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SANTA ANITA WELFARE CRISIS: ONE YEAR ON



Battle of Midway | Benoit

by Dan Ross

This Sunday marks a year to the day **Battle of Midway** (Smart Strike) suffered catastrophic injuries during a morning workout at Santa Anita, **unleashing a tempest** of opprobrium the likes of which the industry has never before faced in terms of intensity and sustained impact.

Of course, Battle of Midway's fatal injury alone wasn't the catalyst--the Jerry Hollendorfer-trained Breeders' Cup winner was one of three fatalities at the track within two days. His death was also the 18th to mar the facility since racing had resumed towards the end of the prior December.

But in racing as in life, it's not the blue-collar workforce, but the elite few whose lives tend to permeate the headlines. And so it proved with Battle of Midway, that weekend becoming a turning point which subsequently saw **track closures**, **political condemnation**, a **district attorney's office investigation**, **sweeping reforms**, a **Hall of Fame trainer** largely barred from competing in the state and ongoing **international scrutiny**. But how do those who have shouldered the brunt of this turbulence view the landscape 12 months later?

To find out, the *TDN* canvassed the thoughts of a variety of industry stakeholders in California. Their answers avoid easy pigeon-holing--a narrative of hope tempered with uncertainty. Optimism mixed with concern.

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ROMANS AS CONFIDENT AS EVER IN DENNIS' MOMENT by Bill Finley

It's been nearly four months since **Dennis' Moment** (Tiznow) was seen finishing last in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile, the result of a bad stumble at the start. That's not the way anyone wants to go into their 3-year-old season, but nothing that he has seen from Dennis' Moment since has lessened the enthusiasm trainer Dale Romans has for his horse.

"At this stage going into the Derby, I think he's probably the best prospect I've ever had," Romans said. "I've had a lot of good ones and I've had a few great ones. Kitten's Joy (El Prado {Ire}) was the gold standard of the best horses I have trained. Shackleford (Forestry) was a fine horse, and there have been a bunch of others. Not This Time (Giant's Causeway), I thought he was the best 2-year-old I'd ever trained and he got hurt in the Breeders' Cup in California. But this is probably the best horse I've had as a 3-year-old. I would say by far." **Cont. p8**

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After a 3-year-old season full of 'what ifs,' Maximum Security can make his case for superstardom in Saturday's Saudi Cup, Bill Finley writes in The Week in Review.

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Santa Anita Welfare Crisis: One Year On

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Take the broad-sweeping changes that appear to have led to a steep drop in state-wide equine fatalities the past eight months --the other side of that story is a community still struggling to adapt to a drastically altered status quo.

“The reforms came at us fast and they came hard,” said Jeff Blea, a racetrack practitioner and past president of the American Association of Equine Practitioners. “It all happened essentially overnight.”

There’s also a rigid belief running through the California industry that events here are a litmus test for what will eventually unfold elsewhere.

“There was a bit of hesitation at first of my peers from other states being a bit dismissive of California,” said California Thoroughbred Trainers president Eoin Harty, who routinely travels to Florida to oversee his string at Tampa Bay Downs. “But the reality of what we’re doing is sinking in and is eventually going to be the reality of what they’re going to have to face in the future,” he added. “And probably not so distant future.”



Santa Anita's Clockers' Corner | Horsephotos

“You’re More Aware”

In terms of horse safety and welfare in California, the reforms “are working,” said California Horse Racing Board (CHRB) executive director Rick Baedeker, who will soon vacate the position. “Everybody knew that they would.”

Compared to the same point last year, there have been 11 fewer fatalities at Santa Anita since the start of the current meet. For context, the seven fatalities so far this year include one freak accident and what appears a sudden cardiac death. Digging down into the numbers, as of Feb. 20, this works out to a fatality rate of 1.78 runners per 1,000 starts--a figure still slightly higher than the national average of 1.68 per 1,000 starts, according to The Jockey Club’s [Equine Injury Database](#), but

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significantly down on the rate for the meet last year.

Of course, this winter has been decidedly less inclement than a year ago--a prime ingredient in events during the early portion of 2019. Nevertheless, these numbers fit what has been a broader years-long state-wide trend of **reduced fatality figures**. What’s more, since the start of July last year, the number of state-wide training fatalities is down 41% over the year prior, while racing fatalities are down 27% (with 10% fewer races), according to Baedeker. This equates to a state-wide fatality rate of 1.47 per 1,000 starts, said Baedeker--a number lower than the national average.

According to Sean McCarthy, who recently returned to the training ranks after a brief hiatus as an assistant, reforms like those made to the use of nonsteroidal anti-inflammatories--prohibiting their use within 48 hours of a work or race--and the added pre-race veterinary scrutiny have made the biggest positive impacts. Events over the past year have also had a preoccupying effect on his everyday training decisions, he added.

"You're more aware," McCarthy said. "You're certainly more conscientious of the little things. And when I say little things, I mean little things."

Nevertheless, the dust appears to be still settling on some of these reforms. Rick Arthur, [whose post](#) as California Horse Racing Board (CHRB) equine medical director is currently up for grabs, said that the panel of stewards and veterinarians which reviews entries can be improved and made more efficient.

"I think [trainers] deserve more credit than we've given them," he said.



Rick Arthur | *Horsephotos*

Several trainers also voiced frustration with the requirement to inform the Santa Anita racing office 48 hours before an intended workout--an impediment, they say, of needed flexibility in their everyday programs, and one that wasn't required at Del Mar last year.

"Trainers are under an extreme amount of scrutiny and pressure as it is," said Richard Baltas, who is currently leading the trainer's standings at the meet. "This is micromanaging."

But not all agree.

"I understand their frustration," said Blea. "There's an art to training, otherwise anybody could do it."

Nevertheless, he said that the pre-workout scrutiny has been one of the "most impactful changes" instituted over the past year.

"Now you add another set of eyes to the horse," Blea said. "There's nothing wrong with that."

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"Beacon of Change"

The flip-side of this coin are economic pressures exacerbated by the available products at tracks like Oaklawn Park, which boasts handsome purses driven by casino revenues coupled with what appears looser [regulatory scrutiny](#) of the horses training and racing. (Note: An Oaklawn Park spokesperson explained that trainers there work horses at their own discretion, but didn't provide before deadline a detailed outline of their broader welfare and safety protocols).

According to numbers provided by The Stronach Group (TSG), the horse inventory at Santa Anita is down between 300 and 400 horses from what is typical at this time of year. In terms of ripple effects, through the first 28 days of racing versus a comparable period last year, the track is down 13% in on-track handle, while all sources handle is down 15%, according to TSG. The average field size is 7.3, with turf (8.3) proving stronger than dirt (6.6).

Santa Anita isn't alone in feeling the pinch. Del Mar's overall handle last summer was down about 15% from the year prior (with 6.6% fewer races), said the track's CFO Mike Ernst. The average field size was also down from 8.7 in 2018 to 8.0 last year. However, both those indicators improved as the meet went on last summer. Indeed, for the track's last week, the average field size was 8.75. For Del Mar's fall meet, the average daily handle was up 10% over the year prior, said Ernst.

There is no linear narrative as to how the economic fallout has played out across the industry, while at the same time, many are quick to argue that certain factors contributing to the problems have long been in effect, like a shrinking foal crop nationwide, for example.



Mike McCarthy | Sarah Andrew

John Harris, one of the state's most prolific owner-breeders, said that while his business has remained steady, the state's smaller operators are the ones most likely to have been squeezed over the past 12 months.

"The average breeder has a difficult time of it anyway," he said.

According to Deedee Anderson, who runs an equine therapy business in SoCal, her list of clients has shrunk in recent months, and she has turned to Uber driving to supplement her income.

Yet, blacksmith Wes Champagne reckons his workload has increased by 25% over the last year--a result, he said, of trainers streamlining operations out of necessity, consolidating their businesses around their most essential employees.

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"You're only as good as your help," he said.

What's essential, said trainer Michael McCarthy, is a level playing field for all trainers across all states.

"I know The Stronach Group can't tell everyone what to do," he said. "But if they truly want to be a beacon of change, then these policies need to be implemented at all of their racetracks."

"Ultimate Vehicle"

According to Aidan Butler, TSG's chief strategy officer, regulatory loopholes are among the current impediments towards uniform safety protocols across all TSG tracks.

“The intent is to get this done as quickly as possible, but state by state it’s going to take a little work,” he said.

Nevertheless, uniform “transparency” across all the nation’s tracks would help Santa Anita’s cause, he added.

“That for me would help level the playing field,” he said. “Santa Anita believes in transparency, which sometimes is to our own detriment. Some tracks choose not to report anything, including into the Equine Injury Database. This leads to the false narrative that they are completely safe when in reality this couldn’t be further from the truth.”

Butler also said that some of the reforms at Santa Anita, like the 48-hour work notification rule, will be “looked at” for possible tweaks.

“Do I understand it’s a pain in the ass for people? Absolutely,” he said. “But there’s a lot to learn from this information. It’s really valuable.”

Ultimately, “Santa Anita is a big old ship that takes a lot of turning,” Butler said. “A lot of these reforms haven’t necessarily been good for the short-term business, but this is about the long-term responsibility for the sport. What do you want to be? Part of the solution or part of the problem?”

In the background are political headwinds that promise to blow with gusto this presidential election year. In January, state senator Bill Dodd introduced a “spot bill” with the loosely written objective of addressing “horse racing safety.” State senator Adam Gray is co-sponsor.

Earlier this month, state assembly member Ash Kalra introduced separate legislation--one that has the support of PETA--which is much more prescriptive. As currently written, the legislation would require that medications are dispensed at an on-site racetrack repository, among several broad changes.

Most recently, state assembly member Ed Chau introduced a bill which makes what appears vague requirements surrounding the state’s equine postmortem program.

The “ultimate vehicle” for any new state regulations will likely be the Dodd bill, said Greg Avioli, TOC president and CEO, who added that elements of the other two bills could be woven into it during the legislative process.

“More than likely these bills will not have hearings under the calendar, the way it works in Sacramento, until April,” said Avioli. “But I do expect it to move forward, and I think elements of the Kalra bill will overlap with what’s in the Gray-Dodd bill.”

Where to now?

Which begs the question: where does the road lead from here? According to Baedeker, the board under its latest chairman, Greg Ferraro, will work to tighten the medication and safety restrictions further.



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“It’s fairly simple when you hear him describe it,” Baedeker said. “We’re going to be hay, oats and water.”

In that respect, some, like Rick Arthur, said they believe that certain out-of-state trainers and owners who have historically advocated for a cleaner sport could do more to support an industry in California that has, in many ways, taken the bull by the horns.

“I’m really rather astounded that the [pro] no-medication horsemen, especially back East, haven’t sent horses out to California,” Arthur said. “You would have thought they would have supported California racing more than they have.”

To bolster recruitment, Del Mar is working with the TOC on several initiatives for this year, like further modifying its well-established Ship & Win program and possible purse increases, said Tom Robbins, the track’s executive vice president for racing.

“We recognize we need to get the horse population back to where we can once again support five days of racing a week,” he said.

Sunday, Santa Anita announced its latest Ship & Win initiatives.

“Let’s not forget about the economic engine of all of this, which is handicapping,” Butler said, referencing recent changes to the track’s betting products. “I’ve got to start letting all constituents within horse racing see the value of what we do. I’m certainly going to start beating the Santa Anita collective chest.”

Ultimately, those in positions of power will have to think “outside the box” as they continue to grapple with the ongoing headwinds from events last year, said Harty.

“Now is a seminal moment in the history of Santa Anita,” he said. “They’re going to have to reinvent themselves one way or another to entice people back here. That’s the crux of the issue.”

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SANTA ANITA SUNSHINE BONUS UNVEILED

The Sunshine Bonus, a program coordinated by Santa Anita and Thoroughbred Owners of California to attract out-of-state horses, will pay an additional 50% to the owners of horses who finish first through fifth, and have not raced in California during the previous 12 months. In addition to the 50% bonus, all eligible horses also will earn a guaranteed \$3,000 bonus for their first starts at the track. The Santa Anita Sunshine Bonus will begin in April and be in effective through the remainder of the current winter/spring meeting. First time starters and stakes races will not be eligible for the Santa Anita Sunshine Bonus.

“We’re pleased to be able to offer this very significant bonus program in partnership with the TOC,” said Steve Lym, Santa Anita Vice President, Racing and Racing Secretary. “We’re not only reaching out to California-based owners and trainers who may have relocated out of state, but we’re encouraging folks who may have not run here, to come and experience Santa Anita.”

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Romans as Confident as Ever in Dennis'

Moment (cont. from p1)

Like everyone else, Romans is throwing out the Breeders' Cup, but that doesn't lessen the sting from what happened that day at Santa Anita.

"The Breeders' Cup was the worst day that I've had in racing in, I don't know, maybe ever," he said. "I figured there was no way any of these horses can beat him. I thought everything was setting up right. He was training the best, I thought, of everybody out there. It might sound arrogant, but I just thought he was. Then to see him lose all chance at the gate. He stumbled so hard he went to his knees and was literally running on his knees. The still shots show it all. It's amazing that he even got up and kept running. That was a long walk back to the barn, and it's been a long period from then until now."



The wait is finally over and Romans will start to find out if his assessment of Dennis' Moment is correct when his colt makes his 3-year-old debut in Saturday's GII Fasig-Tipton Fountain of Youth S. at Gulfstream. With Dennis' Moment heading a field also expected to include **Structor** (Palace Malice), **Chance It** (Currency Swap) and **Shotski** (Blame), the race will be the strongest prep for the GI Kentucky Derby run so far this year.

"We gave him 38 days off and it was just to let him rest," Romans said. "It was hard not to stick to the original plan. My gut wanted me to wheel him back and show everybody how good he is, to show he should be the champion. But I didn't think that was the best thing for a 3-year-old year, so we stuck to our plan. We brought him down here and he's done super. Every day he's gotten a little bit better, a little bit stronger and [he] seems like he's getting ready for a peak performance next weekend."

The Breeders' Cup wasn't the only time everything went wrong for Dennis' Moment. In his first career start, he threw jockey Robby Albarado.

"It was some scary moment, standing there watching him run with the reins dangling, knowing he could put his leg through them," Romans said.

"Knowing he's probably one of the best horses I ever had and that he could step on his reins and go flipping head over heels. But he made it out of it."

Unscathed, he came back to break his maiden at Ellis Park by 19 1/4 lengths. Romans then sent him to the GIII Iroquois S. at Churchill and the result was an impressive win.

"I thought he ran a beautiful race in the Iroquois," Romans said. "[Irado Ortiz, Jr.] just took the lead, he looked up at the big board, he saw where he was, and then he started gearing him down."

Off those two performances, Dennis' Moment was made the 9-10 favorite in the Juvenile. It was not meant to be, but that race will be long forgotten if he wins the Kentucky Derby.

"I want him to come out [in the Fountain of Youth] and show that he's as good as I think he is," Romans said. "I think it's going to be a good day for him. I'm very confident in him. I think he's a superstar."

MAXIMUM SECURITY WILL MAKE HIS CASE FOR SUPERSTARDOM

The Week in Review, by Bill Finley

When **Maximum Security** (New Year's Day) touched down in Saudi Arabia last week, a new chapter began for the horse that had a star-crossed 2019. Saturday, he will face the stiffest challenge of his career in the inaugural running of the \$20-million Saudi Cup. It's a race that will answer a lot of questions, but don't be surprised if the end result is an emphatic win from last year's 3-year-old male champion.

While Maximum Security had a strong 3-year-old campaign, his year was remembered more for what didn't happen than what did. If only he had run a straighter course, he would have won the GI Kentucky Derby in decisive fashion.



Maximum Security | Sarah Andrew

If he had not been disqualified in the Derby, Maximum Security likely would have gone on to the GI Preakness S. That didn't happen, and neither did starts in the GI Travers S., the GI Pennsylvania Derby and the GI Breeders' Cup Classic. Something always seemed to be going wrong, including a bout with colic.

That's one of the reasons why he didn't get the acclaim that normally would have gone to a horse with that much talent. That and the fact he began his career in a \$16,000 maiden claimer and then ran in two starter allowances before winning the GI Xpressbet Florida Derby.

With all the setbacks, trainer Jason Servis was constantly regrouping. Things didn't really fall into place until October, but when they did, we got a snapshot of what his horse could do, starting with a win in the GIII Bold Ruler H. at Aqueduct.

"When he ran in the Bold Ruler, I really wasn't expecting that kind of race. I was a little taken aback," Servis told the *Thoroughbred News Service*. "I think even as good as he is, the light came on with me that day where I was like, 'Man, he went seven-eighths in [1:20] and change. I wasn't all that thrilled with him [going in]. He was in the one hole, the worst post, and he was still just like 'See you later, boys.'

"I was like, 'Daggone.' I got a little emotional after that and I think that's what did it. I got a lot of satisfaction at the end of the year with everything we had been through."

An even more significant win followed when Maximum Security dominated older horses in the GI Cigar Mile H. That was his most important victory on the year as it decided the 3-year-old championship.

It was a good way to finish off his year, but, for him, 2019 was still a year of 'what ifs.' Just how good is this horse? We never found out in 2019. Barring any more bouts with bad luck, this is the year we should.

"He's gotten a little tougher looking," Servis said. "I think anyone who saw him in Kentucky would see a difference in him now. He's gotten older and more seasoned, and I think a trained eye would see that."

He may need to be tougher Saturday. The Saudi Cup field will be the best Maximum Security has faced. **Midnight Bisou** (Midnight Lute) is arguably the best older filly or mare in training. **Mucho Gusto** (Mucho Macho Man), the winner of the GI Pegasus World Cup Invitational, appears poised to have a huge year. **McKinzie** (Street Sense) may not win all the time, but he has been right there throughout his career while facing the best around. **Tacitus** (Tapit) looks ready to live up to his potential.

"They're telling me he's going to be one of the favorites, but I'm not going over there feeling like I'm the horse to beat or anything," Servis said. "There are some good horses in there, some damn good trainers and it's a lot of money.

That's what the owners want to do. But I'm not going over there feeling like I'm the horse to beat. I'm doing my thing and we'll see how it goes."

The field is so deep that Maximum Security will have to come with his very best, and, who knows, even that may not be good enough. But there are plenty of reasons to believe that not only will he win the Saudi Cup, but that it will be the first of many important, rich victories in 2020 for a horse that never quite got untracked in 2019. The possibilities could not be more exciting.

Irada Ortiz, Jr. Has No Equal

Irada Ortiz, Jr. is doing what isn't supposed to be done.

The "Championship Meet" at Gulfstream brings together the best group of riders anywhere in racing during the winter. The colony is so strong that no one should be able to dominate, but that's precisely what Ortiz has done. He had five wins on Friday's card and, through Saturday, led the runner-up in the standings, Luis Saez, by a 99-79 margin. He has the uncanny ability to get the best out of virtually every horse he's on and the bettors are pounding everything he rides.

Keep in mind, Ortiz is only 27 and didn't start riding until 2011, when he won just 70 races on just 11% of his mounts.



Irada Ortiz | Ryan Thompson

"Irada continues to improve in all areas of his riding and preparation, which is no surprise to me," said trainer Chad Brown. "It's in his makeup to always strive to be the best."

Any jockey can go cold at any time and the risk of injuries is always a factor. As top jockeys get older, they also tend to become less hungry, preferring to focus primarily on stakes horses.

But, so far, none of these factors have come into play with Ortiz, whose five winners Friday all came aboard claimers. He's also starting to make inroads into the Todd Pletcher barn. Ortiz was aboard the well-regarded Pletcher first-time starter **Liam's Point** (Liam's Map), the winner of Saturday's third race at Gulfstream.

It looks like he's on his way to becoming a younger version of Jerry Bailey or even better. Bailey won seven Eclipse Awards between 1995 and 2003, an eight-year run when he had no equal among the sport's leading riders.

A Crowded Winner's Circle for Charlatan

It's too early to tell how good **Charlatan** (Speightstown), the much-hyped maiden winner unveiled by Bob Baffert last week, will be. But he may have already set a record for most owners of a single horse. His listed owners are SF Racing LLC, Starlight Racing, Madaket Stables LLC, Stonestreet Stables LLC, Fred Hertrich, John Fielding and Golconda Stables. And the Starlight partnership no doubt includes numerous individuals.

This group has been heard from before. Minus Stonestreet, the same bunch is the owner of **Eight Rings** (Empire Maker) Welcome to the new normal in racing.



Charlatan | Benoit

A Serious Derby Candidate From Japan?

The foreign routes to the Kentucky Derby haven't produced much of anything to get excited about over the years, but that may change this year as **Cafe Pharoah** (American Pharoah) could not have been more impressive when winning Japan's Hyacinth S. Sunday in Tokyo.

A \$475,000 purchase at the OBS March 2-Year-Olds In Training Sale, Cafe Pharoah won his debut by 10 lengths before appearing in Sunday's race, which was the third of four races that make up the Japanese route to the Derby. He hesitated at the start and found himself about 20 lengths behind the leader before he began to hit his stride under jockey Mirco Demuro. Demuro was forced to circle horses on the turn in the 1,600-meter race, which meant a six-wide trip. Once clear, he shot past the leaders and was much the best. With 30 points, he leads all Japanese contenders for the Derby. The Japanese Road concludes with the March 28 Fukuryu S., where the winner can earn 40 points.

With many of the horses that have found success from American Pharoah's first crop being better suited for the grass, Cafe Pharoah could give his Triple Crown-winning sire his best shot at producing a Kentucky Derby winner.

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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.



Ken Wilkins | Adena Springs photo

Ken Wilkins, Adena Stallions

I have read with interest the discussion that *TDN* has facilitated regarding the struggle to fill third-year sires' books as well as those of proven but moderately priced horses. As a lifer who has spent more than 20 years in the stallion arena and may have lived through as many third years on new stallions as any, here is my two cents worth...

Stallion stations follow a predictable pattern. They put a horse on the shelf that is appealing to as many breeders as possible. Stallion selections are based on the basics: performance, pedigree, physical and perceived value (price).

In the current era, most first-year horses can get by with ticking some, but not all these boxes; if they fall short in any one area, it will come back to haunt us in later years.

You can't go back and fix what they are lacking in year three. Farms can show proper support through advertising and support at the sale--either by selling nice foals or buying nice foals. My experience is that if your horse is at the correct price point (according to the market) in the initial offering and has a good physical and reproduces that, they will sell well enough as foals to carry through the third year with decent numbers.

It is also important to have partners or shareholders that are active in the commercial market to help promote the horse through their efforts along the way. This all helps set the stage for the next step in a stallion's career--can its progeny race?

Getting them into good hands is vital.

There is really nothing really new to add here; it boils down to the same old formula--cut the price and/or risk. You are just trying to convince breeders to breed that year when all they can see is the acceptance in the market of the first foals by that sire. The breeders are now also aware of a recent trend by some stallion stations to dump stallions to another state or country before third crop foals go to the market as yearlings.

We can repackage and rebrand old ideas, but it is all the same old, same old. Do any of these ideas sound familiar? Half price, multi-mare discounts, discounts for stakes mares/stakes producers, complimentary seasons, stud fees payable out of proceeds, stud fees paid out of race earnings, comps with splitting state awards, Lifetime Breeding Right programs, Breed Secure Programs, Profit Protection Programs, stud fee forgive clauses, repeat customer discounts, the practice of strongly suggesting the breeder use a third-year stallion in order to acquire a season to a new or popular stallion, earn in-house credit points or frequent flyer miles--whatever. These have all been used and are all probably available at the time of this writing.

I will stop here and contend that this issue is not a solvable problem with these techniques. The third-year blues are merely a symptom to a central cause. Relieving the symptom does not cure the disease.

The more I thought about it, the more it led to thinking about the underlying issue.

We are asking the wrong question.

Our breeders are nearly all commercially based. We are farmers that take a product to market to sell. The problem we are discussing is caused because there are not enough buyers for the products. It is a buyers' market and has been for a long time; they can pick through and buy what they think are the best and leave the rest. This is evident at every auction--no buyers for a certain percentage of the offerings, regardless of their sire. It is not because the product is no good. We produce, sell and raise many of the best Thoroughbreds in the world here in Kentucky. It makes little sense that a stallion will draw the attention of 300-plus mares in the first two years and then be viewed so differently in year three--except in the commercial context of not appealing to the limited amount of buyers. Correct this if it's wrong, but in a stallion's third year, aren't his foals still all undefeated? Could we not compile a long list of commercial darlings that failed miserably once the first crop got to the track?

Even the redistribution theory behind the proposed Stallion Book Limits will have minimal impact. The fear is that the book limits will cause unintended consequences to arise that we are not smart enough to anticipate. Will it spike the value and stud fees of the most popular stallions each year? If so, how will that impact the next tier stallion values? It feels wrong to have this mandated and not be voluntary, but we really do not have a stellar track record of self-regulation. This is a whole topic unto itself--didn't mean to chase a rabbit here--but in reality it is still treating a symptom and not the cause.

The challenge is to identify and solve the real problem--we do not have enough people that want to own racehorses. More owners will create more demand for our breeding product, period. Conversely, less demand will exacerbate all our problems. It has already impacted us and we are experiencing a slow and sure gradual shrinking of our business.

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This year there will be approximately 20,000 foals. When I began my career, that number was 50,000.

If reducing our product has not worked, perhaps we need to work on the other side of the equation and try to increase demand. For many of us, this is our livelihood and our life. It is that important.

We need to determine what motivates ownership and eliminate anything that deters ownership.

This is the question we should discuss. How do we increase racehorse ownership?

Here is a kickstart to the discussion with a partial list of the hot topics of our day with the above question in mind;

Drugs: can this be resolved in a way that is appealing to both current and potential new owners? I get all sides of this issue, but we need to come at it with a different perspective. For example, do trainers want more drugs or more horses to train? At the end of the day, most people will agree they want a level playing field and a fair set of standard rules, with real consequences that will stop abuses.

Whips: will our policy help towards our goal of enticing new owners? This topic has been beat to death.

Racing Czar/Commissioner (self-appointed or federally policed): seems like this will happen whether we want it or not. Will the end result help with enticing new owners and retain current owners?

Track surfaces: do we need owners to have confidence in the safety of their horses?

Aftercare: this might be the issue of our day. Many efforts have been made to care for our retired horses, but much more needs to be done. It should be an easy task to demonstrate to outsiders how much we care about our horses. Can we come up with a sustainable way to achieve this lofty goal? This should be a selling point for new owners, not a negative.

VIP status for owners: tracks do a really great job of taking care of owners. It should be obvious that it is at the top of their priorities, second only to the horses. Owners should experience a winning atmosphere while racing, even on days when their horses don't win.

Licensing Procedure: anyone try to secure a racing license in different states lately? Not fun, especially for new owners. Not fun at all.

It goes on and on...you probably have your own pet issue that you could add to this list: takeout percentages, new wagering products, purse increases, free data, fan appreciation, free parking, free programs, free hot dogs, all you can eat burgoo (come on Keeneland! Burgoo Wednesdays?), slots (we should study successes and failures), racing partnerships (this one could have profound impact!).

Many of these issues have long divided us into many different camps and that is understandable. Can we rise above our disagreements and tackle the central problem? Can we focus our efforts to that end? What can each of us do to achieve the outcome of increasing ownership? Let us start with asking the right question. How can we increase demand for our product? Look forward to comments and solutions.

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CAFE PHAROAH LAST TO FIRST IN HYACINTH

by Alan Carasso



Cafe Pharoah | *Horsephotos*

Making his first start since a towering 10-length graduation over nine furlongs on his Dec. 14 debut at Nakayama, **Cafe Pharoah** (American Pharoah), one of six winners from seven Japanese runners for his Triple Crown-winning stallion, bombed the start of Sunday's Listed Hyacinth S. at Tokyo, but gradually worked his way into contention and sprinted hard in the final furlong to score by 1 1/4 lengths. He is the sixth first-crop stakes winner for American Pharoah.

Favored at just over even money, the \$475,000 OBS March acquisition by Emmanuel de Seroux's Narvick International was very slow into stride and was six lengths detached from the rest of the field early on, but was allowed to find his feet and had tacked on passing the 1000-meter pole. Traveling in hand, but forced to cover ground on the turn, Cafe Pharoah was perhaps as many as seven paths off the inside, but nevertheless had drawn to within three lengths at the quarter pole. Ridden hands and heels into the final eighth of a mile, he never felt Mirco Demuro's crop and prevailed with something in reserve.

The victory was worth 30 points on the Japan Road to the Kentucky Derby, which concludes with the Fukuryu S. (allowance) over 1800 meters at Nakayama Mar. 28.

Cafe Pharoah is bred on the same cross responsible for GII Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf Sprint winner Four Wheel Drive. Mary's Follies won the 2009 GIII Boiling Springs S. for trainer John Forbes and a partnership including Phantom House Farm, James Dinan and BDL Stables and was subsequently acquired by Paul Pompa. She went on to add that year's GII Mrs. Revere S. Already the dam of two graded winners, including **'TDN Rising Star'** Regal Glory, Mary's Follies is represented by a yearling Candy Ride (Arg) colt and was most recently covered by Pompa's GI Cigar Mile H. hero Connect (Curlin).

Sunday, Tokyo, Japan

HYACINTH S.-Listed, ¥36,400,000 (\$328,357), Tokyo, 2-23, 3yo, 1600m, 1:37.7, ft.

1--**CAFE PHAROAH, 123, c, 3, by American Pharoah**

**1st Dam: Mary's Follies (MGSW, \$338,889),
by More Than Ready**

2nd Dam: Catch the Queen, by Miswaki

3rd Dam: Wave to the Queen, by Wavering Monarch

1ST STAKES WIN. (\$475,000 2yo '19 OBSMAR). O-Koichi Nishikawa; B-Paul Pompa Jr (KY); T-Noriyuki Hori; J-Mirco Demuro; ¥19,308,000. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, ¥26,308,000. *1/2 to Night Prowler (Giant's Causeway), MGSW, \$475,682; and Regal Glory (Animal Kingdom), **'TDN Rising Star'**, MGSW, \$435,084.

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2--**Tagano Beauty (Jpn)**, 123, c, 3, Henny Hughes--Special Dinner, by Special Week (Jpn). O-Ryoji Yagi. ¥7,688,000.

3--**Yaugau (Jpn)**, 123, c, 3, Gold Allure (Jpn)--Testico, by Tiznow. (¥31,000,000 Ylg '18 JRHAJUL). O-G Riviere Racing Co Ltd. ¥4,844,000.

Margins: 1 1/4, 2HF, HF. Odds: 1.10, 2.10, 5.00.

Also Ran: Longonot (Jpn), Herrschaft, Meisho Tensui (Jpn), Ultramarine (Jpn), Taisei Policy (Jpn), Damiei Corrida (Jpn), Reine Blanche (Jpn), Jet Max, Morino Break (Jpn), Nile River, Chimera Verite (Jpn). **VIDEO**

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HENRY MORENO PASSES AWAY

Longtime California trainer Henry Moreno passed away Sunday at The Kensington care facility in Sierra Madre following a lengthy battle with dementia. He was 90.

Moreno, who was born in Corona, grew up on his father's Quarter Horse ranch and began as a Quarter Horse trainer before switching to Thoroughbreds in the early 1960s.

Moreno conditioned Chilean import Tizna (Chi), who won the 1974 and 1974 renewals of the GI Santa Margarita Invitational H., as well as the 1975 GI Ladies H.

He saddled Re Toss (Arg) to upset Eclipse Award winner Paseana in the 1993 GI Vanity H., 28 years after he won the race the first of three times. Moreno also trained 1983 GI Matriach H. winner Sanguie (Ire).



Henry Moreno | *Benoit*

Moreno, who saw combat while serving seven months in the Army during the Korean War, also developed Sam Who into a top sprinter after bringing him back from near death in 1989. Sam Who won the 1989 GIII Los Angeles S. and set the Hollywood Park record of 1:08 for six furlongs.

"There was none like Henry before or none like him after," said Lance Hellum, Moreno's assistant for four years until his retirement from training in 2016. "I'm in tears. He came to rescue me when I was in trouble. He was like a father to me."

Of Moreno's unyielding generosity, one trainer said, "He probably loaned more money to more people at the racetrack and never got it back."

"Henry was a staple of California racing," said fellow trainer John Sadler. "He was one of the men who built our game."

Bob Moreno, a long-time racing official in Southern California, said of his uncle, "Nobody loved racing at Santa Anita more than Henry, believe me."

Services are pending.

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HELLO
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WHAT'S IN A NAME?

6th-Turfway, \$34,100, 2-21, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m (AWT), 1:43.33, ft.

SOMELIKEITHOTBROWN (c, 4, Big Brown--Marilyn Monroan, by Tapit) Lifetime Record: GSW & GISP, 10-4-2-1, \$427,738. O-Skychai Racing LLC & Sand Dollar Stable LLC; B-Hot Pink Stables & Sand Dollar Stables (NY); T-Michael J. Maker.

The Turfway winner SOMELIKEITHOTBROWN leaves behind a trail of ingenious clues leading to the never-forgotten diva Marilyn Monroe. His dam is MARILYN MONROAN, whose color is, you guessed it, roan. MARILYN MONROAN's first foal was the 2015 colt MR PRESIDENT, a reference to the birthday song memorably sung by Ms. Monroe to JFK on May 19, 1962 at Madison Square Garden. The name of our winner combines the name of his sire BIG BROWN with the title of Marilyn Monroe's most successful movie--*"Some Like it Hot"* (1959), a wild, wild comedy that brought out the best in Jack Lemmon, Tony Curtis, and, yes, the divine Marilyn Monroe.

Adding to the smorgasbord of significance in this name is the "Hot Brown" very Kentuckian connection, after the open-faced sandwich originally created at the Brown Hotel in Louisville, Kentucky, now famous worldwide.

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

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Baja Sur | Wayne Nagai

Other state-bred champions honored Saturday were: **Grinder Sparksaglo** (Grindstone), champion older horse; **No Talking Back** (Flatter), champion older mare; **Alittlelesstalk** (Demon Warlock), champion 3-year-old filly; **Unmachable** (Macho Uno), champion 2-year-old; and **Windy Point** (Coast Guard), champion 2-year-old filly. Atta Boy Roy was named the state's leading sire and Trainingat the Bar was named broodmare of the year.

Nina and Ron Hagen of El Dorado Farms were the leading breeders, based on 2019 Washington-bred earnings of \$330,964, and John and Janene Maryanski of Country Lane Farm and Gerald and Gail Schneider of Riverbend Stable were leading breeders, based on 2019 Washington-bred earnings of \$128,312.

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BAJA SUR NAMED WA HORSE OF THE YEAR

John and Janene Maryanski and Gerald and Gail Schneider's multiple stakes winner **Baja Sur** (Smiling Tiger) was named horse of the year, champion sprinter and champion 3-year-old at the 2019 Washington Annual Awards Dinner and Horsemen Stimulus Auctions held at Emerald Downs Saturday. Bred by the late John Roche and trained by Blaine Wright, the gelding won three stakes in 2019 and added his year-end honors to his 2018 Washington-bred juvenile championship title.

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MINE THAT BIRD DERBY, \$100,000, Sunland, 2-23, 3yo,

1 1/16m, 1:44.23, ft.

1--**SIR RICK**, 121, c, 3, by **Paynter**

1st Dam: Quiet Inferno, by Quiet American

2nd Dam: Launch a Double, by Bright Launch

3rd Dam: Double's Lass, by Mr. Leader

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. O/B-Richard L. Davis (KY); T-Robertino Diodoro; J-Francisco Arrieta. \$62,000. Lifetime Record: 6-4-0-1, \$126,012.

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2--**Top Draw**, 121, c, 3, **Into Mischief**--Silverest, by Congrats. (\$300,000 Ylg '18 FTKJUL; \$31,000 2yo '19 KEENOV). O-Judge Lanier Racing; B-Henley Farms & Jeff, Teresa & Marilyn Little (KY); T-Miguel L. Hernandez. \$22,000.

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3--**Stackin Silver**, 121, c, 3, **Union Rags**--Silver Payday, by Fusaichi Pegasus. (\$185,000 RNA Ylg '18 KEESEP; \$95,000 RNA 2yo '19 OBSMAR; \$75,000 2yo '19 FTSANA). O-Slam Dunk Racing, Jerry McClanahan & Michael Nentwig; B-Rodrigo Cunha (KY); T-Richard Baltas. \$10,000.

Margins: 4, 3 1/4, 3 1/4. Odds: 1.70, 7.20, 1.80.

Also Ran: Tappin Fora Dance, Jungle Runner. Scratched: Exalted.

Sir Rick, a second-out graduate in the Louisiana Downs slop Aug. 20, repeated in a Delta allowance Oct. 17 before running third in the Jean Lafitte S. there Nov. 23. Going wire to wire in a Sam Houston optional claimer Jan. 18 in his last start for trainer Steve Asmussen, he was made the narrow favorite returning to stakes company for a new barn here and broke best of the quintet. Sparring through tepid splits of :24.26 and :48.25, the homebred started to edge away from pace companion Top Draw past three quarters in 1:13.15 and opened clear into the lane en route to a convincing victory. Top Draw held well for the place, ahead of fractional second choice Stackin Silver. The winner has a juvenile Sky Mesa half-sister named Blazing Sky and a yearling half-sister by Kantharos. His dam was paired with Liam's Map last season. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**



Sir Rick | Coady

MADDIE MAY S., \$99,400, Aqueduct, 2-23, (S), 3yo, f, 1m, 1:39.70, ft.

1--**ICE PRINCESS**, 120, f, 3, by **Palace Malice**

1st Dam: Happy Clapper (MSP, \$221,664),

by Awesome Again

2nd Dam: Phil's Pill, by Cozzene

3rd Dam: Lazy One, by Drone

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. (\$75,000 Ylg '18 SARAUG). O-Flying P Stable, R. A. Hill Stable & Corms Racing Stable; B-Mina Equivest LLC (NY); T-Danny Gargan; J-Manuel Franco. \$55,000. Lifetime Record: 4-3-0-0, \$148,300. *Fourth SW for second-crop sire (by Curlin).

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2--**Courageous Girl**, 118, f, 3, Bourbon Courage--Focus Curiosity, by Holy Bull. O/B-Brady Horse Racing LLC & RUSBA V Stables, LLC (NY); T-David G. Donk. \$21,500.

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3--**Myawaya**, 118, f, 3, **Wicked Strong**--Gracilia, by Mr. Greeley. (\$45,000 Ylg '18 FTKOCT). O-Lianna Stables, Inc.; B-Anlyn Farms (NY); T-Todd A. Pletcher. \$12,600.

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Margins: 2HF, 5 3/4, 1. Odds: 0.45, 34.75, 4.90.

Also Ran: Holmdel Park, Nicky Scissors.

She had some anxious moments looking for racing room, but Ice Princess came through as a heavy favorite in Sunday's state-bred Maddie May S. at Aqueduct to become the fourth stakes winner for her first-crop sire (by Curlin). **Cont. p2**

Airing by 12 lengths in a New York-bred Belmont off-the-turfer on debut Sept. 6, the gray split the field when running on decently for fourth in the GI Frizette S. there a month later before scoring a last-to-first success in a track-and-trip Empire-bred allowance Jan. 20. Backed down to odds-on against four rivals here, Ice Princess was off last and sat fourth in the pocket behind a :23.45 quarter. Hard held by Manny Franco past a :47.15 half, she was boxed in for much of the far turn run before bulling her way into the three path nearing the lane. Drawing alongside longshot pace player Courageous Girl three sixteenths from home, the favorite idled and shifted about a bit, but leveled off in the final 70 yards to triumph. Courageous Girl was clearly second best.

“I was the favorite, so they weren't going to let me do it easily. I had horse the whole way. I felt that as soon as I got out and I asked my filly, she was going to respond the best,” said Franco. “She still is a little green. When she made the lead, she kind of pulled up a little bit. Once you start working on her, she gets going. The more distance, the better for her. She's got the right body for it.”

The victress has a juvenile half-brother by Exaggerator and a yearling Connect half-sister. Her dam visited Kantharos last spring. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

ISLAND FASHION S., \$75,000, Sunland, 2-23, 3yo, f, 1m, 1:39.00, ft.

1--**SHANGHAI KEELY, 120, f, 3, by Shanghai Bobby**

1st Dam: Silentlea (GSW, \$103,753), by Cherokee Run

2nd Dam: Lea Carter, by Dr. Carter

3rd Dam: Duralea, by Mr. Leader

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. (\$40,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP; \$55,000 RNA 2yo '19 OBSMAR). O-Stable H. M. A.; B-Michael Wood (KY); T-Justin R. Evans; J-Jimmy Ray Coates. \$45,000. Lifetime Record: 7-2-0-1, \$85,380. *1/2 to Blue Mountain Cat (Discreet Cat), SW, \$178,368; and Tap Softly (Tapit), MSP, \$207,696.

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2--**Brave Cinderella, 120, f, 3, Brave Cat--Cinderella Liberty, by Liberty Gold.** (\$1,400 Ylg '18 NCAAUG). O-Stable H. M. A.; B-George F & Clare Schmitt (CA); T-Justin R. Evans. \$15,000.

3--**Dynasty of Her Own, 121, f, 3, Shanghai Bobby--Lady Dynasty, by Richter Scale.** (\$95,000 RNA Ylg '18 KEESEP). O-Tommy Town Thoroughbreds LLC; B-Richard S. Kaster (KY); T-Jonathan Wong. \$7,500.

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Margins: 3/4, 5 3/4, 3. Odds: 5.30, 27.80, 0.80.

Also Ran: Tacocat, Showmethemagic, Luck Be Mine, Caribbean Sea. Cont. p3



Ice Princess | Elsa Lorieul

Island Fashion S. cont.

Shanghai Keely, a blowout debut winner last summer at Pleasanton, was then fourth in the GII Sorrento S. at Del Mar and third in the Golden Gate Debutante S. two starts later. Fourth in a pair of optional claimers, she was haltered for \$40,000 from trainer Ari Herbertson out of the latter try Feb. 8 by the bay and made the third choice dipping right back into stakes waters here. Hung wide on the entirety of the clubhouse turn, the dark bay posted up in a four-horse second flight as Luck Be Mine (Lookin At Lucky) took it to odds-on Dynasty of Her Own through a :23.55 quarter. Drawing closer past a :46.84 half while having to cover all the ground on the far bend as well, she edged past the tiring favorite at the top of the lane and dug in gamely through the final furlong to turn back longshot Brave Cinderella.

The victress has a juvenile half-brother by Midshipman and a yearling Mohaymen half-brother. Her half-sister, MSP Tap Softly, is the dam of last week's GIII Southwest S. hero and GI Kentucky Derby contender Silver Prospector (Declaration of War). **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

**IN ORDER OF PURSE:**

8th-Oaklawn, \$86,000, Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$80,000), 2-23, 3yo, 6f, 1:10.07, ft.

LYKAN (c, 3, [Congrats--Up to Speed, by Papa Clem](#)), a rank outsider at 20-1, ran down New York invader Tuggle (Point of Entry) by a head late to defeat that foe and several other well regarded sophomores. He broke through at fifth asking when switching from synthetic to dirt at Keeneland in October, and was third and fourth respectively in Churchill optional claimers Nov. 9 and Nov. 30. The OBS June bargain buy was cutting back off a seventh-place run in the Jan. 24 Smarty Jones S. here going a mile. Lykan was pushed along early to chase the pace in fourth as Tuggle dueled with '**TDN Rising Star**' Ancient Warrior (Constitution) and another foe. Forced to wait for clear sailing in upper stretch, he exploded once free to go and get the game Tuggle. Favored Echo Town (Speightstown), also a '**Rising Star**', ran in spots and completed the trifecta. Ancient Warrior faded to sixth. The winner, who breezed in :10 2/5 last June, has a 2-year-old half-sister by Street Boss and a yearling half-sister by

Rule by Night. His dam, a daughter of GSW juvenile Speed Dialer (Phone Trick), most recently visited Sky Mesa. Sales history: \$6,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP; \$15,000 2yo '19 OBSOPN. Lifetime Record: 9-2-0-3, \$111,525. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Muddy Waters Stables, LLC & Ingrid Mason; B-Richard Holder (KY); T-Ingrid Mason.



Lykan (outside) edges Tuggle | Coady Photo

**IN ORDER OF PURSE:**

9th-Santa Anita, \$56,500, Msw, 2-22, 3yo, 5 1/2fT, 1:03.74, fm. **K P INDY (c, 3, [Competitive Edge--Reina Diamante, by Pulpit](#))** finished second behind MSW Encoder (English Channel) at Del Mar in August, but was seventh when stretched to a mile there Sept. 1 and then a late-on-the-scene fourth when cutting back here Oct. 5. Showing increased speed to chase the pace here, the 12-5 shot pounced on the pacesetter at the head of the lane and held off Much More Halo (More Than Ready) by a game head late. The winner has a yearling half-brother by Astern (Aus) and his dam, a daughter of GSW Bridge Game (Giant's Causeway), was bred back to Cloud Computing. Sales history: \$40,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP; \$170,000 2yo '19 OBSMAR. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-0, \$48,551. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Karl Pergola; B-Steven & Brandi Nicholson (KY); T-Jeff Mullins.

5th-Turfway, \$45,906, Msw, 2-22, 3yo, f, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:18.63, ft.

MYEERAH (f, 3, Constitution--Sacred Forest, by Forestry) had been alternating between Turfway and Keeneland for her morning preparations, and was let go at 7-1 for this first go. Working her way through horses and into third hitting the turn, the bay asserted while four or five wide hitting the stretch. She shifted in while switching leads, but quickly righted the ship and found just enough to hold off Honorable Memory (Honor Code) by 3/4 of a length. The winner has a 2-year-old half-brother by California Chrome and a yearling half-brother by Midnight Storm. His dam, a half to GISW Sinister Minister (Old Trieste), was bred back to Mineshaft. Sales history: \$50,000 Wlg '17 KEENOV; \$30,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$27,600. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Fortune Racing LLC; B-Jeff, Teresa & Marilyn Little (KY); T-Philip A. Sims.

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 **THOROSTRIDE**—featured horse

1st-Gulfstream, \$43,000, Msw, 2-23, 3yo, f, 1mT, 1:37.49, fm. DUCHESS OF SUSSEX (f, 3, Palace Malice--Southern Belle, by Dixie Union) was third over the Tampa turf on debut Dec. 14, and went one better here Jan. 19. Dismissed at 7-1 off a 7-2 morning line while drawn in the far outside post, the chestnut broke a bit outwardly but quickly recovered to save some ground around the first bend and press from second. She avoided a traffic pile-up in behind her caused by an overly eager rival, and rated kindly through splits of :24.25 and :48.73 set by La Babia (Bayern). Duchess of Sussex took over narrowly from the pacesetter heading for home, and braced for a challenge from favorite Cat Lady (Kitten's Joy). La Babia fought back at the fence, and Cat Lady soon joined them over the top, but Duchess of Sussex dug in gamely in between to hold off the chalk by a half-length. La Babia was a clear-cut third. The winner has a 2-year-old half-sister by Dialed In. Her dam, who hails from the extended female family of GSWs Pleasant Prince, Mark One, Rookie Sensation, Holy Helena, Holy Boss, et al, was bred back to Palace Malice for 2020. Sales history: \$275,000 Ylg '18 FTKJUL. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-1, \$36,400. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

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6th-Gulfstream, \$43,000, Msw, 2-23, 3yo, f, 1mT, 1:35.24, fm. LINNY KATE (f, 3, Tonalist--Quintile, by Langfuhr) sported a steady, unassuming worktab at Palm Meadows in preparation for this, and the :10 2/5 OBSMAR breeder was given a 3-1 chance while facing a well-credentialed bunch. Tucking in as much as she could into a midpack spot around the first bend, the bay traveled in and among rivals behind a solid pace. She snuck through at the fence around the home bend, and was guided out wide for the stretch run. In receipt of frequent reminders from Irad Ortiz, Jr., she leveled off powerfully late to run down Mimina's Team (Uncle Mo) and don cap and gown by 3/4 of a length. The winner has a 2-year-old half-brother by Twirling Candy who was a \$210,000 KEESEP yearling. Her dam, who was bred back to Accelerate for 2020, is a half to MGSW turfer Solvig (Caerleon) and from the family of Grade I winners Plugged Nickle, Christicat, et al. Sales history: \$120,000 Ylg '18 KEEJAN; \$195,000 RNA Ylg '18 KEESEP; \$200,000 2yo '19 OBSMAR. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$25,800. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Pick Five Racing, LLC; B-Nursery Place, Donaldson & Broadbent (KY); T-Chad C. Brown.

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Ice Princess (Palace Malice) becomes sire's fourth stakes winner at the Big A.

7th-Gulfstream, \$43,000, Msw, 2-23, 3yo, f, 6 1/2f, 1:17.44, ft.
FINDING FAME (f, 3, Empire Maker--Lochinvar's Gold, by Seeking the Gold) flashed ability in a steady Payson Park worktab, highlighted by a best-of-50 four-furlong breeze from the gate in :48 4/5 Feb. 3, and took some nibbles to be 71-10 in this career bow. Hustled from the gate, the \$425,000 Keeneland September graduate sat in a distant fifth behind a contested :22.05 quarter and started to inch closer past a :45.26 half. Tipping six wide turning for home, the bay struck the front approaching the furlong grounds and kicked clear before holding sway from slow-starting firster Primacy (Union Rags) to score by three-quarters of a length. The victress is a full-sister to Mei Ling, MSW & MGSP, \$522,383. Her dam foaled a colt by Uncle Mo last spring before returning to Empire Maker. Sales History: \$425,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$25,800.

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O-Gainesway Stable (Antony Beck) & Andrew Rosen; B-Larry D. Williams (KY); T-Claude R. McGaughey III.

NBS SUCCESS
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5th-Golden Gate Fields, \$32,280, Msw, 2-23, 3yo, 5 1/2f (AWT), 1:03.62, ft.

PISTON (c, 3, Istan--Goldilock's Bear, by Irish Tower), a full-brother to Mr. Bowling, GSW, \$421,113, prepped for this with a :47 3/5 (1/66) local bullet Feb. 16, and was bet to 2-1 favoritism for a very high-percentage debut barn. Not off particularly quickly, he moved up through horses into a midpack spot entering the turn. Scraping pain while awaiting a seam heading

for home, he snuck right inside the pacesetter in upper stretch and was not for catching as he ran up the score to four lengths from Eustace (Ministers Wild Cat). Sales history: \$25,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$18,000. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Custom Truck Accessories, Jason Hall, Brent Rosenkrance & Rob Smolich; B-Brereton C. Jones (KY); T-Jamey R. Thomas.

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SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: MONDAY, FEB. 24

Bayern (Offlee Wild), Hill 'n' Dale Farms, \$15,000

157 foals of racing age/29 winners/0 black-type winners
 8-Fair Grounds, Aoc 5 1/2ft, BAYERLY SEEN, 7-2
 \$25,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$65,000 RNA OBS APR 2yo

Carpe Diem (Giant's Causeway), WinStar Farm, \$15,000

231 foals of racing age/23 winners/2 black-type winners
 8-Fair Grounds, Aoc 5 1/2ft, HAILEY'S DAY, 20-1
 \$37,000 RNA KEE NOV wnl

Daredevil (More Than Ready), Turkish Jockey Club, private

158 foals of racing age/16 winners/1 black-type winner
 8-Fair Grounds, Aoc 5 1/2ft, SHI O'SHI, 6-1
 \$105,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$50,000 FTK OCT yrl

Imagining (Giant's Causeway), Anchor & Hope Farm, \$7,500

98 foals of racing age/6 winners/1 black-type winner
 2-Mahoning Valley, Msw 6f, MONTANA GUY, 4-1

Palace Malice (Curlin), Three Chimneys Farm, \$25,000

211 foals of racing age/26 winners/4 black-type winners
 8-Fair Grounds, Aoc 5 1/2ft, MAGA SUITE, 12-1
 \$75,000 RNA KEE NOV wnl; \$22,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; \$220,000 RNA KEE APR 2yo

Race Day (Tapit), Spendthrift Farm, \$7,500

145 foals of racing age/20 winners/4 black-type winners
 8-Fair Grounds, Aoc 5 1/2ft, JOSIE, 9-2
 \$80,000 FTK JUL yrl; \$170,000 OBS MAR 2yo

Summer Front (War Front), Airdrie Stud, \$10,000

181 foals of racing age/21 winners/2 black-type winners
 8-Fair Grounds, Aoc 5 1/2ft, SUMMERS HOPE, 5-1
 \$40,000 KEE SEP yrl

Tapiture (Tapit), Darby Dan Farm, \$7,500
 246 foals of racing age/34 winners/3 black-type winners
 2-Mahoning Valley, Msw 6f, GUCCISSIMO, 8-1
 \$3,500 KEE SEP yrl; \$9,000 RNA OBS MAR 2yo; \$6,000 OBS OPN
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Mozu Ascot, h, 6, **Frankel (GB)**. See "TDN Europe Worldwide".

IN ITALY:
Big Riot, g, 5, **Flatter**--Ms. Lydonia (MSW & GSP, \$326,937), by Labeeb (GB). Treviso, 2-22, Cond. (€4,600), 1650m. Lifetime Record: 32-6-0-5, \$52,721. O/T-Paolo Favero. B-Carson Springs Farm (FL). *\$7,500 Ylg '16 OBSAUG.

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Big Musquetier, c, 4, **Musketier (Ger)**--Highgate Park (SP), by A.P. Indy. Rome, 2-21, Hcp. (€18,700), 2300m (AWT), 2:28.98. Lifetime Record: 19-5-3-3, \$42,494. O-Alessandro Diolosa'. B-Calumet Farm (KY). T-Agostino Affe`. *\$2,000 Ylg '17 FTKOCT.

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STAKES RESULTS:
TWO ALTAZANO S., \$75,000, Sam Houston Race, 2-22, (C), 3yo, f, 6f, 1:12.19, ft.
 1--**DUST A FLYING, 117, f, 3, by Early Flyer--Dixie Dust (MSP, \$306,791), by Dixieland Heat.** (\$7,000 Ylg '18 TTAMIX).
1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. O-Wayne Sanders & Larry Hirsch; B-Douglas Scharbauer (TX); T-W. Bret Calhoun; J-Deshawn L. Parker. \$45,000. Lifetime Record: 5-1-3-1, \$71,005.
 2--**It's My Money, 122, f, 3, Early Flyer--Pete's Five, by Arch.** (\$9,200 Ylg '18 TTAMIX; \$53,000 2yo '19 TTAAPR). O-Don Leach III & Andrew Moran; B-Douglas Scharbauer (TX); T-George R. Bryant. \$15,000.
 3--**Tell Me U Love Me, 118, f, 3, My Golden Song--Red Thread,** by Devil His Due. (\$23,000 Ylg '18 TTAMIX; \$75,000 2yo '19 TTAAPR). O-HDT Allied Management, LLC; B-Douglas Scharbauer (TX); T-George R. Bryant. \$8,250.
 Margins: 3/4, 1, NK. Odds: 2.40, 2.00, 4.80.

MISS HOUSTON TURF S., \$75,000, Sam Houston Race, 2-22, (S), 4yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:37.15, fm.
 1--**TEXAS BELLE, 116, m, 8, Angliana--Inthemiddleofitall, by Proper Reality.** O-Richard P. Chandler; B-Eureka Thoroughbred Farm (TX); T-Mindy J. Willis; J-Deshawn L. Parker. \$42,000. Lifetime Record: 42-10-7-3, \$226,544. *1/2 to Concerto's Crown (Concerto), Ch. Imp. Older Mare-PR, MSW-PR, \$202,646; Slew Motion (Slew Gin Fizz), SW & GSP, \$224,064; Zoebear (Bellamy Road), GSP, \$266,262.
 2--**She's Pretty Lucky, 118, m, 5, Lookin At Lucky--Pretty Amusing, by War Chant.** (\$42,000 RNA Ylg '16 TTAMIX). O/B-Will Kari (TX); T-Eddie Kenneally. \$14,000.
 3--**Zarelda, 116, m, 5, My Golden Song--Tiz Tiz, by Tiznow.** O/B-Billy Clevenger (TX); T-Beverly Burress. \$7,700.
 Margins: 4, 3 1/4, HF. Odds: 3.20, 2.60, 7.30.

ALBERT AND HENRY DOMINGUEZ MEMORIAL H., (NB) \$100,000, Sunland, 2-23, (S), 4yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:43.67, ft.
 1--**BLAZING NAVARONE, 123, g, 5, Song of Navarone--Carmen's Delight, by Carmen's Glory.** O-Barbara M. Coleman; B-Lucky Six Inc. (NM); T-Martin Valdez-Cabral, Jr.; J-Ry Eikleberry. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: 25-12-5-3, \$621,316.

Albert & Henry Dominguez Memorial H. cont.

2--**Rig Time**, 123, g, 5, Right Rigger--Stardust Lady, by Dry Gulch.

O-Larry R. & T. Harry Teague; B-Larry R. Teague (NM);
T-Weston L. Martin. \$20,000.

3--**Go for a Stroll**, 121, g, 6, Attila's Storm--Garter, by Bernardini.

O-R. D. Hubbard; B-R. D. R D Hubbard (NM); T-Todd W.
Fincher. \$10,000.

Margins: 3 1/4, 4HF, 1 1/4. Odds: 3.40, 0.90, 11.40.

HOUSTON TURF S., (NB) \$75,000, Sam Houston Race, 2-22, (S),
4yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:44.68, fm.

1--**REDATORY**, 123, g, 5, **Oration--My Silver Song, by My
Golden Song**. O/B-James Wessel (TX); T-Allen C. Dupuy;
J-Deshawn L. Parker. \$42,600. Lifetime Record: 18-6-1-0,
\$231,492.

2--**Cowboy Bling**, 118, g, 5, Too Much Bling--Frieda Frau, by
Shaquin. O-Gary Gholston, Lilburn Warford & Danny Pish;
B/T-Danny Pish (TX). \$14,200.

3--**Sunlit Song**, 118, g, 5, My Golden Song--Fly So True, by Early
Flyer. O-Carolyn Barnett & Becky Harding; B-Carolyn R. Barnett
(TX); T-Mindy J. Willis. \$7,810.

Margins: 4 1/4, HF, HF. Odds: 0.90, 17.70, 3.30.

JIM'S ORBIT S., (NB) \$75,000, Sam Houston Race, 2-22, (C), 3yo,
c/g, 6f, 1:10.33, ft.

1--**GOLD PILOT**, 117, g, 3, **by My Golden Song--Formal Flyer
(MSW, \$247,479), by Early Flyer**. (\$15,000 Ylg '18 TTAMIX).
O-Wayne Sanders & Larry Hirsch; B-Ronald & Margaret
Ellerbee (TX); T-W. Bret Calhoun; J-Deshawn L. Parker.
\$43,800. Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-0, \$73,540.

2--**Good Judgment**, 117, c, 3, Too Much Bling--Libbies Mission,
by Global Mission. (\$22,000 2yo '19 TTAAPR). O-Michael P.
Lyons, Clark O. Brewster & Montgomery Lair; B-Larry S.
Huntsinger (TX); T-Steven M. Asmussen. \$14,600.

3--**Bubba Bling**, 122, c, 3, Too Much Bling--My Silver Song, by
My Golden Song. O/T-Steven M. Asmussen; B-James Wessel
(TX). \$8,030.

Margins: 2 3/4, 3/4, 4 3/4. Odds: 3.30, 0.70, 2.60.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

3rd-Aqueduct, \$71,071, (S), (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 2-23,
4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12.13, ft.

SADIE LADY (f, 4, Freud--Zucca, by Read the Footnotes) Lifetime
Record: 12-4-0-2, \$163,879. O-Dennis Narlinger; B-JMJ Racing
Stables, LLC (NY); T-Rob Atras.

1st-Aqueduct, \$65,730, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$80,000), 2-23, 3yo,
6f, 1:12.39, ft.

**HOPEFUL TREASURE (c, 3, Oxbow--Elle Special, by Giant's
Causeway)** Lifetime Record: 5-3-1-1, \$90,320. O-Just In Time
Racing LLC; B-Calumet Farm (KY); T-Michael V. Pino. *\$6,000 Ylg
'18 FTKOCT.

4th-Santa Anita, \$63,040, (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 2-23,
4yo/up, 5 1/2fT, 1:02.70, fm.

**MURAD KHAN (FR) (g, 7, Raven's Pass--Lady Elgar {Ire}, by
Sadler's Wells)** Lifetime Record: 23-8-3-2, \$211,762. O-R3
Racing LLC, Calara Farms & Steve Rothblum; B-S.C.E.A. Haras de
Manneville (FR); T-Doug F. O'Neill. *€110,000 Ylg '14 ARAUG;
40,000gns 4yo '17 TATAHI. **1/2 to Grand Couturier (GB)
(Grand Lodge), MGISW-US, SW & GSP-Fr, \$1,449,701; and
Alainmaar (Fr) (Johar), SW-Eng, \$121,990.

5th-Laurel, \$49,635, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$35,000), 2-23, 4yo/up,
f/m, 6f, 1:10.55, ft.

**CAUSE I'M EDGY (f, 4, Creative Cause--Gold Edge {GSW,
\$162,430}, by Eddington)** Lifetime Record: 8-3-1-1, \$116,378.
O-Frazza Cassimeris Racing; B-Brereton C. Jones (KY); T-Kelly
Rubley. *\$40,000 Wlg '16 KEENOV; \$10,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP.

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10th-Gulfstream, \$44,000, 2-23, (NW1\$X), 4yo/up, f/m,
1 3/16mT, 1:54.47, fm.

**BEALE STREET (f, 4, Quality Road--Striking Tomisue {SW,
\$195,209}, by Smart Strike)** Lifetime Record: 10-2-2-4, \$98,970.
O-Amy N. Moore; B-JSM Equine, LLC (KY); T-Michael R. Matz.
*\$75,000 Wlg '16 KEENOV; \$105,000 RNA Ylg '17 FTSAUG;
\$95,000 RNA Ylg '17 FTKOCT.

Broken and Trained by Randy Bradshaw

3rd-Sam Houston, \$39,500, (NW26MX)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000),
2-22, 4yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:39.91, fm.

**SANTINO (m, 5, Artie Schiller--Grandma Martha, by Gone
West)** Lifetime Record: 19-4-1-2, \$108,000. O-Susan Moulton;
B-WinStar Farm, LLC (KY); T-Matt Hebert. *\$37,000 Ylg '16
KEESEP.

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9th-Golden Gate Fields, \$39,040, 2-22, (NW1\$X), 4yo/up, f/m,
6f (AWT), 1:09.73, ft.

**PRINCESS VIVIAN (f, 4, Uh Oh Bango--Seductive Charm, by
Macho Uno)** Lifetime Record: SW, 7-4-1-1, \$131,814.
O-MNM Thoroughbreds, LLC, Mary MacDonald, Tom Marsh, &
Henry Mendoza; B-MNM Thoroughbreds (CA); T-Sergio
Ledezma.

8th-Delta Downs, \$36,480, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$20,000), 2-22,
4yo/up, f/m, 5f, :59.53, ft.

**IMA DISCREET LADY (f, 4, Discreet Cat--Ima Three Blinger
{MSP}, by Too Much Bling)** Lifetime Record: SW, 15-5-4-3,
\$158,303. O-Raymond Todd White & Duane Coker; B-Larry S
Huntsinger (TX); T-Karl Broberg. *\$38,000 2yo '18 TTAAPR.

6th-Golden Gate Fields, \$35,320, 2-23, (NW1\$X), 4yo/up, 6f (AWT), 1:09.72, ft.

HONEYMOONZ OVER (g, 5, **Congrats--Let's Get Married {SP}, by More Than Ready)** Lifetime Record: 33-6-7-6, \$139,099. O-D. Wayne Baker, Dexter Bergounous & Ronald & Lillian Lang; B-Pin Oak Stud, LLC (KY); T-D. Wayne Baker. *\$85,000 Ylg '16 KESEEP; \$360,000 2yo '17 BARMAR.



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6th-Sunland, \$34,000, (S), 2-23, (NW26MX), 4yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:39.94, ft.

MCGLORIOUS (m, 5, McKenna's Justice--Glorious Choice, by Mineshaft) Lifetime Record: SP, 31-5-2-3, \$137,667. O-Judge Lanier Racing; B-McKenna Thoroughbreds LLC (NM); T-Miguel L. Hernandez.

8th-Laurel, \$33,250, (C), 2-23, (C), 4yo/up, 6f, 1:11.50, ft.

SEANY P (g, 4, Nicanor--The Great Tyler {SW, \$157,420}, by Doneraile Court) Lifetime Record: 15-4-0-3, \$87,081. O-No Guts No Glory Farm & Erica Upton; B-Timothy J. Rooney (MD); T-John J. Robb. *\$1,000 RNA Ylg '17 EASOCT.

5th-Charles Town, \$29,000, (S), 2-22, (NW3L), 4yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:21.11, ft.

TRIPLE BAD (g, 4, Siente El Trueno--Endless Horizon, by Western Cat) Lifetime Record: 9-3-2-1, \$65,551. O/B-Vicki Stehr (WV); T-Joseph P. Stehr.

8th-Charles Town, \$29,000, 2-22, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:50.87, ft.

LONGSTORYLUCY (f, 4, Charitable Man--Classica, by Pure Prize) Lifetime Record: 11-4-3-0, \$71,736. O/B-Kevin Lynn Anderson (WV); T-Ronney W. Brown.

5th-Sunland, \$28,600, (C)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 2-23, 4yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:16.28, ft.

RUNAWAY GHOST (h, 5, **Ghostzapper--Rose's Desert {MSW, \$626,035}, by Desert God)** Lifetime Record: GSW, 14-8-3-0, \$782,384. O/B-Joe R Peacock (KY); T-Todd W. Fincher. *\$240,000 RNA Ylg '16 KESEEP. **1/2 to Sheriff Brown (Curlin), SW, \$119,220.

6th-Tampa Bay Downs, \$20,250, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$16,000), 2-23, 4yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:18.23, ft.

SUPER TWENTY FIVE (f, 4, Super Saver--Decoder, by War Front) Lifetime Record: 11-4-0-3, \$50,352. O-Lucio Tucci; B-Datt Farm LLC (KY); T-Joan Scott. *\$10,000 Ylg '17 FTKOCT.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Empire of Gold, c, 3, **Goldencents**--Empire Diva, by Empire Maker. Sam Houston Race, 2-22, 5 1/2f, 1:04.01. B-W C Racing (KY).

Lucky Long Legs, f, 3, **Lucky Pulpit**--Long Legged Lovely, by Benchmark. Santa Anita, 2-23, (S), (C), 6 1/2f, 1:18.37. B-Rick & Sharon Waller (CA). *\$1,300 RNA Ylg '18 BAROCT.

Spartanka, f, 3, **Street Sense**--Kind Words, by A.P. Indy. Gulfstream, 2-23, 1m, 1:37.96. B-Godolphin (KY). *\$19,000 Ylg '18 FTKOCT. **1/2 to Amazing Speed (Ire) (Shamardal), Ch. Older Mare-SA, \$324,363.

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Laci Lu, f, 3, **Tapiture**--Louisiana Lace (SW), by Cuvee. Delta Downs, 2-22, (S), 5f, 1:00.71. B-4 M Ranch & Lora Pitre (LA). *\$11,000 RNA Ylg '18 ESLYRL; \$11,000 2yo '19 TTAAPR.

Tapizearance, g, 3, **Tapizar**--I'm Authorized, by Cryptoclearance. Aqueduct, 2-23, (S), (C), 6f, 1:12.92. B-Linda & Bruce McConnell (NY).

Princess Mo, f, 3, **Uncle Mo**--Bow Bells (SW), by Giant's Causeway. Santa Anita, 2-23, 1m, 1:38.49. B-Barronstown Stud (KY). *\$100,000 Wlg '17 KEENOV; \$85,000 RNA Ylg '18 KESEEP; \$20,000 2yo '19 OBSMAR.

Fancy Castle, c, 3, **Windsor Castle**--Fancy Up, by Smoke Glacken. Charles Town, 2-22, (S), 4 1/2f, :53.25. B-John A. Casey (WV). *1ST-TIME STARTER.

Young Bull, g, 4, **Bellamy Road**--Cold Hard Truth, by Successful Appeal. Oaklawn, 2-23, (S), 6f, 1:12.05. B-McDowell Farm (AR). *SP.

Ballet On Ice, f, 4, **Drosselmeyer**--Antifreeze (SW, \$127,475), by It's Freezing. Sam Houston Race, 2-22, 5fT, :58.99. B-Dixiana Farms LLC (KY). *\$7,700 Wlg '16 KEENOV. **1ST-TIME STARTER. ***1/2 to Barber (Storm Boot), SW, \$259,113; Force Freeze (Forest Camp), GSW & MGISP-US, GSP-UAE, \$853,719; Declan's Fast Cat (Bluegrass Cat), GSP, \$134,530.

The Last Ruler, m, 5, **Tribal Rule**--Concettina, by King Cugat. Santa Anita, 2-23, (S), 5 1/2fT, 1:04.06. B-William A. Branch & Arnold Hill (CA).

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ANGLIANA, Texas Belle, m, 8, o/o Inthemiddleofitall, by Proper Reality. Miss Houston Turf S., 2-22, Sam Houston

ARTIE SCHILLER, Santino, m, 5, o/o Grandma Martha, by Gone West. AOC, 2-22, Sam Houston

BELLAMY ROAD, Young Bull, g, 4, o/o Cold Hard Truth, by Successful Appeal. MSW, 2-23, Oaklawn

CHARITABLE MAN, Longstorylucy, f, 4, o/o Classica, by Pure Prize. ALW, 2-22, Charles Town

COMPETITIVE EDGE, K P Indy, c, 3, o/o Reina Diamante, by Pulpit. MSW, 2-22, Santa Anita

CONGRATS, Honeymoonz Over, g, 5, o/o Let's Get Married, by More Than Ready. ALW, 2-23, Golden Gate

CONGRATS, Lykan, c, 3, o/o Up to Speed, by Papa Clem. AOC, 2-23, Oaklawn

CONSTITUTION, Myeerah, f, 3, o/o Sacred Forest, by Forestry. MSW, 2-22, Turfway

CREATIVE CAUSE, Cause I'm Edgy, f, 4, o/o Gold Edge, by Eddington. AOC, 2-23, Laurel

DISCREET CAT, Ima Discreet Lady, f, 4, o/o Ima Three Blinger, by Too Much Bling. AOC, 2-22, Delta Downs

DROSSELMAYER, Ballet On Ice, f, 4, o/o Antifreeze, by It's Freezing. MSW, 2-22, Sam Houston

EARLY FLYER, Dust a Flying, f, 3, o/o Dixie Dust, by Dixieland Heat. Two Altazano S., 2-22, Sam Houston

EMPIRE MAKER, Finding Fame, f, 3, o/o Lochinvar's Gold, by Seeking the Gold. MSW, 2-23, Gulfstream

FREUD, Sadie Lady, f, 4, o/o Zucca, by Read the Footnotes. AOC, 2-23, Aqueduct

GHOSTZAPPER, Runaway Ghost, h, 5, o/o Rose's Desert, by Desert God. AOC, 2-23, Sunland

GOLDENCENTS, Empire of Gold, c, 3, o/o Empire Diva, by Empire Maker. MSW, 2-22, Sam Houston

ISTAN, Piston, c, 3, o/o Goldilock's Bear, by Irish Tower. MSW, 2-23, Golden Gate

LUCKY PULPIT, Lucky Long Legs, f, 3, o/o Long Legged Lovely, by Benchmark. MCL, 2-23, Santa Anita

MCKENNA'S JUSTICE, McGlorious, m, 5, o/o Glorious Choice, by Mineshaft. ALW, 2-23, Sunland

MY GOLDEN SONG, Gold Pilot, g, 3, o/o Formal Flyer, by Early Flyer. Jim's Orbit S., 2-22, Sam Houston

NICANOR, Seany P, g, 4, o/o The Great Tyler, by Doneraile Court. ALW, 2-23, Laurel

ORATORY, Redatory, g, 5, o/o My Silver Song, by My Golden Song. Houston Turf S., 2-22, Sam Houston

OXBOW, Hopeful Treasure, c, 3, o/o Elle Special, by Giant's Causeway. AOC, 2-23, Aqueduct

PALACE MALICE, Duchess of Sussex, f, 3, o/o Southern Belle, by Dixie Union. MSW, 2-23, Gulfstream

PALACE MALICE, Ice Princess, f, 3, o/o Happy Clapper, by Awesome Again. Maddie May S., 2-23, Aqueduct

PAYNTER, Sir Rick, c, 3, o/o Quiet Inferno, by Quiet American. Mine That Bird Derby, 2-23, Sunland

QUALITY ROAD, Beale Street, f, 4, o/o Striking Tomisue, by Smart Strike. ALW, 2-23, Gulfstream

RAVEN'S PASS, Murad Khan (Fr), g, 7, o/o Lady Elgar (Ire), by Sadler's Wells. AOC, 2-23, Santa Anita

SHANGHAI BOBBY, Shanghai Keely, f, 3, o/o Silentlea, by Cherokee Run. Island Fashion S., 2-23, Sunland

SIENTE EL TRUENO, Triple Bad, g, 4, o/o Endless Horizon, by Western Cat. ALW, 2-22, Charles Town

SONG OF NAVARONE, Blazing Navarone, g, 5, o/o Carmen's Delight, by Carmen's Glory. Albert and Henry Dominguez Memorial H., 2-23, Sunland

STREET SENSE, Spartanka, f, 3, o/o Kind Words, by A.P. Indy. MSW, 2-23, Gulfstream

SUPER SAVER, Super Twenty Five, f, 4, o/o Decoder, by War Front. AOC, 2-23, Tampa Bay

TAPITURE, Laci Lu, f, 3, o/o Louisiana Lace, by Cuvee. MSW, 2-22, Delta Downs

TAPIZAR, Tapizearance, g, 3, o/o I'm Authorized, by Cryptoclearance. MCL, 2-23, Aqueduct

TONALIST, Linny Kate, f, 3, o/o Quintile, by Langfuhr. MSW, 2-23, Gulfstream

TRIBAL RULE, The Last Ruler, m, 5, o/o Concettina, by King Cugat. MSW, 2-23, Santa Anita

UH OH BANGO, Princess Vivian, f, 4, o/o Seductive Charm, by Macho Uno. ALW, 2-22, Golden Gate

UNCLE MO, Princess Mo, f, 3, o/o Bow Bells, by Giant's Causeway. MSW, 2-23, Santa Anita

WINDSOR CASTLE, Fancy Castle, c, 3, o/o Fancy Up, by Smoke Glacken. MSW, 2-22, Charles Town

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ARACI HAS NEW HOPES FOR OLD MILL



Old Mill Stud's Ibrahim Araci | Tattersalls

By Melissa Steele

You may not have met Ibrahim Araci. The Turkish businessman prefers to keep away from the spotlight. But when it comes to buying horses, he knows what he likes and rarely does things by halves.

Flanked by his daughter Pinar and bloodstock advisor Rob Speers, Araci can often be found to the left of the rostrum in the Tattersalls sales ring, making bold plays for some of the choicest lots on offer at the yearling, breeze-up or breeding stock sales.

Unafraid to see the hammer fall in his favour, Araci ranked second on the buyers' list at last year's December Mares' Sale, taking home three mares worth over two million guineas to lay foundations at his newly acquired stud farm, based just outside Newmarket in Chippenham.

"Mr. Araci might have only sprung into the forefront of people's minds after the December Sales," says Speers. "Of course, he bought three very nice mares there in **Butterscotch (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}), **Guerriere (Ire)** (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) and **Predawn (Ire)** (Fastnet Rock {Aus}), but he's been selling, breeding and racing horses in the UK now for six or seven years. He has invested significant money in the past, building towards this moment but it's very exciting now to be able to bring it all in-house under our own banner at the farm." [Cont. p2](#)

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FRANKEL GAINS FIRST G1SW ON DIRT

2018 G1 Yasuda Kinen hero **Mozu Ascot** (Frankel {GB}) thrilled in the G3 Negishi S. 21 days ago, and he is now two-for-two over the dirt after a 2 1/2-length win in the G1 February S. at Tokyo on Sunday, a "Win and You're In" for the \$6-million GI Breeders' Cup Classic at Keeneland in Lexington, Kentucky on Nov. 7. The first of his Juddmonte-based sire's 10 Group 1 winners to take a top-level race on dirt, he is the fifth Japanese-based horse to win Group 1s on both dirt and turf in Japan after Kurofune (French Deputy), Agnes Digital (Crafty Prospector)—also a winner of the Yasuda Kinen, Eagle Café (Gulch), and Admire Don (Jpn) (Timber Country).

Content to bide his time in a midpack eighth through the early stages as **Wide Pharoah (Jpn)** (Henny Hughes) was pressed by **Arctos (Jpn)** (Admire Aura {Jpn}) in the vanguard, the chestnut improved to fourth with just under 400 metres remaining as that pair folded and **Time Flyer (Jpn)** (Heart's Cry {Jpn}) briefly took over. [Cont. p7](#)

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The farm in question is Old Mill Stud. Formerly owned by the late David Shekells, co-breeder of stakes-winning Royal Applause (GB) brothers Mister Cosmi (GB) and Auditorium (GB), the 100-acre property is now home to 13 of Araci's private mares.

"We have been looking for the right farm in the Newmarket area for quite a few years now," says Speers. "It's taken time to find what we thought was the right property. When Old Mill came on the market about 18 months ago, I took Mr. Araci and Pinar around and all three of us agreed that it was the right place. We were lucky to be able to secure it."

When it came to location, Newmarket was always going to be the UK base for the Araci family; after all it was at the Rowley Mile during Guineas Weekend that their involvement in horseracing began. Ibrahim Araci, a safe 2,500 miles away in

Istanbul, was blissfully unaware as his daughter Pinar cheered home Cockney Rebel (Ire) (Val Royal) to win the colts' Classic in 2007, sparking an interest that would become an expensive hobby for years to come.

"When I was at Reading University my best friend owned an arable farm just outside Newmarket and I went over to visit," says Pinar Araci. "She invited me for the weekend and told me there was great racing. I had no idea that it was Guineas weekend or even what the Guineas were, but she took me racing and I absolutely loved it. I even stayed for a couple of extra days. I visited Tattersalls and stud farms nearby and by the



Native Khan | *Racing Post*

time I left, I was hooked.

"Later that year we decided to get involved because by then I had managed to convince Dad that it was a good idea. In December 2007, we came to Tattersalls and bought our first mares. By May 2008, we had bought a farm in Turkey." [Cont. p3](#)

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Old Mill Stud Cont.

By 2011, just four years after Pinar's first encounter, they were back at the Rowley Mile but this time as owners and with a runner in the Newmarket Classic. **Native Khan (Fr)** (Azamour {Ire}), already a dual Group 3 winner, ran a highly creditable third that day to a horse you may have heard of: Frankel (GB) (Galileo {Ire}).

Native Khan (Fr) is now one of five stallions that Araci stands in Turkey where the family's breeding operation has quadrupled in size since 2008. With 44 mares to breed from and a second farm under construction, they are leading owner-breeders in the region.

"One of Mr. Araci's first horses in the UK was Native Khan," says Speers. "He was really the horse that helped cement his interest in British racing. Native Khan came from the Craven Breeze-up Sale and he won the Solario, the Craven, was third to Frankel in the Guineas and fifth in the

Derby. He was a genuine Group 1 horse."

The day before Native Khan won the Craven S. in Newmarket, the Aracis returned to the Craven Breeze-up to purchase an Oasis Dream (GB) filly they would later name **Chigun (GB)**.

Picked out by the late Sir Henry Cecil, she won three times at two and was the last group winner he would train.

"We didn't get to work with Sir Henry for as long as we'd have liked," says Pinar. "He was a genius. I would call him a magic man. He understood the horses so well and I had so much to learn from him. He picked Chigun and he always said we have to breed from her and we did. We have named her 3-year-old Dansili (GB) filly, in-training with Hugo Palmer, **Warren Rose (GB)**."

"We actually reserved the name and were waiting for the right filly out of Chigun to come along to use it," adds Speers.



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Performances

- Gr.3 second at 2
- Maiden winner by 3,5 lengths at 3
- Stakes winner at 2
- Gr.3 third as a 2 years old
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"[Warren Rose] is still pretty much untried but everyone that has ridden her has really liked her and it will be a poignant moment if she could be a success because Mr. Araci and Pinar were very fond of Sir Henry."

Chigun continues to keep very good company as a member of the select broodmare band at Old Mill Stud which Speers has high hopes for.

"We have 13 mares on the farm at the moment," he says. "I would say that we could take up to somewhere between 15 and 20 but any more than that and we'd be looking to expand. I really believe in all of the mares we have walking the farm at the moment though. The three mares we bought at the sales and the other younger mares that we have would all have a right on pedigree, looks and racing performance to turn into blue hens; it wouldn't be a big surprise."



Chigun & Tom Queally | Racing Post

Among the haul from Tattersalls last December was Group 3-placed Galileo (Ire) mare, Bitterscotch (Ire), sold in foal to American Triple Crown winner Justify for 700,000gns.

"Bitterscotch has had a wonderful Justify foal who we're absolutely delighted with and she visits Kingman (GB) in 2020," says Speers. "She's a mare that I have a lot of faith in, particularly having seen her first foal. Although by Galileo, she was a stakes filly over seven furlongs, and she is sister to Coach House (Ire) who was a very fast horse. She is a daughter of Lesson In Humility (Ire) (Mudadil), who was a Group 1 horse over 6 furlongs, placed at Royal Ascot in the Golden Jubilee. She's got a fast family so the Oasis Dream, Invincible Spirit, Kingman line should really suit her."

Another from the sale was Predawn (Ire), a full-sister to Oaks winner Qualify (Ire) bought in foal to No Nay Never for 600,000gns and due to visit Lope De Vega (Ire) this year. Completing the well-bred triumvirate is Guerriere (Ire), the listed-placed Invincible Spirit mare currently in foal to Lope De Vega (Ire) who had a price tag of 825,000gns. [Cont. p5](#)

Old Mill Stud Cont.

"Guierriere was the most expensive of the three mares, she visits Blue Point (Ire)," says Speers. "She is by Invincible Spirit who's obviously a speed influence and she has a pedigree that would suit Shamardal. Shamardal is not available to outside breeders this year and Mr. Araci was hugely taken by his son Blue Point's performances at Royal Ascot and really liked him as an individual. Where most of the time we'll be looking to use proven sires on our young mares, Blue Point has all of the attributes to be a very exciting stallion and we wanted to cover one our best mares with him."

He continues, "As well as the mares that we bought we have **Bella Nostalgia (Ire)** who's a stakes-placed Raven's Pass filly. We have **She's Mine (Ire)** (Sea The Stars {Ire}), we have **Vasilia (GB)** (Dansili {GB}) who is the dam of three stakes horses including Dream of Dreams (Ire) (Dream Ahead). Then, of course, there's Chigun who's a Group 3-winning daughter of Oasis Dream (GB). All of them have the potential to be great mares. We hope to race their daughters and their daughters' daughters, and we hope to build families."

Building families might be the long-term aim at Old Mill Stud but in the meantime, building the farm is their main priority.

"Given all of the investment into development there is a high chance that we'll be consigning horses in between times," confirms Speers. "We will focus on having good quality horses, racing and developing our young families but we'll also be selling quality stock and raising the awareness of Old Mill. From a commercial point of view, we need to make it pay and build a business for the long term."

The size of Old Mill Stud means that it will only ever be a boutique operation, but Pinar hopes that in addition to her

father having success on the racecourse, they will develop 'must-see' consignments at the sales.

"When we go to a sale, I would love to get to the point where everyone comes to look at our lots first," says Pinar. "I would like to be firmly on the map. I look up to Juddmonte, but we don't want to go crazy with numbers and we'll always be boutique. I want our bloodlines to go on forever so that when you look at a page and you see that family, you know it's the Araci family."

The 'Araci families' are already well established in their

homeland of Turkey, where in a relatively short amount of time they have got to the stage of breeding their homebred mares to their homebred stallions. Bridging the gap between the two nations is another aim for the future.

"I would like to increase the relationship between Turkey and England," says Pinar. "We want to be able to breed horses in Turkey that are good enough to perform in England but there are a lot of regulations that we need to overcome first."

"At the moment it's purely just an

import market into Turkey," reiterates Speers. "But I know Mr. Araci would take huge pleasure in seeing Turkish-bred and -owned horses being successful in the UK and globally. By raising the quality of horse in Turkey and hopefully by having the stud here in the UK we'll help him to achieve that."

As they settle into their base at Old Mill Stud, it's fair to say that we're likely to see a few more homebreds in the Aracis' silks, and they won't be short on pedigree. Be sure to keep an eye out for the odd Turkish suffix too.



Pinar & Ibrahim Araci | Tattersalls

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SUMMER PLANS UNVEILED FOR GOSDEN STARS

John Gosden has tentatively started to make summer plans for his stable stars. The maestro of Clarehaven Stables admits it "won't be easy" to better a wonderful 2019, which saw plenty of top-class winners and a fourth trainers' championship.

"It is early days. We just started cantering on Warren Hill on Saturday morning," he said. "I have not exactly got eyes on targets. We will look at the early entries, and the older horses you won't see until virtually June--the likes of Stradivarius (Ire) (Sea The Stars {Ire}) and all of those.

"He will have a run in May, probably, as a prep for the [G1] Ascot Gold Cup--and as for the 3-year-olds, I will be able to answer better about where they stand in about six weeks' time.

They are coming, they are coming."

One of those who may be worth keeping an eye on is '**TDN Rising Star**' **Waldkonig (GB)** (Kingman {GB}), who holds a G1 Derby entry and looked set for a bright future when landing an extended one-mile novice event at Wolverhampton by nine lengths in December. Waldkonig is currently a best-priced 20-1 with Paddy Power for the Derby, but Gosden intends to take things gently with the son of Kingman.

"Waldkonig is fine," he said. "He did two canters on Warren Hill. He is the type of horse I would like to run in a novice before going in at the deeper end. He has only run once--but he is a little green, and I'd love to get a novice into him."

Gosden also had an update on **Lord Tennyson (GB)** (Poet's Voice {GB}), a 4-year-old Godolphin-owned gelding who scooted up on his belated racecourse debut at Chelmsford three days ago.

"It did not look a strong race, but he did it very nicely. He was very ill and had two years off, but he will be all right," he said. "Placing him will be tough, but he is allowed to go in a novice and he might well go that route again."

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Click above to view a video interview between the TDN's Alayna Cullen and David O'Loughlin of Coolmore on new Coolmore stallion and English/Irish highweight Ten Sovereigns (Ire) (No Nay Never--Seeking Solace {GB}, by Exceed and Excel {Aus}), a winner of the G1 July Cup and G1 Middle Park S.

STABLELAB JOINS ZOETIS PORTFOLIO

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

No Turning (Ire), c, 3, **Clodovil (Ire)**--Mi Vida Loca (Ire), by Sakhee. Lyon La Soie, 2-23, 9f (AWT), 1:48.20. B-John Kilpatrick & Mme Patrick Ades-Hazan (IRE). *€27,000 Ylg '18 AROCT.

Morning Five (Fr), g, 3, **French Fifteen (Fr)**--Miss Five (GB), by Dubawi (Ire). Nimes, 2-23, 9 1/2fT, 1:57.56. B-Haras du Logis Saint Germain (FR). *1ST-TIME STARTER.

Fry (Fr), f, 3, **Zoffany (Ire)**--Floating Away, by Gone West. Lyon La Soie, 2-23, 9f (AWT), 1:53.80. B-Robert Ng (FR). *€50,000 Ylg '18 ARAUG.

GERMANY

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Orihime (Ire), f, 3, **Canford Cliffs (Ire)**--Rub A Dub Dub (GB), by Falbrav (Ire). Dortmund, 2-23, 9f (AWT), 2:02.13. B-Yasushi Kubota (IRE).

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G1 February S. Cont. from p1

Shifted to the four path and flashing his sire's signature turn of foot, the 9-5 favourite seized command just outside the final furlong as **K T Brave (Jpn)** (Admire Max {Jpn}), the longest shot on the board at 141-1, and **Sunrise Nova (Jpn)** (Gold Allure {Jpn}), just off that rival's hip, rallied up the center of the track. Mozu Ascot won geared down by daylight however, with K T Brave 1 1/4 lengths ahead of Sunrise Nova. The latter just nipped **Wonder Lider (Jpn)** (Statue of Liberty) for third by a nose.



Mozu Ascot strutting his stuff in the February S. | Horsephotos

"He broke well and we were able to settle right behind [second favourite and last year's winner] **Inti (Jpn)** (Came Home) as planned," said pilot Christophe Lemaire, who was winning his first February S. of the \$275,000 Keeneland September RNA. "His acceleration was extraordinary. Although he is a newcomer in dirt racing, he adapted immediately to the surface and gave his best today. After a couple of second-place finishes in the past, I myself, am happy to have won the February S. at last."

A winner of the Yasuda Kinen from seven starts as a 4-year-old in 2018, the Capital System runner hit the board in his fourth start last year, running second in the G2 Mainichi Broadcast Swan S. at Kyoto going 1400 metres. He was 14th in his final appearance on turf in the G1 Mile Championship there on Nov. 17, prior to his Negishi S. win. The 6-year-old entire will now point to the Apr. 4 G1 Doncaster Mile during the first weekend of The Championships at Royal Randwick in Australia according to his connections. [Cont. p8](#)



Mozu Ascot as a yearling | *Thorostride*

Pedigree Notes

The February S. hero is one of 48 black-type winners by the undefeated Frankel, whose G3 Fantasy S. heroine Mi Suerte (Jpn) is a granddaughter of the very fast Madcap Escapade (Hennessy). A half-brother to Listed Jersey Girl S. victress Kareena (Medaglia d’Oro), Mozu Ascot’s 3-year-old Hard Spun half-sister I Thee Wed, ran off the board debuting in a Gulfstream Park maiden special weight for owner/breeder Summer Wind Equine on Sunday. His juvenile Frosted half-sister Silver Strand, a \$575,000 Fasig-Tipton Saratoga yearling, has yet to start. A winner of the GII Cotillion Breeders’ Cup H. and GIII Azeri Breeders’ Cup S., India foaled a colt by Lane’s End’s Quality Road on Feb. 18.

India, out of SW and GII Fantasy S. bridesmaid Misty Hour (Miswaki), is a full-sister to SW & GSP Sing Softly (Hennessy), while their half-sister, Listed Go For Wand S. heroine Pilfer (Deputy Minister), foaled MGISW To Honor and Serve and GI Chandelier S. scorer Angela Renee to the cover of Bernardini and Native Dancer S. winner Elnaawi to fellow Darley America stallion Street Sense. This is the extended family of Canadian Champion Grass Horse Rahy’s Attorney (Crown Attorney), who won the GI Woodbine Mile S. in 2008.

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Sunday, Tokyo, Japan

FEBRUARY S.-G1, ¥194,860,000

(US\$1,749,407/£1,349,880/€1,614,718), Tokyo, 2-23, 4yo/up, 1600m, 1:35.20, ft.

1--**MOZU ASCOT**, 126, h, 6, **Frankel (GB)**

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

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

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

(\$275,000 RNA Ylg ‘15 KEESEP). O-Capital System; B-Summer Wind Farm (KY); T- Yoshito Yahagi; J- Christophe Lemaire. ¥103,420,000. Lifetime Record: 21-7-5-0. *1/2 to Kareena (Medaglia d’Oro), SW-US, \$148,000. **Werk Nick Rating: C+.** [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#)

LANE’S END SALES GRADUATE

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2--**K T Brave (Jpn)**, 126, h, 7, Admire Max (Jpn)--K T Laurel (Jpn), by Sakura Laurel (Jpn). O-Kazuyoshi Takimoto; B-Okano Farm (Jpn); ¥40,972,000.

3--**Sunrise Nova (Jpn)**, 126, h, 6, Gold Allure (Jpn)--Bright Sapphire (Jpn), by Thunder Gulch. O-Takao Matsuoka; B-Yanagawa Farm (Jpn); ¥25,486,000.

Margins: 2HF, 1 1/4, NO. Odds: 1.80, 141.60, 5.80.

Also Ran: Wonder Lider (Jpn), Time Flyer (Jpn), King’s Guard (Jpn), Dead Heat, Mogiana Flavor (Jpn), Nonkono Yume (Jpn), Arctos (Jpn), Vengeance (Jpn), Mutually (Jpn), Wide Pharaoh (Jpn), Bulldog Boss (Jpn), Inti (Jpn), Derma Louvre (Jpn), Mikki Wild (Jpn).

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1--**CADENAS (JPN)**, 126, h, 6 **Deep Impact (Jpn)**

1st Dam: **French Riviera (GSW-US, \$121,000)**,
by **French Deputy**

2nd Dam: **Actinella**, by **Seattle Slew**

3rd Dam: **Aerturas (Fr)**, by **Manado (Ire)**

(¥35,000,000 Wlg ‘14 JRHAJUL). O-Koji Maeda; B-Grand Farm (Jpn); T-Kazuya Nakatake; J-Katsuma Sameshima. ¥41,497,000. Lifetime Record: 22-4-3-3. *1/2 to Suzuka Causeway (Jpn) (Giant’s Causeway), GSW-Jpn, \$1,825,451. [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#) **Werk Nick Rating: A+++.** *Triple Plus*.

2--**Duomo (Jpn)**, 115, h, 7, Deep Impact (Jpn)--Ask Commander (Jpn), by Commander in Chief (GB). O-Hiroo Race; B-Fujiwara Bokujo (Jpn); ¥16,142,000.

3--**Jinambo (Jpn)**, 121, h, 5, Deep Impact (Jpn)--Apapane (Jpn), by King Kamehameha (Jpn). O-Makoto Kaneko Holdings; B-Northern Farm (Jpn). ¥10,071,000.

Margins: 1 3/4, NK, 1HF. Odds: 17.10, 39.50, 7.60.

Also Ran: Reiho Romance (Jpn), Outliers (Jpn), Territorial (Jpn), Night of Knights (Jpn), Aloha Lily (Jpn), Velox (Jpn), Un Autre (Jpn), Emeral Fight (Jpn), Tanino Frankel (Ire), Lance of Puraana (Jpn), Saimon Ramesses (Jpn).

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A 'GOLDEN' SWEEP POSSIBLE FOLLOWING CLASSIC CUP SUCCESS *by Alan Carasso*



Golden Sixty | HKJC photo

Neither a minor temperature nor Sunday's 1800-metre trip proved a task too tall for the talented **Golden Sixty (Aus)** (Medaglia d'Oro), who was the recipient of a thinking-man's ride from the up-and-coming Vincent Ho and showed his customary electric turn of foot to add the Hong Kong Classic Cup to his prior victory in the Hong Kong Classic Mile. Now just once-beaten in 10 trips to the races, Golden Sixty can join the late Rapper Dragon (Aus) (Street Boss) as the only horses in history to sweep the 4YO Classics in the BMW Hong Kong Derby in a month's time.

"He's not 100%, that's for sure--he's about 75 or 80%--he won this race because he has a really good fighting heart," Ho told the Hong Kong Jockey Club's David Morgan.

Given the green light to take his spot after performing satisfactorily at trackwork through the week, Golden Sixty was third-last upon settling, covering the well-regarded **Beauty Legacy (Aus)** (Fiorente {Ire}), as stablemate and second

favourite **More Than This (GB)** (Dutch Art {GB}) was snagged back to be a joint tail-ender outside of **Enjoying (Aus)** (Dundeel {NZ}). Positions remained largely unchanged down the back, but in a move reminiscent to that of former Derby hero Designs On Rome (Ire) (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}), Purton went for More Than This with about 650m to race, ranging up outside of Golden Sixty and leaving that one boxed away on the back of **Champion's Way (Aus)** (Hinchinbrook {Aus}). But as More Than This made his run unimpeded down the outside, Vincent Ho refused to panic and he shot Golden Sixty through between Champion's Way and More Than This at the 200m. He switched his legs and flashed home fastest of all, his final 400 in a race-best :22.38.

"I didn't want to push the button too early because I might use him too much, so I've waited a little bit, found the gap and he's sprinted home," Ho said.

Pedigree Notes

Golden Sixty is bred on the cross of Medaglia d'Oro over sire sons of Forty Niner which has yielded the likes of US Horse of the Year Rachel Alexandra (out of a daughter of Roar), champion Songbird and other 10-furlong Grade I winners Elate and New Money Honey (each o/o a Distorted Humor dam). His deeper female family includes the likes of champions Bosra Sham and Hector Protector and MG1/GISW Ciro.

Gaudeamus is the dam of a 2-year-old colt by Choisir (Aus), a weanling filly by G1 Golden Slipper S. winner Capitalist (Aus) (Written Tycoon {Aus}) and was most recently bred to Trapeze Artist (Aus) (Snitzel {Aus}) on a Nov. 18 cover date.

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Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong

HONG KONG CLASSIC CUP-LR, HK\$10,000,000 (£990,919/€1,183,749/A\$1,938,407/US\$1,284,162), Sha Tin, 2-23, 4yo, 1800mT, 1:45.88, gd.

1--**GOLDEN SIXTY (AUS)**, 126, g, 4, by **Medaglia d'Oro**

1st Dam: Gaudeamus (GSW-Ire, \$179,846), by Distorted Humor

2nd Dam: Leo's Lucky Lady, by Seattle Slew

3rd Dam: Konafa, by Damascus

(A\$120,000 Ylg '17 MMGCYS; NZ\$300,000 2yo '17 NZBRTR). O-Stanley Chan Ka Leung; B-Asco International Pty Ltd (Qld); T-Francis Lui; J-Vincent Ho; HK\$5,700,000. Lifetime Record: GSW-HK, 10-9-0-0, HK\$20,070,600.

2--**Champion's Way (Aus)**, 126, g, 4, Hinchinbrook (Aus)--Greta's Yarn (Aus), by Redoute's Choice (Aus). (A\$150,000 Ylg '17 INGFEb). O-Dr & Mrs Arthur Leung & Elaine & Angela Leung; B-G Bunt (NSW); T-John Size; J-Ryan Moore; HK\$2,200,000.

3--**More Than This (GB)**, 126, g, 4, Dutch Art (GB)--Striving (Ire), by Danehill Dancer (Ire). (40,000gns Ylg '17 TATOCT). O-Huang Kai Wen; B-Cheveley Park Stud Ltd; T-Francis Lui; J-Zac Purton; HK\$1,150,000.

Margins: HF, HF, 1HF. Odds: 6-5, 12-1, 9-5.

Also Ran: Enjoying (Aus), Playa Del Puente (Ire), Beauty Legacy (Aus), World Famous (Fr), Savvy Nine (Fr), Private Secretary (GB), Reliable Team (NZ).

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For the upcoming Feb. 26 and Mar. 1 and 4th race meetings, the Hong Kong Jockey Club, as requested by the HKSAR Government, will only allow trainers, jockeys, Club officials, stewards with race day duties and owners with starters that have already made a prior reservation in an owner box to be admitted due to the risk of contracting the coronavirus (COVID-19). No guests will be admitted, while customers are required to receive temperature screenings before entry and are advised to wear medical masks during the race meeting.

Additionally, for the Happy Valley fixture on Feb. 26, only the owners' box on 2/F and 3/F will be open. Also racecourse cross betting will not be available, and all betting facilities at the Sha Tin Clubhouse will be closed, as well. All off-course betting branches are closed and Telebet hotlines are temporarily suspended until further notice.

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	G1 TAB Chipping Norton S.	Randwick
	G1 Surround S.	Randwick
Mar. 7	G1 Newmarket H.	Flemington
	G1 Australian Cup	Flemington
	G1 Mostyn Copper Randwick Guineas	Randwick
	G1 Canterbury S.	Randwick
Mar. 14	G1 Coolmore Classic S.	Rosehill
Mar. 20	G1 William Reid S.	The Valley
Mar. 21	G1 Longines Golden Slipper S.	Rosehill
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SALES PROSPECTS WRITTEN IN SUCCESSIVE OAKLEIGH PLATES



Written Tycoon | Bronwen Healy

By Bren O'Brien

With a sense of timing ahead of next week's Inglis Melbourne Premier Sale, **Written Tycoon** became the first stallion in 48 years to sire back-to-back winners of one of Australia's most revered sprint races, the G1 Oakleigh Plate, with **Pippie**'s victory for John and Chris Meagher on Saturday.

It was a 4-year-old mare in the Mathew Ellerton and Simon Zahra stable, **Booker**, that got the job done for the Woodside Park-based stallion last year and it was again a 4-year-old mare that made it back-to-back, with Pippie running a race record of 1:01.93 in leading barrier to box in the famed Caulfield sprint.

The last stallion to feature in successive years on the Oakleigh Plate honour board was Showdown (GB) in 1971 and 1972, again with a brilliant sprinting mare in Dual Choice, who is the last horse to win the race in successive years.

With that bit of history in mind, and knowing the competitiveness at the top end of the sprinting ranks in Australia, Saturday's success is a significant one for the Woodside Park stallion according to General Manager Commercial, James Price.

"Time and time again, we know Written Tycoon is an incredible source of speed, he proved that again with Pippie.

She really did it from the beginning of the race and then again at the end of the race. She really showed great speed to get across from where she was and travelling into the straight, you thought how far is she going to win this by. She broke a record in doing so and beat some exceptionally good gallopers as well," he said. "It's great for the winning trainers and owners and for Written Tycoon. It's another reminder of his credentials as a stallion. As we know, the Australian market is fairly geared towards speed and he's one of the top five stallions to give you that speed. Not only that, he gives you an elite performer."

Pippie, an eighth Group 1 winner for her sire, is the kind of horse that continues to build on her reputation, having won on Saturday at just her ninth start in a race.

"I think she was exceptional," Price said. "Coming around the turn, Linda Meech hadn't moved and you thought 'goodness me, this is quite extraordinary'. This wasn't a maiden race, it was an elite time-honoured sprint race. She was dominant."

Pippie was a \$60,000 purchase for John Meagher at the 2017 Inglis Classic Yearling Sale. Her breeders, Eureka Stud, had picked up her dam Coupe Express (Ne Coupez Paz {USA}) for just \$26,000 in foal to Written Tycoon two years prior.

"James O'Brien was selling [Coupe Express] and we liked her and thought she was good value, given she was carrying a Written Tycoon, but you never really expect the ones you buy in foal are going to be Group 1 winners," Eureka Stud's Scott McAlpine said. "She's a ripper, Pippie. She was always a neat foal and she's a nice neat race mare."



Pippie | Bronwen Healy

"She's still very underrated but she can sprint. It's bloody tough to do what she's done, win a Group 1 at your ninth start, having already won four or five races."

Written on the Rise

In a great measure of the rising star of Written Tycoon, who stood for \$110,000 (inc GST) in 2019, Pippie was conceived off just a \$13,750 service fee in 2014. It was primarily the success of his G1 Golden Slipper S. winning son Capitalist that saw his fee rocket soon after that point and as his fee has risen, and more success has flowed, so too have the quality of mares increased.

"We are absolutely confident that the best is yet to come with Written Tycoon. He might be 17 but his 2-year-olds are off a \$49,500 service fee, and anything older is off \$19,800 and below. His rise in service fee has seen a better quality of mare and we are very confident the best is yet to come," Price said.

As much as Booker's success 12 months ago was well-timed ahead of his home sale in Victoria, so too will buyers head to Oaklands Junctions next week, where he has 24 yearlings on offer, with the deeds of Written Tycoon's progeny front and foremost in their minds.

"It's a fickle industry that is fashion driven and we are fortunate that Pippie winning yesterday reminds buyers of his credentials as a stallion and that they can buy them at affordable prices," Price said. "We are not just talking about fast 2-year-olds, we are talking about sound horses that race on and race for several years. Owners and trainers can have a lot of fun with a Written Tycoon."

Nine Tycoons Ready for Market

Woodside Park Stud has nine of them on offer itself, with Price describing them as a very even draft of six colts and three fillies.

"We have got compact sprinting types, but we have a few which are more in the mould of Written Tycoon, which are scopier, athletic types. There is something there for everyone," he said.

What is notable is that six of them are by imported mares, as Woodside Park looks to highlight how well the stallion matches with a variety of pedigrees.

"Some of those international mares we have bought the last few years have complemented Written Tycoon really nicely. Whilst presenting as mature horses, physically they look like they will mature into their 3-year-old years. We are hoping the buying bench will like what they will see on the ground," Price said.

Also on offer from Woodside Park at the Premier Sale will be four yearlings, two colts and two fillies, from the second crop of **Rich Enuff**, who had his first two winners in the past week, which is again great timing ahead of the Melbourne sale.

"To have seven runners for two winners and a further four city placegetters, it continues a nice piece of momentum heading for him," Price said.

Price also revealed that its entire draft of 23 will be on display in a new initiative, a quickfire 23 lots in 23 minutes, at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday morning this week at Oaklands Junction ahead on the Premier Sale.

"People can start their days off at Woodside Park and get an idea of the quality we will be offering at the sale," Price said.

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