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THIS SIDE UP: COUNTING ON FLEET-FOOTED WHITMORE



Count Fleet | Horsephotos

by Chris McGrath

Lots of people have been borrowing wartime terminology and metaphors for the current crisis. Yet it has long worried me that global leaders now belong to a generation with no memory of the second World War, never mind any direct involvement. Hardly a coincidence, perhaps, if populism and nationalism around the world are driven by people without their parents' visceral grasp of the stakes involved, when those sources of political energy overheat.

Whether a pandemic-indifferent to borders, race or creed will renew their sense of the collective interests of the species remains to be seen. For now, those of us younger than James E. Bassett, III (in years, that is; scarcely possible in spirit) should be wary of conflating our present fears or frustrations with far greater sacrifice in times past; and remember how "The Greatest Generation" obtained their resilience, growing up in the Depression, before having it tested on Okinawa (with Mr. Bassett) and elsewhere.

Certainly it would be no bad thing to summon up the spirit of '43 today, when we honor that year's GI Kentucky Derby winner in a Grade III sprint at Oaklawn.

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'EMPRESS' TOPS LOADED APPLE BLOSSOM

GI Kentucky Oaks heroine **Serengeti Empress** (Alternation) tops a field littered with talent--and Grade I winners--in Saturday's GI Apple Blossom S. at Oaklawn. After taking home the lilies in May, the fleet-footed filly completed the exacta in the GI Acorn S. at Belmont June 8 and missed by a half-length after a gritty stretch battle with two-time champion Covfefe (Into Mischief) in the GI Test S. at the Spa Aug. 3. Third in the GI Breeders' Cup Distaff Nov. 2, the dark bay was second to the re-opposing **Lady Apple** (Curlin) in the GIII Houston Ladies Classic Jan. 26 and returned to winning ways last time with a dominant score in the GII Azeri S. at Oaklawn Mar. 14, in which Lady Apple was a well-beaten fifth. Also exiting the Azeri is third-place finisher **Saracosa** (Bernardini) and fourth-place finisher **Street Band** (Istan), winner of last term's GI Cotillion S.

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Belinda Stronach pens an op/ed pleading to California officials to allow Santa Anita and Golden Gate to resume racing without spectators until the COVID-19 pandemic subsides.

TODAY'S GRADED STAKES

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Count Fleet Sprint H.-GIII, OP

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THIS SIDE UP



by Chris McGrath

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Count Fleet! You see that name now, and you have to ask yourself how Colonel Winn would have responded to the dilemmas lately facing Churchill Downs. Certainly it's hard to imagine him putting his name to some of the statements, dripping with syrup and cynicism, issued by his successors this spring.

In 1943, when the Derby was threatened by wartime transport restrictions, Colonel Winn assured everyone that it would be staged on the first Saturday in May, "even if there are only two horses in the race, and a half dozen people in the stands." In the event, the "Streetcar Derby" was witnessed by as many as 65,000 locals; out-of-towners donated their empty boxes to servicemen from Fort Knox; and the American Turf was rewarded by its sixth Triple Crown winner.



Count Fleet | Horsephotos

Count Fleet's career, remember, was over well before the September date proposed by Churchill Downs for a "Derby". He had begun what became the longest retirement of any Derby winner—thanks to Mr. Gus Koch, the long-time general manager of Claiborne, who remembers nursing him through a bout of colic when still at Stoner Creek. But Gus would get his reward. Because it was only because of his solicitude for the stricken champion that he happened still to be working that Sunday afternoon, when a bunch of girls drove out to the farm from Lexington. **Cont. p4**

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Count Fleet permitted Gus to be distracted from his duties long enough to be introduced to Theresa, subsequently the mother of their 10 children—a blessing in which we can all share, with so many of them well known and respected in the industry today.

Count Fleet lived 33 years, eight months and nine days. He had been trained by Don Cameron, who has been an aviator in "the war to end all wars"; and all but saw out the Vietnam War, where Gus had served with the Marines Corps.

Durability had already been evident in Count Fleet's track career. Though unraced until June, he made 15 starts as champion juvenile, including four in 25 days before breaking the world record for a 2-year-old at a mile, in the Champagne S. That's the kind of iron we could all do with, right now: not just in our horses, but in those of us who might be charged with that hint of decadence. So in raising yet another toast to Oaklawn today, as the oasis relieving our barren spring, let's also drink to the example of Count Fleet.

Happily, his memory is preserved by a fascinating race, matching two horses of wildly different profile. The guy with the medals across his chest—if, with perfect hypocrisy, I may employ military metaphor myself—is **Whitmore** (Pleasantly Perfect). And the guy who looks incredibly dashing in uniform, but has so far only distinguished himself among fellow cadets, is **Hidden Scroll** (Hard Spun).

Whitmore won the Count Fleet in 2017 and 2018, and only the molten speed of subsequent Eclipse Award winner Mitole (Eskenderya) could deny him last year. He has also made the GI Breeders' Cup Sprint podium in each of the past two editions; and beat none other than City Of Light (Quality Road) in the GI Forego S. a couple of summers ago. Moreover he arrives Saturday off an unprecedented fourth consecutive success in the Hot Springs S.



Whitmore | Coady



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As a gelding, Whitmore will not be able to replicate these splendid genetic wares. But at least that means he can continue to advertise the skills of Ron Moquett—the kind of trainer that is the lifeblood of this game.

Unlike many of his rivals, Moquett was not born to the business. Paradoxically, you could say that his vocation goes a lot deeper than that. He started at the bottom, on country tracks in Oklahoma, and has grafted his way through professional and personal adversity to leave nobody in doubt as to his horsemanship. It's a tough environment, for a barn like this, caught between the super-trainers and those with the kind of sinister glister now interesting the Feds. But Moquett, as usual, is having an excellent hometown meet (with lesser resources than the three above him in the standings) and his handling of Whitmore confirms his absolutely eligibility for the national stage.

In these strange times, that's exactly what Oaklawn has become anyway. For the time being, we are all in uncharted waters. At the best of times, however, Thoroughbreds instruct us in how to deal with unpredictability.

Early last year, remember, people were asking whether Hidden Scroll might be the horse to requite Bill Mott's craving for the Derby success that would set a seal, not on the esteem of his peers—of which he had long been assured—but on the bald assessment of posterity. **Cont. p5**

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Hidden Scroll | *Coglianes*

They were excited to see such a temperate trainer fast-tracking Hidden Scroll from a 14-length debut romp on Pegasus day to the GII Fountain of Youth S., where he ran creditably enough to start favorite for the GI Florida Derby next time. When Mott meanwhile won the GII Tampa Bay Derby and GII Wood Memorial with another Juddmonte homebred in Tacitus (Tapit), few people thought Country House (Lookin At Lucky) was the best in the barn.

Like Count Fleet, of course, Country House would have been out of the picture for a September "Derby." So however long the footnote required under Country House in the annals--and it's threatening to take about half a page, with the Feds promising a postscript to the relegation of Maximum Security (New Year's Day)--he will remain a stronger link in the historic chain than any that may be forged this year.

Tacitus having since confirmed his Grade I caliber in the Derby, Belmont and Travers, it's the third Mott musketeer who must now step up. Interestingly, even as Hidden Scroll was being tried on the Derby trail, Mott was contrasting him with Hofburg (Tapit)--who had himself hurried into two Classics for the same firm the previous year, despite only breaking his maiden in March--as having a lot more natural speed. Sure enough, he's now trying him as a sprinter.

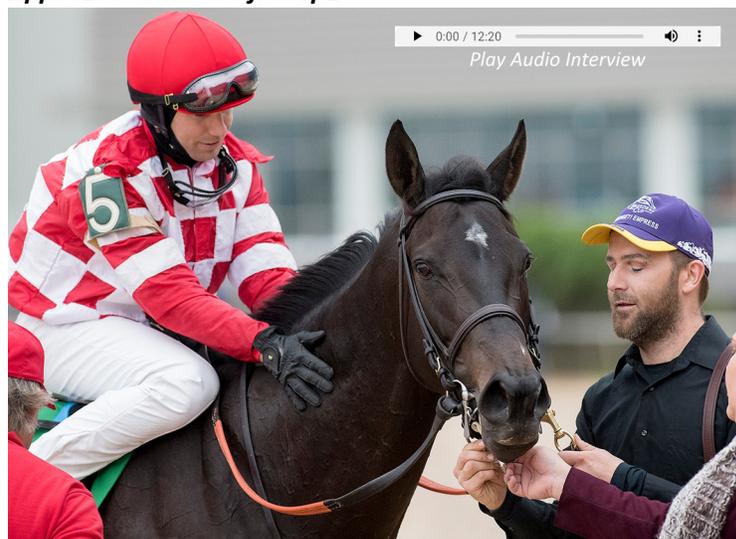
It was always a little rich to speak of Mott "finally" nailing the Derby, when he had only ever made eight attempts. And he would hardly be the first to have tried a sprinter for Classic size first. In Europe, we all remember how the masterly Sir Michael Stoute ran Ajdal (Northern Dancer) at Epsom before halving him in distance the following month for the G1 July Cup, where he promptly announced himself the fastest horse in Europe. Once upon a time, after all, even Whitmore took his Derby chance. Hidden Scroll didn't have a lot to beat when resurfacing in an allowance sprint at Gulfstream, but all the original electricity seemed to be there as he coasted home by 12 1/2 lengths in

1:09.25. Unmistakably, however, he reaches a crossroads Saturday. Besides Whitmore, he has specialists like Flagstaff and Bobby's Wicked One--both sons of Speightstown--on his case. If he can whip that lot at their own game, he'll look worth every syllable of last year's hype.

Yet I can't help rooting for Whitmore in his own backyard. The Count Fleet means so much to his trainer, who has a genuinely reverent sense of Turf history. And even in a race that will be over in a heartbeat, we can all take the long view.

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Apple Blossom cont. from p1



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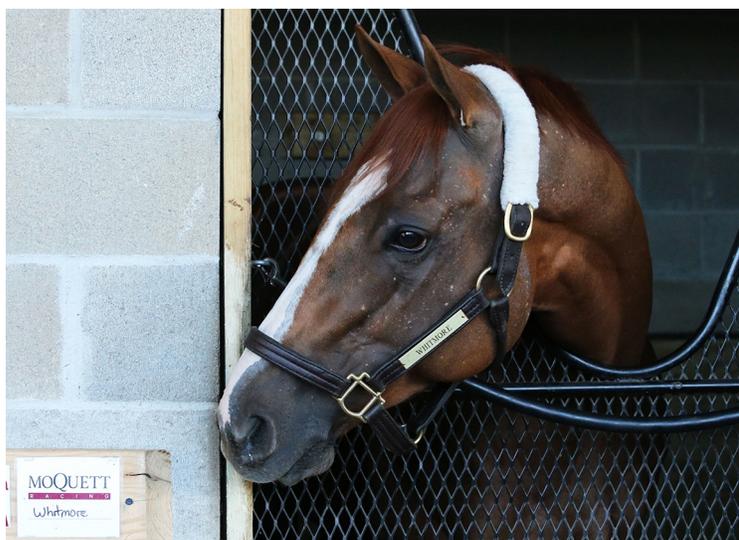
Grade I winner **Come Dancing** (Malibu Moon) makes her first start for Hall of Famer D. Wayne Lukas in this test. Runner-up to champion Midnight Bisou (Midnight Lute) the last time she navigated this distance in the GI Ogden Phipps S. June 8, the dark bay captured Saratoga's GI Ballerina S. Aug. 24 and followed suit with a win in the GII Gallant Bloom H. at Belmont Sept. 22. Sixth last time in the GI Breeders' Cup F/M Sprint Nov. 2, she was transferred from Carlos Martin to Lukas due to the suspension of racing in New York due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ce Ce (Elusive Quality) faced the Oaks winner before when fifth in the Acorn, but now boasts a Grade I win of her own. A decisive winner of a Santa Anita optional claimer Feb. 17, she captured the GI Beholder Mile there Mar. 14. GI Clement Hirsch S. victress **Ollie's Candy** (Candy Ride {Arg}) finished third in that test and also returns here.

GII Black-Eyed Susan S. victress **Point of Honor** (Curlin) has been knocking at the door of a top-level win with a pair of runner-up efforts in the GI CCA Oaks July 21 and GI Alabama S. Aug. 17. She started this year with a second in a Tampa handicap Mar. 7.

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COMPETITIVE FIELD SET FOR COUNT FLEET



Whitmore | Coady

A full and competitive field, headed by Grade I winner **Whitmore** (Pleasantly Perfect), will line up at Oaklawn Saturday for the GIII Count Fleet Sprint H. Third in the GI Breeders' Cup Sprint S. in November, he was off the board in the GI Cigar Mile, but bounced back with a runner-up effort behind the reopposing **Share the Upside** (Maclean's Music) in Oaklawn's King Cotton S. Feb. 8. The chestnut captured this venue's Hot Springs S. last time Mar. 7.

Flagstaff (Speightstown) makes his first start outside of California here off a victory in the GII San Carlos S. Mar. 7. Third in the GI Santa Anita Sprint Championship in October, the dark bay won the Damascus S. Nov. 2 and missed by a neck in the GII Palos Verdes S. Jan. 25 prior to his win last out.

Hidden Scroll (Had Spun) returns to stakes company off another double-digit victory. Off the board in two graded stakes tries around two turns following his 14-length debut graduation last year, the Juddmonte homebred was shelved for the season following a third-place finish in a seven-furlong optional claimer on the GI Kentucky Derby undercard May 4. The bay returned with a 12 1/2-length demolition of a six-panel test at Gulfstream Mar. 1.

The top two from the GI Woody Stephens S., **Hog Creek Hustle** (Overanalyze) and **Nitrous** (Tapit), also return here. The former rallied to be third in the GII Gulfstream Park Mile last out Feb. 29 and the latter was fifth last time in the GIII Franklin Simpson S. on the turf at Kentucky Downs Sept. 12.

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STRONACH OP-ED: LET US REOPEN WITHOUT FANS



Belinda Stronach | Adam Coglianesse

The following op-ed appeared in Friday's print editions of newspapers owned by the Southern California News Group, which includes the Orange County Register, the Pasadena Star-News, and others.

Let Horse Races Resume in L.A. Without an Audience by Belinda Stronach

On Mar. 12, a full week before any stay-at-home orders were issued, Santa Anita Park voluntarily closed to the public for the protection of the people and horses who call it home. Since then, we have demonstrated our capacity to operate as a safe, self-contained, locked-down community working under stringent and ever-evolving measures based on the best scientific guidance from health and governmental authorities to maintain social distancing and limit exposure to COVID-19 while continuing to protect and support our essential backstretch employees. They are the backbone of our industry.

On Mar. 27, government officials affected the well-being of the backstretch employees by suspending live horse racing temporarily by order of the Los Angeles County Health Department. The horse racing community understands and always will strive for compliance with government orders. In this case, Santa Anita Park is asking that this order be reconsidered and the suspension on live racing lifted. We look forward to working together urgently with the health authorities on this outcome.

For clarity, there would be no spectators at the reopened track and the park would continue to adhere to the stringent protocols already in place. Such a decision would recognize precedent set in other counties, including Orange County in Southern California and several in Florida, where live racing without spectators continues during the fight against COVID-19.



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The reason is that live racing is more important, with more behind the scenes, than most people realize. Safe, live racing and the income that comes from online wagering, is a vital part of the ecosystem and removing it creates instability for those in our community who can least afford it. The reality is that racing under these conditions presents no higher risk of exposure to COVID-19 for backstretch employees or the community at large.

At Santa Anita Park, we have a self-contained community comprising an ecosystem that includes over 750 individuals employed by owners and trainers and who live in the onsite dormitories, dedicating their lives to caring for the horses we all love. For these people, Santa Anita Park is their home and it is where they are safe.

Our community includes over 1,700 racehorses who also call Santa Anita Park home and who require constant supervision and care--from feeding, to exercise and veterinary care. Racehorses are living, breathing animals who cannot, and will not, survive without daily human contact and attention. Standing in a stall without daily exercise is detrimental to their health, safety and welfare.

Our community also is made up of the owners and trainers who employ the jockeys and backstretch employees and who are responsible for providing the financial resources needed to care for the horses. The majority of the wages paid to those working on the backstretch and the financial resources to care for horses come directly from the earnings that are made when horses race. Those earnings come from the money wagered and so the cycle goes.

By ceasing safe live racing operations, we are jeopardizing the financial resources required for backstretch employees to provide them and the horses they love with the care they both deserve. For our backstretch employees, the racing element of the ecosystem allows Santa Anita Park to provide safe and secure housing, enables the California Thoroughbred Horsemen's Foundation to offer critical health care services at the dedicated, onsite medical clinic equally for those with or without insurance and ensures these employees have access to no-cost critical support services.

It is not just the employees who are endangered, but the horses in whose care they have been entrusted are facing immediate consequences. California Aftercare Retirement Management Account, which rehomes and retrains retired racehorses, is funded through a percentage of money won during each race. As of Apr. 9, CARMA no longer can accept new retirees into their program due to lack of funding, leaving those most in need of their attention in jeopardy.

Though some industries are able to pause operations, or temporarily mothball machinery, this is simply not an option for

horse racing. Now, perhaps more than ever in these difficult times, we must be mindful of our responsibility to prioritize the safety and well-being of our noble horses and those who care for them--especially when doing so puts those caregivers at no higher risk of exposure to COVID-19.

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SILVER SPRINGS TRAINING OPENS A NEW PAGE OF OPPORTUNITY *by Katie Ritz*



Steve Johnson, Erik Johnson, Matt Bowling & Kevin Noltemeyer (left to right)

Matt Bowling was restless, looking for a new business venture. The Louisville native was the co-owner of a leading sales company, Vinery Sales, and the founder of his own bloodstock agency in Bowling Bloodstock. But the successful entrepreneur was looking for something more.

Enter Steve Johnson and Kevin Noltemeyer. Johnson created and developed the breaking and training program at Margaux Farm as General Manager there from 1984 to 2014, before passing the training program on to Noltemeyer.

Johnson went on to run his own Silver Springs Farm with his son, Erik Johnson. The Paris, Kentucky-based farm offered breaking and training as well as breeding services. Over the years, Silver Springs Training had built a name for itself, and Bowling had noticed the reputation it was starting to develop. "I had sent clients to a lot of different people," said Bowling. "But the biggest glowing reviews always came from Silver Springs."

So when the Johnsons and Kevin Noltemeyer approached Bowling about a partnership opportunity to expand Silver Springs Training, Bowling jumped at the chance. "I've got so much respect for Steve not only as a horseman but also as a person," said Bowling. "I've sent not only my own horses, but also client horses to both Erik and Kevin, and have always been extremely impressed." **Cont. p8**

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Bowling continue, “Everyone wanted the Silver Spring guys to expand, and I had been wanting to do something similar, so it was a very natural fit for us.”

The group leased out B. Wayne Hughes’s Spendthrift Farm Training Center. The property was no stranger to producing winning horses. It was originally the location of the historically successful Bwamazon Farm.

The first thing the new partnership did was give their property an overhaul. The track underwent a major renovation, fences were rebuilt, a grass gallop was added, and fields were reseeded.

The historical six-furlong track was a huge focus of the renovation. “The track was put in with the same base as Churchill Downs,” Bowling said. “There’s been a ton of success off of it, but one thing we all agreed upon was that quality and safety of the track was absolutely paramount.”

They sought the advice of several top track safety experts to help them reach this goal. “We brought in guys like Dr. Mick Peterson, who is the absolute gold standard when it comes to track maintenance and engineering. We also sought the help of Butch Lehr, who has overseen the track at Churchill for over 30 years. These gentlemen have been instrumental in not only helping get the track absolutely perfect to start, but also to monitor it and advise us on how to keep it that way,” Bowling said.

In the fall of 2019, Silver Springs Training Center opened for business in their new location. The team planned to send out a press release, but their phones rang with such insistence that their stalls were soon filled. Their first clients included Spendthrift Farm, Sol Kumin, Michael Dubb, Ten Strike Racing, Dr. Kendall Hansen, and MyRacehorse. This clientele sent them an impressive first string of young horses including a full sister to

Grade I winner Mia Mischief (Into Mischief) and a Frosted half-brother to Grade I winner Dance with Fate (Two Step Salsa).

But the top pedigree prodigy came from down the street at Spendthrift. Q B One, a colt by Uncle Mo and the first foal from four-time Eclipse Champion Beholder (Henny Hughes), was broke and trained at Silver Springs Training Center before being shipped to California to train under Richard Mandella.

Spendthrift was a huge supporter last fall, sending all of their yearlings to be broke at Silver Springs. “It’s been really nice for those guys to be able to come over and watch their horses work,” Bowling said. “Just to know people have that much confidence in our program to send us these top quality type horses has meant a lot.”

Ned Toffey, the General Manager at Spendthrift Farm said, “Because the horses and staff are all right here in Lexington, we have been able to appreciate and observe all the stages of our babies’ development. The team at Silver Springs is extremely patient and does an outstanding job.”

Bowling said he sees even more potential for growth as more Kentucky-based owners and breeders look to keep their horses right outside their doors. “Everybody used to go straight to Florida, but there’s been such an influx in demand for people who want to stay here to get their horses broke or keep their horses here that they want to put on lay up.”

Bowling credits head trainer Kevin Noltemeyer for much of the business’s success. “Our biggest asset has been word of mouth,” said Bowling. “Kevin has such a great reputation in the industry for doing well with the babies. We get such great endorsements from trainers. When they receive horses from us, they say they arrive as good as anywhere else, if not better. And that’s a complete testament to Kevin.”

Noltemeyer had experience under Todd Pletcher, Eoin Harty, and Dallas Stewart, and was also head trainer at Margaux Farm and Dixiana Farm before joining Silver Springs Training. **Cont. p9**

**Silver Springs Training**

Silver Springs cont.

While Noltemeyer is busy with the training side of the business, Erik Johnson manages the mare, foal, and yearling divisions on their 250-acre location in Paris.

When asked about the Silver Springs philosophy, Bowling responded, “Communication, horsemanship, and facilities. Communication is huge with us. We’re super open as far as inviting clients out to the barn. It’s a pretty social place with trainers, agents, and owners constantly out seeing their horse work.”

Silver Springs has a full-time staff member dedicated to communicating with clients- sending frequent pictures, workout videos, and even videos taken with a GoPro from the rider’s perspective.

With MyRacehorse sending their horses to Silver Springs last fall, the team got to share what they did with new members of the racing community. “A lot of the MyRacehorse owners visited us during training, and many of them were first time owners,” said Bowling. “For some it was their first time on a farm. So we got to show them the whole process, which was pretty cool.”

With their first 2-year-olds heading off to trainers, the training center now has openings for new clients. And with the unprecedented situation surrounding the racing industry this month, Bowling said their team saw this as the perfect opportunity to announce their partnership to the industry for the many owners and trainers looking for a place to send their horse.

“There’s folks who don’t want to send their horse to a race track that doesn’t have a meet, but they also don’t want to turn them out to where they lose all their fitness,” Bowling said. “I think we provide a unique opportunity in that we’ve got a lot of turnout for training horses, which is fundamental for them mentally, but we also are able to keep them fit until the trainers decide when and where they can race next.”

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OPEN LETTER TO THE INDUSTRY: #FREEDATAFRIDAY - PANDEMIC EXPOSES BROKEN MODEL *by Patrick Cummings*

This text is an abridged version of today's Free Data Friday release from the Thoroughbred Idea Foundation. Read the full version [here](#).

As the famous proverb goes--the best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The second-best time is now.

Despite few tracks going forward in recent weeks and little to no competition for wagering, Oaklawn and Gulfstream have reduced purses, blaming the loss of subsidies from now



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shuttered casinos and the lack of on-track handle. Oaklawn set a new record for single day handle last Saturday, with more than \$16.8 million bet and significantly surpassing the comparable day a year ago--Arkansas Derby day--which saw handle of \$11.7 million and a crowd of 45,000.

When asked earlier this week, just days after the record haul if Oaklawn could possibly extend their meet, track president Louis Cella said “we have no purse money left.”

How is this possible?

The unnatural situation created by the pandemic magnifies what has been obvious otherwise for far too long. Racing’s funding model is completely counter to modern customer behavior. In 1996, roughly 75% of all bets on American races were made “off-track,” but often in brick-and-mortar simulcast facilities. In 2019, that number increased to 92%, but a significant amount came through advanced deposit wagering accounts online (ADW).

Horsemen receive a miniscule, but varied, amount from bets made via ADWs. They earn a more significant percentage when bets are made on-track, in-person. It should be noted that a few jurisdictions have claimed bets made via ADWs while bettors are geo-located on-track, but it remains a minority.

So who is actually making the lion’s share of the money?

The biggest beneficiaries of today’s model are technology providers within the sport, but not “racing.” The shareholders of Flutter (TVG) and Churchill Downs Incorporated (CDI - Twin Spires) see the most benefit from the status quo, as do the private owners of The Stronach Group (TSG - Xpressbet). Together, these entities handled more than \$4.1 billion together in 2019.

CDI and TSG also own two tote companies--United Tote and AmTote. Within this construct, these two industry behemoths have almost no incentive to modernize the tote, to offer new bet types, to introduce greater commingling opportunities, or to ensure betting market integrity. **Cont. p10**

Open Letter to the Industry cont.

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Casino revenues have served as purse subsidies and generally hidden the long-term impact of this awful system for horse owners. As tracks and states closed their doors to keep customers at home, the extent of the decay within the system has become far clearer. We have relied on casino-funded purse subsidies far too much.

A pandemic comes along, closes the casino and grandstand for a few weeks, and horsemen have to make due with less initially, and potentially far more over the medium term.

It's time for a new model.

Horsemen should own an ADW, demand the most competitive rates, demand an investment in a modern tote, or fund the construction of a new tote system. Horsemen should prepare to buy or lease tracks for their own operation. They should gear up, mostly financially, for the protracted legal fights that have been avoided for far too long.

2020 should be the year that owners stop tolerating racing's long-broken funding model and started on a new path to make the sport far more sustainable for all of its stakeholders.

Unquestionably, casino behavior will change after the pandemic subsides. Horsemen must start acting now. The only guaranteed revenue for racing is from wagering ON horse races. It is beyond time that the people who own, race and breed horses got far more involved in renovating the funding model that keeps the sport operational.

These conversations have been ignored, particularly as horsemen have been endlessly sidetracked by Lasix and a federal bill.

If the sport's financial levers are not maximized to attract more owners and more players, it will contract--increasing the costs on all existing owners and players, decreasing the number of participants over time. There is no need to accomplish any of this with raising takeout. The opposite is probably true.

Horse owners and horseplayers can be aligned in the quest for a far better financial construct tied to the sport.

The best time to repair racing's flawed business model was 20 years ago.

The second-best time is now.

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WHO'S YOUR FAVORITE HORSE?

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.



High Chaparral | Coolmore

GARY KING

Favorites(s): It's a toss up between two former Ballydoyle stars as to my favorite racehorse of all time, **High Chaparral (Ire)** (Sadler's Wells) and **George Washington (Ire)** (Danehill). They were both supremely talented athletes, but were inherently different in so many ways.

High Chap was a model of consistency, the perfect middle distance racehorse. A Group 1 winner as a juvenile, he went on to rattle off two Derby trials, two Derbys and a Breeders' Cup Turf at three, and followed that with an Irish Champion S. and another Breeders' Cup Turf [dead heating with Johar] at four. He was everything a racehorse should be and his exploits from September 2001 to October 2003 captured my imagination.

George Washington graced the turf a few years later and was a little more mercurial in nature. From the moment he set foot on a racetrack, though, he was simply captivating. He had such a swagger about him, a real sense of Hollywood, and his early partnership with Kieren Fallon seemed like a match made in heaven. **Cont. p11**

Favorite Horse: Gary King cont.

George Washington wasn't a winning machine, losing more often than he won, but that only added to the intrigue. Which Gorgeous George would turn up? The way he took a couple of lengths out of the 2000 Guineas field, or his electric burst in the QE2, were breathtaking.

Unfortunately George was taken from us far too soon, but his memories will live on.

Best: It's impossible for me to look beyond **Frankel (GB)** (Galileo {Ire}) here. As John Greathouse, III, said earlier this week, Frankel's Timeform rating of 147 was truly remarkable. Fourteen runs and 14 wins, starting as odds-on favorite in 13 of those races. Frankel was a winning machine. His Royal Lodge, his 2000 Guineas, his Juddmonte International, it's hard to focus on just one.

Watching Frankel perform was like nothing I had ever seen before. His power and raw ability were nurtured by another legend of the turf in Sir Henry Cecil, which further added to his story. I might need to pick Chris McGrath's brain to find the appropriate words, or a suitable metaphor, to do both justice.

Seeing Frankel each year at Banstead Manor is a real highlight, and his legend only grows as the years pass. Frankel was the best, in my opinion, and will most likely stay the best. But looking for the next Frankel is what motivates and inspires us all. Maybe he/she will be a 2020 vintage. Who knows?

JARED HUGHES, HUGHES BLOODSTOCK

Favorite: My favorite racehorse of all time is **Xtra Heat** (Dixieland Heat) who just loved to sprint. What she lacked in size she made up for in heart because every time the gates opened she was going to run as fast as she possibly could. Honesty is a key characteristic for me in horses and humans and she epitomized that every time she stepped on the track.

Best: The best racehorse of all time, in my opinion, is **Secretariat** (Bold Ruler). It's hard to comprehend to this day that his record times in the Derby, Preakness and Belmont have never been matched. Records are meant to be broken and his have stood the test of time for 47 years.

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The 2019 Sovereign Awards ceremony was scheduled to take place Apr. 16, but was postpone due to the COVID-19 pandemic, but the Jockey Club of Canada has now decided to host the event through a virtual presentation no later than May 31. Detailed information, including the date and time, will be announced once they have been confirmed.

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ThoroughbredAuctions.com will host the Spring Mixed Sale, an internet auction for Thoroughbreds. This is an all online auction where consignors can sell on a compressed schedule without the need to ship horses to a traditional sale. Buyers can shop from anywhere saving the cost and risk of travel to a crowded venue. Consignors' horses stay at home or at the track during the process eliminating shipping, sale costs and exposure to the COVID-19.

"Ready or not, the way you sell and buy is changing", said Tim Jennings of ThoroughbredAuctions.com LLC. "Sales moved to the internet in the show horse industry following the 2008 recession. The Thoroughbred industry has lagged behind until now."

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

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	ML
1	Ollie's Candy 🌿	Candy Ride (Arg)	Eggert, Paul and Eggert, Karen	Sadler	Rosario	12-1
2	Coldwater	Hold Me Back	Janavar Thoroughbreds LLC	Eurton	De La Cruz	50-1
3	Awe Emma 🌿	War Front	Willis Horton Racing LLC	Stewart	Lanerie	20-1
4	Come Dancing	Malibu Moon	Blue Devil Racing Stable	Lukas	Geroux	3-1
5	Point of Honor 🌿	Curlin	Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners & Stetson Racing	Weaver	Van Dyke	10-1
6	Street Band	Istan	Francis, Ray, Jones, Cindy, Jones, J. Larry, Medallion Racing and MyRaceHorse Stable	Jones	Doyle	15-1
7	Queen Nekia	Harlington	Ken Copenhaver	Joseph, Jr.	Cohen	20-1
8	Saracosa 🌿	Bernardini	Chad Schumer	Contreras	Garcia	30-1
9	Horologist	Gemologist	There's A Chance Stable, Parkland Thoroughbreds, Medallion Racing and Abbondanza Racing, LLC	Baltas	Baze	15-1
10	Cookie Dough	Brethren	Arindel	Joseph, Jr.	Cedillo	10-1
11	Serengeti Empress 🌿	Alternation	Joel Politi	Amoss	Talamo	4-1
12	Go Google Yourself	Into Mischief	Jay Em Ess Stable	McGee	Hernandez, Jr.	12-1
13	Lady Apple 🌿	Curlin	Phoenix Thoroughbred III and KatieRich Stables	Asmussen	Santana, Jr.	15-1
14	Ce Ce	Elusive Quality	Bo Hirsch, LLC	McCarthy	Espinoza	7-2

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	ML
1	Lexitonian	Speightstown	Calumet Farm	Sisterson	Beschizza	30-1
2	Flagstaff	Speightstown	Lane's End Racing and Hronis Racing LLC	Sadler	Rosario	7-2
3	Hog Creek Hustle 🌿	Overanalyze	Something Special Racing, LLC	Foley	Van Dyke	15-1
4	Bobby's Wicked One 🌿	Speightstown	Autumn Hill Farms Racing Stables, Inc.	Stall, Jr.	Mena	3-1
5	Wendell Fong 🌿	Flat Out	Gold Square LLC	Englehart	Cohen	30-1
6	Mr. Jagermeister	Atta Boy Roy	Boice, Kristin, Cummings, Leslie and Lund, Valorie	Lund	Thompson	15-1
7	Hidden Scroll	Hard Spun	Juddmonte Farms, Inc.	Mott	Garcia	4-1
8	Manny Wah	Will Take Charge	Susan Moulton	Catalano	Hill	30-1
9	Whitmore	Pleasantly Perfect	LaPenta, Robert V., Southern Springs Stables & Head of Plains Partners LLC	Moquett	Talamo	5-2
10	Share the Upside 🌿	Maclean's Music	Hill 'n' Dale Equine Holdings & Windsor Boys Racing	Asmussen	Geroux	10-1
11	Nitrous	Tapit	Winchell Thoroughbreds & Stonestreet Stables	Asmussen	Santana, Jr.	20-1

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 Broodmare Sires

for stallions standing in North America through Thursday, Apr. 16

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

Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	Giant's Causeway <i>(1997) by Storm Cat Crops: 13</i>	7	12	3	7	1	1	399	106	3,162,000	7,993,136
				Stands: Ashford Stud USA (Dead/Ret/Exp)				Mucho Gusto			
2	Distorted Humor <i>(1993) by Forty Niner Crops: 15</i>	6	11	2	3	--	1	302	91	3,172,650	7,519,729
				Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$50,000				Golden Sixty (AUS)			
3	Unbridled's Song <i>(1993) by Unbridled Crops: 18</i>	4	13	2	7	--	1	392	99	583,469	4,724,096
				Stands: Taylor Made Stallions USA (Dead/Ret/Exp)				Join In (AUS)			
4	Kingmambo <i>(1990) by Mr. Prospector Crops: 20</i>	4	8	3	5	1	1	217	43	1,046,692	4,220,967
				Stands: Lane's End Farm USA (Dead/Ret/Exp)				Addeybb (IRE)			
5	Mr. Greeley <i>(1992) by Gone West Crops: 18</i>	3	7	2	2	--	--	261	72	420,167	4,157,280
				Stands: Gainesway Farm USA (Dead/Ret/Exp)				Miyamazakura (JPN)			
6	A.P. Indy <i>(1989) by Seattle Slew Crops: 21</i>	5	12	2	2	1	1	313	89	688,440	4,094,629
				Stands: Lane's End Farm USA (Dead/Ret/Exp)				Zulu Alpha			
7	Storm Cat <i>(1983) by Storm Bird Crops: 26</i>	2	10	2	6	--	1	247	57	942,668	4,074,196
				Stands: Overbrook Farm USA (Dead/Ret/Exp)				Danon Kingly (JPN)			
8	Tapit <i>(2001) by Pulpit Crops: 9</i>	5	12	3	7	--	1	208	58	492,324	3,961,129
				Stands: Gainesway Farm KY Fee: \$200,000				Gran Alegria (JPN)			
9	Street Cry (Ire) <i>(1998) by Machiavellian Crops: 12</i>	5	15	4	11	1	1	230	54	483,588	3,666,055
				Stands: Darley USA (Dead/Ret/Exp)				Con Te Partiro			
10	Smart Strike <i>(1992) by Mr. Prospector Crops: 18</i>	2	6	1	4	--	--	277	73	530,856	3,488,154
				Stands: Lane's End Farm USA (Dead/Ret/Exp)				Epos (JPN)			
11	Empire Maker <i>(2000) by Unbridled Crops: 10</i>	4	9	2	6	--	--	226	68	513,741	3,413,748
				Stands: Gainesway Farm USA (Dead/Ret/Exp)				Air Almas			
12	More Than Ready <i>(1997) by Southern Halo Crops: 13</i>	3	7	1	3	--	--	238	59	365,964	3,114,789
				Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$80,000				Covert Operation (AUS)			
13	Pulpit <i>(1994) by A.P. Indy Crops: 16</i>	1	7	1	5	--	1	230	50	753,000	2,803,424
				Stands: Claiborne Farm USA (Dead/Ret/Exp)				Nadal			
14	Medaglia d'Oro <i>(1999) by El Prado (Ire) Crops: 9</i>	2	7	--	5	--	--	186	55	506,328	2,789,121
				Stands: Darley KY Fee: \$200,000				Full Flat			
15	Elusive Quality <i>(1993) by Gone West Crops: 15</i>	1	6	--	4	--	--	287	68	201,821	2,640,082
				Stands: Jonabell Farm USA (Dead/Ret/Exp)				Land Ruler (IRE)			

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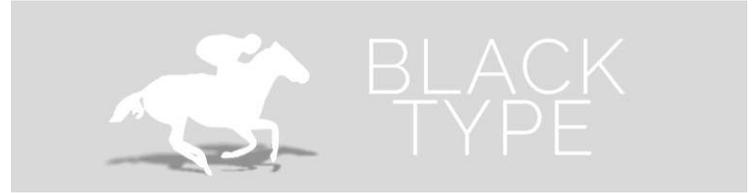


Dreaming of Anna | Horsephotos

7th-TAM, \$20K, Msw, 3yo, 1 1/16mT

Frank Calabrese homebred **BIG DREAMING (Declaration of War)** makes his first start for conditioner Mike Stidham here. He will be the sixth foal to race out of 2006's champion 2-year-old filly Dreaming of Anna (Rahy), who is already responsible for GSW Dreamologist (Tapit); speedy GISP young sire Fast Anna (Medaglia d'Oro); and SP All Her Class (Street Cry {Ire}), who in turn produced turf SW and dirt GISP With Honors (War Front). Out of MSW and GSP Justenuffheart (Broad Brush), Dreaming of Anna is a full to MGSW Lewis Michael and a half to MGSW and GISP Justenuffhumor (Distorted Humor). Further down Big Dreaming's crowded page is champion, MGISW and top turf sire Kitten's Joy (El Prado {Ire}), as well as his MGISW half-sister Precious Kitten (Catenus). **TJCS PPs**

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IN ORDER OF PURSE:

RAINBOW MISS S., \$106,000, Oaklawn, 4-17, (S), 3yo, f, 6f, 1:10.92, ft.

1--**SEKANI**, 122, f, 3, by Double Irish

1st Dam: Merry Mittens, by Harperstown

2nd Dam: Weatherfield, by Elusive Quality

3rd Dam: Big Truffle, by Pine Bluff

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. O/B-Shortleaf Stable (AR); T-William B. VanMeter; J-Declan Cannon. \$66,000. Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-0, \$131,800.

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2--**The Mary Rose**, 122, f, 3, **Macho Uno**--Wood Rose, by Tiznow. O/B-Shortleaf Stable (AR); T-William B. VanMeter. \$20,000.

 **STONE FARM** "We're trying to raise you a good horse." **Raised**

3--**Choctaw Charlie**, 117, f, 3, Laurie's Rocket--Robin My Girl, by Mutakddim. O-Glynn A. Puryear, Jr.; B-Anderson Farms (AR); T-John Henry Prather, Jr. \$10,000.

Margins: 1HF, 2 1/4, 1HF. Odds: 2.30, 5.50, 1.60.

Also Ran: Proud Victoria, Lucky Every Day, Get One More, Hissy Missy, Julie Arkansas.



Sekani | Coady Photo

Sekani added to a banner meet for her trainer while capping a one-two finish for her connections Friday. A debut second at 46-1 against open maiden special weight company at Ellis last August, the Anthony homebred dusted fellow Arky-breds by 10 lengths over track and trip Feb. 17. **Cont. p2**



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Rainbow Miss S.cont.

She was a disappointing fourth at odds-on facing winners Mar. 6, but bounced back here while evading older rivals--the top three finishers in her prior outing were four or older. Hustled from her outside post, the grey chased the pace three deep outside of The Mary Rose and mounted her bid leaving the quarter pole after a :46.22 half. She kept on under energetic handling from there to win comfortably. Sekani has a 2-year-old half-sister by Tekton and a yearling full-sister. Her dam most recently visited Super Saver. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

**IN ORDER OF PURSE:**

RAINBOW S., (NB) \$100,000, Oaklawn, 4-17, (S), 3yo, 6f, 1:10.64, ft.

1--**MAN IN THE CAN, 119, c, 3, by Can the Man**

1st Dam: Smeauxkininthelane, by Smoke Glacken

2nd Dam: Race to Glory, by Honour and Glory

3rd Dam: Fortissima (Chi), by Roy

O/B-JRita Young Thoroughbreds, LLC (AR); T-Ron Moquett; J-Joel Rosario. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$79,893.

2--**Captain Don**, 122, g, 3, Flat Out--C D Player, by Montbrook. (\$20,000 Ylg '18 OKCYRL). O-Dash C. Goff; B-McDowell Farm (AR); T-Don Von Hemel. \$20,000.

3--**Tempt Fate**, 122, c, 3, Hamazing Destiny--Naughty Sister, by Archarcharch. O-Jerry Caroom; B-Butzow & Robertson (AR); T-Carl J. Deville. \$10,000.

Margins: HF, 1 3/4, NK. Odds: 2.20, 5.10, 4.50.

Also Ran: Zaino Boyz, Chicken Hawk, Hamazing Wisdom, Ten Buds, Piece of Work. Scratched: Implicator, Jimmie T.

Man in the Can opened his account victoriously at Remington Dec. 4, but was sixth against his elders and fellow state-breds here Feb. 27. Backed down off an 8-1 morning line, the bay was away a bit awkwardly before moving up into a midpack spot behind solid splits of :21.69 and :45.17. Forced to shift out for clear sailing in upper stretch, he hit another gear when shown the whip in midstretch and out-kicked Captain Don. The winner has a 2-year-old half-sister by Laurie's Rocket and a yearling half-sister by Tom's Ready. His dam was bred back to Freud.

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**IN ORDER OF PURSE:**

6th-Gulfstream, \$40,700, Alw (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 4-17, 4yo/up, 7f, 1:22.55, ft.

MIHOS (c, 4, Cairo Prince--Feline Flatline, by Lion Heart), a 'TDN Rising Star', looked like a legitimate Triple Crown trail contender when he bested a field that included eventual GSW Trophy Chaser (Twirling Candy), MGISW Code of Honor (Noble Mission {GB}), and next-out GIII Sam F. Davis S. hero Well Defined (With Distinction) in last January's local Mucho Macho Man S., but he hadn't won in five subsequent tries--thrice at the graded level and most recently when third going a furlong shorter here Mar. 26. Given a 5-2 chance this time, the bay broke on top from his outside draw but was out-sprinted down the backside and was back to fifth as the field strung out. He picked off rivals rapidly around the bend, took over while still going strongly approaching the stretch and had 3 1/4 lengths on favorite Sniper Shot (Shackleford) at the wire. The winner has a 2-year-old half-brother by Speightster and a yearling half-sister by American Freedom. His dam, a half to GISW Sharla Rae (Afleet Alex), was bred back to Cairo Prince for 2020. Sales history: \$320,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: SW, 9-3-0-2, \$183,660. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Centennial Farms; B-Wayne, Gray & Bryan Lyster (KY); T-James A. Jerkens.

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**IN ORDER OF PURSE:**

2nd-Gulfstream, \$65,000, Msw, 4-17, 2yo, 4 1/2f, :52.36, ft.

GATSBY (c, 2, Brethren--Star Recruit, by Aldebaran), whose stablemate Quinoa Tifah (Gemologist) bested a heavily favored Wesley Ward firster a day earlier, followed in his stable and workmate's footsteps Friday when upending the much-hyped and well-bred Ward newcomer Golden Pal (Uncle Mo). **Cont. p3**

2nd-GP cont.

Having prepped for this with a :38 3/5 breeze alongside Quinoa Tifah Apr. 12 (XBTV Video), Gatsby was off as the 9-2 co-second choice. He broke on top, but was soon joined by the favorite to his outside and was forced to tap on the brakes as that rival made it tight for him along the rail. Golden Pal opened up several lengths from there through a :21.58 opening quarter, but Gatsby wasn't giving up as he ranged up to challenge at the head of the lane. The latter simply had more to give from there, and prevailed by 3/4 of a length. "I told [rider Emisael Jaramillo] to do the same thing as [Thursday]--that was the concept--and he did," said Heather Smullen, trainer Juan Alvarado's Gulfstream-based assistant. "I said, 'See where you break. If the other horse outruns you, he'll keep running. Don't give up on him.' So he got him outside and then asked him to run." The winner's dam, who is a half to GSW and GISP Z Humor (Distorted Humor), produced colt and filly full-siblings to Gatsby in 2019 and 2020, respectively. 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.



Gatsby (outside) defeats Golden Pal | Ryan Thompson



SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: SATURDAY, APR. 18

Bayern (Offlee Wild), Hill 'n' Dale Farms, \$15,000
157 foals of racing age/37 winners/0 black-type winners
5-Gulfstream, Msw 1mT, TIO WIL, 20-1
\$75,000 KEE SEP yrl

Carpe Diem (Giant's Causeway), WinStar Farm, \$15,000
231 foals of racing age/28 winners/2 black-type winners
7-Gulfstream, Msw 1mT, SEIZE THE HAY, 4-1

Commissioner (A.P. Indy), WinStar Farm, \$7,500
163 foals of racing age/21 winners/3 black-type winners
5-Gulfstream, Msw 1mT, EL SAMURO, 6-1
\$20,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$47,000 RNA OBS MAR 2yo
7-Tampa Bay Downs, Msw 1 1/16mT, SAFE AND SOUND, 10-1
\$25,000 FTK OCT yrl

Conquest Curlinate (Curlin), Shannondoe Farm
35 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
7-Tampa Bay Downs, Msw 1 1/16mT, PAPA'S PLACE, 20-1

Honor Code (A.P. Indy), Lane's End Farm, \$30,000
213 foals of racing age/20 winners/1 black-type winner
7-Gulfstream, Msw 1mT, LEXATOGA, 8-1
\$80,000 SAR AUG yrl; \$80,000 FTK OCT yrl

Moonshine Mullin (Albert the Great), Lake Hamilton Equine Center, \$1,000
30 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
3-Oaklawn, Msw 1m, MOONSHINE MISS, 5-1

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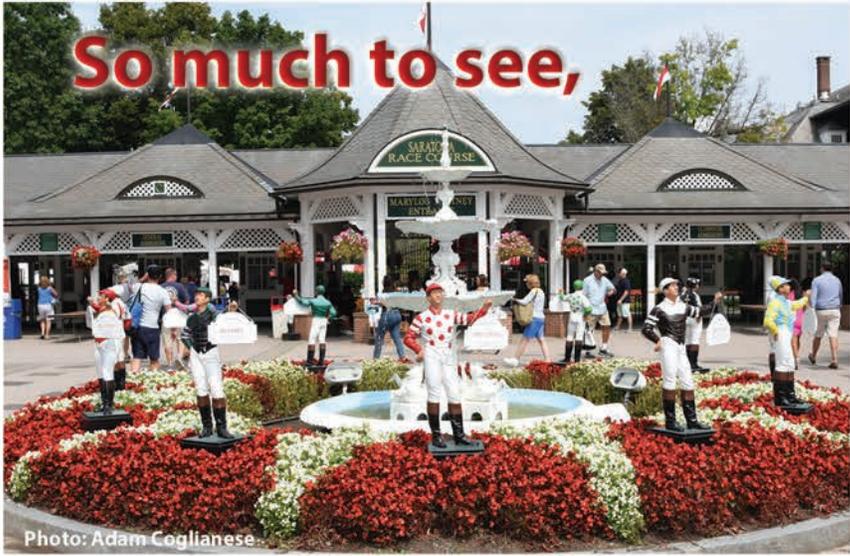
Gatsby (Brethren) gives connections second 2-year-old winner in as many days.



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CURATE (g, 6, Bernardini--Majestically, by Gone West) Lifetime Record: 14-6-3-2, \$302,870. O-Tom Kagele; B-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC (KY); T-Peter Miller. *\$575,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP. **1/2 to Dust and Diamonds (Vindication), MGSW & GISP, \$496,260.

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Slew Tang Clan, c, 3, Honor Code--Grand Traverse Bay, by Repriced. Oaklawn, 4-17, (C), 1 1/16m, 1:46.31. B-Clearsky Farms (KY). *\$28,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP. **1/2 to Bear'sway (Tizway), SW & GSP, \$187,887; 1/2 to Conquest Eclipse (Malibu Moon), MGISP, \$175,046.

Cowtown, c, 3, Tonalist--Allegheny Angel, by Medaglia d'Oro. Gulfstream, 4-17, (C), 1 1/16mT, 1:41.69. B-Doug & Felicia

Branham (KY). *\$260,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP. **1/2 to Whoa Nellie (Orb), SW & GSP, \$296,230.



BERNARDINI, Curate, g, 6, o/o Majestically, by Gone West. AOC, 4-17, Oaklawn

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CAN THE MAN, Man in the Can, c, 3, o/o Smeauxkininthelane, by Smoke Glacken. Rainbow S., 4-17, Oaklawn

DOUBLE IRISH, Sekani, f, 3, o/o Merry Mittens, by Harperstown. Rainbow Miss S., 4-17, Oaklawn

HONOR CODE, Slew Tang Clan, c, 3, o/o Grand Traverse Bay, by Repriced. MCL, 4-17, Oaklawn

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LEVY, RACING FOUNDATION AGREE ON SUPPORT PACKAGE



The relief fund will benefit a wide range of British racing's workforce | *Emma Berry*

The Horserace Betting Levy Board (HBLB) and the Racing Foundation have announced an immediate £22-million hardship funding package to support the British racing industry during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The two organisations have combined with other racing bodies to identify the areas within the sport most in need of emergency support. The HBLB is primarily involved with supporting racecourses currently hit by the suspension of racing and a cash sum of £13.5-million is being made available in that area, while £8-million has been released for racing's participants, including for equine welfare.

"This is a substantial undertaking by the Levy Board in conjunction with the Racing Foundation," said HBLB chairman Paul Darling. "The board has agreed to make available significant sums to racecourses through a combination of measures that will meet the demand for cash in the short-term. Importantly, this approach preserves further levy funds that we know will be needed for prize-money when racing resumes."

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DUNLOP REMEMBERED IN REGALLY BRED COLT

By Emma Berry

Naming a horse in someone's memory can be a risky strategy but, for Juddmonte, naming a Galileo (Ire) colt after their late American trainer Bobby Frankel was certainly no drawback. Since the outstanding Frankel (GB) retired to stud, a number of his offspring have also been named after trainers of note. Atty Persse (Ire) took the name of the trainer of The Tetrarch (Ire) and became Frankel's first Royal Ascot winner in 2017. He was wearing the Godolphin silks by that time but he raced initially for his breeder, Bjorn Nielsen, whose love of racing history, and particularly the Derby, doubtless led to him naming another Frankel colt Ginistrelli (Ire). Edoardo Ginistrelli ranks alongside Arthur Budgett as one of only a few people to have bred, owned and trained a Derby winner. Ginistrelli's story is all the more unusual for the fact that his Derby winner was a filly, Signorinetta (GB), who followed up her 100/1 victory in 1908 by winning the Oaks just two days later.

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John Leeper on the Newmarket Heath | *Emma Berry*

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Chris McGrath recalls the exploits of 1943 Triple Crown winner Count Fleet on the day of the race named in his honor. [Click or tap here to go straight to TDN America.](#)

Levy, Racing Foundation Agree On Support Package cont.

He added, "It is certain that the Levy Board will have a major role at that stage and beyond. Negotiating the many challenges ahead of us all will require exceptional co-operation between every sector. Those challenges can only be met if British racing and the betting industry work in partnership and the Levy Board will play a full and active part in ensuring that this happens."

In addition to advance payments to racecourses of raceday service grants, which are currently £12,571 for most fixtures, loans of up to £200,000 per racecourse are available from a joint fund of £7.5-million from the HBLB and Racing Foundation. As well as assisting racecourses, the Racing Foundation, which holds the proceeds from the sale of the Tote in 2011, has combined forces with other donors, including the John Pearce Foundation, to focus on assisting those facing financial hardship during the coronavirus outbreak. That includes boosting the Racing Welfare funds by up to £750,000 in order to help the charity meet the demands for hardship grants, and setting up a £2.5-million Racing Relief Fund in conjunction with the ROA to ensure that horses are continued to be looked after in the event that their owners can no longer support them financially.

Further funding is being made available in these areas:

- Jockeys support and hardship scheme up to £900k, which also covers valets and agents.
- Trainers and their staff struggling with immediate cashflow can claim through the Filling the furlough and Self Employed Income Support Scheme gap of £2.79m.
- Contributions to the Racing Industry Accident Benefit Scheme will be met for furloughed employees through a scheme worth up to £104k.
- Support for British Racing's charities of up to £900k.

Ian Barlow, Chairman of the Racing Foundation, said, "The Trustees of the Foundation agreed that during this exceptional time the organisation should not be bound by its normal endowment rules and be prepared to bring forward future years' expenditure, while utilising some of its capital, to support the emerging needs of the sport.

"The funding requests we have received are varied and we want to take an approach which can help alleviate the immediate hardship being felt by the sport's people, horses, businesses and charities. Through close and continued collaboration both organisations will seek to meet the immediate hardship needs presented to us and ensure necessary funds are in place to commence racing and support the sport in the months ahead."

Warning that racing faces "an incredibly tough battle" to combat lost income, Nick Rust, chief executive of the British Horseracing Authority, commented on the emergency help fund. He said, "This package of self-help funding offers some initial relief to the hard-working people, horses and businesses on whom racing relies. We know this does not solve the acute problems the industry is facing but it will provide much needed short-term assistance.

"More support will be needed and the most important way to achieve this will be through a safe resumption of racing when conditions allow. We have communicated this to government and are working hard with the other major sports to bring this about. We will be ready to resume racing and our plans are progressing with urgency."

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PULFORD REFLECTS ON SHAMARDAL'S LEGACY

Darley Australia's Head of Sales Alastair Pulford reflects on Shamardal's Australian accomplishments. [Click or tap here to go straight to TDN Aus/NZ.](#)

Dunlop Remembered In Regally Bred Colt cont. from p1

In recent weeks a handsome dark brown colt has appeared on Newmarket Heath, where both his sire Frankel and dam Snow Fairy (Ire) (Intikhab) were trained to become champions. Born in April 2018, the colt was bred, like Snow Fairy, by Cristina Patino, who has paid a posthumous tribute to her longstanding trainer John Dunlop, who died just a few months later.

The Irish-bred colt carries Dunlop's two forenames John Leeper and is now in the hands of his son Ed, who trained Snow Fairy, now 13, to win the Oaks in England and Ireland as well as back-to-back G1 Queen Elizabeth II Commemorative Cups in Japan, the G1 Hong Kong Cup and the G1 Irish Champion S. Dunlop also has John Leeper's year-older three-parts-sister Virgin Snow (GB) (Gleneagles {Ire}), who was third in a good novice fillies' race last season behind Run Wild (Ger) (Amaron {GB}), who subsequently finished runner-up in the G3 Prix des Reservoirs.

As for John Leeper, who, like his mother, was broken in and pre-trained on the Curragh by Dick Brabazon, he appears to be settling in well to the routine on Newmarket Heath. And he has one of the most experienced riders in the town on his back in Stephen Nicholson, who has travelled the world with many of Dunlop's international runners. Nicholson struck up a long and happy partnership with the globetrotter Red Cadeaux (GB), having also ridden his sire Cadeaux Genereux (GB), who was trained by his and Dunlop's former boss Alex Scott.

As one would expect for a colt of his pedigree, John Leeper holds an entry for next year's Derby, the race won twice by his namesake with Shirley Heights (GB) and Erhaab. Dunlop also won the Oaks twice, with Circus Plume (GB) and Salsabil (GB), the latter going on to win the Irish Derby. Ed Dunlop has also won the Epsom fillies' Classic twice with Ouija Board (GB) and Snow Fairy, both of whom doubled up in the Irish Oaks.

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Snow Fairy and Frankie Dettori after winning the Irish Champion S. | *Racing Post*

EUROPEAN NEWS

MARK JOHNSTON HIT WITH CORONAVIRUS

Mark Johnston, Britain's winning-most trainer, is self-isolating at home in North Yorkshire after receiving a positive test for coronavirus.

The Scotsman told *horseracingplanet.com* that he began showing symptoms last Tuesday, and received a test on Wednesday after his symptoms had failed to subside.

"It started with a cough and I tried to play it down," Johnston said. "I didn't really think I had it but after four days my temperature was off the scale and then I had no choice but to accept it."

"I didn't really want any publicity because I didn't want to make a meal of it," he added. "I've been isolated since last Tuesday but other people are a lot worse off than I am; other people have bigger problems so you don't want to blow it up."

Johnston's wife Deirdre told *Racing Post* that son and assistant

trainer Charlie has been overseeing training.

"Everybody has been brilliant--the team is keeping everything going," she said. "I just can't wait for Mark to be well and get back to the horses. We just wish everybody else well and hope they don't get this because it is not nice, and Mark's not even as bad as the poor people who have to go into hospital."

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SPENCER INJURED IN TRAINING ACCIDENT

Jockey Jamie Spencer may require hip surgery after being taken to hospital following a training mishap on Friday. Spencer was aboard a David Simcock-trained horse when the horse slipped and fell. The Classic-winning rider was taken to Addenbrooke's Hospital in Cambridge for treatment.

"He was riding out for David Simcock when his horse just slipped," said the rider's agent Niall Hannity. "It wasn't a serious fall, but he just landed awkwardly and was taken to Addenbrooke's. He has a hip injury and they're not sure whether he will require surgery yet. I've spoken to him and he's in good spirits, although he's in a fair bit of pain, but he'll be fine."

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A view through the trees on Bury Hill in Newmarket on Thursday | Emma Berry

WORLDWIDE NEWS

BATTLE OF THE UNBEATENS IN THE SATSUKI SHO *by Alan Carasso*



Contrail | Horsephotos

The Japanese colts' Classics kick off this weekend at Nakayama Racecourse, where champion **Contrail (Jpn)** (Deep Impact {Jpn}) and **Salios (Jpn)** (Heart's Cry {Jpn})--each perfect in their three starts last season--square off in the G1 Satsuki Sho (Japanese 2000 Guineas) over the 2000 metres.

Racing in the colours of Shinji Maeda and bred by the family's North Hills Co. Ltd., the dark bay colt graduated at first asking going nine furlongs last September and followed up with a dominating five-length victory in the G3 Tokyo Sports Hai Nisai S. Nov. 16. Sent off the even-money favourite for the season-ending G1 Hopeful S. over Sunday's course and distance, Contrail raced prominently throughout and quickened home to

post a 1 1/2-length defeat of **Weltreisende (Jpn)** (Dream Journey {Jpn}) ([video](#), gate 2).

"He's a horse that starts well and is able to get a position, so I don't worry about anything with him," said jockey Yuichi Fukunaga of his ride, who has drawn gate one. "The Nakayama track is a bit different from others, but he's already won there. It'll be a tough race, with the other Grade 1 winner and other strong horses, but I want to get the best result."

Contrail is one of four in the race for 2005 Satsuki Sho winner Deep Impact, who has since sired Dee Majesty (Jpn) and Al Ain (Jpn) to wins in 2016 and 2017, respectively.

Salios carried Australian jockey Damian Lane to a debut victory on the G1 Yasuda Kinen undercard at Tokyo last June ahead of a stalk-and-pounce success in the G3 Saudi Arabia Royal Cup at headquarters Oct. 5. Ryan Moore was at the controls when Salios proved 2 1/2 lengths best in the G1 Asahi Hai Futurity Dec. 15 ([video](#), gate six) and he tries a distance beyond the metric mile for the first time Sunday, with Lane back in the boot.

My Rhapsody (Jpn) (Heart's Cry {Jpn}) quietly put together a three-race skein of his own last season, capped by a two-length tally in the G3 Kyoto Nisai S. going this trip in late November. The son of U.S. GISW Teddy's Promise (Salt Lake) caught what appeared to be easy ground in his seasonal return in the Feb. 16 G3 Kyodo News Hai and had too much to do late, finishing fourth to **Darlington Hall (GB)** (New Approach {Ire}) and **Bitterender (Jpn)** (Orfevre {Jpn}). The latter's sire won this event when it was held at Tokyo in 2011, seven weeks after a devastating earthquake and tsunami struck Japan.

Satono Flag (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}) cost prominent owner Hajime Satomi ¥165 million (*US\$1.48 million*) as a foal at the 2017 JRHA Select Sale and the colt has earned back a fair bit of that investment. His three wins to date include a 1 3/4-length score in the G2 Deep Impact Kinen (2000m) at this venue Mar. 8.

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1	Contrail (Jpn)	Deep Impact (Jpn)	Fukunaga	Yahagi	126
2	L'Excellence (Jpn)	Deep Impact (Jpn)	Kitamura	Ikezoe	126
3	Cortesia (Jpn)	Symboli Kris S. (Jpn)	Matsuyama	Suzuki	126
4	Tempin (Jpn)	Just a Way (Jpn)	Nakai	Yasuda	126
5	Satono Flag (Jpn)	Deep Impact (Jpn)	Lemaire	Kuneida	126
6	Deep Bond (Jpn)	Kizuna (Jpn)	Yokoyama	Okubo	126
7	Salios (Jpn)	Heart's Cry (Jpn)	Lane	Hori	126
8	Win Camelian (Jpn)	Screen Hero (Jpn)	Tanabe	Shikato	126
9	Black Hole (Jpn)	Gold Ship (Jpn)	Ishikawa	Aizawa	126
10	American Seed 	Tapit	Maruyama	Fujioka	126
11	Crystal Black (Jpn)	Kizuna (Jpn)	Yoshida	Takahashi	126
12	My Rhapsody (Jpn)	Heart's Cry (Jpn)	Take	Tomomichi	126
13	Darlington Hall (GB)	New Approach (Ire)	Demuro	Kimura	126
14	Chimera Verite (Jpn)	Kizuna (Jpn)	Fujioka	Nakatake	126
15	Rhinebeck (Jpn)	Deep Impact (Jpn)	Iwata	Tomomichi	126
16	Galore Creek (Jpn)	Kinshasa no Kiseki (Aus)	Hewitson	Uehara	126
17	Weltreisende (Jpn)	Dream Journey (Jpn)	Ikezoe	Ikee	126
18	Bitterender (Jpn)	Orfevre (Jpn)	Tsumura	Aizawa	126



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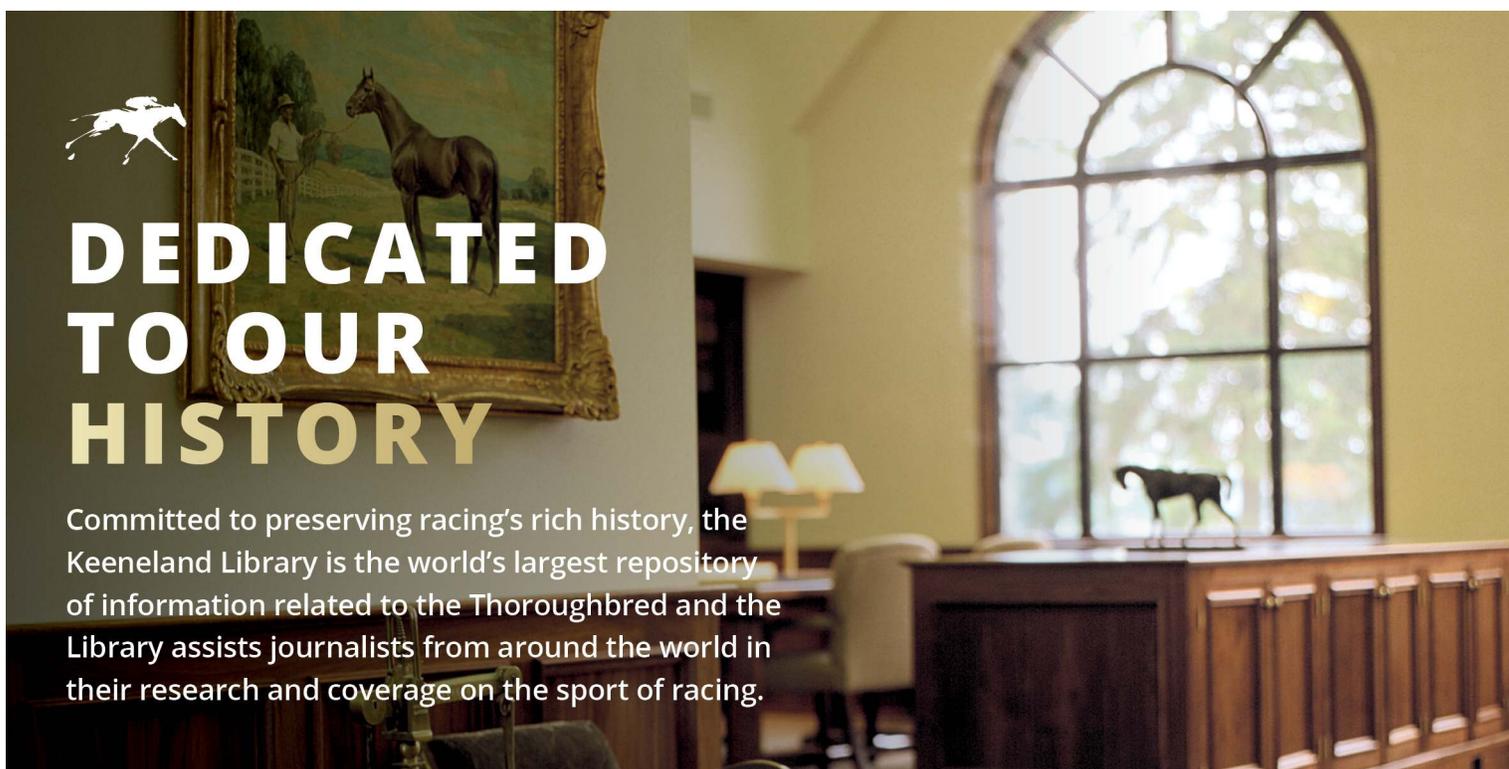
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PULFORD REFLECTS ON SHAMARDAL'S LEGACY



Shamardal (2002-2020) | Darley Europe photo

by Paul Vettise

Shamardal (USA) was sadly euthanised at Kildangan Stud in Ireland on Thursday at the age of 18. TDNAusNZ spoke to Alastair Pulford about the champion stallion's arrival at Darley Australia following a decorated racing career.

When Darley Australia first announced the multiple Group 1 winner Shamardal was to make his way to the Hunter Valley in 2005, the response from breeders was phenomenal.

Darley Head of Sales Alastair Pulford said the reaction was like nothing he had witnessed before with the son of Giant's Causeway (USA) selling himself at record pace.

"He was an amazing horse and he was different from other shuttle horses to start with because he retired late. He had won at the York meeting, Royal Ascot was run at York that year when they were renovating the grandstand," he said.

"He won the [G1] St James's Palace S. and was due to line up in the [G1] Eclipse S., which was going to be one of the races of the year in the Northern Hemisphere, but he went sore.

"They immediately decided to send him down here before he stood in the Northern Hemisphere and off that July announcement, we literally filled him in a day. I've never had such a positive response to any stallion ever, then or since.

"We rang around our best clients and said are you interested and he was immediately popular and the timing was good.

"Giant's Causeway had just been announced as not coming and Shamardal slipped right into his shoes and was a very high profile horse. He was very much like his uncle Street Cry (Ire), no nonsense and just went about his business and he was a very good doer and his progeny are pretty much the same."

Shamardal's shuttling days were curtailed when injury prevented his return in 2012.

"He was that popular from the word go and it was just a shame his injury entailed six months off and the vets told us years ago he was a season-by-season proposition and he lasted a lot longer than they predicted so we had the benefit of that," Pulford said.

Shamardal won six of his seven starts, including four at Group 1 level--the Dewhurst S., the French 2000 Guineas, the Prix du Jockey Club and the St James's Palace S.

The legacy continues at Darley with his top-class son Blue Point (Ire), a four-time Group 1 winning sprinter, to stand his first season in Australia in 2020.

First-Crop Star...

Shamardal made an immediate impact in Australia through his first-crop daughter Faint Perfume, who was raced by his co-breeder the late Dato Tan Chin Nam and Dr Alan Jackson and wife Colleen.

She was trained by the late, great Bart Cummings to win the G1 VRC Oaks, the G1 Vinery Stud S. and was also runner-up in the G1 Australasian Oaks and third in the G1 Thousand Guineas.

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Faint Perfume | Bronwen Healy photo

First-Crop Star cont.

“She was bred jointly by Dato Tan and Kia Ora Stud and was from the first crop to come through Think Big Stud, we had just bought the property,” said bloodstock agent Duncan Ramage, who at the time managed the stud and Dato Tan’s bloodstock portfolio.

“She was presented in the first draft from Think Big Stud and didn’t sell at Easter and we bought out Kia Ora. We took Dr Alan Jackson and his lovely wife Colleen to lunch with Dato and during the process of a Chinese lunch, Alan found himself with half of a horse. At the time he wondered what he committed to, details were scant.”

Faint Perfume had been passed in for \$40,000 at the Inglis Australian Yearling Sale and was subsequently sent to Cummings’ yard.

“Bart always said that she was small, but in fact she weighed a lot and was quite a heavy horse. She wasn’t that tall and the family tended to be a little bit short.

“She was a very strong horse and had a great constitution. She could take a lot of work and her racing record shows that, she was able to turn up in two Oaks and all the lead-ups.”

Faint Perfume was a daughter of Zona (Zabeel {NZ}), who was a sister to the stakes winner Zingam and a half-sister to black type winner Banc De Fortune (Galileo {Ire}). Their dam Danendri (Danehill {USA}) won both the G1 Australian Oaks and the G1 Ansett Australia S.

“We only had about seven mares at the time and we bred three or four mares in partnership with Kia Ora. I think Zona was the only one to go to Shamardal and Bart bred a few to him,” Ramage said.

Among Shamardal’s other major flagbearers in Australia were the G1 Schweppes Oaks winner Maybe Discreet, G1 Darley Classic winner Delectation and the G1 Epsom H. winner Captain Sonador.



Pinatubo | *Racing Post photo*

They made up 25 individual Group 1 winners for Shamardal, whose leading Northern Hemisphere lights include the multiple Group 1 winners Blue Point (Ire), Pinatubo (Ire), Speedy Boarding (GB), Earthlight (Ire) and the successful sire Lope De Vega (Ire).

The Australian-bred Able Friend won four Group 1 races in Hong Kong while Pakistan Star (Ger) won two top-flight events there and Dan Excel (Ire) won two Singapore Group 1 events and another in Hong Kong.



Able Friend, Hong Kong’s Horse of the Year in 2014-2015, was one of three Group 1 winners in the SAR for Shamardal | *HKJC photo*

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