



Q & A WITH CHRB EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SCOTT CHANEY



Scott Chaney | CHRB photo

by Bill Finley

Scott Chaney takes over as the executive director of the California Horse Racing Board at a pivotal time for racing in the state. He will be asked to steer racing through the coronavirus outbreak while focusing on animal welfare and integrity issues. A lawyer, a former assistant trainer and steward, Chaney sat down with the *TDN* to discuss his thoughts on his new job and tackling the challenges that he will face.

TDN: The Stronach Group is trying very hard to have racing resume at Santa Anita and at Golden Gate Fields, as well. Does the CHRB play any role in this so far as whether or not those tracks will be able to run again? And if so, what?

SC: The short answer is no. We haven't played a significant role in their requests with the Los Angeles County Health Department. To this point, the CHRB has taken the position that we're not opposed to the concept. In fact, we support the idea that horse racing continue because we think there are good arguments for it doing so. It has continued safely in Orange County at Los Alamitos. But we've left this up to local health departments to really address the health concerns. That's what they're there for. **Cont. p3**

OWNER DONOGHUE: 'DISGUST' WITH CHEATING PUSHING ME TO RACE OVERSEAS

by Joe Bianca

Last week on the *TDN Writers' Room* podcast presented by Keeneland, spurred by this Bill Finley column in which prominent owner Joe Sutton spoke out against trainer Joe Sharp and his twice-disqualified Blackberry Wine (Oxbow)--who continues to run in conditions he would be ineligible for if not for positive drug tests--I put out an open call. I wanted to hear from owners and trainers who have been adversely affected by cheating and drugging of horses in light of the bombshell allegations revealed by the FBI indictments that rocked the sport last month.

Surely, there are hundreds if not thousands of people who have been turned off at one point or another by the rampant use of performance-enhancing drugs in American racing and, owners in particular, have the leverage to affect change if they threaten en masse to leave or reduce their involvement in a game that is already hemorrhaging participants. **Cont. p8**

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SC: We haven't substituted our judgment for the health board's. But should the Los Angeles County Health Department allow racing, we wouldn't object to it in any way.

TDN: In the press release announcing that you were the new executive director, you made a point of saying that the two main priorities for you are integrity and horse welfare. So let's just take one at a time and let's start with integrity. The recent indictments of the 27 individuals in a horse doping scheme had nothing to do with California racing. None of the people involved race there. But, nonetheless, it shed an eye on the industry as a whole and the things that the industry is doing right and the things that industry is doing wrong when it comes to cheating. What should the sport have learned from this and how can the sport take those lessons and use them to clean up the game?

SC: When I first read the indictments, my first thought was, of course, this would never happen in California racing. But then you read a little bit further and that's based on the fact that we have one of the best testing laboratories on the planet. Then you read a little further and you read that it's not really a question of testing. The best laboratory on the planet couldn't have detected what these folks were doing. What it does is kind of make us all realize that testing alone, even if it's the best in the world, is not going to satisfy and buttress the idea of integrity on its own. It needs to be a holistic approach. Investigations are important and that is not something any particular jurisdiction is immune from. It's something that we all have to face. You correctly pointed out that none of the people involved raced here anytime in the recent past or on any kind of regular basis. But even though they weren't active participants here, everything tends to be painted with a broad brush. And so for me, it's a lesson that integrity is not something that can be forgotten. If you would have asked the same question, "What are the most important things to you as executive director?" four months ago, I might've said animal welfare and integrity might not have been part of that. But it has to be part of the conversation now. If people don't think that horse races aren't being conducted fairly, they're just not going to wager and then the industry collapses.

TDN: You just mentioned testing. The people accused of doping in the indictments allegedly drugged hundreds, if not thousands of horses, and not one had a positive testing for any of the drugs they were allegedly using. That led a lot of people to believe that racing needs to focus more on boots on the ground, investigators, surveillance. And maybe that is a more appropriate or a better way of catching the people who break the rules. Where does CHRB stand on that and what do you personally think about that approach? **Cont. p5**



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SC: The CHRB, to the extent that I can speak for us after four days on the job, supports that approach. Our testing at UC Davis is one of the best in the world. But what folks don't realize, it's not a static thing. Every time you discover a new test or make a test more finite, the wrongdoers find something else. And so then you have to go to the next level. You're constantly looking to refine testing and make it better, which is something that we do all the time. We're in the middle of some contract negotiations for the lab in order to make it even better than it is now. But the other piece of that is boots on the ground. I guess I should call it more brick and mortar. One of the recommendations in the fatality report that came out about two months ago after tragedies in Santa Anita last year was surveillance cameras. Santa Anita has a state-of-the-art surveillance system at their track and it's everywhere. There are cameras everywhere. As a steward when I was there, it was extremely helpful in terms of putting cases on in front of us. We could literally see the rule violation taking place on camera. That's one way. Another involves manpower. In California we're lucky, we're well-funded and we have a vibrant investigative staff. But it's never enough. You always need a few more people.



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TDN: Let's move on to the horse welfare issues, something that is obviously going to affect the future of this industry. The issue has sort of been shifted into the background because of the coronavirus situation and because Santa Anita is not racing, but it remains a priority. When it comes to doing right by the animal and making this sport as safe as it possibly can be, how far do you think California has come and how far do you think California still has to go?

SC: I would be lying if I tried to make a number up or if I tried to give you some sort of percentage. We've come a long way for sure. *Cont. p5*

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SC: I've been a steward a long time and I've been pretty active in writing regulations on policies and animal welfare, and, specifically, riding crop reform has been a big issue of mine. Sadly, we had a number of breakdowns last year at Santa Anita. It was an awful time for racing. If there's a silver lining, if there's some positive that came out of it, it's that the industry in California and across the country, is ripe for reform. We're ready. Here, we've done a lot of the easy stuff. The [CHRB report on the Santa Anita fatalities] came out about two months ago. My job as executive director will be implementing all of the suggestions and recommendations outlined in that report and then going even further. I like to think I have a different perspective. Obviously, I grew up in racing. I was an assistant trainer. I've been a steward. I started in racing because I love horses and I wanted to work with them on a daily basis. And so, to me, animal welfare has to be number one. I get reports if we have a catastrophic injury. When I get one of those, it hurts and my goal is to make that go away. The goal is zero. Each year, each month, each day we should be challenging ourselves to come up with ways to make racing more safe. It's going to be an industry approach, however. Right now I've taken a job with the California Horse Racing Board. At the end of the day, we're a regulatory body and our job will be to put forth policies and regulations that make racing safer. But we're not the only group who can do that. Every stakeholder has that ability.



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TDN: Let's stay on the issue of the whipping. This is something that has been talked about in California for a long time. Should we ban the whip and if we don't ban it, what sort of rules should we have? We know California is looking to put in place very strict rules regarding the whip, but it seems that the can keeps getting kicked down the road and nothing definitive ever happens. So, a two part question, when might we see changes to the whipping rules in California and what would you like those changes to be at the end of the day when all the I's are dotted and the T's are crossed? **Cont. p6**

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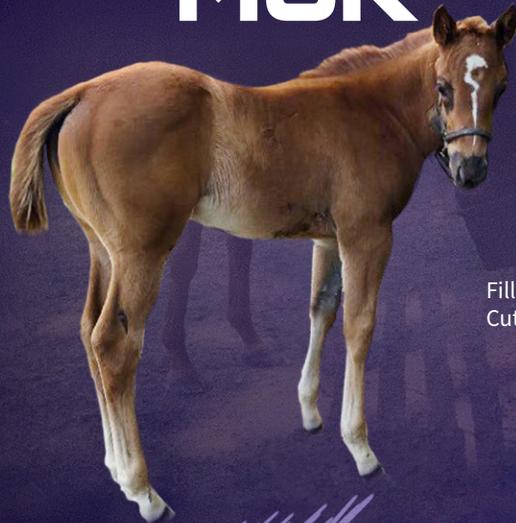
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SC: I don't think jockeys should carry crops. It's not necessary. To me, it's not a safety issue. That's a red herring. Ten years from now, if jockeys are still carrying riding crops, we've taken a wrong turn somewhere. This is a national issue and I think everybody will eventually be on board. I also know that change comes slowly in racing and that there should be some incremental approach. That's what the California Horse Racing Board is trying to do. I wrote the original rule, which is the jockey cannot hit a horse more than three times in succession without giving the horse a chance to respond. That's the rule now in California and it has kind of filtered around the country. We have a new rule out, which is under the 45-day comment period. It should be on the May board meeting and it will change the whip rule again. Basically it's two times, six total in the race, and they have to be underhanded. That is, you can't turn your stick up. It would be the most restrictive rule that I know of on the planet. This couldn't be more restrictive. If the board passes it in the next month or two, it would be law in the next three or four months. So whip reform is not on the back burner in California and especially now with me as executive director.

TDN: You said that you would like to see the day when the jockeys do not carry whips, period. You're one of many people that have a say in this. You have stakeholders you have to talk to. There are the members of the California Horse Racing Board.

So you don't get to make this decision all by yourself. But, in a perfect world, how far away are we from the day when no whips are allowed in California?

SC: In California, I would be surprised if riders have whips in two years. Personally, I would like it before that. I'm not the only one who has a say. In fact, I can nudge and encourage and try to help out the board. But at the end of the day, I serve the six, hopefully at some point, seven, board members. But I'm not speaking out of turn. I think this is also the chairman's stated goal, but he also recognizes that we should have at least an incremental approach to be fair to jockeys and other stakeholders. It would be a sea change in racing. I think it would be a good one. Hopefully, one of the perspectives that I bring is that I have a significant life outside of racing and it's increasingly becoming difficult to me to justify the use of the whip. I think when we're in horse racing, you tend to be sort of habitualized to it and that sometimes it's a good idea to kind of step out and see what a new fan or someone who doesn't know anything about racing thinks about it.

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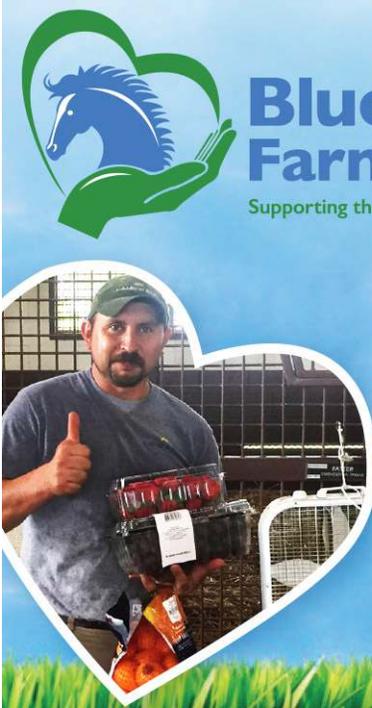


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TDN: At the height of the problems at Santa Anita last year, the animal rights community was a real thorn in horse racing's side and threatened to do severe damage, perhaps to the point where the sport would actually be banned in California. I've never quite got a good feeling about where we are now. Do you think the animal rights people are saying, "We're happy with the industry, that things have gotten better and therefore we're going to back off a little bit," or do you think the animal rights people are still as vitriolic as ever and still as determined as ever to create problems for the sport?

SC: I think it's a spectrum. When you say "animal rights activist," it's not a monolithic group. It's like saying horse racing people are a monolithic group. Admittedly, I'm kind of on the front edge of reform, whereas maybe the rest of the industry might not be in the same spot, and that's true of animal rights activists as well. There are some very reasonable groups out there who want us to conduct racing in the safest possible way and have been very supportive in terms of reform and ideas and helping us, actually pushing us to places where we should go. At the same time, there are some pretty fringe groups out there who won't be happy until racing doesn't exist in California or the country or the rest of the world. You get the sense that those groups will never be satisfied. We could take every precaution known to man to prevent every injury you could possibly think of and those groups will not be happy until racing has ceased. I think that racing is in a lot better position than it was a year ago, coronavirus notwithstanding, in terms of reforms that we've taken and having people actually understand what we actually do and how horses are treated. I was an assistant trainer for eight years. I have intimate knowledge with respect to horse care, especially in Southern California, which is the best on the planet. Thoroughbred race horses in California eat better than I do. And that's saying something because I do Ironman for fun. To a large extent, they get way better care than your average backyard horse. And I think we as an industry need to point that out and also trumpet the reforms we're taking. A lot of the conversation has been driven by fringe animal rights groups who won't ever be satisfied.

TDN: You threw your hat in the ring when the position of executive director for the CHRB opened up in 2013 and now say you probably weren't ready for the job at that time. Why not? And how are you different today than you were seven years ago?



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SC: That's a good question. Thanks for asking it. I think there are two fronts on that. Back then, this job seemed like sort of a next logical step in my progression in racing, if you will, and it became open. It seemed like something I should apply for. I remember talking to two of the board members who were interviewing me at the time and they said, "I'm surprised you want the job." And I said, "I'm not sure that I do," which is probably not the best answer if you're trying to get a job. Rick Baedeker was an excellent choice and I learned a lot as a steward from watching him do the job. And I think the second point, and part of the reason I took the job now, is I think the industry is a little more ready for me in the sense that over the course of the last year we've become a lot more open to reform. I felt like I could be a little truer to myself if I took the job at this point.

TDN: You talked a little bit about your background and being involved in Ironman competitions. Other things that people should know about you: You grew up in Maryland, your parents owned a few horses. You went to Dartmouth undergrad, then you went to USC Law School. How the heck does a guy with that sort of background wind up working on the backstretch?

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SC: My parents are very proud that after an Ivy League education and a law degree, that I decided I wanted to train horses. It's serendipity in some ways. When I was in law school out in California, I decided I wanted to do some sort of equine law as a summer job and applied to a few law firms in Kentucky. Then my first year I decided just to work at the racetrack. I thought it would be neat. I actually met a trainer called Darrell Vienna, who's also an attorney, through his law partner at the time. She went to USC as well. I walked hots through my first summer and then sort of the rest was history. The second summer I groomed a couple of horses and actually even tried to groom while I was in law school, but I found that too exhausting. So I finished law school, took the bar and then became his assistant full time. So it was kind of a weird progression. But I was the kid who in law school who went to Santa Anita every weekend to watch horses.

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Donoghue: 'Disgust' with Cheating Pushing Me to Race Overseas *(cont. from p1)*

Enter Daniel Donoghue. Not a household name, to be sure. But he is a new owner who was steadily increasing his investment in American racing until he soured after being victimized by cheating rivals. Now, the American-born investment banker is sending his horses overseas and beginning to race in the vastly more strictly regulated European market instead.

"I am not a large, name-brand owner, but I campaign about four to six horses at a time," he said in his original response to me. "I buy a couple each year at the Keeneland September Sale. As a result of my disgust with U.S. racing, I have been shifting my interests to England."

Donoghue had enthusiasm for horse racing going back to when he was a kid in Illinois and would skip school to go watch the races at Arlington Park. After becoming successful in the field of finance as an adult, his first foray into ownership was as a partner with West Point Thoroughbreds in 2009. His first win came a year later, and then he was off and running, eventually starting his solo journey as Signal Hill Farms.

"After I kind of figured out how it all worked, I decided I wanted to do it on my own. I had the unfortunate circumstance of my first horse I ever bought on my own doing really well," he joked. "It's like when you take somebody out golfing and they play really well their first time. It's a curse."

That first horse was Mucho Mas Macho (Macho Uno), a \$19,000 buy as an OBS 2-year-old in 2011 who gradually developed into a stakes winner the following fall and upset the GII Fort Lauderdale S. at 41-1 in 2013. He retired with nearly \$300,000 in earnings. Donoghue was hooked.

"That's about as good as it gets for a guy like me," he said. "Ever since then, I've been campaigning four, five, six horses at a time. I'm in it to watch my horses develop and become very competitive athletes and maybe win an allowance or stakes along the way."



Daniel Donoghue at Tattersalls

One year, Donoghue decided to try his hand at buying a horse from Newmarket's Tattersalls Horses-in-Training Sale with the notion that he could find a horse who would prefer the faster turf surfaces of America, and came back with Highly Prized (GB) (Manduro {Ger}) from a Juddmonte dispersal in 2015. He won his Stateside debut for Donoghue on New Year's Eve at Gulfstream, but eventually found stakes waters too tough and ran out of allowance conditions. Not wanting to lose him for a claiming tag, Donoghue and trainer Mike Stidham's English-born longtime assistant Hilary Pridham decided to send him back across the pond to become a jumper. Winning three of his first four European starts, Highly Prized opened Donoghue's eyes to the striking contrast of drug regulation and enforcement in England, just as he was starting to grow discouraged by the lax, patchwork system in place in America.

"It's very clear over there what the rules are," he said. "I'm not naive enough to think there aren't unscrupulous people in England or it's some kind of panacea, but I do believe there's less chance as an owner that I'm going to be as disadvantaged as I am here in the U.S., where you work really hard to get your horses ready, take good care of them, you get to race maybe four, six, eight times a year and you occasionally get a good trip, and just when you think things might be working right, a cheater's horse re-breaks at the quarter pole, and it's just devastating. You're like, 'Why am I in this anymore?'"

Like many issues in American racing, Donoghue believes the underlying problem is a lack of centrality in its regulatory structure, and he says he's seen that in especially stark contradiction to the omnipresent British Horseracing Authority in England. **Cont. p9**

"I've come to appreciate the way they do things there broadly in terms of things like training, but more specifically in terms of the central governing body that is the BHA," he said. "The clarity of their positions on performance-enhancing drugs that makes the U.S. pale in comparison. The reason I think cleaning up the game hasn't happened [here] is principally because we don't have that central body. We have a clown car of regulators where, depending on what state you're in, a different clown comes out of the car."



Highly Prized in England

Donoghue thinks that helps to give cheating trainers cover when their horses test positive. He also says that even when rules are clearly broken, punishments aren't nearly severe enough, lamenting specifically the way the Sharp issue was handled by Kentucky and Louisiana regulators. Sharp was fined just \$1,000 for each of his eight positive tests for levamisole and was given no suspension.

"What applies in one state doesn't apply in another state, and a lot of trainers use that to hide behind," he said. "'Oh, it was OK to do here, we didn't realize we were going to be running there.' And the other part of it is in these states, even when they have the ability to detect and the rule to enforce, they're just not enforced. The literature on levamisole has been very clear. I have a copy of the letter from the RMTC to all the trainers going back to February of 2017 where they said if you use this stuff, you could really jeopardize your livelihood in racing. Comparing it to England, there that's actually the case."

Beyond the integrity of the sport being at stake, rooting out performance-enhancing drugs is at its core an animal welfare issue. One of the most staggering aspects of the recent doping scandal was how flippantly some of the defendants spoke about drugging and breaking down their horses. Donoghue says that factors into his decision not to run horses in America, particularly when it comes to claiming races.

"The problem with our system in this cheating world is, I don't want to run my horses in a place where they can end up in the hands of a trainer who abuses them through these kinds of methods," he said. "So I don't want to run in those situations, and I'm better off in the UK, where at least I don't have to worry that my horse ends up in a bad place. The reverse is true too, like, 'I'm not claiming a horse off that trainer because it'll fall apart as soon as you get it,' so it has that kind of impact too as a secondary iteration."

The racetrack isn't the only segment of the sport where drugging occurs and demands more strict regulation. Sales companies have started to **ban the use of bisphosphonates** in young horses, belatedly in Donoghue's mind, and there has been a recent push to **get rid of clenbuterol use** as well.

"The other issue is as an owner, you go to the sales, and now you're not talking about the cheating trainers, you're talking about the breeders and consignors whose horses have been on clenbuterol to try to gain from its steroidal properties," Donoghue said. "Then there's the issue with bisphosphonates. In the UK, if you're found to have given your horse bisphosphonates before they're 42 months old, you're out of the game for life. All the things we're talking about with regulators when it comes to racetracks, we could say all the same things about the sales. There's a lack of real determination to root out corruption."

Like me, Donoghue knows that there's a large number of other people in the industry who feel the way he does but haven't spoken out publicly. He is especially surprised that horsemen who are directly losing market share to juicers haven't been banging the drum to rid the sport of cheating.

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Daniel Donoghue

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"I can't get over the trainers who don't speak out against the trainers they know are cheating, because it's taking money out of their own pocket," he said. "I don't understand it. I guess as owners we feel that we're never really regarded as having an opinion that matters, but it is interesting that I find my way to the UK and you see other people like [Team Valor International's] Barry Irwin pulling out of the U.S. and focusing on Europe. That's only two data points, but it's a big enough statistical pool of owners, that I can't be the only person who's to the point of saying I don't want to commit more capital to U.S. racing in its current state."

As for the FBI's indictments, Donoghue had similar reactions to much of the racing world. Shock, not at the contents of them, but that consequences finally were coming to some of the sport's worst alleged dopers. Embarrassment, that law enforcement had to do the job of American racing's regulators. And skepticism, that things will actually change as a result.

"I was thrilled when I saw the indictments," he said. "There was nothing surprising about the allegations. The only thing that was surprising was that it was investigated so seriously and thoroughly. And when I reviewed the list of people involved, I expected to see more name-brand people in there, but maybe that's another shoe to drop. Will it have ramifications? It does embolden regulators, but there's just no appetite of anyone I see in jurisdictions in this country to really root this stuff out. In this case, it really wasn't the industry, it was the FBI, and that says something right there. That there was enough to go find that the FBI went and found it, and industry regulators who know it's been going on *forever* couldn't bother to look at it."

That skepticism is warranted, but it also speaks to the need for people like Donoghue and Sutton and Irwin to make their voices heard. Without internal public pressure from the people who have the most to lose from the allowance of cheating and drugging, it is exceedingly likely that American racing will fall back into conducting business as usual. And business as usual, as we all know right now, is an insufficient way forward.

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WITH JUST TWO TRACKS RUNNING, POST TIMES STILL COLLIDE



Horses break from the gate at Oaklawn and Gulfstream at almost the same moment Saturday

by *Brian DiDonato*

Under normal circumstances, with many tracks running on a busy Saturday afternoon, it's not uncommon to see races at different venues go off on top of each other. The occurrence usually leads to a flurry of frustrated tweets, with bettors, fans and even racing participants wondering why the issue can't be remedied—it seems like it should be an easy fix. Last Saturday, the convergence of post times reached a new level of irrationality.

With the Tampa Bay Downs card already in the books, just two Thoroughbred-only tracks were holding races—Gulfstream Park and Oaklawn Park, but they ran races on top of each other.

Oaklawn's ninth race was set to go off at 5:45 p.m. ET, but they sprung the latch in Hot Springs at approximately 6:06:09 (Oaklawn is in the central time zone). Gulfstream's 11th race, with a published post time of 5:57 p.m. ET, was off at 6:06.29. Gulfstream's race was a furlong shorter, meaning the winners of their respective races crossed the wire approximately eight seconds apart.

TVG, whose signal has been picked up by NBC Sports during a time in which racing has garnered increased exposure due to the COVID-19 pandemic, was forced to show one race live and the other on tape delay. Those who bet both races and were watching through an ADW were forced to try to watch both at once. Those who cashed a winning wager on either race did not then have the opportunity to put those funds directly back into the pools on another race, say, five or 10 minutes later.

"Equibase has a schedule which everyone sends in their post times for," Gulfstream's Vice President of racing Mike Lakow said Wednesday.

Lakow continued, “Our post time for that race was supposed to be 6:03, and we sent that out four, five, six days prior. Oaklawn’s post time was 5:45... We went off at 6:06--we were three minutes late--they went off at 6:06 and they were 21 minutes late.”

Lakow noted that Gulfstream, which is known for implementing post-time drag, provides its actual expected off times to Equibase rather than just its published post times. He also said that he has been in occasional contact with mutuel department and racing office officials at Oaklawn in response to past instances of post time overlap.



Mike Lakow | Lauren King Photo

Lakow said he did not know what caused Oaklawn’s delay Saturday, but added, “Things happen--horses get loose; there are issues in the paddock; issues taking races off the turf; a tractor stalls on the track. We’re trying to do our best, but again, we were three minutes off our post and they were 21 minutes off their post that day.”

Lakow said he recently requested a list of off times from Equibase for the month of April to analyze examples of overlap, of which he says there have been approximately five during a much quieter month than usual.

“All directors of mutuels watch the races,” Lakow said when asked if the tracks maintained a line of communication mid-card. “They’re all watching TVG or they have [other track feeds] on. They’re watching--there’s no doubt about it. And every track will say the same thing, ‘Well, if Oaklawn takes 15, are we supposed to keep moving off our schedule?’ We have a schedule, and we’re handling twice as much money as Oaklawn. If anything, Oaklawn should stay off of us--not creep up on us.”

While a more detailed explanation was not provided by Oaklawn by the deadline for this story, a spokesperson for the track said it had been working with Equibase to avoid running on top of other tracks.

The Arkansas oval operated about one to three minutes later than scheduled through its first five races, and was about five minutes late by its sixth race. It was running about seven minutes late by race seven, which featured an inquiry. Race eight, the GIII Count Fleet Sprint H., was off 14 minutes late.

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TWO COVID-19 POSITIVES AT TURFWAY; CHURCHILL RE-OPENING REMAINS UP IN THE AIR



Turfway Park | Coady Photo

by Brian DiDonato

A pair of workers at Turfway Park--one backstretch worker and one track employee--have tested positive for coronavirus in recent weeks, according to a report first published by *Blood-Horse*. Turfway’s parent company Churchill Downs ended the **Turfway meet**--which had been being conducted without spectators--three days earlier than scheduled last month, citing Kentucky Governor Andy Beshear’s “Healthy at Home” executive order.

Churchill Downs, Inc. spokesperson Tonya Abeln confirmed to the *TDN* Wednesday that the ill backstretch worker was symptomatic more than two weeks ago and was subsequently hospitalized and tested positive for COVID-19. He has not since returned to the track property.

Abeln noted that Turfway has provided quarantine accommodations for two more asymptomatic backstretch workers who were believed to have been in contact with the individual who tested positive.

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“These accommodations consisted of private sleeping quarters as well as a private bath and wash room. Food and welfare checks were provided daily,” she said via email, adding “we are now grateful to report that both of those backside workers have completed their 14 day quarantine and there are currently no further positives, symptoms or potential exposure that would necessitate quarantine of any individual backside workers at this time.”

The Turfway Park employee who tested positive for COVID-19 is said to have had no interactions with workers on the backside and has been self-quarantining at home.

The first news of coronavirus positives at a Kentucky track comes as CDI attempts to coordinate the already delayed opening of the Churchill Downs backside (currently scheduled for Apr. 28) and a potential start date for its spring meet (still undetermined) with state officials and horsemen.

“We are extremely committed to ensuring a safe environment for those who are providing essential care to the horses on our backsides right now,” Abeln said. “We have rolled out and are continually updating health and safety procedures and protocols for our employees and the backside community with that in mind. We are in close communication with the trainers who employ the individuals on the backside in an effort to work together to find the safest and most responsible solutions during this unusual time until we are able to open the backside at Churchill Downs Racetrack (a decision that will be made by the Governor of Kentucky) where these horses and workers would customarily be right now.”

Abeln added, “There is no update to report on the opening of Churchill Downs backside or racing meet at this time.”

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STORM THE COURT GETS GREEN LIGHT FOR ARKANSAS DERBY

Last year’s champion juvenile colt **Storm the Court** (Court Vision) is on target for the May 2 GI Arkansas Derby following a five-furlong work in 1:13.60 (3/3) at Santa Anita Monday, trainer Peter Eurton confirmed. Eurton also plans to enter **Shooters Shoot** (Competitive Edge), winner of a one-mile allowance at Oaklawn Apr. 11, for the nine-furlong race.

“Very pleased with his work,” Eurton said of Storm the Court. “Very pleased with Shooters Shoot. I know it’s going to be tough on both ends with Bob [Baffert]’s two horses, but we’re willing and game.”

Baffert is also pointing a pair of undefeated ‘**TDN Rising Stars**’ to the Arkansas Derby in GII Rebel S. winner **Nadal** (Blame) and unbeaten **Charlatan** (Speightstown).

Storm the Court concluded his juvenile season with an upset victory in the GI Breeders’ Cup Juvenile.

He was fourth behind Nadal in the Feb. 9 GII San Vicente S. and third behind another impressive Baffert runner in Authentic (Into Mischief) in the Mar. 7 GII San Felipe S.



Storm the Court | Horsephotos

Of the decision to point Storm the Court to the Arkansas Derby, Eurton said, “We didn’t have many other choices, to be honest with you. We had so many different options that we were going to go with, but unfortunately they’re all gone the other direction.”

The Arkansas Derby was originally scheduled for Apr. 11, but was pushed back after the postponement of the GI Kentucky Derby until Sept. 5.

“It kind of worked out good for me,” Eurton said. “It got the needed weight I wanted to get back on him. He’s trained by himself the whole time and that really helped because he’s so competitive. It keeps his metabolism a little bit lower. His weight looks really good. Is he good enough? Hey, we’re going to find out. He’s got the style. I think he’ll like the racetrack, I really do. Seems like a speed-favoring racetrack, so looking forward to it.”

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AMID CRISIS, CHAOS RULES AT CHRB MEETING

News Analysis, by T.D. Thornton

At one point in Wednesday's California Horse Racing Board (CHRB) teleconference meeting, as discussion of yet another agenda item spiraled wildly off-topic and devolved into argumentative cross-talk, chairman Gregory Ferraro, DVM, attempted to restore order by firmly declaring "chaos is not allowed."

For some industry participants who vocalized frustration Apr. 22 at how CHRB meetings have become increasingly dominated by anti-racing proponents using allegedly obstructionist tactics to muddle the hours-long monthly proceedings, the chairman's assertion must have seemed like the figurative equivalent of trying to cram toothpaste back into the tube.

Yes, the CHRB did manage to take some form of action after hearing testimony on 11 agenda items before segueing into the routinely contentious "open" public commentary period, which has now been limited to two minutes per speaker (from three) and capped at 30 minutes total. Anyone who didn't get to speak was told they could submit written comments to the board instead.

But the entire tenor of Wednesday's meeting--building on over a year's worth of tension since the equine fatality crisis at Santa Anita Park, and now exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic and partial racing shutdown--came across as an us-versus-them spectacle that featured Thoroughbred industry stakeholders imploring the CHRB to do more to quell off-topic protesters while the anti-racing activists expressed anger at not being allowed to have their say at an open public meeting.

Since early 2019, protesters have increased their presence and ramped up their volume at CHRB meetings. Many who self-identify as "animal rights activists" have made salient points about horse health and welfare, and some genuinely seem open to the idea of collaborating to bring about meaningful change.

But other Californians whose opinions tilt more toward ending horse racing at all costs have emerged as the more outspoken subset, rankling pro-racing supporters and even some CHRB members and staffers because of the seemingly coordinated and confrontational nature of their tactics.

Ferraro, apparently bracing for another meeting filled with caustic commentary, tried to set the tone early Wednesday by saying that he "and the rest of this board [were] appointed by the governor to reform racing, not to eliminate it. So those of you that are lobbying this board to cease racing in California are making your arguments in the wrong arena."

Yet the very first three people queued up telephonically to offer comments specific to the third agenda item (equine medical director's report) stated opinions about the sport that strayed from that specific topic.

This prompted Greg Avioli, the president and chief executive officer of the Thoroughbred Owners of California, to use his allotted two minutes of commentary to ask the CHRB to find ways to limit the off-topic discussions that have been bogging down the commission's meetings.

"The dozen or so protesters that have disrupted the business of this industry for 13 months must be checked by the CHRB," Avioli said. "Public comment is one of thousands of things that this board must oversee. However, since February of last year, the CHRB meetings have become untenable and unworkable because they are dominated by inane, wrong, and generally hateful comments by a small group of people."

Although Avioli did not enumerate specific anti-racing strategies, it is not difficult to come up with a list of common tactics that have emerged again and again at CHRB meetings over the past year. These include protesters using their allotted time to read into the record long lists of the names of deceased Thoroughbreds, repeatedly calling the Breeders' Cup the "Greeder's Cup," and asking the board to start referring to racehorses as "enslaved equines."

At one recent CHRB meeting, one proponent of banning the whip even challenged commissioner (and retired Hall-of-Fame jockey) Alex Solis to allow her to strike him with a riding crop to see if it hurt. At another meeting, some of the same activists who only months before bemoaned the fact that California racetracks lacked sophisticated diagnostic imaging equipment abruptly switched their arguments to rail against Santa Anita's new PET scanner, claiming that racehorses who underwent scans would now be discharging contaminated urine into the ecosystem.



Gregory Ferraro | CHRB photo

In fairness, the lack of decorum cuts both ways. Last May, jockey Norberto Arroyo, Jr. was censured at a CHRB meeting after he made rude and disparaging remarks about women who spoke out against the sport. And now that the CHRB has gone to telephonic meetings because of COVID-19 restrictions, it is not uncommon to hear snide laughter in the background whenever Ferraro uses the power of his chairmanship to order speakers cut off when he decides they've strayed too far off topic.

Commissioner Wendy Mitchell has emerged as an inclusive voice of reason at recent CHRB meetings, and Wednesday she emphasized that "as appointees on the horse racing board of a public entity, it is our responsibility to listen to members of the public. And while it may not seem convenient, or helpful, or whatever, everyone can have their own opinion, and this is our responsibility."

Denise Bolbol, a frequent public commenter at CHRB meetings, said after Mitchell spoke that, "I just want to say thank you very much for saying that. And I just want to say that the chairman, the way he's conducting these meetings, cutting people off who he doesn't like, and allowing the people he likes to speak off-topic, is really, really wrong.... That's a violation of free speech in this state."

Ironically though, Bolbol was making those comments during agenda item No. 7 that pertained specifically to the summer race meet license at Los Alamitos (which did get approved). And because her reply didn't conform to the matter at hand, Ferraro ordered Bolbol's phone line to be cut off.

When the meeting finally did go into the open public commentary period, Alan Balch, the executive director of the California Thoroughbred Trainers, thanked the volunteer commissioners and paid CHRB staff for trying to diligently do their jobs "despite these continual provocations you have to endure."

Balch continued, "I'm speaking as a 'concerned citizen,'" emphasizing the term that many anti-racing protestors use to describe themselves. "And I'm concerned about an exceptionally small number of extremists whose very repetitive and closed-minded diatribes [at] public meetings and to other government authorities [are] filled with exaggeration and hostility and misinformation and invective [to] continue to try to disrupt and even to destroy the livelihoods of their fellow Californians."

But Wayne Johnson, another frequent public commenter at CHRB meetings, respectfully disagreed.

"Mr. Balch, of course, wants to marginalize us and call us radicals...without noting the fact that hundreds of thousands of people in this country are very opposed to horse racing," Johnson said. "We're hardly on the margins."

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JOE APPELBAUM JOINS TDN WRITERS' ROOM

In this week's TDN Writers' Room [presented by Keeneland](#), NYTHA president Joe Appelbaum joined the crew as the [Green Group Guest of the Week](#) to talk about when we can expect to see racing again in New York, the efforts to help Belmont backstretch workers, his personal betting strategies and much more.

"The situation on the backstretch has improved considerably, not unlike the rest of the situation in New York City," Appelbaum said. "In Nassau County, we're functioning. We have close to 1,500 horses there. They're training six days a week. We've been meeting with a combination of NYRA, NYTHA, the Racetrack Chaplaincy, BEST. So yes, we've had a couple dozen positives. We're now actually seeing people coming out of quarantine. We've been using a, a very strong prophylactic quarantine program. So not just people who are testing positive or being quarantined, but others who may have been exposed to them, and we think that's been pretty successful."

Inevitably, as in any discussion of racing resuming in New York, the topic turned to Saratoga. The crown jewel of the Empire State's racing season, it remains in question what this year's meet will look like, and while Appelbaum says he thinks there will be racing at the Spa this year, it's too early to tell if it will be a regular eight-week season with fans.

"I think it all depends what you mean by regular. Are we going to race? Assuming the trajectory of the virus and our ability to control it continues as it has I would say it's highly, highly likely we're going to race at Saratoga," he said. "What regular means, I don't think any of us have a clue. We can all speculate. I hear a lot of speculation about sports starting in the fall or not and I think everyone is getting way ahead of themselves. The facts on the ground of change so quickly every day. I was telling someone yesterday, you want me to make a decision on 90 days from now when things change every 90 minutes. It's unbelievable."

Elsewhere on the show, in the [West Point News of the Week](#), the writers recapped a big day of racing at Oaklawn and lamented the inability of racetracks to coordinate post times, even now when there are only two or three tracks running. [Click here to listen to the podcast.](#)

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FONNER PARK ADDS RACING DATES

by T.D. Thornton

Fonner Park’s race meet will now extend 12 additional dates through the month of May after a 5-0 vote on the matter by the Nebraska Racing Commission Wednesday.

When COVID-19 health restrictions were enacted in March, Fonner began conducting spectator-free racing while shifting its traditional Friday through Sunday racing schedule to Monday through Wednesday to fill the simulcasting void left by closed tracks nationwide. The meet was to have ceased Apr. 29.

“We have a condition book that’s already been written and is on standby for a Monday-through-Wednesday basis and a continuation of a 4 p.m. (CDT) post time,” Chris Kotulak, Fonner’s chief operating officer, told the commission via teleconference prior to the vote.

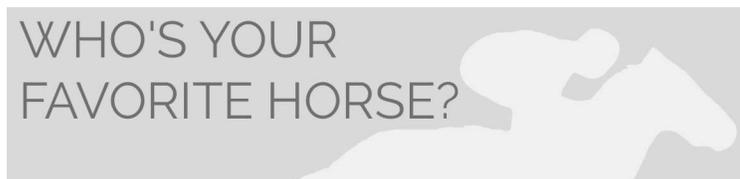
“There was only a small consideration about the potential of us maybe running on a Saturday should no other racetracks come online,” Kotulak said. “That is only a small consideration, and it seems like maybe if tracks, particularly in California, would be coming online in May. So I would consider it a strong likelihood that we would stay the course with this present form of racing.”

The nation’s current Thoroughbred racing landscape consists of Gulfstream Park (scheduled to run through Sep. 27), Oaklawn Park (closing May 2), Tampa Bay Downs (scheduled through May 3, but with an application pending to extend the meet), and Will Rogers Downs (currently racing through May 20).

“This is a very good development for, not just racing in Nebraska, but racing across the country,” commission chairman Dennis Lee said after the vote, noting that the meet extension is also beneficial to the health of the horses stabled at Fonner.

“We’ve got uncertain times now, and we’re doing the best we can at Fonner [and] the HBPA. Everyone involved in Nebraska racing is really stepping up and doing an outstanding job.”

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JULIEN LEPAROUX, JOCKEY

Favorite: My favorite racehorse is **Tepin** (Bernstein). What she accomplished in her career was amazing and it was an honor to be a part of it. She was also a sweet filly to be around, very playful. She loved to play with my whip when I put it in my back pocket, taking it from me and chewing it.



Tepin and Julien Leparoux | Horsephotos

Best: The best horse for me that I watched was **Frankel (GB)** (Galileo {Ire}). The way he won his races against very good fields was just amazing.

JOHN FULTON, BLOODSTOCK AGENT

Favorite: **Forego** (Forli {Arg}). I shipped into Sherrill Ward's barn at Belmont when Forego was a 3-year-old. He had unsightly ankles already and Mr. Ward said that he would retire when Forego does. Well, he couldn't wait that long as the old warrior kept going until he turned eight. He didn't dodge anyone and almost always gave weight to his competition. He won 34 of 57 starts with 50 in the first three. Consider these three races in a row, as a 4-year-old, all of which he won: 9/28/74 Belmont, Grade I, 1 1/2 miles; 10/19/74 Aqueduct, Grade II, seven furlongs; 11/9/74 Grade I, two miles. You just don't see horses do those kind of things unless they are really special and have a lot of heart.



Forego | Horsephotos

Best: I think that we all tend to favor horses from our region and from our time frame. I'm no exception. Bill Shoemaker told me that he thought that Citation (Bull Lea) was the best and Bill was a bit older than me. For me the best was **Secretariat** (Bold Ruler). What he did in the Triple Crown is well documented but he also impressed on turf in his last two starts. I remember entering the track early at Hialeah on my pony and saw this monster coming around the turn into the stretch. It was Secretariat working seven furlongs before making his first start as a 3-year-old. He went in 1:22 and change and looked like he was in an open gallop. He broke the track record for one mile at Saratoga in a workout going in 1:34. I haven't seen a horse that can compare to him.

Email Gary King (garyking@thetdn.com) to have your say.

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CONTEST TO SUPPORT BACKSTRETCH WORKERS

The Battle for the Backside: Pies Against COVID-19 Sponsored by Runhappy will be raising funds for the Jockey Club Safety Net Foundation (<http://www.tjcfoundation.org/>) through donations surrounding a charity pie-eating contest Apr. 25 at 1:30 p.m. ET. All donations will benefit Thoroughbred racing's backstretch community in an effort to alleviate financial burdens incurred during the coronavirus pandemic.

The contest, sponsored by Runhappy, Pyrois Media, and Julie Witt, will offer racing fans the chance to support any of the 10 entrants, each of whom will attempt to be the fastest pie eater of the field. Proof of each fundraising "bet," which carry no odds nor any financial payout, entails a screenshot or receipt of donation to The Jockey Club Safety Net Foundation sent to the event's social media pages and will serve as a chance to win one of a variety of prizes.

Participants in the contest are: Alex Sausville, Bailey Armour, Gloria Houston, Jessica Paquette, Josh Burns, Penelope Miller, Sophie Shore, Steven Cargill, Travis Wilson and John Cannie.

Matt Dinerman, track announcer at Golden Gate Fields, has donated his services to "call" the battle for fans watching at home, who will be able to watch the contest via Facebook, Twitter and Zoom.

For more information or to follow the Battle for the Backside: Pies Against COVID-19 Sponsored by Runhappy on social media, please visit: Twitter: <https://twitter.com/Pie4Backside> Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/battleforthebackside/>

Direct donations to The Jockey Club Safety Net Foundation can be made at: <http://tjcfoundation.org/donate/>.

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T.I.P NON-COMPETITION APPLICATIONS OPEN

Applications for The Jockey Club Thoroughbred Incentive Program's (T.I.P.'s) two annual awards, the Thoroughbred of the Year Award and the Young Rider of the Year Award, are now available online at tjctip.com. Applications are due June 30.

The T.I.P. Thoroughbred of the Year Award recognizes a Thoroughbred that has excelled in a non-competitive career, such as equine-assisted therapy or police work. The award includes a \$5,000 grant to the non-profit organization associated with the horse or, if no organization is associated with the horse, to a horse-related charity chosen by The Jockey Club. To apply for the T.I.P. Thoroughbred of the Year Award, owners can apply at tjctip.com/About/TBNCA.

The T.I.P. Young Rider of the Year Award recognizes young riders, 18 or under as of Jan. 1, 2020, who own or lease a Thoroughbred for use in 4-H, Pony Club or other activities. The winner(s) will be determined through an essay contest with a total award of \$5,000 that can be applied to the college of their choice or to their participation in an event that furthers their involvement with horses. To apply for the Young Rider of the Year Award, riders should visit tjctip.com/About/TBYPRY.

Thoroughbreds registered with The Jockey Club are eligible for participation in both awards. Horse owners interested in participating in T.I.P. can find more information regarding eligibility and assistance with identification of Thoroughbreds at tjctip.com.

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Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	Constitution (2011) by Tapit FYR: 2017	3	6	2	4	1	1	60	16	598,300	1,439,098
				Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$40,000						Tiz the Law	
2	Carpe Diem (2012) by Giant's Causeway FYR: 2017	--	3	--	1	--	--	61	15	88,740	864,033
				Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$15,000						Monforte	
3	Tonalist (2011) by Tapit FYR: 2017	1	2	1	2	--	--	45	12	213,110	858,768
				Stands: Lane's End Farm KY Fee: \$15,000						Tonalist's Shape	
4	American Pharoah (2012) by Pioneerof the Nile FYR: 2017	2	4	--	1	--	--	60	13	173,043	851,637
				Stands: Ashford Stud KY Fee: Private						Cafe Pharoah	
5	Liam's Map (2011) by Unbridled's Song FYR: 2017	--	2	--	1	--	--	47	16	110,000	730,370
				Stands: Lane's End Farm KY Fee: \$35,000						Basin	
6	Khozan (2012) by Distorted Humor FYR: 2017	1	3	--	2	--	--	44	16	109,000	720,212
				Stands: Journeyman Stud FL Fee: \$8,500						Liam's Lucky Charm	
7	Tapiture (2011) by Tapit FYR: 2017	2	4	--	--	--	--	55	18	90,000	717,287
				Stands: Darby Dan Farm KY Fee: \$7,500						Steph'sfullasugar	
8	Honor Code (2011) by A.P. Indy FYR: 2017	1	4	1	3	--	--	46	10	137,500	686,982
				Stands: Lane's End Farm KY Fee: \$30,000						Max Player	
9	Bayern (2011) by Offlee Wild FYR: 2017	--	3	--	1	--	--	50	16	107,000	666,136
				Stands: Hill 'n' Dale Farms KY Fee: \$15,000						Tempers Rising	
10	Palace Malice (2010) by Curlin FYR: 2017	2	2	1	1	--	--	53	10	260,000	647,960
				Stands: Three Chimneys Farm KY Fee: \$25,000						Mr. Monomoy	
11	Competitive Edge (2012) by Super Saver FYR: 2017	--	1	--	--	--	--	50	15	83,900	644,416
				Stands: Ashford Stud KY Fee: \$12,500						Shooters Shoot	
12	Summer Front (2009) by War Front FYR: 2017	1	3	1	2	--	1	36	11	356,600	617,124
				Stands: Airdrie Stud KY Fee: \$10,000						Ete Indien	
13	Wicked Strong (2011) by Hard Spun FYR: 2017	1	3	--	--	--	--	56	16	59,250	557,754
				Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY Fee: \$6,000						Villainous	
14	Karakontie (Jpn) (2011) by Bernstein FYR: 2017	2	2	1	1	--	--	28	7	199,800	509,797
				Stands: Gainesway Farm KY Fee: \$10,000						Sole Volante	
15	The Big Beast (2011) by Yes It's True FYR: 2017	1	2	--	--	--	--	27	11	80,500	442,416
				Stands: Ocala Stud FL Fee: \$6,000						Up in Smoke	

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IN ORDER OF PURSE:

5th-Tampa Bay Downs, \$20,000, Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$16,000), 4-22, 4yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:16.22, ft.

TOP SEED (c, 4, Orb--Trophy Wife, by Giant's Causeway)

opened his account with a win at Gulfstream Feb. 5 and was well-beaten next out there Mar. 28, calling it quits early and finishing 11th after acting up in the gate prior to the start. Favored at 8-5 to turn things around this time, the homebred contested the pace between rivals through a :23.05 opening quarter and gained a narrow advantage through a half in :45.89. The chestnut cruised clear in the lane under hands and heels to win for fun by nine lengths. Legacy Azteca (High Cotton) was best of the rest in second. The winner's second dam is GI Breeders' Cup Distaff heroine and millionaire Pleasant Home (Seeking the Gold), who is also the second dam of a pair of 'TDN Rising Stars' in MGISW Guarana (Ghostzapper) and SW & GSP Magic Dance (More Than Ready). This is also the family of MGISWs Point of Entry (Dynaformer) and Pine Island (Arch). Trophy Wife produced a an Orb colt in 2018 and a Union Rags filly in 2019. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$38,210. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O/B-Phipps Stable (KY); T-Claude R. McGaughey III.



IN ORDER OF PURSE:

7th-Tampa Bay Downs, \$20,000, Msw, 4-22, 3yo, 7f, 1:24.00, ft. SENSE OF JUSTICE (c, 3, Street Sense--Mahkama, by Bernardini)

finished third in his Parx unveiling July 15 and was subsequently shelved. Returning Apr. 1 at this oval, he checked in fourth and was the 2-1 second-choice to get the job done here. Three wide in fourth through an opening quarter in :22.50, the bay drew alongside the leader as the half went up in :45.97 and kicked clear in the lane, holding off a late run by pricey firster Creed (Honor Code) to graduate by 3/4 of a length. The winner is a half to Yulong Warrior (Street Cry (IRE)), SW & GSP-UAE, SW-USA, \$272,337. His dam is a half to GSW Summer Raven (Summer

Squall), who is the dam of MGSW Lewis Bay (Bernardini) and graded winners Misconnect (Unbridled's Song) and Winslow Homer (Unbridled's Song). Mahkama is also responsible for the unraced juvenile filly Is That a Thing (Will Take Charge) and a yearling filly by Arrogate. Sales history: \$140,000 Ylg '18 FTKFEB; \$350,000 Ylg '18 FTKJUL. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, \$19,630.

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TATTS CRAVEN, ASCOT BREEZE-UPS MOVED TO JUNE 23



A typical Craven breeze show | Emma Berry

In light of ongoing COVID-19 restrictions, the Tattersalls Group has announced a further delay to its combined Craven and Ascot Breeze-up Sale, which will now be staged in Newmarket on Tuesday, June 23. The Guineas Breeze-up Sale will remain in its already revised date of July 6 and 7, and the Tattersalls Ireland Goresbridge Breeze-up has now been postponed until Friday, July 24.

A statement released by Tattersalls on Wednesday indicated that contingency plans, which could mean that British- and Irish-consigned horses breeze in their respective countries, are also in place if the Craven and Ascot sale is unable to be staged in traditional circumstances. It read, "In the event that Government guidelines preclude breezing conventionally prior to the sale in Newmarket, arrangements have been made for the breezes to take place well in advance of the June 23 sale date in the week beginning Monday, June 8. Under these circumstances, the vast majority of 2-year-olds catalogued for the Craven and Ascot Breeze-up which are based in Ireland will breeze under full sale conditions at an Irish racecourse to be confirmed following approval from HRI, while their UK-based counterparts will breeze on the customary Newmarket 'Watered Gallop' adjacent to the Rowley Mile Racecourse." [Cont. p2](#)

COLLABORATION HELPS EASE BREEZE-UP CONCERNS *By Emma Berry*

In an ordinary year, the breeze-up consignors, just like any trainer targeting a race, would have a sale date in mind for each horse under their care and work backwards from that date in tailoring the horses' preparation. This year, of course, is anything but ordinary. Along with sweeping date changes to the breeze-up sales calendar, auctions have either been relocated or, in the case of the Osarus Breeze-up, will be held solely online. Goffs UK and Arqana have taken the sensible approach of **moving sales that were due to take place in England and France to Ireland**, where 84% of the 330 horses catalogues in those two auctions are currently based. On Wednesday, Tattersalls, which had already combined its Craven and Ascot Breeze-up Sales to one fixture, announced a further delay until June 23, while the Guineas Sale had already been rescheduled until July 6 and 7, and the Tattersalls Goresbridge Breeze-up Sale will, in theory at this stage, bring the curtain down on the protracted European season on July 24. [Cont. p3](#)



Breeze-up consignor John Cullinan | Tattersalls

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Tattersalls Craven, Ascot Breeze-Ups Moved To June 23 cont. from p1

As already utilised at the Inglis Easter Yearling Sale, and this week announced for the Osarus Breeze-up Sale, Tattersalls will introduce online and telephone bidding platforms for buyers unable to attend the sales in person.

Tattersalls chairman Edmond Mahony said, "The continued lockdown and prolonged uncertainty surrounding the resumption of racing behind closed doors in either Britain or Ireland has necessitated not only a further revision of the date for the Tattersalls Craven and Ascot Breeze-up Sale, but also carefully thought-out contingency plans which crucially will provide as much flexibility as possible for vendors and purchasers alike. The changes have been made on the assumption that in the intervening period there will have been at least a partial resumption of racing behind closed doors and that Government social restrictions will also have been relaxed to some extent.

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Edmond Mahony

"While we would all prefer to stage the sale in its usual format, we must accept that events outside our control may dictate otherwise. The contingency arrangements for the Tattersalls Craven and Ascot Breeze-up Sale will allow us, as well as our consignors and buyers, time to react to whatever challenges the prevailing Government guidelines may present, while still giving the certainty of the sale taking place on the stated date of Tuesday, June 23."

He continued, "The breeze in Ireland will cater for approximately 85% of the Craven and Ascot 2-year-olds, while their UK-based counterparts will benefit from breezing on the same widely-praised Newmarket 'Watered Gallop' as they would normally use.

Subject to Government guidelines, potential buyers may be allowed to attend the breezes, but in the event of continued restrictions, buyers will be able to view the breezes live online and will have access to as much pre-sale information and data as we can reasonably provide, as well as having an extended period in which to view the horses prior to the date of the sale."

As well as adjustments to the breeze-up schedule, changes have also been made to the National Hunt store sales due to be held at Tattersalls Ireland this spring and summer. The Derby Sale, which also now incorporates the delayed May Sale, has been moved to the week beginning Monday, July 13, just ahead of the Flat breeze-up sale.

Tattersalls Ireland CEO Matt Mitchell said, "We are pleased to be able to confirm the new dates for the flagship Tattersalls Ireland Derby and May Sale and we are confident that week will work well for both vendors and purchasers alike. Staging the Tattersalls Ireland Goresbridge Breeze-up Sale on Friday, July 24 with the breeze taking place earlier that week also looks to be a good option for all participants and we very much hope to bring a disrupted breeze-up season to a successful conclusion."

Last week, Goffs UK and Arqana announced that they will **hold their breeze-up sales in tandem** in Ireland on June 29 and 30 with the horses to breeze at Naas Racecourse in the week or fortnight beforehand.

Referring to the significant upheaval for all sales companies and consignors owing to the pandemic, Edmond Mahony added, "These are exceptional times and we are taking exceptional measures. A pan-European approach is vital under the current circumstances and we have been in close consultation with our Irish and French counterparts to ensure that a workable breeze-up calendar can be implemented on behalf of all concerned.

"There will be further important details which we will need to communicate to our consignors and buyers between now and the contingency Craven and Ascot breezes in the week beginning June 8, but in the meantime we will continue to work tirelessly and collaboratively on behalf of all involved to provide as vibrant a market as we possibly can, while at all times observing the necessary health protocols.

"In a perfect world restrictions will have been lifted to an extent that permits us to conduct all of our breeze-up sales under almost normal conditions, but whatever the circumstances we believe our contingency plans give everyone the flexibility to respond judiciously to any prevailing challenges we face."

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Collaboration Helps Ease Breeze-Up Concerns cont. from p1

Following last Saturday's announcement of two sales companies forging an alliance in times of trouble, Goffs UK and Arqana have come in for much praise for their plans to uproot their traditional settings and head to Naas Racecourse for a combined breeze followed, perhaps up to two weeks later, by the actual sale at Goffs in Kildare.

In preparation for a disrupted season, plenty of breeze-up consignors have already taken marketing matters into their own hands, presenting their horses on video via their websites and social media. Johnny Hassett of the Bloodstock Connection has recently launched a daily video blog via his Twitter account. While acknowledging the need to sell the 20 breeze-up horses currently being prepared at his Ballyhannon House Hassett does, however, take a pragmatic view of the current situation.



A Goresbridge 2-year-old breezes at Fairyhouse last year | Tattersalls Ireland

"It's all about perspective," he says. "There are people dying around the world and, yes, my racehorse isn't worth as much as he was when I bought him and of course I would like to get on well, but if I got my money back and was going to sales in September or October, that's more than I had when I started."

But he warns that what happens at the sales over the next few months will have consequences for those staged later in the year.

"The money we get for these horses is going to affect everybody with a mare or a foal or yearling, or whether they are a blacksmith, an exercise rider, or vet or feed man," Hassett says. "It is critical that the breeze-up men get on well. We buy more horses than Sheikh Mohammed and Coolmore put together. We buy 750 to 1000 yearlings every year and we have to. The customers who race horses don't have to buy one. They could take a year out from the sales."

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John Cullinan, who sells breeze-up horses in conjunction with Roger Marley through their combined Church Farm and Horse Park Stud operation, is one of the leading players in the Breeze-up Consignors Association and is thus at the forefront of the many discussions to have taken place between his colleagues and the sales companies as they strive to find the best solution to a far from perfect situation.

He says, "We're all genuinely conscious of the real world. Life has become very difficult for a lot of people. But I also think there is a genuine acknowledgement of the breeze-ups to the overall market. We spend more than €20 million on yearlings a year so we're significant players."

Cullinan points to the fact that on the rising tide of the breeze-up sales, pinhookers have increased the quality of the yearlings bought, both physically and on paper.

"The guys and girls have all raised their game and their average spend has increased," he notes. "There are six-figure sums paid now quite commonly for yearlings to go breezing with. So the stakes are high, and the quality of horse that's coming out of this sector is as well.

"It's not just all about early 2-year olds and hopefully this year, even with the racing season truncated through starting late, a lot of the consignors would have a progressive type of horse who would be on an upward curve later this year and next year."

Hassett concurs with Cullinan's assessment on the upgrade in quality. He says, "The figures say we spent more last year than ever before. The pedigrees are better. I've got two American Pharoahs, a Night Of Thunder, an Iffraaj. I spent a lot more last year than I did the previous year and it's not just me. Everybody has. We've all moved up a gear. The breeze-up curve was on the up and it's a bit disappointing that this has happened this year. But again I'm qualifying that with the fact that people are dying, which is much more of a concern."

He adds, "It's admirable the way the sales companies are communicating and cooperating with each other. And the breeze-up lads are more cohesive as a group than other vendors.

"I applaud the innovation. They are going to breeze and then sell the horses two weeks later which gives people a chance to market their horses online. Because it's different I think it's only logical to think that we are going to make some mistakes the first time we do it. The second time we do it is going to be better than the first time."

Irish Thoroughbred Marketing (ITM) is of course very keen that the now enhanced breeze-up programme in Ireland runs as

smoothly as possible. From originally having just one sale at Tattersalls Ireland, it is now involved with the combined Goffs UK and Arqana sale on June 29 and 30. Charles O'Neill, the CEO of ITM, is focusing his team's efforts initially on assisting the vendors, particularly through ensuring that information on their respective drafts is transmitted to ITM's network of contacts across the globe.

"We are working closely with the Breeze-up Consignors Association to

help to give a flavour of the horses that will be coming on stream," he says. "We're also trying to work with various new people in different parts of the world to help us find buyers in the Mid-Atlantic area of North America, people who are interested in turf horses, and the same in the Middle East.

"The important thing is to supply all the information. People need to have the confidence to buy online, and of course breeze-up sales are very different because it's all about the gallop, so we're working on that plan with the guys to try to help them with their videos and to get a package in place."

O'Neill continues, "First and foremost we hope that all the videos will be going to the sales companies so they can have footage of horses to show, along with the individual websites of the consignors, and we will put them on our website as well. In the last couple of days we had feedback from a couple of English bloodstock agents that they have orders to fill and they have business to do, so there is a bit of positivity, it's not all doom and gloom. Yes it's going to be a different playing field but there are still people out there wanting to buy horses and we have to facilitate that and make it happen."



Johnny Hassett | Tattersalls

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Like O'Neill, Hassett is keen that agents have easy access to videos, scopes and x-rays. He says, "The agents are our link to the world economy and they need to be supported with technology as much as we can. As an industry we are blessed in Ireland with the support that we get, from the likes of Brendan Holland and John Cullinan who work tirelessly. They have put together a promotional video and there's a proposal to have standardised conformation shots, films at walk, trot, and a three-quarter speed breeze with all the horses on the same track. Charles O'Neill is playing a blinder, as is John Osborne."

While the majority of breeze-up vendors are based in Ireland, there are some in England and France, and Mark Grant, now in his third year of preparing breezers, is one who will now have to ship horses to Ireland to sell. The jump jockey is an Irish native but is currently based in Lambourn, where he also runs a pre-training yard with his wife Eimear, who is also ITM's client relations manager.

"Obviously it's not ideal but the goal posts have been moved so many times now and I'm just glad that there's a sale on," he says. "A sale is better than no sale. Nobody could have foreseen that this would happen."



Mark Grant | *Racing Post*

Having bought three horses for last year's breeze-ups, Grant has seven horses to breeze in total this season: five for Goffs UK, one for Tattersalls and one for Tattersalls Ireland Goresbridge. He continues, "It does make sense to hold the [Goffs UK and Arqana] sales in Ireland. Obviously it does make it more difficult for us and it's not ideal to load everything up and go to Ireland but the Irish boys do it every year to come over here, and horses are still travelling so that's fine."

"Goffs and Arqana have had great foresight to have come together and put the sale on. They're doing their best. Obviously we don't know how it's going to work over there and what the restrictions are going to be at the time. To breeze four or five days before the sale is a good idea and it gives people the chance to get to different yards to see horses."

Having had the majority of his horses almost ready to sell this week, Grant backed off their preparations a couple of weeks ago. He says, "They're just hacking away, and we'll keep doing that until the end of the month. They are all ready I don't need to teach them any more, it's just about keeping a lid on them now."

Even with substantial revision to the breeze-up programme this season, uncertainty still abounds. People from many parts of the world remain under fairly heavy constraints when it comes to freedom of movement, so dates and formats may yet have to change, particularly if racing does not resume, as hoped for, in the next couple of months.

One of the major roles for ITM, and indeed for the individual sales companies, is welcoming buyers to the sales.

"At the moment the big unknown is whether or not hotels will be open for people to stay in," says O'Neill. "The English people certainly want to travel and at least that's a major positive. There are a lot of agents in Ireland and I hope they will be working closely with their counterparts around the world to share their information if some of the agents aren't allowed to travel. It can be done--we've seen the sales companies working more closely than ever before."

John Cullinan confirms that plans are afoot among his fellow consignors to ensure that there's a plan B for buyers if travel is still restricted come sales time. He says, "Given the fact that it's going to be harder to get around to see horses this year, the more information we get out there and the more video footage the better. We have some ideas along those lines and that's what we're planning to do."

The breeze-up pinhookers have long had a reputation for bravery as well as resilience and this is perhaps summed up best by Johnny Hassett's final word on the matter.

"The goal is to stay alive and to stay in business," he says. "And if I'm at Book 2 bidding on a yearling I will consider it a big win. I think the odds are good that that's going to happen."

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MOORE HOPES DERBY STAYS AT EPSOM

Ryan Moore, twice a winner of the G1 Investec Derby aboard Workforce (GB) (King's Best) in 2010 and Ruler of the World (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) in 2013, said he hopes the blue riband, delayed this year because of coronavirus complications, can remain at its historic home at Epsom Downs.

The Jockey Club Racecourses announced earlier this month that its **Guineas and Derby Festivals would be postponed indefinitely**, and last weekend the British Horseracing Authority revealed that **the Guineas' could take place in early June and the Derby and Oaks late June**. Whether the second round of Classics can be staged at Epsom will depend upon coronavirus health and safety restrictions.

"It's a tough situation for everyone, we just have to make the best of it and hopefully we'll get everything moving again at some stage," Moore said on the *Betfair Betting Podcast*. "I wouldn't like to see the Derby run anywhere else; hopefully we can run the Classics in their rightful places. If the dates have to be moved, then that's the way it will have to be, but I very much hope to see Epsom run the Derby."

Moore rode at select meetings in Hong Kong behind closed doors earlier this season, and shed some light on why that is a process that works in that nation.



Ryan Moore aboard Guineas hopeful Arizona | *Racing Post*

"It's very unique in Hong Kong, all the horses are trained in the same location, and the jockeys and trainers live in the same place and so do their staff," he said. "They put everything into a bubble and have the resources to be testing everyone very regularly and are at a massive advantage for keeping racing going on that way. Behind closed doors isn't ideal, but if that's what has to be done it won't bother anyone riding."

"They're doing it in Australia as well, again though a lot of the horses are trained on the track and it's a very different set up to what we have in the UK, Ireland and France in regards to where horses are stabled and staff live, so we have much bigger hurdles to overcome. I'm sure they are looking at what they are doing in Hong Kong and Australia to keep their shows going, but it's a lot tougher to do that here than it is in Hong Kong. The reality is over there they were a lot more aware of it, they've had to deal with SARS and the like. I think they were a bit ahead of us."

Moore pointed to last year's G1 Grand Prix de Paris and G1 Juddmonte International winner Japan (GB) (Galileo {Ire}) and Guineas hopeful Arizona (Ire) (No Nay Never) as two mounts he is especially looking forward to when racing resumes.

"I've a lot of time for [Japan]," he said. "He progressed all year, he ran a very good race in the Arc [when fourth]. I felt we just didn't quite get home. It was a thorough test and we possibly moved after Enable a little bit too soon and he just tired in the final furlong. He stays in training and it will be great to have him back on the track again. G2 Coventry S. winner Arizona rounded off the year with placed efforts behind 2-year-old champion Pinatubo (Ire) (Shamardal) in the G1 National S. and G1 Dewhurst S. and was fifth, beaten 1 3/4 lengths, in the G1 Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf at Santa Anita."

"Arizona ran a mighty race in the Dewhurst, Santa Anita was just too sharp him," Moore said. "Obviously there's a couple of standout horses we'd have to step up to be beating, the likes of Pinatubo and Victor Ludorum maybe, but it's a new year and they change from two three."

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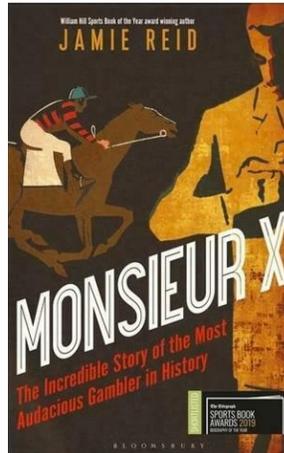
In a joint decision by the Animal Health Trust, Thoroughbred Breeders' Association and Weatherbys, the processing of all British Thoroughbred DNA samples will be moved to Weatherbys Scientific's laboratory in Ireland for the remainder of the 2020 breeding season. The decision was reached stemming from the AHT's inability to assure the processing time of samples.

Weatherbys Chief Executive Russell Ferris said: "The AHT's relationship with Weatherbys goes back very many years and they have provided both us and thoroughbred breeders with an outstanding level of service when processing DNA samples for foal registration. However, our first priority has to be around the needs of thoroughbred breeders and ensuring that they are looked after at the busiest time of year for foaling and the registration of foals. The processing of DNA samples is a central part of the registration procedure and having confidence around this element of work is critical at a time when there is already so much uncertainty."

The service transfer, which will require samples now be directed to Weatherbys Wellingborough office, will be reviewed by the AHT and TBA at the end of the year.

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— THE GREAT RACING READ —



CLAUDE BENIADA

Monsieur X

By Jamie Reid

Subtitled 'An incredible story of the most audacious gambler in history', this book was offered to me by Teddy Grimthorpe, Juddmonte's racing manager, and from page one to the end it is fascinating. It features the rise and fall of Patrice des Moutis, a supremely intelligent engineer and fierce gambler who was supposed to

be the brain behind the famous race-fixing coup of the Prix Bride Abattue at Auteuil racecourse. It is quite surprising that no French writer has ever written this story in detail. To read it told by an Englishman is quite surprising but definitely worth it. Obviously Jamie Reid has done some superb investigative work. Go deep into French racing in the 1960s with the likes of top French owners, trainers, jockeys, the famous singer Maurice Chevalier, Aly Khan, Rita Hayworth, and the underworld of Gay Pigalle in Paris and in Marseille. Great fun.

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IN HONG KONG:

Beauty Amigo (Ire), g, 5, **Kodiac (GB)**--Hurricane Emma, by Mr. Greeley. Happy Valley, 4-22, Hcp. (£152k/€173k), 1200mT, 1:11.25. B-Martin White. *Formerly Brother Bear (Ire). **MSW & GSP-Ire. ***125,000gns Ylg '16 TATOCT. **VIDEO**

IN AUSTRALIA:

Aussie Nugget (Ire), g, 4, **Dansili (GB)**--Anticipation (Fr), by Muhtathir (GB). Bendigo, 4-22, Hcp. (£16k/€18k), 1600mT, 1:35.70. B-Mabaki Investments. *€105,000 Ylg '17 GOFORB.

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SUPER SETH RETIRED TO WAIKATO STUD



Super Seth | *Bronwen Healy*

by *Bren O'Brien*

Brilliant G1 Caulfield Guineas winner Super Seth (Dundeel {NZ}) has been retired to Waikato Stud and will be the first winner of the great race to stand in New Zealand for three decades.

During a 12-start career, Super Seth won five races, with the highlight being his thrilling finale to claim the stallion-making Caulfield Guineas last October, edging out Alligator Blood (All Too Hard).

The decision by Matamata-based Waikato Stud to purchase a controlling share in the colt last November assured him of a strong breeding future, on Wednesday it was decided to retire him and begin the new chapter in his career.

"He's all quality, a fantastic looking horse with the performance to match his pedigree," Waikato Stud principal Mark Chittick said.

"Top of our list when it comes to sourcing a successful stallion is a turn of foot and Super Seth's acceleration was mind-blowing. That was emphasised when he ran down Alligator Blood to win the Caulfield Guineas.

"Our past and present Champion Sires Centaine, O'Reilly, Pins, Savabeel and Ocean Park, all possessed incredible acceleration, but even they couldn't have matched Super Seth's turn of foot. That's the quality we look for and he demonstrated that on many occasions."

Super Seth is from the second crop of rising Arrowfield Stud star Dundeel (NZ), and is one of four Group 1 winners the young stallion has produced and becomes the first of his sons to stand in either New Zealand or Australia.

He is out of the Redoute's Choice mare Salutations, who herself is from the Group 2 winner Toast Of The Coast. Salutations produced another multiple stakes winner in Wild Planet (Animal Kingdom {USA}).

Bred by Arrowfield Pastoral and Planette Thoroughbreds, Super Seth was offered through the Arrowfield draft of the Inglis Australian Easter Yearling Sale in 2018.

There he attracted the interest of renowned bloodstock agent Dean Hawthorne, who paid \$280,000 for the colt on behalf of Jonathan Munz's GSA Bloodstock.

"We typically don't buy many colts. In fact, he was the only colt we purchased that year in Australia, but when he walked out of the box at the Easter Sale it was obvious he was a must have," Hawthorne said.

"He is perfectly balanced. If you take a look at his yearling conformation photo you can see how beautifully balanced he is - a short-coupled colt with a great head and amazing quality.

"The other thing that immediately attracted me to him was how much he looked like Redoute's Choice. We were very confident Redoute's Choice mares would complement the Dundeel sire line."

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Super Seth | *Bronwen Healy*

Making his Mark on the Track

Trained by Anthony Freedman, the colt made an immediate impression winning his first two starts, including by 6l on debut at Ballarat. He resumed as a 3-year-old in the G3 McNeil S., again proving too strong at his fourth start and was then set for the Caulfield Guineas by Freedman, peaking at his fourth run of his second preparation.

It was his win that day, surging late under Mark Zahra, that convinced Waikato Stud that he was the sort of talent worth investing in for the future.

“Opportunities to get these quality stallions are very rare and when we saw that electric acceleration in the Caulfield Guineas we became immediately interested,” Chittick said.

“Our Business Manager Mike Rennie was on course at the time and I told him to go and have a really good look at him. He had everything we look for in a racehorse with a stud career in mind.”

Super Seth delivered another outstanding racetrack performance when he resumed a dominant victor in the G3 Manfred S. and he was then second in the G1 Futurity S. against the older horses at his next start. At his racetrack farewell, he again produced a top effort against elite weight-for-age company when a fast-finishing fourth in the G1 All Aged S.

“Super Seth was a naturally gifted athlete. He showed us immediate talent, starting favourite on debut as a 2-year-old where he monstered his opposition by 6l,” Freedman said.

“He followed that up with another two victories over 1200 metres, including a Group 3 win, before unleashing his trademark swooping sprint again in the G1 Caulfield Guineas. He beat a top-notch field that day, it takes rare ability to give a horse like Alligator Blood a 6l head-start and run him down.

“It’s sad to lose a horse of such quality from our stable, especially knowing the potential he had to win more at the top level as a 4-year-old, but his credentials for stud are impressive and the uncertainty around upcoming race programs made it difficult to keep him in training.”

Joining the Waikato Stud Roster

Super Seth will arrive in New Zealand with an excellent prospect of success as a stallion given the support of shareholders. JML Bloodstock, Milan Park, Nearco Stud, Pencarrow Stud and high-profile Australian owner Richard Pegum are all invested in him.

“They are all obviously committed to supporting Super Seth with mares of the highest quality,” Chittick said.

“The support and confidence was around us when we bought the horse, because we had to move pretty quickly, and he possesses every attribute we look for and chiefly that amazing turn of foot.”

He stands on a star-studded Waikato Stud roster headed by multiple champion stallion Savabeel, the sire of 20 individual Group 1 winners and 10.7 per cent ratio of stakes winners to runners. Savabeel, whose most recent Group 1 winner was with Probabeel (NZ) in the Surround S. will stand at NZ\$100,000 + GST. Ocean Park (NZ), who sired last week’s winner of the G1 All Aged S. in Tofane (NZ), will stand at NZ\$20,000 + GST, while young stallion Tivaci is priced at NZ\$12,500 + GST, with his first crop to hit the racetrack in 2020/21.

Ardrossan, the Group 3-winning and Group 1-placed son of Redoute’s Choice, will stand at NZ\$3,000 + GST and will welcome his first foals in the spring.



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We The South, g, 3, **Your Song**--Tonkatsu, by Clang. Happy Valley, 4-22, Hcp. (\$198k), 1000m, :57.68. B-G M P Nominees Pty Ltd (Qld). *\$48,000 Ylg ‘18 MMJUN. **VIDEO**

Destine Jewellery, g, 4, **I Am Invincible**--Ailuros (NZ), by One Cool Cat (USA). Happy Valley, 4-22, Hcp. (\$198k), 1200m, 1:11.45. B-G S A Bloodstock Pty Ltd (Vic). *\$250,000 Ylg ‘17 INGEAS. **VIDEO**

Allied Agility, g, 4, **Star Witness**--Spooked (NZ), by Scaredee Cat (NZ). Happy Valley, 4-22, Hcp. (\$297k), 1000m, :57.74. B-Rothwell Park (NSW). *\$38,000 Wlg ‘16 MGLMAY; \$120,000 Ylg ‘17 MMGCYS; \$250,000 2yo ‘17 NZBRTR. **VIDEO**

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