

## TALKING 2-YEAR-OLD SALES WITH MIKE RYAN



**Mike Ryan** | Fasig-Tipton

by Steve Sherack

With the OBS March Sale slated to kick off the 2-year-old auction season Mar. 17 and 18, *TDN's* Senior Editor Steve Sherack caught up with prominent bloodstock agent Mike Ryan for a Q&A session.

**Structor** (Palace Malice)--an \$850,000 OBS March (:21 1/5) purchase by Ryan from the Pick View LLC, Agent II, consignment at this sale last year--capped a perfect three-for-three season for owners Jeff Drown and Don Rachel and trainer Chad Brown with a dramatic win in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf at Santa Anita. Fellow OBS March graduate and millionaire **A Thread of Blue** (Hard Spun) was also selected by Ryan on behalf of owner Leonard C. Green for \$430,000 at this sale in 2018.

Along with longtime partner Niall Brennan, Ryan has also pinhooked recent standouts at the 2-year-old sales such as GI Kentucky Derby/GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile winner and champion 2-year-old colt **Nyquist** (Uncle Mo) (\$400,000 FTFMAR); GI Belmont S./GI Met Mile winner **Palace Malice** (Curlin) (\$200,000 KEEAPR); and MGSW and Kentucky Derby third-place finisher **Revolutionary** (War Pass) (\$235,000 OBSMAR).

Ryan's loaded highlight reel of yearling purchases includes: last year's Horse of the Year and champion turf male **Bricks and Mortar** (Giant's Causeway) (\$200,000 KEESEP); Horse of the Year and champion older horse **Saint Liam** (Saint Ballado) (\$130,000 FTSAUG). *Cont. p3*

## FATALITY RATE DROPS FOR 2019 IN JOCKEY CLUB EQUINE INJURY DATABASE

In data released by The Jockey Club's Equine Injury Database for 2019, the rate of fatal injury for Thoroughbreds last year dropped to 1.53 per 1,000 starts from a rate of 1.68 in 2018. It was the first time the rate has decreased since 2016, and overall the fatality rate is down 23.5% from the 10-year high of 2.0 per 1,000 starts in 2009. Based on the data, 99.84% of flat racing starts at racetracks that participated in the EID occurred without a fatality. A graph depicting all updated statistical data pertaining to surface, distance and age is available [here](#).

Per surface, the fatality rates in 2019 were 1.60 per 1,000 starts for dirt races, 1.53 for turf races and 0.93 for synthetic races. On dirt, there was a 14.2% drop in the rate from 2018 and overall there has been a 24.1% drop in dirt racing since 2009. Fatalities in turf races increased by 30%, while overall there has been a 19.6% drop in the fatality rate for turf races since 2009. On synthetic tracks, the rate dropped below 1.0 for the first time since annual summaries were first reported in 2009. *Cont. p8*

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Ryan's purchases also include: GI Preakness S. winner **Cloud Computing** (Maclean's Music) (\$200,000 KEESEP); champion 2-year-old colt and Kentucky Derby runner-up **Good Magic** (Curlin) (\$1 million KEESEP); and GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf winners **Rushing Fall** (More Than Ready) (\$320,000 FTSAUG) and **New Money Honey** (Medaglia d'Oro) (\$450,000 KEESEP).

Under the Santa Rosa Partners moniker, Ryan, along with his late friend of more than 40 years **Gerry Dilger**, bred Kentucky Derby winner **Always Dreaming** (Bodemeister).

**Q:** The picture of **Structor** in the winner's circle following the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf on the cover of this year's OBS March Sale catalogue seems like a good place to start. I know you're well-connected to him on both sides of his pedigree (**Structor a Ryan Horse Top and Bottom**), but can you reflect a little bit on his breeze and what you liked about him as an individual?



**Structor** | Horsephotos

**MR:** He's magnificent--a big, beautiful, powerful, imposing horse. He's a blend of (grandsire) Curlin and (damsire) More Than Ready. He's got the size and frame of Palace Malice, but he's a little darker and has the More Than Ready coming through with the color. His breeze was spectacular--when I saw him at the barn the day after he breezed I said, 'Oh my god. This horse is going to be very expensive.' He was a good-looking, powerful horse and looked like a horse that shouldn't show the speed that he did because he's certainly two turns.

I was talking to Chad one morning just before Saratoga in early July last year and he said, 'Structor looked like my Derby horse coming down the lane this morning.' He always trained very well on the dirt, but Chad felt that grass was the best way to go because sprinting on dirt at Saratoga, two-turn horses get run off their feet.



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**Q: Take us through your process while shopping the 2-year-old sales. What is your approach and how does the synthetic Safetrack surface at OBS influence your evaluation process?**

**MR:** My approach begins with my assistant Anna Thompson in Lexington—she does a terrific job. She transcribes all my yearling notes. Not that I see every one of them, but I'll see a large percentage of what would have come out of Fasig-Tipton Saratoga, Keeneland Books 1-4, and also yearlings out on the farm, and that's been a great asset to me over the years to see how they have changed or developed since I last saw them. So I start there.



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The breeze on the synthetic—you know, a lot of horses breeze very well on that surface because it's easy for them. It doesn't really separate them much. A lot of horses will breeze fast because they can fly over the top of it. It's like running on firm turf—it's very fast. They fly around there.

Breezing on dirt at Gulfstream though, it takes a very good horse to breeze in :10 2/5; :10 1/5 it takes a *really* good horse; and :10 flat, well, you're talking an exceptional sprinter. When they do that at Gulfstream on the dirt, you know you have a really good horse. Nyquist went in :10 2/5, but we knew he was a two-turn horse. That time at Gulfstream is still a terrific work. But if you go :10 2/5 on the synthetic, you're outside the bubble looking in.

I watch every breeze live, then the ones we like, we'll watch the videos. We'll go look at them next back at the barn. I look at them just as I'm looking at yearlings. You're looking at their conformation, shape, make, fitness level, soundness level, etc. It's an attrition process.

**Q: You also play the role of seller each year at the 2-year-old sales. What are you looking for at the yearling sales for your pinhooking prospects?**

**MR:** I like to look for two-turn horses with leg and scope. I want a horse that has some upside that will improve from two to three. We look for two-turn horses that hopefully will have enough speed. If you have a two-turn horse that shows speed--guys like (Bob) Baffert and those top trainers--those are the kind of horses they want. Baffert's not looking for a sprinter. He's looking for a Classic horse, a top Saturday afternoon prospect.

**Q: The OBS March Sale was opened up in 2015 and has 681 juveniles catalogued for this year's sale, up from 577 head in 2019. What do you think of the group assembled for this year's sale?**

**MR:** The OBS April Sale is almost like our Keeneland September Sale of the 2-year-old market now. You'll see a lot of horses in the March Sale with average pedigrees, weak on the bottom side or by light sires, but a good horse can come from anywhere, I'm well aware of that. They expanded it and I like that. Some people want to go in there and look for that fast, early horse who doesn't have a lot of pedigree, but they want some 2-year-old action, and those horses that are mature and forward, they'll do very well in this sale. There will also be some Classic-type horses like Structor, too.

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**Q: Who are some of the freshman sires that you're high on from this class?**

**MR:** I've seen several by Frosted and Nyquist that are very nice, and I'm not just harping Nyquist because we have a connection to him. Both of those jump out in my mind first. Niall has a Nyquist out of a Quality Road mare going to Gulfstream (**Hip 166**) that reminds us so much of his father. He's a big, powerful horse with speed. He's been very impressive and has shown us a lot. He's a Classic kind of horse.

I've seen a couple of Runhappys that are very nice--he was so dominant and he's very consistent; he really breeds a nice physical. Speightster--I've heard a bit of talk about them, they were nice yearlings and I liked them, too. I also liked the Exaggerators. After the yearling sales were finished, I had a very positive feeling about him.



**Nyquist** | Darley

Outwork is another one. I've seen several by him that I like. I bought two of them at the yearling sales--one is going to the sales and the other is going to the races. He was a horse that impressed me without giving him a whole lot of thought beforehand.

We'll get educated pretty quickly in the next couple of weeks.

**Q: How do you see the 2-year-old market playing out this spring? Polarization always seems to be the takeaway these days.**

**MR:** I think it will be the same old story. You have to breeze well and go fast, but you've got to look good doing it and gallop out nicely. There's so much emphasis put on the gallop out--it's a little crazy in

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When horses are going out in :33 and change, :32 and change, :45 and change, etc. That's not a gallop out, that's a breeze.

You'll have to look the part back at the barn, and, of course, have a good vet report. And the ones that do, everybody lands on the same ones. It's either feast or famine.

The change of ownership rate from the catalogue after scratches and RNAs is about 50%, isn't it? People are thorough and they know what they want. They'll pay for quality--it's all about quality. There's no demand for a marginal horse anymore.

**Q: The 2-year-old sales keep growing in popularity as its graduates continue to have an added presence in the Classic races each spring and you see so many more outfits at these sales that you didn't 10 years ago. What are your thoughts on this trend?**

**MR:** I think it's changed significantly. Years back, 20 years ago or so, it used to be the horses that didn't get sold as yearlings and the horses that the pinhookers used to favor, those Quarter Horse, very fast looking, precocious individuals. But now the pinhookers--they're very good horsemen and a lot of them are very good judges--buy a nice horse. So, the quality coming to the 2-year-old sales is completely different than what it used to be.

I remember the April sale about 10-15 years ago, you didn't give it a whole lot of respect because the lower-end horses were

going there--the horses that didn't make the cut for OBS March, Keeneland or Fasig Gulfstream, it used to be Calder back then--but that's not the case anymore. The pinhookers are a huge force in the yearling market and they buy nice horses. They put a lot of money up and they've got a big investment. Those guys know what they're doing and make a living out of it.

**Q: Final question. You touched on the gallop-outs earlier. Is that the biggest issue facing the 2-year-old sales right now or is there something else that sticks out to you?**

**MR:** I think we're way too influenced by the watch. And it doesn't really make any sense because they're never going to be solo again in their lives going 200 or 400 meters. Most of them you know cannot sustain that :10 1/5 or :10 flat for four furlongs. We're not really thinking it through very smartly.

It's a one-shot deal. But a lot of them are very, very fit. A lot of them look like they've had a couple of races they're so fit. They're as fit as Bob Baffert or Todd Pletcher could get 'em. Any horse, in my mind, can run a fast 200 meters or a fast quarter, especially on a synthetic. But they're fit, well-programmed, have plenty of schooling at home, and they go over there and act very professional. But just because they breeze fast doesn't mean they are quality racehorses, either.

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## COLTS BY THE FACTOR, DIALED IN FIRE FIRST OBSMAR BULLETS

A colt by The Factor (hip 129) and a son of Dialed In (hip 141) breezed the quickest eighth and quarter, respectively, during Thursday's first of three breeze shows for next Tuesday and Wednesday's Ocala Breeders' Sales Company's March 2-Year-Olds in Training Sale.

Consigned by GOP Racing Stable Corp., hip 129 covered a furlong in :9 4/5 despite starting his breeze well out into the track and finishing it close to the fence. A \$22,000 KEENOV weanling RNA and \$17,000 OBSOCT yearling, the Maryland-bred is out of SW and GSP Idle Talk (Olmodavor) and from the female family of champion Monomoy Girl (Tapizar) and her GSW half-brother and 'TDN Rising Star' Mr. Monomoy (Palace Malice).



Hip 141 | Photos by Z

Thirteen youngsters tied for the second-fastest eighth breeze of :10 flat.

Hip 141, hailing from Ciaran Dunne's Wavertree Stables, Inc. consignment, stopped the clock in :20 3/5. The \$30,000 Keeneland November weanling and \$130,000 Fasig-Tipton July yearling is out of SW Into Reality (Untuttable), whose five winners from as many to race include SW Meadowood (Harlan's Holiday).

Five more breezers worked in :21 flat.

The second under-tack session will begin Friday at 8:00 a.m., and the remaining breezers will work Saturday. Sale sessions will be held Tuesday, Mar. 17 and Wednesday, Mar. 18 beginning each day at 10:30 a.m

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## Fatality Rate Drops for 2019 in Jockey Club Equine Injury Database *(cont. from p1)*

“Although the incidence of racing fatalities on dirt surfaces reached an all-time low in 2019 of 1.60, the results on turf increased from 1.20 in 2018 to 1.56 in 2019. The number of starts on turf has been trending upward and this increase in fatalities likely indicates a set of risk factors unique to turf racing may be driving the results,” said Dr. Tim Parkin, Professor of Veterinary Epidemiology at the University of Glasgow.

“Understanding the factors that contribute to increased risk of fatality is a continuous pursuit, one that would benefit tremendously from reporting data on injuries to horses that occur during morning training hours.”

“The 23.5% reduction in fatal injuries since 2009 indicates that



*Sarah Andrew*

the Thoroughbred industry’s commitment to equine safety is paying dividends,” said Kristin Werner, senior counsel of The Jockey Club. “Capturing injury data from morning training hours at racetracks as well as data related to treatments and procedures would greatly improve the precision of our risk models, increasing the ability of racetrack personnel to identify horses at risk even before they hit the entry box.”

Since March 2012, racetracks have been able to voluntarily publish their statistics from the EID on The Jockey Club website. The 27 tracks that self-reported in 2019 had a slightly higher incidence of fatality (1.53) than non-self-published (1.52) across all surfaces.

Racetracks accredited by the National Thoroughbred Racing Association (NTRA) Safety and Integrity Alliance had a lower

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Short races of fewer than six furlongs have consistently been associated with the greatest incidence of racing fatality. In addition, 2-year-olds again had the lowest rate of catastrophic injuries compared to 3-year-old and older horses.

The list of racetracks participating in the Equine Injury Database and detailed statistics from those tracks that voluntarily publish their results can be found [here](#).

Throughout the course of 2020, 111 racetracks accounting for approximately 99% of flat racing days are expected to contribute data to the EID.

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## KEENELAND CANCELS APRIL SALE

Keeneland has announced the cancellation of its upcoming April 2-Year-Olds in Training and Horses of Racing Age Sale out of “an abundance of caution to do our part in containing the spread of COVID-19,” the organization announced Thursday afternoon.

Keeneland also announced that its spring race meeting would open Apr. 2 without spectators, but with a limited number of credentials provided to those directly connected to horses running at the track. Keeneland will reevaluate the situation to consider re-opening Apr. 15.

Patrons who purchased tickets for racing dates between Apr. 2-11 will automatically receive a full refund on those purchases. Patrons who have already purchased tickets for racing dates between Apr. 15-24 have the option to request a full refund at any time.

“While our horsemen and fans are certainly disappointed about us having to take these measures, it is critical to protect the health and safety of our patrons, employees and participants from the spread of COVID-19,” Keeneland President and CEO Bill Thomason said. “We take our responsibility to the community and the horse industry seriously and we will continue to work in partnership with government authorities.”

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## CORONAVIRUS FALLOUT: AQUEDUCT, SANTA ANITA RACE ON, BUT CLOSED TO PUBLIC; NO FANS AT DUBAI WORLD CUP

With escalating fears over the spread of the coronavirus, racing will continue, but without the public at racetracks across the globe. The upcoming Dubai World Cup card Mar. 28 at Meydan will go ahead without spectators and, and effective immediately, Santa Anita Park, Golden Gate Fields, Aqueduct, Turfway Park, Laurel Park, and Gulfstream Park will continue to race, but all will be closed to the public.

“We heard Gov. Newsom’s call and we are responding accordingly for the protection of our customers and employees,” said Aidan Butler, Acting Executive Director, California Operations, The Stronach Group. “Much like other sports which have chosen to play without spectators, we will race with the personnel necessary to ensure the safety of the horses and the integrity of the sport. It is in everyone’s best interest to take these steps and we appreciate everyone’s understanding of this unique situation.”

In addition, Santa Anita and Golden Gate are closed for simulcast wagering and morning workouts, including Santa Anita’s Clocker’s Corner and tram tours.

The announcement that Aqueduct would hold races without fans in attendance followed a call by New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo to ban gatherings of 500 or more people.

“We believe that the most prudent decision to protect the health and well-being of all involved in our sport is to conduct upcoming race dates without attendees,” said NYRA CEO and President Dave O’Rourke. “NYRA will continue to actively monitor this evolving situation and make further adjustments as necessary in consultation and collaboration with the New York State Gaming Commission.”

The remainder of Turfway Park’s Winter/Spring meet, including the GIII Jeff Ruby Steaks this Saturday, will be conducted spectator-free with only essential staff, horsemen, owners, limited friends and family and media in attendance, Churchill Downs Incorporated announced Thursday. But the company said plans for its signature event, the May 2 GI Kentucky Derby, are still going forward.

“With the event still seven weeks away, a decision will be made closer to that date, with respect to postponing the event until later in the year, using the most recent information while working with and seeking guidance from public health experts and authorities,” the CDI release said.

In other racing fallout from the virus, the New York Thoroughbred Breeders, Inc. has cancelled the organization’s New York-Bred Divisional Champions Awards Banquet due to concerns about the pandemic.

The event was originally scheduled to take place Apr. 6 at the Saratoga National Golf Club in Saratoga Springs, NY.

NYTB will publicly announce the 2019 Horse of the Year, divisional winners and human honorees Apr. 6 as planned. The program and video presentation for the event are currently in production. After Apr. 6, the NYTB will mail the commemorative program to all of its members and release the video presentation on its website and social media channels.

In addition, the Association of Racing Commissioners International announced that its 2020 Annual Racing Integrity and Equine Welfare Conference, scheduled for Apr. 7-10 in New Orleans, LA, is being cancelled as a result of the public health concerns associated with the spread of the coronavirus COVID-19.

Freehold Raceway, a harness racing track in New Jersey, has suspended racing through at least Mar. 21 after the track was advised that an individual who was in contact with a person who tested positive for COVID-19 was in attendance at the track Mar. 7. The individual has not tested positive for the illness but continues to be monitored. Freehold's decision comes two days after **Yonkers Raceway canceled racing** in response to the death of Standardbred Owners of New York Director John Brennan due to coronavirus.

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## STRONACH GROUP ANNOUNCES MANDATORY STAND-DOWN PERIOD FOR HORSES OF INDICTED TRAINERS

All horses who were under the custody of trainers named in the federal indictment earlier this week will undergo a mandatory minimum of a 60-day stand-down period and are prohibited from racing at any Stronach Group racing facility during that time, The Stronach Group announced Thursday.

“Our goal is to keep these horses safe and from competing if there is any possibility that they may have performance-enhancing drugs in their system,” said Dr. Dionne Benson, Chief Veterinarian, The Stronach Group. “This is being done, not only to first and foremost protect the horses, but also to protect the majority of the trainers and owners who are doing things properly. We are disgusted by the conduct set out in the indictments. It is extremely important to honor our commitment to always put the health and safety of the horse first.”

All horses who were under custody of trainers at the time of indictment have been placed on the Official Veterinarian's List for a minimum of 60 days. The time period of 60 days started from the time the horse was transferred from the custody of an indicted individual.

In order to be removed from the Official Veterinarian's List, these horses must have a hair sample submitted for testing a minimum of 30 days after being transferred and must test clean for any prohibitive substances. At the conclusion of the 60 days, and with a negative hair test, the horse can work off of the Official Veterinarian's List with approved medication for their jurisdiction and pass both a blood and urine test. Under normal circumstances, only a blood test is required when working off of the Official Veterinarian's List.

The Stronach Group will also institute a stand-down period for horses recently claimed from the indicted individuals. Those horses will be placed on the Official Veterinarian's List for minimum of 60 days, effective from the date of the claim. All claimed horses are subject to out-of-competition testing, including blood, urine and hair testing (performed a minimum of 30 days after the claim) and must also work off of the Official Veterinarian's List.

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## TAKING STOCK

by Sid Fernando



### THE CASES OF NAVARRO AND SERVIS

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What an awful way to start the week. Sandwiched between a chaotic stock market and the spread of coronavirus, the racing industry got word Monday of a tawdry racehorse doping scandal that came packaged in four indictments against 27 defendants. These schemes were replete with instances of gutter-level language from wire taps that painted the treatment of some of these horses as nothing more than disposable money-making commodities.

The 27 individuals included some trainers and veterinarians. They were charged by the U.S. Attorney's Office of the Southern District of New York (SDNY) for the misbranding and adulterating of drugs, and the two biggest names in the roundup were well-known trainers Jorge Navarro and Jason Servis.

Railbirds have long suspected the duo of cheating for their high win percentages and form turnarounds of cheap horses, but both have also trained some high-profile runners in recent years. Navarro conditioned Grade I winner **X Y Jet** (Kantharos), who died unexpectedly earlier this year of what his trainer publicly stated was a “heart attack,” and Servis had last year's 3-year-old champion **Maximum Security** (New Year's Day) and Grade I winner **World of Trouble** (Kantharos), now at stud at Hill 'n' Dale alongside his sire.

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Coincidentally, New Year's Day (Street Cry {Ire}) also stood at Hill 'n' Dale prior to his sale to Brazil and then later to Japan.

All three racehorses--X Y Jet, Maximum Security, and World of Trouble--are mentioned in one of the four indictments issued by SDNY as having been "doped" by misbranded and adulterated drugs at one time or another, along with other unnamed runners trained by Navarro and Servis. Navarro appears in two indictments as a shameless and ruthless operator with no actual regard for the welfare of the horses under his care beyond their capacity to make a lot of money for him. He was charged with two counts of misbranding conspiracy (each count carries a maximum penalty of five years' imprisonment), and he's alleged to have brazenly given his horses a wide-ranging array of illegal and non-FDA-approved drugs that were illegally manufactured, transported, and sold across state lines. By far, he's the worst transgressor of the two in the indictments.

Servis was charged with one count of misbranding conspiracy. When Coolmore purchased 50% of Maximum Security a few months back, I wrote of Servis that his "gaudy win percentage has been fodder for innuendo." It now appears that innuendo may be fact, if the SDNY allegations against him are proven true. In contrast to the long list of drugs linked to Navarro in two indictments, only two specific drugs are linked by name to Servis in the one indictment in which he appears. One is the FDA-approved Clenbuterol, a therapeutic prescription-based bronchodilator that's known under the trade name of Ventipulmin Syrup. **Clenbuterol abuse was a topic that was addressed by trainer Mark Casse** just last week in these pages.

The indictment alleges that Servis and his indicted assistant illegally administered Clenbuterol without a prescription, for the purpose of performance enhancement instead of therapeutic use. The other drug that Servis is accused of using, including on Maximum Security, is something called SGF-1000, which is not an FDA-approved medication and which I'll address later.

Because both trainers had been under electronic surveillance for a long time by FBI and other law-enforcement agencies involved in this far-ranging, multi-state, and multi-year investigation, the evidence against them appears to be strong for misbranding conspiracy--the only charges levied against them.

## Seeds of Investigation

The Jockey Club (TJC) released a statement Monday shortly after SDNY announced the charges, revealing that it had hired a private firm by the name of 5 Stones intelligence (5Si) in 2016 to investigate doping. According to TJC's release, "5 Stones' investigation produced indications of significant racehorse doping and active equine doping networks within the industry."

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5Si is a pretty serious outfit that has contractual work with the U.S. Department of Justice, and it describes itself on its website as “a network of former members of the DEA, FBI, Secret Service, CIA, ATF, Military Special Officers, and Detectives from the New York Police Department and Miami Police Agencies.”

An industry source who requested anonymity because he was not authorized to comment on the matter said that 5Si is still retained by TJC, which hired the firm in the fall of 2015, and said the firm has worked with the Meadowlands and three other top-level tracks in the investigation of doping rings.

“There were elements of cooperation within the industry with several high-level racetracks,” the source said, declining to name the other three entities involved. It’s highly likely, based on information in the indictments, that at least one of those tracks was TSG’s Gulfstream Park.

When 5Si started finding indications of widespread doping, it reported its findings to law enforcement agencies, the source said.

“It’s gotta be shared with law enforcement immediately. It’d be a crime if it wasn’t.”

Because of 5Si’s bona fides with law enforcement, its findings were investigated, developed, and streamlined over the last few years by the FBI and other federal and state law enforcement agencies, resulting in the SDNY indictments that Manhattan U.S. Attorney Geoffrey S. Berman called in a press release as “the largest ever of its kind from the Department of Justice.”

## Surveillance

Part of the investigations of Navarro and Servis included detailed electronic surveillance in 2019--the year X Y Jet won the G1 Dubai Golden Shaheen at Meydan and Maximum Security was first past the post in the GI Kentucky Derby. The indictments list and describe some intercepted calls and text messages from Servis and Navarro that are highly incriminating, including a Feb. 18 text message from Servis to Navarro tipping him off to the whereabouts of a racing official in their barn area where alleged drugs were stored. Later the same day, Navarro then told someone else by phone that Servis had saved the day with his warning text, saying in part: “[The official] would’ve caught our asses f--ing pumping and pumping and fuming every f--ing horse [that] runs today.”

Navarro won three overnight stakes at Gulfstream on that day and finished second in two other races.

There’s a lot more detail in the indictments of Navarro about drug administration, including specifics of Navarro himself brazenly administering named illegal drugs to X Y Jet in Dubai, including on race day. There’s surprisingly little drug specificity related to Servis other than generic statements such as he “concealed the administration of PEDs,” except for specific notes

on Clenbuterol use without a prescription and the aforementioned use of SGF-1000--which SDNY alleges that he covered up by “falsifying veterinary bills” and through “fake prescriptions.”

Most surprisingly, SDNY has no mention in the indictment of Servis about Maximum Security in Saudi Arabia, where the colt most recently won the \$20-million Saudi Cup--the richest race in the world. You’d assume that SDNY would have included in its indictments any evidence of drug use from the Saudi race, as it did with X Y Jet’s Dubai race, if it had incriminating evidence against Servis.

There’s probably a reason for this. The dates in the indictment against Servis range from February to October of 2019. (For Navarro, they are from January 2017 to January 2020.) On Oct. 28, 2019, veterinarian Seth Fishman, one of Navarro’s co-conspirators, was arrested and charged in Miami, and it’s possible that this event sent everyone involved in these schemes scurrying underground.

Maximum Security won two races after October of 2019: the GI Cigar Mile H. at Aqueduct Dec. 7, 2019, and the Saudi Cup Feb. 29. Neither race falls within the range of dates where allegations against Servis were made in the SDNY indictment.

## SGF-1000

SGF-1000 is a drug that was originally manufactured in Australia in facilities approved by that country’s regulatory agency, GMP/APVMA. You can read about it [here](#).

A Kentucky-based company started to make a “counterfeit” version of the drug, according to the Australian company that sold the product, and this U.S.-produced product, which was sold widely on the internet, was compounded in facilities not approved by the FDA, according to the indictments. Therefore, as a non-FDA-approved drug, its use in racehorses was illegal, according to SDNY.

What exactly is SGF-1000? The Australian manufacturer lists its main ingredient as ovine placental extract.

Matt Hegarty of *Daily Racing Form* recently wrote this about SGF-1000: “SGF-1000 was analyzed by racing regulators in 2014 and found to contain no known performance-enhancing ingredients, according to Dr. Mary Scollay, the executive director of the Racing Medication and Testing Consortium, which is funded by the racing industry. However, Scollay cautioned that the substance could have had its formula changed in the ensuing years. She also reiterated that many internet pharmacies make unsubstantiated claims routinely for substances that are not known to have any efficacy.

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“In the case of SGF-1000, the main ingredient was ‘I think, sheep collagen,’ Scollay recollected. That substance and others like it that are ingredients in similar products would not trigger a positive in drug tests because the substances do not have a known pharmacological effect and are therefore left off drug screenings.”

According to SDNY, the version of SGF-1000 that’s been compounded in the U.S. is considered a PED, and the industry source who wished to remain anonymous said, “I’m sure the FBI labs would have analyzed it before bringing these allegations.”

Whether or not it’s a PED will have no bearing on convictions, because SGF-1000, no matter how you look at it, appears clearly to be a misbranded and adulterated drug that’s been manufactured at a facility not approved by the FDA, which governs the manufacture and distribution of drugs. Remember, the charges against Navarro and Servis are counts of misbranded conspiracy, and in this regard SDNY appears to have an airtight case against the two.

This isn’t the ending. It’s just the beginning--hopefully.

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***(Disclosure: Gary and Mary West, owners of Maximum Security, and their racing manager, Ben Glass, are retained clients of WTC, Inc.).***

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## CHRB REMINDER ON NON-FDA APPROVED PRODUCTS *by Dan Ross*

In light of the bombshell indictments brought by the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Southern District of New York against numerous Thoroughbred veterinarians and trainers for an array of drug offenses, the California Horse Racing Board (CHRB) has circulated a memo among the state’s licensed racetrack veterinarians reminding them of the rules surrounding non FDA-approved products.

Dated Mar. 10, the memo states that, “Veterinarians are expected to only use drugs and substances that meet all state and federal laws and regulations. Otherwise, it should not be in your possession or used at CHRB facilities. CHRB has not seen the ‘bathtub’-type products that are found in other jurisdictions and shown in the indictment, but we do see some questionably compounded drugs and products that are professionally packaged, but non-FDA.”

The memo, which links to an [American Association of Equine Practitioners \(AAEP\)](#) webpage concerning the legal and safe use of compounded drugs, also lists the language of two CHRB rules regarding prohibited veterinary practices and prohibited drug substances in out-of-competition testing.

They are as follows:

1867 (b): “The possession and/or use on the premises of a facility under the jurisdiction of the Board of any drug, substance or medication that has not been approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for use in the United States.”

1869 (b): “Therapeutic substances that are not otherwise prohibited pursuant to this regulation are permitted for use when a horse is out of competition, provided such substances have been approved by the FDA for use in the United States, and are prescribed and administered in accordance with all applicable federal and state laws and regulations, including but not limited to all CHRB rules and regulations and Title 16 California Code of Regulations section 2032.1.”

According to Jeff Blea, a Santa Anita-based private veterinarian and past president of the AAEP, the memo was merely a “timely” reminder of the rules surrounding the practice of compounding medications.

“There is a need for compounded medications, both equine and human. But they have to be from reputable pharmacies who are accredited and are not compounded illegally according to the law,” he said. “Compounded drugs are a tough area. Because they’re not really FDA approved, there’s no really tight oversight, so you’ve got to adhere to AAEP guidelines.”

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## ON TDN WRITERS’ ROOM PODCAST, THE CREW DISCUSSES DOPING BOMBHELL

The [TDN Writers’ Room podcast](#), presented each week by [Keeneland](#), pulled no punches as the writers covered all aspects of the indictments for horse doping of 27 people announced Monday by the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Southern District of New York. The dialogue included a combination of passion, anger and bewilderment on a story that has rocked the industry.

“The big shock is not the scandal itself. The big shock is not that these guys were drugging horses and cheating,” said Joe Bianca, who kicked off the News of the Week segment sponsored by [West Point Thoroughbreds](#). “The big shock is that there were ever any consequences to come from it. In most scandals in other sports, when something blows up, you are surprised at what was happening. This time it was ‘Oh my God, they finally got these guys.’ Shout out to the FBI and the U.S. Attorney’s office because they did something that racing has had a chance to do for a long time and has done a poor job of, which is policing itself. So I guess it was good that law enforcement came in and did racing’s dirty for them and caught these guys.”

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“The overarching theme here is that this is a good day for racing because this is the trash being taken out,” Bianca continued. “They say sunlight is the best disinfectant. This has been a big ray of sunlight on what has been a glaring problem for racing for a long, long time.”

“Everybody in this room was extremely suspicious of those two guys (Jason Servis and Jorge Navarro) as we are of many other trainers whose names have not come up in this,” Bill Finley said. “Did I think these two guys were on the up and up? Of course not. I don’t think anybody that follows this sport and is not hopelessly naive felt otherwise.”

Trainer Tom Morley was the **Green Group** Guest of the Week. He was asked what it feels like to lose races to people he knows aren’t playing by the rules.

“From a personal point of view you feel incredibly cheated,” Morley replied. “I’m 36 years old and I’ve been in this country eight years. I’ve had a trainers’ license since 2013. New York is a tough place to do business as it is. You have to go up against powerhouse stables and you’re trying to make name for yourself...To have been beaten by people who are being prosecuted by the feds for doping and cheating is heartbreaking.”

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## BAST BRED TO QUALITY ROAD

Multiple Grade I winner **Bast** (Uncle Mo--Laffina, by Arch) has been bred to Quality Road, Susan and Charles Chu’s Baoma Corporation announced Thursday. Susan Chu said it was still to be decided if the 3-year-old would be offered at public auction this fall or kept for the Baoma Corp.’s broodmare band.

Bast won last year’s GI Del Mar Debutante S., GI Chandelier S., and GI Starlet S. and was third in the GI Breeders’ Cup Juvenile Fillies. In her only sophomore start, Bast captured the Jan. 5 GII Santa Ynez S. She was retired with four wins from six starts and earnings of \$852,200.

“We are thrilled to have three-time Grade I-winning Bast as a highlight in Quality Road’s book for 2020,” said Lane’s End’s Bill Farish. “This very talented filly by Uncle Mo should be a terrific match with Quality Road; I can’t wait to see the result of this mating. This is an A++ TrueNicks pairing, having produced many stakes horses, including the brilliantly fast Switzerland.”

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## ARIZONA HBPA TO GAMING: PULL TURF PARADISE SIGNAL FROM STRONACH

**AFFILIATES** by Dan Ross

The Arizona racing industry is now well into month two of the simulcasting stand-off between an arm of The Stronach Group (TSG) tasked with distributing the company’s signal and the Arizona Department of Gaming. In a leveraging bid, the Arizona Horsemen’s Benevolent and Protective Association (HBPA) this week voted to withdraw the Turf Paradise signal from all Stronach Group affiliates.

According to a letter from the Arizona HBPA to the Arizona Department of Gaming dated Mar. 11, such a move would involve the following TSG-affiliated entities: Santa Anita, Golden Gate Fields, Gulfstream Park Racing and Casino, Laurel Park, Tampa Bay Downs, Monmouth Park, Rosecroft Raceway, Meadowlands, X-press Bet and all other Monarch-represented tracks and Monarch-affiliated entities or outlets.

In the letter, the board asks the department to enact the ban “immediately.”

According to Bob Hutton, president of the Arizona HBPA, the board had tried to negotiate an agreement with the various stakeholders involved in the dispute--which included a February meeting with the Thoroughbred Owners of California (TOC)--but to no avail.

“It’ll probably hurt the Arizona purse account, but it’ll also include some pain for others,” said Hutton.

A spokesperson for the Arizona Department of Gaming explained that they had received the letter only that morning, and as such, were unable to comment at this time. However, an official statement will be issued within the next few days, the spokesperson added.

In a text message, Monarch’s president, Scott Daruty, wrote, “This is another example of the Arizona racing industry shooting itself in the foot. Hopefully the various members of the Arizona racing industry will eventually be able to work out their differences. Until then, Monarch will continue to look out for the best interests of the racetracks and horsemen that we represent across the country.”

The *TDN* reached out to Vince Franzia, Turf Paradise general manager, but didn’t hear back before deadline.

The issue surrounds a state law passed last year requiring all simulcast providers that send their races into Arizona to offer the products uniformly among all tracks and all their Off-Track Betting parlors (OTB). In January, the Arizona Racing Commission passed a motion requiring the three racetracks in the state--Turf Paradise, Arizona Downs and Rillito Park--to comply with that law.

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The same day, the commission also sent a letter to Monarch to “stop sending any simulcast signals to Arizona permittees racetracks and/or their additional wagering facilities.”

Prior to the ruling, TSG’s Monarch had sent its signal to Arizona Downs--formerly Yavapai Downs--when the track reopened for live racing in 2019, but not to the track’s network of OTBs. In contrast, Monarch distributed its signal to Turf Paradise and its network of some 60 OTBs.

Monarch’s position is that sending a signal to Arizona Downs’s network of OTBs would dilute the wagering product and depress overall business. The operators of Arizona Downs say the opposite is true.

“This is a big state with a long horse racing history. For many decades it supported at least two tracks and can continue to do so,” Tom Auther, an Arizona Downs owner and partner, told the *TDN* in February.

Monarch also argues that the state law is unconstitutional and that it is preempted by the federal Interstate Horseracing Act. The company filed an appeal of the ruling with the ninth circuit. But that appeal won’t happen any time soon, and in the meantime, the hit to the Arizona industry has been significant.

“I think our in-state handle is down roughly 25%,” said Leroy Gessmann, president of the HBPA said.

Thus far, this works out as a loss to the state’s purse account of more than \$250,000, according to the HBPA’s figures.

“It’s definitely had an effect on us,” Gessman said.

Prior to the HBPA sending its letter to the department of gaming, Franzia had told the *TDN* that, should the stand-off continue, Turf Paradise would be forced to cut race days.

“We will drop the final two Mondays of April,” Franzia had said. “Our closing day is set for Sunday, May 3. We’re going to drop that, too, and closing day will be Kentucky Derby Day, May 2.”

The impacts from the dispute are trickling down into all sectors. John Grayson is an Arizona-based professional gambler and racehorse owner. He said that he now goes “out of town” to watch and bet on the big races that are currently run at TSG tracks, like the recent GII Fasig-Tipton Fountain of Youth S. at Gulfstream Park.

“I wasn’t going to miss that day, so, I actually went there. But a lot of people unfortunately don’t have the time to do that,” he said. “It’s sad for gamblers in Arizona.”

Greg Avioli, TOC president and CEO, had previously told the *TDN* that the weekly loss to the horsemen’s purse account in California totals about \$10,000.

This is happening at a time when the industry in California is being squeezed hard. The *Daily Racing Form* conducted an analysis of January and February handles, and found that Santa Anita’s average per-race handle is down 8.1%--this, on top of a 10.7% drop last year. This works out to a loss of about \$1.5 million per race card at Santa Anita, the analysis found.

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### COAL FRONT GETS FIRST MARE IN FOAL

Spendthrift Farm's multiple graded stakes-winning millionaire **Coal Front** (Stay Thirsty--Miner's Secret, by Mineshaft) had his first mare confirmed in foal. The Wildcat Heir mare Defying Gravity scanned in foal Mar. 10 for breeder Ken Doyen at Sparks View Farm in Paris, KY. She hails from the immediate family of multiple graded stakes winner and sire Too Much Bling.

Bought for \$575,000 as an OBS April 2-year-old in 2016, Coal Front was named a 'TDN Rising Star' a year later at Keeneland and went on to win five stakes over his three racing seasons, including the GII Amsterdam S. and G2 Godolphin Mile. He is participating in Spendthrift's "Share The Upside" breeding program for a fee of \$7,500, and breeders can earn a lifetime breeding right to him after producing one live foal and paying the stud fee. For more information about Coal Front, please contact Des, Mark, or Brian at 859-294-0030.

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## UPCOMING MAJOR NORTH AMERICAN STAKES

Date	Race	Track	
Mar. 14	GI Beholder Mile S.	Santa Anita	
	GII Rebel S.	Oaklawn	
	GII Azeri S.	Oaklawn	
	GIII Hurricane Bertie S.	Gulfstream	
	GIII San Simeon S.	Santa Anita	
Mar. 21	GII Jeff Ruby Steaks	Turfway	
	GII TwinSpires.com Louisiana Derby	Fair Grounds	
	GII TwinSpires.com Fair Grounds Oaks	Fair Grounds	
	GII Muniz Memorial Classic	Fair Grounds	
	GII New Orleans Classic	Fair Grounds	
Mar. 22	GIII Sunland Derby	Santa Anita	
	Mar. 27	GIII Appleton S.	Sunland Park
		GIII Hal's Hope S.	Gulfstream
Mar. 28	GII Curlin Florida Derby	Gulfstream	
	GII Gulfstream Park Oaks	Gulfstream	
	GII Pan American Kitten's Joy S.	Gulfstream	
	GIII Orchid S.	Gulfstream	
	Apr. 3	GIII Distaff H.	Gulfstream
GIII Transylvania S.		Aqueduct Keeneland	



# GULFSTREAM PARK RACES

## CLOSING DAY ↓ SUNDAY // MAR 15

CURLIN FLORIDA DERBY (G1)  
3YO 11/8  
\$1,000,000

GULFSTREAM PARK OAKS (G2)  
3YO F 11/16  
\$250,000

KITTEN'S JOY PAN AMERICAN (G2)  
4&UP 11/2 (T)  
\$250,000

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

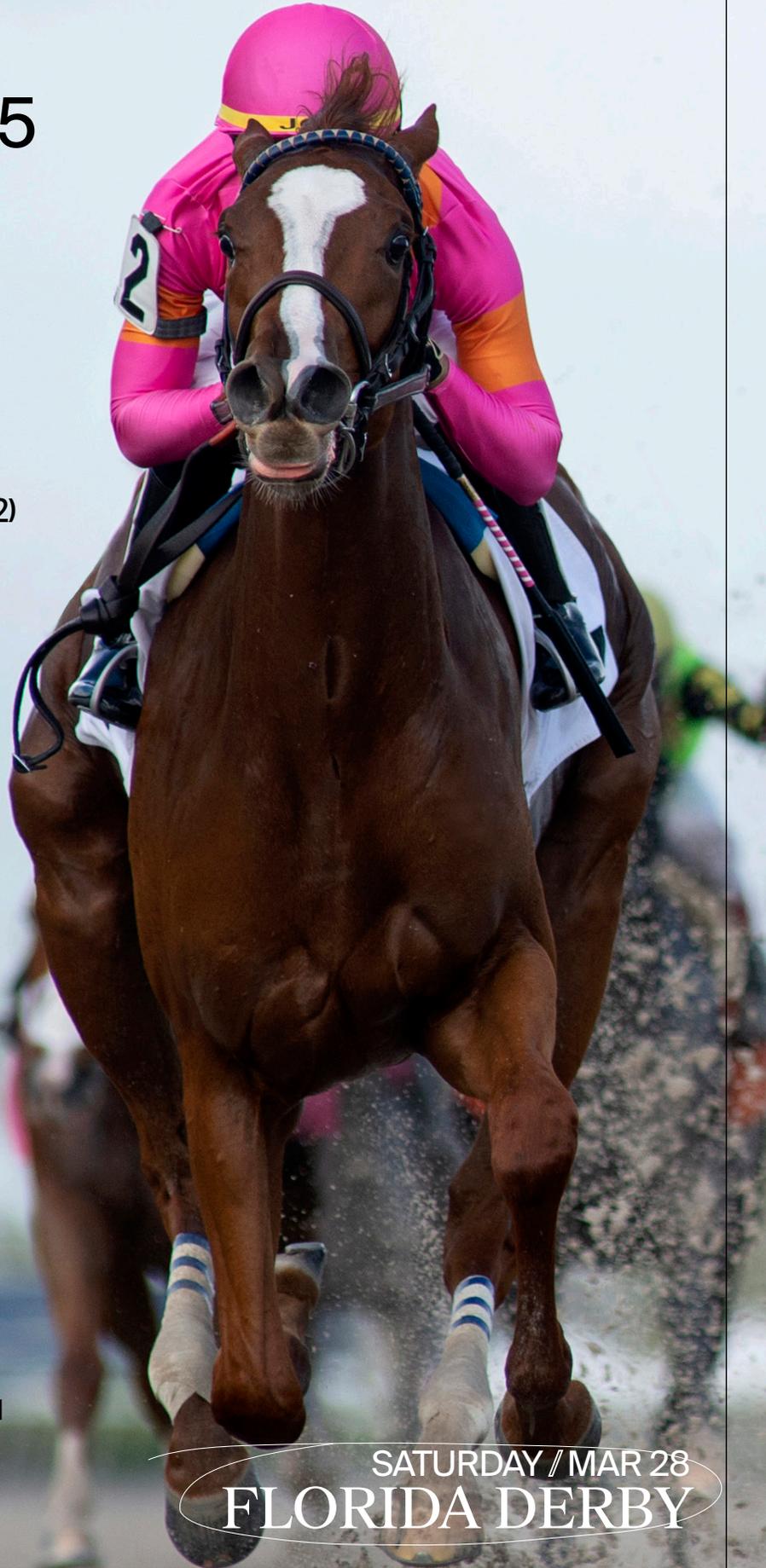
APPLETON (G3)  
4&UP 1M (T)  
\$100,000

HAL'S HOPE (G3)  
4&UP 11/8  
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SAND SPRINGS  
4&UP F&M 1M (T)  
\$100,000

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

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SATURDAY // MAR 28  
FLORIDA DERBY



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

**BEHOLDER MILE S.-GI, \$400,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Hard Not to Love 🍀	Hard Spun	Mercedes Stables LLC, West Point Thoroughbreds, Dilworth, Scott, Ingordo, Dorothy, Ingordo, David and Mooney, F. Steve	Shirreffs	Smith	121
2	Der Lu	Orb	Baoma Corporation	Baffert	Cedillo	121
3	Zusha 🍀	Congrats	Rafael Steinbruch	Mandella	Rispoli	121
4	Kaydetre	Mizzen Mast	David Randall	Randall	Blanc	121
5	Mother Mother 🍀	Pioneerof the Nile	Gainesway Stable, Old Bones Racing Stable, LLC, Hall, Barry, Lipman, Barry and Mathiesen, Mark	Baffert	Van Dyke	121
6	Ollie's Candy 🍀	Candy Ride (Arg)	Eggert, Paul and Eggert, Karen	Sadler	Prat	125
7	Ce Ce	Elusive Quality	Bo Hirsch, LLC	McCarthy	Espinoza	121

**Breeders:** 1-Anderson Farms Ont. Inc., 2-Merriebelle Stable, LLC, 3-Clearsky Farms, 4-David Randall & Vida Randall, 5-T. F. VanMeter, 6-Paul Eggert & Karen Eggert, 7-Bo Hirsch LLC

**Saturday, Oaklawn, post time: 6:23 p.m. EDT**

**REBEL S.-GII, \$1,000,000, 3yo, 1 1/16m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Nadal 🍀	Blame	Bolton, George, Hoyeau, Arthur, Lipman, Barry and Mathiesen, Mark	Baffert	Rosario	117
2	Excession 🍀	Union Rags	Calumet Farm	Asmussen	Baze	117
3	Basin 🍀	Liam's Map	Jackpot Farm	Asmussen	Castellano	117
4	Silver Prospector 🍀	Declaration of War	Orr, Ed and Orr, Susie	Asmussen	Santana, Jr.	122
5	No Parole 🍀	Violence	Moss, Maggi and Tramontin, Greg	Amoss	Talamo	122
6	Three Technique 🍀	Mr Speaker	August Dawn Farm	Englehart	Saez	117
7	Coach Bahe 🍀	Take Charge Indy	Rigney Racing, LLC	Bauer	Sanjur	117
8	American Theorem 🍀	American Pharoah	Kretz Racing LLC	Papaprodrmu	Pereira	117

**Breeders:** 1-Sierra Farm, 2-Randal Family Trust, R David & Marylyn ARandal Trustees, 3-Cottonwood Stables, LLC, 4-Hargus Sexton, Sandra Sexton & Silver Fern Farm, LLC, 5-Coteau Grove Farms, 6-Omega Farm LLC & Bally Breeders, 7-Merriebelle Stable, LLC, 8-Sierra Farm

**Saturday, Oaklawn, post time: 5:50 p.m. EDT**

**AZERI S.-GII, \$350,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Street Band	Istan	Francis, Ray, Jones, Cindy, Jones, J. Larry, Medallion Racing and MyRaceHorse Stable	Jones	Doyle	117
2	Mylady Curlin	Curlin	Sather Family LLC	Cox	Rosario	119
3	Saracosa 🍀	Bernardini	Chad Schumer	Contreras	Garcia	117
4	Lady Apple 🍀	Curlin	Phoenix Thoroughbred III and KatieRich Stables	Asmussen	Santana, Jr.	119
5	Serengeti Empress 🍀	Alternation	Joel Politi	Amoss	Talamo	117
6	Rahway	Eskendereya	Out Of This World Racing LLC	Maker	Rocco, Jr.	115
7	Awe Emma 🍀	War Front	Willis Horton Racing LLC	Stewart	Eramia	117

**Breeders:** 1-Larry Jones, Cindy Jones & Ray Francis, 2-Sather Family LLC, 3-Meritage Ventures, Inc., 4-KatieRich Farms, 5-Tri Eques Bloodstock, LLC, 6-George Krikorian, 7-Rhinestone Bloodstock

**Saturday, Turfway, post time: 6:42 p.m. EDT**

**JEFF RUBY STEAKS-GIII, \$250,000, 3yo, 1 1/8m (AWT)**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Dack Janiel's	Tonalist	Calumet Farm	Sisterson	Bejarano	123
2	Toma Todo 🌿	English Channel	Bloom Racing Stable LLC	Asmussen	Garcia	123
3	Fancy Liquor	Lookin At Lucky	Skychai Racing LLC and Sand Dollar Stable LLC	Maker	Geroux	123
4	Unthrottled	The Big Beast	Calumet Farm	Stewart	Lanerie	123
5	Myamanoi	Temple City	Corms Racing Stable and R. A. Hill Stable	Gargan	Carmouche	123
6	Halo Again 🌿	Speightstown	Winchell Thoroughbreds & Willis Horton Racing	Asmussen	Hernandez	123
7	Victory Boulevard 🌿	Dialed In	Paradise Farms Corp.	Maker	Corrales	123
8	Finnick the Fierce	Dialed In	Monge, Arnaldo and Hernandez, Rey	Hernandez	Leon	123
9	Austrian	Freud	Calumet Farm	Fernandez	Lezcano	123
10	The Stiff	Danza	Michael McCarthy Racing Stable, Inc., Daniell, Donna, Daniell, Jim and McCarthy, Terrence	McCarthy	Franco	123
11	Invader 🌿	War Front	Grandview Equine, Cheyenne Stables, LLC and LNJ Foxwoods	Ward	Jimenez	123
12	Field Pass	Lemon Drop Kid	Three Diamonds Farm	Maker	Ortiz, Jr.	123

**Breeders:** 1-Calumet Farm, 2-B. P. Walden Jr., 3-Hot Pink Stable & Skychai Racing LLC, 4-Ocala Stud, 5-Runnymede Farm Inc. & Peter J. Callahan, 6-Anderson Farms Ont. Inc., 7-Upson Downs Farm, Inc., 8-Paige Jillian Blu Sky Stables, 9-McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds, LLC, Jamey Gibson & Windswept Stables, LLC, 10-Daniell, McCarthy & McNamara, 11-Orpendale, Chelston & Wynatt, 12-Mark Brown Grier

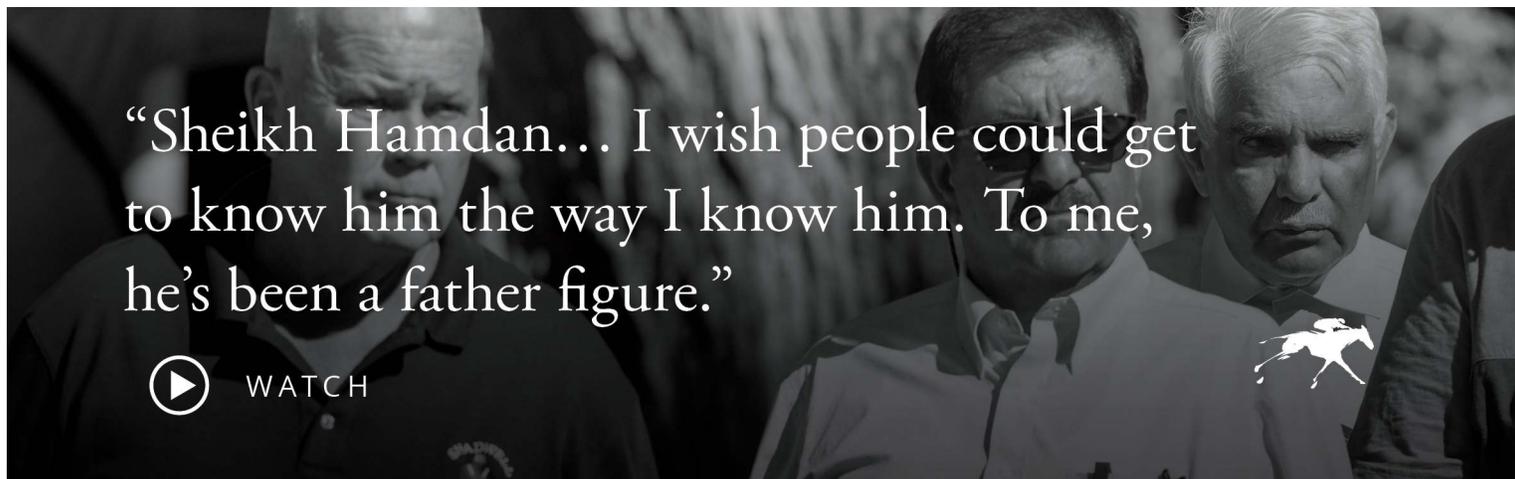
**Saturday, Gulfstream, post time: 5:52 p.m. EDT**

**HURRICANE BERTIE S.-GIII, \$150,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 7f**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Blamed K	Blame	Cleber J. Massey	Mott	Jaramillo	120
2	Heiressall	Wildcat Heir	My Purple Haze Stables LLC	Pompay	Vasquez	120
3	Unholy Alliance 🌿	First Samurai	e Five Racing Thoroughbreds	Joseph, Jr.	Gaffalione	118
4	W W Fitzy	Well Positioned	William Stiritz	Becker	Meneses	122
5	Sally's Curlin 🌿	Curlin	CJ Thoroughbreds, Left Turn Racing LLC and Casner Racing, LP	Romans	Prado	124
6	Nonna Madeline 🌿	Candy Ride (Arg)	Teresa Viola Racing Stables and St. Elias Stable	Pletcher	Velazquez	118
7	Wildwood's Beauty	Kantharos	William Stiritz	Becker	Leparoux	122
8	Pauseforthecause	Giant's Causeway	Broman, Sr., Chester and Broman, Mary	McLaughlin	Lopez	122
9	Lady Kate 🌿	Bernardini	Anderson Stables, LLC	Kenneally	Ortiz	118

**Breeders:** 1-Sagamore Farm, 2-Purple Haze Stable, 3-Craig Drago, 4-William P. Stiritz, 5-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC, 6-WinStar Farm, LLC, 7-Philip Matthews & Karen Matthews, 8-Chester Broman & Mary R. Broman, 9-Eileen H. Hartis & Godolphin

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Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	<b>Into Mischief</b> <i>(2005) by Harlan's Holiday Crops: 9</i>	6	9	2	3	--	--	62	17	300,000	1,534,984
										Authentic	
2	<b>Uncle Mo</b> <i>(2008) by Indian Charlie Crops: 6</i>	4	6	4	5	--	--	44	18	277,400	1,319,816
										Modernist	
3	<b>Munnings</b> <i>(2006) by Speightstown Crops: 7</i>	2	4	2	3	--	--	32	8	270,000	733,753
										Finite	
4	<b>Speightstown</b> <i>(1998) by Gone West Crops: 13</i>	--	--	--	--	--	--	21	5	506,328	702,692
										Full Flat	
5	<b>Tonalist</b> <i>(2011) by Tapit Crops: 2</i>	1	2	1	2	--	--	32	9	211,110	660,797
										Tonalist's Shape	
6	<b>Constitution</b> <i>(2011) by Tapit Crops: 2</i>	2	5	1	3	--	--	37	9	151,900	624,942
										Tiz the Law	
7	<b>Tapit</b> <i>(2001) by Pulpit Crops: 13</i>	1	4	1	3	--	--	30	6	200,000	564,934
										Enforceable	
8	<b>I'll Have Another</b> <i>(2009) by Flower Alley Crops: 5</i>	--	--	--	--	--	--	47	5	82,524	537,393
										Utamaro (JPN)	
9	<b>Khozan</b> <i>(2012) by Distorted Humor Crops: 2</i>	1	3	--	2	--	--	34	8	109,000	524,133
										Liam's Lucky Charm	
10	<b>Violence</b> <i>(2010) by Medaglia d'Oro Crops: 4</i>	1	1	--	--	--	--	31	13	87,600	520,165
										No Parole	
11	<b>Palace Malice</b> <i>(2010) by Curlin Crops: 2</i>	2	2	1	1	--	--	36	5	260,000	503,747
										Mr. Monomoy	
12	<b>Congrats</b> <i>(2000) by A.P. Indy Crops: 11</i>	--	2	--	--	--	--	46	13	81,000	502,754
										O Seraphina	
13	<b>American Pharoah</b> <i>(2012) by Pioneerof the Nile Crops: 2</i>	2	4	--	1	--	--	25	4	173,043	499,019
										Cafe Pharoah	
14	<b>Tapiture</b> <i>(2011) by Tapit Crops: 2</i>	1	3	--	--	--	--	44	13	90,000	495,217
										Steph'sfullasugar	
15	<b>Carpe Diem</b> <i>(2012) by Giant's Causeway Crops: 2</i>	--	2	--	1	--	--	38	8	60,000	489,221
										Zabardast	

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## FRIDAY'S INSIGHTS: GUN RUNNER FULL-BROTHER DEBUTS AT FAIR GROUNDS



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2nd-FG, \$45K, Msw, 3yo, 6f, 6:28 p.m.

**FORTUNE TICKET (Candy Ride {Arg})**, a full-brother to Horse of the Year Gun Runner, makes his debut for Hall of Famer Steve Asmussen. The Three Chimneys homebred, tabbed as the 7-2 morning-line favorite, worked five furlongs in 1:00 1/5 (3/35) at Fair Grounds Mar. 1. **Established (Constitution)**, a \$400,000 KESEEP yearling and half-brother to GISW Sweet Loretta (Tapit), has been assigned post one in this debut run for trainer Mike Stidham. **TJCS PPs**

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### IN ORDER OF PURSE:

**8th-Oaklawn, \$90,000, Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$80,000), 3-12, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m, 1:43.90, ft.**

**FIRE CORAL (f, 3, Curlin--Coral Sun, by A.P. Indy)**, a well-beaten fifth on debut in the Churchill slop Nov. 30, earned her diploma as the favorite over track and trip Jan. 31. The 5-2 shot was sent to the front here, led narrowly through fractions of :24.14 and :48.78, and turned back a bid at the top of the stretch from favored Charming Lady (Ghostzapper) to win going away by 3 1/2 lengths. Fire Coral is a half-sister to Champagne Problems (Ghostzapper), GSW & GISP, \$400,284. The winner's dam, a half-sister to MGISW Southern Image (Halo's Image), is also responsible for a Distorted Humor filly of 2018 and a Ghostzapper colt of 2019. She was bred back to Medaglia d'Oro for 2020. Sales history: \$420,000 Ylg '18 KESEEP. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$107,850. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Susan Moulton; B-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC (KY); T-Steven M. Asmussen.

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*Lea's Princess (Lea) lights up the tote board at Fair Grounds.*

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**5th-Gulfstream, \$48,600, Msw**, 3-12, 3yo, 5f (off turf), :58.66, ft.

**CAPTURED BY FATE (c, 3, Uncaptured--Tribecky, by Saint Liam)**

showed speed and tired to third in his debut for a \$32,000 tag Feb. 7. Given a 5-1 chance in this off-the-turfer, he broke like a shot to show the way, dueled through an opening quarter of :22.88, shook free in the stretch and held on for a neck victory. Muskoka Storm (Violence) was second. The winner's dam had a filly by First Dude in 2019. She was bred to Mineshaft for the 2020 season. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$33,700. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O-Nick Demeric; B-Dianette Rivas, Evelyn Cintron & Victor Alfonso Rivera Jr. (FL); T-Angel M. Rodriguez.

**8th-Fair Grounds, \$40,000, Msw**, 3-12, 3yo, f, 5 1/2ft, 1:05.68, fm.

**LEA'S PRINCESS (f, 3, Lea--Antinous, by Street Cry {Ire})** was completely disregarded at 35-1 off a previous pair of dismal efforts, including an 11th-place finish going a mile over the lawn here last time Feb. 15. She broke on top while cutting back in distance in this one, and never looked back, en route to a 2 1/2-length tally over Reserve List (Kantharos). Antinous, a half-sister to MGSW Demarcation (Gulch), had a filly by Firing Line in 2018 and a colt by Air Force Blue in 2019. She was bred to Bayern for the 2020 season. Sales history: \$115,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$24,000. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O-Carl R. Moore Management LLC; B-Ben McElroy (KY); T-Joe Sharp.

**SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: FRIDAY, MARCH 13**

**American Pharoah (Pioneerof the Nile)**, Ashford Stud, private  
318 foals of racing age/32 winners/6 black-type winners  
7-Oaklawn, Alw 6f, AMERICAN BUTTERFLY, 9-2  
\$390,000 RNA OBS APR 2yo

**Bayern (Offlee Wild)**, Hill 'n' Dale Farms, \$15,000  
157 foals of racing age/31 winners/0 black-type winners  
5-Sam Houston Race, Alw 6f, CEDAR HALL, 7-2  
\$18,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$140,000 KEE SEP yrl

**The Big Beast (Yes It's True)**, Ocala Stud, \$6,000  
102 foals of racing age/22 winners/0 black-type winners  
9-Oaklawn, Wmc 6f, THE BIG BLUFF, 8-1  
\$70,000 OBS OCT yrl; \$100,000 FTF MAR 2yo

**Bourbon Courage (Lion Heart)**, Anchor & Hope Farm, \$5,000  
93 foals of racing age/11 winners/1 black-type winner  
7-Oaklawn, Alw 6f, FORTHELUVOFBOURBON, 12-1

**Carpe Diem (Giant's Causeway)**, WinStar Farm, \$15,000  
231 foals of racing age/25 winners/2 black-type winners  
2-Fair Grounds, Msw 6f, CAROLINA AIRNESS, 8-1  
\$70,000 RNA OBS OCT yrl; \$75,000 OBS APR 2yo  
5-Aqueduct, Msw 1m, UNRELENTING FORCE, 5-1  
\$80,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$65,000 EAS MAY 2yo

**Constitution (Tapit)**, WinStar Farm, \$40,000  
233 foals of racing age/36 winners/5 black-type winners  
2-Fair Grounds, Msw 6f, ESTABLISHED, 9-2  
\$400,000 KEE SEP yrl

**Dramedy (Distorted Humor)**, Sau, private  
29 foals of racing age/4 winners/1 black-type winner  
4-Oaklawn, Msw 1 1/16m, DRAMATIC ENTRANCE, 20-1

**Jack Milton (War Front)**, Crestwood Farm, \$6,500  
102 foals of racing age/12 winners/0 black-type winners  
7-Oaklawn, Alw 6f, PLAY THE WILDCARD, 15-1  
\$42,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$17,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl

**Medal Count (Dynaformer)**, Mapleton Thoroughbred Farm, \$2,000  
81 foals of racing age/9 winners/0 black-type winners  
4-Oaklawn, Msw 1 1/16m, HISSY MISSY, 5-1

**Palace Malice (Curlin)**, Three Chimneys Farm, \$25,000  
211 foals of racing age/27 winners/4 black-type winners  
3-Laurel, Msw 6f, SILENT MALICE, 2-1  
\$60,000 FTK OCT yrl  
5-Aqueduct, Msw 1m, TRUE PALACE, 30-1  
\$15,000 FTK OCT yrl; \$9,000 EAS MAY 2yo

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**Second-Crop Starters cont.**

**Race Day** (Tapit), Spendthrift Farm, \$7,500  
147 foals of racing age/20 winners/4 black-type winners  
3-Charles Town, Msw 6 1/2f, RACING MY FATHER, 6-1  
\$2,700 EAS DEC wnl; \$24,000 RNA OBS OPN 2yo

**Secret Circle** (Eddington), Elite Thoroughbreds, private  
62 foals of racing age/13 winners/0 black-type winners  
7-Oaklawn, Alw 6f, SECRET BISCUIT, 15-1  
\$2,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$3,000 OKC YRL yrl

**Stephanoatsee** (A.P. Indy), Sequel New York, private  
16 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners  
5-Aqueduct, Msw 1m, BEG TO DIFFER, 7-2  
5-Aqueduct, Msw 1m, ROMANOATSEE, 15-1

**Summer Front** (War Front), Airdrie Stud, \$10,000  
181 foals of racing age/24 winners/3 black-type winners  
7-Sam Houston Race, Aoc 1mT, VALENTINES DAY, 2-1  
\$20,000 KEE SEP yrl

**Tonalist** (Tapit), Lane's End Farm, \$15,000  
179 foals of racing age/24 winners/1 black-type winner  
5-Aqueduct, Msw 1m, LIQUOR, 8-1

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**Shanty Star**, c, 4, **Hard Spun**--Little Nellie (SP), by Mizzen Mast. Meydan, 3-12, Mdn, AED165,000, Mdn, 3-12, NH3yo/up & SH3yo/up, 1600m. Lifetime Record: 10-1-1-0, \$49,870. O-Bouresly Racing Syndicate; B-Dixiana Farms LLC (KY); T-Rashed Bouresly. \*\$10,000 2yo '18 OBSAPR; \$8,000 HRA '18 OBSJUN. **VIDEO**

**Quartier Francois**, h, 6, **Street Cry (Ire)**--Divine Dixie (SP), by Dixieland Band. Meydan, 3-12, NH4yo/up & SH4yo/up, 2000m. Lifetime Record: 24-4-5-2, \$192,675. O-Mohammed Khalifa Al Basti; B-Darley (KY); T-Ali Rashid Al Rayhi. \*1/2 to Bandini (Fusaichi Pegasus), GISW, \$676,380; full to Discourse, GSW-Eng. \*\*Won by six lengths. **VIDEO**

**U.S.-BRED/SIRED RUNNERS IN JAPAN**



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

**Saturday, March 14, 2020**

**5th-NKY, ¥9,680,000 (\$92k), Maiden, 3yo, 1600mT**

**CHAROITE** (f, 3, **Uncle Mo**--**Taboo**, by **Forestry**) turned in a creditable debut effort, finishing fourth on her lone appearance over course and distance Dec. 22. A \$295K Fasig-Tipton Saratoga buyback turned \$400K F-T Gulfstream breezer (:21 flat), the Mar. 26 foal is a half-sister to Der Lu (Orb), herself a \$900K FTFMAR graduate who lines up in Saturday's GI Beholder Mile S. at Santa Anita. Bred on the exact same cross as champion and GI Kentucky Derby hero Nyquist, Charoite is out of a winning daughter of GISW Dream of Summer (Siberian Summer), the dam of GISW and successful young sire Creative Cause (Giant's Causeway), MGSW Destin (Giant's Causeway) and GSW Vexatious (Giant's Causeway). *B-Merriebelle Stable LLC (KY)*

**Sunday, March 15, 2020**

**4th-HSN, ¥9,680,000 (\$92k), Maiden, 3yo, 1800mT**

**INGONYAMA** (f, 3, **Kitten's Joy**--**Laureldean Gale**, by **Grand Slam**) cost \$110K as a FTKOCT yearling in the fall of 2018 before fetching \$300K (:10 flat) as an OBSAPR juvenile the following spring. Produced by a half-sister to SW Costume Designer (Capote), this bay filly is bred on a cross that has been responsible for five of her sire's 47 graded/group winners, including GISWs Kitten's Dumplings and Admiral Kitten as well as Home Run Kitten, Granny's Kitten and Kitten Kaboodle. Kitten's Joy has been represented by two Japanese GSWs--U.S.-breds Gendarme and Dashing Blaze. *B-Godolphin (KY)*

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**10th-CKO, ¥19,110,000 (\$182k), Allowance, 3yo, 1800m**

**CORRAL NOCTURNE (c, 3, Emcee--Cowgirl Lucky, by Stephen Got Even)**, a \$90K OBSAPR acquisition, made a giant debut impression when posting a professional 1 3/4-length victory as the 17-10 favorite going a mile at Toyko Feb. 2 ([video](#), gate 10). The late April foal is out of a half-sister to the dam of the history-making Wildman Jack (Goldencents). He could have his hands full in the form of Mytyl (f, Verrazano), a six-length winner going 1400 meters at headquarters Feb. 23. *B-Harris Training Center LLC (KY)*

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**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

**7th-Oaklawn, \$92,000, (S), (NW2\$3MX)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 3-12, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10.23, ft.**

**BANDIT POINT (h, 5, Indy Squall--Set Point, by Langfuhr)**

Lifetime Record: MSP, 27-4-3-9, \$264,830. O/T-Robert N. Cline; B-Marianna's Fate Inc. (AR).

**4th-Fair Grounds, \$41,000, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$17,500), 3-12, 4yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2fT, 1:04.56, fm.**

**WHIMSICAL MUSE (f, 4, Oxbow--Ireland {SP}, by Afleet Alex)**

Lifetime Record: 7-2-0-1, \$49,250. O-Maggi Moss; B-Calumet Farm (KY); T-Thomas M. Amoss. \*\$65,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP; \$145,000 RNA 2yo '18 OBSAPR.



**5th-Penn National, \$31,600, (S), 3-11, (NW1X), 4yo/up, f/m, 1m 70y, 1:42.64, ft.**

**ATTENTIVELY (m, 6, Reflect Times {Jpn}--Easily Distracted, by Sarava)**

Lifetime Record: 35-3-7-10, \$130,116. O-Short Straw Stable & Tom Cannell; B-Flint Stites (PA); T-Flint W. Stites.

**6th-Charles Town, \$29,000, 3-11, (NW3LX), 3yo/up, f/m, 4 1/2f, :53.04, ft.**

**ANAZARA (m, 5, Speightstown--Namaskara {SP, \$142,367}, by Giant's Causeway)**

Lifetime Record: 12-3-2-1, \$70,705. O-Lisa Shelton & Teresa L. Major; B-Eutrophia Farm (KY); T-Roy L. Boyd. \*\$185,000 Ylg '16 FTKHRA; \$20,000 3yo '18 KEENOV.



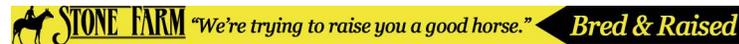
**7th-Charles Town, \$28,000, 3-11, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:27.65, ft.**

**AMELIA BEDELIA (f, 4, Fed Biz--French Sadie, by Successful Appeal)**

Lifetime Record: MSP, 12-6-1-4, \$129,305. O-David M. Raim; B-Schiano Racing Inc. (WV); T-Jeff C. Runco.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Arithmetic, c, 3, Algorithms--Dyna Da Wyna (GSW, \$365,740), by Doc's Leader. Gulfstream, 3-12, (C), 1mT, 1:35.05. B-Stone Farm (KY). \*1/2 to Sumo (Fusaichi Pegasus), SW & GSP, \$282,443. \*\*1ST-TIME STARTER.**



**Elusive Ride, f, 3, Tiznow--Ride to Houston, by Candy Ride (Arg).**

Oaklawn, 3-12, (C), 1m, 1:39.16. B-Whisper Hill Farm, LLC (KY). \*\$180,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP.

**Lil Tater, f, 4, Hamazing Destiny--K J's Sweetater, by Primary Suspect.**

Oaklawn, 3-12, (S), (C), 6f, 1:11.57. B-F Dewaine Loy (AR).



**ALGORITHMS, Arithmetic, c, 3, o/o Dyna Da Wyna, by Doc's Leader. MCL, 3-12, Gulfstream**

**CURLIN, Fire Coral, f, 3, o/o Coral Sun, by A.P. Indy. AOC, 3-12, Oaklawn**

**FED BIZ, Amelia Bedelia, f, 4, o/o French Sadie, by Successful Appeal. ALW, 3-11, Charles Town**

**HAMAZING DESTINY, Lil Tater, f, 4, o/o K J's Sweetater, by Primary Suspect. MCL, 3-12, Oaklawn**

**INDY SQUALL, Bandit Point, h, 5, o/o Set Point, by Langfuhr. AOC, 3-12, Oaklawn**

**LEA, Lea's Princess, f, 3, o/o Antinous, by Street Cry (Ire). MSW, 3-12, Fair Grounds**

**OXBOW, Whimsical Muse, f, 4, o/o Ireland, by Afleet Alex. AOC, 3-12, Fair Grounds**

**REFLECT TIMES (JPN), Attentively, m, 6, o/o Easily Distracted, by Sarava. ALW, 3-11, Penn National**

**SPEIGHTSTOWN, Anazara, m, 5, o/o Namaskara, by Giant's Causeway. ALW, 3-11, Charles Town**

**TIZNOW, Elusive Ride, f, 3, o/o Ride to Houston, by Candy Ride (Arg). MCL, 3-12, Oaklawn**

**UNCAPTURED, Captured by Fate, c, 3, o/o Tribecky, by Saint Liam. MSW, 3-12, Gulfstream**



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## SAMCRO DELIVERS GIGGINSTOWN'S CENTURY



Eddie O'Leary congratulates Davy Russell  
after Samcro's victory | *Racing Post*

By Emma Berry

CHELTENHAM, UK--While JP McManus has been enjoying a stellar Cheltenham Festival, it had been a quieter first few days for Gigginstown House Stud but the O'Leary family's operation was quickly back in the winner's enclosure on Thursday as **Samcro (Ire)** (Germany) brought up their 100th Grade 1 victory in the opening Marsh Novices' Steeplechase.

Two years after his first Festival win in the G1 Ballymore Novices' Hurdle and on his first start since a wind operation, the 8-year-old returned to the glory days as Davy Russell produced him with his nose just ahead on the line to edge out **Melon (GB)** (Medicean {GB}), with the ever popular **Faugheen (Ire)** (Germany) just a length back in third.

"Samcro is the forgotten horse," said trainer Gordon Elliott, who divulged that a change of stabling arrangements to allow the horse to live out much of the time has helped in his team's battle to return him to his best.

"He is one the favourites in the yard and we love him. You can see how much it means to everyone in the yard. All the girls, and Jack Madden who looks after him every day, have done all the hard work with this horse.

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## DUBAI WORLD CUP TO BE HELD WITHOUT SPECTATORS

After taking the measure earlier this week of barring patrons from each of its remaining meetings this season leading up to the Dubai World Cup card as a precaution against coronavirus, the Emirates Racing Authority confirmed on Thursday that the world's richest day of racing on Mar. 28 would as well be closed to the public. The World Health Organization declared coronavirus a pandemic on Wednesday.

All related Dubai World Cup events, including the post position draw on Mar. 25, Breakfast with the Stars on Mar. 26 and the Welcome Reception on the same day have been cancelled. All raceday entertainment has been cancelled.

Competitor's connections, racing officials, accredited media and sponsors will be permitted entry to the racecourse. The entire DWC card will be contested and regulated according to standard protocol.

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Elliott continued, "They have spent day and night trying to get this horse right. He hasn't been scoping clean and it has been hard to get him to scope right--thankfully it has paid off today."

He continued, "Everyone was knocking him when he was in the doldrums--I probably lost a bit of faith in him myself. The horses are flying and all running well, I just can't believe it."

This assertion was instantly backed up with a one-two for Elliott in the following race, the G3 Pertemps Network Final, won by JP McManus's **Sire Du Berlais (Fr)** (Poliglote {GB}) for the second year in a row from **The Storyteller (Ire)** (Shantou), a fellow previous Festival winner. And, as the third day of the meeting drew to a close, Elliott claimed the last race of the day, also for Gigginstown House Stud, with **Milan Native (Ire)** (Milan {Ire}) giving amateur rider Robert James his first taste of Festival glory.

**Irish Racing Ahead**

Midway through the afternoon it had been confirmed that all Irish racing was to be run behind closed doors from Friday, but the Irish romp continued at Cheltenham, with Elliott's closest rival Willie Mullins landing a double himself, firstly with favourite **Min (Fr)** (Walk In The Park {Ire}) in the G1 Ryanair Chase.

Despite being a six-time Grade 1 winner, Min had yet to strike at the Festival. Last April at Aintree he had beaten Wednesday's G1 Queen Mother Champion Chase winner Politologue (Fr) by 20 lengths and, laying down his challenge from the front under Paul Townend, he was resolute in fending off the rallying **Saint Calvados (Fr)** (Saint Des Saints {Fr}). **A Plus Tard (Fr)** (Kapgarde {Fr}) delivered a clean sweep for French-breds by finishing a close third and he completed a fantastic Festival for Cheveley Park Stud, who had two winners and two thirds from only four runners.

"Watching Min jump today, he was just fantastic through the air and, when he needed a jump, he got them. He put the others under pressure," said Mullins of the Susannah and Rich Ricci-owned chaser.

"It was wobbly-knee time after the last when Saint Calvados came up the inside but he still had a little bit left in the tank. I am pleased for him, Paul, Rich, Susannah and everyone."

"The horses have been running well and just haven't been getting the rub of the green. Faugheen and Melon ran great earlier and all the horses seem to be firing without winning."

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It's very rare that there isn't a Mullins runner in the reckoning when it comes to mares' races, however, and later in the afternoon the trainer extended his great record in this sphere to include victory in all five runnings of the G2 Daylesford Mares' Novices' Hurdle. This time around he struck with the Flat-bred **Concertista (Fr)** (Nathaniel {Ire}), a product of the Wertheimer brothers' breeding operation who won over 10 furlongs in France for Christophe Ferland before being sold for €75,000 at the Arqana Summer Sale. The half-sister to the stakes-winning duo of Slalom (Fr) and Folamour (GB), both by Intello {Ger}, was second in this race last year, beaten only a short-head on her hurdles debut, and her first jumps victory came by a margin of 12 lengths over stable-mate **Dolcito (Fr)** (Saint Des Saints {Ire}).

"I forget we hadn't won a maiden with Concertista during her career with us, so it's nice to get off the mark in this event," said Mullins. "We'll probably go to Fairyhouse with her next, but there are lots of options further down the line. She has a nice mark on the Flat so we might use that at some stage. Owners Simon Munir and Isaac Souede have a lot of runners in France so we could take her there. She is turning into the mare I thought we had bought at Deauville. She was a very immature sort when we bought her. I never dreamt she would grow into the big mare she is now. She is very strong and today's test of stamina really brought out the best in her."

### Plenty To Celebrate For Curtis

Despite the Irish surging ahead in the annual Prestbury Cup challenge, there was success for the home team in one of the two big races of the day, the G1 Paddy Power Stayers' Hurdle, in which the Rebecca Curtis-trained **Lisnagar Oscar (Ire)** (Oscar {Ire}) sprang a 50-1 surprise success over **Ronald Pump (GB)** (Schiaparelli {Ger}).

The Welsh trainer celebrated the arrival of her baby daughter just 14 weeks ago and was delighted to be back in the limelight with a fifth victory at the Festival. She said, "I thought he had a big chance today. I didn't think he would beat [last year's winner] Paisley Park (Ire), but I thought he'd be placed. To see him improve that much, I'm just delighted. I was just thinking, 'don't get caught, don't get caught'. This has come at a time when I need it. I'm trying to rebuild the yard. I've had four winners here before, but it's been five years, so it's just great to win another one."

For Emma Lavelle, the trainer of returning hero **Paisley Park**, there was disappointment as her stable star crossed the line in seventh having never really been in a position to challenge. She said, "He seems absolutely fine. He didn't jump quite as fluently as normal. Whether that is ground-related or something else, I just don't know. It's obviously disappointing, but it's just one of those things."

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### She's Apple's

The Stayers' Hurdle also marked the end of the career of the brilliant mare **Apple's Jade (Fr)** (Saddler Maker {Ire}). The 8-year-old gave it a good last rattle in her swansong, setting a fierce pace up front in partnership with champion jockey Richard Johnson before capitulating between the final two flights and finishing eighth. Apple's Jade compiled a tremendous record of 15 wins from 28 starts, contributing 11 Grade 1

successes to the century of top-flight victories for her owner Gigginstown House Stud, who confirmed her retirement after the race. On her day she was dazzling.

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## EUROPEAN NEWS

### IRELAND, GERMANY TO RACE WITHOUT SPECTATORS

On the day that the first death resulting from coronavirus was reported in Ireland, the country on Thursday put in place various restrictions on gatherings of large groups of people that are to remain in place until Mar. 29. Following on from those developments, Horse Racing Ireland announced that until that date, racing will take place without spectators.

In efforts to keep the number of persons on track at race meetings beneath 500, racecourse access will be restricted to essential service providers and industry participants.

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The Curragh Racecourse | *Racing Post*

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There will be no catering, on-course bookmakers or Tote services provided; one groom and owner per runner will be permitted on course; only trainers with runners will be permitted and all personnel with horses will be asked to vacate after their horses have run.

“It is important that horse racing acts responsibly and plays its part in the efforts to limit the spread of Covid-19,” said HRI Chief Executive Brian Kavanagh.

Kavanagh continued, “That is why we are announcing, with immediate effect, that horse racing fixtures in Ireland will continue between now and Mar. 29, but will be run behind closed doors with very restrictive access. Race meetings will not be open to the public, in line with measures taken by other international racing jurisdictions, such as France, Hong Kong, Japan and Dubai.

“Public health is the number one priority and these restrictions will continue to be kept under constant review as we liaise with our colleagues in the department of agriculture, food and the marine and the department of health.

“The restrictions which we are announcing today will limit social interaction but will allow a vital rural industry to continue

to operate, protecting livelihoods and jobs.”

The German racing industry also revealed preventative measures on Thursday. The country’s first turf meeting of the year at Cologne on Sunday will be staged without spectators, while Krefeld’s programme on Mar. 22 will be postponed.

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## FESTIVAL SALE TOP THREE TO TIZZARD

CHELTENHAM, UK--A captive audience of some of jump racing's leading owners, along with their trainers and bloodstock agents, gathered in the parade ring after the final race of Wednesday's card for the Tattersalls Ireland Cheltenham Festival Sale, which saw 15 young point-to-pointers sold for a total of £2,195,000.

Donnchadh Doyle's Monbeg Stables enjoyed a good evening, consigning two of the top three lots, including the most expensive horse of the sale, **Killer Kane (Ire)** (Oscar {Ire}), who was sold for £300,000 to Ross Doyle on behalf of trainer Colin Tizzard, the duo who claimed the three top lots for a total of £840,000.



Samcro (Ire) (Germany) and Davy Russell, maroon and white silks, battle gamely to win the Grade 1 Marsh Novices' Chase at Cheltenham. | [racingfotos.com](http://racingfotos.com)

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On Saturday, the 5-year-old gelding (lot 21) made his debut at Ballycahane point-to-point, winning the maiden by five lengths before boarding the ferry for England. His dam Native Idea (Ire) (Be My Native {Ire}) has already produced the G1 Supreme Novices' Hurdle winner Go Native (Ire) (Double Eclipse {Ire}) and Killer Kane's new connections will be hoping that this will not be the last time he is seen in the Cheltenham winner's enclosure.



**Killer Kane parading at the sale | Racing Post**

Colin Bowe has enjoyed notable success producing young jumping stars, including Samcro (Ire) (Germany), who won the opening Grade 1 contest earlier in the day. Another of Bowe's graduates from Milestone Stables, lot 15, **Amarillo Sky (Ire)** (Westerner {GB}), will also be joining Tizzard's Somerset stable after Doyle went to £280,000 for the 4-year-old winner of his sole point-to-point on Mar. 1.

This followed their earlier purchase of **Shirocco's Dream (Ire)** (Shirocco {Ger}) for £260,000, also from Monbeg Stables. The 5-year-old mare (lot 6), a winner and a runner-up in her two starts between the flags, is a grand-daughter of the consistent chaser Function Dream (Ire) (Strong Gale {Ire}) whose record as

a broodmare includes the treble Grade 1-winning chaser Captain Chris (Ire) (King's Theatre {Ire}).

"She was second in a point-to-point to Rose Of Arcadia (Ire), who won again at Taunton on Monday and looks a really good mare. Hopefully this mare will be equally good," said Tizzard, who did not disclose the name of the owner behind his purchases. "We don't have many mares in the yard but there are plenty of good races for them now."

In total, 15 of the 24 horses offered changed hands at an average price of £146,333.

The coronavirus outbreak is bringing increasing uncertainty for bloodstock sales in the coming weeks and months. The European breeze-up season is set to start on Apr. 1 with the one-day Tattersalls Ascot sale. As of Wednesday, there had been no firm plans made to alter the sales programme but representatives of both Tattersalls and Goffs indicated that they will be keeping a watching brief as the situation unfolds.

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## FRANCE

**Friday, Chantilly, post time: 2.20 p.m.**

**PRIX RONDE DE NUIT-Listed, €55,000, 3yo, 5 1/2ft**

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	4	Dutch Chop (Fr)	Amadeus Wolf (GB)	Pouchin	C Boutin
2	11	Ernesto de la Cruz (Fr)	Wootton Bassett (GB)	Boudot	Marcialis
3	3	Three Coins (GB)	Fountain of Youth (Ire)	Cheminaud	Fahey
4	6	Be Ahead (GB)	Dream Ahead	Bazire	E O'Neill
5	7	Bavaria Baby (Fr)	Dabirsim (Fr)	Pasquier	Chappet
6	8	Gadea (Ire)	Dandy Man (Ire)	Piccone	Laffon-Parias
7	9	Wanaway (Fr)	Galiway (GB)	Guyon	Bary
8	10	Abama (Fr)	Alhebayeb (Ire)	Benoist	Barberot
9	5	My Love's Passion (Fr)	Elvstroem (Aus)	Soumillon	Barberot
10	1	Lady Galore (Ire)	Raven's Pass	Auge	Ferland
11	2	Astral Path (Ire)	Muhaarar (GB)	Badel	Devin

All carry 122 pounds bar Dutch Chop & Ernesto de la Cruz, 126.

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**Friday, Chantilly, post time: 5.49 p.m.**

**PRIX MONTENICA-Listed, €55,000, 3yo, 6 1/2f (AWT)**

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	7	Jedha Man (Fr)	Dandy Man (Ire)	Auge	Ferland	128
2	5	Slayer (Fr)	Elvstroem (Aus)	Boudot	Pantall	128
3	8	Maystar (Ire)	Mayson (GB)	H Doyle	A Watson	128
4	12	Merry Picnic (Fr)	Penny's Picnic (Ire)	Mendizabal	Guillemin	128
5	1	Speed Chance (Ire)	Born to Sea (Ire)	Gavilan	Guillemin	128
6	6	Lipsink (Ire)	Kodiac (GB)	Guyon	LaffonParias	128
7	9	Electric Ladyland (Ire)		Cable Bay (Ire)	McNamara	
		A Watson	125			
8	10	Quiet Times (Ger)	Reliable Man (GB)	C Demuro	Brandt	125
9	13	Over Attracted	Atreides	Soumillon	Chappet	125
10	3	Wootton Saga (Fr)	Wootton Bassett (GB)	Cheminaud	Delzangles	125
11	2	Porcelaine (Ire)	Kodiac (GB)	Pasquier	Chappet	125
12	11	Lindy Lou (Fr)	Sidestep (Aus)	Lemaitre	Baudron	125
13	4	Bellanodine (Fr)	Anodin (Ire)	Bachelot	Boisnard	125

**CONDITIONS RESULTS:**

**2nd-Fontainebleau, €28,000, Cond, 3-12, 4yo, 11fT, 2:28.54, hy. THINK OF ME (GER) (f, 4, So You Think {NZ}--Tosia {Ger}, by Big Shuffle) Lifetime Record: GSP-Fr, 4-2-2-0, €52,900. O-Clear Light SAS; B-Dr Hans-Wilhelm Jenckel (GER); T-Francis-Henri Graffard. \*€32,000 Ylg '17 BBAGS.**

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Sweet Zen (Fr), f, 3, Dabirsim (Fr)--Dolce Attesa (GB), by Dr Fong. Fontainebleau, 3-12, 6fT, 1:12.64. B-Scuderia Micolo SNC (FR). \*1/2 to Pure Zen (Fr) (Zoffany {Ire}), SW & MGSP-Fr, \$112,606.**



**IN DUBAI:**

**Alkaamel (GB), g, 4, Havana Gold (Ire)--Grace and Glory (Ire), by Montjeu {Ire}. Meydan, 3-12, Hcp, AED190,000, Hcp, 3-12, NH4yo/up & SH4yo/up, 1600m. Lifetime Record: 16-4-3-1, \$70,650. O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Coln Valley Stud (GB); T-Musabbeh Al Mheiri. \*250,000gns yrl '17 TATOCT. \*\*1/2 to Give and Take (GB) (City Scope {GB}), GSW-Eng, GSP-Fr.**

**Miqyaas (GB), g, 5, Oasis Dream (GB)--Fawaayed (Ire), by Singspiel (Ire). Meydan, 3-12, Mdn, NH3yo/up & SH3yo/up, 1200m. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$28,050. O-Bouresly Racing Syndicate; B-Shadwell Estate Company Ltd (GB); T-Rashed Bouresly. \*£1,500 MIX '18 GOFAUG.**

**Speedy Move (Ire), g, 8, Iffraaj {GB}--Beautiful Filly (GB), by Oasis Dream GB. Meydan, 3-12, AED175,000, Hcp, 3-12, NH4yo/up & SH4yo/up, 1400m. Lifetime Record: 41-7-5-4, \$210,390. O-Touch Gold Racing & Sean Ewing; B-Rabbah Bloodstock Ltd (IRE); T-Satish Seemar. \*57,000gns yrl '13 TATOCT; 50,000gns HIT '15 TAAOCT. \*\*1/2 to Raven's Corner (Ire) (Raven's Pass), GSW-UAE, \$309,929; Unforgettable Filly (GB) (Sepoy {Aus}), GSW-Ger, MSW & GSP-Eng, \$118,574.**

**Untold Secret (GB), g, 8, Shamardal--Confidential Lady (GB) (G1SW-Fr, G1SP-Eng & Ity, \$912,794), by Singspiel (Ire). Meydan, 3-12, Hcp, NH3yo/up & SH3yo/up, 1600m. Lifetime Record: GSP-Fr, 39-5-5-4, \$171,080. O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed Al Maktoum; B-Cheveley Park Stud Ltd (GB); T-Salem bin Ghadayer. \*1/2 to Red Box (GB) (Exceed and Excel {Aus}), SW-Eng.**

ASIA

**Thursday's Result:**

**DIOLITE KINEN-Listed, ¥54,400,000, Funabashi, 3-11, 4yo/up, 2400m, 2:36.60, hvy.**

**1--ANOTHER TRUTH (JPN), 123, g, 6, I'll Have Another--Kyoei Truth (Jpn), by Fuji Kiseki (Jpn). O-Normandy Thoroughbred Racing; B-Okada Stud; T-Noboru Takagi; J-Christophe Lemaire; ¥32,000,000. Lifetime Record: GSW-Jpn, 21-7-6-2. \*1/2 to Leur Sauveur (Jpn) (French Deputy), SW & GSP-Jpn, \$1,405,728; and Sound True (Jpn) (French Deputy), Ch. Dirt Horse & MG1SW-Jpn, \$6,238,190.**

**2--Westerlund (Jpn), 123, g, 8, Neo Universe (Jpn)--Uanme, by Marquetry. O-Sunday Racing; B-Northern Farm; ¥11,200,000.**

**3--Sound True (Jpn), 123, g, 10, French Deputy--Kyoei Truth (Jpn), by Fuji Kiseki (Jpn). O-Hiroshi Yamada; B-Okada Stud; ¥6,400,000.**

Margins: 2, 4, 4. Odds: 1.40, 1.60, 3.80.

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**Saturday, Abu Dhabi, UAE, post time: 7:00 p.m.**

**ABU DHABI CHAMPIONSHIP-G3, AED380,000, NH 4yo/up & SH 3yo/up, 2200mT**

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	6	Almoreb (Ire)	Raven's Pass	O'Neill	Al Rayhi	125
2	9	Barreesh (Ire)	Giant's Causeway	Doyle	Ramadhan	125
3	11	Charles Kingsley (GB)	New Approach (GB)	Ziani	bin Ghadayer	125
4	4	Corsen (GB)	Cape Cross (Ire)	O'Shea	Seemar	125
5	3	GM Hopkins (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Cosgrave	Ramadhan	125
6	1	Hakeem (GB)	Exceed And Excel (Aus)	Crowley	Al Rayhi	125
7	12	Jaaref (Ire)	Sea The Stars (Ire)	Paiva	Al Rahyi	125
8	10	Majestic Mambo (SAf)	Mambo in Seattle	de Vries	de Kock	125
9	7	Muzdawaj (GB)	Dansili (GB)	Fresu	Al Mheiri	125
10	8	Poet's Prince (GB)	Poet's Voice (GB)	Mazur	bin Harmash	125
11	2	Seniority (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Mullen	Seemar	125
12	5	Zamaam (GB)	Muhtathir (GB)	Veron	Charpy	125

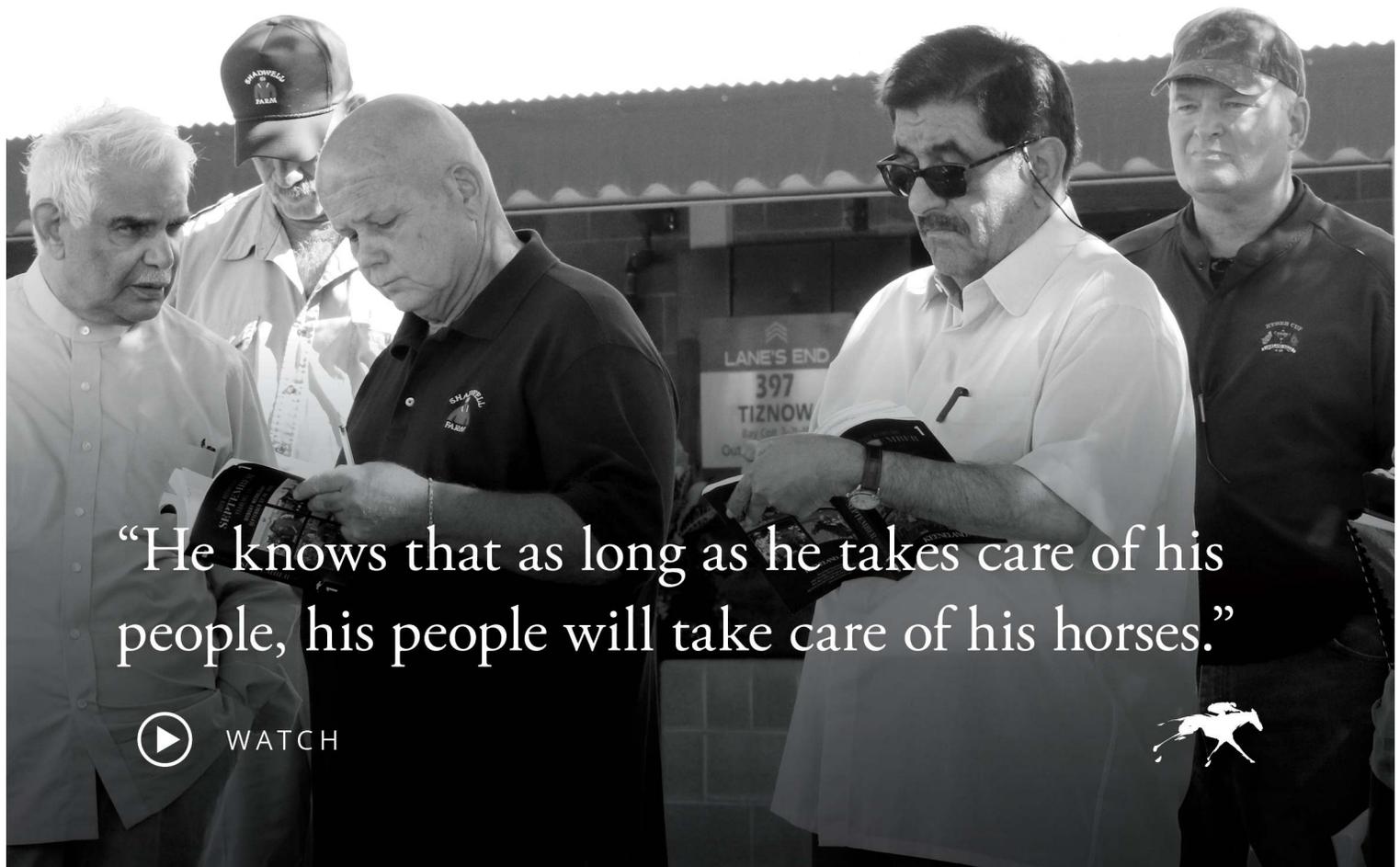
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## EASTER SALE TO PROCEED AS PLANNED



*Bronwen Healy*

by TDN AusNZ

Inglis has confirmed it is planning to proceed with its iconic Australian Easter Yearling Sale on April 7 and 8 as scheduled despite the global uncertainty caused by the coronavirus.

The sales company said it was continuing to monitor developments and government advice around the outbreak of the virus, but everything was still on track for inspections to begin on April 1.

"Bookings from both domestic and international buyers planning to attend the sale are tracking similarly if not better than previous years while vendors are prepping their yearlings ready for official inspections at Riverside from Wednesday April 1," Inglis Managing Director Mark Webster said.

"We have been monitoring the Covid-19 situation closely and will continue to do so in coming days and weeks. The Australian Government has been very proactive in managing this situation over the past month which allowed us to deliver excellent results a week ago in Melbourne and we anticipate the appetite for quality yearlings will continue at Easter," added Webster.

"That said, we are obviously well aware of the Coronavirus situation and the potential complexities it may cause. We have developed contingency plans to help us conduct the sale with minimal disruptions should government put in place additional travel or event based restrictions.

"We will continue to communicate closely with our clients in coming days and weeks but at this stage it's all systems go ahead of Easter and we look forward to hosting the world's racing industry at Riverside Stables for the sale in a couple of weeks."

## VANDYKE STAYING COOL

by TDN AusNZ

Trainer David Vandyke isn't feeling the heat leading into the \$5 million All-Star Mile with his star galloper Alligator Blood (All Too Hard).

"Group 1 status, Australian Guineas, Flemington. That was a huge feather in his cap," he said.

"It was a first Group 1 for the owners and a first Group 1 for (jockey) Ryan Maloney, so the pressure is off and we're really enjoying this week."

The All-Star Mile is in its second year and while it does not hold Group status, the field features 10 individual Group 1 winners, with Queenslander Alligator Blood at \$2.70 for his first attempt at weight-for-age.

"I think he's probably got to put in a career-best performance to win the race and I'll walk away happy if he runs top three," Vandyke said.

"I think it's a great honour to him that he is that price in a field of 10 Group 1 winners. I hope he lives up to that price and wins the race."



**Alligator Blood** | *Bronwen Healy*



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