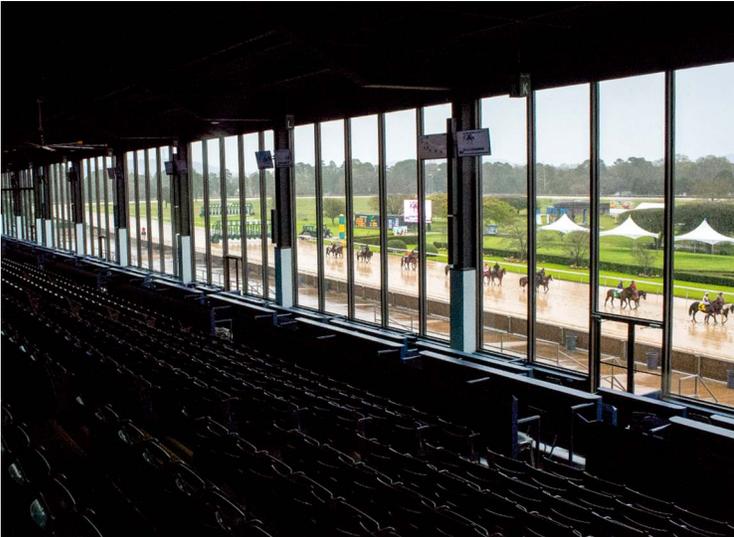


TAKING STOCK: THE CORONAVIRUS IMPACT



At Oaklawn Park, one of a handful of tracks still running in the U.S., horses parade before an empty grandstand | Sarah Andrew

By Sid Fernando

Two weeks ago, the bombshell indictments of trainers Jorge Navarro, Jason Servis, et al., sandwiched between a volatile stock market and the spread of the coronavirus, were the talk of the industry, leading to renewed calls by some for the passage of the Horseracing Integrity Act in Congress. At the time, the doping scandal promised to upend racing's precarious standing, but with hindsight, the plunge of the markets and the rise of the virus may cost the racing and breeding industries greater long-term harm than what's alleged in the indictments.

The virus has already led to a "temporary" stoppage of racing in the UK, France, Ireland, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, and South Korea. The Dubai World Cup was recently cancelled, after invitees were on the grounds at Meydan. Woodbine is delaying the start of its season in Canada. And in the U.S., many racetracks across the country have shut down for the moment--most of them after first continuing without patrons and under CDC guidelines. A few tracks are still racing, notably TSG's Santa Anita and Gulfstream Park, but for how much longer is anyone's guess. And how safe is this for its participants? Several well-known jockeys have recently announced that they won't ride for the time being, heeding the best practices advocated by public health officials, and one big name, Javier Castellano, has tested positive for COVID-19. **Cont. p3**

CLEMENT SCALING THE HEIGHTS IN 2020

By Christina Bossinakis

Trainer Christophe Clement has been a familiar face on the racing scene for the last three decades and 2020 looks to be a banner year for the French-born horseman, who is on the verge of collecting his 2000th career victory, and also features among finalists for the National Museum of Racing Hall of Fame's 2020 inductions.

"Well, you don't really wake up in the morning thinking 'I'm going to win 2000 races'," admitted the 55-year-old native of Paris. "You just wake up in the morning thinking, 'let's do the best we can and do our job the best we can'. I never actually thought about the number itself. It's all about being grateful. Grateful, number one, [for] the horses, and obviously for my owners, because I've been very well supported over the years. And [for] my help. I've got very, very good people around me, from every level. It's all the teamwork, family help, owners, everybody is involved." **Cont. p10**

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Champion stayer and dual G1 Ascot Gold Cup winner Stradivarius (Ire) (Sea The Stars {Ire}) returns from exercise Thursday morning in Newmarket. | Emma Berry

CASTELLANO TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID-19

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According to his agent John Panagot, four-time Eclipse Award-winning jockey Javier Castellano has tested positive for the coronavirus, but is reportedly asymptomatic. Despite the news, The Stronach Group's Bill Badgett indicated that Gulfstream Park has no intention of ceasing operation. Gulfstream hosts the G1 Curlin Florida Derby Saturday.

BUTLER: 'HUMANITARIAN CRISIS' LOOMS IN CA

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Aidan Butler, the chief strategy officer and acting executive director of California operations for The Stronach Group, told members of the California Horse Racing Board (CHRB) that the state would face a 'humanitarian crisis' should the decision be made to close Santa Anita in the wake of coronavirus.

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by Sid Fernando



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The global economic meltdown of 2007/2008 was a watershed event and is a recent-enough memory to recall the damage it did to chunks of the business in all sectors across the board. Racetracks, stud farms, sales companies, owners, and breeders were all affected. What was reconstituted since then was different in many ways to what had preceded it, most notably with consolidation taking place at the top of a contracting industry with the bottom the most adversely affected.

From 2009 to the present, it's the top of the industry that has recovered and prospered the most while those survivors from the middle down to the bottom haven't bounced back as well.

It's possible that now the kaleidoscope is about to be shaken again as a recession looms amidst the damage that the virus continues to inflict globally, and if that happens, those at the bottom will once again be hit the hardest, and the industry will potentially contract even more and take on yet another shape--and who knows what that will look like?

CDI deserves props for proactively rescheduling the Kentucky Derby for Sept. 5, and perhaps that date is far enough away that it will go off unscathed. It will then be followed by Keeneland's September yearling sale, which will be a back-to-back presentation of the biggest race in the U.S. and the biggest sale in the business. However, if tracks and sales open for business before the virus is tackled, they will get hit hard, as will--more importantly--the health of the people involved in racing and breeding. **Cont. p4**



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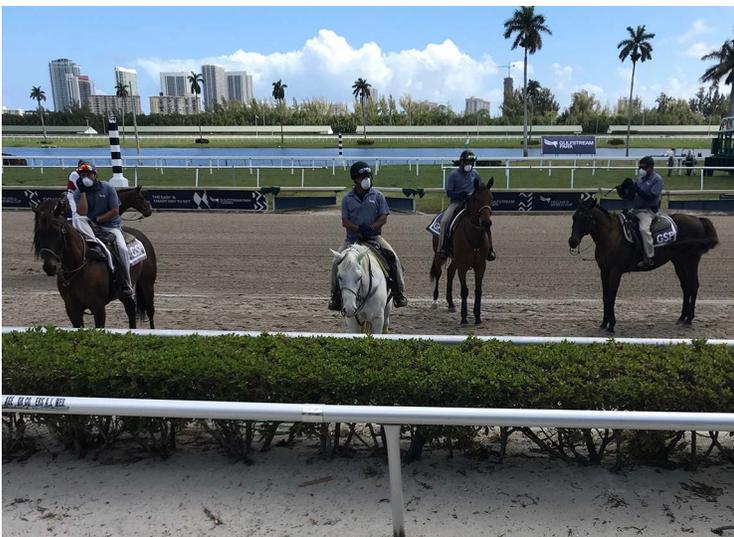
Taking Stock cont.

Presently, there isn't an antidote for COVID-19 and it's estimated that a vaccine is at least 12 to 18 months away. The only ways to slow the spread of the virus are through social distancing and vigorous hand washing, meaning that each of us is dependent on everyone else for following these procedures.

Earlier this week in *TDN*, New York-based bloodstock agent/racing manager Brad Weisbord wrote about his bout with the virus in gripping detail, and his business partner Liz Crow tweeted this warning Mar. 19: "Just got back @OBSSales March. Highly likely I was exposed to COVID-19 w/ so many flying in from all over and a gathering much larger than 50 people. Plan to quarantine myself for 2 weeks to ensure I don't spread to anyone else in my community. This is serious, be safe everyone!" That's sage advice.

A trainer I know in the Midwest, who requested anonymity, said he's contracted the virus, too, and his symptoms were consistent with COVID-19 and with what Weisbord experienced. He had a fever and dry cough to begin with, then struggled to breathe days later. He said he was worried about the phlegm blockage in his lungs that had curtailed his air intake, and he eventually resorted to Albuterol, a bronchodilator used in people and horses to clear up respiratory issues. It worked for him, he said, and by day 10 he was feeling better, coughing up phlegm and breathing well enough to feel optimistic for recovery. Neither he nor Weisbord was tested for COVID-19--an inadequacy of the federal response to the virus--and each had to self-medicate and ride out his illness in isolation. Both were fortunate not to need a respirator and the ICU, but others won't be.

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Outriders at Gulfstream Park are leaving nothing to chance amid the coronavirus pandemic | *Alexa Reisfield photo*

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Though COVID-19 doesn't discriminate by economic standing, migrant track workers at the bottom of the ladder are the most vulnerable of our industry members. They have thin safety nets to begin with, and if and when they contract the virus, there are potentially greater chances for them to spread it amongst themselves, particularly on the backstretch where many of them live in close proximity to one another. This could potentially affect the care of horses down the road.

It's unfortunate, but these workers are also the last to be thought of many times, and I was reminded of this in a recent conversation with a trainer who was describing the shipping plans of his horses for races this weekend.

"[The groom] will come down with them, and he'll be with them through the rest of the week," the trainer said.

Where's he going to sleep?

"He's going to bunk with another guy in that guy's room in the barn," he said.

Are there two beds?

"Heck, I don't know," the trainer replied. "I don't look into the specifics of the accommodations."

Economics...

And how about the fate of these workers as funds dry up with racetrack closures?

"So far, we're okay," the trainer said. "But you're always concerned in times like this, the longer tracks stay closed, if an owner might call up and say, 'Sell my horses, I can't afford to keep 'em without racing.'"

Jim Lawson, Woodbine's CEO, addressed this the other day in the *Toronto Sun* (Mar. 25): "There's just no money right now and that's the problem... We're working with the government on a relief fund, but we're putting so many grooms and hotwalkers and everyone else out of work. And despite the perception that horse owners are wealthy, they really aren't. There's a small handful of owners that are wealthy and the rest of them are hard-working people. And they can't make this work without any sort of funding."

The Jockey Club Safety Net Foundation is soliciting donations specifically for backstretch workers affected by COVID-19. You can donate [here](#). Jessica Chapel, a turf writer and blogger with considerable industry experience, has been busy on Twitter compiling a list of organizations that can help backstretch workers, too. You can view the list [here](#). **Cont. p6**

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Unlike tracks, breeding farms have remained open for business, and those in Kentucky are operating under the strict guidelines of the Kentucky Department of Agriculture. Nevertheless, many on this side of the business are apprehensive.

"I'm nervous, yeah," a mid-level breeder with a significant consignment planned for Keeneland's September yearling sale told me recently. "I've booked to stallions this year with the expectations that the sales of those yearlings will give me the funds to pay for those stud fees next year. I think, right now, you have to be worried about cash flow."

He isn't alone in this regard. A lack of cash flow will have a chain reaction through the business when bills and stud fees come due and go unpaid. And as part of that cycle, a recession and a bear stock market could depress prices of sales yearlings, weanlings, and 2-year-olds, which in turn would lower demand for the broodmares that produce them. That could put downward pressure on stud fees and affect the guys at the top that pay big money for stallion prospects. It's a cycle we saw play out after the previous economic meltdown.

Perhaps the \$2-trillion federal stimulus package that recently passed the Senate and goes to the House Friday will help to stave off the direst of conditions. The stock market has regained some of its steep losses the last few days on news that the package would be passed, but ultimately the health of the industry and the people within it depend on controlling Covid-19, and federal intervention, which was weak to begin with, can't do as much as the states can at this point.

The states are on the front lines of fighting the coronavirus, and we're dependent on them to act individually and in concert for the common good. Kentucky, for example, under the leadership of Gov. Andy Beshear, has been a model for the country in containing the spread of the virus, while neighboring Tennessee, in contrast, has been the opposite.

It's ironic that those that pinned racing's salvation on the passage of a federal bill are at the mercy of individual states to contain the spread of a virus that's wreaking havoc upon them. The Horseracing Integrity Act, essentially, was developed as a vehicle to bypass state laws, but the collective behaviors of those states and their laws--not federal actions--will now determine the well-being of racing and breeding. It's something to note, when we finally get to the other side of this, that perhaps better outcomes are possible dealing directly with states than the feds after all.

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AGENT REPORTS CASTELLANO HAS CORONAVIRUS; RACING WILL CONTINUE AT GULFSTREAM by Bill Finley



Javier Castellano | Keeneland photo

Hall of Fame jockey Javier Castellano has tested positive for the coronavirus, reports his agent, John Panagot. Castellano is the first North American-based jockey known to have come down with the illness.

Castellano had been riding at Gulfstream, but Bill Badgett, the executive director of Florida racing operations for The Stronach Group, said that racing will continue at the South Florida racetrack. He said that Castellano has not ridden at Gulfstream since Mar. 15 and was tested on Sunday when he returned to Florida from New York.

"We put protocols in place where no jockey who had been out of town could ride here until they took a physical," Badgett said. "The physical is where they discovered he had the virus, otherwise he still wouldn't know that he was positive. The safety of the jockey and everyone else here is our main priority and it's more important than racing."

"But this has nothing to do with us. He was not on the property around the time he would have gotten sick and hasn't been in contact with any other jockeys."

Prior to riding at Gulfstream on the 15th, Castellano rode the Mar. 14 card at Oaklawn. New Orleans Saints head coach Sean Payton attended the races that day and mingled with some trainers, jockeys and TVG personnel. He has since tested positive for COVID-19.

Panagot released the news about Castellano on Twitter and wrote that his jockey is "asymptomatic and feels fine and healthy."

Castellano Positive for Coronavirus cont.

“He jogged three miles on Wednesday and looked forward to the weekend,” Panagot continued. “He will self-isolate until he is medically cleared.”

Thursday afternoon, Castellano posted an optimistic update on his condition on Twitter.

“Orders to quarantine for the next 2 weeks,” he wrote. “I have had no known contact with anyone that has tested positive. I appreciate the support from everyone, including Gulfstream Park. Stay safe everyone and we will all get through this, God willing.”

Officials at Gulfstream Park issued a statement on the situation, saying: “Our thoughts go out to Javier Castellano today and we are so glad to hear that he is asymptomatic. At Gulfstream Park, we have been operating in full compliance with all executive orders issued by the state of Florida and have, in fact, initiated stringent measures for the protection of all of our essential personnel, including our jockeys. It is because of our strict protocols requiring all jockeys to be screened prior to entering the facility that Javier’s symptoms were recognized and he was able to be tested for which we know he is thankful. Javier last rode at Gulfstream Park on March 15th and has not been back to the property since. Javier will not be able to return to riding at Gulfstream Park until after his mandatory 14-day quarantine is complete and he has received a clean bill of health from his medical practitioner. We wish him a speedy and complete recovery.”

Castellano’s mounts Saturday include Candy Tycoon (Twirling Candy) in the GI Florida Derby.

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SIX PEOPLE ON BELMONT BACKSTRETCH HAVE TESTED POSITIVE FOR COVID-19

by Bill Finley

The number of individuals who work on the Belmont backstretch and have tested positive for coronavirus has risen to six. On Mar. 19, NYRA confirmed that a backstretch employee had tested positive and, according to NYRA Communications Director Patrick McKenna, five more racetrack workers at Belmont have tested positive since that time.

After the first case of the virus was found, NYRA announced that live racing at Aqueduct had been postponed indefinitely. On Wednesday, NYRA announced that live racing was suspended through at least Apr. 5. With the latest outbreak, that target may have to be pushed back.

According to McKenna, two of the people who tested positive are recovering off the property, while four others remained at Belmont, where they were being isolated and were in quarantine.

McKenna provided the TDN with a statement, which read: “NYRA is following the most up-to-date health guidance established by the New York State Department of Health and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control. As such, all individuals residing at Belmont Park who have tested positive are under quarantine and in isolation in a Belmont Park facility dedicated to these efforts. We are in close communication with NYS and Nassau County health departments to ensure we are taking all appropriate steps to reduce the risk of spread. The Belmont backstretch is home to 585 workers, who tend to the essential daily care of the 1300 Thoroughbreds stabled on the property. NYRA suspended racing operations at Aqueduct on Mar. 19 to devote all resources, energy and attention to maintaining the health and welfare of the backstretch community.”

Containing the virus and trying to keep the workers safe has been a joint effort among NYRA, the New York Thoroughbred Horsemen’s Association (NYTHA), the Backstretch Employee Service Team (BEST), and the New York Race Track Chaplaincy of America (NYRTCA).

“This has been a collaborative effort among many groups,” said BEST Executive Director Paul Rushames. “We’re all in this together. There are so many moving parts that we have a teleconference twice a day. We’re all here trying to help. Still, it’s a scary thing. There are remaining challenges, like the need to fund raise. We need help.”

McKenna said he could not release the names of those who had gotten sick or who they worked for because it would be a violation of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act or HIPAA.

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STRONACH EXEC WARNS OF ‘HUMANITARIAN CRISIS’ IF CALIFORNIA CEASES RACING

By T.D. Thornton

Whether or not horse racing should continue at the state’s tracks was not an actionable agenda item on Thursday’s California Horse Racing Board (CHRB) meeting, but the topic came up early and often as COVID-19 concerns dominated the discussion.

The crux of the debate centered on Santa Anita Park and whether or not continuing to race without spectators present constituted an “essential business” exemption under the statewide stay-at-home mandate designed to slow the spread of the coronavirus outbreak.

'Humanitarian Crisis' cont.

The CHRB has allowed racing to continue with health-related restrictions at the state's tracks since the protective order was issued by the governor last week, but the board has also made it clear that the permissibility of racing could change at any time.

"I just want to make sure that we are making the best decisions for the state of California. I'm taking what the governor is saying very, very seriously," said commissioner Wendy Mitchell. "I understand that everyone wants to get out and do their thing. I want to get out and do my thing, too. But that's not the time that we're living in.

"We're saying that there's an exception [for California tracks right now]. But other tracks around the country are shutting down," Mitchell continued. "My comments are based on what is happening in the world, not on what our particular industry is suffering."

Aidan Butler, the chief strategy officer and acting executive director of California racing operations for The Stronach Group (TSG), which owns Santa Anita and Golden Gate Fields, said that he didn't want to sound "alarmist." But he underscored that the state would be risking dire consequences if the 750 backstretch personnel who work and live in Santa Anita's stable area were cut off from earning a living via racing's economic engine.

"First and foremost, we are very different than almost every other industry," Butler said, noting how the horses have to be cared for and exercised on a daily basis regardless of whether money-making opportunities are going on. If protective health measures are in place, he postulated, why not give the Thoroughbred community the economic lifeline it badly needs by staging the races?

"Even before any orders or mandates, we have been closed to the general public. We've instituted protocols across all our tracks," Butler said. "The optics of us racing while the rest of the world is at home, I understand, are terrible. But the context of how we're different, and how we're a very specialized industry that really is self-contained, needs to be explained."

Butler gave the example of morning training, which might mean 1,200 horses per day at Santa Anita coming and going to the track from a very active backstretch. But for an afternoon of racing, that number is about 80, he said, which cuts way down

on unwanted interactions among workers.

"There are far more people involved in a morning's training than in an afternoon's racing," Butler said.

"The second we start to interfere with the ecosystem [by mandating that races cease], the knock-on effect becomes devastating," Butler said. He later added, "As soon as we stop racing [most trainers] now get in jeopardy. The second they get in jeopardy, the first thing they will do, like every other business, is to start laying off their staff.

Butler continued: "We could end up with not only an animal welfare crisis, but a humanitarian crisis, because there is no need for the 750 people who call this place home to be here. At that stage, the city of Arcadia now has a problem with people with nowhere to be, and the horses have a bigger problem with no one to care for them."

Butler was asked by a commissioner to speak to why Santa Anita isn't following the lead of other tracks nationwide that are shutting down. He answered by first referring to tracks that aren't currently racing, but have decided not to open their stabling yet for upcoming spring race meets.

"They don't want to find themselves in a position that we are currently in, with humans living on the tracks and humans

needing to be funded to look after these horses," Butler said. "You can't look at all tracks as the same. A lot of tracks that didn't need to be open are no longer open.... Gulfstream Park [which is also a TSG-owned track], is continuing to move forward and to try and get help from the governor of [Florida], because they understand the crisis that will ensue if we have to shut down racing.

"A lot of the other states that are solely reliant on [gaming] subsidies have already kind of shut up shop," Butler said, noting that California tracks don't have that type of

funding for purses, so being able to race and take bets is more economically vital.

Butler also pointed out that threats of evictions at racetracks--for both horses and humans--are becoming startlingly routine in the wake of the COVID-19 crisis.

"A lot of tracks out there have mandated that [backstretch personnel] get off the track. That's not a good solution, and unfortunately, the [spring meets that aren't opening] now means there is a shortage of places for these horses to be," Butler said. "There are just not enough farms around any more to deal with the magnitude of animals that need to be looked



Aidan Butler

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after, so we're kind of stuck in a little bit of a rut here."

Cliff Goodrich, the executive director for the California Thoroughbred Horsemen's Foundation (CTHF), which provides backstretch-based health care for horse workers, echoed Butler's sentiments about how a shutdown of racing would adversely affect horse personnel.

Goodrich said the CTHF backstretch health clinic at Santa Anita is funded through a portion of the betting, and if that revenue stream is cut off, the clinic will have to close.

"For better or worse, we have a closed community [on the backstretch]," Goodrich said. "If racing ceases, the day is far closer to that stable area shutting down, releasing [possibly infected] people into the community. And where are the horses going to go?"

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE FAN DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITY OF A GLOBAL PANDEMIC

Fasig Tipton, Keeneland, Breeders' Cup offer emergency support to Visit Horse Country as Virtual Tours Spike Worldwide Attention on Kentucky's Horse Industry

Two weeks ago, operations at Horse Country HQ switched tracks, along with many others, as we and our members began to absorb the realities around COVID-19. Faced with growing warnings about transmission, travel interruptions, and event cancellations or postponements, experiences at member locations became deprioritized in favor of caution and best practices. That Wednesday, Mar. 11, was the last day of normal operations before we began a record number of cancellations across all member locations.

In the months that would normally be the strongest sales period in our fiscal year (March--June), the organization now faces cascading cancellations resulting in negative transaction balances and an uncertain timeline to our next positive revenue. But we are a mission-driven fan development organization that seeks to connect guests to the horse, land and people through experiences that inspire love of the animal and Kentucky, so we got to work on how to do that while simultaneously figuring out how to mitigate the financial upheaval we are experiencing.

Our members jumped at the chance to engage fans through Virtual Tours that are now populating a page on our site www.visithorsecountry.com/virtual-tours and the social media feeds of our members who are able to participate using essential farm staff while abiding regulations and best practices. Some are cutting together experiences combining footage and Q&A or even hosting classes such as virtual handicapping.



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These offerings have engaged tens of thousands of viewers (and growing) and have landed us in [Southern Living](#), [Yahoo](#), [Frommer's](#) and more, allowing us to tell our good stories. We're filling time for the cooped-up, stressed-out masses with furry foals, rolling hills, chirping birds and unpretentious and yes, sometimes even a little unpolished, interactive content as we all learn how to 'live stream' on social media for heaven's sake. Even more, some of those viewers are kiddos in virtual classroom watch parties with their teachers and parents, soaking up this fun, educational content together.

Together, we're opening a door for racing in one small way--but I share all this for what it highlights: Horse Country is able to treat our guests and customers with kindness and flexibility, give time and attention to developing and promoting innovative ways to reach people and engage positive and proactive storytelling and public relations specifically because we are a not-for-profit membership organization. Our job is to realize the mission of fan development; if we do that, we will to earn support from our members and community.

Today, in the midst of their own uncertainties, our industry stepped up to say Horse Country is mission-critical for our sport. Fasig-Tipton, Keeneland and Breeders' Cup each has contributed \$20,000 and several members have opted to forgo tour revenue to support operations in this time. I'm humbled and grateful--and excited--this fall is sure to be a wonderful opportunity for horse racing and we'll be there at the ready.

So I thank our industry supporters and our members who've stepped up and who are with us every day. And I'd offer an invitation for anyone who may want to learn more about getting involved with Horse Country and our mission--I'd love to hear from you any time (from a distance, for now). --*Anne Sabatino Hardy, Executive Director, Horse Country Kentucky*

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CRAIG FRAVEL JOINS TDN WRITERS' ROOM

As the overseer of two of the biggest tracks still running races in the midst of the coronavirus crisis, The Stronach Group's CEO Craig Fravel has a lot of responsibility right now. As Saturday's GI Curlin Florida Derby at Gulfstream nears and the GI Santa Anita Derby follows next weekend, Fravel stopped by the TDN Writers' Room podcast [presented by Keeneland](#) to talk with Bill Finley about this tumultuous time.

"Things seem to change on an hourly basis," Fravel said. "I think I was in Florida a week and a half ago when some of the first governmental orders started coming out, and things have changed literally hour by hour, day by day on those things. So I can't make any longterm predictions any more than anyone else can. I think we're all learning more about the situation. We're learning how to implement best practices and trying to do those consistently across our properties. We're obviously very concerned for the workers."

Fravel went on to make a similar point about why Gulfstream is staying open that other racetrack officials have made: hundreds of horses that need to be attended to. He also said that Gulfstream is operating with as few workers as possible to keep races going while trying to contain the spread of COVID-19.

"We have horses that need to be taken care of. They can't simply be left in their stalls 24 hours a day for lengths of time on end," he said. "And the fact of the matter is when we do race, it's with a skeletal crew to say the least. I mean we have no nonessential personnel. We maintain extraordinary social distancing practices. And our people, to the extent there are people there, they're spread out over expanses of property so that we don't have aggregations of people in one place."

As for Santa Anita, it seemed as though the track would have to be closed according to Governor Gavin Newsom's sweeping stay-at-home order. But somewhat surprisingly, the track announced last Friday that it would continue racing. Finley asked Fravel how The Stronach Group managed to keep the Arcadia oval open.

"Governors and their staffs at this point have huge issues to deal with. In governor Newsom's case, 40 million people," Fravel said. "So it's not like I would be going and calling the governor, sitting down and talking to him. We worked through channels with the California Horse Racing Board, made many of the points I made to you earlier and made sure that we were very carefully articulating our rationale. And that's how we went about things."

While Gulfstream is scheduled to end its meet after this weekend no matter what, Santa Anita is slated to continue racing through June. Fravel was careful not to make any guarantees about how long the track would be able to continue operating.

"To be honest with you, as I said, everything changes day to day and things could continue to change. So there's no assurance of any sort that [racing going on] will continue to be the case. But that's where we are right now. I don't want to make predictions about when and if things could happen. We're just trying to make sure that we're doing what we're saying we're doing in terms of being responsible, having really advanced and understandable protocols and making sure that people and horses are well looked after."

Elsewhere on this week's episode, the writers discuss the possibilities of horses falling through the cracks if the crisis and economic downturn persist for months, and in the news of the week [sponsored by West Point Thoroughbreds](#), preview the Florida Derby, potentially one of the last major 3-year-old races for a while. Click [here](#) to listen to the podcast.

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Clement cont. from p1

Clement is also listed among 11 nominees--including three other trainers--for this season's Hall of Fame inductions, which are scheduled to be announced in May.

"It's an honor," he said about his nomination, the second in two years. "Some amazing trainers I know are in the Hall of Fame. I've always thought about myself being a little bit too young but it's a great honor, so I'll take it."

According to Clement, his staff has been of paramount importance to the overall success of his operation.

"Work as well as you can, be as consistent as you can and work to support the team all the time," he said when asked about his business philosophy. "We try to get the best team around us all the time."

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Christophe Clement cont.

Among the principal players of Clement's current team are assistant Christophe Lorieul, his assistant since 1993, and his son Miguel. Also serving as an assistant to his father, the junior Clement, a Darley Flying Start and Duke University alum, spent several years abroad, apprenticing with Mike de Kock in Dubai and South Africa and Hugo Palmer in Newmarket, England.

"It's a lot of fun for a father, if you get on well with your son--from a human point of view and from a professional point of view--to work with your son," said Clement his relationship with the 29-year-old. "It can also be a little bit challenging, because we disagree sometimes, which is okay, but it has allowed us to find a rational way to explain our points. So it's a lot of fun actually, to have your son working for you."

Asked to point out a key factor in the operation's longevity, Clement replied, "I really think you always have to adapt. You can't be training the same way that you trained 20 or 30 years ago, and if you don't adapt it's impossible to stay successful."

Learning from the Best



Clement & John Velazquez | Horsephotos

The son of French trainer Miguel Clement, Clement's passion for racing was stoked in his father's Chantilly yard before branching out to work for the Head family's French operation for a year and a half. Venturing to the U.S. in 1986 to work at Taylor Made Farm, he also served a one-year stint with future Hall of Fame trainer Shug McGaughey.

"I spent all my vacation as a kid with the Head family," he recalled. "I used to ride for Criquelette Head and her father, Alec Head. They've been very beneficial to my career and they're wonderful people."

"At 17, I went to university for two years and then went to work for Shug," he said. "It was around the time Shug took the Phipps horses. He had amazing horses in his barn, like Personal Ensign, Polish Navy, Personal Flag--great horses. And he was winning everything. It was a great year."

Following his time with McGaughey, Clement returned to Europe to work for legendary Italian horseman Luca Cumani in Newmarket, England before returning to the U.S. to launch his own operation in 1991.

"I had the opportunity to work as an assistant to a wonderful trainer, and also a great human being, Luca Cumani. He is a very smart man and I've learned a lot from him. I'm still actually pretty close to him. After four years with Cumani, I wanted to train in England, which was very expensive, so I thought the logical spot would be New York. I started training when I was 25 years old at Belmont Park. And that was it."

After having apprenticed under some of the biggest names in racing on both sides of the Atlantic, Clement believes the greatest lessons learned from those stalwarts lay at the foundation of many top operations.

"All the successful people in racing *work*," he affirmed. "Nobody is lazy and succeeding in racing. That doesn't work. You have to work and you must have discipline and stay on it, otherwise, you're not going to stay at [a top] level. Also, you've got to have an open mind and be able to adapt, because [there is] change all the time. Some people adapt better than others, which is the reason why they last so long and some don't, which is why they don't seem to last."

Clement, who has amassed over \$133-million in purses, ranks 13th of all time and has finished in the top 15 in earnings among North American trainers on 11 occasions since 2000.

Reflecting on the vast changes that the racing landscape has undergone in recent years, he underscores the necessity for present-day trainers to take on greater responsibility in order to succeed.

"There's a huge difference with training today compared to what it was like 20-30 years ago," he explained. "I don't think that one individual could be as successful today, because of the amount of work. Between training the horses and being a horseman, finding the right races and jockeys, finding the talent at the sales, taking care of your payroll and your people, one individual cannot do all of that at a high level. So you have to have a team. You've got to find the right people in order to be successful." **Cont. p12**



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Christophe Clement cont.
Architect of Success



Gio Ponti winning the GI Manhattan | Sarah Andrew

With 241 graded stakes wins, Clement has amassed 32 Grade I wins and has conditioned 18 graded winners who have become millionaires during their racing careers. Included among his top runners are three-time Eclipse Award winning Gio Ponti (Tale of the Cat). Named Eclipse Champion Turf Horse in 2009 and 2010, he also led the older horse division in 2009. He won seven races at the Grade I level, including the Man O' War S. and Shadwell Turf Mile twice, in addition to the Frank Kilroe Mile and Arlington Million. Also finishing second in the GI Breeders' Cup Classic, the bay retired with over \$6-million in earnings.

Probably best known for his turf runners, Clement later broke through the glass ceiling with Tonalist (Tapit), who halted California Chrome's Triple Crown bid with a victory in the 2014 GI Belmont S.

"From the beginning, he always trained better than the average horse," recalled Clement of the Robert Evans-owned colt. "We knew right away that he was something special..He had two top level seasons, we never ducked anybody, we never missed a top race, from the spring to the fall as a 3-year-old, from the spring to the fall as a 4-year-old and he was very competitive. He didn't always win, but he was always very competitive against the best."

His roster of Grade I winners also includes Relaxed Gesture, Forbidden Apple, Voodoo Dancer, Rutherienne, Winchester, Discreet Marq, Mauralakana, In Summation and England's Legend.

Looking ahead to the 2020 season, Clement appears to have all bases covered, led by the elder statesman of the barn, Pure Sensation (Zenzational).

A stakes winner every year since 2014, the Patricia Generazio homebred has won eight graded stakes, and is just shy of the \$2-million mark in career earnings.

"He's a great credit to [the Generazio's] program," said Clement. "Every winter they give their horses a complete break, which is the way everybody used to do it in the past. And that's probably the reason why the horse seems to be lasting so long."

He continued, "He's been a stakes horse ever since his 2-year-old season, and it's great fun. He's very popular because he's been in the barn for quite a while. But he's also a beautiful horse to look at and he does not really look like a 9-year-old. If you look at him, he's very powerful and very strong."

On the opposite end of the age spectrum is the barn's sophomore star Decorated Invader (Declaration of War), winner of the GI Summer S. at Woodbine last September. The bay subsequently finished fourth--beaten 1 1/2 lengths--in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf Nov. 1.

"He's doing very well," said Clement. "He's a top class horse. It's very exciting. [Good] 2-year-olds always work well, always race well and even lose well. And like good horses do, they seem to do better than any other horse. And he had a complete break, so he's on the way back."

Also included among his team of up-and-coming 3-year-olds are last out winners Stop War (War Front), Morning Colors (Midshipman), Notorious R B G (Speightstown), So Cunning (Blame), Super Cute (Temple City), Bitcoin Passion (Ire) (American Pharoah) and Gufo (Declaration of War).

"She's out of a very good mare called [Grade I winner] Maryfield," said Clement of Notorious R B G. "It's a family I know well because I used to train a filly called Quiet (Roar) for Mr. [Peter] Karches years ago, and she is related to Maryfield. She was very impressive when winning at Gulfstream [Mar. 4] and showed a lot of speed. You know, we've got quite a few choices..If she carries on training well, we will probably go back for black-type race next time."

Clement also has high hopes for his sophomore stakes scorer She's My Type (Fr) (Dunkerque {Fr}), campaigned by Ghislaine Head. Victorious in her first two starts at Gulfstream, including the Jan. 4 Ginger Brew S., she finished fourth most recently in the GIII Sweetest Chant S. Feb. 1. She is expected to make her next start in the one-mile Sanibel Island S. at Gulfstream Mar. 28.

"She's My Type was bred by the Head family," he offered. "They took her to the Keeneland September sale and sold her for \$27,000. And they had seller's remorse, so they bought her back the next day. Thank God, because she's now a stakes winner, and she's nice and definitely worth more than \$27,000. She's doing very well and we're excited about her."

Sticking to Basics

Earlier this month, racing was left reeling following a slew of indictments stemming from a series of racing-related investigations conducted by the FBI. The indictments, which included several Thoroughbred trainers, once again brought the subject of drug use in racing to the forefront of the news. And while unsettling, Clement believes the outcome will lead to the betterment of the sport.

“I’m very proud that, I’ve been training since 1991 and I never had a medication suspension,” he said. “I also believe that you can be successful without drugging your horses and by being very disciplined. It’s not just me, you have a lot of other trainers who are also very careful about the way they use medication. It’s all a question of discipline. You can see we still win races without stuff that you’re not allowed. So there’s also a good way of doing things, which, for me, still works.”

Concluding on a positive note, he added, “It’s a great sport. I still think that Keeneland is very exciting. Saratoga and Del Mar are great places to be in the summer and Belmont is a wonderful place to race a horse. I think racing has a bright future, but we all have to work together to make sure we keep it honest and fun, and we all have to try to make it more popular to a broader audience.”

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WARD BY A NOSE AT TURFWAY

When Fitri Hay’s **Zipaway** (City Zip) took a \$5,000 maiden claimer at Turfway Park Mar. 21, it gave trainer Wesley Ward a tiebreaking 19th winner from 53 runners and secured leading trainer honors at the meet, cut short by Governor Andy Beshear’s directive to close non-essential businesses in the coronavirus outbreak. Ward’s victory left Mike Maker on 18 winners from his 70 starters.

It was the third consecutive title for Ward at the winter/spring meet at Turfway. He also shared the top spot with Maker during the 2018 holiday meet. Maker has a record 22 Turfway titles.

Albin Jimenez easily recorded his seventh leading jockey title, riding 47 winners from 217, including the Ward-trained Invader (War Front) in the John Battaglia Memorial S. He outdistanced runner-up Gerardo Corrales, who finished with 38 winners in his first Turfway meet.

Ken and Sarah Ramsey won the owners’ title at Turfway for the 17th time, finishing with nine winners from 39 starters, four better than Ward, who had five winners from nine runners in his own colors.

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DONATIONS TO JOCKEY CLUB SAFETY NET PROGRAM TO GO TO COVID-19 RELIEF

The Jockey Club Safety Net Foundation is calling for donations to assist backstretch workers affected by the COVID-19 outbreak across the United States. All donations to the foundation will be designated for COVID-19 relief until further notice.

The foundation’s current priority is addressing the immediate need to stock food pantries at racetracks around the country, and it is coordinating with the Race Track Chaplaincy of America in this effort.

Those who would like to contribute should visit tjcfoundation.org/donate. Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, checks cannot be accepted at this time. All donations are tax-deductible.

“The Jockey Club Safety Net Foundation works with chaplaincies and horsemen’s groups across the nation on a daily basis to help the men and women who care for our equine athletes and are the backbone of our industry,” said Shannon Kelly, executive director for the foundation. “With many racetracks currently closed for live racing and instituting strict



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quarantine procedures due to the pandemic, backstretch families face significant financial strain, and the foundation is poised to utilize its resources to help those in need.”

The Jockey Club Safety Net Foundation is a charitable trust that provides, on a confidential basis, financial relief and assistance to needy members of the Thoroughbred industry and their families. Since 1985, The Jockey Club Safety Net Foundation has provided more than \$16 million in assistance.

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Woodbine CEO desperately worried about the future of the industry

You can hear the strain in Jim Lawson’s voice as the Woodbine Entertainment CEO struggles to come to grips with what is happening to his industry as the COVID-19 pandemic creates havoc across the world. Mohawk Raceway has recently been shut down, putting hundreds of standardbred track workers out of work. And now the thoroughbred season at Woodbine, originally slated to begin on April 18, has been postponed indefinitely, putting even more track workers--many of whom have little other means--in a jobless situation. Lawson is worried about the future of his industry if the shutdown and postponement goes on for too long. **Steve Buffery, Toronto Sun**

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PRADO'S SWEET RIDE, 8, Fort Prado--Excellent Idea, by General Meeting

Foal born Mar. 1, a filly by Speightstown

Will be bred back to Justify.

Owned by HnR Nothhaft Horse Racing LLC

Boarded at Forever Spring Farm, Danville KY

Accomplishments: MGSW, \$559,414.



Prado's Sweet Ride and Speightstown foal

LONDON TOWER, 8, Head Chopper--Mrs. Donaghy, by Military

Foal born Mar. 9, a colt by Arrogate

Will be bred back to Classic Empire

Owned by and boarded at Gallagher's Stud, N.Y.

Accomplishments: MSW & GSP, \$398,150.

ABINGDON, 7, Street Cry (Ire)--Justlookdonttouch (Ire), by Galileo (Ire)

Foal born Mar. 7, a filly by War Front.

Will be bred back to Into Mischief.

Owned by and boarded at Mt. Brilliant Farm & Ranch, LLC

Accomplishments: MSW-Eng, GSP-Eng, Ire, Fr, \$195,100.

Saturday, Gulfstream, post time: 6:36 p.m. EDT

CURLIN FLORIDA DERBY-GI, \$750,000, 3yo, 1 1/8m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	As Seen On Tv	Lookin At Lucky	Screen Door Stables, LLC	Breen	Lopez	122
2	Shivaree	Awesome of Course	Jacks or Better Farm, Inc.	Nicks	Jaramillo	122
3	Disc Jockey 🌿	Bodemeister	Frank Carl Calabrese	Joseph, Jr.	Gaffalione	122
4	Soros 🌿	Commissioner	Eclipse Tbred Partners & d OGMA Investments	Delgado	Prado	122
5	Gouverneur Morris 🌿	Constitution	Team Valor International and WinStar Farm LLC	Pletcher	Velazquez	122
6	Ajaaweed	Curlin	Shadwell Stable	McLaughlin	Saez	122
7	Tiz the Law	Constitution	Sackatoga Stable	Tagg	Franco	122
8	My First Grammy 🌿	Curlin	Maria Ines Mejia	Sanchez	Berrios	122
9	Independence Hall 🌿	Constitution	Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners, Twin Creeks Racing Stables & R K V RACING LLC	Trombetta	Rosario	122
10	Candy Tycoon 🌿	Twirling Candy	Mathis Stable LLC	Pletcher	Castellano	122
11	Sassy But Smart	Overdriven	Borchetta, Martha, Mike & Scott and Silver, Martin	Condie	Bravo	122
12	Ete Indien 🌿	Summer Front	Shanahan, L, Bacon, S, Dream With Me Stable, Horse France America, D P Racing & P Biancone	Biancone	Geroux	122
13	Rogue Element 🌿	Honor Code	Calumet Farm	Romans	Vasquez	122

Breeders: 1-Craig L. Wheeler, 2-Jacks or Better Farm Inc., 3-Woodslane Farm, 4-Shain Crain, 5-Machmer Hall, Carrie Brogden, Craig Brogden & James F. Miller, 6-Shadwell Farm, LLC., 7-Twin Creeks Farm, 8-Mt. Brilliant Partners, LLC, 9-Woodford Thoroughbreds, 10-Jerry Romans Jr., 11-Mike Borchetta, Martha Borchetta & Martin Silver, 12-Robert B. Tillyer & Eric Buckley, 13-G. Watts Humphrey Jr. & W. S. Farish

Saturday, Gulfstream, post time: 4:49 p.m. EDT

FASIG-TIPTON GULFSTREAM PARK OAKS-GII, \$200,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Inveterate 🌿	Palace Malice	Nice Guys Stables	Magner	Franco	122
2	Bajan Girl 🌿	Speightstown	Slack, Robert and Walters, Daniel	Crichton	Vasquez	122
3	Spartanka	Street Sense	Olympia Star, Inc.	Maker	Davis	122
4	Lake Avenue	Tapit	Godolphin, LLC	Mott	Rosario	122
5	Spice Is Nice 🌿	Curlin	Low, Lawana L. and Robert E.	Pletcher	Castellano	122
6	Swiss Skydiver 🌿	Daredevil	Peter J. Callahan	McPeek	Lopez	122
7	Lucrezia	Into Mischief	Seltzer, Edward A. and Anderson, Beverly S.	Delacour	Leparoux	122
8	Dream Marie	Graydar	Miracle's International Trading, Inc.	Williams	Mitchell	122
9	Tonalist's Shape 🌿	Tonalist	Slam Dunk Racing, Branham, D & Legacy Ranch	Joseph, Jr.	Gaffalione	122
10	Mrs. S 🌿	Creative Cause	Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners & Spearman, Abbey	Pletcher	Velazquez	122
11	Addilyn 🌿	Palace Malice	Briannjenn Racing LLC	Sano	Zayas	122
12	Sunset Promise	Broken Vow	David Staudacher	Maker	Geroux	122
13	Four Grands	Honor Code	Albaugh Family Stables LLC	Romans	Saez	122
14	Marialuisa	Tonalist	Ruben Valdes	Rodriguez	Gonzalez	122

Breeders: 1-Ramspring Farm, 2-St. Elias Stables, LLC, 3-Godolphin, 4-Godolphin, 5-B. Flay Thoroughbreds LLC, 6-WinStar Farm, LLC, 7-Edward A. Seltzer, Beverly Anderson & Krista Seltzer, 8-Wynnstay LLC & GWR LLC, 9-Sabana Farm, 10-Heinz J. Steinmann, 11-Dixiana Farms LLC, 12-Rosedown Racing Stables, LLC, 13-Albaugh Family Stables, LLC, 14-Eico Ventures, Inc.

Saturday, Gulfstream, post time: 5:26 p.m. EDT

KITTEN'S JOY PAN AMERICAN S.-GII, \$200,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/2mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Channel Cat	English Channel	Calumet Farm	Pletcher	Rosario	122
2	Bemma's Boy 🌿	Into Mischief	Paradise Farms Corp.	Maker	Geroux	118
3	Spooky Channel	English Channel	Terry Hamilton	Lynch	Leparoux	124
4	Current 🌿	Curlin	Eclipse Tbred Partners, LaPenta, R & Dixiana Farms	Pletcher	Castellano	118
5	Go Poke the Bear 🌿	Kitten's Joy	Paradise Farms Corp. and Mad Dog Racing Stable	Maker	Lopez	118
6	Galleon Mast	Mizzen Mast	Anne D. Scott	Fawkes	Bravo	120
7	Prince of Arabia 🌿	Mineshaft	D P Racing LLC	Biancone	Panici	118
8	Manicomio 🌿	Include	22 Racing Stable Inc.	Bezara	Vasquez	118
9	Zulu Alpha	Street Cry (Ire)	Michael M. Hui	Maker	Gaffalione	124
10	Focus Group 🌿	Kitten's Joy	West Point Thoroughbreds, New Phoenix Stable, Stevenson, Louisa and Tango Uniform Racing LLC	Clement	Saez	120

Breeders: 1-Calumet Farm, 2-Lochlow Farm, 3-Calumet Farm, 4-Hinkle Farms, 5-Kera M. Ramsey, 6-H & A Stables LLC, 7-Eileen H. Hartis, 8-Brereton C. Jones, 9-Calumet Farm, 10-Dixiana Farms LLC

Saturday, Gulfstream, post time: 2:00 p.m. EDT

HAL'S HOPE S.-GIII, \$100,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/8m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Harvey Wallbanger	Congrats	Harold Lerner, AWC Stbls, Nehoc Stbls, Akman, S Braverman, P, Magdalena Racing & D Bernsen	McPeek	Davis	118
2	Bodexpress 🌿	Bodemeister	Top Racing, Global Tbred & GDS Racing Stable	Delgado	Jaramillo	118
3	You're to Blame 🌿	Distorted Humor	Bortolazzo Stable LLC	Pletcher	Velazquez	120
4	Identifier 🌿	Creative Cause	Gelfenstein Farm	Gonzalez	Meneses	118
5	Just Whistle 🌿	Pioneerof the Nile	Helen K. Groves	Matz	Franco	118
6	American Tattoo (Arg)	Not For Sale (Arg)	Calumet Farm and John Anthony Stables LLC	Pletcher	Castellano	122
7	Eye of a Jedi 🌿	Eye of the Leopard	Steve Budhoo	Budhoo	Vasquez	122
8	Sir Anthony	Mineshaft	Richard Otto Stables, Inc.	Mitchell	Geroux	122
9	Realm	Haynesfield	Dattner, Eric, Tagg, Barclay and Astarita, Harry	Tagg	Lopez	120
10	Rare Form 🌿	The Factor	Jones, Sr., Frank & Churchill Downs Racing Club	Romans	Saez	118
11	Prompt	Blame	James S. Karp	Mott	Zayas	118

Breeders: 1-Tony Holmes & Dr. & Mrs. Walter Zent, 2-Martha Jane Mulholland, 3-Bryant H. Prentice III, 4-Heinz J. Steinmann, 5-Helen K. Groves Revocable Trust, 6-La Pasion, 7-Calumet Farm, 8-R. Otto Stables, Inc., 9-Morgan's Ford Farm, 10-McCann Bloodstock, Mark Kelder & DougRichards, 11-James S. Karp



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Saturday, Gulfstream, post time: 4:17 p.m. EDT**ORCHID S. PRESENTED BY ROOD AND RIDDLE-GIII, \$100,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 3/8mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Beale Street 🌿	Quality Road	Amy N. Moore	Matz	Velazquez	118
2	Kelsey's Cross	Anthony's Cross	Bacon, Sanford & Patrick L. Biancone Racing, LLC	Biancone	Geroux	118
3	Irisa (Arg)	Pure Prize	Miami Shores Racing, LLC	Correas, IV	Prado	120
4	Quick Witted	Afleet Alex	Lorian Francesca Peralta-Ramos	Correas, IV	Bravo	118
5	Gentle Ruler 🌿	Colonel John	Morsches Stable	Wilkes	Landeros	124
6	Mean Mary	Scat Daddy	Alex G. Campbell, Jr.	Motion	Saez	124
7	Cap de Creus	Tapit	Gainesway Stable	Pletcher	Rosario	118
8	Beau Belle 🌿	Giant's Causeway	Mark T. Anderson	Albertrani	Davis	118
9	Get Explicit	Get Stormy	Modeste Racing Stable	Minshall	Zayas	118
10	La Australiana 🌿	Australia (GB)	JCA Racing Stable LLC	Avila	Meneses	118
11	Over Thinking	Overanalyze	G. Watts Humphrey, Jr.	Oliver	Leparoux	118
12	Elizabeth Way (Ire)	Frankel (GB)	John J. McCormack	Attfield	Lopez	124

Breeders: 1-JSM Equine LLC, 2-T. Wynn Jolley & Mary Jolley, 3-Carampangue, 4-Mrs. Arturo Peralta Ramos, 5-Builder's Mart, Inc., 6-Alex G. Campbell, Jr. Thoroughbreds, LLC, 7-Juddmonte Farms Inc, 8-Mr. Joseph Allen LLC, 9-Modeste Racing Stable, 10-Capital Bloodstock, 11-G. Watts Humphrey Jr., Susan Keller, Victoria Oliver & G. Watts Humphrey III, 12-Godolphin

Saturday, Gulfstream, post time: 6:00 p.m. EDT**APPLETON S.-GIII, \$100,000, 4yo/up, 1mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	English Bee	English Channel	Calumet Farm	Motion	Franco	122
2	Hembree 🌿	Proud Citizen	Three Diamonds Farm	Maker	Rosario	120
3	March to the Arch	Arch	Live Oak Plantation	Casse	Gaffalione	122
4	Ballagh Rocks 🌿	Stormy Atlantic	Donegal Racing and Madaket Stables LLC	Mott	Zayas	120
5	Maraud 🌿	Blame	Collinsworth Thoroughbred Racing LLC	Orseno	Davis	120
6	Smart Remark 🌿	First Defence	Humphrey, Jr., G. Watts, O'Brien, B & Klatsky, B	Oliver	Landeros	118
7	Social Paranoia	Street Boss	The Elkstone Group, LLC	Pletcher	Castellano	122
8	Dr. Edgar	Lookin At Lucky	Canzone, Sr., Peter J. and Eloise	Tagg	Lopez	124
9	Louder Than Bombs 🌿	Violence	Sandra New	Fawkes	Bravo	118
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1	Medaglia d'Oro <i>(1999) by El Prado (Ire) Crops: 13</i>	1	5	1	4	--	--	61	12	3,172,650 <i>Golden Sixty (AUS)</i>	3,826,260
2	Street Cry (Ire) <i>(1998) by Machiavellian Crops: 12</i>	1	2	1	1	1	1	23	4	650,040 <i>Zulu Alpha</i>	1,065,952
3	Kitten's Joy <i>(2001) by El Prado (Ire) Crops: 12</i>	1	3	--	2	--	--	119	26	230,146 <i>Gendarme</i>	1,057,342
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7	English Channel <i>(2002) by Smart Strike Crops: 10</i>	2	6	2	4	--	--	75	18	122,320 <i>Spooky Channel</i>	795,246
8	War Front <i>(2002) by Danzig Crops: 11</i>	--	1	--	1	--	--	47	8	179,808 <i>Naval Intelligence</i>	646,037
9	Into Mischief <i>(2005) by Harlan's Holiday Crops: 9</i>	3	7	1	3	--	--	54	12	95,490 <i>Sombeyay</i>	641,551
10	Hard Spun <i>(2004) by Danzig Crops: 10</i>	--	--	--	--	--	--	59	7	168,980 <i>Predicament (JPN)</i>	608,571
11	Tapit <i>(2001) by Pulpit Crops: 13</i>	2	6	2	5	--	--	51	6	119,132 <i>American Seed</i>	556,232
12	Curlin <i>(2004) by Smart Strike Crops: 9</i>	--	1	--	--	--	--	40	8	220,000 <i>Standard Deviation</i>	481,062
13	Uncle Mo <i>(2008) by Indian Charlie Crops: 6</i>	1	1	1	1	--	--	52	11	60,000 <i>Carressa</i>	420,583
14	Goldencents <i>(2010) by Into Mischief Crops: 3</i>	1	1	1	1	--	--	25	3	216,750 <i>Wildman Jack</i>	401,270
15	City Zip <i>(1998) by Carson City Crops: 15</i>	2	4	--	--	--	--	42	10	48,120 <i>Billy Batts</i>	397,618

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IN SHARPER FOCUS: GOLDEN TAPIT

by Steve Sherack



Golden Tapit | *Lauren King*

Unbeaten on grass and certainly bred to be any kind, the very promising **Golden Tapit** (Tapit) posted his second straight decision for trainer Brendan Walsh in impressive fashion over the Gulfstream lawn Saturday.

Off a beat slow--just like he was in his previous attempt while earning his diploma negotiating an additional furlong in Hallandale Feb. 8--the lightly raced 4-year-old son of Broodmare of the Year Fun House was on the move while riding the rail heading into the clubhouse turn in the one-mile allowance.

Under a snug hold by Luis Saez in seventh in a strung-out field of 12 as they flew through fractions of :22.33 and :45.62, Golden Tapit was guided to the outside down the backstretch and immediately caught the eye as he began to wind up while five wide on the far turn. The long-striding, blaze-faced chestnut continued to roll with an over-the-top rally while hanging on his left lead down the stretch and switched over late to win comfortably, earning a very strong 95 Beyer Speed Figure in the process.

"He ran like a horse that's turning into a decent prospect," Walsh said of the Sumaya US Stables colorbearer. "They were a solid bunch of horses and he beat them pretty impressively. We're very pleased with the way he's gone. He really seemed to like that strong pace in front of him. We'll just see how he comes out of it and decide whether we go into an allowance or try stakes company next time."

Beaten over 30 lengths while trailing home a field of five on debut for Christophe Clement in the Belmont mud last June, the \$275,000 KEESEP yearling purchase joined Walsh's string at Palm Meadows in early November. He posted a 15-1 upset in his first start off the bench while making his grass debut for Walsh

last month. The fifth-place finisher that day North Dakota (Medaglia d'Oro), a half-brother to leading sire War Front, returned with a facile maiden win across town at Tampa Bay Wednesday afternoon.

Bred in Kentucky by Winchell Thoroughbreds, Golden Tapit is a full-brother to GI Kentucky Oaks and GI Breeders' Cup Distaff heroine Untapable and a half-brother to GI Secretariat S. winner and GI Kentucky Derby third-place finisher Paddy O'Prado (El Prado {Ire}).

"His pedigree is fantastic and he's a good-looking horse, so you always hope that the likes of him are going to turn up with the talent," Walsh said. "Once we started working him on the grass, he seemed to love it. We were lucky enough to get him. He's for a really good owner (Oussama Aboughazale), who deserves some luck. Maybe we can have some with this guy."

With so many racing schedules either on hold or in question as the COVID-19 outbreak continues to turn everyday life completely upside down, Walsh is just taking things day by day at this point.

"We're all in a little bit of a wait-and-see pattern right now with everything, really," said Walsh, who also campaigns unbeaten GI Kentucky Derby prospect Maxfield (Street Sense). "We need to get over this horrible thing that's going on at the moment and try to keep everybody healthy. I think that's the number one priority right now. Hopefully, things open up again in the not-too-distant future."

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7th-Gulfstream, \$44,700, Alw, 3-21, (NW1\$X), 4yo/up, 1mT, 1:32.65, fm.

GOLDEN TAPIT (c, 4, Tapit--Fun House {Broodmare of the Year, GSW, \$432,922}, by Prized) was off the board in his main track debut for trainer Christophe Clement June 20 and was subsequently transferred to Brendan Walsh. Switched to the grass, he won a nine-panel event here Feb. 8 and was favored at 9-5 to repeat in this spot. Racing in mid-pack through a :22.33 first quarter and :45.62 half, the chestnut launched a three-wide bid turning for home. Golden Tapit took control in early stretch and bounded clear to win by 2 1/2 lengths over Kid Bourbon (Lemon Drop Kid). The winner is a full to Untapable, Ch. 3-year-old Filly, MGISW, \$3,926,625; and a half to Paddy O'Prado (El Prado {Ire}), GISW, \$1,721,297. Fun House's only foal since the winner is a 2019 colt by Gun Runner. This is also the family of Grade I winners Tapizar (Tapit) and Pyro (Pulpit). Sales history: \$275,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$55,400. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Sumaya U.S. Stable; B-Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC (KY); T-Brendan P. Walsh.

FRIDAY'S RACING INSIGHTS:

By Christie DeBernardis

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RISING STAR TRIES WINNERS IN HALLANDALE

9th-GP, \$51K, Opt. Clm. (\$75K), 3yo, 1m, 5:12p.m.

'TDN Rising Star' **EDGE OF FIRE (Curlin)** faces winners for the first time Friday. The Chiefswood Stables homebred registered an impressive debut victory going six panels over this strip Feb 1. He faces another good-looking debut winner in **Money Moves (Candy Ride {Arg})**. The \$975,000 OBSAPR purchase rallied to victory in his six-furlong unveiling in the slop here Feb. 15. Also looking to take his record to two-for-two is **Saratogian (Empire Maker)**, who graduated at first asking at Tampa Feb. 8. **TJCIS PPs**

ROYALLY BRED 'PHAROAH' DEBUTS IN ARCADIA

7th-SA, \$55K, Msw, 3yo/up, f/m, 7f, 7:09p.m.

A son of Triple Crown hero **American Pharoah** and MGISW blue hen Take Charge Lady, first timer **AS TIME GOES BY** is as royally bred as they come. A three-time Grade I winner and multi-millionaire on the racetrack, Take Charge Lady proved equally talented in the breeding shed, producing champion Will Take Charge (Unbridled's Son); Grade I winner Take Charge Indy (A.P. Indy); and the dam of champion Take Charge Brandi (Giant's Causeway) and MGISW Omaha Beach (War Front).

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IN ORDER OF PURSE:

9th-Gulfstream, \$45,000, Alw (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 3-26, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:10.22, ft.

SOLDADO (c, 4, Verrazano--Trishas Even, by Even the Score) was picked by bloodstock agent Steve Young for just \$8,000 at EASMAY and won on debut for Young's A1A Racing over this track and trip last February. Let's Go Stables bought into the colt following that effort and he was third next out going a mile here last March. Fourth a month later at Oaklawn, he was subsequently shelved and returned with a good-looking score over this course and distance Feb. 6. Heavily favored at 4-5 to repeat here, Soldado was away well from his inside draw and settled back in mid-pack off a sharp first quarter in :22.23. Splitting rivals in the lane, the bay determinedly wore down Frosted Grace (Mark Valeski), forging clear late for a head success. Trishas Even produced a Quality Road colt in 2018 and a Street Sense colt in 2019. She was bred back to City of Light. Sales history: \$80,000 Ylg '17 FTKTUR; \$8,000 2yo '18 EASMAY. Lifetime Record: 5-3-0-1, \$88,590. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-A 1 A Racing and Let's Go Stables; B-Jim FitzGerald & Katie FitzGerald (VA); T-Todd A. Pletcher.

U.S.-BRED/SIRED RUNNERS IN JAPAN



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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 Chukyo and Hanshin Racecourses. A preview of Saturday's Fukuryu S. (allowance), the final leg on the Japan Road to the Kentucky Derby, will appear in Saturday's TDN. The featured race on the weekend is Sunday's G1 Takamatsunomiya Kinen:

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EASMAY grad Soldado (Verrazano) scores his second straight win at Gulfstream.

Saturday, March 28, 2020

3rd-HSN, ¥9,680,000 (\$88k), Maiden, 3yo, 1800m

UNSAID VOW (c, 3, Giant's Causeway--Country Cafe, by Lion Heart) was unplaced, but not beaten far, in his first two career starts and the \$110K Keeneland September yearling nearly got the job done when going down narrowly over track and trip Mar. 1 (video, gate 2). The April foal is out of a full-sister to MGSW Heart Ashley--dam of Japanese MGSW Fiano Romano (Aus) (Fastnet Rock {Aus})--and out of a half to GISW and Coolmore sire Cupid (Tapit); GSW Ashley's Kitty (Tale of the Cat); and SW Indianapolis (Medaglia d'Oro). *B-Mike G Rutherford (KY)*

Sunday, March 29, 2020

1st-CYO, ¥9,680,000 (\$88k), Maiden, 3yo, 1400m

TRAIN BEARER (f, 3, Carpe Diem--Cabaret Starlet, by Tale of the Cat) failed to factor in a pair of tries on the turf to begin her career, but switched to the dirt and missed by a neck at Hanshin Mar. 8. Sold in utero for \$55K at KEEJAN in 2017, the bay was a \$90K KEENOV weanling, a \$150K Fasig-Tipton Saratoga yearling and a \$250K OBS March breezer. She is out of an unraced half-sister to Canadian Horse of the Year, champion turf female and MGISW Arravale (Arch), dam of GSP Nancy O (Ire) (Pivotal {GB}). Her year-older half-brother San Jose Tesoro (The Factor) is a winner of three-from-eight in Japan. *B-Daniel S Mallory, Amy Bayle & Allen Racing LLC (KY)*

4th-NKY, ¥9,680,000 (\$88k), Maiden, 3yo, 1800mT

MR SAND (c, 3, Tapit--Smart Surprise, by Smart Strike), a \$400K KEESEP acquisition, transitions to the turf here, having placed third from three outings on the main track to date. A half-brother to Sovereign Award-winning female sprinter Moonlit Promise (Malibu Moon), Mr Sand is liable to take to the grass, as his dam is a Grade III-winning half-sister to GI Breeders' Cup Mile victor Court Vision (Gulch) and his Hong Kong stakes-winning full-brother Garcia Marquez (nee Rainbow Of Gold). Mr Sand's third dam is the incomparable Weekend Surprise (Secretariat). Tapit has accounted for 31 winners from his 35 Japanese starters. *B-Hill 'n' Dale Equine Holdings Inc (KY)*

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American Pharoah (Pioneerof the Nile), Ashford Stud, private 318 foals of racing age/32 winners/6 black-type winners

7-Santa Anita, Msw 7f, AS TIME GOES BY, 3-1

8-Tampa Bay Downs, Msw 1mT, LIPSTIKLIESNLOVERS, 7-2

\$145,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl

7-Santa Anita, Msw 7f, MERNEITH, 6-5

\$350,000 FTK NOV wnl; \$600,000 OBS MAR 2yo

1-Gulfstream, Msw 1 1/16mT, RHYTHM SECTION, 8-1

7-Santa Anita, Msw 7f, RIVER GIRL, 6-1

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

231 foals of racing age/26 winners/2 black-type winners

8-Santa Anita, Msw 1mT, OUR BOY JET, 15-1

\$190,000 KEE SEP yrl

Commissioner (A.P. Indy), WinStar Farm, \$7,500

163 foals of racing age/21 winners/3 black-type winners

9-Gulfstream, Aoc 1m, SOROS, 8-1

\$40,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$95,000 RNA OBS APR 2yo

Competitive Edge (Super Saver), Ashford Stud, \$12,500

155 foals of racing age/39 winners/4 black-type winners

9-Gulfstream, Aoc 1m, MILES AHEAD, 8-1

\$120,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$175,000 OBS MAR 2yo

Constitution (Tapit), WinStar Farm, \$40,000

233 foals of racing age/40 winners/5 black-type winners

11-Gulfstream, Aoc 1 1/8mT, MONTANA MAN, 15-1

\$25,000 KEE SEP yrl

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

158 foals of racing age/19 winners/2 black-type winners

4-Gulfstream, Msw 5fT, FAST CATALINA, 15-1

Jack Milton (War Front), Crestwood Farm, \$6,500

102 foals of racing age/12 winners/0 black-type winners

6-Oaklawn, Wcl 6f, MOORAC, 15-1

\$57,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$49,000 RNA FTK OCT yrl; \$42,000 OBS

OPN 2yo

Karakontie (Jpn) (Bernstein), Gainesway Farm, \$10,000
 130 foals of racing age/16 winners/3 black-type winners
 8-Santa Anita, Msw 1mT, PORT SAINT JOE, 12-1
 \$120,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$150,000 OBS MAR 2yo

Katz My Song (Unbridled's Song), Champagne Farm, private
 28 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
 6-Oaklawn, Wcl 6f, ELITE SONG, 6-1

Lea (First Samurai), Claiborne Farm, \$7,500
 103 foals of racing age/13 winners/2 black-type winners
 11-Gulfstream, Aoc 1 1/8mT, UNCONQUERED LEA, 7-2
 \$70,000 OBS OPN 2yo

Liam's Map (Unbridled's Song), Lane's End Farm, \$35,000
 232 foals of racing age/27 winners/2 black-type winners
 9-Gulfstream, Aoc 1m, SILVER RATIO, 4-1
 \$320,000 KEE SEP yrl

Majestic City (City Zip), Irish Hill & Dutchess Views Stallions,
 \$3,500
 62 foals of racing age/7 winners/0 black-type winners
 4-Gulfstream, Msw 5fT, BORROWED ANGEL, 12-1
 \$14,000 RNA FTN MIX wnl; \$9,000 RNA OBS OCT yrl

Palace Malice (Curlin), Three Chimneys Farm, \$25,000
 211 foals of racing age/27 winners/4 black-type winners
 1-Gulfstream, Msw 1 1/16mT, PRICING EXERCISE, 8-1
 \$37,000 RNA KEE NOV wnl; \$270,000 KEE SEP yrl

Tapiture (Tapit), Darby Dan Farm, \$7,500
 246 foals of racing age/38 winners/3 black-type winners
 1-Santa Anita, Msw 5 1/2fT, BODEGA, 8-1
 \$37,000 RNA FTK JUL yrl
 8-Tampa Bay Downs, Msw 1mT, GESTURE, 6-1
 \$130,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$150,000 RNA FTS AUG yrl; \$240,000
 OBS MAR 2yo
 7-Santa Anita, Msw 7f, LITTLE RACHEL, 15-1

\$27,000 KEE SEP yrl

Tonalist (Tapit), Lane's End Farm, \$15,000
 179 foals of racing age/25 winners/1 black-type winner
 1-Gulfstream, Msw 1 1/16mT, ALONZO MOSELY, 10-1
 \$110,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$50,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; \$30,000 EAS
 OCT yrl; \$95,000 RNA FTF MAR 2yo
 8-Santa Anita, Msw 1mT, CAPITAL CALL, 6-1



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**8th-Oaklawn, \$62,000, (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 3-26,
 4yo/up, 6f, 1:09.32, ft.**

**SEVEN NATION ARMY (g, 5, First Samurai--Chick Fight {MSW,
 \$252,089}, by Fit to Fight) Lifetime Record: 17-5-3-2, \$175,632.**
 O-Franklin Stables, LLC and Southern Springs Stables; B-Jeff H.
 Hilger & Debora J. Hilger (KY); T-Ron Moquett. *\$25,000 Wlg '15
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8th-Will Rogers Downs, \$25,080, (S), 3-25, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:05.14, ft.

CANEY'S GHOST (g, 3, Dramedy--Caney Creek, by Service Stripe) Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, \$47,754. O-Ra-Max Farms LLC; B-John James Revocable Trust (OK); T-Theresa Sue Luneack. \$24,500 Ylg '18 OKCYRL. *1/2 to Vertical Vision (Pollard's Vision), MSW, \$202,979.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Sister Otoole, f, 3, **Amira's Prince (Ire)**--O' Toole, by Distorted Humor. Gulfstream, 3-26, (S), 1mT, 1:35.64. B-Helen & Joseph Barbazon (FL).

Mandate, c, 3, **Blame**--Bonnie's Empire, by Empire Maker. Gulfstream, 3-25, (C), 1mT, 1:33.69. B-International Equities Holding, Inc. (KY). *\$200,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP.

Justaboutright, f, 4, **Notional**--Juliard, by Dixieland Band. Will Rogers Downs, 3-25, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:05.25. B-Clark O. Brewster (OK). *\$1,800 RNA Ylg '17 HEROCT.



AMIRA'S PRINCE (IRE), Sister Otoole, f, 3, o/o O' Toole, by Distorted Humor. MSW, 3-26, Gulfstream

BLAME, Mandate, c, 3, o/o Bonnie's Empire, by Empire Maker. MCL, 3-25, Gulfstream

DRAMEDY, Caney's Ghost, g, 3, o/o Caney Creek, by Service Stripe. ALW, 3-25, Will Rogers

FIRST SAMURAI, Seven Nation Army, g, 5, o/o Chick Fight, by Fit to Fight. AOC, 3-26, Oaklawn

NOTIONAL, Justaboutright, f, 4, o/o Juliard, by Dixieland Band. MSW, 3-25, Will Rogers

VERRAZANO, Soldado, c, 4, o/o Trishas Even, by Even the Score. AOC, 3-26, Gulfstream

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Leading first-season sire fancy Mehmas | *Racing Post*

By Emma Berry

Royal Applause (GB), a stalwart of the Royal Studs who has been retired from covering duties since 2014, has enjoyed something of a renaissance in recent years largely thanks to his son Acclamation (GB) and grandson Dark Angel (Ire).

Numerically, Gutaifan (Ire) led the first-season sires' list last season and he is one of at least eight sons of Dark Angel at stud in Europe. In 2020, two of those will have their first runners, but it is a son of Dark Angel's sire Acclamation who is tipped for the top spot this time. ([Click here](#) for Part I of this series)

Mehmas (Ire)

Acclamation (GB) - Lucina (GB) (Machiavellian), Tally-Ho Stud

It is easy to see why there is plenty of expectation when it comes to the first-crop runners of Mehmas. For a start, he's bred on the same Acclamation-Machiavellian cross as Dark Angel, whose stature in the stallion ranks has grown year on year since his retirement to stud in 2008. Then there's the fact that Mehmas has the largest number of juveniles among his peers, with 146 potentially able to start this year.

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PLANS ON HOLD FOR JUDDMONTE STARS

The temporary suspension of racing in many parts of the world is causing uncertainty for trainers and racing managers alike, and one horse racing fans will be longing to see out this season is the dual Arc heroine **Enable (GB)** (Nathaniel {Ire}).

Her owner-breeder Prince Khalid Abdullah surprised many when announcing that Enable would stay in training as a 6-year-old, and the hopes are now that her season will not be too interrupted. The great mare's year will of course revolve around her attempt to win the G1 Qatar Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe for a third time, but in the meantime it is unclear which path she will take back towards Paris.

Teddy Grimthorpe, racing manager for Prince Khalid's Juddmonte operation, is pleased with her build-up so far, however, as he awaits news of an adjusted calendar for Pattern races this summer.

"Enable is absolutely fine. She's done well over the winter--she looks good and seems very happy," he said. "She's just cantering away at the moment. It's obviously very difficult to make any plans. Before this wretched thing started it was in her hands, whereas now it's in the lap of the gods to a certain extent."

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Enable is "cantering away." | *Racing Post*

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Furthermore, his residency at Tally-Ho Stud, which is also home to Kodiak (GB), bodes well. Tony O'Callaghan and his family have a substantial broodmare band of their own with which to give their stallions a start in addition to their client base.

A Roger Marley/John Cullinan collaboration at the Craven Breeze-up Sale of 2016, Mehmas was sold for 170,000gns in mid-April and did little wrong through an admirable juvenile season, after which he was retired.

He won his first start less than three weeks after his sales appearance, and followed that up with a good conditions race win on Newbury's Locking card. His placed finishes behind Caravaggio in the G2 Coventry S., Churchill (Ire) in the G1 National S., and The Last Lion (Ire) in the G1 Middle Park S. stack up well, and he is a dual Group 2 winner in his own right, notably beating Blue Point (Ire) in the Richmond S.

Estidhkaar (Ire)

Dark Angel (Ire) - Danetime Out (Ire) (Danetime {Ire}), Tara Stud

Estidhkaar was also a dual Group 2-winning juvenile over seven furlongs and he returned at three to run second to Muhaarar (Ire) in the G3 Greenham S. before a crack at the Guineas, in which he finished down the field behind Gleneagles (Ire). The half-brother to Toormore (Ire) concluded his racing career by winning over a mile and beating Kool Kompany (Ire) when landing the Listed Ben Marshall S. at Newmarket. Sheikh Hamdan raced Estidhkaar and has a couple of his more expensive yearlings to run for him among the 106 juveniles listed.

Markaz (Ire)

Dark Angel (Ire) - Folga (GB) (Atraf {GB}), Derrinstown Stud

A brother to the top-class Mecca's Angel (Ire), Markaz has remained within the Shadwell fold, taking up residence at Derrinstown following a three-season career which yielded three wins and seven places from 19 starts.



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ARROWFIELD TO BYPASS INGLIS EASTER SALE

Leading consignor Arrowfield Stud has decided to withdraw its draft from the Inglis Easter Sale which will split into two rounds in 2020. [Click or tap here to go straight to TDN Aus/NZ.](#)

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His victories came in each of those seasons in training: Markaz won an Ascot maiden at two and the G3 Criterion S. and G3 Chipchase S. in the following years. The grey has 78 juveniles this year.

Old Favourites

While the 27-year-old wonder that is Pivotal (GB) is still covering a select book at Cheveley Park Stud, his perennially popular son Kyllachy (GB) was stood down two years ago but he is represented at the same stud by one of two stallion sons. Meanwhile, Pearl Secret (GB) is waving an increasingly diminishing flag for the Byerley Turk line.

Twilight Son (GB)

Kyllachy (GB) - Twilight Mistress (GB) (Bin Ajwaad {Ire}), Cheveley Park Stud

Twilight Son only ever raced over six furlongs but this he did most effectively, winning both starts at two and continuing this streak at three while jumping from handicaps straight into the G1 Haydock Sprint Cup. His sole defeat in two seasons came when second to Muhaarar (Ire) in the G1 QIPCO British Champions Sprint. At four, he added the G1 Diamond Jubilee S. to his record.

The Godfrey Wilson homebred is a half-brother to the Group 3-winning sprinter Music Master (GB) (Piccolo {GB}), who is now resident at Throckmorton Court Stud. Twilight Son was well supported and has more than 120 juveniles in his first crop. Kevin Ryan is training the most expensive of these, out of Cheveley Park Stud's former G2 Lowther S. winner Soar (GB) (Danzero {Aus}), for Sheikh Mohammed Obaid.



Twilight Son | racingfotos.com

Pearl Secret (GB)

Compton Place (GB) - Our Little Secret (Ire) (Rossini), Chapel Stud

There's something rather likeable about Pearl Secret with his paint-splashed belly and four white socks. The market wasn't awash with his stock, and he has less than 50 2-year-olds to run for him, but it won't be surprising if he gets some early winners as he had some well-made yearlings which have found their way into the stables of Richard Hannon, Michael Bell and Henry Candy among others.

A proper speedball, as one can expect from a graduate of Whitsbury Manor Stud, Pearl Secret won the Beverley Bullet and the G2 Temple S. among his seven victories, and he was a length and a half behind Sole Power (GB) when third in the G1 King's Stand S. He also won his only start at two in late October of that year, after which he raced for another five seasons.

More Joy For Sadler's Wells Line

When Bobby's Kitten joined Lanwades Stud in 2017, he was the first son of the American champion Kitten's Joy to retire to stud in Britain. He was later followed by Roaring Lion, sadly lost last summer in New Zealand, and Hawkbill, who has now moved to Japan. Fellow Sadler's Wells-line descendants from the same intake are Coolmore's G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains winner The Gurkha (Ire) and Parish Hall (Ire), who is standing at his breeder/trainer Jim Bolger's Redmondstown Stud.

Bobby's Kitten

Kitten's Joy - Celestial Woods (Forestry), Lanwades Stud

This Ken and Sarah Ramsey homebred was, like many of his sire's stock, a turf specialist in America, winning the GIII Pilgrim S. over an extended mile at two before running third to Outstrip (GB) in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf. He put his own name on the Breeders' Cup roll of honour the following year when dropping back in trip for the G1 Turf Sprint, in which he beat successful young stallion No Nay Never. His sole start on this side of the Atlantic came for Dermot Weld when routing his opposition by 8 1/2 lengths in the Listed Cork S. on heavy ground. Bobby's Kitten will have had the backing of both his breeders' and Kirsten Rausing's mares among those responsible for his 77 juveniles. He's a long shot in the first-season sire betting market but he may just surprise a few people.

The Gurkha (Ire)

Galileo (Ire) - Chintz (Ire) (Danahill Dancer {Ire}), Coolmore

We didn't see much of The Gurkha on the racecourse but what we did see was breathtaking, particularly when blazing a trail in the relocated Poule d'Essai des Poulains at Deauville. Colic surgery during his 2-year-old season prevented him from racing at two and it later curtailed his racing career altogether

when he underwent further surgery for a displaced colon in August of the following year. But in the four short months that he raced he became a Classic winner and overturned the English Guineas winner Galileo Gold (Ire) in the G1 Sussex S., having finished runner-up to him in the G1 St James's Palace S. He was also second to Hawkbill on his one try beyond a mile in the G1 Coral-Eclipse S.

Unsurprisingly, he has received good backing and is one of seven freshmen whose juveniles run to three figures--117 in this case. His dam was a decent juvenile, who won on debut in June and later triumphed in the G3 C L Weld Park S.



The Gurkha | Coolmore

Parish Hall (Ire)

Teofilo (Ire) - Halla Siamsa (Ire) (Montjeu {Ire}), Redmondstown Stud

Between 2006 and 2012, Jim Bolger won the G1 Dewhurst S. five times, with Teofilo and his son Parish Hall both being homebred, as well as New Approach (Ire)'s son Dawn Approach (Ire). Inbred 3x3 to Sadler's Wells, Parish Hall was absent for his 3-year-old season but returned to win the following year's G3 Diamond S., as well as the G3 Royal Whip S. at five and the Listed Alleged S. as a 6-year-old. Retired to the Bolger family's Redmondstown Stud, he covered 30 mares in his first season, mostly owned by the trainer himself. Knowing Bolger's aptitude for getting his juveniles out early, it wouldn't have been surprising to see the odd Parish Hall 2-year-old racing in the next few weeks had Ireland been allowed to continue. Keep an eye out for them once we're back up and running.

New Bay (GB)

Dubawi (Ire) - Cinammon Bay (GB) (Zamindar), Ballylinch Stud

Darley will have relished the success of Night Of Thunder's first crop last season and the Ballylinch Stud team will be hoping that lightning can strike again when it comes to sons of Dubawi as they have the first runners of New Bay to look forward to this year.

Like The Gurkha, he is a French Classic winner, though this time in the G1 Prix du Jockey Club, beating the classy Highland Reel (Ire), having run second in the Poule d'Essai des Poulains to Make Believe (GB). He later added the G2 Prix Guillaume d'Ornano and G2 Prix Niel to his CV before running third to Derby winner Golden Horn (GB) in the Arc, and returning at four he won the G3 Prix Gontaut-Biron.

New Bay not only shares his broodmare sire Zamindar with Kingman (GB), but also his third dam Bahamian (GB). This is also the excellent Juddmonte family of stallions Oasis Dream (GB), Beat Hollow (GB) and Martaline (GB). We may see more of his 77 juveniles through the second half of the season.

Pride Of Dubai (Aus)

Street Cry (Ire) - Al Anood (Aus) (Danehill), Coolmore

Shuttle stallion Pride Of Dubai is already out in front on the first-season sires' table in Australia and he has 121 members of his debut Northern Hemisphere crop to come once the European season gets going. A top-class juvenile himself, he won the G1 Blue Diamond S. and G1 Inglis Sires over six and seven furlongs respectively and, while his name may not yet be completely familiar to a European audience, he does hail from the family of two decent current stallions. His dam Al Anood is a half-sister to the G1 Prix de Diane winner Rafha (GB), who has also found fame in her second career as the dam of Invincible Spirit (Ire) and Kodiak (GB).

Belardo (Ire)

Lope De Vega (Ire) - Danaskaya (Danehill), Kildangan Stud

Lope De Vega has been successful in both hemispheres and one of his early offspring to put his name in lights was Belardo. Prior to his win in the G1 Darley Dewhurst S., he had won on debut in June and gone on to win the Listed Denford Stud S. After some decent efforts at three--including a fourth-place finish in the Guineas and second to Solow (Fr) in the G1 Queen Elizabeth II S.--he came back at four to win the G1 Lockinge S. and finish runner-up to Tepin in the G1 Queen Anne S. in his final appearance. His dam was also a decent juvenile, who was third to Airwave (GB) in the G1 Cheveley Park S., and Belardo has a decent group of 92 juveniles from his first book.

Bow Creek (Ire)

Shamardal - Beneventa (GB) (Most Welcome {GB}), Haras du Logis

In seasons to come more sons of Shamardal will be joining the stallion ranks--not least last season's Group 1-winning trio of Pinatubo (Ire), Victor Ludorum (Ire) and Earthlight (Ire). Bow Creek was an honourable international flagbearer for his sire, with his three Group 2 wins coming in Britain, Ireland and

Australia in a 24-race career compiled over four seasons. Bow Creek was at his best over a mile but his dam won at up to a mile and a half when landing the Listed Aphrodite S. at Newmarket in the same season that she won the G3 Dahlia S. He covered 38 mares in his first book and it's likely that most of their offspring will have remained in France, though one is listed as in training with Mario Hofer in Germany.

Dariyan (Fr)

Shamardal - Daryakana (Fr) (Selkirk), Haras de Bonneval

Unraced at two, Dariyan won the G2 Prix Eugene Adam as a 3-year-old and was later third to Highland Reel (Ire) in the G1 Hong Kong Vase, a race won by his dam six years earlier. Dariyan earned his own Group 1 laurels the following season in the Prix Ganay and was one of France's busiest first-season stallions when he retired to stud in 2017, covering 90 mares. Among the listed trainers of his first 2-year-olds are Freddy Head, Mikel Delzanges, Fabrice Chappet and Nicolas Clement.



Dariyan | *The Aga Khan Studs*

Goken (Fr)

Kendargent (Fr) - Gooseley Chope (Fr) (Indian Rocket {GB}), Haras de Colleville

Kendargent made an eye-catching start from relatively humble beginnings and small crops when retired to stud by Guy Pariente, breeder of his dual Group 3-winning son Goken, who has now joined his sire at Haras de Colleville.

An early winner at two over five furlongs with multiple group placings that year, Goken developed into a more than useful sprinter and was third in the G1 King's Stand S. after joining Kevin Ryan from Henri-Alex Pantall. Rather unusually, his dam won over six furlongs on the Flat and also over hurdles. Goken wasn't short of support in his first season, with 93 mares on the books. His former trainer Pantall has several of Goken's 2-year-olds in his stable.

Monsun's Flat Hopes

Monsun (Ger) sired plenty of high-class Flat horses, mostly in the staying bracket, and of his good colts to have retired to stud many have subsequently been acquired by the National Hunt sector, where their class and stamina are highly-prized assets. Monsun died in 2012 and two colts born in his later crops have their first Flat runners this season.

Vadamos (Fr)

Monsun (Ger) - Celebre Vadala (Fr) (Peintre Celebre), Tally-Ho Stud

As previously referred to in the case of Mehmas, the team at Tally-Ho has thrown its weight behind Vadamos, who has 130 first-crop juveniles. He was a versatile performer, winning between a mile and a mile and a half, but his best performances were all at a mile, including the G1 Prix du Moulin and three Group 2 wins in France and Germany. As is typical of this sireline, he was a durable individual, too, competing through four seasons, winning eight of his 20 starts and finishing second on another five occasions.

Monsun really deserves to have a decent son continuing the line on the Flat and the well-bred Vadamos, from the family of Group/Grade 1 winners Val Royal and Valixir (Fr), has been given an early chance to do just that.

Protectionist (Ger)

Monsun (Ger) - Patineuse (Ire) (Peintre Celebre), Gestut Rottgen

Bred on the same cross as Vadamos is another classy individual, the Melbourne Cup winner Protectionist, who hails from a smart family most readily associated with the Wildensteins.

A winner at two in his native Germany, Protectionist won the Listed Derby Trial the following year but his Classic season was then derailed after a run-in with a deer in the forest where he was trained. He bounced back at four to win the G2 Hansa-Preis before spreading his wings first to France to claim the G2 Prix Kergorlay, then to Australia for one of the world's most famous staying races. He failed to fire when remaining in Australia for the following year but, reunited with his original trainer Andreas Wohler, he won another three races in Germany, including the G1 Grosser Preis von Berlin over a mile and a half.

Still owned by Australian Bloodstock, who bought into Protectionist during his 4-year-old season, he has received support from them at stud and at the sales in Germany, and a number of his stock will be trained in Europe with the hope of later contesting some of Australia's middle-distance races.

UNDER THE RADAR *by Tom Frary*

As we await the start of the delayed flat season, the *TDN's* Tom Frary will profile 'dark horses' that he expects to make an impact in 2020. He starts with the David Simcock-trained 3-year-old filly Oriental Mystique.

ORIENTAL MYSTIQUE (GB), f, 3, Kingman (GB)--Madame Chiang (GB) (G1SW-Eng, \$741,088), by Archipenko.

This is the first foal bred from Kirsten Rausing's G1 QIPCO British Champions Fillies & Mares S. and G3 Musidora S. heroine Madame Chiang, who also raced for this yard. Sporting the famous white-and-green silks brought to prominence by Alborada (GB) (Alzao), this February-foaled bay stayed on with real gusto when fourth after a slow start on debut over a mile at Newmarket in late October before winning a mile novice on Kempton's Polytrack two weeks later. On the latter occasion, where she looked an entirely different proposition, the bay dealt with a potentially smart type from Ralph Beckett's stable in Declared Interest (GB) (Declaration of War) and Godolphin's subsequent Listed UAE 1000 Guineas winner and G3 UAE Oaks runner-up Dubai Love (GB) (Night of Thunder {Ire}).



Madame Chiang, the dam of Oriental Mystique | racingfotos.com

"She obviously caught the eye at Newmarket and that was a nice introduction and then she did it nicely at Kempton under a far more aggressive ride," Simcock explains. "She will stay well and handle juicy ground and we are planning on starting her off over a mile and a quarter and she should stay a mile and a half later..Before the delay to the season, an Oaks trial was on the agenda but now it's all up in the air. We'd obviously like to see her out as soon as possible, but we'll be guided by when the season starts. The likelihood is she will be fast-tracked into a pattern race with that pedigree and she would be one of my most promising 3-year-olds for this year, certainly among the fillies."

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Grimthorpe added, "It will be up to the BHA [British Horseracing Authority] to decide on a revised race programme when they are able to do so. Everything is going to be concertinaed, and we'll just have to go along with it. All we can do for the time being is hunker down and hope there is some light at the end of the tunnel."

Prince Khalid also has two notable Classic hopefuls among his horses in training this season: the Roger Charlton-trained G1 Bet365 Fillies' Mile winner **Quadrilateral (GB)** (Frankel {GB}) and, in Ireland, the G1 Keeneland Phoenix S. winner **Siskin** (First Defence), trained by Ger Lyons.

"Quadrilateral is in good form and had a very good winter," said Grimthorpe of the ante-post favourite for the QIPCO 1000 Guineas, which at the moment is scheduled to be run on May 3. "Roger is very pleased with her progress and from the various shots I've seen of her, she does look to have done well physically."

He continued, "Ger took Siskin to Naas the other day, and I'm told he enjoyed himself. I don't think it was a searching piece of work, and it was on heavy ground with a headwind, but he went nicely, and Ger was pleased with him."

"With him, we're going to have to wait and see what his best trip will be, because he hasn't raced beyond six furlongs yet. Hopefully we'll get the opportunity to find out."

Grimthorpe also issued an update on last season's St Leger winner, the unbeaten **Logician (GB)** (Frankel {GB}), who was laid low with a serious bout of peritonitis during the winter.

He said, "[Logician] had this infection, and we've taken all possible precautions to ensure he has as clean an environment as possible. He's okay now, but he hasn't done much yet and wouldn't be ready to run for a while anyway."

"I suppose for him, if anything, the diminishing of the season could be a positive."

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Champion 2-year-old filly Quadrilateral | *Racing Post*

HANNON CALLS FOR COVID CLARITY

Trainer Richard Hannon said he would like to see more clarity from the British Horseracing Authority as to when racing can be expected to resume in Britain, and what the schedule might look like. The sport's governing body [announced on Mar. 17](#) that racing would be off in Britain through April, and said on Thursday that [a bigger plan would be revealed](#) early next week.

"I think it would be nice if the BHA made an announcement, to give owners something to look forward to and trainers something to work towards in order for relationships not to become strained," Hannon said. "If the government say we can't race then we can't, but if they don't it would be good from the BHA to say we are looking to race at a certain point, even if it wasn't a promise, as we can all have a goal to work to."



Richard Hannon | *racingfotos.com*

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"We just need a bit of reassurance for owners to stay involved and it would give us some light at the end of the tunnel. At times it is very difficult for trainers to tell owners to keep their horses in training when we don't know when they will run. We need a goal, even if it is racing behind closed doors."

No announcements have yet been made with regards to the Classics and their respective preps, and Hannon pointed out that his three British Guineas winners—Night Of Thunder (Ire), Sky Lantern (Ire) and Billesdon Brook (GB)—all ran in preps and were beaten. If racing resumes with the Guineas' on the first weekend of May, there will be no preps available.

"Sky Lantern and Billesdon Brook were beaten in their 1000 Guineas trials and so was Night Of Thunder before his 2000 Guineas win—most need them [preps], but that is out of the window now."

Hannon issued updates on two Guineas contenders.

"As we haven't had a really bad winter they've not really missed a day," he said. "Threat (GB) (Footstepsinthesand {GB}) looks great and I couldn't be more pleased with him. I think Al Madhar (Fr) (Siyouni {Fr}), who won a Newmarket maiden, is a nice horse and he could go straight there."

Hannon said he is heartened by the way his team has rallied in tough times.

"When you have been waiting for the Flat season to start it is a strange thing for it not to happen, and hopefully this never happens again," he said. "It is frightening how quick this has come about."

"Our lads have behaved impeccably. If you can think of something positive coming out of this then the way the lads have pulled together is really good news. They have turned up and they have got on with things, as they understand that their job is to look after the horses—they could have easily been taking time out. We are doing this while obeying the two-metre [social distancing] rule which—although is quite strange—still allows them to talk between each other."

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BHA ISSUES COVID RESPONSE UPDATES

The British Horseracing Authority will release an overarching plan for the sport of horse racing early next week, but in the meantime on Thursday it issued updates on a few areas:

- **Apprentice agreements:** changes to apprentice and conditional jockey and trainer agreements on the split of income and expenses, set to come into effect on Mar. 28, will be delayed.
- **Whip consultation:** a consultation by the Horse Welfare Board has been delayed to allow for a focus on the COVID-19 response.

- **Early closing races:** early closing deadlines have been temporarily suspended. Previous early closing races will revert to closing at the five or six day stage when racing resumes. Prizemoney levels will now be advertised 10 days pre-race. The 2000 and 1000 Guineas, which had already closed, will be reopened and now close at the five/six day stage.
- **Hunter Chases:** have all been cancelled for the remainder of the season.
- **Musselburgh:** The course's current license was due to expire on Mar. 31 with renewal contingent upon completion of a deal with a third-party operator. The BHA has approved an extension of the license.
- **Flat jockey seminars:** the April/May seminars have been cancelled. The BHA will reschedule them at an appropriate time in the future.
- **Rule changes:** The BHA executive has been authorised by the BHA board to use the existing provisions under the Rules of Racing to waive, amend or suspend the Rules of Racing whilst racing is suspended and Government restrictions remain in place. This is to ensure the BHA can act and respond quickly as the situation with coronavirus develops to fully assist participants when required.

BHA officials also applauded the announcement on Thursday that government will make available a relief package for self-employed workers where they may receive a taxable grant of 80% of profits up to £2,500 a month beginning in June. Self employed individuals in racing include jockeys, valets, agents, horsebox drivers, veterinarians, media and broadcasters and racing photographers.

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ZOFFANY TO SHUTTLE TO ARGENTINA

Zoffany (Ire) will shuttle from his base at Coolmore in Ireland to Haras Firmamento in Argentina later this year, *Racing Post* reports. The 12-year-old Zoffany has sired 32 stakes winners, including Group 1 winners Ventura Storm (Ire) and Albigna (Ire). The latter won last year's G1 Prix Marcel Boussac.

Among the stallions Zoffany will stand alongside at Firmamento are Hit It A Bomb (War Front), who was also trained by Aidan O'Brien and who won the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf. He is based at Spendthrift Farm in Kentucky.

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ARROWFIELD OUT AS INGLIS SPLITS EASTER



John (right) & Paul Messara | Bronwen Healy

by Bren O'Brien

Another dramatic day for the thoroughbred industry saw Arrowfield withdraw its draft from the Inglis Easter Yearling Sale, which is set to be split into two rounds, one in April and one in July, while Victorian racing is free to continue after jockey Mark Zahra was cleared of having COVID-19 and Queensland calls off its Winter Carnival.

Leading vendor Arrowfield Stud has pulled its draft of 60 yearlings out of the upcoming Inglis Easter Yearling Sale, a decision chairman John Messara described as extremely difficult. The iconic Easter Sale has been forced to be conducted online because of federal government restrictions around the operation of auction houses, although it will now be offered in two parts, with a live sale scheduled to take place in early July.

However, the uncertainty around the online environment has led Arrowfield to the decision to privately sell the 60 select yearlings it had been preparing for Easter.

"It was a decision taken with lot of regret, because I know how hard Inglis has worked on getting the Sale up. There were matters beyond their control which caused it to convert to an online sale," Messara told *TDN AusNZ*.

"I have been telling management for a while that if it turned to online, I would have to review my position given the quality of the draft that Arrowfield has.

"It was a very hard decision to make but we felt we had to be in more control of our destiny here, particularly considering the circumstances that are facing us all."

Messara said private sale offered a great more deal of control for Arrowfield as a vendor, particularly when it came to arranging syndicates and partnerships.

"It wouldn't have worked for a draft like ours. We've got a lot of prized horses and we felt that it would be easier for us to handle these horses in these times by dealing direct with our customers."

Messara said the sales process would begin immediately for Arrowfield, but it wouldn't be actively pursuing buyers.

"We are not out there ringing around people trying to sell. We are receiving calls from our existing clients. We expect those calls in the next few days, but it doesn't really matter, we can take six months to do it if we like."

Easter Sale to Take New Format

Inglis contacted vendors on Thursday advising them they had the option of either selling through the Online Auction, named Round 1 and set to be staged from Sunday, April 5 until Wednesday, April 8, or alternatively in Round 2, a live auction to be staged at the Riverside Stables on July 5.

Round 1 will feature no horses at the Riverside Complex.

The bidding portal will be accessible through www.inglis.com.au from Sunday, April 5 at 10am, with each lot to sell sequentially in lot order from 10am Tuesday, April 7 completing on Apr. 8.

"The majority of vendors have committed to providing quality videos and photos for the sale, as well as the standard submissions such as x-rays and video scopes which will be accessible by veterinarians in the online repository. A number of vendors have also committed to disclosing other necessary information and all vendors will be contactable in advance of and during the sale." Inglis said.



Inglis Riverside Complex | Bronwen Healy

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Inglis also acknowledged that it can not guarantee a live auction would be able to proceed in July and it would review its position to stage the sale from the end of April.

The choice to split the auction would give greater options for vendors and assist Inglis with arranging credit for buyers.

"It has been an understandable consequence of inspections not taking place at the Inglis Riverside complex that some vendors, particularly those not situated in the Hunter Valley, have had a limited number of pre-sale inspections. Easter Round 2 is available to those vendors who are concerned by their limited number of inspections," the Inglis email to vendors said.

At this stage, some vendors have relocated their drafts to more convenient locations.

- Burke Bloodstock – Available for inspection at Dalama, Scone
- Edinburgh Park – Available for inspection at Inglis Riverside till PM on Tuesday and then at Whispering Pines, Oakdale
- Highgrove – Available for inspection at Newgate Farm
- KBL Thoroughbreds – Available for inspection at Inglis Riverside till PM on Tuesday

- Macquarie Stud – Available for inspection at Holbrook
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