



# THE JOCKEY CLUB FORMALLY ANNOUNCES BREEDING CAP



The stallion barn at Claiborne Farm | Claiborne

by Bill Finley

Starting with horses born in 2020, the number of mares a stallion can be bred to in a season will be limited to 140, The Jockey Club announced Thursday.

“The rule reflects The Jockey Club’s goal to preserve the health of the Thoroughbred breed for the long term...” Thursday’s press release read. When reached by the *TDN*, Jockey Club President and COO Jim Gagliano declined to comment further.

“I think this is great for the sustainability of our industry going forward,” said Claiborne President Walker Hancock. “It’s really going to give a lot more colts the opportunity to become stallions and I think it will level the playing field amongst these mid-level stallions that don’t have full books. It will increase genetic diversification throughout the gene pool. It’s a win for our industry.”

“The Jockey Club is acting within their rights and in their jurisdiction in implementing this rule,” said Gainesway Farm CEO Antony Beck. “I think it will make some people happy and some people unhappy. Some book sizes are much larger than what was the norm say 10 years ago. I have bred books that go over that number in the past, though not that much over that number. I can’t say if I will be happy or unhappy. I did send a mare the other day to a fashionable stallion. She was bred at 9 at night. He’d obviously been extremely busy.” **Cont. p3**

## MEDINA, LONGTIME RIGHT HAND TO MCGAUGHEY, MOVES TO BLACKWOOD

by Joe Bianca

Twenty-five years is a long time to spend in a job. Especially one in the world of training Thoroughbreds, which necessitates frequent travel, untold hours of overtime, waking up before the sun and physically toiling away at the daily work of controlling and redirecting the energy of half-ton animals.

But when you get to spend that quarter-century under the tutelage of a Hall of Fame trainer, the time becomes an asset. And now, with a life’s worth of experience accrued working under Shug McGaughey, former assistant Robbie Medina has made his move--to become the general manager at Guinness McFadden’s Blackwood Stables, a breaking, training and rehabilitation farm that can be found in stallion farm country, Versailles, Ky. **Cont. p4**

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**Jockey Club Formally Announces Breeding Cap cont. from p1**

The Jockey Club first broached the subject of limiting the number of mares which a stallion could breed in September, announcing that it was considering a new set of rules and expressing its concern with the narrowing diversity of the Thoroughbred gene pool. "The combination of these changes has resulted in a substantial increase in the percentage of foals produced by a discreet segment of stallions--signaling a worrisome concentration of the gene pool," the September announcement read. The September proposal called for phasing in the limits, starting with the 2021 breeding season and according to how long a sire had been standing at stud. That The Jockey Club grandfathered in all existing stallions as well as all horse currently racing appears to be a concession on its part.

Reaction to the timing of when the rule will go into effect was mixed.

"They were mindful of everyone's business and I certainly appreciate that," Hancock said. "That was the right move and now everyone knows the rules going forward and won't be put in a financial situation they weren't prepared for. Everyone knows the rules from here on out and how we are playing ball."

John Sikura, the president and owner of Hill 'n' Dale Farms, said having a different set of rules going forward would lead to a playing field that is not level.

"You are going to have two tiers of stallions," Sikura said. "You'll have the group that currently exists that performs under one set of rules, which are no rules. Then you'll have stallions competing against them that have had a restriction imposed on them. Therefore, those who want to breed to a large books of mares will continue to do so for the next 15 years or so. My biggest concern is the two sets of rules for stallions covering mares and that the rules are defined only by birth year. Those who can breed their stallions to more mares will have a competitive advantage."

"I understand the concerns and I think some of them are valid. I just don't know if this is the best way to go forward. Excuse the pun, but I don't know how you can justify having two different sets of rules. Everything should be fair and broad-based and everybody should have to follow the same rule."

While he said he was generally in favor of the rule change, Lane's End Farm President Bill Farish had some reservations.

"I am happy that they have done this and I think it will be great for the industry, but I wish there were a more aggressive timeline than there is," he said. "It's going to take a long time for this to have an effect. I don't think this will change things for us. It will make it so there is a line in the sand. It will make decisions easier for us on some of our stallions."

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Lane's End has five stallions that topped the 140 number in 2019, but none higher than Accelerate, who covered 167 mares.

"Full disclosure, as a stallion farm that has chosen to cap our book sizes, this stands to benefit the Airdrie roster. That said, it's our philosophy because we believe it's the right thing to do," said Airdrie Stud Vice President Bret Jones. "I think what the Jockey Club is doing is in the best interest of our industry for many of the reasons that have been well stated by its numerous proponents. Beyond that though, in a sport where you can't read the TDN without someone rightly calling for centralized leadership, I am hugely encouraged that an organization that possesses the potential to effect change has shown the will to do it. We all ask for leadership, and whether you agree or disagree with the specifics of this rule, The Jockey Club should be respected--and emulated--for leveraging their influence to do what they believe is best for the sport."



**Bret Jones** | Sarah Andrew

According to The Jockey Club's 2019 report of numbers of mares bred by a stallion, 43 stallions were bred to more than 140 mares that year. Topped by the Coolmore stallions, Justify (252 mares) and Mendelssohn (252 mares), eight stallions were bred to 200 or more mares. Among the eight, five stand at Coolmore and three at Spendthrift.

Ned Toffey, the General Manager for Spendthrift Farm, said that the farm would have no comment on the news.

In 2007, the number of stallions bred to 140 mares or more was 37. It fell to 24 in 2010 and then increased to the current number, 43. However, there are about half as many active stallions now as there were in 2007. On the mare side, in 2007, 5,894 mares (9.5% of the total) were bred by stallions that covered more than 140 mares. By 2019, 7,415 mares (27% of the total) were covered by stallions with books of more than 140, a threefold increase.

The rule change required a rewording of the Jockey Club's Rule 14C.

The new rules now include the text: "The total number of broodmares bred per individual stallion whose year of birth is 2020 or thereafter shall not exceed 140 per calendar year in the United States, Canada, and Puerto Rico. The Jockey Club shall limit the number of Stallion Service Certificates for such stallions to a maximum of 140 per calendar year."

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**Medina Moving From Shug to Blackwood cont. from p1**

Medina, 46, is from a racing family. He grew up in Chicago, where both his mother and father made their living on the racetrack.

"I always would go with my father to the track on the weekends, and I fell in love with it instantly," Medina said. "That's all I ever wanted to do."

After graduating high school, Medina started working full-time on the backstretch, like his parents. He had dreams of working in New York, though, and realized them when landing a job with Angel Penna, Jr. He worked with Penna for a year and a half, before finding his home, with McGaughey in 1995.

"When I first started with Shug, I was a groom, and I got to take care of a filly named Glitter Woman," he said. "She won the [1997 GI] Ashland and was a really good horse."

Medina became an assistant in 2000 and has spent the past 20 years rising to the position of top assistant trainer to a legendary horseman. During that time, McGaughey's barn won the GI Kentucky Derby, GI Travers S., GI Whitney H. and GI Metropolitan H. among an assortment of other top-level victories. **Cont. p5**

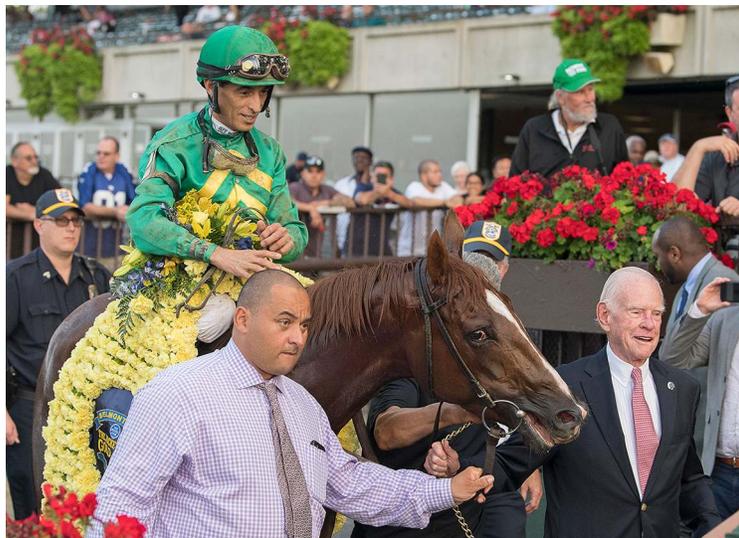
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**Robbie Medina and Will Farish lead Code of Honor in**  
*Sarah Andrew*

It's tough to differentiate from amongst the stars and exhilarating highs, but Medina does have a few favorites.

"I should say my favorite memory is Orb winning the Derby, there's no topping the Derby," he said. "But if there's such a thing as a 1A, as a kid I always remember watching the Met Mile. To me, after the Derby, that's the race I always wanted to be part of. Honor Code won it, and he's my favorite horse that I've ever been around. He and Point of Entry were the two best horses I was lucky enough to put my two hands on. They were unbelievable, and all you had to do was stay out of their way and keep them happy."

Long obsessed with the racetrack, these days Medina is looking for more stability, for him and his girlfriend, and especially for his young daughter as she starts school. So he finds his way to Lexington, and Blackwood. The only job, aside from head trainer, that Medina said he considered.

"I've always liked Lexington a lot, I can remember the first time I came here was with my dad in 1983," he said. "I got to thinking at some point I might train on my own, but I just couldn't see myself leaving Shug to go work for someone else on the track. To me, that would be like leaving the 1927 Yankees. Any other step you make is a step down in my opinion. Guinness called me and we talked a few times through the winter and I liked what he said. It's something totally different, even though it'll still involve the training aspect. I thought about it, and asked my girlfriend and my daughter what they thought and they were on board, so I'm really excited."

"He had 20-some-odd solid years here," McGaughey said of Medina. "He was a great assistant and kind of ran the show with Payson Park in the winters. Obviously I'll miss him, but sometimes it's time to move on. He's got a young child, and she needs a permanent place to start her life, instead of traveling all the time between Florida, Belmont, Saratoga, and he's got that

now. The door's always open here, but I hope it all works out well for him."

Naturally, the experience under McGaughey was a huge selling point for Medina, attracting McFadden to inquire. He soon realized the partnership would be a perfect fit for both Blackwood and Medina.



**Robbie Medina and Stuart Janney lead Orb in | Horsephotos**

"Robbie obviously has all the experience anyone could want in a farm trainer," McFadden said. "Working with Shug for 25 years, you've pretty much seen all there is to see. He knows how horses should come prepared to the racetrack and he knows what he was looking for as a trainer himself. He came from an extremely respected program, and calling around and asking about him, all I got was good feedback. He had everything that I was looking for. I wanted racetrack experience, I wanted somebody who'd been around good horses, and it just seemed to be a good fit. I think he was ready to slow down to some degree, and it'll be a good thing to have a slight lifestyle adjustment for him."

"I'm a very competitive guy and I'd like to make this the best place there is to send a horse to get started or lay up," Medina added. "I think Guinness has that same kind of mindset as well."

So what does one learn in 25 years of working for a universally-respected Hall of Fame trainer? The secret sauce, he says, is in the care for the horse.

"The most important thing I learned from Shug is patience," Medina said. "It sounds easy, but with horses, some people aren't as patient as they should be. To me, he's the best caretaker of a horse; he has a sixth sense with it. He treated each horse as an individual. Point of Entry, the way he trained, that's not the way Orb trained, or Honor Code trained. And he was never hesitant to send a horse home for 30-60 days because there was the slightest thing he didn't like. It was just incredible, when they came back, how different they would be. I really appreciated that about him." **Cont. p6**



**Blackwood Stables** | Photo Courtesy Blackwood

His heartfelt appreciation will keep Medina emotionally invested in the McGaughey stable. That, and a few promising young runners who happen to be sired by his favorite horse.

"Shug has a few Honor Code 3-year-olds that I think might be OK," he said. "And Shug's my guy, so I'm going to be his number one fan now. I'm 46, I spent 25 years with him, and there was so much good. We'd be on the phone for hours to tell you all the good."

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## BAFFERT STARS AND THE AVENGERS

by Sid Fernando

When the balance of power shifts anywhere, one side or another usually makes a move to regain equilibrium. It's the way of the world, the yin and the yang of natural order.

In Avengers, a film based on Stan Lee characters from Marvel Comics, a guy named Nick Fury, head of S.H.I.E.L.D., acts to save the earth from an outside threat by recruiting a bunch of superheroes, including Iron Man, Captain America, the Hulk, and Thor. There's a self-named version of this group in racing now, and they're part of the long list of owners associated with **Charlatan** (Speightstown), the impressive winner of one of the divisions the GI Arkansas Derby for trainer Bob Baffert. From what I can ascertain, the Fury character is SF Bloodstock's Tom Ryan, and there can be no doubt that Captain America must be Baffert, because his **Nadal** (Blame) won the other division of the Arkansas Derby just as impressively for another ownership group headed by George Bolton.



**Charlatan** | Coady

After Charlatan won, Ryan tweeted:  
*"CHARLATAN delivered  
 BOB delivered  
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 Donato-Henry-Frankie-Dr Hore-what a team. Bred the right way-raised the right way and trained by the best.  
 A great syndicate, great for racing.  
 So proud that our owners donated 10% to @NewVocations #Avengers #SF"*

The donation to New Vocations was an outstanding gesture from this group during these fraught times, but it's what superheroes tend to do. Ryan's use of the hashtag "Avengers" next to "SF" left no doubt that this group has arrived, because its principals also control Baffert's Grade I winner Eight Rings (Empire Maker) and the exciting Grade II winner Authentic (Into Mischief), who most likely will attempt to get his highest-level certificate next in the Grade I Santa Anita Derby, if all goes to plan.

Baffert said the "Avengers" have more promising colts in the pipeline, too, which is quite a haul for them given that the breeding rights to Eight Rings have already been sold to Coolmore and those to Charlatan were acquired just the other day by a syndicate headed by John Sikura's Hill 'n' Dale.

The principals in #Avengers are SF Bloodstock (Gavin Murphy and Ryan), Starlight Racing (Jack Wolf), and Madaket (Sol Kumin), all of whom were minority partners in Baffert's Triple Crown winner Justify, whose principal owner was Kenny Troutt's WinStar.

Since Justify, Ryan, who operates SF, and Murphy have put together a new syndicate of owners, including some other minority partners, to buy colts to send to Baffert in an attempt to emulate Justify's success, and so far they have been spectacularly successful, with the date-adjusted Classics still to come. **Cont. p7**

In Charlatan, the colt's breeder, Stonestreet's Barbara Banke, also stayed in for a significant portion, and the ownership includes Fred Hertrich III and John Fielding and Golconda Stables (Ben Goldberg and Elliot Friman).

The same group, without Stonestreet but now including Coolmore, owns Eight Rings, and Authentic, for now, is owned by the original group of SF, Starlight, Madaket, Hertrich, Fielding, and Golconda.

The actual "Avengers" are the buyers for this syndicate of owners, referenced in Ryan's tweet by their first names, and they are a formidable group. I don't know who's who as far as Iron Man, the Hulk, and Thor are concerned, but they'd come from this bunch that includes Ryan and Australian Henry Field of Newgate Stud, representing SF; Baffert; Donato Lanni, longtime shortlister for Baffert and one of the best in the business in spotting unraced talent; and Frankie Brothers, a retired Classic-winning trainer who is Starlight's man on the sales grounds. This group's veterinarian is Dr. Michael Hore of

Hagyard, perhaps the only vet who "passed" Justify as a yearling when others had "failed" him.



**Bob Baffert with Jack Wolf, Tom Ryan and Donato Lanni**  
*Horsephotos*

**Baffert on Avengers**

"Donato came up with the [name of] Avengers," Baffert said. "'We're going to look at an Avengers colt,' he'll tell me, when he wants to show me one for this group. Tom and Gavin just thought of this idea, [of buying] all colts, no fillies. Everybody owns, like, a small piece, there's a lot of people, and you spread it out so you have a lot of action--really good action--and it's a great concept, because we don't buy fillies and we buy colts at that level--\$500,000 to \$700,000. We

don't like to go to a million. But the concept of spreading risk and buying a lot of colts as a group is a great idea, because you go to these sales and horses are expensive, and some of these guys might have bid against each other for these colts, but now they're on the same team and we're buying together and it gets a lot of people involved. **Cont. p8**

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Baffert said that Lanni, Ryan, Field, and Brothers put a lot of effort in doing the groundwork, and all of them need to "love" a colt before they buy him. "When I get there, they've shortlisted horses, and I'm a pair of fresh eyes," said Baffert, who enjoys working with the Avengers. "Henry Field, he's got so much energy and is really fun to be around. He loved Justify [when Field was with the buying group for Justify that included WinStar, China Horse Club and SF]. He was a big part of that. He's a really sharp guy, too. He's got a really keen eye for a horse. When we're together, he'll ask what I like or don't like, and he'll say, 'I like this', or 'I like that,' and you feed off each other. Like, I might say, 'I don't like that,' or 'I've had trouble with that,' and he wants to learn, always asking questions, and in this business you need to be curious to be successful. Tom puts a lot of time into it, too, and Frankie is Starlight's man, and when he sees a good colt, he lets the Avengers know to include him in the group we'd look at. And Dr. Hore, I like him and the way he evaluates a horse. Nothing too complicated."

### **Baffert on Charlatan**

Charlatan was a \$700,000 purchase at Keeneland September, a graduate of the "Stonestreet Bred & Raised" program. His dam is Grade II winner Authenticity, a daughter of Quiet American who was multiple Grade I-placed and earned \$883,362 for Padua. She was sold to Stonestreet for \$1.2 million at the Fasig-Tipton Kentucky fall mixed sale shortly after a third-place finish in the 2013 Breeders' Cup Distaff.

"Barbara Banke, she bred him, and if she were a car collector, she'd have every freaking nice car in the garage," Baffert said.



Charlatan as a foal | Stonestreet

"She's collected these speed-fast mares with [advisor John] Moynihan, and those are the ones that do it."

Baffert said Lanni first took him to the barn to see Charlatan with the group. "Donato said, 'You gotta look at this horse,' and I'll never forget it. We went over there, and when we all saw him, we were, like, 'Wow, look at this guy.' He's better looking than his sire. Speightstown looked like a sprinter, a shorter-coupled horse, but this guy was longer, with a big, beautiful hind end and hip on him, and he took after the mare, so we all thought he'd stretch out, too." Turns out, the group was spot on with him.

"He's 15.3, and he's got so much speed and raw talent on him. He's like a smaller version of Justify," Baffert said.

Speightstown is an outstanding stallion, but until recently he'd never had a Grade I winner before July of its 3-year-old season. Sharing, who won the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf last fall, got him off that schneid, but Charlatan has now become his first colt and first on dirt to also accomplish this--and keep in mind, this is after more than 1,000 foals and 18 winners at the highest level.

Baffert, aka Captain America, has done this sort of thing before, though. Justify, for example, was the first to win the Kentucky Derby without racing at two since Apollo in 1882. And Baffert has a knack for training a sire's best runner, such as Arrogate (Unbridled's Song), Justify (Scat Daddy), American Pharoah (Pioneer of the Nile), Point Given (Thunder Gulch), Silver Charm (Silver Buck), etc. I've listed more [here](#). In time, Charlatan and Nadal could be added to that list, too.

In the meantime, the Avengers are riding a great streak of success with Baffert at the helm, which means that another group will soon set their sights on them looking to balance out that power again. That's just the way it is.

*Sid Fernando is president and CEO of Werk Thoroughbred Consultants, Inc., originator of the Werk Nick Rating and eNicks.*

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## **NEW YORK OTB REAPS \$3.2M IN EMERGENCY FUNDING INTENDED TO AID SMALL BUSINESSES**

*by T.D. Thornton*

The Western Regional Off Track Betting Corporation (WROTB) is facing scrutiny in upstate New York after the *Investigative Post* news site revealed that the state-created public corporation recently reaped \$3.2 million in Payroll Protection Program (PPP) emergency funding that is supposed to aid small private businesses hurt by the COVID-19 pandemic. **Cont. p9**

According to the article, authored by Phil Gambini, WROTB is “owned by 15 counties and two cities, and [is] charged with running legalized betting operations in western and central New York. It shares its profits with those local governments and the State of New York. Its employees, starting with its well-compensated CEO, Henry Wojtaszek, are treated as public-sector employees, drawing, for example, a pension from the state.”

The story further revealed that WROTB reported some \$3.1 million in cash reserves in its last audited financial statements, and that Wojtaszek’s current \$191,938 salary represents double what he earned when he joined the corporation as general counsel a decade ago.

Wojtaszek, according to the article, has continued to receive full pay even while WROTB’s three senior managers took a 50% pay cut and some 450 full and part-time employees were furloughed around mid-April because of the pandemic.

Yet, the story noted, “It appears permissible under the PPP, which is coming under increasing criticism for providing funds to questionable recipients while denying money to many legitimate small businesses.”

The article pointed out that, “The challenges of 2020 follow a difficult 2019 for OTB. Last year, federal investigators continued to dig into its operations, the state comptroller launched a sweeping audit, and a growing number of critics questioned its spending on everything from health insurance for board members to the purchase of luxury suites for concerts and sports events.

“Despite the troubles, OTB’s board of directors voted to give Wojtaszek a raise in December,” the article continued. “That upped his total compensation to about \$191,938, making him one of the highest-paid public officials in Western New York ... Wojtaszek’s 2020 salary exceeds OTB’s payouts to 12 of the 17 counties and municipalities that own OTB and receive profits. While OTB’s profits increased last year to \$3.6 million, they have fluctuated over the years and down from a high of \$8.7 million in 1987.”

Read the full *Investigative Post* article [here](#).

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## IN THEIR FOOTSTEPS: BO BROMAGEN

by Carly Silver

Glenn “Bo” Bromagen might bear the same name as his dear old dad, but he’s very much his own (horse)man. A bloodstock agent and racing manager for his family’s Ashbrook Farm in Versailles, Ky., Bromagen came about working with horses in a unique way.

The 36-year-old said, “Honestly, when I was growing up, my dad owned a few and it’s more of kind of a spectator sport for

me as a kid. We didn’t have horses on the farm; we had cattle growing up.” And by the time Bromagen graduated from Trinity University in 2007, his dad had mainly gotten out of Thoroughbreds ... but that was about to change.

Glenn Sr. decided he wanted to get back into the business, calling trainer George “Rusty” Arnold II, a family friend, and bloodstock agent David Ingordo. At the 2007 OBS April Sale, Ingordo picked out a good-looking chestnut from the first crop of Macho Uno and bought him for \$75,000. Glenn Sr. raced the Florida-bred colt, named Wicked Style, to a sterling 2-year-old campaign. Wicked Style captured the GIII Arlington-Washington Futurity and GI Lane’s End Breeders’ Futurity before finishing off-the-board in the GI Bessemer Trust Breeders’ Cup Juvenile.



**Bo Bromagen and Julien Leparoux embrace following the Belmont Oaks**  
Sarah Andrew

“That was the year I graduated from college and kind of got to see the horse run his first couple races,” Bromagen recalled. “There was just this overwhelming pull to be in this business, like everything from childhood came back.” He added, “And when he won the Breeders’ Futurity, it occurred to me, like, maybe I can do this for a living?” But he admitted, “The only thing I knew is how much I didn’t know.”

Bromagen started out by reaching out to Arnold that fall. “I started walking hots for him,” he recalled. “I started at the bottom.” He learned the ropes from Arnold and the trainer’s wife, former exercise rider Sarah. Bromagen said, “The familiarity there and mutual respect is something that I could appreciate.” Working under his dad’s longtime cohort proved a wonderful experience. He noted, “You kind of feel like you’re part of the team there when you’re doing this sort of thing. This mutual effort and kind of pushing things together, it is very rewarding, I think, not to mention educational.”

Bromagen estimated he walked hots for three to four months, before working his way up to groom and eventually barn foreman. **Cont. p10**

He reflected, “Well, for one, you’ve got to have patience, you know what I mean? When you’re working with horses, they don’t exactly speak English. You’ve got to just continue to do the right thing with them and eventually stuff will kind of come around [...]” He mused, “This industry comes in waves, successes and failures.”

He said, “I knew that training horses wasn’t going to be what I ended up doing, but I needed that education, that hands-on, background experience, that could benefit me in whatever I did choose to do.” He interned for Keeneland’s racing and sales office for nine months before spreading his wings to work with Ingordo. Five days into working the 2-year-old sales, Bromagen said, he knew he’d found his calling in inspecting youngsters. “It was just the act itself, the selection process,” he said. “You’re seeing all these prospects and you’re working to figure out which is the best one.”



**Southern Honey** | Horsephotos

While working under Ingordo, Bromagen cultivated strong relationships with mentors and clients. “David is incredible at what he does,” he mused. “He’s had so much success, but through David, I’ve worked with a couple of guys like Mike Shannon, George Seabo, the Mayberrys. All these people are incredibly experienced and so smart in what they do, but even more than that, [they are] such good people to be around, that, even when the day is just dragging on, these guys’ll just make your smile.”

After working with Ingordo for five years, Bromagen branched out as the racing manager for his family’s Ashbrook Farm and bloodstock agent for the BBN Racing partnership. In these capacities, he works closely with family and friends. “Well, in this business, the success that you have or can’t have is so much more rewarding when you can share it with people,” he reflected, “especially people you care about, for that matter. So I don’t know if it was always in the back of my head, but I guess I kind of knew that I wanted to work out on my own and also

represent the farm in that capacity.” He added that this can mean having “some contentious conversations” with people close to you. “But I think it’s also the fun of it,” he said. “Nothing in this game is easy, right?”

Ashbrook acquired a Colonel John filly for \$180,000 at the 2012 Keeneland September Yearling sale. Bo, his sister Ashley, and their mother, Sandi, bought the youngster from Glenn Sr. and raced her in the name of their farm. Given the moniker Southern Honey, the bay filly went on to win the 2014 GIII Winning Colors S. at Churchill Downs. Now a broodmare residing at Ashbrook, Southern Honey had a foal by Union Rags this year.

Another of Bromagen’s first acquisitions for Ashbrook was Weep No More. He said, “So working the 2-year-old sales I’d been buying a couple of years and we went to [2015] OBS [March] and the Mayberrys sent this horse down the lane who didn’t go lights-out.” He knew that April and Jeanne Mayberry raised good, honest horses and reflected, “To a certain degree, I felt more confident in buying a horse off of them just because I was familiar with who they were as a consignment and who they were as people.” Bromagen paid \$120,000 for the Mineshaft filly, whom he sent to Arnold; the trainer teasingly told his protegee, “Well, you know this one can’t be any good because she’s too pretty.”



**Weep No More caused a 30-1 upset in the 2016 Ashland** | Coady

After finishing off the board in her sole start at two, Weep No More came to hand in the spring of her sophomore season. She broke her maiden in January, tallied the black-type Suncoast S. in February and annexed the GI Central Bank Ashland S. in April. That last win came at Bromagen’s home track of Keeneland. “I don’t think I can actually put it into words what the feeling was like, whatever it is,” he said. “I don’t even know what the feeling is. It was like an explosion.” Mom Sandi said proudly, “Bo has proved over and over our support of him and our confidence in him.” **Cont. p11**

Bromagen credits the success to hard work and good training. “You’ve just got to put in the hours, just look at more horses, more horses, more horses, more horses, and then ask questions of everybody. I still talk to Ingordo on a regular basis.” But he also sagely knows his place in the market; because he can’t afford number-one prospects that everyone goes after, he said, “So I’ve got to find the horse with that frame that can grow into that, will be that great, strapping horse later...” He also takes shots on sires or young mares that haven’t yet had massive opportunities.



Concrete Rose after her victory in the Saratoga Oaks | Sarah Andrew

Bromagen’s got quite the way with the ladies, as evidenced by Weep No More and another prime acquisition: Concrete Rose. At the 2018 Fasig-Tipton Midatlantic Sale of 2-Year-Olds in Training, in Timonium, a dark bay filly caught his eye. “As she came past me, it looked like she was going great[....]” Galloping on the wrong lead, her head cocked, she moved greenly, but once past the grandstands, she leveled out into a great rhythm. A solid physical, the daughter of Twirling Candy came home with Bromagen for a mere \$61,000. He quipped, “You love the fact that she didn’t have the greatest breeze in the world; otherwise, I wouldn’t have been able to afford her.”

Named Concrete Rose, the filly races for Ashbrook and BBN Racing, the latter buying in after her maiden victory. At two, she won the GII JPMorgan Chase Jessamine S. and at three went undefeated in four starts at four different tracks. In 2019, Concrete Rose registered victories in the GIII Florida Oaks at Tampa Bay Downs, GIII Edgewood S. at Churchill Downs, the GI Belmont Oaks Invitational and the \$750,000 Saratoga Oaks Invitational S. She has won six races from seven starts and earned \$1,218,650.

Given that she races for his family *and* a partnership for whom he selects horses, Bromagen wanted the horse to match up. “I felt a lot of pressure up there to have her perform for these guys [... ] and for her to do what she did, it was almost relief as

opposed to celebration, if that makes sense.” Brian Klatsky and Brendan O’Brien founded BBN Racing a few years ago; Braxton Lynch serves as racing manager, Vicki and Phil Oliver and Rusty Arnold train its runners, and Bromagen is a bloodstock agent and consultant. “They’ve got an incredible group of people that have bought into this partnership,” he enthused. “I bought a share and Rusty and everybody’s taken a share.”

Watching father and son work together is a highlight for Sandi Bromagen. She said, “They seem to have that same crooked sense of humor that makes it fun for them and I think this has been a very enjoyable, gratifying part for Glenn to watch Bo work. And he really likes watching Bo and Rusty work together.” She added, “But Rusty taught Bo a lot. Another gratifying thing is I heard Rusty say one time about looking at horses, something to the effect that, ‘Bo knows what I like. I feel comfortable about what Bo picks.’ Glenn Sr. is equally delighted at his son’s success. “You wouldn’t believe how proud I get of him and the horse,” he said.

Most of Bromagen’s day-to-day duties are for Ashbrook, but at the sales, he identifies top-quality prospects for either client. He said, “I want to find those athletes and I think--I mean it’s tough to manage expectations of clients and what they’re looking for.” BBN has 10 to 11 runners, while Ashbrook maintains 11 horses in training, including a few in partnerships. And with Bromagen selecting their runners, the sky’s the limit for both operations.

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## BOB BAFFERT JOINS TDN WRITERS’ ROOM PODCAST

Fresh off a dominant weekend at Oaklawn Park in which he swept both divisions of the GI Arkansas Derby, Hall of Fame trainer Bob Baffert joined the *TDN* Writers’ Room podcast presented by Keeneland this week for a wide-ranging video interview. Calling in via Zoom as the Green Group Guest of the Week, Baffert talked about plans for his undefeated trio of **Charlatan** (Speightstown), **Nadal** (Blame) and **Authentic** (Into Mischief), why it was important to support California backstretch workers at last week’s protest, taking over the training of Maximum Security, the reopening of Santa Anita and much more.

“They’re not going to get much of a break, they’re athletes, I have to keep them in tune,” Baffert said of his two Arkansas Derby winners. “They both came out fantastic. As a matter of fact, they’re just jumping out of their skin. They really handled everything very well. So they would have been so primed for the [Kentucky] Derby this weekend and ready for the Preakness.”

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Asked about the physical characteristics of his big three, Baffert said, “They’re actually three totally different types of horses. Authentic, he’s a leaner, narrower, lighter framed horse. Tall, more like an Arrogate-type body. Whereas Charlatan, he’s like a longer version of his sire Speightstown. Just a beautiful hip on him, just incredible conformation. Nadal, he’s 16.3 [hands], weighs 1,300 pounds. He’s a brute. Just a brute of a horse.”

Baffert and his wife Jill were front and center last week at a protest representing backstretch workers for the reopening of Santa Anita for racing. The track is set to do just that next weekend.

“Oscar de la Torre, who puts that together, really works hard for the backstretch workers,” Baffert said. “We went out there, and I was advocating for the backstretch workers because they’re hard workers. They don’t want to lose their jobs. Our protocols have been great. We’ve been lucky. Nobody’s been ill. So there was just no reason for us not to be open.”

Elsewhere on the show, in the news of the week sponsored by West Point Thoroughbreds, Joe Bianca, Bill Finley, Jon Green and Alan Carasso talked about the calendar opening up with the return of Santa Anita and Churchill, the impact of casino closures on purses, and what there is to learn from the April economic indicators.

Click here to [watch the podcast on Vimeo](#). Click here for the [audio-only version](#).

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## ASSINIBOIA DOWNS CLEARED TO OPEN MAY 25

by T.D. Thornton

Assiniboia Downs in Winnipeg received provincial clearance Wednesday to open its live racing season May 25.

“I’m confident we will be the first racetrack in Canada to open a live race,” since the COVID-19 pandemic, the track’s chief executive officer, Darren Dunn, [told the CBC news outlet](#).

Spectator-free racing will be conducted Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. CDT.

The season had been slated to open May 10 but got pushed back because of pandemic precautions. The meet will run until Sep. 15.

Health and temperature checks will be required for all backstretch workers. There are currently 300 horses in training at Assiniboia.

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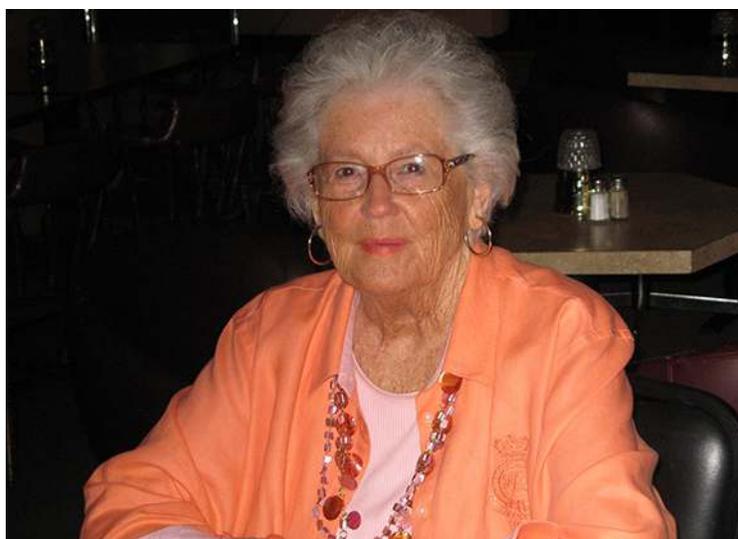
Behind the lens: Danzig Connection (#8) holds a narrow lead over Johns Treasure, Ferdinand, and Personal Flag en route to victory in the 1986 GI Belmont Stakes, giving trainer Woody Stephens his fifth and final Belmont Stakes win | [Horsephotos](#)

# MAKING BETTING MORE FRIENDLY



*With racing's temporary opportunity as the only game in town, the TDN's Katie Ritz took a poll of some industry insiders known to like a good bet and asked them: what is one simple way that tracks could make betting more friendly for existing horseplayers and/or more effective at bringing in new players? As you'll see, none of them could stop at just one.*

## BETTY FINLEY HENDERSON



**Betty Henderson** | Photo courtesy of Betty Henderson

*Editor's note: Henderson, 95, has attended the races regularly at Oaklawn Park in her hometown of Hot Springs, Arkansas, every year for decades until COVID-19 prevented her from doing so in 2020.*

Race tracks are doing absolutely nothing to keep the younger generation interested in actual horse racing, so the people are attending, spending their money on food, drinks and making bets on horses' names, etc. I feel that the tracks should have a one-hour teaching program every day, advertise it and really teach the population to handicap. I was so fortunate to have the best-ever teacher, my brother Joe Finley, who wrote the popular handicapping book *How Will Your Horse Run Today?* and others under the pen name of William L. Scott. I now have enjoyed handicapping races for 50 years and hope to enjoy it for a few more.

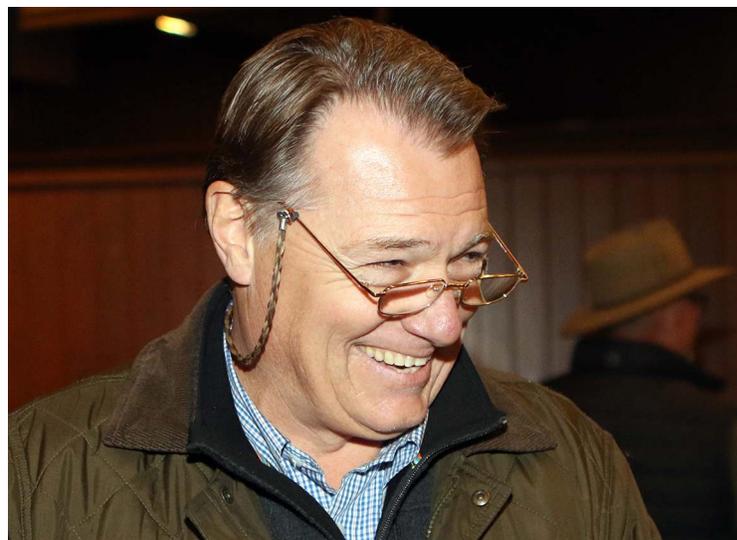
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# WHO'S YOUR FAVORITE HORSE?



## DAVANT LATHAM

**Favorite Horse:** As a kid from a non-racing family in Memphis, I became infatuated with Thoroughbreds while at UVA. In 1982 the champion 2-year-old was Roving Boy (Olden Times), who dominated the stakes on the West Coast. Being a direct male line descendant of Man O'War, Roving Boy was not only brilliant but also romantic as the horse that would continue the Man O'War sire line. Roving Boy fractured a cannon and missed all of the 3-year-old classics, but came back in October to run second in an allowance and then ran in the Alibhai S. three weeks later. Roving Boy distanced his competitors in the stretch, but suddenly took a bad step about 50 yards shy of the finish line, staggering home to win, only to collapse several strides later with fractures in both hind legs. His talent, tremendous courage and desire to win coupled with his tragic ending and the dreams of what could have been, have kept him in the forefront of my mind ever since. A largely unsung and forgotten hero who manifested all the best qualities of our Thoroughbreds.



**Davant Latham** | Keeneland

**Best Horse:** Secretariat--Try as you will, the facts speak for themselves. Although I think Justify showed similar brilliance and ability, Secretariat's career and records stand above all others.

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## INDIANA HORSE RACING COMMISSION OUTLINES KEY DATES FOR REOPENING OF STATE'S TRACKS

Fitting into a five-phase reopening plan for the state of Indiana outlined by its governor, the Indiana Horse Racing Commission has announced four major dates to pay attention to for the reopening of the state's racetracks. The dates are as follows:

- May 11--Essential travel restrictions are lifted (local non-essential travel allowed). Horses currently located in Indiana will be allowed to begin moving onto the backside of both racetracks. This applies only to those trainers with horses currently located in-state. Please contact Harrah's Hoosier Park or Indiana Grand's racing office to schedule your arrival date.
- May 24--No travel restrictions; horses originating from out of state are allowed. Horses currently located outside of Indiana will be allowed to begin moving onto the backside of both racetracks. This applies to those trainers with horses originating from out of state. Please contact Harrah's Hoosier Park or Indiana Grand's racing office to schedule your arrival date.
- June 14--Pari-mutuel racing allowed to commence – spectator free.
- July 4--Pari-mutuel racing and County and State fair racing anticipated to begin (with spectators) should there be no change in the 'Back on Track Indiana' roadmap.

In addition, Indiana racetracks have a reopening plan that includes additional protocols and procedures that all participants will be asked to abide by to ensure everyone's health and safety as these stages are rolled out. Both racetracks --Indiana Grand and Hoosier Park--will be posting those protocols on their website.

"Our industry leaders, from racetrack management, horsemen associations and IHRC staff have been working diligently to advocate for our racing industry to get us to this point. We appreciate everyone's cooperation and understanding as we move forward and navigate through this reopening process," said Deena Pitman, Indiana Horse Racing Commission Executive Director.

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## NTRA RELEASES BEST PRACTICES FOR SAFELY CONDUCTING SPECTATOR-FREE RACING

The National Thoroughbred Racing Association Safety and Integrity Alliance has released a document outlining best practices for North American racetracks determined to prioritize the health and safety of all participants and employees, when conducting live racing in a spectator-free environment in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The document will assist racetracks that wish to resume live racing by establishing the safest public health environment possible, while also enabling gainful employment and economic activity at a time of uncertainty for so many. These best practices are based upon the most current information from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), input from racetracks across the U.S. that are already conducting live racing and/or training, and feedback from a newly established Public Health Advisory Council consisting of experts in public health, epidemiology and horse racing who have agreed to contribute their expertise to racetrack re-opening efforts.

"The current economic situation facing many in the horse racing industry make it critical that we work with relevant local authorities to help tracks across the country return to racing as soon as is safely possible," said NTRA President and CEO Alex Waldrop. "To this end, the NTRA has engaged a variety of stakeholders and consulted with multiple public health experts to produce comprehensive guidelines that will serve as a blueprint for tracks seeking to operate safely and responsibly in the current public health environment. We urge racetracks to tailor these protocols to fit their unique conditions by working closely with their state and local health department officials, as so much about the safest response to this pandemic is local in nature."

Version 1.0 of the full document outlining all of the best practices can be [found here](#). Updates to these best practices will be made on an ongoing basis as necessary.

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## NTRA LAC ATTRACTS HIGHEST SUPPORT SINCE '08

The Legislative Action Committee of the National Thoroughbred Racing Association (NTRA) attracted voluntary contributions in 2019 of \$750,000, the highest amount contributed to the campaign since the pre-recession year of 2008. The NTRA LAC is a program that supports the breeding and racing industry's federal legislative efforts in Washington, D.C.

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More than 5,000 individuals and farms support the program and the funds are raised primarily through the NTRA's voluntary check-off program supported by buyers and consignors at Thoroughbred auctions equal to one-quarter of one percent of the prices of horses sold. Also contributing to the program are the sales companies themselves, National Horseplayers Championship (NHC) members who contribute a portion of their \$50 annual dues and supporters of the NTRA Foal Program.

The work in Washington of the NTRA federal legislative team, funded entirely by the LAC, has directly contributed to such recent industry successes as the COVID-19 economic relief legislation available to segments of the horse breeding and racing industry and the reinstatement of three-year depreciation as an option for all racehorses.

"We thank the more than 1,000 consignors, buyers and farms that participate in the check-off program, and the thousands of NHC Tour members for the outstanding results with last year's Legislative Action Campaign," said NTRA President and CEO Alex Waldrop. "We also greatly appreciate our sales company partners at Keeneland, Fasig-Tipton, Ocala Breeders Sales (OBS) and the Washington Thoroughbred Breeders and Owners Association (WTBOA), who support our legislative fundraising efforts by allowing the NTRA to work with their buyers and sellers across the country."

The NTRA LAC annual report may be accessed [here](#).

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## FLORIDA HBPA JOINS TAA

The Florida Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association (HBPA) has joined the Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance (TAA) as an industry stakeholder and has pledged its monthly financial support to aid accredited aftercare non-profits in the Sunshine State.

"We take our responsibility seriously to provide care and the opportunity for a new life to our equine athletes who have concluded their racing careers," said Tom Cannell, treasurer of the Florida HBPA. "Partnering with TAA and their accredited reorganizations will provide us an opportunity to successfully achieve these mutually desired goals."

Currently the TAA has 10 accredited organizations with facilities in Florida that provide sanctuary, adoption, rehabilitation, and equine-assisted programs. These organizations are: Equestrian Inc., Equine Rescue and Adoption Foundation, Final Furlong, Florida TRAC, Hidden Acres Rescue for Thoroughbreds, Peaceful Ridge Rescue, RVR Horse Rescue, South Florida SPCA, Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation, and Thoroughbred Retirement of Tampa.

This pledge will also strengthen the efforts of the newly established Gulfstream Park Transition Program, which works

with South Florida horsemen to move retiring racehorses off the track and into TAA-accredited facilities.

"Sometimes there are gestures that break through the cluttered gloom of chaos and restore one's hope and faith. The Florida HBPA provided one such gesture during this challenging time," TAA President John Phillips said. "We are thrilled that the TAA's relationship with the Florida HBPA was significantly reinforced with an ongoing financial pledge."

The Florida HBPA joins a number of TAA stakeholders in the Sunshine State, including Ocala Breeders' Sales Company, Tampa Bay Downs, Tampa Bay HBPA, Gulfstream Park, and Ocala Stud among others.

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## PRAIRIE MEADOWS FORCED TO LAY OFF WORKERS

With the planned May 1 opening of their mixed Thoroughbred/Quarter Horse meeting indefinitely delayed, officials at Prairie Meadows Racetrack and Casino in Altoona, Iowa, announced Thursday that layoffs for some 1,130 of its workers began this week as a result of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

"Our focus is to reopen as quickly and as safely as possible," said Gary Palmer, President and CEO of Prairie Meadows. "The health and well-being of our employees, our guests, the horsemen, and our community remain our utmost priorities as we look to resume our casino and racing operations."

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“It is with great anticipation that we await the start date of our upcoming meet at Prairie Meadows,” said Dave McShane, President of the Iowa Horsemen’s Benevolent & Protective Association. “Our members and fellow horsemen will be ready when racing is permitted to run,” McShane added.

Tom Lopic, President of the Iowa Quarter Horse Racing Association added “I’m looking forward to finalizing details of the 2020 racing season soon. The mixed meet is a win-win for both breeds, and we are working closely with the Thoroughbred community and Prairie Meadows to bring it to fruition.”

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#### Michigan OKs Online Wagering for Horse Racing

Michiganders eager to play the odds at horse racing soon will be able to use their smartphones to place bets. The state Gaming Control Board announced Tuesday that horse racing third-party facilitators now can acquire a license to offer advance deposit wagering online.

**Andrea Perez Balderrama, Detroit Free-Press**



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## 2020 Leading Fourth-Crop Sires by YTD Earnings

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Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	<b>Paynter</b> <i>(2009) by Awesome Again FYR: 2015</i>	4	7	1	2	--	--	138	47	136,989	1,963,417
											<i>Ring Leader</i>
2	<b>Violence</b> <i>(2010) by Medaglia d'Oro FYR: 2015</i>	1	4	--	1	--	--	129	46	130,866	1,508,857
											<i>No Parole</i>
3	<b>Flat Out</b> <i>(2006) by Flatter FYR: 2015</i>	1	4	--	1	--	--	116	33	118,050	1,308,315
											<i>Piece of My Heart</i>
4	<b>Take Charge Indy</b> <i>(2009) by A.P. Indy FYR: 2015</i>	--	--	--	--	--	--	104	33	71,740	1,026,352
											<i>Bronx Bomber</i>
5	<b>Orb</b> <i>(2010) by Malibu Moon FYR: 2015</i>	1	4	--	4	--	--	80	24	100,000	909,377
											<i>Whoa Nellie</i>
6	<b>Alternation</b> <i>(2008) by Distorted Humor FYR: 2015</i>	2	3	1	1	--	--	76	19	270,733	889,041
											<i>Serengeti Empress</i>
7	<b>Oxbow</b> <i>(2010) by Awesome Again FYR: 2015</i>	--	1	--	--	--	--	83	30	68,400	746,363
											<i>Blackberry Wine</i>
8	<b>Overanalyze</b> <i>(2010) by Dixie Union FYR: 2015</i>	1	2	--	1	--	--	85	19	96,250	677,504
											<i>Piedi Bianchi</i>
9	<b>Point of Entry</b> <i>(2008) by Dynaformer FYR: 2015</i>	--	1	--	1	--	--	71	20	53,400	659,460
											<i>Admission Office</i>
10	<b>Graydar</b> <i>(2009) by Unbridled's Song FYR: 2015</i>	--	3	--	2	--	--	88	21	53,000	649,369
											<i>More Graytful</i>
11	<b>Brethren</b> <i>(2008) by Distorted Humor FYR: 2015</i>	1	1	1	1	--	--	70	20	93,403	637,858
											<i>Cookie Dough</i>
12	<b>Justin Phillip</b> <i>(2008) by First Samurai FYR: 2015</i>	1	2	--	--	--	--	56	21	92,800	558,703
											<i>Just Might</i>
13	<b>Poseidon's Warrior</b> <i>(2008) by Speightstown FYR: 2015</i>	1	1	1	1	--	--	72	18	150,000	544,724
											<i>Firenze Fire</i>
14	<b>Jimmy Creed</b> <i>(2009) by Distorted Humor FYR: 2015</i>	--	--	--	--	--	--	64	16	56,184	517,435
											<i>Whistling Birds</i>
15	<b>El Padrino</b> <i>(2009) by Pulpit FYR: 2015</i>	--	--	--	--	--	--	42	13	55,880	499,311
											<i>Promised Storm</i>

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## FRIDAY'S RACING INSIGHTS:

By Christie DeBernardis

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## WARD SENDS OUT FIRST NYQUIST RUNNER



Breakthrough as a yearling at FTKJUL | Fasig-Tipton

### 2nd-GP, \$60K, Msw, 2yo, 4 1/2f, 1:35p.m.

Known for his prowess with early 2-year-olds, trainer Wesley Ward sends out the first runner by champion and GI Kentucky Derby hero **Nyquist** in **BREAKTHROUGH**. Purchased for \$330,000 at FTKJUL, the dark bay is a half-brother to SW & MGISP Red Vine (Candy Ride {Arg}) and his dam is a half to MGSW Fort Prado (El Prado {Ire}). He enters this unveiling off a bullet three panels on the turf at Palm Meadows in :36 1/5 (1/8) May 4. Repole Stable's **Prisoner (Violence)** makes his career bow in this spot for Todd Pletcher. A \$175,000 OBSMAR buy after breezing in :10 flat, the dark bay is out of stakes winner Al Max Diner (End Sweep), who is also responsible for SW & MGSP Manuka Honey (Borrego). Also entered in this test, but unlikely to draw in as he is fourth on the also-eligibles list, is the Pletcher-trained **Restored Order**, who would be the first runner for MGISW **Frosted** if he makes it in the gate. St Elias Stable and Repole Stable teamed up to purchase this colt for \$420,000 at OBS March after he worked in :10 flat. His GSP half-sister Der Lu (Orb) summoned \$900,000 at FTFMAR. Their dam Taboo (Forestry) is out of Grade I-winning millionaire Dream of Summer (Siberian Summer), who also produced fellow Grade I-winning millionaire and sire Creative Cause (Giant's Causeway), MGSW & MGISP sire Destin (Giant's Causeway) and GSW Vexatious (Giant's Causeway). **TJCS PPs**

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### IN ORDER OF PURSE:

**2nd-Gulfstream, \$65,000, Msw, 5-7, 2yo, f, 4 1/2f, :51.94, ft.**

**PRINCESS SECRET (f, 2, Khozan--Golden Horseshoe, by Belong to Me)**, given a 6-1 chance in this unveiling, hustled out to a clear lead and was soon joined by Briella (Cajun Breeze), who pressed from second through a :21.99 opening quarter. Shaking free of her foe in the lane, the bay kicked clear to graduate by four lengths. The winner is a half to Epic Journey (J P's Gusto), MSP, \$160,091. Golden Horseshoe returned to Khozan last spring. Sales history: \$30,000 Ylg '19 OBSOCT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$43,000. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O/T-Daniel Pita; B-Brent & Crystal Fernung (FL).

**6th-Gulfstream, \$41,000, (S), Msw, 5-7, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11.42, ft.**

**GRAINGER COUNTY (c, 3, Fort Loudon--Evil Dame, by Hear No Evil)**, sent off at 5-1 in this career bow, was hard sent to take the lead from heavily favored Victory Town (Speightstown), who stalked from second through a :22.79 first quarter. The favorite poked his nose in front as the top two pulled clear of the field entering the lane. Grainger County re-rallied in the final eighth and pulled clear despite being quite green late to win by 1 1/2 lengths. The winner's dam Evil Dame is also responsible for the unraced juvenile Little Demon (Awesome of Course) and a yearling filly by Awesome of Course. She was bred back to the same stallion. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$25,100. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O/B-Jacks or Better Farm Inc. (FL); T-Ralph E. Nicks.

**U.S.-BRED/SIRED RUNNERS IN JAPAN**



*In this continuing series, Alan Carasso takes a look ahead at US-bred and/or conceived runners entered for the upcoming weekend at the tracks on the Japan Racing Association circuit, with a focus on pedigree and/or performance in the sales ring. Here are the horses of interest for this weekend running at Kyoto Racecourse, where Unsaid Vow (Giant's Causeway) steps into group company for Saturday's G2 Kyoto Shimbun Hai:*

**Saturday, May 9, 2020**

**11th-KYO, Kyoto Shimbun Hai-G2, ¥104m (\$973k), 3yo, 2200mT**

**UNSAID VOW** (c, 3, **Giant's Causeway**--Country Cafe, by Lion Heart) dips a toe into group-stakes company, having led home a Coolmore-sired 1-2 when besting Besame Mo (Uncle Mo) to graduate going 1800 meters over a sloppy Hanshin main track Mar. 28 (video, gate 6). A \$110K Keeneland September yearling acquisition, the chestnut is out of a half-sister to GISW Cupid (Tapit) and a full-sister to Heart Ashley, whose son Fiano Romano (Aus) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}) is a Group 3 winner on turf in Japan. Heart Ashley is also the dam of Australian GSP Ameristralia (Aus) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}), while MGSW turf marathoner Hostess (Chester House) appears under the colt's third dam. *B-Mike G Rutherford (KY)*

**Sunday, May 10, 2020**

**2nd-KYO, ¥9,680,000 (\$91k), Maiden, 3yo, 1400m**

**PRECIOUS GIRL** (f, 3, **Speightstown**--Pressurizing, by Henrythenavigator), a debut runner-up to very impressive repeat winner Lecce Baroque (Uncle Mo) in February (video, gate 12), will look to improve off a seventh to Primo d'Arc (Bernardini) when last seen Mar. 8. The \$375K FTKNOV weanling purchase is out of an unraced daughter of Vertigineux (Kris S.), of course the dam of the irrepressible Zenyatta (Street Cry {Ire}), her three-time Grade I-winning half-sister Balance (Thunder Gulch) and SW Where's Bailey (Aljabr). Speightstown's six Japanese winners this season include G1 Takamatsunomiya Kinen victress Mozu Superflare. *B-Gilgai Farm (KY)*

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**FIRST-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: FRIDAY, MAY 8**

**Frosted** (Tapit), Darley, \$40,000

125 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners  
2-Gulfstream, Msw 4 1/2f, RESTORED ORDER, 6-1  
\$115,000 FTS AUG yrl; \$420,000 OBS MAR 2yo

**Nyquist** (Uncle Mo), Darley, \$40,000

94 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners  
2-Gulfstream, Msw 4 1/2f, BREAKTHROUGH, 6-5  
\$330,000 FTK JUL yrl

**SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: FRIDAY, MAY 8**

**Commissioner** (A.P. Indy), WinStar Farm, \$7,500

163 foals of racing age/21 winners/3 black-type winners  
2-Tampa Bay Downs, Aoc 6f, TWO LAST WORDS, 4-1

**Fury Kapcori** (Tiznow), Journeyman Stud, \$2,500

62 foals of racing age/8 winners/1 black-type winner  
2-Tampa Bay Downs, Aoc 6f, THE GODDESS LYSSA, 3-2  
\$10,000 OBS OPN 2yo

**We Miss Artie** (Artie Schiller), Ramsey Farm, \$5,000

40 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners  
2-Gulfstream, Msw 4 1/2f, CHASING ARTIE, 4-1

**Wicked Strong** (Hard Spun), Spendthrift Farm, \$6,000

232 foals of racing age/36 winners/1 black-type winner  
2-Tampa Bay Downs, Aoc 6f, WICKED WARRIOR, 8-1  
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**DESTROY**, 23, Housebuster--Eternal Search, by Northern Answer  
Foal born Apr. 8, a colt by Ransom the Moon

Mare retired

Owned by Jim Lawson

Boarded at Curraghmore Farm

Accomplishments: Dam of Smokey Fire (Smoke Glacken), MGSW, \$706,255; Utterly Cool (Smoke Glacken), MSW, \$357,622; Ghost Fleet (Arch), MSW, \$281,136; Search the Church (Holy Bull), GSP, \$251,845.

**CARESSING**, 22, Honour and Glory--in Touch, by Majestic Prince  
Foal born Apr. 30, a colt by Gun Runner

Owned by CFP Thoroughbreds LLC

Boarded at Hermitage Farm

Accomplishments: Ch. 2yo Filly, GISW, \$955,998; and dam of West Coast (Flatter), Ch. 3yo Colt, MGISW-US & G1SP-UAE, \$3,803,800; Gold Hawk (Empire Maker), GSP, \$181,273; Juan and Bina (Indian Charlie), GSP, \$209,120.



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**Chatham with her War Front colt**

**CHATHAM**, 16, Maria's Mon--Circle of Gold, by Seeking the Gold  
Foal born Apr. 27, a colt by War Front

Owned by and boarded at Stone Farm

Accomplishments: MSP, \$156,431; and dam of Air Force Blue (War Front), Hwt. 2yo-Eur & Ire, MG1SW-Ire & G1SW-Eng, \$844,419.

## RAISING FUNDS THROUGH SEARCH FOR A STAR



Gemma Waterhouse  
 Chief Operating Officer, Racing Welfare

Click to watch an interview with Gemma Waterhouse on Racing Welfare's Furlong Factor

By Emma Berry

There are plenty of businesses and individuals adversely affected by the coronavirus lockdown meaning that, in Britain, there has been a greater call for the industry's primary support network, Racing Welfare.

But the charity itself has also been affected by a downturn in its fundraising efforts through events like the London Marathon having to be cancelled, leading to a shortfall in its own funding mechanism. Last month Racing Welfare launched its COVID-19 Emergency Appeal with the aim of raising £500,000 to cover that loss. Since then, it has also launched a talent contest via social media called the Furlong Factor.

The competition, with a first prize of £1,500 and an all-expenses-paid trip for two to the G1 Qatar Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe in Paris, was open to all workers in racing and was devised in partnership with Great British Racing (GBR).

"Like so many businesses, when this crisis hit we needed to forecast and work out what the impact would be on Racing Welfare. In doing that it painted a pretty bleak picture," says the charity's chief operating officer Gemma Waterhouse.

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## FRENCH GROUP 1 PURSES CUT BY 40%; GRASSROOTS PROTECTED

With racing set to resume in France on Monday, France Galop has announced adjusted prize-money allocations for the remainder of 2020.

In a bid to preserve the country's grassroots racing, there will be no reductions in the purses for PMH races run in the provinces for €15,000 or less, or for races in the Paris area which previously had a value of €19,000 or less.

The most swingeing cuts come at Group 1 level on the Flat, with those races being reduced in value by 40%. All other group and listed races will receive a 30% cut, while Parisian races worth upwards of €20,000 will drop by 15%, as will provincial races with more than €16,000 in prize-money. All other races will drop by 20%.

In the jumping sector, handicaps, claimers and provincial races will be cut by 10%, and all jumps races carrying black type will be cut in value by 30%.

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Racing returns at three courses in France on Monday | Scoop Dyga

## IN TDN AMERICA TODAY

### THE JOCKEY CLUB ANNOUNCES BREEDING CAP

The Jockey Club will limit the number of mares a stallion may be bred to in a given season to 140, formally adopting a position it announced last September. [Click or tap here to go straight to TDN America.](#)

### Raising Funds Through Search For A Star cont. from p1

"We raise all our funds ourselves and we host a whole load of fundraising events throughout the year, which raise up to £1 million for us, which is fantastic, but with this virus now hitting the world and meaning that we can't bring people together for all these events we are set to lose that money. Certainly about £500,000 will be gone between now and August."

She continues, "So I needed to find other ways that we would be able to engage people and encourage them to give some money to Racing Welfare. I was looking on social media and I saw Deirdre and Angus Johnston singing beautifully at their home and it got me thinking about the idea of having a singing competition in racing, and that's where the Furlong Factor came from."

And it turns out that it's not just the Johnston mother-and-son act who have beautiful singing voices among the racing community.

Eighty people put forward audition recordings, with 24 of those gaining a place in one of the six heats, including jockeys Lizzie Kelly and Fergus Sweeney and trainer James Ferguson.

This Saturday the eight finalists, including two wildcards chosen by the Union J band member and former jockey JJ Hamblett, will perform a second song in Saturday's live final, which will be broadcast at 5 p.m. on Sky Sports Racing.

Waterhouse says, "Rod Street is a trustee of Racing Welfare and he heads up GBR, so we had a chat about how [the contest] might work. We got Sky Sports Racing to come on board as a media partner and we got sponsorship from the Tote, which will enable us to give some prize money and gave an incentive for people to be brave and put some auditions in.

"We now have eight people going through to the final, which is perfect for a tote pool which will be run during the final, so people can get involved by watching, voting, betting, and hopefully also donating."



Members of the William Haggas string enjoy a sunny morning in Newmarket on Thursday | Emma Berry



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## **Raising Funds Through Search For A Star cont.**

Founded in 2000, Racing Welfare was set up to help current and retired members of the racing workforce. Its services range from the provision of housing to careers guidance and counselling those with problems such as mental health issues or drug and alcohol dependency. The charity's head office is in the centre of Newmarket but it has a network of welfare officers in all regions of the country.

"Racing Welfare is at the centre of welfare provision for the industry," says Waterhouse. "We look after stable staff, stud staff, people who work in administration, racecourses or the media. Normally we help around 2,500 people in a year but this year we are only a third of the way through and we've already helped 3,000 people, so our services are really important right now."

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She continues, "A key part of this wonderful sport that we all enjoy is the people, and if we want racing to resume and be healthy and to be as amazing as it was before we had this crisis then we need the people to be there ready to make it happen.

"I think often people don't understand quite what Racing Welfare does. To give an example of the type of people we've helped, one of our beneficiaries, Darren, really struggled with alcoholism. He worked on the sales circuit and he really enjoyed lots of aspects of his job, but one of those was the social aspect, and for him that was drinking. Over a number of years the drinking got worse and Darren lost touch with his family, his children, and alienated the people around him. He got in touch with Racing Welfare when he really was at rock bottom and we helped him by putting him through rehab and supported him right through to a full recovery. Darren quite happily says if it wasn't for Racing Welfare and what we did for him he's not sure if he would be here any more."

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### Raising Funds Through Search For A Star cont.

The early evening entertainment this Saturday will be provided by the eight finalists whose racing roles include trainer, jockey, marketing manager, racing manager and rider/grooms. They are Freddy Tett, Lara Telfer, Lilli Hines, James Ferguson, Rebecca Thomas, Lucy Barry, Annie Martin and Kristen Wheeler. As well as voting or having a bet on the potential winner, the Racing Welfare team is hoping that those stuck at home through lockdown will consider donating the cost of their regular Saturday night out to the emergency appeal. As of Friday the appeal had raised just over £170,000 of its £500,000 target. GBR's Rod Street says, "I was a bit worried about getting the right volume of decent contestants for the heats but those worries were completely swept away by just the initial entries. Racing Welfare had a real challenge of getting the original entries down to 24 and there were some pretty decent singers who missed the cut. It was like a good old-fashioned compressed handicap."

He adds, "I hadn't given a lot of thought to what musical talent there might be in an industry but, of course, when you know that our industry is responsible for thousands and thousands of jobs, then of course within that there must be some talent and, hey presto, we've got it in spades."

The Furlong Factor Final airs on Sky Sports Racing and on Racing Welfare's social media platforms from 5 p.m. on Saturday. You can make a donation to the COVID-19 Emergency Appeal [via this link](#).

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## EUROPEAN NEWS

### French Group 1 Purses Cut by 40% cont. from p1

The France Galop board of directors met by video conference on Apr. 29 and in addition to these "emergency measures" they agreed to maintain the transport allowance for horses going racing. Breeders' premiums earned by jumpers in races abroad will not be paid.

A statement released by France Galop on Thursday read, "These emergency measures intended to deal with a health crisis with unprecedented consequences will be implemented as soon as racing resumes on May 11, and are for 2020 alone. The situation will be reassessed in the course of the year when France Galop will have a clearer picture of the rate of recovery in horseracing betting activity and its prospects for the later months of 2020."

The statement stressed that it is the racing authority's intention for prize-money to be restored in full for 2021. Furthermore, France Galop is working with its trotting counterpart LeTROT in attempting to persuade the French Government to assist racing's participants by paying €500 per horse per month for the period when racing was suspended in the country.

Following two months without action in France, there will be racing at three tracks in the country on Monday, including ParisLongchamp, which stages four group races and a listed contest on a 10-race card.

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### IRISH RACING UNLIKELY IN MAY

It appears unlikely that racing in Ireland will return in May, with the department of agriculture, food and the marine confirming on Thursday that racing falls under the umbrella of outdoor sports behind closed doors that will not be permitted to resume until the country's third tier of re-opening on June 29.

The government has said it will consider proposals from sectors that wish to have restrictions lifted earlier, and Horse Racing Ireland said in a release on Thursday evening that it is in ongoing talks with the government. There is hope that racing could be moved up to the second tier of resumption, which would see restrictions lifted on June 8.

"Horse Racing Ireland and the Irish racing community are fully supportive of the Government and the Chief Medical Officer for the way in which they have handled this unprecedented public health emergency," said HRI Chief Executive Brian Kavanagh. "Through the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine there has been constructive engagement with various Government departments this week on the basis that racing will only resume behind closed doors when it is deemed safe and appropriate."



Dublin's Leopardstown Racecourse | *Racing Post*

**Irish Racing Unlikely In May cont.**

Kavanagh pointed out that race meetings were held behind closed doors prior to the country's lockdown in March.

"Prior to Mar. 24, race fixtures were among the last group of Tier 2 commercial activities to continue with 10 fixtures staged safely behind closed doors with only key personnel permitted on site," he said. "Horse Racing Ireland's Covid-19 protocols, which were in place for those fixtures have been further strengthened in the meantime and we feel that the industry can safely resume sooner rather than later and will continue to engage with Government on that basis."

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**BRITISH RACING AWAITS JOHNSON'S EXIT PLAN**

British racing's leaders will meet on Monday following the government's expected Sunday announcement regarding the country's plans for the easing and gradual exit from lockdown. There has been no racing in Britain since the two National Hunt meetings held behind closed doors at Wetherby and Taunton on Mar. 17.

The weekly update from the Resumption of Racing Group stated, "We understand that everyone across the industry wants to know the date on which racing can resume. We are continuing to have positive conversations with government, including public health officials. However, the reality is that the industry will need to understand more about the UK Government's approach for the return of sport, and the operational implications of any continuing restrictions--and equally the plans from the devolved administrations in Scotland and Wales--before we can provide a clear date for resumption."

The statement also pointed to the fact that cabinet ministers Matt Hancock and Dominic Raab both made favourable public comments this week with regard to the resumption of sport in Britain. Hancock, as well as being Health Minister, is the MP for West Suffolk, the constituency which includes Newmarket.

It read, "This optimism was echoed by the Foreign Secretary, Dominic Raab, who noted that the return of sport would 'lift the spirits of the nation.' He referenced the 'constructive meetings with sports bodies' and the plans being developed by the Culture Secretary for a safe and sustainable resumption of sport, in line with medical and scientific advice.

"We remain strongly focused on ensuring that we are prepared to resume at the earliest possible opportunity and that our plans are sufficiently flexible to allow for a range of different scenarios, which can be adapted and implemented in line with the gradual easing of Government restrictions. This includes understanding the public health requirements that will be in place around testing, Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) or

returning to work--and how these may apply to racing."

The British Horseracing Authority (BHA) has now published on its website a plan of provisional meetings for the first week of racing in the country, along with a note of caution that this is still subject to guidance from the health authorities. The plan does not specify racecourses and includes 13 fixtures, two each day bar the first day. There are 12 2-year-old races slated, along with 27 for 3-year-olds only and a further 64 races open to older horses.

Following a planned Levy Board meeting early next week, it is expected that a further announcement will be made regarding likely prize-money allocations for the revised fixtures.

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Lingfield has been mooted as one of the courses which could stage early fixtures | *Racing Post*

**GERMANY**

**Thursday's Results:**

**GROSSER HANNOVERSCHER SPRIENTPREIS-Listed, €12,500, Hannover, 5-7, 3yo/up, 6 1/2ft, 1:17.70, gd.**

- 1--**MAJESTIC COLT (IRE), 128, h, 5, Clodovil (Ire)--Majestic Dubawi (GB) (GSW-Eng), by Dubawi (Ire). 1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN.** (19,000gns RNA Ylg '16 TAOCT). O-Jaber Abdullah; B-Rabbah Bloodstock Ltd (IRE); T-Andreas Wohler; J-Bauyrzhan Murzabayev. €7,000. Lifetime Record: 8-5-2-1, €43,250.
- 2--**Tosen Shauna (Ire), 125, f, 4, Alhabayeb (Ire)--Naked Poser (Ire), by Night Shift.** (€26,000 2yo '18 GBMBR). O-Joachim Erhardt. €3,250.
- 3--**Namos (Ger), 132, c, 4, Medicean (GB)--Namera (Ger), by Areion (Ger).** (€64,000 Ylg '17 BBAGS). O-Stall Namaskar. €1,500.

**Grosser Hannoverscher Sprintpreis cont.**

Margins: NK, 3/4, NK. Odds: 2.70, 9.20, 2.50.

Also Ran: Power Jack (GB), Mc Queen (Fr), Zargun (Ger), Caesara (GB), Sharoka (Ire), Big Boots (Ire), Ninario (Ger), Be My Best (Ger), Schang (Ger), Gamgoom (GB). **Click for the [Racing Post result](#).**

**GROSSE HANNOVERSCHE STUTENMEILE-Listed, €12,500,** Hannover, 5-7, 4yo/up, f/m, 8fT, 1:35.60, gd.

1--**JIN JIN (IRE), 126, f, 4, Canford Cliffs (Ire)--Josphiel (Ire), by Okawango. 1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN.** (€4,000 Ylg '17 GOFOCT). O-Sabine Goldberg; B-Nanallac Stud (IRE); T-Bohumil Nedorostek; J-Maxim Pecheur. €7,000. Lifetime Record: 4-4-0-0, €18,400.

2--**Axana (Ger), 130, f, 4, Soldier Hollow (GB)--Achinora (GB), by Sleeping Indian (GB).** (€15,000 RNA Ylg '17 BBAGS). O-Team Valor. €3,250.

3--**Nica (Ger), 128, m, 5, Kamsin (Ger)--Narrika (Ger) (MSP-Ger), by Santiago (Ger).** (€17,000 RNA Ylg '16 BBAGS). O-Ralf Nicolay. €1,500.

Margins: SHD, 4HF, NO. Odds: 6.70, 0.60, 5.90.

Also Ran: Open Sea (GB), Song of Life (GB), K Club (Ire), Akribie (Ger), Freedom Rising (Ger), Contessa (Ger), Akua'rella (Ger), Queen Josephine (Ger). Scratched: Armance (Fr). **Click for the [Racing Post result](#).**

**GROSSER HANNOVERSCHER STUTENPREIS-Listed, €12,500,** Hannover, 5-7, 4yo/up/up, f/m, 10fT, 2:05.21, gd.

1--**STEX (IRE), 128, f, 4, Lord of England (Ger)--Sun Society (Ger) (GSP-Ger), by Law Society. 1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN.** O-Rennstall Gebruder Barth; B-Gunther Barth (IRE); T-Roland Dzubasz; J-Bauyrzhan Murzabayev. €7,000. Lifetime Record: GSP-Ger, 10-3-0-2, €29,100.

2--**Durance (Ger), 130, f, 4, Champs Elysees (GB)--Djidda (Ger), by Lando (Ger).** O-Gestut Ebbesloh. €3,250.

3--**Apadanah (Ger), 126, f, 4, Holy Roman Emperor (Ire)--Amazone (Ger), by Adlerflug (Ger).** (€180,000 Ylg '17 BBAGS). O-Darius Racing. €1,500.

Margins: 1HF, 2HF, NK. Odds: 7.60, 0.60, 17.60.

Also Ran: Perfect Pitch (Ger), Satomi (Ger), Baccara Rose (Ger), Magical Forest (Ire), Nathan Mnm (GB), Pietra Della Luna (Ire).

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More No Never was a new winner for No Nay Never at Hannover on Thursday | *Coolmore*

**1st-Hannover, €3,000, Mdn, 5-7, 3yo, 7fT, 1:25.44, gd.**  
**MORE NO NEVER (GER) (c, 3, No Nay Never--Magali {Ger}, by Monsun {Ger})** registered a Sept. 22 debut third going one mile at Cologne before finishing fifth of five back over that strip in the Oct. 6 Preis des Winterfavoriten representing Jean-Pierre Carvalho last term. Asserting for an early lead in this opening for Markus Klug, the 13-10 pick held sway once in front and kept on powerfully under mild cajoling inside the final quarter mile to comfortably account for Mrs Applebee (Ger) (Soldier Hollow {GB}) by 2 1/2 lengths. Entered for Cologne's June 1 G2 German 2000 Guineas, the February-foaled bay is the second of four surviving foals and first scorer produced by a winning half to G1 Doomben Cup victor Mawingo (Ger) (Tertullian). He is kin to the 2-year-old colt Manganelli (Ire) (Tertullian) and a yearling colt by Australia (GB) and hails from a family featuring MGISW sires Sea Hero (Polish Navy), winner of the GI Kentucky Derby, and Hero's Honor (Northern Dancer). Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, €7,600. O-Gestut Schlenderhan; B-Stall Ullmann (GER); T-Markus Klug.

**3rd-Hannover, €3,000, Mdn, 5-7, 3yo, 10fT, 2:08.64, gd.**  
**PALM SPRINGS (GB) (c, 3, Maxios {GB}--Panatella {GB}, by Medicean {GB})** was well away from an outer box and gained control passing the judge first time in this debut. Enjoying a comfortable buffer on the front end thereafter, the 27-1 chance was shaken up with 350 metres remaining and ridden out inside the final furlong to hold Monete (Ger) (Jukebox Jury {Ire}) by two lengths. Half-brother to a 2-year-old filly by New Approach (Ire) and a yearling filly by Adlerflug (Ger), the July 12 G1 Deutsches Derby entry is the first of three foals produced by a winning half-sister to Listed March S. victor The Twisler (GB) (Motivator {GB}). The February-foaled bay's stakes-placed second dam Panna (GB) (Polish Precedent) is a half-sister to MG1SW sire Pentire (GB) (Be My Guest). Sales history: €12,000 Ylg '18 BBAGO. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €1,500. 1ST-TIME STARTER. O-Stall Moriki's Friends; B-Antje & Lars-Wilhelm Baumgarten (GB); T-Hans Albert Blume

**4th-Hannover, €3,000, Mdn, 5-7, 3yo, f, 8fT, 1:36.62, gd.**  
**VIVE EN LIBERTE (GER) (f, 3, Soldier Hollow {GB}--Vive Madame {Ger}, by Big Shuffle),** who placed in two seven-furlong maidens before finishing last of 11 upped to one mile in Baden-Baden's Oct. 20 G3 Preis der Winterkonigin, found cover along the fence in fifth after the initial stages of this seasonal return. Coming under pressure at the two pole, the 6-1 chance was angled into the clear with 300 metres remaining and ridden out late to deny Isaia (Ger) (Farhh {GB}) by a head in the dying strides. The Aug. 2 G1 Preis der Diana (German Oaks) entry becomes the fifth scorer out of a winning half to three black-type performers headed by stakes-winning G3 Preis der Winterkonigin third

Viletta (Ger) (Doyen {Ire}). The February foal is a half-sister to MGSW G1 Preis von Europa runner-up Vif Monsieur (Ger) (Doyen {Ire}), three-time stakes placegetter Vive Ma Fille (Ger) (Doyen {Ire}) and a yearling filly by Lord of England (Ger). Sales history: €64,000 Ylg '18 BBAGS. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-1, €3,900.

O-Stall Mandarin; B-Gestut Auenquelle (GER); T-Yasmin Almenrader.

**6th-Hannover, €3,000, Mdn, 5-7, 3yo, 8f 165yT, 1:46.03, gd.**  
**PLAINSMAN (FR) (c, 3, Prince Gibraltar {Fr}--Prairie City {Ire}, by Elusive City),** a May 24 G3 Fruhjahrs Preis entry, recovered from an early bump to track the leaders along the rail in sixth through halfway in this first go. Angled outside rounding the home turn, the 3-1 second choice came under pressure at the top of the straight and kept on relentlessly for continued urging inside the final quarter mile to prevail by a neck from Koffi Star (Ger) (Areion {Ger}). He is the first foal produced by a winning daughter of Listed Salsabil S. runner-up Canouan (Ire) (Sadler's Wells), herself a half-sister to G1 Irish Oaks heroine Winona (Ire) (Alzao). The homebred bay is kin to a 2-year-old colt by Olympic Glory (Ire) and a yearling colt by Wings of Eagles (Fr). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €1,500.

1ST-TIME STARTER. O/B-Dr Hans-Georg Stihl (FR); T-Andreas Wohler.

#### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Sommelier (Ger), g, 4, Soldier Hollow (GB)--Simply Red (Ger), by Dashing Blade (GB).** Hannover, 5-7, 8f 165yT, 1:45.74. B-Thomas Schaffer (GER). \*€80,000 RNA Ylg '17 BBAGS. \*\*1/2 to Scoubidou (Ger) (Johan Cruyff {GB}), Hwt. 2yo Filly-Ity, GSW-Ity, SW & GSP-Ger, \$175,340; Slowfoot (Ger) (Hernando {Fr}), GSP-Ger & Ity, \$103,236; Schulz (Ger) (Rail Link {GB}), SP-Ger; and Sutra (Ger) (Big Shuffle), SP-Ger.



Plainsman was a first-crop debut winner for Prince Gibraltar (pictured) | Scoop Dyga

**Friday, Cologne, Germany, post time: 6.00 p.m.**

**CARL JASPERS-PREIS (EX GERLING-PREIS)-G2, €35,000, 4yo/up, 12fT**

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	5	Accon (Ger)	Camelot (GB)	Palik	Nedorostek	128
2	10	Ashrun (Fr)	Authorized (Ire)	Murzabayev	Wohler	126
3	9	Amiro (Ger)	Lord of England (Ger)	Pietsch	Figge	126
4	2	Be My Sheriff (Ger)	Lawman (Fr)	Starke	Grewe	126
5	8	Nikkei (Ger)	Pivotal (GB)	Casamento	Hickst	126
6	1	Say Good Buy (Ger)	Showcasing (GB)	Lecoeuvre	Grewe	126
7	7	The Way of Bonnie (Ire)	Thewayyouare	Piechulek	Steinberg	126
8	4	Waugh (Ire)	Rip Van Winkle (Ire)	Delozier	Blume	126
9	6	Windstoss (Ger)	Shirocco (Ger)	Pecheur	Klug	126
10	3	Naida (Ger)	Reliable Man (GB)	de Vries	Almenrader	125

**Friday, Cologne, Germany, post time: 5.00 p.m.**

**PFERDEWETTEN.DE - COLOGNE CLASSIC (EX BAVARIAN CLASSIC)-G3, €27,500, 3yo, 10 1/2fT**

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	2	Grocer Jack (Ger)	Oasis Dream (GB)	Casamento	Hickst	128
2	5	Minotauros (Fr)	Tiberius Caesar (Fr)	Delozier	Schiergen	128
3	7	Near Poet (Ger)	Poet's Voice (GB)	Lecoeuvre	Hickst	128
4	6	Palao (Ger)	Champs Elysees (GB)	Seidl	Klug	128
5	9	Prince Oliver (Fr)	Penny's Picnic (Ire)	de Vries	Figge	128
6	8	Soul Train (Fr)	Manduro (Ger)	Murzabayev	Wohler	128
7	3	South Africa (Ger)	Maxios (GB)	Pietsch	Hickst	128
8	1	Toscano (Fr)	Youmzain (Ire)	Minarik	Carvalho	128
9	4	Wonderful Moon (Ger)	Sea The Moon (Ger)	Starke	Grewe	128

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## ROSEMONT EMBRACES MM DIGITAL PLATFORM



**Anthony Mithen** | *Bronwen Healy*

by *Paul Vettise*

The recently-launched Magic Millions Online platform will host another exclusive unreserved auction off the back of its debut success, this time for Victorian nursery Rosemont Stud.

Leading Victorian nursery Rosemont Stud is the latest thoroughbred convert to the recently-launched Magic Millions Online platform.

In association with the Gold Coast auction house, it has announced the Rosemont Stud Exclusive Online Sale on May 25 and 26 with almost 100 lots catalogued for the unreserved sale.

It will follow on from this week's successful Cornerstone Stud Unreserved Reduction Sale, the first on the Magic Millions platform, during which more than \$1 million was traded.

"This is a very exciting announcement to make in conjunction with Magic Millions," Rosemont's Anthony Mithen said. "We've been working together on this project since the beginning of the year.

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"We love the idea of a dynamic style online event with a condensed bidding period. Prospective buyers will get the chance to digest photos, videos and independent agent assessments.

"With all lots on the farm, we encourage those able to visit and inspect the stock to do so before they sell online and make contact with a member of our team or Magic Millions to organise a time to visit.

"We were impressed with how easy it was to use the platform during the recent Cornerstone Stud Sale. We're delighted to be able to offer such an attractive line up of weanlings and broodmares."

A feature of the reduction will be 39 weanling offerings by sires including Exceed And Excel, Zoustar, Written Tycoon, Russian Revolution, Brazen Beau, Capitalist, So You Think (NZ), Hellbent, Nicconi, Toronado (Ire) and Rosemont residents including Starcraft (NZ) and Starspangledbanner.

The broodmare prospects include 12 stakes performers, featuring 2-year-old stakes winners Gold Rush (NZ) (So You Think {NZ}), in foal to Savabeel, and Split Lip (Your Song), in foal to Zoustar, as well as stakes producers.

"Rosemont are leaders in their field and to be able to partner up to offer this quality line up of horses is an honour," Magic Millions Managing Director Barry Bowditch said.

"We look forward to releasing the catalogue late next week and then to what will be an action-packed period of bidding on May 25 and 26."

Bidding at the online auction will be open on May 25 and the countdown to the sale of each horse will commence at 11am (AEST) on Tuesday, May 26.

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