



CHURCHILL BACKSTRETCH TO OPEN MAY 11, OPENING DATE FOR 4-DAY RACE WEEKS TBA



Governor Andy Beshear | Getty Images

by T.D. Thornton

Churchill Downs has been cleared by Kentucky Governor Andy Beshear to open its backstretch area May 11 so long as the track adheres to enhanced pandemic precautions approved by the state.

Beshear announced the clearance Wednesday at his daily COVID-19 video press conference as part of a phased-in reopening for various state industries. Churchill followed up about an hour later with a press release that included specifics pertinent to horsemen.

Neither Beshear nor the track pinpointed an exact date for the return of live racing. But the Churchill release stated "it will be staged at a minimum of four days per week," Thursday through Sunday.

"The stable areas will reopen under a phased, systematic approach," the release stated. "Opening day of the 2020 spring meet with spectator-free racing will be communicated in the coming days after track officials evaluate its incoming horse population and load-in procedures."

A revised condition book and stakes schedule are in the pipeline. **Cont. p3**

SANTA ANITA PLANS TO ISSUE CONDITION BOOK THURSDAY by Dan Ross

Santa Anita will put out a condition book April 30 which will target May 15 for the resumption of live racing under strict protocols with no fans present, according to a letter issued by track management Wednesday.

The TDN obtained a copy of the letter, which was sent to Greg Avioli, the President and CEO of the Thoroughbred Owners of California; Alan Balch, the Executive Director of California Thoroughbred Trainers; and Darrell Haire, Regional Manager of the Jockeys' Guild.

Officials at Santa Anita said that they would have no comment in time for the deadline for the story deadline.

"Santa Anita Park will be issuing a condition book on Thursday, April 30, targeting May 15 for the resumption of live racing under strict protocols, including the exclusion of spectators," the letter, which is signed by Aidan Butler, the Executive Director of California Racing Operations for the Stronach Group, reads.

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“Racing at Churchill Downs during the spring meet will be conducted spectator-free until government officials approve fans returning to the historic track,” the release continued. “Only authorized racetrack employees and Kentucky Horse Racing Commission license-holders who are providing support for a horse stabled at the facility will be permitted on property. This specifically includes only trainers with horses stabled or racing on the facility grounds and those who are responsible for the care of the horses (veterinarians, grooms, exercise riders and farriers).”

The following is a listing of racetracks and when horses based there may return to the Churchill Downs stable areas between the hours of 6 a.m. and 6 p.m.:

- Fair Grounds (May 11-13)
- Gulfstream Park, Tampa Bay Downs, and horses based at Florida training centers (May 14-16)

- Oaklawn Park (May 17-19)
- All other locales (May 20 onward)

New health mandates will include wearing a mask “prior to entering and all times while on the grounds, COVID-19 testing and passing a medical screening which includes a medical questionnaire and temperature reading.”

Personnel cleared for entrance will be issued a color-coded wristband to indicate they’ve passed the health check (new colors issued each day).

“All individuals who refuse to comply with the COVID-19 Action Plan or those who do not pass the medical screening will be denied entry onto the premises and asked to self-quarantine per CDC guidelines,” the release stated.

“A log will be kept for individuals

that fail initial medical screening so that track security can ensure current CDC self-quarantine timelines have been met prior to attempted re-entry to site.” **Cont. p4**



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As for jockeys, the release stated, “Churchill Downs will ensure that jockeys and staff are adequately spaced out in the jockeys’ room to comply with proper social distance guidelines. Jockeys shipping in from out of state or [who] are outside of the normal colony will be separated in another room.”

According to Beshear, the May 11 date will be the first benchmark in a three-date series of phased-in re-openings during the month of May for Kentucky businesses. Other industries cleared to resume with proper precautions on that date are manufacturing, construction, vehicle dealerships, professional services, and pet groomers.

On May 20, retail establishments and houses of worship will be able to open on a limited basis. On May 25, Kentucky expects to phase in the allowance of 10-person social gatherings and the reopening of health and beauty businesses like barbers and salons.

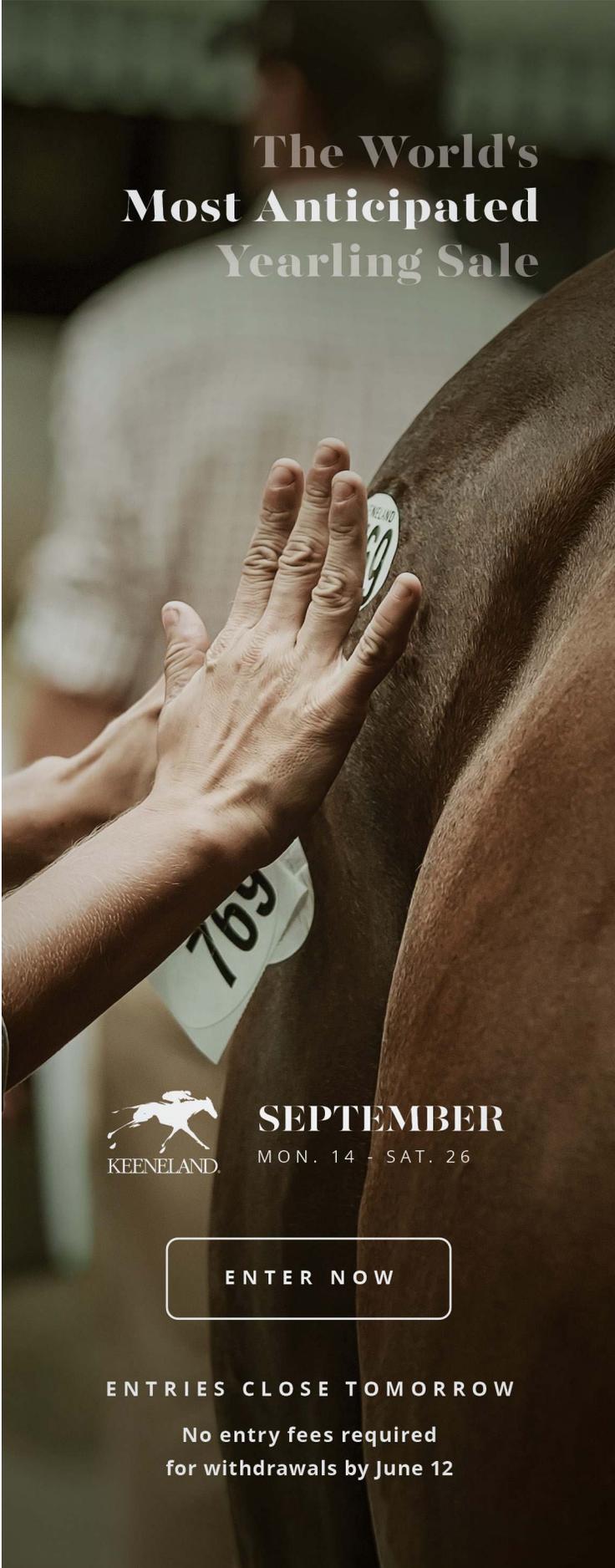
“We were able to come to an agreement [on Apr. 28] specifically with the group that’s going to start--Churchill Downs,” Beshear said. “They are going to start accepting horses and start accepting folks on the backside of the track on May 11. There will be no fans for racing, and I will tell you that this is one of the most detailed plans we have seen about specific security checks that everybody has to go through, [from] being temperature checked to masking for the limited group that is there.”

Churchill’s proposed plan still has to be officially approved by the state. Beshear said that by May 4, he expects the state to sign off on all of the protocols for the businesses that will be allowed to open on May 11, “so everybody will have a week to get ready.”

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"This coincides with the expiration of LA County's current Safer-At-Home order and following California Governor Gavin Newsom's comments on Tuesday that the state could begin to relax the current COVID-19 restrictions in the next few weeks."

The letter continues, "As businesses throughout the state are preparing to gradually reopen, horse racing is unique as we cannot literally open the doors the moment orders are relaxed. Horsemen need time to plan, which is why the tentative date is being put forth. It would be derelict of us to not give you as much notice as possible, with your understanding it is still a contingency plan. Additionally, the plan presented to County officials is logistically complex and it will take Santa Anita up to two weeks to resume operations with the guidelines in place."



Santa Anita | Horsephotos

Santa Anita has put forth a plan to Kathryn Barger, Chair of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, and the LA County Health Department officials, which would see them operating under rigid safety and social-distancing protocols, and the letter says that Santa Anita could only open if the county's stay-at-home order is lifted May 15.

"We have presented a plan to race that assures health and safety," Butler writes. "The schedule is predicated on conditions continuing to improve in Southern California. The plan put in place to operate Santa Anita during this crisis will create a Shelter in Place environment while safeguarding both the horses and the people who care for them. There will be no additional risk to the 750 people who currently live onsite or to the community at large.

"As Santa Anita prepares to reopen, there will be continued consultation with Health Department officials and Santa Anita's own independent health experts to safeguard employees and participants."

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CUOMO: OPENING SARATOGA WILL LIKELY HAVE TO BE STATEWIDE DECISION, COORDINATED WITH NORTHEAST REGION

by Joe Bianca

Asked in his daily coronavirus briefing Wednesday about the potential opening of Saratoga Race Course this summer, New York Governor Andrew Cuomo said that he thinks a decision will likely have to be made on a statewide, if not region-wide level. He added that his concern is if Saratoga is opened alone without coordination with other localities and states, it could see even more demand than usual, leading to density issues. He didn't address and wasn't asked about the possibility of Saratoga conducting racing without spectators.

"You can't open an attraction that could bring people from across the state to that attraction and overwhelm a region," Cuomo said, tying in the Syracuse state fair as another example. "We have time [to make a decision], but today, I don't think you can open those unless we do it statewide, because there is such a pent-up demand to get out of the house and do something, you open Saratoga racetrack, I guarantee you'll have the highest attendance in the history of the Saratoga racetrack."



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In addition to its visitors from downstate, Saratoga regularly attracts patrons from the rest of the tri-state area and New England, which led Cuomo to suggest the decision for reopening the track could be made in conjunction with other states as well.

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“You will have people from the entire northeast region driving to the Saratoga racetrack just because they want to get out of the house,” he said. “You could say, ‘Well that’s great for the Saratoga racetrack,’ but density is not our friend, right? How do you do six feet apart at the racetrack or the state fair when you have double the attendance you’ve ever had and people are all crammed in there? So I think it would have to be a statewide opening, coordinated with Connecticut and [New] Jersey, otherwise you will have a much, much more dense situation if you wind up being the only attraction ‘in town’ and ‘town’ is the tri-state region.”



Packing up a barn in Saratoga in 2019 | Sarah Andrew

In a statement issued later in the day, the New York Racing Association’s Director of Communications Pat McKenna pointed out that racing with fans in attendance or not racing at all aren’t the only two options being considered, and that NYRA is investigating a scenario where they run at Belmont and Saratoga with no spectators, as some other tracks across the country have been doing.

“NYRA joins the entire racing community in applauding Governor Cuomo’s steady leadership throughout this unprecedented public health crisis,” said McKenna. “We

recognize that decisions about large-scale events are rightly left to our elected leaders and public health officials. At the same time, horse racing is in a unique position as a sport that can be safely staged without attendees. Earlier this week, Governor Cuomo encouraged sports entities to consider how they could operate without fans in attendance and be economically viable while providing much-needed entertainment. By closing to spectators and reducing employees and support staff to

only those who are required under the rules of racing, the running of races would support the small businesses and hourly workers who form the backbone of the sport. NYRA held races at Aqueduct Racetrack safely and securely under these conditions through Mar. 15.

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“As such, NYRA is seeking to resume live racing at Belmont Park in the absence of fans and we have prepared operating plans that follow the same model for Saratoga. These plans prioritize the health and safety of employees, horsemen and the backstretch community and include a broad array of risk-mitigation strategies developed according to the most updated health guidance. By closing to the public, layering additional health and safety protocols to our ongoing practices, and reducing the number of employees on-property, NYRA is in a position to provide a small sense of normalcy for fans across the country who can watch on television and online. At the same time, this model will enable NYRA to preserve its ability to serve as the cornerstone of an industry that generates more than 19,000 jobs in New York and \$3 billion in annual economic impact.

“This is a delicate balance, and one that must always prioritize health and safety. NYRA has experience finding that balance and we are committed to taking every step possible to keep our

communities safe while providing entertainment and contributing to the New York economy as we collectively begin the return to a new normal.”

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HORSEMEN OPTIMISTIC THAT RACING WILL RESUME SOON IN TEXAS, MAYBE EVEN WITH FANS *by Bill Finley*

With Lone Star Park announcing that it will open its stable area May 4 and with Texas Governor Greg Abbott going ahead with aggressive plans to re-open the state's businesses, Texas horsemen have said they are confident that racing will resume shortly at Lone Star Park. And there may even be fans in the stands to greet racing's return.

There has been no racing in Texas since Mar. 28, when Sam Houston ended its meet ahead of schedule. The Lone Star meet was set to begin Apr. 16, but the track was forced to close because of the coronavirus. The first sign that racing could resume within the next few weeks came Tuesday when Lone Star made the announcement that it was ready to open its stable area.

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"Everyone is feeling a lot more certain that we are on the right path to racing again," said Mary Ruyle, the executive director of the Texas Thoroughbred Association. "Using proper safety protocols, we think we can begin live racing before the end of May with no spectators and then adding a limited number of spectators and go from there."

Lone Star Park President and General Manager Scott Wells sent a statement to the *TDN*, which, read, in part: "We will continue to monitor the situation closely and will provide updates on additional new procedures and restrictions as well as our intended opening in the coming days and weeks."

Wells sent out a statement to horsemen earlier this week that said face masks will be required for all people in common areas of the stabling area and that social distancing guidelines would have to be followed at all times. The racing secretary's office will be closed to non-racing officials and all correspondence would have to be conducted over the phone.

Lone Star cannot re-open until getting the go-ahead from the proper state officials, but there doesn't appear to be anything that would prevent that from happening as Abbott has made it clear that he wants his state to be open for business again. He has put together a strike force made up of state lawmakers, state health officials and business leaders that will advise him as to when to allow businesses to re-open. According to Marsha Rountree, the controller and executive director of the Texas Horsemen's Partnership, Lone Star has submitted documents to the strike force covering its plan to begin racing again. Rountree hopes that approval from the strike force was all Lone Star needed to be able to begin racing, but she said she's not sure what the procedure will be.

"This is uncharted territory right now and I don't think anyone knows for sure," she said when asked who has the responsibility of deciding if racing can start again. "Governor Abbott has put together a strike force of business leaders and health care professionals and other leaders in the state to look at how we are going to map this out. Lone Star Park submitted

an application to the governor's office last week putting forth their strategy for opening, with all the precautions they will be taking. I believe the strike force will be the ones to decide whether or not Lone Star can run."

Though no one has targeted a date for re-opening, Rountree thought June 1 was a realistic goal.

"We're ready to begin racing," she said. "We've been off for almost six weeks and our horsemen are anxious and ready to go."

Abbott has announced that the opening of Texas businesses will take place in stages, the first of which will begin Friday. In Phase I, retail stores, restaurants, movie theaters and malls have been allowed to open, but venues will be limited to 25 percent capacity. Phase II is set to begin May 18 and under that plan businesses will be permitted to operate at 50 percent of their capacity.

"Now it's time to set a new course, a course that responsibly opens up business in Texas," Abbott said Tuesday. "Just as we united as one state to slow COVID-19, we must also come together to begin rebuilding the lives and the livelihoods of our fellow Texans."

Most of the tracks that are attempting to re-open have said the plan is to offer racing without spectators in the stands. That could turn out to be the case in Texas, but Rountree and others have looked at Abbott's guidelines and believe Lone Star could open its gates to fans.

"May 18 is the beginning of the second phase and they are talking about opening businesses but limiting their capacity to 50% capacity," Rountree said. "If that is the case we are hopeful we can open our grandstand with spectators. It would be in limited numbers but we could have actual fans come and watch our athletes run."

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2-YEAR-OLD CONSIGNORS MAINTAINING HOLDING PATTERN *by Jessica Martini*

While the pause button was hit on the juvenile sales season following the Ocala Breeders' Sales Company's March Sale, the youngsters destined for auction rings this spring have an expanding body of works on their resumes as consignors make plans and contingency plans ahead of the delayed OBS Spring sale. The Spring sale, originally slated for Apr. 21 through 24 and now expected to run from June 9 through 12, features a catalogue of 1,231 juveniles, a handful of whom had published works at Central Florida training centers Tuesday.

Based at Golden Legacy Stables in Ocala, consignor Blas Perez has nine 2-year-olds catalogued for the Spring sale. Five turned in three-furlong works Tuesday and it was the third published work for each.

"Right now, we take every day as one step at a time because it is all very unpredictable," Perez, a former assistant to the late J.J. Crupi and to consignor Nick de Meric, said. "I've got them breaking out of the gate and everything ready to go in case the sale doesn't go. I will be able to go to the races with them."

Perez had five horses catalogued at the March sale, with two sold, two bought back and one withdrawn. The nine catalogued for the Spring Sale will likely conclude his offerings this year.

"I tried to place all of my horses in either March or the Spring Sale, because that seems like where all the buyers are," he explained.

Perez's sales results were difficult even before auctions started to be canceled.

"I bought back probably one of my best horses (hip 555), I didn't even put her through the ring because we got no action in March," he said of the daughter of Strong Mandate. "I put her in March thinking she was my best horse. So I am hoping to see what I'll do with her. I have a partnership, so if they don't want to race her, I am going to have to put her in the July sale."

In between auctions, Perez has found only modest interest from people looking to buy horses privately.

"No, unfortunately, I haven't gotten any sold privately," he said. "I've had people looking, but we are all in the same boat [as far as knowing what's going to happen], so they haven't come back."

As he looks over the uncertain landscape, Perez continues to train his 2-year-olds so they will be ready for the sales or the races.

"I usually always train my horses to race more than for the sale," Perez said. "I just push the button a little bit closer to the sale. Early in the year, I just try to put a good mind on them and get them fit, but work more on their minds than their fitness. I like to have a good foundation on them."

Perez's Spring Sale offerings to work Tuesday were **Toil and Trouble** (Strong Mandate) (hip 92), **Pasion Azteca** (Shanghai Bobby) (hip 1070), **Lucky Azteca** (Lookin At Lucky) (hip 1213), and unnamed colts by Uncaptured (hip 559) and Macho Uno (hip 240). Aside from hip 559, all were purchased at yearling sales last year by Perez for between \$12,000 and \$20,000 for his pinhooking partnerships.



Strong Mandate filly, hip 555 at OBS March | ThoroStride

"Next week, I may even go a half-mile with them," Perez said. "They are ready."

While his juveniles continue to stretch out in their works on the farm, Perez said it was unlikely to affect how far they will work come show time at the Spring Sale's breeze show, which are traditionally dominated by furlong and two-furlong works.

"Even if you go a quarter-mile, you've got to go a half-mile at the sale," he explained. "You have to gallop them out strong. If you go a half-mile, then you've got to go three-quarters. So I will probably just stick to a quarter-mile and have a nice strong gallop out."

Of his usual practice at the breeze shows, Perez added, "It depends on the horses. Some horses need a little more ground to get their stride and get comfortable and I would go a quarter with them. But if they are fast enough, I just go an eighth because I know they are going to gallop fast the next quarter of a mile. I think this year, the buyers will expect them to at least go a quarter-mile. If you go an eighth, they are going to wonder why you're just going an eighth this time of year."

Looking further ahead to the yearling sales, Perez laughed and said, "That will be another story. I think everybody is going to be a little concerned with how to approach the yearling sales."

Niall Brennan has 45 juveniles entered in the Spring Sale. The Irishman worked two of those on behalf of clients at his Ocala farm Tuesday.

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Duveen (Uncle Mo) ([hip 48](#)) is bred by Joe Allen and has yet to go through a sales ring and **Common Bond** (The Factor) ([hip 996](#)) was purchased by Speedway Stable for \$190,000 at last year's Keeneland September sale.

"We've got horses working consistently," Brennan said of the farm's work tab. "Some horses were nominated to the sales as an option at the time and some people are now reconsidering. They are thinking, if this were a normal market and this kind of horse is on the top end, we could sell them for a lot of money, and they would do that. But now, people are readjusting. Some people, as these horses are getting closer to being ready for the races, they are probably just going to keep the horses."

Brennan, like Perez, said his horses will be ready for either sales or races as circumstances dictate.

"Our horses have been on kind of a normal schedule, but we've backed up with them, developing them like they were going to the racetrack," he said.

"They are all breezing three-eighths, but they are going about every 10 days. We kind of backed up a little bit and they are breezing in pairs, whereas a lot of people going to 2-year-old sales always breeze them on their own because they breeze on their own at the sale. The sales are backed up to June and all our horses are back breezing in pairs as if they are developing mentally and physically to go to the racetrack and some will probably end up doing that."

Even as their worktabs get longer and the sales are later in the year, Brennan said he thought it was unlikely to see a major change in distances at the breeze shows.

"Just because it's June, you will see more [three-furlong breezes] than you would have if it was March or maybe even April," he said. "But the 2-year-old sales are about perception. They are expected to go flat out. If they are going flat out for an eighth, they are still going three-quarters flat out, galloping out a quarter and three-eighths. They are really going three-eighths even though they are timed for one-eighth. If a very fast horse goes in :9 and change, why would you breeze them three-eighths or a half? Even if it's June. People will still buy him because he went in :9 and change. So it doesn't matter if they only breeze an eighth, as long as they breeze it really fast. And it won't matter to the buyers. I know it sounds a little bit odd, but I am sure that will be the end result. You will see more quarters

and three-eighths just because, but I don't think you'll see many less eighths just because it's June. I think the people who think they can get away with just going an eighth because they are fast, they will."

While purchasing horses at the track has become a competitive proposition in recent years, Brennan said that route could limit an owner's options.

"The market gets a little tighter at the racetrack, it's only ones that really impress with excellent numbers, whether a Beyer number or sheet number, those are the ones that are desirable and they'll try to buy," Brennan said. "The ones that go out there and win or finish second in a very good maiden, they are very marketable, but it's only those ones. So you narrow down your buying base based on your performance. If you're really trying to sell, when you go to the racetrack, you're all in."

With the unprecedented conditions caused by the global

pandemic, consignors are realizing this is a time and situation to be open to any avenues that might yield a return on investment. And while Brennan agreed that people are keeping their options open, he feels there is still no substitute for a public auction.

"I believe there have been horses that have been sold privately at the farms in Ocala recently, or at least there are negotiations in getting vetting and such," Brennan said. "I don't think it's rampant, but I think we've had interest. Everyone is

trying to adapt to the circumstances.

He continued, "But when you really get down to the nitty-gritty, what sells 2-year-olds really well is performance. That's what it is about, it's athleticism and performance and ability and potential on the racetrack. And people have to see that and taste that and it's hard to look at a video and think you're going to give a lot of money for a client. I wouldn't, personally. If I was buying for somebody, I would want to see that horse in person and not just a video. So I think people are doing what they can do to facilitate the situation, but at the end of the day people will want a representative, if not themselves personally, to physically set eyes on these animals. That's why it is important to have a venue at a sales grounds where people can come and see them."

The return of racing will have a major impact on the success of the juvenile sales, and in turn the yearling sales this fall.



Niall Brennan | Photos by Z

2YO Consignors cont.

"I think the key is racing starting back up, hopefully Belmont, Churchill, Laurel and the Midlantic," Brennan said. "If they start at the end of May or first of June, that will be a big help for the 2-year-old sales. There will be buyers wanting to buy horses because now they can take them and run. They have a plan. They can go somewhere. And the smarter buyers will see it as a really good opportunity. There will be some people in the marketplace who are just going to skip buying this year and so there are going to be opportunities for the people who are buying. The market is bound to be down, you don't have to focus on that one horse who is going to bring a big price. There are going to be a lot of horses that are going to be selling on their value, and I think the buyers who are looking at that are going to be hungry to buy some horses once racing starts up and they have a plan on where they can go."

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AMID PANDEMIC, CDI REPORTS TWINSPIRES GROWTH

by T.D. Thornton

Predictably, Churchill Downs, Inc. (CDI), on Wednesday reported 2020 first-quarter revenue drops because of the COVID-19 pandemic that has shut down racing and gaming throughout the nation since mid-March.

But CDI noted within those results that it experienced "strong performance" from its TwinSpires advance-deposit wagering platform, with handle growth of 8.3% over the prior year's quarter.

"For the first quarter of 2020, net revenue increased \$4.3 million from the prior year quarter primarily due to a \$3.7 million increase at TwinSpires," CDI reported in its Apr. 29 United States Securities and Exchange Commission filing.

"Thoroughbred industry handle decreased 1.0% during the first quarter of 2020 compared to the prior year quarter," the filing continued. "Although horse racing content for wagering decreased ...our customers wagered more on the content that was available. Active players increased 11.6% for the first quarter of 2020 compared to the prior year quarter while net revenue per active player declined 3.5%."

Other first-quarter figures reported by CDI were:

- Net revenue of \$252.9 million, down 5% over the prior year quarter.
- Net loss attributable to CDI of \$23.4 million compared to net income attributable to CDI of \$11.6 million in the prior year quarter.
- Adjusted net income of \$2.0 million, compared to \$25.5 million in the prior year quarter.

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NTRA ISSUES SUMMARY OF NEW FEDERAL COVID-19 LEGISLATION'S BENEFIT TO HORSE OWNERS

The National Thoroughbred Racing Association compiled a summary of benefits available to owners under the latest federal COVID-19 legislation.

Benefits available to horse owners includes:

1. **Tax Benefits:** Owners may be entitled to some new tax benefits that allow them to file amended returns for prior years and get cash in the form of tax refunds.
 - a. Net operating losses can now be carried back for up to five years. This applies to C corporations and individuals who generate net business losses. The IRS is currently accepting faxed refund requests in order to expedite these cash refunds.
 - b. The excess business loss limitation for individuals, trusts and estates is now deferred until 2021. Those who were subject to this limitation in 2018 and 2019 may file amended tax returns to receive cash refunds.
 - c. The prior year AMT credits in C corporations, originally refundable through 2021, are now fully refundable in 2018 or 2019. The IRS is currently accepting faxed refund requests in order to expedite these cash refunds.

2. **Emergency Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL)** are available to owners regardless of whether they have employees to assist in funding working capital needs (e.g., payment of training and board bills). In some instances, the borrower may be entitled to a \$10,000 forgivable loan advance. The initial loan disbursements (in addition to the \$10K advance) are available based on two months of working capital, with a maximum of \$15,000 per applicant. The first loan payment back to SBA on EIDLs is deferred for one year.

- a. The EIDL program does not require a business to have employees who receive W-2 wages but the SBA is currently distributing the \$10k EIDL advances that are not required to be repaid to only those businesses with employees or self-employed individuals. They are calculating these as \$1k per employee up to \$10k maximum per applicant.

- b. Through the EIDL program, the SBA is also supposed to be quickly distributing two months of working capital up to \$15k per application. So, racing stables, trainers, and others without employees should still apply thru the EIDL program, although these loans will have to be repaid. Loan applications for the EIDL loan program will be available on the SBA's website once the SBA has posted it.

3. The **Main Street Lending Program** will enhance support for small and mid-sized businesses that were in good financial standing before the crisis by offering four-year loans to companies employing up to 10,000 workers or with revenues of less than \$2.5 billion. **Cont. p13**

Main Street Lending Program cont.

Principal and interest payments will be deferred for one year. The Federal Reserve and the Treasury recognize that businesses vary widely in their financing needs and are still working on the specific guidelines for this program, which are expected to be finalized by May 1.

4. The **Paycheck Protection Program** (PPP) has been funded with an additional \$310B in the latest Congressional act passed Apr. 24, \$60B of which is designated for smaller banks and credit unions. Those loan terms include two-year loans at 1% interest, deferral of payments for six months, interest accrued from the date the loan is received and no prepayment penalty. Also, the PPP loan may be forgivable if spent on qualifying expenditures (payroll, rent or mortgage interest and utilities). The exact forgiveness calculation for the PPP loan is pending additional guidance from Treasury.

PPP loans are available to owners but only under specific circumstances:

- a. Owners are generally required to have employees who receive W-2 wages to take advantage of the PPP.
- b. Owners in Partnerships with both employees who receive W-2 wages and self-employment income of partners should include both the W-2 wages and the partners' self-employment income when calculating the partnership's PPP loan. The partnership only should file the application.
- c. Self-employed sole proprietorships and pass-through single-member entities (e.g. LLCs) may qualify for a PPP loan if they have 2019 Schedule C or Schedule F net profit (2019 Net Profit). If 2019 Net Profit is less than zero, then that entity is not eligible for a PPP loan. PPP loan forgiveness for sole proprietors is limited to 8/52nds of 2019 Net Profit.
- d. Employers who have received a PPP loan, but whose loan is not yet forgiven, may defer deposit and payment of the employer's share of Social Security taxes beginning on March 27, 2020 until the loan is forgiven. These taxes will continue to be deferred under the normal payment terms for the PPP program. Once the employer's PPP loan is forgiven, this deferral is no longer available.

5. **Employee Retention Payroll Tax Credit.** The CARES Act created payroll tax credits for employers who retain W-2 employees if the business is fully or partially suspended due to COVID-19 orders from a government agency or if there is a 50% decrease in gross receipts when compared to the prior calendar quarter. This is essentially a refundable payroll tax credit of up to 50% of the "qualified wages" paid by an employer to an employee from Mar. 13 through Dec. 31, 2020. Qualified wages include salaries and employer-provided health benefits and cannot exceed \$10,000 per employee. This credit for an employee who earns at least \$10,000 annually is capped at \$5,000. This credit is only available to employers that do not

receive a PPP loan and additional restrictions apply for those with more than 100 employees. An advance of this credit may be requested via the IRS Form 7200; otherwise, this may be claimed on the quarterly payroll tax return.

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TIF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PAT CUMMINGS JOINS TDN WRITERS' ROOM

Thoroughbred Idea Foundation executive director Pat Cummings joined the **TDN Writers' Room podcast presented by Keeneland** Wednesday to discuss a wide-ranging assortment of macro issues the sport is facing, and how it can be more efficient post-pandemic. Calling in via Zoom as the **Green Group Guest of the Week**, Cummings was asked about last week's #FreeDataFriday white paper posted by the TIF, in which he focused on the shockingly small percentage of purse money that is derived from wagering dollars.

"It's been happening like this for a very long time and the situation has really just worsened bit by bit year after year," he said. "I think as an industry, the topic has generally just kind of been kicked down the lane, and it didn't help that most jurisdictions have been supported with some sort of revenue from casinos ... You look at a place like California and it's a jurisdiction that has not had any influence of casinos. Even still, they've made things work over the years, [but] only about 4.4% of total handle actually goes to prize money."

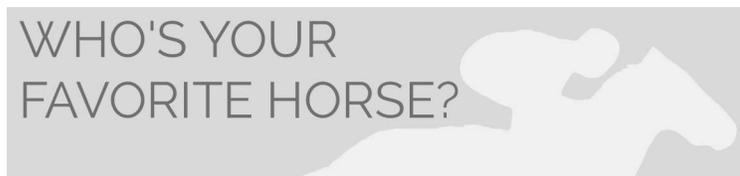
Cummings went on to say that he thinks the internecine arguments racing has been having for the last several decades have gotten bogged down in medication discussions and missed the point on what matters most: building a sustainable business model.

"At some point, we get to a tipping point. We get to a point where racing can no longer ignore this broken financial model, and we wonder what it's going to be," he said. "I tweeted something earlier this week. It was a link to the YouTube video of the 1990 Kentucky Derby broadcast on ABC. Dave Johnson and Al Michaels were on the roof of Churchill Downs, and they're talking about this new study that was released by the Jockey Club that said Lasix may be a performance-enhancing drug. Now, that's 30 years ago ... It's time to focus on other things that are wrong with our sport because we have a lot of problems, and we haven't solved a lot of them over those 30 years. As much as Lasix and permissive race-day medication are important, we're talking about how we fund the business ... We're talking about how do we make the day-to-day operations of racing continue. I think that the fundamental business model of the sport maybe takes a little more precedence over do we allow permissive anti-bleeder medication or not." **Cont. p14**

Podcast cont.

Elsewhere on the show, the writers previewed the action-packed stakes weekend coming up at Oaklawn and, in the **West Point News of the Week**, analyzed the implications of the decision by Fasig-Tipton to condense all of its summer yearling sales into one auction. [Click here to listen to the podcast](#) or [here to watch it on Vimeo](#).

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JAMES KEOGH, GROVENDALE

For me, the all-time greatest racehorse and my all-time favorite were one and the same.

On the 27th of June, 1970 I attended my very first race meet at the Curragh. On that occasion I got to watch greatness in action, as **Nijinsky** (Northern Dancer) won the G1 Irish Derby. Even though I was just nine years of age, it was clear I had just witnessed something extraordinary. The pure ease with which Nijinsky totally demolished the Irish Classic field, under a hand ride from Irish champion jockey Liam Ward, is embedded in my mind to this day.



Nijinsky | Getty Images

Nijinsky is the last horse to win the English Triple Crown. Winning 11 of 13 lifetime starts, he was a champion at two and Horse of the Year at three. After the Irish Derby, Nijinsky won the G1 King George and Queen Elizabeth S., defeating the previous year's Epsom Derby winner, Blakeney (GB). Nijinsky retired in the fall of 1970 to Claiborne Farm in Kentucky. He sired a remarkable 155 stakes winners, including the likes of Caerleon, Dancing Spree, De La Rose, Golden Fleece, Lammtarra, Shadeed, Sky Classic, King's Lake, Maplejinsky, and Royal Academy. In 1986, Nijinsky attained a most significant double,

siring Ferdinand to win the G1 Kentucky Derby and Shahrastani to win the G1 Epsom Derby. A feat in all probability we will never see repeated.

On June 3, 1982, I arrived in Kentucky on the day after Golden Fleece won the Epsom Derby. After a period of two weeks, I borrowed a friend's car to drive the 18 miles to Paris, Kentucky to visit Claiborne Farm and my hero, Nijinsky. The stallion roster at Claiborne Farm included Mr. Prospector, Secretariat, Spectacular Bid, Round Table, Damascus, and Tom Rolfe among others, but for me it was all about Nijinsky. I would go visit him between five and six times every year, watching, studying, reviewing and revering him. For me he stood above all others.

Nijinsky died on Apr. 16, 1992 at the age of 25. Thank you Nijinsky for igniting in me what has become a great passion for this industry. Nijinsky, for me you will always be number one.

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

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SECRETARIAT FAVORED IN KY DERBY: TRIPLE CROWN SHOWDOWN

Secretariat has been established as the horse to beat in Saturday's Kentucky Derby: Triple Crown Showdown by oddsmaker Mike Battaglia.

The Kentucky Derby: Triple Crown Showdown is an animated race created by Inspired Entertainment Inc. using computer-generated imagery that will feature the 13 past Triple Crown winners in a 1 1/4-mile race at Churchill Downs. The virtual race will air around 5:45 p.m. as part of NBC's broadcast of "The First Saturday In May: American Pharoah's Run to the Triple Crown" Saturday from 3-6 p.m. ET.

Secretariat landed post position three in a random draw for the field of 13 legends and was made the 7-2 morning line favorite. Calumet Farm's multiple champion Citation is the 4-1 second choice with Seattle Slew and Affirmed, the 1977-78 Triple Crown winners, respectively, each listed at 5-1.



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Triple Crown Showdown cont.

The complete field from the rail out (with Triple Crown-winning year, jockey, trainer and morning line odds): #1 Affirmed (1978, Steve Cauthen, Laz Barrera, 5-1); #2 Assault (1946, Warren Mehrtens, Max Hirsch, 20-1); #3 Secretariat (1973, Ron Turcotte, Lucien Lauren, 7-2); #4 Sir Barton (1919, Johnny Loftus, Guy Bedwell, 20-1); #5 Seattle Slew (1977, Jean Cruguet, Billy Turner Jr., 5-1); #6 American Phraoah (2015, Victor Espinoza, Bob Baffert, 6-1); #7 Gallant Fox (1930, Earl Sande, “Sunny” Jim Fitzsimmons, 20-1); #8 Citation (1948, Eddie Arcaro, Ben Jones, 4-1); #9 War Admiral (1937, Charlie Kurtsinger, George Conway, 8-1); #10 Whirlaway (1941, Eddie Arcaro, Ben Jones, 4-1); #11 Count Fleet (1943, Johnny Longden, Don Cameron, 6-1); #12 Justify (2018, Mike Smith, Bob Baffert, 15-1); and #13 Omaha (1935, Willie “Smokey” Saunders, “Sunny” Jim Fitzsimmons, 20-1).

There is no betting on the virtual race, but starting Thursday at 10 a.m., fans will be able to visit www.KentuckyDerby.com to choose their favorite horse to win the virtual race and also join Churchill Downs in making a charitable donation to COVID-19 emergency relief efforts. All participants who select the winning horse will be entered in a sweepstakes to win an ultimate Kentucky Derby 146 VIP Experience.

Churchill Downs has pledged to match up to \$1 million of donations with funds to be directed to the Team Kentucky Fund and Direct Relief. A small percentage will be earmarked for the R.E.I.N. Fund (Relief for Equine Industry Needs), a program managed by Churchill Downs Foundation designed to benefit workers of the backside whose livelihood has been impacted by COVID-19 and also to help ensure essential care for horses throughout the pandemic.

A full day of online festivities is planned Saturday, including virtual tours, Derby cocktail and fascinator-making instructions, ideas for party decorations, kids’ crafts, Derby-inspired recipes, an at-home Derby fashion contest and much more.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

PUTTING A NUMBER ON POTENTIAL: 31,487



Claiborne Farm Stallion Barn | Claiborne Photo

*from Anne Sabatino Hardy
Executive Director, Horse Country*

That’s the number left over when you subtract attendance numbers of the record-high 2015 Kentucky Derby (170,513) from the 202,000 views of Claiborne Farm’s virtual stallion tour on Facebook (March 17). In fact the *TDN’s own* post-production treatments of virtual tours and unique online content have spawned their own virality.

Right now, there’s no place more populated than the internet and social media. It’s safe. It doesn’t require planes, trains or automobiles. It’s low-cost, low-barrier and high desire. And, interestingly, the same refrain we may use to ward off ill-considered social media posts could very well be an opportunity for us to change the narrative and define our story.

The internet is forever. And right now, it’s where everyone lives. Twitter, TikTok, Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, Zoom.

So let’s populate the internet this weekend--and beyond-- with all the unvarnished and authentically beautiful content we take for granted every day. The goofy (“Bobby!”), the lovely, the emotional, the freewheeling, the grandeur and the grinding.

Churchill Downs and its #KyDerbyAtHome hashtag have provided us an opportunity--let’s take it together. If there’s something Visit Horse Country has learned over the years, it’s that we’re better together, and over these last few weeks, that people are mesmerized by the opportunity to engage with our stories, sport and athletes. The team at Amplify gave us a roadmap yesterday--let me encourage you to take a drive. Have some fun, tell your favorite Derby memory, raise a toast, share a recipe, or share another’s post if you see one you love. Amp up your connections to participate! And use the hashtag! **Cont. p16**

This week, all Visit Horse Country tours have been Derby-focused. On Saturday morning, Claiborne will go live on Churchill's official social channels at 10 a.m., Hallway Feeds has designed a "Most Oddly Satisfying Two Minutes in Sports" charity race, VisitLEX will host a virtual Derby party with Jon Carloftis (garden designer extraordinaire and Salonniere 100 Best Host three years in a row).

What's your plan for #KyDerbyAtHome?

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SAVE RACING IN PA BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE

from Katie DeCanzio

I am writing with urgency asking for help by bringing attention to a crisis we are currently experiencing in Pennsylvania regarding the horse racing industry. As a result of Gov. Tom Wolf's lockdown orders in response to COVID-19, our industry is on the verge of collapse. Horse racing in Pennsylvania generates revenues solely through gaming activities. Horse racing creates 23,000 jobs and billions of dollars of economic activity within our state. Unlike other businesses, horse racing cannot simply shut its doors as a result of a lockdown order. There are nearly 17,000 horses stabled across Pennsylvania which require care. While we are deemed an essential business and incurring significant expenses resulting from the care of our horses, we are not deemed essential when it comes to generating revenue. It's also important to point out that horse racing plays an intricate part of the agricultural supply chain across Pennsylvania. Thousands have already lost their jobs and thousands more are at risk of losing their livelihoods every day that the shutdown continues. Businesses and farms alike that support the racing industry are on the verge of going under as well.

There is a simple solution to this problem: just let the horses run. National safety guidelines have been established and have already been enacted in several states. Not only would we save jobs but also an entire industry by following suit. The state would also see the benefit of raising millions in new tax revenues during a time when massive deficits are being created as a result of the pandemic.

Time is running out for an entire industry. In response to this crisis we have created a petition requesting Gov. Tom Wolf to reopen horse racing in Pennsylvania as soon as possible. Again, I am asking with the greatest degree of urgency for your help in sharing our petition and story.

Additional information can be found at:

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ANOTHER WORLD, 12, Maria's Mon--Space City, by Carson City

Foal born Apr. 2, a colt by Mastery.

Will be bred back to Munnings.

Owned by and boarded at Pin Oak Stud, LLC

Accomplishments: SW of \$189,503.

EVIDENTLY, 9, Smart Strike--Supposedly, by Polish Numbers

Foal born Apr. 4, a colt by Saxon Warrior (Jpn)

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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
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12	Summer Front (2009) by War Front FYR: 2017 Stands: Airdrie Stud KY Fee: \$10,000	1	3	1	2	--	1	37	11	356,600	618,753
13	Wicked Strong (2011) by Hard Spun FYR: 2017 Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY Fee: \$6,000	1	3	--	--	--	--	56	17	59,250	578,231
14	Karakontie (Jpn) (2011) by Bernstein FYR: 2017 Stands: Gainesway Farm KY Fee: \$10,000	2	2	1	1	--	--	28	7	199,800	511,767
15	The Big Beast (2011) by Yes It's True FYR: 2017 Stands: Ocala Stud FL Fee: \$6,000	1	2	--	--	--	--	28	11	80,500	445,560

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MAIDENS

IN ORDER OF PURSE:

8th-Tampa Bay Downs, \$20,000, Msw, 4-29, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:43.02, fm.

STOLEN HOLIDAY (f, 3, War Front--Silk And Scarlet {GB} {GSW-Ire, \$199,559}, by Sadler's Wells), a \$750,000 KEESEP yearling purchase, was sent off at 7-2 in this unveiling. The bay filly was away well and soon at the head of affairs as the field raced under the wire for the first time. She was relaxed on the lead through fractions of :22.94 and :47.79, skipped further clear on the far turn and strode home an easy 4 1/4-length winner. The debuting Tilsa (Flatter) was second.

Stolen Holiday is a half-sister to Minorette (Smart Strike), G1SW-USA, SP-Ire, \$633,774; Eishin Apollon (Giant's Causeway), G1SW-Jpn, \$3,532,765; and Master of Hounds (Kingmambo), G1SW-UAE, GSW-Tur, G1SP-Eng, \$1,245,369. Silk and Scarlet, a group winner in Ireland, produced a colt by American Pharoah last year and was bred back to Justify. **Click for the**

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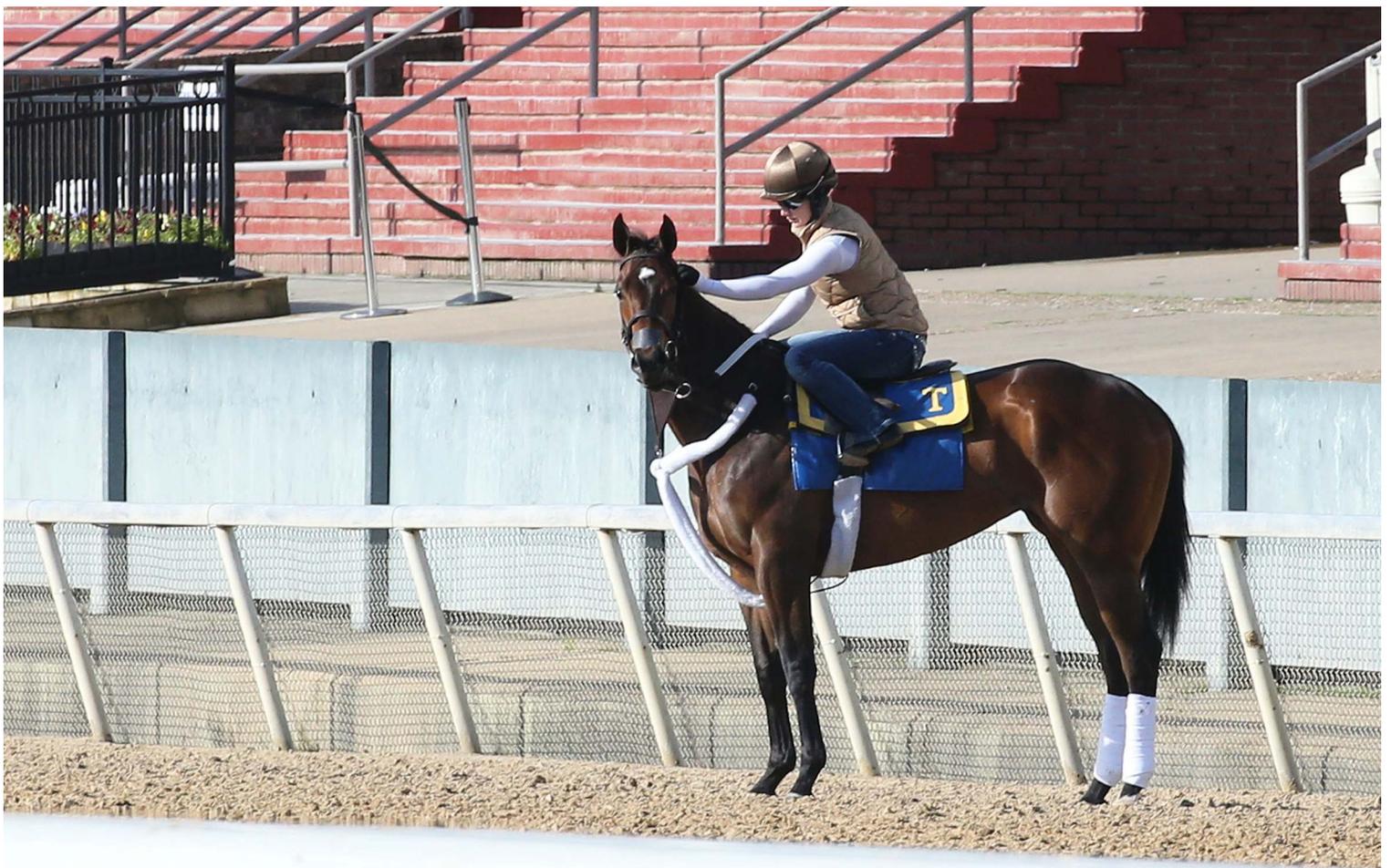
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Stolen Holiday (War Front) graduates on debut at Tampa Bay Downs Wednesday.



New York Groove (Verrazano), pictured Wednesday morning with Sarah Shaffer in front of an empty Oaklawn track apron, is entered in Friday's GIII Fantasy S. | Coady



ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

9th-Will Rogers Downs, \$26,400, (S), 4-29, (C), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:39.44, ft.

DAK DA MAN (g, 4, Mucho Macho Man--Mountain Rose, by Distorted Humor) Lifetime Record: 12-3-3-0, \$90,975. O/B-Cisper Racing (OK); T-Kari Craddock.

3rd-Tampa Bay Downs, \$21,000, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$32,000), 4-29, 4yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:34.82, fm.

PASSING OUT (f, 4, Orb--Party Now {MSP, \$164,050}, by Tiznow) Lifetime Record: 7-3-0-2, \$114,990. O/B-Stuart Janney, III, & Phipps Stable; T-Claude R. McGaughey III.

7th-Tampa Bay Downs, \$20,000, 4-29, (NW1X), 4yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:42.32, fm.

NORTH DAKOTA (c, 4, Medaglia d'Oro--Starry Dreamer {MSW & GISP, \$564,789}, by Rubiano) Lifetime Record: 8-2-1-2, \$63,305. O/B-Joseph Allen, LLC (KY); T-Claude R. McGaughey III. *1/2 to Riviera Cocktail (Giant's Causeway), SW & MGSP, \$204,095; Jay Gatsby (Giant's Causeway), MGSP, \$313,972; Teammate (A.P. Indy), MGSW & MGISP, \$618,276; Ecclesiastic (Pulpit),, MGSW, \$346,472; War Front (Danzig), GSW & MGISP, \$424,205.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Quiet Dawn, f, 3, Cross Traffic--Perfect Dawn, by Majestic Warrior. Will Rogers Downs, 4-29, 1m, 1:40.59. B-Brad & Misty Grady (FL).

Mr. Quality, c, 3, Quality Road--Felisa, by Harlan's Holiday. Tampa Bay Downs, 4-29, 1m 40y, 1:41.58. B-W.S. Farish & Bowling Farm (KY). *\$15,000 Ylg '18 FTKOCT.

Bewitchy, f, 4, Oratory--Witch Town, by Speightstown. Will Rogers Downs, 4-29, (S), 1m, 1:40.37. B-Pam K Wright (OK).

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Amira's Prince (Ire) (Teofilo {Ire}), Pleasant Acres Stallions
35 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners
9-Gulfstream, Aoc 1mT, SISTER OTOOLE, 6-1

Honor Code (A.P. Indy), Lane's End Farm, \$30,000
213 foals of racing age/22 winners/1 black-type winner
4-Oaklawn, Msw 1 1/16m, HONORABLE MEMORY, 6-1

Mr Speaker (Pulpit), Lane's End Farm, \$10,000
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4-Oaklawn, Msw 1 1/16m, HASHTAG WINNER, 20-1

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MUCHO MACHO MAN, Dak Da Man, g, 4, o/o Mountain Rose, by Distorted Humor. ALW, 4-29, Will Rogers

ORATORY, Bewitchy, f, 4, o/o Witch Town, by Speightstown. MSW, 4-29, Will Rogers

ORB, Passing Out, f, 4, o/o Party Now, by Tiznow. AOC, 4-29, Tampa Bay

QUALITY ROAD, Mr. Quality, c, 3, o/o Felisa, by Harlan's Holiday. MSW, 4-29, Tampa Bay

WAR FRONT, Stolen Holiday, f, 3, o/o Silk And Scarlet (GB), by Sadler's Wells. MSW, 4-29, Tampa Bay

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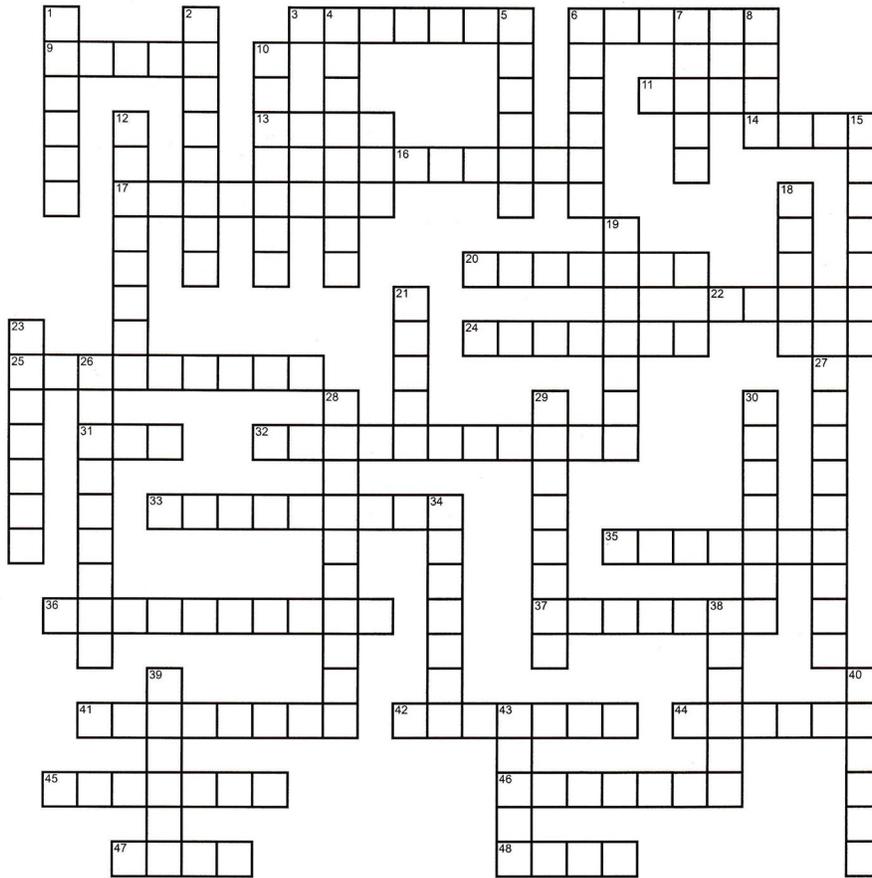
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- 11 ____ Australian is considered to be the first Triple Crown winner
- 13 Derby winner Sir ____ stood at Claiborne Farm
- 14 Derby winner Sir ____ was named for a character in a German opera
- 16 4th place Derby finisher who won 8 Eclipse Awards
- 17 This 1930 Derby winner was leading sire across the pond in 1941
- 20 Five-time Derby winning rider appeared on the cover of Time in 1958
- 22 First Derby winner to sire a Derby winner
- 24 Trained 7 Derby winners
- 25 Influential 3rd dam of the 1974 Derby winner
- 31 Piggott's first Derby winner, Never Say ____
- 32 This Derby winner's owner was a great-granddaughter of Tsar Nicholas I
- 33 Sire of the 2015 Derby winner
- 35 The only Derby winner bred in Montana
- 36 This Derby winner sired the 1951 Derby winner
- 37 2016 Derby winner
- 41 The last grey Derby winner
- 42 This Derby winner died in Libya in 2012
- 44 Broodmare sire of the 1952 Derby winner
- 45 This Derby winner's palomino grandson by the same name is in the AQHA Hall of Fame
- 46 This Derby winner's 3rd dam was Man o'War's full sister
- 47 Steve Cauthen's 2nd Derby winner, ____ Anchor
- 48 Finished 2nd in the fastest Derby

Down

- 1 This Derby winner by ____ was never officially named
- 2 This result of the 1828 Derby prompted a rematch
- 4 This colt died less than 3 weeks after his Derby win
- 5 First filly to win the Derby
- 6 Derby winner Sir ____ is buried in Wyoming
- 7 Color of 1965 Derby winner's silks
- 8 Dubai Millennium finished 9th in this winner's Derby
- 10 Sire of the first grey Derby winner
- 12 First mare this century to produce 2 Derby winners
- 15 Height of Fashion's Derby-winning son
- 18 This Venezuelan rode a most unlikely Derby winner
- 19 Suffragette killed during the 1913 Derby running
- 21 Rode 3 Derby winners in 4 runnings
- 23 Walter Earl's only Derby winner, ____ Street
- 26 The first to win the Derby in his only start
- 27 Her Derby win was the 3rd in 9 years by fillies
- 28 Legendary 5th dam of 1993 Derby winner
- 29 This Derby winner's daughter produced one of American racing's greats
- 30 First gelded Derby winner
- 34 This Derby winner's disappearance haunts Ireland still
- 38 This Derby winner's time is the slowest at the modern distance, Stone ____
- 39 Rode the inaugural Derby winner
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LNJ FOXWOODS SETTING THE GOLD STANDARD



The Roth Family's Golden Valentine | Scoop Dyga

By Kelsey Riley

For the Roth Family's LNJ Foxwoods, topping 2019 will be a tall order.

The spring got off to a good start when Country House (Lookin at Lucky), who the Roths had bought into after he broke his maiden five starts earlier, posted a 65-1 upset victory in the GI Kentucky Derby.

But for Jaime Roth--the 'J' in LNJ alongside her parents Larry and Nanci--there is no question about what the highlight of the year was. That honour falls to Covfefe (Into Mischief), the winner of five of her six starts on the year culminating in a **win in the GI Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Sprint** despite slightly missing the break from the rail draw. She was the first 3-year-old to take that contest and earned an Eclipse champion statuette for champion female sprinter. LNJ Foxwoods had purchased Covfefe, whose dam is a half-sister to Arch, for \$250,000 as a yearling and she has since been retired and is in foal to Constitution, last year's runaway champion first-season sire in the U.S.

"There will be nothing like winning a Breeders' Cup with a filly that was so well bred and that you love so much, and being a 3-year-old and the one post and all that," Roth reflected. "Other than getting married, I think it was one of the best moments of my life."

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NO FOREIGN RUNNERS IN GERMANY IN MAY

Deutscher Galopp has announced that no runners trained outside Germany will be allowed to race in the country before the end of May. German racing is set to resume behind closed doors on Monday, May 4 at Dortmund. The first pattern races, the G2 Carl Jespers Preis and the G3 Cologne Classic, will be held the following Friday in Cologne. British-based trainer Karl Burke had been hoping to send a runner for each of those contests but, following an announcement by the German racing authority on Wednesday, he will not be permitted to do so.

A statement on the Deutscher Galopp website read, "After discussions with the authorities, horses trained abroad will not be allowed to race until May 31, 2020; the Presidium will regularly reassess the overall situation and will review it again by May 15, 2020 at the latest."

After May 15, daily updates will be issued.

The first German Classic, the G2 Mehl-Mulhens-Rennen (2000 Guineas) is scheduled to be run at Cologne on Monday, June 1--the same day as the both French Guineas at ParisLongchamp--followed by the G2 German 1000 Guineas at Dusseldorf on Sunday, June 7. Foreign runners will also not be allowed to run in France during May, where racing is set to resume on May 11.

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RE-OPENING PICTURE STARTS TO GET CLEARER

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LNJ Foxwoods Setting The Gold Standard cont. from p1

Having assembled a high quality broodmare band since entering the game in 2012, the Roths likely have many good moments ahead. Jaime, a lifelong sports fan who followed the Triple Crown as a kid and later obtained a masters in Sports Business and did public relations work for the New York Knicks, was looking for new challenges in 2012 when, during a trip to Del Mar, she was introduced to Alex Solis, who had recently launched a bloodstock advisory joint-venture with Jason Litt. Roth said she and Solis hit it off because of their shared interest in the pursuit of buying fillies to develop a broodmare band. Soon, Jaime's parents Larry and Nanci were on board with the plan. Larry Roth had made his fortune as a key figure within the eyewear company Marchon, which was sold in 2008.



'Team LNJ'—Jaime, Larry and Nanci Roth—accept Covfefe's Eclipse award | *Horsephotos*

"When I had met Alex he was pretty realistic about the sport and the difficulties of the sport and the financial aspects of it," Jaime Roth said. "We were always a breeding operation; the racing was kind of the upside if it happened, but that was never really the plan and I don't think a lot of people know that. When we retire horses a little bit early, for instance Covfefe, there is absolutely nothing wrong with her and people want to see her race. I get it, but for us as a breeding operation it was a no-brainer to get a head start on breeding her."

LNJ Foxwoods burst onto the American scene with the purchase of four well-bred yearling fillies at Keeneland September in 2012. Roth admitted that Europe was "never really on our radar, but Jason and Alex are always looking at trends and seeing where the market might be a bit down and taking advantage of it."

"In 2012 they thought the market in Europe was a bit down," she said. "They went to Tattersalls first and struck out, then they went to Arqana [December] with the hope of buying Gold Round."

Gold Round (Ire) (Caerleon), a then 15-year-old half-sister to the 14-time Group 1 winner Goldikova (Ire) (Anabaa), was a member of the Wertheimer & Frere draft. She had previously produced the G3 Prix du Lys winner Goldwaki (Ger) (Dalakhani {Ire}) and was offered carrying a full-sibling to that colt.

"She was a little older, but a half-sister to Goldikova," Roth recalled. "I don't think [Solis and Litt] thought they were going to get her. They were going to get on the train and go to Paris, but they put a bid in and the hammer went down and they got her." The pricetag was €520,000. "We were very excited," Roth added. "At the time she was in foal to Dalakhani and we were just hoping to get a filly."



Alex Solis, Jaime Roth and Jason Litt at Fasig-Tipton's Saratoga yearling sale | *Fasig-Tipton*

Roth's wish was granted—six fold. After producing a daughter of Dalakhani the following Valentine's Day, Gold Round has left the Roths six consecutive fillies. The Dalakhani filly, named **Golden Valentine (Fr)**, was the first runner and winner for LNJ Foxwoods in France under the stewardship of Freddy Head, and she went on to win the G3 Prix Minerve.

Next came **Golden Attitude (Fr)** (Redoute's Choice {Aus}), a winner at Chantilly who later picked up a listed-placing in the U.S. She was followed by the current 4-year-old **Golden Box** (Kitten's Joy), second in a pair of listed races at Longchamp, and a 3-year-old filly named **Luck** (Kitten's Joy), both in training with Alain de Royer Dupre. Gold Round has a 2-year-old daughter of Tapit who is currently in pre-training with Barry Eisaman in Florida and a filly foal by Kitten's Joy's four-time Grade I-winning son Oscar Performance born earlier this season. The 23-year-old Gold Round has now earned a much-deserved retirement.

"Gold Round had a really nice Oscar Performance filly," Roth said.



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“She’s just another beautiful, nothing negative to say, gorgeous filly. She looks the part.” Reflecting on the last eight years with Gold Round, Roth added, “There were definitely times when we thought we’d retire her—we’re not those people that are going to breed her until she’s 25. You’ve always been told you can kind of tell when the foal isn’t as good as the rest that maybe it’s time, but every foal after every foal was just beautiful. The plan was always to retire her after this foal, which we are.”

Golden Valentine and Golden Attitude are today among LNJ Foxwoods’s five-strong European broodmare band based at Ecurie des Monceaux in the Pays d’Auge region of France. Monceaux’s Henri Bozo has bought into two of LNJ’s mares, including Golden Valentine.

“To be involved with a guy with so much class and such well-bred horses was an honour,” Roth said. “Being interested in well-bred mares, he was interested in buying part of Golden Valentine and we thought we’d keep half and make some money.”

Golden Valentine and Golden Attitude have both foaled at Lordship Stud in Newmarket to facilitate their visits to Dubawi (Ire). Golden Valentine goes back to the Darley Lynchpin after recently producing another colt by him, and she has a yearling son of Galileo (Ire) that will be offered at Arqana’s August sale.

“It’s kind of funny because when we bought Gold Round she then had five fillies, and Golden Valentine has now had two colts,” Roth said. “It’s great to get colts, but I would like to get a filly out of her. She’s booked back to Dubawi so we’re excited.”

Roth described the two colts out of Golden Valentine as “just really pretty horses.”

“I’ve noticed they look a lot like Golden Valentine, which makes me excited because of what she turned out to be,” she said.

Golden Attitude was covered by Medaglia d’Oro before returning to Europe after her stint in the U.S. and recently foaled a colt at Lordship Stud.

“They say the Medaglia d’Oro is really nice, so that’s great to hear,” Roth said. She noted that Golden Attitude never quite displayed all the talent the team felt was underlying. “She was with Freddy Head and she was always competitive, and then we had some hiccups with her. She came to the U.S. and went to Arnaud Delacour. She won first time out after a 16-month layoff and was really competitive at Belmont [when second in a listed race]. Then we were hoping to run her in a new mile and a half race at Santa Anita at the beginning of last year, and we were pretty confident that she’d hit the board or win that, but then we had another hiccup so we retired her. But she was really talented; I’m not sure we saw the best of her but the first foal looks to be really nice.”

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Seasoned sire Pierro and the incoming G1 Everest winner Yes Yes head Coolmore’s 2020 stallion roster. [Click or tap here to go straight to TDN Aus/NZ.](#)



Aviatress | Scoop Dyga

The Roths also sold a piece of **Aviatress (Ire)** (Shamardal) back to Bozo after she won last October's Listed Prix de Saint-Cyr. Aviatress is out of Monceaux's triple stakes producer Manerbe (Unbridled's Song), a half-sister to Grade I winner and producer Zoftig (Cozzene), and was bought by LNJ Foxwoods for €450,000 as a yearling at Arqana. Aviatress's half-sister Marbre Rose (Smart Strike) is the dam of Lashara (American Pharoah), an exciting 3-year-old filly in the U.S. who recently broke her maiden at Gulfstream Park. Aviatress was just last week scanned in foal to Siyouni (Fr).

Two years after purchasing Gold Round, Solis and Litt secured another genetic gem when landing **Landikusic (Ire)** (Dansili {GB}) for 700,000gns at Book 1 of Tattersalls October. The bay filly is a full-sister to Zoffany (Ire), who at the time had his first yearlings. He has since boosted the pedigree further by becoming a useful sire and—after breaking her maiden at Dundalk for trainer Jim Bolger—Landikusic has produced a 2-year-old Galileo colt, a yearling filly by Frankel (GB) and, most recently, another Galileo colt. This season she visits one of the more anticipated first-season sires.

"We're really excited because she's booked to Blue Point, who looks to be a very exciting young sire," Roth said. "His accomplishments at Royal Ascot were pretty remarkable. We'll probably plan to sell her offspring as well, but she's beautiful and being a full to Zoffany hopefully her babies will sell well."

The Roths laid out \$500,000 at Keeneland September in 2015 for a Galileo (Ire) filly from the family of the Niarchos Family's excellent producer Aviance (Ire) (Northfields). Named Bureaucracy, she never made it to the races, but Roth said she thinks she is exactly the type of mare who will make waves for generations to come.

"She unfortunately never made it to the races, but from what we had heard from [trainer] Roger Attfield--and they're not ones to talk the talk--they said she was freaky talented.

Roger would share an apple with her every day--he loved her. And then she had an injury and he was pretty devastated. But I think it's important, even if they don't make it to the track, knowing the talent is there; it's something you can get behind. We bred her to Twirling Candy and sent her to Monceaux. I think Henri was like, 'who is Twirling Candy?' But he's stepped up huge, and her babies are spectacular. She has the Twirling Candy filly, which is beautiful, and she just had a Siyouni filly and is booked back to Siyouni. We really like Siyouni--we're heavily invested in him. It was a disappointment she didn't make it to the races knowing the talent was there, but I say to my family all the time, 'this mare is going to repay us.'"

"It's exciting," Roth added. "I feel like we have the right mares in France; we wouldn't send just any mares there. I think a lot of them are bred for that Classic distance. Golden Attitude had a little bit more speed than Golden Valentine, and we have a Tapit 2-year-old right now [out of Gold Round] with Barry Eisaman and she'll probably go to France. It'll be exciting to see how a Tapit will perform there.

"France is great; if I had to pick one other country to race in it would definitely be France. There's nothing better than being at Chantilly and having your horse win and seeing the castle in the background. We had a really good start [in France] and had a good feeling about it; it felt lucky so we continued."

Roth said the plan continues to be to sell the colts and keep the fillies that LNJ Foxwoods breeds, with the aim of discovering the strongest branches of their families and breeding almost exclusively from their own stock.

"You have to bring the money into the operation, and we also want people to know that we sell really good horses," she said. "It may be eventually like the Wertheimers, where you'll sell different branches, but at this point we have to see which is the one that works for us."

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Gold Round in her racing days | Scoop Dyga

And while they are still open to buying the right prospects at auction, Roth said the family's broodmare band has grown much quicker than expected, with their mares having produced predominantly fillies over the last eight years.

"The plan was always to breed better than we could buy," she said. "If there is a mare or yearling in a sale that we'd love to be apart of the family, we'll try to pluck one out. But we have a lot more horses than we ever intended to. We'd actually like to have some colts to sell, but as it's worked out from 2012 to now we've bred predominantly fillies. And fillies from the lines we want to have, so it's pretty remarkable. We never imagined we'd race as much as we have; my dad certainly enjoys it, even though he can't watch the races—his head is down the whole time until they hit the wire.

"I think we have our foundation mares, and we'll maybe sell the ones that don't work for us but would certainly work for another operation. In the beginning you're afraid to sell because you don't want to sell one that ends up being a good one, but it's part of the business and if that were to happen I'd be really proud of what we bred. At the end of the day we are a breeding operation; Alex and Jason and Madison [Scott] put a tremendous amount of thought into who we breed to, trying to avoid faults from our mares with the stallions they pick, so I think that's why we've had such nice foals."

The Roths currently have three fillies in training with Alain de Royer Dupre. In addition to the aforementioned daughters of Gold Round, Golden Box and Luck, there is Lions Den (Animal Kingdom), a 3-year-old daughter of dual Grade I winner Arravale (Arch) who was a \$410,000 purchase from Fasig-Tipton's Saratoga yearling sale in 2018. Luck and Lions Den are as-yet unraced, while Golden Box broke her maiden at second asking last spring but has been beaten in four subsequent tries since.

"Golden Box has shown a lot of ability, but mentally she was a bit tough so we've given her some time off and hopefully she'll come back running," Roth said. "And [Alain de Royer Dupre] really likes Lions Den, it's just a matter of racing starting up."

They will soon be joined in de Royer Dupre's yard by Forbidden (Fr), a 2-year-old daughter of Siyouni bought for €650,000 at Arqana last August. The bay is out of the American listed-winning Apple Charlotte (Smart Strike), a half-sister to the dam of Grade I-winning sprinter Marley's Freedom (Blame). Apple Charlotte has already produced the triple graded stakes placed Lottie (Arch).

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UNDER THE RADAR *by Tom Frary*

OAKS ASPIRATIONS FOR OPPENHEIMER FILLY

One of the last longstanding British-based breeding operations, Anthony Oppenheimer's Hascombe and Valiant Studs, is very much enjoying an upswing since the momentous 2015 campaign of Golden Horn (GB). As John Gosden's dynamo performed heroics in the G1 Investec Derby, G1 Eclipse S., G1 Irish Champion S. and G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, he brought the red, black and white silks back to the fore. Shortly after, it was the turn of Cracksman (GB), a descendant of the late Sir Philip's 1982 1000 Guineas heroine On the House (Fr) (Be My Guest) to further enrich the family's stock and heritage. If that pairing's emergence in such a narrow corridor of time could have been put down to outrageous fortuitousness, the springing forward last year of Star Catcher (GB) (Sea the Stars {Ire}) eradicated all doubt that the establishment has hit a peak.

One who could carry on the success story in 2020 is another filly who sports the famous livery in the William Haggas-trained once-raced winner **Domino Darling (GB)**. What makes her special is she emanates from the first crop of his beloved Golden Horn, the Dalham Hall Stud resident whose first season promised much thanks also to the exploits of West End Girl (GB), Festive Star (GB) and Cape Palace (GB). Domino Darling is out of Oppenheimer's mare Disco Volante (GB) (Sadler's Wells), runner-up in the 2002 Listed Pretty Polly S. which serves as a key Oaks trial staged at Newmarket which the Haggas stable always has one eye on. She is a daughter of Divine Danse (Fr) (Kris {GB}), a high-class multiple group-winning sprinter who was also placed in the G1 Prix Morny and G1 Cheveley Park S., and is therefore a half-sister to the G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains and G1 St James's Palace S.-placed Valentino II (GB) (Nureyev). Disco Volante's son Namibian (GB), by Golden Horn's sire Cape Cross (Ire), collected the G3 Queen's Vase over its old trip of two miles, as well as the 12-furlong G3 Gordon S., and is one of seven winners from eight runners for the dam.



Golden Horn, sire of Domino Darling | Darley

Perhaps providentially, this is also the family of the 2008 G1 Epsom Oaks heroine Look Here (GB) (Hernando {Fr}). Stamina is hardly going to be a problem for Domino Darling, who was introduced in a heavy-ground mile maiden at Doncaster in late October. She was sent off at 10-1 and on betting was the Haggas second-string behind the eventual fourth Lady G (Ire), also by Golden Horn. Steadily wound up by Tom Marquand, the February-foaled bay eventually overhauled the well-regarded 6-4 favourite Gold Wand (Ire), yet another by Golden Horn in a race the freshman was to dominate. As Domino Darling and the Roger Varian-trained runner-up fought out the finish with a neck separating them, they pulled 4 1/2 lengths clear of Wonderful Tonight (Fr) (Le Havre {Ire}) who went on to win a maiden at Saint-Cloud. Haggas said of the now 3-year-old, “Domino Darling has had a good winter and she seems forward in her skin and condition. The Doncaster Race looked a good race and the form has been franked, albeit in a minor way. I am well aware that Roger Varian has a high opinion of Gold Wand and I like my filly who finished fourth very much, although she fractured a knee in the race and is a little bit behind at the moment. I think it was a good race, but one should always be wary of heavy-ground maidens at the end of the season.”

Regarding racing conditions and trip, the Somerville Lodge

handler added, “Domino Darling is not over-big, but is neat and I don’t see faster ground being against her. She is fairly adaptable in her work at home and relaxed nicely in her race, having been a little enthusiastic in the opening furlong. Her pedigree suggests that she should stay well, being by Golden Horn out of a Sadler’s Wells mare and related to a good stayer, so I am hopeful that a mile and a half will be well within her compass.”

With that in mind, it is fair to say that the team at the Newmarket yard can dream as the resumption of racing nears.

“I am sure that there will be opportunities for her at listed and group level in the lead-up to the Oaks, which has to be her primary target,” Haggas said. “She has a long way to go yet to prove that she is good enough, but her owner bred her with the intention of competing at this sort of level and we shall be doing our best to ensure that she is given every chance to be a good filly. Mr. Oppenheimer bred her mother and her father and knows the family inside out and I’m sure he would be very keen to tilt at windmills if she was good enough.”

DOMINO DARLING (GB), f, 3, Golden Horn (GB)--Disco Volante (GB), by Sadler’s Wells.

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Galileo Gold (Ire) (Paco Boy {GB}) wins the 2016 G1 2000 Guineas from Massaaf (Ire) (Teofilo {Ire}) | *Racing Post*

PALMER RECALLS 'HUGELY EXCITING' GALILEO GOLD

This weekend marks four years since Galileo Gold (Ire) handed trainer Hugo Palmer a first British Classic win in the G1 Qipco 2000 Guineas, and while it will be some weeks yet before we see another name added to that historic contest's honour roll, with the race postponed to likely early June due to COVID-19, trainer Hugo Palmer is passing the time with memories of Al Shaqab's chestnut.

Palmer recalled on Wednesday how Galileo Gold, winner of the G2 Vintage S. at two and third in the G1 Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere, had initially been aimed at the G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains before a stellar work over the Rowley Mile under Frankie Dettori prompted a change of course.

"All winter the French Guineas had been the plan, and he had the English entry because why not," the Newmarket trainer said. "I remember he worked at the Craven meeting--Newmarket's rules are you can gallop on the racecourse if you have a Group 1 entry and I remember feeling almost fraudulent because we've got a Group 1 entry, but we're going to run in France, not here.

"I asked Frankie afterwards if he thought he'd be competitive in the French Guineas and he said, 'why do you want to go to France? This will win any Guineas'. He worked really, really well--he really opened up and gave Frankie a hell of a buzz."

Galileo Gold justified Dettori's premonition and gave the rider a third win in the race.

"I remember the horse disappearing from view briefly from where I was standing and when he came back into view you could see Frankie's bottom motionless and everyone else was just beginning to giggle," Palmer said. "That was probably at about the three [furlong pole] and I remember thinking then, 'we might win this.' I watched almost in stunned disbelief--from that moment on there was never a moment when you thought he wasn't going to win. It was smooth sailing straight to the line.

"I hoped and believed and dreamed it might happen, but those things you shut your eyes and dream of, you never really believe they will happen until they actually do. It was just a hugely exciting day and he took us on an exciting season."

Palmer said swerving the G1 Investec Derby thereafter took "quite a lot of restraint," but it was deemed the right decision after genetic tests suggested the blue riband's mile and a half trip was likely outside his scope.

"We did talk about it, my overriding lifetime ambition is to win the Derby and so it took quite a lot of restraint--when he crossed the line [in the Guineas] he was immediately Derby favourite. I just couldn't believe a horse that had been too keen over six furlongs first time out and had got beaten as a result could ever stay a mile and a half. I had terrible visions of what happened to Dawn Approach happening.

"We did actually do a genetic test to see if there was anything that suggested he could stay that distance, and the test came back that, at least on their findings, there was no way a mile and a half was going to be within his compass, so that just kind of knocked it on the head really. If it had come back and there was a degree of uncertainty in the test, I think we'd have had to give it a swing. But he's my only Royal Ascot winner to date and if we'd gone to the Derby and been beaten, it's unlikely he'd have won the St James's Palace, although Dawn Approach did of course."

That St. James's Palace score was bookended by seconds in the G1 Irish 2000 Guineas and the G1 Sussex S., which was followed by an uncharacteristic off-the-board finish in the G1 Prix Jacques le Marois, with Palmer citing that the horse got wound up at Deauville and was never quite the same thereafter. He came back for one start at four, a fifth in the G1 Lockinge S., but was subsequently retired with a soft-tissue injury. Galileo Gold has his first yearlings this year.

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"He came back from the Lockinge with a low-grade soft tissue injury, that if he were a gelding he would probably have been able to very happily run in the following year's Lockinge or similar--we could have tried other things with him," Palmer said. "He was very fast and I wouldn't have ruled out a [G1] July Cup with him or maybe a [G1] Prix de la Foret. But unfortunately he picked up that injury and as a Classic winner and a colt, the obvious thing was to retire him.

"It won't be long and we'll be looking at his yearlings at the sales this autumn, if they happen. He was a very good horse and is bred to be a stallion. He was very fast, a dual Group 1 winner and he'd have to have a chance."

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HARAS D'ETREHAM BOLSTERS SUPPORT OF AU-DELA DES PISTES

Haras d'Etreham will offer its support to Au-dela des Pistes, a non-profit organisation that assists with the welfare and re-homing of ex-racehorses.

"Racehorse re-homing is essential in our industry and a responsibility for all of us involved," said Haras d'Etreham General Director Nicolas de Chambure. "Overall, it is our passion and our love for horses that unites us. This is the reason why we must be aware of their lives after they serve us as the athletes of our sport. As a breeder and owner, it felt natural for us to be part of and to support such an effort."

Haras d'Etreham will each season choose a horse from its racing stable and donate 5% of its prizemoney to Au-dela des Pistes. First up is the Listed Prix Omnium II winner and G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains and G1 Jockey Club contender Pisanello (Ire) (Raven's Pass), which Etreham owns in partnership.



Classic contender Pisanello (Ire) | ScoopDyga/Valentin Debriel

Au-dela Board Member Alix Choppin added, "Financial needs of Au-dela des Pistes charity will, unfortunately, increase this year with these unprecedented circumstances. The charity will need more support than ever. France Galop has to reduce their donation and we will probably have less donations from the racing world being impacted financially themselves. Nevertheless, injured and retired horses will still need help. Re-homing stables will face the same challenges without any income for the last two months."

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CARLO ZUCCOLI

A few days ago I was devastated to hear that Signor Mohammed Taha [Arabic editor of Al Adiyat] had passed away. For many years he was one of my greatest and closest friends. I had the privilege and the honour to work with him at Al Adiyat and to spend some time with him racing either in Dubai or in Europe. He was a very fine judge of human beings and of horses. He had a very good sense of humour and he worked very hard all his life. His death is a big loss for his family, for his friends, for Al Adiyat, for Dubai and for the whole world of racing. My deepest condolences to his family and to his friends. Rest in peace Signor Mohammed Taha. I'm sure that in Heaven you'll continue to run in Group 1s as you have always done during your too short a life. Ciao.

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Mohammed Taha



COOLMORE ANNOUNCES 2020 FEES



Pierro | Coolmore Photo

by Bren O'Brien

Coolmore Australia has confirmed its 16-strong roster for the 2020 breeding season, with The Everest winner Yes Yes Yes to stand his first season at \$38,500 (inc GST) and star stallion Pierro having his fee lifted to \$137,500 (inc GST) off the back of a fantastic season.

Yes Yes Yes, a son of Rubick, was retired from the track in February after a career which saw him win four of his eight starts, including his victory against the world's best sprinters in The Everest in what was his final start.

Three of his wins came as a 2-year-old, including in the G2 Todman S., while he was also second in both the G2 Run To The Rose and the G1 Golden Rose S. early in his 3-year-old campaign. He heads the new additions for Coolmore and joins his own sire Rubick, whose price for 2020 will be \$33,000 (inc GST).

Magna Grecia (Ire) and Calyx (GB), who will stand at \$22,000 and \$17,600 (inc GST), respectively, were confirmed as the two new shuttle stallions for Coolmore Australia last week and having both stood at €22,500 (AU\$38,000) in Ireland in their first Northern Hemisphere season, will give great opportunity for local breeders at their respective prices. Magna Grecia is a dual Group 1-winning son of Invincible Spirit (Ire), while Calyx, a G2 Coventry S. winner as a 2-year-old, becomes the first son of star stallion Kingman (GB) to stand in Australia.

"Our three new sires--Calyx, Magna Grecia and Yes Yes Yes--are outstanding prospects who all demonstrated brilliant speed in their biggest wins and are very competitively priced," Tom Magnier, Coolmore Australia Principal said.

"We are major players as both buyers and sellers in the Australian yearling market, so we understand the importance of 'type' for commercial breeders. Importantly, each of our three new horses are outstanding physical specimens and we look forward to showing them to breeders in advance of the 2020 season."

Fee Increase for Star Stallion

The significant increase in fee on the Coolmore roster comes from Pierro, who is enjoying a wonderful season with his progeny and as a result jumps from \$88,000 to \$137,500 (inc GST) in 2020. Pierro is currently second on the Australian Sires Table having been Champion Australian First-Season Sire in 2016/17 and Champion Australian Second-Season Sire in 2017/18. He has had two individual Group 1 winners this season, Shadow Hero, who won both the G1 Spring Champion S. and the G1 Randwick Guineas, and Regal Power, who won the G1 Railway S. Regal Power also won the \$5 million All-Star Mile. They are two of his nine stakes winners so far this season.

He enters his eighth season at stud having been among the most popular stallions in the country in the past two years, attracting books of 229 and 217, while his 2020 yearlings have sold for up to NZ\$900,000.



Yes Yes Yes standing his first season in '20 | Bronwen Healy

American Triple Crown Winners



U.S. Triple Crown winner American Pharoah | Coolmore Photo

He is one of three winners of a Triple Crown on Coolmore Australia's roster, with Justify's (USA) 2020 fee set at \$66,000 (inc GST) having been listed as private last year.

Justify covered 149 mares in his first Australian season, with the arrival of his first Southern Hemisphere foals just months away.

Fellow U.S. Triple Crown winner American Pharoah (USA) stands at \$55,000 (inc GST), with his progeny having made a huge impression at the yearling sales.

There have been 55 of his first crop sold through sales in Australia and New Zealand in 2020 and they have averaged \$250,918, including a top price for a colt of \$850,000 at this year's Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale.

The son of Pioneerof The Nile (USA) has covered books of 158, 139 and 144 in his three seasons in Australia, while his Northern Hemisphere progeny have hit the ground running with six stakes winners already.

"It is a privilege to bring two of the greatest ever American racehorses back to Australia, in American Pharoah and Justify," Magnier said. "They have been supported with exceptional mare quality in their first seasons, with astute Australian breeders taking advantage of this elite quality for a fraction of their Northern Hemisphere fee."

"We are dedicated to offering the best shuttle stallions to Australian breeders and understand that continuity is important for the stallions and the breeders who use them."

The Young Lads

Pride Of Dubai looks well-placed to secure champion first-season sire honours this year and his price will remain at \$38,500 (inc GST).

The son of Street Cry (Ire) has had seven individual winners,

including one at stakes level, and his first crop have won just short of \$1 million.

Vancouver also had his first progeny to the track this season, and having had three winners to date, his 2020 fee has been set at \$30,250 (inc GST).

Merchant Navy had his first foals arrive last season and after big books of 247 and 155 to date, he heads into 2020 at a price of \$44,000 (inc GST), while Churchill (Ire), the four-time Group 1-winning son of Galileo (Ire), returns to Australia, also for his third season, and will stand at a price of \$19,250 (inc GST).

Deep Impact's (Jpn) son Saxon Warrior (Jpn) debuted at Coolmore Australia in 2019 and returns in 2020 at \$17,600 (inc GST).

Cox Plate winner Adelaide (Ire) had his first Group 1 winner this season with three-time stakes-winner Funstar, one of his 11 winners for 2019/20, and he heads into the 2020 season at a price of \$8800 (inc GST).

In terms of the more experienced sires, Fastnet Rock will stand his 16th season at an unchanged \$165,000 (inc GST), So You Think (NZ), coming off the G1 Australian Derby win of Quick Thinker, is also unchanged at \$38,500 (inc GST), while Choisir heads into season No.18 at \$16,500 (inc GST).

"The Coolmore roster for 2020 provides a great balance of proven sires, highly promising young sires and an assortment of international superstars that we believe are particularly well suited to the Australian breeding landscape," Magnier said.

"We have been delighted with how well the progeny of our stallions have performed on the track and in the sales ring this season, however we remain aware that these are challenging times for everyone. As such, we have priced our stallions with the view to offering value to breeders."

The two stallions missing from the list from 2019 are No Nay Never (USA), who stays home after four seasons, and Mendelssohn (USA).

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