

## FASIG TO HOLD JULY, SARATOGA, NY-BRED SALES IN ONE KENTUCKY SEPTEMBER SALE



Fasig-Tipton Saratoga sales complex | Fasig-Tipton photo

Fasig-Tipton will consolidate its July, Saratoga, and New York-Bred yearling sales into one selected yearling auction--the 2020 Selected Yearlings Showcase--to be held Wednesday and Thursday, September 9-10, at its Lexington, Kentucky facility. The company came to the decision after evaluating the progression of the COVID-19 pandemic for the last several weeks and it was made after consultation with Keeneland, whose September Yearling Sale begins Sept. 14.

"We are excited to offer our buyers and sellers a selected yearling venue in Kentucky," said Fasig-Tipton President Boyd Browning. "We envision this catalogue will include yearlings that would traditionally fit our Saratoga Sale, as well as those that would fall in the upper echelons of our July and New York-Bred yearling sales."

The July, Saratoga, and NY-Bred Selected Yearling Sales will return to their traditional dates in 2021. The company intends to conduct the remainder of its 2020 auction calendar as scheduled, including its upcoming Midlantic 2-Year-Olds in Training Sale June 29-30 in Timonium, Maryland. Fasig-Tipton will also offer a group of selected New York-Bred yearlings as part of the Saratoga Fall Mixed Sale Oct. 20 in Saratoga Springs. **Cont. p3**

## ECLIPSE RUNNERS MAKING THEIR MARK AT OAKLAWN by Alan Carasso

The pickings are reasonably slim during this period of virus-restricted racing, but horses carrying the silks of Aron Wellman's Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners have prospered in recent weeks at Oaklawn Park, with placings in some of the tracks major stakes events.

The suddenly fragmented Racing Festival of the South kicked off Apr. 18 with the running of the GIII Count Fleet Sprint H., won for the third time by Whitmore (Pleasantly Perfect), and the GI Apple Blossom H. Apr. 18. Eclipse's **Point of Honor** (Curlin), wide-trip winner of the GII Black-Eyed Susan S. and placed in the GI CCA Oaks and GI Alabama S. in 2019, covered herself in glory in the latter event with a fast-finishing third to California-based Ce Ce (Elusive Quality) and Ollie's Candy (Candy Ride {Arg}). **Cont. p6**

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**A Perfect Match!** Dual G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe winner Treve (Fr) (Motivator {GB}) pictured with Kingman (GB) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) at Juddmonte's Banstead Manor late last week. | Juddmonte Farms

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## Fasig to Hold July, Saratoga, New York-Bred Sales in Kentucky *(cont. from p1)*

"2020 has been a difficult year so far, and we are all being forced to make decisions that we never envisioned having to make," said Browning. "We waited as long as possible to come to these determinations, conducting our due diligence to ensure that we make informed decisions that are in the best interests of our buyers and sellers."



Boyd Browning | Fasig-Tipton photo

"The 2-year-old sales season needs to conclude before yearling sales begin--which makes a traditional July Sale unfeasible," Browning continued. "Our two Saratoga auctions are tied closely to the race meet. We desperately want to see a traditional Saratoga race meet as much as anyone. However, the details for the race meet--including whether spectators will be permitted-- are understandably not finalized. We are at a point in time where we must provide our sellers with a definitive schedule so that they can make sales plans for their yearlings."

Browning continued, "We considered several different dates in August and early September for a Kentucky sale, but the Sept. 9 and 10 dates make the most sense from a variety of perspectives. For the travel convenience of buyers, as well as coordination of potential health and safety protocols, our sale and Keeneland September are best served to be positioned closer together. Fasig-Tipton and Keeneland have been in steady contact with one another and are working together in a cooperative effort to do what's best for our industry during these challenging times."

Keeneland President and CEO Bill Thomason said, "Keeneland is committed to do everything possible to help our industry navigate these extraordinary times. These past few weeks, we have had many conversations with Fasig-Tipton about constructive efforts to benefit the industry, including scheduling of sales and consistent safety protocols." **Cont. p4**

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Thomason continued, "We will continue to work together on policies and measures to keep participants safe and provide assurances to our customers as we move forward."

## Fasig, Keeneland Cooperation Lauded

Terry Finley of West Point Thoroughbreds was among many praising the spirit of cooperation between the two sales companies.

"It is heartening," said Finley. "I know one thing. These things don't happen in an hour after a quick meeting. There's a lot of outreach to the sellers, the buyers, the facilities, and consideration of the world situation in the Thoroughbred world. I'm a big fan of the sales companies we have in existence today and they are doing everything they can to balance everybody's interests. When we do that and we collaborate, we're always in a better position."

Finley said that it should be a model for the rest of the sport to follow.

"Let's be honest: I fully expect and we should all demand that more of our top leaders and our organizations cooperate with one another as soon as possible. I know a lot of times it has been easy in the past to say, 'We need cooperation,' so here we're seeing cooperation and we should give credit where credit is due."

Doug Cauthen agreed.

"The effort and cooperation of the two sales companies has shown great leadership and insight during these difficult times and the fact that they're going to share protocols and create best practices that will make it easier for both sellers and buyers to navigate the sales is an integral and key part of making this whole sales season happen. This only makes it easier and logical to sell and shop at both, no different than it was when it was at Saratoga. Kudos."

Browning said that unique times call for unique measures.

"I think that both sales companies realized that cooperation in 2020, during this unprecedented time, was the right thing to do for both sellers and buyers in the marketplace."

## Derby Provides Fitting Backdrop

The Fasig-Tipton Saratoga sale annually takes place against the backdrop of world-class racing across the street, but this year the auction will be held in the shadow of the pageantry of the Kentucky Derby, which will be held Sept. 5. The timing is ideal, said Justin Casse, who shops at both Keeneland and Fasig-Tipton every year.

"I am very happy that they went this route and that they decided to have it in the days following the Kentucky Derby," said Casse.

"I think it's a good way to come off the heels of the Kentucky Derby and go right into the sale, much like they do with the Preakness with their sale in Maryland," Casse continued. "This will be followed by a sale following the Derby, which gives an adequate amount of time leading up to the sale, and an adequate time after it leading up to Keeneland. I have already reached out to my partners to nominate some horses to it."

Casse also said that it was gratifying to see the sales companies, traditionally competitors, working in tandem for the benefit of the buying and selling public.

"I think it is crucial that the industry works together," he said. "My hope is that all of the American sales companies would have been consulting with each other from the beginning, because uncertainty doesn't help any of us. In the game that we play, there's enough uncertainty we have to prepare for as it is. The more certainty we can give the buyers and sellers, the better off we all will be."

Brian Graves of Gainesway, which traditionally consigns horses to all three auctions, agreed the Derby would provide a fitting backdrop for the 2020 sale.

"It's good that we will have an opportunity to showcase Saratoga-type horses around a big race meet and especially a big race day," said Graves. "I think it's smart of Fasig to combine the upper end of the July market with the Saratoga market and also spotlight the select New York-breds. I think it would be difficult if you had to wait on that [New York-bred] sale until October in New York with no race meet going on."

Graves continued, "Obviously we will support the auction, because it's always important to have more than one place to sell your horses. Drastic times call for drastic measures and I think Fasig always does a good job at handling things the best they can."

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**Brian Graves** | Fasig-Tipton photo

## New York-Bred Quandary for Sellers

Denali Stud is typically a leading consignor at Fasig-Tipton Saratoga, the New York-Bred sale, and Keeneland September, and vice president Conrad Bandoroff praised the move.

"I think under these extenuating circumstances, they've had to really come together and make some hard choices," he said. "With it looking more and more each day like there will not be spectators at Saratoga, it made the sales untenable. I know in our ongoing discussions with Fasig, there were several dates they were considering, one being in August, and I think with how aggressive Governor Beshear has been in Kentucky, this makes the most sense logistically because buyers and agents will now come to Kentucky one time and that will help in whatever proposal they put in front of the governor's office: here are the protocols we're going to follow at our auctions and hopefully it's a plan he'll approve. I have to give credit to both sales companies for working together for the benefit of the industry."

Bandoroff said that while the situation wasn't ideal, they would offer their top New York-breds in the sale as well.

"With our upper-end New York-breds that fit the criteria, we will support the Fasig-Tipton sale," he said. "It's unfortunate we won't be able to have the New York-bred sale in Saratoga because it is our belief that's the best place to sell New York-breds, but it's difficult. I think there will be good support for that section of the sale."



**Becky Thomas** | Photos by Z

Becky Thomas said her New York-based Sequel Bloodstock would likely retain many of its yearlings with an eye towards selling them at the juvenile sales next year.

"I applaud Fasig-Tipton and Keeneland for working together and trying to work towards the best possible solution and I certainly understand Fasig-Tipton's position," Thomas said. "For us, big sellers in New York with New York-breds, without spectators at the racetrack, we don't have a buyer base.

Throwing an extraordinary number of horses on a market without a buyer base is not something for me. I want to take a much greater slice of horses to the 2-year-old sales next year that would ordinarily be in the yearling sales.

She continued, "The ability to maximize our New York program requires me to put those horses in front of a New York buying base. It's a much more expensive endeavor to be able to breed and sell horses that are New York-bred. We have a lot of travel expenses, state income tax in addition to federal income tax. The cost of doing business is much higher, so I must put those horses in front of the people that will give me the highest opportunity to earn the most."

The Kentucky-based Hunter Valley Farm is another major presence selling in the New York-bred market, annually purchasing weanlings at the Fasig-Tipton Fall Sale to pinhook at the yearling auction in August.

"I think it will be difficult to attract an audience to New York this year in the present circumstances," the farm's Adrian Regan said. "So the move to Kentucky is a good move, but we will miss Saratoga this year. When we go to New York, we are going to sell to the home team, that's why we do it. That's why Fergus [Galvin] goes up to shop in October and that's why we go back up to sell because you are bringing your product to the home town. Obviously, it's not going to be the same having it in Kentucky, but it's a very fair compromise at the moment in the present climate. Full compliments to Fasig for announcing their plans early so we can make our plans. And it's great to see Fasig and Keeneland working together. We are grateful to them for coming together to support us."

Dave Reid of Preferred Equine has been consigning yearlings to the New York-bred sale for several years. He also operates the Lexington Selected Yearling Sale for Standardbreds, the leading Standardbred yearling sale, scheduled to be held Oct. 6-10 this year.

"We'll consign our New York-breds to the Fasig-Tipton sale in Lexington," said Reid. "Being based out of Westchester County, New York, we've been dealing with the COVID situation from early on, including the loss of three horsemen in our industry. I've been trying to keep in constant contact with industry players from Canada, the U.S. and Europe in my role as a sales manager for Lexington Selected to get a gauge on what everyone is thinking, along with watching the daily press conferences with [New York] Governor [Andrew] Cuomo and [New Jersey] Governor [Phil] Murphy. Obviously, the COVID situation is very fluid, as everyone knows, and with the uncertainty of the Saratoga meet, I can understand the management of Fasig-Tipton making this announcement. Preferred Equine has always been treated very fairly by Boyd and his team, and we'll look forward to supporting them by taking our New York-bred consignment to Lexington."

# FAST & SHARP!

*Aidan O'Brien selects three Air Force Blue juveniles he is looking forward to this season.*

**CHIEF LITTLE HAWK** - Bay Colt: **Air Force Blue** - Marylebone

Out of a Grade 1 winner in America, he is a half-brother to the useful Sloane Street.

“He is a sharp colt that shows plenty of speed at home. He looks one for the two-year-old races over five or six furlongs at Royal Ascot. He'll be ready to run as soon as racing starts again.”

**GIORGIO VASARI** - Bay Colt: **Air Force Blue** - Dream The Blues

He is a half-brother to the Group 1-winning juvenile **Sioux Nation**.

“He is a half-brother to a very fast and tough two-year-old in Sioux Nation and this colt looks to be cut from a very similar cloth. He's fast and sharp at home. He is a real sprinting type. He very much looks like a Royal Ascot horse and will be ready to run as soon as racing restarts.”

**HYDE PARK BARRACKS** - Bay Colt: **Air Force Blue** - Secret Charm

A half-brother to the Group 1-placed **Hidden Message**, he realised €250,000 as a yearling.

“He is a fast, very sharp colt. He looks a real Royal Ascot two-year-old. I'm not sure how far he'll stay, but sprinting should suit him well. We'd hope to run him as soon as racing recommences.”

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Reid said he felt that others would feel the same.

“Having sold at Saratoga the last five or six years, and while attending the Keeneland September sale, I see similar buyers at both venues, and I believe that the buyers in the marketplace will make arrangements to have representation at the adjusted sale date.”

Philip Antonacci, Preferred’s Thoroughbred Sales and Bloodstock Executive, Tweeted his support as well.

“We will be there in full force ready to service our clients’ needs,” he said. “Excited about a new opportunity and to show off some superstars. Thanks for navigating these unprecedented times so well.”

## A Compact Schedule for Buyers

Jon Green is the racing manager for DJ Stables, which is based in New Jersey, and he said he thought the timing was ideal for people who have to travel to the sales from outside of Kentucky.

“There’s definitely precedence to doing this as far as having the sales be back-to-back,” said Green. “It works very well with Night of the Stars and Keeneland November. From a logistics standpoint for someone being from out of town, it couldn’t be scheduled any better. I think it’s ultra-convenient for an out-of-town outfit like us. It’s going to be the high-end horses who generally sell at the Saratoga sale, the better New York-breds, combined with the Book One Keeneland September horses. For our program, it couldn’t be drawn up any better.”

All yearlings catalogued in the Selected Yearlings Showcase will be approved on pedigree and physical conformation by Fasig-Tipton’s selection team over the next several weeks, ahead of the sale’s June 15 entry deadline.

Nominations for the Selected Yearlings Showcase are now open at [www.fasigtipton.com](http://www.fasigtipton.com). Yearlings already nominated to Fasig-Tipton’s July, Saratoga, and NY-Bred Yearlings Sale do not need to re-nominate. There is no fee to nominate.

To learn more about Fasig-Tipton’s 2020 Selected Yearlings Showcase sale, please visit [fasigshowcase.com](http://fasigshowcase.com).

Nominations close May 8. Entries close June 15.

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## Eclipse Runners Making Their Mark *(cont. from p1)*

“We were very pleased with her effort. Arguably it was the best race of her career,” Wellman commented. “She didn’t come out of there as cleanly and sharply as we might have liked, she kind of got pinched by her rivals to the inside and outside of her. Obviously the pace was conducive to being able to close into, but at the same time, I think the racetrack surface itself was playing advantageous to inside speed on the rest of the card.”

He continued, “So while the speed was fast, I thought the track bias was working against her big time. But no real excuses, the top two fillies are bonafide Grade I fillies. Ollie’s Candy ran unbelievably well to take all the heat and only get beat at the wire. Ce Ce is a stellar filly that I have watched develop for Michael McCarthy since the day she came into the barn. I’ve always known how good she could be.”



**Point of Honor (white shadow roll) flashes home to be third in the Apple Blossom | Coady**

Owned in partnership with Stetson Racing, Point of Honor--an \$825,000 Keeneland September buyback--has since returned to trainer George Weaver’s South Florida base at Palm Beach Downs.

“She arrived in good condition, sound and bright,” Wellman reported. “With no firm target on the calendar to point for, we’re just going to let her catch her breath and rejuvenate from a very hard race. She had to run really hard and we’ve always been very generous with the spacing of her races. Now we’ve got nothing to aim for, so I think the key is to get her energy level back up to a peak. She’s a filly that doesn’t require excessive training, she’s not an explosive work filly.”

While the operation’s marquee distaffer has no immediate objective, Eclipse, Chrysalis Stables and Robert LaPenta’s Todd Pletcher-conditioned **Farmington Road** (Quality Road) has the May 2 GI Arkansas Derby on his dance card courtesy of a strong runner-up effort in the Oaklawn S., a track-and-distance prep for the main event Apr. 11.



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“He’s a horse that from the day he came into Todd’s barn, he was going to be one that would appreciate stretching out to two turns--nine furlongs and beyond,” Wellman said. “We really used an old-school approach to his development. We gave him a race first time out going three-quarters at Belmont, he took a lot of dirt and got a good education out of it and ran an acceptable fifth at a distance we knew was going to be too short for him.”

The bay colt was second going Aqueduct’s one-turn mile Dec. 7 before making his sophomore debut on Florida’s Suncoast in early January.



Farmington Road winning his maiden at Tampa | *SV photography*

“We stepped him up through a gradual progression in terms of distance and we hand-picked a spot for him at Tampa around two turns and he ran a very credible race breaking his maiden,” Wellman said, referring to Farmington Road’s 1 3/4-length graduation at 1-5 Jan. 12. “We weren’t shy about getting aggressive about his campaign after that. We sent him to Louisiana for the GII Risen Star S. and he ran a sneaky good fourth in the faster division and was drawn very wide and had a wide trip against an inside speed bias. He didn’t draw into the Louisiana Derby and we were really forced to sit on him for a few months. As Todd said, ‘Note to self: don’t send a good 3-year-old colt to break his maiden at Tampa for such a small purse if there’s ever another pandemic,’” Wellman said with a laugh.

Drawn 12 of 13 in the Oaklawn S., he trailed for the opening half-mile before turning in a stinging stretch rally to finish a half-length adrift of Mr. Big News (Giant’s Causeway).

“We are fortunate and grateful to Oaklawn for staying open and putting on the Oaklawn S. and he ran dynamite,” Wellman said. “He did everything but win the race and he certainly lost nothing in defeat and continued to validate the notion that nine furlongs and beyond was going to be his strong suit. We decided to keep him at Oaklawn. By all accounts, his energy has been very good.”

Farmington Road, who will be ridden by Javier Castellano from gate 10 in the second division of Saturday’s GI Arkansas Derby, went a maintenance half-mile in :51.20 (72/83) over the Oaklawn main track Apr. 24.

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## FROM TDN LOOK: A CHANGING OF THE GUARD AT DENALI



Holly and Craig Bendoroff are starting to hand over the reins at Denali Stud to their son, Conrad | *Jon Siegel photo*

*by Kelsey Riley*

There really is something about horses; it seems to be simply impossible to fall out of love with them.

Craig Bendoroff tried once. Devastated after losing the use of his right arm in a horrific fall at Garden State Park in New Jersey in 1974 less than a year into a promising career as a jockey, Bendoroff decided he was done with the animals. He refocused his attention and enrolled at the University of Virginia--where he met, naturally, a professor that had horses.

“I think, initially, I had the mindset that I didn’t want anything to do with horses and it was probably still a pretty bitter pill to swallow,” Bendoroff recalled. “But by serendipity I met a professor who had a farm and had horses and lo and behold, I started to ride again. I met somebody who helped design a bridle so that I could ride with one hand and I got back into riding pretty seriously.”

The story goes that Bendoroff was bitten by the ‘horse bug’ after making friends as a kid whose father was a jockey, but he insists he was “born with a gene that I love horses.” It is apparent Bendoroff has passed that gene to his 28-year-old son and middle child Conrad who--in the 30th anniversary year of the family’s Denali Stud--is well on his way to taking over management and leading the business into its next phases.

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Craig Bandoroff and his wife Holly have certainly set a lofty standard. The farm sold its first million-dollar mare in 1998 at Keeneland November and the results have continued apace. Today, Denali Stud has raised or sold 35 Grade I winners and its consignment has brought in over \$650-million, including 55 seven-figure horses. The Bandoroffs managed the broodmare career of Hall of Famer Serena's Song (Rahy), and the 28-year-olds resides to this day at Denali alongside three daughters and one granddaughter. They raised and co-owned 2011 GI Kentucky Derby winner Animal Kingdom (Leroidesanimaux {Brz}), and celebrated two winners of the GI Belmont S. within three years in 2017 and 2019 in Tapwrit (Tapit) and Sir Winston (Awesome Again).

Craig and Holly Bandoroff have summited the highest peaks of the sport. But as such things go, the path wasn't always straightforward, and it certainly wasn't easy. It took heavy doses of hard work, dedication and determination to get to-and stay at--the top.

Accepting the fact that horses were in his life to stay after his fateful meeting at the University of Virginia, Bandoroff transferred to the University of Kentucky's College of Agriculture. It was there that he met Holly, and it was at that time that he called in favours from some of his racetrack contacts and wound up shadowing some of the top horsemen in the business, like Lee Eaton and Fred Seitz. A stint in New York working for Fasig-Tipton and Matchmaker followed, but in 1986 the Bandoroffs were called back to the Bluegrass when Craig received an offer to manage the sales operations of R.D. Hubbard's Crystal Springs Farm.

"I set up camp there and was involved in the farm end of things and the consigning end of things for Crystal Springs Farm," Bandoroff said. "One thing led to another and Mr. Hubbard decided he wanted to scale back and have his own horses, and we were at the stage where we wanted to scale up, not back. And so we were fortunate that he let us continue to stay there and lease [the facility] and gave us some of his horses, a base to work from."

Crystal Springs served as an able base on which the Bandoroffs built the foundation of their business acumen and clientele. In 1990, Denali Stud was born with the purchase of an initial 300-acre plot, which over the ensuing years has grown to almost 800 acres comprising broodmare and yearling divisions in Paris, Kentucky. Looking back, Bandoroff reflects on the leaps of faith required to grow such a business.

"When I talk to young people, like when I give a lecture for the [Godolphin] Flying Start kids or when I used to teach a couple of classes at the University of Louisville, I'd always ask the question to them: 'what do you think is tougher, starting [a business] or keeping it going? And it's like the \$64,000 question. And we go around the room and inevitably, half of them say starting, half of

them say keeping it going. And I'd say, 'there's no question. Keeping it going is tougher.' Now, maybe that's because that's the moment that you're living in. But in the business we're in or the world we live in, nobody cares what you did yesterday; it's what are you going to do for me tomorrow?

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## THE ESSENCE OF WHAT DRAWS US TO THIS INDUSTRY

A video essay, by Headley Bell



About the time 'spring was about to sprung,' we all got hit...and hit very hard. As a way to adapt and hopefully share, about 8:30 each morning I posted short videos on Twitter. The grass was just starting to green and the birds were starting to sing and yes, we were welcoming our first crop of Oscar Performance babies here at Mill Ridge Farm. It made for a very uplifting setting and the response to these videos is heartwarming.

At the same time, Horse Country was actively working with their members and from that was born our virtual tours on Facebook. The idea that everyone was struggling with isolation, possibly sickness and certainly the unknown provided an outlet for virtual tours to be a respite.

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While we are still dealing in the unknown, we are further down the road and for the most part have managed remarkably well. We are reminded of the essence of what draws us to this industry and many more people have become fans.

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## WHO'S YOUR FAVORITE HORSE?

### CHRIS BAKER, THREE CHIMNEYS



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#### **Favorite: Sandpit (Brz)**

This is a difficult choice for me. I have had the good fortune in my professional career, both on the racetrack and in breeding farm management, to work with many outstanding racehorses and get to know them beyond the limited amount you learn from watching races or studying past performances.

From A.P. Indy, Kotashaan (Fr), Phone Chatter, Siphon (Brz), Soul of the Matter, Afternoon Deelites and Gentlemen (Arg) in racing to Saint Liam, Quality Road, Raging Fever, Summer Colony, Gygistar, Gun Runner and Guarana on the production and management side, I have been lucky to be around some great competitors.

Ultimately though, my favorite racehorse of all time is **Sandpit (Brz)** (Baynoun {Ire}). Sandpit is my favorite because he was a gentleman and a warrior. His temperament, athleticism, competitiveness and durability made him great. He brought his best and slugged it out every day in training and in every race he ran. Yet, as fierce a competitor as he was on the track, he was equally as kind and gentle around the barn once the tack was off.

I remember when he first arrived at Richard Mandella's barn (where I was assistant at the time) from Brazil as a 3-year-old and Mandella asked what I thought of him. I said that I really liked him; a big, handsome, powerful and scopey horse, but that I wasn't sure how long he would last, as he already had some roundness to both front ankles. Well 36 starts with nine Grade I wins over a seven-year racing career later, I had clearly underestimated how tough and resilient this athlete was.

In the end, though, his temperament is what makes him my favorite; he was as kind, genuine and honest as any racehorse I have ever been around.

#### **Best: Secretariat**

For me the best racehorse of modern times in American racing is **Secretariat** (Bold Ruler). It is very difficult to compare horses that have never raced against each other. As such, to measure and decide between Man 'O War, Citation, Native Dancer, Dr. Fager, Seattle Slew, Affirmed, Spectacular Bid, American Pharoah and other great racehorses of the past 100 years (even though Seattle Slew and Affirmed did face each other) is a challenging process that can easily support many of the candidates as being the best.

Secretariat is the best in my book because of his accomplishments in a two-year racing career where he was precocious, brilliant, sound and long-winded enough to win the most important races in this country from six to 12 furlongs. The ultimate American racehorse (and stallion prospect) has the speed and precocity to win the championship-caliber events at two and the class, stamina and durability at three to compete in or win Triple Crown events before besting older horses later in the year. Secretariat did all of this and more.

The deciding factor for me in choosing Secretariat over all others is tied to the five-week span from May 5 through June 9, 1973, where he won the Triple Crown and set track records in each race. Racehorses only have to beat who they run against. The competitiveness of the fields each of the greats faced and beat in their careers can be hard to compare but the clock is constant. So, for that five-week period in the spring of the 3-year-old year where greatness in American racing is measured, no horse has been faster or better than Secretariat.

#### **PHILIP ANTONACCI, PREFERRED EQUINE THOROUGHBREDS**

**Favorite:** My all-time favorite racehorse would have to be **Rachel Alexandra** (Medaglia d'Oro). Her 3-year-old year, I was a 14-year-old spending the summer with my brother, who was training standardbreds, and I couldn't get enough of racing, both breeds. It just seemed like the perfect year of racing drama: longshot wins the Derby, Rachel romps in the Oaks, they meet up in the Preakness; she asserts her dominance, she dominates the boys in the Haskell, and blitzes the boys again in the Woodward. I vividly remember seeing her in the Saratoga paddock and knowing that I wanted to spend my life aiming to work with an athlete like her.

**Best:** I must qualify my assertion of the best racehorse of all time as one that I have seen in my lifetime. For me this is **American Pharoah** (Pioneerof the Nile), the one who ticked all the boxes to qualify him as the greatest: a champion 2-year-old, a model of consistency, and a Triple Crown winner. It amazes me that he was so good all the time. As we all know, racehorses can be highly inconsistent, even the top ones. For Pharoah to perform at such a high level and to do so from his 2-year-old season, through the Triple Crown, and to culminate in a Breeders' Cup Classic win is nothing short of remarkable.

Not only his physical ability to withstand a campaign as such but his mental fortitude to handle the pressure of racing, training, and his immense popularity leads me to believe that he is the greatest that I have ever seen.

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### AMERICAN PHAROAH SPECIAL TO AIR ON NBC

With the GI Kentucky Derby postponed until September, NBC will present a special show Saturday--the traditional "first Saturday in May"--headlined by American Pharoah's Kentucky Derby win five years ago. The show begins at 3 p.m. ET.

The three-hour *The First Saturday In May: American Pharoah's Run to the Triple Crown* will look back at American Pharoah's down-to-the-wire victory in the 141st Kentucky Derby, while introducing new stories and content.

In addition, the broadcast will highlight Churchill Downs' first-ever virtual horse race--*The Kentucky Derby: Triple Crown Showdown*, a computer-simulated version of a race between the 13 past Triple Crown winners under the historic Twin Spires. Called by NBC Sports' Triple Crown race caller Larry Collmus and created by Inspired Entertainment, the virtual race will feature the 13 past Triple Crown winners and use data algorithms, including historical handicapping information about each horse to help determine the probability of their potential finishing positions.

Beginning Thursday, fans will be able to visit [www.KentuckyDerby.com](http://www.KentuckyDerby.com) to choose their favorite horse to win the virtual race and join Churchill Downs in making a charitable donation to COVID-19 emergency relief efforts.

Following the special NBC Derby Day show, NBCSN presents *TVG Trackside Live* at 6 p.m. ET, headlined by live coverage of the GI Arkansas Derby from Oaklawn Park.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

**JEFF BOWEN**

I start my day each morning reading and enjoying your newsletter. While I appreciate the many ongoing efforts for change, it is far past time to address the 600-pound gorilla in horse racing, that is cheating. Along with equine safety, there is absolutely nothing more important to change right now. The public perception is that our sport is fixed. Everyone knows about the cheating, the Mar. 9 indictments were of no surprise to anyone. The question is, are we going to do anything before it's too late.

The case for a central authority, uniform drug standards, and an aggressive penalty system is no longer in question. It needs to happen yesterday. But there is more we can do to discourage the cheaters. With today's easy access, affordable, and comprehensive technology solutions I suggest we implement the following:

1) Install close circuit cameras in every stall of every racetrack and training center in the country. Record the activity 24/7. Footage can easily be accessed when questions arise. Share the cost of this system among all industry participants, A 0.25% percent of handles, purses, sales proceeds, etc., would easily fund this. I can't fathom too many of the cheaters wouldn't think twice before the frequent injections or the clandestine pre-race funnels.

2) Use data technology to monitor trainer trends and look for aberrations. Racehorse Analytics has a great yet simple database of trainer stats showing win percentages since the March indictments. I realize that a month and a half is too small a sample size, but I'd sure like to hear from (or at least put pressure on) the trainers whose win percentage plummets by the end of the year. Everyone has good and bad streaks, but does anyone really believe there's nothing questionable about a trainer winning 40% off the claim. Honest trainers have absolutely nothing to fear, in fact they ought to see their numbers improve on a level playing field.

Every major sport (and business for that matter) uses technology to improve its product. If we want to have a sport going forward, it's way past time we do the same.

Thanks,  
Jeff Bowen, Gryphon Investments LLC

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My name is Kenny Toye,

I manage a farm in upstate New York named Waldorf Farm. We are all hoping praying and waiting for racing to open up here as soon as possible.

A few years ago I was diagnosed with Stage 3 colon cancer and during my Radiation visits (25) and chemo infusions (12), my escape was watching horse racing and following the commercial Thoroughbred sale market.

Horse racing and the horses lifted me up during that time and I would even say that the industry saved my life. I took to a pen and paper and would like to share a piece I wrote. Feel free to share if you see fit.

.... And on the eighth day, God looked down on his planned paradise and said 'My farmer needs a thrill'

So God made Horse Racing.

God said, "I need an animal that starts running on the day that it is born. Will herd cows, transport the family, complement a work day, and deliver the mail.

So God made a Horse.

God said, "This horse will have an imposing frame, be strong enough to carry a giant and gentle enough to taxi a child. My horse will run a mile in under two minutes, retire at the age of four, support the disabled, protect against crime. Know how to love and will not judge."

So God made the Thoroughbred.

God said, "I'll need somebody to train the horse. A true horseman who can gallop a colt and back-track a filly. They will provide for their family, abide by the in-laws, be a mother, a father, an icon and a role model. He said, "I need a figure that my horse will trust, who wakes up before the sun and finishes work after dusk. They will travel across the country for days with their horses and hay. They'll know training horses is an honor and be an ally to the farmer.

I will label their DNA: "the cowboy way."

So God made a Horse Trainer.

God said, "I need to have somebody willing to guide a horse for the race, live life with no fear and put life at risk in the starting gate. Wire-to-wire or off the pace, they will have skills necessary to navigate the horse to a win. They know being "overweight" is a sin. I need someone with a clock in their head that time fractions and finishing second place earns them "no satisfaction." Rider's up in the saddle with a crop. One bad step? Get trampled, kicked, dumped and dropped. Alleviation from pain is in the grip of the reins. They acquire peace from a Thoroughbred mane.

This person will be small but strong. Injuries won't keep them out of the saddle for long. With each horse's stride, every race that they ride: The Run For Roses and pride will keep them alive.

So God made a Jockey.

God said, "I need settings to show a race, where time is passed with grace. Dreams understood by few, will come true from a claiming race.

A property where relationships are formed and traditions stay warm. Where family is founded and a \$2 bet can earn you \$1,000.

The boundaries will be a landscaped with perfection, there will be beauty in every direction. A place where large crowds are welcomed and the horse receives support in every outcome. The dirt will be sacred, waste goes un-wasted.

I will fill each barn with life, sanctified by all types: horses, birds, a mouse and a fly, even goats will apply. Where men can socialize with their cronies and a woman's best man is her pony."

So God made the Racetrack.

God said, "I need a profession for the toughest people I create, an art that my farmer appreciates, Where the rooster's call means "you're late." A job where retirement and death happen in the same breath. You will find luck from a shoe, respect is defined by few. The greatest depressions revived from a two-minute ride."

He said:

"I will have my best to display on this Sport's biggest day, The First Saturday in May."

So God made the Sport of Kings.

-Kenny Toye

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**GLORIOUS VIEW, 11, Pleasant Tap--Cayuga's Waters, by Langfuhr**

Foal born Mar. 26, a colt by Lord Nelson

Will be bred back to Arrogate.

Owned by Brant Laue.

Boarded at Hurstland Farm.

Accomplishments: GSW of \$307,190.

**LUCKY NOTION, 14, Great Notion--Riot Lucky, by Patriotically**  
Foal born Mar. 21, a colt by Goldencents.

Will be bred back to Nyquist.

Owned by Daniel McConnell.

Boarded at Northview Stallions.

Accomplishments: Dam of Saint Main Event (Redeemed), SP, \$291,886; Prince Lucky (Corinthian), MGSW, \$607,570.



**Lucky Notion and Goldencents colt**

**REVE ENCHANTE, 10, Medaglia d'Oro--Reve de Fille, by Storm Cat**

Foal born Mar. 30, a filly by Justify.

Will be bred back to Omaha Beach.

Owned by Hugh Owen, George Saufley, Louis Brooks Ranch LTD, Boyd Brooks.

Boarded at Taylor Made Farm.

Accomplishments: Dam of Dream It Is (Shackleford), GSW, \$175,544.



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**Friday, Oaklawn, post time: 6:09 p.m. EDT**

**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	Lanerier	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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Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	<b>Into Mischief</b> <i>(2005) by Harlan's Holiday FYR: 2010 Crops: 9</i>	<b>13</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>9</b>	--	--	<b>222</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>300,000</b>	<b>4,091,935</b>
					<i>Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY Fee: \$175,000 Authentic</i>						
2	<b>Munnings</b> <i>(2006) by Speightstown FYR: 2012 Crops: 7</i>	<b>7</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	--	--	<b>146</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>300,000</b>	<b>2,551,683</b>
					<i>Stands: Ashford Stud KY Fee: \$30,000 Warrior's Charge</i>						
3	<b>Curlin</b> <i>(2004) by Smart Strike FYR: 2010 Crops: 9</i>	<b>6</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>10</b>	--	<b>1</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>390,000</b>	<b>3,198,055</b>
					<i>Stands: Hill 'n' Dale Farms KY Fee: \$175,000 Gladiator King</i>						
4	<b>Scat Daddy</b> <i>(2004) by Johannesburg FYR: 2009 Crops: 8</i>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>483,588</b>	<b>2,183,693</b>
					<i>Stands: Ashford Stud USA (Dead) Con Te Partiro</i>						
5	<b>Tapit</b> <i>(2001) by Pulpit FYR: 2006 Crops: 13</i>	<b>5</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>12</b>	--	--	<b>162</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>1,000,000</b>	<b>4,612,993</b>
					<i>Stands: Gainesway Farm KY Fee: \$200,000 Tacitus</i>						
6	<b>Uncle Mo</b> <i>(2008) by Indian Charlie FYR: 2013 Crops: 6</i>	<b>5</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>7</b>	--	--	<b>153</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>377,400</b>	<b>2,921,280</b>
					<i>Stands: Ashford Stud KY Fee: \$125,000 Modernist</i>						
7	<b>The Factor</b> <i>(2008) by War Front FYR: 2014 Crops: 5</i>	<b>5</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	--	<b>1</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>282,500</b>	<b>2,209,787</b>
					<i>Stands: Lane's End Farm KY Fee: \$17,500 Factor This</i>						
8	<b>Speightstown</b> <i>(1998) by Gone West FYR: 2006 Crops: 13</i>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>1,295,707</b>	<b>4,523,623</b>
					<i>Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$70,000 Mozu Superflare</i>						
9	<b>Paynter</b> <i>(2009) by Awesome Again FYR: 2015 Crops: 4</i>	<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	--	--	<b>135</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>136,100</b>	<b>1,921,603</b>
					<i>Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$10,000 Ring Leader</i>						
10	<b>Quality Road</b> <i>(2006) by Elusive Quality FYR: 2012 Crops: 7</i>	<b>4</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	--	--	<b>128</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>124,000</b>	<b>1,794,986</b>
					<i>Stands: Lane's End Farm KY Fee: \$200,000 Captain Scotty</i>						
11	<b>Midnight Lute</b> <i>(2003) by Real Quiet FYR: 2010 Crops: 9</i>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	--	<b>1</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>3,500,000</b>	<b>4,749,203</b>
					<i>Stands: Hill 'n' Dale Farms KY Fee: \$15,000 Midnight Bisou</i>						
12	<b>Constitution</b> <i>(2011) by Tapit FYR: 2017 Crops: 2</i>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>598,300</b>	<b>1,464,398</b>
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13	<b>English Channel</b> <i>(2002) by Smart Strike FYR: 2009 Crops: 10</i>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	--	--	<b>128</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>231,958</b>	<b>1,399,941</b>
					<i>Stands: Calumet Farm KY Fee: \$35,000 Emblem Storm</i>						
14	<b>I'll Have Another</b> <i>(2009) by Flower Alley FYR: 2014 Crops: 5</i>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	--	<b>1</b>	--	--	<b>159</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>462,081</b>	<b>3,643,056</b>
					<i>Stands: Ballena Vista Farm CA Fee: \$6,000 Another Truth (Jpn)</i>						
15	<b>Candy Ride (Arg)</b> <i>(1999) by Ride the Rails FYR: 2006 Crops: 13</i>	<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>	--	<b>3</b>	--	<b>1</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>168,000</b>	<b>1,953,988</b>
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**IN JAPAN:**

**Silver Jack**, c, 3, **Fed Biz**. See 'US-Bred & Sired Winners in Japan.'  
**Lecce Baroque**, f, 3, **Uncle Mo**. See 'US-Bred & Sired Winners in Japan.'

**Little Monster**, f, 4, **Into Mischief**--Pashmina, by Pentelicus.  
 Tokyo, 4-25, Allowance (\$196k), 7f, 1:23.7. Lifetime Record:  
 15-3-4-4, \$368,056. O-Chizu Yoshida; B-Off The Hook Partners  
 LLC & Farm III Enterprises LLC (FL); T-Ryo Takei. \*1/2 to Pashito  
 the Che (Flatter), MSW, \$568,170. \*\*\$85,000 Ylg '17 OBSJAN;  
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**Saturday's Results:**

**7th-Tokyo, ¥13,830,000 (\$129,039), Allowance, 3yo, 1400m, 1:23.6, ft.**  
**LECCE BAROQUE (f, 3, Uncle Mo--My Fast One, by Elusive Quality)** demolished a field of maidens by 10 lengths over this track and trip Feb. 8 (video, gate 10) and was the 1-2 chalk to follow up in this first go against winners. In a virtual carbon copy of that effort, the dark bay was away exceptionally quickly beneath Christophe Lemaire and galloped them along on a good pace. Held together into the final 400 meters, Lecce Baroque was slipped a bit of rein approaching the final furlong and sprinted clear under her own courage to post a nine-length triumph. Taylor Made consigned Lecce Baroque to the 2018 Keeneland September sale, where Carlo Vaccarezza picked her out for \$410,000. Prepared by Top Line Sales for the OBS March

Sale the following spring, she was knocked down to Katsumi Yoshida after breezing in :9 4/5. Produced by a winning half-sister to SW No Mo Dough (Uncle Mo), Lecce Baroque has a 2-year-old half-sister by Verrazano and a yearling half-sister by Overanalyze. My Fast One produced a colt by Always Dreaming this past Feb. 24. Sales History: \$410,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP; \$525,000 2yo '19 OBSMAR. Lifetime Record : 2-2-0-0, \$123,148.

**VIDEO**

O-Kazumi Yoshida; B-MMM Stables (KY); T-Kazuo Fujisawa.

**1st-Fukushima, ¥9,680,000 (\$90,309), Maiden, 3yo, 1150m, 1:09.7, ft.**

**SILVER JACK (c, 3, Fed Biz--Silver Bean, by Silver Deputy)** became his sire (by Giant's Causeway)'s first Japanese winner with an open-lengths victory. The even-money choice exiting a third over this course and distance Apr. 11, Silver Jack was soon in front from gate seven, set a good pace along the inside and quickened through the final 300 meters to graduate by five lengths. The winner is out of a half-sister to GISP Normandy Invasion (Tapit) and to the dam of MGSW Quip (Distorted Humor), winner of the 2019 GII Oaklawn H. and runner-up in the GI Arkansas Derby in 2018. Silver Bean is the dam of a 2-year-old filly by Brody's Cause--also a son of Giant's Causeway-- and a yearling filly by Klimt. Sales History: \$8,000 RNA Ylg '18 KEESEP; \$30,000 2yo '19 OBSMAR. Lifetime Record: 7-1-3-1, \$47,222. O-Masahiro Azu; B-C Kidder & N Cole (KY); T-Shoichiro Wada.

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**IN JAPAN:**

**Perle d'Or (Jpn), f, 3, Will Take Charge--Purple (Ire), by Galileo (Ire).** Fukushima, 4-25, Maiden (\$90k), 1700m, 1:46.9. Lifetime Record: 8-1-3-1, \$121,759. O-Toshio Terada; B-Tobino Farm; T-Yoshito Yahagi. \*Won by 10 1/2 lengths. \*\*\$90,000 in utero '16 KEENOV.

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**STAKES RESULTS:**

**MIRANDA DIANE S.**, (NB) \$55,000, Will Rogers Downs, 4-27, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10.91, ft.  
 1--**COUNTRY DAISY, 118, f, 4, Country Day--Holy Molly, by Holy Bull.** O-David & Tammie Bay; B-Bay Ranch (OK); T-H. Ray Ashford, Jr.; J-Ken S. Tohill. \$33,000. Lifetime Record: 14-5-2-1, \$123,461.  
 2--**Spring Steen, 124, m, 5, Maclean's Music--Spring Unbridled, by Unbridled's Song.** (\$5,000 RNA Ylg '16 HEROCT). O-Michael Grossman; B-Eureka Thoroughbred Farm (OK); T-Francisco Bravo. \$11,000.  
 3--**Fiddlers Tsunami, 120, m, 7, Seeking a Home--Fiddlers Katami, by Roaring Fever.** O-Blue Moon Stables; B-Patricia Clark & Mike & Marilyn Jean Duplissey (OK); T-Jody Pruitt. \$6,050.  
 Margins: HF, 1 1/4, NK. Odds: 28.00, 4.70, 3.80.



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**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

**8th-Will Rogers Downs, \$28,600, 4-27, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:39.20, ft.**  
**BLUE MOONRISE (f, 4, Malibu Moon--Dawn Chorus, by Unbridled's Song)** Lifetime Record: SP, 12-4-3-1, \$165,083. O-Phoenix Thoroughbred III, Ltd; B-Gabriel Duignan & Crosshaven Bloodstock (KY); T-Steven M. Asmussen. \*\$500,000 Ylg '17 FTSAUG.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**To the Front, g, 3, Atreides--Cimbria, by War Front.** Will Rogers Downs, 4-27, 5 1/2f, 1:05.40. B-Hill 'n' Dale Equine Holdings, Inc (KY). \*\$8,500 Ylg '18 KEESEP.

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**COUNTRY DAY, Country Daisy, f, 4, o/o Holy Molly, by Holy Bull.** Miranda Diane S., 4-27, Will Rogers  
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## GOVERNMENT SUPPORT FOR FRENCH RACING RESUMPTION



Edouard de Rothschild has been involved in ministerial meetings  
*Racing Post*

The French Government has expressed its support of a phased-in resumption of the racing programme in France from Monday, May 11, and has announced financial aid for the racing sector largely through a temporary cut in betting tax.

Last Tuesday, the French Agriculture Minister Didier Guillaume and his ministerial colleague Gérald Darmanin met Edouard de Rothschild and Jean-Pierre Barjon, the respective heads of France Galop and trotting authority LeTrot, to discuss plans to allow the return of racing action in the week following the easing of lockdown restrictions for France. Also at the meeting were directors of the PMU, which essentially funds horseracing through its betting monopoly.

It has been proposed by France Galop that racing will start initially behind closed doors and under strict sanitary conditions with only two representatives per horse allowed at the racecourse. These measures follow those already utilised in France for several weeks before racing was suspended fully on Mar. 17. The race programme for a number of the country's most rural and least-used racecourses will not be run in full during the first phase of the resumption which will see up to three fixtures take place per day in different regions. [Cont. p2](#)

## COX OUTLINES PLANS FOR STAR PAIR

Clive Cox is bullish on his charges GSW & MG1SP **Golden Horde (Ire)** (Lethal Force {Ire}) and GSW **Positive (GB)** (Dutch Art {GB}) chances, while waiting for racing to resume this season. The pair did very little wrong last year, with G2 Richmond S. winner Golden Horde finishing third to Earthlight (Ire) (Shamardal) in the G1 Prix Morny before closing the gap on Andre Fabre's charge to a neck when second in the G1 Middle Park S. at Newmarket. Positive found only Pinatubo (Ire) (Shamardal) too good in the G2 Vintage S. at Goodwood and came out on top in a strong renewal of the G3 Solario S. at Sandown, where he accounted for subsequent G1 Verterm Futurity Trophy hero Kameko (Kitten's Joy) among others.

Cox said, "They've done very well over the winter and I'm very happy with them. Obviously like everyone else we're just looking for light at the end of the tunnel with exact targets and timings really, but they are two wonderful horses to have on our hands.

"We're very pleased with their progress, but we're in the same boat as everyone else really. As much as possible we're excited at returning as and when it's safe to do so." [Cont. p2](#)



**Golden Horde** | *Racing Post*

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## French Racing Resumption Cont. from p1

A statement released on Monday by the Ministry of Agriculture read, "The ministers undertook to support this request with the health authorities. In addition, in order to support the finances of this sector during the health crisis, the state has authorised the PMU to postpone and spread over time the payment to the state budget of part of the horse racing levy."

The economic impact of the racing shutdown in France has been estimated to be in the region of €58 million. While racing looks set to resume behind closed doors next month, a complicating factor in funding the sport is that a large number of the cafes which house PMU betting outlets will only be reopened gradually from June.

Commenting on the response from the ministers, Edouard de Rothschild told *TDN*, "At this point the news sounds positive. It has approval from the top level but in the current circumstances things change from one day to another and the situation is so unpredictable. The language is a bit cautious in the sense that we are never sure what is going to happen in two weeks' time but the [view of the] office of the Prime Minister is quite favourable."

Of the easing of PMU levy payments to government he added, "In terms of cash management and of short-term management it is helpful for sure. It doesn't deal with the issue of there having been no activity and no income between March and May, and every month in this business equates to tens of millions of euros. So it's a help but it doesn't replace the two months without racing."

Racing during the remainder of May will be open to French-trained horses only.

De Rothschild said, "For sanitary reasons there will be no horses trained abroad allowed to race in France in May but from 1 June, when the French Guineas are scheduled, to the best of my knowledge at this juncture, French racing will be open to horses trained outside France."

Heading the three race meetings currently scheduled to take place on May 11 in a **revised racing programme** announced by France Galop last week is the ParisLonchamp fixture which includes the G2 Prix d'Harcourt and two Classic trials.

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## Clive Cox Runners Cont. from p1

Golden Horde is set to stick to the trip at which he excelled last year and has the G1 Commonwealth Cup as a target, should Royal Ascot go ahead as planned in June, albeit behind closed doors.

"I think I'm more inclined to be concentrating on six furlongs at the moment," said Cox. "He's an absolute joy to deal with, he's very strong and mature and has done especially well over the winter. It was far wetter than ideal for him in France, it was very testing ground and although he coped with it, he improved for better ground. If that [Commonwealth Cup] is there, we will be."

Positive was sixth in the Dewhurst on his final start, but that was a run in which he encountered ground much softer than he had in his three previous outings.

Cox said, "He was just uncomfortable on that ground, I think a drier surface with him is very important, but likewise he is a horse we love and he's done well through the winter. We're open minded, I'm sure he's going to perform at the highest level and seven furlongs or a mile is very much on the agenda."

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## GRAFFARD HIGH ON WATCH ME

Francis-Henri Graffard is looking forward to the 4-year-old career of Royal Ascot heroine **Watch Me (Fr)**. The daughter of Olympic Glory (Ire) enjoyed her finest hour to date when beating dual G1 1000 Guineas winner Hermosa (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) in the G1 Coronation S. at the showpiece meeting, before finishing fourth in the G1 Prix Jacques le Marois at Deauville. She ended the year with a fine run in third when stepped up to a mile and a quarter in the G1 Prix de l'Opera on Arc day, beaten just a length having not enjoyed the best of luck in running.

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Her Chantilly-based trainer said, "She came back at the beginning of the year. She is cantering now and is looking better and better, but it will be June/July time, not before--probably July for a fillies' Group 1, a fillies' Group one over eight to 10 furlongs in the summer.

"She has run twice at Longchamp and twice she has been unlucky, which is a shame, but in the Opera she showed she stayed 10 furlongs and that is why the owner was keen to keep her in training. She can have a nice season and hopefully win another Group One. We will see."

Graffard will also have **The Revenant (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}) for big-race targets this year, although that will be later in the campaign after changes made to the French calendar in anticipation of the sport hopefully resuming in France on May 11, subject to Government approval. The 5-year-old--who thrives on soft ground--has been beaten just twice since joining Graffard from Hugo Palmer, and was last seen chasing home King Of Change (GB) (Farhh {GB}) in the G1 QEII at Ascot on Champions Day.

Graffard said, "If racing resumes, the problem we have is that in the new programme the mile races for older horses have been completely postponed until the end of June. So The Revenant has gone on his holidays, because he has absolutely no races and is not a horse for very firm ground in the summer, so we will see him back probably in August and an autumn campaign.

"It is a shame as he was in top form, but we will see him in the autumn. He was ready for a good spring, but everything was stopped. As I said, with the programme we have his races were completely postponed, so we decided with the owner to just look after him."

On the possibility of trying The Revenant over a mile and a quarter at some stage, Graffard said, "I don't see any point in stepping him up in trip at the moment because he is so efficient over a mile. Hopefully we have more races in the autumn and we will see what we do, if we have a programme for a miler we will stick to a mile."

He added, "We're fine here, just bored! But everyone is safe in the yard, the staff are in great form and everything is fine, we just need to get going. Fingers crossed."

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SNITZEL & NASD DO BATTLE IN 2YO SIRE RACE

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## RAINBOW APPLAUSE WILL RUN FOR NHS CHARITIES



Rebecca Menzies | *Racing Post*

Trainer Rebecca Menzies is hoping one-eyed filly **Rainbow Applause (Ire)** (Camacho {GB}) can pick up some prize money for NHS charities when the Flat season eventually gets under way. The County Durham-based handler ran a competition on social media earlier this month to name a 2-year-old daughter of Camacho out of Dubai Sea (Street Sense), drawing more than 1000 entries. The filly was named Rainbow Applause, with any prize-money she earns and any profits made by her owners, the Rainbow Applause NHS Charity Racing Club, to be donated to charities directly associated with the NHS.

Menzies said, "We decided to run a naming competition on Facebook, just for a bit of fun really, and received an overwhelming response--I think the post reached around 45,000 people, which was amazing. We had over 1,000 name suggestions and a lot of them were NHS themed, which gave us the idea of setting up the racing club.

"My personal favourite name was Eneitchess, but unfortunately it wasn't available. We ended up with a shortlist of three names and Rainbow Applause was the one the overwhelming majority preferred."

Menzies plans to invite all club members to an exclusive stable visit at her yard at Howe Hills Farm near Sedgfield once the current lockdown is lifted, so they can see Rainbow Applause in the flesh and meet the team.

Menzies added, "The NHS are doing an amazing job in the current circumstances and if we can give club members a bit of fun while raising money for a fantastic cause, that would be brilliant.

"Rainbow Applause was born with one eye but it hasn't stopped her at all--she's been cantering away since November and is a great mover with real character. Hopefully she'll be running later this summer, once racing has resumed."

Lease shares in the Rainbow Applause NHS Charity Racing Club are available at £50 per share, which will cover all costs from May 1, 2020 until May 1, 2021.

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## WORLDWIDE NEWS

### RIBCHESTER TO SHUTTLE TO HAUNUI FARM

Champion and four-time Group 1 winner **Ribchester (Ire)** (Iffraaj {GB}–Mujarah {Ire}, by Marju {Ire}) will shuttle to Haunui Farm for the first time in 2020, the New Zealand nursery announced on Monday. The G1 Prix Jacques le Marois hero replaces his 19-year-old sire at the stud, who shuttled to Haunui for 12 seasons.

"Who better to replace Iffraaj on the Haunui stallion roster than his best son," said Haunui Farm Managing Director Mark Chitty. "We're very excited to have Ribchester coming to Haunui in 2020, especially given we were very keen to secure him for New Zealand stud duties when he was initially retired."

Ribchester's oldest Northern Hemisphere foals are yearlings. The G1 Lockinge S. victor shuttled to Darley's Kelvinside Stud in New South Wales in 2018 (A\$24,750) and 2019 (A\$22,000). In New Zealand, Ribchester, also a winner of the G1 Queen Anne S. and G1 Prix du Moulin de Longchamp, has been priced at NZ\$15,000. He will be joined by Darley's champion and MG1SW **Belardo (Ire)** (Lope de Vega {Ire}) at NZ\$10,000. [Cont. p5](#)



Ribchester | *Scoop Dyga*

**Ribchester Cont.**

Added Darley Australia Managing Director Vin Cox, “Haunui have managed the Southern Hemisphere stud career of Iffraaj in exemplary fashion so it is fitting that Ribchester can fill the gap he will leave. We are extremely confident of the prospects for the stallion—he has covered good quality mares in each of his two seasons at stud to date.”

Iffraaj leaves behind 26 Southern Hemisphere-foaled black-type winners (12 at group level), among them Group 1 winners Turn Me Loose (NZ), Gingernuts (NZ), Jon Snow (NZ) and Wyndspelle (NZ).

“After lengthy discussions with the team from Darley, we have made the decision to retire Iffraaj from Southern Hemisphere serving duties after 12 years,” said Chitty. “At 19 years of age, the decision was made solely in Iffraaj’s best interests.

“I’d like to take this opportunity to thank His Highness Sheikh Mohammed and his entire team at Darley for entrusting us with Iffraaj for so many seasons. He has certainly made his mark in the Southern Hemisphere and his results here have helped lift him to the elite echelon of stallions and, his legacy is certainly set to continue in Australasia.

“Iffraaj will be sadly missed by all of us here at Haunui and we

wish the Darley team every success with him as he continues his career in the Northern Hemisphere.”

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## SNITZEL AND NASD DO BATTLE



Not a Single Doubt | Bronwen Healy

By Bren O'Brien

**Not A Single Doubt** joined his old Arrowfield Stud barnmate **Snitzel** as the equal most successful son of Redoute's Choice when it comes to producing Group 1 winners, now the battle is on between the pair for Australia's leading 2-year-old sire this season.

Not A Single Doubt's stud career may have been brought to a halt earlier this year due to health concerns, but his progeny continue to rack up the wins and the victory of Southern Legend in the G1 Champions Mile at Sha Tin on Sunday gave him his seventh individual Group 1 winner in the past 12 months, and his 14th overall.

That puts him level with Snitzel, whose Group 1 winner in that time period has been I Am Excited in The Galaxy H. in March.

The two sons of Redoute's Choice have long been compared, having paved the way for their famous sire with their respective performances on the track, Not A Single Doubt as his first stakes winner and Snitzel his fifth, and first from his second crop, before continuing the legacy in the breeding barn.

While he started his stud career a year later than Not A Single Doubt, Snitzel took the early initiative in their Arrowfield battle, and following his first season, has finished on top of him on the Sires Table in terms of earnings in every season except for 2015/16.

Despite Not A Single Doubt's resurgence, that honour looks set to belong to Snitzel again in 2019/20 with Snitzel currently on track for a fourth straight Champion Australian Sires' title. Not A Single Doubt is in fourth, some \$3.2 million behind the leader.

But the battle is much closer when it comes to who will be Australia's leading 2-year-old sire this season.

Progeny of those two stallions quinellaed Australia's richest and most prestigious 2-year-old race, the G1 Golden Slipper S. last month, with Not A Single Doubt's Farnan defeating Snitzel's Away Game.

Snitzel, the leading 2-year-old sire in two of the past three seasons, heads the standings at this stage of the season with \$3.97 million, with Magic Millions 2YO Classic winner Away Game's \$2.7 million prizemoney a considerable help. Around \$135,000 behind on \$3.84 million is Not A Single Doubt, aided by the \$2.5 million Farnan has picked up.

Snitzel holds a clear edge with 17 2-year-old winners so far this season, three of them at stakes level, compared to Not A Single Doubt's five winners, with two of them gaining black-type.

Historically, the record of their 2-year-old runners is fairly similar, with Not A Single Doubt boasting a 2-year-old winners-to-runners ratio of 35.9% compared to Snitzel's 37.7%, while Snitzel also hold the edge when you calculate 2-year-old stakes winners-to-runners, 6.1% to 5.6%.

Interestingly, Snitzel has pulled within one of his own sire Redoute's Choice in terms of total 2-year-old stakes winners, 39 to 40.



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## Vinnie Leading Producer of Stakes-winning 2-year-olds

**I Am Invincible** won the honour as the leading 2-year-old sire last season with 27 winners in total, nine of them at stakes level. He sits third on the table this year with \$2.38 million from his current 2-year-old crop, producing 16 winners, again with more stakes winners--four--than any other sire.

Across his career, which is shorter than Snitzel's, he has produced a higher percentage of 2-year-old winners from his runners, 41.2%, and a significantly higher percentage of stakes winners, at 7.2%. But the one thing he doesn't have as yet is a 2-year-old Group 1 winner.

**Redoute's Choice**, powered by King's Legacy's dual Group 1 wins, sits fourth with \$1.4 million in total prizemoney. There have been three winners to date from his penultimate crop.

Rosemont Stud's **Starspangledbanner** is fifth, thanks in no small part to Inglis Millennium winner Prime Star, while **Brazen Beau** and **Lord Kanaloa's (Jpn)** progeny have also earned over \$1 million this season.

## Pride of the Freshmen Crew

**Pride Of Dubai** is the leading first-season sire and sits eighth overall on the leading 2YO Sires table. The last time the Champion first-season stallion finished lower than that on the 2YO Sires list was **Pierro**, who finished 11th in 2016/17.

With a lead of over \$300,000 on his nearest rival Spill The Beans, Pride Of Dubai looks in an ideal position to claim that honour. He has had six winners and one stakes winner from 29 runners.

**Spill The Beans** leads the freshmen sires when it comes to winners, with eight, while one-time Darley shuttler **Night Of Thunder (Ire)**, who is third on the overall list, is the only first-season sire with two stakes winners, which is a fine effort from just eight starters.

The other two first-season sires with stakes winners aside from Pride Of Dubai and Night Of Thunder are WA-based **I'm All The Talk** and Darley's **Exosphere**.

There are still 16 2-year-old stakes races to be staged over the final three months of the season, and a plethora of opportunities to add more first-season sires to that list.

### AUSTRALIAN GROUP 1 RACES – 2020

Date	Race	Track
May 2	G1 TAB Classic (Robert Sangster S.)	Morphettville
	G1 Schweppes Oaks	Morphettville
May 9	G1 TAB Doomben 10,000	Doomben
	G1 TAB South Australian Derby	Morphettville
May 16	G1 Doomben Cup	Doomben
	G1 The Fuhrfy Goodwood	Morphettville



### IN HONG KONG:

**True Legend**, c, 3, **Deep Field**--Jolie Bay (GSW & G1SP-Aus, \$236,530), by Fastnet Rock. Sha Tin, 4-26, Hcp. (\$193k), 1200m, 1:09.40. B-C Barham (Qld). \*1/2 to God of Thunder (More Than Ready {USA}), GSP-Aus, \$324,675. \*\*\$530,000 Ylg '18 INGEAS. **VIDEO**

**Computer Patch**, r, 3, **Exceed and Excel**--Girl Hussler (SW & GSP-Aus, \$265,875), by Hussonet (USA). Sha Tin, 4-26, Hcp. (\$420k), 1200m, 1:08.60. B-Segenhoe Thoroughbreds Australia Pty Ltd (NSW). \*Formerly Sun Patch. \*\*1/2 to Manuel (Commands), G1SW-Aus, \$811,950; Taking Aim (Choisir), GSW & G1SP-Aus, US\$526,084; and full to Witherspoon, GSP-Aus, \$160,335. \*\*\*\$800,000 Ylg '18 INGEAS. **VIDEO**

**General's Delight**, g, 4, **Fastnet Rock**--Miss Jakeo, by Unbridled's Song (USA). Sha Tin, 4-26, Hcp. (\$420k), 1600m, 1:34.26. B-G Harvey (NSW). \*Formerly Millard Reaction. \*\*SP-Aus. \*\*\*1/2 to Miss Judgement (Strategic), GSW-Aus, \$375,295; Fifth Avenue Lady (Encosta de Lago), GSW-Aus, \$295,000; Mrs Onassis (General Nediym), G1SW-Aus, \$516,680; and Aussies Love Sport (Redoute's Choice), GSW-Aus, \$322,645. \*\*\*\*\$220,000 Ylg '17 MMGCYS. **VIDEO**

**Lakeshore Eagle**, g, 4, **Master of Design**--Rose Syrah (GSP-Aus, \$225,713), by Testa Rossa. Sha Tin, 4-26, Hcp. (\$290k), 1600m, 1:34.42. B-Mr AC Stevens, Testa Rossa (Vic) Pty Ltd (Qld). \*\$75,000 Ylg '17 INGFEb. **VIDEO**

**Fantastic Show**, g, 5, **Not A Single Doubt**--Evoked, by Song of Tara (Ire). Sha Tin, 4-26, Hcp. (\$290k), 1400m, 1:21.51. B-Oakland Park Stud (SA). \*\$140,000 Ylg '16 INGMAR; \$100,000 2yo '16 INGRTR. **VIDEO**

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