

FASIG-TIPTON TO OFFER ONLINE BIDDING AT ALL FUTURE AUCTIONS



Fasig-Tipton

by Sue Finley

Fasig-Tipton will offer online bidding at all of its future live auctions, the company announced in a press release Thursday morning. The platform will be available for Fasig-Tipton's next scheduled auction, the Midlantic 2-Year-Olds in Training Sale, to be held June 29-30 in Timonium, Maryland.

As an additional service to buyers, the company will also further expand its long-established phone-bidding program for the remainder of 2020. The service allows prospective buyers—who are not on site at an auction—to bid on horses through a member of the Fasig-Tipton staff.

"The addition of online bidding to our live auctions is a service we are pleased to offer," said Fasig-Tipton President Boyd Browning. "At no other time has this service been more crucial or needed. As we all work to conduct business in the current COVID-19 environment of adjusted social norms, online bidding ensures the best possible marketplace for our buyers and sellers in 2020. Looking beyond 2020, we envision this service being an integral component of all future auctions."

Browning said that Fasig-Tipton has been collaborating with a company that provides live-auction technology. "We've been working with a vendor that has experience with online auctions in other arenas, and we are confident that it will allow us to seamlessly conduct Thoroughbred auctions," he said. **Cont. p3**

NYRA DELAYS START OF BELMONT MEET

In a move that seemed inevitable, the New York Racing Association, Inc. announced Thursday that the opening of the Belmont Park spring/summer meet will be delayed due to the continuing impact of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. Highlighted by the 152nd running of the GI Belmont S. June 6, the 51-day Belmont Park spring/summer meet was originally scheduled to begin Apr. 24 and conclude July 12.

"We are working closely with the New York State Gaming Commission and public health officials to determine a timeline for the resumption of live racing at Belmont Park," said NYRA CEO and President Dave O'Rourke. "The health and safety of our racing community is paramount, and any decisions or necessary adjustments to the racing schedule and operations must reflect that priority. I'd like to thank New York's horsemen and the backstretch community for their dedication and patience as we navigate these uncertain times together." **Cont. p4**

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Shamardal (Giant's Causeway), pictured winning the 2005 G1 Prix du Jockey Club, has been euthanised "as a result of health issues" at the age of 18. Paying tribute to Kildangan Stud's flagship stallion, Joe Osborne, managing director of Godolphin Ireland, said, "Shamardal embodied mental and physical toughness – as a racehorse and as a stallion. As the racing world has seen over the past 15 years, he passed those qualities on to his progeny. See TDN Europe for more. | Scoop Dyga

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"The product might be a little bit different, but the process is the same," Browning said. "There is currently a live integration in a lot of auctions--just not in the Thoroughbred world. A lot of equipment, cattle and other agricultural products are sold with live bidding. I'm not going to say it's simple, but it's also not like trying to send an astronaut to the moon. It's all relative, and in the world we're living in, we really didn't feel like we had much choice. We have to do everything we possibly can to give every person that might have an inclination to buy a horse the ability to bid. I think we all recognize that in the 2020 world--whether you're selling automobiles, own a restaurant, or are a publisher--it is going to be a challenge for everybody. At the end of the day, we want to tell our customers that we have done everything for the business that we possibly could."



Boyd Browning | Fasig-Tipton

The news was met by approval from the marketplace.

"In the current COVID-19 environment, auction houses need to give all participants, from vendors to customers, absolute confidence their well-being is of the utmost importance," said SF Bloodstock's Tom Ryan. "Having the option to bid remotely will allow for a sensible level of social distancing. People will embrace these new bidding options. These are positive innovative tools that will expand commerce into the future."

"We're supportive of the move," said Conrad Bandoroff, Vice President of Denali Stud, a perennial leading consignor. "We need to be employing all the tools necessary to make things easier for buyers in our current climate, and we need to be doing everything we can to streamline and facilitate trade for buyers. Obviously, we've seen its success in Australasia and it has been time for us to get on board. It's going to be a positive change for 2020, and going forward."

"This is good news and a much needed, overdue tool to help buy and sell horses," said Craig Bernick in a Tweet. **Cont. p4**



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"Hopefully soon horses (and pieces of horses) will be sold in an auction at their best market opportunity instead of only at a few set times per year. Big sales will still happen but this will help."

Browning was asked about other changes that might also be in store for the Midlantic Sale.

"We are doing all sorts of contingency planning," he said. "There is a reasonable possibility of restrictions on the number of people in the pavilion, and on the number of people on the backside, but we will try to accommodate as many folks as possible. Social distancing is likely to apply at an under-tack show and at the auction itself. We'll have to make some modifications to sales offices, and things like that. There's the potential for some protocols that are still trying to be determined and ironed out. I think that upon the resumption of live sales, things are going to look and feel a little bit different."

The crown jewel of Fasig-Tipton's calendar, of course, is the Saratoga yearling sale, scheduled for Aug. 10-11, an auction typically held over two evenings on a packed sales grounds. With the current uncertainty about the resumption of racing everywhere, including at Saratoga, Browning said Fasig-Tipton has kept in close contact with the New York Racing Association about their plans.

"We continue to be in discussions with NYRA on a weekly basis for an update on what's transpiring in their environment," he said. "To the best of my knowledge, as of this morning, they have not made any decisions to alter the Saratoga schedule, and neither have we. I think that both organizations continue to evaluate options and make contingency plans should changes be necessary."

Fasig-Tipton said they would also launch a timed, online-only auction platform at a future date, when appropriate, saying that the platform would complement the company's live auction lineup, offering buyers and sellers additional transaction opportunities that fall outside of the traditional live auction calendar.

"In the world that we live in, companies need to be flexible and willing to adapt," said Browning. "Fasig-Tipton will always seek to be innovative and ready to adjust our sales models to best serve the marketplace."

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With regard to the 2020 Belmont Stakes, NYRA said it is continuing to assess various options in consultation with all appropriate parties. These options include shifting the race to a later date.

"The Belmont Stakes is a New York institution and American tradition," said O'Rourke. "We are committed to running the race in 2020 and aim to deliver an announcement in the very near future."

In a press release, NYRA also said that beginning Apr. 17, and with specific approval required by NYRA, trainers previously stabled at Belmont will be allowed to ship in horses who have been relocated during the COVID-19 crisis. To align with health department guidance and reduce the spread of the coronavirus, NYRA will not allow these outsider shippers to be accompanied by staff not previously working at Belmont.

The Belmont backstretch, which is home to 585 workers who tend to the essential daily care of the more than 1,300 Thoroughbreds currently stabled on the property, has remained open to horsemen and operational for training. Owners are not permitted access to the backstretch until further notice.

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THAYER CALLS ONGOING SHUTDOWN OF RACING IN KENTUCKY 'POTENTIALLY CATAclySMIC'



Damon Thayer

by Bill Finley

Damon Thayer, a former Breeders' Cup executive who is now the majority leader of the Kentucky Senate, continued to beat the drum Thursday for a return of racing in his state. In an interview with the *TDN*, he said he sees no practical reason why racing, without spectators in the stands, cannot resume within the next few weeks and warned that keeping the tracks closed indefinitely would create serious economic problems for the sport.

"Staggering and potentially cataclysmic," he said when asked to predict the impact of racing in Kentucky staying closed through the summer. "Everything is driven by purse money. If we can't start getting the purse money back into the hands of owners and trainers and their employees, it's going to have a long-term effect that gets worse with each day we go without racing."

There has been no racing in Kentucky since Turfway Park last ran Mar. 21. Keeneland subsequently canceled its spring meet and there is no timetable for Churchill Downs to begin its meet, originally scheduled to kick off Apr. 25. The tracks are not able to race because Kentucky Governor Andy Beshear has declared racing a non-essential business, which means the tracks must stay closed while the state is under stay-at-home orders.

When the possibility of opening the racetracks came up at Beshear's Apr. 3 news conference, he made it clear that he did not consider that to be a priority.

"My answer is that it's going to take as long to defeat this virus as it takes," he said of allowing the tracks to race. "We are

talking about some term of months and we're not talking about some term of years. The moment we believe it is X days away is the moment people start relaxing on social distancing. We see the spike and ultimately we lose more people because of it."

Thayer has called on the governor to reconsider, as he believes Kentucky can follow the lead of states like Florida and Arkansas that have allowed the sport to continue even though the coronavirus has not been contained.

"In general, I was the first Republican to speak out last week urging the governor to start talking about a plan to re-engage businesses on a gradual basis," Thayer said. "Obviously, with my interest in and knowledge of racing, that was one of the industries I chose to focus on. Every weekend, I am watching national television networks show racing from other states with no spectators. It is such a critical part of our economy here, I would like it to be one of the first businesses to get going again. It's clear that what they are doing in Arkansas and Florida and other states can be done here. They are without spectators and are using social distancing and approved CDC protocols. I just don't see why we can't have a plan to get going again in a couple of weeks."

Thayer speculated that mid-May would be a good time for Churchill to start the spring meet.

"If Churchill Downs can open the barn area at end of month and stage the return of horses from Florida, Louisiana and Arkansas plus the horses that are at Turfway, I don't see any reason why they can't be racing again in the middle of May," Thayer said. "It would be such a jolt to the economy and also good for our psyche here in Kentucky because there's no doubt this shelter-at-home order is having an effect on people's mental health, as well as our financial health. I am concerned about both. Now that we are clearly flattening the curve, we can do this in Kentucky. I think Churchill Downs and the horsemen are quite capable of doing this."

As of Wednesday, 2,291 Kentuckians had tested positive for the coronavirus and 122 had died. The Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation, based at the University of Washington's School of Medicine, is estimating that the number of COVID-19 deaths in the state will peak Apr. 25.

Thayer is aware of those numbers, but argues that since a large number of employees must care for the horses during morning training hours, the added dangers of racing are minimal. The Stronach Group has used the same argument when campaigning to have its two California racetracks, Santa Anita and Golden Gate Fields, re-opened.

"There are more people at racetracks to make morning training hours work than they need to make live racing work," Thayer said. "I hope [Beshear] understands that and I hope his friends in the racing industry are trying to communicate that to him." **Cont. p6**



The paddock at Churchill Downs | Coady

Though Thayer is one of the most powerful politicians in the state, there's only so much he can accomplish by taking up the cause of re-opening the racetracks. Thayer is a Republican and admits that he does not have a good relationship with the Democratic governor and does not have an open line of communication with him.

"I do know that his father [former Governor Steve Beshear], who I worked closely with, was a pro-racing governor," he said. "I don't have a very close working relationship with Andy Beshear. When he was the attorney general we did not have a good working relationship with him and that has carried over into his governorship. I have tried to be publically complimentary of the job he is doing while offering gentle encouragement to get racing in particular and our business economy in general going again. I hope he sees that this is something that can be done and can get going again in a few weeks."

Thayer said it was unlikely he would be able to speak to Beshear about his concerns for the racing industry.

"I'd be delighted to talk with him or meet with him," Thayer said. "He does not have a great working relationship with the Republican supermajorities in the House or the Senate. He hasn't said anything to us about this in nearly a month. He doesn't keep us up to date or brief us. We are left to using traditional and social media to try to get our message out."

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CHANEY APPOINTED CHRb EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Scott Chaney, since 2005 a well-respected steward in the state of California, has been appointed the executive director of the California Horse Racing Board. Chaney, whose first day on the job was Apr. 16, replaced Rick Baedeker, who retired Mar. 31.

"When I became a steward, I saw my role as enforcing the rules in order to create a safe and fair environment for horses and licensees, as well as to protect the wagering public," said Chaney. "As executive director my duties become more expansive, but my basic role remains the same. Integrity, safety, and animal welfare are our principal concerns, especially in these challenging times."

A native of Maryland, where his parents dabbled in horse ownership at the local tracks, Chaney groomed horses on summer break from the University of Southern California Law School. He did his undergraduate studies at Dartmouth. After his law school graduation, he worked as an assistant to trainer Darrell Vienna. Chaney remains a member of the California Bar.

CHRb commissioners and executives fast recognized Chaney's talents and would assign him to complex legal case, research and analysis of subject matter beyond the normal duties of a steward.

"I have known Scott since he first arrived at the racetrack," said CHRb Chairman Greg Ferraro. "I have followed his career and know him to be a person with an excellent mind, fair in his judgments, and totally committed to the integrity of horse racing. I look forward to working with him in his new position, and I know he will do a great job."

Chaney will work out of Sacramento, but his relocation could be delayed due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and the statewide stay-at-home order.

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BREEDERS' CUP AFFIRMS COMMITMENT TO RUNNING EVENT AS SCHEDULED

In a letter to fans and supporters Thursday, Breeders' Cup President & CEO Drew Fleming said the organization remains committed to running this year's World Championships on schedule Nov. 6-7 at Keeneland.

"The health and safety of the racing community, including its athletes, fans and workers, has always been Breeders' Cup's top priority. As we collectively navigate this uncharted and difficult time, I want to assure you that we are closely monitoring the COVID-19 pandemic and working with Keeneland, relevant government authorities and public health experts to assess its potential impact on the 2020 Breeders' Cup World Championships," Fleming said. **Cont. p7**

“Based on what we know today, and with the event just under seven months away, we remain fully committed to conducting the World Championships at Keeneland Nov. 6-7.”

Fleming added that in the event that this year’s Breeders’ Cup is canceled or run without spectators, all ticket purchases will be refunded. Breeders’ Cup has also made a \$25,000 donation to the Race Track Chaplaincy of America to assist backstretch workers and has additionally donated 4,500 gloves, 2,000 hair covers, 1,200 Tyvek suits, 500 masks and 500 shoe covers to the State of Kentucky for medical professionals to treat COVID-19 patients.

“All of us must do our part to flatten the curve and support one another through this unprecedented time,” Fleming said. “We hope that you and your family are safe and healthy, and look optimistically to the fall when we can showcase the best of Thoroughbred racing over two amazing days at Keeneland.”

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REMINGTON PARK FAILS TO PAY JACKPOT TO SINGLE-TICKET WINNER

From the Thoroughbred Idea Foundation:

Oklahoma-based Remington Park has failed to pay its single-ticket jackpot to a winning customer, claiming a dead-heat created a second winning ticket, negating the player’s unique win.

Horseplayer Jeff Arthur structured several non-overlapping tickets playing Remington’s Sooner 6ix bet Friday, Apr. 10, 2020. One ticket, costing him \$403.20 and including 2,016 combinations, was entered via Arthur’s ADW account. An image of the ticket is below:

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Arthur received consolation payouts totaling \$8,920, which was the total amount of that night’s minor pool, and which confirms his was the only ticket that had all six winners.

“At first, I was a bit disappointed when I saw what went into my ADW account, knowing that I didn’t win the jackpot pool, but then once I saw the chart which outlined the pool amounts and did the math, I realized I had the only winning ticket, and was infuriated. It had to be a mistake,” said Arthur.

Remington Park told Arthur Saturday, and his representatives today, that the occurrence of the dead heat created two separate winning tickets. Remington further affirmed that he would have won the jackpot if he used only the 5 or the 7, but using both of them created two winning combinations. Instead of landing the jackpot of \$35,145, Arthur received just \$8,920.

“If there was a late scratch that ended up giving me a favorite

which won, and duplicated my combination, I totally get that it invalidates the unique wager. That is pretty clear and spelled out that a scratched horse gives me the favorite. But this is not that.”

Arthur was connected with the Thoroughbred Idea Foundation Wednesday, expressed his frustration and felt that his claim was legitimate, and wanted details of the case to be made public.

“We completely agree with Jeff and thought we could do more,” said TIF Executive Director Patrick Cummings.

“Horseplayers need to be given a fair shake, and it was pretty clear after a review of the rules and the entire situation that he has a unique winning ticket and rightfully deserves the jackpot.

“The jackpot bets are a mess with high takeouts and limited churn—but what is worse in this situation is that tracks are incentivized to keep the jackpot rolling to get it as high as it can possibly go, so there is every belief that the ‘system,’ so to speak, would be against Jeff in a situation such as this. Of course, they want the jackpot to keep rolling on. There should be questions to the legality of the actions taken against Mr Arthur.

“We connected him with horse owner and attorney Maggi Moss, and then Maggi and I discussed the matter together with Remington Park management Thursday.

“We made it clear to them—Jeff was the rightful single ticket winner, there were no rules publicly available that showed anything different and he should be paid. If they did that, we would be happy to report that Remington went out of their way to do the right thing for horseplayers. It costs them nothing to do the right thing, particularly when the action is clearly wrong.”

TIF Founder and Chairman Craig Bernick added:

“The horseplayer picked all six winners, he was the only person to pick all six winners and they were all on the same ticket. If either horse wins by a nose, he has it. If he picks one or the other, he has it. Its unconscionable that the track is making this judgment. There is nothing in the rules that states this should not be a unique payout. On a judgment call, the track decides to favor itself over the customer. That’s bad for business, bad for horseplayers and bad for racing.”

“In a follow-up discussion today,” Cummings added, “Remington indicated they were not in a position to pay Mr. Arthur for his win, and re-asserted that he ended up with two tickets and does not get the jackpot payout of \$35,145. There is no rule on the books to adjudicate this situation. Common sense says, if either horse wins by a nose, Mr Arthur wins. Remington says that if Mr. Arthur had one horse in the dead heat instead of both, he wins. But they’ve decided, and the tote settlement agent reports back, that he does not win. Mr. Arthur has indicated he will file a formal complaint with the Oklahoma Horse Racing Commission and pursue the matter beyond that if he does not obtain payment. **Cont. p8**

“It is sad that it has come to this, because Remington refunded all bets Saturday after they cancelled racing due to extreme weather and the original \$35,145 jackpot is still sitting there tonight. Remington makes the situation even more difficult for themselves by offering the jackpot on tonight’s races as customers are unaware that they could unwittingly disqualify themselves from winning the jackpot based on a rule standard that does not exist publicly.



Racing at Remington Park | *Dustin Orona Photography*

“Their behavior is making it clear that neither Remington, nor The Stronach Group, whose technological arm served to settle this bet, are looking out for horseplayers. This should not happen, and is a banner reason for why horseplayers have left racing in droves for years and handle is down nearly 50% in two decades when adjusted for inflation.

“As a group, horseplayers have been taken advantage of for far too long and it has to stop somewhere. If a track and its agents are not willing to pay a rightful winner of \$35,000, then we start to question what is happening day in and day out across this country with even more on the line?”

The Thoroughbred Idea Foundation has published several pieces ([here](#) and [here](#)) in recent weeks which questioned whether or not the Thoroughbred Racing Protective Bureau is truly executing its duties to protect the integrity of the betting markets. Earlier this week, the TIF contacted the TRPB seeking comment within 48 hours on its recently published stories, and also to offer insight it might have regarding claims of strange odds changes and pool amendments reported by horseplayers at Will Rogers Downs, also in Oklahoma.

While TRPB head Curtis Linnell acknowledged the request for comment eight minutes after it was sent, as of this publication, no comments were received.

“The technology used to process these bets is antiquated and the rule book is, at best, sub-standard,” Cummings said. “Racing

in America needs evolution and modernization, and if it takes this case to start pressing the tracks on the matter, then so be it. Horseplayers cannot stand for this sort of mistreatment and horse owners should be right there with them to fight it.”

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SQUARE PEG PAIRS CHILDREN ON AUTISM SPECTRUM WITH OFF-TRACK THOROUGHBREDS

The Center for Disease Control reports that in 2020 approximately one in 54 children in the U.S. has been diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder (ASD). April is Autism Awareness Month, so it is fitting that we visit with Joell Dunlap, founder of The Square Peg Foundation, which pairs off-track Thoroughbreds with children affected by an ASD and their families.

Founded in 2004, Square Peg operates out of two facilities in the Bay Area of California with 19 horses in total. Of the 19 horses, 13 are off-track Thoroughbreds. Before life was interrupted by the COVID19 pandemic, Square Peg regularly served 50-60 families per week. There is a waiting list of 30 families who need services.

DP: Joell, tell us what an average week at Square Peg was like before the COVID-19 pandemic?

JD: We served 50-60 families a week with one or more children on the autism spectrum. Our program is geared to provide a great environment, therapeutic riding and a social aspect for our clients. When I was a kid, my best friends were my barn friends. I want to create that for the children that we serve.

DP: How does the program work?

JD: Since 2004, the program has evolved as we have learned more about how horses open up the pathways for children with autism to learn and experience real joy. We are part of the Horse Boy Method network. This is a framework for therapy with children on the autism spectrum. *Cont. p9*

We focus on the environment which is void of bad stimuli, the sensory aspect of being on and all over a horse, riding for the movement and rhythm, perspective exercises, academics while in motion and self-advocacy.

DP: How did you come to start an organization like Square Peg with its specific mission to help autistic children and off-track Thoroughbreds?

JR: I rode show horses growing up and Thoroughbreds on the track as soon as I was old enough. In 1984 at age 16, I became a mom. My son was born nine weeks early and weighed 3 1/2 pounds. My son's time in the school system was very difficult. From the beginning, he had trouble focusing and staying still. The teachers thought his problem was that he had a young mother who worked at the track. The more people tried to force him to sit in a classroom, the worse his frustration grew. He was bullied by other kids, teachers, and even the parents of other kids because he could not sit still. My heart broke for him. So, I started home-schooling and I learned a lot about alternative education and just how damaging it is for a child when he or she is not accepted. The first riding school that I started was at a Montessori school. I had a 17-hand Thoroughbred who had been singled out as a bad horse with behavioral issues. He could only live outside. The kids all connected with him. One day I found a teenage girl, who was always struggling in school, and she had gone into his paddock and was hanging onto his neck with this death grip of need. Instead of his usual antics, the horse was perfectly still and relaxed as she held onto him in a full-body hug. A lightbulb just went on in my head and I saw the parallels between these kids and the Thoroughbreds.

DP: Did you set out to work specifically with off-track Thoroughbreds?

JR: Thoroughbreds are the only horses that I truly understand. Square Peg was started for kids who needed to move in order to express themselves and to learn, and for Thoroughbreds who are also creatures of movement who need space, exercise and engagement.

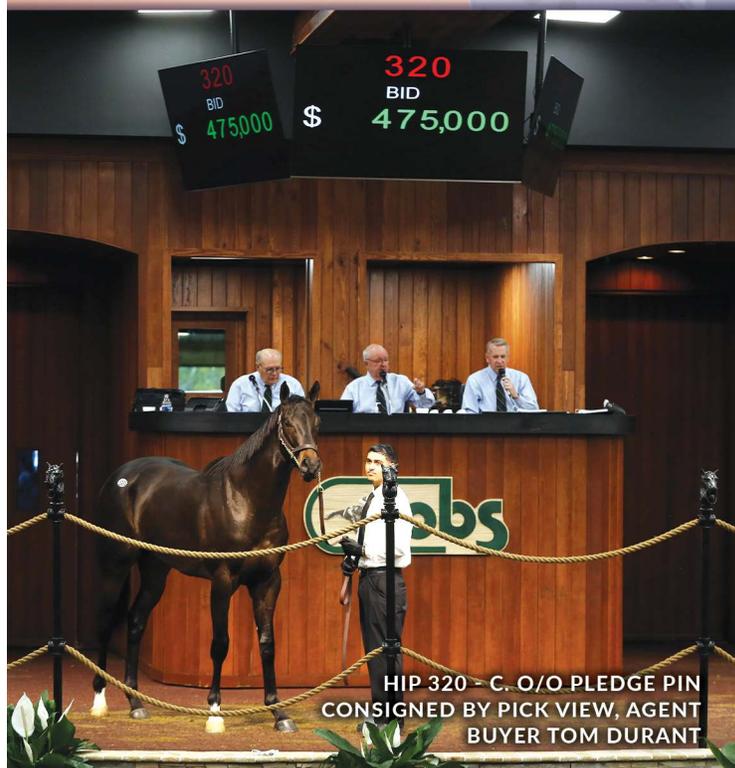
DP: Since 2004, how have you seen the programs connecting horses with Autistic children grow and change?

JR: With the advent of The Horse Boy Foundation, our framework for therapy was established. The Horse Boy framework channels rhythmic movement that allows people on the spectrum to relax, open up and express themselves and learn. *Cont. p10*

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Student at Square Peg riding Mythical Storm (Fusaichi Pegasus)
Diana Pikulski

DP: How many Thoroughbred partners do you have currently care for and from where do you get them?

JR: All of our Thoroughbreds come through CARMA (California Retirement Management Account). Lucinda Lovitt, the executive director, has first-hand experience in knowing which horses will work for our program.

DP: What is life like at the Square Peg facilities now, during the pandemic?

JR: The horses are getting a break from services which is good for them. When they are at work carrying their riders, who are often very active and sitting off-balance and sometimes very loud and emotional, it is intense. So, they need the break. Also, our staff is young because the work we do is very physical. So, we are also taking this time to increase their understanding and connection with the horses. Third, we are advancing the training of the horses during this time and really honing their classic dressage skills. Dressage really builds a horse's balance and strength. And, we are trail riding because that is their other job--to be good trail horses for the clients.

DP: When you look at your success today and your road in life to get here, what do you say to yourself?

JR: I am in awe of the horses and the people who have seen the value of what we do and helped us get to where we are today. Together, they got us here. It took me, a single mother at 16 with a son who couldn't fit in and a connection to unwanted horses to create this unlikely situation of having two wonderful facilities and an amazing team of people and horses doing some of the most important work on earth. I knew how much kids who didn't feel like they "fit in" needed a place where they were valued and accepted. I also wanted to provide a space for the horses who didn't "fit in"--mainly failed or retired race horses--where they could find safety. My thought was that these kids would care for the horses and both would find peace. I was right.



Diana Pikulski

DP: You have been in the Thoroughbred industry since the very early days of awareness of the plight of the Thoroughbred after racing. How has the evolution in that realm of the sport helped your work and how has being accredited by the TAA helped Square Peg?

JR: Honestly, if you told me in 2004 that our most consistent and reliable source of donations was going to be coming from the racing industry, I simply wouldn't have believed you. There were always people in racing that cared about aftercare, but I didn't get the feeling that the sport as a whole would pull together to do something about it. And, that's exactly what happened. It is real leadership. It's been amazing to see the industry get involved in aftercare and to watch it get so sophisticated and smart in just a few years. The accreditation process is difficult and smart and Square Peg is a better organization as a result of the process. *Cont. p11*

We've looked at accreditation from other sources like SPCA and HSUS and GFAS have, but none of them were designed not only to take better care of the horses, but to build stronger organizations and to create a donation source. A trusted accreditation that would qualify us for grants from other organizations.

DP: Do you have any special fundraising needs at this time?

JR: Mostly, it's funds to help see us through the Shelter in Place due to COVID- 19. Roughly 20% of our income is from fee for services for our sessions with families and we have not been able to serve families for a month now and it would seem that it will be another month until we can. That leaves us with roughly a \$40,000 shortfall from our budget.

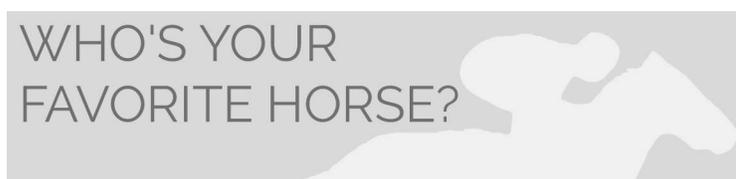
For a short video on the off-track Thoroughbreds at Square Peg, [click here](#).

For more information on Square Peg Foundation, go to <https://www.squarepegfoundation.org/>.

To learn more about The Horse Boy Method, go to: <https://ntls.co/community/iliane/videos/video/20-horse-boy-method-introduction>.

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The terms 'best' and 'favorite' are typically two subjective concepts when it comes the Thoroughbred racehorse. The TDN's Gary King reached out to key players from different facets of the industry to hear their thoughts. Email Gary King (garyking@thetdn.com) to have your say.

CHRISTIE DEBERNARDIS, TDN

Over the past seven years at the TDN, I have been blessed to witness many of racing's greats, which I thought would make it very difficult to choose just one. But, when given this assignment, there was one horse who immediately came to mind, **American Pharoah** (Pioneerof the Nile). Ending a 37-year Triple Crown drought, winning the GI Breeders' Cup Classic and

claiming championships at ages two and three, as well as Horse of the Year, his accomplishments alone make him more than worthy of this accolade. However, I chose him as the best I've seen for more than just his Hall of Fame-worthy triumphs.

When I first laid eyes on American Pharoah at Belmont, just days before he achieved immortality in the final leg of the Triple Crown, I was instantly struck by him. He just had this air about him, the look of eagles, as D. Wayne Lukas calls it. You knew as soon as you saw him he was special. It is not often a young Thoroughbred colt can be treated with the same ease as a Labrador Retriever, but American Pharoah was as calm, cool, and collected as they come. Watching him at work was equally impressive. He didn't gallop over the track, he floated, with the type of movement every equestrian dreams of, but rarely sees.



American Pharoah | Susie Raisher

I remember standing alongside my TDN comrade Steve Sherack a few yards from the finish line, craning for a glimpse of the seemingly plain bay as he skipped over Big Sandy and crossed the finish line into the history books. We exchanged looks of exhilaration and shock as we watched the champion parade back to the winner's circle. On the elevator back up to the press box, fellow turf writer Alicia Hughes and I were speechless, a rarity for us both, and all we could manage to say to each other was, 'Did that really just happen?'

All of that makes American Pharoah the best myself, and many others, will ever see, as well as one of my favorites. A few of my other favorites (some I've seen and some I haven't) are: Ruffian and Secretariat, who I spent most of my youth reading about; Silver Charm, for whom I fruitlessly rooted on my first trip to Belmont as a child; Smarty Jones, whose three Triple Crown races I witnessed live; La Verdad, who led me to some very important friendships; Wise Dan and Ben's Cat, who I enjoyed rooting for alongside my dear friend Ben Massam; and Groupie Doll, who fellow TDNer Justina and I were big fans of, torturing our coworkers with our high-pitched cheers every time she ran.

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GERRY DUFFY, DARLEY AMERICA

Favorite: Street Sense (Street Cry {Ire}) was the first horse I really got behind and followed with regards American racing as he came along around the time I first came to the U.S. Known as the 'curse breaker--history maker', he was the first horse to win the Breeders' Cup Juvenile and go on and win the Derby, and I had the privilege of being around him during my time at Jonabell selling nominations.

He was obviously a very talented racehorse and had this laid back, not a care in the world disposition. He's just a neat horse that I've a special fondness for.

Best: Sea The Stars (Ire) (Cape Cross {Ire}). I'm sure I won't be the only one to pick this guy, but Sea The Stars was probably the most accomplished racehorse I've seen. His 3-year-old campaign was incredible, to win the 2000 Guineas, the Epsom Derby and then step up and beat the top older horses in his remaining starts, all at Group 1 level, was an extremely difficult feat.

He quite simply shouldn't have been able to do what he did in the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe. He was quite free early on and got boxed in in the straight, but was just so much better than the competition that in the end you were left thinking he could have won regardless of how the race was run. His connections also make it such a good story. John Oxx and Mick Kinane are quite simply the best at what they do and given all their success remained so humble and grateful--two pillars of our sport.

CHAD SCHUMER, SCHUMER BLOODSTOCK

Favorite & Best: My favorite horse of all time is **Native Dancer** (Polynesian), who may also have been the best. It wouldn't happen now, but to think he was an unbeaten champion at two (Horse of the Year in some corners), champion 3-year-old, champion older horse, again Horse of the Year. He lost only one race [1953 GI Kentucky Derby], of course the one that matters most in 22 starts.

Imagine if he had won? He would be an unbeaten champion 2-year-old, Triple Crown winner, etc. As a stallion he gave us the Mr Prospector line thru Raise a Native. And, to top it all off, he's the broodmare sire of Northern Dancer!

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**HRRN TO PRODUCE FANTASY DERBY MAY 2**

With the 2020 GI Kentucky Derby moved from its customary date on the first Saturday in May to the first Saturday in September, Horse Racing Radio Network will produce a special one-hour broadcast showcasing 20 of the greatest Kentucky Derby winners in history competing in a 1 1/4-mile Fantasy Derby. The broadcast, presented by Claiborne Farm, will air from 5-6 p.m. ET May 2. Listeners can tune-in on Sirius 219/XM 201 along with select HRRN terrestrial affiliates. Live streaming will also be provided on the network's [website](#).

The 20 horse Fantasy Derby field and order of finish was determined by a voting process asking listeners and industry professionals to select their top Kentucky Derby winners. The full field of legendary Derby winners includes nine of the 13 Triple Crown winners along with a host of other memorable Derby victors. A listing of all 20 horses set to compete in HRRN's Fantasy Derby can be found [here](#).

HRRN president Mike Penna will anchor the coverage along with analyst Kurt Becker and reporters Tom Leach, Bobby Neuman, Anthony Stabile and Dan Mason. NBC announcer Larry Collmus will provide the call of the Fantasy Derby.

"As racing fans our hearts and minds are always at Churchill Downs on the first Saturday in May," said Penna. "Since we won't be on-site to broadcast the Kentucky Derby on this day, our team thought it would be fun to offer this special piece of programming to help listeners minds escape the everyday concerns over COVID-19 and attempt to answer the age old question of who would win if all of the greats were to compete against each other in one Fantasy Derby."

A special post position draw and announcement of morning line odds will air as part of HRRN's Equine Forum show Apr. 25.

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TVG PARTNERS WITH NBC SPORTS TO AIR OAKLAWN STAKES

TVG will partner with NBC Sports to bring live horse racing into the homes of fans across the country for the fourth consecutive weekend with 12 hours of coverage, including the GI Apple Blossom H. and GIII Count Fleet Sprint H. from Friday, Apr. 17 through Sunday, Apr. 19 from 4-8 p.m. ET all three days.

In addition to Oaklawn Park, TVG will also be showing racing from Gulfstream Park and Tampa Bay Downs. **Cont. p13**

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“Trackside Live” will be hosted by Todd Schrupp and will include expert analysis and exclusive interviews. It was announced Wednesday that NBCSN and TVG will continue to partner each weekend through at least May 31.

TVG will air several special features in advance of “Trackside Live” Saturday morning as part of an ongoing weekly series. The Saturday morning broadcast will include a replay of the 2016 edition of the GI TVG Pacific Classic and the 2001 GI Breeders’ Cup Classic.

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TIP ANNOUNCE 2019 AWARD WINNERS

The Jockey Club Thoroughbred Incentive Program (T.I.P.), which encourages the retraining of Thoroughbreds into other disciplines upon completion of careers in racing or breeding, announced the winners and other placings from its 2019 performance awards program. The complete list of winners and participants is available [here](#).

The performance awards recognize Thoroughbreds accumulating the most points at all horse shows in each of the T.I.P. award categories and divisions throughout the year.

“We received applications representing 630 Thoroughbreds competing in more than 12,500 classes and divisions during the 2019 award year,” said Kristin Werner, senior counsel for The JockeyClub and the administrator of T.I.P. “Winners will receive ribbons, prize money, and a variety of prizes, including custom Horseware coolers, halters, keychains, and apparel.”

Performance awards will be available once again in 2020 and will be based on results in shows from Dec. 1, 2019, through Nov. 30, 2020. The deadline for submissions is Dec. 20, 2020. In response to the ongoing cancellations of horse shows due to COVID-19, stand-alone divisions have been added for online dressage shows and online horses shows (non-dressage) for 2020.

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ALPINE SKY DELIVERS COLT ON FOAL PATROL

Alpine Sky (Indian Charlie--Alpine Garden, by Lemon Drop Kid), a 7-year-old mare owned by Old Tavern Farm, delivered a colt by More Than Ready at 10:56 p.m. Apr. 15 as part of the National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame's Foal Patrol Season 3. This is the fifth foal of the season delivered on Foal Patrol. Both the mare and foal are healthy and doing well.

Alpine Sky joins Magical World (Three Chimneys Farm), Hall of Famer Ashado (Gainsborough Farm), New Money Honey (Indian Creek Farm), and Vaulcluse (Gainesway Farm) in having delivered so far this season on Foal Patrol. One more mare -

Emotional Kitten at Denali Stud, who is expected to foal Apr. 25, is scheduled to give birth as part of Foal Patrol this season.

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TTA ANNOUNCES CONSIGNOR INCENTIVE PROGRAM

The Texas Thoroughbred Association has instituted a consignor incentive program for the Aug. 24 Texas Summer Yearling and Horses of Racing Age Sale at Lone Star Park. Thanks to the passage of H.B. 2463, which injects up to \$25 million annually into the Texas horse industry, funds are available to rebate up to half of the \$400 consignment fee for all horses passing through the ring, including horses not bred in Texas. Entries are due by June 15.

A similar incentive was previously announced for the Texas 2-Year-Olds in Training Sale. That auction was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and all consignment fees were refunded. Instead of a live auction, horses entered in that sale are currently being showcased on the TTA Sales website with potential buyers being able to connect directly with consignors to negotiate private sales with no additional fees.

The Texas Summer Yearling Sale has traditionally included a mixed session for broodmares and weanlings, but for this year's auction only, that format will change to a horses of racing age session focused on 2-year-olds. If there is sufficient demand, an under tack show may be added prior to the sale.

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Saturday, Oaklawn, post time: 6:16 p.m. EDT

APPLE BLOSSOM H.-GI, \$600,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Ollie's Candy 🌿	Candy Ride (Arg)	Eggert, Paul and Eggert, Karen	Sadler	Rosario	120
2	Coldwater	Hold Me Back	Janavar Thoroughbreds LLC	Eurton	De La Cruz	112
3	Awe Emma 🌿	War Front	Willis Horton Racing LLC	Stewart	Lanerie	115
4	Come Dancing	Malibu Moon	Blue Devil Racing Stable	Lukas	Geroux	120
5	Point of Honor 🌿	Curlin	Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners & Stetson Racing	Weaver	Van Dyke	119
6	Street Band	Istan	Francis, Ray, Jones, Cindy, Jones, J. Larry, Medallion Racing and MyRaceHorse Stable	Jones	Doyle	119
7	Queen Nekia	Harlington	Ken Copenhaver	Joseph, Jr.	Cohen	115
8	Saracosa 🌿	Bernardini	Chad Schumer	Contreras	Garcia	114
9	Horologist	Gemologist	There's A Chance Stable, Parkland Thoroughbreds, Medallion Racing and Abbondanza Racing, LLC	Baltas	Baze	116
10	Cookie Dough	Brethren	Arindel	Joseph, Jr.	Cedillo	118
11	Serengeti Empress 🌿	Alternation	Joel Politi	Amoss	Talamo	122
12	Go Google Yourself	Into Mischief	Jay Em Ess Stable	McGee	Hernandez, Jr.	120
13	Lady Apple 🌿	Curlin	Phoenix Thoroughbred III and KatieRich Stables	Asmussen	Santana, Jr.	119
14	Ce Ce	Elusive Quality	Bo Hirsch, LLC	McCarthy	Espinoza	121

Breeders: 1-Paul Eggert & Karen Eggert, 2-Janavar Thoroughbreds, LLC, 3-Rhinestone Bloodstock, 4-Blue Devil Racing Stable, LLC, 5-Siena Farms LLC, 6-Larry Jones, Cindy Jones & Ray Francis, 7-Porter Racing Stable, LLC, 8-Meritage Ventures, Inc., 9-Holly Crest Farm, 10-Arindel, 11-Tri Eques Bloodstock, LLC, 12-Samantha Siegel, 13-KatieRich Farms, 14-Bo Hirsch LLC

Saturday, Oaklawn, post time: 5:14 p.m. EDT

COUNT FLEET SPRINT H.-GIII, \$350,000, 4yo/up, 6f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Lexitonian	Speightstown	Calumet Farm	Sisterson	Beschizza	116
2	Flagstaff	Speightstown	Lane's End Racing and Hronis Racing LLC	Sadler	Rosario	122
3	Hog Creek Hustle 🌿	Overanalyze	Something Special Racing, LLC	Foley	Van Dyke	119
4	Bobby's Wicked One 🌿	Speightstown	Autumn Hill Farms Racing Stables, Inc.	Stall, Jr.	Mena	120
5	Wendell Fong 🌿	Flat Out	Gold Square LLC	Englehart	Cohen	115
6	Mr. Jagermeister	Atta Boy Roy	Boice, Kristin, Cummings, Leslie and Lund, Valorie	Lund	Thompson	117
7	Hidden Scroll	Hard Spun	Juddmonte Farms, Inc.	Mott	Garcia	117
8	Manny Wah	Will Take Charge	Susan Moulton	Catalano	Hill	115
9	Whitmore	Pleasantly Perfect	LaPenta, Robert V., Southern Springs Stables & Head of Plains Partners LLC	Moquett	Talamo	121
10	Share the Upside 🌿	Maclean's Music	Hill 'n' Dale Equine Holdings & Windsor Boys Racing	Asmussen	Geroux	117
11	Nitrous	Tapit	Winchell Thoroughbreds & Stonestreet Stables	Asmussen	Santana, Jr.	118

Breeders: 1-Calumet Farm, 2-Summer Wind Farm, 3-Hargus Sexton, Sandra Sexton & SilverFern Farm, LLC, 4-Ramona S. Bass, LLC., 5-Nicholas M. Lotz, 6-Kristin Boice, 7-Juddmonte Farms Inc, 8-Martha Jane Mulholland & Modo Tesio Equine, LLC, 9-John Liviakis, 10-Hill 'n' Dale Equine Holdings, Inc, 11-Winchell Thoroughbreds, LLC

2020 Leading Fourth-Crop Sires

for stallions standing in North America through Wednesday, Apr. 15

Earnings represent worldwide figures, stud fees listed are 2020 fees.

Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	Paynter (2009) by <i>Awesome Again</i> FYR: 2015	4	7	1	2	--	--	133	45	136,100	1,897,901
											<i>Ring Leader</i>
2	Violence (2010) by <i>Medaglia d'Oro</i> FYR: 2015	1	4	--	1	--	--	125	43	94,266	1,372,981
											<i>No Parole</i>
3	Flat Out (2006) by <i>Flatter</i> FYR: 2015	--	3	--	1	--	--	114	32	79,870	1,175,909
											<i>Threes Over Deuces</i>
4	Take Charge Indy (2009) by <i>A.P. Indy</i> FYR: 2015	--	--	--	--	--	--	100	32	71,740	936,834
											<i>Bronx Bomber</i>
5	Orb (2010) by <i>Malibu Moon</i> FYR: 2015	1	4	--	4	--	--	75	22	100,000	861,979
											<i>Whoa Nellie</i>
6	Alternation (2008) by <i>Distorted Humor</i> FYR: 2015	2	3	1	1	--	--	75	17	269,400	810,395
											<i>Serengeti Empress</i>
7	Oxbow (2010) by <i>Awesome Again</i> FYR: 2015	--	1	--	--	--	--	80	27	68,400	716,617
											<i>Blackberry Wine</i>
8	Point of Entry (2008) by <i>Dynaformer</i> FYR: 2015	--	1	--	1	--	--	70	20	53,400	624,611
											<i>Admission Office</i>
9	Graydar (2009) by <i>Unbridled's Song</i> FYR: 2015	--	3	--	2	--	--	83	20	53,000	623,487
											<i>More Graytful</i>
10	Overanalyze (2010) by <i>Dixie Union</i> FYR: 2015	1	2	--	1	--	--	81	19	96,250	615,965
											<i>Piedi Bianchi</i>
11	Justin Phillip (2008) by <i>First Samurai</i> FYR: 2015	1	2	--	--	--	--	55	20	92,800	526,991
											<i>Just Might</i>
12	Brethren (2008) by <i>Distorted Humor</i> FYR: 2015	1	1	1	1	--	--	65	16	92,070	504,972
											<i>Cookie Dough</i>
13	Jimmy Creed (2009) by <i>Distorted Humor</i> FYR: 2015	--	--	--	--	--	--	62	15	56,184	502,648
											<i>Whistling Birds</i>
14	El Padrino (2009) by <i>Pulpit</i> FYR: 2015	--	--	--	--	--	--	42	13	55,880	499,041
											<i>Promised Storm</i>
15	Poseidon's Warrior (2008) by <i>Speightstown</i> FYR: 2015	1	1	1	1	--	--	70	18	150,000	492,665
											<i>Firenze Fire</i>

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2nd-GP, \$65K, Msw, 2yo, 4 1/2f, 1:34 p.m.

GOLDEN PAL (Uncle Mo), the first foal out of talented turf sprinter and 'TDN Rising Star' Lady Shipman (Midshipman), debuts for Wesley Ward. The Randy Lowe homebred RNA'd for \$325,000 as a KEESEP yearling last year. Golden Pal worked four furlongs in :48 around the dogs over the Palm Meadows lawn in :48 (2/51) Apr. 11. "He's very fast," Ward said of the 7-5 morning-line favorite. Jacks or Better Farm homebred **First Navy Admiral** (Fort Loudon), a half-brother to champion Awesome Feather (Awesome of Course), also launches his career for Ralph Nicks. **TJCIS PPs**

9th-GP, \$47K, OC62k/N2X, 4yo/up, 6f, 5:17 p.m.

Unbeaten '**TDN Rising Star**' **FORTIN HILL (Mucho Macho Man)** makes his first start since going two-for-two at Belmont last June. The OXO Equine colorbearer, a \$575,000 OBS March 2-year-old purchase of 2018, is trained by Chad Brown. Fortin Hill hails from the family of two-time Canadian Horse of the Year and Eclipse winner Chief Bearhart and MGISW Private Zone.

TJCIS PPs

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IN ORDER OF PURSE:

8th-Oaklawn, \$62,000, Alw (NW2\$X), Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 4-16, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:42.38, ft.

LETRUSKA (f, 4, Super Saver--Magic Appeal {GSP}, by Successful Appeal) ran the table in six starts at Hipodromo de las Americas in Mexico City, winning two-thirds of that country's filly Triple Crown, and ran her streak to seven in the Copa Invitacional Del Caribe at Gulfstream Dec. 8. The bay finished off a tailed-off last of 13 when trying turf for the first time in the Dec. 28 Tropical Park Oaks and was a 3-1 chance in her 4-year-old debut. Soon in front beneath Ricardo Santana, Jr., Letrushka bowled along through a half-mile in a strong :46.45, traveled strongly on the turn and was always holding 11-10 favorite Nonna Madeline (Candy Ride {Arg}) in the run to the wire. The winning margin was 2 1/4 lengths. The winner is a half to Trigger Warning (Candy Ride {Arg}), MSW & GISP, \$555,378, and has a 2-year-old half-brother named Nuzhat (Street Sense) and a yearling half-brother by Hard Spun. Magic Appeal was most recently bred to Arrogate. Lifetime Record: Ch. 3yo Filly-Mex, SW, 9-8-0-0, \$120,505. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

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9th-Gulfstream, \$41,000, (S), Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$16,000), 4-16, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11.15, ft.

CAJUN BROTHER (g, 3, Cajun Breeze--Bella Capri Z, by Strong Hope) upset open company at 36-1 in game fashion on debut in Hallandale Mar. 14 and was favored at 5-2 to stay perfect versus Florida-breds. The rail-drawn chestnut battled for early command, raced head and head as four of them stacked across the track rounding the far turn and swatted them all away to win going away by 2 3/4 lengths over R Mercedes Boy (Overdriven). Bella Capri Z produced full brothers to the winner in 2018 and 2019. She was also covered by Cajun Breeze for 2020. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$55,800. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O/B-Shadybrook Farm Inc. (FL); T-Michael Yates.



IN ORDER OF PURSE:

2nd-Gulfstream, \$65,800, Msw, 4-16, 2yo, f, 4 1/2f, :52.13, ft. QUINOA TIFAH (f, 2, Gemologist--Atrea, by Storm Cat), drawn widest of all in post seven, was off as the 6-1 second choice in the first baby race of the season. She chased from second as the Wesley Ward-trained 1-5 favorite Lime (Iqbaal) sped through an opening quarter in :21.90. The Arindel homebred was under a ride as Lime appeared to be on cruise control up by about two lengths approaching the quarter pole. Quinoa Tifah took a run at the heavy chalk as they straightened for home and fought her way past to graduate by 3/4 of a length.

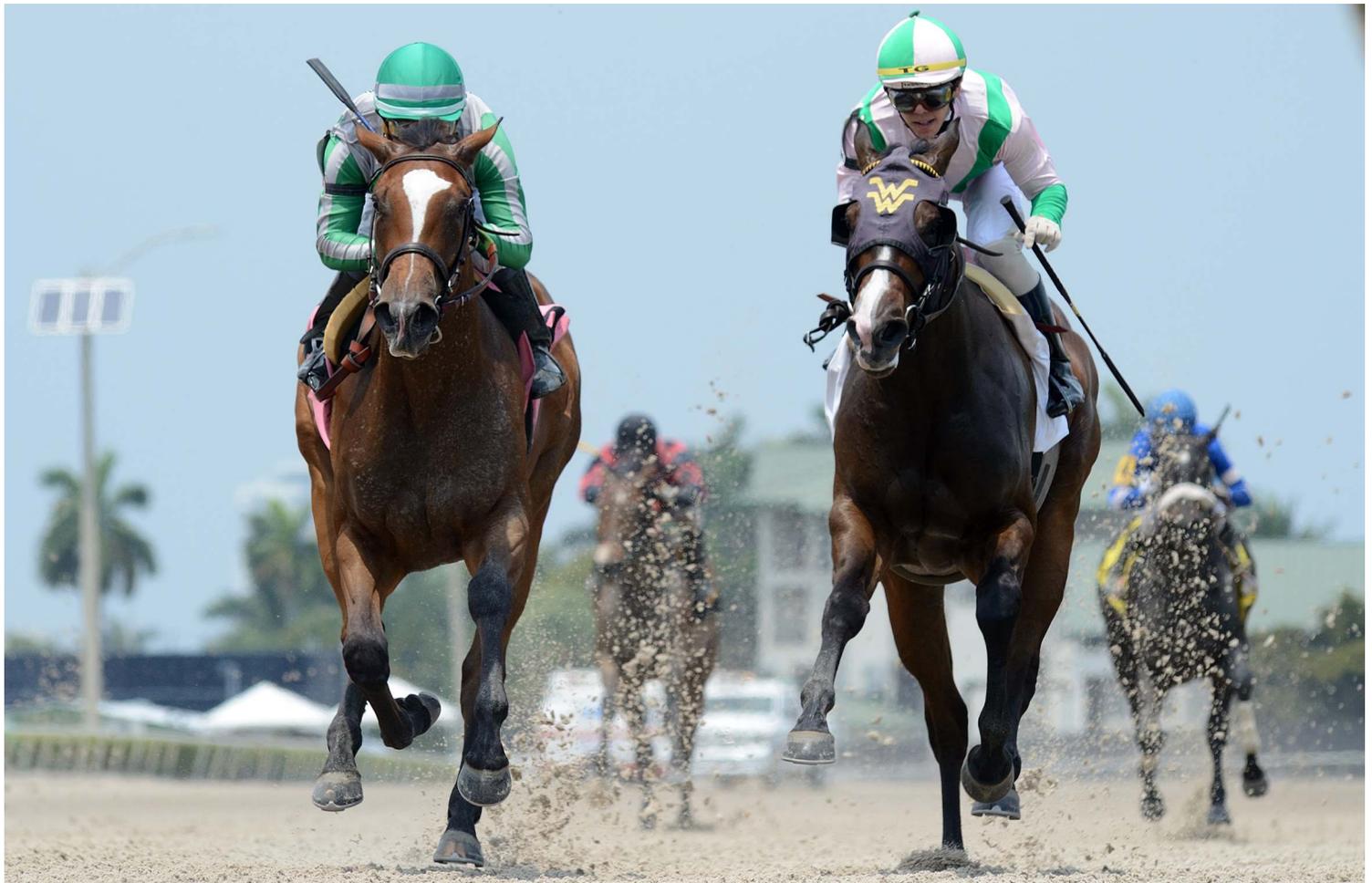
“She’s been training so great all winter,” said Arindel’s Brian Cohen. “She’s not really built like a 4 1/2-furlong type filly. She’s a bigger, athletic type. We weren’t really planning on running her in the first couple of races. We were pushing her works farther apart, aiming for May, June and July. But she’s been so

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Quinoa Tifah (Gemologist) upsets the first baby race of the season at Gulfstream Park.



Gemologist's Quinoa Tifah (outside) takes the first baby race of the season at Gulfstream Park | Ryan Thompson

quick and doing everything so easily, she was reminding us of [Arindel's graded-stakes winner] Cookie Dough, having that kind of frame to her. No one was touching her, so we said, 'Maybe we should aim her for the early races.'"

The winner's dam is also responsible for a yearling colt by Brethren and was bred back to that sire for 2020. This is the extended female family of GISWs Super Saver, Imagining, Girolamo, Got Lucky, Bluegrass Cat, et al. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$43,000. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

O/B-Arindel (FL); T-Juan Alvarado.



In this continuing series, Alan Carasso takes a look ahead at US-bred and/or conceived runners entered for the upcoming weekend at the tracks on the Japan Racing Association circuit, with a focus on pedigree and/or performance in the sales ring. Here are the horses of interest for this weekend running at Hanshin and Nakayama Racecourses, the latter of which plays host to the first leg of the Japanese Triple Crown, Sunday's G1 Satsuki Sho (Japanese 2000 Guineas) over the metric mile and a quarter:

Saturday, April 18, 2020

1st-HSN, ¥9,680,000 (\$90k), Maiden, 3yo, 1400m

QUEEN'S V V (JPN) (f, 3, Honor Code--V V Goodnight, by Midnight Lute) has one previous appearance under her belt, an educational fourth-place effort on her track-and-distance debut Dec. 15 ([video](#), gate 2). The Apr. 2 foal is the first produce for her dam, who rounded out a Tom Proctor exacta in the 2014 GIII Pucker Up S. and was sold for \$360K with this filly in utero at Keeneland November in 2016. V V Goodnight, a half-sister to Grade III-winning turfster Gleam of Hope (City Zip), is the dam of a 2-year-old filly by Screen Hero (Jpn) and a yearling colt by Heart's Cry (Jpn). *B-Kosho Bokujo*

6th-HSN, ¥13,830,000 (\$128k), Allowance, 3yo, 1200mT

HARRY BAROWS (c, 3, Uncle Mo--Isobel Baillie {GB}, by Lomitas {GB}), a half-brother to MGSW Isabella Sings (Eskendereya), MSW & GSP Alaura Michele (Arch) and SW Tobacco Road (Quality Road), improved for a debut third last November to best fellow US-bred Jigen (Into Mischief) when last seen at Kyoto Jan. 12 ([video](#), gate 10). Harry Barows's unraced third dam Ring of Music (GB) (Sadler's Wells) was a half to

Singspiel (Ire) and Rahy and bred MG1SW Campanologist (Kingmambo). Harry Barows, a \$275K KEESEP RNA and \$425K OBS April breezer, switches to the turf for the first time this weekend. *B-Flaxman Holdings Ltd & Airlie Stud (KY)*

11th-HSN, Arlington Cup-G3, ¥72m (\$688k), 3yo, 1600mT
DIEU DU VIN (JPN) (c, 3, Declaration of War--Jealous Cat, by Tapit) stamped himself as one of Japan's leading dirt horses of his generation with a defeat of the talented Danon Pharaoh (Jpn) (American Pharoah) on Oct. 26 before carrying Frankie Dettori to a victory in the Nov. 23 Cattleya Sho ([video](#), gate 3), the first race on the Japan Road to the Kentucky Derby. The bay transitions to the grass for this group debut and he has the license to handle it, as his dam is a full-sister to former 'TDN Rising Star' Tapicat, winner of the GIII Florida Oaks in 2013. *B-Shimokobe Farm*

Sunday, April 19, 2020

11th-NKY, Satsuki Sho-G1, ¥210m (\$1.95m), 3yo, 2000mT

Owner Katsumi Yoshizawa gave \$825K at KEESEP in 2018 for **AMERICAN SEED (c, 3, Tapit--Sweet Talker, by Stormin Fever)** and the colt has yet to finish outside the top three in his four career starts. A first-out winner over 1800 grassy meters Dec. 8 ([video](#), gate 5), the March-foaled bay was runner-up in his next two appearances and exits a third in the Listed Wakaba S. going this trip Mar. 21. Sweet Talker, winner of the 2005 GI QE II Challenge Cup and sold to Courtlandt Farm a month later for \$1.15 million at KEENOV, is the dam of American Seed's SW/GP full-sister Sweet Tapper and his MGSP half-brother Perregaux (Distorted Humor). *B-Courtlandt Farm (KY)*

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Admiral Kitten (Kitten's Joy), Moutonshoek Stud
20 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
2-Gulfstream, Msw 4 1/2f, TESTIFIED, 20-1

American Pharoah (Pioneerof the Nile), Ashford Stud, private
318 foals of racing age/36 winners/6 black-type winners
8-Gulfstream, Aoc 5fT, ENVIED, 6-1
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 88 foals of racing age/9 winners/0 black-type winners
 8-Gulfstream, Aoc 5fT, SILVER TUNES, 30-1

Lea (First Samurai), Claiborne Farm, \$7,500
 103 foals of racing age/13 winners/2 black-type winners
 8-Gulfstream, Aoc 5fT, JADES GELLY, 5-2
 \$120,000 KEE JAN wnl; \$190,000 KEE SEP yrl

Majestic City (City Zip), Irish Hill & Dutchess Views Stallions, \$3,500
 62 foals of racing age/7 winners/0 black-type winners
 8-Gulfstream, Aoc 5fT, RANDIABBY, 30-1
 \$14,000 RNA OBS APR 2yo

Medal Count (Dynaformer), Mapleton Thoroughbred Farm, \$2,000
 81 foals of racing age/10 winners/0 black-type winners
 5-Oaklawn, \$100K Rainbow Miss S., 6f, HISSY MISSY, 20-1

Race Day (Tapit), Spendthrift Farm, \$7,500
 148 foals of racing age/20 winners/4 black-type winners
 9-Oaklawn, \$100K Rainbow S., 6f, IMPLICATOR, 12-1

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

5th-Oaklawn, \$61,000, (S), 4-16, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:44.61, ft.

SOUXPER CHARGER (g, 4, Portobello Road--My Angel's Halo, by Southern Forest) Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-1, \$116,353.
 O-J J Thoroughbreds; B-Anderson Farms (AR); T-Daniel C. Peitz.

10th-Gulfstream, \$40,400, (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 4-16, 3yo/up, 5fT, :55.39, fm.

REAL MONEY (g, 4, Real Solution--Money Huntress, by Mineshaft) Lifetime Record: 10-2-1-3, \$100,879. O-Gary Barber; B-Kenneth L. & Sarah K. Ramsey (KY); T-Mark E. Casse. *\$32,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP; \$675,000 2yo '18 OBSMAR; \$22,000 3yo '19 KEENOV. **1/2 to Adorable Miss (Kitten's Joy), MSW, \$162,590; Noble Beauty (Kitten's Joy), GSW, \$162,100.



ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Stormy Derby Day, f, 3, **Get Stormy**--Jasmine Jewel, by Mr. Greeley. Gulfstream, 4-16, (C), 1mT, 1:37.60. B-Mary A. Sullivan (KY).



CAJUN BREEZE, Cajun Brother, g, 3, o/o Bella Capri Z, by Strong Hope. AOC, 4-16, Gulfstream

GEMOLOGIST, Quinoa Tifah, f, 2, o/o Atrea, by Storm Cat. MSW, 4-16, Gulfstream

GET STORMY, Stormy Derby Day, f, 3, o/o Jasmine Jewel, by Mr. Greeley. MCL, 4-16, Gulfstream

PORTOBELLO ROAD, Souixper Charger, g, 4, o/o My Angel's Halo, by Southern Forest. ALW, 4-16, Oaklawn

REAL SOLUTION, Real Money, g, 4, o/o Money Huntress, by Mineshaft. AOC, 4-16, Gulfstream

SUPER SAVER, Letruska, f, 4, o/o Magic Appeal, by Successful Appeal. AOC, 4-16, Oaklawn

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CLASSIC WINNER, SIRE SHAMARDAL DIES



Shamardal: 2002 - 2020 | Darley

By Emma Berry

Dual French Classic winner and leading sire **Shamardal** (Giant's Causeway--Helsinki {GB}, by Machiavellian) has been euthanised at the age of 18 after dealing with "a range of health issues."

Announcing the news on Thursday, Joe Osborne, managing director of Godolphin Ireland, paid tribute to Kildangan Stud's flagship stallion. "Shamardal embodied mental and physical toughness—as a racehorse and as a stallion," he said. "As the racing world has seen over the past 15 years, he passed those qualities on to his progeny."

"He contended with a range of health issues over recent years and did so with fortitude and resilience. It's a tough day for us saying goodbye to him. This is an appropriate time to thank our team of stallion personnel and support professionals who cared for him so well and so kindly throughout his time here at Kildangan Stud."

Unbeaten on turf and found wanting only once in his seven-race career when contesting the G2 UAE Derby on dirt, the bold front-running Shamardal was bred in Kentucky by Brilliant Stable and was bought as a yearling by the late Sheikh Maktoum al Maktoum's Gainsborough Stud Management.

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SEVEN-FIGURE FRANKEL COLT BOLTS UP DOWN UNDER

High-priced Frankel (GB) colt **Significance (Aus)** produced the first winning strike of his career at Wyong on Thursday for trainer John O'Shea in a **dominating seven-length winning performance**. "A scopey, slow maturing colt that is finally putting it all together with racing and experience," O'Shea tweeted after the victory.

Purchased at the 2018 Inglis Easter Sale, he was secured out of Arrowfield Stud's consignment for A\$1.1-million by Domeland. Placed once in five previous appearances, Significance is the first foal of the unraced Oasis Dream (GB) mare Aqua Bella (GB), who was unraced and bought by Badgers Bloodstock for €230,000 at the 2014 Arqana December Breeding Stock Sale. Aqua Bella is a half-sister to the stakes-winner Ame Bleue (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}). Their dam is the multiple Group 1 winner Aquarelliste (Fr) (Danehill {Ire}).

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Classic Winner, Sire Shamardal Dies cont. from p1

Racing initially for Abdulla Buhaleeba when trained by Mark Johnston, he burst onto the scene in his trainer’s home nation of Scotland, winning an Ayr maiden in emphatic fashion, leading from start to finish and passing the post eight lengths clear.

From Ayr, it was straight to Glorious Goodwood just over a fortnight later, where he beat subsequent GI Breeders’ Cup Juvenile winner Wilko (Awesome Again) by 2 1/2 lengths when landing the G2 Veuve Clicquot Vintage S. in the hands of Joe Fanning.



Shamardal winning the Dewhurst | *Racing Post*

By the time Shamardal returned to the track in mid-October for a crack at the G1 Darley Dewhurst S., Kevin Darley was aboard to guide the colt, who now bore Sheikh Maktoum’s silks, to another commanding all-the-way victory.

The leading juvenile colt in Europe for 2004 and a Cartier Award winner, Shamardal moved from Johnston’s Yorkshire stable over the winter to join Saeed Bin Suroor’s team in Dubai. His one start at Nad Al Sheba, when fading to ninth in the UAE Derby, transpired to be the only time Shamardal’s colours would be lowered and ensured that he would return to Europe for his

Classic year rather than being aimed at the Kentucky Derby.

With stablemate Dubawi (Ire) being prepared for the G1 2000 Guineas in Newmarket, Shamardal was dispatched to Longchamp where he swiftly made amends for his disappointing resumption with a narrow victory over Indestachel (Ire) in the G1 Poule d’Essai des Poulains. He had subsequent G1 Prix de l’Arc de Triomphe winner Hurricane Run (Ire) a neck behind him when annexing his second Classic at Chantilly in the G1 Prix du Jockey Club in the first year that the race was reduced in distance to 2100 metres.

Returning to a mile just nine days later for what would prove to be his final start, Shamardal again made all to emulate his sire Giant’s Causeway by winning the G1 St James’s Palace S. when Royal Ascot was held at York. Dubawi, by that time the winner of the Irish 2000 Guineas, had been scratched from the race for unsuitably fast ground.

Scheduled to meet Derby winner Motivator (GB) in a hotly anticipated clash for the G1 Coral-Eclipse S., Shamardal was found to be lame two days before the race and a chip in his fetlock brought about his swift retirement. Coming at a relatively early stage in the season, he was able to enter quarantine to stand his first season in the Southern Hemisphere at Darley’s Australian base.

IT’S A SAD DAY BUT I AM SURE THAT HIS PROGENY WILL CONTINUE HIS LEGACY BOTH ON THE RACECOURSE AND IN THE BREEDING SHEDS.

Saeed bin Suroor, trainer of Shamardal as a 3-year-old.

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Classic Winner, Sire Shamardal Dies cont.

“We were all very sad to hear of the passing of Shamardal,” said his former trainer Saeed Bin Suroor. “He was a champion 2-year-old and became one of Godolphin’s best horses, winning two Classics in France as well as the St James’s Palace S.

“He went on to establish himself as a top sire, producing exceptional horses throughout the world, and everyone is going to miss him. It is a sad day but I am sure that his progeny will continue his legacy both on the racecourse and in the breeding sheds.”

From the first crop of Giant’s Causeway, Shamardal was a terrific advertisement for the stallion prowess of the ‘Iron Horse’ and both father and son went on to forge stud careers every bit as impressive as their racing days. Shamardal’s successful dual career as both racehorse and sire had perhaps seemed unlikely in his early days. He had been bought in at \$485,000 when offered as a foal at Keeneland then fetched only 50,000gns at Tattersalls’ Houghton Yearling Sale having reportedly been misdiagnosed as a ‘wobbler.’

That success also owes plenty to his dam side, however. His dam Helsinki, a winner and listed-placed in France, was a daughter of the Irish Oaks winner Helen Street (GB) (Troy {GB}) and a full-sister to Street Cry (Ire), who had won the G1 Dubai World Cup for Sheikh Mohammed in the year Shamardal was born. Helsinki was sold to Coolmore for \$3.9-million the month after her son had won the Dewhurst and she went on to produce the G2 Beresford S. winner Geoffrey Chaucer (Montjeu {Ire}).

Shamardal’s shuttle career was brought to a premature halt in 2012 when injury prevented his return to the Hunter Valley, but he had been quick off the mark in both hemispheres.



Pinatubo winning last year’s National S. Click for a video featuring Pinatubo and his sire, Shamardal | *Racing Post*

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3YO GR.1 PROSPECTS

Jon Kelly's **CAYENNE PEPPER**, who annexed the G3 Flame of Tara Stakes before running fourth in the G1 Fillies' Mile, is yet another member of Jessica Harrington's formidable band of sophomore distaffers. **"She's done well and is starting to thrive now,"** she commented. **"She was a bit cold until this kinder weather came and is another one for the Guineas. She should stay and could end up over a mile-and-a-half."** *TDN, April 5th*



David Simcock is awaiting the commencement of the 2020 flat turf season with keenness as he prepares the unbeaten **MOHICAN HEIGHTS** for a potential Derby tilt. **"He is the one I'm looking forward to the most of our 3-year-olds,"** he said. **"He's a talented horse"** *TDN, March 31st*



Other Classic contenders for Charlie Fellowes (Listed-winning 2YO King Carney), Andre Fabre, Aidan O'Brien, Joseph O'Brien, Alain de Royer-Dupre, Xavier-Thomas Demaulte, William Haggas, Michael Halford, Sir Mark Prescott, Amanda Perrett etc.

2YO TO FOLLOW

Class of 2020: Mark Johnston

Once again, Mark has a wealth of juvenile talent and his assistant, son Charlie Johnston, suggested a dozen of what he hopes could be worth keeping an eye on



OUTBACK BOY

Chesnut Colt; Australia – Permission Slip
Australia is a stallion we are very keen on. Obviously we had Sir Ron Priestley last year who went through the ranks for us and I would expect this horse to need time. On pedigree, I wouldn't expect him to be running anything less than seven furlongs or a mile this year and, again, he is a late foal but he is showing more at this stage than I would have expected too. That is always a good sign when they are bred to need time and distance but able to show you a bit of speed in late March.

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In Australia, his first-crop daughter Faint Perfume (Aus) won the G1 VRC Oaks and G1 Vinery Stud S., while G3 Solario S. winner Shakespearean (Ire) helped him on his way to leading first-season sire honours in Europe. Since then, his stud career—at Kildangan throughout except in 2008 when he stood at Dalham Hall Stud in Newmarket—has been liberally sprinkled with sons and daughters of the highest calibre. While not a stakes winner at two, Lope De Vega (Ire) swiftly proved himself to be the most illustrious member of Shamardal's first crop, emulating his father with his French Classic double before becoming a highly respected stallion in his own right.

Shamardal's list of 25 Group 1 winners will surely be augmented posthumously and it was given a terrific boost last season with the addition of three unbeaten juvenile colts. Pinatubo (Ire), Godolphin's homebred European champion 2-year-old, looms largest, and he was joined by the Andre Fabre-trained pair Earthlight (Ire) and Victor Ludorum (Ire), all of whom ran in the royal blue of Godolphin. It is particularly to his credit that he could come up with three such talented juveniles in one crop bearing in mind that in recent years he has been covering restricted books of mares so he was denied the numerical advantage given to some of his busier rivals.

In an accompanying piece, Kelsey Riley expands on Shamardal's legacy as a sire of sires and his burgeoning reputation as a broodmare sire, notably through top-level winners Latrobe (Ire) (Camelot {GB}), Hello Youmzain (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}) and Pretty Pollyanna (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}).

Sam Bullard, Darley's director of stallions, said, "Shamardal has been the mainstay of our Irish stallion roster for many years and will be sorely missed by the team at Kildangan. His record as a sire speaks for itself and we have enjoyed many great days on the racecourse courtesy of his sons and daughters. Led by the imperious Pinatubo, Shamardal's juvenile crop of last year was truly outstanding, siring three unbeaten Group 1-winning juvenile colts, a feat never achieved before since the start of the pattern."

The three top-class juveniles were not the only stars last season for Shamardal, as his son Blue Point (Ire), who bears close physical resemblance to him, lit up Royal Ascot with a Group 1 sprint double before retiring to stand alongside him at Kildangan. Shamardal became famed for passing on his somewhat plain head but if that was unappealing to the aesthetes of the Thoroughbred world, he quickly proved, through deed and gene, that handsome is as handsome does. For, along with that noble, old-fashioned head came a propensity for toughness, mingled pleasingly regularly with a touch of brilliance. And that is how we will remember him.

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SHAMARDAL'S LEGACY WILL LONG ENDURE

By Kelsey Riley

If there is one adjective that embodies everything about Shamardal, it would have to be 'class.' That magic yet highly elusive ingredient that separates a great Thoroughbred from the field has permeated every aspect of his being from the time his blue chip mating was planned, through to his own quartet of Group 1 successes on the racecourse and on to his sons and daughters, who made an immediate impact on the track with Classic winners in Europe and Australia in his first crop and whose dominance was emphasized last year by a remarkable three unbeaten Group 1-winning 2-year-old colts.



Shamardal after winning the Poule d'Essai des Poulains | *Racing Post*

It is regrettable that we had Shamardal in the flesh for just 18 years, but his legacy will continue long beyond that. His first three crops contained six Group 1-winning colts, four of which have already made marks as sires. Holding chief spot among those is first-crop son Lope De Vega (Ire), who emulated his sire with a G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains/G1 Prix du Jockey Club double, and who has wasted no time establishing his own branch of the Shamardal sireline. In his first crop, Lope De Vega provided the G1 Dewhurst S. and G1 Lockinge S. victor Belardo (Ire), who stands, as his grandsire did, at Kildangan Stud and whose first crop, which will hit racecourses this year, have drawn early praise. Lope de Vega's second crop yielded the French Group 1 winners Zabeel Prince (Ire) and Jemayel (Ire), while GI Natalma S. winner Capla Temptress (Ire) came along in his third crop.

Another brilliant 2-year-old filly, Newspaperofrecord (Ire), surfaced just a year later for Lope De Vega. Watching Newspaperofrecord streak down the stretch of the Churchill Downs turf course in 2018 to a breathtaking win in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies, one couldn't help but be taken by

Shamardal's Legacy Will Long Endure cont.

the physical similarities to her grandsire: the classic dark bay colouring; the strong head with the white star that drips down to a point midway down the face and the bright, intelligent and intense eye. And, just like her grandsire did in four Group 1s, Newspaperofrecord made every step of the running before kicking clear with that imperial head held high.

Lope De Vega has provided three Group 1-winning sprinters in Australia from a short shuttling career—Santa Ana Lane (Aus), Vega Magic (Aus) and Gytrash (Aus). With eight group winners in Europe last year headed by the G1 Irish 2000 Guineas winner Phoenix of Spain (Ire)—new to the Irish National Stud this year—and four 2-year-old stakes winners including the group winners Lope Y Fernandez (Ire), Ecrivain (Ire) and Max Vega (Ire), Lope De Vega stands for a career high €100,000 at Ballylinch Stud this year.

The star of Shamardal's second crop was the G1 Racing Post Trophy victor Casamento (Ire). While his star never ascended to the height of Lope De Vega's, he nonetheless compiled a decent record as a sire before prematurely dying aged 12 in February. Casamento's Kings Will Dream (Ire) took the G1 Turnbull S. at Flemington last October, while G2 Princess of Wales's S. winner Communique (Ire) and G2 Prix de Royallieu victress Princess Yaiza (Ire) are the Northern Hemisphere stars among his 10 stakes winners.

Shamardal's third crop has provided two useful young sires. The G1 Coral-Eclipse winner Mukhadram (GB) has a pair of stakes winners and three other stakes-placed horses from his first two crops, while the Italian Group 1 winner Amaron (GB) was Germany's leading first-season sire last year.



Newspaperofrecord, by Shamardal's son Lope De Vega, winning the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies | Horsephotos

Shamardal has a trio of exciting young sire sons in France, headed by the Aga Khan's G1 Prix Ganay victor Dariyan (Fr), who has his first 2-year-olds this year. Bow Creek (Ire), a Group 2 winner in England, Ireland and Australia, also has his first runners this year, and he stands at Haras du Logis alongside French Navy (GB), the winner of four Group 3s over middle distances who supplied six first-crop winners last year. Australian second-season sire Puissance de Lune (Ire) has provided G2 Edward Manifold S. winner Moonlight Maid (Aus) and two other stakes-placed horses from 25 total runners.



Blue Point winning last year's Diamond Jubilee. Click for a video on he and Shamardal at Kildangan Stud | Racing Post

There is every reason to believe, however, that the best is yet to come for Shamardal's sireline. His champion sprinter son Blue Point (Ire), who is almost eerily similar to him physically, is currently covering his first book of mares at Kildangan Stud, while Pinatubo—already Shamardal's highest-rated European son at 128—Earthlight and Victor Ludorum are sure to someday wind up in Darley stallion yards.

And as the classiest sires so often make the best broodmare sires, Shamardal is following suit in that realm, too. His daughters have thus far left 32 stakes winners headed by four Group 1 winners: Classic winners Latrobe (GB) (Camelot {GB}) and Awtaad (Ire) (Cape Cross {Ire}); G1 Sprint Cup victor Hello Youmzain (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}) and G1 Prix Morny scorer Pretty Pollyanna (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}).

Shamardal's early results as both a sire of sires and broodmare sire offer every indication that his legacy will burn bright well beyond his 18 years. And with a clutch of remarkable Classic colts for 2020—and so many regally bred sons and daughters from his latest crops not yet even in the public eye—it is completely conceivable that some of the greatest chapters of the Shamardal story have yet to be written.

EUROPEAN NEWS

DUNDALK RESURFACING GOING WELL

The resurfacing of the track at Dundalk, Ireland's only all-weather track, is proceeding nicely, reported the venue's chief executive Jim Martin.

"We said that we would have it done by June 15 and are well on target for that so we can race on July 12," he said. "The month period before starting racing here again will give everyone the chance to have a look and to have trial runs with horses galloping on it.



Racing on the all-weather at Dundalk | *Racing Post*

"This is the time of the year to get work done on all-weather tracks. It's more pliable in the heat and easier to manage. It's also easier to work longer days with the light, while if it's wet, the wax tightens up and it's not as easy to work with."

The track, opened in 2007, had some remedial work performed last August.

Martin said: "We put 54 tons of fibre on the surface and everyone was very happy, including a number of all-weather track experts. We had a record number of runners per race after the work was done, and when you see [trainer] Aidan [O'Brien] coming to gallop Group 1 horses and Derby winners, it speaks for itself."

Martin said he hopes that more use can be made of Dundalk, which is set to host a total of 38 fixtures in 2020.

"We...are the least-used all-weather track in the world," he said. "If we did happen to get very wet weather later in the year from say October to December and the turf tracks got very soft,

I could see a lot of trainers saying why don't we race three times a week in Dundalk to give horses an opportunity to run."

Of the 10 meetings held in Ireland before coronavirus brought racing to a halt, two were staged successfully at Dundalk.

"The meetings we held behind closed doors went very well. We had cleaners in wiping everything down both before and during racing. People were keeping their social distance, and everyone took the protocols very seriously. It would be great to get back to normal, but at the moment just to get back racing is the first step. We lost a meeting in March and four in April, so hopefully we will be back racing for our fixture on July 12."

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BBAG BREEZE UP SALE DELAYED

German sales company BBAG has announced that its Spring Breeze Up Sale, initially set for May 22, will be postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. A new date has not yet been determined. The company's flagship Premier Yearling Sale is scheduled for Sept. 4.

German racing officials revealed earlier this month that they **hope to re-start racing behind closed doors on May 1**, with 23 race meetings through mid-June with just one racecourse staging racing per day.

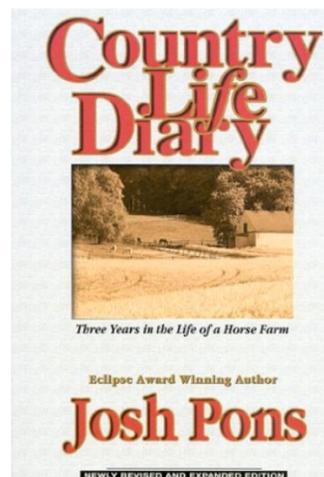
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— THE GREAT RACING READ —

ANDREW STEWART

Country Life Diary

By Josh Pons



I have just started re-reading my personally signed copy of *Country Life Diary*, a day-by-day account of three years in the life of a family-run Thoroughbred stud in Maryland, U.S. Although over 30 years have passed since Josh Pons wrote the first chapter of a diary that was published every month for three straight years, the daily happenings of a working Thoroughbred farm are still the same every day around the world.

The arrival and prospect of making a new stallion, covering the first mare of the season and later the foaling process, bringing into the world the latest crop of prospective Triple Crown winners, describes the yearly natural cycle of an industry which has ebbed and flowed throughout the years.

The Great Racing Read cont.

Rather than try to find words beyond my mortal comprehension, let me quote the eloquent words of the late, great writer Joe Hirsch, who wrote, "Like Herriot, Pons sees more than the trees. He sees the forest, has the ability to capture the spirit as well as the letter of life in a bucolic setting, and has the grace of a true storyteller. The Diary is delightful, informative, amusing, touching, sensitive, perceptive."

The book outlines the constant battle with retaining good staff, finding new investors to replace those who have given up the chase, trying to get that last broodmare in foal before the end of the season and battling the encroaching commercial development are all themes that still resonate today. A truly great read by a third-generation horseman whose family has been a part of Maryland racing and breeding for over 100 years and whose eloquence with words accorded him an Eclipse award in 1981.

Josh Pons later wrote *Merryland, Two Years in the Life of a Racing Stable*. Josh and Mike Pons purchased the famed racing nursery Merryland in 2001 and this book is a two-year trip down memory lane of the ins and outs of producing the young horses who will fill the racetracks around the country. I will also be re-reading this edition once I have taken in all the Country Life Diary can offer.

I met Josh Pons in 2011 after emailing him out of the blue to say that I, a New Zealander with a lifelong career in the Thoroughbred industry and a lifelong interest in the American Thoroughbred, was visiting the eastern part of his country and could I call in to see the stall where the champion Cigar was born. Not only did Josh welcome my wife Jo and me to Country Life, he put us up in the wonderfully historic Merryland House for a couple of nights and fed and watered us as well, including some of the famed Maryland crab. A true gentleman from a family that epitomises what is great about our industry.

In these challenging times, I can only hope our borders open up soon so that I can again visit Country Life and enjoy the hospitality of the Pons family. Until that time I am truly enjoying revisiting a great read.

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WORLDWIDE NEWS

SOUTH AFRICA'S NATIONAL SALE DELAYED UNTIL JULY

Bloodstock South Africa's National Yearling Sale in Johannesburg, initially put off until May from its traditional mid-April calendar slot, has been postponed to July 30 to Aug. 1. Depending on COVID-19 restrictions, the sale will either be staged in a traditional format with no restrictions, with limited attendees or virtually if a lockdown is still in place.

The National Two-Year-Old Sale will be held Nov. 11 to 13 and will see all horses previously entered for the KZN Yearling Sale transferred across. The sale will be limited to 600 horses. The Cape Mare Sale will be moved to mid-August.

"As an industry we are all in this together and need to unify in support of one another during these difficult and uncertain times," said Bloodstock South Africa Chief Executive Officer Michael Holmes. "There is naturally no quick-fix for the current predicament, and definitely no 'one size-fits-all' solution either. We have applied our minds to take cognizance of the various difficulties and realities that breeders, both big and small, are facing. What works for one, may not be ideal for the next. Our revised programme attempts to find a balance between all factors at play--and those are not restricted to racing and breeding. On behalf of the board of Bloodstock South Africa I would like to thank you all for your continued support, patience and understanding. We will get there together."

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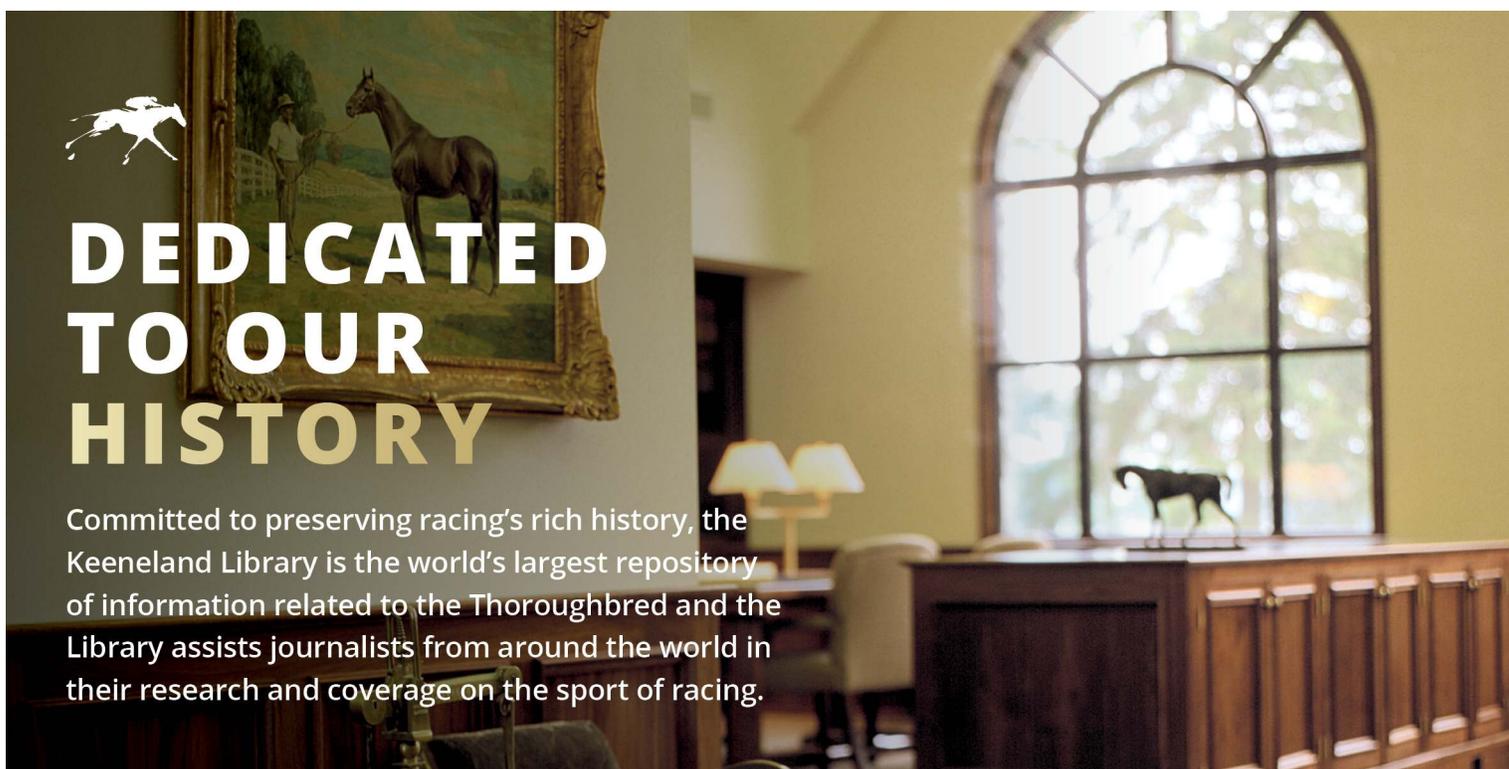
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CORNERSTONE PLANNING FOR SHUTTLETS



Sir Prancealot | Cornerstone Stud photo

by Bren O'Brien

Principal Sam Hayes admits there are many possible impacts the current COVID-19 crisis could have on breeding operations such as Cornerstone Stud, but he is confident that it will have its two shuttle stallions in place for the 2020 season.

Cornerstone Stud continues to plan for its shuttling pair **Sir Prancealot (Ire)** (Tamayuz {GB}) and **World Of Trouble (USA)** (Kantharos {USA}) to arrive in time for the 2020 breeding season, despite the disruption in international travel caused by the outbreak of coronavirus.

Sir Prancealot has proven extremely popular with Australian breeders in his three seasons at the South Australian stud and the success of his first Northern Hemisphere crop on the track led to a deal being struck for him to shuttle to Rancho San Miguel in California this year.

Lockdowns in California caused by the outbreak of coronavirus have caused disruption to his first season in the USA, but after his first Australian crop proved popular at this year's yearling sales, with 13 sold at an average of \$39,692, Cornerstone Stud principal Sam Hayes is obviously keen to get him back.

Cornerstone had also announced in January it had secured a deal with Hill 'N' Dale Farm to shuttle World Of Trouble, the dual Grade 1-sprinting son of Kantharos (USA), to Australia in 2020.

Hayes has been in constant touch with IRT around the transport logistics of getting the stallions from California and Kentucky respectively back into Australia in time for the start of the season in September.

"Like everyone, we are in close consultation with IRT. The latest news is that we are confident we can get those shuttle stallions home. We are planning for that at the moment. As we have learnt in the past month or so, you need to be pretty agile in this COVID-19 environment," Hayes told *TDN AusNZ*.

"We've got contingency plans A, B and C as well, and different scenarios, but we're working on the plan that the shuttle stallions will be travelling."

The logistical issues of transporting stallions during a time of global lockdown is just one of the many issues confronting Cornerstone, and many other studs at the moment.

Another is the difficulty in trading horses in the current environment of uncertainty, something which threatens the cash flow of a lot of the major breeders.

"We trade a lot outside of sales. We are always buying and selling bloodstock," Hayes said.

"When trainers and syndicators are finding it very hard to sell and syndicate yearlings, it doesn't take long for that to flow down to the breeders. We are expecting demand for horses to be curtailed over the next 12 months," he said.

Fundamentalist Joins Chairman's Sale

by Paul Vettise

Top-flight performer **Fundamentalist** (Not A Single Doubt), who is in foal to Zoustar, is the latest wildcard entry confirmed for Inglis' upcoming Chairman's Sale.

Trained at Lindsay Park by David and Ben Hayes and Tom Dabernig, she was successful twice as a juvenile, including victory in the Listed Dequetteville S. and was subsequently placed five times at Group 1 level as a 2 and 3-year-old and against older opposition.

Fundamentalist was third in the G1 J J Atkins S. and the following season finished runner-up in the Thousand Guineas, third in the Empire Rose S., and second in both the Surround S. and the Randwick Guineas.

The latter event marked, arguably her career-high performance when the champion colt The Autumn Sun narrowly got the better of Fundamentalist, with Group 1 winners Nakeeta Jane (So You Think {NZ}) and Madison County (NZ) (Pins) among the beaten brigade. **Cont. p2**

Fundamentalist cont.

Fundamentalist finished in the top three at 13 of her 22 starts, and will be offered for sale with a positive test to Widden Stud's Zoustar at her first covering.

Part-owner Wes Heritage said Fundamentalist was a mighty mare who took them on the 'ride of a lifetime.'

"She was so much fun to race, just a group of mates who have been on a journey around Australia with her contesting stakes races in Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and Adelaide, but not everybody involved in her are breeders so the time has come to dissolve the partnership.

"She was as tough as they come on the track, she's gone to the breeding barn without having been over-raced and she's by a great stallion in Not A Single Doubt. I have no doubt she's going to prove an absolutely outstanding broodmare prospect for her lucky new owner."



Fundamentalist | TDNAusNZ

Fundamentalist joins other recent wildcard entries, including Group 1 winner Youngstar (High Chaparral {Ire}), Group 3 winner Bella Rosa (Snitzel) and Summer Surf (Big Brown {USA}), a half-sister to G1 Golden Slipper S. winner Farnan (Not A Single Doubt), who is carrying a maiden foal to Aquis-based first-season sire Brave Smash (Jpn).

Applications for a wildcard spot in The Chairman's Sale will be accepted up until 5pm on Friday, April 24.

The Chairman's Sale already features a collection of broodmares and breeding prospects of incredible quality.

Included in the main catalogue is Group 1 winners In Her Time (Time Thief), Unforgotten (Fastnet Rock) and Booker (Written Tycoon).

Also to be offered is Cleanup (Dehere {USA}), dam of G1 Doncaster Mile winner Nettoyer (Sebring) in foal to The Autumn Sun; Group 2 winner and Group 1-placed mare Noire (Foxwedge); Admirable (Magic Albert), dam of dual Group 1

winner Vega Magic (Lope De Vega {Ire}) in foal to Exceed And Excel and Group 2-winning Hinchinbrook mare Samara Dancer in foal to freshman sire Trapeze Artist.

Dual stakes winners including Sprightly Lass (Snitzel) in foal to Pierro, Sword Of Light (New Approach {Ire}) in foal to Fastnet Rock, Lubiton (Snitzel) in foal to I Am Invincible and Meryl (Epaulette) will also be offered.

The catalogue also includes rare offerings in foal to star international stallions like Lope De Vega (Ire), Kingman (GB), Frankel (GB) and Medaglia d'Oro (USA).

The Chairman's Sale will take the format of a virtual auction with online and telephone bidding, just as Inglis did at last week's successful Australian Easter Yearling Sale. Details for bidding registration and inspection locations for catalogued mares will be released in the coming days.

The online sale coverage will again be accompanied by a Sale Day Live broadcast hosted by Caroline Searcy. The auction will begin at 3pm on Friday, May 8 at inglis.com.au with a 30-minute preview show to commence online at 2.30pm.



The dam of Doncaster winner Nettoyer (pictured) is headed to the Chairman's Sale | Inglis photo

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