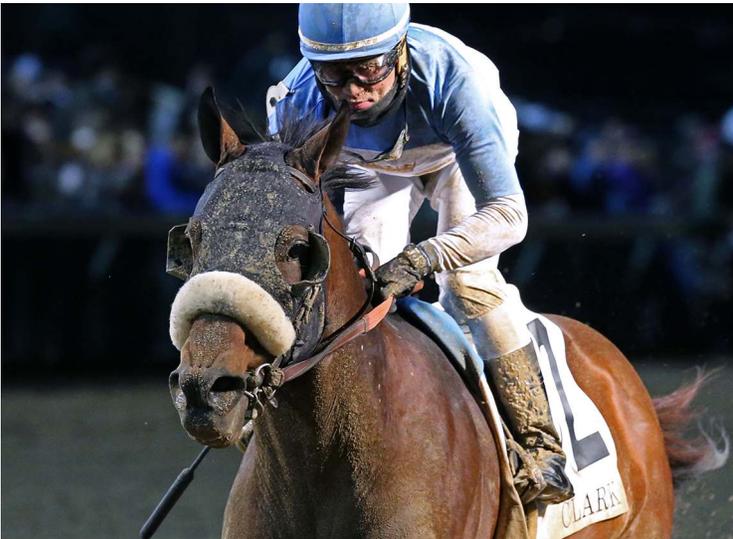




TOM'S SHOWING WHERE CREDIT LAY FOR BLAME



Tom's d'Etat earned his first Grade I in last year's Clark S. | *Coady*

by *Chris McGrath*

It takes a lot of prospecting, a lot of false leads, a lot of patient drilling. When you do strike oil, however, the fulfilment of a single moment will suddenly indemnify all the barren endeavour in between. And that's equally true whether you are a geologist, trying to read the complexion of the land above mineral deposits; or a horseman, trying to find that latent seam of class beneath the surface hints of pedigree and conformation. Al Stall, Jr., having filled both roles in his time, recognizes the analogy.

"Oh, no question about it," he says. "When you drill a well in an area where there's not that much control, in terms of other wells around it, they call that the 'wildcat.' And when you're buying a racehorse, it's strictly a wildcat operation. You get as much information as possible, but you're on your own."

Not just when you're buying a racehorse, either. Any horseman, any breeder or trainer, knows that the Thoroughbred yields its energy only to those who match good judgment with good luck. Ten years ago, Stall hit paydirt with **Blame** (Arch), that plucky creature who undeservedly found himself cast as villain when becoming the only horse ever to beat **Zenyatta** (Street Cry {Ire}) in the GI Breeders' Cup Classic. Now Stall is hoping to target the same race again--and this time, happily, he would be assured of all the public support that should be his due, being transparently as decent a man as he is gifted a trainer. *Cont. p3*

ARKANSAS DERBY SPLITS; BOTH DIVISIONS TO CARRY FULL KY DERBY POINTS

Having attracted 22 entries Sunday for next Saturday's GI Arkansas Derby, Oaklawn Park has split the race for sophomores into two divisions for the first time ever. Each race will carry a \$500,000 purse--the Arkansas Derby was originally scheduled to be held Apr. 11 and worth \$750,000.

"Because of our national crisis, we and the entire world of sports are in uncharted waters requiring unprecedented actions," said Oaklawn President Louis Cella. "We're trying to make the best of a very, very difficult situation. On the one hand, it is the worst of times to be racing without fans in our grandstand. On the other, we have a large number of exceptional 3-year-olds wanting to run in our Arkansas Derby. We simply did not want to see anyone lose that opportunity."

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The trophy for Saturday's GI Arkansas Derby stands in front of Oaklawn's statue of 2015 Arkansas Derby winner, American Pharoah. | Coady

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Tom's d'Etat cont. from p1

For Tom's d'Etat (Smart Strike), having broken into the national elite only as he was turning seven, now appears to offer a potential path to redemption for a sport that can only peer towards Keeneland in November through a swirling and perilous fog.

His comeback success at Oaklawn a couple of weeks ago was in itself a welcome oasis in the coronavirus desert. But it also confirmed that the pipeline he finally assembled before his first Grade I success, in the Clark S. last fall, is now maintaining a smooth flow from the deepest wells of his talent (those wells, don't forget, are shared with Candy Ride {Arg})--a full brother to his second dam).

That's important, because Tom's d'Etat had only contested seven races through his first four years in training. His dominant performance in the Clark, on the other hand, was his ninth start in 13 months. At Oaklawn, moreover, the veteran at last permitted Stall to make a deliberate virtue of his proven efficacy off the bench.



Al Stall, Jr. | Coady

“Every other lay-off hadn't been by design, but out of necessity,” Stall explains. “Whether it was a surgery, or a subchondral bone bruising, or something else. But this particular freshening, from the Clark to the Oaklawn Mile, was just with the back half of 2020 in mind, with the Breeders' Cup obviously the key. He had a very nice winter and took everything in stride. We let him down, picked him up and he didn't miss a day. So we were confident he was going to come back in form. We're really on schedule, which is a rare thing in horse racing.”

There's something characteristically classy about Stall's acknowledgement that if you set your sights on a race like the Classic, you do it like you mean it. The big money options of the Pegasus or the Middle East did not distract Stall or his patron Gayle Benson, and they can take heart from the fact that Tom's d'Etat first opened everyone's eyes to his real caliber last year when romping in the Gil Fayette S.--over the same course that will host the Classic. **Cont. p4**



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“Knock on wood, he has become a very sound horse,” Stall agrees. “I almost feel like he’s only just got in form. He hadn’t had a chance before, because his rhythm was always broken up. Now he’s obviously cardio fit, his mind understands everything, he’s battle-tested. He’s always had a lot of talent. He was a pricey yearling at \$330,000. And, sometimes, a bit of time off here and there can prove a blessing in disguise. He is now a full-fledged man of a horse. He’s big, he’s balanced, he has that nice long neck. He carries close to 1,200 lbs, but he carries it properly: he’s a smooth mover. He’s just that word ‘class.’”

Stall supervised a copybook campaign with Blame, as an older horse, showing himself adept at working back from a target. And if the goalposts are liable to keep moving this summer, then the

knowledge that Tom’s d’Etat tends to “land running” is a big asset.

It’s the rest of the barn that shares a wider flux, most of them biding their time at the Fair Grounds pending access to Churchill. Stall is already in Louisville, in fact, safely quarantined ahead of the green light for his New Orleans team.

In the meantime, he speaks warmly of the way his crew is rising to the challenge; and likewise of his clients. “All the years I’ve been doing this, I’ve always said I’d rather have good owners than good horses,” he says. “Obviously the perfect combination is a good owner with a good horse, so we keep working at that! But while nobody can prepare for a time like this, my owners have been spectacular. There’s been no

stress, only support. Nobody saying, ‘I’m going to take my horse and turn it out,’ or do this, or do that. Actually, the majority of them have asked, ‘Is there anything extra I can do, to help your crew?’ I feel very fortunate.” **Cont. p5**



Tom’s d’Etat winning the Oaklawn Mile first off the layoff
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At the best of times, training is about equilibrium; about taking a horse to just the right pitch, without using up its racing surplus. Unprecedented as the situation is, then, it's a variation that represents a legitimate test of skill.

“Well, I guess the proof will be when we start back running, and if those horses show up and run 'A' races,” says Stall. “All I've done is not breeze as much, depending on the type of horse, and space things out a bit. And actually the horses are fine. They don't know about the COVID-19. It's more of the human side of it: managing our crew, keeping everybody healthy and safe.

“The Fair Grounds have been over and above the call of duty, to keep the track open for training. And it's been a great help that we've been able to work right out of a comfortable place, that's been our home barn for years and years. Literally at the drop of a hat, we'll be ready to head back up to Kentucky.”

None of us, of course, can be certain how such momentous, global tides will alter the course of individual lives or careers. It was only a recession, for instance, that diverted Stall from an initial career in the oil industry.

Because even though he was the son of a towering figure in Louisiana racing, his ultimate vocation rather crept up on him. He had been perfectly happy to go away and study geology at

Louisiana State University and, in another life, might have been staring out of a Houston office even today.

“I liked working there, and they liked me, and everything was going along fine,” he recalls. “Then the oil business hit a big soft spot, a bit like what's going on now I guess. And the office closed down. That was it. I was young and single, and I'd been working on the racetrack during the holidays for years, so I just went back to work for Frankie Brothers. Who knows what would have happened, if that office had stayed open? But I always had this sport in my heart, no question about it.”

And, above all, the sport in New Orleans. The Stall-Wilson turf track at the Fair Grounds is named for his grandfather (along with his business partner); and his father, likewise an oilman, was chairman of the Louisiana Racing Commission for 16 years. The late Albert M. Stall Sr. was responsible for much modernisation--notably through off-track wagering, Sunday cards and drug-testing--besides racing dozens of stakes winners like Combat Ready (New Orleans H.) and Lady Vi-E (Kentucky Oaks).

So Stall was always steeped in the Bayou racing culture. As a kid, his hotwalking checks were in the name of M.H. and Jack Van Berg; M.H. was Van Berg's Hall of Fame father, Marion. **Cont. p6**



Who's in the TDN Stall? Bahati Hara (Per) (Grand Canyon Way) arrived at New Vocations last week and is settling in before she starts training for her next career. [Click here](#) to sponsor your own stall at New Vocations, or to support their general fund. | *New Vocations*

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Brothers was assistant trainer then, and it was Stall's father--a patron of the barn--who urged him to risk a solo career.

"Frankie was real reluctant to do it, just because that next step is tough on everybody," Stall recalls. "Jack was big, strong, intimidating. But a nice guy. Actually, we reconnected in the last years of his life, when he was stabling right next door to me at Churchill Downs. He'd go around in his little motor scooter and stop by and I got a chance to talk to him, about a whole bunch of different things, right there towards the end. It was nice."

Tom's d'Etat himself, of course, represents another huge name in New Orleans sport--running, as he does, for the widow of Tom Benson, the late owner of both the Saints and Pelicans. Benson died, aged 90, in March 2018, just a few months before the horse bearing his name really got on a roll. But Tom's d'Etat had at least announced his talent by then, with wins at the Fair Grounds, Churchill and Saratoga (twice).

"Mr. Benson was one of the ultimate self-made man from a hardscrabble neighborhood in New Orleans," recalls Stall affectionately. "And he turned out to be one of the most prolific businessmen in America, owning an NBA team and an NFL team, which is incredible really. He had raced horses 40 years ago, when he had a ranch in Texas, but then went away for a while and amassed his fortune. Later in life, he came back with a vengeance, buying yearlings with myself, Tom Amoss, and Dallas Stewart; and also Greenwood Lodge, a beautiful farm in the Lexington area."

Gayle Benson has carried on her husband's legacy on the track--indeed, he had operated the stable in her name, as G M B Racing--and Stall is full of praise for her whole team's faith in their slow-burning stable star.

"They're wonderful people," he enthuses. "They're to be given as much credit as anyone with Tom's d'Etat. They were just fine with everything: with six months here, another six months there. There's a lot of bills involved in that, and they're business people. So they were very patient, and they trusted me and my crew as the boots on the ground. And now it's paying off."

"Mr. Benson was right there in the winner's circle when Tom's d'Etat went very close to the track record in an allowance race at Churchill. And we talk about that all the time now, how he'd be glad the horse is doing what we hoped for him then. I'm sure he's saying, 'We got this horse going like we want, now let's get this football team rolling!'"

In 2010, Benson had presided over the Saints' solitary Super Bowl success--and that year Stall took his hometown's sporting momentum on the road with Blame, trained for Claiborne Farm and Adele B. Dilschneider. The horse's career had such a melodramatic climax that we tend to forget its other peaks, notably running down Quality Road (Elusive Quality) in the GI Whitney H.



Blame defeating Quality Road in the Whitney | Sarah Andrew

"That was a wonderful day," Stall recalls. "Saratoga had one of those real cool fronts that came down from Canada, so the humidity was light, it was a perfect, beautiful day. All you heard was, 'Quality Road. Quality Road.' But we nailed him in the last couple jumps."

Though Blame was given the slip by Haynesfield (Speightstown) in the GI Jockey Club Gold Cup, Stall had made sure he had gas in the tank for his showdown with the apparently invincible mare at the Breeders' Cup. Looking back, he admits that he was so consumed by getting his own preparation right that the Zenyatta circus passed him by.

"I mean, obviously, I knew she was going to be an overwhelming favorite," he says. "But it wasn't like there was any sort of personal rivalry, like LSU playing Alabama or the New Orleans Saints playing the Dallas Cowboys. We'd never crossed paths before. And I underestimated her crowd appeal, for sure. I figured that out when she showed up at Churchill Downs for the first time, and traffic was stopped outside of her barn on the street looking through the fence, just to get a glimpse at her."

"But I was just focused on our horse. We just wanted to get him in the best possible shape to run his best race. All the way through, to the second he walked in the gate, he didn't miss a beat. And we were very confident he'd go out and run his best race. Whether it would be good enough, who knew?"

"And then afterwards I didn't notice the quiet crowd that much, because we had our own little eruption in the winner's circle. I mean, there was a ton of New Orleans people there--and they can be a little boisterous! They'd won the Super Bowl earlier that year, and they were yelling, 'Who dat? Who dat?'"

Stall reliably rose above any unworthy recriminations among those who resented Blame. You only have to reflect on the loss, in the meantime, of Garrett Gomez to put the furore into perspective. **Cont. p7**

“What a great ride by Garrett,” says Stall. “He fired his best shot. To win those races, all these confluences have to come right together. So it was just the perfect day. And Blame is the gift that keeps on giving. He was the perfect horse to train, and laid out every time he ran. And now he's doing better and better at stud, like his sire did, and has a live Derby horse in Nadal.”

Albeit he played his own part immaculately, it would be wrong to measure Stall by that single day. Another horse that will always be special, for instance, is Joyeux Danseur (Nureyev)--who gave him a breakout success in the 1998 Early Times Turf Classic in the silks of B. Wayne Hughes, then still to make his transformative impact as owner of Spendthrift Farm.

“When that horse was right, there wouldn't be many in the world who could beat him,” Stall recalls. “He won his Grade I on Derby day off that hot streak at the Fair Grounds, and his figures were out of this world. And he obviously helped what has become my longest-standing trainer-client relationship. Back then, Wayne was working on his business out of California and, without cell phones, we didn't talk too much in those days. But over the years we've become close with him, his family and his employees. He's got brain power, and he's got the drive. That's a lethal combination, and it's just been great working with these guys.”

Nor should we forget the state legend Star Guitar (Quiet American). To be fair, they did try him in graded races at Churchill and Lone Star, but ultimately everyone was happy to secure him that all-time Louisiana-bred earnings record. He was sound, he was beautiful, he was revered. And now he, too, is doing well at stud. What more could a Louisiana patriot wish for?



Star Guitar | Sarah Andrew

Because make no mistake, nothing will please the Tom's d'Etat team more than to round off this dispiriting year with a little New Orleans spice.

“The Fair Grounds have been there since 1872,” says Stall proudly. “It's the third oldest racetrack in America. It's been a great winter race meet over the years, and people have been going there their whole lives. Between my grandfather, father, and me, and now my kids, that's a lot of years there just for my family. It's a very traditional track and tremendous horses have come out of it, and horsemen too. Some great jockeys have come out of Louisiana, as everyone knows. So I have tremendous pride in coming from the area.

“And there's no question Tom's d'Etat is a good story, a feel-good type of horse. The last crop of Smart Strike, and owned by Gayle Benson, and he's such a classy horse--around the barn, and on the racetrack. All the exercise riders go by and want to come and pet him, call him 'champion.' Everybody knows who he is. And he's earned it.”

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Arkansas Derby Split cont. from p1



Wells Bayou (outside) breezed four furlongs in :48.20 Sunday at Oaklawn | Coady Photo

Churchill Downs will grant full qualifying points (100-40-20-10) for both divisions towards the GI Kentucky Derby, now slated for Sept. 5.

“While we are always respectful of the time-honored traditions of the Kentucky Derby, we're in the midst of an unprecedented year,” said Churchill Downs President Kevin Flanery. “We recognize that there are numerous 3-year-olds currently in training with limited racing opportunities, and our prominent partner Oaklawn Park is in a unique and important position to immediately fill a void for horsemen. An extension of the Road to the Kentucky Derby will continue to evolve in the weeks ahead. Our Churchill Downs team is united in our commitment to holding the very best Kentucky Derby on Sept. 5, and it will certainly be one of the most memorable of our lifetimes.” **Cont. p8**

Unbeaten Bob Baffert-trained ‘TDN Rising Stars’ **Charlatan** (Speightstown) and **Nadal** (Blame) will headline the first and second divisions of the race, respectively. The former, who drew the rail when the races were redrawn after it was discovered that two horses in one division shared an owner, will take on the likes of GISP ‘Rising Star’ **Gouverneur Morris** (Constitution); impressive recent local allowance winner **Shooters Shoot** (Competitive Edge); and last year’s GI Runhappy Hopeful S. hero **Basin** (Liam’s Map).



Silver Prospector covered four panels in :49.60 Sunday morning in Hot Springs | Coady Photo

Nadal, from post five, will square off against champion 2-year-old colt **Storm the Court** (Court Vision); GII Lambholm South Tampa Bay Derby upsetter **King Guillermo** (Uncle Mo); GII Kentucky Jockey Club S. and GIII Southwest S. winner **Silver Prospector** (Declaration of War); fast-finishing recent Oaklawn S. runner-up **Farmington Road** (Quality Road); and GII Twinspires.com Louisiana Derby hero **Wells Bayou** (Lookin At Lucky).

Oaklawn has been racing without spectators since Mar. 13 due to the coronavirus pandemic and will not allow spectators on Arkansas Derby day, which is also the track’s final day of racing. The entirety of the 14-race card will be broadcast on TVG and and Fox Sports 1, with part of the card including the Arkansas Derby and \$600,000 GII Oaklawn H. to be shown on NBC Sports via the TVG feed.

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Ivan Parke, Matt Winn, Eddie Arcaro, Fred Hooper and Kentucky Governor Simeon Willies (l to r) in the 1945 Derby winner's circle
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The Week in Review, by T.D. Thornton

The COVID-19 virus has quarantined this week’s GI Kentucky Derby, which has been rescheduled for Sept. 5. The last time America’s most famous horse race got pushed off its traditional first Saturday in May calendar spot was 1945, when the nation was embroiled in World War II.

It’s impossible to make accurate comparisons between a global conflict and a pandemic that are happening 75 years apart. But sifting through archived news clippings about how horse racing endured and eventually overcame that long, government-mandated shutdown reveals more similarities between then and now than you might think.

The Jan. 3, 1945 ban on horse racing was technically a “request” from the feds to help with the war effort. About two-thirds of the tracks agreed out of civic duty/pressure, and the other third came on board when they learned that ever-changing wartime restrictions now included a ban on shipping horses by rail and limited hiring of track employees who were being diverted to work in munitions factories.

A metals, rubber and fuel rationing plan prohibited most non-essential travel by car and passenger train, putting a trip to the track out of reach for many would-be racegoers. To the government, it was just as well to have tracks not running from an absenteeism standpoint, because one estimate pegged the rate of workers who didn’t show up on days when races were in session at as high as 30% (a figure that by contrast sounds absurd today).

Churchill Downs was already familiar with running scaled-back wartime Derbies starting in 1942, encouraging locals to make them hometown affairs accessed by streetcar. **Cont. p9**

Shortages of sugar and meat affected concessions, and the traditional aluminum and glass julep cups gave way to a composite plastic version out of respect to materials scarcities.

Then, as now, one of the first big worries once the sport shut down in January was what would be the fate of the May 5 Derby.



Racing at Santa Anita in June 1945 | Getty Images

“As everyone knows, the 3-year-olds are the stars of every campaign,” wrote *New York Times* columnist Arthur Daley soon after the ban went into effect. “They alone are eligible for the major stakes--the Kentucky Derby, the Preakness, the Belmont, and all the other rich classics. For one season they command virtually the entire spotlight before advancing into the category of handicap horses where age restrictions are unlimited.”

Other reporting noted that not having horses contest big races like the Derby would eventually have a negative impact on the bloodstock marketplace.

By Jan. 14, with the industry girding for months of shutdown, initial reports of what Churchill planned to do about the Derby began to circulate.

“The plan which at this time seems to fit best into governmental regulations is one that would stage the race without any spectators (and naturally no betting) with 3-year-olds quartered at Churchill Downs furnishing the competition and the purse dependent on the caliber of the field,” the *Associated Press* reported.

Some 200 horses were wintering at Churchill, many of them sophomores, “although few, if any, are the type that would run in the Derby in ordinary years,” the story added.

Shipping restrictions are part of the new normal now because of COVID-19, and they were also a puzzle to be solved in wartime 1945. Some Kentucky stables that had wintered in Florida or New Orleans were planning to exploit a loophole in the no-horse-shipping mandate that allowed livestock owners to send animals via rail provided they were going back to the

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owner’s home state. If shipped into Churchill, this would make them eligible to run in the Derby if the above plan came to fruition.



The crowd at Havana | Getty Images

In terms of day-to-day racing, the nation’s bookmakers were left with no product on which to take bets (team sports were still going on but were not as big of a gambling draw back then). Agua Caliente, Mexico City, and Havana became the only winter tracks in action in North America.

But most metropolitan customers weren't familiar with those circuits, making the bookies' plight similar to what advance deposit wagering companies are going through in the age of coronavirus, hoping that horse-starved fans will still bet off-radar venues like Fonner Park and Will Rogers Downs.

"It remains to be seen whether the underground can organize under the new basis, and whether the sucker can be lured into betting bad horses," the *Times* reported.

By Feb. 16, 1945, rumors were flying that New York tracks might get to reopen before Kentucky, and some Easterners began to lobby for the Derby to be run at Belmont or Jamaica. Colonel Matt Winn, the 83-year-old Churchill boss, spiked that idea by declaring the Derby would be run in Kentucky or not at all. Derby nominations were supposed to have closed on that date, but Winn told reporters the entry blanks hadn't even been mailed out yet. Nevertheless, Churchill had received 75 unsolicited nominations.



Line for the mutuel windows at Garden State Park | Getty Images

By early April, President Harry Truman made it clear there would be no early lifting of the race ban anywhere until Victory in Europe (V-E) Day was declared. So the nation recalibrated its expectations for a resumption of racing, much as we do every week now.

"The speed with which the Allies chase the Nazis into complete surrender or defeat will determine the date of the 71st Kentucky Derby," the *Associated Press* reported Apr. 11.

As optimism rose based on positive war reports, plans began to crystallize. One point in general agreement among track managements was that a "soft" opening on a Monday or Tuesday was preferable to relaunching on a Saturday, when crowds would have the potential to be overwhelmingly huge.

"If he can avoid it no track president will want to open on a Saturday with a green crew, upset conditions, labor ceiling in doubt, transportation up in the air and directives flowing as fast

as General Patton's tank army," the *Times* reported.

V-E Day was reported as imminent on May 5, the original Derby date.

"Today was to have been Derby Day once more, but the ban on racing caused this to be just the first Saturday in May in Derbytown," the *Associated Press* reported. "More than a score of 'sure starters' received brief limbering-up exercise on the muddy track. The old timers did a lot of reminiscing--and that was all."

Other publications editorialized about the societal boost that the return of racing would provide while warning there would still be lingering effects related to the crisis.

"The immediate effect of V-E Day on sports will be principally psychological, with a feeling that much of the wartime pressure is off," the *Times* wrote. "Although such problems as manpower and transportation will remain indefinitely--probably throughout the war with Japan."

V-E Day on May 8 triggered a flood of amended meet applications at racing commissions across the country. The top official in New York vowed to grant revamped race dates as soon as possible, "in the interests of horsemen who have had a long and costly wait for the resumption of their business."

Surprisingly, not all bookies were ecstatic.

"Word that the ban had been removed was received with mixed feelings, with Broadway bookmakers saying they would wait to see exactly what tracks began racing before they re-established their organizations," the *Times* reported. "One well-known bookie in the Broadway area stated he might be hard-pressed to find 'runners,' but that he would not take back any of his former hands who are now working in war plants. 'That would be unpatriotic,' he said."

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Narragansett Park was first to open, five days after the ban was lifted. On May 21, the return of racing at Jamaica lured 42,179 New Yorkers who began queuing up 90 minutes before the admissions gates opened. They sent their money in on overly large fields, but also bought \$127,000 in war bonds to help the fighting that continued in the Pacific.

Daley, the *Times* columnist, wrote that the appetite of a true “hoss player” never needs to be whetted. “It’s insatiable. Even if they had men with machine guns at the mutuels to drive away the customers, some hard-boiled gent would probably offer to bet his neighbor as to just which one of them would be shot first.”

The Kentucky Derby ended up going off June 9 at Churchill, when Hoop Jr. wired the field in the mud before 65,000 fans.

“This wasn’t the first Saturday in May, but it was the same old Derby Day,” the *Associated Press* reported. “It had all the color, all the pretty women, all the second guessers and all the crowd

with its hustle and bustle of past Derby Days.”

Right now, the prospect of a Derby being run when the world is safer is something we can all look forward to, even if the new Labor Day weekend date doesn’t dovetail with tradition. So go ahead and get teary-eyed singing “My Old Kentucky Home” this Saturday for sentimentality’s sake. But for good measure, be sure to belt out a few choruses of “See You in September” too.

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Happy birthday, Mrs Maisel! Shown here at one day old, this filly by triple G1 winner Dunaden (Fr) is the final foal of Minnie’s Mystery (Fr) (Highest Honor {Fr}), making her a half-sister to the fan favorite Roy Rocket, and to six winners of 45 races in total. She turned one on Sunday, and is owned by John and Emma Berry, who have secured the name Mrs Maisel for her after the popular character on the

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WHO'S YOUR FAVORITE HORSE?

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Favorite: My all-time favorite was **Triptych** (Riverman). She was nicknamed the "Iron Lady" like Maggie Thatcher, the first female Prime Minister of the U.K. (and the longest serving). She won 14 times. She frequently took her game to the boys, by accelerating from a position of power close to the pace, and was relentless all the way to the line.

Triptych won the G1 Prix Marcel Boussac as a 2-year-old and ran in every major race as a 3-year-old. I was at The Curragh when she won the Irish 2000 Guineas, dominating her male counterparts. My eyes were like saucers. She was big, dark and powerful, with a gorgeous star on her forehead. There are fun memories of us all celebrating the day in The Silken Thomas in Kildare. When it was time to officially close up, the blinds went down and the barman left us to serve ourselves and leave what money we owed on the counter. The good old days!

As a 4-year-old with Patrick Biancone, she won her first G1 Champion S. at Newmarket. But it was as a 5-year-old when she won five Group 1 races (including her second G1 Champion S.) that she really strutted her stuff, with that signature high head carriage and her rather feisty, engaging yet persnickety character. I followed her every move.



Triptych | *Racing Post*

In the Irish Champion S. at Phoenix Park on that sunny September evening in 1987 (we got a speeding ticket getting there), I was struck by her intense focus in the parade ring. Being an athlete myself, I recognized how she channeled herself. I truly learned that day about horses getting "in the zone". She

was a competitor, full stop. And she was formidable.

Sadly, like all heroines, she met a tragic end when in foal, she inexplicably ran into a night watchman's truck in the U.S. I will forever remember how she gave me the gumption to be brave and follow my heart in the horse business--doing it my way.

Best: Picking the best racehorse can be controversial. The means of evaluation change constantly as no sport remains static. How do you compare different eras? There are many roads to greatness. What is the defining one? Highest percentages, most dominating performances, consistency, colorful stretch runs.

Tesio demanded that greatness was defined only when a horse passed the finishing post in the Epsom Derby!

I thought about Secretariat's consistent brilliance, and his Triple Crown wins in record time. However, in my humble opinion the best racehorse was **Man o' War** (Fair Play). He was a freak of nature. He won 20 of 21 starts. If you talk about speed, he was clocked 45 miles an hour to Secretariat's 41! If you discuss dominance, he was never extended and won one race by a hundred lengths. If you consider overshadowing the competition, he always won gearing down (except once, losing to Upset when he had his back to the tape at the start. His jockey, Johnny Loftus, was subsequently refused his license the following year with rumors related to that famous defeat in Saratoga).



Marette Farrell | *Fasig-Tipton*

He had the highest handicap weights ever assigned in history and was carrying on average about 32 pounds more than his competition. He was retired after his 3-year-old year when his owner Samuel Riddle did not want to subject him to even higher weights. **Cont. p13**

Big, raw and oozing power, an oil painting he was not, but a racing machine he was and would surely have mowed down the competition in the Kentucky Derby (and been a Triple Crown winner) but for the enigmatic stance of Samuel Riddle to keep him home.

The theater of his burial was not lost on me and I have a photo of him in my house that I look at every single day in the hopes I can one day select one just like him!

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HELLO
my name is
Bourbon Rebellion

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

by Andrea Branchini

1st-Tampa Bay Downs, \$20,000, Msw, 4-25, 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:18.28, gd. BOURBON REBELLION (f, 3, Shanghai Bobby--Soul of Bourbon, by Perfect Soul {Ire}).

The Whiskey Rebellion of 1791-94 was mostly a Pennsylvania affair, but only because no one was found to collect the infamous tax on whiskey in Kentucky (the state was admitted to the Union in 1792, very much in medias res). So a BOURBON REBELLION could be defined as a win in a no-contest situation and is an excellent name for a winning filly from a breeding line with the likes of Soul of Bourbon (dam), Bourbon Belle (granddam), Not Bourbon (uncle).

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FANTASY S.-GIII, \$400,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Ice Princess	Palace Malice	Flying P Stable, R. A. Hill Stable & Coms Racing Stable	Gargan	Carmouche	121
2	Venetian Harbor 🌿	Munnings	Ciaglia Racing LLC, Highland Yard LLC, River Oak Farm and Savides, Dominic	Baltas	Prat	121
3	Swiss Skydiver 🌿	Daredevil	Peter J. Callahan	McPeek	Hernandez, Jr.	121
4	Lake Avenue	Tapit	Godolphin, LLC	Mott	Velazquez	121
5	Harvey's Lil Goil	American Pharoah	Estate of Harvey A. Clarke and Braverman, Paul	Mott	Garcia	121
6	Kansas Kis 🌿	Constitution	Perrine Time Thoroughbreds	Handal	Geroux	117
7	Shedaresthedevil 🌿	Daredevil	Flurry Racing Stables LLC, Qatar Racing Limited & Big Aut Farms	Cox	Rosario	121
8	Ring Leader 🌿	Paynter	Novogratz Racing Stables Inc.	Robertson	Talamo	121
9	Lady Glamour	Discreet Cat	Inga Demeritte	Smith	Burke	117
10	British Idiom	Flashback	Madaket Stables, Dubb, Michael & The Elkstone Group	Cox	Castellano	121
11	Fire Coral 🌿	Curlin	Susan Moulton	Asmussen	Baze	117
12	New York Groove 🌿	Verrazano	Commonwealth New Era Racing, Madaket Stables & Wonder Stables	Trombetta	Elliott	121
13	Lazy Daisy 🌿	Paynter	ERJ Racing, LLC, Great Friends Stable, CTR Racing, MyRacehorse.com, Mansor, Tom & Caroom, Jerry Orr, Ed & Susie	O'Neill	Cohen	121
14	Alta's Award	Tonalist		Asmussen	Santana, Jr.	117

Breeders: 1-Mina Equivest, LLC, 2-Colts Neck Stables LLC, 3-WinStar Farm, LLC, 4-Godolphin, 5-Harvey A. Clarke, 6-Ashview Farm & Colts Neck Stables, 7-WinStar Farm, LLC, 8-George Krikorian, 9-BHMFRR, LLC, 10-Hargus Sexton, Sandra Sexton and Silver Fern Farm LLC, 11-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC, 12-Bonne Chance Farm, LLC, 13-John Elder & Paynter Syndicate, 14-Mr. & Mrs. Al Mazzetti & Mr. & Mrs. Ed Orr

Saturday, Oaklawn, post time: 6:29 p.m. EDT

ARKANSAS DERBY-GI, \$500,000, 3yo, 1 1/8m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Charlatan 🌿	Speightstown	SF Racing LLC, Starlight Racing, Madaket Stables LLC, Stonestreet Stables LLC, Hertrich, III, Frederick, Fielding, John D. and Golconda Stables	Baffert	Garcia	118
2	My Friends Beer	Stay Thirsty	Designated Hitters Racing, LLC	O'Dwyer	Cannon	118
3	Mo Mosa 🌿	Uncle Mo	Martin, Perry and Martin, Denise	Maker	Carmouche	118
4	Gouverneur Morris 🌿	Constitution	Team Valor International and WinStar Farm LLC	Pletcher	Velazquez	118
5	Jungle Runner	Candy Ride (Arg)	Calumet Farm	Asmussen	Baze	122
6	Shooters Shoot 🌿	Competitive Edge	ERJ Racing, LLC, Exline-Border Racing LLC and Hudock, Dan	Eurton	Talamo	118
7	Wrecking Crew 🌿	Sky Kingdom	Rockingham Ranch	Miller	Prat	118
8	Anneau d'Or 🌿	Medaglia d'Oro	Peter Redekop B. C., Ltd.	Wright	Hernandez	118
9	Winning Impression 🌿	Paynter	West Point Thoroughbreds and Pearl Racing	Stewart	Leparoux	118
10	Crypto Cash	Majesticperfection	Lewis, Tommie M. and Magdalena Racing	McPeek	Lanerie	118
11	Basin 🌿	Liam's Map	Jackpot Farm	Asmussen	Santana, Jr.	122

Breeders: 1-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC, 2-Best A Luck Farm LLC, 3-Perry Martin & Denise Martin, 4-Machmer Hall, Carrie Brogden, Craig Brogden & James F. Miller, 5-Calumet Farm, 6-Nancy C. Shuford, 7-Westrock Stables, 8-Highland Yard LLC, 9-WinStar Farm, LLC, 10-D.J. Stables, 11-Cottonwood Stables, LLC

Saturday, Oaklawn, post time: 7:43 p.m. EDT**ARKANSAS DERBY-GI, \$500,000, 3yo, 1 1/8m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Finnick the Fierce	Dialed In	Monge, Arnaldo and Hernandez, Rey	Hernandez	Garcia	118
2	Saratogian 🌿	Empire Maker	SF Racing LLC, Starlight Racing, Madaket Stables LLC, Hertrich, III, Frederick, Fielding, John D. and Golconda Stables	Brisset	Talamo	122
3	Storm the Court	Court Vision	David A Bernsen LLC, Exline-Border Racing LLC, Hudock, Dan and Wilson, Susanna	Eurton	Prat	122
4	King Guillermo 🌿	Uncle Mo	Victoria Martinez	Avila	Camacho	122
5	Nadal 🌿	Blame	Bolton, George, Hoyeau, Arthur, Lipman, Barry and Mathiesen, Mark	Baffert	Rosario	122
6	Code Runner 🌿	Honor Code	Calumet Farm	Asmussen	Elliott	122
7	Silver Prospector 🌿	Declaration of War	Orr, Ed and Orr, Susie	Asmussen	Santana, Jr.	122
8	Fast Enough	Eddington	Rockingham Ranch and Martin, Craig	Becerra	Baze	122
9	Taishan 🌿	Twirling Candy	Nguyen, Calvin and Tran, Joey	Baltas	Cohen	118
10	Farmington Road	Quality Road	Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners, Chrysalis Stables LLC and LaPenta, Robert V.	Pletcher	Castellano	118
11	Wells Bayou 🌿	Lookin At Lucky	Gasaway, Clint, Gasaway, Lance, Madaket Stables LLC and Wonder Stables	Cox	Geroux	122

Breeders: 1-Paige Jillian Blu Sky Stables, 2-Don Alberto Corporation, 3-Stepping Stone Farm, 4-Carhue Investments, Grouseridge Ltd. & Marengo Investments, 5-Sierra Farm, 6-Baumann Stables, Edward Bradley & Dr. Aaron Sones, 7-Hargus Sexton, Sandra Sexton & Silver Fern Farm, LLC, 8-Craig Martin, 9-Nursery Place, Donaldson & Broadbent, 10-Chrysalis Stables, 11-Knowles Bloodstock, Inc.

Saturday, Oaklawn, post time: 7:04 p.m. EDT**OAKLAWN H.-GII, \$600,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/8m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Chess Chief	Into Mischief	Estate of James J. Coleman, Jr.	Stewart	Hernandez, Jr.	114
2	Trophy Chaser 🌿	Twirling Candy	Juan Carlos Avila	Avila	Camacho	115
3	Bravazo	Awesome Again	Calumet Farm	Lukas	Mena	115
4	Mr Freeze 🌿	To Honor and Serve	Bakke, Jim and Isbister, Gerald	Romans	Talamo	118
5	Identifier 🌿	Creative Cause	Gelfenstein Farm	Gonzalez	Elliott	116
6	Warrior's Charge	Munnings	Ten Strike Racing and Madaket Stables LLC	Cox	Geroux	118
7	Combatant 🌿	Scat Daddy	Hronis Racing LLC	Sadler	Rosario	120
8	Sky Promise	Sky Mesa	Wiest, Rick, Wiest, Clayton, R 6 Stable and Tremblay, Norman	Diodoro	Mojica	114
9	Tacitus	Tapit	Juddmonte Farms, Inc.	Mott	Velazquez	121
10	Captivating Moon	Malibu Moon	Lothenbach Stables, Inc.	Block	Leparoux	113
11	Tax	Arch	R. A. Hill Stable, Reeves Thoroughbred Racing, Lynch, Hugh and Corms Racing Stable	Gargan	Carmouche	117
12	By My Standards	Goldencents	Allied Racing Stable, LLC	Calhoun	Saez	118
13	Night Ops	Warrior's Reward	Steve Landers Racing LLC	Cox	Castellano	116
14	Improbable 🌿	City Zip	WinStar Farm LLC, China Horse Club International Ltd. and SF Racing LLC	Baffert	Garcia	119

Breeders: 1-Morgan's Ford Farm, 2-Overbrook Farm & Kildare Stud, 3-Calumet Farm, 4-Siena Farms LLC, 5-Heinz J. Steinmann, 6-AI Shaquab Racing, 7-Paget Bloodstock, 8-Normandy Farm LLC, 9-Juddmonte Farms Inc., 10-Lothenbach Stables Inc, 11-Claiborne Farm & Adele B. Dilschneider, 12-Don Ladd, 13-Aschinger Bloodstock Holdings, LLC, 14-St. George Farm LLC & G. Watts Humphrey Jr.



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9th-Oaklawn, \$61,000, Alw (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$80,000), 4-26, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:10.36, ft.

EDGEWAY (f, 3, Competitive Edge--Magical Solution {SW}, by Stormin Fever) was a dominant five-length winner of her track-and-trip debut Feb. 29--good for a 95 Beyer Speed Figure--but settled for second behind the impressive 'TDN Rising Star' Kimari (Munnings) in a salty running of the Purple Martin S. here Apr. 4. Backed as the 4-5 chalk while getting a touch of class relief, the dark bay was forced to rate for the first time from her wide draw and found herself midpack and four deep through a :21.86 opening quarter. She started to pick off foes into a :45.60 half, took over in upper stretch and stiff-armed Charming Lady (Ghostzapper) to the line despite traveling on her wrong lead to notch a 1 1/2-length decision. Having worked in :10 flat at OBS April last year, Edgeway is out of a half-sister to GISW sprinter The Lumber Guy (Grand Slam). She has a 2-year-old half-sister by Tiznow who cost just \$2,200 as a yearling. Sales history: \$35,000 Wlg '17 KEENOV; \$275,000 2yo '19 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: SP, 3-2-0-1, \$98,800. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Hronis Racing LLC; B-Pope McLean & Valerie & David Blethen (KY); T-John W. Sadler.

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10th-Gulfstream, \$39,000, Alw, 4-26, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10.71, sy.

HOP KAT (c, 3, Stay Thirsty--Granny Mc's Kitten {SW & GSP, \$305,793}, by Kitten's Joy) romped by eight lengths when debuting last May as a 2-year-old at Churchill Downs, and was scratched from a much tougher allowance Friday at Oaklawn, instead staying close to his Palm Meadows base. Backed as the narrow 5-2 favorite, the :9 4/5 OBSMAR breezer broke a bit slowly but was scrubbed along while hugging the fence to move up into a pocket spot. He avoided a foe who clipped heels and fell leaving the backside, and continued on under some encouragement as he drafted behind the pacesetter through a :45.59 half. Tipped out into clear as they straightened, he struck the front in the final sixteenth and kicked on a length to the good of Double Crown (Bourbon Courage), who was also resurfacing off a winning debut as a juvenile.

"I thought it was a great effort today," said Hop Kat's rider Tyler Gaffalione. "He'd only had the one effort under his belt. He broke fast that day, went quick and just ran away from them. So, I was a little worried how much he got out of that race and coming off the layoff, but Eddie had him 100% ready today. I had an easy job, just kind of steer him around there, but, man, I really liked the way he ran today. He finished up well, galloped out strong, and I'm looking forward to him down the road."

The winner is the first foal out of his SW and GSP dam, who raced exclusively on turf and synthetic surfaces and is a full to GISW grasser Kitten's Dumplings and GSW Granny's Kitten. Granny Mc's Kitten produced a Bodemeister filly in 2018 and a Frosted filly in 2019 before being bred back to Nyquist. Sales history: \$19,000 Ylg '18 FTKOCT; \$80,000 2yo '19 OBSMAR. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$71,888. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

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Erv's Wench (Race Day) splashes to easy graduation score at Gulfstream Park Sunday.



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8th-Oaklawn, \$60,000, Msw, 4-26, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10.52, ft. CROWN JEWEL (f, 4, Medaglia d'Oro--Lady of Choice, by Storm Bird) was a well-beaten eighth going six furlongs at Keeneland in her debut last October. Making her second start here, the 7-2 shot chased the pacesetters from third through an opening quarter in :21.82. She ranged up three wide after a half in :45.57 and powered easily to the lead in upper stretch before striding clear to win by 6 3/4 lengths. Topsy Gal (Majesticperfection) was second. Crown Jewel, a fourth generation Peter Blum-bred, is a half to Multiple Choice (Mt. Livermore), MGSW & GISP, \$692,450. Her second dam, Chosen Lady (Secretariat), produced Grade I winner Well Chosen, dam of Grade I winner Telling. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$36,202.**

O/B-Peter E. Blum Thoroughbreds LLC (KY); T-Steven Asmussen.

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8th-Gulfstream, \$38,000, Msw, 4-26, 3yo, f, 7f, 1:24.53, sy. ERV'S WENCH (f, 3, Race Day--Sessile, by Forestry) was cutting back to seven furlongs following a fifth-place effort going one mile at this track Mar. 22. Sent off at 8-1, the gray filly contested the pace through an opening quarter in :22.82. She skipped clear on the turn, had a five-length advantage in upper stretch and splashed under the wire three lengths in front. Longshot Market Rumor (Afleet Alex) was second, a half-length in front of Paris Lights (Curlin). Sessile, a full-sister to multiple graded winner Woodlander, as well as a half to the dam of Coal Front (Stay Thirsty) and Conquest Titan (Birdstone), produced a colt by Run Away and Hide in 2019 and was bred back to Race Day.

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10th-Oaklawn, \$61,000, 4-26, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10.18, ft.

INTHEMIDSTOFBIZ (f, 4, Fed Biz--Midst {SW, \$154,795}, by Closing Argument) Lifetime Record: 9-3-2-0, \$107,971.

O-Contreras Stable & Andrew Knapczyk B-J D Stuart & Mueller Farms, Inc. (KY); T-Cipriano Contreras.

6th-Gulfstream, \$41,000, (S), (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$20,000), 4-26, 3yo/up, 1m (off turf), 1:38.06, sy.

KAUFY BEAN (c, 3, Adios Charlie--Kaufy Queen, by Drewman) Lifetime Record: 8-3-0-1, \$85,832. O-Marco Thoroughbred Corp.; B-Dr. Edward Wiest & Oakleaf Farm (FL); T-Herbert Miller. *\$20,000 2yo '19 OBSMAR.

5th-Tampa Bay Downs, \$21,000, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$32,000), 4-26, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10.27, ft.

KONZA KANDY (f, 4, Twirling Candy--Heart Thief, by Runaway Groom) Lifetime Record: 15-4-3-4, \$82,319. O/B-Asiel Stable LLC (KS); T-Carlos H. Silva.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Jeana's Gem, m, 5, **Big Drama--Twitch and Jitter**, by Tactical Advantage. Gulfstream, 4-26, (S), 6f, 1:12.24. B-Harold L. Queen (FL).



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ADIOS CHARLIE, Kaufy Bean, c, 3, o/o Kaufy Queen, by Drewman. AOC, 4-26, Gulfstream

BIG DRAMA, Jeana's Gem, m, 5, o/o Twitch and Jitter, by Tactical Advantage. MSW, 4-26, Gulfstream

COMPETITIVE EDGE, Edgeway, f, 3, o/o Magical Solution, by Stormin Fever. AOC, 4-26, Oaklawn

FED BIZ, Inthemidstofbiz, f, 4, o/o Midst, by Closing Argument. ALW, 4-26, Oaklawn

MEDAGLIA D'ORO, Crown Jewel, f, 4, o/o Lady of Choice, by Storm Bird. MSW, 4-26, Oaklawn

RACE DAY, Erv's Wench, f, 3, o/o Sessile, by Forestry. MSW, 4-26, Gulfstream

STAY THIRSTY, Hop Kat, c, 3, o/o Granny Mc's Kitten, by Kitten's Joy. ALW, 4-26, Gulfstream

TWIRLING CANDY, Konza Kandy, f, 4, o/o Heart Thief, by Runaway Groom. AOC, 4-26, Tampa Bay



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Like everybody else, Roger Charlton is having to bide his time at present but is able to provide upbeat bulletins on two of his stable's chief hopes for 2020 in **TDN Rising Stars Quadrilateral (GB)** (Frankel {GB}) and **Headman (GB)** (Kingman {GB}). The former, who carried an unbeaten record into Newmarket's G1 Fillies' Mile in October and emerged with it intact despite leaving it late, is being geared towards the G1 1000 Guineas which is provisionally scheduled for June. Headman, who took the G2 Prix Eugene Adam and G2 Prix Guillaume d'Ornano last term, is also running smoothly on the track towards a comeback when racing is resumed.

Of Quadrilateral, he said, "She seems to have had a good winter. She should progress and looks well, but she's not been asked a question yet and is just ticking over. I had in mind that she would go straight to the Guineas anyway, but she might have had a racecourse gallop during the Craven meeting which she obviously can't now. We have to prepare her at home, but I wouldn't want her peaking for the Guineas anyway."

As a daughter of Frankel out of a half to Three Valleys (Diesis {GB}) from the family of Hasili (Ire) (Kahyasi {Ire}), Quadrilateral has a blend of miling speed and stamina and her trainer admits to being in the dark about her distance requirements at present.

"I think, going back into Frankel's pedigree, with the exception of Kind (Ire) (Danehill {GB}), Danehill and Danzig there is stamina in the family and his horses do seem to stay well," he said.

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BHA BOARD MAKES STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF RUST

After some British trainers, among them Ralph Beckett and Mark Johnston, called for the resignation of British Horseracing Authority CEO Nick Rust due to his handling of British racing during the COVID-19 crisis, the Board of the BHA released a statement in support of Rust and his team on Sunday afternoon. The *Sunday Telegraph* first reported the trainers had written to the BHA's Chairwoman Annamarie Phelps requesting Rust's resignation. **Rust will be leaving his position as CEO of the BHA** at the end of the year. The BHA's statement read:

"The BHA Board met briefly this morning to discuss media reporting of criticism of the BHA and its Chief Executive. The Board--which includes members nominated by the organisations representing horsemen and racecourses--understands the pressures on all in racing at present and recognises that BHA executives benefit from constructive feedback from participants. There will be very few sports or businesses in which similar dialogue isn't going on given the nature of the crisis. The Board asks that to be done in accordance with racing's values, to be respectful and not single out individuals unfairly for carrying out their role." [Cont. p2](#)



BHA CEO Nick Rust | *Racing Post*

IN TDN AMERICA TODAY

GI ARKANSAS DERBY DRAWN IN SPLIT DIVISIONS

The May 2 GI Arkansas Derby will be run in two divisions and each will be worth full GI KY Derby points. [Click or tap here to go straight to TDN America.](#)

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“She demonstrated that she needs every yard of a mile at Newmarket and it’s a possibility that she’ll get 10 furlongs, but whether she’ll get a mile and a half I don’t know. I don’t see her as a staying filly, but it will be a bonus if she does stay that far.”

Headman was being aimed at the initial intermediate Group 1 contests that could be in danger of being lost due to the delay.

“He came through the winter well and is a big strong horse who is nearly seventeen hands high, so he should have improved,” Charlton commented. “The original plan was to head back to France for their nine or 10-furlong Group 1s, the Ganay or d’Ispahan, or the [G1] Tattersalls Gold Cup, but obviously the plans are up in the air. He does need plenty of work and he’s been kept on the go during the winter, but we’ve backed off him recently.”



Headman | *Racing Post*

Also at Beckhampton is the promising **Pocket Square (GB)** (Night of Thunder {Ire}), another Juddmonte homebred whose stock raised considerably after winning the G3 Prix des Reservoirs in October. She had endured a setback in her schedule in recent months, but is on the way back now according to her handler.

“She had less of a good winter, as she had one or two minor issues and so doesn’t look quite so well as the others,” he explained. “She had an infected sinus and a tooth needed removing, but her problems are behind her now and time is on her side. With each race last year she improved and showed she handles extremes of ground. She stayed on in tough conditions at Deauville and is physically more of a staying filly than Quadrilateral. There are mixed messages from the pedigree, but she looks like one who could start in an Oaks trial.”

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BHA Backs Rust Cont.

The statement continues: “The racing industry, like everyone at this time, puts the health of the public and our participants first. This was clear in our decision to suspend racing and is a central focus of our planning for resumption.

“Our CEO Nick Rust and his team are acting in support of decisions taken by an industry group, endorsed by the BHA’s Members Committee and enacted by the BHA Board. Our staff are focusing their efforts right now on planning for the resumption of racing as soon as possible. They are working in full collaboration with trainers, racecourses and others.

“Good progress has been made and racing will have detailed proposals incorporating expert medical opinion to present to government as it prepares to review the current restrictions. It is encouraging to see the positive results of our dialogue with government in weekend media reports of the government’s desire for sport to resume.

“Nick, his team, and the industry colleagues with whom they are working so closely, are looking forward and are united in wanting the sport to resume as soon as it is possible. They have the Board’s full and unequivocal support.”

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SWEDEN

Sunday’s Result:

ITM SPRING MILE (NORRA SKANSKA REGEMENTETS

MINNESLOPNING)-Listed, SKr249,000, Jagersro, 4-26, 3yo/up, 8f, 1:37.80, gd.

1--**DUCA DI COMO (IRE), 130, g, 5, Clodovil (Ire)--Quality Love, by Elusive Quality.** (€25,000 Ylg ‘16 GOFSP; €42,000 2yo ‘17 GBMBR). O-Stall Como; B-Crone Stud Farms Ltd (IRE); T-Cathrine Erichsen; J-Elione Chaves. SKr124,500. Lifetime Record: GSW-Nor, 14-10-0-2, SKr1,848,389

2--**Red Hot Chili (Swe), 130, g, 7, Eishin Dunkirk--Delta Downs (GB), by Deputy Minister.** O-C Andersson Racing AB. SKr62,250.

3--**Plata O Plomo, 130, g, 6, Paddy O’Prado--Profitability, by Cherokee Run.** (\$30,000 Ylg ‘15 KEESEP). O-Hastgruppen i Lund AB; SKr29,880.

 **IT PAYS TO BREED MARYLAND-BREDS** 

Margins: 8, 5, 3. Odds: 0.43, 20.13, 3.07.

Also Ran: Jazz Explosion, Couples (GB), Victor Kalejs, Cabanac (GB).



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IN TDN AUS/NZ TODAY

STAKES TREBLE CONTINUES MILL PARK SUCCESS

Mill Park's success continued on the weekend with Dalasan (Aus) (Dalakhani {Ire}) taking the Chairman's S. [Click or tap here to go straight to TDN Aus/NZ.](#)

WORLDWIDE NEWS

CHAMPIONS DAY NOT FOR THE FAINT OF HEART *by Alan Carasso*

The 2020 renewal of FWD Champions Day was conducted on a misty and overcast Sunday afternoon at Sha Tin Racecourse in the New Territories, atmospheric conditions befitting the current state of racing in Hong Kong.

A recent spike in coronavirus cases has led to a re-tightening of social distancing requirements, meaning just a smattering of connections at the track on a day that typically draws upwards of 50,000 racegoers and meaning that foreign horses--in particular, those based in Japan--were unable to contest a meeting at which they have tasted considerable recent success.

The punters love backing their heavy favourites, and back them they did, with overall turnover of a remarkable HK\$1.455 billion (£151.8 million/US\$187.7 million). Boom 3-year-old **Aethero (Aus)** (Sebring {Aus}) was pounded into \$20 (even money) in the G1 Chairman's Sprint Prize, while dual Hong Kong Horse of the Year **Beauty Generation (NZ)** (Road to Rock {Aus}) was crunched into \$16 (3-5) going for a third consecutive G1 FWD Champions Mile. While neither was able to get home first, under entirely different circumstances, dual champion **Exultant (Ire)** (Teofilo {Ire}) salvaged the day for the chalk bettors with a typically gritty victory at \$15 (1-2) in the G1 FWD QE II Cup.



Mr Stunning | HKJC photo

A 'Stunning' Chairman's Sprint Prize...

Mr Stunning (Aus) (Exceed and Excel {Aus}) gave Mauritian Karis Teetan his first Longines Hong Kong International Races when defending his title in the 2018 G1 Hong Kong Sprint and the duo teamed up to cause a 20-1 upset in the G1 Chairman's Sprint Prize. [Cont. p4](#)

G1 Chairman's Sprint Prize Cont.

Rousted along early to gain a position better than midfield, Mr Stunning, runner-up in this event two years ago, was covered up as Aethero galloped them along, mouth agape, down the side of the track. The 3-year-old turned them in, but he went from full to empty with a furlong and a half to travel. They lined up about five across the track at the 200m, with G2 Sprint Cup upsetter **Voyage Warrior (Aus)** (Declaration of War) just ahead of **Big Time Baby (Ire)** (Dandy Man {Ire}) and **Thanks Forever (Aus)** (Duporth {Aus}) deepest out, but Mr Stunning split Voyage Warrior and **Hot King Prawn (Aus)** (Denman {Aus}) with a sixteenth of a mile to race and powered home. Big Time Baby won a photo for second despite a three-wide passage, while Aethero was eased home, having bled badly from both nostrils.

"I just had so much horse underneath me--I was tracking a few horses who are decent enough to take me into the race and I was just waiting for a gap to open," Teetan told HKJC's Declan Schuster. "This horse, his heart is bigger than him, so I knew he would let down as soon as he got that run."

Aethero faces a three-month spell after the bleeding incident.

"It's disappointing but we'll make sure he's alright and then I'll sit down with the owner and we'll have to discuss the best thing for him," Moore said.

South China Morning Post reported late Sunday that Moore plans on trying to convince Aethero's owners to send him to Australia, where Moore plans on continuing his career following his mandatory retirement at season's end.

Pedigree Notes

Mr Stunning is easily the best produce from With Fervour, a daughter of 1985 GI Kentucky Oaks winner Fran's Valentine, making her a half-sister to five-times US Grade I-winning stayer With Anticipation (Relaunch) and an own sister to French GSW and multiple Group 1 placed With Fascination. Mr Stunning is one of 15 top-level scorers for Exceed and Excel, who is also the broodmare sire of third-placed Thanks Forever.

Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong

CHAIRMAN'S SPRINT PRIZE-G1, HK\$18,000,000 (£1,877,366/€2,145,563/A\$3,632,168/US\$2,322,479), 3yo/up, 1200mT, 1:08.40, gd.

1--**MR STUNNING (AUS)**, 126, g, 7, by **Exceed and Excel (Aus)**

1st Dam: **With Fervour**, by **Dayjur**

2nd Dam: **Fran's Valentine**, by **Saros (GB)**

3rd Dam: **Iza Valentine**, by **Bicker**

(A\$110,000 Wlg '13 INGMAY; NZ\$250,000 Ylg '14 NZBJAN).

O-Maurice Koo Win Chong; B-Makybe Racing & Breeding (Vic); T-Frankie Lor; J-Karis Teetan; HK\$10,260,000. Lifetime Record:

30-12-7-4, HK\$60,843,100. **Werk Nick Rating: D. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.**

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2--**Big Time Baby (Ire)**, 126, g, 6, Dandy Man (Ire)--Royal Majestic (GB), by Tobougg (Ire). (€33,000 Wlg '14 GOFNOV; £45,000 Ylg '15 DONAUG). O-Golden Era Syndicate; B-Paul & Billy McEnergy; T-Manfred Man; J-Matthew Chadwick; HK\$3,960,000.

3--**Thanks Forever (Aus)**, 126, g, 4, Duporth (Aus)--Cinecitta (Aus), by Exceed and Excel (Aus). (A\$170,000 Ylg '17 MMGCYS). O-Patrick Ng Pak Hong; B-Mr AC Lloyd Jones (NSW); T-John Moore; J-Blake Shinn; HK\$1,800,000.

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Margins: 3/4, NO, HF. Odds: 20-1, 28-1, 83-10.

Also Ran: Hot King Prawn (Aus), Wishful Thinker (Aus), Jolly Banner (Aus), Voyage Warrior (Aus), D B Pin (NZ), Full of Beauty (Aus), Big Party (Aus), Aethero (Aus). **Click for the HKJC.com chart, PPs, sectional timing and VIDEO. Click for the free Equine.com catalogue-style pedigree.**

Breakthrough For 'Legend' in Champions Mile...

Boniface Ho's **Southern Legend (Aus)** (Not A Single Doubt {Aus}) has had the misfortune of facing Beauty Generation in Hong Kong's top events over 1400-1600m for the past three seasons, finishing behind the champ 10 times in their 11 head-to-head meetings. But the reliable 7-year-old was the recipient of a crafty ride from budding superstar jockey Vincent Ho and outslugged Beauty Generation in a thrilling renewal of the G1 FWD Champions Mile.

The odds-on gamble showed his typical gate speed and ultimately settled just to the outside of **Ka Ying Star (GB)** (Cityscape {GB}), with Southern Legend in about fifth position.

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HKJC's Andrew LeJeune interviews Vincent Ho following the Champions Mile | HKJC photo

G1 Champions Mile Cont.

Beauty Generation looked primed to fire his best shot, with Zac Purton hard against him as they overhauled Ka Ying Star with a minimum of fuss entering the final quarter mile. But Southern Legend, pulled out into the three path with 500m to race, was hitting his best stride, forcing Purton to go for Beauty Generation at the three-sixteenths peg. Southern Legend put a head in front at the furlong grounds, and though Beauty Generation laid his body down, fighting for every yard, Southern Legend got the most fortuitous of bobbies. Second choice **Waikuku (Ire)** (Harbour Watch {Ire}) could not take advantage of a rail-skimming trip and finished third, albeit soundly beaten.

Southern Legend had won the Kranji Mile in Singapore in each of the last two seasons and would otherwise have skipped Sunday's race for that virus-postponed event. Not a bad result for a Plan B.

"We had the opportunity to set Southern Legend and go for the Singapore race, to try and go for three wins in a row there, but when this virus hit we had to change plans pretty quickly," Caspar Fownes--winning his first international Group 1 since Lucky Nine (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}) took the KrisFlyer International Sprint in at Kranji six years ago this May--told HKJC's David Morgan.

It was also a first top-level win for Ho, former apprentice to Fownes, who won last month's BMW Hong Kong Derby for Francis Lui.

"It's amazing," Ho told Morgan. "There are no spectators here, but it's a Group 1! I've been working really hard for it and hopefully there are plenty more to come."

John Moore intimated that Beauty Generation could yet train on into an 8-year-old season.

"I'd like to take him back for a mile race in Australia and then have him stay there at the Living Legends Farm," he said. "That's what I'd like to do, but what the Kwok family wants to do is what counts, I don't know whether they'll keep racing him or retire him."

Pedigree Notes

Southern Legend is the 14th Group 1 winner for his now-retired sire and is a full-brother to Southern Appeal (Aus), winner of a Class 2 handicap at Wagga this past March. Donna's Appeal, a daughter of SW & MGSP Donna Natalia, is the dam of Southern Legend's 2-year-old full-sister Loveland, who is being retained to run by Corumbene Stud with Peter and Paul Snowden; and a weanling colt by Epaulette (Aus). Donna's Appeal was most recently served by Arrowfield's Dundee (NZ) on a Nov. 21 cover date. Southern Legend's owner Boniface Ho also campaigns Australian Group 2 winner Classique Legend (Aus) (Not A Single Doubt {Aus}), the half-brother to beaten Chairman's Sprint Prize favourite Aethero

Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong

FWD CHAMPIONS MILE-G1, HK\$20,000,000 (£2,086,512/ €2,383,864/A\$4,035,328/US\$2,580,545), 3yo/up, 1600mT, 1:33.13, gd.

1--**SOUTHERN LEGEND (AUS)**, 126, g, 7, by **Not A Single Doubt (Aus)**

1st Dam: Donna's Appeal (Aus), by Carnegie (Ire)

2nd Dam: Donna Natalia (Aus), by Anabaa

3rd Dam: Marskin (Aus), by Marscay (Aus)

1ST GROUP 1 WIN. (A\$280,000 Ylg '14 INGEAS). O-Boniface

Ho Ka Kui; B-Corumbene Stud (NSW); T-Caspar Fownes;

J-Vincent Ho; HK\$11,400,000. Lifetime Record: MSW-Sin, SW

& MGSP-Aus, 40-12-3-7, HK\$42,352,703. **Werk Nick Rating:**

C+. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.

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2--**Beauty Generation (NZ)**, 126, g, 7, Road to Rock (Aus)--Stylish

Bel (Aus), by Bel Esprit (Aus). (NZ\$60,000 Ylg '14 NZBJAN).

O-Patrick Kwok Ho Chuen; B-Nearco Stud Ltd; T-John Moore;

J-Zac Purton; HK\$4,400,000.

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3--**Waikuku (Ire)**, 126, g, 5, Harbour Watch (Ire)--London Plane

(Ire), by Danehill Dancer (Ire). (€33,000 Ylg '16 TISEP).

O-Jocelyn Siu Yang Hin Ting; B-Shane Molan; T-John Size;

J-Joao Moreira; HK\$2,000,000.

Margins: SHD, 2 3/4, NK. Odds: 9-1, 3-5, 37-10.

Also Ran: Rattan (NZ), More Than This (GB), Ka Ying Star (GB),

Fat Turtle (Aus), Thinkin' Big (Aus). Scratched: Singapore Sling

(SAf). **Click for the HKJC.com chart, PPs, sectional timing and**

VIDEO. Click for the free Equine.com catalogue-style pedigree.

Redemption for Purton, Exultant in QE II Cup...

Purton and Exultant found Japan's Win Bright (Jpn) (Stay Gold {Jpn}) a touch too strong in the 2019 G1 FWD QE II Cup, but they exacted their revenge Sunday with a tough, staying performance to see off last year's Hong Kong Derby hero and stablemate **Furore (NZ)** (Pierro {Aus}). The victory made Purton the first in history to post victories in all of Hong Kong's Group 1 races.

"The feeling going over the line--it was a combination of everything!" Purton told Morgan. "I've come close to winning this race so many times, it's been very frustrating and after missing the bob in the previous race, to win this was a sense of relief."

With a short field signed on and with the memory of **Time Warp (GB)** (Archipenko)'s front-running score last time out in the G1 Citi Hong Kong Gold Cup still fresh in his mind, Purton was intent on keeping Exultant closer to the pace, and the gelding was given a relatively positive ride from the stalls to take up a more forward position.



Exultant guts it out in the QE II Cup | HKJC photo

G1 QE II Cup Cont.

Nevertheless, Time Warp was enjoying a fairly soft time of it on the engine, but knowing that he had the superior staying animal underneath him, Purton allowed Exultant to roll forward and put the leader to the sword with fully six furlongs to race. The tempo increased noticeably in the middle stages--the internal half-mile from the 1200m to the 400m was a wicked :45.41--and Time Warp was beginning to feel it when push came to shove. Exultant finally swatted that one away in upper stretch and, though he was by Purton's own admission 'running on empty' in the late stages, the dual Hong Kong champion willed himself to the wire first. **Eagle Way (Aus)** (More Than Ready) finished willingly to pick up third prize money for the second time in three years, while Hong Kong Derby runner-up **Playa del Puente (Ire)** (Elzaam {Aus}) did not disgrace in fourth.



Purton and Exultant post-race | HKJC photo

"I didn't want a repeat of last time, that didn't go well for us," Purton explained. "I had planned to be outside in the run but my guy showed no speed early, so I just had to wait until we got around that first corner and then allow him to move into the race."

Pedigree Notes

Exultant, third to Churchill (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) and future two-time G1 Dubai World Cup hero Thunder Snow (Ire) (Helmet {Aus}) in the 2017 G1 Irish 2000 Guineas when trained as Irish correspondent by Michael Halford, is out of a half-sister to Irish highweight and GSW Caspian Prince (Ire) (Dylan Thomas {Ire}) as well as MGSW/G1SP Italian champion Spirit Quartz (Invincible Spirit {Ire}). Ironically, Exultant's yearling relation is a March-foaled filly by Churchill.

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Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong

FWD QE II CUP-G1, HK\$25,000,000 (£2,608,140/€2,979,830/A\$5,044,160/US\$3,225,682), 3yo/up, 2000mT, 2:00, gd.

1--**EXULTANT (IRE)**, 126, g, 6, by **Teofilo (Ire)**

1st Dam: Contrary (Ire), by **Mark of Esteem (Ire)**

2nd Dam: Crystal Gaze (Ire), by **Rainbow Quest**

3rd Dam: Jumilla, by **El Gran Senor**

O-Eddie Wong Ming Chak & Wong Leung Sau Hing; B-Ballygallon Stud Limited; T-Tony Cruz; J-Zac Purton; HK\$14,250,000. Lifetime Record: Ch. Middle Distance Horse & Ch. Stayer-HK, G1SP-Ire, 28-12-7-4, HK\$68,089,410. **Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree. Werk Nick Rating: A+++ *Triple Plus*.**

2--**Furore (NZ)**, 126, g, 5, **Pierro (Aus)**--**Stormy Choice (Aus)**, by **Redoute's Choice (Aus)**. (NZ\$210,000 Ylg '16 NZBJAN). O-Lee Sheung Chau; B-G S A Bloodstock Pty Ltd; T-Tony Cruz; J-Karis Teetan; HK\$5,500,000.

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3--**Eagle Way (Aus)**, 126, g, 7, **More Than Ready**--**Wedgetail Eagle (Aus)**, by **Lure**. (A\$200,000 Ylg '14 INGEAS). O-Siu Pak Kwan; B-Segenhoe Thoroughbreds Australia Pty Ltd; T-John Mooore; J-Neil Callan; HK\$2,500,000.

Margins: 3/4, 2HF, 1 1/4. Odds: 1-2, 26-5, 24-1.

Also Ran: **Playa del Puente (Ire)**, **Time Warp (GB)**, **Glorious Dragon (Ire)**, **Elusive State (Aus)**.

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Sunday, Tokyo, Japan

SANKEI SPORTS SHO FLORA S.-G2, ¥100,780,000
(US\$937,723/£758,119/€866,515), Tokyo, 4-26, 3yo, f, 2000mT,
1:58.70, fm.

1--**WIN MARILYN (JPN)**, 119, f, 3, by **Screen Hero (Jpn)**

1st Dam: Cosmo Cielo (Aus), by **Fusaichi Pegasus**

2nd Dam: Shorwon (Aus), by **Buena Shore**

3rd Dam: April Wonder (Aus), by **Newton Wonder (GB)**

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. 1ST GROUP WIN. O-Win Inc.; B-Big Red Farm (Jpn); T-Takahisa Tezuka; J-Takeshi Yokoyama.

¥53,246,000. Lifetime Record: 4-3-0-0. *1/2 to Win Malerei (Jpn) (Matsurida Gogh {Jpn}), GSW-Jpn, \$701,941. **8th SW & 8th GSW for her sire (by Grass Wonder). **Werk Nick Rating: D.**

Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.

2--**Ho O Peaceful (Jpn)**, 119, f, 3, Orfevre (Jpn)--Tsurumaru Onepiece (Jpn), by King Kamehameha (Jpn). (¥29,000,000 Wlg '17 JRHAJUL). O-Yoshihisa Ozasa; B-Northern Farm (Jpn); ¥21,356,000.

3--**Juana (Jpn)**, 119, f, 3, Rulership (Jpn)--Isabel (Jpn), by Deep Impact (Jpn). O-Hideko Kondo; B-Northern Farm (Jpn); ¥13,178,000

Margins: NK, NK, 2. Odds: 10.40, 3.80, 12.90.

Also Ran: Shonan Hallelujah (Jpn), Sky Groove (Jpn), Charade (Jpn), Red le Reve (Jpn), Retrouvailles (Jpn), Human Comedy (Jpn), Voliamo (Jpn), Elevatezza (Jpn), Seiun Venus (Jpn), Red Sasha (Jpn), T. M. Flora (Jpn), Champ de Fleurs (Jpn), Whispering Hope (Jpn), Rivage (Jpn).

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Win Marilyn won for the third time in four starts when tackling the G2 Sankei Sports Sho Flora S. at Tokyo on Sunday. The fourth choice settled in a stalking fourth early and saved every inch of ground for the backstretch run. Swung off the fence as the field straightened, the chestnut split horses at the 400-metre mark while racing through a dust cloud, drifted back to the rail and had just enough left to fend off the rallying Ho O Peaceful by a neck. It was the same margin back to Juana in third.

A winner on debut at Nakayama going this distance on Dec. 21, the daughter of Cosmo Cielo dropped to fifth in her 3-year-old bow there cutting back to 1800m on Jan. 26. Back on top in Nakayama's Mimosa Sho on Mar. 31, the sophomore miss was sent off at 10-1.

Pedigree Notes

The eighth black-type and group winner for her sire, she is the first female SW for Screen Hero, who has also sired six-time Group 1 winner Maurice (Jpn) and G1 Arima Kinen victor Gold Actor (Jpn). The winner is a half-sister to fellow Hail to Reason tail-male descendant Win Malerei (Jpn) (Matsurida Gogh {Jpn}),

who won the G3 Radio Nikkei Sho and four other winners in Japan. Her dam is a product of one of GI Kentucky Derby winner Fusaichi Pegasus's many Southern Hemisphere sojourns to Coolmore Australia. Win Marilyn is his 68th black-type winner and 32nd group winner as a broodmare sire.

Sunday, Tokyo, Japan

YOMIURI MILERS CUP-G2, ¥114,060,000
(US\$1,061,289/£858,019/€980,697), Kyoto, 4-26, 4yo/up,
1600mT, 1:32.40, fm.

1--**INDY CHAMP (JPN)**, 128, h, 5, **Stay Gold (Jpn)**

1st Dam: Will Power (Jpn), by **King Kamehameha (Jpn)**

2nd Dam: Tokio Reality, by **Meadowlake**

3rd Dam: What a Reality, by **In Reality**

O-Silk Racing; B-Northern Farm (Jpn); T-Hidetaka Otonashi; J-Yuichi Fukunaga. ¥59,822,000. Lifetime Record: Ch. Sprinter & Ch. Miller-Jpn, MG1SW-Jpn, 15-8-1-2. *1/2 to A Will A Way (Jpn) (Just a Way {Jpn}), GSW, \$1,084,513. **Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree. Werk Nick Rating: A+++.**
***Triple Plus*.**

2--**Besten Dank (Jpn)**, 123, h, 8, Taiki Shuttle--Yukino Mermaid (Jpn), by Special Week (Jpn). O-Yoshimi Ichikawa Holdings; B-Hattori Farm (Jpn); ¥24,252,000.

3--**Vin de Garde (Jpn)**, 123, c, 4, Deep Impact (Jpn)--Skia (Fr), by Motivator (GB). O-Shadai Race Horse; B-Shadai Farm (Jpn); ¥15,126,000.

Margins: 2, 1HF, HF. Odds: 0.60, 56.30, 2.90.

Also Ran: Lord Quest (Jpn), Val d'Isere (Jpn), Red Veyron (Jpn), Lance of Puraana (Jpn), Black Moon (Jpn), Riko Walther (Jpn), Carvalho (Jpn), Time Trip (Jpn).

DNF: Fiano Romano (Aus).

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