

## SERVIS, NAVARRO TO BE ARRAIGNED MAR. 23, COULD FACE FIVE YEARS EACH



Jason Servis | Sarah Andrew

by Bill Finley

Trainers Jorge Navarro and Jason Servis, the two biggest names among the **27 people** indicted Monday after an investigation into horse doping, are due back in court Mar. 23 for their arraignment. Both were arrested Monday in Miami and released on bail.

As part of the bail agreement, the court imposed the requirement that Servis and Navarro not have any contact with racehorses without the presence of the third party owner of the premises where the horse is stabled.

The indicted horsemen will be allowed to enter a guilty or not guilty plea at the arraignment.

All 27 individuals were arrested in raids Monday across the country that included Florida, New York, Indiana, California, Massachusetts, Delaware, Pennsylvania and Kentucky.

Navarro and Servis were each charged with two counts of "Misbranding Conspiracy," which carries a maximum penalty of five years. Harness trainer Nick Surick, also among those indicted, faces counts of "Misbranding Conspiracy" and "Obstruction." The maximum penalty for obstruction is 20 years.

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## BAFFERT TO TRAIN MAXIMUM SECURITY

**Maximum Security** (New Year's Day) will be taken away from Jason Servis and turned over to Bob Baffert, owner Gary West said in a statement released early Tuesday.

West said that all of the horses he has under Servis' care will be moved to new trainers. Servis is among **27 individuals** who were indicted Monday by the District Attorney for the Southern District of New York in Manhattan, as part of a wide-ranging investigation into doping. Servis and trainer Jorge Navarro were the two most notable names involved in the probe.

West's statement read: "Yesterday, Jason Servis, a trainer we have used for five years was indicted on multiple charges regarding using an illegal substance in horses. This news is extremely disturbing and disappointing. Therefore, we will be moving all our horses from Jason Servis as soon as arrangements can be made with other trainers. **Maximum Security** will be sent to Bob Baffert." **Cont. p4**

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Surick was a central figure throughout the indictment and in one intercepted phone conversation spoke about killing some of Navarro's horses to hide the evidence,

Louis Grasso, Donato Poliseno, Conor Flynn and Thomas Guido, III, named in an indictment separate from the one that involves Servis and Navarro, will be arraigned Mar. 17.

Jim Margolin, the chief public information officer at the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York, would neither confirm nor deny that more indictments and arrests are forthcoming, but said that "the investigation is ongoing."

The *Daily Racing Form* quoted a source who predicted this story is just beginning.

"This is just the starting point," the source told *the Form*. "This is going to get ugly. It really will."



Jorge Navarro | Sarah Andrew

The New York Gaming Commission announced Tuesday that it had suspended the licenses of 11 people named in the indictment, including Navarro and Servis. It also issued a statement, which read: "These allegations are troubling and go to the heart of horse racing integrity. Once the Commission

became aware of alleged criminal behavior, we promptly contacted the New York State Police and have worked cooperatively since. Racing has no room for those who seek to manipulate outcomes at the expense of the wagering public and the health of the equine athlete. We trust that any proven allegation will be dealt with severely."

Keeneland became the latest voice to denounce those who were involved in the cheating scandal, issuing a statement

Tuesday from Bill Thomason, President & CEO of Keeneland Association Inc that read:

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Keeneland statement: "The administration of illegal medication and other improper substances to our equine athletes, as outlined by the indictments brought forth by federal prosecutors, is simply unacceptable. Putting profits and self-interest over the safety and integrity of our sport and its athletes has never, and will never, be tolerated by Keeneland. As the legal proceedings against the individuals identified by federal prosecutors unfold, the Thoroughbred racing community must continue to strengthen our screening processes. In the meantime, Keeneland will suspend the individuals in question from participating in training, racing or sales activities on our property. We have faith in the legal system and appreciate the work of the federal law enforcement, including the Southern District of New York U.S. Attorney's office. Ensuring the safety and well-being of these horses will always be our top priority."

Tuesday also marked the first time any of those who were indicted spoke publicly. Michael Tannuzzo, among the trainers indicted, was permitted on the backstretch at Belmont to oversee the dispersal of his 11 horses and spoke to the *Racing Form's* David Grening. The indictment alleges that on or about May 15, 2019, Tannuzzo arranged with Navarro to receive on Navarro's behalf a package of blood builder performance-enhancing drugs at Navarro's residence in New Jersey.

"The guy's my best friend," Tannuzzo said of Navarro, as reported by the *Racing Form*. "He asked me to go pick up a package in front of his house and bring it to the barn."

Tannuzzo denied that he had ever doped any of his horses.

"I didn't give the horses anything," Tannuzzo told *the Form*. "I saw the photos of the drugs [in the indictment]. I've never seen that stuff in my life. It's guilt by association. [Navarro] was my best friend. We talked about horses a million times on the phone. He never said 'I got this secret magic potion I could give you.'"

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**Baffert to Train Maximum Security cont. from p1**

In addition to the statement, West said the following in an e-mail to the *TDN*: "My statement represents all I know at this time; you would never ask me too but I will not speculate or guess at anything---I hope you understand."

Maximum Security is co-owned by West and Coolmore, where he will stand at stud following his racing career. He is coming off a win in the \$20 million Saudi Cup, the richest horse race in history.

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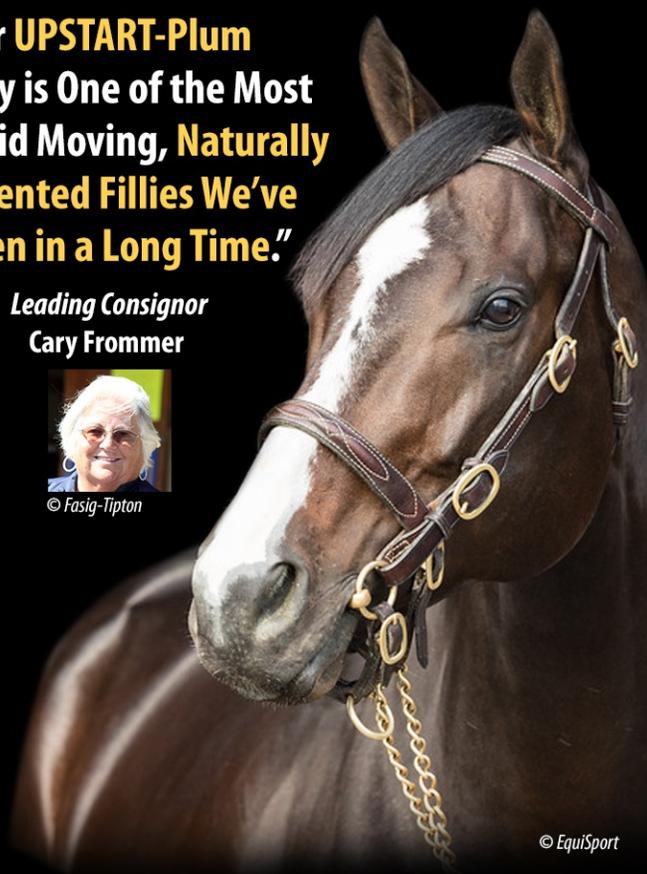
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West currently employs several different trainers, including Steve Asmussen.

According to *horseracingnation.com*, Maximum Security is in quarantine at Arlington Park and, once released, will be turned out at Dell Ridge Farm in Lexington.

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**COX REFUSES TO TAKE ROCKINGHAM RANCH HORSES**

by Bill Finley

Following a tweet from Rockingham Ranch owner Gary Hartunian that he was sending the horses he had with Jorge Navarro to trainer Brad Cox, Cox told the *TDN* that he would not be accepting the horses.

"It's not true," Cox said of Hartunian's tweet. "After everything that has been going on the last day and a half, I don't feel comfortable accepting any of the horses that are involved in this situation."

Cox's statement came after Hartunian tweeted the following Tuesday morning: "All of my horses with Jorge are being picked up at Palm Meadows today and will be sent to trainer Brad Cox. That includes **Jalen Journey** (With Distinction), **Norma's Love** (Street Boss) and **Red Bottom Rebel** (Chitu)"

Cox said that he would be accepting horses that are owned by Mike Dubb and were trained by Jason Servis. He also said he would be keeping two horses for Rockingham Ranch that he had already been training. **Cont. p6**

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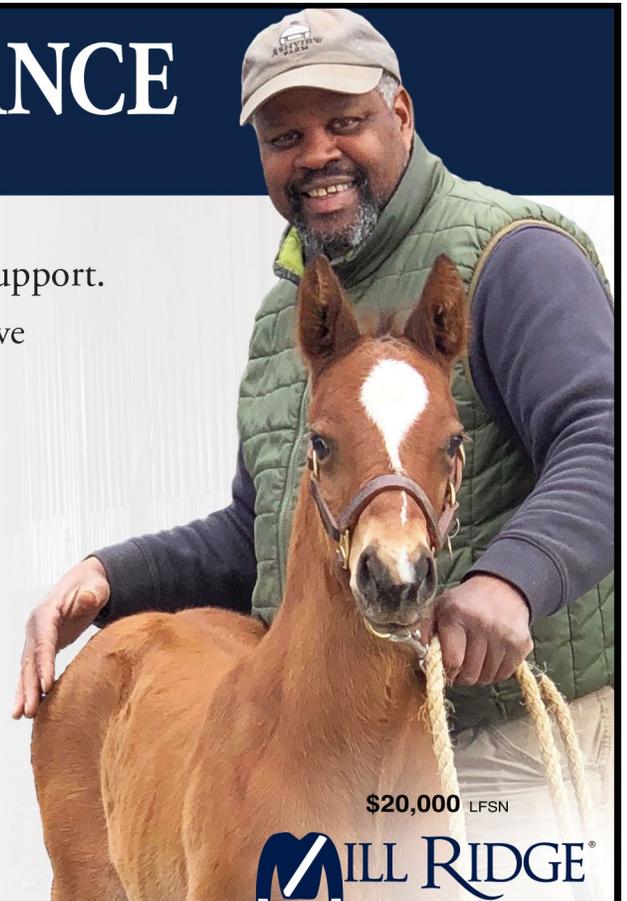
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"I do have two horses in training for Rockingham Ranch that I've had for six months," he said. "I don't feel comfortable accepting any more from them at this time."

Rockingham Ranch is among the more prominent owners that employed Navarro and was a co-owner of **X Y Jet** (Kantharos). In the **indictments** issued Monday, the District Attorney for the Southern District of New York in Manhattan went into great detail to outline the doping regimen that was given to that horse. In January, Navarro reported that Group 1 winner X Y Jet had died of a heart attack.

Rockingham Ranch is also the co-owner of **Nanoosh** (Paynter). In the indictment, it was reported that Navarro held a conference call with a stable in California in which "one of the operators" questioned whether or not Navarro was "giving them all the (expletive)" and also asked whether or not Nanoosh was "jacked out." The name of the owner was not revealed.

The *TDN* has reached out to Hartunian for clarification, but he has not returned repeated phone calls.

David Bernsen, who bought a small share in X Y Jet toward the end of his career, said he was definitely not the owner on the intercepted phone call and that he owned 10% of Nanoosh. The third owner was the East coast-based Zayat Stables.

"I am a big proponent on cracking down on all this stuff," Bernsen said. "I think what has happened will turn out to be good for horse racing. I just hope they figure out whatever it is that these guys are doing. It should not be this hard. They need to crack down and stop this stuff."

Owner Brian Trump revealed on Twitter that plans have been made for two horses he had with Navarro. He wrote that **Amalfi Queen** (Tapit) has been retired and that **Ripper Magoo** (Sky Mesa) has been sent to Cox.

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The *Daily Racing Form* reported that owner Ron Lombardi or Mr. Amore Stable is moving the six horses he had with Servis to trainer Kelly Breen. The list includes **Firenze Fire** (Poseidon's Warrior), a winner of five graded stakes, including the GI 2017 Champagne S.

The biggest defection from the Servis barn was Eclipse Award winner **Maximum Security** (New Year's Day). Early Tuesday morning, owner Gary West **announced** that he had moved his multiple Grade I winner to Bob Baffert.

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**Michael Dubb** | Sarah Andrew

**MIKE DUBB ON SERVIS INDICTMENT: "IT'S BEYOND SICKENING TO ME"**

by Bill Finley

Michael Dubb, a member of the New York Racing Association Board of Trustees and one of the more prominent owners who employed trainer Jason Servis, said he was sickened that he was involved with the now indicted trainer.

"I've wanted to be someone who didn't just take from the game, but gave back," he said. "To be involved with something that brings a black eye to the game is, beyond words, sickening to me"

Dubb said he had about 25 horses with Servis and said they were being dispersed to trainers Chad Brown, Brad Cox, Todd Pletcher, Mike Maker, Christophe Clement, Ralph Nicks and Rob Atras.

Dubb admitted that he misjudged Servis.

"Everybody is vulnerable," he said. "Look at how many owners have been deceived. You try to be a judge of somebody's character." **Cont. p8**



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Dubb continued, "You look at their demeanor, you look at their family, you think you are dealing with honorable people. You can't get it right all the time."

Dubb said that after the scandal he will act to be a voice for change in the industry and called upon the sport to push through the Horse Racing Integrity Act.

"The events involving the Servis barn, which is one of eight trainers we employ, only highlights the need for federal legislation to create oversight for this sport as well as moving it along," he said. "New York is attempting to create a state-of-the-art testing lab so that everyone involved in the sport, from owners to fans and, especially, the horses, are protected."

"Obviously, I have to be more outspoken," he added.

Servis is not the only controversial trainer Dubb has worked with. He previously had horses with Rick Dutrow, who is in the midst of a 10-year suspension for drug-related offenses.

Dubb has been supportive of Dutrow following the suspension and during the former trainer's efforts to be reinstated.

"I believe that Dutrow was obnoxious and at times behaved in a manner that wasn't in the best interest of the sport," he said. "But I believed he was a superior horseman from the point of view of protecting the horses. Right now, there are trainers out

there who I think are unqualified and are responsible for breaking horses down."

Dubb is also known for his philanthropic efforts within the sport. He is currently supervising and paying for the construction of a daycare center at Saratoga for the families of backstretch workers and was the driving force behind the creation of the Belmont's Anna House and Belmont Child Care Association.

"From the time I became involved in horse racing almost 20 years ago I fell in love not only with the horses but the backside and the people involved," he said. "It has always been my goal to give back to the sport I love so much."

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**CHRB FATALITY REPORT ADVOCATES COMMON-SENSE CHANGES, WITH INTRIGUING LONGER-TERM CONCEPTS**

by T.D. Thornton

No illegal medications or procedures were uncovered in the long-awaited California Horse Racing Board (CHRB) report on the 23 horse deaths at Santa Anita Park during the 2018-19 December-March period. **Cont. p9**



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**CHRB Fatality Report cont.**

The summary of the investigation, nearly a year in the making, was made public on Tuesday ([read the full version here](#)).

It is replete with common-sense recommendations regarding horse welfare, track safety, training protocols, a focus on pre-existing conditions, and proposals to expand the list of prohibited medications and practices. Yet many of these ideas have either already been adopted or are in the process of being addressed by new CHRB regulations and house rules at racetracks.

But the report also contains some broader concepts that, if implemented, would change both the physical infrastructure and the culture of racing at Santa Anita, and perhaps all of California's tracks.

The recommendations that fall under this category include having Santa Anita management "continue to consider" switching the main track back to a synthetic surface, making room in the stabling area for a "paddock turn-out where horses can be outdoors and with more space," and replacing the claiming system entirely with either merit racing (horses ranked into class levels by racing officials) or auction races (horses sold to the highest bidder after, not before, the race).

In the more immediate future, California trainers could see horse management changes that get mandated as a contingency of stall applications and/or horsemen's agreements, such as being required "to maintain simple health records on individual horses in their care" and to attend continuing education classes that focus on health and safety.

The report backs up the need for increased trainer responsibility based on findings that emerged from the in-depth study of the 23 fatalities.

"From the 23 cases, 16 horses were under the care of trainers with at least one other fatality within a 12-month period," the report states.

"Furthermore, two trainers had multiple fatalities within this cluster, and a third had a second fatality later in the same race meeting," the report states.

When given the opportunity to review necropsy findings, "the majority of horsemen did not review the necropsy reports on their horses; furthermore, many did not display good working knowledge of anatomy or grasp the significance of major pre-existing lesions," the report states.

"Record-keeping by the horsemen involved in the investigation overall was poor save in a couple of instances," the report states. "Large gaps in historical information were noted in case histories for the affected horses."

Twenty-two of the 23 fatalities at Santa Anita between Dec. 30, 2018, and Mar. 31, 2019, were caused by catastrophic musculoskeletal injury (CMI). The 23rd was a sudden death.

Based on gross pathology, of the 22 CMIs, 21 horses had evidence of pre-existing pathology at the site of their fatal injury. The one horse without demonstrable pre-existing lesions had a history of multiple intra-articular corticosteroid injections at the site of fatal bone failure.

Eleven of the deceased horses had received intra-articular injections. Five of those intra-articular corticosteroid injections were within 60 days of fatal injury, and two of those were within 14 days of injury.

However, "the injected joint was not necessarily the fatally injured joint," the report notes.

"There were cases of what appears to be overuse of intra-articular therapy even though the treatments did not violate then-existing CHRB medication regulations," the report states.

"There were instances of repeated intra-articular injections without diagnostic imaging," the report continues. "One horse was being treated by two veterinarians without communication or even an awareness that the other was



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similarly treating the horse. In one case two veterinarians injected the same joint within five days of each other. In that case, it was the major weight-bearing bone in the joint that ultimately failed in the race. Surprisingly, there were instances of poor communication between veterinarians in the same practice treating the same horse."

Four horses received extracorporeal shock wave therapy as currently allowed within CHRB regulations. But the treated structures "were not the structures that were fatally injured," the report states.

One horse received the medication Osphos, a bisphosphonate, on two occasions. Bisphosphonates are labeled in horses to control the clinical signs associated with navicular syndrome in horses four years and older. The report states that "the horse was a 3-year-old when treated and did not have a diagnosis of navicular disease." **Cont. p10**

**CHRB Fatality Report cont.**

The majority of CMI cases (14 of 22) exhibited a high-intensity exercise profile followed by a decline in activity in the month prior to CMI.

Over a third of the CMI cases (8 of 22) were 3-year-old maidens. All eight had made five starts or fewer, one being unraced. Five of these had at least one month of high intensity activity (defined as greater than one standard deviation from the mean value of controls) in the previous four months. Two of the three cases that did not demonstrate high intensity activity as compared to controls did have multiple gate workouts in the near term.

A relatively new term that the California racing community might be hearing more about as a result of the report is “cumulative high-speed furlongs” as a way to measure potential physical toll on racehorses.

“Eight of the 22 CMI cases were horses that had accumulated more high-speed furlongs (via races and timed workouts) than control horses in the past 12 months,” the report states. “Four of these horses also had significant periods of inactivity in the same time frame, suggesting that exercise intensity was at very high levels during the intervals when the horses were in full training.”

Nearly a third of the CMI cases (7 of 22) had a history of at least six months between race starts at some point in their respective careers. Four of these had recently returned from a layoff and had made five return starts or fewer at the time of CMI.

Last year, it was anecdotally postulated that heavy rains played an adverse role in horse health at Santa Anita, either directly by causing wet tracks or indirectly via how the racing surfaces had to be managed.

“The data suggests that 39% of the fatalities occurred on surfaces affected by wet weather,” the report states. “Although several trainers expressed concern over the condition of the track due to the weather, none blamed the track itself for any fatality.

“The study indicates a correlation between fatalities and surfaces that have been affected both by heavy rains and the extraordinary procedures needed to maintain them for racing and training,” the report continues. “The presence of pre-existing pathology, coupled with aggressive veterinary

treatments described herein, may have resulted in horses that were physically compromised running on compromised surfaces, resulting in an extraordinary number of fatalities.”

The report also examines the “pressure to race” allegations against Santa Anita management as they related to racehorse fatalities.

“While several trainers said during investigative interviews that they felt pressured to run their horses, only one gave a specific example,” the report states.

Other recommendations from the report (some of which are already in the works) include:

- The CHRB “should consider” expanding prohibited medications and practices. These could include but are not limited to the use of bisphosphonates, extracorporeal shockwave therapy, thyroxine, and Lasix.

- Track veterinarian emergency procedures should be formalized, including obtaining post-injury samples from all

horses treated in on track emergency incidents.

- Make track-related data and maintenance protocols accessible to horsemen via digital record-keeping system.
- Compulsory rest for horses based on rate of accumulation of high-speed furlongs, time in training, or the number of recorded high-speed events.
- Compulsory diagnostic imaging based on exercise history criteria.
- Regulatory veterinarians should be empowered to order

diagnostic procedures and imaging as a condition of continued racing and training.

- Purse-to-claiming-price ratios should be established to further ensure that horses are being run when appropriate.
- Multiple-level class drops should be discouraged if not outright prohibited.

In response to the CHRB report, The Stronach Group, which operates Santa Anita, issued the following statement:

*“The California Thoroughbred racing industry and The Stronach Group have, over the last year, implemented unprecedented and effective reforms. This effort, led by Governor Newsom and the California Horse Racing Board (CHRB), is well documented in the recent report issued by the CHRB. We look forward to a full review of that report and to working with the Governor, the CHRB and the California legislature to continue the progress made to date. Cont. p11*



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**CHRB Fatality Report cont.**

*There has been a 64% reduction in catastrophic injuries at Santa Anita Park this year, and we have not had a single fatality during racing on our main track for the entirety of this season. While the first number represents a positive development, the second number is always the goal. We welcome the opportunity to work together with our industry partners to implement the suggested reforms and to make 2020 a year we can all be proud of."*

Donna Brother issued a response on behalf of the Thoroughbred Safety Coalition:

*"The loss of any equine athlete is felt by all of us in the Thoroughbred racing community. We can and will do better.*

*This report provides our community with an important opportunity to reflect on and learn from its findings. Members of the Thoroughbred Safety Coalition will study it closely as we work to implement meaningful reforms on a national level. Transparency and accountability go hand-in-hand with ensuring that our horses and riders are racing under the safest conditions possible, and we applaud the CHRB for the effort and resources that went into compiling this report.*

*The immediate and significant reforms implemented in California over the last year by tracks and horsemen, in close coordination with the CHRB and leading industry experts, have made a material and positive impact on the safety of our athletes. The protocols that have been put in place to-date have provided a promising start upon which the Thoroughbred Safety Coalition and our partners are building. On behalf of the Coalition, I look forward to continuing to harness unprecedented collective action to enhance the culture of safety in our sport."*

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**RESPONSES TO CHRB FATALITY REPORT**

by Dan Ross

One day after the bombshell announcement that the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York had filed indictments against 27 Thoroughbred veterinarians and trainers for an array of drug offenses, the California Horse Racing Board (CHRB) released its long-awaited report on the 23 equine catastrophic injuries that marred Santa Anita during the first few months of its 2018-2019 winter-spring meet.

The resulting report provides not only an extremely detailed dive into the multi-factorial nature of the causes behind these catastrophic injuries, but a lengthy series of recommendations in areas concerning track surface maintenance, track management, training practices, private and regulatory veterinary practices, horse safety and welfare, along with the CHRB itself.

It needs to be noted that many of these recommendations



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have already been instituted or are in the process of being. Among the findings of the report:

- The investigation uncovered no use of illegal medications or medical procedures, and no evidence of an animal welfare violation.
- Twenty-one of the 22 horses which suffered catastrophic musculoskeletal injuries had pre-existing pathology at the site of the breakdown.
- The vast majority of catastrophically injured horses had proximal sesamoid bone fractures.
- Eleven horses had received intra-articular cortico-steroid injections, five within 60 days of fatal injury, and two within 14 days of injury.
- The majority of horses which suffered catastrophic musculoskeletal injuries were instituted a high-intensity exercise regime which decreased a month before the fatal injury.
- Nearly 40% of the fatalities occurred on surfaces "affected" by wet weather. Furthermore, horses may have been "compromised" by repeated training and racing on off-tracks-surface conditions that can contribute to repetitive stress injuries.
- In terms of high-intensity workouts, the horse population at Santa Anita last winter had exercise profiles that put them at "higher risk for injury."
- Many of the horsemen involved "did not display good working knowledge of anatomy or grasp the significance of pre-existing lesions." Furthermore, the horsemen involved were largely poor record-keepers.
- Seven complaints will be filed alleging violations for failing to turn in daily reports, and three complaints will be filed alleging violations of a rule concerning trainer duties and/or training without a proper license. **Cont. p12**



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**Responses to CHRB Fatality Report cont.**

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The *TDN* has compiled a variety of responses to this report. Some of these answers came from a CHRB media-conference call Tuesday.

**Dr. Greg Ferraro, CHRB chairman**

Regarding the possibility that the CHRB might once again mandate synthetic surfaces in California: "I don't think you're going to see us mandate anything in the near future. Certainly, synthetic tracks are under consideration, and being investigated, but the question is: you want to switch to synthetic? What synthetic? The last experiment we had, that didn't work out too well. And so, until you come up with a surface that you're pretty confident on, that it's going to work for us, I don't see the investment going forward."

**Rick Arthur, CHRB equine medical director**

Regarding high intensity workouts: "We've known for a number of years that the number of works per start in California is much higher than it is in the rest of the country. And, you will actually see, before the end of the week, when they're posted on the [CHRB] website, an exercise history of all these horses."

"We also know that they were trained harder in terms of more high-speed furlongs than they were even eight years ago when [Dr. Sue Stover] last conducted a study similar to what was done here. In that sense, the indication is that horses were over-trained or over-raced."

**Tim Grande, official veterinarian**

Regarding the early diagnosis of pre-existing injuries: "In general, a lot of the [subtle] pathology that is pre-existing on these horses stays asymptomatic--even if you could find it with diagnostic imaging, the trainers and the attending vet's might

not necessarily flag the horse for scrutiny. In that respect, the other issue, correlation of diagnostic techniques--for example, radiographs--don't quite match the severity on a necropsy finding, so, that's another blind spot so to speak."

**Eoin Harty, Santa Anita-based trainer**

Regarding the finding in report that certain horsemen did not show a good working knowledge of anatomy or understanding of pre-existing lesions: "I think that most trainers would acknowledge that some of these horses do have an underlying pathology, but, short of X-raying every joint and limb everyday before racing and training, how would you know about these pre-existing conditions, and would they even show-up on X-rays, these micro-fractures?"

"I find it hard to believe that any trainer I know of knowing a horse had a pre-existing condition, or knowing they had a lesion somewhere, would send them out to train, let alone race. The only real tool a horseman has is a daily knowledge of the horse. You look for heat, and inflammation, and the horse's gait, and use a general gut feeling. If there's no heat, no filling, and the horse is moving well, how would you know if there is a pre-existing condition?"

"The fact that you don't specifically understand the skeletal system doesn't necessarily mean you're going to do something stupid."

**Jeff Blea, a racetrack practitioner and past president of the American Association of Equine Practitioners**

Regarding a recommendation that private veterinarians should seek to increase physical examinations prior to workouts, entries, and joint injections: "We're already doing that. We have been doing that--we've been doing that ever since I've been in practice."

Regarding the recommendation that the CHRB consider rules requiring diagnostic imaging prior to repeated joint injections: "I don't think the regulatory bodies have any business in that--that's a practice of ethical veterinary medicine."

"That [also] leaves the impression that horses' joints are being injected willy-nilly, and that's not the case."

**Madeline Auerbach, owner-breeder and former CHRB member**

"I don't find any of [the report] surprising. The detail is incredible. The work done is amazing. But to me, the only value that the work has is if we find a way to make sure the people responsible for the horses avail themselves to the information and take it seriously. But there is some hope that they do." Statement from The Stronach Group (joined by the California Thoroughbred Trainers).

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**Responses to CHRB Fatality Report cont.**

"The California Thoroughbred racing industry and The Stronach Group have, over the last year, implemented unprecedented and effective reforms. This effort, led by Governor Newsom and the California Horse Racing Board (CHRB), is well documented in the recent report issued by the CHRB. We look forward to a full review of that report and to working with the Governor, the CHRB and the California legislature to continue the progress made to date.

"There has been a 64% reduction in catastrophic injuries at Santa Anita Park this year, and we have not had a single fatality during racing on our main track for the entirety of this season. While the first number represents a positive development, the second number is always the goal. We welcome the opportunity to work together with our industry partners to implement the suggested reforms and to make 2020 a year we can all be proud of."

**Senator Dianne Feinstein**

"The California Horse Racing Board's investigation into the horse deaths at Santa Anita Park makes it clear that more transparency is desperately needed in the sport.

"I agree with the report's findings that the use of dangerous drugs, like Lasix, should be banned. Allowing the use of drugs to mask a horse's illness and push them beyond their physical limits too often results in a catastrophic injury requiring the horse to be euthanized. If a horse requires drugs to run, then it's too sick to race.

"This report comes on the heels of 27 people being indicted by the Southern District of New York for an illegal doping scheme that included the trainer of Maximum Security, the 2019 Kentucky Derby's initial winner, who was later disqualified.

"If the last year has taught us anything, it's that we can no longer ignore the problems associated with horse racing. We must take action, including passing the Horseracing Integrity Act, if we're going to protect these magnificent creatures and their riders."

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**'BISOU' MOVES TO TOP OF NTRA TB POLL FOLLOWING DOPING CONTROVERSY**

Champion **Midnight Bisou** (Midnight Lute) took the lead in this week's NTRA Top Thoroughbred Poll with 376 votes. The position was previously held by fellow champion **Maximum Security** (New Year's Day), who bested his female counterpart in the \$20 million Saudi Cup Feb. 29. In the wake of the doping controversy, which involved Maximum Security's trainer Jason

Servis, NTRA voters were given the opportunity to adjust their selections if they wanted.

Maximum Security still received 241 votes, but dropped to fourth behind GI Pegasus World Cup victor **Mucho Gusto** (Mucho Macho Man), who was second with 316 votes, and GI Pegasus World Cup Turf victor **Zulu Alpha** (English Channel), who was third with 267 votes.

The full results can be viewed [here](#).

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**OBS MARCH STILL A GO AMID CORONAVIRUS CONCERNS** *by Brian DiDonato*

OBS | Photos by Z

The Ocala Breeders' Sales Company's March Sale of 2-Year-Olds in Training will continue as scheduled, OBS Director of Sales Tod Wojciechowski told the *TDN* Tuesday. The decision comes as organizers and administrators for institutions and events around the world grapple with just how seriously to take the Coronavirus outbreak.

"We're monitoring the situation, but we are moving forward with the sale," Wojciechowski said. "There have been no restrictions placed on us by any government agency--it's a fluid situation, but right now with the investment that's at stake for our consignors and other participants, we're going to continue to move forward."

Wojciechowski continued, "Internationally, we still have buyers who are planning on being here from Japan and Korea. We've had multiple conversations with them--there are no restrictions on them traveling to the United States currently, and they know that... There's probably a lot of misinformation and unnecessary fear out there right now. We need to focus on facts and being diligent. Like someone said, it's a normal good hygiene practice to wash your hands frequently." **Cont. p14**

**OBS March Still a Go Despite Coronavirus Concerns cont.**

Wojciechowski continued, “We will have some additional hand sanitizing stations throughout the facility, but I think people who come here and who are attending events in general are obviously cognizant of what’s going on and they’ll practice safety measures of their own.”

Under-tack shows will be held this Thursday, Friday and Saturday starting at 8:00 a.m., while sale sessions will take place next Tuesday and Wednesday starting at 10:30 a.m.

OBS March will also be the first North American auction held after Monday’s **industry-shaking revelations** that 27 individuals, including high-profile trainers Jorge Navarro and Jason Servis, have been indicted for alleged doping of racehorses.

“A lot of our industry organizations have spoken eloquently about the things that transpired [Monday],” Wojciechowski said. “While it is unfortunate, hopefully the industry looks at it as a good thing moving forward. I’ve actually had some people suggest that it may bode well for the market and that people will have a little more confidence to buy--that perhaps they’ll be participating on a more level playing field.”

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**YONKERS CANCELS RACING AFTER HORSEMAN JOHN BRENNAN DIES OF CORONAVIRUS**

Yonkers Raceway canceled live racing Tuesday night after John Brennan, the Standardbred Owners Association of New York Director representing horsemen at Yonkers, passed away Tuesday from Coronavirus. The New Jersey resident was the state’s first reported victim of Coronavirus.

*DRF Harness* originally reported Brennan’s death and the Yonkers cancellation, but had not confirmed a connection. *Harness Racing Update* received confirmation from SOA of N.Y. President Joe Faraldo that racing was cancelled due to an “abundance of caution.”

*HRU* also reported that Faraldo has a fever and his doctor is concerned he may have contracted coronavirus from Brennan or exposure at Yonkers.

A Standardbred trainer for 40 years, Brennan trained predominantly in New York and New Jersey. The 69-year-old was part-owner and trainer of 2003 Yonkers Trot winner and Hambletonian runner-up Sugar Trader. In addition to his longtime role with the SOA of N.Y., he was a United States Trotting Association Director for many years.

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**HILL 'N' DALE FILES MOTION TO BE DISMISSED FROM ZAYAT LAWSUIT**



American Cleopatra | Horsephotos

By T.D. Thornton

A March 20 court hearing in Kentucky will determine if Hill 'n' Dale Farms can have a claim dismissed that involves a New York lending firm wanting to take possession of equine assets that were allegedly sold in 2017 at under-market value by financially troubled Zayat Stables, LLC, which is the chief defendant in the same \$23 million lawsuit alleging loan default and fraud.

The equine asset in question in this case is the broodmare **American Cleopatra**, a full sister to 2015 Triple Crown winner American Pharoah.

*The Blood-Horse* first reported this story Tuesday.

“In Hill 'n' Dale's motion to dismiss, attorneys David Royse and John Roach argued that MGG could not claim a security interest in American Cleopatra because the firm is outside a two-year statute of limitations to do so,” *The Blood-Horse* reported.

The Blood Horse wrote that the motion for dismissal “also cited a provision in the U.S. Food Security Act that states: ‘a buyer who in the ordinary course of business buys a farm product from a seller engaged in farming operations shall take free of a security interest created by the seller, even though...the buyer knows of the existence of such interest.’”

Two other defendants in the amended civil complaint filed Feb. 11 by MGG Investment Group, LP, in Fayette Circuit Court--Thomas Clark Bloodstock and Yeomanstown Stud--have already had similar claims dismissed.

The original defendants in the Jan. 22 lawsuit were Ahmed Zayat, his racing stable, and family members. But 10 prominent bloodstock individuals and entities that the plaintiff is alleging played a role in the Zayats’ “fraudulent scheme” were later added. **Cont. p15**

**Hill ‘n’ Dale Miles Motion to be Dismissed From Zayat Lawsuit cont.**

In targeting the bloodstock defendants who had bought either horses or interests in breeding shares from Zayat Stable, MGG is arguing that because it had filed Uniform Commercial Code statements designed to give a lender publicly secured rights to loan collateral, it should be able to recoup those equine assets (based on the reasoning that buyers should have known to check whether those equine assets were publicly disclosed as the Zayats’ loan collateral).

Frank Becker, a Lexington, Kentucky, attorney specializing in equine law, told TDN Feb. 14 that “I believe that MGG’s claims, which are based on state law, have been pre-empted by federal law and I don’t see how they can prevail on this. If the state courts of Kentucky agree with MGG, some bankers might be happy, but it would wreak havoc in the horse industry in Kentucky.”

In “replevin” and “constructive trust” counts against Hill ‘N’ Dale, the MGG suit seeks the return of American Cleopatra, who allegedly sold for \$1.3 million, “far below Zayat Stables’ appraised value.” In addition, the suit seeks the placement in trust of any offspring and/or proceeds therefrom, “including the American Cleopatra/Tapit foal.”

Replevin--which is sometimes used in lieu of repossession by vehicle dealers going after people who default on auto loans--involves an action to recover personal property that was wrongfully taken or detained.

Constructive trust--which is sometimes cited when a party breaches a fiduciary duty--is something imposed by a court in order to prevent unjust enrichment by someone who has wrongfully obtained an interest in another person's property.

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**THE TDN DERBY TOP 12 FOR MARCH 11**

by T.D. Thornton

There’s a new No. 1 on the Top 12 totem pole for the first time this season. We’re now inside the 54-day mark to the GI Kentucky Derby. That means it’s roughly 77,000 minutes until post time--but who’s counting?

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

 O-Sackatoga Stable. B-Twin Creeks Farm (NY). T-Barclay Tagg. Sales History: \$110,000 yrl ‘18 FTNAUG. Lifetime Record: GISW, 4-3-0-1, \$498,900.

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

Accomplishments Include: 1st **GI Champagne S.**,

3rd **GII Kentucky Jockey Club S.**, CD, Nov. 30

Next Start: GI Florida Derby, GP, Mar. 28

Equineline PPs. KY Derby Points: 22.



Tiz the Law | Lauren King

Tiz the Law seized the No. 1 ranking held since Dec. 31 by Thousand Words (Pioneerof the Nile), whose blah fourth in the GII San Felipe S. dislodged him from A-list placement. Last month this \$110,000 SARAUG Constitution bay was in the news for missing workouts related to a lost shoe/foot bruise, but “Tiz” has since fired back with two decent breezes, and his five-eighths bullet in 1:01.90 on Sunday at Palm Meadows (1/11) solidified his status as the fave for the GI Florida Derby.

Tiz is an aggressive stalker, and he’s proven he can make his own in-race breaks while posting very legit speed figures (100 Beyer in the GIII Holy Bull S.). He also boasts strong company lines that have yielded three 2020 graded stakes winners currently ranked within the Top 12. The nerve-wracking part about backing Tiz though, is that he has a history of creating unnecessarily troubled trips for himself (last three races he’s run up on the heels of rivals on the backstretch). Hopefully he’s learning from such in-race teaching moments, because if jockey Manny Franco has to yet again ride the brakes in the Florida or Kentucky Derbies, the momentum loss might be too much to overcome.

**2) GOUVERNEUR MORRIS (c, Constitution--Addison Run, by Unbridled’s Song)**

 ‘TDN Rising Star’ O-Team Valor International & WinStar Farm LLC. B-Machmer Hall, Carrie & Craig Brogden & James F. Miller (KY); T-Todd Pletcher. Sales History:

\$200,000 yrl ‘18 KEESEP; \$600,000 2yo ‘19 FTFMAR. Lifetime Record: GISP, 3-2-1-0, \$161,500.

Last Start: 1st **Alw/OC**, TAM, Feb. 14

Accomplishments Include: 2nd **GI Claiborne Breeders’ Futurity**



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**Gouverneur Morris cont.**

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Equineline PPs. KY Derby Points: 4.

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'TDN Rising Star' Gouverneur Morris breezed five-eighths in 1:01.79 at Palm Beach Downs Saturday (5/6).

"I thought it was his best work since he's been here in Florida," trainer Todd Pletcher said via a Team Valor posting on Twitter. "He was really full of energy."

This intriguing gray (\$200,000 KESEP; \$600,000 FTFMAR) doesn't have a next-stakes assignment etched in stone yet, but the shaping-up-tough Florida Derby could be a potential resurfacing race. And the "Guv" is certainly bred to win it--both his sire (Constitution, 2014) and dam-sire (Unbridled's Song, 1996) were Florida Derby victors. This colt's 2020 debut at Tampa was a mile-and-40-yards allowance that he won just .02 seconds shy of the track record, and that effort was legitimized this past Saturday when the horse who ran second, the in-form Untitled (Khozan), came back to run another good second behind the favored winner of the GIII Gotham S. at Aqueduct.

**3) HONOR A.P. (r, Honor Code--Hollywood Story, by Wild Rush)**



O-C R K Stable LLC. B-George Krikorian (Ky). T-John Shirreffs. Sales History: \$850,000 yrl '18 FTSAUG. Lifetime Record: GSP, 3-1-2-0, \$122,200.

Last Start: 2nd **GII San Felipe S.**, SA, Mar. 7

Next Start: GI Santa Anita Derby, SA, Apr. 4

Equineline PPs. KY Derby Points: 20

Even though Honor A.P. was second behind undefeated Authentic (Into Mischief) in Saturday's San Felipe S., his performance outweighs the winner's in terms of Kentucky Derby relevance. This \$850,000 FTSAUG Honor Code ridgling ran one of the more visually impressive MSW races on the SoCal circuit last October (5 1/4-length wire job), then his 2020 debut in early January got derailed by a foot bruise. Trainer John Shirreffs didn't shy away from a tough stakes spot though, and Honor A.P.

broke fluidly in the San Felipe, rated willingly at the fence into the clubhouse turn, then was repositioned outside for the backstretch run. He methodically took aim at--and deftly put away--both the previous No. 1-ranked Top 12 horse and the juvenile champ. But when Honor A.P. engaged loose-on-the-lead Authentic turning for home, Authentic had more left for the drive. Honor A.P. still finished determinedly, and he galloped out on even terms with the 98-Beyer winner after the wire. His effort represents serious advancement off a five-month layoff, and an extra half-furlong in the GI Santa Anita Derby off such a sharp try could make him the wise-guy favorite over Authentic in their projected rematch Apr. 4.



Honor A.P. | Horsephotos

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

O-SF Racing LLC, Starlight Racing, Madaket Stables LLC, Fred Hertrich III, John D. Fielding & Golconda Stables. B-Peter E. Blum Thoroughbreds LLC (KY). T-Bob Baffert. Sales History: \$350,000 yrl '18 KESEP. Lifetime Record: MGSW, 3-3-0-0, \$331,200.

Last Start: 1st **San Felipe S.**, SA, Mar. 7

Accomplishments Include: 1st **GIII Sham S.**, SA, Jan. 4

Next Start: GI Santa Anita Derby, SA, Apr. 4

Equineline PPs. KY Derby Points: 60.



A DCTM Mating Recommendation



Undefeated Authentic is the clear front-end threat among Derby candidates. We'll have to wait until the Santa Anita Derby to see if his prowess extends beyond 1 1/16 miles. This \$350,000 KEESEP Into Mischief bay's San Felipe S. victory represents an uptick in his career arc, not only for the authoritative fashion of his win over a decent field, but because Authentic (now equipped with ear plugs to keep crowd noise from bothering him) didn't swerve in and out during the stretch run like he did in the GIII Sham S. This colt quickly overcame a stutter-step start, led the chase into the first turn, and after initially being keen onto the backstretch, settled nicely once jockey Drayden Van Dyke looked back over both shoulders five-eighths out to make sure no early attacks were imminent.

Authentic benefited from his two closest pursuers never truly firing despite both being roused vigorously on the far turn, but he did face a serious challenge from an emboldened Honor A.P. at the head of the lane and repulsed that bid smartly. Authentic even found a touch more spark a sixteenth out to extend his winning margin to a comfortable 2 1/4 lengths while never having to be seriously pushed on to do it.

**5) ENFORCEABLE (c, Tapit--Justwhistledixie, by Dixie Union)**  
 O-John Oxley. B-Clearsky Farm (KY). T-Mark Casse. Sales History: \$775,000 RNA yrl '18 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: GSW & GISP,

7-2-1-2, \$267,150.

Last Start: 2nd **GII Risen Star S. Div. 1**, FG, Feb. 15

Accomplishments Include: 1st **GIII Lecomte S.**, FG, Jan. 18; 3rd **GI Claiborne Breeders' Futurity**, KEE, Oct. 5

Next Start: **GII Louisiana Derby**, FG, Mar. 21

**EquineLine PPs**. KY Derby Points: 33.

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Enforceable's role as a deep closer seems to have solidified during a productive winter campaign in New Orleans that has earned him a GIII Lecomte S. win and a second in the stronger division of the split GII Risen Star S. But will his connections want him a touch closer to the pace in the Mar. 21 GII Louisiana Derby? When Enforceable was trailing in 11th about 5 1/2 furlongs out in the Risen Star, jockey Julien Leparoux all of a sudden started urging him for run way earlier than you'd expect to see in a nine-furlong February prep. This \$775,000 KEESEP RNA responded by picking off half the pack with an efficient rail run, and it set up his strong, six-wide closing move in the lane. There should be no qualms about this Tapit colt's pedigree when it comes to being able to slug it out over 10 furlongs on the first Saturday in May. But banking on a deep closer who might have to bob and weave through a 20-horse field is usually a dicey proposition in the Derby, no matter how talented the horse is.

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**6) SILVER PROSPECTOR (c, Declaration of War--Tap Softly, by Tapit)** O-Ed & Susie Orr; B-Hargus & Sandra Sexton & Silver Fern Farm LLC (KY); T-Steve Asmussen. Sales History: \$50,000 yrl '18 KEESEP; \$190,000 2yo '19 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: MGSW 8-3-0-2, \$713,051.

Last Start: 1st **GIII Southwest S.**, OP, Feb. 17

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

Next start: **GII Rebel S.**, OP, Mar. 14

**Equine PPs.** KY Derby Points: 21.

Silver Prospector isn't a 'Wow!' type of performer, but he might be on the verge of breaking through to that level based on his impressive array of tools and traits. His best speed figure (97 Beyer in the GIII Southwest S.) puts him at or near par with everyone ranked above him on this list. He's won both dueling for the lead (earlier in his eight-race career) and while stalking (in two-turn stakes). He's handled trip woes (hemmed in at the rail in the Southwest) and splashed home in the slop (GII Kentucky Jockey Club S.). And this Declaration of War pinhook (\$50,000 KEESEP; \$190,000 OBSAPR) has already bested higher-ranked foes like Tiz the Law and Enforceable.

Despite that list of credentials and a win already over the Oaklawn surface, it's likely that Silver Prospector (whose birthday was Monday) will go off as the second or third choice in the wagering for Saturday's **GII Rebel S.** Discerning bettors will know that trainer Steve Asmussen has won four previous editions of the Rebel, including an 8-1 upset last season in a split division that featured a 2-5 Bob Baffert shipper.

**7) THREE TECHNIQUE (c, Mr Speaker--Nite in Rome, by Harlan's Holiday)**



'**TDN Rising Star**' O-August Dawn Farm. B-Omega Farm LLC & Bally Breeders (KY). T-Jeremiah Englehart. Sales History: \$50,000 wnl '17 KEENOV; \$180,000 yrl '18

FTKJUL. Lifetime Record: SP, 5-2-3-0, \$154,750.

Last Start: 2nd **Smarty Jones S.**, OP, Jan. 24

Next Start: **GII Rebel S.**, OP, Mar. 14

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

**WCTC graduate and Durr/Englehart yearling purchase**

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'TDN Rising Star' Three Technique (\$50,000 KEENOV; \$180,000 FTKJUL) has gone off favored in all five career starts and he's never run worse than second, with two combined victories producing an aggregate 10-length winning margin. Yet trainer Jeremiah Englehart had to find a new jockey for Saturday's Rebel S., because Irad Ortiz, Jr., who rode this Mr Speaker colt the last two starts, reportedly has instead committed to a Bob Baffert trainee for the Rebel. So Luis Saez is now named to ride Three Technique.

"Luis is one of the best," Englehart said. "You don't mind putting your cleats on with him. He's a guy you want to have on your team."

The Jan. 24 **Smarty Jones S.**, in which Three Technique ran second, is turning out to be a key race. The wet Oaklawn track was favoring speed on Opening Day (five wire winners and two pace-pressers), and Three Technique rallied adeptly into the teeth of that bias, then galloped out past the winner. Since then, fourth-place finisher Silver Prospector has come back to win the Southwest S., and the sixth- and seventh-place finishers were next-out allowance winners in late February at Oaklawn.



**Three Technique** | *Coglianes*

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

O/B-Godolphin LLC (KY). T-Brendan Walsh.

Lifetime Record: GISW, 2-2-0-0, \$354,412.

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

Next Start: Uncommitted.

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

Maxfield is now four published workouts into his comeback preparations after surgery to fix a displaced ankle chip back in November. Although it's still questionable that he might attempt a Derby prep, he remains well-ranked because the scintillating nature of his GI Breeders' Futurity S. win still resonates five months after the fact. Over the weekend, trainer Brendan Walsh outlined to TDN's Christina Bossinakos what a possible path to Louisville might look like for this 2-for-2 Street Sense homebred for Godolphin.

"If everything went perfectly and we thought he was doing as well as he possibly could do, then we'd probably take in one of the Derby trials, maybe a month out," he said. "But things would have to really go well because it would be off of a layoff to [try and] take in any of the Derby trials against horses that have had two, three runs this year. To take them on, off of the bench, would be a huge ask for any horse." **Cont. p19**

**Maxfield cont.**

Bettors gave Maxfield a fighting chance in Pool 3 of the Kentucky Derby Future that closed Sunday night, backing him to 15-1 odds.

**9) NADAL (c, Blame-- Ascending Angel, by Pulpit)**



**'TDN Rising Star'** O-George Bolton, Arthur Hoyoau, Barry Lipman & Mark Mathieson. B-Sierra Farm (KY); T-Bob Baffert. Sales History: \$65,000 yrl '18 KEESEP; \$700,000 2yo '19 FTFMAR. Lifetime Record: GSW, 2-2-0-0, \$153,000. Last Start: 1st **GII San Vicente S.**, SA, Feb. 9  
Next Start: **GII Rebel S.**, OP, Mar. 14

**EquineLine PPs.** KY Derby Points: 0.

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Nadal's :59.60 five-eighths blowout bullet Sunday at Santa Anita (1/58) cemented his favoritism for Saturday's Rebel S. But considering Bob Baffert shippers annually get pounded in that stakes anyway (his trainees have won six of the previous 11 Rebels, but he has saddled the beaten favorite in each of the last four), that sharp morning move was probably only icing on the figurative cake.

This 'TDN Rising Star' displayed speed to spare in a pair of Santa Anita sprint victories, and now this muscular Blame bay (\$65,000 KEESEP; \$700,000 FTFMAR) will have to stretch out for the first time around two turns over an unfamiliar surface against a fairly deep list of Rebel probables that includes horses who have already run well at Oaklawn, plus a couple of intriguing layoff wild cards.

There are legitimate quibbles about Nadal's going backwards, speed-figure wise, despite winning the **GII San Vicente S.** But Baffert had said post-race that he intentionally trained this colt lightly going into that seven-furlong prep, and that the race itself was the "serious work." Thus, we should have a better picture after Saturday as to what Nadal's sweet spot really is in terms of raw power meshing with stamina.

**10) ETE INDIEN (c, Summer Front--East India, by Mizzen Mast)**

O-Linda Shanahan, Sanford Bacon, Dream With Me Stable, Inc., Horse France America, D P Racing LLC & Patrick L. Biancone Racing LLC. B-Robert B. Tillyer & Eric Buckley (KY). T-Patrick Biancone. Sales History: \$85,000 RNA wnl '17 KEENOV; \$80,000 yrl '18 KEESEP; €240,000 2yo '19 ARQMAY. Lifetime Record: GSW, 5-3-1-0, \$333,156.

Last Start: 1st **GII Fasig-Tipton Fountain of Youth S.**, GP, Feb. 29  
Accomplishments Include: 2nd **GIII Holy Bull S.**, GP, Feb. 1  
Next Start: Aiming for **GI Florida Derby**, GP, Mar. 28

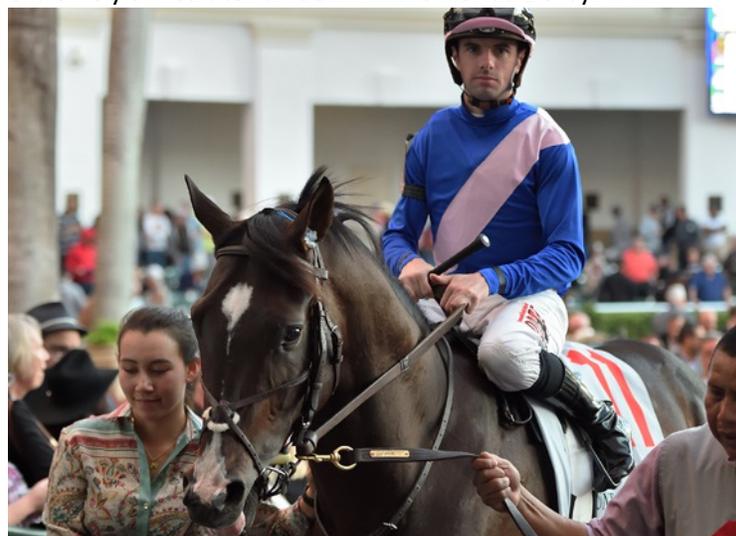
**EquineLine PPs.** KY Derby Points: 54.

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Trainer Patrick Biancone told *TDN's* Bill Finley a few days ago that he prefers to work even his dirt-centric horses on turf "because I think it is kinder on the legs." And he added that he likes to start his young horses in grass races "even if they look like dirt horses, because I think those races are less stressful and they get them ready for the next step."

That strategy has worked so far with both **GII Fasig-Tipton Fountain of Youth (FOY)** winner **Ete Indien**, and stablemate **Sole Volante (Karakonite {Jpn})**, who ran second in Saturday's **GII Lambholm South Tampa Bay Derby**. **Ete Indien**, a three-time auction prospect (\$85,000 KEENOV RNA, \$80,000 KEESEP, €240,000 ARQMAY) is going to have to prove his FOY wire job was no fluke (his main pace-pressing challenger was a 49-1 long shot and the heavy fave ran dead last). But sophomores who consistently run sharp speed figures on the front end at Gulfstream (86, 95, 97 Beyers for this Summer Front colt) can be extremely difficult to run down in the Florida Derby.



**Ete Indien** | *Ryan Thompson*

**11) THOUSAND WORDS (c, Pioneerof the Nile--Pomeroy Pistol, by Pomeroy)**

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

Last Start: 4th **GII San Felipe S.**, SA, Mar. 7  
Accomplishments Include: 1st **GIII Robert B. Lewis S.**; 1st **GII Los Alamitos Futurity**

Next Start: Uncommitted.

**EquineLine PPs.** KY Derby Points: 25.

**Brookdale Sold for Hardacre Farm**  
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Thousand Words dropped all the way from No. 1 based on his punchless performance when fourth in the **San Felipe S.** But the Kentucky Derby has certainly been won by contenders who threw in a clunker somewhere along their prep paths, and this \$1-million KEESEP **Pioneerof the Nile** bay is worth following based on how professionally he won his first three races.

**Thousand Words cont.**

Trainer Bob Baffert said on “At the Races with Steve Byk” Monday he believes the no-show has to do with how headstrong Thousand Words was early in the race.

“Even when he works like that, he doesn’t finish,” Baffert said. “He was just too sharp, just too strong early, and he gassed it turning for home. That wasn’t him. I really thought I was going to run one-two in there. That’s why we have these preps, you try to figure them out. You want to figure them out before that last prep, because that past prep is the one that there can’t be any mistakes. He came out of it well, so we’ll have to tweak him. Equipment--maybe no blinker or less blinker; train him a bit differently. He’s a quirky horse, but he’s still a good horse.”

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

O-Peter Redekop B.C. Ltd. B-Highland Yard (Ky). T-Blaine Wright. Sales History: \$170,000 RNA yrl ‘18 KEESEP; \$480,000 2yo ‘19 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: GISP, 4-1-2-0, \$403,000.

Last Start: 9th **GII Risen Star S.**, FG, Feb. 15

Accomplishments Include: 2nd **GI TVG Breeders’ Cup Juvenile**; 2nd **GII Los Alamitos Futurity**

Next Start: GI Santa Anita Derby, SA, Apr. 4.

EquineLine PPs. KY Derby Points: 12



Anneau d’Or could loom as the forgotten contender in the GI Santa Anita Derby, and he just might get plenty of pace to chase over a track where he was only a neck shy of winning the Breeders’ Cup Juvenile and (potentially) the 2-year-old championship. This \$480,000 OBSAPR Medaglia d’Oro bay (RNA’d for \$170,000 at KEESEP) was last seen struggling home ninth as the even-money fave in the weaker division of the split Risen Star S. Equipped with blinkers for the first time, he broke running but jumped into the bit a little too keenly, backseating jockey Joel Rosario the first time under the wire. He checked off heels soon after, got spun four wide on both turns, and looked lost way out in the seven path through the stretch.

On Saturday he had his first breeze since that eventful trip to New Orleans, going a half mile in :49 at Golden Gate Fields (19/62).

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

**Basin** (Liam’s Map): Aired in GI Hopeful S. at Spa last season then was sidelined with a right hind ankle problem. He’s now on target for a return in the Mar. 14 Rebel S.

**Dennis’ Moment** (Tiznow): This ‘TDN Rising Star’ ran a too-bad-to-be-true last in the FOY, but trainer Dale Romans remains adamantly confident in his horse moving forward. Diagnostic work has yet to uncover an excuse or a veterinary concern.

**Eight Rings** (Empire Maker): Two straight Santa Anita bullet works for this Bob Baffert comebacker suggest a decision on his 2020 debut is imminent.

**Independence Hall** (Constitution): Still on target for Florida Derby. In wake of GIII Davis S. second, it’s since been revealed he lost his tongue tie prior to the race and his right front shoe coming out of the gate.

**King Guillermo** (Uncle Mo): Wired GII Lambolm South Tampa Bay Derby at 49-1 off a 3+-month layoff with an astonishing 99 Beyer and reportedly could train up to the Derby without another prep. That’s a pretty tall task, but stranger things have happened. And you have to admit, he looked pretty good in his comeback win.

**Mischevous Alex** (Into Mischief): He’s won back-to-back Grade III stakes in one-turn miles at Gulfstream and Aqueduct, and his connections are mulling next-race options.

**Modernist** (Uncle Mo): Trainer Bill Mott likened him to Country House (but more mature than the 2019 Derby winner) after this colt’s weaker-division Risen Star S. win. But the 84 Beyer he earned under ideal racing circumstances might not be enough to excel at the next level in the Louisiana Derby.

**Sole Volante** (Karakonite {Jpn}): Closed from far back and was advancing when it counted to get second behind the longshot winner of the Tampa Derby. But considering the shallowness of that field, he left the impression of having not done enough. Yet he consistently runs mid 90s Beyers and has never been off the board from five starts.

**Structor** (Palace Malice): The 3-for-3 winner of the GI Breeders’ Cup Juvenile Turf has been aimed for a dirt debut on the Derby trail, but he’s been unworked since Feb. 17, causing him to drop out of the Top 12. Still a big believer in him moving forward, though.

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## KEENELAND APRIL CATALOGUE ONLINE

The catalogue for the Keeneland April 2-Year-Olds in Training Sale, featuring 70 juveniles, is now available online at [www.keeneland.com](http://www.keeneland.com). The auction, which also includes a Horses of Racing Age sale, will be held Apr. 7. Supplemental entries are still being accepted.



Keeneland sales grounds | Keeneland photo

“The April sale returned to the Keeneland calendar last year to positive reviews from buyers and consignors, who like the timing of the auction,” Keeneland Vice President of Racing and Sales Bob Elliston said. “Scheduling the sale during the Spring Meet ensures a deep buying bench of owners, trainers, bloodstock agents and others, which produces a strong, competitive market.”

The under-tack show for the 2-year-old sale will be held Apr. 6 beginning at 11 a.m. Bidding begins the following day at 2 p.m.

The 2-year-old Miss Tapirado (Tapit) topped the 2019 April sale at \$1.3 million, while the horses of racing age from last year’s auction included Higher Power (Medaglia d’Oro), who four months later won the GI TVG Pacific Classic.

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### OP/ED FROM DAN LIEBMAN

Years ago, in a stand-up comedy routine, Steve Martin suggested a way to greatly reduce the crime rate: death penalty for traffic violations.

A joke, sure, but it makes you wonder, if the penalty for, say, running a red light, was to lose your license for 90 days, what effect that would have on that infraction.

Things have certainly changed in that regard. Not that many years ago, the first DUI was routinely amended to a lesser charge, like reckless driving. Today that never happens.

In light of the **indictments** announced Monday, it is time for Thoroughbred racing to strengthen its penalties for egregious infractions.

Granted, an indictment is an allegation. Nothing has been proven. But, should it be found that trainers, veterinarians and others conspired to obtain misbranded performance enhancing drugs and administer them, they should be banned for life from the industry.

The fact one of the "headline" horses mentioned in the indictments is Maximum Security (New Year’s Day) gives rise to the questioning of his entire career. Would he have won races--stakes or otherwise--without the PEDs?

Should Maximum Security be disqualified from all his races? Should racing authorities be able to recover purse monies already paid to the horse's owners?

One hates to use the NCAA as a role model--knowing how inefficient that organization is--but it does have the authority to vacate championships retroactively. Should Maximum Security have his championship taken away?

Horses don't choose their owners, who in turn choose their trainers. Nor those chosen by the trainers, such as assistant trainers, veterinarians, blacksmiths, dentists, grooms, exercise riders, etc.

Horses cannot talk before being injected, jugged or dosed with a medication. They are merely the recipient of the medication, usually administered as well-intentioned, but as we have always known, not in every case.

The allegations in the 27-person indictment would be profound no matter the trainers and horses involved. But the fact prominent trainers Jason Servis and Jorge Navarro are among the indicted, and horses such as Grade I winners Maximum Security and X Y Jet (Kantharos) are included, brings more attention to the heinous nature of the crimes...and that is actually a good thing. **Cont. p22**



X Y Jet | Horsephotos

**Op/Ed cont.**

Headline names should prod individuals and organizations within racing to act, and act quickly.

Imagine the conversations being held in Saudi Arabia, where just last month racing officials there offered the largest purse in racing history and now are wondering if they gave the winner's share to cheaters.

Imagine the conversations among racing fans wondering if X Y Jet really died of an apparent heart attack as reported.

Imagine the conversations between bettors who surely feel as if they were duped in races in which horses trained by Servis and Navarro were victorious.

Horses are noble animals and horse racing is a wonderful sport. The vast majority of men and women who participate have the welfare and safety of the horse as their top priority. It is time for those men and women to unite and discuss what penalties--harsh penalties--should be meted to individuals who violate the principle of putting welfare and safety first.

They may not get a second chance.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

**ALFRED H. NUCKOLS JR.**

What has happened to this business? Growing up, I admired the participants, the trainers and the horses. There was Kelso, Forego, Typecast and a legion of others who raced and won without the need for modern day pharmacology. There were trainers who trained their horses without medications and honorable owners who only wanted to win at the highest level on a level playing field. You hear stories and rumors of "so and so uses this on their horses" and think that testing procedures will ferret out the cheaters. Then you read about how the drugs far outpace the ability to detect them. Has the business become a haven for cheats and winners at any cost?

I am a small commercial breeder and owner. I have never even thought about giving a horse a product that would be detrimental to its well-being. These animals are my life and have given me so much joy that I could never break the bond of trust that one develops with an animal totally within my control. I would never give a horse that I race a drug other than lasix. That may seem hypocritical to some, but for a horse that has a propensity to bleed, I see it as a proactive treatment.

I race and breed to give the horses I raise a chance to exhibit the genetic traits I was thinking about when I decided on the mating. I don't want some chemical enhancer totally distorting the ability of the horse I bred and raised. I want to see if the

genetics work. I would like to think when I retire a racehorse I know what it can and cannot contribute to the breed as a whole and base my future breeding decisions on what I can do, breeding-wise, to enhance these horses ability to carry on their bloodlines.

I am totally shocked and numbed by these seemingly well-based allegations of cheating and I feel cheated with the horses that I have raised and raced that have had to compete on such an uneven playing field. We had a racing czar once, but totally emasculated the office so that those in power didn't lose their control. Now is the time to create a national central office with the authority to create unified racing rules and regulations. An office to serve as a central licensing authority for those that own and race under its authority. The states have shown a consistent inability to get anything positive done. Let them serve under a higher authority that holds them accountable and overrides the cronyism of the appointees to the various commissions. Get the cheaters out of the business with lifetime bans and no second chances. It is our last chance to do something proactive before we go the way of the dinosaurs, extinct!

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**SANTA ANITA CANCELS FRIDAY DUE TO RAIN**

Due to the heavy rain in Southern California forecast for Mar. 13, Santa Anita issued a release Monday evening stating that Friday's card will be cancelled as a measure of precaution. The weekend's racing cards will be evaluated later this week and will be dependent on the forecast.

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**NERUD, SUBURBAN MOVED TO JULY 4, NBC**

The GII John A. Nerud S., a 'Win and You're In' event for the GI Breeders' Cup Sprint, and the 10-furlong GII Suburban H. will be moved up one week to the July 4 card at Belmont Park and will be televised on NBC.

"By moving these races up one week, we'll be able to showcase the Stars and Stripes Racing Festival to a national audience on NBC," said Tony Allevato, NYRA CRO and President of NYRA Bets.

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**Nerud & Suburban Moved cont.**

The July 4 card will also include the \$100,000 Manila, a one-mile turf test for 3-year-olds. The 6 1/2-furlong GIII Victory Ride S. for sophomore fillies, originally slated for July 4, will be moved to Belmont's July 11 card, which also includes the Turf Triple series, featuring the GI Belmont Derby Invitational and the GI Belmont Oaks Invitational.

NYRA's 51-day Belmont Park spring/summer meet, featuring 58 total stakes races worth \$18.65 million begins Apr. 24 and continues through July 12. Saratoga kicks off its 40-day meet July 16.

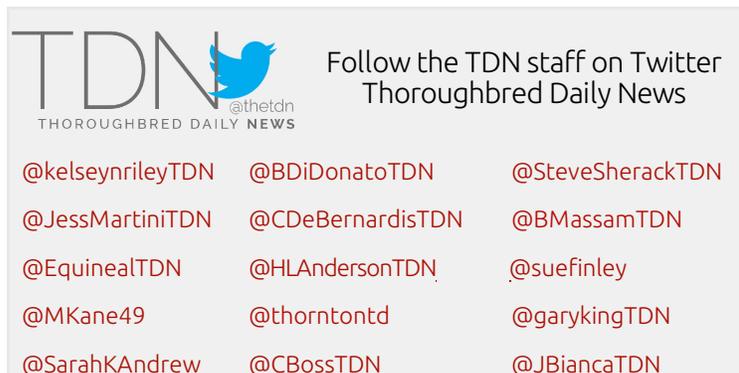
To view the full Belmont Park spring/summer stakes schedule, visit <https://www.nyra.com/belmont/racing/stakes-schedule/>.

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**WTBOA SUMMER SALE AUG. 18**

The Washington Thoroughbred Breeders and Owners Association Summer Sale of yearlings is slated for Aug. 18 at the WTBOA Sales Pavilion at Emerald Downs. For nomination/entry information, contact Susan van Dyke at (253) 288-7896 or [sue@washingtonthoroughbred.com](mailto:sue@washingtonthoroughbred.com). Cost-saving early bird yearling nominations close March 27 with late nominations available until April 24.

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Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	<b>Constitution</b> (2011) by Tapit FYR: 2017	3	6	2	4	--	--	49	12	151,900	773,932
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2	<b>Tonalist</b> (2011) by Tapit FYR: 2017	1	2	1	2	--	--	42	10	211,110	720,682
										Tonalist's Shape	
3	<b>American Pharoah</b> (2012) by Pioneerof the Nile FYR: 2017	2	4	--	1	--	--	47	8	173,043	639,503
										Cafe Pharoah	
4	<b>Carpe Diem</b> (2012) by Giant's Causeway FYR: 2017	--	2	--	1	--	--	52	10	88,740	626,751
										Monforte	
5	<b>Palace Malice</b> (2010) by Curlin FYR: 2017	2	2	1	1	--	--	47	9	260,000	614,595
										Mr. Monomoy	
6	<b>Khozan</b> (2012) by Distorted Humor FYR: 2017	1	3	--	2	--	--	39	10	109,000	582,148
										Liam's Lucky Charm	
7	<b>Tapiture</b> (2011) by Tapit FYR: 2017	1	3	--	--	--	--	48	14	90,000	535,457
										Steph'sfullasugar	
8	<b>Summer Front</b> (2009) by War Front FYR: 2017	1	3	1	2	--	--	31	10	284,600	505,617
										Ete Indien	
9	<b>Honor Code</b> (2011) by A.P. Indy FYR: 2017	1	4	1	3	--	--	41	6	137,500	504,165
										Max Player	
10	<b>Competitive Edge</b> (2012) by Super Saver FYR: 2017	--	--	--	--	--	--	44	13	55,800	478,298
										Misty Blue	
11	<b>Wicked Strong</b> (2011) by Hard Spun FYR: 2017	1	3	--	--	--	--	52	13	54,750	442,690
										Villainous	
12	<b>Liam's Map</b> (2011) by Unbridled's Song FYR: 2017	--	--	--	--	--	--	40	11	67,640	429,726
										Liam's Pride	
13	<b>Bayern</b> (2011) by Offlee Wild FYR: 2017	--	3	--	--	--	--	44	8	56,996	426,851
										Bella Vita	
14	<b>Karakontie (Jpn)</b> (2011) by Bernstein FYR: 2017	2	2	1	1	--	--	23	5	199,800	373,182
										Sole Volante	
15	<b>Fast Anna</b> (2011) by Medaglia d'Oro FYR: 2017	--	1	--	--	--	--	33	7	90,000	310,402
										Lexi On the Move	

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**IN ORDER OF PURSE:**

**8th-Parx Racing, \$51,954, Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000),** 3-10, 3yo, 1m 70y, 1:45.55, ft.

**NEW COMMISSION (c, 3, Field Commission--Sno's Image, by Indy King)** broke through by 12 1/4 lengths going seven panels here at fourth asking Dec. 1, and was a close second at 14-1 in the Heft S. at Laurel Dec. 28. Fifth in the GIII Withers S. over nine furlongs at Aqueduct Feb. 1, he was most recently sixth in the one-turn-mile Miracle Wood S. back at Laurel on two weeks' rest. Installed as the public's 7-5 pick on the class drop here, the chestnut tugged his way into a stalking spot in between foes as Irish Cork (Flat Out) showed the way. The pacesetter seemed to be getting away from a hard-ridden New Commission entering the lane, but the latter continued on resolutely and got his nose down on the line when it mattered. Lifetime Record: SP, 8-2-2-0, \$108,700. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Manny Stable; B-Harold Lee Jordan (GA); T-Diane M. Day.

**9th-Parx Racing, \$41,500, (S), Alw, 3-10, (NW1BX), 3yo, f, 6f,** 1:12.14, ft.

**CINNABUNNY (f, 3, Golden Lad--English Mum, by Congrats)** opened her account with a nose victory here Jan. 27, and overcame an awkward start this time to rush to the lead and come home a front-running 1 1/4-length winner. Don't Call Me Mary (El Padrino) was second. The winner has a 2-year-old half-sister by Uncle Lino and a yearling full-brother. Her dam was bred back to Hoppertunity for 2020. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$48,600. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O/B-Shooting Star Stable (PA); T-Kathleen A. Demasi.



**IN ORDER OF PURSE:**

**5th-Parx Racing, \$47,730, Msw, 3-10, 3yo, 6f, 1:12.60, ft.**

**NOTHING BETTER (c, 3, Munnings--One True Love {Ire}, by Duke of Marmalade {Ire})**, given a 3-1 chance after shipping up from Palm Meadows, was ridden along to make the lead down the backside and post splits of :22.73 and :47.18. He turned for home a bit awkwardly, but quickly righted the ship and kicked on to defeat favorite Harper (Include) by 1 3/4 lengths. A :10 1/5 breezer, the chestnut has a 2-year-old half-sister by Tale of the Cat. His dam is a half to Canadian GISW and French GSW Folk Opera (Ire) (Singspiel {Ire}). Sales history: \$47,000 Ylg '18 FTKOCT; \$230,000 2yo '19 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$27,000. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

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**Competitive Edge** (Super Saver), Ashford Stud, \$12,500  
155 foals of racing age/37 winners/4 black-type winners  
7-Fair Grounds, Msw 6f, SAINTSATON, 4-1  
\$13,000 OBS OCT yrl; \$110,000 EAS MAY 2yo

**Fast Anna** (Medaglia d'Oro), Three Chimneys Farm, \$10,000  
142 foals of racing age/17 winners/3 black-type winners  
6-Sam Houston Race, Alw 1m, BRING ME A CHECK, 3-1

**Honor Code** (A.P. Indy), Lane's End Farm, \$30,000  
213 foals of racing age/19 winners/1 black-type winner  
6-Sam Houston Race, Alw 1m, CODE RUNNER, 2-1  
\$375,000 KEE SEP yrl

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\$250,000

ORCHID (G3)  
4&UP F&M 1 3/8 (T)  
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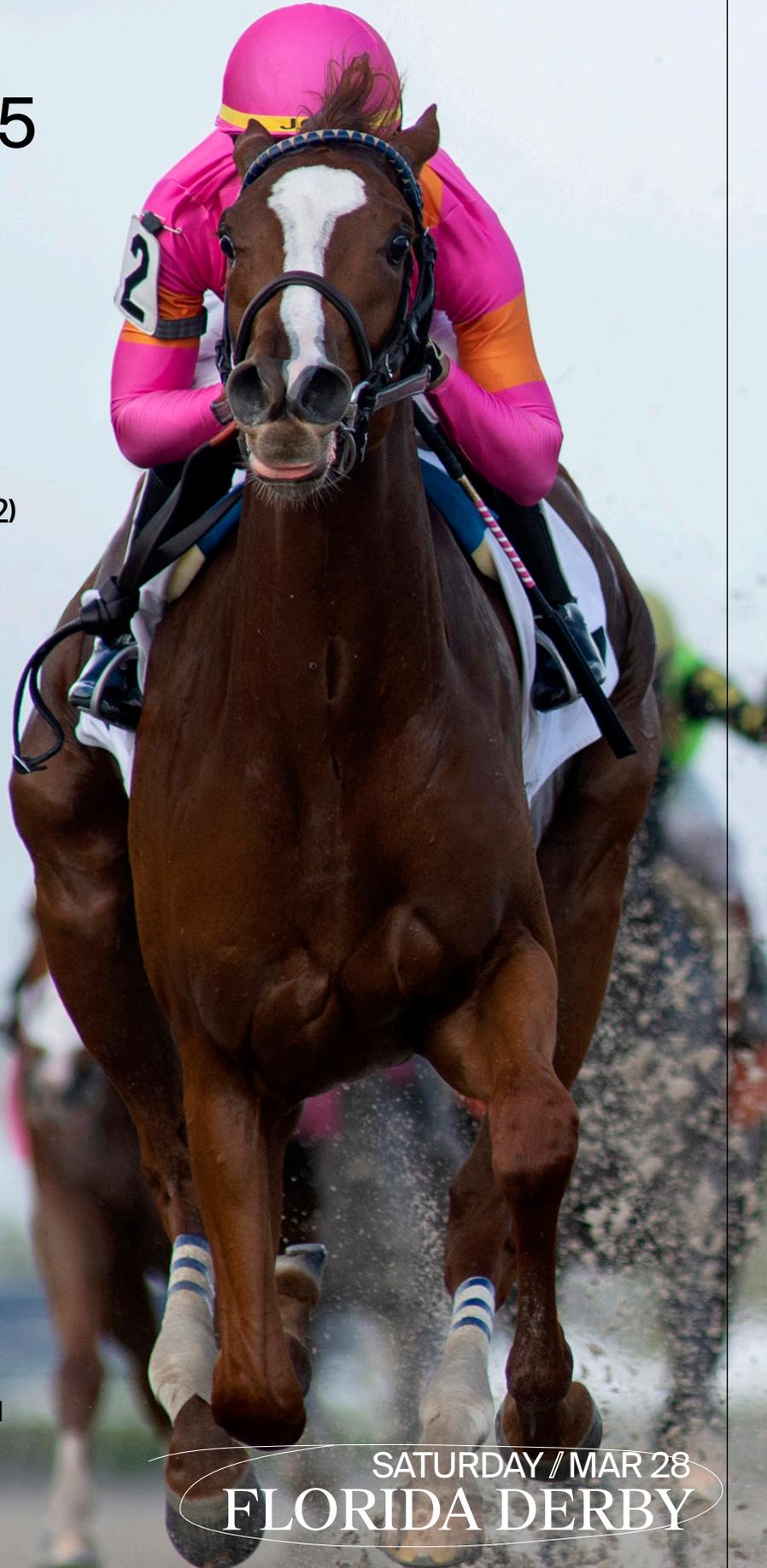
APPLETON (G3)  
4&UP 1M (T)  
\$100,000

HAL'S HOPE (G3)  
4&UP 11/8  
\$100,000

SAND SPRINGS  
4&UP F&M 1M (T)  
\$100,000

CUTLER BAY  
3YO 1M (T)  
\$125,000

SANIBEL ISLAND 3YO F 1M (T) \$125,000	SIR SHACKLETON 4&UP 7F \$75,000
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SATURDAY // MAR 28  
FLORIDA DERBY

**Liam's Map** (Unbridled's Song), Lane's End Farm, \$35,000  
 232 foals of racing age/26 winners/2 black-type winners  
 8-Gulfstream, Aoc 5fT, SONG RIVER, 7-2  
 \$175,000 FTF MAR 2yo

**Tapiture** (Tapit), Darby Dan Farm, \$7,500  
 246 foals of racing age/37 winners/3 black-type winners  
 6-Sam Houston Race, Alw 1m, MISTS OF TIME, 8-1  
 \$35,000 KEE SEP yrl  
 7-Fair Grounds, Msw 6f, REUNITE, 9-2  
 \$35,000 FTK JUL yrl  
 7-Fair Grounds, Msw 6f, TORMENTA, 10-1  
 \$5,500 KEE SEP yrl

**Wicked Strong** (Hard Spun), Spendthrift Farm, \$6,000  
 232 foals of racing age/33 winners/1 black-type winner  
 7-Fair Grounds, Msw 6f, WICKED SMART, 3-1  
 \$16,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$30,000 OBS OCT yrl; \$425,000 OBS MAR  
 2yo

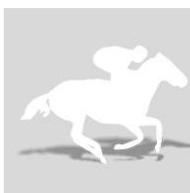
**Wicked Tune** (Concorde's Tune)  
 9 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners  
 2-Gulfstream, Msw 5fT, KAYLA'S TUNE, 6-1  
 2-Gulfstream, Msw 5fT, SAUCY TUNE, 9-2



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**IN PANAMA:**

**El Excludo**, c, 3, **Animal Kingdom**--Lisa Jean, by Proud Citizen.  
 Presidente Remon, 3-8, Maiden, 1100m. B-Jack Swain III (KY).  
 \*1ST TIME STARTER. \*\*\$5,000 Ylg '18 FTKOCT. **VIDEO**

**Big Black Bear**, c, 4, **Flashstorm**--Coli Bear (MSW & GSP,  
 \$474,362), by Formal Dinner. Presidente Remon, 3-8,  
 Allowance, 1000m. B-Inversiones FL LLC (FL). \*Now  
 undefeated in two starts by a combined 25 lengths. **VIDEO**

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ADDITIONAL  
**RACING**

**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

**4th-Sam Houston Race, \$37,000**, 3-10, (NW1X), 4yo/up, 1mT,  
 1:36.51, fm.

**MIDAS CAT** (h, 5, **Midas Touch {GB}**--Beth Ann's Kitten, by  
**Kitten's Joy**) Lifetime Record: 27-4-2-2, \$69,863. O-Terry Eoff;  
 B-Kenneth L. & Sarah K. Ramsey (KY); T-Terry Eoff.

**7th-Sam Houston Race, \$37,000**, (S), 3-10, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 6f,  
 1:12.03, ft.

**WONDERS OF HISLOVE** (c, 3, **Early Flyer**--Maymeister, by  
**Holzmeister**) Lifetime Record: 10-2-3-1, \$66,867. O/T-J. R.  
 Caldwell; B-Stephen Baker (TX). \*\$1,500 Ylg '18 TTAMIX.

**9th-Sam Houston Race, \$37,000**, (S), 3-10, (NW1X), 4yo/up,  
 1mT, 1:37.39, fm.

**VALID THOR** (g, 5, **Advanceexpectation**--Dubaidora, by E Dubai)  
 Lifetime Record: 16-5-1-0, \$50,639. O-Kenneth E. Sykes;  
 B-Francisco Ramirez Gomez (TX); T-Dewey Paul Smith.

**4th-Mahoning Valley, \$25,500**, 3-10, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1m,  
 1:37.77, my.

**MAKE THE RULES** (g, 5, **Algorithms**--Pegastorm, by Fusaichi  
**Pegasus**) Lifetime Record: 15-6-1-1, \$102,314. O-Jorge Calixto  
 Villanueva; B-Copper Penny Stables (KY); T-Julie A. Pappada.  
 \*\$12,000 RNA Wlg '15 KEENOV; \$12,000 Ylg '16 FTKOCT;  
 \$30,000 2yo '17 EASMA; \$4,500 3yo '18 EASDEC.

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**6th-Mahoning Valley, \$23,500**, 3-10, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:12.24, my.

**HYDROGEN (g, 3, Violence--L. A. Devine, by Pulpit)** Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-1, \$44,321. O-Jeff Ganje; B-Whisper Hill Farm, LLC (KY); T-William E. Morey. \*\$575,000 Ylg '18 FTSAUG; \$34,000 3yo '20 FTKFEB. \*\*1/2 to Gettysburg (Pioneerof the Nile), SP, \$311,522.

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**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Majestic Queen**, f, 4, **Majesticperfection--Predictress**, by Vicar. Sam Houston Race, 3-10, (C), 5fT, :57.93. B-Brereton C. Jones (KY). \*\$87,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP; \$75,000 2yo '18 OBSAPR. \*\*1/2 to Three Day Rush (Harlan's Holiday), SW, \$266,898; full to Perfect Prediction, SW.



- ADVANCEEXPECTATION**, Valid Thor, g, 5, o/o Dubaidora, by E Dubai. ALW, 3-10, Sam Houston
- ALGORITHMS**, Make the Rules, g, 5, o/o Pegastorm, by Fusaichi Pegasus. ALW, 3-10, Mahoning Valley
- EARLY FLYER**, Wonders of Hislove, c, 3, o/o Maymeister, by Holzmeister. ALW, 3-10, Sam Houston
- FIELD COMMISSION**, New Commission, c, 3, o/o Sno's Image, by Indy King. AOC, 3-10, Parx Racing
- GOLDEN LAD**, Cinnabunny, f, 3, o/o English Mum, by Congrats. ALW, 3-10, Parx Racing
- MAJESTICPERFECTION**, Majestic Queen, f, 4, o/o Predictress, by Vicar. MCL, 3-10, Sam Houston
- MIDAS TOUCH (GB)**, Midas Cat, h, 5, o/o Beth Ann's Kitten, by Kitten's Joy. ALW, 3-10, Sam Houston
- MUNNINGS**, Nothing Better, c, 3, o/o One True Love (Ire), by Duke of Marmalade (Ire). MSW, 3-10, Parx Racing
- VIOLENCE**, Hydrogen, g, 3, o/o L. A. Devine, by Pulpit. ALW, 3-10, Mahoning Valley

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## MARES TAKE CHELTENHAM BY STORM



Epatante returns victorious amid a sea of racegoers | *Racing Post*

By Emma Berry

CHELTENHAM, UK--International Women's Day carried over from Sunday to Tuesday for the curtain-up of the Cheltenham Festival, at which three of the day's four Grade 1 contests were won by mares bred in Ireland, France and Britain.

Admittedly, one of those races was restricted to mares only but the Close Brothers Mares' Hurdle provided arguably the contest of the day, between the Willie Mullins-trained favourite **Benie Des Dieux (Fr)** (Great Pretender {Ire}) and **Honeysuckle (GB)** (Sulamani {Ire}), the headline act in a strong team of jumps mares owned by Kenny Alexander.

The tussle between the two all the way up the hill provided one of the best finishes of the day, with Honeysuckle responding generously to the urgings of the brilliant Rachael Blackmore to remain unbeaten in eight starts under rules. Before that, however, the mare who had stood her ground for the G1 Unibet Champion Hurdle, **Epatante (Fr)** (No Risk At All {Fr}), delivered a ninth victory in the feature race as a special 69th birthday present for her owner JP McManus and the eighth for trainer Nicky Henderson.

Settled nicely in the middle of the 17-strong field in the early stages, jockey Barry Geraghty squeezed Epatante into an attacking position at the head of the chasing pack behind leaders **Petit Mouchoir (Fr)** (Al Namix {Fr}) and **Darver Star (Ire)** (Kalanisi {Ire}) and continued to sit quietly in their slipstream as they turned for home. [Cont. p2](#)

## ITALIAN RACING SUSPENDED UNTIL APR. 3

All sporting events, including racing, have been suspended in Italy until at least Apr. 3 due the coronavirus, *Jour de Galop* reported on Tuesday. The Italian Prime Minister Giuseppe Conte made the announcement, which follows on the heels of Italy instating a nationwide quarantine on Monday.

In addition to the country's sporting events, restaurants and bars close at 6 p.m. and, if entering a store, customers must maintain a one-metre distance from each other. All public gatherings have also been suspended in Italy. As of 6 p.m. Central European Time on Tuesday, there are 8,514 cases of the novel coronavirus in the country, with 631 deaths.

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### SERVIS, NAVARRO TO BE ARRAIGNED MAR. 23, COULD FACE FIVE YEARS EACH

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### Mares Take Cheltenham By Storm Cont. from p1

Finding daylight in the straight, the mare eased to the front with a mighty leap at the last leaving her in front as **Sharjah (Fr)** (Dr Dino {Fr}) made late headway down the outside. But despite his efforts, Sharjah was still three lengths behind Epatante at the line, with Darver Star holding on for third for Gavin Cromwell, the trainer of last year's winner Espoir d'Allen (Fr).

It was 1985 when Henderson first won the Champion Hurdle with See You Then (GB), who went on to win three in a row. Since then, the trainer has struck with Punjabi (GB), Binocular (Fr) and dual winner Buveur d'Air (Fr), the last two named both also owned by McManus.

"It's a nice race, isn't it? It goes back such a long time since the first one," said the trainer. "I was worried a bit after last year, when she didn't run well in the mares' novice hurdle, and she fell to pieces afterwards. She went home to [McManus's stud] Martinstown. I sent her there looking awful and she came back looking fantastic, a million dollars."

He added, "She's as good as she looked the only two times she's run this year. The big worry was when she came here last year and I thought she'd win, and she didn't show up. Sophie Candy rides her every single day of the year, and she deserves great credit."

Early on Tuesday morning, Henderson had announced that Altior (Ire) (High Chaparral {Ire}), a four-time winner at the

Festival, would not run in Wednesday's G1 Betway Queen Mother Champion Chase for a third time. Over the last four years, the 10-year-old has won the G1 Skybet Supreme Novices' Hurdle, G1 Racing Post Arkle Novices' Chase, and is a dual winner of the Champion Chase, but he was found to be lame on Sunday morning.

"We say it every year that something will come up and bite you, and sadly it was Altior that has had to stay at home," said Henderson.

As the racing gods take away, so they give back, as the Henderson stable won the opening race of the day, the G1 Sky Bet Supreme Novices' Hurdle, with **Shishkin (Ire)** (Sholokhov {Ire}), who got the verdict in a head-bobbing finish with **Abacadras (Fr)** (Davidoff {Ger}), trained by Gordon Elliott.

First blood to the English then, but it wasn't long before Henry de Bromhead, who also celebrated a double on the day, leveled the score.

Ahead of day one, any Festival talk of mares had focused on the clash between Honeysuckle and Benie Des Dieux or on the chances of Champion Hurdle favourite Epatante. Stealing a march on all of the above, however, was **Put The Kettle On (Ire)** (Stowaway {Ire}), who bounced back from a 114-day absence from the racecourse to become the first mare to win the G1 Racing Post Arkle Novices' Chase since Anaglogs Daughter (GB) in 1980. **Cont. p3**

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### Mares Take Cheltenham By Storm Cont.

De Bromhead's first-string contender in the race, **Notebook (Ger)** (Samum {Ger}), was struggling noticeably when asked for an effort by Rachael Blackmore before the runners straightened for home ahead of the second-last fence. He ultimately weakened to finish last of the six finishers while his stablemate plugged on gamely under Aidan Coleman to win by 1 1/2 lengths from the Joseph O'Brien-trained **Fakir d'Oudairies (Fr)** (Kaggarde {Fr}).

Put The Kettle On's preparation for the Festival was perhaps a little unorthodox, as she had not been seen since winning at Cheltenham back in November, but her consistent form bears close scrutiny as she has won six of her eight starts in the last year.

"Put The Kettle On had course-and-distance form and Notebook didn't really run his race, but she is electric and she just keeps improving. We brought her over and she won her trial and then we thought we'd put her away for the Festival," said de Bromhead.

Exactly two hours later the trainer was back in the winner's enclosure after Honeysuckle prevailed in one of the most hotly anticipated races of the week.

He said of his unbeaten stable star, "[Honeysuckle] kind of threw herself at the last but she really toughed it out up the hill. Rachael had to sit and suffer a bit and then the gap appeared. Honeysuckle has always looked nice and she was strongly recommended to us after she won her point-to-point. The day she won at Fairyhouse at the start of the season it was really testing ground and she seems to run well on it."

For Blackmore, it was a third victory at the Festival following a breakthrough year in 2019. De Bromhead added of his stable jockey, "We all know she's brilliant and we feel very lucky to have her."

If you'd managed to arrive at Prestbury Park for the start of the Cheltenham Festival without listening to or reading any news, it would be easy to believe that all is well with the world. While an increasing number of nations call a halt to public gatherings in the wake of coronavirus, and the smaller world within the racing bubble reels from various revelations about one of the sport's biggest owner/breeders and a major American doping ring, at Cheltenham it was pretty much business as usual.

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Epatante (Fr) (No Risk At All {Fr}) and Barry Geraghty (green and gold silks) power to victory in the G1 Unibet Champion Hurdle Challenge Trophy at Cheltenham. | [racingphotos.com](https://www.racingphotos.com)



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**IN TDN AUS/NZ TODAY**

THE CONTINUED EXCELLENCE OF FASTNET ROCK  
 John Boyce analyzes the recent success of Fastnet Rock (Aus).  
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**Mares Take Cheltenham By Storm Cont.**

Yes, the cameraman in the next-door seat in the media centre has a packet of anti-bacterial wipes, and a French friend opted for elbow bumps over a kiss on each cheek, but the French and the Irish are here in their droves, along with the largely tweed-clad natives. The first-day crowd of 60,664 was down, but only by around 7,000 on last year. The organisers of jump racing's annual highlight can relax a little as the first day, at least, has passed without interruption.

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 EUROPEAN-BASED STALLIONS**

<b>Sire (Sire's Sire)</b>	<b>#SWs</b>	<b>#GSWs</b>
<b>CITYSCAPE (GB)</b> (Selkirk) <i>(Urban Icon {GB}–Listed Wulfruna S.)</i>	7	4
<b>DUBAWI (IRE)</b> (Dubai Millennium {GB}) <i>(Wafy {Ire}–G3 Mahab al Shimaal)</i>	182	118
<b>LE HAVRE (IRE)</b> (Noverre) <i>(Bebeautiful {Fr}–Listed Rose de Mai S.)</i>	34	12
<b>OUTSTRIP (GB)</b> (Exceed and Excel {Aus}) <i>(Outburst {GB}–GIII Florida Oaks)</i>	2	1
<b>POET'S VOICE (GB)</b> (Dubawi {Ire}) <i>(Nature's Colors {GB}–Listed Prix Altipan)</i>	18	12
<b>RAVEN'S PASS</b> (Elusive Quality) <i>(Matterhorn {Ire}–G1 Al Maktoum Challenge R3)</i>	33	13 (3 G1SW)

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**BRITAIN**

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Capla Spirit (GB)**, g, 3, **Cable Bay (Ire)**--Warden Rose (GB), by Compton Place (GB). Southwell, 3-10, 4f 214y (AWT), :57.67. B-Park Farm Racing (GB). \*22,000gns Wlg '17 TATFOA; £13,000 Ylg '18 GOUKPR; €12,000 2yo '19 TATGOR. \*\*1/2 to Avon Pearl (GB) (Avonbridge (GB)), GSW-Swe, SP-Nor, \$383,645.

**Intrinsic Bond (GB), g, 3, Intrinsic (GB)**--Misu Billy (GB), by Misu Bond (Ire). Newcastle, 3-10, 6f (AWT), 1:14.39. B-David Tate (GB).

**Mister Snowdon (GB), g, 3, Lethal Force (Ire)**--Welsh Cake (GB), by Fantastic Light). Wolverhampton, 3-9, 6f 20y (AWT), 1:15.44. B-Horizon Bloodstock Ltd (GB). \*1ST-TIME STARTER.

## FRANCE

### CONDITIONS RESULTS:

**3rd-Chantilly, €28,000, Cond, 3-10, 3yo, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:17.71, st.**

**TIBASTI (FR) (c, 3, Dabirsim {Fr}--Almahroosa {Fr}, by Green Tune) Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-0, €21,820.** O-Elbashir Salem Ab Elhrari; B-Haras de Grandcamp EARL (FR); T-Romain Le Dren Doleuze. \*€55,000 RNA Ylg '18 BBAGS; €21,000 Ylg '18 ARQNOV.

**7th-Chantilly, €28,000, Cond, 3-10, 4yo, 9f (AWT), 1:49.03, st.**

**ZARKALLANI (FR) (g, 4, Invincible Spirit {Ire}--Zarkava {Ire} {Horse of the Year-Eur, Ch. 3yo Filly-Eur, Hwt. 2yo Filly-Fr & MG1SW-Fr, \$4,793,989}, by Zamindar) Lifetime Record: 6-2-2-0, €39,700.** O-H H The Aga Khan; B-H H The Aga Khan's Studs SC (FR); T-Alain de Royer-Dupre. \*1/2 to Zarak (Fr) (Dubawi {Ire}), G1SW-Fr & GSW-UAE, \$1,355,479; and Zarkamiya (Fr) (Frankel {GB}), SW & G1SP-Fr, \$144,304.

**5th-Chantilly, €28,000, Cond, 3-10, 4yo/up, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:17.14, st.**

**EURYALE (IRE) (g, 6, Kendargent {Fr}--Russian Hill {GB} {SW & MGSP-Fr, \$217,127}, by Indian Ridge {Ire}) Lifetime Record: SP-Ger, 25-5-4-1, €151,495.** O/T-Jean-Vincent Toux; B-Ecurie de Meautry (IRE). \*€80,000 RNA 4yo '18 ARQARC; €30,000 4yo '18 ARQNOV. \*\*1/2 to Russian Soul (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), GSW-Ire & SW-UAE, \$580,739.

**6th-Chantilly, €20,000, Cond, 3-10, 4yo/up, 9 1/2f (AWT), 1:54.75, st.**

**PORSENNIA (IRE) (h, 10, Dylan Thomas {Ire}--Miss Mariduff, by Hussonet) Lifetime Record: GSW-Ity, 69-18-11-14, €367,308.** O-Philippe Desplaces, Christophe Martinon & Maryan Pelisson; B-Azienda Agricola Gennaro Stimola & Vito Colonna (IRE); T-Christophe Martinon. \*€42,000 Ylg '11 SGSSEP. \*\*1/2 to Basileus (Ire) (Dream Ahead), MSW & MGSP-Ity, \$184,977; Candidate (Ire) (Camelot {GB}), GSP-Aus, \$145,800; and Astrelle (Ire) (Makfi {GB}), GSP-Eng.

## WORLDWIDE NEWS

### ERA RESTRICTS ATTENDANCE ON MAJORITY OF REMAINING MARCH FIXTURES

Four meetings in the UAE, barring Dubai World Cup night on Mar. 28, will be conducted without spectators, the Emirates Racing Authority announced on Tuesday. The ruling comes in accordance to public safety measures pertaining to the proliferation of COVID-19, also known as the coronavirus. The dates are as follows:

- Meydan, Mar. 12
- Al Ain, Mar. 13
- Abu Dhabi, Mar. 14
- Jebel Ali, Mar. 20

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## ASIA

### Tuesday's Result:

**KUROFUNE SHO-Listed (Jpn-G3), ¥31,500,000 (US\$302,558/£233,974/€267,383), Kochi, 3-10, 4yo/up, 1400m, 1:27.30, sy**

**1--RAPTUS (JPN), 123, g, 4, Deep Brillante (Jpn)**

**1st Dam: Air la Jolla (Jpn), by Boston Harbor**

**2nd Dam: Tenzan Storm, by Storm Cat**

**3rd Dam: Rythmical, by Fappiano**

**1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN.** O-Hidaka Breeders Union; B-Fujiwara Bokujo (Jpn); T-Masahiro Matsunaga; J-Hideaki Miyuki. ¥21,000,000. Lifetime Record: 9-5-0-0. \*1/2 to Majesty Hearts (Jpn) (Heart's Cry {Jpn}), MGSP-Jpn, \$1,471,091.

**2--T O Genius (Jpn), 123, h, 5, Gold Allure (Jpn)--Reagle Mary, by Afternoon Deelites.** O-Tomoya Ozasa; B-Yanagawa Farm (Jpn); ¥4,850,000.

**3--Success Energy (Jpn), 128, h, 6, Kinshasa no Kiseki (Aus)--Success Ai Ni (Jpn), by Jungle Pocket (Jpn).** O-Tetsu Takashima; B-Taniguchi Farm (Jpn); ¥2,700,000.

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## FASTNET ROCK'S CONTINUED SUCCESS



Fastnet Rock | Coolmore

By John Boyce

When Sherwood Forest proved too good for his contemporaries in the recent New Zealand Derby, it marked an important milestone in the career of his sire **Fastnet Rock**.

Sherwood Forest became the 38th Group 1 winner worldwide for Fastnet Rock, thus edging his sire one clear of Redoute's Choice in the battle to become the most prolific international source of Group 1 winners by the great Danehill.

Moreover, it looks like an honour he's unlikely to relinquish given that he has plenty of young stock in the pipeline, including 24 yearlings catalogued at Inglis Easter and is still serving plenty of mares in both hemispheres.

Fastnet Rock has always been one of the big four sons of Danehill--the four that have won premierships which also include Exceed And Excel and Flying Spur. And whilst it's true that he's trailing Redoute's Choice in that particular race by three titles to two, he's always enjoyed a slight advantage in the diversity of his offspring.

That advantage is epitomised by Sherwood Forest. He's a Group 1 winner at 2400 metres as were Mosheen in the VRC Oaks, Unforgotten in the Australian Oaks and Qualify in the Epsom Oaks. In fact no fewer than 14 of Fastnet Rock's 38 major winners have scored Group 1 victories over 2000 metres or further.

They feature perhaps his best ever runner--certainly his best daughter--in Atlantic Jewel, who won 10 of her 11 starts, including four at Group 1 level. Atlantic Jewel earned a Timeform rating of 128, the same mark as his best colt, the top-class sprinter Foxwedge, who was victorious in the G1 William Reed over 1200 metres.

Two more excellent sprinters rated 126 by Timeform are Merchant Navy, who scored an unusual 1200-metre Group 1 double winning Flemington's Coolmore Stud S. and Royal Ascot's Diamond Jubilee S., plus G1 Newmarket H. winner Wanted.

So, just like his brilliant sire Danehill, who produced Group 1 winners from 1200 metres to 3200 metres, Fastnet Rock can provide class at a variety of distances, something many other sires simply could not manage.

### *Versatility*

His versatility as a sire is aptly summed up by his other star runner this season, the mare Avantage, who landed the 2000-metre G1 New Zealand S. recently, after netting Group 1 successes of 1200 metres and 1600 metres earlier in the season.

As things stand Fastnet Rock has sired 117 stakes winners from his Australian crops and another 38 from his Tipperary base. His 117 Southern Hemisphere stakes winners puts him in fifth place on the all-time leader board among Australian sires and he's the most accomplished stallion in this regard standing in Australia today.

His 76 Australian-conceived group winners have been produced at a rate of 5.7% to runners, which is ahead of expectations, given the quality of mares he's been bred to. Likewise, his 7.6% of group winners from elite mares is comfortably ahead of what they have achieved with other sires-- a sure sign of a dominant stallion.

And just to underline the fact, we get the same picture using ratings--his 4% horses rated 115 or higher and his 5.6% from elite mares rated 115 or higher are well in advance of the corresponding scores for other stallions.

All of the above should also be considered in the light of the fact that he's by Danehill and therefore unable to access hundreds of stakes-winning mares carrying Danehill blood.

In the Northern Hemisphere 2020 will be Fastnet Rock's 10th covering season--he didn't shuttle in 2015. Numerically, he's had a similar level of success, his 38 stakes winners comprising an excellent 9% of his runners, compared to 8.8% in Australia.



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The big difference between the two sets of runners however is perhaps the absence of the same big names seen regularly among his Australian foals. Only G1 Champion S. winner Fascinating Rock (Ire), rated 127 by Timeform, makes his overall top 10 list by Timeform ratings.

It's also clear that Fastnet Rock--given the staying influences he's been exposed to in Europe--has never had much prospect of siring the brilliant sprinter/miler types he's come up with in Australia. But Europe's stamina has suited him just fine. He's formed a remarkable partnership with mares by Sadler's Wells (USA) and his descendants, 13.6% of them becoming stakes winners and 15.2% of those from mares by sons of Sadler's Wells graduating to stakes-winning class.

But his most fruitful partnership of all is with daughters of Galileo (Ire), whose 10 stakes winners by Fastnet Rock make up a remarkable 32.3% of all runners bred on the cross. And four of his eight Group 1 winners are out of Galileo mares, including Epsom Oaks winner Qualify.

In Australia, he's produced excellent numbers with mares by Giant's Causeway (25% stakes winners), Galileo again (17.5%), Snippets (16.1%), Hennessy (15.8%), Woodman (15.2%), More Than Ready (USA) (14.3%), Stravinsky (13.2%), Zabeel (12.7%) and Peintre Celebre (12%).

Looking ahead, it's difficult to know who will take the Fastnet Rock name forward. His sire sons Hinchinbrook, Smart Missile and Foxwedge have all had success at stud. Perhaps a so-far-unproven candidate, like Merchant Navy or Fascinating Rock in Europe, can go some way to matching their sire's outstanding achievements.

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