



## KEENELAND KITCHEN TO SERVE AS EPICENTER FOR FREE COMMUNITY MEALS



Preparing meals at Keeneland | Keeneland photo

by T.D. Thornton

The commercial kitchen at Keeneland Race Course will serve as the epicenter for a production facility that will use displaced Lexington-area hospitality workers to prepare and deliver free meals to people and organizations that need them in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Marc Therrien, the executive chef and managing director of Keeneland's hospitality, is overseeing the association's integration of volunteer efforts with FoodChain and Nourish Lexington, which are two charitable groups collaborating to use the skills and talents of local chefs, businesses, farms, funders, and non-profit agencies in order to feed community members.

"FoodChain has been coordinating meals from their headquarters, but they can't do it alone," Therrien told *TDN* from his home Tuesday afternoon, where he was cooking up a hearty sausage gravy while briefing a reporter on the community-wide efforts.

"Keeneland's been helping them out since last Friday, but the Nourish Lexington program kicks off [Apr. 8]," Therrien explained. "There are groups popping up all over the place that have this need for meals--churches, school children, emergency workers, all sorts of things. So I think everybody's been reaching out and trying to plug in the holes as much as they can. **Cont. p3**

## NYRA: SPA MEET REMAINS ON SCHEDULE WITH OKLAHOMA OPENING DELAYED

The New York Racing Association still plans to begin the Saratoga meet July 14, but it has delayed the opening of the Oklahoma Training Track and Saratoga stabling area, which were scheduled to open Apr. 15, due to the coronavirus. NYRA is working with the New York State Gaming Commission and public health agencies to determine an appropriate date to safely open the Oklahoma for training and stabling. The delay does not impact the start of the Saratoga racing season, which is scheduled to begin July 16 and run through Sept. 7.

"While we are monitoring the current conditions and consulting with the New York State Department of Health, we are planning for Saratoga to open as scheduled and run in its entirety across the 40-day meet," NYRA spokesperson Pat McKenna said. "We are working in earnest each and every day to prepare for the 2020 Saratoga season."

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**CHAD BROWN JOINS TDN WRITERS' ROOM PODCAST 5**

Eclipse Award-winning trainer and future Hall of Famer Chad Brown joins the TDN Writers' Room podcast, presented by Keeneland, as the pod's first video guest.

**WELLS BAYOU POSSIBLE FOR ARKANSAS DERBY 7**

Wells Bayou (Lookin at Lucky) turned in his first work since winning the GII Louisiana Downs Monday at Oaklawn. The sophomore could make his next start in the May 2 GI Arkansas Derby.



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## Keeneland Kitchen to Serve as Epicenter for Free Community Meals *(cont. from p1)*

“Where Keeneland comes into it is we’re putting a lot of resources into it to help build the operation,” Therrien explained. “We’re preparing the meals from the Keeneland kitchen as a test pilot program over the next three days. And then once we have the operation streamlined, we’re going to use that game plan, and hopefully other commercial kitchens around Lexington will volunteer, so we’ll have meals prepared from and going to multiple locations. Right now it’s just beginning, and we’ll see how far we can go with it.”

“So for the next three days we will be doing 150 meals per meal period to drop off and distribute at Whitaker Park, and we’ll also be doing another 200 meals on Friday to FoodChain directly. So it will be 650 meals a week to start,” Therrien said. “Right now everything is going like clockwork. Wednesday will be the true test, but I don’t really see a big problem with it.”

He then added in a confident deadpan: “I mean, after being used to feeding 30,000 people at a race meet, 150 lunches shouldn’t be too difficult for us.”



Marc Therrien | Keeneland

Craig Bernick, the president of Glen Hill Farm and a founding board member of the Thoroughbred Idea Foundation, told *TDN* that his family’s Lavin Family Foundation has been active in matching out-of-work hospitality workers in Chicago with donated meal providers in that region, and he wanted to do something in the same vein for Lexington residents.

“[My wife] Lindsey and I live in Lexington now, so we wanted to do some of the same in Lexington,” Bernick said. “I know that Keeneland is a huge donor to the local community, so I thought they would be able to point us in the right direction because they get so many grant requests for charities that are looking for help.”

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Bernick said Keeneland suggested the FoodChain and Nourish Lexington initiatives, so the Lavin Foundation made a donation that initially went to help provide lunches for Fayette County School children who would have typically received free school lunches.

With help from others in the community, the two programs have expanded markedly over the past several weeks to meet rising needs.

“They’re good programs,” Bernick said. “They’re taking displaced service industry workers--people who might have worked the Keeneland meet, or who work in hotels, the convention business, or at Rupp Arena--and they’re bringing them into a kitchen to prepare boxed meals for

members of the Lexington community.”

“The workers are earning a stipend to come in and work, but not so much that they can’t apply for unemployment benefits,” Bernick explained. “Any donation is a double donation, because

you’re not only helping to feed hungry people, but your donation goes to pay for helping displaced workers.

“It’s a difficult time because the world is at a standstill,” Bernick said. “That means the economy is at a standstill. All of

the charities that people traditionally support are going to be even more in need now.”

Keeneland president and chief executive officer Bill Thomason said, “Keeneland is so fortunate to be part of the central Kentucky community, and sharing our team’s talents and our resources to benefit the community is key to our mission. It’s who we are.

“These hospitality workers and local families who find themselves in need right now, they are our fans, our colleagues and our friends who support Keeneland

year-round,” Thomason continued. “Keeneland will do whatever we can to help them and strengthen this community that we love so much.”



Food delivery | Keeneland photo

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## CHAD BROWN JOINS TDN WRITERS' ROOM AS FIRST VIDEO GUEST



Chad Brown | Sarah Andrew

The *TDN* Writers' Room podcast **presented by Keeneland** has transitioned to video over the past two weeks as the hosts record the show from home, and this week they welcomed their first video guest, none other than four-time defending Eclipse Award-winning trainer and future Hall of Famer Chad Brown.

In a wide-ranging interview that touched on how the pandemic has affected his horses and family, what he looks for at sales, his feelings on clenbuterol, his thoughts on how to help smaller trainers get a foothold and his memories of Bobby Frankel and Ghostzapper, Brown provided valuable insight across the board as the **Green Group Guest of the Week**.

"From a business standpoint, first of all, it's been extremely challenging and disappointing," Brown said of the current shutdown. "I'd imagine all businesses small and large throughout the country are going through the same thing at some capacity. We understand we're not alone, but our business really focuses on the teeth of the season from April to the first week of December ... We've really focused on the time of year where now we're entering a shutdown. It's been particularly hard for us. A lot of nice horses ready to run and nowhere to go. Then on the personal front I have two daughters up in Saratoga and I was supposed to be home by now. I hear a lot of stories like that. From friends of mine both in and out of horse racing, I know a lot of families are sort of split apart."

Asked about his strategy when it comes to buying horses, Brown emphasized his partnership with renowned bloodstock agent Mike Ryan and spoke to his knowledge of horses evolving over time from back in the days when he was working for his late mentor Frankel.

# Thank! you!

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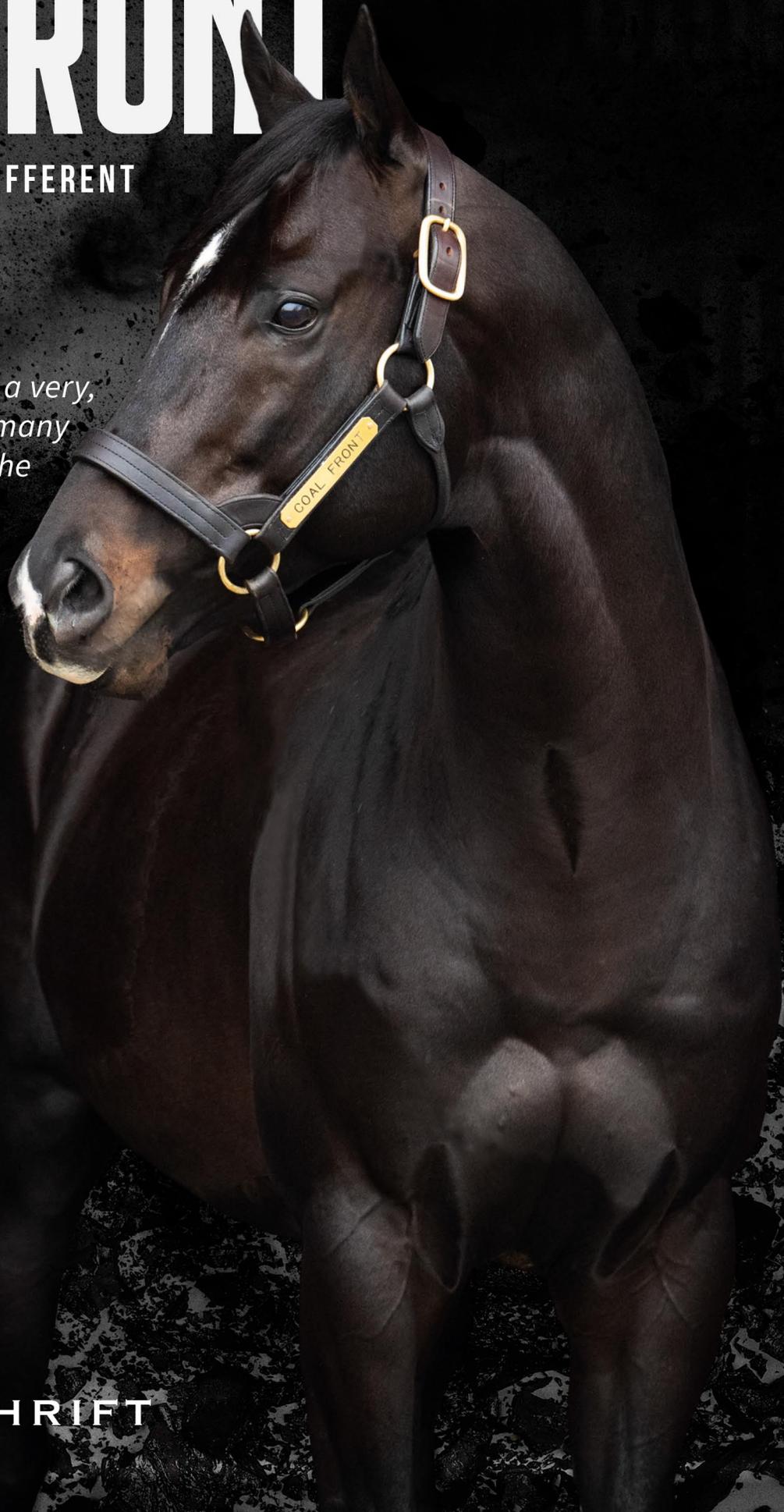
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“The sales are tricky. The longer you do this as a trainer I find you find you have so much data built up in your head about what works and what won’t work. The longer I do it, you see more and more things horses can live with,” he said. “You see more horses that you passed on for conformation or pedigree that ended up being good horses. I find now when I’m older and wiser I hope, I have a lot more horses that I have a favorable eye to because I know what they can overcome after seeing so many horses do well that I didn’t think early on had the potential ... Frankel used to tell me, when he was buying a lot of horses privately, they’d come in the barn and I’d say, ‘Wow, this one has no pedigree.’ He told me one day, ‘They make their own pedigree.’ Now I know what he means by that. They might not have pedigree today. Then after they win a Grade I, all their siblings are now have good pedigrees, down the road.”

This racing stoppage is going to hurt smaller trainers more than larger ones, and Brown offered his suggestions from the top of the game as to how some outfits scraping to get by can be helped along to stay in business.

“I think that there’s a way where it could possibly be tiered in certain ways to try to help the smaller businesses,” he said. “Maybe the workman’s comp, if you get it all under control nationally somehow or even state by state, where it’s sort of a co-op, maybe the people that have X amount of horses and above pay a higher rate, and for your first 20 horses maybe you don’t pay any. Some of the places that have stall rent. If you’re in Saratoga and in the offseason, you have to pay stall rent, or you’re over here at Palm Meadows, maybe the first 15 horses, you don’t pay anything. We sort of tier it up like a tax bracket where the people that have more, pay more.”

Elsewhere on the show, in the [West Point Thoroughbreds news of the week](#), the writers ran down the latest racing-related effects of the pandemic and speculated on whether virtual horse racing could catch on in America like it has in Europe during this dark period. [Click here to watch the podcast on Vimeo](#), or [here to listen to the audio-only version](#).

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## BELMONT GROOM DIES FROM COVID-19

Martin Zapata, who spent the last two years working as a groom for trainer Tom Morley, died Tuesday due to complications from COVID-19, according to New York Thoroughbred Horsemen’s Association. The 63-year-old Panama native tested positive Mar. 24 and was hospitalized Mar. 26.

“Martin was a beloved member of our team for the past two years who always greeted you at the door with a huge smile. He’ll be sorely missed by all those in the New York racing community and further afield as well as his family in Panama,” said Morley, who started a [Gofundme](#) in Zapata’s memory.

Wednesday morning, Morley tweeted, "The kind messages this morning won't fill the void in the barn. But the amount of people who remember Martin's smile, his always friendly welcome to the barn. Thank you for your memories."



Martin Zapata | Tom Morley

“We are deeply saddened by the loss of one of our community. Martin was a well-regarded horseman who always demonstrated great care and joy in his work. Our deepest condolences go out to his family and friends,” said NYTHA President Joe Appelbaum.

"We at NYRA offer our condolences to the family, friends and colleagues of Martin Zapata, a beloved member of our New York racing community and a respected horseman," said NYRA CEO David O'Rourke. "During these troubling times, we stand together with our colleagues at NYTHA, B.E.S.T, Belmont Child Care Association, and the New York Race Track Chaplaincy to offer comfort for all who are mourning Martin and to continue to support the ongoing needs of the backstretch community."

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## MONMOUTH PARK STABLE AREA TO OPEN JUNE 1 WITH RACING JULY 4

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Monmouth Park Racetrack will delay the opening of its stabling area until June 1 with live racing scheduled to commence July 4th weekend.

“We want to keep our horsemen and fans as informed as possible,” said Dennis Drazin, Chairman and CEO of Darby Development LLC, operators of Monmouth Park. “With Governor [Phil] Murphy extending the health care emergency in New Jersey by an additional 30 days, it became impossible for us to move forward with our planned May 1 opening for stabling. We’ll continue to follow the Governor’s leadership and look forward to a great season of racing at the Jersey Shore.”

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## WELLS BAYOU WORKS, POSSIBLE FOR ARKANSAS DERBY

**Wells Bayou** (Lookin at Lucky) returned to the work tab for the first time since his Mar. 21 GI Louisiana Derby victory with a four-furlong drill in :49.80 (32/56) at Oaklawn Park Monday. With the GI Kentucky Derby postponed until September and no new date yet released for the GI Preakness S., the bay colt could make his next start in the May 2 GI Arkansas Derby.

“We’d love to win the Arkansas Derby,” co-owner Lance Gasaway told the Oaklawn Park media team after watching Wells Bayou train Saturday morning. “Everything now is all based on what they do with the Preakness. We have no idea. We just don’t know. And, we want him here. Trust me, we want to run here in Arkansas. We love it here. But, it’s like [trainer] Brad [Cox] always says, ‘You want to do what’s best for the horse.’ That’s what we’ve got to look at.”



Wells Bayou | Hodges Photography

Gasaway and his father Clint, both Arkansas natives, are majority owners of Wells Bayou. Bloodstock agent Liz Crow of BSW Bloodstock purchased the colt on their behalf for \$105,000 at last year’s OBS March sale and brokered a deal before the Louisiana Derby to bring in BSW clients Sol Kumin’s Madaket Stables and Marc Lore’s Wonder Stables as partners in the Triple Crown hopeful.

“I think it’s on the table, for sure,” Crow said of the Arkansas Derby. “Everybody’s in agreement that it’s completely Brad’s decision. If he wants to run there, then we’ll run there. If he doesn’t, then we’ll wait.”

The uncertainty of the racing calendar makes planning starts extra difficult this spring.

“We really don’t know what’s going to happen with Churchill,” Crow said. “They haven’t made an announcement of when they’re going to open their meet. Do you sit and wait for something? What’s going to happen with the Preakness? You don’t know what’s going to happen with any of these races. It’s crazy.”

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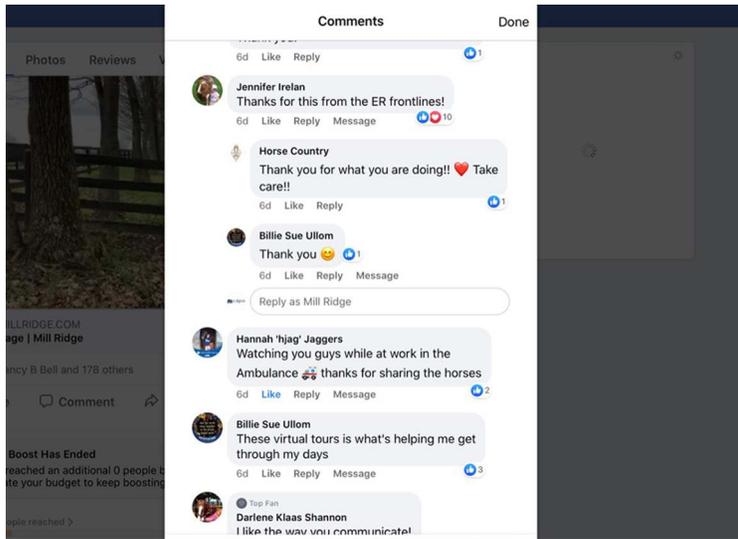
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# SILVER LININGS

## SILVER LININGS: PRICE BELL

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](mailto:suefinley@thetdn.com)



### Words of support from doctors, ambulance workers and others on the Mill Ridge Facebook tour page

Today, I wanted to share some moments that have meant a lot to me these past few weeks. When we started doing virtual tours, it was initiated to continue the mission of Horse Country, and to hopefully lessen the blow to fans who wanted to come visit, but were now not able.

However, I have been so inspired by giving the virtual tours, because viewers appreciate them so much. I share here a screen shot from one where an ER doctor on the front lines watched, and ambulance workers tuned in...to provide themselves some peace.

We are so lucky to work with horses, the peace and curiosity they inspire, and to be able to share them with so many is the most rewarding aspect of this uncertain time. I also want to share the below Tweet from a woman in Chicago, who wrote a letter to my grandmother, Alice Chandler, and team in 1996. She shared it on Twitter the other day and I have been so moved by it.



Horse Country started as my grandmother was slowing down, and she isn't really involved with it now. However, reading this letter is a great reminder that she, and so many, have always felt it our responsibility to share horses with people. That it meant so much to this 15-year-old in 1996 that she kept the letter and shared it in 2020 is just amazing and a bright spot amidst the troubling times.

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### 2020 MATCH SERIES CANCELED

The 2020 edition of the Mid-Atlantic Thoroughbred Championships Series (MATCH) had been canceled due to the on-going uncertainty of racing schedules and concerns about purse money due to the coronavirus. The series was set to debut with races split between Laurel and Charles Town Apr. 8.

“Obviously, we are all disappointed, but it was the right thing to do,” said MATCH Series creator and THA Chairman Alan M. Foreman. “No one wanted to compromise the quality of the event and the brand we are building. MATCH is a luxury, and the monies contributed by the horsemen’s organizations, racetracks and breeders organizations to support the series can be better used for the benefit of day-to-day racing when live racing returns. We have the template ready to go for 2021 and will be back bigger and better than ever.”

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## TEXAS SUMMER YEARLING SALE ADDS HORSES OF RACING AGE SECTION

The Aug. 24 Texas Summer Yearling Sale will now include a horses of racing age session in lieu of having broodmares and weanlings, the Texas Thoroughbred Association and Lone Star Park announced. For this year only, the mixed session will only be open to 2-year-olds and older horses of racing age. The change is due to the cancellation of the Texas 2-Year-Olds in Training Sale, which could not be held due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

“After talking to consignors, we found there was strong demand for a horses-of-racing-age session, especially for 2-year-olds,” said sales director Tim Boyce. “We realize these are unique times for consignors and buyers, so we are working to support them by being flexible with the format of this sale. For any 2-year-olds who have published works, we will include those on the sale website, along with any videos that consignors wish to provide. And if we have enough demand for an under tack show, we will work to make that happen prior to the sale.”

The entry deadline for the sale is June 15, and consignment contracts are being mailed soon.

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**GERMANCE**, 17, Silver Hawk--Gaily Tiara, by Caerleon  
Foal born Mar. 16, a filly by Wootton Bassett (GB)  
Will be bred back to City Light (Fr)  
Owned by/boarded at Haras d'Etreham  
Accomplishments: G1SW, \$558,680.

**BLINGISMYTHING**, 10, Arch--Dancing General, by General Meeting  
Foal born Mar. 17, a colt by Justify  
Will be bred back to Tapit  
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## 2020 Leading Turf Sires

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Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	<b>Medaglia d'Oro</b> <i>(1999) by El Prado (Ire) Crops: 13</i>	1	5	1	4	--	--	66	12	<b>3,172,650</b> <i>Golden Sixty (AUS)</i>	<b>3,836,060</b>
				<i>Stands: Darley KY Fee: \$200,000</i>							
2	<b>Speightstown</b> <i>(1998) by Gone West Crops: 13</i>	1	1	1	1	1	1	33	9	<b>1,295,707</b> <i>Mozu Superflare</i>	<b>1,569,014</b>
				<i>Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$70,000</i>							
3	<b>Kitten's Joy</b> <i>(2001) by El Prado (Ire) Crops: 12</i>	1	3	--	2	--	--	126	28	<b>230,146</b> <i>Gendarme</i>	<b>1,159,292</b>
				<i>Stands: Hill 'n' Dale Farms KY Fee: \$75,000</i>							
4	<b>Street Cry (Ire)</b> <i>(1998) by Machiavellian Crops: 12</i>	1	2	1	1	1	1	23	4	<b>688,440</b> <i>Zulu Alpha</i>	<b>1,111,348</b>
				<i>Stands: Darley USA (Dead/Ret/Exp)</i>							
5	<b>The Factor</b> <i>(2008) by War Front Crops: 5</i>	3	4	2	3	--	--	76	18	<b>282,500</b> <i>Factor This</i>	<b>1,030,015</b>
				<i>Stands: Lane's End Farm KY Fee: \$17,500</i>							
6	<b>Scat Daddy</b> <i>(2004) by Johannesburg Crops: 8</i>	4	4	3	3	1	1	50	14	<b>228,660</b> <i>Con Te Partiro</i>	<b>976,392</b>
				<i>Stands: Ashford Stud USA (Dead/Ret/Exp)</i>							
7	<b>English Channel</b> <i>(2002) by Smart Strike Crops: 10</i>	2	6	2	4	--	--	79	19	<b>128,080</b> <i>Spooky Channel</i>	<b>841,617</b>
				<i>Stands: Calumet Farm KY Fee: \$35,000</i>							
8	<b>More Than Ready</b> <i>(1997) by Southern Halo Crops: 17</i>	1	4	--	--	--	--	82	9	<b>218,948</b> <i>Lucky More (AUS)</i>	<b>830,540</b>
				<i>Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$80,000</i>							
9	<b>Into Mischief</b> <i>(2005) by Harlan's Holiday Crops: 9</i>	4	7	2	3	--	--	55	13	<b>157,040</b> <i>Bemma's Boy</i>	<b>826,501</b>
				<i>Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY Fee: \$175,000</i>							
10	<b>War Front</b> <i>(2002) by Danzig Crops: 11</i>	--	1	--	1	--	--	52	12	<b>179,808</b> <i>Naval Intelligence</i>	<b>726,649</b>
				<i>Stands: Claiborne Farm KY Fee: \$250,000</i>							
11	<b>Hard Spun</b> <i>(2004) by Danzig Crops: 10</i>	--	--	--	--	--	--	63	7	<b>175,095</b> <i>Shallotti (AUS)</i>	<b>620,167</b>
				<i>Stands: Darley KY Fee: \$40,000</i>							
12	<b>Tapit</b> <i>(2001) by Pulpit Crops: 13</i>	2	6	2	5	--	--	60	6	<b>119,132</b> <i>American Seed</i>	<b>604,013</b>
				<i>Stands: Gainesway Farm KY Fee: \$200,000</i>							
13	<b>First Samurai</b> <i>(2003) by Giant's Causeway Crops: 11</i>	--	1	--	--	--	--	23	7	<b>368,259</b> <i>Shivaji</i>	<b>506,031</b>
				<i>Stands: Claiborne Farm KY Fee: \$15,000</i>							
14	<b>Curlin</b> <i>(2004) by Smart Strike Crops: 9</i>	--	2	--	1	--	--	41	8	<b>220,000</b> <i>Standard Deviation</i>	<b>502,666</b>
				<i>Stands: Hill 'n' Dale Farms KY Fee: \$175,000</i>							
15	<b>Uncle Mo</b> <i>(2008) by Indian Charlie Crops: 6</i>	1	1	1	1	--	--	57	13	<b>60,000</b> <i>Carressa</i>	<b>483,823</b>
				<i>Stands: Ashford Stud KY Fee: \$125,000</i>							

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## THURSDAY'S RACING INSIGHTS: \$1-MILLION QUALITY ROAD FILLY DEBUTS AT GULFSTREAM



**Mighty Road brought \$1 million as an OBSAPR 2-year-old | ThoroStride**

**10th-GP, \$45K, Msw, 3yo, f, 1mT, 5:38 p.m. ET**

**MIGHTY ROAD (Quality Road)**, a \$220,000 KEESEP yearling turned \$1-million OBSAPR breeder (:9 4/5), makes her debut for trainer Chad Brown and owner HRH Prince Sultan Bin Mishal Al Saud over the Gulfstream lawn. The 3-year-old filly is a half-sister to graded winner Decelerator (Dehere). Mighty Road's dam Paris Rose (Accelerator) is a half-sister to GI Test S. heroine Fabulously Fast (Deputy Minister) and Paris Notion (Dehere), dam of MGISW City of Light (Quality Road). **TJCIS PPs**

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### SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: THURSDAY, APR. 9

**Carpe Diem** (Giant's Causeway), WinStar Farm, \$15,000  
231 foals of racing age/27 winners/2 black-type winners  
6-Oaklawn, Wcl 1 1/16m, ICECAP, 5-2  
\$180,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$60,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl  
10-Gulfstream, Msw 1mT, UNFORESEEN, 10-1  
\$115,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$150,000 FTK OCT yrl; \$195,000 RNA  
OBS APR 2yo

**Liam's Map** (Unbridled's Song), Lane's End Farm, \$35,000  
232 foals of racing age/27 winners/2 black-type winners  
10-Gulfstream, Msw 1mT, PASSION FACTOR, 12-1  
\$235,000 FTS AUG yrl

**We Miss Artie** (Artie Schiller), Ramsey Farm, \$5,000  
40 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners  
10-Gulfstream, Msw 1mT, ACT LIKE ARTIE, 9-2

**Wicked Strong** (Hard Spun), Spendthrift Farm, \$6,000  
232 foals of racing age/35 winners/1 black-type winner  
6-Oaklawn, Wcl 1 1/16m, ARTEMUS EAGLE, 3-1



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**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Casino Queen**, f, 4, **Read the Footnotes**--Bianco (MSP, \$214,373), by Yes It's True. Will Rogers Downs, 4-8, (S), 6f, 1:10.81. B-Kelly Thiesing (OK). \*1/2 to Socks (Maclean's Music), SW, \$201,343.

**Clear as Day**, f, 4, **Sky Mesa**--Much Obligated (MSW & GSP-USA, GSP-Can, \$422,371), by Kingmambo. Tampa Bay Downs, 4-8, 1mT, 1:37.82. B-Pin Oak Stud, LLC (KY). \*1/2 to Syphax (Arch), GSW-Eng, \$102,960.



**READ THE FOOTNOTES**, Casino Queen, f, 4, o/o Bianco, by Yes It's True. MSW, 4-8, Will Rogers

**SKY MESA**, Clear as Day, f, 4, o/o Much Obligated, by Kingmambo. MSW, 4-8, Tampa Bay

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## BALDING BACKS DERBY GO-AHEAD



Andrew Balding | *Racing Post*

Trainer Andrew Balding said he would rather see the G1 Investec Derby go ahead on a different date and on a different racecourse than usual than no Derby at all.

Jockey Club Racecourses revealed on Tuesday that the Guineas Festival, originally set for May 2 and 3, and the Investec Derby Festival on June 5 and 6 would **definitely be pushed back**, with dates to be decided when it is more clear when racing will resume.

Balding, who trains Guineas hopeful **Kameko** (Kitten's Joy), told *Sky Sports Racing*, "Obviously it's not quite the same test, but at the same time that is what happened in the war years and it's not unprecedented. I would much rather see a Derby run somewhere than no Derby at all. I think that would be a shame for the whole industry. The Classics are the most important races of the year and very much need to be restaged if they possibly can at whatever venue they can."

"Obviously it's a work in progress, but it's still a long summer and there's a lot of hope there we can get some sort of season together that would resemble what it would have done had this not happened."

Balding said he is keeping his runners ticking over while awaiting news.

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## CURRAGH DEFERS GALLOPS FEES FOR OWNERS

The Curragh has announced that it will defer its gallop fees by a month in a bid to help racehorse owners during the challenging scenario of the coronavirus pandemic.

The Curragh Racecourse reopened last year following an €80-million redevelopment and over the last few years there has also been substantial upgrading to the facilities on the 2,000-acre training grounds which surround the track.

"We don't know what's going to happen and we're waiting for the next announcement from the government. It's a difficult time for everyone so we wanted to give owners time to decide what they are going to do with their horses," said Pat Keogh, CEO of Curragh Racecourse.

Around 800 racehorses are trained on The Curragh. Their owners pay quarterly fees in order to take advantage of a wide range of turf and all-weather gallops and schooling facilities which are maintained on a daily basis by a team of 20 people.

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Curragh Racecourse CEO Pat Keogh | *Racing Post*

## IN TDN AMERICA TODAY

**SPA MEET ON SCHED; OKLAHOMA OPENING DELAYED**

NYRA announced that the Saratoga meet will begin July 14, but the opening of the Oklahoma training track will be delayed. [Click or tap here to go straight to TDN America.](#)

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### Balding Backs Derby Go-Ahead cont. from p1

"We've just reduced the workload a little bit with all the horses to be honest," he said. "The 2-year-olds are doing as they ever would at this stage of the season--we rarely have a 2-year-old runner before June anyway, so I can't say they're too affected. With the older horses, we've had to reduce the intensity of the work to some degree and just sit and wait and hope for happier times."

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### Curragh Defers Gallops Fees For Owners cont. from p1

"All our gallops are open and that's essential for horse welfare. They are all being well looked after and we are lucky that they are in great shape," Keogh added.

Fees which under normal circumstances would have been due to be paid on Apr. 8 have now been deferred to May 8.

"Obviously this is an important time of year for trainers and horses building up to what should now be the turf season. If owners decide to take them out of training at the end of the month it won't cost anything from a gallops point of view," said Keogh. "The most important thing at the moment is the health of our nation and so many people are working in so many different ways to help each other through this. The trainers and owners are all doing their best and this is just something very small on our part to try to help."

Willie McCreery, one of more than 50 licensed trainers on The Curragh, said, "This is a great gesture from The Curragh while we all wait to hear when racing will be able to start again."

On Tuesday it was announced that the Guineas Festival in Britain would be postponed from the first weekend of May to a later date. Currently the Irish Guineas Festival is set to be staged at The Curragh on May 23 and 24.

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## GOLD: "WE'VE GOT TO RIDE THIS OUT"

Sheikh Hamdan Al Maktoum enjoyed a year to remember on the racecourse in 2019, with the record-setting Group 1 sprinter Battaash (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}) leading a charge that also included the G1 Lockinge S. winner Mustashry (GB) (Tamayuz {GB}) and the admirable staying filly Enbihaar (Ire) (Redoute's Choice {Aus}), the winner of three consecutive Group 2s. Attraction (GB)'s high-profile son Elarqam (GB) and G1 Investec Derby runner-up Madhmoon (Ire) (Dawn Approach {Ire}) also won pattern races in the blue and white.

The Shadwell owner will have to wait a bit longer this season, however, before he sees his silks grace the winner's enclosure.

"Before this started, I had various people saying they thought the horses looked as well as they had ever seen them at this time of year, considering everything," said Sheikh Hamdan's

Racing Manager Angus Gold. With regards to when racing could resume and what it will look like when it does, Gold said he wasn't ready to starting contemplating what-ifs.

"This is a setback if it goes on well into May and then into June," Gold said. "Then we're talking about a different state of affairs altogether, and none of us knows, so there is no good speculating because we haven't got there yet.

"We've got to ride this out and just hope that things settle down enough to allow racing to start again in some guise, even if it is behind closed doors. We've got to see when we can start again, how much we will lose and what format the season will take."

Gold praised racing's essential workers who are keeping the horses ticking over.



Angus Gold | Tattersalls

"Across the board, the trainers are doing a fantastic job, and everyone is pulling together," he said. "It's shown all of us we mustn't take things for granted. Everything we've thought of as normal has been taken away in an instant. Of course it's frustrating, but we have to put it into perspective and get our priorities right. There's nothing we can do other than stay safe, hunker down and wait for things to calm down a bit."

Gold nominated a trio of Shadwell 3-year-olds to keep an eye on once racing resumes. He began with the 160,000gns yearling purchase **Molatham (GB)** (Night of Thunder {Ire}), who won the Listed Flying Scotsman S. last year for trainer Roger Varian. He also suggested a pair of colts by Sea The Stars (Ire): **Al Aasy (Ire)**, a 300,000gns yearling who was third in his lone start on Oct. 23 at Newmarket for William Haggas, and **Hukum (Ire)**, a homebred who won at second asking on the Kempton all-weather on Nov. 19 for Owen Burrows.

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**IN TDN AUS/NZ TODAY****COOLMORE TOPS EASTER**

Coolmore lands sales-topping Snitzel colt for \$1.8M at Inglis Easter sale. [Click or tap here to go straight to TDN Aus/NZ.](#)

## TODAY'S GOOD NEWS/ RANDOM ACT OF KINDNESS

### BBA IRELAND RECEIVES SURPRISE SHIPMENT OF MASKS

On Tuesday, the staff of BBA Ireland received an unexpected but very welcome surprise when a large shipment of face masks arrived from China courtesy of Yuesheng Zhang's Yulong Investments.

Zhang, who is developing a worldwide bloodstock empire, has about 60 horses in Ireland between training yards and studs. Wuhan is where much of the racehorse population in China winters, and is also the city where COVID-19 was first reported. With coronavirus cases dropping in Wuhan and restrictions lifting, Zhang decided to turn his focus to his friends abroad in need.



Yuesheng Zhang | *Racing Post*

BBA Ireland agent Michael Donohoe, who has conducted plenty of business on behalf of Yulong in Europe, said, "Last week we got notification that a package was coming from China, and a large shipment of high-quality face masks arrived for all the staff in BBA Ireland."

There were enough face masks not only to serve the BBA Ireland staff, but to aid healthcare workers as well. And Donohoe said more are reportedly on the way.

"There were far too many just for us, so Eamonn Reilly's wife Vivienne, who is a senior nurse in the Cappagh Hospital in Dublin, was able to give the excess to the hospital," Donohoe said.

**BBA Ireland Receives Surprise Shipment of Masks cont.**

“She said the staff there were extremely grateful for this unexpected donation.”

Donohoe described Zhang as “a great friend to BBA Ireland.”

“It was entirely Mr Zhang’s initiative and is a wonderful show of solidarity from China,” he said. “Mr. Zhang is, like the rest of us, eagerly awaiting the resumption of the flat season. He looks to have some very nice horses to run for him this year.”

Those nice horses include progressive 3-year-old Leo De Fury (Ire) (Australia {GB}), who was Group 3-placed last year for trainer Jessica Harrington, and the well-traveled 5-year-old Ancient Spirit (Ger) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), who was last seen finishing second in the Listed Trigo S. for the same yard in October. His 2-year-old brigade includes promising progeny of the likes of Lope De Vega (Ire), Kodiak (GB), The Last Lion (Ire) and Footstepsinthesand (GB).

Donohoe pointed out additionally that, while Wuhan was locked down for more than 10 weeks, care of the racehorses wintering there was uninterrupted.

“During the whole lockdown in Wuhan there was exception given to care for the racehorses,” he explained. “The government there understands the importance of welfare for the animals, so training was unaffected. The government gave special permission for feed, bedding, veterinary and veterinary products to be brought to the training establishment there.”

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## EUROPEAN NEWS

### PRIZEMONEY UPHELD FOR BBAG SALES RACES

German auction house BBAG, which runs a series of sales races throughout the season, has warned that the race dates may be subject to change but that the prize-money will not be altered.



Richard Spencer on his hack outside Sefton Lodge | Emma Berry

### Prizemoney Upheld For BBAG Sales Races cont.

The German racing authority Deutscher Galopp is currently hoping that racing will be able to resume in the country from May.

The BBAG Auction Races series offers prize-money of just over €1.1 million for 18 races for graduates of its yearling sales-- seven for 2-year-olds and the remaining 11 for 3-year-olds. The first of these, for 3-year-olds, is set to be staged at Dresden on May 30. The first juvenile auction race is scheduled for Aug. 1.

A statement from BBAG on social media stated, "The timing is dependent on the course of the corona crisis and the state permit to run horse races. There may be postponements."

German racing was suspended on Mar. 15 with a provisional resumption date of Apr. 18 but Deutscher Galopp announced last week that it is planning for racing to start again in May behind closed doors. It is understood that a revised racing calendar will be released later this week.

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## NEWBURY HELPS COMMUNITY AMID COVID-19 OUTBREAK



Newbury Racecourse | *Racing Post*

Newbury Racecourse has offered its extensive space while waiving site fees for varying relief efforts during the COVID-19 pandemic. Among initiatives, Newbury has banded with Age Concern Newbury & District and Swift Couriers, who have delivered meals on wheels in the district for over 50 years, to feed the elderly in West Berkshire during the crisis. The effort is being overseen by Healthwatch West Berkshire in consultation with West Berkshire Council Adult Social Care and Public Health. In addition to providing a dedicated area of the site, Newbury offers use of available kitchens, chefs and volunteers in addition to a £1,000 donation worth of food from their existing supplies.

"Working closely with the team at Age Concern Newbury & District, Swift Couriers as well as the NHS West Berkshire CCG, hopefully, we can ease some of the pressure on the current services across the borough and provide much needed meals to the most vulnerable," said Chief Executive of Newbury Racecourse, Julian Thick. "I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all the staff at the racecourse, many of whom are volunteering their services."

Newbury previously announced an area at the Eastern entrance of the racecourse adapted for the use by the NHS West Berkshire CCG in partnership with local GPs as one of two local walk-in Primary Care Hubs in the district. The area has been set up for local people who are showing early symptoms of Coronavirus but don't need immediate hospital treatment. Other contained areas around the site will continue to be used for the purpose of NHS Blood Donation sessions during this period.

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## BHA LAUNCHES RACING2LEARN

The British Horseracing Authority (BHA) has launched Racing2Learn, a new online e-learning platform within the racing and Thoroughbred breeding industries. The platform, developed in collaboration with 1st4Sport Qualifications, provides a range of flexible eLearning courses and is free for a limited period. Areas covered include: Horse care; Racehorse welfare; Safeguarding. Certificates may be achieved which have continuous professional development (CPD) points applied by the Chartered Institute for the Management of Sport and Physical Activity.

"Racing2Learn adds an important new feature to the existing comprehensive programme of training and education in our sector," said Gill Greeves, Vocational Training Manager at the British Horseracing Authority. "It provides a range of interesting and interactive courses, all certificated and supported by the achievement of CPD points."

"It is our hope that at this challenging time the platform may be of use for people who wish to continue their individual learning and development through remote access to an ever increasing range of courses."

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**UNDER THE RADAR** by Tom Frary

Next up under the microscope is a “dark horse” from Jessica Harrington’s richly endowed stable. The trainer, who already has an enviable squad for the fillies’ Classics, spoke with TDN’s Tom Frary about another filly she is keen to see in action.

**ONE VOICE (IRE), f, 3, Poet’s Voice (GB)--Zaaqya (GB), by Nayef.**

Carrying the colours of John Hennessy and owned in partnership by the trainer, One Voice became the third of three winners from as many runners for her dam, a winning half-sister to the GII Joe Hernandez S. runner-up Double Touch (GB) (Dutch Art {GB}). That came when breaking through over seven furlongs at Leopardstown in July, having finished runner-up on debut at the same track the previous month. The €55,000 Goffs Sportsman yearling was off the mark in style by three lengths when last seen and that margin could have been embellished had Shane Foley not eased down late. The runner-up Auxilia (Ire) (Free Eagle {Ire}) went on to win by five lengths next time and was a close third in the Listed Staffordstown Stud S., so the form is solid. “She’s done very well and is not that far off my best ones,” Harrington revealed. “She didn’t get to race after she won her maiden, as she had to have a little operation, but we’ve definitely got high hopes for her. She’s a nice filly and she will stay a mile and a half in time.”

One Voice’s pedigree: [Click for the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.](#)

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One Voice and Shane Foley | *Racing Post*

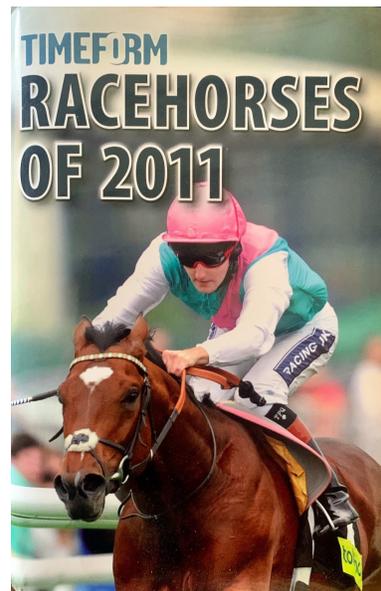
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My favourite racing book is actually a set of books, Timeform’s Racehorses series, as I am a total nerd when it comes to these beasts. Published as annuals, they satisfy every quest for information on horses that have been and gone and have an abundance of trivia of the day to digest. They give you a real sense of what the racing world was like at that time and they are



written as if you are sat with an old sage around a fireplace with the whole evening to spare.

My collection starts in 1970, when Nijinsky II reigned supreme, and runs up to 2004 and, I am embarrassed to admit, the collection still keeps me going back time and again. There are essays on every horse worth knowing about and the best come with profile pictures and pedigrees.

A lot of old arguments are still relevant, too, like this one in the passage on the great Ardross in Racehorses of 1982, which reads, “No commercial breeder nowadays sets out to breed horses for the Cup races, horses likely to be at their peak as 4-year-olds or 5-year-olds over two and a quarter miles plus, but chance has a large share in the breeding of racehorses and long-distance horses are still being produced and should be catered for fairly. The drift over the past thirty years or so towards breeding for speed at the expense of stamina may have dangerous consequences for the long-term welfare of British racing.”

That sounds like something we’ve heard recently, yes?

If the house was burning, after the wife and kids I’d probably grab these too (although they are heavy, I can attest to that as they’ve followed me everywhere).

If you would like to share your favourite racing book with us, please email [emmaberry@thetdn.com](mailto:emmaberry@thetdn.com).

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**IN HONG KONG:**

**Shadow Breaker (Ire)**, c, 4, **Excelebration (Ire)**--Kramer Drive (Ire), by Medicean (GB). Happy Valley, 4-8, Hcp. (£100k/€115k), 1800mT, 1:49.25. B-Emmet Mullins. \*Formerly Onethirtee (Ire). \*\*€12,000 Ylg '17 TISEP; £14,000 RNA 2yo '18 TATAPR. **VIDEO**



**JAPAN TIGHTENS COVID-19 SAFETY MEASURES**



Horse racing is normally a very popular spectator sport in Japan | Getty

Racing has been permitted to continue in Japan--albeit under stricter measures--despite Prime Minister Shinzo Abe declaring a state of emergency earlier this week due to a spike in COVID-19 cases in the nation.

Japan Racing Association meetings have been held behind closed doors since late February, but there will now be further restrictions put in place. According to *Racing Post*, jockeys will have to serve their usual pre-race quarantine in isolation rather than in communal quarters, and from Apr. 18 they will not be permitted to ride at more than one racecourse during a single weekend.

Tighter rules have also been enacted on the movement of horses; horses below stakes level will have to campaign in their home regions until at least the beginning of May. This will, additionally, reduce the movement of stable staff.

The Japanese Classic season gets underway this weekend with the G1 Oka Sho (Japanese 1000 Guineas) at Hanshin Racecourse.

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**Wednesday, Tokyo, Japan**

**TOKYO SPRINT**-Listed, ¥45,900,000, Oi, 4-8, 4yo/up, 1200m, 1:10.90, gd.

1--**JUSTIN (JPN)**, 123, h, 4, by **Orfevre (Jpn)**

**1st Dam: Synesthesia, by Gone West**

**2nd Dam: Honest Cause, by Giant's Causeway**

**3rd Dam: Quite Honestly, by Believe It**

**1ST STAKES WIN.** O-Yoshio Oda; B-Reiji Amaba; T-Yoshito Yahagi; J-Ryusei Sakai; ¥27,000,000. Lifetime: 16-6-2-0.

2--**Sabuno Junior (Jpn)**, 123, h, 6, South Vigorous--Sabuno Inazuma (Jpn), by Cacoethe. O-Saburo Nakagawa; B-Fujisawa Farm; ¥9,450,000.

3--**Candle Glass (Jpn)**, 123, h, 6, South Vigorous--Blow the Candle (Jpn), by Sunday Silence. O-Teruya Yoshida; B-Shadai Farm; ¥5,400,000.

Margins: 1 1/4, 2, NK. Odds: 4.70, 17.80, 59.10. **VIDEO.**

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## COOLMORE SUPPORT LIFTS EASTER SALE



**Tom Magnier (rt) and Segenhoe's Peter O'Brien at Easter in '19**  
*Bronwen Healy*

by *Bren O'Brien*

A spending spree by Coolmore principal Tom Magnier, including a trio of million-dollar buys, powered another remarkably resilient display from the market at the virtual Inglis Easter Yearling Sale. The sale concluded with small falls in most key indicators, but having largely weathered the wider economic crisis with breeders and buyers showing incredible adaptability to the new digital format.

### At A Glance:

- The clearance rate was 62 percent, down on 86 percent last year in a very different marketplace.
- The average price was a very good \$318,040, down less than 10 percent of the \$353,511 of last year.
- The median of \$250,000 held up well historically, down \$10,000 on last year, but equal to what it was in 2018.
- The overall aggregate of the sale, as of the final drop of the hammer, was \$68.06 million, 55 percent of the 2019 sale aggregate.
- Magnier ended as the sale's biggest buyer, while Coolmore finished as the top vendor on aggregate.

- There were seven million-dollar lots in total, down on the 19 of 2019, but far exceeding Inglis' pre-sale expectations.
- I Am Invincible was the dominant stallion, with \$14.215 million of aggregate sales across 27 yearlings.
- Snitzel snatched the honour of having the Easter sale-topper for the second straight year, with Magnier paying \$1.8 million for a colt offered by Sledmere Stud.
- Deep Impact (Jpn), with three sales at \$536,667 apiece, was the leading sire on average, while American Pharoah (USA) led first-season sires on both aggregate and average.
- More horses are expected to sell over the coming days and weeks, as well as through Round 2 of the Sale, which is slated to be held at the Riverside Stables in July.

### **Magnier Fights Hard to Secure Snitzel Colt**

Global powerhouse Coolmore flexed its muscle in what was a buyers' market and threw support behind the local breeders, with Magnier purchasing three million-dollar lots on Day 2, including the sale-topping colt by Snitzel out of Group 1-winning filly First Seal (Fastnet Rock).

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**\$1.8 million Easter Topper - Lot 447 | Inglis**

Lot 447, offered by Sledmere Stud on behalf of China Horse Club, always loomed as potentially the colt of the sale and with as many as four bidders on him as he sailed through the \$1 million mark, it didn't take long for him to live up to that reputation.

Having missed out on buying First Seal as a yearling, Magnier was determined to get the first foal of the G1 Flight S. winner and added him to the stunning collection of eight yearlings he has picked up this week.

"We know the family very well, she was a Fastnet Rock mare and the pedigree is very good.

To be fair to Sledmere they had the horse looking fantastic. We went there a couple of times during the week and everyone at Coolmore really loved the colt. We hope he turns into a champion for us," Magnier said.

"When you got to a horse like this, you knew all the top buyers were on him because Inglis had created the platform to allow that to be possible. The horse was no doubt one of the top colts in the sale."

It was a marquee result for Sledmere Stud, and the biggest return the farm, run by Royston and Catriona Murphy, for a yearling they have sold.

"We are quite emotional here. It's a great result. We are absolutely delighted," Royston said. "It's a lot of hard work from a lot of people and it's just a huge result. It's great for our clients. China Horse Club have supported us for a good few years and we are stoked for everybody involved."

Murphy said Coolmore's agent James Bester had been very much on the trail of the colt all the way through and it was no surprise they were keen to secure him.

"James Bester and the team wore a track into the place. They came about seven times and I asked James I'm not sure what you are looking for, but we all agree, he's a belter. I'm so happy that those guys got him."

The colt is not only an outstanding physical specimen, but he also offers the pedigree of a stallion prospect. First Seal herself is out of a dual Group 1 winner Episode (Scenic {Ire}), and is a half-sister to Group 3 winner Book Of Kells (Rock Of Gibraltar {Ire}).

Since foaling this colt, she has produced a weanling colt by I Am Invincible before missing to that stallion last year.

### *Vinnie Fits for Coolmore*

Early on Wednesday, Magnier fought off several interested parties to get Lot 259, a colt by I Am Invincible for \$1.4 million from Kia Ora Stud.

He is the third colt from G2 VRC Sires' Produce S. winner Twilight Royale (Testa Rossa), who has also produced the winners Royal Hale (Snitzel) and Royal Banquet (Snitzel). She is a half-sister to the dam of recent Group 3 placegetter Unstoppabelle (I Am Invincible) as well as stakes-placed pair Superhard (All Too Hard) and Chater D'Cat (Tale Of The Cat {USA}).

"Ananda Krishnan has been one of Australia's best breeders for a very long time and when he produces a colt of this quality, you can buy them with great confidence. Our team saw him numerous times at Kia Ora and we all believed him to be one of the superior colts of the sale," Magnier said.

"The mother won three Stakes races as a 2-year-old and she is by a top-class broodmare sire. I Am Invincible is a leading sire of 2-year-old speed and this colt



Lot 259 | Inglis

looks fast and precocious, so hopefully, we can have a bit of luck.

"He will go through our breaking-in program at Coolmore and he will tell us when he is ready to go to the races."

Twilight Royale, a \$45,000 Inglis Melbourne Premier purchase as a yearling, was sold for \$580,000 to Bester at the 2014 Magic Millions National Broodmare Sale after her racing career. She produced a filly by I Am Invincible last year before visiting Snitzel.

"It's great to get him sold in such uncertain times," Kia Ora Bloodstock Manager Andrew Perryman said. "We're happy for him to be going to Coolmore where he will get a great opportunity and hopefully he might become a stallion."

"He's such an easy-going horse, he'll take it all in his stride and I hope they have great success with them."

### *A Captivating Filly*

Coolmore also secured the top filly of the day, paying \$1.1 million for Lot 368, again by I Am Invincible, and out of Captivating Claire (NZ) (O'Reilly {NZ}) from Segenhoe Stud's draft.

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Captivating Claire has been a wonderful acquisition for Segenhoe, who paid NZ\$420,000 for her as yearling through the New Zealand Bloodstock National Yearling Sale in 2012. This filly is her third \$1 million-plus yearling by I Am Invincible, while her other foal by the Yarraman Park stallion, Catch Me, is a dual Group 3 winner.

"She's a lovely filly. Segenhoe did a wonderful job. Peter O'Brien said to me many times that he thought she was one of the best fillies that he's ever bred at his time at Segenhoe," Magnier said. "When Peter O'Brien says something like that, we all take it very seriously. Again the team liked her a lot, she's a lovely physical, she's got the page and I think she'll, hopefully, be a wonderful racehorse and quality broodmare."

It's a pedigree that also includes Group 1 fillies Hiyaam (NZ) (High Chaparral {Ire}), Shower Of Roses (NZ) (Zabeel {NZ}) and this filly's third dam, Marquise (NZ) (Gold And Ivory {USA}), who is out of the legendary Eight Carat (GB) (Pieces Of Eight {Ire}).

Segenhoe Stud General Manager Peter O'Brien always had a huge opinion of the I Am Invincible filly.

"I must say this filly was the best she has had, and that is saying something. I've gone on record saying this filly is the best yearling I have ever had anything to do with, colt or filly. She was the best I've seen. I have never seen a yearling with a nostril like her," he said.

"I was looking at a video of Vincent O'Brien describing a horse the other night and all I could think of was her, with everything he was talking about. Coolmore bought her and I'm delighted. Obviously, she is going to get the best home, the best care and the best trainers. I just want to have a bet with someone that she will win a Group 1."

Those two results concluded a terrific sale for I Am Invincible, who was clearly the dominant stallion, with an aggregate of 27 sales, at an average of \$526,281. He had four of the eight top-priced lots across the Sale.

He was just tipped for the honour of top sire on average by Deep Impact (Jpn), who had three sell including the other \$1 million lot on the day.

## ***Maheer Digs Deep for Colt***

Ciaron Maher Racing has had great success purchasing from Segenhoe in recent times, buying Group 1 winner and now stallion Merchant Navy as well as Group 3 winner Bella Rosa (Snitzel). The team won out its desire to secure Lot 319, a colt by Deep Impact, paying \$1.1 million for the privilege.

Bred by Sheikh Mohammed Bin Khalifa, the colt is the first foal from South African Group 1 winner Amanee (Pivotal {GB}) to be offered for sale in Australia.



**Lot 368 | Inglis**

"He was just a very, very good walker and from a great farm in Segenhoe," Ciaron Maher Racing's Bloodstock Manager Will Bourne said.

"He is obviously by one of the well-renowned sires in Deep Impact, he was a lovely type and very well put together. But what Ciaron always looks for is a good walk and he had that, a lovely action both in front and behind."

It's a cracking international pedigree with the granddam Moon Is Up

(USA) (Woodman {USA}) also the granddam of G1 Breeders' Cup Mile winner Karakontie (Jpn) (Bernstein {USA}) and stakes-winners Bottega (USA) (Mineshaft {USA}) and Sunday Sunrise (USA) (Lemon Drop Kid {USA}). Champion European filly Miesque (USA) (Nureyev {USA}) is the third dam.

Amanee has got a Pride Of Dubai filly foal and visited Deep Field last year.

O'Brien was rapt with the result for a colt he knew had international appeal but who he wasn't so sure would be embraced by domestic buyers.

"Katsumi Yoshida was the underbidder, I believe. It's interesting, I love the horse and very much love the stallion, but for Australians who aren't used to seeing Japanese yearlings, they are much lighter and longer and not as heavy as Australian horses," O'Brien said.

"He was a polarising horse physically, but Ciaron Maher has spent a lot of time in Japan and he knows them."

"It was a complete surprise to see Ciaron buy him, I thought perhaps a Japanese bidder would get him but I did think there would be three or four people on him."

## A Huge Day for Segenhoe

Segenhoe's terrific day also included \$875,000 for Lot 467, the colt by Snitzel out of Girl Hussler (Hussonet {USA}).

Girl Hussler was a winner of the Listed Daybreak Lover S. and has also produced the Group 1 winner Manuel (Commands) and the Group 3 winner Taking Aim (Choisir) as well as stakes-placed Witherspoon (Exceed And Excel) and recent Hong Kong winner Computer Patch (Exceed And Excel).

It was the trainer of that Hong Kong galloper, John Moore, who secured that colt through George Moore Bloodstock.

That took Segenhoe's total sales to over \$6.688 million and O'Brien had nothing but praise for Inglis for putting on a show that at several times over the past month looked like it would not proceed.

"If you had said to me two weeks ago, that we would go to the sale and sell 15 out of 16 and average what we have, I would have ran naked to Sydney and back," O'Brien said. "It would have been very easy for Inglis to just lie down and they didn't. They fought the battles and it's all credit to them."



**American Pharoah was the leading freshman sire (average of \$233,929 for 14 sold) | Sarah Andrew**

## Fastnet Colt Snapped Up by Mulcaster

Guy Mulcaster paid \$750,000 for Lot 362, a colt by Fastnet Rock out of Bullion Mansion (Encosta De Lago).

Offered by Coolmore Stud, he is a half-brother to the G1 Caulfield Guineas winner Mighty Boss (Not A Single Doubt) as well as the stakes-placed Shiralee (Stratum).

Bullion Mansion is a two-time winner out of Group 1 winner La Volta (Laranto), who as well as being the sister of Listed winner Terevega, is also the granddam of Group 2-winning siblings Seaburge (Sebring) and Catch A Fire.

Bullion Mansion was a \$625,000 purchase for Coolmore back in 2007 and this colt is her most expensive yearling, surpassing the \$440,000 Phoenix Thoroughbreds paid for a No Nay Never (USA) colt at Easter last year.

It was also the top price of the draft for Coolmore who ended the top vendor on aggregate with \$7.5 million sales across 22 sold lots at an average of \$342,273.

"I would just like to make special mention of our yearling staff, led by William O'Connor, who have worked tirelessly for the last couple of months in testing times to prepare these horses and present them to our clients on the farm," Magnier said.

"They have put in a lot of extra time and effort to make this sale a success and I can not thank them enough."

Coolmore's amazing couple of days was completed by the fact its star first-season stallion American Pharoah (USA), who had

14 yearlings sell, finished the top freshman on average at \$233,929, and on gross, with \$3.275 million overall.

That put him fourth overall on all stallion, behind only I Am Invincible, Snitzel and Fastnet Rock.

"We're extremely passionate," Magnier said.

"Our family is passionate about Australian racing.

We've got some wonderful people who invest with us working with the yearlings and the stallions. The economy is obviously going through a tough time at the moment but if there's a place

that we believe in, it's Australia. We think the future is in Australia and we're delighted to be a part of it. There have been some wonderful horse put through the sale this week."

## Joyous Result for Bon Ho

The major deal to get done on Wednesday from Day 1 was the sale of Lot 87, a Snitzel filly out of the eight-time Group 1 winner More Joyous (NZ) (More Than Ready {USA}), which was offered by Strawberry Hill Stud.

Bon Ho's Legend Racing, who secured a So You Think (NZ) colt on the opening day for \$1.1 million, paid \$800,000 for the regally-bred filly.

More Joyous has produced two winners from her two foals to the track and is herself out of Group 1 winner in Sunday Joy (Sunday Silence {USA}) from the family of the blue hen Joie Denise (Danehill {USA}).

That result ensured Strawberry Hill ended the sale as the leading vendor on average, with their three sales averaging \$608,333.

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## Hong Kong Jockey Club Secure Nine



**Sebring--Fashion (Ger) colt, Lot 435 | Inglis**

Hong Kong Jockey Club ended the sale with nine purchases to finish the sale as second leading buyer, spending a total of \$5.15 million. Representative Craig Rounsefell was highly complementary of the entire Inglis team for delivering a strong sale in such a challenging environment.

"Not only has this sale demonstrated the resilience of Australian breeders and buyers, but it has also shown the incredible adaptability of the market to adjust quickly to a new sales format.

"Mark, Sebastian and his team have set the benchmark for sales success under incredibly tight restrictions."

Following on from his four purchases on Day 1, Rounsefell secured an additional five colts for the Hong Kong Sale program on Wednesday, led by the Medaglia D'Oro (USA) half-brother to Smart Missile for \$725,000 from Gooree Park Stud.

"This colt was one the most impressive physicals in the sale," Rounsefell said. "He had so much quality and was incredibly athletic with a powerful walk. He is by Medaglia d'Oro who is the sire of this season's Hong Kong star Golden Sixty and is from a huge family, being a half-brother to three stakes winners including Smart Missile, the family of Northern Meteor."

Two were picked up from the draft of Segenhoe Stud--a Fastnet Rock colt from Diana's Star (Northern Meteor) for \$460,000 and a Snitzel colt from Houston Benefactor (Encosta de Lago) for \$600,000.

"This colt looks like a robust racehorse, a very strong, sound and tough-looking colt," said Rounsefell on the Snitzel colt.

"He is the second purchase we have made off Segenhoe who continually produce outstanding racehorses. Being a November foal and coming from a later maturing family, he will continue to develop and grow through the breaking in and pre-training process, which is ideal for the Hong Kong Sale program."

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However, the lot flagged by Rounsefell as his pick of the sale was Edinglassie's Sebring colt from Fashion (Ger) (Anabaa {USA}), a half-brother to speed machine Zoustyle (Zoustar).

"The Sebring colt was our pick of the sale," said Rounsefell. "He is an outstanding type with a magnificent shoulder and girth, by a stallion who has a superb track record of success in Hong Kong with horses such as Aethero and Lucky Bubbles. Edinglassie has a proven track record, and pound for pound they are up there with the best breeders in Australia."

### Webster Praises Industry Response



Mark Webster | Inglis

Inglis Managing Director Mark Webster praised the resilience of everyone involved in getting the Sale over the line.

"We've seen the best of the industry over the past couple of days, people sticking together and helping each other," Webster said.

"We've seen bloodstock agents sharing information to help clients to select the right horses. Our team here has done an incredible job in pulling this together and it is such a relief."

Webster said that the results, especially the average of around \$318,000, were far beyond expectations.

"We were estimating \$220,000, as an average for this sale and there were some people who thought that was being optimistic. To be \$100,000 ahead of that and only slightly down on last year was quite incredible," he said.

Webster revealed there were over 300 active bidders either online or on the phone over the two days in what was the first and perhaps last sale of this scale in the virtual format.

After a turbulent few weeks, Inglis' attention now turned to next month's Chairman's Sale, which is expected to be held in a similar format with the catalogue to be released in the next few days.



#### IN HONG KONG:

**Larson**, g, 3, **Better Than Ready**--La Tikka Rosa, by Freeze.

Happy Valley, 4-8, Hcp. (\$301k), 1000m, :56.79.

B-Yarramalong (Qld). \*\$66,000 Ylg '18 INGMAR. **VIDEO**

**This Is Class**, g, 5, **So You Think (NZ)**--Pride of the Class (NZ) (GSW-NZ), by Volksraad (GB). Happy Valley, 4-8, Hcp. (\$301k), 1200m, 1:09.66. B-Vieira Group Pty Ltd (NSW). \*1/2 to First Among Equals (Aus) (Exceed and Excel {Aus}), MSW & MGSP-Aus, \$876,130. \*\*\$120,000 Ylg '16 MGLJUN. **VIDEO**



#### IN HONG KONG:

**Good Shot**, g, 5, **Swiss Ace (Aus)**--Nana Jean (Aus), by Rock of Gibraltar (Ire). Sha Tin, 4-8, Hcp. (NZ\$207k), 1200m, 1:10.45.

B-G Harvey. **VIDEO**

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