



## GRADUATING SENIORS IN UK'S EQUINE PROGRAM SEEK CLOSURE



**Dr. Wahrmund with supplies to donate**  
*courtesy Dr. Jackie Wahrmund*

*By Katie Ritz*

Dr. Jackie Wahrmund taught my first class on the morning of my first day of college at the University of Kentucky--Animal Science 101: Domestic Animal Biology, an auditorium full of over a hundred eager freshmen. About half of them hoped to be veterinarians someday, only to have their dreams crushed a month later after their first chemistry exam. But this was a class we would all come to look forward to every week. We got to learn about what we were all passionate about, and Dr. Wahrmund made the class enjoyable.

Ironically enough, she also taught my very last class of college. Last month, I was working out a feed ration calculation in her nutrition lab when we all got the notifications on our phones--we would be taking classes online for two weeks following spring break, and then we would return to our normal schedule.

But days later, we got the email that classes would be held virtually for the rest of the semester. So when I left that nutrition lab, I had no idea it would be the last time I walked on campus as a senior majoring in Equine Science and Management. None of us, the professors or the students, had any idea.

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## TOM POUNCES LATE TO TAKE OAKLAWN MILE

Grade I winner **Tom's d'Etat** (Smart Strike) picked up where he left off in 2019, pouncing late to deny '**TDN Rising Star** **Improbable** (City Zip) in the Oaklawn Mile S. Saturday. Saving ground, the 4-5 chalk bided his time well back off the pace in mid-pack as **Pioneer Spirit** (Malibu Moon) and **Boldor** (Munnings) traded blows through opening splits of :22.90 and :46.09. Grade I-winning Improbable, who had been stalking wide throughout, pounced on the pacesetter on the backstretch to take control heading into the far turn. Meanwhile, Tom's d'Etat was making rapid progress on the outside on the backstretch run and came charging after a now well-clear Improbable, running him down late to score by 3/4 of a length.

"Now that we're talking post-race, I couldn't be any more happy with exactly how it turned out," trainer Al Stall Jr. "The type of race he had, and the way Joel (Rosario) rode him to save a little bit to keep us on the upward part of the curve. That's the hottest word in America right now. We don't want to flatten the curve with this horse." *Cont. p5*

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*Mr. Big News (Giant's Causeway) sprung a major upset in the Oaklawn S. Saturday, winning at a whopping 46-1.*

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*All aspects of the Thoroughbred industry are feeling the side effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and the aftercare organizations are no exception. Bill Finley speaks with the heads of several groups.*

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**UK Equine Program cont. from p1**

Lilly Boladian, a fellow senior Equine Science and Management student, has been seeking closure on the unexpected ending to her final semester. "I never could have guessed that I wouldn't get a chance to say goodbye and really have those last moments on campus with professors and friends," she said. "I see my professors through video, but that's upsetting to me because I know I can't even give them a hug goodbye."

Casey Wallace, another senior in the equine program, was set to finish out her college career with study abroad in France for two weeks following graduation. The equine-focused trip was to be led by Dr. Wahrmund.

"Dr. Wahrmund was so upset when she told us our trip was cancelled, but we knew it wasn't her fault," said Wallace. "I think the hardest thing for me was that I wish I could have known before spring break that we wouldn't be returning for the rest of the semester. There were so many people that I didn't get the chance to say goodbye to."

Boladian and Wallace are both pursuing careers in the Thoroughbred industry, and they spoke of finding jobs in such an unprecedented time.

"It has been stressful because so many people are losing their jobs, so for me that means people aren't going to be hiring," said Wallace. "I plan on working the sales this summer and fall, so it's kind of scary to not know where the industry is going to be in a couple months."

"I was fortunate enough to receive a job as a night watchman at Godolphin's Gainsborough Farm before this all happened," said Boladian. "But I feel for the people graduating and looking for positions. While many student workers are leaving to go home and some farms might be short-staffed, a lot of farms are tight on letting in new people due to biosecurity measures. So it's just a day-by-day thing for many upcoming graduates."

Wahrmund also spoke of when she found out about the premature ending to in-person classes. "When we first heard that classes would be held online for two weeks, we kind of had a thought in the back of our heads that they could be cancelled indefinitely, but nobody could have known that for sure," she said. "For the seniors graduating, it didn't even cross my mind. If it had, I definitely would have made a better goodbye."

Dr. Wahrmund has taught at the University of Kentucky's College of Agriculture, Food and Environment for four years as a lecturer in Animal Science as well as Equine Science and Management. She's known for her "no-excuses" attitude, but more so for her excellent abilities as an advisor and an educator. She's also someone who is always looking for ways to help others.

So when I learned what Dr. Wahrmund has been up to during this period of isolation, I wasn't surprised. **Cont. p4**



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**UK Equine Program cont.**



**Supplies loaded in the back of Dr. Wahrmund's truck**  
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Last week, Dr. Wahrmund made the drive to campus, packed up her truck with this assortment of Personal Protective Equipment, and took it all to be donated to UK's hospital system.

"As soon as things started to get serious and we saw people on television wearing masks, I thought in the back of my head of how we have all this equipment here and people may need it soon," said Wahrmund. "But as soon as classes started happening from home, it was hard for me to find time to get to campus."

She continued, "I watch Governor Beshear every night at five like so many other Kentuckians. One night he said, 'what we really need right now is gloves,' so I made the trip the next day."

Once she got to campus, Wahrmund took inventory of the lab's supplies. She packed up 487 disposable lab coats, 250 masks, 66 boxes of gloves (6,600 gloves total), and dozens of packages of Clorox wipes.

"I worked with our Department Chair to find a contact at the UK Medical Center," Wahrmund said. "I ended up dropping the supplies off at their medical supply warehouse, and they were glad to see me."

Anne Meredith Wilferth, also a senior in the equine program, has been a teaching assistant under Dr. Wahrmund for two semesters, working in the lab on a weekly basis.

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**UK Equine Program cont.**

"Picking up a pair of gloves in lab seems like such a mundane task, but it's so neat that our college can use these resources that we normally use for education and repurpose them for lifesaving events," said Wilferth. "It proves how awesome our UK community is to see a need and be able to fulfill it, and it's so impactful to work under professors who are thinking of those things. In a way, it allows each of us students to have a small part in helping out."

Wilferth was hired on as head wrangler at an equine family camp upon graduation, but her start date is in limbo with the unclear picture of what this summer could look like. Still, she chooses to look at the positives in the coming weeks.

"I've realized the impact that our college and faculty have had on me," she said. "Especially in our equine industry, where networking is so valuable, having this time to still communicate with our professors has been very important. Not to sound cliché, but I feel like distance has truly made the heart grow fonder, and I think it has banded us together. I'm still trying to find closure in all that has happened, but when I start to get upset, I look back on all the lifelong connections that I've made through it all to find comfort."

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**Tom Pounces Late to Take Oaklawn Mile cont. from p1**



Tom's d'Etat runs down Improbable in the Oaklawn Mile | Coady

Winner of Saratoga's Alydar S. Aug. 2, Tom's d'Etat was fourth in the GI Woodward S. at the Spa 29 days later. Returning to winning ways in a sloppy renewal of Keeneland's GII Fayette S. Oct. 26, he scored his first win at the highest level when last seen in the GI Clark S. Nov. 29 at Churchill Downs.

**Pedigree Notes:**

Tom's d'Etat is one of 70 graded winners and 135 stakes winner for his late sire Smart Strike. He is also one of 72 graded

victors and 137 stakes victors for his late broodmare sire Giant's Causeway. Stakes winner Julia Tuttle is also responsible for the 3-year-old colt Lokoya Road (Quality Road), a yearling filly by Connect and a 2020 colt by Nyquist. This is also the family of MGISW sire Candy Ride (Arg).

**Saturday, Oaklawn Park**

**OAKLAWN MILE S.**, \$150,000, Oaklawn, 4-11, 4yo/up, 1m, 1:35.83, wf.

1--**TOM'S D'ETAT, 122, h, 7, by Smart Strike**

**1st Dam: Julia Tuttle (SW & GSP, \$188,051), by Giant's Causeway**

**2nd Dam: Candy Cane (Arg), by Ride the Rails**

**3rd Dam: Candy Girl (Arg), by Candy Stripes**

(\$330,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP). O-G M B Racing; B-SF Bloodstock LLC (KY); T-Albert M. Stall, Jr.; J-Joel Rosario. \$90,000. Lifetime Record: GISW, 17-10-2-1, \$1,326,572.

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2--**Improbable, 122, c, 4, City Zip**--Rare Event, by A.P. Indy. (\$110,000 Wlg '16 KEENOV; \$200,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP).

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*FTKOCT grad Mr. Big News (Giant's Causeway) upsets the Oaklawn S. at 46-1.*

## GIANT'S CAUSEWAY COLT MAKES HEADLINES IN HOT SPRINGS



Mr. Big News | Coady

**Mr. Big News** (Giant's Causeway) certainly lived up to his name Saturday, upsetting the Oaklawn S. at a whopping 46-1. The bay raced well back off the pace early with just two rivals behind him as **Gold Street** (Street Boss) zipped through a :22.07 first quarter and a :45.47 half-mile. Given plenty of encouragement by pilot Gabriel Saez on the backstretch, the \$95,000 FTKOCT buy made steady progress down the three-path to be within striking distance approaching the bend. Five wide on the far turn, Mr. Big News took control in mid-stretch and outlasted a late-charging **Farmington Road** (Quality Road) to score. Favored MGSW **Thousand Words** (Pioneer of the Nile) fell to his knees at the start, nearly unseating rider Joe Talamo, and lost all chance, finishing 11th.

"He warmed up good and was on the muscle," Saez said. "He didn't break as sharp as I wanted, so I just let him be, let him get into his own rhythm. When he hit the backstretch, he started moving and I said 'OK Buddy. Go on with it.' I kept track of the leaders. When we got to the top of the stretch, I swung him out into the clear and he found a different gear. He got the job done. I'm really pleased with that."

It took Mr. Big News four tries to break his maiden, getting it done by a nose at Fair Grounds Jan. 20 and he was fifth next out in the division of that venue's GII Risen Star S. that was won by Modernist (Uncle Mo) Feb. 15.

### Pedigree Notes:

Mr. Big News is the 192nd stakes winner for his legendary late sire Giant's Causeway and is the 169th stakes winner out of a daughter of the mighty Galileo (Ire). Don Alberto bought the winner's dam Unappeased for \$675,000 at the 2013 Keeneland November Sale in foal to Speightstown. She is also responsible

for the juvenile filly Andavete (Declaration of War) and a yearling colt by Carpe Diem. She was bred back to Mendelssohn last term. This is also the family of Canadian Horse of the Year and MGSW Glorious Song (Halo); champion Singspiel (Ire) (In the Wings {GB}); and Grade I-winning sire Sligo Bay (Ire) (Sadler's Wells).

### Saturday, Oaklawn Park

**OAKLAWN S.**, \$200,000, Oaklawn, 4-11, 3yo, 1 1/8m, 1:49.89, sy.

1--**MR. BIG NEWS**, 118, c, 3, by **Giant's Causeway**

**1st Dam: Unappeased (Ire), by Galileo (Ire)**

**2nd Dam: Angelic Song, by Halo**

**3rd Dam: Ballade, by Herbager**

(\$95,000 Ylg '18 FTKOCT). **1ST BLACK TYPE WIN.** O-Allied Racing Stable, LLC; B-Don Alberto Corporation (KY); T-W. Bret Calhoun; J-Gabriel Saez. \$120,000. Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-0, \$167,053.

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3--**Taishan**, 121, c, 3, **Twirling Candy**--Grace Phil, by Philanthropist. (\$22,000 Ylg '18 KESEP; \$150,000 2yo '19 OBSMAR). O-Calvin Nguyen & Joey Tran, Joey; B-Nursery Place, Donaldson & Broadbent (KY); T-Richard Baltas. \$20,000.

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## THOROUGHBRED AFTERCARE ORGANIZATIONS BRACING FOR DIFFICULT TIMES

by Bill Finley

For most Thoroughbred aftercare organizations, the last few weeks have been difficult, but manageable. The coronavirus has meant a drop off in donations, canceled fundraisers and more horses needing homes, but charities like Mid-Atlantic Horse Rescue have not hit the panic button. At least not yet.

"I don't think this has hit the fan yet," said Bev Strauss, the executive director of Mid-Atlantic Horse Rescue. "I don't think everyone is totally desperate. Everyone is sitting tight. In six weeks, are we going to see people saying these horses have got to go? It's very possible. We're hoping that doesn't happen."



Bev Strauss with Solidfy | Sarah Andrew

Strauss is not alone. No one knows what to expect in the weeks and months ahead, and the uncertainty is weighing heavily on virtually all rescue groups. The aftercare organizations figure to take hits from a number of directions. With the economy reeling, donations have already gone down, a situation that figures to get much worse before it gets better.

With so many tracks closed, horses are not earning any money for their owners, which can make them expendable. The \$5,000 claimer who is sitting idly by while racing is shut down is a prime candidate to show up on a rescue's doorstep. With most rescues operating at full capacity, no one is quite sure how they will deal with a large influx of horses.

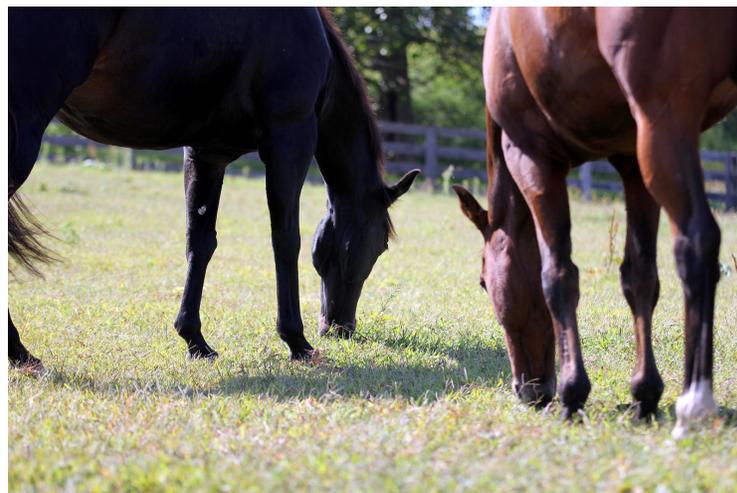
"We've seen it more in Louisiana," Anna Ford, the Thoroughbred program director for New Vocations, said of the increase in horses aftercare groups have been asked to take in. "I do think it will be all around soon. A lot of people are waiting to see if they are going to get to race in May or not. Once that decision is made and if they are not racing in May, I think we'll see a bigger uptick in horses coming in. Right now, trainers are trying to keep their horses in training until they know what is

going to happen. We haven't seen a huge increase, but are hearing from trainers who say they may have to move their horses, that they don't know if they can keep their horses much longer or they are trying to prepare for what is coming."

New Vocations and Mid-Atlantic Horse Rescue have been accredited by the Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance (TAA), an umbrella organization that gives its seal of approval to horse rescue groups that meet its standards and awards grants to those organizations. In an effort to help the groups stave off any immediate problems, the TAA expedited the process of giving out the annual spring grants and has sent \$2 million to its member groups ahead of schedule. Phillips said the TAA should have the funds available to make the next scheduled round of grants, which would be in December. But even a reasonably well-funded organization such as the TAA, which is supported by the several major racing organizations like The Jockey Club, Keeneland and the Breeders' Cup, is not going to come out of this unscathed. Phillips noted that a significant portion of its funding is derived from the sales and racing. Examples include a surcharge that goes to the TAA when a horse is claimed at the NYRA tracks and a small mandatory fee owners and sellers pay at the major sales that goes to the TAA.

"Funding is being compromised overall because we have things like per-start contributions and claiming contributions. Those funds are not coming in," Phillips said. "Obviously, this will be an increasing problem the longer it goes on. We will have to adjust."

Particularly for the larger rescue groups, taking care of 100 or more horses is an expensive proposition. Costs include feed, veterinary care and staffing. The grants from the TAA and other organizations help, but no rescue can get by without its own version of grassroots funding. That could include fundraising events, direct mail campaigns or reaching out to donors on a person-to-person basis. It's not a good time to be asking others for money. **Cont. p8**



Horses grazing in Maryland | Tracy Lopatto

**Aftercare Orgs Brace For Tough Times cont.**

"I don't think we know the full impact this is going to have on us," said Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation (TRF) Executive Director Pat Stickney. "We have seen a decline in our donations. It's really been just in last few weeks. Before this really ramped up, we had sent out a direct mail appeal and that just hit mailboxes. That will be a good test for us so far as how our donors will respond. We are still in process of reaching out to everybody, particularly to our major donors. We are trying to assure them that the horses are our first priority and will continue to be our first priority."

Groups like the TRF rely on fundraising events, many of which revolve around major racing events, like the GI Kentucky Derby or the Saratoga meet. Those are now on hold and the rescues know not to count on them as a revenue stream.

"We have to balance the human end economic crisis and our duty to feed and care for our horses," said the TRF's Director of development and communications Jennifer Stevens. "We have to keep asking for that money and the support to keep coming in. But it is a delicate situation."

The impact is already being felt as The California Retirement Management Account announced last week that because it had lost funding since the cessation of racing it was no longer accepting horses.

The aftercare ecosystem needs more than just money to work. In a perfect world, horses are continually being adopted out, which opens up space for new horses to come in from the track. The coronavirus has already disrupted the normal laws of supply and demand as it has made it difficult for rescues to find homes for their horses. Considering the economy, some people don't want to take on the added expense of owning a retired Thoroughbred and many rescues are operating under stay-at-home orders where they aren't allowed to bring potential adopters onto their farms to inspect horses.

"On our main farm, where I have sanctuary horses, I'm not allowing people to come here right now and the ones that are with my trainer, who is retraining them and getting them ready for new homes, also can't take in visitors," said Gail Hirt, the executive director and founder of the Michigan-based rescue Beyond the Roses Equine Rescue and Retirement. "[The coronavirus] numbers in Michigan are high and they're not allowing anybody to go to the boarding stables. We're not able to show horses or let people ride horses and get them adopted out. That adds to the problems. It's really hard."

Rescue groups also report that some individuals who have recently adopted horses have returned them, telling the charities they can no longer afford to take care of the horses because of their financial situation.



**New Vocations**

For now, rescues can adapt to not being able to find homes for horses. The concern is that there will come a time when they are being inundated with requests from trainers and owners to take in horses. Most rescues say they do not have the space and other resources to adequately handle such a situation.

Phillips said that the TAA is preparing for the possibility that a time will come when the rescues will be overwhelmed and unable to take in new horses, and that the TAA is working with The Stronach Group to create a triage program for horses needing homes.

"Hopefully, this triage program can be instituted on an accelerated basis," he said. "It would be a place where we could help trainers, the ones who would be trying to give their horses away, through the process. We are accelerating efforts to set up a triage program, and The Stronach Group is helping us along. We want to have a mechanism in place for those smaller trainers who might be having trouble sustaining things. We want to have an outlet where they can take their horses."

Marlene Murray, the Co-Founder of the R.A.C.E. Fund, Inc, a Pennsylvania rescue, said it's imperative that racetracks, even those that are closed, continue to allow the training of horses in the mornings. If that changes, she fears that an overwhelming number of horses will need homes.

"I am hoping that all tracks currently not racing will allow horses now on the backside to stay there," she said. "You're talking about thousands of horses at different racetracks that would have no place to go if the tracks decide to tell them to get off the grounds. Most tracks house maybe 1,300 horses on the backside, and what are people going to do if they have nowhere to take their horses?"

The situation varies from rescue to rescue. The consensus is that the larger, more established rescues, have the resources to ride out the virus. **Cont. p9**

**Aftercare Orgs Brace For Tough Times cont.**



Sing Praises, Robert the Dictator & French Charmer | Jennifer Stevens

"We'll be okay," Ford said of New Vocations. "We have long-term plans as to how we we'll handle things if donation are drastically cut. We can adjust our numbers, go from 150 horses to 120. We don't want to do that because it would mean we'd be helping fewer horses but we don't ever want to do a lesser job with the horses we have."

The forecast for Beyond the Roses Equine Rescue and Retirement, which has 16 horses, isn't as bright.

"We're very low on funds, have too many horses and not enough money and not enough donations," Hirt said. "People aren't adopting horses. It's scary. If this keeps going too long I don't know if I can stay in business. Financially, this situation could put us under."

Like most of her colleagues, the TRF's Stickney is trying to stay optimistic and says her organization will make it through these difficult times. But she can't help but worry about what will happen to the horses under the worse-case scenarios.

"I think some of the smaller rescues might have to close and if they do I don't know where those horses would go," she said. "There's something we all know but don't want to say, and that is there is a concern that some of the rescues might have to euthanize horses. That is not on our radar. It's not anything we at the TRF would ever consider. But I have heard the word spoken, and that is the worst-case scenario."

Fortunately, the situation has not deteriorated yet to the point where any rescue has had to consider putting horses down. The sport is only about a month into the coronavirus, there are hopes that some additional tracks may be able to open soon and racing people have come through in the past to help the aftercare charities through hard times.

"Somehow, things always work out for these thoroughbreds. It's an amazing thing," said Dannielle Marturana, the president of the Arizona-based rescue After the Homestretch. "I don't know how it happens, but every time I have thought the

situation was bleak and that I had no answers, somehow things work out. These thoroughbreds, they are pretty special. Someone is always looking out for them."

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**TIZ THE LAW HAS FIRST POST-FL DERBY BREEZE**

Top GI Kentucky Derby contender **Tiz the Law** (Constitution) had his first breeze since winning the GI Curlin Florida Derby two weeks ago, covering a half-mile in :52.80 (66/69) at Palm Meadows Saturday morning.

"He was just stretching his legs," owner Sackatoga Stable's managing partner Jack Knowlton said. "We obviously don't have anything on the horizon, but we have to keep him in training. That's his first work back. In a normal world he'd work back in 10 days, 11 days. We don't want to go backwards on him, but we obviously have no idea where we're going to run."

Tiz the Law entered the Florida Derby off a decisive score in the GIII Holy Bull S. Feb. 1 at Gulfstream.

"The good news for us is, he won two races down here off eight-week layoffs, so Barclay [Tagg] can get them ready for a race," Knowlton said. "He'll keep him in training, not hard training, but something to keep him fit and then tighten up when we know we potentially have a race for him."

With no target in sight for his next start now that the Run for the Roses has been pushed to Sept. 5, the Empire-bred colt will continue on a weekly work schedule.

"That's kind of his normal schedule," Knowlton said. "We're not looking to tighten the screws on him by any means, just let him stretch his legs. He's working by himself. When we get to the point where we have a race to target, he'll go in company and let him really work. There's no reason to do that now, just keep him fit and happy."

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## DUAL AMERICAN-BREDS IN YEAR'S FIRST GRIFFIN RACE IN HONG KONG *by Alan Carasso*



**Chancheng Prince** | *Photo courtesy Charene Woo*

A pair of American-bred 3-year-olds are among a field of six entered for Sunday's Yau Ma Tei Plate, the season's first race restricted to 'griffins' going the 1000-meter trip down the straight course at Sha Tin Racecourse. A griffin is defined as a 2-year-old or 3-year-old horse which has been imported into Hong Kong without having raced previously.

The better-fancied of the two colts, each trained by second-leading and BMW Hong Kong Derby-winning conditioner Francis Lui, is **Sunny Star** (Flatter), who was trading overnight as the 19-5 third choice. Bred in Kentucky by Esther de Jong, the Jan. 30 foal is a half-brother to New Jersey-bred Grade III winner Golden Brown (Offlee Wild) and fetched \$90,000 from the Brookdale Farm consignment as a Keeneland November weanling in 2017. Led out unsold on a bid of \$40,000 at Fasig-Tipton October in 2018, the dark bay fetched 55,000gns (\$75,635) from Dwayne Woods at last year's Tattersalls Craven Breeze-Up ([under-tack video](#)). Sunny Star, a son of Suzee Sunrise (Chester House), has drawn gate five and is the selection of the in-form Vincent Ho, who rode Golden Sixty (Aus) (Medaglia d'Oro) to victory in the Derby for the Lui stable Mar. 22.

**Chancheng Prince** (Carpe Diem) has landed gate one--furthest from the grandstand--for his debut and was the second-longest price on the board ante-post. The gray colt is the third to make the races from his dam Bliss (Flashy Bull), herself a \$190,000 Keeneland September yearling and winner of half of her eight trips to the post for earnings north of \$150,000. An Apr. 20 foal, Chancheng Prince is bred by Torie Gladwell's Mystic Bloodstock and was sold to owner Raymond Kuah for \$150,000 after breezing a quarter-mile in :21.1 at the 2019 OBS April Sale. He was sold by Top Line Sales, the consignment run by Gladwell and her husband Jimbo.

The Yau Ma Tei Plate features as the opening race on Sunday's program at Sha Tin, with post time set for 12:30 a.m. ET. Click for the [Hong Kong Jockey Club PPs](#).

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## CHIMNEY ROCK NAMED 2019 LOUISIANA HORSE OF THE YEAR

The Louisiana Thoroughbred Breeders Association revealed their 2019 champions headlined by Louisiana Horse of the Year **Chimney Rock** (Artie Schiller). Originally, winners were to be announced at the LTBA Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet planned for Louisiana Derby weekend at Fair Grounds, which was canceled due to coronavirus.

The rest of the LA-bred champions were as follows:

- 2yo Filly:** Our Lost Love (Half Ours)
- 2yo Colt/Gelding:** Chimney Rock
- 3yo Filly:** Net a Bear (Awesome Bet)
- 3yo Colt/Gelding:** Shang (Shanghai Bobby)
- Older Female:** Minit to Stardom (Star Guitar)
- Older Male:** Laughingsaintssong (Songandaprayer)
- Broodmare of the Year:** Wild About Marie (Wildcat Heir)
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## UNCLE MO COLT 'AIRS' AT OAKLAWN, BECOMES A RISING STAR



Pneumatic | Coady

Dispatched as the 6-5 favorite to remain unbeaten and build on a debut success sprinting six furlongs over this main track Feb. 15, Winchell Thoroughbreds' homebred **Pneumatic** (Uncle Mo) handled a stretch out to two turns with aplomb to become the newest '**TDN Rising Star**' Saturday in Hot Springs.

Pneumatic bounced well from gate seven and was four wide entering the first turn before tucking in a path or two while tugging eagerly for his head. Settled a bit better when steered out into the clear midway down the backstretch, the dark bay was asked for a sprint a quarter mile from home and he had his sights on pacesetter **Captain Bombastic** (Forty Tales) as they hit the top of the lane. Four wide at that point, he raced up to the front-runner with a sixteenth of a mile to the short-stretch finish and finished full of run for a 2 1/2-length success.

Pneumatic was sent off at odds of 22-5 for his debut and outgamed Skol Factor (The Factor) by a neck, the strength of which was amplified by the latter's 6 1/2-length maiden romp earlier on Saturday's program. The third-placed Liam's Pride (Liam's Map) also graduated in his next appearance.

Pneumatic is the first foal to race from his stakes-placed dam Teardrop, a full-sister to GSW War Echo--dam of French Group 3 winner Munitions (War Front)--and SW & G1SP Farrier; and a half to GISW Pyro (Pulpit) and his MSW/MGSP full-brother Longview Drive. Third dam Carol's Wonder was a half-sister to Verne Winchell's Olympio (Naskra) and Call Now (Wild Again) and was herself responsible for MGSW Wild Wonder (Wild Again). Teardrop is the dam of the 2-year-old filly Drop Off (Candy Ride {Arg}) and a yearling colt by Gun Runner (Candy

Ride {Arg}). She was most recently bred to the 2017 Horse of the Year.

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6th-Oaklawn, \$61,000, Alw (NW1\$X), Opt. Clm (\$80,000), 4-11, 3yo, 1m, 1:36.70, ft.

**PNEUMATIC, c, 3, by Uncle Mo**

1st Dam: Teardrop (SP), by Tapit

2nd Dam: Wild Vision, by Wild Again

3rd Dam: Carol's Wonder, by Pass the Tab

Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$87,600. Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by [Fasig-Tipton](#). Click for the [free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree](#).

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## SUNDAY'S RACING INSIGHTS: SALTY MAIDENS ON TAP AT GULFSTREAM ON EASTER SUNDAY



Prairie Wings | Keeneland

4th-GP, \$45K, Msw, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:27 p.m.

The rail-drawn **THE GIRL HERSELF** (**American Pharoah**) gets her career started. Todd Pletcher also saddled the Michael Tabor colorbearer's half-sister Circular Quay (Thunder Gulch) to

a win in the 2006 GI Hopeful S. and runner-up finish in that term's GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile. The Girl Herself worked a four-furlong bullet in :49 (1/13) at Palm Beach Downs Apr. 5.

**Nikki and Papa (Mineshaft)** takes on maidens for the first time after a pair of graded attempts, including a third-place finish after ducking in at the start in the GIII Forward Gal S. on debut Feb. 1.

The loaded field of nine also includes a pair of pricey 2-year-old purchases making their career debuts—**Saratoga Affair (Paynter)** (\$450,000 OBSAPR - :10) and **Snicket (Lemon Drop Kid)** (\$400,000 OBSMAR - :21). **TJCIS PPs**

**6th-GP, \$45K, Msw, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 2:25 p.m.**

The very well-bred \$800,000 KEESEP graduate **PRAIRIE WINGS (Tapit)**, produced by an unraced daughter of bluehen mare Mariah's Storm (Rahy), returns after finishing a promising second for the now-retired Kiaran McLaughlin on debut behind next out winner Fashion Babe (Curlin) going 6 1/2 furlongs in Hallandale Feb. 9. She makes her first start for Todd Pletcher Sunday. Click [here](#) for a Second Chances feature on the Shadwell Stable runner.

Chad Brown will saddle a pair, headed by 5-2 morning-line favorite **Primacy (Union Rags)**, who rallied smartly from far back to finish a strong second first out here Feb. 23. The winner that day Finding Fame (Empire Maker) made it two-for-two for Hall of Famer Shug McGaughey at Gulfstream Friday. **Risk Model (Into Mischief)**, a \$390,000 OBSAPR buy, completed the trifecta for Brown in her unveiling at this distance Feb. 23. **TJCIS PPs**

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**IN ORDER OF PURSE:**

**4th-Oaklawn, \$61,000, Alw (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$80,000), 4-11, 3yo, 1m, 1:36.66, ft.**

**SHOOTERS SHOOT (c, 3, Competitive Edge--Repeat, by Bernardini)** was a well-beaten second behind Baffert's unbeaten buzzsaw Charlatan (Speightstown) at Santa Anita Feb. 16, then successfully stretched to two turns with a powerful maiden breaker in Arcadia last time Mar. 15. Off at 5-2 in this first attempt outside of Southern California, he was sent to the front from his inside draw, but was quickly greeted by favored Blackberry Wine (Oxbow), who has been a lightning rod for conversation since getting disqualified from a pair of wins for medication violations by trainer Joe Sharp while remaining eligible for this condition. Those two threw down through fractions of :23.10 and :45.87, and kept on slugging it out down the stretch. Shooters Shoot wanted it just a little bit more and got the better of that rival by a neck in a race that didn't deserve a loser. The winner's dam, a half-sister to GIII Gotham S. winner J Boys Echo (Mineshaft), is also represented by the 2-year-old colt Black Legend (Gemologist) and a yearling colt by Will Take Charge. She was bred to Collected for the 2020 season. Sales history: \$90,000 Wlg '17 KEENOV; \$70,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP; \$300,000 2yo '19 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-1, \$94,880. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

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**12th-Gulfstream, \$41,700, Alw (C)/Opt. Clm (\$75,000), 4-11, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10.18, ft.**

**PRINCESS CAUSEWAY (f, 4, Giant's Causeway--A. P. Investment, by A.P. Indy)**, a two-time winner during her juvenile season, added a pair of victories last year, including the most recent going seven furlongs against optional claiming company at Churchill Downs Nov. 9. Off the board in the nine-panel GII Falls City H. Nov. 28, the chestnut was given a 5-1 chance in this seasonal return. Princess Causeway was a trailing eighth as favored J P's Delight (J P's Gusto) and Violent Times (Violence) battled through brisk opening fractions of :21.91 and :44.75. As the favorite started to wilt, Violent Times took over

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and appeared en route to victory. However, Princess Causeway was closing tenaciously through the length of the lane and was up in time to hand Violent Times a 3/4-length defeat. Liza Star (Cool Coal Man) rounded out the trifecta, while the favorite faded to seventh. The winner is a half to A.P. Zona (Creative Cause), SP, \$123,461. A.P. Investment has a 3-year-old filly by Oxbow named Wind Rose and a yearling filly by Bal a Bali (Brz). She was bred back to Sharp Azteca. Sales history: \$200,000 Ylg '17 FTKOCT. Lifetime Record: 11-5-1-0, \$314,579. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O-Winchester Place Thoroughbreds LLC; B-Calumet Farm (KY); T-Ian R. Wilkes.

**11th-Gulfstream, \$39,000, Alw (NW1\$X), Opt. Clm (\$35,000), 4-11, 4yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:40.34, fm.**  
**CONVICTION TRADE (c, 4, Exchange Rate--Street Rumor, by Street Sense)** defied odds of 24-1 to graduate for a \$75,000 tag over the Belmont turf last September and was a latest allowance fifth to the talented Largent (Into Mischief) over course and distance Jan. 20. Let go at 15-1, the homebred settled between horses in the second flight down the backstretch, but looked to be up and down when push came to shove a quarter mile out. But, switched out widest of all, he jumped back into the bridle and found his best stride in the final 100 yards, motoring past favored tag-horse Battle of Blenheim (War Front) for a 1 3/4-length tally. The winner has a 2-year-old half-sister by Quality Road and a yearling half-brother by Honor Code. Street Rumor was most recently covered by Kitten's Joy. Sales history: \$275,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-1, \$57,003. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O-John D Gunther & Eurowest Bloodstock Services; B-John D Gunther (KY); T-Jorge R Abreu.

**10th-Gulfstream, \$39,700, Alw (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$75,000), 4-11, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:11.30, ft.**  
**BOERNE (f, 3, Fed Biz--Seeking the Jewel, by Seeking the Gold)** was a sharp wire-to-wire winner at 13-1 at second asking here Mar. 15, and was favored at 2-1 to put them back to back. She broke on top from her rail draw and never looked back en route to a dominating 7 1/4-length decision over Chart (Lea). Boerne is the most recent produce listed from her dam Seeking the Jewel. Sales history: \$10,000 Ylg '18 FTKOCT. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$49,580. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O-De Luca & Sons Stable; B-Randi Moreau-Sipiere & Eric Moreau-Sipiere (TX); T-Juan Carlos Avila.



**IN ORDER OF PURSE:**

**5th-Oaklawn, \$60,000, Msw, 4-11, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:09.24, ft. CASUAL (f, 3, Curlin--Lady Tak {MGISW, \$1,160,782}, by Mutakddim),** off at 9-2 following a string of sharp morning drills



Casual | Coady

at Steve Asmussen's Sam Houston base, settled just behind the leading draft led by Millennium Force (Declaration of War) through a quick :21.60 quarter. Still cruising through a half in :44.85, Casual was locked and loaded entering the home turn, but was still blocked behind a wall of horses. Finally finding the sliver of daylight she needed, she cut her way through rivals in the stretch, and forged to the front in the final strides to score by a half-length over Silverbella (Tapizar) with favored Cynical Girl (Strong Mandate) third. Out of MGISW and millionaire Lady Tak (Mutakddim), the winner is a half-sister to SW & GSP Japanese runner and millionaire A Shin Spartan (Zensational, \$1,234,624), and SW Melody Lady (Unbridled's Song), who is the dam of SW & GSP Buy Sell Hold (Violence). Barren in 2018 an 2019, Lady Tak produced a colt by Maclean's Music this season. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$36,000. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O/B-Hill 'n' Dale Equine Holdings, Inc & Stretch Run Ventures, LLC (KY); T-Steven M. Asmussen.



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**7th-Oaklawn, \$60,000, Msw, 4-11, 3yo, 1 1/16m, 1:44.41, ft. EARNER (c, 3, **Carpe Diem**--Devious d'Oro {SP, \$169,047}, by Medaglia d'Oro)** was pounded into 4-5 favoritism off a debut second to 'TDN Rising Star' and subsequent Oaklawn allowance scorer Echo Town (Speightstown) in a six-furlong Fair Grounds maiden Jan. 18 and gave trainer Steve Asmussen a rolling personal Pick 3 with a dominating maiden victory Saturday at Oaklawn Park. Drawn outside in gate 11, the chestnut raced three deep around the first turn in the second flight of horses and improved by a couple of spots to loom a menacing third rounding the second bend. Under a long hold from Ricardo Santana, Jr., Earner rolled up three abreast at the quarter pole and grabbed the race by its throat, streaking clear through the final eighth of a mile to post a 3 3/4-length victory. The debuting Pit Boss (Union Rags) made eye-catching progress along the rail to complete the exacta. Earner, whose owners have tasted noteworthy success with progeny of WinStar first-crop sires, cost \$425,000 as a Keeneland September yearling in 2018. The stakes-placed Devious d'Oro produced a colt by Liam's Map in 2018 and a Practical Joke filly last year. Sales history: \$425,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$46,000. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

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**10th-Oaklawn, \$60,000, Msw, 4-11, 3yo, 1 1/16m, 1:43.76, sy. PRODIGIOUS BAY (c, 3, **Bayern**--She's Funomenal, by Fusaichi Pegasus),** a promising debut third to future GSW Mr. Monomoy (Palace Malice) sprinting at Churchill Nov. 16, but did little running in his lone appearance since, an eighth in a local six-furlong maiden Mar. 21. Off to a stumbling beginning from the inside stall, the 8-1 gamble quickly recovered and raced freely through an opening quarter in :23.02 over the rain-affected strip. With Drayden Van Dyke looking left and right to survey any oncoming challenges, Prodigious Bay traveled on the steel past the quarter pole, built an insurmountable lead into the final furlong and held sway by 4 1/2 lengths. Favored Hunt the Front (Revolutionary) raced far back early and made belated progress to round out the exacta. Sales history: \$22,000 RNA Ylg '18 KEESEP; \$110,000 2yo '19 EASMAV. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, \$42,710. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

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**3rd-Oaklawn, \$60,000, Msw, 4-11, 3yo, 6f, 1:09.76, ft. SKOL FACTOR (g, 3, **The Factor**--Kaiserin, by Tiznow)** ran a strong second on debut behind the very impressive unbeaten optional claiming winner later on the card and newly tabbed 'TDN Rising Star' Pneumatic (Uncle Mo) after leading in the stretch here Feb. 15. The gray fired a five-furlong bullet in :59 2/5 (1/28) Apr. 2 and was well-supported as the 4-5 favorite to go one better. He jumped well, but raced under pressure on the engine through an opening quarter in a sharp :21.88. Loaded for bear off the turn for home, Skol Factor took off from there to graduate by a visually impressive 6 1/2 lengths. League of Legends (Atrides) closed from the back for second. The winner's dam is also represented by the 2-year-old filly Gwen (Verrazano) and a yearling filly by Cairo Prince. Skol Factor's third dam is champion Queena (Mr. Prospector). Sales history: \$37,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$53,000. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

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**8th-Gulfstream, \$38,000, Msw, 4-11, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:37.91, ft. COLONEL LIAM (c, 3, [Liam's Map](#)--Amazement, by Bernardini),** a \$50,000 KEESEP graduate, blossomed into a \$1.2-million OBS April purchase, the second-highest of that auction, after breezing a quarter in :20 4/5. Off at somewhat chilly odds of 4-1 for this unveiling, the gray left the stalls running and set a pressured pace through sharp fractions of :23.46 and :45.88. Favored 4-year-old Per Capita (Tapit), making his first start since a sixth-place finish at Saratoga last summer, revved up with a menacing move leaving the quarter pole and took over in the stretch. The ultra-game Colonel Liam never quit from along the rail, however, and after racing in very tight quarters in deep stretch, jockey Luis Saez was forced to check with a sixteenth of a mile remaining, leaving Per Capita two lengths to the good clear. The result was reversed due to the infraction following an inquiry by the stewards and an objection lodged by Saez. Amazement has also produced the 2-year-old filly Lovely Dee (Shackleford) and a yearling colt by Tapiture. She was bred to Arrogate for the 2020 season. Colonel Liam's second dam is MGISW millionaire and turf distaffer Wonder Again (Silver Hawk). Sales history: \$50,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP; \$1,200,000 2yo '19 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$22,800. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O-Robert E. & Lawana L. Low; B-Phillips Racing Partnership (KY); T-Todd A. Pletcher.

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**5th-Gulfstream, \$38,000, Msw, 4-11, 3yo, f, 1mT, 1:35.09, fm. LASHARA (GB) (f, 3, [American Pharoah](#)--Marbre Rose {Ire} {GSW-Can, SW-USA, MGSP-Fr, \$298,822}, by Smart Strike)** was bet down to 7-2 in her debut, but could do no better than a well-beaten eighth going 6 1/2 furlongs over the Gulfstream dirt Mar. 15. Recording a pair of sharp turf works since that effort, including a bullet four-furlong move in :47.60 at Palm Meadows Apr. 4, she was installed the 8-5 choice to get the job done while trying a route of ground on the turf this time. Covered up in sixth early as Champagne Lady (Uncle Mo) rolled through initial splits of :22.94 and :47.15, Lashara moved into contention approaching the quarter pole, swung out wide into the stretch and bore down on the front runner, sweeping past her in the final strides to win by 3/4 of a length. Take Charge Ro (Will Take Charge) got up in the final jumps to edge Champagne Lady. Multiple graded stakes winner Marbre Rose, a half-sister to dual stakes-winning and graded-placed Gidu (Ire) (Frankel {GB}), is responsible for a 2-year-old colt by Frankel (GB) and a yearling colt by Dubawi (Ire). This represents the family of Grade I-winning Zoftig (Cozzene), dam of Grade I scorers Zo Impressive (Hard Spun) and Zaftig (Gone West). Lashara is the third winner by Coolmore sire American Pharoah out of a Smart Strike mare

in addition to Japanese winners Clepat and Nile River. Sales history: €850,000 Ylg '18 ARAUG. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$23,230. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Cindy M. Hutson & Robert E. Masterson; B-Ecurie des Monceaux & Haras de St Pair (GB); T-Mark E. Casse.

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**6th-Gulfstream, \$38,000, Msw, 4-11, 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:17.63, ft. MISTER WINSTON (c, 3, [Lookin At Lucky](#)--Fi, by Langfuhr)** came into this career unveiling on the heels of bullet works at Payson Park going five furlongs Mar. 29 and a half-mile Apr. 4, but eased out to jump at odds of 9-1, double his morning-line quote. Away alertly, Mister Winston settled in the second flight of horses as Dark Web (Warrior's Reward) set a contested pace from favored Ima Pharoah (American Pharoah). Ridden along in the latter's slipstream nearing the stretch, the \$140,000 Keeneland September yearling was produced five wide in upper stretch and finished fastest of all for the victory. Ima Pharoah was off to a bit of a stutter-step start, but recovered nicely and stayed on gamely through the lane, only to be outfinished by 3/4 of a length. Mister Winston, a half-brother to Curlish Figure (Curlin), MSP, \$178,697, from the same Smart Strike sire line, has a 2-year-old half-sister by Into Mischief and a foal half-sister by Good Magic, a paternal grandson of Smart Strike. Sales history: \$140,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$22,800. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Peter M Brant & Robert V LaPenta; B-Bottom Line Stables Inc, Rowland Hancock & Dick Walker (KY); T-Chad C Brown.

### CRESTWOOD FARM

**9th-Tampa Bay Downs, \$20,000, Msw, 4-11, 3yo/up, 1mT, 1:34.82, fm.**

**CHANNEL STUFFER (g, 4, [Kitten's Joy](#)--Tough Business, by Harlan's Holiday)** made three Irish starts over the course of seven weeks for trainer Jessie Harrington in 2018, placing twice before finishing down the field behind future dual Group 1 winner Ten Sovereigns (Ire) (No Nay Never) when last seen at the Curragh that August. A 9-2 chance in his U.S. debut, the gray settled in the one-out and one-back position turning down the back. Under urging leaving the three-eighths, Channel Stuffer rode the rail into the stretch, popped off the fence into the two path at the three-sixteenths and wore down favored U S Army Corps (War Front) by a head. Longshot Blue Solo (Corfu) was cut off and dropped rider Jose Leon, who appeared to be kicked by

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O-e Five Racing Thoroughbreds & Magic Cap Stables; B-Kenneth L & Sarah K Ramsey (KY); T-Michael Stidham.



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**American Pharoah** (Pioneerof the Nile), Ashford Stud, private  
318 foals of racing age/35 winners/6 black-type winners  
4-Gulfstream, Msw 6f, THE GIRL HERSELF, 5-1

**Bahamian Squall** (Gone West), Double Diamond Farm, \$3,000  
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3-Gulfstream, Msw 6f, BAHAMIAN BEAT, 6-1

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**ALKHAATAM (h, 5, Tapit--Firdaws {G1SP-Eng}, by Mr. Greeley)**  
Lifetime Record: 13-3-0-2, \$189,048. O-Shadwell Stable;  
B-Shadwell Farm, LLC (KY); T-Daniel C. Peitz.

**8th-Oaklawn, \$61,000, 4-11, (NW1\$X), 4yo/up, 1m, 1:37.60, ft. PROVERB (c, 4, Flatter--Peisinoe {SW & GSP, \$179,363}, by Yes It's True)** Lifetime Record: 10-2-1-4, \$178,420. O-Calvin Nguyen;  
B-English Range Farm (FL); T-Richard Baltas. \*\$170,000 2yo '18 OBSAPR; \$220,000 3yo '19 FTKHRA.

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**3rd-Tampa Bay Downs, \$20,000, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$16,000), 4-11, 4yo/up, f/m, 5ft, :55.37, fm.**

**THE GREAT KATH (m, 5, Poseidon's Warrior--Going Low, by War Chant)** Lifetime Record: 20-5-4-3, \$66,253. O-Steven Dye;  
B-SJT Racing Stable LLC (FL); T-Monica McGoey. \*\$9,000 RNA 2yo '17 OBSAPR.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**He's a Babe, c, 3, Flatter--Baby J (GSW, \$324,333), by J Be K.**  
Gulfstream, 4-11, (C), 6f, 1:11.84. B-Lynn B. Schiff (KY).  
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**SAINT LIAM** (c. by Saint Ballado). 9 wins, 3 to 5, \$4,456,995, horse of the year, champion older horse, Breeders' Cup Classic [G1] (BEL, \$2,433,600), Stephen Foster H. [G1] (CD, \$513,360), Donn H. [G1] (GP, \$100,000)-ntr, 1 1/8 mi. in 1:48 2/5, Woodward S. [G1] (BEL, \$300,000)

H. [G2] (CD, \$345,960), 2nd Whitney H. [G1] (SAR, \$150,000), W. S. [G1] (BEL, \$100,000), New Orleans H. [G2] (FG, \$100,000)

**FUNTASTIC** (c. by More Than Ready). 4 wins at 3 and 4, N.A./U.S., United Nations S. [G1] (MTH, \$180,000), \$30,000). (Total: \$410,711).

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**AMERICAN PHAROAH**, Lashara (GB), f, 3, o/o Marbre Rose (Ire), by Smart Strike. MSW, 4-11, Gulfstream

**BAYERN**, Prodigious Bay, c, 3, o/o She's Funomenal, by Fusaichi Pegasus. MSW, 4-11, Oaklawn

**CARPE DIEM**, Earner, c, 3, o/o Devious d'Oro, by Medaglia d'Oro. MSW, 4-11, Oaklawn

**COMPETITIVE EDGE**, Shooters Shoot, c, 3, o/o Repeat, by Bernardini. AOC, 4-11, Oaklawn

**CURLIN**, Casual, f, 3, o/o Lady Tak, by Mutakddim. MSW, 4-11, Oaklawn

**EXCHANGE RATE**, Conviction Trade, c, 4, o/o Street Rumor, by Street Sense. AOC, 4-11, Gulfstream

**FED BIZ**, Boerne, f, 3, o/o Seeking the Jewel, by Seeking the Gold. AOC, 4-11, Gulfstream

**FLATTER**, He's a Babe, c, 3, o/o Baby J, by J Be K. MCL, 4-11, Gulfstream

**FLATTER**, Proverb, c, 4, o/o Peisinoe, by Yes It's True. ALW, 4-11, Oaklawn

**GIANT'S CAUSEWAY**, Mr. Big News, c, 3, o/o Unappeased (Ire), by Galileo (Ire). Oaklawn S., 4-11, Oaklawn

**GIANT'S CAUSEWAY**, Princess Causeway, f, 4, o/o A. P. Investment, by A.P. Indy. AOC, 4-11, Gulfstream

**KITTEN'S JOY**, Channel Stuffer, g, 4, o/o Tough Business, by Harlan's Holiday. MSW, 4-11, Tampa Bay

**LIAM'S MAP**, Colonel Liam, c, 3, o/o Amazement, by Bernardini. MSW, 4-11, Gulfstream

**LOOKIN AT LUCKY**, Mister Winston, c, 3, o/o Fi, by Langfuhr. MSW, 4-11, Gulfstream

**POSEIDON'S WARRIOR**, The Great Kath, m, 5, o/o Going Low, by War Chant. AOC, 4-11, Tampa Bay

**SMART STRIKE**, Tom's d'Etat, h, 7, o/o Julia Tuttle, by Giant's Causeway. Oaklawn Mile S., 4-11, Oaklawn

**TAPIT**, Alkhaatam, h, 5, o/o Firdaws, by Mr. Greeley. AOC, 4-11, Oaklawn

**THE FACTOR**, Skol Factor, g, 3, o/o Kaiserin, by Tiznow. MSW, 4-11, Oaklawn

**UNCLE MO**, Pneumatic, c, 3, o/o Teardrop, by Tapit. AOC, 4-11, Oaklawn



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## HIGHEST GROUND AT FORE OF NIARCHOS TROUPE



The Niarchos Family's Ketil | Scoop Dyga

By Tom Frary

While the world waits for better news, a clutch of exciting 3-year-olds wait in the wings for Classics that have now officially been delayed, and one such is 'TDN Rising Star' **Highest Ground (Ire)** (Frankel {GB}), who is ticking over for Sir Michael Stoute. Impressive when winning his sole start at Leicester in September, the Niarchos family's homebred met with a setback afterwards but is reported in fine shape by the owners' racing manager Alan Cooper.

It is 40 years since the operation prevailed in Newmarket's G1 2000 with the Francois Boutin-trained wunderkind Nureyev only to lose it in the stewards' room. Last year, the Niarchos family were in partnership with Coolmore in Magna Grecia (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) who captured the mile Classic, making a total of 24 winners of that kind in Europe.

If the Guineas is delayed considerably in 2020, that may mean that some of the more unexposed types such as Highest Ground could come into the reckoning graced with more time to develop. However, Cooper said he is keen to stress that he is loathe to make predictions with the situation as grave as it is currently.

"I feel it would be wrong to talk about the future plans of the family's horses right now, when we are in the midst of such a crisis," he says, but he was able to give some insight into the owners' more tantalising prospects for the season. [Cont. p2](#)

## GERMAN HOTY RUBAIYAT SET TO STAKE CLASSIC CLAIM

By Emma Berry

Among the European nations, it may well be Germany that gets racing back up and running first, and two men who will be extra pleased to see it resume are Dr. Stefan Oschmann and his bloodstock advisor Holger Faust.

Through his Darius Racing operation, Oschmann is the owner of the 2019 Horse of the Year in Germany, the unbeaten **Rubaiyat (Fr)** (Areion {Ger}), who is now favourite for the G2 Mehl-Mulhens-Rennen (German 2000 Guineas).

The colt, who beat his elders to the title after his faultless juvenile campaign which saw him notch four wins, including two at group level, was bought by Faust for €26,000 at the BBAG Yearling Sale. But the agent has known him for a lot longer than that as Rubaiyat was bred by his parents Bruno and Michaela, who started Gestüt Karlishof back in 1990.

"Rubaiyat is doing fine and he was supposed to run his first race this year on 27 Apr., which is the G3 Dr. Busch Memorial over a mile at Krefeld, but the meeting has been cancelled because of coronavirus. The race, which is a trial for the German Guineas, should now take place be on 10 May," says Faust. [Cont. 2](#)



Rubaiyat with Holger Faust (right) | Marc Ruhl

## IN TDN AMERICA TODAY

### SENIORS IN UK'S EQUINE PROGRAM SEEK CLOSURE

Katie Ritz speaks with several graduating seniors at UK, as they cope with finishing up their university experience remotely. [Click or tap here to go straight to TDN America.](#)

**Highest Ground Cont. from p1**

Of Highest Ground, he comments, "He had a little blip after his debut that we had to take care of—he needed arthroscopic surgery on his knee, but all is good and Sir Michael seems happy with him. He is in the hands of a master. The dam's side suggests he'd be more of a miler than a mile-and-a-quarter horse, but with maturity and Frankel's influence he could stay further. His ancestress Rare Mint (Key to the Mint) produced sprinters or milers, so it will be interesting to see."

Others of note among the 3-year-olds are the Pascal Bary-trained **Ketil** (Karakontie {Jpn}) who was the winner of starts at Saint-Cloud and Deauville either side of a disappointing show when last of six in the latter venue's Listed Prix Isonomy.

"He didn't like Deauville on that particular day and we don't know why," Cooper says. "He has a [G1] Prix du Jockey Club entry and Pascal has been thinking about that for a while, but we'll have to wait and see. Pascal also has [the impressive ParisLongchamp winner] **Greenland** (War Front), who is another who may have Classic aspirations. Then we have Jessie's fillies **Albigna (Ire)** (Zoffany {Ire}) and **Alpine Star (Ire)** (Sea the Moon {Ger}) and the colt **Free Solo (Ire)** (Showcasing {GB}), but like everyone she is waiting to see when racing will resume."

While it is too soon to envisage what the season will hold for the juveniles, Cooper reveals that the initial soundings have been positive from the trainers regarding the operation's 2-year-old crop.

"The vibes are that we have some early types as well this year, but of the late-season sorts we have **Light of My Eyes (Ire)** (Frankel {GB}), a daughter of Divine Proportions (Kingmambo) with Jessie [Harrington], **Val Bregaglia (Ire)** (Sea the Stars {Ire}), a full-sister to Cloth of Stars (Ire) who is with Willie McCreery and **Valle de la Luna (GB)** (Galileo {Ire}), out of Fiesolana (Ire) (Aussie Rules). They are thriving, but are back-end types."

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**Rubaiyat Cont. from p1**

Rubaiyat, who is trained by Henk Grewe, is out of the Lomitas (GB) mare Representera (GB), a winner herself over 10 furlongs and a half-sister to the G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains winner Tin Horse (Fr) (Sakhee). The mare was sold by the Fausts in 2017 and she died last year, not only just as her son became the German Horse of the Year but also in the same season that her then 3-year-old daughter Rose Flower (Ger), by the former Karlshof resident Dabirism (Fr), won the Listed Prix Amandine for Alessandro Botti.

"Rubaiyat's dam is now sadly dead but she has a 2-year old gelding by Kamsin (Ger), who is also with Henk Grewe, and there is also a yearling by Jukebox Jury (Ire)," Faust adds. [Cont. p3](#)

# TWO G1 WINS

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## IN TDN AUS/NZ TODAY

ADDEYBB TAKES ANOTHER GROUP 1

Euro raider Addeybb (Ire) (Pivotal {GB}) landed the G1 Queen Elizabeth S. on Saturday. [Click or tap here to go straight to TDN Aus/NZ.](#)

### Rubaiyat Cont.

Faust, who operates at the sales as HFTB Agency, has been buying horses for Darius Racing since 2014 with some notable success. In those subsequent seasons the team has enjoyed eight group winners, two of them Group 1 winners, as well as seven listed winners from just over 90 horses in training.

"Dr. Oschmann is a lovely man and a real horseman. If ever there is bad news he takes it as a gentleman and he really loves the sport," Faust says.

Happily during that time there has been plenty of good news to soften any blows, not least when Oschmann celebrated victory in the G1 Deutsches Derby of 2016 with Isfahan (Ger) (Lord Of England {Ger}). He too was bought by HFTB Agency at the BBAG Sale for €35,000.

"Isfahan is now standing at our partner stud Ohlerweiherhof and he has his first 2-year-old runners this year," reports Faust. "He has a good selection of horses in training with the likes of Henk Grewe, Andreas Wohler, Waldemar Hickst and Andreas Suborics. Dr. Oschmann also has eight 2-year-olds by him and we're really looking forward to seeing his first runners on the track."

Along with Rubaiyat's victories in the G3 Preis der Winterfavoriten and G2 Gran Criterium last season, Oschmann was also represented by Group 3 winner **Alounak (Fr)** (Camelot {GB}), who was subsequently runner-up in the GI Pattison Canadian International, and **Donjah (Ger)** (Teofilo {Ger}), winner of the G2 Gran Premio del Jockey Club. Respectively they were crowned Champion Older Horse in Germany and Champion 3-year-old Filly. Alounak has subsequently been sold to King Power Racing and is now in training in Britain with Andrew Balding with a Melbourne Cup campaign in mind.

"I am focused on finding good German horses--stayers, usually--for other countries and I've sold some to Australia, to the US and to Asia," says Faust. [Cont. p4](#)



Dr. Stefan Oschmann & Holger Faust | Marc Ruhl

**Rubaiyat Cont.**

Closer to home, he is looking forward to seeing how the market responds to the first yearlings of Gestüt Karlshof's Australian-born stallion **Counterattack (Aus)** this season. The Group 3-winning sprinter who was also runner-up to Redzel (Aus) in the G1 Doomben 10,000, is bred on the same cross as leading sire Snitzel (Aus).

He says, "He's by Redoute's Choice (Aus) out of a Snippets (Aus) mare and it's great to have some of that Danehill blood coming to Germany because there's not much of it here."

He adds, "In Germany the breeding season is moving in a normal way. I don't see any difference. We can still send the horses to England, Ireland and France and I don't think there will be any problems now."

"The racing is supposed to start on May 1 and we will have a new racing calendar by the end of this week. Of course we will start without the public and the problem is that we will not have full prize-money. It will need to be cut by 30 or 40%. It has been a nightmare and I hope the nightmare will end by the summer."

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**SYDNEY MUSINGS: THE CHAMPIONSHIPS**  
**WEEK 2** *By John Berry*

With their own domestic racing programmes decimated by COVID-19, many Europeans naturally looked to Randwick's card in Sydney to get their weekend fix of high-class racing. There was further reason to focus on 'The Championships' with Newmarket-based William Haggas having a fancied runner in two of the Group 1 races, the G1 Schweppes Sydney Cup and the G1 Longines Queen Elizabeth S. Happily, his representative **Addeybb (Ire)** (Pivotal {GB}) won the latter race, the meeting's showpiece feature. This triumph (which, of course, is likely to be the final British-trained overseas winner for quite some time) provided a splendid advertisement for the merit of British bloodstock, British training and British jockeyship as **Tom Marquand** guided Addeybb across the line in front of their rivals.

Addeybb was not the only European-bred stakes winner in Australia on Saturday afternoon, with **Inverloch (Ire)** (Fastnet Rock {Aus}) taking the G3 Le Pine Funerals Easter Cup in Melbourne. Inverloch, formerly under the care of Nicolas Clement in France and now trained in Victoria by Trent Busuttin and Natalie Young, has a pedigree steeped in Europe's Classics, his dam Ideal (GB) (Galileo {Ire}) being a three-parts sister to the 2012 2000 Guineas, Derby and Irish Derby hero Camelot (GB).

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## Sydney Musings Cont.

Haggas's runner in the Schweppes Sydney Cup, **Young Rascal (Fr)** (Intello {Ger}) was unable to justify favouritism but even so the race still provided further advertisement for the merit of European bloodstock thanks to the victory of **Etah James (NZ)**, a daughter of the British-bred stallion **Raise The Flag (GB)**.

Over the years, White Robe Lodge near Wingatui on the South Island of New Zealand has been one of the most successful stallion studs in the antipodes. In particular, it enjoyed a spectacular run of success during the 1970s and '80s when it was home, one after the other, to two champion sires. Mellay (GB) (Never Say Die) was champion sire of New Zealand in 1972/'73 and again in 1976/'77. Noble Bijou (Vaguely Noble {GB}) arrived at White Robe Lodge the year that Mellay died (1974) and went on to top the table for three consecutive seasons beginning with 1981/'82. In all three of those campaigns Mellay was champion broodmare sire, a title which he had also won in 1980/'81 and which he subsequently retained when completing five straight premierships in the 1984/'85 season. In that period, the White Robe formula of Noble Bijou over a Mellay mare became established as arguably the most successful 'nick' the country has ever seen.

These two stallions were both recruited by stud principal Brian Anderton using the same theory: that the key to success when working on a limited budget was to recruit lesser-performed relatives of unaffordable Northern Hemisphere champions. Mellay, who was born in 1961, never raced but he was bred to win a Derby, being by the 1954 Derby winner Never Say Die (Nasrullah {Ire}) from the 1955 Oaks winner Meld (GB) (Alycidon {GB}). His theoretical credentials became even stronger in 1966 when his younger half-brother Charlottown (GB) (Charlottesville {Ire}) won the Derby. Noble Bijou never raced, either, but he was a Vaguely Noble half-brother to the outstanding racemare Allez France (Sea Bird {Fr}), descending from the breed-shaping matron La Troienne (Fr) (Teddy {Fr}).

The days of Mellay's and Noble Bijou's dominance seem to belong to another era, one in which it seemed totally normal for New Zealand's champion sire to be standing on the South Island (just as in those days nothing seemed strange about the best stallion in North America, i.e. Northern Dancer, standing in Maryland rather than Kentucky). Geographical fashions might have changed, but the principles still apply; and White Robe



**Etah James** | *Trish Dunell*

Lodge adhered to those principles when recruiting Raise The Flag in 2010.

Unlike Mellay and Noble Bijou, Raise The Flag had at least raced, albeit only once and finishing unplaced, when trained for his owner/breeder Prince Khalid Abdullah by Andre Fabre. Like them though, he offered the best bloodlines that the Northern Hemisphere had to offer, being by Sadler's Wells out of Hasili (Ire) (Kahyasi {Ire}). Hasili, of course, has the rare distinction of having produced five individual Group/Grade 1 winners. Now, following the victory of Etah James in the Sydney Cup, she is the dam of four stallions who have sired at least one Group 1 winner, Raise The Flag joining the Danehill full-brothers Dansili (GB), Cacique (Ire) and Champs Elysees (GB) in being able to boast this distinction.

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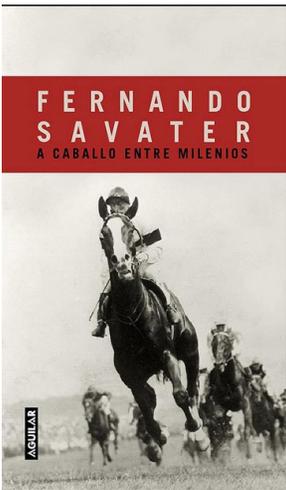
## ARC LONG-TERM GOAL FOR DEIRDRE

Globetrotting MG1SW **Deirdre (Jpn)** (Harbinger {GB}), who ran second in the Mohamed Yousuf Naghi Motors Cup on the Saudi Cup undercard in Riyadh on Feb. 29, will point to the G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, *Jour de Galop* reported on Saturday. The bay, who won the 2017 G1 Shuka Sho in her native land and the 2019 G1 Nassau S. at Goodwood in August, ran fourth and third, respectively, in the G1 Irish Champion S. on Sept. 14 and in the G1 Champion S. at Ascot on Oct. 19. She ended her 2019 campaign with a fourth in the G1 Longines Hong Kong Vase at Sha Tin on Dec. 8.

"It's been a month since we returned from Saudi Arabia, where she showed up as always, very consistent," said trainer Mitsuru Hashida to *Jour de Galop* of the Toji Morita runner. "She is ready to attack the next step of her preparation. The ultimate aim this year is the Arc de Triomphe. The mare could re-enter the G1 Tattersalls Gold Cup May 24, but obviously the [COVID-19] crisis we are experiencing questions everything."

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#### IN AUSTRALIA:

**Inverloch (Ire)**, g, 6, **Fastnet Rock (Aus)**--Ideal (GB), by Galileo (Ire). Caulfield, 4-11, Easter Cup-G3 (£65k/€74k), 2000mT, 2:05.48. B-Ideal Syndicate. \*1ST GROUP WIN (101st GSW for sire). \*\*1/2 to Harpocrates (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), GSP-Eng, MSP-Ire.

**Addeybb (Ire)**, g, 6, **Pivotal (GB)**. See 'TDNAusNZ Insert.'

## WORLDWIDE NEWS

### LUFTSTROM LIFTS NEW ZEALAND TROPHY

Sunday Racing's **Luftstrom (Jpn)** (Kinshasa no Kiseki {Aus}) maintained his unbeaten record with a half-length win in the 1600-metre G2 New Zealand Trophy at Nakayama on Saturday.

Second choice in the wagering at 7-2, the colt raced near the tail of the field one off the fence for the first half-mile.

Unleashing a sizzling burst once spun to the outside of all but **Win Greatest (Jpn)** (Epiphaneia {Jpn}) nearing the final bend, he appeared to clip heels and was steadied. Balanced up by Shu

Ishibashi, he regained his momentum and nipped **Season's Gift (Jpn)** (Epiphaneia {Jpn}) on the line. It was a neck back to Win Greatest in third.

A debut winner going this trip locally in January, the January foal made it two on the bounce in a Class 1 race here on Mar. 7.

#### Pedigree Notes

The eighth black-type winner for his sire, Luftstrom is the second foal and second winner for his dam, the three-time winner Hawaiian Wind, a granddaughter of Wind in Her Hair (Ire) (Alzao), herself the dam of the late, outstanding sire and Japanese Horse of the Year Deep Impact (Jpn) (Sunday Silence), Japanese SW and sire Black Tide (Jpn) (Sunday Silence), SW New Beginning (Jpn) (Agnes Tachyon {Jpn}) and Gill De La Rose H. victress Veil of Avalon (Thunder Gulch). This is also the extended family of Japanese champion Rey de Oro (Jpn) (King Kamehameha {Jpn}) and MGSW & G1 Queen Anne S. runner-up, the Jeremy (Danehill Dancer {Ire}).

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#### Saturday, Nakayama, Japan

**NEW ZEALAND TROPHY-G2**, ¥105,140,000

(US\$969,930/£778,993/€886,862), Nakayama, 4-11, 3yo, c/f, 1600mT, 1:33.00, fm.

1--**LUFTSTROM (JPN)**, 123, c, 3, **Kinshasa no Kiseki (Aus)**

1st Dam: **Hawaiian Wind (Jpn)**, by **King Kamehameha (Jpn)**

2nd Dam: **Like the Wind (Jpn)**, by **Danehill**

3rd Dam: **Wind in Her Hair (Ire)**, by **Alzao**

**1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. 1ST GROUP WIN.** O-Sunday Racing; B-Northern Farm (Jpn); T-Noriyuki Hori; J-Shu Ishibashi.

¥55,148,000. Lifetime Record: 3-3-0-0. **Werk Nick Rating: A++.**

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2--**Season's Gift (Jpn)**, 119, f, 3, Epiphaneia (Jpn)--Season's Best (Jpn), by Zenno Rob Roy (Jpn). O-Carrot Farm; B-Northern Farm(Jpn); ¥22,328,000.

3--**Win Greatest (Jpn)**, 123, c, 3, Screen Hero (Jpn)--Great Catty (Jpn), by Sakura Yutaka-Oh (Jpn). O-Win Inc.; B-CosmoView Farm (Jpn); ¥14,164,000.

Margins: HF, NK, 2HF. Odds: 3.60, 6.20, 12.80.

Also Ran: Absolutismo (Jpn), Soul Train (Jpn), Harmony Magellan (Jpn), Aurora Flash (Ire), Kosoku Speed (Jpn), Great Horn (Jpn), Meiner Grit (Jpn), Shachi (Jpn), Fruitful Days (Jpn), Cagliostro (Jpn), Song of the Heart (Jpn), Pale Ale (Jpn), Café Cendrillon (Jpn). **Click for the JRA chart & video or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.**



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**Saturday, Hanshin, Japan**

**SANKEISPORTS HAI HANSHIN HIMBA S.-G2**, ¥106,400,000 (US\$981,529/£788,303/€897,466), Hanshin, 4-11, 4yo/up, f, 1600mT, 1:32.90, fm.

1--**SOUND CHIARA (JPN)**, 119, m, 5, Deep Impact (Jpn)

1st Dam: Sound Barrier (Jpn) (GSW-Jpn, \$805,532),

by Agnes Digital

2nd Dam: Sleepinginseattle, by Seattle Slew

3rd Dam: Lady's Secret, by Secretariat

O-Yuichi Masuda; B-Shadai Farm (Jpn); T-Akio Adachi; J-Kohei Matsuyama. ¥56,120,000. Lifetime Record: 17-7-3-4. **Werk**

**Nick Rating: D+**. [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#)

2--**Scarlet Color (Jpn)**, 121, m, 5, Victoire Pisa (Jpn)--Ventus

(Jpn), by War Emblem. O-Koji Maeda; B-North Hills (Jpn);

¥22,320,000.

3--**Dimension (Jpn)**, 119, m, 6, Deep Impact (Jpn)--Miss

Pemberley (Ire), by Montjeu (Ire). O-Hiroo Race; B-Hidenori

Kimura (Jpn); ¥14,160,000.

Margins: 1HF, NK, HF. Odds: 2.20, 13.00, 115.80.

Also Ran: Beach Samba (Jpn), Danon Fantasy (Jpn), Liberty Heights (Jpn), Pourville (Jpn), Blanc Noir (Jpn), Satono Garnet (Jpn), T O Victory (Jpn), Megere Su (Jpn), Shadow Diva (Jpn), No One (Jpn), Amalfi Coast (Jpn), Trois Etoiles (Jpn), Shigeru Pink Dia (Jpn). [Click for the JRA chart & video or the free](#)

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**OKA SHO (JAPANESE 1000 GUINEAS)-G1**, ¥226,800,000 (US\$2.1M), 3yo, F, 1600mT

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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## ADDEYBB TAKES ANOTHER GROUP 1



Tom Marquand & Addeybb | Dan Hembrechts/AAP Photos

By Paul Vettise

An extended period of planning was rewarded with another international Group 1 victory for Newmarket trainer William Haggas when **Addeybb (Ire)** (Pivotal {GB}) remained unbeaten on his Australian sojourn when winning the G1 Longines Queen Elizabeth S.

Haggas first started thinking seriously about a trip to Australia with Addeybb and stablemate **Young Rascal (Fr)** (Intello {Ger}) 10 months ago and the long-range plan has delivered near perfect results. Three weeks ago, Addeybb won the G1 Ranvet S. and Young Rascal was successful in the G3 Manion Cup and on Saturday the former crushed an outstanding field of weight-for-age performers in the G1 Longines Queen Elizabeth S. The only disappointment was Young Rascal's unplaced effort in the G1 Sydney Cup, but that was quickly forgotten in the wake of the Sheikh Al Maktoum-raced Addeybb's blitz of eight Group 1 winners.

"It's some a thrill and it takes a lot of time and effort from everyone back home and it's fantastic," said Harry Eustace, who has been looking after his employer Haggas's horses in Sydney. I hope he's as excited as I am and he'll certainly be jumping around in his office.

"Since June last year he thought Addeybb was the right horse and getting the soft ground down here to come for The Championships was ideal. To pull it off is fantastic and if we'd had more rain he would have won by further."

The 6-year-old has now won 10 of his 18 starts and his penchant for wet going is emphasised by his record with all bar one of his victories on slow or heavy footing.

Addeybb settled in the trail behind runaway leader **Gailo Chop (Fr)** (Deportivo {GB}) before he was angled into the clear and took control 400 metres from home.

"It was such a deep field and I thought it would be a real nail-biter to the finish," said Eustace, whose brother David trains in partnership with Ciaran Maher. "He ran all the way to the line in the Ranvet and he always was going to do the same here. It was an easy watch over the last 50 metres. It's the biggest win I've been involved with."

Addeybb had 2.8l to spare at the line on **Verry Elleegant (NZ)** (Zed {NZ}), who ran on gamely, with **Danon Premium (Jpn)** (Deep Impact {Jpn}) third. He challenged 200 metres from home, but was unable to go on with it in the heavy ground. **Master Of Wine (Ger)** (Maxios {GB}) was a meritorious fourth in his first Group 1 test and next home were the Jamie Richards-trained stablemates **Te Akau Shark (NZ)** (Rip Van Winkle {Ire}) and **Melody Belle (NZ)** (Commands).

Integral to the success of the Haggas raiders has been English jockey Tom Marquand.

"Honestly, I thought I had my dream day a few weeks ago. I thought he may have been vulnerable and Young Rascal would be the one to get me out of jail," he said. "What a tough, straight-forward and genuine horse Addeybb is. He knows when to turn it on and just drops his head and runs for you, you don't even have to ask him. It's an honour to ride a horse like him and for William Haggas and the Sheikh to keep me on is pretty mind-blowing.

"He's a horse that goes through wet ground as though it's not even there and I guess that's one of his main attributes. He just doesn't care and there was never a moment today when I knew he wouldn't pick up. I guess it was just a matter of how much the Japanese horse and everyone else found, but my horse was far superior.

"A lot of people may under-estimate how much this means to me. Obviously, I'm still quite young and hopefully a long time ahead of me in the saddle.

"To come down here and win the Queen Elizabeth on an English horse for someone who has given me a lot of support couldn't mean any more, and at a time when it's tough for English racing."

Marquand has been a regular visitor to Australia and will head home after racing next weekend.



Harry Eustace & Addeybb | Annabel Neasham photo

"I think my plan is to go home next Saturday. It's getting harder and harder to get home and I think I've had my share of luck so far this year," he said.

### Pedigree Notes

Addeybb is by Pivotal (GB), who is the sire of 997 winners from 1376 runners worldwide, with 150 individual stakes winners including 31 at Group 1 level. From 17 runners in Australia, Pivotal has sired 14 winners including three in stakes races-- Addeybb, fellow Group 1 winner Avilius (GB) and the listed winner Peck.

A half-brother to the winner and Group 3 performer Meer Kat (Ire) (Red Ransom {USA}), Addeybb is a son of Bush Cat (USA) (Kingmambo {USA}) who was a winner and finished fourth in the Listed Cheshire Oaks. She is a half-sister to the listed winners Busha' (USA) (Mercer Mill {USA}) and Rip 'N' Run (USA) (Mercer Mill {USA}). Bush Cat is the dam of six winners from nine foals to race.

Bush Cat's dam Arbusha (USA) (Danzig {USA}) won at listed level in Germany and placed in the G3 Royal Whip S. at The Curragh. She is a full-sister to the Group 2 winner Nicholas (USA) (Danzig {USA}) and to the dam of multiple Group 1 winner Strategic Choice (USA) (Alleged {USA}).

### Saturday, Royal Randwick, NSW, Australia

**QUEEN ELIZABETH S.-G1**, A\$2,000,000, ATC, 4-11, 3yo/up, Open Set Weight, 2000mT, 2:06.92, hy.

1--**ADDEYBB (IRE)**, 59.0, g, 6, Pivotal (GB)

1st Dam: **Bush Cat (USA)**, by **Kingmambo (USA)**

2nd Dam: **Arbusha (USA)**, by **Danzig (USA)**

3rd Dam: **Lulu Mon Amour (USA)**, by **Tom Rolfe (USA)**

(200,000gns Ylg '15 TAOOCT). O-Sheikh Al Maktoum; B-Darley

(Ire); T-W J Haggas; J-T Marquand; A\$1,274,500. Lifetime Record: MGSW & G1SP-Eng, 17-9-2-2, A\$2,741,718. \*1/2 to Meer Kat (Ire) (Red Ransom), GSP-US. **Werk Nick Rating: A.** **Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.**

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2--**Verry Elleegant (NZ)**, 57.0, m, 4, Zed (NZ)--Opulence (NZ), by Danroad. O-Jomara Bloodstock Ltd (Mgr: M Carter), Ellee (Mgr: J Goodwin), Balmerino Racing Partnership (Mgr: J Rosham), M Wanzare, T Barry, B Sokolski, A Kheir, K Stocker, Honeycomb Stud (Mgr: B-J D Goodwin (NZ); T-C J Waller; J-N Rawiller; A\$380,000.

3--**Danon Premium (Jpn)**, 59.0, h, 5, Deep Impact (Jpn)--Indiana Gal (Ire), by Intikhab (USA). O-Danox Co. Ltd & Nakamura Yuko; B-K.I. Farm (Jpn); T-M Nakauchida; J-J B McDonald; A\$195,000.

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Margins: 2 3/4, HF, 1HF. Odds: 3.20, 4.00, 3.40.

Also Ran: Master of Wine (Ger), Te Akau Shark (NZ), Melody Belle (NZ), Happy Clapper, Kolding (NZ), Vow and Declare, Imaging (GB), Kings Will Dream (Ire), Gailo Chop (Fr).

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## CON TE PARTIRO COMPLETES G1 DOUBLE

By Richard Edmunds

Gai Waterhouse and Adrian Bott have found the key to tricky mare **Con Te Partiro (USA)** (Scat Daddy {USA}) with the team experiencing Sydney Autumn Carnival stardom with Group 1 wins in the Coolmore Classic and backing up with a dominant win in the Coolmore Legacy.

Globe-trotting mare Con Te Partiro could have ended her racing career as nothing more than a Group 3 winner. Instead, a failure to get in foal in the spring has paved the way to stardom during the Sydney autumn carnival. Trained by Gai Waterhouse and Adrian Bott, the 6-year-old stepped up to the highest level and won the Coolmore Classic at Rosehill last month. She was a close sixth in the Doncaster a week ago, and on Saturday she completed a superb Group 1 double with another power-packed performance in the Coolmore Legacy S.

The well-travelled mare's remarkable career could have ended very differently. Con Te Partiro was bred in the United States and began her career in the stable of Wesley Ward, for whom she won the Listed Bolton Landing S. at Saratoga and Listed Sandringham H. at Royal Ascot. She also placed at Grade III level and finished fourth in the G1 Del Mar Oaks.

She was bought by Newgate Farm and SF Bloodstock for US\$575,000 (AU\$905,740) at the 2018 Fasig-Tipton November Sale, and her new owners sent her down under and into the stable of Waterhouse and Bott.



Con Te Partiro | Dan Himbrechts/AAP Photos

She made her Australian debut in the G3 Dark Jewel Classic at Scone last May, scoring a valuable victory that could have been the pinnacle of her career. Con Te Partiro later finished sixth in the G2 Dane Ripper S. in Brisbane and was unplaced in three starts in Sydney in the early spring, and her connections started thinking about her life after racing. She was served by Zoustar in October.

But she failed to get in foal and returned to the stable of Waterhouse and Bott, and the rest is history.

“It’s worked out well that we’ve now been able to have a proper campaign off a good break, and being able to achieve those two Group 1 wins,” Bott said. “She’s just been a great frame of mind since she came back this time in, she’s been much better to deal with this campaign, she just needed that time to acclimatise.

“We saw today she just wanted to be there, she’s a happy mare, she’s putting herself right in the race, she travelled beautifully. I’m just glad we were able to reward her and the owners, who have been able to give us a chance with her and she’s obviously a very valuable mare for them.

“She was always bought as a breeding prospect first and foremost, so anything she was going to be able to do on the track was a bonus. So we tried to do what we could in the limited time we had with her.”

Ridden by Tim Clark, Con Te Partiro capitalised on a perfect run close to the speed and burst to the front in the straight. Quality 3-year-old filly **Funstar** (Adelaide {Ire}) chased her hard through the last 200 metres, but Con Te Partiro kept going strongly to beat her by 1.75l. The rest of the field finished more than 3l away.

“It was always the plan to come here off the back of the Doncaster,” Bott said. “She had a nice week and it’s been executed well.

“A big thanks has to go out to Alana Pearson, her regular

strapper. Unfortunately she had a fall and injury this week, so she wasn’t able to be here today to strap her. She puts so much time and effort into this mare all the way through her campaign, so I’m sure it would have been a special win for her today.”

Con Te Partiro has now won six of her 24 starts and more than \$1.2 million in stakes. With two Group 1 victories to her name, a second attempt at a broodmare career now looms on the horizon.

“I imagine she’ll need that time to let down to become a broodmare this season,” Bott said. “So whether that’s her last run or not, we’ll see. But if it is, at least she’s gone out in style.”

The win added to a dream Sydney autumn carnival for Waterhouse and Bott, who also scored Group 1 victories with Farnan (Not A Single Doubt) in the Golden Slipper and Shout The Bar (Not A Single Doubt) in the Vinery Stud S.

It has also been an outstanding run for Clark, who was aboard Con Te Partiro for both Group 1 victories and celebrated further elite success with I Am Excited (Snitzel) in The Galaxy.

“Obviously it’s been a bit of a breakout carnival for me with three Group 1 wins, and it’s been my best season so far,” Clark said. “Con Te Partiro has been a tricky mare, but everyone on the team has done a good job. It’s a good team to be a part of and the horses are running really well. Everyone deserves plenty of credit.

“It’s probably taken a bit of time to work this mare out, but they seem to have found the key to her now. She’s had a great preparation. She ran well last week, but coming here on the back-up wouldn’t hurt her and she is always the strongest horse late. I knew she would run into it strongly. Really pleased with her.

“I’m sure Gai and Adrian will be pleading with the owners to give her another prep, but at the end of the day, she has done her job if she does happen to go to the breeding barn.”



Adrian Bott | Simon Bullard/AAP Photos

## Pedigree Notes

Con Te Partiro is a half-sister to the stakes winner and group performer Donworth (USA) (Tiznow {USA}). The mare was purchased for US\$575,000 (AU\$905,378) by Newgate and SF Bloodstock at the 2018 Fasig Tipton Kentucky Mixed November Sale.

She is a daughter of Temple Street (USA) (Street Cry {Ire}), who won five races and was Group 1 placed. She is from a deep North American pedigree, which includes the Group 1 winners Seattle Meteor (USA) (Seattle Slew {USA}), Pleasant Stage (USA) (Pleasant Colony {USA}) and Marsh Side (USA) (Gone West {USA}).

### Saturday, Royal Randwick, NSW, Australia

**COOLMORE LEGACY S.-G1**, A\$500,000, ATC, 4-11, 3yo/up, f/m, 1600mT, 1:39.18, hy.

1--**CON TE PARTIRO (USA)**, 57.0, m, 6, **Scat Daddy (USA)**



**1st Dam: Temple Street (USA) (GISP-US, \$244,043), by Street Cry (Ire)**

**2nd Dam: Northside Star (USA), by Pulpit (USA)**

**3rd Dam: North Colony (USA), by Pleasant Colony (USA)**

'**TDN Rising Star**'. (\$130,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP; \$575,000 HRA '18 FTKNOV). O-Newgate S F (Mgr: G D Murphy); B-K.C. Garrett Farm LLC (KY); T-G Waterhouse & A Bott; J-Tim Clark; A\$401,500. Lifetime Record: SW & GSP-US, SW-Eng, 24-6-1-2, A\$1,225,319. **Werk Nick Rating: A+++**. \*Triple Plus\*. **Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.**

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2--**Funstar**, 54.5, f, 3, **Adelaide (Ire)**

**1st Dam: Starspangled (Ire), by Danehill (USA)**

**2nd Dam: User Friendly (GB), by Slip Anchor (GB)**

**3rd Dam: Rostova (GB), by Blakeney (GB)**

(\$80,000 Ylg '18 INGAPR). O-Anton Koolman Bloodstock Pty Ltd (A Koolman), O Koolman, A Koolman, Archer Racing (A Inglis), Mrs C Inglis, Mrs J Minahan, G Minahan, R Atra, Mrs K Shadbolt, P Shadbolt, Sir David; B-Mr J Sheather (NSW); T-C J Waller; J-J B Mc Donald; A\$94,000.

3--**Danzdanzdance**, 57.0, m, 5, **Mastercraftsman (Ire)**

**1st Dam: Night Danza, by Danzero**

**2nd Dam: Star of Gretchen (NZ), by Bahhare**

**3rd Dam: Soleil Etoile (NZ), by Star Way (GB)**

(\$5,000 Ylg '16 NWZIAN). O-Miss KB Bax, J T Loose, L Wotton, M Hawes, R J Stern, R Tierney, S Barnao & Ms S M Torres; B-W G & H G Bax (NSW); T-C J Waller; J-O P Bosson; A\$49,500.

Margins: 1.8 len, 3.8 len, 4.3 len

Also Ran: Delectation Girl (GB), Sweet Deal, Noire, Positive Peace, Invincible Gem, Amangiri, Alizee, Spanish Reef, Nettoyer, Miss Siska, Pohutukawa. **Click for the Racing Post chart or the free Arion.co.nz catalogue-style pedigree. Video.**

## ETAH JAMES TAKES SYDNEY CUP

By TDN AusNZ

Co-breeder, part-owner and former trainer Mark Lupton pulled the right rein when the Matamata horseman sent **Etah James (NZ)** (Raise The Flag {GB}) to Ciaron Maher and David Eustace. She made the move after finishing fourth in the G1 Auckland Cup and showed her reserves of stamina to win here in her first start since Ellerslie. She settled behind the leading pack and dug deepest in the straight to beat **The Chosen One (NZ)** (Savabeel) and Raheen House (Ire) (Sea The Stars {Ire}).

## Pedigree Notes

Etah James is a daughter of Etah (NZ) (Danasinga), who won one minor race at 1400 metres and all four of her foals to race have been successful. She is a sister to the dual Group 3 winner Tickle (NZ) and she also numbered a listed event among her seven victories.

Etah James and Tickle are the only black-type winners in the first four generations and deep into the pedigree is the G1 Middle Park S. winner Creag-An-Sgor (Ire) (Captain James {Ire}), who stood at stud in New Zealand and produced the dual Group 1 winner Lets Sgor (NZ).

### Saturday, Royal Randwick, NSW, Australia

**SYDNEY CUP-G1**, A\$1,000,000, ATC, 4-11, 3yo/up, Open H., 3200mT, 3:28.46, hy.

1--**ETAH JAMES (NZ)**, 51.5, m, 7, **Raise the Flag (GB)**

**1st Dam: Etah (NZ), by Danasinga**

**2nd Dam: Amanpour (NZ), by Khozaam (USA)**

**3rd Dam: Sensuality, by Redmead (USA)**

**1ST GROUP 1 WIN.** O-M Lupton, Mrs C R Lupton, T C Reid & G R Howes; B-G R Howes, Mrs C R & M Lupton & T C Reid; T-C Maher & D Eustace; J-G Boss; A\$739,500. Lifetime Record: GSP-NZ, 30-8-2-1, A\$1,226,409. \*First G1SW for her sire (by Sadler's Wells). **Werk Nick Rating: A+**. **Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.**

2--**The Chosen One (NZ)**, 53.5, h, 4, Savabeel--The Glitzy One, by Flying Spur. O-R L Bonnington, A G, C P, G, K J, Mrs P A & P R Dennis, Miss J L Dunlop, D G Forde, P M Jeffares, P Johnstone, G R Miller, G J Popham, G R Redington, T V Rider, Mrs N C Robertson & B-A G, K J, M C & P R Dennis, (NZ); T-M Baker & A Forsman; J-K Mc Evoy; A\$190,000.

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3--**Raheen House (Ire)**, 54.0, g, 6, Sea the Stars (Ire)--Jumoo (GB), by Monsun (Ger). (35,000gns Ylg '15 TAOOCT). O-Australian Bloodstock (Mgr: L Murrell), J Lovett, J L Day, C C Pickford, M D Skinner, Power Thoroughbreds, B A Brogan, B A Watkins, Peggaff & McKhendo, T O Murphy, J W Woodbridge; B-Sunderland Holdings Inc. (Ire); T-K A Lees; J-B Avdulla; A\$98,000.

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 Margins: HD, HF, 2HF. Odds: 13.00, 17.00, 5.00.

Also Ran: Sweet Thomas (Ger), Mustajeer (GB), Angel of Truth, Young Rascal (Fr), Gallic Chieftain (Fr), Yogi (NZ), Saunter Boy (Fr), Hush Writer (Jpn), Azuro (Fr). **Click for the Racing Post chart or the free Arion.co.nz catalogue-style pedigree. Video.**

## SUCCESS FOR HALLOWED CROWN

By TDN AusNZ

Seven days after stepping up to stakes level for the first time in the G3 Adrian Knox S., Godolphin filly **Colette** (Hallowed Crown) continued her meteoric rise with a dominant Group 1 classic victory at Randwick. Colette was a maiden until Feb. 8, but she has now strung together four enormously impressive wins by a combined margin of 13l.

She was ridden on Saturday by Glen Boss, who collected his fourth Australian Oaks victory. Sent out as the \$3 favourite, Colette settled into a smooth rhythm in third or fourth place behind a solid pace. **Strange Charm** (Casino Prince) showed the way through the early part of the race, before **Stick 'Em Up** (Dundeel {NZ}) made a big move down the back of the track under jockey Jason Collett. She swooped forward out of midfield and quickly opened up a 3l lead.



Colette wins the Australian Oaks | Dan Himbrechts/AAP Photos

The Oaks developed into a true staying test in gruelling heavy ground, and it was Colette's stamina and class that shone through. She lengthened stride and took the lead early in the run home, quickly putting the result beyond any doubt. Adrian Knox runner-up **Toffee Tongue (NZ)** (Tavistock {NZ}) chased hard again but could not match Colette, who completed a dominant victory by 2.5l. **Quintessa** (Pierro) was third in the Adrian Knox and also repeated that result in the Oaks, finishing another 3l behind Toffee Tongue. Proven Group 1 filly **Probabeel (NZ)** (Savabeel) sat near the tail of the field for most of the race and struggled to quicken in the heavy ground, making only minor inroads in the straight to finish eighth.

The James Cummings-trained Colette has now had seven starts for four wins, two seconds and \$569,580 in prizemoney.

### Pedigree Notes

Colette is by the young stallion Hallowed Crown, who stands for a service fee of \$11,000 (inc GST) at Twin Hills Stud. With his oldest progeny now 3-year-olds, Hallowed Crown is the sire of 32 winners from 70 runners. Colette became his first stakes winner last weekend, and now she is his first Group 1 winner. Big Hearted and The Perfect Crown (Ire) have both been listed-placed. The dam of Colette is **Libretto (Ire)** (Singspiel {Ire}), who was unraced

but comes from a quality black-type family. She is a half-sister to Group 2 winners **Wareed (Ire)** (Sadler's Wells {USA}) and **Truly A Dream (Ire)** (Darshaan {GB}).

The latter also produced the Group 2 winner Dream Piece (Ire) (Dansili {GB}) and Group 1 placegetter Catcher In The Rye (Ire) (Danehill {USA}).

Another half-sibling, Solo De Lune (Ire) (Law Society {USA}), was stakes-placed and is the dam of 11 winners including G1 Longchamp Prix Saint-Alary winner Cerulean Sky (Ire) (Darshaan {GB}). Cerulean Sky is the dam of Group 2-winning and Group 1-placed stayer Honolulu (Ire) (Montjeu {Ire}). Solo De Lune is also the dam of G1 Irish Oaks winner Moonstone (GB) (Dalakhani {Ire}), who is the dam or granddam of Group 1 performers U S Army Ranger (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), L'Ancrese (Ire) (Darshaan {GB}), Melbourne Cup fourth placegetter Master Of Reality (Ire) (Frankel {GB}) and Orchestra (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}).

Libretto is the dam of six winners from seven foals to race, and Colette is now her second stakes winner. Metastasio (Street Cry {Ire}) won the Listed MRC Chairman's S. and placed in the G3 Quezette S. Libretto's twice-winning daughter Librettista (Elusive Quality {USA}) is the dam of Frenzified (GB) (Yeats {Ire}), a listed winner who placed in the GI Rodeo Drive S. at Santa Anita. Libretto produced another Hallowed Crown colt in 2018.

#### Saturday, Royal Randwick, NSW, Australia

**AUSTRALIAN OAKS-G1**, A\$500,000, ATC, 4-11, 3yo, f, Open Set Weights, 2400mT, 2:36.37, hy.

1--**COLETTE, 56.0, f, 3, Hallowed Crown**

**1st Dam: Libretto (Ire), by Singspiel (Ire)**

**2nd Dam: Truly Special (Ire), by Caerleon (USA)**

**3rd Dam: Arctique Royale (Ire), by Royal and Regal (USA)**

**1ST GROUP 1 WIN.** O-Godolphin; B-Godolphin Australia (NSW); T-James Cummings; J-G Boss; A\$401,500. Lifetime Record: 7-4-2-0, A\$569,580. \*1st G1SW for her sire (by Street Sense). \*\*1/2 to Metastasio (Aus) (Street Cry {Ire}), SW & GSP-Aus, \$196,607. **Werk Nick Rating: A. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.**

2--**Toffee Tongue (NZ), 56.0, f, 3, Tavistock (NZ)**

**1st Dam: Bagalollies, by Zabeel (NZ)**

**2nd Dam: Lady's Night, by Ascot Night**

**3rd Dam: Night Stand, by Fluorescent Light**

(\$500,000 Ylg '18 NWZIAN). O-Pinecliff Racing (Mgr: J B Munz); B-C D Allison, C V & J A Barnao, A R Campbell, T G Heptinstall, T M Pivac & D R Platt, (NZ); T-C J Waller; J-K Mc Evoy; A\$94,000.

3--**Quintessa, 56.0, f, 3, Pierro**

**1st Dam: Sense of Hite (NZ), by Street Sense (USA)**

**2nd Dam: Authoress (Aus), by Fuji Kiseki (Jpn)**

**3rd Dam: Weaver of Words (GB), by Danehill**

(\$480,000 Ylg '18 INGAPR). O-Lightning Thoroughbreds (Mgr: G Kolivos); B-Grant Bloodstock Pty Ltd (NSW); T-Mark Newnham; J-N Rawiller; A\$49,500.

Margins: 2HF, 3, HD. Odds: 2.00, 14.00, 15.00.

Also Ran: Nudge, Stick 'em Up, Shout the Bar, Satin Rain, Probabeel (NZ), Cosmic Haze, Aspect Ratio, Contrition (NZ), Strange Charm, Dorothy of Oz, Game of Thorns. **Click for the Racing Post chart or the free Arion.co.nz catalogue-style pedigree. Video.**

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