



Seven Years after Retirement, Ramón Domínguez's Passion for Racing Continues

It has been seven years since Domínguez's name was listed in a racing program, but his influence today is still impacting the racing community.

SMITH: PUNISHMENT DOES NOT FIT CRIME



Mike Smith aboard Midnight Bisou (inside)
The Jockey Club of Saudi Arabia

by *Bill Finley*

Back home in California after finishing second aboard **Midnight Bisou** (Midnight Lute) in the inaugural running of the \$20-million Saudi Cup, jockey Mike Smith said the penalties handed down to him for excessive use of the whip were “absurd.”

Under rules enacted just before the running of the Saudi Cup card, riders were limited to striking a horse no more than 10 times during a race. The Saudi stewards ruled that Smith struck Midnight Bisou 14 times and also was guilty of hitting his mount with no regard for the horse's stride. The end result was a nine-day suspension and forfeiture of 60% of his fee for riding Midnight Bisou to a second-place finish. The fine adds up to a steep \$210,000.

“I was extremely surprised,” Smith said. “It was so severe. I understand that if you go over that number you're going to get some sort of suspension. By the time they were done, they wound up suspending me nine days and that's about a month in California since we only race three days a week. Then to add in a 60% penalty as well, that's absurd. That's going way too far. A whole month off and then a quarter-million dollar fine, it's too much. This will be the biggest penalty against a jockey in the history of horse racing.”

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BREEDERS' CUP BOARD OF DIRECTORS INCREASES SAFETY MEASURES, ADDS \$4 MILLION TO PURSES

The Breeders' Cup Board of Directors agreed on steps to increase safety and added \$4 million in purses to the World Championships during its regular February meeting, Breeders' Cup announced Tuesday.

The Breeders' Cup Board continued its commitment to using the organization's leadership position within the industry to encourage the adoption of increased safety requirements within and beyond the World Championships. Beginning at the 2020 World Championships, the Breeders' Cup will adopt all six recommendations from Dr. Larry Bramlage's report, ([pages 18-21](#)). These process improvements are aimed at refining safety and veterinary evaluation protocols for future events.

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October 8, 2011. Ramon Dominguez guides Gio Ponti (*Tale of the Cat*) to his second consecutive GI Shadwell Turf Mile S. victory. It has been seven years since Dominguez's name was listed in a racing program, but his influence today is still impacting the racing community. See story on page 8 and [click here to visit the TDN Look and read more.](#) | *Horsephotos*

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Smith: Punishment Doesn't Fit Crime cont. from p1

Smith's suspension, which is recognized by U.S. racing authorities, is set to start Friday. In a statement on Twitter, the California Horse Racing Board said it is "reciprocating with the ruling(s) in Saudi Arabia suspending Mike Smith. We are seeking clarification on the precise dates of their suspension(s). The first date of their suspension, Mar. 6, is clear, so Smith is not named as a rider on the Friday program at Santa Anita."

Smith said he is considering his options and may file an appeal. Before he does so, he said, he wanted to confer with Santa Anita racing officials to see if he would be allowed to ride in designated stakes races while otherwise suspended. He added that it has been difficult to communicate with Saudi racing officials because of the time difference between Riyadh and California.

"Right now, I am trying to figure this all out," he said.

Among the things at stake for Smith is whether or not he will be permitted to ride on Saturday's rich card at Santa Anita, which includes the GI Santa Anita H. and the GII San Felipe S. If Smith does appeal, it's not clear what the path would be to having the penalties overturned or lessened since he is not claiming that he did not break the rules.

"I understand that when you pass a number you're going to get hit with a suspension, but to get fined a quarter-million

dollars and get a month off in the States, that is it kind of mind-blowing," he said.



Mike Smith | Keeneland

Midnight Bisou was last in the early going before making her move on the far turn while saving ground. She wound up losing to Maximum Security (New Year's Day) by three-quarters of a length. Smith said one of the reasons he felt he needed to keep using the whip on his mount was that she distracted by a car that was running in front of the field with a camera. **Cont. p4**

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“I’m trying to get through down on the fence and they have a car driving in front of us filming us,” he said. “She’s looking at that car and trying to get out. I’m trying to get her to focus and go forward because I have a chance to win this thing. She’s busy looking at the car and trying to get out. She’s in behind another horse’s heels. I certainly don’t want to clip heels. You lose count [of how many times you use the whip]. When that happens, what do you do? Just give up? By no means was I abusing her at all. Matter of fact, I flagged her most of the times. I wasn’t even hitting her, I was just waving my arms, showing her the stick. She had her eyes fixed on that SUV up in front of us.”

Smith said he would never intentionally abuse a horse and did not feel he did so aboard Midnight Bisou.

“With me, the horse comes first and foremost, always,” he said. “I would never put a horse or any human in harm’s way. I didn’t do that. I went over a number and that’s it. It’s very frustrating. I understand they have rules and that I went past that number, but that’s all I did. It is crazy. I was floored. They went way beyond.”

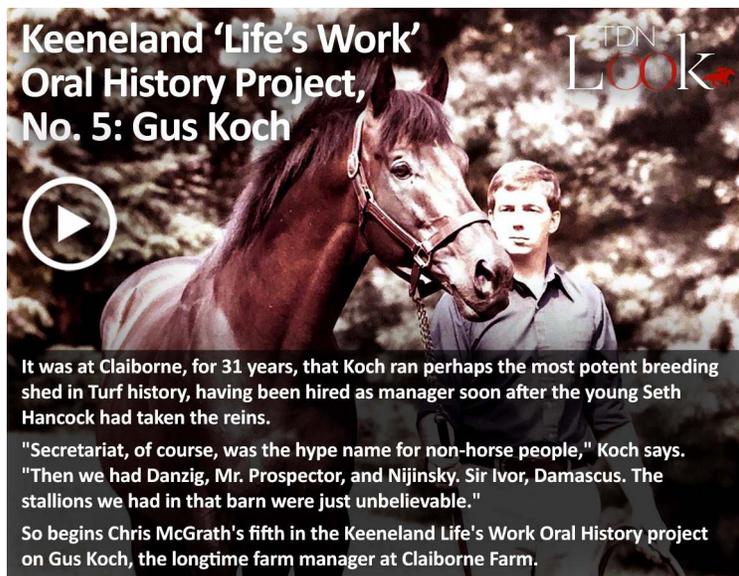
Smith received another suspension of two days for failing to weigh in after an earlier race on the card. He said that was a result of confusion among Saudi racing officials.

“This was very confusing,” he said. “I was asking, Do I unsaddle here?’ They said, ‘No, unsaddle down there.’ Next thing you know I got another two days because I didn’t weigh out. I told them I asked an official where I was to go to and they sent me to wrong place. Their answer was that I should’ve known better.”

Irad Ortiz, Jr. was also hit with a severe penalty by the stewards as he was given an eight-day suspension for overuse of the whip during a race Friday and another two days for excessive use of the whip aboard **Mucho Gusto** (Mucho Macho Man) in the Saudi Cup.

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Keeneland ‘Life’s Work’ Oral History Project, No. 5: Gus Koch



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

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

So begins Chris McGrath’s fifth in the Keeneland Life’s Work Oral History project on Gus Koch, the longtime farm manager at Claiborne Farm.

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Breeders' Cup Adds Safety Measures, Ups Purses cont. from p1

The Breeders' Cup remains heavily involved in the Thoroughbred Safety Coalition's advocacy for the implementation of the 19 safety and integrity reforms, to include those announced in November and December, at the state and/or track level. To this end, in order to host a Breeders' Cup "Win and You're In" Challenge race, U.S.-based tracks that are not members of the Thoroughbred Safety Coalition will be required to agree to adopt all 19 safety and integrity reforms that make up the Coalition platform and must demonstrate a good faith effort in implementing those reforms.

"The implementation of the increased safety measures outlined in the Bramlage report for our World Championships, along with the required adoption of the Thoroughbred Safety Coalition safety and integrity reforms by racetrack partners hosting Breeders' Cup Challenge races, are the latest steps the Breeders' Cup has taken to strengthen its longstanding commitment to instituting the highest standards in the overall conduct of our racing programs," said Drew Fleming, Breeders' Cup President and CEO.

The Breeders' Cup Board also approved a \$4-million increase in purses, bringing total purses and awards for the two-day World Championships to \$35 million. Purse payouts will also be modified to pay down to the 10th position from the current

eighth position.

The purse increases begin with this year's event at Keeneland Nov. 6-7 and will be allocated as follows:

- \$1 million to the Longines Breeders' Cup Classic for a total purse of \$7 million;
- \$2 million to the Longines Breeders' Cup Turf for a total purse of \$6 million; and
- \$1 million to the Big Ass Fans Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile for a total purse of \$2 million.

These increases put the Longines Breeders' Cup Turf tied for the richest Grade I/Group 1 turf race in the world and solidify the Big Ass Fans Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile as the richest dirt mile race worldwide. The Longines Breeders' Cup Classic remains the richest race in North America and the third-richest Grade I/Group 1 in the world.

"These purse increases reflect the Breeders' Cup's mission to conduct the World Championships at the highest levels of quality and to keep our races competitive on the international stage," said Fleming. "Our decision to increase purse payouts to 10th place in all our races is a tribute to the loyal participation of our owners and trainers who support the World Championships each year."

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FURTHER CLARITY TO CALIFORNIA ENTRY-DAY RULE CHANGES

by Dan Ross

A conference call among a variety of California industry stakeholders Tuesday brought further clarity to a state-wide California Horse Racing Board (CHRB) rule change, which went into effect Mar. 1, concerning what can be administered to a horse after the time it has been entered to race.

The rule changes--which the CHRB adopted on an emergency basis in January, then formally approved Feb. 20--had caused confusion and concern among certain trainers about how it would impact their training programs.

Tuesday's conference call brought clarity to two of the main sticking points concerning the rule changes. For one, electrolytes and amino acids can still be fed to a horse after entry day, though not administered via any other means, like an oral syringe.

"The gist of it is, if it's been permitted before to include with feed, there's no change," said CHRB executive director Rick Baedeker. "There's a legal distinction between including it with feed and administering it."

Second, the rules surrounding three nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAID)--phenylbutazone (bute), flunixin, and ketoprofen--will remain for the time being.

Presently, these NSAIDS cannot be administered after a horse is deemed entered. Current rules stipulate that a horse is deemed entered to race at midnight the day the entries close.

The Stronach Group (TSG) has recently narrowed entries across its California tracks--Santa Anita and Golden Gate Fields--to three days before a race..

Prior to the recent rule changes, those three NSAIDs were prohibited for use within 48 hours of a race. Baedeker said that CHRB chairman, Dr. Greg Ferraro, will put on the agenda for the next meeting language to remove bute, flunixin, and ketoprofen from the post entry-day prohibition in order to once again impose upon them a static 48-hour withdrawal time.

The next CHRB meeting is scheduled for Mar. 19 at Cal Expo in Sacramento.

Confusion reigned when a CHRB memo circulated among trainers towards the end of last week outlined the rule changes, catching trainers unawares. The memo read that, "Horses entered to race shall only be given water, hay, and grain until post time," and that, "no drugs, medications, or substances shall be administered to a horse after it is deemed entered to race."

Some trainers had voiced concern that the language in the memo concerning "water, hay and grain" might exempt certain

feedstuffs like sweet-feed after entry day. According to Baedeker, there's no such prohibition on feedstuffs after entry day.

"You can still do what you were doing before with feed. You can still use sweet feed. You can feed an apple." Baedeker said. "There's no prohibition against that, as long as what you're giving your horse is not prohibited."

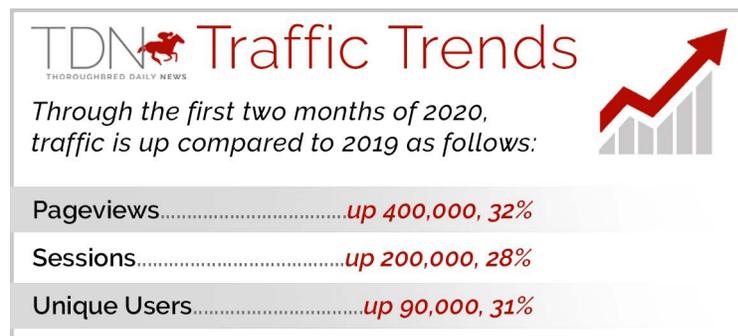
The memo circulated last week further stated that the following substances can be administered by injection until 24 hours before post time: injectable vitamins, tetanus antitoxin or tetanus toxoid (if the horse receives a wound), and approved anti-ulcer medications. Lasix is still permitted race-day.

Because entries are taken at some California tracks longer than three days before a race, some trainers voiced concerns about shipping horses long distances under the new rules, especially during the hot summer months.

Entries for Friday at Santa Anita were taken Tuesday. According to Greg Avioli, president and CEO of the Thoroughbred Owners of California, there had been "concern" among stakeholders that the recent confusion over the rule changes would negatively impact Friday's card.

"But entries for this Friday have come in stronger than entries for last Friday," Avioli said.

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AFTER QUIET YEAR, VIOLENCE IS HOT AGAIN



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The number-one sophomore sire of 2018, **Violence** (Medaglia d'Oro--Violent Beauty, by Gone West) took a step backward last year. It happens. The problem is that the marketplace can be unforgiving and ready to move on from any stallion that isn't the hottest of commodities. So Hill 'n' Dale was proactive, dropping Violence's stud fee from \$40,000 to \$25,000. At that price, he may go down as one of the best bargains among all stallions this year.

"Last year, we had some bad luck on the racetrack," said Hill 'n' Dale President John Sikura. "A few horses got hurt. There were some disappointments. He got quiet and we thought, to be fair to the marketplace, we'd stand him for \$25,000 this year. That would give everyone an opportunity after a bit of lull in his career."

It appears that Violence, a son of Medaglia d'Oro, was priced competitively as Sikura reports that the stallion will serve a full book of quality mares this year.

"I think people viewed the \$40,000 to \$25,000 as a disappointment, or an admittance of failure," Sikura said. "But we didn't view it that way at all. When you're a little bit quiet, you need to give people an opportunity, and people are responding. He's going to breed another really good, full book of mares this year. Sometimes, you sort of have to be a contrarian or jump on something when people are uncertain. That's how you make money in the horse business."

It's too early to tell if Violence's offspring will rebound in 2020, but they are off to a good start. Though he has been racing solely against Louisiana-breds, Violence's son No Parole is considered a serious contender for the GI Kentucky Derby. That's how impressive he has been in the three races that he has won by a combined 34 lengths. He was named a **'TDN Rising Star'** when winning an allowance race at the Fair Grounds Jan. 11. That same day, Violence picked up a rare double as he had two 'Rising Stars.' The other was Violent City, a four-length winner in his debut at Gulfstream.

"I'm not apologizing at all for the horse," Sikura said. "I recognize that last year was a little quiet on the race track. But it looks like we're resurgent now and, hopefully, what we're seeing is just the tip of the iceberg so far as great success and him achieving what everybody hoped and thought he would achieve. That is to be a top, top sire."



No Parole | Hodges Photography

Trained by Todd Pletcher, Violence won the GII Nashua S. in his second career start. In search of a Grade I win, he ventured west for the 2012 GI Cash Call Futurity at Hollywood Park and won again. Considered a top threat for the 2013 Kentucky Derby, he finished second in the GII Fountain of Youth in his 3-year-old debut behind eventual Derby winner Orb, but did not race again. Following the Fountain of Youth, Pletcher reported that Violence had sustained a fracture to his right front medial sesamoid.

"He's a big, handsome horse and he's a Grade I winner," Sikura said. "When he got hurt, it was really an opportune time for us. He got hurt in February or March and it's always hard to sell a horse at that time of year. There was an opportunity to get in and buy the horse when the competition wouldn't have been as thick as it would have been if the horse retired in November, right on top of the breeding season."

Sikura thought from the start that Violence had a chance to be an outstanding sire.

"Physically, he's big handsome horse by Medaglia d'Oro," he said. "He has a great pedigree, by a preeminent dirt family. He had all the requisites of a horse who could be a really important sire."

His first crop, which hit the racetrack in 2017, got off to a solid start. But it was 2018 when Violence's offspring started to really assert themselves. He had 12 stakes winners that year.

"This horse, he got off to a great start," Sikura said. "They were big, handsome horses." **Cont. p8**

“People succeeded in the sales ring and succeeded on the racetrack, whether it was colts or fillies,” he continued. “He had a turf angle and was very successful as a turf sire. They ran short, they ran long. He looked poised to be the next really important young sire and, maybe, the heir apparent to Medaglia d'Oro.”

For Violence, 2019 was far from a bad year. He was the third-leading third-crop sire, but the numbers were down. And people noticed.

“In this business there are trends, fads,” Sikura said. “Popular today, not as popular tomorrow. It’s the herd following.”

Perhaps Violence would have done just fine at \$40,000, but Sikura didn’t want to take any chances. Now he has a stallion who is off to a fast start this year and is priced right.

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FROM TDN LOOK: POST-RETIREMENT, DOMINGUEZ'S PASSION FOR RACING CONTINUES

by Katie Ritz



Click the photo above to play Katie Ritz's interview with Ramon Dominguez

When Ramon Dominguez approached the starting gate for the seventh race at Aqueduct Jan. 18, 2013, he was already off to what most consider a great day of racing. For a three-time Eclipse Champion, it was just another day on the job. He had run in the money in three of his four starts already that day, and had blown the field away by over five lengths in the second race.

The weather was clear and the track was fast. But the picture-perfect day turned quickly when Dominguez was tossed from his mount as the horse clipped heels and stumbled while waiting for an opening.

Five months later, Dominguez announced his retirement as a jockey due to traumatic brain injury at the age of 36.

It has been seven years since Dominguez's name was listed in a racing program, but his influence today is still impacting the racing community. “After my injury, the chapter about my life as a jockey closed,” Dominguez said. “But since then, another chapter has opened, and I'm still involved in racing and happy to be a part of this big family in many different ways.”

A native of Venezuela, Dominguez fell in love with the sport at the age of 13. “When I was 15, I tried show jumping, and then shortly after that I started getting on racehorses,” Dominguez recalled. “I rode in Venezuela for a year and a half before coming to the United States in 1996.”

It didn't take long for the young jockey to find success. In 2001, and then again in 2003, he was the winningest jockey in the United States. In 2004, he got his first Breeders' Cup win aboard Better Talk Now (Talkin Man) in the GI Turf. He went on to capture two more Breeders' Cup victories with Hansen (Tapit) in the 2011 GI Juvenile and Little Mike (Spanish Steps) in the 2012 Turf. He was also the regular rider for three-time Eclipse Champion Gio Ponti (Tale of the Cat). Together, the duo brought in six Grade I victories.

Dominguez topped the earnings list for jockeys three consecutive years from 2010 through 2012, gaining Eclipse Awards each year concurrently. On his home circuit in New York, he was the leading rider for four straight years from 2009 to 2012, and in 2012, he became the second rider alongside Hall of Famer John Velazquez to win six races on a single card at Saratoga.

Dominguez had reached the height of his career when it all came to a sudden end, so it would have been understandable to have been upset about losing the accolades or the missed opportunity for more Eclipse Awards and new records. But Dominguez was more devastated about missing the routine of the job he loved, the everyday moments that made up his day as a jockey.

“Initially, I wanted to stay away from the track, because it was too painful with the memories of riding and the people I had grown close with,” Dominguez said. “My wife was the one who pushed me. She said, ‘You need to go to a track,’ and I really had no say. So I went to the track and had a good day.”

One visit led to another, and eventually it was something Dominguez looked forward to doing. “Of course now I love coming to the track,” Dominguez said. “Not only to watch the races, but also to see and visit the people that have become like family.”

Today, as a National Museum of Racing's Hall of Fame inductee, Dominguez is not only a fan of racing, but also an advocate for the sport with a passion for improving the industry. To read the rest of this story, [visit the TDN Look by clicking here.](#)

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WOODBINE INCREASES PURSES FOR OVERNIGHT, ONTARIO BONUS PROGRAMS

Woodbine Entertainment is increasing purses for its overnight and Ontario bonus programs effective for this year's Thoroughbred season which begins Saturday, Apr. 18, the company announced Tuesday.

"Woodbine is committed to attracting and retaining top quality horses in support of a strong racing program," said Jessica Buckley, Senior Vice President of Thoroughbred and Standardbred Racing for Woodbine Entertainment. "We are pleased to offer enhanced overnight purses for some conditions as well as significant bonus increases for the Ontario Sired and Ontario Bred programs that will benefit the local horse racing industry."

The overnight increases, as much as 7.7% on base purses, apply to maiden allowance races and select maiden optional claiming races. Ontario-sired bonuses will increase from 30% to 33% in both conditions, while Ontario-bred bonuses in maiden allowance races will climb from 20% to 43%. Woodbine has also increased the Ontario-sired bonus from 20% to 22% for every other condition.

The first condition book for the 2020 meet is now available under the 'Horsepeople' section on Woodbine.com.

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REPORT: THREE MORE SHARP HORSES DQ'ED FOR LEVAMISOLE

Three more Joe Sharp horses have been disqualified from purse money for testing positive for the drug levamisole, this time in Kentucky, according to a report in *Daily Racing Form*. The news comes after nine Sharp horses were DQ'ed for the same drug in Louisiana earlier this year. **Sharp previously said** that he had five horses test positive for the drug last fall at Churchill and was awaiting word from Churchill stewards on the matter. Levamisole is listed as a Class 2 drug by the Association of Racing Commissioners International, largely for its potential to metabolize into the powerful stimulant aminorex.

According to the report, the horses that tested positive at Churchill and were disqualified were Diane Connell's **Street Dazzle** (Street Sense), winner of the fourth race Nov. 23, Brad Kelley's **Blackberry Wine** (Oxbow), winner of the fifth race Nov. 30 and W. Bruce Lunsford's **Art Collector** (Bernardini), winner of the sixth race Nov. 30. Blackberry Wine was also subsequently **disqualified from a victory** Jan. 18 at Fair Grounds.

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NEW VOCATIONS ANNUAL BBQ APR. 24



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Held concurrently with the Land Rover Kentucky Three-Day Event at the Kentucky Horse Park, New Vocations Racehorse Adoption Program will host its fifth annual Open Barn and BBQ event at its Lexington facility on Mereworth Farm, Friday, Apr. 24 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. (gates open at 5 p.m.). New Vocations will invite guests to tour the facility and meet adoptable horses. The evening will include a Southern-style buffet dinner, drinks and live music by Frontier Band, followed by an hour-long educational demonstration in the indoor arena. Four adoptable horses will be ridden by New Vocations trainers in mini clinics taught by Olympic team rider and World Equestrian Games Silver Medalist Dorothy [Trapp] Crowell, who will offer her perspective on the re-training process of off-track Thoroughbreds. The evening will also feature Crowell instructing two-time Kentucky Oaks winning jockey Rosie Napravnik aboard her more-advanced OTTB, a product of Crowell's program.

A silent auction will open online at noon, Friday, Apr. 17, ending at the conclusion of the Open Barn and BBQ Apr. 24. The auction will riding lessons with four-star event rider Nick Larkin, an African safari package, swag from the United States Eventing Association, photo shoots with acclaimed equestrian photographers, signed horse-racing memorabilia, event tickets and more. Bidders do not need to be present to win. All proceeds from the auction will help New Vocations rehab, retrain and rehome retiring racehorses.

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Proceeds from the event will benefit New Vocations Racehorse Adoption Program, a 501 (c) 3 charitable organization.

For more information on the Open Barn and BBQ and the silent auction, visit www.newvocations.org/event_detail/9.

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CODE WEST SIRES FIRST FOAL

The first foal from **Code West** (Lemon Drop Kid--Charitable donation, by Saint Ballado), a five-time stakes winner who raced mostly in the southwest, was born out of the Newfoundland mare Sephora early Tuesday morning. Code West, who originally raced for Gary and Mary West before being acquired by Bryan Hawk and becoming a mainstay at Zia and Albuquerque in the mid-2010s, earned \$828,727 in 37 career starts. He stands at WestWin Farms in Purcell, OK for \$1,500 LFSN.

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	GI F. E. Kilroe Mile S.	Santa Anita
	GII San Carlos S.	Santa Anita
	GII San Felipe S.	Santa Anita
	GII Tampa Bay Derby	Tampa
	GII Hillsborough S.	Tampa
	GIII Gotham S.	Aqueduct
	GIII Tom Fool H.	Aqueduct
	GIII Challenger S.	Tampa
	GIII Florida Oaks	Tampa
	GIII Honeybee S.	Oaklawn
Mar. 8	GIII Santa Ysabel S.	Santa Anita
Mar. 14	GI Beholder Mile S.	Santa Anita
	GII Rebel S.	Oaklawn
	GII Azeri S.	Oaklawn
	GIII Hurricane Bertie S.	Gulfstream
	GIII San Simeon S.	Santa Anita
	GIII Jeff Ruby Steaks	Turfway

2020 Leading Sires by Earnings

for stallions standing in North America through Monday, Feb. 2

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Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	Midnight Lute <i>(2003) by Real Quiet FYR: 2010 Crops: 9</i>	3	6	2	2	--	--	93	24	3,500,000	4,458,900
					<i>Stands: Hill 'n' Dale Farms KY Fee: \$15,000</i>						<i>Midnight Bisou</i>
2	Tapit <i>(2001) by Pulpit FYR: 2006 Crops: 13</i>	5	12	5	11	--	--	135	21	1,000,000	3,697,417
					<i>Stands: Gainesway Farm KY Fee: \$200,000</i>						<i>Tacitus</i>
3	Mucho Macho Man <i>(2008) by Macho Uno FYR: 2016 Crops: 3</i>	1	2	1	2	1	1	39	12	3,162,000	3,527,799
					<i>Stands: Adena Springs KY Fee: \$10,000</i>						<i>Mucho Gusto</i>
4	Medaglia d'Oro <i>(1999) by El Prado (Ire) FYR: 2006 Crops: 13</i>	1	5	1	5	--	--	109	18	1,703,055	2,656,346
					<i>Stands: Darley KY Fee: \$200,000</i>						<i>Golden Sixty (Aus)</i>
5	Into Mischief <i>(2005) by Harlan's Holiday FYR: 2010 Crops: 9</i>	10	22	4	7	--	--	187	44	130,766	2,550,817
					<i>Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY Fee: \$175,000</i>						<i>Jigen</i>
6	Speightstown <i>(1998) by Gone West FYR: 2006 Crops: 13</i>	2	3	--	2	--	--	120	35	506,328	2,249,131
					<i>Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$70,000</i>						<i>Full Flat</i>
7	Curlin <i>(2004) by Smart Strike FYR: 2010 Crops: 9</i>	4	8	2	4	--	--	154	40	390,000	2,231,827
					<i>Stands: Hill 'n' Dale Farms KY Fee: \$175,000</i>						<i>Gladiator King</i>
8	Uncle Mo <i>(2008) by Indian Charlie FYR: 2013 Crops: 6</i>	3	6	3	4	--	--	121	42	277,400	1,981,796
					<i>Stands: Ashford Stud KY Fee: \$125,000</i>						<i>Modernist</i>
9	Munnings <i>(2006) by Speightstown FYR: 2012 Crops: 7</i>	5	8	4	5	--	--	116	32	300,000	1,804,420
					<i>Stands: Ashford Stud KY Fee: \$30,000</i>						<i>Warrior's Charge</i>
10	Hard Spun <i>(2004) by Danzig FYR: 2009 Crops: 10</i>	1	4	1	3	--	--	140	24	168,980	1,532,430
					<i>Stands: Darley KY Fee: \$40,000</i>						<i>Predicament (Jpn)</i>
11	I'll Have Another <i>(2009) by Flower Alley FYR: 2014 Crops: 5</i>	--	--	--	--	--	--	139	30	117,498	1,525,283
					<i>Stands: Ballena Vista Farm CA Fee: \$6,000</i>						<i>Luce Solare (Jpn)</i>
12	Street Cry (Ire) <i>(1998) by Machiavellian FYR: 2004 Crops: 12</i>	1	4	1	2	1	1	49	10	650,040	1,353,506
					<i>Stands: Darley USA (Dead/Ret/Exp)</i>						<i>Zulu Alpha</i>
13	Kitten's Joy <i>(2001) by El Prado (Ire) FYR: 2007 Crops: 12</i>	2	4	--	2	--	--	199	44	230,146	1,352,716
					<i>Stands: Hill 'n' Dale Farms KY Fee: \$75,000</i>						<i>Gendarme</i>
14	Malibu Moon <i>(1997) by A.P. Indy FYR: 2001 Crops: 18</i>	2	4	--	--	--	--	129	27	200,232	1,311,922
					<i>Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY Fee: \$60,000</i>						<i>Madras Check</i>
15	Paynter <i>(2009) by Awesome Again FYR: 2015 Crops: 4</i>	3	6	1	--	--	118	32	126,600		1,306,464
					<i>Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$10,000</i>						<i>Ring Leader</i>

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318 foals of racing age/31 winners/6 black-type winners
1-Gulfstream, Msw 5fT, AMERICAN GODDESS, 6-1

Constitution (Tapit), WinStar Farm, \$40,000
233 foals of racing age/36 winners/5 black-type winners
5-Gulfstream, Msw 1mT, VENEZUELAN HUG, 20-1

Daredevil (More Than Ready), Turkish Jockey Club, private
158 foals of racing age/17 winners/1 black-type winner
5-Sam Houston Race, Msw 1mT, DYNAMO KID, 12-1
\$50,000 KEE JAN wnl; \$52,000 FTK OCT yrl

Khozan (Distorted Humor), Journeyman Stud, \$8,500
130 foals of racing age/25 winners/2 black-type winners
2-Gulfstream, Aoc 6f, FLAMING HOT, 9-2

Palace (City Zip), Spendthrift Farm, \$5,000
152 foals of racing age/24 winners/1 black-type winner
5-Gulfstream, Msw 1mT, MR NAPPY, 12-1
\$22,000 OBS OCT yrl

Summer Front (War Front), Airdrie Stud, \$10,000
181 foals of racing age/23 winners/3 black-type winners
1-Gulfstream, Msw 5fT, SUMMER IN THE CITY, 6-1

Tapiture (Tapit), Darby Dan Farm, \$7,500
246 foals of racing age/36 winners/3 black-type winners
7-Charles Town, Alw 7f, HECKLER'S VETO, 10-1

Tonalist (Tapit), Lane's End Farm, \$15,000
179 foals of racing age/22 winners/1 black-type winner
5-Gulfstream, Msw 1mT, SHAMROCKET, 7-2
\$130,000 KEE SEP yrl

Wicked Strong (Hard Spun), Spendthrift Farm, \$6,000
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5-Sam Houston Race, Msw 1mT, WICKED REBEL, 20-1



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9th-Parx Racing, \$49,568, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$35,000), 3-3,
4yo/up, 1m, 1:41.70, gd.

WHISTLING BIRDS (c, 4, Jimmy Creed--Unshuttered, by Unbridled) Lifetime Record: 13-3-5-0, \$145,574. O-Bran Jam Stable and Clark, David W.; B-Pinnacle Farms Bloodstock LLC (NY); T-Louis C. Linder, Jr. *\$50,000 2yo '18 OBSAPR.

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4th-Mahoning Valley, \$33,700, (S), 3-3, (NW4L), 3yo/up, f/m,
6f, 1:13.06, sy.

DOUBLE D'S REVENGE (f, 4, I Want Revenge--Candys Girl {GB}, by Bertolini) Lifetime Record: 16-4-2-1, \$76,514. O-S. Matthew Kintz Racing and Sales, Inc and Fisher, James; B-Steve M DeMaiolo (OH); T-Candace M. Huffman.

1st-Mahoning Valley, \$31,300, (S) 3-3, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 1m,
1:40.17, my.

DANCING WILLARD (g, 4, Wilburn--Dixie Marrone, by Smoke Glacken) Lifetime Record: 7-2-0-1, \$39,485. O-Penny S. Lauer; B-Daryl & Sally Duncan (OH); T-Michael E. Lauer. *\$4,200 RNA Ylg '17 PEDOH.

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 Foal born Jan. 24, a filly by Medaglia d'Oro
 Will be bred back to Uncle Mo
 Owned by Repole Stable
 Boarded at Mill Ridge Farm
 Accomplishments: GISP, \$127,150; and dam of Outwork (Uncle Mo), GISW, \$701,800; and Nonna's Boy (Distorted Humor), MSP, \$299,044

HOP THE SIX, 9, Artie Schiller--Pulpit Fiction, by Pulpit
 Foal born Jan. 27, a filly by Lea
 Will be bred back to Ironicus
 Owned by/boarded at Hale Stables, KY
 Accomplishments: SW, \$117,624

INTENSIFY, 16, Unbridled's Song--Her She Shawklit, by Air Forbes One
 Foal born Feb. 1, a colt by Gun Runner
 Will be bred back to Kantharos
 Owned by Colts Neck Stables
 Boarded at Mill Ridge Farm, KY
 Accomplishments: Dam of MGSW & MGISP Money Multiplier, \$1,227,824 & Intense Holiday (Harlan's Holiday), GSW, \$551,900



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CHELTENHAM WITHSTANDS CORONAVIRUS THREAT



Around 250,000 people are expected at next week's Cheltenham festival | *Racing Post*

In an echo of World War II Ministry of Information posters, the message from the British government as of Tuesday was very much 'keep calm and carry on' in light of growing concerns regarding the spread of coronavirus.

Health Secretary Matt Hancock, a racing fan whose West Suffolk constituency includes Newmarket, took to the airwaves on Tuesday morning and in an interview on BBC Radio 4's *Today* programme said, "Today we are still in the contain phase of the plan which is about trying to stop its spread. There are some parts of the world where the spread has slowed down, which is good news, and it shows that effective action to contain the spread of this disease is possible."

He added, "Our goal here is to have the minimum social and economic disruption, subject to keeping people safe. So what we are saying right now is that so long as you follow the advice from Public Health England, and you wash your hands more often, and for 20 seconds with soap and hot water, then you should carry on your normal business."

Such advice will be music to the ears of the team at Cheltenham racecourse, which is preparing for an expected crowd of around 250,000 racegoers. **Cont. p2**

ALMANZOR'S BROTHER STARS AT CHANTILLY

At a crowdless Chantilly on Tuesday, there was a performance from George Strawbridge's newcomer **Another Sky (Fr)** (Le Havre {Ire}) to excite all media onlookers as the half-brother to Almanzor (Fr) (Wootton Bassett {GB}) showed a rare touch of class on his debut to earn **TDN Rising Star** status. Sent off the 27-10 second favourite, the long-striding homebred soon had control on the front end with Aurelien Lemaitre keen to allow him to bowl. Kicking clear with the minimum of fuss soon after being straightened for home, the chestnut was eased in the last 100 metres to register a facile 4 1/2-length success from the 23-10 market-leader **Galawi (Ire)** (Dubawi {Ire}), the son of the G1 Prix Vermeille winner Galikova (Fr) (Galileo {Ire}).

Trainer Freddy Head was not surprised by the manner of the victory and said, "From day one, ever since he walked into the yard, he has impressed me with everything he has done."

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MIKE SMITH: PUNISHMENT DOES NOT FIT THE CRIME

Mike Smith says the extent of his punishment for excessive use of the whip aboard Midnight Bisou in the Saudi Cup is "absurd."

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Cheltenham Withstands Coronavirus Threat cont.

The four-day Cheltenham Festival begins on Tuesday and is expected to welcome patrons from Britain, Ireland and France. Despite French race meetings at Chantilly and Compiègne taking place this week without members of the public being allowed to attend, there is currently no threat that racing and other British sporting events will be conducted in a similar manner or cancelled altogether.

Questioned as to how close the government is to asking schools and offices to close and suspending sporting events, Hancock replied, "We think, based on the best scientific advice, that we are several weeks away from that point. Even in the reasonable worst-case scenario it will be a matter of weeks until this becomes widespread, then it will be a matter of months before we are through it.

"The message today is that right now we do not need to do many of the heavy things we are talking about in the plan but we are also setting out this plan as transparently as we possibly can so that people know the sorts of things that we might have to do in the future. I want people to be able to go about their ordinary lives as much as possible."

With the number of confirmed cases of the virus in Britain rising from 39 to 51 as of Tuesday morning, Hancock's message was reiterated later in the day by Prime Minister Boris Johnson at the release of government's coronavirus action plan at a press conference in Downing Street, London.

He said, "Let me be absolutely clear that for the overwhelming majority of the people who contract the virus, this will be a mild disease from which they will speedily and fully recover, as we have already seen. I fully understand public concern about the global spread of the virus and it is highly likely that we will see a growing number of UK cases."

In keeping with government advice, there have been no changes to the racing programme announced at this stage. A committee comprising representatives from the British Horseracing Authority, Racecourse Association and the Horsemen's Group is keeping a watching brief on the situation.

A statement released by the group on Monday evening read, "The industry's steering group is coordinating the sharing of government advice with the sport's participants. The steering group remains in regular and ongoing contact with government and continues to consider a wide range of scenarios."

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Another Sky, a half-brother to champion 3-year-old Almanzor, made a 'TDN Rising Star'-worthy debut at Chantilly on Tuesday | Scoop Dyga

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Almanzor's Brother Stars At Chantilly cont. from p1

Head continued, "He's a lovely horse who had a little setback last year and couldn't run, but maybe that was a blessing in disguise. He has size, a lovely temperament and a beautiful action and everything you ask for from a good horse. I was expecting a good performance and he was very impressive there. He's in all the major races and I wanted to run him early to have more time to decide what to do next."

The unraced dam Darkova (Maria's Mon) delivered the domestic sensation Almanzor as her first foal. He conquered the G1 Prix du Jockey Club and G1 English and Irish Champion S. during his stunning 3-year-old campaign, Hwt. 3yo-Eur, Ire & Fr at 9 1/2-11f, G1SW-Eng, Ire & Fr, \$1,346,126. Darkova, who also produced his listed-placed full-sister Troarn (Fr), is a half-sister to the dam of last year's G2 Coventry S. third Guildsman (Fr) also by Wootton Bassett (GB). A granddaughter of the G3 Prix Minerve third Daralbayda (Ire) (Doyoun {Ire}), she is therefore connected to the G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches, G1 Prix du Moulin de Longchamp and G1 Prix d'Astarte-winning European champion Darjina (Fr) (Zamindar) and the G1 Prix du Jockey Club-winning sire Darsi (Fr) (Polish Precedent). Her 2-year-old colt Mosby (GB) is a full-brother to Almanzor, while she also has a yearling filly by Frankel (GB).

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2nd-Chantilly, €25,000, Debutantes, 3-3, 3yo, c/g, 9 1/2f (AWT), 1:59.63, st.

ANOTHER SKY (FR), c, 3, by Le Havre (Ire)

1st Dam: Darkova, by Maria's Mon

2nd Dam: Darkara (Ire), by Halling

3rd Dam: Daralbayda (Ire), by Doyoun (Ire)

Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €12,500. O/B-George Strawbridge (FR); T-Freddy Head. **Click for the [Racing Post result](#) or the [free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree](#). Video, sponsored by [Fasig-Tipton](#).**

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DAMS OF CALYX, HEADMAN TO KINGMAN

The dams of G2 Coventry S. and G3 Pavilion S. winner **Calyx (GB)**, dual Group 2 winner **Headman (GB)** and G3 Hampton Court S. winner **Sangarius (GB)** are among the Juddmonte mares set to visit **Kingman (GB)** in his sixth year at stud this year.

Also on the books of the 2014 Cartier Horse of The Year are Juddmonte's Group 1 winners **Capla Temptress (Ire)** (**Lope De Vega {Ire}**) and **Romantica (GB)** (**Galileo {Ire}**); Group 2 winner **Starformer (Dynaformer)**; **Amser (GB)** (**Frankel {GB}**)—a half-sister to Group 1 winners **Timepiece (GB)** and **Passage of Time (GB)**; Group 1 producer **Kilo Alpha (GB)** (**King's Best**) and Group 3 winners **Dandhu (GB)** (**Dandy Man {Ire}**) and **Fount (GB)** (**Frankel {GB}**).

Kind (Ire) (**Danehill**), the dam of **Frankel (GB)** (**Galileo {Ire}**) and **Noble Mission (GB)** (**Galileo {Ire}**), will also visit **Kingman (GB)** in 2020. The 19-year-old **Kind**, also the dam of stakes winners **Bullet Train (GB)** (**Sadler's Wells**) and **Joyeuse (GB)** (**Oasis Dream {GB}**), has produced just one live foal in the last six seasons, the 2-year-old **Galileo (Ire)** filly **Chiasma (Ire)** who is in training with **John Gosden**.

Frankel's impressive strike rate continues to hold up, and the unbeaten world champion notched five new Group 1 winners in 2019. The dams of many of his top performers will return to him

in 2020, including **Nimble Thimble (Mizzen Mast)**, the dam of last year's champion 2-year-old filly **Quadrilateral (GB)** (**Frankel {GB}**). Other return visitors include Group 1 winners and dams of **Frankel** stakes winners **African Rose (GB)** (**Observatory**) and **Ventura (GB)** (**Chester House**); Group 1 winners **Proviso (GB)** (**Dansili {GB}**), **Samba Inc (Arg)** (**Include**) and **Special Duty (GB)** (**Hennessy**); Group 2 winner **Soffia (GB)** (**Kyllachy {GB}**); **Zatsfine (GB)** (**Oasis Dream {GB}**), the dams of **Frankel** group winners **Delaware (GB)** and **Obligate (GB)**; and **Flare of Firelight (Birdstone)**, the dam of last year's G2 **Gimcrack S.** and G2 **Champagne S.** winner **Threat (GB)** (**Footstepsinthesand {GB}**).

The first foals by Group 2-winning 2-year-old and GI Breeders' Cup Mile-winning 3-year-old **Expert Eye (GB)** are hitting the ground with positive reviews from breeders. Juddmonte will once again support the son of **Acclamation (GB)** with quality mares in 2020 including Grade I winner and Group 3 producer **Heat Haze (GB)** (**Green Desert**); **Atone (GB)** (**Oasis Dream {GB}**), a winning full-sister to six-time Group 1 winner **Middy (GB)**; Group 2 winner and Group 3 producer **Modern Look (GB)** (**Zamindar**); **Across The Floor (GB)** (**Oasis Dream {GB}**), a half-sister to **Flintshire (GB)**; **Palmette (GB)** (**Oasis Dream {GB}**), a full-sister to **Showcasing (GB)** and listed winners **Rostova (Arch)**, **Swiss Range (GB)** (**Zamindar**), **Scottish Jig (Speightstown)** and



The Juddmonte 2020 stallion roster (l to r) **Bated Breath**, **Oasis Dream**, **Frankel**, **Kingman** and **Expert Eye** | *Bronwen Healy*

Dams of Calyx, Headman To Kingman cont.

Variable (GB) (Sea The Stars {Ire}).

A steady stream of success has allowed Bated Breath (GB) to uphold his popularity year on year, and in 2020 the son of Dansili (GB) stands for a career-high £12,500. His breeder will continue to support him with mares including mares, including the dams of his stakes winners Gavota (GB) and Viadera (GB). Also on his book will be Group 3 winner Vote Often (GB) (Beat Hollow {GB}); Tendu (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}), a full-sister to Showcasing; Scallop (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}), a winning daughter of Group 1 winner Quiff (GB) (Sadler’s Wells); and Strelka (GB) (Kingman {GB}), a winning half-sister to G1 Investec Derby and G1 Prix de l’Arc de Triomphe winner Workforce (GB) (King’s Best).

The influence of Oasis Dream is readily apparent among the Juddmonte broodmare band, and at the age of 20 Banstead’s elder statesman continues to churn out a steady stream of black-type horses. Juddmonte continues its patronage of Oasis Dream with the likes of Occurrence (GB) (Frankel {GB}), a half-sister to Group 1 winner Promising Lead (GB) (Daneshill), and Bated Breath’s seven-furlong group performer Gavota.

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ran with great credit in Riyadh on Saturday when beaten 2 3/4 lengths by the two American champions.

“He ran really well to finish third,” bin Suroor said of the Saudi Cup. “It was a tough race, but he seems happy since and we are very happy with him. We’ll give him an easy time now and get him ready for the World Cup. He has had two good runs on dirt, so we are looking forward to going for the World Cup with him now.”

Maximum Security and Midnight Bisou are both expected to bypass the Dubai World Cup.

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HRI RELEASES FIVE-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN

Horse Racing Ireland has **detailed its plans** to grow the racing and breeding industries in the country over a five-year period.

The organization’s strategic plan for 2020-2024 seeks to grow the economic contribution of the industry to €2.5-billion, total sustainable employment to 35,000, racecourse attendance to 1.5-million, fixtures to 416 and minimum race value to €12,500. The plan also includes a second all-weather track at Tipperary, a redeveloped equine campus at the Irish Equine Centre and education and training programmes for the workforce.

BENBATL GETS WORLD CUP GREEN LIGHT



Benbatl | DRC/Erika Rasmussen

Godolphin’s triple Group 1 winner **Benbatl (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}), third behind Maximum Security (New Year’s Day) and Midnight Bisou (Midnight Lute) in last weekend’s Saudi Cup, has been given the go-ahead by trainer Saeed bin Suroor to advance to the G1 Dubai World Cup on Mar. 28.

A Group 1 winner in Germany and Australia, the 6-year-old Benbatl made a successful transition to the dirt on Feb. 6 when winning the G2 Al Maktoum Challenge R2 at Meydan, and he



The Curragh | *Racing Post*

“The most recent analysis shows that for every euro of government support the racing and breeding industry receives, it returns over €30 to the economy, mostly in rural Ireland,” said Horse Racing Ireland Chairman Nicky Hartery. “This strategic plan seeks to build on that dynamic and further grow what is a sustainable and indigenous industry. Horse racing and breeding play a vital role in the rural economy and the delivery of this plan will increase the positive impact the industry has all over the country.”

HRI Releases Five-Year Strategic Plan cont.

“The areas we have identified that will deliver our vision are: increased participation at all levels; a focused plan to broaden the interest and appeal of racing; ensuring that we have the best employment policies for our industry; and building on our strong record to ensure the best-in-class integrity and equine welfare standards. All of this will need investment and that is contingent upon delivery of a sustainable funding model for our industry.

“Following a series of changes in betting tax arrangements, off-course betting duty collected by the government in the year amounted to €94-million in 2019. This figure comfortably exceeds Exchequer funding provided to horse racing and a projected growth in these receipts in the coming years will allow for a progressive increase in funding to €98-million by 2024 at a reduced cost to the Exchequer.”

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GODOLPHIN COLTS LEAD GUINEAS ENTRIES



Pinatubo winning the G1 National S. | *Racing Post*

Charlie Appleby's champion juvenile **Pinatubo (Ire)** as well as Andre Fabre's Group 1 winners **Earthlight (Ire)** and **Victor Ludorum (Ire)**, all sons of Shamardal campaigned by Godolphin, are among the 77 colts entered for the May 2 G1 2000 Guineas.

Other Group 1 winners engaged include the Vertem Futurity Trophy winner **Kameko (Kitten's Joy)** and Phoenix S. winner **Siskin (GB)** (First Defence), while G2 Coventry S. winner and G1 Dewhurst S. runner-up **Arizona (Ire)** (No Nay Never) is a high-class entry from the Aidan O'Brien yard.

Champion 2-year-old filly **Quadrilateral (GB)** (Frankel {GB}) is among the 62 entries for the G1 1000 Guineas on May 3.

The G1 Fillies' Mile winner's challengers could include G1 Cheveley Park S. victress **Millisle (Ire)** (Starspangledbanner {Aus}) and G1 Prix Marcel Boussac winner **Albigna (Ire)** (Zoffany {Ire}). Mark Johnston fields two high-class entries: the G2 Duchess Of Cambridge S. winner and dual Group 1-placed **Raffle Prize (Ire)** (Slade Power {Ire}) and the two-time Group 3 winner **Rose Of Kildare (Ire)** (Make Believe {GB}).

One filly who is not among the entries is the G2 May Hill S. winner and Fillies' Mile runner-up Powerful Breeze (GB) (Iffraaj {GB}). Trainer Hugo Palmer told *Racing Post*, "Powerful Breeze has met with a setback and will not now be able to run in the 1000 Guineas. It's very disappointing for all concerned but hopefully she'll be back in the second half of the season."

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FIRST MARES IN FOAL FOR PHOENIX OF SPAIN

Last year's G1 Irish 2000 Guineas winner **Phoenix Of Spain (Ire)** (Lope De Vega {Ire}), who stands at the Irish National Stud for €15,000, has had his first five mares scanned in foal. They include stakes winner Northern Eclipse (GB) (Kyllachy {GB}) and Josette (Ire) (Danehill), the dam of three stakes winners and the second dam of G1 Pacific Classic winner Collected (City Zip).

Gary Swift, director of sales at The Irish National Stud, said, "We are most encouraged by the reaction from British and Irish breeders. His first book of mares very much reflects both how athletically talented he was and how physically imposing he is, with an exceptional calibre of mare visiting him in 2020."

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POSITIVE START FOR LE BRIVIDO

Overbury Stud's new stallion **Le Brivido (Fr)** has had his first mare tested in foal. Espionne (Fr) (George Vancouver), a winner over a mile at Chantilly as a 3-year-old for her breeder, Thierry de La Heronniere, was the first mare to be covered by the young son of Siyouni (Fr). She is one of a number of French-based mares to be visiting Le Brivido in Gloucestershire.

"I am a big fan of Siyouni--he really is one of the very best stallions--and Le Brivido is all Siyouni," said de La Heronniere of Haras d'Ellon, who has invested in a breeding right in Le Brivido. His fondness for Siyouni is understandable as he is the breeder of one the stallion's earliest stakes winners, the G2 Prix Coronation victrix Volta (Fr), who was also third in the G1 Prix de Diane and runner-up in the G1 Prix Rothschild. De La Heronniere also celebrated the victory on Tuesday of his progressive Siyouni filly Sea Watch (Fr), who won for the second time at Chantilly.

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GLOBAL VIEWS *with Godolphin Flying Start*



Lowri Allen

Godolphin Flying Start

In the coming months, Godolphin Flying Start trainees will provide insight into practices experienced and observations taken on their worldwide travels. Today, first-year trainee Lowri Allen shares her impressions of America's aftercare initiatives.

The Godolphin Flying Start Programme offers a unique opportunity to spend time working in and learning about the Thoroughbred industry in five major racing jurisdictions: Ireland, Britain, America,

Australia and Dubai.

The 2019-2021 class of trainees are now in the third phase of the programme in Kentucky, having previously spent time in Kildare and Newmarket. Across

all three locations so far, equine welfare is undoubtedly the most common topic of discussion. It is the area in which I believe the global Thoroughbred industry faces its biggest questions and challenges, but where there are also opportunities.

Wider societal change has led to calls for increased accountability and transparency across a range of welfare-related topics.

Whether that is fatalities, the use of the whip, life before and after racing, as well the use of animals in sport and for

entertainment more generally, racing has an opportunity to communicate the high standards of care that exist for Thoroughbreds globally and stay ahead of public opinion.

The aftercare of racehorses and the opportunities that exist for off-track Thoroughbreds that I've seen in America thus far have left a real impression.

The Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance is a non-profit organisation which accredits, inspects and awards grants to approved aftercare organisations to retrain, re-home and retire Thoroughbreds using industry wide funding.



The Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance is promoted on an outsider's saddle cloth at Churchill Downs | Coady

Their accreditation seal is recognised as the gold standard in Thoroughbred aftercare and there are 74 accredited organisations across the U.S, Canada and Puerto Rico. Since the TAA's inception in 2012, more than 10,300 horses have found a new home through an accredited organisation.

In order to facilitate the retraining of 10,300 horses, the TAA has paid out more than \$17.2-million to accredited re-trainers. These funds are raised through organisations such as The Jockey Club, Breeders' Cup and the Keeneland Association as well as sales companies, horsemen's groups, stallion farms and racetracks. Thoroughbred aftercare in America is a great example of what can be achieved through industry-wide collaboration.

There is a wealth of good work in the three countries that we have visited so far: the British Horseracing Authority recently announced improvements to their aftercare procedures and a five-year welfare strategy which focusses on the ambition that every horse bred to race should lead--and be seen to lead--"a life well-lived." Horse Racing Ireland recently appointed John

Osborne as Director of Equine Welfare and Bloodstock, and have since established a new eight member body, Irish Equine Welfare Council, which will advise on equine welfare.

However, the approach to Thoroughbred aftercare shown by the American Thoroughbred industry is an example of the whole being greater than the sum of its parts.

If the global Thoroughbred industry were able to take a similarly collaborative approach to tackling its common welfare challenges, I have no doubt that we would be better placed to showcase

our excellent standards of equine welfare than if each country were to proceed independently.

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Tuesday's Results:

3rd-Chantilly, €30,000, Cond, 3-3, 4yo/up, 9 1/2f (AWT), 1:54.95, st.

ZIYAD (GB) (g, 5, Rock of Gibraltar {Ire}--Arme Ancienne {GB} {SP-Fr}, by Sillery), last year's G2 Grand Prix de Deauville winner who was also second in the G1 Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud and third in the GI Canadian International, was the 6-5 favourite returning in this Prix Darshaan and raced behind the leading duo early. In front with two furlongs remaining, the homebred ground it out to defeat Soleil Marin (Ire) (Kendargent {Fr}) by a half length. "That is not his best distance or surface and it was his first run, so I'm happy with that," trainer Carlos Laffon-Parias commented. "He was very courageous and definitely goes for the [G1 Dubai] Sheema Classic." Ziyad is the last foal out of the useful dam, whose other notable performer is the stakes-placed Machiavelique (Street Cry {Ire}). She is a daughter of Agathe (Manila), a half-sister to the GI Breeders' Cup Classic hero Arcangues who took the G3 Prix de Psyche and was placed in the G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches and G1 Prix de Diane. Agathe's Aquarelliste (Fr) (Danehill) was successful in the G1 Prix de Diane, G1 Prix Vermeille and G1 Prix Ganay, while her son Artiste Royal (Ire) (Danehill) captured the GI Charles Whittingham Memorial H. and GI Clement L. Hirsch Memorial Turf Championship S. Lifetime Record: GSW & G1SP-Fr, GISP-Can, 18-6-6-3, €439,232. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O/B-Wertheimer & Frere (GB); T-Carlos Laffon-Parias.



Ziyad | Scoop Dyga

4th-Chantilly, €25,000, Debutantes, 3-3, 3yo, f, 9 1/2f (AWT), 1:59.70, st.

IRSKA (FR) (f, 3, Hunter's Light {Ire}--Eire {GB} {MSP-Fr, \$241,221}, by Medicean {GB}), a 19-1 shot, broke smartly to lead. Sticking to her guns up the straight, the chestnut stayed on to secure a 1 1/4-length verdict over Maccaja (Fr) (Havana Gold {Ire}). Petite Folie (GB) (Australia {GB}), the half-sister to last year's G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches hero Persian King (Ire) (Kingman {GB}), was a disappointment after racing prominently when fading to ninth. The useful dam, who was placed multiple times at listed level and performed well on the all-weather, is also responsible for the G3 Prix Allez France third Happy Approach (Fr) (New Approach {Ire}), GSP-Fr, \$103,903, and the G3 Prix la Rochette runner-up Toijk (Fr) (Siyouni {Fr}). A granddaughter of the G3 Musidora S. and G3 May Hill S. winner Marillette (Diesis {GB}) from the family of Storm Bird, her yearling filly is by Le Havre (Ire). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €12,500. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Lutz Bongen; B-M & Mme M Nigge (FR); T-Markus Nigge.

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

5th-Chantilly, €30,000, 3-3, 4yo/up, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:15.94, st.

WE GO (FR) (c, 4, No Nay Never--Encore Merci {Ire}, by Danehill Dancer {Ire}) Lifetime Record: GSP-Fr, 16-5-1-3, €113,090. O-Mme Jacques Cygler; B-Aleyrion Bloodstock (FR); T-Henri-Alex Pantall. *€22,000 Ylg '17 ARQAUG.

7th-Chantilly, €30,000, 3-3, 4yo/up, 8f (AWT), 1:37.90, st.

SILVER QUARTZ (GB) (g, 5, Frankel {GB}--Rosamixa {Fr}, by Linamix {Fr}) Lifetime Record: 17-4-2-2, €65,879. O-Al Asayl France; B-Al Asayl Bloodstock Ltd (GB); T-Francis-Henri Graffard.

2nd-Pornichet, €22,000, 3-3, 3yo, 8 1/2f (AWT), 1:43.09, st.

MUSETTA (GB) (f, 3, Dark Angel {Ire}--Miss Quality, by Elusive Quality) Lifetime Record: 8-2-2-1, €32,900. O-Jean-Pierre Bervoets; B-John F Kenny (GB); T-Joel Boisnard. *€90,000 Ylg '18 ARAUG.

3rd-Pornichet, €22,000, 3-3, 3yo, 10 1/2f (AWT), 2:11.85, st.

COCO CALINE (FR) (f, 3, Sri Putra {GB}--Mina Hill {Fr}, by Green Tune) Lifetime Record: 6-2-0-3, €28,540. O-Mme Nathalie Walton; B-Mlle R Dwek, N Simon & R Y Simon (FR); T-W Walton. *€5,000 RNA Ylg '18 ARNOV; €7,000 2yo '19 OSAAPR.

4th-Pornichet, €20,000, 3-3, 4yo/up, 12f (AWT), 2:33.60, st.

FINESS BERE (FR) (m, 5, Pedro the Great--Miss Fine {Fr}, by Kaldoun {Fr}) Lifetime Record: 13-4-0-1, €56,312. O-Mme Emmanuel De Seroux & SAS Regnier; B-SAS Regnier & San Gabriel Inv. Inc. (FR); T-Joel Boisnard. *€20,000 Ylg '16 OSASEP; €90,000 HRA '17 ARQSEP. **Full to Happy Bere (Fr), SW-Fr.

Saturday, Meydan, Dubai, post time: 4:35 p.m.

MAHAB AL SHIMAAL SPONSORED BY EMIRATES SKYWARDS-G3, \$350,000, 3yo/up, 1200m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Nine Below Zero (GB)	Showcasing (GB)	de Vries	Nass	125
2	Fight On	Into Mischief	Buick	O'Neill	125
3	Alfredo Arcano (Ire)	Arcano (Ire)	Jara	Marnane	125
4	Lake Volta (Ire)	Raven's Pass	Barzalona	bin Ghadayer	125
5	Switzerland	Speightstown	Dobbs	Watson	125
6	I Kirk (Swe)	Lopez	Lopez	Berneklint	125
7	Bochart (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Mullen	Seemar	125
8	Lavaspin (GB)	Hard Spun	Beasley	Seemar	125
9	Cenotaph	War Front	B Doyle	Charpy	125
10	Wafy (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	O'Shea	Seemar	125
11	Alkaraama	War Front	O'Neill	Al Mheiri	125
12	Rodaini	Exchange Rate	Fresu	Seemar	125
13	Ibn Malik (Ire)	Raven's Pass	Crowley	Al Mheiri	125
14	Leading Spirit (Ire)	Exceed and Excel (Aus)	Cosgrave	Seemar	125
Reserve:					
15	Trickbag	Brilliant Speed	No rider	Berneklint	125

Saturday, Meydan, Dubai, post time: 5:10 p.m.

NAD AL SHEBA TURF SPRINT SPONSORED BY ARABIAN ADVENTURES-G3, \$350,000, 3yo/up, 1200mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Semoum	Bernardini	de Vries	Nass	125
2	Torosay	Goldencents	Barzalona	O'Neill	125
3	Wildman Jack	Goldencents	Jara	O'Neill	125
4	Laieth (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	B Doyle	Nass	125
5	Drummore (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	Mazur	Al Alawi	125
6	Space Blues (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	Buick	Appleby	125
7	Tribal Quest	War Front	J Doyle	Appleby	125
8	Land Of Legends (Ire)	Iffraaj (GB)	Soumillon	bin Suroor	125
9	Yaalail (Ire)	Intello (Ger)	Paiva	Al Rayhi	125
10	Rusumaat (Ire)	Arcano (Ire)	O'Neill	Al Mheiri	125
11	Ekhtiyar (GB)	Bated Breath (GB)	Crowley	Watson	125
12	Mazzini (GB)	Exceed and Excel (Aus)	O'Shea	Nass	125
13	Major Partnership (Ire)	Iffraaj (GB)	Cosgrave	bin Suroor	125
14	Angel Alexander (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Kingscote	Dascombe	125
15	Wasim (Ire)	Acclamation (GB)	Veron	Mohammed	125
16	Thammin (GB)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Fresu	Al Mheiri	125
Reserves:					
17	Neverland Rock (GB)	No Nay Never	No rider	bin Ghadayer	125
18	Raafid (GB)	Shamardal	No rider	Al Rayhi	125

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Saturday, Meydan, Dubai, post time: 5:45 p.m.**BURJ NAHAAR SPONSORED BY EMIRATES HOLIDAYS-G3, \$350,000, 3yo/up, 1600m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Ambassadorial	Elusive Quality	Egan	Chapple-Hyam	125
2	Secret Ambition (GB)	Exceed and Excel (Aus)	O'Shea	Seemar	125
3	Blitzkrieg	War Front	Soumillon	O'Neill	125
4	Kimbear	Temple City	Dobbs	Watson	125
5	Heavy Metal (GB)	Exceed and Excel (Aus)	Barzalona	bin Ghadayer	125
6	Team Decision (Ire)	Teofilo (Ire)	Fresu	Al Mheiri	125
7	Salute The Soldier (Ger)	Sepoy (Aus)	de Vries	Nass	125
8	Taamol (Ire)	Helmet (Aus)	O'Neill	Al Rayhi	125
9	All Out Blitz	Concord Point	Mullen	Seemar	125
10	Axelrod	Warrior's Reward	Ziani	bin Ghadayer	125
11	Moqarrar	Exchange Rate	Crowley	Charpy	125
12	Prodigal Son	Square Eddie	Buick	O'Neill	125

Saturday, Meydan, Dubai, post time: 6:20 p.m.**JEBEL HATTA SPONSORED BY EMIRATES AIRLINES-G1, \$400,000, NH 4yo/up & SH3yo/up, 1800mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Spotify (Fr)	Redoute's Choice (Aus)	J Doyle	Appleby	125
2	Wait Forever (Ire)	Camelot (GB)	Atzeni	Botti	125
3	Ajwad (GB)	Rock Of Gibraltar (Ire)	Pinheiro	Bouesly	125
4	Moqtarreb (GB)	Kingman (GB)	Crowley	Al Rayhi	125
5	Al Sahem (Saf)	Silvano (Ger)	de Vries	Bouesly	125
6	Royal Meeting (Ire)	Invincible Spirit (Ire)	Bentley	bin Suroor	125
7	Surrounding (Ire)	Lilbourne Lad (Ire)	O'Shea	Halford	121
8	Magic Lily (GB)	New Approach (Ire)	Barzalona	Appleby	121
9	Masaarr	Distorted Humor	Murphy	Bachalard	125
10	Dream Castle (GB)	Frankel (GB)	Soumillon	bin Suroor	125
11	Eqтираan (Ire)	Helmet (Aus)	O'Neill	Al Rayhi	125
12	Barney Roy (GB)	Excelebration (Ire)	Buick	Appleby	125
13	Freescape (GB)	Cityscape (GB)	Dobbs	Marnane	125

Saturday, Meydan, Dubai, post time: 6:55 p.m.**AL MAKTOUM CHALLENGE R3 SPONSORED BY EMIRATES AIRLINE-G1, \$600,000, NH 4yo/up & SH3yo/up, 2000m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Saltarin Dubai (Arg)	E Dubai	Mullen	Seemar	125
2	Military Law (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Fresu	Al Mheiri	125
3	Matterhorn (Ire)	Raven's Pass	Barzalona	bi Ghadayer	125
4	Desert Fire (Ire)	Cape Cross (Ire)	Soumillon	bin Suroor	125
5	Mark Of Approval	Lemon Drop Kid	Cosgrave	Hussain	125
6	Quip	Distorted Humor	Dobbs	Watson	125
7	Roman Rosso (Arg)	Roman Ruler	O'Shea	Seemar	125
8	New Trails	Medaglia d'Oro	Beasley	bin Harmash	125

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INGLIS, VENDORS BACK PREMIER TIMING



Inglis Oaklands | SDP Media/Inglis

By Bren O'Brien

The success of the 2020 edition of the Inglis Melbourne Premier Sale has vindicated the sales company's faith in the timing and format in the sale and it is set to retain its timeslot for the foreseeable future.

A significant jump in averages from the Premier Session (10.4 per cent) and the Showcase Session (33 per cent) plus a strong response from vendors in supplying quality yearlings for the Melbourne Sale seems to have put to bed the talk of 12 months ago that Premier should move earlier in the sales season to late January or early February.

Inglis General Manager Bloodstock Sales and Marketing Sebastian Hutch said that while the sales company was always open to feedback which may tweak the way the sale is structured, the success of 2020 has proven the timing works well for Victorian, interstate and international buyers.

"We've been at pains to stress to all our stakeholders, be they vendors or buyers, that we are not ignorant of ways things may be done better. We are always considering improvements," Hutch said. "But there was a genuinely held conviction that this was the appropriate slot for the sale. We asked vendors to support us with quality stock, and we are delighted with the manner in which they have done so and are satisfied with the outcome of the sale.

"We always continue to re-evaluate the sale structure and the

sale season, but I think the setting on where the sale sits on the calendar is an appropriate one."

The only slight headaches for Inglis in terms of the revised 2020 two-day Premier Session format was a clearance rate that hovered in the mid-to-high 70s for much of the two days, and the fact the Monday's session stretched to past 7pm with 238 horses going through the ring.

But the clearance rate picked up post the end of the Premier Session and reached a respectable 80 per cent, or 369 lots sold, while long sessions are nothing new to Australian yearling sales.

Blue Gum Farm have been selling at Oaklands Junction since the complex opened in 1982 and having topped the vendors' list for the third time in six years, there are few people better placed than Principal Philip Campbell to assess when is the right time to take a select group of yearlings to the Victorian market.

"Absolutely it is the right time. It's the right time for our racing, people are happy to be here with all the great racing that is going on here in Melbourne. It's a traditional date, other sales have got their traditional dates, and I honestly didn't see any need for change," he said. "I honestly believe if you brought the right horses here at the right time of year, they would sell well and this has proven to be the case again this year."

Inglis' attention can now turn to its iconic Australian Easter Yearling Sale in April at the Riverside Stables in Sydney, where expectation is already building after last year's Sale delivered the second highest aggregate in its history, with 19 lots in excess of \$1 million.

Hutch said Inglis has been receiving feedback on the Easter catalogue already throughout the Melbourne Sale and with such positive sentiment in the market overall, they were optimistic of a strong two days of selling on April 7 and April 8.

"We get a degree of feedback about Easter through this sale and through Classic. Obviously a significant number of the participants here will be involved in Easter and the feedback has been that those people are looking forward to that sale," he said. "The response to the catalogue has been extremely positive. We will start to get some feedback though pre-sale inspections over the next few weeks when people go to various farms. I don't think we have any reason other than to be optimistic. Consistently the industry has demonstrated itself to be very robust. It is built on a good set of fundamentals. It's not something we ever want to be complacent about, but I think there's every reason to be optimistic. At this stage, it looks like there is going to be significant international and domestic participation in the sale."