



HOPE SPRINGS ETERNAL WITH TOM'S D'ETAT



Tom's d'Etat | Horsephotos

by Chris McGrath

Hot Springs has long been a sanctuary when people need to avoid New York. The mobster Oney Madden settled there in 1935; the following year, its casinos and obliging law enforcement made it an obvious place for Lucky Luciano to lie low. A relative concept, lying low: Luciano was swanking around the Hotel Arlington with his showgirl Gay Orlova, a Russian refugee described by Broadway impresario Earl Carroll as "the sexiest gal who ever worked for me." Luciano was dressed up for the races on Apr. 1 when he had the misfortune to be observed, strolling down Bathhouse Row with a corrupt local detective, by a New York investigator in town on another case. Thomas E. Dewey had his April Fool.

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RIVAL OWNER SPEAKS OUT ON BLACKBERRY WINE SAGA

by Bill Finley

Like most owners, Joe Sutton asks only for a level playing field, which is why he is still trying to make sense of the fact that **Blackberry Wine** (Oxbow) will be allowed to run in Saturday's fourth race at Oaklawn against his colt **Scabbard** (More Than Ready).

Blackberry Wine has crossed the wire first on three occasions, but, so far as his official record goes, only one counts. He was disqualified from purse money in two of his starts after testing positive for the drug levamisole. Because of the demotions, he fits the conditions of the upcoming race, which is for horses who have never won two races. Coming off a 13-length win in a maiden race, from which he did not test positive for any illegal medications, Blackberry Wine will be among the favorites Saturday (Scabbard is the 5-2 morning-line choice).

"There are a couple of issues here," Sutton said. "Number one, why is he allowed to compete in the race? It's supposed to be a race for 3-year-olds who have only won one time. He's won three times, even if two of them resulted in a disqualification because of using drugs. I was shocked to see that he was permitted to run in this race."

Sutton continued: "Those races should have counted against his conditions, even if he was taken down. I guess that's not the rule." **Cont. p6**

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THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS Q B ONE

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Q B One (Uncle Mo), the first foal out of the irrepressible Beholder (Henny Hughes), has been under the care of trainer Richard Mandella for a couple of weeks now. Dan Ross checks in with the conditioner for an update on the 2-year-old colt's progress.

TOC HOLDS CORONAVIRUS CONFERENCE CALL

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Live race dates, workers' compensation issues and trainer day rates dominated the discussion during a Friday conference call hosted by the Thoroughbred Owners of California.

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THIS
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by Chris McGrath

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Luciano had fled Manhattan after a Waldorf Hotel employee tipped him off that a couple of detectives were on their way up to the 29th floor for a conversation. Unfortunately, the terrible enemy that has made New York unsafe for racing, and so many other places besides, is too insidious to notify us of its approach. Collectively, then, our besieged community finds itself renewing the spa city's past as a mountain hideout--and with no less gratitude, for each day that it can prolong our diminishing pleasures.

If Oaklawn Park can hold out until the first Saturday in May, its owners and management will deserve not only the attention of stir-crazy handicappers, coast-to-coast, but also the recognition of posterity. Because the shrewdly postponed and extended GI Arkansas Derby would be the closest thing to a Kentucky Derby staged this year, regardless of whatever Churchill Downs may contrive in September.

We are all learning to take things one day at a time, however, so even today--in enjoying what would in ordinary times be Derby day in Hot Springs--we must record our thanks for a silver lining to the clouds over our industry. For there are an awful lot of horses out there, rather like Luciano when diverted from Oaklawn Park to jail, who are all dressed up with no place to go. And, as a result, a \$150,000 listed race is dignified by two Grade I winners plus another beaten a neck at that level last September.

Two of this trio, admittedly, are looking to regroup after disappointing when fancied for the GI Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile. (Both finished behind **Snapper Sinclair** {City Zip}, who excelled himself in fourth and himself warrants mention as one of three millionaires in this field.) That dip, however, completed very different graph-lines for their respective sophomore campaigns. **Mr. Money** (Goldcents) was entitled to a flat battery, having gone on a seamless and lucrative streak of four Grade III wins before that near-miss in the GI Pennsylvania Derby. In contrast, **Improbable** (City Zip) had become rather a disappointment: he'd been an unbeaten Grade I winner at two, but ultimately hinted that he might be running low on gas round two turns.

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This End Up cont.

Even so, he actually started favorite for both the GI Kentucky Derby and GI Preakness S. after shaping positively in two springtime visits to Hot Springs. In the Arkansas Derby itself, he failed by just a length to catch the wonderful Omaha Beach (War Front), with a certain Country House (Lookin At Lucky) emerging for a distant third; and he had previously been caught on the wire by **Long Range Toddy** (Take Charge Indy)--who is again lying in wait today--in a division of the GII Rebel S.

That, lest we forget, was another case of Oaklawn stepping up to the plate in a time of need. In fact, it's wholesome to remind ourselves of the sense of panicked exposure that troubled our community when Santa Anita had to scrap the GII San Felipe S. while trying to figure out what was going wrong with their beautiful racetrack. That felt like us against the world, and it was horrible. But what would we give, now, for the sport to be challenged merely to justify its place in modern life? As it is, the threshold of recklessness has become so narrow that we find ourselves restored to the mainstream, stricken alongside so many other walks of life.



Tom's d'Etat | Sarah Andrew

For the time being, all we can do is try to rotate the same sense of perspective that makes Santa Anita's harrowing spring now seem rather a distant memory. This time next year, perhaps, the present nightmare will also seem a chapter long gratefully concluded. And if in the meantime we need a model for playing the long game, we need not seek far today.

First of all, there's Oaklawn president Louis Cella, whose great-grandfather founded the track 104 years ago. The family is seeing the bigger picture, salvaging a precarious foothold for the national industry, even though revenue from the adjacent casino has been shut off by the coronavirus.

And then there's **Tom's d'Etat** (Smart Strike), morning-line favorite for the Oaklawn Mile. **Cont. p5**

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Though he is now seven, it feels like only now is Tom's d'Etat getting anywhere near his full potential, and we must wish his connections continued reward for their perseverance. How apt that his stakes breakthrough should have taken place in the Tenacious S. at Fair Grounds--the second of nine starts inside 13 months, climaxed by his dominant success in the GI Clark H. last November. He is no Tenacious, mind you: the Bayou legend, foaled in 1954, made 112 starts across six years. Tom's d'Etat, troubled by various physical issues, had in contrast compiled only seven starts through his first four years in training.

He is trained by Al Stall Jr., whose late father will certainly have admired Tenacious in his heyday, having served 28 years as chairman of the Louisiana Racing Commission. Stall is himself a Crescent City fixture, of course, and the way he has brought



Tom's d'Etat | Sarah Andrew

Tom's d'Etat to fulfilment is a testament to his patience and skill. He views this as the most talented animal he has trained bar Blame (Arch) himself, and resisted any temptation to squeeze the lemon in the GI Pegasus World Cup in order to freshen up

Tom's d'Etat for a campaign working back from the GI Breeders' Cup Classic.

When he won that race with Blame in 2010, poor Stall found himself ungraciously cast as villain for spoiling the immaculate record of Zenyatta (Street Cry {Ire}) on her swansong. The idea of Tom's d'Etat securing his trainer a more deserved ovation from packed stands at Keeneland in November is one to sustain us, however he fares in the echo chamber of Oaklawn today. It was at Keeneland, remember, that Tom's d'Etat really announced his

belated blossoming when stringing out the GII Hagyard Fayette S. field on his way to his romp in the Clark.

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The Classic is an ambition commensurate with the decision to keep going with Tom's d'Etat, because there would surely have been farms interested in giving such a well-bred Grade I winner a chance at stud. His graded stakes-placed dam is by Giant's Causeway out of a full-sister to none other than Candy Ride (Arg), with all the speed-carrying flair that entails.

Possibly that didn't mean quite as much as it does now, when Tom's d'Etat still made \$330,000 as a September yearling back in 2014. (He was bred, incidentally, by SF Bloodstock--who promptly sold his dam. SF Racing takes him on today as co-owner of Improbable). Anyhow, for a horse to be thriving with maturity like this is hardly surprising in a son of Smart Strike: we see much the same influence coming through stallion sons such as Curlin, Lookin At Lucky and English Channel.

Certainly there was substance as well as style to those breakout performances last fall, Tom's d'Etat having been followed panting onto the podium by Mr Freeze (To Honor And Serve) in both the Fayette and the Clark. And that horse has since finished second in the Pegasus and won the GII Gulfstream Park Mile.

Tom's d'Etat is named for Tom Benson, the New Orleans Saints owner who passed away in 2018, and carries the G M B Racing silks of his widow Gayle. Coincidentally, much the same happened with Tenacious, who was bred and raced in the name of Dorothy Dorsett Brown. Her husband, the oilman Joe W. Brown, died just as their horse was beginning to peak.

To this day the Joe W. and Dorothy Dorsett Brown Foundation supports various noble causes according to the mission "Alleviate Human Suffering." Our species could certainly do with a little relief right now, albeit Joe W. Brown also knew that people need succour of a more frivolous kind. Besides a racing stable, he invested in casinos and helped put Las Vegas on the map with his Horseshoe Club, where he displayed \$1 million in \$10,000 bills in an eight-foot golden horseshoe.

It was Las Vegas that filled the gap when post-war Hot Springs was cleaned up under the gallant leadership of Sid McMath--"a true hero," in the words of one of his successors as state governor (and subsequently 42nd president of the United States). They still have the thermal baths, however, and with Tom's d'Etat in town let's hope we can all share some rejuvenating therapy.

Any port in a storm, they say. Hence this madly competitive race for the grade. But Oaklawn is a haven even in happier times, and the entire industry will owe the Cella family a debt of gratitude if it can remain a safe one until the first Saturday in May.

Blackberry Wine Saga cont. from p1

Trainer Joe Sharp and the owner, Calumet Farm, have been playing by the rules when deciding where to run the horse. Whenever a horse is disqualified from a victory for any reason, the races are not officially considered wins and therefore do not count when it come to conditions. Sutton said those rules need to be changed.

"I can't fix everything in horse racing, but in my opinion, there should be some standards for what happens when a horse tests positive," he said. "Certainly, part of that standard should be you forfeit the condition."

Sutton also questioned why Sharp was not handed down stricter penalties. He had eight horses test positive for levamisole during the Fair Grounds meet. He was not suspended by the Louisiana Racing Commission, and, instead, received a \$1,000 fine for each infraction. Sharp also had three horses test positive for the drug at Churchill Downs. Kentucky officials have yet to announce any penalties against the trainer.

Sharp said the positives were the result of his using an over-the-counter deworming product, which he said, veterinarians told him complied with Kentucky and Louisiana racing rules.

"Why is the trainer with a horse who has tested positive at two different tracks allowed to run again at a different racetrack?" Sutton said. "Why isn't someone watching this? The trainer obviously has some problems."

Blackberry Wine tested positive after crossing the wire first in a Nov. 30 maiden race at Churchill Downs. Two starts later, he again crossed the wire first, this time in a Jan. 18 allowance race at the Fair Grounds. After a seventh-place finish in the GII Risen Star S., he showed up in a Mar. 14 maiden race. A horse who already "won" an allowance race, he had no problem beating maidens, winning as the 3-5 favorite.

"There needs to be a new set of rules for horses who fail tests," Sutton said. "Maybe they shouldn't be allowed to race for 60 days until the drugs get out of their systems. We have to use common sense. There has to be a better solution. This is not good for horse racing. There have been multiple problems with drugs with this trainer and it seems like horse racing doesn't care." **Cont. p7**

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Blackberry Wine cont.

Scabbard, who is trained by Eddie Kenneally, broke his maiden last June at Churchill Downs and then ran second in the GII Saratoga Special and in the GIII Iroquois S. In his most recent starts, he was fifth in the GIII Lecomte S. Jan. 18 and sixth in the GII Risen Star S. Feb. 22.

Sutton, whose business ventures include an ownership interest in the Houston Texans, has owned Thoroughbreds for 25 years. He said he still enjoys the sport but has grown wary of competing against stables he says have an illegal edge.

"I think that's the case with all the honest owners," he said when asked if he had become disillusioned with the sport. "I've been in the business for a long time and have owned some quality horses. I really enjoy it. But you can't continue to put horses out there who are good horses and continue to lose races because someone is cheating. You have to win races, not just for the purse money, but for the potential stud value or to increase a horse's values as a broodmare. It's a big thing when a horse loses a race they shouldn't lose. You're only racing a handful of times, as it is."

Though he said he intended to stay involved with racing, Sutton also said he could see himself investing less in the sport.

"I'm not going to quit horse racing because of what is going on, but something like this makes you disinclined to keep spending money on horses when you don't think they are going to have a fair shake," he said.

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THE YOUNG AND RESTLESS Q B ONE

by Dan Ross



It's a sobering fact of life that the act of raising a child is a largely unacknowledged affair.

For sure, birthdays, holidays and other celebratory moments garner plenty of photographs and Facebook likes. But beyond the narrow confines of the family nucleus, there's only very

limited patience for whether little Billy shoved a battery up his nose, or whether darling Annie, dressed as a lobster, stole the show in her elementary school production of Moby Dick.

But rarely--only very rarely--do the formative exploits of individual children garner universal interest. Think George, the young prince of Cambridge, or North West, the cartographically named scion of the Kardashian clan.

In the human world, therefore, young upstarts can spring to prominence from families famous for all sorts of questionable reasons. But in racing, the young equine offspring who generate the loudest public buzz typically belong to parents with a very particular and altogether more notable set of skills: extraordinary speed and athleticism, and superlative discipline in the gridlock of competition.

"Oh yeah, he walks around telling everyone who his mother is," said trainer Richard Mandella, about the 2-year-old Q B One, a son of Uncle Mo, who arrived in his barn about two weeks ago. Considering the mother in question is a four-time Eclipse Award winner, three-time Breeders' Cup victor and weaver of infinite racetrack memories by the name of Beholder, there's much to crow about.

But as is the want of the young and the restless, Q B One has a touch of Narcissus about him, full of youthful self-indulgence.

"He's good on the racetrack, but he needs to get a little bit better manners in the stall," Mandella said, with what sounded like a healthy dose of diplomatic understatement. "He wants to paw the door--get a lot of attention. But he'll get better as we go."

Make no mistake, Q B One is used to attention. He's a recurring subject of [Beholder's website](#), with blog posts detailing when he officially became a **yearling**, for example, and when first ridden **under tack**. When it came time to find him a name, owner-breeder Spendthrift Farm turned it into a public competition, with the tagline, "**Help Name the Prince!**" His grand arrival at Santa Anita--he's currently in Beholder's old stall, opposite Mandella's office--was met with fanfare on social media.

Raul Reyes is the owner-manager of King's Equine training center in Florida, where Q B One underwent more than three months of pre-training, having been broken prior to that by Kevin Noltemeyer in Kentucky. Reyes tells a similar story of childish folly, describing Q B One as "demanding--kicking on the door when he wants to go out," and "a bit pushy."

But to ride, "he's very easy," said Reyes. "I don't have any problems putting any rider on him. I kept the same kid on him most of the time, but he was never a problem." Not that Q B One found things at middle school particularly exacting. "He's a big, strong colt, 16.1," Reyes added. "For him, training, it's kind of easy." **Cont. p8**

Q B One cont.

For years, Reyes has been Spendthrift-supremo B. Wayne Hughes's go-to guy for pre-training. As such, Reyes is in the enviable position of being able to compare mother and son.

"Beholder was a lady--she never did anything wrong. Very quiet. She just trained and did whatever she had to do," he said. "I don't have too many memories of her as she never got into trouble."

Beholder's exercise rider, Janeen Painter--now Mandella's assistant--describes Q B One as tall and rangy, whereas mom was smaller and lean when she first arrived at the Mandella barn. "But she was well-proportioned," Painter added. "Everything fit--everything was where it was supposed to be.



Q B One as a yearling | *Christie DeBernardis*

Intelligent, too. "I don't remember galloping her in company ever," said Painter. Nor did it take Beholder long to advertise her unusual merits. "I breezed her an eighth of a mile when she first came in," said Painter. "I remember coming back and I said to [a former colleague], I said, 'She's the one--don't ask me how I know. I'm telling you she can do anything.'"

Beholder's resume is about as close to the all-encompassing "anything" as you'll find in a racehorse, with a career that she kick-started early--in late June of her 2-year-old year, in fact. Just over four months later, she'd won her first Grade I, the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies.

"It's too early," said Mandella, to tell whether Q B One will prove as precocious. "He's just beginning more serious work," said Mandella. "We won't make him too excited about that until we get him fit enough. So far, he's done everything we've asked as far as training, but we're not asking much yet."

As for Painter, she already has her eye on Beholder's yearling filly by Curlin. "You look at her body, you look at her color, you look at her face, and you're like, 'Oooh, there's mom,'" Painter said.

"She was a yearling, and she was brought in out of the field," Painter added, recalling her introduction to the youngster. "She finally stood still, and I'm touching her. 'Wow, what a nice filly.' She turned away from me, and when she looked back, her ears were lying down flat against her head, her nose was wrinkled up, and she went for my face with her mouth open. I was like, 'This is the one! This is the one!'"

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LIVE RACE DATES, WORKERS' COMP, DAY RATES DISCUSSED IN TOC CONFERENCE

CALL by *Dan Ross*

The longer live racing is suspended in California the deeper the economic toll, which is why the industry continues to push hard for that suspension to be lifted: that was the main takeaway from a broad-sweeping conference call Friday morning, organized by the Thoroughbred Owners of California (TOC), for industry heads to outline and discuss the impacts from the coronavirus pandemic on racing and training in California.

The call was presided over by TOC Chairman Nick Alexander, Greg Avioli, TOC president and CEO, The Stronach Group (TSG) CEO Craig Fravel, Aidan Butler, TSG chief strategy officer and acting executive director of California Racing, Josh Rubenstein, president of the Del Mar Thoroughbred Club, and Tom Robbins, Del Mar's executive vice president of racing and industry relations.

According to Fravel and Butler, Santa Anita is in ongoing talks with the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health about lifting the suspension of live racing at Santa Anita, saying that theirs is a very "compelling" argument.

"We got caught in one or two cross-hairs," said Fravel, about the suspension of live racing. One was that the health department approached the pandemic by making blanket decisions with few exceptions, he said.

"The second is, we have many reasons to believe a very small group of animal rights activists were heavily engaged in having input into the agency that ultimately had some impact," said Fravel.

According to Butler, Santa Anita management is scheduled to have another meeting with the department of public health on the 18th of April. "At that point we'll be coming with a science-based, medical-based explanation," he said.

David Seftel, a Golden Gate Fields-based physician and infectious disease specialist, is involved in drafting new protocols to help swing the decision about live racing in the industry's favor, said Butler.

TOC Conference Call cont.

One possible scenario could see the jockeys living on site at Santa Anita in a quarantined area separate from the backstretch community, he said.

Medical representatives from Golden Gate Fields also met Friday with the Alameda County Public Health Department about a possible resumption of live racing at the Bay Area track, said Fravel, who wasn't able to provide any "feedback" on the meeting at that time.

As to the possibility of transferring race dates from Santa Anita to Los Alamitos--which is currently conducting evening racing--Avioli explained that Los Alamitos would first need to put in a request for the dates. "You would also need an agreement with the CHRB [California Horse Racing Board] as well as with Santa Anita," said Avioli.

"The collective view of Los Alamitos right now is that that is not something that should be pursued as it would jeopardize training at Los Alamitos and potentially Quarter Horse racing," said Avioli. "For now, it is not on the agenda for the upcoming CHRB meeting. It's not, I would say, in play for this time."

The meeting also provided an update on a controversial plan for California's self-insured workers' compensation program--Post Time Self Insurance Group--to invoice trainers \$1,233 per horse retroactively for the first quarter of 2020, as a result of lost betting revenue coupled with a high volume of claims. The group, which is funded primarily from pari-mutuel wagering and per-start fees, recently told trainers that workers' compensation premiums may be considered part of payroll costs included in the federal government's Paycheck Protection Program (PPP). But it's unclear whether this federal loan would indeed cover workers' compensation payments.

According to Avioli, "by early next week, we'll be in a position to fund the short fall for Post Time from other industry resources without requiring those funds being paid, right now, by the trainers," he said, describing the likelihood of that as "95%" certain as discussions remain "ongoing."

Another topic of interest concerned the issues of stabling and horse inventory. "We need upwards of 2,000 active horses in training to come out of this running," said Avioli, who provided specific horse numbers at California's main training and racing facilities.

There are currently 2,226 horses training--including 279 2-year-olds--in Southern California, 1,536 of which are at Santa Anita, 300 at San Luis Rey Downs, and about 400 at Los Alamitos. There are an additional 1,322 horses in training in Northern California.

For now, all three of the Southern California training facilities will remain open, said Avioli, explaining that the industry is "deficit-spending" to do so. At one point in the call, it was said

that some \$500,000 is spent a week to keep Santa Anita open for training. However, if racing remains suspended for an extended length of time, the Southern California training centers could be consolidated, said Avioli. "It would be Santa Anita plus-one," he said. Representatives from Del Mar highlighted the possible residual impacts from the pandemic on their annual summer meet, scheduled to begin July 18.

According to Robbins, one of the biggest concerns surrounds the issue of a stakes program facing a massive reordering nationwide, with the rescheduling of the Kentucky Derby and Oaks to early September proving especially disruptive.

"There are a number of Grade I races that could fall very close to each other, if not on the same day," said Robbins. "Just like we're trying to predict the future here, those problems exist all over the country."

Rubenstein also explained that if the San Diego County Fair, scheduled to begin early June and held at Del Mar, was postponed or canceled, the track may, with official approval, be able to provide stabling beyond its existing commitments.

"We are in constant communication with the 22-District Agricultural Association--they run the fair as well as the property non-racing time, so, if a decision is made to postpone the fair, that would certainly impact Del Mar's stabling capabilities," said Rubenstein. "We're continuing to update Greg and his team at the TOC as to what those possibilities are."

One of the questions raised during the conference call concerned day rates, and whether trainers should lower these fees to ease the financial burden on owners, especially if trainers are successful in applying for federal PPP loans.

TOC director Gary Fenton, managing partner of the Little Red Feather Racing syndicate, detailed how he had been forwarded an email from a trainer to his owners in which the trainer explained that they would be reducing their day-rates.

"We discussed it with our trainers," said Fenton, "and they agreed with what this particular trainer was doing, and decided to help us out a little bit."

Other TOC members stressed, however, that day-rate negotiations between a trainer and their owners is a personal issue that should be handled on an individual basis.

"I have not, to tell you the truth, spoken to either of my trainers about it--paid the bills as they've come in," said Alexander. "I've been with both my trainers for dozens of years, and I think, if it does come to a discount at some point, they'll offer it. I won't ask for it. But I'm not suggesting that's the way for anybody else to do it."

A recording of the conference call will be made available on the [TOC website](#).

ONTARIO PURSES FOR CANCELED RACES MADE AVAILABLE TO HORSE OWNERS

By T.D. Thornton

Ontario purse funds from races already canceled or expected to be canceled in April and May because of COVID-19 restrictions will be redistributed to the owners of Thoroughbreds, Standardbreds and Quarter Horses in the form of a monthly stipend that requires an application process, the Ontario Racing task force announced late Thursday.

"These funds were already committed to the industry through the funding agreement for live horse racing between Ontario Racing and the Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation (OLG)," an Ontario Racing press release stated. "In order to be eligible to receive funds pursuant to this interim measure, owners must complete an application which must be submitted to Ontario Racing Management Inc."

Owners of Thoroughbreds can apply for a \$1,500 (CDN) monthly stipend, "which is estimated to cover half of the monthly costs associated with boarding, feed and training fees," the release stated. Veterinary, blacksmith, shipping, and other costs were not included in the calculation of that estimate.

Eligibility requirements include the following:

- Horses must be trained and raced by an Ontario-based trainer with a valid Ontario license.
- Certification that the horse is a resident in Ontario, or has completed a stall application for the 2020 race season, or is otherwise verified to be coming to Ontario for the 2020 race season.
- The horse's first start following the resumption of racing in Ontario must be at an Ontario track, unless otherwise approved by Ontario Racing.
- Horses must be at least three years old, and either have not yet raced or have raced since Jan. 1, 2019.

"If the suspension of live horse racing in Ontario as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic continues beyond May 31, 2020, the task force intends to present a revised proposal to OLG for the reallocation of purse funds under the funding agreement, which will include payments for 2-year-old racehorses as well," the release stated.

"Ontario Racing will continue to pay the 1.5% of purses to the horseperson's associations so they can continue to offer benefits, benevolence activities and additional assistance to those in need," the release stated.

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OHIO EXTENDS RACING BAN THROUGH MAY 15

by T.D. Thornton

The Ohio State Racing Commission (OSRC) issued a new directive on Friday that extends an existing shutdown mandating that Thoroughbred and Standardbred tracks remain closed for live racing while stipulating that backstretch facilities at venues where meets were already in progress have to stay "open and operational until further notice."

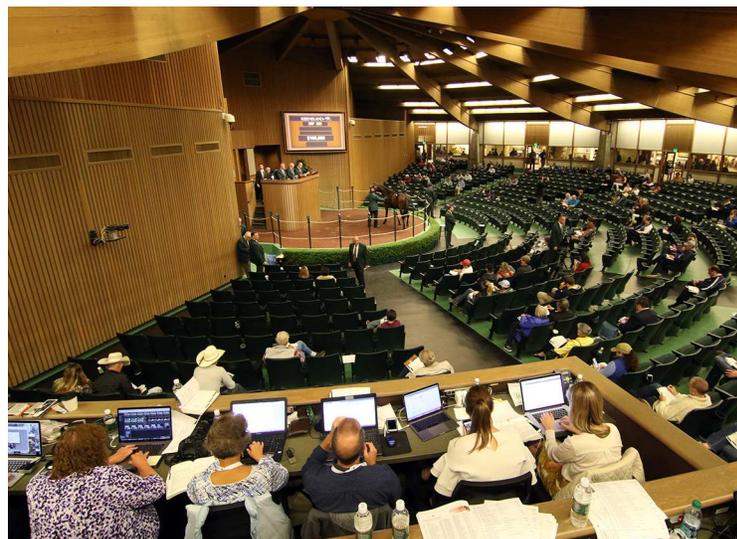
Right now, Mahoning Valley Race Course is the only Thoroughbred track in the state with an operational backstretch. There are about 800 horses and 95 caretakers living in the stable area. The track was supposed to race through Apr. 18, but has not run a program since Mar. 18.

Belterra Park (Apr. 24) and Thistledown (Apr. 27) had been scheduled to open this month.

"The commission considers themselves a partner with the horsemen and permit holders in reaching a solution to the issues and stand ready to assist the parties in compromise," the OSRC directive stated.

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KEENELAND SEPTEMBER SALE TO START AS PLANNED



The Keeneland Sales Pavilion | Keeneland photo

Keeneland's 2020 September Yearling Sale will begin as planned Monday, Sept. 14.

"This auction is vital not only to Keeneland, but to the entire Thoroughbred industry and the Central Kentucky community at large," Keeneland President and CEO Bill Thomason said. "The Keeneland sales team is moving forward full steam with plans for the September Sale. Like every aspect of life right now, there are unknowns and we do not have all the answers yet. However,

one thing is certain: We are committed to work in partnership with our consignors and buyers to provide the same world-class marketplace for which Keeneland is known."

Entry deadline for the September Sale remains Friday, May 1. However, those horses entered but withdrawn from the sale by Friday, June 12, will not pay any portion of the entry fee.

"We understand that normal inspection calendars have been upended, and we hope that by extending the withdrawal deadline to June 12 we remove any hesitancy on the part of breeders and consignors to enter every yearling they consider a possible September Sale candidate on May 1," Keeneland Director of Sales Operations Geoffrey Russell said. "The goal is to continue to move the process forward, but extend the final planning window by six weeks without any financial consequences."

The September Sale format will mirror last year's schedule: a three-day Book 1 (Sept. 14-16), dark day on Thursday, Sept. 17, two-day Book 2 (Sept. 18-19), followed by Week 2 of the sale.

"Our hope is to conduct the September Sale under normal circumstances, but be assured we are planning for all contingencies because our entire focus is to deliver a successful sale in September," Keeneland Vice President of Racing and Sales Bob Elliston said. "We will be adaptable depending on the challenges we face."

"Keeneland will be communicating regularly with our consignors and buyers over these next several months, but if you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact a member of our sales team."

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GULFSTREAM TO ADD 3-YEAR-OLD STAKES

by Bill Finley



Gulfstream Park | Coglianesse photo

Recognizing that stakes horses have limited options as to where to run due to shutdown of several tracks, Gulfstream has begun the process of adding new races to its schedule, including an Apr. 25 stakes for 3-year-olds. The race has been named the Unbridled S. and will be contested at a mile-and-a-sixteenth on the dirt with a purse of \$75,000.

The story was first reported by horseracingnation.com.

Though a \$75,000 purse would not normally be big enough to attract top-echelon horses, the Unbridled could prove to be an attractive option for horsemen who simply want to get a race into their horses while continuing on the uncertain path to the GI Kentucky Derby. The race will be run one week before the GI Arkansas Derby, but some Florida-based trainers said they are reluctant to ship out of Gulfstream because of the many requirements management has put in place regarding horses and their handlers leaving the three tracks--Gulfstream Park, Gulfstream Park West and Palm Meadows--it operates. Any horse attempting to get back on a Gulfstream-run property must first quarantine in Ocala and no humans may return with the horse.

"We're not trying to hurt the Arkansas Derby," said Gulfstream's Vice President of Racing Mike Lakow. "What we're trying to do is offer an alternative to horses that don't want to ship and may not be good enough to run against the top horses in the country. We should have enough horses to make this race go."

The Arkansas Derby is expected to attract a star-studded field headed by the Bob Baffert-trained 'TDN Rising Star' pair of **Nadal** (Blame) and **Charlatan** (Speightstown).

The revamped stakes schedule also includes the May 9 Sunshine Forever S., a \$75,000 grass race for 4-year-olds and upward. The distance is a mile-and-a-sixteenth.

"We have a lot of horses here who will fit that race," Lakow said. "On Florida Derby day, the [GIII] Appleton S. overflowed and we also ran a money allowance last weekend that had 10 starters."

Lakow said the racing office is also looking at creating a new dirt race for 3-year-old fillies and another on the dirt for older males. He said it was possible there would be another 3-year-old stakes carded in May or June.

The Gulfstream horse colony is a lot stronger than it normally would be at this time of year as stables that typically leave for Kentucky, New York and New Jersey have had to stay put in Florida. Lakow said racing secretary Dave Bailey will continue to monitor the horse colony and may start to add more overnight races geared toward higher class horses.

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Gulfstream To Add 3YO Stakes cont.

Gulfstream is one of only a handful of tracks still running during the coronavirus outbreak, but no one there is taking the situation for granted. Gulfstream continues to roll out new protocols in order to keep everyone involved in South Florida racing as safe as possible.

“We’re as tight as can be and setting new protocols every day and are trying to keep the industry going,” Lakow said. “Everybody is wearing masks and gloves; grooms come in to paddock wearing masks and gloves. We’re not allowing new jockeys to come in. We want to keep the jockey colony relatively small. No jockeys are allowed to work horses, and they can’t go into the barn areas. We take the temperatures of everybody when they go in the barn area.”

Lakow said that Gulfstream does have available stalls and would welcome new horses, so long as their connections abide by the safety protocols. Before an out-of-town horse can race at Gulfstream, it must spend 14 days in quarantine at one of the many training centers in Ocala. Trainers and staff that have not already been stabled at one of the Gulfstream-operated tracks will not be permitted to come with the horses once they leave Ocala.

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#FREEDATAFRIDAY - VOLUME 29: LET THE STEWARDS SPEAK

The general lack of racing around America in light of local restrictions due to the impact of COVID-19 has focused the attention of customers on a select number of races at any one time. A natural byproduct has been collective social media outrage at a pair of stewards' decisions which demoted winners, once Sunday at Oaklawn Park and another on Tuesday at Fonner Park.

This is not a story about the Thoroughbred Idea Foundation's suggestion that North America should shift its rules philosophy to the international standard--known as Category 1. If you would like to read more about that, please see our white paper "[Changing the Rules](#)," originally published in November 2018.

This is about communication.

In both races, and a third on Thursday at Gulfstream Park, and almost every other such incident, an explanation of the decision of the stewards is often left to the track announcer, typically having informed by the stewards in some capacity about their decision.

Fonner Park Chief Executive Officer, Chris Kotulak, a former race caller and television analyst, explained that track's controversial stewards' decision from Tuesday's massive pick five sequence which handled roughly 15 times Fonner's average

total daily handle from 2019. On "At the Races with Steve Byk" Wednesday morning, Kotulak noted details of his discussion with stewards and a review of their submitted report, while acknowledging frustrated customers.

That degree of insight is rare and welcomed, but it should not be the standard.

Some stewards offer details regarding their decisions online through reports published on the website of the track or their regulator. Stewards' decisions are published daily at the New York Racing Association tracks and also at Woodbine. They appear on a delay via the California Horse Racing Board website for races conducted in that state. The degree of detail and explanation vary, but are fairly limited.

In 2019, the stewards at Prairie Meadows in Iowa took to the microphone and actually explained their rationale after demoting the horse first past the post in the Iowa Derby. This event was notable for its rarity as well, and absolutely should be part of the standard applied by stewards.

Every stakeholder deserves to hear from the stewards who make the decision to change a result, shifting anywhere from thousands to millions of dollars in the process. It's just good service.

Do you really remember everything that happened associated with the demotion of Maximum Security in the GI Kentucky Derby? Think back to it. Watch the replay. Our white paper "[Seeking Transparency](#)" outlined 13 mistakes or oversights of the stewards that led to confusion, frustration, conspiracy theories, anger and disgust.



Waiting out the Kentucky Derby Inquiry | Coady

What was the worst part of the Derby demotion debacle? Consider that at no point, up until reading a prepared statement hours after the decision, did the stewards inform the public that there was an objection lodged by Jon Court, rider of 17th placer Long Range Toddy, or that the decision made was based on such a protest. **Cont. p13**

Free Data Friday cont.

In the Kentucky Derby--on national television, with the most amount at stake in wagering from more than 30,000 races a year, not to mention the impact to a possible stallion career.

Stewards may feel uncomfortable in a public-facing role explaining such decisions. They may require advanced training on public speaking, working with media, addressing and overcoming objections in front of a camera or microphone.

These are natural reactions and can all be handled over time.

Fortunately, there are countless examples to follow that can inform the process.

Stewards from nearly every international jurisdiction publish reports on a daily basis offering specific insight to an inquiry or objection review, as well as many other matters that go wholly unaddressed publicly. Appendix B of "Seeking Transparency" offers a selection of those for your review. In many, stewards speak directly with media or on live broadcasts to explain decisions, either during or after racing. It is a common, everyday occurrence in places like Hong Kong and Australia. In others, the written reports offer more immediate detail with regularity.

Bringing stewards to the front of the sport and requiring them to explain decisions is good for everyone in racing. Surely those who fall short of the stakeholder expectations will need to improve to maintain their roles. This is part of the normal process for nearly all professional sports, with officiating reviews by those who are judged and those who empower.

This is one relatively simple way we can start taking our sport more seriously than ever before.

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CLAIMER TURNED GRADE I WINNER GLORIOUS EMPIRE RETIRED

Matthew Schera's **Glorious Empire (Ire)** (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}--Humble And Proud {Ire}, by Pivotal {GB}), who won the 2018 GI Sword Dancer S. a handful of races removed from a victory in a Saratoga \$50,000 claimer, has been retired from racing, according to trainer James F. 'Chuck' Lawrence II. The 9-year-old gelding left the Fair Hill Training Center early last month for a farm owned by Lawrence's mother in Marshall, Va., about an hour and a half west of Laurel Park.

"He seems quite happy with his new lifestyle," Lawrence told the Laurel media office. "We just kept him here at the barn and let him down, trying to make up our mind exactly what we wanted to do."

Winner of four of his first six career starts in England for trainer Ed Walker and owner Siu Pak Kwan, Glorious Empire was sent to Hong Kong and won one of two starts for trainer Caspar Fownes, but was found to have bled and was returned to Europe. Returned to Walker for a single English start in 2016, he was found to have suffered another bleeding incident and was imported to the U.S.

Claimed by Schera for \$62,500 at Belmont in May 2017, Glorious Empire hit his straps the following summer, dead-heating for the win in the GII Bowling Green S. before causing a front-running upset in the Sword Dancer ([video](#)). He posted his final career victory in the GII Fort Lauderdale S. in December 2018 and retires with 10 wins from 28 starts and earnings of \$977,227.

"He just wasn't showing me the same desire that he had after coming back from [an] injury," Lawrence said. "You don't want to take a chance with a horse that's won a Grade I, so we made the decision to let him have a good retirement."

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Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	Kitten's Joy <i>(2001) by El Prado (Ire) Crops: 12</i>	1	1	--	--	--	--	53	16	58,400	311,162
				<i>Stands: Hill 'n' Dale Farms KY Fee: \$75,000</i>						<i>Crossfirehurricane</i>	
2	Paynter <i>(2009) by Awesome Again Crops: 4</i>	1	2	--	--	--	--	19	7	87,420	269,395
				<i>Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$10,000</i>						<i>Queen of God</i>	
3	Candy Ride (Arg) <i>(1999) by Ride the Rails Crops: 13</i>	1	1	--	--	--	--	13	5	129,735	238,384
				<i>Stands: Lane's End Farm KY Fee: \$100,000</i>						<i>Nun the Less</i>	
4	War Front <i>(2002) by Danzig Crops: 11</i>	1	1	--	1	--	--	19	5	107,640	189,428
				<i>Stands: Claiborne Farm KY Fee: \$250,000</i>						<i>Invader</i>	
5	City Zip <i>(1998) by Carson City Crops: 15</i>	--	--	--	--	--	--	21	9	40,320	187,711
				<i>Stands: Lane's End Farm USA (Dead/Ret/Exp)</i>						<i>Jive Talkin</i>	
6	Congrats <i>(2000) by A.P. Indy Crops: 11</i>	1	1	--	--	--	--	18	5	45,105	186,938
				<i>Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$10,000</i>						<i>Bango</i>	
7	Lemon Drop Kid <i>(1996) by Kingmambo Crops: 17</i>	1	1	1	1	--	--	15	3	114,000	164,276
				<i>Stands: Lane's End Farm KY Fee: \$20,000</i>						<i>Field Pass</i>	
8	Vronsky <i>(1999) by Danzig Crops: 13</i>	--	--	--	--	--	--	22	6	36,296	162,044
				<i>Stands: Harris Farms CA Fee: \$4,500</i>						<i>Awesome Summer</i>	
9	Comic Strip <i>(1995) by Red Ransom Crops: 18</i>	--	1	--	--	--	--	17	8	36,180	156,060
				<i>Stands: Gray's Farm USA (Dead/Ret/Exp)</i>						<i>Indian Peak</i>	
10	Grazen <i>(2006) by Benchmark Crops: 8</i>	--	--	--	--	--	--	13	5	29,016	141,014
				<i>Stands: Tommy Town T'breeds CA Fee: \$6,000</i>						<i>Ernie Banks</i>	
11	Tiznow <i>(1997) by Cee's Tizzy Crops: 16</i>	--	--	--	--	--	--	6	3	65,600	139,623
				<i>Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$40,000</i>						<i>Made in America</i>	
12	Acclamation <i>(2006) by Unusual Heat Crops: 5</i>	--	--	--	--	--	--	11	6	29,042	134,748
				<i>Stands: Harris Farms CA Fee: \$5,000</i>						<i>Rebalation</i>	
13	Speightstown <i>(1998) by Gone West Crops: 13</i>	--	--	--	--	--	--	21	6	46,600	134,574
				<i>Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$70,000</i>						<i>Surreptitious</i>	
14	Karakontie (Jpn) <i>(2011) by Bernstein Crops: 2</i>	1	1	--	--	--	--	9	3	44,175	133,549
				<i>Stands: Gainesway Farm KY Fee: \$10,000</i>						<i>Karak</i>	
15	Champ Pegasus <i>(2006) by Fusaichi Pegasus Crops: 4</i>	--	--	--	--	--	--	18	5	64,480	131,968
				<i>Stands: Barton Thoroughbreds CA Fee: \$2,500</i>						<i>Tap It Champ</i>	

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'TOM' LOOKS TO TAKE HOT STREAK INTO 2020



Tom's d'Etat | Sarah Andrew

GMB Racing's **Tom's d'Etat** (Smart Strike) closed out 2019 with a pair of decisive scores and looks to continue that winning skein in 2020 in Saturday's Oaklawn Mile. Capturing Saratoga's Alydar S. In August, the bay was fourth in the GI Woodward S. later that month. Returning to winning ways with a 4 1/4-length score in Keeneland's GII Fayette S. Oct. 26, he scored his first victory at the highest level in the GI Clark S. at Churchill Downs Nov. 29.

"I've pointed for this day and he runs really, really well off the bench," trainer Al Stall said. "I mean, like, really well. His one-other-than at the Fair Grounds after eight or nine months off a few years ago was close to the track record. He's the kind of horse that has a little confidence off a freshening."

Mr. Money (Goldencents), on the other hand, looks to register his first victory since August. On a hot streak last spring and summer, he won the GIII Pat Day Mile, GIII Matt Winn S., GIII Indiana Derby and GIII West Virginia Derby. Run down late in the GI Pennsylvania Derby Sept. 21, the bay finished a neck second and was seventh last time in the GI Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile Nov. 2.

'**TDN Rising Star**' **Improbable** (City Zip) also looks to get back on track here. Runner-up in both the GII Rebel S. and GI Arkansas Derby at this oval last year, the Bob Baffert pupil was promoted from fifth to fourth in the GI Kentucky Derby and was off the board in the GI Preakness S. Returning to winner's circle in the Shared Belief S. at Del Mar Aug. 25, the flashy chestnut was fourth in the Pennsylvania Derby and fifth in the BC Dirt Mile.

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Saturday, Oaklawn Park, post time: 5:43 p.m. EDT

OAKLAWN MILE S., \$150,000, 3yo/up, 1m

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1 Slick Silver	Kantharos	Emigh	Vanden Berg	30-1
2 Mr. Money	Goldencents	Saez	Calhoun	4-1
3 Tom's d'Etat	Smart Strike	Rosario	Stall	3-1
4 Pioneer Spirit	Malibu Moon	Cohen	Diodoro	6-1
5 Boldor	Munnings	Baze	Asmussen	20-1
6 M G Warrior	Majestic Warrior	Talamo	Cox	15-1
7 Snapper Sinclair	City Zip	Geroux	Asmussen	10-1
8 Bankit	Central Banker	Santana	Asmussen	15-1
9 Home Run Trick	Winslow Homer	W. De La Cruz	Martin	30-1
10 Long Range Toddy	Take Charge Indy	Hernandez	Stewart	10-1
11 Lord Guinness	Shanghai Bobby	Fuentes	Yakteen	30-1
12 Kershaw	Run Away and Hide	F. De La Cruz	O'Neill	20-1
13 Fight On	Into Mischief	Vazquez	O'Neill	20-1
14 Improbable	City Zip	Van Dyke	Baffert	7-2

THOUSAND WORDS HOPES TO RETURN TO WINNING WAYS IN HOT SPRINGS



Thousand Words | Benoit

After suffering the first loss of his young career last time, **Thousand Words** (Pioneerof the Nile) will try to get back in the winner's circle Saturday in the inaugural Oaklawn S. The \$1-million KEESEP buy opened his account with a trio of victories, including the GII Los Alamitos Futurity S. Dec. 7 and the GIII Robert B. Lewis S. Feb. 1. The bay suffered his first loss at the hooves of his stablemate Authentic (Into Mischief) last time in the GII San Felipe S. Mar. 7.

"This race came up and that's the reason he's there," trainer Bob Baffert said. "It's a mile and an eighth and I think that will be better suited for him. He's a horse that I think last time was just a little rank, a little fresh." **Cont. p2**

Thousand Words Hopes to Return to Winning Ways in Hot Springs cont.

The Hall of Famer continued, “He was rank early. He’s usually a horse that settles pretty well and comes running. Hopefully, he can save ground and find a seam and come running. I really think the distance will help him.”

Steve Asmussen sends out a pair of talented colts in **Basin** (Liam’s Map) and **Shoplifted** (Into Mischief). Graduating at second asking at Saratoga July 21, Basin romped in the GI Hopeful S. at the Spa Sept. 2 and was third in the GII Rebel S. at Oaklawn Mar. 14. ‘**TDN Rising Star**’ Shoplifted captured the Springboard Mile in December and was third next out in the local Smarty Jones S. Jan. 24. The \$800,000 FTFMAR purchase was last seen finishing fourth in the GIII Southwest S. here Feb. 17.

Todd Pletcher sends out an interesting contender at a bit of a price in **Farmington Road** (Quality Road). Graduating at third asking at Tampa Jan. 12, the bay was fourth in the GII Risen Star S. at the Fair Grounds Feb. 15.

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Saturday, Oaklawn Park, post time: 6:48 p.m. EDT

OAKLAWN S., \$200,000, 3yo, 1 1/8m

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1 Basin	Liam’s Map	Geroux	Asmussen	7-2
2 Coach Babe	Take Charge Indy	Sanjur	Bauer	20-1
3 Mr. Big News	Giant’s Causeway	Saez	Calhoun	30-1
4 Thousand Words	Pioneerof the Nile	Talamo	Baffert	5-2
5 Sir Rick	Paynter	Cohen	Diodoro	15-1
6 Shoplifted	Into Mischief	Santana	Asmussen	10-1
7 Flap Jack	Oxbow	Beschizza	Sisterson	20-1
8 Taishan	Twirling Candy	Rosario	Baltas	8-1
9 Digital	Into Mischief	Hernandez	Calhoun	8-1
10 Something Natural	Violence	De La Cruz	Cox	20-1
11 Background	Khozan	Rocco	Puhich	12-1
12 Farmington Road	Quality Road	Garcia	Pletcher	6-1
13 Gold Street	Street Boss	Baze	Asmussen	20-1

SATURDAY’S RACING INSIGHTS:

By *Christie DeBernardis*

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WELL-BRED CURLIN FILLY DEBUTS AT OAKLAWN

5th-OP, \$60K, Msw, 3yo, f, 6f, 3:41p.m.

Steve Asmussen unveils a blue-blooded filly in Hill ‘n’ Dale and Stretch Run homebred **CASUAL (Curlin)**. Out of MGISW and millionaire Lady Tak (Mutakddim), the chestnut is a half-sister to SW & GSP Japanese runner and millionaire A Shin Spartan (Zensational and SW Melody Lady (Unbridled’s Song), who is the dam of SW & GSP Buy Sell Hold (Violence). **TJCIS PPs**



Colonel Liam | Wavertree Stables

PLETCHER UNVEILS EXPENSIVE LIAM’S MAP

8th-GP, \$45K, Msw, 3yo/up, 1mT, 3:52p.m.

Todd Pletcher trained the exceptionally talented **Liam’s Map**, who concluded his career with a pair of top-level scores, so it is only fitting that he saddles his most expensive offspring **COLONEL LIAM** in his debut. A \$50,000 KEESEP buy, the gray blossomed into a \$1.2-million OBS April purchase, the second-highest of that auction, after breezing in a snappy :20 4/5. Out of the unraced Bernardini mare Amazement, Colonel Liam’s second dam is MGISW millionaire and turf distaffer Wonder Again (Silver Hawk). **TJCIS PPs**

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IN ORDER OF PURSE:

8th-Oaklawn, \$61,000, Alw (NW2L)/Opt. Clm (\$80,000), 4-10, 3yo, f, 1m, 1:36.73, ft.

PIECE OF MY HEART (f, 3, Flat Out--Intheriver, by Sunriver) hit the board in three of her first four starts and graduated by 6 1/4 lengths at fifth asking in an off-the-turf test going two turns at Fair Grounds Feb. 20. Fifth next out in a local optional claimer Mar. 12, she was given a 6-1 chance this time. Showing good early initiative, the chestnut settled in a close-up third on the tail of the pacesetter through a :23.46 first quarter and seized control just after the half went in :47.12. Piece of My Heart continued strongly down the lane to register a one-length victory over Strong Flag (Strong Mandate). The winner has a juvenile full-brother named Blackgammon. Intheriver was bred back to Warrior's Reward last term. Sales history: \$35,000 Ylg '18 OBSWIN; \$7,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 7-2-2-1, \$87,750. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

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8th-Gulfstream, \$40,400, Alw (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$75,000), 4-10, 3yo, f, 1m, 1:37.96, ft.

FINDING FAME (f, 3, Empire Maker--Lochinvar's Gold, by Seeking the Gold) graduated on debut here Feb. 23 and was installed as the 2-1 second-choice this time around. The bay kept close tabs on the leaders through opening splits of :23.26 and :46.27. Moving into second entering the far turn, the \$425,000 KEESEP buy stubbornly kept after the leader Sweet Mia (The Big Beast) in the lane, wearing her down late for a 1 1/4-length victory. "I thought she was laying perfect and when she ranged up on that horse, I thought she'd run on by her, but she didn't. But she had another kick," trainer Shug McGaughey said. "This filly is immature. I'm going to tell the guys, 'Let's take our time with her.' She kind of reminds me, watching her in the paddock, of [MGSW] Pink Sands (Tapit). It took her a while to get going, although this filly is more advanced." The winner is a full to Mei Ling, MSW & MGSP, \$522,383. Her dam Lochinvar's Gold, a half-sister to MGSW sire Master Command (A.P. Indy), produced an Uncle Mo colt in 2019 and was bred back to the late Empire Maker. Finding Fame also hails from the family of Grade I winners La Gueriere (Lord at War {Arg}) and Icon Project (Empire Maker); and MGSW & MGISP Munnings (Speightstown).

Sales history: \$425,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$49,200. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

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10th-Oaklawn, \$60,000, Msw, 4-10, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10.09, ft. INSHANNITY (f, 4, Ghostzapper--Do Somethin {SP, \$299,200}, by Purim) was shipped in from the temporarily shuttered Santa Anita and breezed over a sloppy track in Hot Springs in preparation for this debut, breezing a half-mile in :49 2/5 (24/54). Owned by his Hall of Fame trainer's wife Jill Baffert, the even-money favorite kept a close eye on the pacesetting Lil Miss Moppet (Uncle Mo) from a joint third through a swift first quarter in :21.52 and a half in :44.66. The leader tried to go on with it in the lane, but Inshannity refused to be denied, collaring her foe in the final strides for a neck success. The winner is the first foal out of Do Somethin, who has since produced a juvenile full-brother to Inshannity named Beav's Boo and a juvenile filly by Distorted Humor. Do Something did not produced a foal in 2019, but was bred back to Brethren. Sales history: \$130,000 Wlg '16 KEENOV; \$160,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP; \$145,000 RNA 2yo '18 OBSOPN. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, 36,000. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Natalie Baffert; B-B. P. Walden, Jr & Taylor Hall LLC (KY); T-Bob Baffert.

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SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: SATURDAY, APRIL 11

American Pharoah (Pioneerof the Nile), Ashford Stud, private
 318 foals of racing age/35 winners/6 black-type winners
 5-Gulfstream, Msw 1mT, EGYPTIAN PRINCESS, 8-1
 6-Gulfstream, Msw 6 1/2f, IMA PHAROAH, 6-1
 3-Oaklawn, Msw 6f, J Z MY MAN, 8-1
 \$575,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$800,000 RNA FTS AUG yrl; \$410,000
 FTF MAR 2yo
 5-Gulfstream, Msw 1mT, LASHARA (GB), 8-1
 €850,000 ARA UG yrl

Bahamian Squall (Gone West), Double Diamond Farm, \$3,000
 55 foals of racing age/9 winners/0 black-type winners
 6-Gulfstream, Msw 6 1/2f, BAHAMIAN BEAT, 30-1

Bayern (Offlee Wild), Hill 'n' Dale Farms, \$15,000
 157 foals of racing age/35 winners/0 black-type winners
 3-Oaklawn, Msw 6f, BELFAST BOY, 10-1
 \$20,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl



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Second-Crop Runners cont.

5-Oaklawn, Msw 6f, LEGGS GALORE, 30-1

10-Oaklawn, Msw 1 1/16m, PRODIGIOUS BAY, 20-1

\$22,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; \$110,000 EAS MAY 2yo

Bourbon Courage (Lion Heart), Anchor & Hope Farm, \$5,000

93 foals of racing age/11 winners/1 black-type winner

6-Oaklawn, Aoc 1m, FORTHELUVOFBOURBON, 15-1

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

231 foals of racing age/27 winners/2 black-type winners

7-Oaklawn, Msw 1 1/16m, EARNER, 5-2

\$425,000 KEE SEP yrl

10-Gulfstream, Aoc 6f, GOGO SHOES, 6-1

\$70,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$25,000 OBS WIN 2yo

7-Oaklawn, Msw 1 1/16m, NO BAD DAYS, 15-1

\$85,000 KEE SEP yrl

5-Gulfstream, Msw 1mT, UNFORESEEN, 6-1

\$115,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$150,000 FTK OCT yrl; \$195,000 RNA

OBS APR 2yo

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

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

4-Oaklawn, Aoc 1m, SHOOTERS SHOOT, 7-2

\$90,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$70,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$300,000 OBS APR 2yo

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

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

6-Oaklawn, Aoc 1m, ANCIENT WARRIOR, 9-2

5-Oaklawn, Msw 6f, CAGED BEAR, 30-1

\$20,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$30,000 OBS OPN 2yo

8-Gulfstream, Msw 1m, LIBERTY BLUE, 15-1

\$150,000 FTK JUL yrl

Conveyance (Indian Charlie), Buck Pond Farm, \$3,500

69 foals of racing age/6 winners/1 black-type winner

7-Oaklawn, Msw 1 1/16m, PLANE TALK, 12-1

\$12,000 KEE JAN wnl; \$75,000 KEE SEP yrl

Fast Anna (Medaglia d'Oro), Three Chimneys Farm, \$10,000

142 foals of racing age/17 winners/3 black-type winners

3-Oaklawn, Msw 6f, GAMBLER ROCKET, 12-1

\$55,000 FTK JUL yrl; \$210,000 OBS APR 2yo

Golden Lad (Medaglia d'Oro), Northview Stallion Station, \$5,000

124 foals of racing age/11 winners/2 black-type winners

10-Oaklawn, Msw 1 1/16m, OXIDE, 5-1

\$50,000 EAS OCT yrl; \$120,000 EAS MAY 2yo

Honor Code (A.P. Indy), Lane's End Farm, \$30,000

213 foals of racing age/19 winners/1 black-type winner

5-Gulfstream, Msw 1mT, CHURCH ON TIME, 9-2

10-Oaklawn, Msw 1 1/16m, SLEW TANG CLAN, 15-1

\$28,000 KEE SEP yrl

Khozan (Distorted Humor), Journeyman Stud, \$8,500

130 foals of racing age/30 winners/2 black-type winners

11-Oaklawn, \$200K Oaklawn S., 1 1/8m, BACKGROUND, 12-1

Lea (First Samurai), Claiborne Farm, \$7,500

103 foals of racing age/13 winners/2 black-type winners

10-Gulfstream, Aoc 6f, CHART, 4-1

\$120,000 OBS APR 2yo

Liam's Map (Unbridled's Song), Lane's End Farm, \$35,000

232 foals of racing age/29 winners/2 black-type winners

11-Oaklawn, \$200K Oaklawn S., 1 1/8m, BASIN, 7-2

\$150,000 KEE SEP yrl

8-Gulfstream, Msw 1m, COLONEL LIAM, 5-2

\$50,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$1,200,000 OBS APR 2yo

6-Gulfstream, Msw 6 1/2f, LIAM'S BOY, 20-1

\$135,000 SAR AUG yrl; \$150,000 EAS MAY 2yo

4-Oaklawn, Aoc 1m, WARRIOR'S MAP, 15-1

Palace (City Zip), Spendthrift Farm, \$5,000

152 foals of racing age/24 winners/1 black-type winner

3-Oaklawn, Msw 6f, TOUSSAINT, 30-1

Secret Circle (Eddington), Elite Thoroughbreds, private

62 foals of racing age/14 winners/0 black-type winners

3-Oaklawn, Msw 6f, ILLUMINATI, 20-1

\$25,000 KEE SEP yrl

4-Oaklawn, Aoc 1m, WOOPIGSOOIE, 8-1

\$30,000 OBS MAR 2yo

Sky Kingdom (Empire Maker), Darby Dan Farm, \$5,000

79 foals of racing age/7 winners/0 black-type winners

5-Oaklawn, Msw 6f, SKYKAT, 20-1

\$72,000 RNA OBS APR 2yo

Tonalist (Tapit), Lane's End Farm, \$15,000

179 foals of racing age/25 winners/1 black-type winner

5-Oaklawn, Msw 6f, ANGEL DE CORA, 15-1

6-Oaklawn, Aoc 1m, DACK JANIEL'S, 15-1

7-Oaklawn, Msw 1 1/16m, TONALTALITARIAN, 8-1

\$27,000 RNA FTK OCT yrl

8-Gulfstream, Msw 1m, TONS OF GOLD, 8-1

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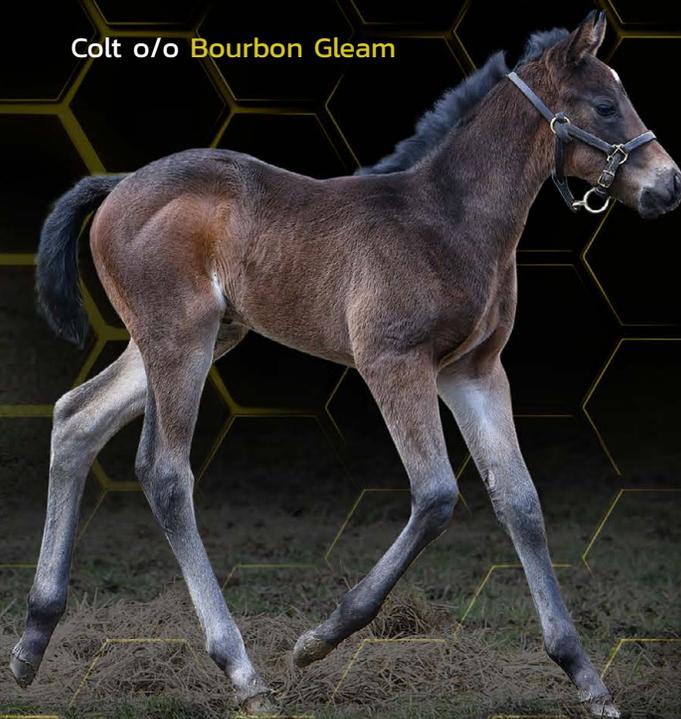
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9th-Oaklawn, \$62,000, (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 4-10, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:08.70, ft.

ABSOLUTELY AIDEN (c, 4, Stay Thirsty--Quiet City, by Carson City) Lifetime Record: 10-5-0-0, \$185,559. O-Frye, Greg and Hawley, Wesley; B-John H. Clarke, Kimberly K. Nardelli & Rodney H. Nardelli (KY); T-Wesley E. Hawley. *\$52,000 Wlg '16 KEENOV; \$100,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP; \$120,000 2yo '18 OBSAPR. **1/2 to Veneti (Old Trieste), MSP, \$176,185; and Special Jo (Johannesburg), MGSP, \$329,608.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Bird Map, f, 3, **Liam's Map**--Bird Harbor, by Boston Harbor. Gulfstream, 4-10, (C), 6f, 1:11.28. B-Marylou Whitney Stables LLC (KY). *1/2 to Bird Maker (Empire Maker), GSP, \$165,617.

Broken and Trained by Randy Bradshaw

Shared Legacy, c, 4, **Candy Ride (Arg)**--Common Hope, by Storm Cat. Gulfstream, 4-10, 5fT, :57.09. B-Nimet Arif Kurtel (KY). \$1,900,000 RNA Ylg '17 KEESEP. *Full to Shared Belief, Ch. 2-year-old Colt, MGISW, \$2,932,200; and 1/2 to Double Major (Bertrando), SP, \$157,439; and Little Miss Holly (Maria's Mon), GSW, \$217,430.



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CANDY RIDE (ARG), Shared Legacy, c, 4, o/o Common Hope, by Storm Cat. MSW, 4-10, Gulfstream

EMPIRE MAKER, Finding Fame, f, 3, o/o Lochinvar's Gold, by Seeking the Gold. AOC, 4-10, Gulfstream

FLAT OUT, Piece of My Heart, f, 3, o/o Intheriver, by Sunriver. AOC, 4-10, Oaklawn

GHOSTZAPPER, Inshannity, f, 4, o/o Do Somethin, by Purim. MSW, 4-10, Oaklawn

LIAM'S MAP, Bird Map, f, 3, o/o Bird Harbor, by Boston Harbor. MCL, 4-10, Gulfstream

STAY THIRSTY, Absolutely Aiden, c, 4, o/o Quiet City, by Carson City. AOC, 4-10, Oaklawn

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LUCKY NOTION, 14, Great Notion--Riot Luck, by Patriotically Foal born Mar. 20, a colt by Goldencents Will be bred back to Nyquist. Owned by Daniel W. McConnell Boarded at Northview, PA Accomplishments: Dam of Prince Lucky (Corinthian), MGSW, \$607,570; and Saint Main Event (Redeemed), SP, \$291,886.

LA BELLE CAT, 11, Tale of the Cat--La Belle Danse, by Beau Genius

Foal born Mar. 28, a colt by Mastery Will be bred back to Speightstown

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GERMAN RACING 'IN THE STARTING STALLS'



The first meeting at Baden-Baden will be on May 23 | Emma Berry

By Emma Berry

The German racing authority Deutscher Galopp has released a revised racing programme for the sport to begin behind closed doors from Friday, May 1 at Hannover.

At present the dates have been announced for one race meeting each day to June 15, and they include the first German Classics, the G2 Mehl Mulhens-Rennen (2000 Guineas), which will be run at Cologne on Monday, June 1, followed by the G2 German 1000 Guineas at Dusseldorf on Sunday, June 7, the same day as the Listed Derby Trial.

During that period racing will be run behind closed doors, a move referred to in the announcement on the Deutscher Galopp website as one of the "painful reductions necessary in order to alleviate the substantial loss of revenue for the organisers and to enable the races to take place in the first place."

Dr Michael Vesper, president of Deutscher Galopp, said, "We are responding to the corona crisis, which has stopped racing since mid-March, taking into account all necessary contact restrictions and requirements. We are in the starting stalls in order to start our races again in a restricted manner and without endangering spectators and racing participants."

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MARIA'S MON'S GROWING EUROPEAN LEGACY

By Heather Anderson

With the successful Chantilly debut of George Strawbridge homebred and new 'TDN Rising Star' **Another Sky (Fr)** (Le Havre {Ire}) in March ([video](#)), the colt appears to be another feather in the cap of his dam, the unraced Darkova (Maria's Mon). Her first foal is the European heavyweight, MG1SW **Almanzor (Fr)** (Wootton Bassett {GB}), her second, his full-brother, the French SP Troarn (Fr).

Darkova, however, is not the only European Group 1 producer flying the flag in Europe for her late Pin Oak Stud-based sire Maria's Mon, as the MSP Chatham counts triple juvenile Group 1 winner **Air Force Blue** (War Front) among her offspring. Those two matrons are just two of 363 mares by the 1995 Eclipse Champion 2-year-old, who, despite an abbreviated stud career, is the broodmare sire of seven European group winners from 88 runners (8%) on that continent. Maria's Mon's 11 stakes winners as a broodmare sire in Europe is good for a 12.5% strike rate.

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Maria's Mon | Pin Oak Stud

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HOPE SPRINGS ETERNAL WITH TOM'S D'ETAT

A listed stakes with a purse of \$150,000 Saturday has attracted a pair of Grade I winners, including G M B Racing's Tom's D'Etat (Smart Strike), who races for the first time since taking last year's GI Clark H. [Click or tap here to go straight to TDN America.](#)

German Racing 'In The Starting Stalls' cont. from p1

Prize-money will be reduced by 50% for all but the races run at the minimum value of €3,000.

Deutscher Galopp's managing director Jan Pommer added, "This is a bridging period between the phase with no racing and racing in front of spectators. It will last for as short amount of time as possible and as long as necessary."

Germany has been one of the least affected by the coronavirus of the major European racing nations, and while Italy and Spain were badly hit in March, the level of new infections and the death toll has started to subside in both of those countries though their citizens remain under lockdown.

The Spanish Jockey Club issued an update on Apr. 8 which indicated that it is working on a revised racing programme in the hope of resuming racing in Madrid in the second half of May or early June, meaning that the country's Guineas equivalents, which are usually run in late April, will be rescheduled.

Jose Hormaeche, president of the Jockey Club Espanol, told *TDN*, "It is more likely that it will be June when we start racing again. We are fortunate that 500 horses are in training at the racecourse in Madrid, so there would be no travelling involved, but we will have to wait for restrictions to be lifted in the

country first."

In Italy the current lockdown is due to end on Apr. 13 but looks likely to be extended. No plan has yet been announced in regard to the resumption of racing and the country's first Classics, the G3 Premio Pariolo (2000 Guineas) and G3 Premio Regina Elena (1000 Guineas), will need to be rescheduled from their original date of Apr. 26.

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Maria's Mon's Growing European Legacy cont. from p1

A son of the Majestic Light horse Wavering Monarch out of Carlotta Maria by Caro (Ire), Maria's Mon was bred by Morton Rosenthal and raced by his wife Rosalind. Making just seven starts, the Rick Schosberg trainee won his Belmont unveiling in July of 1995, Saratoga's GIII Sanford S. and was a solid third in the GI Hopeful S. at the latter track. Two Grade I triumphs back at Belmont—the one-mile Futurity S. and the Champagne S. at 1 1/16 miles –put the seal on his championship season, as a left ankle fracture during a gallop derailed his Breeders' Cup bid.

Winless in two starts at three, Maria's Mon was retired to Pin Oak Stud, who had secured him for stud duties late in his 2-year-old season.



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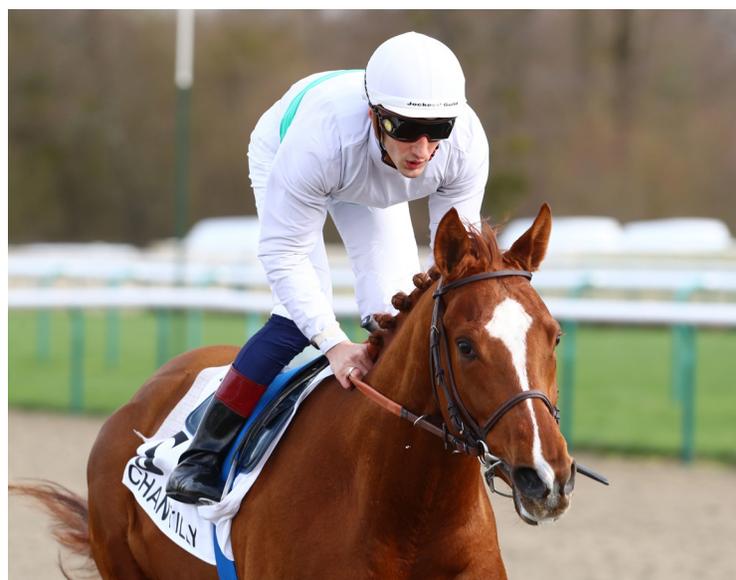
The grey provided eight Grade I winners over the course of 11 crops—all barring Latent Heat (GI Malibu S., 1400m) winning between distances of 1700m-2000m—before being euthanised at the age of 14 in September 2007 after standing for a career-high of \$60,000. Overall, Maria's Mon sired 55 black-type winners, 31 at the graded/group level from 784 runners.

His best offspring, 2006 GI Kentucky Oaks third Wait a While, was named the Eclipse Award Champion 3-Year-Old Filly. A multiple graded stakes winner on dirt, her three top-level victories were all on grass, as she took the American Oaks and two editions of the Yellow Ribbon S.

One of only a handful of sires to throw two winners of the GI Kentucky Derby in Monarchos (2001) and Super Saver (2010), Maria's Mon almost garnered an Irish Classic laurel with the 2007 filly Miss Jean Brodie, a distant eight-length second to budding highweight and eventual six-time Group 1 winner Snow Fairy (Ire) (Intikhab) in the G1 Irish Oaks at The Curragh.

From just 48 runners in Europe, the grey was ultimately responsible for 32 winners (66.7%), five black-type winners (10.4%) and two group winners--G3 Diomed S. hero Bushman (GB) and G3 Athasi S.-winning filly Emiyna. Quarrel also completed the trifecta in the G2 Mill Reef S.

Once his daughters became established in the paddocks, Maria's Mon quickly proved himself a broodmare sire of note. His 57 black-type winners (20 group/graded) from 1140 runners includes eight champions and an identical number of Group 1 winners. From a European perspective through early April, Maria's Mon is credited with 67 European winners (76.1%) and 11 black-type scorers (12.5%) from the aforementioned 88 runners.



Another Sky winning at Chantilly | Scoop Dyga

Maria's Mon's Growing European Legacy cont.

Leading that throng is the G1 Prix du Jockey Club hero turned G1 Irish Champion S./G1 Champion S. victor Almanzor, now a stallion at Haras d'Etream who also shuttles to Cambridge Stud in New Zealand. The bay has maintained a €35,000 covering fee every year in the Northern Hemisphere and has 106 representatives in his first crop, yearlings of 2020. Those foals averaged \$116,030, good for third on the TDN's European First-Crop Weanling Sires' List in 2019. Commanding a NZ\$30,000 in 2018, Almanzor has 97 Southern Hemisphere foals born last spring in Australasia and covered another solid book at that fee last term.



Almanzor | Zuzanna Lupa

Another young stallion that raced in Europe with great success is Ashford Stud's Air Force Blue, who commands \$15,000 this year. Incidentally, he too has 106 first-crop representatives, in his case juveniles of 2020. As yearlings, they averaged \$98,230 for 44 sold, which put the Coolmore representative fourth among North America First-Crop Sires of 2019. During the OBS March Sale last month, five juveniles were sold from six offered, averaging \$119,200, ranking him sixth by average on the TDN First-Crop 2-Year-Old List. They will start hitting racecourses on both sides of the Atlantic later this spring after the threat of coronavirus has faded.

Maria's Mon's Monday Show, black-type placed in Germany, is the dam of French MGSW & G1SP **Usherette (Ire)** (Shamardal); Italian GSP **Show Day (Ire)** (Shamardal); and the 4-year-old filly **Magnetic Charm (GB)** (Exceed and Excel {Aus}), who went on to prevail at the listed level in England and became Grade II placed in the Canadian S. at Woodbine for Her Majesty The Queen in 2019.

Other group winners out of Maria's Mon mares are the 2018 G2 Prix Dollar hero **Alignement (GB)** (Pivotal {GB}); 2011 G2 Norfolk S. winner **Bapak Chinta** (Speightstown); **Energia Davos (Brz)** (Torrential) claimed the 2015 G3 Darley S.; and **Raymi Coya** (Van Nistelrooy) gave notice in the 2007 G3 Oh So Sharp S. Maria's Mon was also represented by G1 Middle Park S. third **Huntdown** (Elusive Quality).

Considering his first few crops were bred at lower stud fees, Maria's Mon appears poised to build on his early success—especially in Europe—as a broodmare sire, as his youngest daughters are only 12.

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EUROPEAN NEWS

IRISH LOCKDOWN EXTENDED THREE WEEKS

Ireland's lockdown, originally set to expire on Sunday, has been extended three weeks to May 5, Taoiseach Leo Varadkar announced on Friday. The nation went into lockdown on Mar. 24, the day after Naas's opening meeting of the flat season, including the cancellation of all sporting events. Racing, therefore, is on the shelf in Ireland for another three weeks minimum.

Earlier this week, Emma Berry spoke with Horse Racing Ireland Chief Executive Officer and European Pattern Committee Chairman Brian Kavanagh about plans for the European pattern calendar. [Click here](#) to read.

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GLOBETROTTING SUEDOIS RETIRED

Nine-year-old gelding **Suedois (Fr)** (Le Havre {Ire}) has been retired from racing, *Racing Post* reports, after a career in which he ran 50 times, winning 10 races, placing in 23 more and earning over £1.5-million.

"For a horse like him to have amassed the prizemoney he has is quite phenomenal really," trainer David O'Meara told *Racing Post*. "There are plenty of top-class Group 1 horses that don't accumulate what he has in his career in terms of prizemoney and he'll definitely be missed around the yard."

"He wouldn't have had the best of joints and we just felt that it possibly could be catching up with him so we felt it was best to call it a day with him," O'Meara added.

Bred by Elisabeth Vidal from the first crop of Le Havre, Suedois started out in France with trainer Christian Baillet.

Globetrotting Suedois Retired cont.

Setting the stage for his career ahead he was rarely off the board during his first three seasons, and at four he won the G3 Prix de Meautry Barriere and a listed race at Maisons-Laffitte. Purchased by Nick Bradley and Jason Kelly for €165,000 at that year's Arqana Arc Sale, Suedois was gelded and transferred to O'Meara by new owners George Turner and Clipper Logistics. Over the next two seasons he placed in eight black-type sprints including three Group 1s before posting back-to-back wins in Ireland's G3 Boomerang S. and Keeneland's GI Shadwell Turf Mile in 2017. Over the next two seasons he hit the board a further six times at the pattern level before winning Goodwood's G3 Supreme S., and last year was third back at Keeneland in the Turf Mile. Suedois made three starts this year in the Middle East, winning a Meydan handicap and picking up another black-type placing at the same course before finishing fifth in the inaugural stc 1351 Cup on Saudi Cup Day on Feb. 29.

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Suedois winning the Shadwell Turf Mile | Coady

KENZAI WARRIOR READY TO DO BATTLE

Trainer Roger Teal lit up the board in the 2018 G1 2000 Guineas with Anne Cowley's Tip Two Win (GB) (Dark Angel {Ire}), who finished second to Saxon Warrior (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}) at 5-1, and Teal is aiming to go one better in this year's Guineas, when it happens, with **Kenzai Warrior** (Karakontie {Jpn}).

Bought for £45,000 at the Goffs UK Breeze-Up Sale last year, Kenzai Warrior subsequently went unbeaten in two outings, breaking his maiden at Salisbury on Sept. 5 before taking Newmarket's G2 Horris Hill S. over seven furlongs on Nov. 2. Teal said he sees the colt as a Guineas/Derby type.

"He never stopped growing last year, that's why I took my time with him," Teal said. "I actually made an entry for him in the

Derby at the second stage in April, because he'd probably be suited by a mile and a half, I'd say. He's a galloper really and might be suited to it, but all plans are up in the air. If the races are spaced out, you'd probably have a crack at both [Guineas and Derby]. The Guineas has always been a great trial for the Derby and as long as the timings are right there'd be no reason he couldn't do both."

Kenzai Warrior, despite the delay, is in good order.

"He's like a bear at the moment, he's one of those horses that enjoys what he does and he could do with a race, really," Teal said. "He's fresh and well every morning; he comes out like Muhammad Ali and wants to box you, but when the lads are on him he's a brilliant ride. He's just one of those that wants to get out and get on with it.

Teal said his two most recent stable stars are rather different colts.



Kenzai Warrior | Racing Post

"Tip Two Win had an electric turn of foot, whereas Kenzai is a totally different kettle of fish, he's more of a big, rangy galloper," he said. "If he stays, then that could be interesting."

The 5-year-old Tip Two Win is also ready to get back to action, having been off since trailing in last of eight in the G2 Summer Mile in July. He made just two starts last year, finishing off the board in both.

"I wanted to start him off in the John O'Gaunt at Haydock, but that's gone by the wayside now as well," Teal said. "What I'd like to find for him is a nice listed race or conditions race just to get his confidence back. He's been such a star for us and everything went wrong last year. If I could get his head back in front I'm sure he'll just build on that again and he's training really well. He's got his old flair back. He's really filled out now and looks great in his work."

Kenai Warrior Ready To Do Battle cont.

Teal said he is a proponent of starting up racing behind closed doors sooner rather than later.

"I think we can manage it safely and it would be good for the public to have something to watch on television," he said. "It might even encourage new people to watch racing when things get back to normal. If we don't get it back, then livelihoods are in danger.

"I suppose the confusing thing is the race programme--you want to offer some races for all types of horses, owners have stayed loyal and kept horses in training, they have to cater for all level of horses to give everyone a fair bite of the cherry. We've got probably our best team of horses, we know what we've got and are itching to let them out, but as long as everyone is healthy, that's the main thing. It's the same for all of us."

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POWERFUL BREEZE RECOVERING FROM INJURY

Last year's G2 May Hill S. winner **Powerful Breeze (GB)** (Iffraaj {GB}) is recovering well from broken ribs, with trainer Hugo Palmer saying he expects to have the filly ready for an autumn campaign.

The Ali Ridha colourbearer, who was second by a head to Quadrilateral (GB) (Frankel {GB}) in the G1 Fillies' Mile when last seen in October, fell when spooked by a car while out for exercise in Newmarket about seven weeks ago, suffering some broken ribs.

Palmer explained on *Racing TV*, "She got a fright from a speeding car, lost her rider and then fell over, landing on the stirrup iron. She broke some ribs, which are healing--it's seven weeks ago yesterday, they are healing but anyone who's had a broken rib knows it's a slow and painful process. Obviously for a horse, that's where we have to put the girth around."

"We will get her back," he added. "People have joked to me, 'you might get to run her in the Guineas anyway', but I very, very firmly would much rather watch the Guineas go ahead as soon as possible without her and then we can find some autumn targets for her."

With racing off until May 1, Palmer continues to take things day by day.

"I think for everyone up and down the country, it's a little bit like groundhog day isn't it?" He said. "Luckily for those who train racehorses, groundhog day does include getting out of bed, going out and looking after our horses, exercising them and bringing them back in and keeping their owners up to date with the progress we're making. None of us are quite sure in which direction we're making progress, because we don't know when and what is going to start.

"The horses have to do enough to keep themselves safe and protected from injury. A huge amount of Flat trainers' horses at this time of year would be being prepared for debuts in July, August, September or October. We've got loads of 2-year-olds in every yard up and down the country, some that might be trained all year and not even run in 2020.

"A lot of the business as usual goes on, obviously horses that were being got ready for early targets have missed them, but they'll come round."

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LUCKILY FOR THOSE WHO TRAIN RACEHORSES, GROUNDHOG DAY DOES INCLUDE GETTING OUT OF BED, GOING OUT AND LOOKING AFTER OUR HORSES.

[Hugo Palmer](#)

ALL-WEATHER CHAMPIONS DONATE TO NHS

Each of the winners of Britain's all-weather championship categories, which were revealed on Friday, have pledged to donate some or all of their cash prizes to National Health Service charities to aid its ongoing fight against COVID-19.



Ben Curtis

All-Weather Champions Donate to NHS cont.

Godolphin, Mick Appleby and Ben Curtis were announced as winners of the owner, trainer and jockey categories respectively, while George Rooke was named champion apprentice jockey, Dubai Warrior (GB) (Dansili {GB}) Horse of the Year and Agent of Fortune (GB) (Kheleyf) Winning Most Horse. Each of the six categories carries a cash prize of up to £10,000. Some of the placegetters in those respective categories, like Luke Morris and Grace McEntee, are also contributing to the charities. One such charity is SASH, the charity for East Surrey Hospital and all the services provided by Surrey and Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust, local to Lingfield Park, where the All-Weather Championships should have been staged on Friday.

Andrew Bickerdike, fundraising manager at SASH, said, "We are hugely grateful to all the various All-Weather Champions, and to Arena Racing Company, for this incredible show of support for our local hospital staff at this busy time. It is very much appreciated by all of us here at SASH Charity and Surrey and Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust. As a local hospital charity, the support of the racing community, and organisations and individuals of national and international standing is something we are very grateful for. Thank you from all of us."

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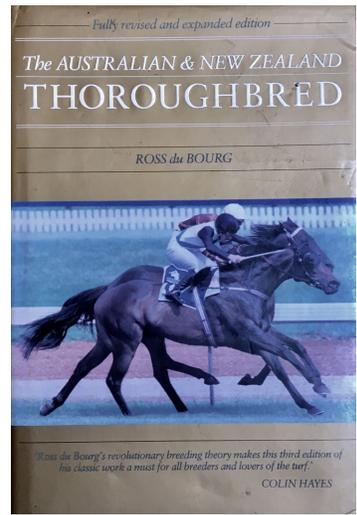
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JOHN BERRY

The Australian & New Zealand Thoroughbred

By Ross du Bourg

There have been a handful of events through history which could trigger a sentence ending "... and nothing was ever the same again." The emergence of a previously unknown virus in



Wuhan in the final quarter of 2019 might end up being in this list. One which is already there, alongside German soldiers marching into Poland on September 3, 1939, is Danehill starting to cover mares at Arrowfield in September 1990. Stallions were, admittedly, already being shuttled to the antipodes by then. Pretendre had got the ball rolling in the early 1970s, and Godswalk began to get some momentum going in the mid-1980s. But

Danehill really turned the Australian stallion business on its head, changing the landscape utterly. Henceforth, the antipodean sires' ranks would no longer be filled solely with colonial horses plus imports who had been deemed surplus to requirements in the Northern Hemisphere.

The late Ross du Bourg could not have known it at the time, but it turned out that when he initially wrote *The Australian & New Zealand Thoroughbred* in 1980 and then made the final additions and revisions in 1991, he was creating a perfect time-capsule for an era in the bloodstock world which was about to end and is now lost forever. This lengthy book would be worth reading merely for the beautifully written and fact-packed biographies of the great horses of those days alone. However, it is much more than that. It is history book, encyclopaedia, text book and memoir all rolled into one. It is a treasure trove and, crucially, it is a labour of love.

The author's love of the sport and admiration of the horses shine brightly from every single page. The magic ingredient which elevates this book into the ranks of true classics is passion. It doesn't merely inform (and it informs to a greater degree than just about any other book I have ever read) but, even more than that, it inspires. If you are ever in danger of losing sight of the fact that we live and breathe within the greatest game in the world, let Ross du Bourg take you by the hand and lead you through the looking glass into the magic land where Star Kingdom, Wilkes, Better Boy and Showdown were kings. This is a book which I will never tire of re-reading.

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WORLDWIDE NEWS

RESISTANCE IS FUTILE IN OKA SHO



Resistencia (Jpn) | JRA

Defending JRA juvenile champion filly **Resistencia (Jpn)** (Daiwa Major {Jpn}) has done very little wrong in her short career and connections hope to add a second Group 1 notch to her belt in Sunday's G1 Oka Sho at Hanshin. A first out winner at Kyoto last October, the chestnut added a win in the G2 Kyoto Sho Fantasy S. Nov. 2 before capping off her perfect season with a five-length tally in the G1 Hanshin Juvenile Fillies Dec. 8. Given some time off following that championship-defining effort, the Takeshi Matsushita trainee returned with a third behind the re-opposing **Maltese Diosa (Jpn)** (Kizuna {Jpn}) in the G2 Tulip Sho at Hanshin Mar. 7. Champion rider Yutaka Take, aboard for her debut, gets back on board.

"I was especially impressed with her run in the Hanshin Juvenile Fillies," said Take. "[She's] still young, so I think it's best

not to pigeonhole her in regard to any particular style of racing. Still, looking at the Juvenile Fillies, she may indeed be best at either taking the lead or stalking it. This week, I was just looking to check her responses and we had only a light workout. She really felt strong and in good shape and she has matured a great deal since her debut."

While Maltese Diosa proved no match for Resistencia in last December's Hanshin Juvenile Fillies, she has proven very consistent since a runner-up finish in a 1,600-meter maiden at Niigata Aug. 3. Getting the job done next time over that course and trip Aug. 31, she added a score at Nakayama in September.

In her 2020 debut, she proved game in the late stages of the Tulip Sho, nosing out **Cravache d'Or (Jpn)** (by Heart's Cry {Jpn}).

A debut winner at Hanshin last September, Cravache d'Or was a well-beaten second behind subsequent 2019 JRA champion 2-year-old colt Salios (Jpn) (Heart's Cry {Jpn}) in the G3 Saudi Arabia Royal Cup in October. Prior to her Tulip Sho effort, she finished third behind Resistencia in the Oka Sho prep last month.

The versatile **Daring Tract (Jpn)** (Epiphaneia {Jpn}) showed a brilliant late burst of speed to win at first asking going 1,600 meters at Kyoto last November before adding a four-length victory last time out in the Listed Elfin S. at Kyoto Feb. 8. Kohei Matsuyama has the mount for trainer Haruki Sugiyama.

"She was agitated behind the gate in the Elfin S. and she didn't break very well," explained Sugiyama. "She did settle during the trip, however, and displayed a good turn of foot over the last furlong. I can see what the issues are, but it was a strong race and the future is looking brighter."

He added, "She was a bit ornery in work last week and lugged in, but we pushed her pretty hard and she got a solid workout. She's a sensitive horse and easily upset, so I'm taking pains to prevent that while getting her ready. She's beginning to lose her winter coat and she has filled out a bit and looks to have improved. She finishes well, so it'll be better if the pace picks up. She'll go to the gate in good shape."

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PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Nine to Five (Jpn)	Screen Hero (Jpn)	Matsuda	Nishizono	121
2	Chain of Love (Jpn)	Heart's Cry (Jpn)	Ishibashi	Ogasa	121
3	Smile Kana (Jpn)	Deep Impact (Jpn)	Shibata	Takahashi	121
4	Sanctuaire (Jpn)	Deep Impact (Jpn)	Lemaire	Fujisawa	121
5	Maltese Diosa (Jpn)	Kizuna (Jpn)	Tanabe	Tezuka	121
6	Woman's Heart (Jpn)	Heart's Cry (Jpn)	Fujioka	Nishiura	121
7	Hiruno Malibu (Jpn)	Gold Allure (Jpn)	Kitamura	Kitade	121
8	Ria Amelia (Jpn)	Deep Impact (Jpn)	Kawada	Nakauchida	121
9	Daring Tact (Jpn)	Epiphaneia (Jpn)	Matsuyama	Sugiyama	121
10	Fiori Chiari (Jpn)	Kizuna (Jpn)	Fujii	Shimizu	121
11	Cravache d'Or (Jpn)	Heart's Cry (Jpn)	Demuro	Nakauchida	121
12	Intermission (Jpn)	Deep Impact (Jpn)	Ishikawa	Tezuka	121
13	Magic Castle (Jpn)	Deep Impact (Jpn)	Hamanaka	Kunieda	121
14	Miyamazakura (Jpn)	Deep Impact (Jpn)	Fukunaga	Fujiwara	121
15	Yamakatsu Mermaid (Jpn)	Lord Kanaloa (Jpn)	Kenichi Ikezoe	Kaneo Ikezoe	121
16	Cape Cod (Jpn)	Daiwa Major (Jpn)	Iwata	Takayanagi	121
17	Resistencia (Jpn)	Daiwa Major (Jpn)	Take	Matsushita	121
18	Epos (Jpn)	Just a Way (Jpn)	Iwata	Kitade	121

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