

SUDDENLY A DESTINATION, FLORIDA DERBY DRAWS LOADED FIELD



Tiz the Law | *Coglianese*

by Joe Bianca

Since its inaugural running in 1952, the GI Curlin Florida Derby has always been a stop along the journey for GI Kentucky Derby hopefuls--a chance for fine-tuning and finishing touches before horses take their best shots to Louisville. But this year, due to the postponement of the Run for the Roses and general uncertainty about what the rest of the racing calendar will look like as the world grapples with the coronavirus crisis, the Florida Derby is now a point of disembarkation for 3-year-olds, and it fittingly drew a stacked field of 12 horses Saturday, the penultimate day of the Gulfstream Park Championship Meet.

Heading the field as the likely favorite is Sackatoga Stable's **Tiz the Law** (Constitution), one of three major contenders representing 2019's breakout freshman sire. Debuting with an open-length, geared-down victory against New York-breds last summer at Saratoga, the blaze-faced bay stepped into top-class company with no issue, rolling to a similar victory in the GI Champagne S. Opting to pass on a cross-country ship to the Breeders' Cup, trainer Barclay Tagg instead entered his colt in the GII Kentucky Jockey Club S. at Churchill, where he was boxed in for much of the running before coming up short even when finding clear sailing, finishing third. **Cont. p3**

SANTA ANITA PARK CLOSED ON ORDER OF LA COUNTY OFFICIALS DUE TO COVID-19

Santa Anita Park was forced to close indefinitely Friday--making its announcement shortly before post time--on orders of the Los Angeles County Health Department in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Aidan Butler, acting executive director of California racing for the Stronach Group (TSG), confirmed via text that for now, training is unaffected at Santa Anita.

The track issued the following statement:

“In accordance with instructions received from Los Angeles County Health Department, Santa Anita Park will temporarily close for live racing effective immediately in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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Ten-time Group 1 winner Enable (GB) (Nathaniel {Ire}) on her way out to exercise on Newmarket Heath on Friday morning. | Emma Berry

AQUEDUCT A POSSIBLE HOSPITAL SITE

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Aqueduct Racetrack is on the list of possible additional new hospital sites for New York State, according to N.Y. Governor Andrew Cuomo, who discussed the issue at his daily press briefing Friday.

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Florida Derby preview cont. from p1



Ete Indien | *Ryan Thompson*

Freshened for the winter, he came back running with a three-length victory over re-opposing **Ete Indien** (Summer Front) in the GIII Holy Bull S. here Feb. 1.

That win was flattered when Ete Indien came back to produce the most dominant performance of the prep season thus far, an 8 1/2-length wire-to-wire tour de force in the GII Fasig-Tipton Fountain of Youth S. over this track Feb. 29. Originally starting his career with a pair of turf starts, the dark bay pulled a 14-1 upset in a local dirt optional claimer Dec. 20 before his runner-up effort in the Holy Bull. In the Fountain of Youth, the Patrick Biancone trainee had to cross over in front of the whole field on the short run into the clubhouse turn to establish command, and will likely have to do the same thing again after drawing the widest-out 12 post.

While Ete Indien has the biggest blowout win of the 3-year-old season, **Independence Hall** (Constitution) produced the most dazzling performance of all juveniles last year when romping by 12 1/4 lengths in the GIII Nashua S. Nov. 3 at Aqueduct with a 101 Beyer. Not quite as impressive while still winning off by four lengths in the Jerome S. Jan. 1 in Ozone Park, the Mike Trombetta pupil was second at 7-10 when last seen in the GIII Sam F. Davis S. Feb. 8 at Tampa, a race in which he had to chase and make the first move into a fast pace before being passed over the top by deep closer Sole Volante (Karakontie {Jpn}).

Rounding out the Constitution trio is **'TDN Rising Star' Gouverneur Morris**, as trainer Todd Pletcher looks for his sixth Florida Derby score and fifth in the last seven years. Hammered down to odds-on debuting on a sloppy closing day at Saratoga, the gray romped by nine lengths and was second as the favorite in the GI Claiborne Breeders' Futurity Oct. 5 at Keeneland before heading to the bench. Back in an optional claimer Feb. 14 at Tampa, the \$600,000 Fasig-Tipton Gulfstream buy ground out a



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Fringe contenders include **As Seen On Tv** (Lookin At Lucky), who earned a 98 Beyer when second by a head in the local Mucho Macho Man S. before running third in the Fountain of Youth; and **Ajaaweed** (Curlin), runner-up in last fall's GII Remsen S., who represents the final starter for trainer Kieran McLaughlin before he moves on to become rider Luis Saez's agent.

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Santa Anita Closed cont. from p1

"We apologize for the late notice affecting today's racing program, but Santa Anita is abiding by the instructions issued this morning by the California Horse Racing Board to operate under the sanction of the local health authorities.

"At Santa Anita Park, the health, safety and welfare of every person and every horse in our community is our top priority. At this time, there are no known cases of COVID-19 at Santa Anita Park. This measure is being taken in response to a mandate from LA County officials.

"At Santa Anita Park, there are over 1,700 horses stabled who require daily care. That care is provided by the 750 backstretch team members, most who live on-site and have been operating under stringent new measures for protection aligned with the best guidance from local and international health and government authorities on COVID-19. The track has been closed to the general public and to closed all but essential personnel since March 12, 2020.

"We will continue to work with authorities to familiarize them with the protocols which have been put in place to protect the health and safety of those who work with the horses and the horses themselves.

"We look forward to the return of live racing at Santa Anita as soon as approval is received from local regulators."

The Thoroughbred Owners of California said in a subsequent release that racing at Golden Gate Fields was expected to continue as of now.

A message from the California Thoroughbred Trainers (CTT) to the horsemen read, "We are hoping this will be a short interruption, as we continue to discuss with the County on the resumption of races we will continue with our regular training schedule until further notice."

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LET'S MAKE THE MAXIMUM OF WHAT WE HAVE by Chris McGrath



Maximum Security wins the 2019 Florida Derby | Adam Coglianese

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From the upper arcade I gazed superciliously at Maximum Security (New Year's Day) as he strolled round the parade ring. The hometown upstart had won three sprints by an aggregate 35 lengths, but you could have claimed him for \$16,000 on his debut. Yes, everyone cautioned that Jason Servis, at a 45% clip through the meet, could do unexpected things with a horse; but surely this blue-collar speedball wouldn't have the impudence to last nine furlongs better than the princely Juddmonte homebred, Hidden Scroll (Hard Spun).

The rest, as they say, is history. Except it's not. Not by a long chalk.

Most obviously, the chapters still to be written include a criminal case against Servis, along with all the others caught up in the same investigation. Whatever the outcome, Maximum Security has plainly become a still more complicated name, in the annals of the sport, than when his rider was found guilty of a far more trivial charge, in the GI Kentucky Derby, than the one now levelled at his trainer.

Even that reflection, however, does not begin to measure the transformation in our world since his arrival in the elite at Gulfstream a year ago. The stands, then teeming with carefree idlers in seaside shirts and summer frocks, now loom over the

track in echoing silence; and a positive coronavirus test, for one of the top jockeys heading into town, left the whole program hanging by a horsehair.

Even then, admittedly, we were already deeply careworn: wondering whether the traumas of Santa Anita had the makings of an existential challenge. And many, moreover, soon felt as much sympathy as satisfaction for Bill Mott--the very man disappointed by Hidden Scroll--after another colt in his barn went on to secure the prize he so craved and deserved, but only by dint of a stewarding controversy.

But if 2019 seemed a dispiriting year, what would we all give now to be back in the shoes (or sandals) we wore that day at Hallandale Beach?

Jimmy Crupi had just completed the last triumph of his extraordinary career, securing the top price of Fasig-Tipton's juvenile sale with a \$3.65-million Curlin colt. Introduced by our mutual friend, the charming Dr. Paolo Romanelli, I offered Crupi due congratulations; and promised that next time we should sit down together for an interview. Just weeks later, of course, Crupi finally yielded in his prolonged and immensely brave battle with ill-health.

As painful a reminder as any, for his many friends in the business, that we should never be complacent in the daily stimulations of our community--whether found in the company





Constitution | Jon Siegel

of its horses, or its horsemen.

So while a sense of foreboding is natural, as our wagons circle ever tighter against the virus, let's try to take the longer view. This, too, shall pass. In years to come, all the ambivalence associated with the 2019 winner will be redressed by gratitude that the Stronach Group provided a top-class colt with the necessary duckboards, across the no-man's-land of this terrible crisis, to win the 2020 Florida Derby.

Needless to say, the race is a very different proposition this time round. In three of the past four runnings, it proved the perfect springboard for a sophomore with the mental and physical package to finish first past the post in a 20-runner stampede over 10 furlongs on the first Saturday in May. With the postponement to September of the Kentucky Derby--inviting all the slow-burning Travers types into the equation, and playing havoc with the summer calendar--we must value this race, more than ever, as an end in itself. Because the demands it has always made, of maturing horses, have made the Florida Derby a consistently reliable signpost to stud success.

From Nashua in the 50s and Northern Dancer in the 60s, the baton has been passed to more recent names as resonant as Unbridled, his son Unbridled's Song, Empire Maker, Scat Daddy and Quality Road.

Scat Daddy, in 2007, was the first of a record five winners saddled by Todd Pletcher. The other four were clustered in just five runnings between 2014 and 2018, highlighted by subsequent Kentucky Derby winner Always Dreaming (Bodemeister), himself a graduate of Crupi's New Castle Farm.

But it is the horse who initiated that streak on only his third start, Constitution (Tapit), who bestrides today's race. It would be difficult, in fact, to overstate its importance in extending the remarkable start he has made to his second career. Of the first four on the morning line, three are sons of Constitution.

Remember that the only stallions on WinStar's 19-strong roster still matching or surpassing the young gun's new fee of \$40,000 are More Than Ready, who is now 23; Speightstown, 22; Distorted Humor, the venerable damsire of Constitution, 27; and Tiznow, 23. That's how unbearably cruel was the loss of Pioneerof the Nile, in his pomp; and how vital is the farm's next wave of young stallions, with their brilliant standard-bearer.

As it happens, two of the three Constitutions converging on this crossroads first publicized their wares over the same track in the Fasig-Tipton Sale last year. Actually Independence Hall failed to meet his reserve, at \$200,000, but Gouverneur Morris made three times that sum.

The other Constitution, favorite Tiz The Law, was a \$110,000 Saratoga yearling. But he's the only one with a race round here already under his belt--and what a race it was, too, taking Ete Indien (Summer Front) miles clear of the rest in the Gill Holy Bull S. The runner-up reopposes, however, having progressed again to blitz his pursuers in the Gill Fountain Of Youth S., and will have no mercy on Tiz The Law (who has needed some time out since, with a foot bruise) and Independence Hall after their breaks; or on the relatively raw Gouverneur Morris.

It has been fascinating to see Biancone, relishing his return to the big time, dextrously working a bed of stamina into Ete Indien. Of course, the Frenchman has another string to his bow in Sole Volante (Karakontie {Jpn}), who still looked potentially the crop's most potent closer when second in the Gill Tampa Bay Derby. Certainly it was no disgrace for Independence Hall to forfeit his unbeaten record to Sole Volante in the Gill Sam F. Davis S., having been nakedly exposed to hot fractions and also lost a shoe.

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That just looked like a learning experience all round for Independence Hall. Which, essentially, is exactly what we have all had over the last year. There are more lessons to come, no doubt, and some of them may be bitter. As things stand, however, we should not just be grateful for the precarious entertainment still available to us today. With our vigilance renewed, whether against malpractice or sheer misfortune, we must also vow always to cherish and protect the renewal of those rituals we previously took for granted.

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Ed DeRosa of Brisnet.com takes on TDN's Steve Sherack and Brian DiDonato as they handicap Triple Crown prep races plus the big three races themselves. The three will make \$100 Win/Place bets in the preps and \$200 Win/Place bets in the Kentucky Derby, Preakness and Belmont. Highest bankroll at the end wins.

DeRosa - Last Week's Results - Wells Bayou (+\$710) kept on finding as the 3-1 favorite to wire the GII TwinSpires.com Louisiana Derby. **Bankroll: \$2275.**

GI Curlin Florida Derby - The cliché goes "willing to forgive" a horse's last race, but in the case of **Independence Hall**, there's nothing to forgive. He ran tough on the front end and got caught by a good horse who got a better set up. Now Independence Hall gets a track more to his liking and can sit and kick behind a pace and get first run on some others. **Selection: #9 Independence Hall (9-2).**

Sherack - Last Week's Results - Major Fed put in a big run with an impossible trip from far back to finish fourth. I'll definitely be playing him back for the third straight time. **Bankroll: \$1885.**

GI Curlin Florida Derby - Impossible to knock Tiz the Law after his sensational comeback in the Holy Bull, and Independence Hall ran much better than he's getting credit for after chasing that hot pace in the Sam Davis. All that being said, I landed on a different one sired by the red-hot Constitution, who, of course, captured this race in 2014. Can't imagine getting anything close to the 8-1 that **Gouverneur Morris** is quoted on the morning-line (think there's a good chance he goes off as the second choice), but around half that price should present fair value. The promising gray looked like he could be any kind at two, and he returned from the bench with a useful prep, chasing and pouncing on the very fast Untitled in a Tampa optional claimer. He appears to be training great for Pletcher since and has every right to move forward. **Selection: #5 Gouverneur Morris (8-1).**

DiDonato - Last Week's Results - No excuse for **Lynn's Map**--I need a new Derby sleeper. **Bankroll: \$2065.**

GI Curlin Florida Derby - Tiz the Law remains the current leader for me on this very long Derby trail, and I can't come up with a particularly good reason to oppose him here. There are some pretty solid alternatives signed on, but nobody who I think is both capable of running faster than him *and* likely to see out nine furlongs better. There are enough other horses to take money that maybe he'll end up being another slight overlay like he was in the Holy Bull. **Selection: #7 Tiz the Law (6-5).**

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AQUEDUCT ON CUOMO'S LIST OF POSSIBLE HOSPITAL SITES

Aqueduct Racetrack is on the list of possible additional new hospital sites for New York State, according to N.Y. Governor Andrew Cuomo, who discussed the issue at his daily press briefing Friday.

Cuomo said that the state is looking for sites with a 1,000-plus patient capacity in each of the five New York City boroughs, as well as Westchester, Rockland, Nassau and Suffolk Counties. Aqueduct is located in South Ozone Park in the borough of Queens.

New York is already building a temporary hospital in the Jacob Javits Convention Center in Manhattan, as well as others at SUNY Stony Brook, SUNY Old Westbury, and the Westchester Convention Center, with a goal of opening to patients in mid-to early April.

"We know at this point that any scenario will overwhelm the capacity of our healthcare system and we are continuing to work aggressively to increase our state's hospital capacity and flatten the curve," Governor Cuomo said. "Our top priority is finding more beds for patients and getting the ventilators we need to ensure our most vulnerable patients are being treated properly, and we are actively scouting new locations for temporary hospital sites. This situation is not easy, but easy times don't forge character--hard times do--and we will get through this together and be better and stronger people for it."

Along with Aqueduct, the state is looking at temporary hospital sites at CUNY College of Staten Island, the Brooklyn Cruise Terminal and the New York Expo Center.

By mid-afternoon Friday, the statewide total of coronavirus cases stood at 44,635--a number that only includes positive tests, and not those assumed to have it who were unable to be tested. (See [Brad Weisbord's letter to the editor](#).)

The new hospitals would require the approval of the federal government, which Cuomo said he would seek.

"NYRA and the New York racing community are thankful for Governor Cuomo's steady leadership during this unprecedented public health crisis, and we stand ready to assist in any way we can," said NYRA CEO and President Dave O'Rourke. "The governor's ability to quickly marshal all available resources is saving lives and inspiring action both here in New York and across the nation. We welcome the opportunity for Aqueduct Racetrack to serve as a safe haven for those recovering from this virus, recognizing that we all must work together as a community to meet this challenge and emerge stronger for it. NYRA also joins the governor in extending our deepest gratitude to the first responders, medical professionals and volunteers who continue to operate on the front lines of the battle against COVID-19."

It would not be the first time that New York Racing Association tracks have been called upon for help in crises. After Superstorm Sandy hit the New York area in October, 2012, NYRA donated the use of its parking lot to the American Red Cross at Aqueduct to operate a mobile feeding kitchen and relief supplies staging area. In 2001, Belmont Park served as one of the staging areas for emergency vehicles and personnel in the days following 9/11. Less than seven weeks later, on October 27, 2001, Belmont Park was the site of the first major international sporting event post-9/11 in New York when it hosted the Breeders' Cup World Thoroughbred Championships.

New York State is currently operating a mobile testing site in the Aqueduct parking lot. First-come first-serve testing is available to those with signed referrals.

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MUSEUM, HALL OF FAME UNDERGO MAJOR FACELIFT *by Bill Finley*



Artist's rendering of a new interactive exhibit at the Hall of Fame, currently under renovation

The National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame opened in 1959, and it was showing its age. With out-of-date plaques, no interactive exhibits and new technologies, it was a 20th-century museum in a 21st-century world.

That, however, is about to change. An effort to modernize started when John Hendrickson was named the museum's president in 2017. He vowed to improve the facility and the fan experience. Some three years later, and after \$12 million was poured into the project, future visitors will find a new, better and more modern racing National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame.

"It is a project that has been a couple of years in the works and something the industry has been supportive of," said the museum's director of communications, Brien Bouyea. "We think this is going to be a great tourist destination. Saratoga has always been a popular place to go. We think we can make this

racing's version of Cooperstown, a place people have to come to, a must-visit."

The museum was closed in late December and will not re-open until mid-July, in time for opening day at Saratoga. The most obvious change will be to the Hall of Fame itself. Unlike most other sports, racing inducts many of its human competitors before their careers are over, and the plaque put up at the time of induction remained there forever. Whatever an individual accomplished after going into the Hall of Fame went unmentioned.

"We had a very nice, traditional, hallowed space, but the plaques were outdated," Bouyea said. "We induct trainers and jockeys when they are still going. For example, if you go to Nick Zito's plaque, it doesn't mention his most recent Belmont win. Gary Stevens's plaque doesn't have his comeback, his winning another Preakness and a number of Breeders' Cup races. Mike Smith's plaque didn't mention Zenyatta."

Once the Hall of Fame re-opens, the plaques will be gone. They will be replaced with interactive monitors. With a touch of the screen, visitors will be able to see a complete record of the individual, learn more about them and watch races that were parts of their career.

"With these interactive screens, the Hall of Fame will come to life," Bouyea said. "Instead of having the traditional plaques, they're going to be represented by digital interactive stations. You can punch up Secretariat and not only will his plaque come up, but you can watch the stretch run of a race like the Belmont. There will also be photo galleries. The plaques have kind of just been sitting there and, now, this will change the experience and take the visitor inside the careers of these Hall of Fame members."

The plaques are not going to wind up in a storage shed at the museum. Bouyea said the plan is to lend them out to racetracks and racing organizations and that they could become part of a traveling exhibition.

The other major project is the development of a movie that the museum describes as a "larger-than-life cinematic experience." Much like the film shown at the Kentucky Derby Museum, it will be presented on a 360-degree screen and will be produced by Donna Lawrence Productions, the same company that produced the Derby movie.

"This is going to be a replacement of the 'Race Day America' film that has been in there since the 1980s," Bouyea said. "They've been on location, shooting at Saratoga, Santa Anita, Churchill Downs, and have been doing interviews with Hall of Fame members and getting the ambiance of the sport. This film is going to be a signature experience; it's going to be something that nobody has ever seen before. I don't want to let too much spill out, but if you imagine what the Kentucky Derby museum

has done with a 360-degree presentation, it's going to be like that but at the same time, also different. There will be elements that nobody has seen before in a theater experience."

The fund-raising aspect of the project has not yet concluded. To participate, or learn more about the National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame, [click here](#).

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TONALIST'S SHAPE, SPICE IS NICE REMATCH IN FULL GULFSTREAM OAKS



Tonalist's Shape (inside) edges Spice Is Nice | Coglianesse

by Joe Bianca

In the Feb. 29 GII Davona Dale S. at Gulfstream, two unbeaten fillies squared off while taking the majority of the public support, with the second choice narrow edging the favorite. Saturday, **Tonalist's Shape** (Tonalist) and **Spice Is Nice** (Curlin) will do battle again, alongside 10 other 3-year-old fillies, in the GII Gulfstream Park Oaks at the Hallandale oval.

Rallying to a 19-1 upset on debut for Sabana Farms and Juan Avila here last September, Tonalist's Shape was privately purchased and transferred to Saffie Joseph, for whom she captured a Gulfstream West optional claimer and the local Hut Hut S. to close out her juvenile campaign. Opening her 3-year-old account with a victory in the GIII Forward Gal S. that earned just a 70 Beyer, the chestnut was off at 21-10 in the Davona Dale and turned back all comers to prevail by 1 1/4 lengths.

Normally a four-for-four filly with a last-out graded stakes win on her resume would be heavily favored next out, but instead it was once-raced Spice Is Nice who went off at 7-10. Debuting Jan. 12 going a mile here, the \$1.05-million Keeneland September buy snuck through a rail opening midway on the turn and burst away to a devastating 12-length romp, earning her **'TDN Rising Star'** badge. Never quite able to get to her more

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*As of March 11, 2020



KHOZAN'S UNTITLED MAKES A NAME FOR HIMSELF



UNTITLED breaking his maiden **by 11 lengths** and getting a **98 Beyer** at Gulfstream Park at first asking. He enjoyed his first graded stakes placed finish on 3/7/20, finishing 2nd in the **Gotham Stakes (Gr. 3)** at Aqueduct



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experienced rival in the Davona Dale, she nevertheless finished clear for the place and figures to be prominent again in this first two-turn test.

Looking for a bounceback is Godolphin homebred **Lake Avenue** (Tapit). A good second debuting at six furlongs Oct. 6 at Belmont, the Bill Mott trainee went to the front and never looked back in a 12 3/4-length maiden-breaking rout Nov. 14 at Aqueduct and wired her foes once again in the GII Demoiselle S. there Dec. 7. Given a few months off, she returned at 4-5 in the Busher Invitational S. Mar. 7 at the Big A and wilted after setting a hot pace to finish a well-beaten fourth.

Up-and-coming **Lucrezia** (Into Mischief) looms as a major contender for the Arnaud Delacour barn. Runner-up debuting on the Keeneland main track Oct. 5, the bay returned 18 days later over the lawn in Lexington to graduate by two lengths with a strong 86 Beyer. Disappointing when fifth in the Stewart Manor S. on the Aqueduct turf Nov. 10, she annexed the Sandpiper S. when returned to dirt Dec. 7 at Tampa and stretched out beyond six furlongs for the first time to dominate the Suncoast S. by five lengths Feb. 8 in Oldsmar.

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ZULU ALPHA HEADLINES PAN AMERICAN



Zulu Alpha | Ryan Thompson

Zulu Alpha (Street Cry {Ire}), an impressive come-from-behind winner in the GI Pegasus World Cup Turf Invitational S. Jan. 25, is the clear-cut horse to beat in Saturday's GII Kitten's Joy Pan American S. at Gulfstream Park.

Trainer Mike Maker had originally planned to give the Michael Hui colorbearer some time off following the 7-year-old gelding's repeat victory in the GII Mac Diarmida S. in Hallandale Feb. 29, but had a change of heart due to the evolving racing landscape

in the coming months due to the coronavirus outbreak.

"He continues to do excellent," Maker said of the 3-5 morning-line favorite, who is four-for-five over the Gulfstream lawn. "I called an audible since the [Kentucky] Derby day stakes had been canceled, so we elected for the Pan American. He's had a great winter. We're looking for another big performance this Saturday."

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DANON PHARAOH HEADS BAKER'S DOZEN IN FUKURYU S. *by Alan Carasso*

American-conceived **Danon Pharaoh (Jpn)** (American Pharoah {Jpn}) has drawn the widest gate in a field of 13 for Saturday's ¥34.6 million (\$320,253) Fukuryu S. (allowance) at Nakayama Racecourse, the final of four scheduled points race on the Japan Road to the Kentucky Derby.

A debut second to the talented Dieu du Vin (Jpn) (Declaration of War), the son of 2010 GI Santa Anita Oaks victress Crisp (El Corredor) was a sound fifth to that rival in the first leg of the series, the Nov. 23 Cattleya Sho (allowance) at Tokyo. Given some time to mature, the ¥180 million (\$1,629,000) JRHA Select Sale yearling powered home to win a Kyoto allowance by four lengths in his return to action Feb. 15 ([video](#), gate 14).

Yaugau (Jpn), a son of the accomplished Japanese dirt sire Gold Allure (Jpn), has the inside stall as he attempts to build on a solid third-place effort to Cafe Pharoah (American Pharoah) in the most recent Derby qualifier, the Listed Hyacinth S. at headquarters Feb. 23. Produced by a Japanese-raced, American-bred daughter of Tiznow, Yaugau overcame high draws to win his two prior races at a route of ground.

Light Warrior (Jpn) (Majestic Warrior) was out of the top three in a pair of starts on the turf to begin his career, but has improved with a switch to the dirt to graduate in his first try over the surface last December before adding a Kyoto allowance in fast time Feb. 2.

Other American-bred or -sired horses in the field include **Herrschaft** (Will Take Charge, gate 2); **American Baby (Jpn)** (Bernardini, gate 8); **Jigen** (Into Mischief, gate 10); **Immortal Smoke** (Into Mischief, gate 11) and **American Face** (Tapit, gate 12).

The Fukuryu S., won last year by subsequent GI Kentucky Derby sixth, offers a total of 68 points (40-16-8-4). With the postponement of the Derby to September, additional races could conceivably be added to the series.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE BELMONT CHILD CARE ASSOCIATION

The Board of Directors and staff of the Belmont Child Care Association, Inc. sent out the following message Friday:

“With the doors of Anna House closed, and upcoming events postponed, the BCCA staff is working remotely as we continue to be true to our mission to serve the children and the families of the backstretch. While all of these measures are necessary, they do come with financial consequences for our organization as we have a large overhead which must be maintained during this closure. We are monitoring the situation closely and working with our Board of Directors to take precautionary measures to cut costs and assist our families.

To respond to the immediate needs of our families, BCCA began collecting and distributing donations for infants and toddlers, including diapers, wipes, and formula.

Now, the most effective and efficient way to help our families is to make a financial donation to the BCCA Family Fund to cover the costs of essential supplies.

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Due to the circumstances surrounding COVID-19, the Racing Officials Accreditation Program (ROAP) announced that it has extended the dates for completion of required continuing education (CE) hours by one year for all accredited racing officials, stewards, and judges. Those who have already completed CE hours this year will be credited and their renewal date moved forward accordingly.

Originally scheduled for July 6-13, the ROAP Accreditation School, hosted by the University of Louisville Equine Industry Program and the CE program scheduled the same week, have been canceled. If possible, the program will be re-scheduled later in the year.

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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	ML
1	As Seen On Tv	Lookin At Lucky	Screen Door Stables, LLC	Breen	Lopez	12-1
2	Shivaree	Awesome of Course	Jacks or Better Farm, Inc.	Nicks	Jaramillo	30-1
3	Disc Jockey 🐾	Bodemeister	Frank Carl Calabrese	Joseph, Jr.	Gaffalione	20-1
4	Soros 🐾	Commissioner	Eclipse Tbred Partners &d OGMA Investments	Delgado	Prado	30-1
5	Gouverneur Morris 🐾	Constitution	Team Valor International and WinStar Farm LLC	Pletcher	Velazquez	8-1
6	Ajaaweed	Curlin	Shadwell Stable	McLaughlin	Saez	20-1
7	Tiz the Law	Constitution	Sackatoga Stable	Tagg	Franco	6-5
8	My First Grammy 🐾	Curlin	Maria Ines Mejia	Sanchez	Berrios	50-1
9	Independence Hall 🐾	Constitution	Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners, Twin Creeks Racing Trombetta Stables & R K V RACING LLC		Rosario	9-2
10	Candy Tycoon 🐾	Twirling Candy	Mathis Stable LLC	Pletcher	TBD	20-1
11	Sassy But Smart	Overdriven	Borchetta, Martha, Mike & Scott and Silver, Martin	Condie	Bravo	50-1
12	Ete Indien 🐾	Summer Front	Shanahan, L, Bacon, S, Dream With Me Stable, Horse France America, D P Racing & P Biancone	Biancone	Geroux	4-1

Also Eligible

13	Rogue Element 🐾	Honor Code	Calumet Farm	Romans	Vasquez	50-1
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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	ML
1	Inveterate 🐾	Palace Malice	Nice Guys Stables	Magner	Franco	20-1
2	Bajan Girl 🐾	Speightstown	Slack, Robert and Walters, Daniel	Crichton	Vasquez	20-1
3	Spartanka	Street Sense	Olympia Star, Inc.	Maker	Davis	20-1
4	Lake Avenue	Tapit	Godolphin, LLC	Mott	Rosario	9-2
5	Spice Is Nice 🐾	Curlin	Low, Lawana L. and Robert E.	Pletcher	TBD	3-1
6	Swiss Skydiver 🐾	Daredevil	Peter J. Callahan	McPeek	Lopez	10-1
7	Lucrezia	Into Mischief	Seltzer, Edward A. and Anderson, Beverly S.	Delacour	Leparoux	8-1
8	Dream Marie	Graydar	Miracle's International Trading, Inc.	Williams	Mitchell	15-1
9	Tonalist's Shape 🐾	Tonalist	Slam Dunk Racing, Branham, D & Legacy Ranch	Joseph, Jr.	Gaffalione	5-2
10	Mrs. S 🐾	Creative Cause	Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners & Spearman, Abbey	Pletcher	Velazquez	15-1
11	Addilyn 🐾	Palace Malice	Briannjenn Racing LLC	Sano	Zayas	30-1
12	Sunset Promise	Broken Vow	David Staudacher	Maker	Geroux	20-1

Also Eligible

13	Four Grands	Honor Code	Albaugh Family Stables LLC	Romans	Saez	10-1
14	Marialuisa	Tonalist	Ruben Valdes	Rodriguez	Gonzalez	30-1

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	ML
1	Channel Cat	English Channel	Calumet Farm	Pletcher	Rosario	9-2
2	Bemma's Boy 🌿	Into Mischief	Paradise Farms Corp.	Maker	Geroux	10-1
3	Spooky Channel	English Channel	Terry Hamilton	Lynch	Leparoux	20-1
4	Current 🌿	Curlin	Eclipse Tbred Partners, LaPenta, R & Dixiana Farms	Pletcher	TBD	30-1
5	Go Poke the Bear 🌿	Kitten's Joy	Paradise Farms Corp. and Mad Dog Racing Stable	Maker	Lopez	20-1
6	Galleon Mast	Mizzen Mast	Anne D. Scott	Fawkes	Bravo	15-1
7	Prince of Arabia 🌿	Mineshaft	D P Racing LLC	Biancone	Panici	30-1
8	Manicomio 🌿	Include	22 Racing Stable Inc.	Bezara	Vasquez	30-1
9	Zulu Alpha	Street Cry (Ire)	Michael M. Hui	Maker	Gaffalione	3-5
10	Focus Group 🌿	Kitten's Joy	West Point Thoroughbreds, New Phoenix Stable, Stevenson, Louisa and Tango Uniform Racing LLC	Clement	Saez	8-1

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	ML
1	Harvey Wallbanger	Congrats	Harold Lerner, AWC Stbls, Nehoc Stbls, Akman, S Braverman, P, Magdalena Racing & D Bensen	McPeek	Davis	4-1
2	Bodexpress 🌿	Bodemeister	Top Racing, Global Tbred & GDS Racing Stable	Delgado	Jaramillo	8-1
3	You're to Blame 🌿	Distorted Humor	Bortolazzo Stable LLC	Pletcher	Velazquez	7-2
4	Identifier 🌿	Creative Cause	Gelfenstein Farm	Gonzalez	Meneses	20-1
5	Just Whistle 🌿	Pioneerof the Nile	Helen K. Groves	Matz	Franco	10-1
6	American Tattoo (Arg)	Not For Sale (Arg)	Calumet Farm and John Anthony Stables LLC	Pletcher	TBD	3-1
7	Eye of a Jedi 🌿	Eye of the Leopard	Steve Budhoo	Budhoo	Vasquez	30-1
8	Sir Anthony	Mineshaft	Richard Otto Stables, Inc.	Mitchell	Geroux	15-1
9	Realm	Haynesfield	Dattner, Eric, Tagg, Barclay and Astarita, Harry	Tagg	Lopez	6-1
10	Rare Form 🌿	The Factor	Jones, Sr., Frank & Churchill Downs Racing Club	Romans	Saez	15-1
11	Prompt	Blame	James S. Karp	Mott	Zayas	20-1

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

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	ML
1	Beale Street 🌿	Quality Road	Amy N. Moore	Matz	Velazquez	15-1
2	Kelsey's Cross	Anthony's Cross	Bacon, Sanford & Patrick L. Biancone Racing, LLC	Biancone	Geroux	10-1
3	Irisa (Arg)	Pure Prize	Miami Shores Racing, LLC	Correas, IV	Prado	30-1
4	Quick Witted	Afleet Alex	Lorian Francesca Peralta-Ramos	Correas, IV	Bravo	15-1
5	Gentle Ruler 🌿	Colonel John	Morsches Stable	Wilkes	Landeros	7-2
6	Mean Mary	Scat Daddy	Alex G. Campbell, Jr.	Motion	Saez	3-1
7	Cap de Creus	Tapit	Gainesway Stable	Pletcher	Rosario	10-1
8	Beau Belle 🌿	Giant's Causeway	Mark T. Anderson	Albertrani	Davis	8-1
9	Get Explicit	Get Stormy	Modeste Racing Stable	Minshall	Zayas	12-1
10	La Australiana 🌿	Australia (GB)	JCA Racing Stable LLC	Avila	Meneses	30-1
11	Over Thinking	Overanalyze	G. Watts Humphrey, Jr.	Oliver	Leparoux	30-1

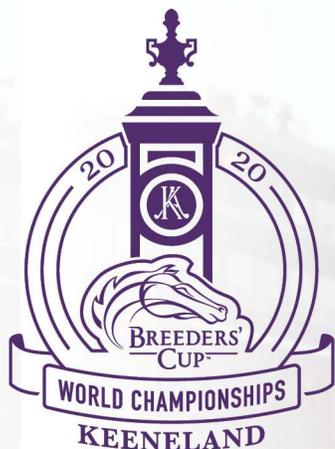
Breeders: 1-JSM Equine LLC, 2-T. Wynn Jolley & Mary Jolley, 3-Carampangue, 4-Mrs. Arturo Peralta Ramos, 5-Builder's Mart, Inc., 6-Alex G. Campbell, Jr. Thoroughbreds, LLC, 7-Juddmonte Farms Inc, 8-Mr. Joseph Allen LLC, 9-Modeste Racing Stable, 10-Capital Bloodstock, 11-G. Watts Humphrey Jr., Susan Keller, 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	ML
1	English Bee	English Channel	Calumet Farm	Motion	Franco	8-1
2	Hembree 🐾	Proud Citizen	Three Diamonds Farm	Maker	Rosario	12-1
3	March to the Arch	Arch	Live Oak Plantation	Casse	Gaffalione	8-1
4	Ballagh Rocks 🐾	Stormy Atlantic	Donegal Racing and Madaket Stables LLC	Mott	Zayas	6-1
5	Maraud 🐾	Blame	Collinsworth Thoroughbred Racing LLC	Orseno	Davis	10-1
6	Smart Remark 🐾	First Defence	Humphrey, Jr., G. Watts, O'Brien, B & Klatsky, B	Oliver	Landeros	20-1
7	Social Paranoia	Street Boss	The Elkstone Group, LLC	Pletcher	TBD	10-1
8	Dr. Edgar	Lookin At Lucky	Canzone, Sr., Peter J. and Eloise	Tagg	Lopez	20-1
9	Louder Than Bombs 🐾	Violence	Sandra New	Fawkes	Bravo	15-1
10	Sombeyay 🐾	Into Mischief	Starlight Racing	Pletcher	Saez	7-2
11	Mr Dumas 🐾	Majesticperfection	WSS Racing LLC and Hooties Racing LLC	Maker	Reyes	12-1
12	El Tormenta	Stormy Atlantic	Sam-Son Farm	Cox	Leparoux	9-2
Also Eligible						
13	First Premio 🐾	Pure Prize	Team Valor International	Casse	Geroux	10-1
14	Halladay 🐾	War Front	Harrell Ventures, LLC	Pletcher	Velazquez	10-1
15	Regally Irish	Regal Ransom	Isabelle de Tomaso	Motion	Maragh	30-1
16	Flavius	War Front	Juddmonte Farms, Inc.	Brown	Rosario	8-1

Breeders: 1-Calumet Farm, 2-Derby Lane Farm, LLC, 3-Live Oak Stud, 4-Turner Breeders, LLC, 5-John R. Penn & Frank Penn, 6-G. Watts Humphrey Jr. & St. George Farm, LLC, 7-Mineola Farm II LLC & Silent Grove Farm LLC, 8-Frederick M. Allor & Michael T. Barnett, 9-Hidden Brook Farm & Spruce Lane Farm, 10-J. D. Stuart & Mueller Farms, Inc., 11-Ramspring Farm, 12-Sam-Son Farm, 13-Ronald G. McPeck, 14-Gainesway Thoroughbreds Ltd. & Winchell Thoroughbreds, LLC, 15-Isabelle de Tomaso, 16-Juddmonte Farms Inc



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Saturday, Gulfstream Park, post time: 1:00 p.m. ET

CUTLER BAY S., \$100,000, 3yo, 1mT

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1 Pleasecallmeback	Hard Spun	Prado	Attfield	20-1
2 Captain D	Gary D	Zayas	Joseph Jr	15-1
3 Get Smokin	Get Stormy	Jaramillo	Bush	8-1
4 Summer to Remember	Summer Front	Saez	Pletcher	8-1
5 Inter Miami	Big Drama	Reyes	Delgado	30-1
6 Vitalogy (GB)	No Nay Never	Walsh	TBA	5-2
7 Fenwick Station	Magician (Ire)	Gaffalione	Kenneally	20-1
8 Moon Over Miami	Malibu Moon	Velazquez	Mott	15-1
9 South Bend	Algorithms	Leparoux	Hough	4-1
10 Decorated Invader	Declaration of War	Rosario	Clement	7-2
11 Mr. Hustle	Declaration of War	Lopez	Attfield	12-1
12 Street Ready	More Than Ready	Landeros	Wilkes	30-1
<i>Also Eligible:</i>				
13 Bye Bye Melvin	Uncle Mo	Franco	Motion	20-1
14 Diamonds Enjoy	Kitten's Joy	Berrios	Sanchez	50-1
15 Vintage Print	Curlin	TBA	Brown	12-1
<i>Main Track Only:</i>				
16 With Verve	Kantharos	Prado	Bates	15-1

Saturday, Gulfstream Park, post time: 2:30 p.m. ET

SANIBEL ISLAND S., \$100,000, 3yo, f, 1mT

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1 Lucky Polly	Lookin At Lucky	TBA	M Casse	9-2
2 Onyx	Dialed In	Saez	Alvardo	6-1
3 Stunning Sky	Declaration of War	Geroux	Maker	12-1
4 Fujairah	Ghostzapper	Vasquez	David	20-1
5 Cheermeister	Bodemeister	Jaramillo	De La Cerda	7-2
6 Lady Panda	Animal Kingdom	Zayas	Kurtinecz	20-1
7 Walk in Marrakesh (Ire)	Siyouni (Fr)	Bravo	Correas	6-1
8 She's My Type (Fr)	Dunkerque (Fr)	Gaffalione	Clement	5-1
9 Seducer	Cairo Prince	Rosario	Clement	8-1
10 How Ironic	Tonalist	Landeros	Oliver	30-1
11 Highland Glory	Sky Mesa	Lopez	Tagg	12-1
12 Heir of Light	The Factor	Leparoux	N Casse	20-1
<i>Also Eligible:</i>				
13 Duchess of Sussex	Palace Malice	Franco	Motion	10-1

Saturday, Gulfstream Park, post time: 3:34 p.m. ET

SAND SPRINGS S., \$100,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1mT

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1 Picara	Turbo Compressor	Maragh	Delgado	30-1
2 Zofelle (Ire)	Zoffany (Ire)	Rosario	Walsh	9-2
3 Souper Escape	Medaglia d'Oro	Saez	Trombetta	20-1
4 Smart Shot	Skipshot	Panici	Arnold	20-1
5 Newspaperofrecord (Ire)	Lope de Vega (Ire)	TBA	Brown	9-5
6 La Signare (Fr)	Siyouni (Fr)	Gaffalione	Walsh	8-1
7 Getmotherarose	Get Stormy	Franco	Bush	6-1
8 East Moon	Speightstown	Leparoux	Arnold	15-1
9 Angel of Mischief	Into Mischief	Geroux	N Casse	20-1
10 Jakarta	Bustin Stones	Zayas	Maker	8-1
11 High Regard	Will Take Charge	Bravo	Oliver	20-1
12 Valedictorian	Temple City	Lopez	Breen	8-1
<i>Also Eligible:</i>				
13 Another Time	Munnings	Geroux	Minshall	20-1



IN ORDER OF PURSE:

8th-Oaklawn, \$62,000, Alw (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 3-27, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:09.45, ft.

SUNNY DALE (f, 4, Medaglia d'Oro--Medea {Ire}) {GSW, \$264,845}, by Danehill Dancer {Ire}}, third in her three most recent tries out in Southern California, broke through in her Hot Springs debut by five lengths Feb. 8 before adding a narrow first-level allowance tally Feb. 29. Favored at 7-5 to continue clearing conditions, she enjoyed a clear lead through splits of :21.74 and :44.60 and was always doing enough to keep a pair of pursuers at bay in the lane. Unique Factor (The Factor) prevailed in the battle for second. The winner, who hails from the extended female family of highest-level winners High Yield and Forest Flower, has a 2-year-old half-sister by Candy Ride (Arg) and yearling half-brother by Classic Empire. Her dam was bred back to Mastery. Sales history: \$100,000 Ylg '17 KESEP. Lifetime Record: 10-3-3-0, \$181,051. [Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Michael C. Stinson; B-Godolphin & Cornerstone Thoroughbreds LLC (PA); T-Jerry Hollendorfer.

THINK INDIAN CREEK

10th-Gulfstream, \$45,000, Alw (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 3-27, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8mT, 1:46.54, fm.

SILVER KITTEN (f, 4, Kitten's Joy--Exe {SW, \$187,008}, by Exchange Rate) belied 25-1 odds to earn her diploma eight time out at the Big A Nov. 30, and doubled up in a local allowance going a mile Jan. 25. Second after showing the way early in the Gill Honey Fox S. Feb. 29, the 13-10 chalk took up her usual spot on the engine and held off a late bid from Bacchanalia (Union Rags) to score by a half-length. The winner has a 2-year-old full-brother and a yearling half-brother by We Miss Artie. Sales history: \$17,000 RNA Ylg '17 OBSOCT; \$140,000 2yo '18 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: GSP, 11-3-3-1, \$158,666. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Daniel J. Feiss, Brian Turner, Stephen Kennedy, Corms Racing Stable & Hugh Lynch; B-Kenneth L. Ramsey & Sarah K. Ramsey (KY); T-Danny Gargan.

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9th-Gulfstream, \$44,000, Alw (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$75,000), 3-27, 3yo, 1m, 1:35.30, ft.

MONEY MOVES (c, 3, Candy Ride {Arg}--Citizen Advocate {MSW & GSP, \$327,450}, by Proud Citizen), a debut winner sprinting in the slop here Feb. 15, handled the stretch out to a mile successfully Friday while besting a salty bunch in the process. Attending the pace along the fence through splits of :23.04 and :45.66, he opened a narrow advantage at the top of the lane as **'TDN Rising Star'** and fellow second timer Edge of Fire (Curlin) revved up to mount a bid. Money Moves had far more to give, however, and kicked clear by 2 3/4 lengths. The winner's dam is half to champion 2-year-old filly Caledonia Road (Quality Road) and hails from the family of Grade I winners Hymn Book (Arch) and Data Link (War Front). She produced a More Than Ready filly in 2019. Sales history: \$975,000 2yo '19 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$52,200. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

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Money Moves | *Lauren King*

11th-Gulfstream, \$44,000, Alw (NW1\$X), Opt. Clm (\$75,000), 3-27, 3yo, 1 1/8mT, 1:47.23, fm.

GUFO (c, 3, Declaration of War--Floy, by Petionville) was given a rail-skimming ride by Joel Rosario and was produced late to give trainer Christophe Clement a **landmark 2,000th training victory** in the Friday finale. Snagged back to last through the opening furlongs, the chestnut made quiet progress at the inside down the backstretch. Pinching ground at the fence without a straw in his path on the turn, he was switched out into the three path in upper stretch and outfinished Unconquered Lea (Lea) to take it by a half-length as the 21-10 chalk. The latter, who wired a field of maidens by five lengths in his turf and route debuts Feb. 22, sat a tracking trip three deep this time and came to win the race at the furlong grounds, only to be outfinished while covering a whopping 53 feet (about 5 1/2 lengths) more than the winner, according to Trakus data. Gufo, a half-brother to the versatile Hogy (Offlee Wild), MGSW, \$1,339,782, has a 2-year-old half-sister named Sisi (Tourist) and his dam was most recently bred to Cross Traffic. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-1, \$58,800. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

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IN ORDER OF PURSE:

6th-Gulfstream, \$47,900, Msw, 3-27, 4yo/up, 1mT, 1:34.59, fm.

AZRAEL (c, 4, Cross Traffic--Forestelle, by Forestry), last seen finishing third over a sloppy seven furlongs in an off-the-turfer at Saratoga July 17, and was off at 6-1 in this belated turf debut. Fastest from the gate, the bay traded jabs down the backside through splits of :23.99 and :47.45. He shook off his pace foe in midstretch, and never looked back as he strode home two lengths clear of Rochambeau (Noble Mission {GB}). The winner has full sisters born in 2017, 2018 and 2019 and his dam was bred back to Cross Traffic again for 2020. Sales history: \$42,000 Ylg '17 KESEEP; \$350,000 2yo '18 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-1, \$63,400. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

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1st-Gulfstream, \$43,000, Msw, 3-27, 3yo, 1 1/16mT, 1:41.04, fm.

RHYTHM SECTION (c, 3, American Pharoah--Rhythm and Rhyme, by Unbridled's Song) was second by a neck when debuted for a \$50,000 tag here Feb. 20, and was off at 5-1 for the meet's leading trainer. Shifting in at the start and hopping several times as pilot Luis Saez tried to gather him up, the grey eventually found his rhythm at the back of the pack heading around the first bend. He picked off horses out wide approaching the far turn, and catapulted his way all to the front in upper stretch. Shifting in while clear in the late stages, he was very nearly run down by Alonzo Mosely (Tonalist) but hung on by a nose. The winner's dam is a full to GISW Magnificent Song. She produced an Uncle Mo filly in 2019 before being bred back to Mendelssohn. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$32,400. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O-Michael B. Tabor & Derrick Smith; B-Chelston (KY); T-Todd A. Pletcher.



Rhythm Section | Ryan Thompson

4th-Gulfstream, \$43,000, Msw, 3-27, 3yo/up, f/m, 5fT, :55.49, fm.

FIRST WAVE (f, 4, War Front--New Wave {SP, \$122,423}, by Tale of the Cat) was second in a rained-off sprint at Churchill last May, and again by a neck in a grassy dash at Saratoga in July. Seventh when stretching out at the Spa in August, she failed to land a blow in a main-track sprint at Keeneland Oct. 12 but was favored at even-money here returning to what appeared on paper to be her preferred trip. Scrubbed on to vie for the early advantage, the homebred sat perched in third and mounted a bid out in the clear approaching the straight as newcomer Fuddled (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) appeared loaded while in behind the frontrunners. **Cont. p4**

4th-GP cont.

She spurted clear in midstretch, and kept finding from there to fend off Fuddled by a neck. The winner has a yearling half-sister by Quality Road and a foal half-sister by West Coast. The winner's dam is a full to Japanese MGSW A Shin Top and a half to MGISW General Quarters (Sky Mesa). Lifetime Record: 5-1-2-0, \$61,452. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O/B-G. Watts Humphrey Jr. & W. S. Farish (KY); T-George R. Arnold, II.

8th-Tampa Bay Downs, \$20,000, Msw, 3-27, 3yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:36.37, fm.

PARISH POET (IRE) (f, 4, Lope de Vega {Ire}--Tinaheely {Ire}, by Intikhab) hit the board in one of four European appearances for trainer Paul Cole, but was backed down to 27-10 while adding Lasix for this U.S. debut. A reluctant and tugging second while holding a spot at the rail down the backstretch, Parish Poet was given her head and nosed in front with about 3 1/2-furlongs to travel. Confronted nearing the stretch by favored Lipstikliesnlovers (American Pharoah), she repelled that bid and staved off a late surge from Flying the Colors (War Front) to score by a half-length. Sales history: 60,000gns Wlg '16 TATFOA; 48,000gns RNA Ylg '17 TAOCT. Lifetime Record: 5-1-0-1, \$13,775. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

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Money Moves (Candy Ride {Arg}) goes two-for-two for Pletcher in salty Gulfstream heat.

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First Wave | Ryan Thompson



SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: SATURDAY, MAR. 28

Bayern (Offlee Wild), Hill 'n' Dale Farms, \$15,000
 157 foals of racing age/33 winners/0 black-type winners
 6-Tampa Bay Downs, Msw 1mT, SUNSATIION, 7-2
 \$27,000 FTK OCT yrl; \$160,000 OBS MAR 2yo

Commissioner (A.P. Indy), WinStar Farm, \$7,500
 163 foals of racing age/21 winners/3 black-type winners
 6-Tampa Bay Downs, Msw 1mT, SAFE AND SOUND, 5-1
 \$25,000 FTK OCT yrl
 14-Gulfstream, \$750K GI Curlin Florida Derby, 1 1/8m, SOROS,
 30-1
 \$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
 2-Santa Anita, Msw 6f, DIAMOND RANGER, 8-1
 \$160,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$100,000 OBS APR 2yo

Constitution (Tapit), WinStar Farm, \$40,000
 233 foals of racing age/40 winners/5 black-type winners
 14-Gulfstream, \$750K GI Curlin Florida Derby, 1 1/8m,
 GOUVERNEUR MORRIS, 8-1
 \$200,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$600,000 FTF MAR 2yo
 14-Gulfstream, \$750K GI Curlin Florida Derby, 1 1/8m,
 INDEPENDENCE HALL, 9-2
 \$100,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$200,000 RNA FTF MAR 2yo
 14-Gulfstream, \$750K GI Curlin Florida Derby, 1 1/8m, TIZ THE
 LAW, 6-5
 \$110,000 SAR AUG yrl

Daredevil (More Than Ready), Turkish Jockey Club, private
 158 foals of racing age/19 winners/2 black-type winners
 11-Gulfstream, \$200K GII Fasig-Tipton Gulfstream Park Oaks, 1
 1/16m, SWISS SKYDIVER, 10-1
 \$35,000 KEE SEP yrl

Honor Code (A.P. Indy), Lane's End Farm, \$30,000
 213 foals of racing age/19 winners/1 black-type winner
 11-Gulfstream, \$200K GII Fasig-Tipton Gulfstream Park Oaks, 1
 1/16m, FOUR GRANDS, 10-1
 3-Santa Anita, Aoc 5 1/2ft, ROADRUNNER'S HONOR, 6-1
 \$55,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; \$100,000 OBS MAR 2yo
 14-Gulfstream, \$750K GI Curlin Florida Derby, 1 1/8m, ROGUE
 ELEMENT, 50-1
 \$250,000 KEE SEP yrl

Khozan (Distorted Humor), Journeyman Stud, \$8,500
 130 foals of racing age/29 winners/2 black-type winners
 3-Golden Gate Fields, Aoc 6f, ZIMBA WARRIOR, 9-5
 \$62,000 OBS MAR 2yo

Medal Count (Dynaformer), Mapleton Thoroughbred Farm,
 \$2,000
 81 foals of racing age/10 winners/0 black-type winners
 4-Tampa Bay Downs, Msw 6f, HIGHLY EXPLOSIVE, 8-1
 \$12,500 RNA FTK OCT yrl

Moonshine Mullin (Albert the Great), Lake Hamilton Equine
 Center, \$1,000
 30 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
 4-Oaklawn, Msw 6f, MOONSHINE MISS, 9-2

Palace Malice (Curlin), Three Chimneys Farm, \$25,000
 211 foals of racing age/27 winners/4 black-type winners
 11-Gulfstream, \$200K GII Fasig-Tipton Gulfstream Park Oaks,
 1 1/16m, ADDILYN, 30-1
 \$37,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; \$20,000 OBS MAR 2yo
 7-Gulfstream, \$100K Sanibel Island S. presented by US Foods,
 1mT, DUCHESS OF SUSSEX, 10-1
 \$275,000 FTK JUL yrl
 11-Gulfstream, \$200K GII Fasig-Tipton Gulfstream Park Oaks,
 1 1/16m, INVETERATE, 20-1
 \$40,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$230,000 RNA OBS APR 2yo

Summer Front (War Front), Airdrie Stud, \$10,000
 181 foals of racing age/24 winners/3 black-type winners
 14-Gulfstream, \$750K GI Curlin Florida Derby, 1 1/8m, ETE
 INDIEN, 4-1
 \$85,000 RNA KEE NOV wnl; \$80,000 KEE SEP yrl
 4-Gulfstream, \$100K Cutler Bay S., 1mT, SUMMER TO
 REMEMBER, 8-1
 \$200,000 KEE NOV wnl

Suntracer (Kitten's Joy), Mallory Farm, private
 8 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
 6-Tampa Bay Downs, Msw 1mT, EMPTY HOLSTER, 10-1

Tonalist (Tapit), Lane's End Farm, \$15,000
 179 foals of racing age/25 winners/1 black-type winner
 7-Gulfstream, \$100K Sanibel Island S. presented by US Foods,
 1mT, HOW IRONIC, 30-1
 11-Gulfstream, \$200K GII Fasig-Tipton Gulfstream Park Oaks,
 1 1/16m, MARIALUISA, 30-1
 \$27,000 RNA OBS APR 2yo; \$15,000 OBS OPN 2yo

Tonalist cont.

6-Tampa Bay Downs, Msw 1mT, SAINT MARCO, 6-1
 \$40,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$37,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl
 11-Gulfstream, \$200K GII Fasig-Tipton Gulfstream Park Oaks, 1
 1/16m, TONALIST'S SHAPE, 5-2
 \$45,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; \$60,000 RNA OBS APR 2yo



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Minister (Street Sense), a stakes winner and Group 3-placed for trainer Andrew Balding in England when raced as Bye Bye Hong Kong, went gate to wire to win in Class 3 over the Polytrack Friday night at Kranji Racecourse in Singapore | *Singapore Turf Club photo*



AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS
ABROAD

IN SINGAPORE:

Minister, g, 4, **Street Sense**--Light and Variable, by Tiznow.
 Kranji, 3-27, Hcp. (\$49k), 1600m (AWT), 1:38.66. B-WinStar
 Farm LLC (KY). *Formerly Bye Bye Hong Kong. **SW & GSP-
 Eng. ***1/2 to Our Country (Constitution), GSP. ****\$70,000
 RNA Ylg '17 KEESEP; 575,000gns 2yo '18 TATAPR. **VIDEO**

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Elite Saint, g, 5, **More Than Ready**--St Francis Wood (SP-Eng), by
 Irish River (Fr). Kranji, 3-27, Hcp. (\$21k), 1000m (AWT), :59.63.
 B-Aynsford Holdings LLC (NY). *Formerly More Than A Saint.
 **1/2 to Saratoga Dreamer (Elusive Quality), SW, \$242,157.
 ***\$190,000 Ylg '16 FTNAUG; \$90,000 HRA '18 FTKJUL. **VIDEO**



WINNERS BY
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IN SINGAPORE:

Crystal Dragon, g, 3, **Jimmy Creed**. See 'TDNAusNZ Insert.'



ADDITIONAL
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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Lady McKenzie, f, 3, **Cross Traffic**--Extraordinary Lady, by
 Charismatic. Oaklawn, 3-27, (C), 1m, 1:39.77. B-Equus Farm
 (KY). *\$47,000 Ylg '18 FTKJUL.

Royal Commission, g, 3, **Field Commission**--Royal Taat (NZ)
 (GSP-NZ, MSP-USA, \$151,498), by Faltaat. Oaklawn, 3-27, (C),
 6f, 1:10.53. B-Doubledown Stables, Inc. (FL). *1/2 to Game
 Time Decision (Put It Back), MSP, \$261,623. **1ST-TIME
 STARTER.

Tapping, c, 3, **Tapizar**--Miracle Mover, by Giant's Causeway.
 Gulfstream, 3-27, (C), 6f, 1:11.22. B-V. Gail Ray (KY). *\$9,000
 Ylg '18 FTKOCT. **1ST-TIME STARTER.

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Special Day, c, 3, **Tiznow**--Stephanie Jayne (SP, \$138,651), by Henny Hughes. Oaklawn, 3-26, (C), 1m, 1:40.32. B-Don Alberto Corporation (KY). *\$95,000 RNA Ylg '18 KEESEP.



- AMERICAN PHAROAH**, Rhythm Section, c, 3, o/o Rhythm and Rhyme, by Unbridled's Song. MSW, 3-27, Gulfstream
- CANDY RIDE (ARG)**, Money Moves, c, 3, o/o Citizen Advocate, by Proud Citizen. AOC, 3-27, Gulfstream
- CROSS TRAFFIC**, Azrael, c, 4, o/o Forestelle, by Forestry. MSW, 3-27, Gulfstream
- CROSS TRAFFIC**, Lady McKenzie, f, 3, o/o Extraordinary Lady, by Charismatic. MCL, 3-27, Oaklawn
- DECLARATION OF WAR**, Gufo, c, 3, o/o Floy, by Petionville. AOC, 3-27, Gulfstream
- FIELD COMMISSION**, Royal Commission, g, 3, o/o Royal Taat (NZ), by Faltaat. MCL, 3-27, Oaklawn
- KITTEN'S JOY**, Silver Kitten, f, 4, o/o Exe, by Exchange Rate. AOC, 3-27, Gulfstream
- LOPE DE VEGA (IRE)**, Parish Poet (Ire), f, 4, o/o Tinaheely (Ire), by Intikhab. MSW, 3-27, Tampa Bay
- MEDAGLIA D'ORO**, Sunny Dale, f, 4, o/o Medea (Ire), by Danehill Dancer (Ire). AOC, 3-27, Oaklawn
- TAPIZAR**, Tapping, c, 3, o/o Miracle Mover, by Giant's Causeway. MCL, 3-27, Gulfstream
- TIZNOW**, Special Day, c, 3, o/o Stephanie Jayne, by Henny Hughes. MCL, 3-26, Oaklawn
- WAR FRONT**, First Wave, f, 4, o/o New Wave, by Tale of the Cat. MSW, 3-27, Gulfstream



Azrael was one of two winners Friday for Cross Traffic

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On the 20-year anniversary of Dubai Millennium's track record-setting victory (a mark that still holds today) in the Dubai World Cup, Tom Frary looks back on the legendary performance by the storied horse.

As the final Saturday in March 2000 slipped into evening, an already exhilarated Nad Al Sheba gathering waited with a mix of eagerness and angst for the main event. The fifth running of the \$6-million G1 Dubai World Cup featured a beautiful, inspiring bay colt with an edict placed upon him by the talismanic Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum.

Already named with prestige after the nation's precious white gazelle, the David Loder project Yaazer had then been handed the portentous title **Dubai Millennium (GB)** (Seeking the Gold) as the country's great reformer challenged the laws of destiny.

Such is the force and intensity that Sheikh Mohammed radiates, it is not beyond the realms of possibility to expect he can bend nature to suit his will. His own breeding program had created this new prodigy, with the strong-staying dam Colorado Dancer (GB) (Shareef Dancer) having carried the old maroon-and-white silks that had painted themselves on the European racing canvas since the 1980s.

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FAHEY REFLECTS ON LINCOLN SUCCESSES

One man who will certainly notice the absence of the Lincoln H. at what was supposed to be Doncaster's curtain-raising flat meeting on Saturday is Richard Fahey, the trainer having plundered two of the last seven renewals of the one-mile contest with runners owned by Marwan Koukash.

First up was the 6-year-old gelding **Brae Hill (Ire)** (Fath) in 2012, followed by **Gabrial (Ire)** (Dark Angel {Ire}) three years later. Fahey noted that the popular contest has become more difficult to win.

"The Lincoln has got a lot tougher to win in the last five years, but Gabrial was a decent horse," said Fahey. "He was a group horse in a handicap really, whereas Brae Hill was a good, hardy handicapper, the type that used to do well in it.

"Our horses are always very fit when they run in it. Brae Hill had been second the year before, then he won it, and two years after that he went and won the Spring Mile [the Lincoln consolation race]. The last one was funny, because I reckon we must have had five different jockeys on him at one stage--nobody wanted to ride him, because he worked terribly the week before." [Cont. p6](#)



Richard Fahey | *Racing Post*

IN TDN AMERICA TODAY

FLORIDA DERBY DRAWS LOADED FIELD

Improbably, Saturday's GI Curlin Florida Derby goes on as scheduled, with a full field of 12 3-year-olds set to face the starter. [Click or tap here to go straight to TDN America.](#)

A Millennium and a Milestone cont. from p1

A grandson of the spectacular broodmare Fall Aspen, Dubai Millennium approached the Middle Eastern monument with unerring precision. From the miling tests of the G1 Prix Jaques Le Marois and G1 Queen Elizabeth II S. as a 3-year-old to Round 3 of the Sheikh Maktoum bin Rashid Al Maktoum Challenge which served as a course-and-distance warm-up on his seasonal bow, he had built impetus with menacing intent.

In the line-up was the 6-year-old **Behrens** (Pleasant Colony), dual winner of the GI Gulfstream Park H. and all-round top-class U.S. dirt horse. His prior dismissal of Adonis (Kris S.) and With Anticipation (Relaunch) in the latest edition of that prestige affair had set him up perfectly for this big-money attempt and trainer Harold James Bond had the "007" saddle blanket ready for him.

Bobby Frankel was preparing to unload the Juddmonte challenger **Public Purse** (Private Account) following his success in the GII San Marcos H., while **Puerto Madero (Chi)** (Gallantsky) came off an encouraging third in the "Big Cap". Then there were the likes of **Running Stag** (Cozzene) and **Indigenous (Ire)** (Marju {Ire}), two international bigwigs to add further ballast. This is a race to which its inventor was set on drawing the finest available and the 2000 renewal was notably solid.

As the gates opened, Dubai Millennium was into flight with ruthless audacity from stall 11 with the wider-drawn Running Stag forced into his turbulent wake after less than a furlong. To the inner, the GI Super Derby winner **Ecton Park** (Forty Niner) tried to snatch a rail advantage but Jerry Bailey had it first on one of Godolphin's other runners **Wordly Manner** (Riverman), a smart performer in his own right and the winner of the 1998 GII Del Mar Futurity. With the royal blue employing this kind of pincer movement, even race tactics were playing out as intended. Not that the race's main attraction needed any outside help, looking so comfortable as he tightened the vice with every stride.

With half a mile to go, Frankie was still motionless as Jorge Chavez urged Behrens forward to engage, but just over a furlong later it was clear that the latter's was a lost cause.

Applause and whistles had already broken out as the home straight was laid bare before Dubai Millennium and from the two pole he was supersonic. At the line, his total racing effort was measured as a track record at 1:59.50, breaking the two-minute threshold to add to the perfect symmetry. All around, the sense of wonder sent out ripples felt by the plethora of television viewers.

"Show me the money!" demanded Frankie to the BBC cameras. Ever ebullient, he was off the scale this time after his floodlit foray on the world's leading Thoroughbred. Sheikh Mohammed looked on at the reality his dream forged with an air of surety. The atmosphere was crackling with the collective alleviation of pent-up tension that only a horse, only a moment like that, can generate.

Tragically, there was only one more public showing from Dubai Millennium, at Royal Ascot where he dragged the accomplished Sendawar (Ire) (Priolo) into a place of torment. It was as if he had used up an unequal amount of fortune to that point, for the fates were unusually cruel thereafter and his adoring owner and world of admirers lost him in April 2001. His ethereal might lives on due to his sole limited crop featuring the similarly exuberant Dubawi (Ire), whose presence in the current world standings makes up in part for the hole that his sire left at such an



Dubai Millennium and Frankie Dettori draw away from the field at Nad Al Sheba | *Racing Post*

early juncture.

It is 20 years since that magisterial occasion and it is sadly marked by a blank this time, with the Coronavirus shutting down all but the most vital activity everywhere. Where there is a void, there is a chance to reflect and it is amazing that two decades have passed since Dubai Millennium danced across the Nad Al Sheba dirt. Ticking off killing fractions as the unparalleled Secretariat had in his own amphitheatre in New York in 1973. Gripping spectators then and now with the power of his gallop, everything moving in perfect motion towards the completion of an extraordinary and audacious plan. Few scripts are followed in that fashion, but then as his owner-breeder said at the time, "there is no horse like this horse."

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EIGHT VINTAGE DUBAI WORLD CUPS

By Kelsey Riley

If not for the COVID-19 pandemic, Saturday would have been the 25th renewal of the Dubai World Cup. The iconic 2000-metre dirt race (and for five renewals synthetic) has held sway as the world's richest race for 22 of its 24 renewals, first at Nad Al Sheba and later Meydan, and it has produced some sterling results. The TDN's Tom Frary has paid homage to Dubai Millennium (GB) on the 20th anniversary of his victory, and so with that notable performance aside we look back on some of the other vintage editions.



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CIGAR - 1996

The 1995 American Horse of the Year Cigar touched down in the Emirates for the inaugural running of the Dubai World Cup with a gargantuan weight of expectation on his shoulders. The Bill Mott trainee had already assured his immortality among the racing annals the previous season, going unbeaten in 10 starts (with a cumulative win streak of 13) and winning eight Grade 1s, a feat equaled only by the great mare Lady's Secret in 1986.

As is always the case in horse racing, however, victory was far from assured. Cigar had battled a hoof issue caused by an abscess in the weeks leading up to the World Cup, and persistent rains in the desert had resulted in a heavy track at Nad Al Sheba, which was already deep and sandy. And—naturally with \$4-million on the line—the competition wasn't shabby, either: other top horses from the U.S. (Soul Of The Matter) as well as Europe (Pentire), Japan (Lively Mount) and Australia (Danewin) had all shown up to stake their claim.

Looming ominously without cover just off the pace under regular rider Jerry Bailey in his stars and stripes silks, Cigar cruised up to join the leaders midway around the final turn.

IN TDN AUS/NZ TODAY

VINERY HAS CONFIDENCE IN STRONG REBOUND

Vinery Manager Peter Orton said he expects the industry to rebound quickly when COVID-19 passes. [Click or tap here to go straight to TDN Aus/NZ.](#)

Eight Vintage Dubai World Cups cont.

He forged to the lead a quarter mile from home but premature celebrations were short lived as Soul Of The Matter closed with gusto, getting to his rival's throat latch. After tussling for a few strides, Cigar shook him off and managed to put three-quarters of a length on him at the line.

SILVER CHARM - 1998

Jerry Bailey had made victory in the Dubai World Cup look easy, taking the first two renewals aboard Cigar and Singspiel (Ire), but for the third running it was the turn of his American rival Gary Stevens aboard Silver Charm, the previous season's GI Kentucky Derby and GI Preakness S. winner. And indeed, Silver Charm added yet another dimension to the already storied race; while top older horses from the U.S. and Europe had each had their turn, Silver Charm would become the first Kentucky Derby winner to complete the double—a feat finally matched 15 years later by Animal Kingdom and three years after that by California Chrome.

Breaking a touch slowly from the extreme outside gate, Silver Charm and Gary Stevens sat a length off the pace set by Behrens (Pleasant Colony) and Jerry Bailey, with the previous season's GI King George VI and Queen Elizabeth S. winner Swain (Ire) (Nashwan) and Mick Kinane sitting on their heels. Moving up to test Behrens rounding the final turn, Silver Charm briefly shook off Swain as he swept to the lead in the lane. The race was far from over, however, with the French-trained Loup Sauvage (Riverman) wrestling the lead from Silver Charm on the rail, but the grey was ultra game to claim it back. All the while, Swain's turn of foot had kicked in and he stormed down the middle of the track to ensure a thrilling stretch run right to the end, running Silver Charm to a short head. **VIDEO.**

STREET CRY - 2002

In 2002, it was Jerry Bailey once again back in the Nad Al Sheba winner's enclosure, recording his remarkable fourth win in the first seven runnings of the Dubai World Cup, having added the previous year's edition aboard the Bob Baffert-trained Captain Steve (Fly So Free) to his earlier wins with Cigar and Singspiel. It would also be Bailey's last—he retired from race riding four years later.

The mount for that fourth and final win for Bailey in the world's richest race was Godolphin's Street Cry (Ire) (Machiavellian {GB}), and it really was the coming out party for the talented but lightly raced 4-year-old who would win Grade Is on two continents and become a globally influential sire.

Street Cry had established himself one of the top American 2-year-olds of 2000 without winning a stake, although he was beaten narrowly in the GII Del Mar Futurity, GII Norfolk S. and GI

Breeders' Cup Juvenile. Turned over to Saeed bin Suroor from California-based trainer Eoin Harty, Street Cry wintered in Dubai and won the UAE 2000 Guineas and was second by a nose on the World Cup card in the G3 UAE Derby. He made just one more start back in New York at the back end of his 3-year-old campaign, but was primed and ready for 2002, winning the G2 Al Maktoum Challenge R3 by 8 1/2 lengths before a similarly dominant 4 1/4 length score in the World Cup from the Argentine champion Sei Mi (Arg) (Potrillazo {Arg}) and the previous season's G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe and G1 Juddmonte International victor Sakhee (Bahri), making it a one-three for Saeed bin Suroor and the third of the trainer's record nine wins in the race. Bin Suroor would also take the world's richest race the following year with Moon Ballad (Ire), who remains the only son of a prior winner (Singspiel) to win the Dubai World Cup.

Street Cry would run twice more, winning the GI Stephen Foster at Churchill Downs and finishing second in the GI Whitney H. at Saratoga before retiring to Jonabell Farm.



The winner's enclosure after Street Cry's Dubai World Cup win.

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PLEASANTLY PERFECT - 2004

The late-developing Pleasantly Perfect (Pleasant Colony) was a surprise 14-1 winner of the 2003 GI Breeders' Cup Classic over the Bobby Frankel-trained star Medaglia d'Oro (El Prado {Ire}), and Pleasantly Perfect—trained by the popular Richard Mandella—would prove that result was no fluke, against besting that rival in a titanic battle in the 2004 Dubai World Cup.

While Medaglia d'Oro was posted in the two path by Jerry Bailey at the girth of the pacesetter Fleetstreet Dancer (Smart Strike), Pleasantly Perfect saved ground tucked in behind those two on the rail under Alex Solis. Switching out at the quarter pole to make a run on the outside of Medaglia d'Oro, Pleasantly Perfect was poised as his rival took the lead.

Eight Vintage Dubai World Cups cont.

It was a vintage head-bobbing battle for much of the final 300 metres, with Medaglia d'Oro holding sway for much of it, but Pleasantly Perfect at last got his measure, drawing clear by three-quarters of a length and solidifying his ability. **VIDEO.**

INVASOR - 2007

An Argentine-bred, Uruguyan and American champion owned by an Emirati and trained by a Kentuckian turned New Yorker, Invasor really was a horse for all the world. His ascent from his foundations in South America to win five Grade 1s in the U.S., including the Breeders' Cup Classic and earning a Horse of the Year statuette is remarkable enough, but he solidified his status with a Group 1 win on a third continent in the 2007 Dubai World Cup for owner Sheikh Hamdan and trainer Kieran McLaughlin.

Traveling prominently and wide throughout, Invasor was given a real test in the straight by the pacesetter Premium Tap, who refused to fold until well inside the final furlong, but the champ's reserves kicked in in the dying strides and he hit the wire 1 3/4 lengths to the good under wraps.

McLaughlin, who had spent 10 years wintering in Dubai training for the Maktoum family and who had been champion trainer at Nad Al Sheba three times, has never hidden his deep respect and admiration of Sheikh Hamdan, so one can imagine this must count near the top of his many significant wins. **VIDEO.**

CURLIN - 2008

Like Cigar and Invasor, Curlin came into the Dubai World Cup with an already towering reputation as the reigning Breeders' Cup Classic winner and Horse of the Year. Trainer Steve Asmussen took the pioneering decision of shipping Curlin over a month early and prepping him in a course and distance handicap (now known as the Listed Curlin S.), which he won by 2 1/4 lengths. So that was one unknown element brushed aside, but the competition was of course much fiercer on the big night, and as it would turn out two future World Cup winners finished behind Curlin that night.

With the next year's winner Well Armed setting the pace, Curlin was a formidable presence a half-length away in third on the outside, galloping along with his head slightly cocked as if eyeballing his rivals. Curlin needed only minimal urging by Robby Albarado to overtake the front runners and sweep to the lead in the straight, winning by 7 3/4 lengths in one of the most dominant performances the race had yet seen.



Click for Curlin's Dubai World Cup win | *Racing Post*

CALIFORNIA CHROME - 2016

The rags to riches Kentucky Derby and Preakness winner California Chrome (Lucky Pulpit) had been favoured to sweep the 2015 Dubai World Cup as a 4-year-old, only to be run down by the locally trained Prince Bishop (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}) after traveling wide throughout. Things didn't exactly go to plan for the chestnut thereafter, with injury derailing the rest of that campaign, and he was back under the lights at Meydan just two starts later off a win in the same race Curlin had prepped in. And this time he wouldn't be denied.

Hustled by Victor Espinoza to once again race wide and close to the pace, California Chrome hit the front in the middle of the track at the top of the lane, but this time there was no one to threaten him. Just as it looked as if his connections' long time dream would be realized, a tack malfunction threatened to dash their dreams yet again, his saddle slipping dangerously inside the final furlong. Espinoza managed to hold it together, however, with Chrome crossing the line with his girth nearly at his flank.



Victor Espinoza sizes up his saddle placement. Click to watch California Chrome's Dubai World Cup | *racingfotos.com*

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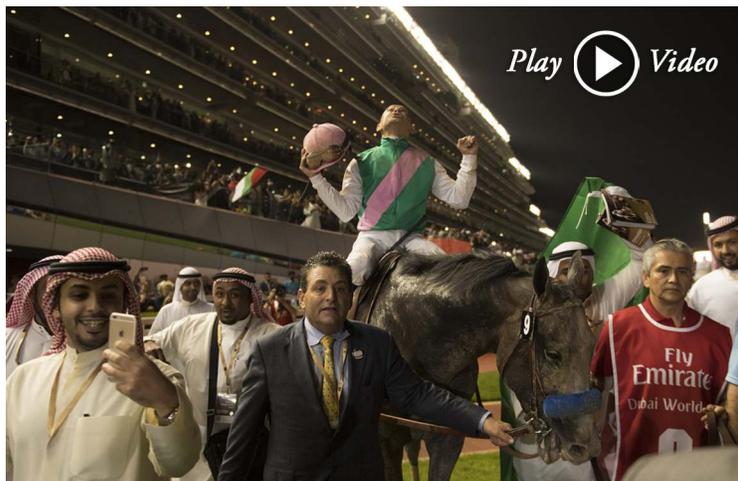
ARROGATE - 2017

Off a defeat of California Chrome in the 2016 GI Breeders' Cup Classic and the inaugural GI Pegasus World Cup, the lightly raced Arrogate came into the 2017 Dubai World Cup hyped as not only the horse of a generation, but as one of the potential greats of the American sport. And he certainly delivered in producing what is considered by many the most dramatic and impressive Dubai World Cup win yet.

A horse who liked to be on or near the lead, Arrogate appeared to have all chance blown when squeezed badly leaving the gate, stumbling and dropping back to dead last. Even trainer Bob Baffert had said, at that point, he thought it was all over.

Showing the cool character that makes him one of America's all-time great riders, Mike Smith let Arrogate gradually glide up on the outside down the backstretch. As they turned into the final bend Smith opted to save some ground and ride for luck, weaving between rivals and gradually picking them off. Switching back to the three path approaching the quarter pole, Arrogate was rolling, with the leading Gun Runner—who would be named the American Horse of the Year at the end of his campaign—firmly in his sights as they straightened. Arrogate needed just a pair of flicks of the whip to overwhelm Gun Runner, swallowing him up in a matter of strides and drawing clear to win by 2 1/4 lengths in an absolutely sublime effort. It was in the first win in the Dubai World Cup for Khalid Abdullah's Juddmonte operation. After the race, Baffert described Arrogate as the best he had ever trained.

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Fahey Reflects On Lincoln Successes cont. from p1

Fahey continued, "David Nolan ended up being the lucky man, but at the time he thought he was unlucky. He was only four pounds lower when he won the Spring Mile compared to when he won the Lincoln, yet that year he couldn't get in it, which just shows how tough it is."

Fahey reveals how he pulled a fast one on Koukash to get Marwan into the race.

"The funny thing about Gabriel winning it was that Marwan wanted to turn him into a [G1] Melbourne Cup horse, but Gabriel wasn't having anything of it," said Fahey. "He'd been running over all sorts of trips—he ran in the Ebor and over a mile and a half a couple of times—but he didn't stay. His last run of the season was at Leicester, but the funny thing was we didn't tell Marwan he was running because it was over a mile and not part of his plan."



Gabrial | *Racing Post*

"When I rang Marwan five minutes after he'd won Marwan's exact words were 'I didn't even know he was running'—because I'd told the girls in the office not to tell him."

Gabrial remained in Fahey's yard until his retirement last year at the age of 10, and while he did not make it to Melbourne he was a remarkable animal, running 93 times and earning in excess of £225,000.

"To be fair we were under a bit of pressure, because [Koukash] bought a few yearlings that year and he told me to pick the best one as it was to be named after his first-born son. So it was a brave call. Marwan's gone on to have plenty of other Gabrials. But he was the first, and so far the best."

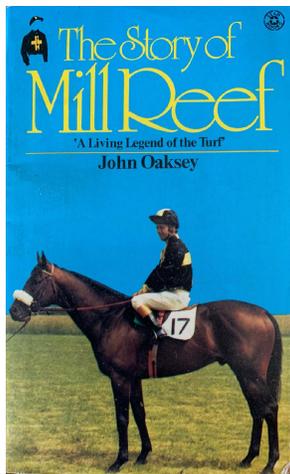
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— THE GREAT RACING READ —

EMMA BERRY

The Story of Mill Reef

By John Oaksey



On the first evening of decreed isolation this week, I joked to my husband that he was fortunate to be in lockdown with me. "Well, at least we have the animals," he replied, un reassuringly.

We do indeed, and we also have a house full of books, many of them, unsurprisingly, about racing and breeding. Over the next few weeks we will be encouraging *TDN* readers to share their favourite racing book with us. I'll start off with mine, and if you'd like to tell me about yours,

please get in touch via emmaberry@thetdn.com.

I know that I will never read a better race report than John Oaksey's account of Mandarin's victory in the 1962 Grand Steeple Chase de Paris. The acclaimed amateur rider and racing journalist, best known as 'Audax' in the *Horse & Hound*, had a matchless gift for words and, as the 50th anniversary of Mill Reef's Derby approaches next year, it is worth trying to find a copy of *The Story of Mill Reef*.

The mastery of Oaksey was not just in his own knowledge of the sport from the bottom up but his ability to express its wonders in a manner that takes the reader along for the ride with him. The clever brevity of his writing is a delight, especially in this recounting the tale of one of the great horses of the 20th century.

A particular favourite passage is the description of the light-footed Mill Reef barely leaving an imprint on the turf after an exercise gallop on soft ground: "'It's as though a ghost had galloped by,' says Ian and although neither he nor I had ever heard such a thing before, there does not seem to be much doubt that some quality in Mill Reef's action enabled him to float where others sank and fly where they could only flounder."

In these days of isolation you could devour this slim book in an afternoon—several hours that will be well spent indeed. Oaksey also wrote the script for the film of Mill Reef's racing career called *Something To Brighten The Morning*. Narrated by Albert Finney, that, too, is a gem.

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EUROPEAN NEWS

TBA ISSUES COVID-19 PROTOCOL

The Thoroughbred Breeders' Association (TBA) has published an industry protocol for those working on stud farms during the coronavirus outbreak.

Following the British government's order for people to work from home and remain under lockdown where possible, the TBA has taken advice for its members and their employees and believes that many people employed in the racing and stud sectors working with horses cannot work from home and are therefore deemed to be essential workers.

The set of guidelines for the COVID-19 Protocol for Thoroughbred Breeders can be [found here](#). They include the closure of studs to all non-essential visitors, the following of government advice regarding regular hand-washing and sanitising as well as social distancing from co-workers, and making appointments in advance for horses travelling to other yards or studs.

The procedures put in place on each stud must be recorded and displayed, and there must be records that members of staff have been fully briefed.

When taking mares for walk-in covers to stallion studs, paperwork, including passport information and the completed COVID-19 transport form, must be sent electronically in advance. Staff travelling in the horsebox must remain in the vehicle and have no contact with the staff at the stallion stud. All movements of horses between premises must be [recorded online with Weatherbys](#).

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Dual G1 Nunthorpe S. winner Mecca's Angel is pictured with her Galileo filly | *Coolmore*

BRITISH RACING RESUMPTION UPDATE

On the day that the British Horseracing Authority (BHA) announced that 80% of its workforce has been furloughed, it also issued an update to racing's stakeholders on its plans towards resuming racing on May 1.

An initial return to action is likely to see racing remaining behind closed doors in anticipation of any easing of COVID-19 restriction measures likely to happen progressively.

The group working on resumption plans is being led by the BHA's Brant Dunshea and includes representatives from the Racecourse Association, National Trainers Federation and Racehorse Owners Association. It is focusing on raceday operations, the ability for horsemen to fill fixtures, and the rescheduling of certain fixtures and races.

Major fixtures affected during the current shutdown, which began on Mar. 18, include Aintree's three-day Grand National meeting, Doncaster's Lincoln Meeting which traditionally heralds the start of the Flat turf season, and a number of Classic trials set to be run during Newmarket's Craven Meeting and the Spring Meeting at Newbury among others.

The working group lists its priorities as:

- To develop a resumption plan that appropriately reflects government advice in place at the time, offering a range of options that can be adapted as required.
- To coordinate detailed operational planning.
- To maintain the resilience of regulatory services.
- To ensure that an appropriate fixture and race programme is in place.
- To liaise with the betting industry and ensure they are engaged around the revised fixture programme.
- To ensure that the needs of broadcasters are recognised at an industry level and can be factored into the redesign of the racing programme.
- To ensure racing's administrative systems and processes can resume racing at the earliest possible opportunity.
- To engage the HBLB around the fixture programme to identify prize money requirements.

The BHA has assured stakeholders that it is planning towards a resumption on May 1, with Flat racing expected to return first to minimise demands on the emergency services. National Hunt racing could resume initially with jumpers' bumpers.

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BHA CUTS WORKFORCE AS COST-SAVING MEASURE

The board of the British Horseracing Authority (BHA) has taken measures to stand down almost 80% of its staff to cut costs to the racing industry by up to £1-million a month during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Those employees being stood down will be able to draw on the government's Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme while the remaining staff continue to work on a plan for the resumption of racing at the earliest date possible. The current shutdown, which was announced on Mar. 18, is set to run until the end of April.

The emergency financial plan announced by the BHA on Friday afternoon following Wednesday's meeting of the board includes:

- More than 200 of the BHA's 260 staff will stop work. Most of these are race-day officials, but staff from 75 High Holborn, including GBR and GBRI, are also affected.
- Salary reductions for all BHA staff. These apply equally to those working or not working and will also be kept under review. Board salaries are also reduced.
- A programme of cost savings linked to a reduction in the normal activity supporting and administering racing. The BHA is in discussion with suppliers.
- Most projects have been paused, including the consultation on use of the whip which was announced yesterday.
- In addition, the BHA announced earlier this week that entry fees have been refunded and other fees to participants dropped where possible
- In total, the financial plan should save nearly £1m a month, representing a third of the BHA's normal monthly budget.

"Our Board considered a range of options for how to maintain the most appropriate team that would allow us to carry out our role in the industry's crisis response," said BHA Chair Annamarie Phelps. "That includes the urgent financial work we are doing alongside industry colleagues, engaging effectively with government and making sure we have the right plan and the right resources in place to start racing again when we can. In particular, whilst the current suspension is to the end of April, we will ensure that racing is ready to resume from May 1 onwards, if it proves possible to do so.

"The Board (which includes appointed members from the racecourses, owners and licensed personnel alongside independent directors) was briefed on the impact of this crisis

BHA Cuts Workforce cont.

across the whole industry and took this into account in its decision-making. We were unanimous that the package of options agreed was the right way forward at this time.

"My message to all our staff is that I'm incredibly proud of the work you have been doing to support the industry. It will be a blow, I know, to those standing down from next week and unable to work. You want to be doing your best, as ever, for the sport you love. I hope you will look after yourself and your families and be ready to come back to work when that is possible. For those who will continue to work, I know you will keep giving all you can to get us through this crisis."

The majority of staff continuing to work are focused primarily on the crisis response while those who have been stood down have been informed that the measures will be kept under constant review.

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HANCOCK TESTS POSITIVE FOR CORONAVIRUS



Matt Hancock | Getty

Matt Hancock, the UK's health secretary and Newmarket's MP, on Friday tested positive for COVID-19. Hancock was tested after displaying mild symptoms. He tweeted on Friday: "Thank you so much for all the kind messages since I announced I have coronavirus. Thankfully for me it is mild but I'm just so glad the NHS is there in case it were worse."

"Thankfully my symptoms are mild and I'm working from home and self-isolating. Vital we follow the advice to protect our NHS and save lives."

Hancock is a proponent of racing, sometimes rides out for John Gosden and won the 2012 Town Plate aboard Gosden's Dick Doughtywyllie (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}).

UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson also tested positive on Friday for COVID-19 after displaying mild symptoms. He is also self-isolating and working from home.

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ITV TO SHOW VIRTUAL GRAND NATIONAL

ITV will next Saturday show a virtually simulated version of the Grand National, the day after the race was supposed to be run at Aintree. Using CGI technology and created by Inspired Entertainment, the race will feature the 40 horses and riders that had been expected to line up.

Executive producer Rob McLoughlin said, "It's very sad not to have the real race, but Inspired's virtual race is fascinating and fun and has proven since 2017 to be incredibly accurate."

"It is brave to preview the most unpredictable race of all, but also great fun. In these difficult times we want the public to simply enjoy the race that sadly never was and think about what might have been."

The coverage will also include a race of champions featuring Tiger Roll and Red Rum.

"My team have been working round the clock to make this year even more realistic than ever, and we can't wait to screen the Red Rum versus Tiger Roll match," said Inspired Entertainment's Chief Commercial Officer For Virtual Sports Steve Rogers. "It's terrific TV."

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WORLDWIDE NEWS

TOWER OF LONDON, DANON SMASH MEET AGAIN IN TAKAMATSUNOMIYA KINEN

by Alan Carasso

Godolphin homebred **Tower of London (Jpn)** (Raven's Pass) and **Danon Smash (Jpn)** (Lord Kanaloa {Jpn}) go head-to-head for the third time in their last four appearances in Sunday's G1 Takamatsunomiya Kinen (1200m) at Chukyo Racecourse.

Group 1-placed over a mile as a juvenile, Tower of London has amassed an imposing resume over 1200-1400m in the last year or so, having set course records when taking out the G2 Keio Hai Spring Cup (1400m in 1:19.4) and the G2 Centaur S. (1200m in 1:06.7) last season. The bay came from the latter half of the field to pip pacesetter **Mozu Superflare** (Speightstown), with Danon Smash third, in the G1 Sprinters' S. last September and he has one run since, a running-on third to Danon Smash in the G3 Ocean S. Mar. 7. "I think third place was a good showing," trainer Kazuo Fujisawa remarked. "I kept him at the training center after and he was in light work from that week and then we picked up the pace from there. He's a big horse and can be sluggish, so the long stretch at Chukyo should suit him."

Darley won this event in 2018 with Fine Needle (Jpn) (Admire Moon {Jpn}).

Danon Smash got the better of Tower of London by 3/4 of a length in the G3 Keeneland Cup last August and closed the season with a decent eighth to Beat the Clock (Aus) (Hinchinbrook {Aus}) in the G1 Longines Hong Kong Sprint Dec. 8. He sat handy to the pace in the Ocean S. and managed to outfinish **Nac Venus (Jpn)** (Daiwa Major {Jpn}) by 1 1/4 lengths.

"In the Ocean S., I was worried for a moment at the break, but he picked it up immediately," said trainer Takayuki Yasuda. "Going in to the straight he looked to still have a lot left and I thought he had a chance if he got a clean run. He's looking more and more like his sire Lord Kanaloa," Yasuda added, referring to the 2013 Takamatsunomiya Kinen champ and boom young stallion. Defending champ Mr Melody (Scat Daddy) misses his title defence, having shipped to Dubai for the cancelled G1 Al Quoz Sprint, but Mozu Superflare looks to go one better. The chestnut, one of three U.S-breds in the field, exits a pacesetter fourth to **A Will A Way** (Just a Way {Jpn}) in Kyoto's G3 Silk Road S. Feb. 2.

Mozu Ascot (Frankel {GB}), winner on turf of the G1 Yasuda Kinen and on dirt of the G1 February S. last time, has had an intended trip to Australia for the G1 Doncaster Mile dashed by coronavirus. He tries the metric six furlongs for the first time in his career.

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TAKAMATSUNOMIYA KINEN-G1, ¥253,640,000 (£1,910,030/€2,134,318/A\$3,868,748/US\$2,344,295), 4yo/up, 1200mT

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1	Stelvio (Jpn)	Lord Kanaloa (Jpn)	Maruyama	Kimura	126
2	A Will a Way (Jpn) (f)	Just a Way (Jpn)	Matsuyama	Takano	121
3	Diatonic (Jpn)	Lord Kanaloa (Jpn)	Kitamura	Yasuda	126
4	Teehaff (Jpn)	Storming Home (GB)	Kokubun	Nishiura	126
5	Love Kampf (Jpn) (m)	Shonan Kampf (Jpn)	Sakai	Morita	121
6	Danon Smash (Jpn)	Lord Kanaloa (Jpn)	Kawada	Yasuda	126
7	Groove It (Jpn)	Lord Kanaloa (Jpn)	Iwata	Matsunaga	126
8	Gran Alegria (Jpn) (f)	Deep Impact (Jpn)	Ikezoe	K Fujisawa	121
9	Tower of London (Jpn)	Raven's Pass	Fukunaga	K Fujisawa	126
10	I Love Tailor (Jpn) (f)	Tosen Ra (Jpn)	Take	Kawachi	121
11	Kurino Gaudi (Jpn)	Screen Hero (Jpn)	Wada	N Fujisawa	126
12	Seiun Kosei (Jpn)	Admire Moon (Jpn)	Miyuki	Uehara	126
13	Daimei Princess (Jpn) (m)	King Halo (Jpn)	Akiyama	Morita	121
14	Mozu Ascot 	Frankel (GB)	Demuro	Yahagi	126
15	Nac Venus (Jpn)	Daiwa Major (Jpn)	Tanabe	Sugiura	126
16	Mozu Superflare (m) 	Speightstown	Matsuwaka	Otonashi	121
17	Shivaji 	First Samurai	Fujioka	Nonaka	126
18	Normcore (Jpn)	Harbinger (GB)	Yokoyama	Hagiwara	126



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VINERY HAS CONFIDENCE IN STRONG REBOUND



Vinery's Peter Orton with star shuttler More Than Ready | TDNAusNZ

by Paul Vettise

Vinery Stud General Manager Peter Orton has no doubt the Australian breeding and racing industries will rebound in a quick and positive manner when the threat of COVID-19 finally passes.

Orton said the Thoroughbred industry was built on solid and profitable foundations and purchasing yearlings at Inglis' Sydney Easter Yearling Sale would still prove to be a sound investment strategy for the future.

"The beauty from an Australian point of view is that we've got such a good industry and good levels of prizemoney that you would think when this is over, of all businesses, you would expect it to bounce back pretty strongly," Orton said.

"People going into it (the sale) can feel fairly comfortable where it's going to go. It's not like investing in something that could disappear in six months' time like where a lot of investments are going. I would expect our recovery to be fairly responsive."

The auction will be held behind closed doors at the Riverside Stables on April 5-8 with all purchases made through Inglis' online platform, technology that has enabled a sale to be conducted.

"It's an option at least and that's all we're looking for. The way the cards have been it's the only option and we all have to be strong and supportive and be enthusiastic about it because we will come out the other side," Orton said.

"It's unfortunate what has happened, but the thing about the sale is that these yearlings do have a very sound value.

"We remain supportive and we'll see what people are prepared to do and if we've got to carry on to another level, well the asset we're holding is still very genuine."

Vinery has an even mix of colts and fillies in its Easter draft with all confirmed to be offered online during Round 1 of next month's sale.

"We've got an I Am Invincible out of a champion race mare so he's obviously a standout, he's a cracking colt. There are a couple of fillies in there going forward and fillies with a back-up pedigree are always valuable," Orton said.

"The Sebring from Runway Star is out of that Fashions Afield family that we raced so we've got quite an attachment there.

"The mare was a very fast mare with a very good pedigree and she's an outstanding looking filly. It's a top draft and they've all got their own level of attraction."

Lot 209 is the son of I Am Invincible out of the G1 Lightning S. winner Snitzerland (Snitzel), Lot 174 is the Sebring daughter of G3 Proud Miss S. winner Runway Star (Northern Meteor) and under the third dam is the two-time Group 1 winner Fashions Afield (Redoute's Choice).



I Am Invincible lot 209 | TDNAusNZ photo

The consignment of fillies includes Lot 235, a daughter of the Group 2 performer Tale Of Choice (Redoute's Choice).

Vinery Has Confidence In Strong Rebound cont.

A colt by Tavistock (NZ), **Lot 378**, is from the G2 Yallambee Classic winner Champagne Harmony (Choisir) and rounding out the draft is **Lot 480**, a son of Snitzel and the G2 Gilgai S. winner and multiple Group 1 placegetter Hallowell Belle (Starcraft {NZ}).

“The horses are great and we’ve got a really good draft. They are all out of Group 1, Group 2 and stakes winners and by the leading sires,” Orton said.

“They are a lovely group of horses and the farm, obviously, has got a good record of rearing good horses so we’re in good shape there.”

In the current times, strict safety measures have been in place at Vinery for some time.

“We’ve had a lot of protocols in place for a good while now and maintaining our staff as a community. It’s our own family and we protect ourselves within ourselves so our priority is to look after our staff and reduce any risk,” Orton said.

Vinery is also helping out Tartan Fields, who will present **Lot 138**, a Redoute’s Choice filly out of the G1 Coolmore Classic winner Plucky Belle (Mossman) and **Lot 226**, a Tavistock colt who is a half-brother to the stakes winner Office Bearer (Officer).

“They moved them up last week. It’s difficult for those guys in different areas around Sydney and for people to be driving from farm to farm. They located them here with a view that they can be seen by the caravan of buyers that are going around,” Orton said.



Lot 174 | TDNAusNZ photo



IN SINGAPORE:

Celavi, f, 3, **Fighting Sun**--In Harmony, by Exceed and Excel.

Kranji, 3-27, Hcp. (\$57k), 1100m (AWT), 1:04.67. B-Grenville Stud (Tas). *Full to Entrapped, SP-Aus. **\$50,000 Ylg '18 MMFEB; \$100,000 2yo '18 MMOCT. **VIDEO**

Crystal Dragon, g, 3, **Jimmy Creed (USA)**--Millefiori, by Arazi (USA). Kranji, 3-27, Restricted Maiden (\$86k), 1100m (AWT), 1:05.37. B-Etak Thoroughbreds Pty Ltd (NSW). *\$5,000 Wlg '17 INGJUN; \$28,000 Ylg '18 MGMMAR; \$42,000 2yo '18 MMOCT.

VIDEO

Lim's Torpedo, g, 4, **Trade Fair (GB)**--Simple Elegance (NZ), by O'Reilly (NZ). Kranji, 3-27, Maiden (\$23k), 1200m (AWT), 1:11.87. B-F White (WA). \$34,000 Ylg '17 MGC FEB. **VIDEO**



Celavi took her record to three wins from five runs with a 2.3l success as the \$7 (\$1.40) favourite Friday in Singapore | STC photo

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