



CRESTWOOD HEEDING BREED'S NEEDS IN STORMY TIMES



L to R: Pope McLean, Sr., Grandison McLean Offutt & Pope McLean Jr. | Sarah Andrew

by Chris McGrath

When this whole thing is over, some kind of reset seems inevitable: certain priorities renewed, others revised. And perhaps, with an abrupt end looming to the relentless bull run in the bloodstock market, commercial breeders might begin to dig slightly deeper foundations for their broodmares.

In recent times, they have been increasingly prepared to risk a mare's long-term viability by choosing her mates according to short-term market fads. Once that market plunges, however, it's all downside. The far-sighted breeder, as such, will surely seek to ride out the storm by giving his mare a chance at least to breed a runner or two.

If so, then perhaps a place like Crestwood Farm--this year celebrating its 50th anniversary--will turn from outlier into model. Its motto, after all, is one that should be a basic aspiration for any farm; should never have obtained that slight undertone of defiance.

"We raise runners."

Sire vogues have lately become so fleeting, often spanning a single crop of sales yearlings, that only the factory farms can process enough covering fees to bankroll the experiment.

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BROTHERS & NEIGHBORS

by Bob Fierro

The disruptions prompted by the coronavirus pandemic have messed with the Thoroughbred industry's decades-long racing, sales, and breeding schedules. However, some of us who subsist on data and are under social distancing now have some time to explore the less obvious trends that might be going on by plumbing various databases--in our case, the breeding sector.

Each year around this time we would be delving into the results of the first 2-year-old sale of the season to begin to sort out the performances of juveniles by freshman sire that might point out which of those sires are likely to wind up leading the crop--which we would report upon for *TDN*. However, while we have that data from OBSMAR, the remainder of the 2-year-old sales schedule is off in the distance; so that it is likely to either overlap or surround the emergence of yearling venues.

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Matthew O'Connor notches his first career win Saturday at Gulfstream Park, saddling Duellist (Malibu Moon) for an off-the-pace victory in the opener. O'Connor, who grew up five miles from Belmont Park, first worked on the racetrack for trainer Dominick Schettino and then Robert Falcone, Jr. before spending the last two years with Hall of Fame trainer Nick Zito. | Lauren King

BESHEAR IN NO HURRY

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Crestwood cont. from p1



Get Stormy | Sarah Andrew

And only those farms, equally, can expand their rosters sufficiently to find an occasional Into Mischief to redress dozens of failed imitations.

In this highly corrosive environment, for the breed, it's heartening to find Crestwood bucking so many trends. Yes, there are many family operations in Kentucky that survive by astute portfolio management: a modest broodmare band, breaking, pinhooks, boarding. And the McLean family do much of that here, too: it's a full-service farm, extending to 1,000 acres in three tracts. But in an era when almost all the new stallions in Kentucky are corralled by the Goliaths, how edifying to find a David sustaining such an imaginative roster--and doing so, moreover, by prizing old-school virtues in both horses and people.

Talk to any of their longstanding clients and you will soon know how the farm's octogenarian founder Pope McLean Sr. and his family are a byword for honesty. But the same holds true of the horses they bring to the farm.

Take the flourishing **Get Stormy** (Stormy Atlantic), who clocked up his fifth graded stakes scorer in Getmotherarose at Gulfstream a couple of weeks ago; and whose poster girl, Got Stormy, was foiled by just a neck in her quest for a third Grade I in the Frank E. Kilroe Mile S. at Santa Anita last month.

Get Stormy held his form for five seasons: a juvenile winner who won graded stakes at three, four, five and six, including three front-running scores at Grade I level. And you only have to look at him to see how. All that brawn, all that timber!

"His nickname is Clyde, because he looks like a Clydesdale, he's so strong," says Pope McLean Jr., who along with brother Marc and sister Grandison, assists their father in the management of the farm. "It's not so much that he's big, just that he has so much bone and chrome."

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Heart to Heart (royal blue cap) | Leslie Martin

The old-fashioned robustness of Get Stormy's physique is matched by his pedigree. His damsire Kiri's Clown made 62 starts and won his Grade I at the age of six, while Claiborne legend Moccasin recurs top and bottom: she is the third dam of Stormy Atlantic, while her mating with Round Table produced Apalachee, sire of his own third dam.

Or take the new recruit, dual Grade I scorer **Heart To Heart** (English Channel), with that charming heart-shaped blaze on his

forehead. He, too, was teak: graded stakes every year from three to seven; another who liked to go wire-to-wire on turf, amassing 18 triple-digit Beyers. Then there's **Jack Milton** (War Front), another Grade I scorer over a turf mile at five: he extends the line of another Claiborne matriarch, Bourtai. One of the more dirt-oriented stallions, GI Kentucky Derby runner-up **Firing Line** (Line Of David), likewise traces through Broodmare of the Year Kamar (Key To The Mint) to a storied family.

Pope Jr. and the farm's long-serving, passionately engaged bloodstock and pedigree analyst Robert Keck struggle to suppress their impatience with simplistic stallion formulae. "Ignoring the female family, it's ridiculous," Pope Jr. mutters. But Crestwood makes a virtue of ploughing its own furrow. If you want stallions with flimsy pages, who ran fast for a couple of months and then bombed out, you can go find plenty of them elsewhere.

"Hopefully some of these horses here will infuse the genetic pool with that soundness," says Pope Jr. "When my father got started, no one wanted to breed the first-year horses. It was all proven horses, which makes a lot more sense really. But I think a lot of what happens, commercially, is counter-intuitive. I do understand why. These first-year horses are all blue sky, and for someone buying pinhooks, I understand. But it's not always the healthiest. Maybe we just need more end users.

Medical Supplies for Nemours Children's Hospital

We received a message from a friend who is a Respiratory Therapist at Nemours Children's Hospital asking for help from the horse racing community. Starting this Friday, they will be accepting adult patients to help cope with the need for beds to accommodate all the people with complications due to COVID-19. Amy Vega – a former jockey and exercise rider for us back in the day – will be front and center. She will be the person that operates the ventilator apparatus and intubations.

Quoting Amy directly, "Our managers are drowning trying to keep up with things. We are in desperate need of gowns, masks and surgical hats." The other item which we CAN help with is jockey goggles. Amy asked if we could find a source to provide goggles; safety eyewear is essential when performing many procedures, and they have a shortage of these items.

We have just been contacted by Kroop's, the manufacturer of jockey goggles and protective eyewear. They have agreed to sell us face shields at a discount which we will in turn donate to Nemours Children's Hospital. To that end, we have now created a GoFundMe page to raise the necessary funds for this effort. We hope you will consider a donation – of any amount – to help assist the medical community.



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Got Stormy | *Chelsea Durand*

"There's a book I read, by a Navy Seal commander, and his first commandment is: 'You don't have to like it, you just have to deal with it.' I can't let myself get down about these things. I just have to work through it."

By replicating his hardiness, moreover, a stallion like Get Stormy can keep himself in the game even if market caprice causes peaks and troughs in his books.

"His 'get' is so sound that even if there's a lighter year, they keep his pipeline full," says Pope Jr. "When we started him, people said, 'This horse can't stand in Kentucky.' We got 118 mares that first year. Now, that would be harder to do today: there were more mares being bred, even though it was only seven years ago. But we were able to keep enough mares to him, in those critical years, to give him time to hit; for enough people to believe in him. And because they last, he didn't really have a blank year."

Got Stormy, a graduate of Get Stormy's second crop, is an obvious case in point. Nor could she have been more helpfully named in terms of amplifying the value of her sire, who has been standing at \$5,000 until earning consecutive hikes to \$6,500 and now \$7,500.

Co-bred with Mt. Joy Stables, Got Stormy was sold for just \$23,000 as a yearling (and pinhooked to Alan Quartucci as a \$45,000 juvenile). But her weanling half-sister by Mohaymen secured a due dividend when sold for \$145,000 at Fasig-Tipton last November. She is due to Bolt d'Oro, with her next trysts already agreed as Uncle Mo and then back to Get Stormy.

"No, we didn't make a lot of money selling Got Stormy--but it came back to us," Pope Jr. observes. "We own the mare, with a partner. We've a good share in the stallion. Remember we produced Xtra Heat here when the mare was old, so didn't make any money to speak of. But she's in the Hall of Fame. And if you can't take pride in something like that, you probably shouldn't

be in the game, really. That's my take, anyway."

Serena's Song was also raised at Crestwood. "That is what we're out here to do," Pope Jr. says. "It's thrilling when it happens, because it's so hard to get there and there are so many factors. Like everyone, we've had several horses that we thought had the goods. But it never takes much to knock a good one off track."

It was a couple of years after foaling Serena's Song that Crestwood took the plunge with a stallion program, in 1994. Pope Jr. had come home, having completed a finance degree and worked as a stockbroker for a couple of years, and argued that this was a niche they could fill. (Marc, three his junior, also returned to the farm around then. "We think differently, but work very well together," says Pope Jr. "Our skills complement each other.")

Dad, after all, had got in on the ground floor with a series of stallions: Storm Cat, especially, but also Exclusive Native, Mr. Greeley, Maria's Mon. "My father had a very good track record of picking stallions and we had an opportunity there to increase exposure to the farm," he explains. "It took us a couple of years before we could really land it, but then Claiborne partnered with us on a Cox's Ridge horse they had, Discover; and then we added Storm Boot the same year. There were good opportunities back then. In comparison to today, numbers were still quite different. And the regional markets didn't have all these incentive programs, so a lot of mares would come in just for the season."

From the first crop of Storm Cat, Storm Boot started at just \$1,000 before working his way up to \$15,000 while siring 46 stakes winners. He was actually a baptism of fire, still the toughest stallion they have ever had to handle. But it was a good way to learn and Pope McLean Sr., once again, had landed running--just as he had when adventitiously starting his Turf career.

He was a pre-med student, intending to emulate his own father as a physician, when one of Dr. McLean's patients, P.A.B. Widener II, former owner of Elmendorf Farm, thanked him with a part-interest in a Balladier mare. The young Pope raised her foal on the family's 20-acre parcel; as Oil Wick, he went on to win the 1959 Kentucky Jockey Club S., and Pope promptly switched his major to agriculture and set about learning a different trade under another of his father's patients, Melvin Cinnamon, at Calumet.

If Crestwood has evolved markedly since its foundation in 1970--not just by introducing stallions, but actually by moving to a new site (albeit just adjacent on North Yarnallton Pike) four years ago--the family has adhered throughout to first principles. The next generation certainly earned their partnership: Pope Jr. did his first solo foaling when he was 14.



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"Dad has always led by example," says Pope Jr. "He just worked so hard, and we saw and learned what it took. We worked after school and on the weekends, and not because he was making us. We wanted to, we were always just enamored with the whole game. My brother Marc's the same way--he's a non-stop machine! And though my sister is 11 years younger, she's been managing our office since 1999, in meticulously organized fashion. All of us were deeply immersed in the culture.

"About five years ago I herniated several discs in my back, and the doctor said, 'What have you been doing?' I said, 'Farm work, my whole life.' I'm in the office now, but everything we're asking people to do, we've done. I still handle the studs in the breeding shed."

This level of commitment tells in the whole business of trying to raise a runner. Because with the genes in place, feed and management and education will complete the evolution of a racehorse.

"There are always environmental factors, too," Pope Jr. assents. "Think of yourself, in your younger days: how the things you go through in life toughen you up. It's not much different. To bring out the best in these animals, they've got to be out there and toughening up. So while obviously monitoring their health, and making sure they're in the best condition, we try to let them be horses too. Weanlings and yearlings, they've got to be out there butting heads."

Though the roster is headed at \$10,000 by runaway GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile winner **Texas Red** (Afleet Alex), there is a conspicuous turf flavour to the current Crestwood brand. This was originally predicated on the rise of synthetic tracks, a bet that could yet pay off in view of some of the sport's recent welfare challenges.

"And anyhow there's a lot of money, a lot of stakes races, on

turf these days," Pope Jr. says. "Obviously plenty of people want the big dirt horses and we have dirt stallions that we're excited about, too. But we definitely don't mind having turf as well."

Actually a personal conviction, looking at his physique and the way he carried his speed, is that Get Stormy is perfectly entitled to produce dirt runners himself. So often, these things are self-fulfilling, and very few people are trying that option. Regardless, he's getting some pretty extraordinary dividends from cheap yearlings: Clyde's Image (remember that nickname!) cost virtually the same as Got Stormy as a yearling, at \$24,000. And, usual story, he was Grade I-placed over a grass mile as a 5-year-old.

"We're obviously thrilled by what Get Stormy has been doing," says Pope Jr. "Because it's not like it's just one horse. He's adding to his body of work all the time. We probably could have increased his fee a little more, but wanted to show that we're still providing value.

"And we're excited to have added Heart to Heart this year. Just a solid, solid racehorse: 41 starts and he doesn't have a pimple. Not a mark on his legs. We feel he deserves a real shot: we're breeding mares to him, and so is our partner Terry Hamilton. Then we have these two dirt horses, Firing Line and Texas Red, with their first 2-year-olds; and Jack Milton now has 3-year-olds. They're all capable of coming up with something big. We're hearing some good things. It just takes a breakthrough horse, to get people's attention."

The odds can be steep from the outset, especially when sales companies so often appear to base catalogs on covering fees. Got Stormy herself was Hip 3101 at Keeneland September; Clyde's Image was Hip 4030. But yes, they raise runners here. Three Grade I winners, in fact, in the past six months: Got Stormy, obviously; Bowies Hero (Artie Schiller), McLean-bred and sold for \$17,000 as Hip 2638, yet winner of his second elite prize (a turf mile at the age of five, wouldn't you just know it...) at Keeneland last fall; and a couple of weeks ago the 6-year-old Con Te Partiro (Scat Daddy), raised here for a client, won the G1 Coolmore Classic at Rosehill.

So the fidelity of those who know the Crestwood way--the farm's staff, and its core clientele--is instructive.

"We tend to develop longstanding relationships," observes Pope Jr. "We have employees that have been with us over 20 years. Same on the client side. Of course, we love developing new business relationships as well. But I think people know, if they buy horse from us, what they see is what they get. It's a pretty organic animal. And, for the most part, it should continue to improve.

"Yes, we're definitely fairly old school. That's how we've come up, and it's worked for us. We've always had to pick our spots a little bit; to try and find and deliver value. The market is so

commercially driven that it's challenging at times, but we have tried not to deviate too far. At some point, those horses have got to get out there and run."

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Bob Fierro cont. from p1

Which gave us an idea: Why not look over the biomechanical projections we have for the freshmen of 2021--the stallions with first yearlings this year--to see which ones might be most likely to make the most noise at the sales this year.



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However, this would not be an exercise in projecting which ones would succeed because the data we have on hand is only half the story. First, we analyzed more than two dozen of them with our biomechanical programs to give us a start on which ones might have the "structural goods," so to speak, to sire efficient racehorses from a wide cross-section of mares--regardless of race records or pedigrees.

The second aspect of our studies takes place at the sales and farms where we biomechanically analyze yearlings. We have not analyzed any to date because we have a minimum age limit of 15 months for doing so. Over the years, we have reported our predictions about these stallions in this publication and others after the sales are over; so, the record is there.

However, with only half the data available, we looked at the stats for the freshmen of 2021 to see if we could come up with any hints we could pass along to our readers. Immediately, our intended focus changed because of two facts--one right out in the open and the other uncovered by one of our algorithmic programs. The first is newsworthy; the second is potentially ground shifting.

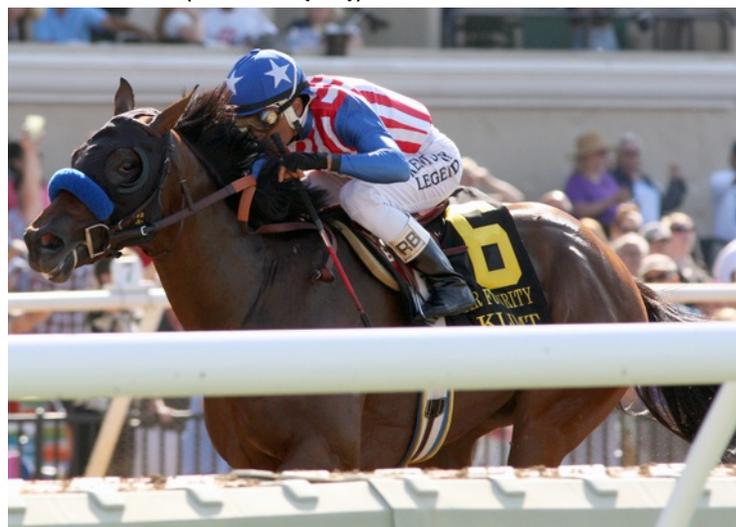
We looked at 33 stallions with reasonable commercial appeal

and books that retired to Kentucky, Florida, New York, Maryland, and California in 2018. Right there on the page, we saw that six sires had at least three sons on the list, accounting for 21 of the 33 (69%):

- **Candy Ride (Arg):** Eagle, Gun Runner, Mastery, Unified, Valiant Minister
- **Curlin:** Connect, Keen Ice, Texas Ryano, Union Jackson
- **Malibu Moon:** Gormley, Mr. Z, Stanford
- **Quality Road:** Blofeld, Hootenany, Klimt
- **Tapit:** Cupid, Divining Rod, Mohaymen
- **Unbridled's Song:** Arrogate, Bird Song, Market Rally

Our jaw dropped, and then hit the ground when three others showed up with two on the list: **Pioneerof the Nile** (Classic Empire, Midnight Storm); **Pulpit** (American Freedom, Lord Nelson); **War Front** (Editorial, War Correspondent). That means that 27 of the 33 freshman sires of 2021 are by just nine stallions.

(Just to be fair, the other six are by D'Wildcat (Wildcat Red), Ghostzapper (Shaman Ghost), Into Mischief (Practical Joke), Lookin at Lucky (Madefromlucky), Medaglia d'Oro (Astern {Aus}) and Put It Back (Bal a Bali {Brz})).



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Even though the industry doesn't look at paternal siblings as half-brothers, one would think that if they were out on the plains by themselves, the members of each group in this herd would probably consider themselves as "brothers." They might not like each other, but half their genes came from the same source.

By our count, the only other freshman sire crop in the past decade that comes close to this kind of distribution was in 2011 when A.P. Indy (5), Awesome Again (3), Seeking the Gold (3) and Storm Cat (6) had three or more sons--that's 32% of the 53 stallions in that crop compared to the 69% of the upcoming crop. That is some spread.

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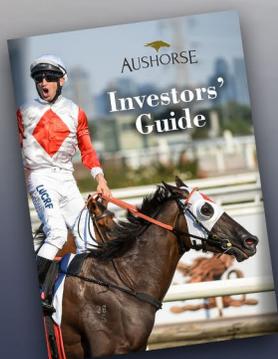
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After looking at this data, we set it aside to allow it to percolate in our subconscious. The next day we took the second step in our biomechanical evaluation progress in which our program compares each stallion to more than more than 1,000 sires of the past 50 years in terms of size and scope. The result is a listing of "neighbors"--proven sires (some as far back as the 1970s) who are biomechanically similar to the stallion in question.

The data tells us whether that stallion is close enough in structure to enough very good stallions from one or more eras to give us a guideline on his potential success with a group of biomechanically balanced mares. Over the years there have been several sires from different decades who have been dependable in appearing as "neighbors" in this exercise. If most were good sires, that gives us one hint. If most were inconsistent or even poor sires, that gives us another type of hint. Usually no matter what mix of sires we use to compare to the stallion in question, the neighbors are generally from a number of decades, and not many are close to more than a couple of stallions.

Not this bunch, however. A cluster of nine leading sires appear most frequently as close neighbors to eight of the freshmen of 2021: Devil's Bag, Dixie Union, Forest Wildcat, Ghostzapper, Kitten's Joy, Mr. Greeley, Scat Daddy, Shecky Greene, and Storm Cat. We have not seen this kind of symbiosis before, and it indicates to us that the breed may be moving into a more defined general phenotype than has been previously thought.

Looks like the brothers may have started to develop a neighborhood, if not another planet.

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BESHEAR IN NO HURRY TO LET KENTUCKY TRACKS RESUME RACING

by *Bill Finley*



Churchill Downs | *Horsephotos*

When asked at his Friday press briefing whether or not he will give tracks in his state permission any time soon to hold races without fans in the stands, Kentucky Governor Andy Beshear made it clear that he will require the tracks to stay closed for the foreseeable future.

"At least as long as you are seeing an escalation (of the coronavirus), you would still have to have groups of people that would have to come together to make that happen," he said. "It would be the same as the NBA, which is canceled right now. There might be a point where we see cases going down and that would be something we can consider. Right now, we shouldn't be getting people together for any reason whatsoever."

Beshear was also asked if he had a time line for allowing the tracks to resume racing.

"My answer is that it's going to take as long to defeat this virus as it takes," he said. "We are talking about some term of months and we're not talking about some term of years. The moment we believe it is X days away is the moment people start relaxing on social distancing. We see the spike and ultimately we lose more people because of it."

Keeneland has already canceled its spring meet, which was set to begin last Friday. The 2020 spring meet at Churchill Downs is scheduled to begin Apr. 25. On Thursday, Churchill officials told the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission that they would be willing to hold racing before empty stands if given permission to do so.

"If we are asked to run spectator-less, then we will be prepared to do that," said Kevin Flanery, the senior vice president of Churchill Downs, Inc. "Whatever scenario is put forward to us, we're trying to work through those [conditions]

and be ready to run at the right time.”

Churchill has already rescheduled the GI Kentucky Derby, which was originally supposed to be run May 2 and is now slated to be held Sept. 5.

Beshear said that 831 individuals in Kentucky have tested positive for the coronavirus on Friday and that six people have died.

According to the website covid19.healthdata.org, the peak of the coronavirus, in terms of deaths, will not come to Kentucky until May 19.

Beshear used his Friday press conference to praise the Rood and Riddle veterinary clinic for helping in the fight to combat the coronavirus. He said Rood and Riddle had donated 1,200 surgical masks, 9,000 gloves and 100 pairs of Tyvek suits.

“Our veterinarians around the state are helping,” he said. “They are sending PPE and anything they don’t need. This is from Rood and Riddle, which is a great surgery center. Look at some of those numbers. This is really going to help our front-line healthcare workers.”

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KNOWLTON IMPLORES NYRA TO MOVE

TRAVERS by Bill Finley



Jack Knowlton | Sarah Andrew

The New York Racing Association has yet to announce if it will move the date of the GI Runhappy Travers S., but at least one owner of a top 3-year-old has weighed in. Jack Knowlton, whose Sackatoga Stable owns GI Curlin Florida Derby winner **Tiz the Law** (Constitution), said it would be “suicidal” to run the race on its scheduled date of Aug. 29.

An Aug. 29 Travers would mean that it would be run one week before a rescheduled GI Kentucky Derby Sept. 5. Considering that top horses very rarely run back in one week, trainers and

owners might have to choose between the Travers and the Derby if the Travers is not moved.

“If that’s when they run the Travers, we will skip it for the Kentucky Derby,” Knowlton said. “There’s no question about it. The Travers is a great race, but it’s not the Kentucky Derby. Nothing is the Kentucky Derby. It would be suicidal not to move the Travers.”

Knowlton said that other owners will make the same decision.

“I can’t imagine that the best horses would bypass going to the Derby for the Travers,” he said. “Every owner, every trainer, every jockey wants to run in the Kentucky Derby. They want to be in it, even in a strange year like this one. I can’t imagine that the Derby won’t be a huge spectacle this year, even if it is run in September.”

In a normal year, the Travers would definitely be on Knowlton’s schedule, but the rescheduling of the Derby has changed the way trainers and owners are now plotting out their course to Churchill Downs for the first Saturday in September. Knowlton and trainer Barclay Tagg have been left to guess what sort of Derby preps will be out there and when will they be run. Knowlton said that if NYRA moves the date of the Travers, he would strongly consider running in the race as a prep for the Derby.

A good spot for the Travers to land might be Aug. 8, which would give Travers starters four weeks to prepare for the Kentucky Derby. Aug. 1 might also be an option.

“If they move the Travers, we will be there and it will be one heck of a day,” Knowlton said. “I can’t imagine a scenario where they don’t move the Travers.”

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TOC OFFERS COVID-19 UPDATES

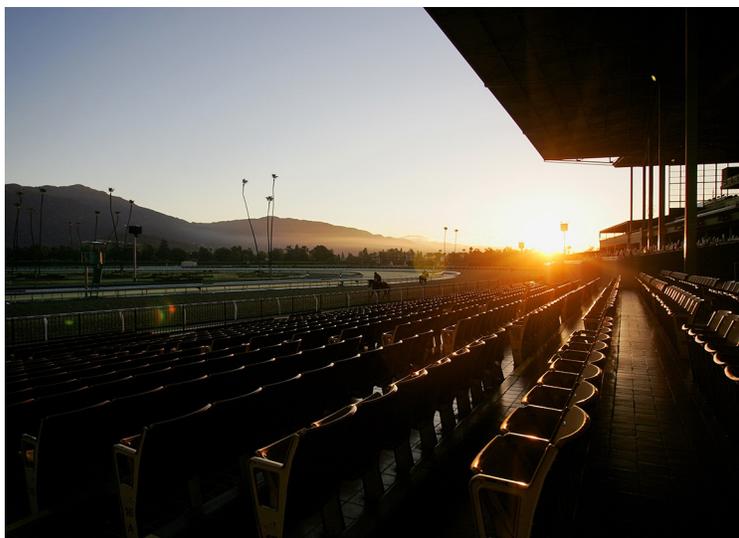
The Thoroughbred Owners of California issued the following updates to its members Saturday related to the COVID-19 pandemic and current closures of Santa Anita Park and Golden Gate Fields:

Racing Cancelled at Golden Gate Fields

In accordance with an order received Thursday, Apr. 2 from the Alameda County Public Health Officer, Golden Gate Fields has temporarily closed for live racing in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. While there is no specific time frame for return of racing, stabling and daily training will continue at Golden Gate for the approximately 1000 horses stabled there.

Update on Racing and Training in Southern California

Santa Anita has made a number of requests to LA County officials in the past few days to rescind the County’s order of



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Mar. 27, 2020 and allow for the resumption of live racing at Santa Anita. To date these requests have been met with the generic response that “racing is not deemed an essential activity.” We will continue, along with the Stronach Group, to put pressure on them to get back to the negotiations table.

There have been discussions with Santa Anita, Los Alamitos and the CHRHB regarding the possibility of transferring live racing dates from Santa Anita to Los Alamitos given that Orange County continues to treat both racing and training as an essential activity. Such a date transfer would require an approval of the CHRHB and both Los Alamitos and Orange County. This process could not occur until at the earliest the next CHRHB meeting scheduled for Apr. 22.

Stabling and daily training continues at Santa Anita for the approximate 1500 horses currently stabled there. In addition, the Southern California Stabling and Vanning Committee continues to provide auxiliary training at Los Alamitos and San Luis Rey Downs for an approximate 600 additional horses.

While these situations remain fluid, TOC is working to ensure there are adequate stalls and training opportunities in Northern and Southern California while we wait to resume live racing. This may ultimately include consolidation of the training facilities in Southern California into one or two locations depending on the length of the racing stoppage and number of horses remaining in training.

Trainer Issues

[With regards to] the day rates paid to trainers by TOC members for horses in active training, we encourage all owners to speak directly with your trainer(s) to reach agreement on what is a fair day rate in the current circumstances. We also encourage all owners to make sure their trainers are applying for the federal SBA loan/forgiveness assistance as soon as

possible; and for help with the application process, trainers can contact the CTT. In addition, depending on their business structure owners may be eligible for loans under the SBA Payroll Protection Program and should check with their tax adviser and bank for specifics.

For owners who are interested in options to transfer your horses from the tracks or auxiliary training facilities to a farm, click the button below for a spreadsheet from the California Thoroughbred Breeders Association of farms and contact information. This list was compiled from a survey of farms, and there may be additional farms available. If you have any questions, please contact Doug Burge of the CTBA at dburge@ctba.com.

CHRB Licensing Offices Closed

In support of the State’s efforts to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, the California Horse Racing Board has closed all CHRB licensing offices until further notice. During this closure, the CHRB will not process in-person license applications and/or renewals. Renewals may be done via email, mail, or phone. Call one of the numbers below for details:

- Golden Gate Fields: (510) 559-7437
- Los Alamitos: (714) 820-2760
- Santa Anita: (626) 574-6348
- Cal Expo (916) 263-6000

The issuance of new licenses will not occur until the Licensing Offices are re-opened. Exceptions to the temporary suspension of issuing licenses will be considered if the license is absolutely necessary for the health and safety of people and/or horses. All requests for exceptions shall be sent to the Chief of Enforcement and Licensing, Shawn Loehr, at sllloehr@chrh.ca.gov for review.

Expired licenses should not be accepted at any CHRB regulated facility. It is the licensee’s responsibility to ensure his or her license is renewed prior to the expiration date.

To date, we have no known cases of COVID-19 at any of our tracks. We believe we have best practices in place and hope it always remains that way. We will continue to update you as new information is available. Stay well.

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TDN Intern Katie Ritz polled a series of industry members to see if they had found anything good that has come out of the current crisis. Their responses will appear every day in the TDN. To submit your own, email suefinley@thetdn.com

ELLIOTT WALDEN



Elliott Walden | *Fasig-Tipton*

The silver lining in the current crisis we find ourselves in is clear. In America, we have gone away from our faith in God. We live in a fallen world where there is heartache and despair... where bad things happen to good people, and good things happen to bad people. Where there is free choice to choose God, or choose another path. But then a disaster strikes, and gives us the chance to realign our priorities. I have seen families spend more time together, where people are reaching out to see if their neighbor is okay, and where healthcare workers have been AMAZING! Romans 8:28 says it all, "All things work together for good for those who love God and are called according to his purpose." Not some things, but all things. This situation is no different. Let's keep loving each other, and seeing each other through this difficult time. The silver lining will be evident to all if families are strengthened, people turn back to their faith, and the world becomes a better place through this tragedy. Keep the faith.

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SUNDAY'S RACING INSIGHTS: ASMUSSEN UNVEILS PRICEY CARPE DIEM

By Christie DeBernardis

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7th-OP, \$60K, Msw, 3yo, 6f, 5:06 p.m.

Steve Asmussen unveils an expensive son of **Carpe Diem** in **LEMON AND DIEM**. Out of SW & MGSP Lemonette (Lemon Drop Kid), the \$475,000 FTSAUG purchase is a half to SP Basha (Uncle Mo) and was the second-priciest of his sire (by Giant's Causeway)'s first-crop yearlings to sell in 2018. This is also the family of MGISWs Behrens (Pleasant Colony) and Commentator (Distorted Humor); and MGSW Cowboy Cal (Giant's Causeway).

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Lemonette winning at Hollywood Park | Horsephotos

IN ORDER OF PURSE:

PURPLE MARTIN S., \$100,000, Oaklawn, 4-4, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:10.57, sy.

1--**KIMARI**, 119, f, 3, by **Munnings**

1st Dam: Cozze Up Lady (GSW, \$407,169), by Cozzene

2nd Dam: The White Lady, by Johannesburg

3rd Dam: Maha Al Iman, by Pulpit

(\$152,000 Ylg '18 FTKJUL). O-Ten Broeck Farm, Inc.; B-China Horse Club International Limited (KY); T-Wesley A. Ward; J-Channing Hill. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: GSP-Eng, 6-4-1-0, \$351,646. **'TDN Rising Star'**



2--**Frank's Rockette**, 119, f, 3, **Into Mischief**--Rocket

Twentyone, by Indian Charlie. O-Frank Fletcher Racing Operations, Inc.; B-Frank Fletcher (KY); T-William Mott. \$20,000.

3--**Edgeway**, 117, f, 3, **Competitive Edge**--Magical Solution, by Stormin Fever. (\$35,000 Wlg '17 KEENOV; \$275,000 2yo '19 OBSAPR). O-Hronis Racing LLC; B-Pope McLean, Valerie & David Blethen (KY); T-John W. Sadler. \$10,000.



Margins: 1 3/4, NK, 4 3/4. Odds: 2.90, 1.40, 2.80.

Also Ran: Wasabi Girl, Bootytama, Lady Glamour, Kiss the Girl, Ring Leader, Lexi On the Move. Scratched: Flat Out Speed.

Kimari returned to winning ways and scored her first black-type victory on dirt in the Purple Martin S. The bay settled in mid-pack off a sharp first quarter in :21.63. Tipped out two wide for running room, she improved her position through a half in :45.26 and unleashed a powerful rally in the stretch, charging clear to score.

"I was really, really super confident going into this race," trainer Wesley Ward said. "I'm kind of a positive guy, anyways, but after seeing those two works, I knew it would take a really, really tough filly to beat her. Take nothing away from the others in there, but I was really confident. The owner and Ben McElroy, who bought her and manages her, they were a little apprehensive when we drew the one hole because she always gets away just a little slow. I kind of laid it all out there and assured them, 'Don't worry about anything.' I was a little nervous that I might have stuck my foot in my mouth, but thank God I didn't." **Cont. p2**



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Purple Martin S. cont.

Dominating by 15 lengths in her Keeneland unveiling on dirt last April, earning the 'TDN Rising Star' designation, Kimari missed by a head when shipped across the pond for the G2 Queen Mary S. at Royal Ascot in June. Capturing the Bolton Landing S. on the Saratoga lawn in August, she won the grassy Indian Summer S. at Keeneland Oct. 6 with a similarly impressive stretch rally and was fourth last time in the GII Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf Sprint S. Nov. 1.

Kimari is the second foal out of GSW Cozze Up Lady, who has since produced a juvenile colt by Exaggerator and a yearling colt by Quality Road. [Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

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Kimari | Coady



IN ORDER OF PURSE:

8th-Oaklawn, \$61,000, Alw (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$80,000), 4-4, 3yo, 1 1/16m, 1:45.60, sy.

FINNICK THE FIERCE (g, 3, Dialed In--Southern Classic, by Southern Image) benefitted from the somewhat controversial DQ of Winning Impression (Paynter) to notch a mild upset after odds-on Answer In (Dialed In) failed to fire. Finnick the Fierce settled into a good ground-saving spot stalking inside of the favorite as Winning Impression sat in between foes one flight behind. Finnick the Fierce continued to hug the fence as the chalk mounted a three-wide bid after a :47.77 half and Winning

Impression revved up out wide. Finnick the Fierce worked off the fence to avoid the fading frontrunner, and dove back inside for the stretch run. Answer In already appeared out of gas when Winning Impression made it a bit tight on him in midstretch, but his rider jammed on the breaks and he dropped back sharply, eventually crossing the wire fifth. Winning Impression continued on to the line a length to the good, with Finnick the Fierce taking second by a neck before ultimately inheriting the victory. Winning Impression was placed behind Answer In, and General Trev (Constitution) was officially second. Finnick the Fierce broke his maiden first out at Indiana last June, and was a tick under 88-1 when he finished second to Silver Prospector (Declaration of War) and ahead of leading sophomore Tiz the Law (Constitution) in the GII Kentucky Jockey Club S. in November. He was fourth from very far back in the GIII Lecomte S. at Fair Grounds Jan. 18, and seventh in Modernist (Uncle Mo)'s GII Risen Star S. division Feb. 15. Winning Impression was most recently third in a nine-furlong Fair Grounds optional claimer Feb. 15. Lifetime Record: GSP, 6-2-1-0, \$131,490. [Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Arnaldo Monge & Rey Hernandez; B-Blu Sky Stables (KY); T-Rey Hernandez.



Winning Impression crosses the wire in front with Finnick the Fierce (#1) inside | Coady Photo

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Allowance Results cont.

7th-Oaklawn, \$61,000, Alw, 4-4, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10.87, sy.

CARDAMON (f, 4, Pioneer of the Nile--Soothing Touch, by Touch Gold) scored first out at Churchill Downs going seven panels last September, but settled for sixth at odds-on in a six-furlong allowance there Nov. 3 before improving to third around a one-turn mile Nov. 16. Let go at 9-1 here, the homebred always traveled well as she sat perched in third, taking over at the head of the lane and maintaining a two-length advantage on the stubborn Inthemidstofbiz (Fed Biz) at the wire. The well-bred winner is full to Courtier, SW & GSP, \$221,103; and half to Hofburg (Tapit), SW & MGISP, \$554,300; and Emollient (Empire Maker), MGISW, \$1,350,400. Her dam produced an American Pharoah colt in 2018 and an Arrogate filly in 2019--she was bred back to the latter. Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-1, \$103,622. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O/B-Juddmonte Farms Inc (KY); T-William I. Mott.



Cardamon | Coady Photo

10th-Gulfstream, \$42,400, Alw, Opt. Clm (\$100,000), 4-4, 4yo/up, 1mT, 1:32.65, fm.

HALLADAY (c, 4, War Front--Hightap {MGSW, \$300,345}, by Tapit) rounded out the triple in the Oct. 26 English Channel S. at Belmont and in the Gio Ponti S. at Aqueduct Nov. 29 before wiring the field from gate 12 in this track's Tropical Park Derby Dec. 28. Making his graded debut in the GIII Tampa Bay S. Feb. 8, he stalked from out wide and had his chances, but was forced to settle for his first finish outside the top three in fourth. Drawn widest in this field of 10, the 23-10 second choice was allowed a fairly soft time of it up front through a half in :46.39.

Despite tossing in the next quarter-mile in a sharp :22.56, he kept finding and pulled clear to score by three lengths. Kroy (The Factor) was second. From the family of Canadian Classic winner Lodge Hill (Cozzene), Halladay has a yearling half-sister by Gun Runner and a newborn half-sister by Union Rags. Sales history: \$225,000 RNA Ylg '17 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: SW, 11-4-2-4, \$243,845. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Harrell Ventures LLC; B-Gainesway Thoroughbreds Ltd & Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC (KY); T-Todd A Pletcher.



Halladay | Ryan Thompson

11th-Gulfstream, \$39,000, Alw (NW1\$X), Opt. Clm (\$75,000), 4-4, 3yo, 7f, 1:23.70, ft.

SONNEMAN (c, 3, Curlin--Zardana {Brz} {GSW & GISP-US, SW-Brz, \$512,276}, by Crimson Tide {Ire}), a wide eighth behind a 'TDN Rising Star' debut from Shoplifted (Into Mischief) at Saratoga July 27, was an improved second at the Spa Aug. 31 and stretched out to Belmont's one-turn mile to graduate by a half-length Oct. 5. Making his first start since, the \$375,000 KEESEP yearling dropped well back as favored I'll Fight Dempsey (Into Mischief) was hounded by Masterday (New Year's Day) through a half in :44.82. Finding his best stride, but forced to take the overland route into the stretch, Sonneman took aim on the spent leaders and edged away late to score by 1 1/2 lengths. Golden Candy (Goldencents) got up for second. The winner's dam, a Grade II winner, but perhaps best known for upsetting Horse of the Year Rachel Alexandra (Medaglia d'Oro) in the 2010 New Orleans Ladies S., is the dam of a 2-year-old colt by Tapit and a colt foal by Curlin's champion son Good Magic. The winner is closely related to Smart Transition (Smart Strike), SW, \$210,350. Sales history: \$375,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-0, \$83,325. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

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Sonneman | Lauren King



IN ORDER OF PURSE:

4th-Oaklawn, \$60,000, Msw, 4-4, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m, 1:46.00, sy.

LUCKY BETTY (f, 3, Munnings--Cherokee Beads, by Street Sense) finished a half-length second on debut sprinting here Feb. 17, but failed to fire when ninth going six panels in the slop Mar. 14. Dispatched at 7-1, the dark bay broke on top and was pressed through a :23.86 opening quarter.



Lucky Betty | Coady

Briefly headed through a :48.17 half-mile, she re-engaged her foe on the backstretch, took control entering the far turn and rolled clear to win by 3 1/4 lengths. Even-money favorite Cherokee Maiden (Distorted Humor) completed the exacta. Sales history: \$145,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$53,348. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

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10th-Oaklawn, \$60,000, Msw, 4-4, 3/up, 1 1/16m, 1:45.81, sy.
DON VITO CORLEONE (g, 4, Midshipman--Miss Hissy Fit, by Aldebaran), the lone newcomer in this field made up mostly of career maiden types, was dismissed at 25-1 for a barn which rarely sends out firsters and which hadn't won with one since 2017. Hard ridden for early position by Martin Garcia, the, the gelded bay chased from third off the inside through splits of :23.36 and :47.33. He tugged his way up to challenge for command heading into the home bend, but looked like he might just be running for second as Aztec Empire (Tapit) under Calvin Borel zipped through along the fence with a head-turning move. Don Vito Corleone and Garcia wouldn't let that foe out of their sights, however, and clawed a narrow advantage back at the head of the lane before splashing away by 1 1/4 lengths. Copper King (Medaglia d'Oro) took second from Aztec Empire. The winner's third dam is GISW Contredance (Danzig). His dam produced a Mr Speaker filly in 2019 and was bred back to Oxbow. Sales history: \$6,500 Ylg '17 FTKFEB. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$36,000. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

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5th-Tampa Bay Downs, \$18,000, Msw, 4-4, 3yo, 1mT, 1:37.50, fm.

GRAVITAS (g, 3, Blame--Facethefront, by War Front) was supported at 4-1 for this debut and went slightly into the air from gate one before recovering to establish even early fractions under a snug hold from Daniel Centeno. Asked to quicken a bit leaving the three-eighths marker, the dark bay kicked further in front passing the three-sixteenths and held sway late as Accessible (Tapit) whittled the winning margin down to a neck. Favored U S Delta Force (War Front) made a middle move into contention and was outfinished late for the place spot. Produced by an unraced half-sister to synthetic-track lover Ball Four (Grand Slam) and SP Jolie Visage (Broken Vow), Gravitas was a \$55,000 buyback at KEESEP in 2018 and was

RNAd for \$19,000 at FTKOCT the following month. He fetched \$290,000 as the first hip through the ring OBSAPR, for which he breezed a quarter in :21 1/5. Facethefront is the dam of a 2-year-old colt by Flatter, a yearling Mastery colt and was most recently bred to Runhappy. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$10,440.

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4th-Tampa Bay Downs, \$18,000, Msw, 4-4, 3yo, f, 7f, 1:23.78, ft. VIGILANTES WAY (f, 3, Medaglia d'Oro--Salute {MGSP, \$103,838}, by Unbridled) showed some speed before settling for a distant third in her Aqueduct unveiling in December. Given a 39-10 chance while in receipt of first-time Lasix, the Phipps homebred showed speed between rivals before taking over and sneaking away a bit midway down the backside. Favorite Estilo Talentoso (Maclean's Music) attempted to make a race of it heading for home, but Vigilantes Way had more to give and reported home 2 1/4 lengths to the good. The winner is half to Snap Decision (Hard Spun), GSP, \$366,334; Fire Away (War Front), GSW, \$613,397; Mr Speaker (Pulpit), GISW, \$1,247,544; and a 2-year-old Uncle Mo colt. Her second dam is Hall of Famer and Broodmare of the Year Personal Ensign (Private Account). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$19,200. Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

O/B-Phipps Stable (KY); T-Claude R. McGaughey III.



IN AUSTRALIA:

Buffalo River, g, 4, Noble Mission (GB)--Fashion Insider, by Indian Charlie. Caulfield, 4-4, Hcp. (\$45k), 1400mT, 1:25.59. B-KatieRich Farms (KY). *\$85,000 RNA Ylg '17 KEESEP; 180,000gns HRA '18 TATAUT.

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American Pharoah (Pioneerof the Nile), Ashford Stud, private 318 foals of racing age/33 winners/6 black-type winners 9-Oaklawn, Aoc 6f, AMERICAN BUTTERFLY, 4-1 \$390,000 RNA OBS APR 2yo 8-Gulfstream, Msw 1mT, EXPRESS PHAROAH, 7-2 \$90,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$100,000 RNA FTF MAR 2yo

The Big Beast (Yes It's True), Ocala Stud, \$6,000 102 foals of racing age/24 winners/1 black-type winner 10-Gulfstream, Aoc 6f, UP IN SMOKE, 7-2 \$45,000 OBS OCT yrl; \$230,000 EAS MAY 2yo

Carpe Diem (Giant's Causeway), WinStar Farm, \$15,000 231 foals of racing age/27 winners/2 black-type winners 7-Oaklawn, Msw 6f, LEMON AND DIEM, 10-1 \$475,000 FTS AUG yrl 8-Gulfstream, Msw 1mT, QUEEN'SPLATE NOLAN, 20-1 \$70,000 KEE SEP yrl

Competitive Edge (Super Saver), Ashford Stud, \$12,500 155 foals of racing age/39 winners/4 black-type winners 9-Oaklawn, Aoc 6f, TUMBLING SKY, 10-1 \$13,000 EAS OCT yrl; \$200,000 EAS MAY 2yo

Khozan (Distorted Humor), Journeyman Stud, \$8,500 130 foals of racing age/29 winners/2 black-type winners 5-Gulfstream, Msw 6f, KASHAN, 3-1 \$15,000 OBS OCT yrl; \$140,000 OBS OPN 2yo

Liam's Map (Unbridled's Song), Lane's End Farm, \$35,000 232 foals of racing age/27 winners/2 black-type winners 8-Gulfstream, Msw 1mT, PEDDLERS PRIDE, 15-1 8-Gulfstream, Msw 1mT, RIGGINS, 8-1 \$225,000 KEE SEP yrl 4-Gulfstream, Aoc 5fT, SONG RIVER, 6-1 \$175,000 FTF MAR 2yo



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 8-Gulfstream, Msw 1mT, SHAMROCKET, 6-1
 \$130,000 KEE SEP yrl



ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

8th-Gulfstream, \$40,500, (S), Opt. Clm (\$20,000), 4-4, 3yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:36, fm.

LADY PANDA (f, 3, Animal Kingdom--Girl Gone Crazy, by Roar)

Lifetime Record: 8-2-3-1, \$84,160. O-Pinnacle Racing Stable, LLC; B-Destiny Oaks (FL); T-Lilli Kurtinecz. *\$17,000 RNA Ylg '18 OBSWIN; \$20,000 Ylg '18 FTKOCT; \$55,000 RNA 2yo '19 OBSAPR. **1/2 to She's Our Annie (Medaglia d'Oro), MSW, \$142,080.

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ANIMAL KINGDOM, Lady Panda, f, 3, o/o Girl Gone Crazy, by Roar. AOC, 4-4, Gulfstream

BLAME, Gravitas, g, 3, o/o Facethefront, by War Front. MSW, 4-4, Tampa Bay

CURLIN, Sonneman, c, 3, o/o Zardana (Brz), by Crimson Tide (Ire). AOC, 4-4, Gulfstream

DIALED IN, Finnick the Fierce, g, 3, o/o Southern Classic, by Southern Image. AOC, 4-4, Oaklawn

MEDAGLIA D'ORO, Vigilantes Way, f, 3, o/o Salute, by Unbridled. MSW, 4-4, Tampa Bay

MIDSHIPMAN, Don Vito Corleone, g, 4, o/o Miss Hissy Fit, by Aldebaran. MSW, 4-4, Oaklawn

MUNNINGS, Kimari, f, 3, o/o Cozze Up Lady, by Cozzene. Purple Martin S., 4-4, Oaklawn

MUNNINGS, Lucky Betty, f, 3, o/o Cherokee Beads, by Street Sense. MSW, 4-4, Oaklawn

PIONEER OF THE NILE, Cardamon, f, 4, o/o Soothing Touch, by Touch Gold. ALW, 4-4, Oaklawn

WAR FRONT, Halladay, c, 4, o/o Hightap, by Tapit. AOC, 4-4, Gulfstream



Don Vito Corleone (Midshipman) caused a \$52 upset in the Saturday finale from Oaklawn | Coady Photo

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HARRINGTON WAITS ON FLAT'S RETURN



Jessica Harrington's stable is loaded with Classic fillies | *Racing Post*

By Tom Frary

Jessica Harrington's anticipated early assault on Ireland's turf season remains on hold as the latest governmental coronavirus measures has seen a stalling of the countdown to the resumption of racing.

"We're keeping our heads down and keeping positive," the trainer said. "We are lucky enough that we have a very good team who are in every day and work very hard. Our flat horses are carrying on and the 3-year-olds are just ticking over. I'd hope racing will resume soon and if so it will almost certainly be behind closed doors and we'll see where we go from there."

The Moone-based conditioner's roll-call is headed by G1 Cheveley Park S. winner **Millisle (Ire)** (Starspangledbanner {Aus}), whose early season target is Newmarket's G1 1000 Guineas.

"She's grown and filled out and I'm very happy with her," Harrington said. "She looks like she has done very well over the winter and is ready to go. She has developed well and before the virus we were going to run her in the Guineas, as there is no reason why she shouldn't stay the mile. There is stamina on her dam's side."

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TDN Q&A WITH FRANCIS GRAFFARD

Trainer Francis Graffard got off to a flying start this season in France before racing was brought to a halt. He speaks with the TDN's Sean Cronin about the current situation regarding the Coronavirus pandemic.

TDN: We are now well into the confinement imposed by French authorities. How are you managing everything at the stable?

FG: The daily routine goes on without any major problem. We have taken all sanitary measures imposed by our government's Health department like washing hands regularly, distancing, no regrouping. We have done even more like closing the room where employees had a coffee break and I have also ordered the tack room closed. Each employee keeps their saddle, bridle, and so on in their own car to avoid people being too close to each other. Once they ride out distancing is not a problem as they all walk one behind another as usual. I would say that the ambiance is excellent. They all love to come to work, rather than staying confined at home. The entire staff feels the importance of the moment.

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Francis Graffard | *Scoop Dyga*

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Harrington Waits On Flat's Return cont. from p1

The Niarchos Family's G1 Prix Marcel Boussac winner and GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf fourth **Albigna (Ire)** (Zoffany {Ire}) also received favourable mention, with Harrington adding, "She's also done very well over the winter and grown and filled out. I couldn't be more happy with her and she's there for the Classics too. We know she stays a mile and she will probably stay a mile and a quarter. We aren't sure about which race to aim her at, we are thinking of going back to Longchamp with her or going to the [May 24 G1] Irish Guineas, so we'll see who is in the best form at the time before deciding who goes where."



Albigna | Scoop Dyga

Another Niarchos Family homebred, the G2 Debutante S. scorer **Alpine Star (Ire)** (Sea the Moon {Ger}), is the latest in a line of fillies holding Classic ambitions and is ready for action.

"She's got stronger, although she hasn't grown much, and is a mile-and-a-half filly and one who wants a little bit of juice in the ground," her trainer said. "She could start off over a mile and probably could go straight to a Guineas."

Jon Kelly's **Cayenne Pepper (Ire)** (Australia {GB}), who annexed the G3 Flame of Tara S. before running fourth in the G1 Fillies' Mile, is yet another member of Harrington's formidable band of sophomore distaffers. "She's done well and is starting to thrive now," she commented. "She was a bit cold until this kinder weather came and is another one for the Guineas. She should stay and could end up over a mile-and-a-half."

Anthony Rogers's homebred G3 Oh So Sharp S. runner-up **Valeria Messalina (Ire)** (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}) exemplifies the stable's strength in depth and also received a positive update.

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Team Valor International and Gary Barber's unbeaten **Silence Please (Ire)** (Gleneagles {Ire}), winner of both juvenile starts, is stakes-bound with the trainer reporting, "I hope she will start in a listed race and go from there. She is another who has done very well and is a tall filly who is probably a bit narrow still."

Harrington had news of other promising types and continued, "I also have another nice filly, [the Leopardstown maiden winner] **Celestial Object (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}), and the colt [**TDN Rising Star**] **Free Solo (Ire)** (Showcasing {GB}) who is very well. He had a chip out of his knee after he won [by five lengths at Leopardstown in July] and is very good. He's being trained for a Guineas and is in great form. He seems to have done very well. Of the maidens, **Gold Maze (GB)** (Golden Horn {GB}), who was third in the [G2] Beresford, is also a nice colt and there is **Lobo Rojo (GB)** (Lope De Vega {Ire}). He was second at Naas the other day and I think he is going to be a lovely horse."

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TDN Q&A With Francis Graffard cont. from p1

TDN: What are you doing with the horses presently?

FG: Horses that were ready to run in this first part of the season are cantering every day. I keep them fit with a half-speed light work once a week, so that they could be ready to run once racing resumes. I had a target in mind for most of them before racing came to a halt and we hope to start again from where they left off. The unraced 3-year-olds need to be pushed a little bit more to improve and build up in order to be ready when the time comes for them to go to the races.

TDN: Considering the present situation, what is your opinion on the near future?

FG: Fingers crossed, I hope we could resume racing around the beginning of May, but of course nobody knows at this stage. The professionals have no visibility on what could be or not. Not only on the date, but also on which kind of program we will have. It is a very unusual situation for the trainers. We have no target to shoot at. Usually in December you know what you will be doing in March. You know which horses will be ready early and you have something to work on. At the moment, we are walking blind. We talk about it a lot between colleagues, and the various trainers' and owners' associations discuss it with France Galop. I would say what we need most is a racing program quite quickly. We will need many races for maidens, for unraced horses, conditions races also and we hope we will be heard. Ideally, we all think that it would be crucial to resume racing as early as possible, even behind closed doors, with very strict sanitary measures implemented again and even with reduced purses which would make sense early as there are no revenues from betting. Psychologically, I think that it would be good for everyone involved: trainers, owners, jockeys, grooms and all those working in the chain. Racing is what we all want. It would boost spirits before a return to normal.

TDN: On Mar. 15, just before racing was stopped, you had a nice double at Saint-Cloud with [Nigel & Carolyn Elwes' 4-year-old filly] Simona (Fr) (Siyouni {Fr}) winning the G3 Prix Exbury, France's first pattern race of the season, and Team Valor's Emoji (Ger) (Soldier Hollow {GB}) showing a great deal of promise when winning the Listed Prix La Camargo. It looked like an auspicious start to the new season, did it not?

FG: Yes, indeed. We could not have started the season better. We have been winning at a 52% strike rate [23 starts, 12 wins and eight places with 13 different horses] and we could not have asked for more really. Therefore, it is slightly frustrating that racing stopped, but of course everyone's health is a priority. We just have to hope that we will pick it up from where we left off.

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TDN: Can you pinpoint any horses to help in that regard?

FG: Among the older horses, **Simona (Fr)** of course. She was so brilliant in the Prix Exbury. **The Revenant (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}) was almost perfect last year [winning four out of five starts] and concluded his season with a second place in the [Oct. 19] G1 Queen Elizabeth II S. at Ascot. He will contest all the top mile races again, he's in great form and was ready to run in the G3 Prix Edmond Blanc at Saint-Cloud.



Simona | *Scoop Dyga*

Wasmya (Fr) (Toronado {Ire}) is a nice 4-year-old filly. She won three times last year, including a listed race [in Germany], but didn't run her race last time out in the G1 Prix de La Foret on Arc weekend. She will show better things. Of the 3-year-olds, the [hitherto unbeaten] filly **Emoji (Ger)** is the one that first comes to mind. She won her only start at two in Germany [by 14 lengths] and was acquired privately by Team Valor afterwards. She was quite brilliant when winning the Prix La Camargo on her first start for me and I think she can be Classic material.

Harmysian (GB) (Lope de Vega {Ire}) is a colt I like. He won well in December and has also wintered well. **Bois d'Argent (GB)** (Toronado {Ire}) is an unraced 3-year-old colt I like quite a lot and is owned by French international soccer player Clement Lenglet. I have quite a few interesting unraced 3-year-old fillies. They seem to be coming around now, but it is too early to mention any one over another. Hopefully, some of them will turn out to be good.

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EUROPEAN NEWS

LONGHOLES STUD FOR SALE

Longholes Stud, located just outside Newmarket and owned by Sheikh Fahad since 2013, has been listed for sale with an asking price of £6-million. Sheikh Fahad redeveloped the 217-acre property as a state-of-the-art rehabilitation and pre-training centre for both racehorses and sport horses. The property includes 88 stables, extensive railed paddocks and about 100 acres of open pasture, horse walkers and lunge ring, a 2 1/2 furlong canter and a six-furlong woodchip gallop. There is a farmhouse, cottage and four staff houses. Windsor Clive International, Knight Frank's London and Bishops Stortford offices are handling the sale. Sheikh Fahad's Racing and Bloodstock Advisor David Redvers said, "Sheikh Fahad purchased Longholes in 2013 with a view to turning the attractive and historic stud farm into a state-of-the-art pre-training and rehabilitation establishment servicing the requirements of his own Qatar Racing and also the wider training centre of Newmarket.

"Seven years later, and Longholes boasts an incredible array of modern facilities, an outstanding team of committed and highly trained professional staff and a client list that boasts many of the most recognised names in horse racing, eventing and show jumping. Sheikh Fahad is proud of what has been achieved at Longholes but a change in his own personal circumstances means that the farm's exciting future now needs to be in another's hands."

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Longholes Stud | *Courtesy Windsor Clive International*

POTTERS CORNER WINS VIRTUAL GRAND NATIONAL

Potters Corner (Ire) (Indian Danehill {Ire}), trained by Christian Williams and ridden by Jack Tudor, was an 18-1 winner of ITV's Virtual Grand National on Saturday. The 5-1 favourite **Tiger Roll (Ire)** (Authorized {Ire}), winner of the last two runnings of Aintree's famed steeplechase, was fourth.

ITV announced that it would put on a virtually simulated Grand National using CGI technology after the real event was cancelled last month as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Virtual Grand National quickly became a charitable event, with a handful of bookmakers announcing last week that they would donate all profits made on the event to the National Health Service.

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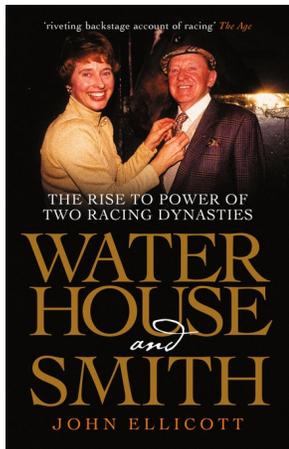
MARK BIRD

Waterhouse & Smith: The Rise To Power Of Two Racing Dynasties

By John Ellicott

I recommend this book for anyone new to or interested in Australian racing. Written by John Ellicott, it is divided into two sections--the first exploring the Waterhouse dynasty, and the second, the Smith dynasty. With the TJ Smith S. having been run on Saturday, and Gai Waterhouse having recently landed the Golden Slipper, it gives a good timely account of how the families rose to prominence in Australian racing but it also provides some of the wider history of Australian racing for anybody that may not be that familiar with it. It has a lot of interesting anecdotes about famous betting plunges and racing politics and is a nice, lively read.

For a bit of variety, I'd also suggest *Treasures of The Bloodstock Breeders' Review*, which was compiled by former DRF writer Leon Rasmussen in his retirement and was published in 1987 with help from Miles Napier. The idea was to preserve some of the best articles from the *Review*, which was started in 1912 by Edward Moorhouse and E. Coussell, and ran from then until 1979. It contains sections on memorable races, human and equine personalities as well as betting, breeding theories, handicapping and a variety of other racing-related anecdotes. One of the book's first articles is a really good account of the 1913 Derby, when the suffragette



Emily Davison threw herself in front of the King's horse, Alner, and it concludes with a good piece on the American Stud Book. A little something for everyone, really.

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IN AUSTRALIA:

Mirimar (Ire), g, 6, **Kalanisi (Ire)**--Peratus (Ire), by Mujadil. Caulfield, 4-4, Hcp. (£66k/€75k), 2400mT, 2:34.26. B-William Flood. *€18,000 Ylg '15 TISEP.

Iwendo (Ger), h, 6, **Lando (Ger)**--Independant (GB), by Medicean (GB). Doomben, 4-4, Hcp. (£24k/€28k), 2200mT, 2:15.26. B-Gevi International BV. *1/2 to Namroodah (Ire), GSP-Eng.

Raheen House (Ire), g, 6, **Sea The Stars (Ire)**--Jumoo (GB), by Monsun (Ger). Rosehill, 4-4, Schweppes Chairman's Quality-G2 (£147k/€166k), 2600mT, 2:47.85. B-Sunderland Holdings Inc. *Full to Shraaoh (Ire), G1SW-Aus, \$1,141,978. **GSW-Eng. ***1/2 to Born With Pride (Ire) (Born To Sea {Ire}), SW-Eng. ****35,000gns Ylg '15 TATOCT.



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WORLDWIDE NEWS

AETHERO MAKES MUCH-ANTICIPATED RETURN IN SPRINT CUP *by Alan Carasso*



Aethero | HKJC photo

Aethero (Aus) (Sebring {Aus}), narrowly beaten into third as the \$1.50 (1-2) favourite when last seen in the G1 Longines Hong Kong Sprint Dec. 8, makes his return to action in Sunday's G2 Sprint Cup at Sha Tin Racecourse.

The hulking chestnut was perfect and untouched in three runs last season, but stubbed his toe when a keen third in his Class 2 debut over 1200m last October. He clocked :54.69 when taking out a five-furlong test 11 days later and walloped the jurisdictions best short-trackers in the G2 Jockey Club Sprint the following month. He couldn't quite repeat the dose on international day, surrendering late to finish just off the now-sidelined Beat the Clock (Aus) (Hinchinbrook {Aus}) and the re-opposing **Hot King Prawn (Aus)** (Denman {Aus}). He's been sidelined since, having spiked a fever following his harried preparation and a trip to Dubai for the G1 Al Quoz Sprint was also ruled out. Trainer John Moore is expecting a bold performance in this lead-up to the G1 Chairman's Sprint Prize in three weeks' time.

"He's ready for his return and we're expecting a big run from him on Sunday," the conditioner told HKJC's David Morgan. "This is his preliminary bout to get him tuned up and in the zone for the big one at the end of the month."

The afternoon's co-featured G2 Chairman's Trophy over the metric mile features the Moore-trained two-time defending Horse of the Year **Beauty Generation (NZ)** (Road to Rock {Aus}) against John Size's ascendant miler **Waikuku (Ire)** (Harbour Watch {Ire}). The latter, runner-up in the 2019 BMW Hong Kong Derby, has defeated Beauty Generation on each of their four most recent meetings, but the champ showed he retains a fair bit of his macho bravado with a half-length defeat of **Ka Ying Star (GB)** (Cityscape {GB}) for a third consecutive success in the G1 Queen's Silver Jubilee Cup (1400m) Feb. 16.

The Chairman's Trophy is the course-and-distance prep for the G1 FWD Champions Mile Apr. 26.

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Saturday, Nakayama, Japan

LORD DERBY CHALLENGE TROPHY-G3, ¥75,400,000, Nakayama, 4-4, 4yo/up, 1600mT, 1:32.80, fm.

1--**KLUGER (JPN)**, 126, h, 8, by King Kamehameha (Jpn)

1st Dam: Addicted (Ger) (GSW-Ger), by Diktat (GB)

2nd Dam: Astica (Ger), by Surumu (Ger)

3rd Dam: Auenliebe (Ger), by Pentathlon (GB)

O-Carrot Farm; B-Northern Farm; T-Tomokazu Takano; J-Shu Ishibashi; ¥39,560,000. Lifetime Record: G1SP-Aus, 26-6-4-3.

*Full to Succession (Jpn), SW & GSP-Jpn, \$475,245. **Werk Nick Rating: A++**. [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#)

2--**Bom Servico (Jpn)**, 119, h, 6, Daiwa Major (Jpn)--Baimoyuri (Jpn), by Sakura Laurel (Jpn). O-Nagoya Yuho; B-Shirai Farm; ¥16,160,000.

3--**Leyenda (Jpn)**, 126, h, 5, King Kamehameha (Jpn)--La Dorada (Jpn), by Symboli Kris S. O-Carrot Farm; B-Northern Farm; ¥9,880,000.

Margins: 2, NO, HF. Odds: 9.20, 50.60, 10.80.

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Sunday, Hanshin, Japan, post time: 3:40 p.m.

OSAKA HAI-G1, ¥291,600,000, 4yo/up, 2000mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Lord My Way (Jpn)	Just a Way (Jpn)	Take	Sugiyama	125
2	Satono Saltus (Jpn)	Deep Impact (Jpn)	K Fujioka	Hori	125
3	Blast Onepiece (Jpn)	Harbinger (GB)	Kawada	Otake	125
4	Wagnerian (Jpn)	Deep Impact (Jpn)	Fukunaga	Tomomichi	125
5	Lucky Lilac (Jpn)	Orfevre (Jpn)	Demuro	Matsunaga	121
6	Red Genial (Jpn)	King Kamehameha (Jpn)	Sakai	Takahashi	125
7	Stay Foolish (Jpn)	Stay Gold (Jpn)	Iwata	Yahagi	125
8	Danon Kingly (Jpn)	Deep Impact (Jpn)	Yokoyama	Hagiwara	125
9	Makahiki (Jpn)	Deep Impact (Jpn)	Hewitson	Tomomichi	125
10	Jinambo (Jpn)	Deep Impact (Jpn)	Y Fujioka	Hori	125
11	Cadenas (Jpn)	Deep Impact (Jpn)	Sameshima	Nakatake	125
12	Chrono Genesis (Jpn)	Bago (Fr)	Kitamura	Saito	121

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REGALLY-BRED COLT TAKES GROUP 1



King's Legacy | TDNAusNZ

By Paul Vettise

A plan came together in stunning fashion at Randwick for the connections of **King's Legacy** (Redoute's Choice) when he finished in determined style to win the G1 Inglis Sires' Produce S.

The 1400 metre 2-year-old feature was identified as the ideal race for the well-bred colt and, as usual, the timing of local trainers Peter and Paul Snowden was immaculate.

King's Legacy also delivered a major pedigree boost for his sister who will be offered by breeder Segenhoe Stud during next week's Inglis Easter Yearling Sale at Lot 355.

"It's very pleasing obviously on so many levels. He was an expensive yearling and now he's gone on to be a Group 1 winner," Paul Snowden said.

"We gave him that time off after the Magic Millions and we got a berth into the Slipper off some money he'd earned previously."

King's Legacy finished fifth in the Magic Millions 2YO Classic in January and went into the G1 Golden Slipper S. without a lead-up run and finished back in ninth spot.

"I thought he got a pass mark. It wasn't his preferred ground and obviously Rosehill was very tired on that day so I thought he did quite well and his run only ended inside the last furlong."

Post-Slipper Improvement

Snowden said King's Legacy had showed significant improvement with the benefit of the Slipper outing to top him off perfectly for the Sires' Produce.

"The next day he was happy as Larry and bouncing off the walls. He was always going to get better at seven furlongs and hopefully in a couple of weeks you'll see him even better at a mile."

Now the winner of two of his five starts, King's Legacy will make his next appearance in the G1 Champagne S.

"He's got a great constitution and was one of those early 2-year-olds up and running before Christmas and carrying his form on," Snowden said.

King's Legacy was bought out of Segenhoe's Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale draft by bloodstock agent James Harron for \$1.4 million and is a son of the multiple winner and stakes performer Breakfast In Bed (Hussonet {USA}).

Group 1 Pedigree

Dam Breakfast In Bed is a half-sister to the G1 Flight S. winner and G1 Golden Slipper S. runner-up Oohood (I Am Invincible) and the family of outstanding stallion Not A Single Doubt.

King's Legacy was ridden by Hugh Bowman and his pre-race assessment was quickly shot.

"I was surprised at the pace early and I didn't expect to be last, but he gave me so much confidence going to the barrier," he said. "I sat on this horse six weeks ago and said to the Snowdens that I've found a good horse here and their reply was yes, he's first up into the Slipper. The stable felt that he needed beyond 1200 metres."



Hugh Bowman | Dan Himbrechts/AAP

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“They’ve been repaid and so has James Harron and his team who identify these excellent young colts and he’s now a Group 1 winning son of Redoute’s Choice.”

Prague (Redoute’s Choice) raced outside the leader and kicked clear 300 metres from home, but was unable to hold out the finish of King’s Legacy.

The favourite Mamaragan (Wandjina) got well back and finished stoutly for third ahead of Ole Kirk (Written Tycoon).

Pedigree Notes:

King’s Legacy was bred by Segenhoe Thoroughbreds Australia Pty Ltd, and was sold through their draft on the Gold Coast. He is the 38th individual Group 1 winner for his late sire Redoute’s Choice. He is also the champion stallion’s second Sires’ Produce S. winner, following on from Fashions Afield in 2005. His son Snitzel sired the trifecta in 2017 with Invader, Summer Passage and Trapeze Artist. King’s Legacy is out of Breakfast In Bed (Hussonet {USA}), who won seven races and placed in the Listed Nudgee H., Just Now H. and Gai Waterhouse Classic. Breakfast In Bed is a half-sister to Oohood (I Am Invincible), the winner of the G1 Flight S. and placegetter in the G1 Golden Slipper, Sires’ Produce S., Caulfield Guineas and Blue Diamond. Breakfast In Bed’s dam Bella Sunday (Sunday Silence {USA}) is a half-sister to the stakes winner and excellent sire Not A Single Doubt. Their dam Singles Bar (Rory’s Jester) is dam or granddam of more than half a dozen stakes performers, including the Golden Slipper placegetter and sire Zizou. Both of Breakfast In Bed’s two named foals have been winners. 3-year-old filly Do Not Disturb (Fastnet Rock) has won two races to date over 1100 metres and 1400 metres. Breakfast In Bed has a yearling filly by Redoute’s Choice, and she produced another filly by I Am Invincible in the spring of 2019. She was then served by Pierro.

Saturday, Randwick, Australia

SIRES’ PRODUCE S. (AJC Sires Produce S.)-G1, A\$500,000, ATC, 4-04, 2yo Open Set Weight, 1400mT, 1:26.46, hy.

1--KING’S LEGACY, 56.5, c, 2, by Redoute’s Choice

**1st Dam: Breakfast in Bed (MSP, A\$301,100),
by Hussonet (USA)**

2nd Dam: Bella Sunday, by Sunday Silence (USA)

3rd Dam: Singles Bar, by Rory’s Jester (AUS)

1ST GROUP 1 WIN. O-James Harron Bloodstock Colts, Mrs B C Bateman, Love Racing, P Mehrten, Doyles Breeding & Racing, S N Gillard, G1g Racing & Breeding, D Saab, Rockingham Thoroughbreds, J A Ingham; B-Segenhoe Thoroughbreds Australia Pty Ltd NSW; T-P & P Snowden; J-J Bowman; A\$401,500. Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-1, A\$651,500.

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Rating: A+++. *Triple Plus*

2--Prague, 56.5, c, 2, Redoute’s Choice--Purely Spectacular (NZ), by Pins. O-Aquis Farm & Phoenix Thoroughbred; B-G S A Bloodstock Pty Ltd VIC; T-C Maher & D Eustace; J-B Avdulla; A\$94,000.

3--Mamaragan, 56.5, c, 2, Wandjina--Forbidden, by General Nediym. O-Aston Bloodstock (W J Mula), Mrs R J Mula, B G Mahony, Mrs A M Mahony, Miss C J Stone, Mrs J M Stone, D Burges, E Law, J L Martin, Mrs K Walsh, K J Pryke, L F Durney, M J Grace, G; B-Aston Bloodstock NSW; T-John Thompson; J-N Rawiller; A\$49,500.

Margins: 0.5 len, 1.8 len, 1.9 len.

Also Ran: Ole Kirk, Aim, Glenfiddich, Dismissal, Mission River, Pioneer River, Larimer Street, Cultural Amnesia, Bartley.

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QUICK THINKER DELIVERS ANOTHER DERBY

by Richard Edmunds

Quick Thinker (So You Think {NZ}) became the fifth Australian Derby winner for New Zealand Hall of Fame trainer Murray Baker when winning the G1 Bentley Australian Derby, bringing him level with the legendary Bart Cummings.

Derby victories are nothing new for the connections of Quick Thinker, but Saturday’s G1 Bentley Australian Derby at Randwick was something out of the ordinary.

A graduate of the 2018 Inglis Easter Yearling Sales, the Australian-bred colt was purchased by De Burgh Equine for \$100,000 after being offered by Coolmore Australia.

Ridden by Opie Bosson, he backed up from a win in last weekend’s G2 Tulloch S. and went to a new level over 2400 metres. He out-toughed and out-stayed a star-studded field, edging Zebrowski (NZ) (Savabeel) by a short head in a desperate finish. Quick Thinker became the fifth Australian Derby winner for New Zealand Hall of Fame trainer Murray Baker, bringing him level with the legendary Bart Cummings. The only trainer with more Derby victories is nine-time winner TJ Smith.

But Baker and his training partner Andrew Forsman were both forced to watch Saturday’s triumph from the other side of the Tasman, stranded at home because of New Zealand’s four-week coronavirus lockdown.

In their absence, Baker’s son Bjorn saddled Quick Thinker at Randwick.

“It’s a phenomenal effort to win the Derby five times,” the younger baker said. “I’m just thrilled for him.

“He and Andrew will be thrilled--they’ll just be disappointed they’re not here. They’re in lockdown in New Zealand, and I think they can’t even have a celebratory drink together.

“But I know Andrew and Murray haven’t had the best of seasons, so they’ve been hankering to do well here, keen to get a lot of new horses in the stable and have a good go for next season. This is a great result for them.”

Bjorn Baker's Warwick Farm base has proven to be a huge asset for his father's annual Sydney autumn carnival raids.

"Let's be honest—we know Murray and Andrew's horses improve lengths when they stay at Warwick Farm," he joked.

"But it's very good because our stables are run similarly. It's all about routine, routine, routine.

"The great thing about Andrew and Murray's horses is they get a base at home, then they come over here, and once they get to 2400 you know they're going to be ready.

"A few people were even questioning whether this bloke would stay. I said, 'I'd never underestimate them'."

Baker's incredible Australian Derby run began only 12 years ago with Nom du Jeu (NZ) (Montjeu {Ire}).

Victories in the famous Sydney classic have come thick and fast since then with Dundee (NZ) in 2013, Mongolian Khan in 2015 and Jon Snow (NZ) (Iffraaj {GB}) in 2017.

He also finished second last year with Madison County (NZ) (Pins), and he won the Victoria Derby in 2010 with Lion Tamer (NZ) (Storming Home {GB}).

The majority of Baker's Australian Derby victories have been shared with Forsman, who joined him in partnership during the 2012-13 season.

Alongside their big-race haul in Australia, the pair have won 740 races and multiple trainers' premierships in their homeland, as well as two editions of the New Zealand Derby with Mongolian Khan and Vin De Dance (NZ) (Roc de Cambes {NZ}).

Another Big Result for de Burgh

Like Saturday's Randwick hero Quick Thinker, Vin De Dance carried the colours of prominent syndicator OTI Racing in his hard-fought victory in the 2018 New Zealand Derby. Hubie de Burgh has played a leading role, selecting horses for OTI globally.

"Everyone is looking for a Slipper horse but we wanted one that would be a later type," de Burgh told Inglis from Ireland following Quick Thinker's victory.

"You never think you're going to buy a Derby winner but this is fantastic. I'm delighted for Terry, he's a good friend as well as a client.

"This horse was more of a European-style of horse to look at. He was a very good walker, athletic, well balanced and by a quality stallion and now he's a Derby winner. Unbelievable."

New Zealand Derby winner Vin De Dance had been purchased for just \$70,000 by OTI's New Zealand bloodstock agent Phill Cataldo, and the respected judge also played a role in Quick Thinker's purchase for \$100,000 at the 2018 Inglis Australian Easter Yearling Sale.

"It was only just over a month ago that he finished a very average second in a race at Hawke's Bay in New Zealand,"

Cataldo told TDN Aus NZ.

"To win the Australian Derby only six weeks later is remarkable. All credit to Murray and Andrew, and to Opie for a great ride."

"After Vin De Dance a couple of years ago, it's great for OTI to share another Derby win with the Baker-Forsman team. It's also a third one for myself and Terry (Henderson), after we won the Victorian Derby with Kibbutz (NZ) (Golan {Ire}) back in 2007. It's a huge thrill for all of us.



Quick Thinker (yellow & blue stripe) | Dan Himbrechts/AAP

"It's a pleasure to work for Terry and OTI. They're great people, very professional. We put in a lot of hard work, and it's on days like this that all that work really bears fruit."

Quick Thinker has now had 11 starts for four wins, four placings and \$1.01 million in stakes. He won the Listed Champagne S. at Ellerslie as a 2-year-old, then added the G3 Ming Dynasty in Sydney in the spring and placed in the G3 Gloaming S.

His Sydney autumn campaign started with a third in the G2 Phar Lap S., followed by victories in the Tulloch S. and Derby on the last two Saturdays.

There was almost a dream double at Randwick on Saturday for Cataldo, who also purchased the G1 Doncaster runner-up Star Of The Seas (NZ) (Ocean Park {NZ}).

"It was nearly a perfect day," Cataldo said. "Quick Thinker was one of 10 horses that Hubie de Burgh had picked out for Terry at the Sydney Easter Sale in 2018. Terry asked me to look at those 10, and Quick Thinker was the one that stood out.

"He went through as Lot 3 and got him for \$100,000, which was less than a third of the average for that sale. I think certainly for unders."

Another Australian Group 1 for Bosson

The Derby was a Group 1-winning reunion for the Baker-Forsman team and jockey Opie Bosson, who rode stable star Mongolian Khan to his victories in the 2015 New Zealand Derby, Australian Derby and Caulfield Cup.

Bosson has now won a total of 77 Group 1 races, nine of them in Australia including three in Sydney this autumn. He won the Surround S. on Probabeel (NZ) (Savabeel) and Chipping Norton S. on Te Akau Shark (NZ) (Rip Van Winkle {Ire}).

Saturday's result was a welcome result to the star New Zealand rider, who is stuck on the opposite side of the Tasman from his wife Emily and young son Max.

"Being away from them, it makes things so much better if I get some big winners, but I can't wait to get home," he said.

"This horse was just too tough today. Murray Baker is a genius getting his horses ready for this race. He rang me yesterday morning and said the horse is rock-hard fit and he'll run a huge race.

"He pulled my arms out the whole race. He didn't come off the bit until we got to about the half mile. He was hard work. I thought we might have done too much in the running, but then the Murray Baker fitness kicked in."

Pedigree Notes:

A \$100,000 Inglis Easter Yearling Sale graduate, Quick Thinker is a half-brother to the two-time winner and Group 3 placegetter The August (I Am Invincible).

Their dam is Acouplamas (Al Maher) is out of a half-sister to the dam of the G1 VRC Derby winner and sire Blackfriars and his half-sister Larrocha (Danahill {USA}), winner of the G1 South Australian Oaks.

Larrocha is also a sister to the G2 Tulloch S. winner Manton and the dual Listed winner Waterford Road.

Saturday, Randwick, Australia

AUSTRALIAN DERBY (AJC Australian Derby)-G1, A\$1,000,000, ATC, 4-04, 3yo Open Set Weight, 2400mT, 2:34.24, hy.

1--**QUICK THINKER, 56.5, c, 3, by So You Think (NZ)**

1st Dam: Acouplamas (SP), by Al Maher

2nd Dam: Mahira, by Canny Lad

3rd Dam: Tilly Foster (NZ), by Vice Regal (NZ)

1ST GROUP 1 WIN. (\$100,000 Ylg '18 WI Easter Yearling Sale).

O-Oti Racing (Mgrs: T Henderson & S Driscoll), D Honiss, J Boyd, A Boyd, L Webb, Ms D McKeown, Ms M Webb, C Hall, J Gleeson, M Gleeson, P Goodwin, R Koch, J Williams, J Spence, J & M; B-Bowcock Bloodstock QLD; T-M Baker & A Forsman; J-O P Bosson; A\$717,500. Lifetime Record: 11-4-2-2, A\$1,009,913. *1/2 to The August (I Am Invincible), GSP, A\$137,525. **Werk Nick Rating: A+++ * Triple Plus***. **Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.**

2--**Zebrowski (NZ)**, 56.5, g, 3, Savabeel--Polish Princess (GB), by Polish Precedent (USA). O-D V Russo, P Duggan, D Flower, Eden Park Stud (Mgr: G Lui), Gmc Livestock (Mgr: Mrs K A Carroll), B & G McAlister (Mgr: Mrs G J McAlister), Mrs C A Hawkes & Windsor Park Stud (Mgr: B-Windsor Park Stud Ltd, Waikato, NZ; T-M, W & J Hawkes; J-J Bowman; A\$190,000.

3--**Eric the Eel**, 56.5, g, 3, Olympic Glory (Ire)--Modave (NZ), by Montjeu (Ire). O-Kendrick Racing, A W Graham, B Anderson, A M Penklis, Ms W M Robson, B C Cook, Mrs C R Cook, Triars (Mgr: R W Collins), Sundown Racing (Mgr: Mrs S M Campbell) & Neil Douglas Racing; B-Arrowfield Group Pty Ltd NSW; T-S W Kendrick; J-N Rawiller; A\$98,000.

Margins: 0.1 len, 1.4 len, 7.5 len.

Also Ran: Shadow Hero, Sacramento, Warning, Chains of Honour, Sherwood Forest, Castelveccio, Skiddaw, Diasonic.

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NETTOYER SPRINGS SURPRISE

by TDN AusNZ

After three Group 3 wins, **Nettoyer** (Sebring) went to another level here to boost her future broodmare value.

The 6-year-old delivered a first Group 1 win for trainer and part-owner Wendy Roche and jockey James Innes junior after settling at the tail of the field and then producing a barnstorming finish in the straight.

Star Of The Seas (NZ) (Ocean Park {NZ}) came on well closer to the fence to take second and the 3-year-old Brandenburg (NZ) (Burgundy {NZ}) cut the favourite Melody Belle (NZ) (Commands) out of third.

Pedigree Notes:

Nettoyer is out of Strikeline (Desert Sun {GB}), who was a two-time winner as a 2-year-old.

She has produced four winners and is a half-sister to the G3 Tibbie S. winner She's Clean (Redoute's Choice) and the six-time winner and black type performer Floyd (Not A Single Doubt).

Their dam Feather Duster (End Sweep {USA}) is a half-sister to the dual Group 1 winner Kinshasa No Kiseki (Fuji Kiseki {Jpn}) and the family of the Group 1 winning sisters Abbey Marie (Redoute's Choice) and Absolutely.

Saturday, Randwick, Australia

DONCASTER H. (Doncaster H.)-G1, A\$1,500,000, ATC, 4-04, 3yo/up, Open Handicap, 1600mT, 1:37.77, hy.

1--**NETTOYER, 51.5, m, 6, by Sebring**

1st Dam: Cleanup, by Dehere (USA)

2nd Dam: Feather Duster, by End Sweep (USA)

3rd Dam: Keltshaan (USA), by Pleasant Colony (USA)

1ST GROUP 1 WIN. (\$20,000 Ylg 2015 WI Sydney Easter Yearling Sale) O-Ms W M Roche, Dr J B Crowley & Robrick Lodge (Mgr: G N White); B-Invermien Pty Ltd; T-Ms W Roche; J-James Innes; A\$1,009,250. Lifetime Record: 30-6-1-6, A\$1,614,700. **Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.**

Werk Nick Rating: B.

2--**Star of the Seas (NZ)**, 53.0, g, 5, Ocean Park (NZ)--Stella Livia (GB), by Titus Livius (FR). O-A M Muollo, Three Hooks Seafood (Mgr: F Giuffre) & D Sergi; B-Trelawney Thoroughbred Ltd, Waikato, NZ; T-C J Waller; J-S Clipperton; A\$285,000.

3--**Brandenburg (NZ)**, 50.5, c, 3, Burgundy (NZ)--Wansesingyee, by Galileo (IRE). O-Seymour Bloodstock, T Greven, G Zanoli, Mrs J Lord & S Conlan; B-C R Grace, Central, NZ; T-J G Sargent; J-G Boss; A\$145,000.

Margins: 0.5 len, 0.6 len, 1.4 len.

Also Ran: Melody Belle (NZ), Kings Will Dream (Ire), Con Te Partiro (USA), Kolding (NZ), Super Seth, Cascadian (GB), Mr Quickie, Yulong Prince (SAf), Mister Sea Wolf (Ire), Night's Watch

(NZ), Shared Ambition (Ire), Tally, Imaging (GB), Prince Fawaz, Quackerjack, Homesman (USA), Best of Days (GB).

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NATURE STRIP BLOWS THEM AWAY



Nature Strip | Dan Hembrechts/AAP

by TDN AusNZ

When **Nature Strip** (Nicconi) is on his game, there are very few sprinters who can keep up. The enigmatic but supremely talented chestnut was well and truly on his game on Saturday.

Vegadaze (Lope de Vega {Ire}) showed up as the early leader in the first 100 metres, but Nature Strip and jockey James McDonald speared through on his inside to take command.

It was a position he never relinquished, and he turned on the afterburners in the home straight. In a brilliant performance, Nature Strip powered away from an elite field of sprinters.

He crossed the finish line 2l ahead of the fast-finishing defending champion Santa Ana Lane (Lope De Vega {Ire}). Redzel (Snitzel) was third, just ahead of Pierata (Pierro).

Trained by Chris Waller for a big group of owners including All Blacks coach Steve Hansen, Nature Strip has won 14 of his 23 starts and \$5.1 million in stakes. This was his fourth Group 1 win, following on from the Galaxy H., Moir S. and Darley Sprint Classic.

Pedigree Notes:

Bred by Golden Grove Stud Farm, Nature Strip is by the under-rated stallion Nicconi. The sire of 321 winners from 444 runners including 18 at stakes level, Nicconi stands for a service fee of \$38,500 at Widden Stud--an increase from \$24,750 last season and \$11,000 two seasons before that. Nature Strip's dam is Strikeline (Desert Sun {GB}), whose six wins included the G3 Ian McEwen Trophy, W.W. Cockram S. and How Now S. She also placed in the G2 Norman Carlyon S. and Caulfield Sprint.

Strikeline is out of the listed winner Strike High (Pre Emptive Strike {Can}) and is a half-sister to the G3 Eclipse S. winner Bashful Girl (Perugino {USA}). Another half-sibling is the champion jumper Bashboy (Perugino {USA}). Strikeline's six foals to race include three winners, two of them at stakes level. The Barrister (Star Witness), two years older than Nature Strip, won the Listed Fernhill H. as a 2-year-old and went on to perform well in Hong Kong. Since producing Nature Strip in 2014, Strikeline has produced the unraced Miss Strikepower (Nicconi) and a 3-year-old colt by Shamus Award. She was served by Addictive Nature last spring.

Saturday, Randwick, Australia

TJ SMITH S. (TJ Smith S.)-G1, A\$1,250,000, ATC, 4-04, Open WFA, 1200mT, 1:11.18, Heavy.

1--**NATURE STRIP, 58.5, g, 5, by Nicconi**

1st Dam: Strikeline (GSW, A\$505,050), by Desert Sun (GB)

2nd Dam: Strike High, by Pre Emptive Strike (Can)

3rd Dam: Flight Hostess, by Zamazaan (Fr)

O-R Lyons, P Harrison, P Kean, S Hansen, G Smith, J Van Duuren, P Balderstone, K Garland, D McCluskey, C Bennett, G Dumesny, F Giampaolo, Ms D McShane, D Slocum & T McHenry; B-Golden Grove Stud Farm NSW; T-C J Waller; J-J B Mc Donald; A\$839,500. Lifetime Record: 23-14-2-0, A\$5,144,035. *1/2 to The Barrister (Star Witness) (High Volatility {HK}), SW-Aus. **Werk Nick Rating: B. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.**

2--**Santa Ana Lane, 58.5, g, 7, Lope de Vega (Ire)--Fast Fleet, by Fastnet Rock.** (\$80,000 Ylg 2014 WI Melbourne Premier Yearling Sale) O-William St (Mgr: M A Ramsden); B-Patinack Farm; T-Anthony Freedman; J-Tim Clark; A\$237,500.

3--**Redzel, 58.5, g, 7, Snitzel--Millrich, by Rubiton.** (\$120,000 Ylg 2014 MM Gold Coast Yearling Sale; \$45,000 Wlg 2013 WI Sydney Weanling & Broodmare Sale) O-Triple Crown Synd (Mgr: C H Ward), Walfam No 2 (Mgr: B Walsh), Ten Players (Mgr: S J Fletcher), J N Allen, P Piras, V P Chau, T W Cheng, M R Waddington, Mrs A Gibson, Dr A Kuok, J ; B-Mr LJ Fleming; T-P & P Snowden; J-K Mc Evoy; A\$121,500.

Margins: 2.0 len, 2.2 len, 2.4 len

Also Ran: Pierata, Tofane (NZ) , Bivouac, Trekking, In Her Time, Exceedance, White Moss, Loving Gaby, Vegadaze.

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IN AUSTRALIA:

East Asia, f, 3, Swiss Ace (Aus)--China Choice (Aus), by Encosta de Lago (Aus). Hawkesbury, 4-4, Maiden Hcp. (NZ\$36k), 1100m, 1:03.97. B-G Harvey. *1ST TIME STARTER. **1/2 to Ho Ho Khan (NZ) (Makfi {GB}), GSW-HK, US\$797,505.

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