAST

Saturday, Al Rayyan, Qatar post time 4:15 p.m. local time

H.H. THE AMIR TROPHY-Listed, \$1,000,000, 4yo/up, 2400mt

PP	HORSE (SC)	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	French King (GB) (3)	French Fifteen (Fr)	Peslier	Pantall	128
2	Mr Satchmo (Fr) (7)	Mr. Sidney	Barzalona	de Watrigant	128
3	Standard Deviation (13)	Curlin	Murphy	Motion	125
4	Otwo (9)	Medaglia d'Oro	Maniezzi	Ibido	128
5	Royal Julius (Ire) (10)	Royal Applause (GB)	Pasquier	Reynier	128
6	Pedro Cara (Fr) (12)	Pedro the Great	Piccone	Sanchez	125
7	Full Moon (Ire) (4)	Declaration of War	Convertino	Mountain	128
8	Duke of Dundee (Fr) (2)	Dke of Mmalde (Ire)	Thomas	de Mieulle	128
9	Noor Al Hawa (Fr) (8)	Makfi (GB)	Marquand	Mikhailides	128
10	Baghdad (Fr) (1)	Frankel (GB)	Boudot	Al-Naimi	128
11	The Blue Eye (GB) (11)	Dubawi (Ire)	Bachelot	Ghazali	128
12	Jewel House (GB) (6)	Dubawi (Ire)	Pedroza	Al Malki	128
13	Hunting Horn (Ire) (5)	Camelot (GB)	Curatolo	Kobeissi	128



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SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	7	Golden Sixty (Aus)	Medaglia d'Oro	Ho	Lui	126
2	3	Champion's Way (Aus)	Hinchinbrook (Aus)	Moore	Size	126
3	10	More Than This (GB)	Dutch Art (GB)	Purton	Lui	126
4	6	Beauty Legacy (Aus) <i>(ex Hawkshot {Aus})</i>	Fiorente (Ire)	Moreira	Size	126
5	1	Private Secretary (GB)	Kingman (Ire)	Schofield	Cruz	126
6	2	Playa Del Puente (Ire)	Elzaam (Aus)	Shinn	Shum	126
7	8	Enjoying (Aus) <i>(ex Global Exchange {Aus})</i>	Dundeel (NZ)	Bowman	Moore	126
8	4	Reliable Team (NZ)	Reliable Man (GB)	van Niekerk	Lor	126
9	9	Savvy Nine (Fr) <i>(ex Insandi {Fr})</i>	Anodin (Ire)	Badel	Moore	126
10	5	World Famous (Fr) <i>(ex Master Brewer)</i>	Reliable Man (GB)	Chadwick	Yiu	126

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OLMEDO HEADED TO AUSTRALIA



Olmedo | Scoop Dyga

By Paul Vettise

High-class French performer **Olmedo (Fr)** (Declaration Of War {USA}) has been purchased by Aquis Farm and partners with short-term Australian Group 1 aspirations to further lift his future profile at stud.

The lightly-raced 5-year-old has won three races, including the G1 French 2000 Guineas at Longchamp, from Jean-Claude Rouget's stable and will arrive in Australia next month. He will be prepared by Aquis head trainer Kacy Fogden with the G1 Doncaster H. identified as an ideal target.

A debut winner as a 2-year-old, Olmedo has only been tried once beyond 1600 metres and was successful over 2000 metres in the G3 Prix Gontaut-Biron at Deauville.

He has performed on top of the ground and on rain-affected tracks and in his last appearance in early October he finished runner-up in the G2 Prix Daniel Wildenstein at Longchamp.

"We've got some Australian investors and Rob Crabtree from Dorrington Farm has joined us in the partnership and some friends of Tony Fung's as well," Aquis Managing Director Shane McGrath said. "I went to France at the end of last year to inspect him at Jean-Claude Rouget's stable and he's a magnificent individual. Obviously, he's a European Classic winner already and as a son of Declaration Of War he holds a lot of appeal.

"He has done so well in the last 12 months so to get a Group 1 winning son of his for racing and stud duties for Aquis made a lot of sense. When he eventually goes to the breeding barn, he'll definitely turn a lot of heads.

"He's a serious horse and we did all our Timeform ratings. He's effective on most surfaces and he's got Group 1 winning form around all the best milers in Europe.

"We're pretty excited and Kacy Fogden, our head trainer, has been across to the United Kingdom and devised a training program. He's in full work at Newmarket and Oisin Murphy galloped him on Tuesday morning and was glowing in his report.

"He's on the first shipment out and should arrive here in mid-March. We're planning an assault on the G1 Doncaster H., provided he travels well."

McGrath said they may also look further afield with Olmedo, depending on his progress once settled in Australia.

"There's a lot of options for him with the new \$1-million race during the Brisbane carnival. There's possibly an opportunity to go to Hong Kong for the international day.

"He's got that versatility and French racing is quite similar to Australia, they generally go at an even pace so he should be well suited here. The Doncaster is the aim at this stage, if the horse arrives in good fettle, and there are plenty of other options. It's an exciting project for us and Kacy will be training him here.

"She's had a stellar start to her career and she's an extremely important part of the whole Aquis team and Tony Fung has great faith in her training ability. It's a huge feather in Kacy's cap to be given an opportunity with a horse like this."



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A half-brother to Super Mac (Fr) (Makfi {GB}) who has won 12 times, Olmedo is a son of the Pivotal (GB) mare Super Pie (USA) and she is out of a sister to the G2 Prix Noalles winner and multiple Group 1 placegetter Super Celebre (Fr) (Peintre Celebre {USA}). It's also the family of the Group 1 winners Steinlen (GB) (Habitat {USA}) and Stacelita (Fr) (Monzun {Ger}), whose daughter Soul Stirring (Jpn) (Frankel {GB}) has won twice at the top level in Japan.

Diamond Prospect

Meanwhile, Aquis' short-term focus is on Saturday's G1 Neds Blue Diamond S., in which they will be represented by the Ciaron Maher and David Eustace-trained **Rathlin** (Fastnet Rock). He won the Listed Phelan Ready S. before finishing sixth from an outside gate in the Magic Millions 2YO Classic. He was then freshened and ran third in the G3 Blue Diamond Prelude behind the unbeaten Hanseatic (Street Boss {USA}).

"He might just be the forgotten horse. He got held up a little bit at the top of the straight and there wasn't much between them," McGrath said. "He can possie up from barrier 10 and let the race unfold. He can go with the speed or sit off them and he's going to improve with his first-up run. I think he's a genuine winning chance."

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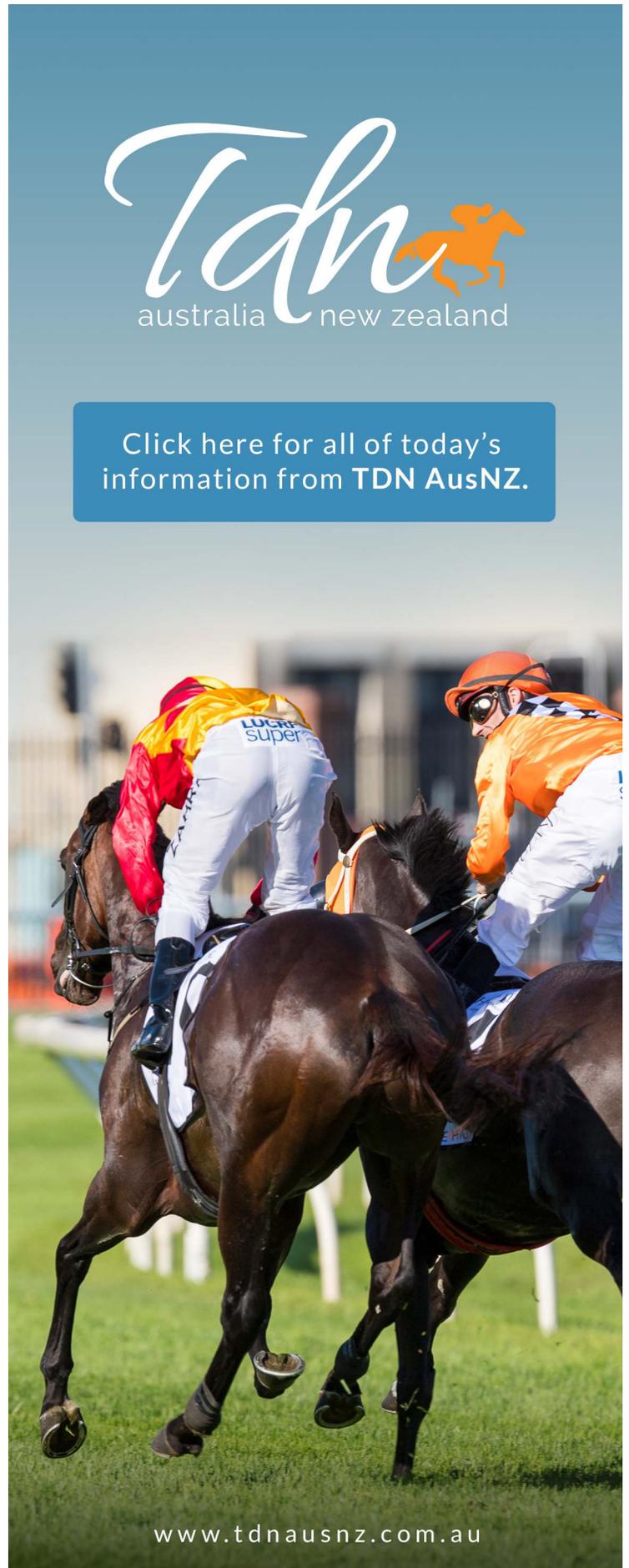
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