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IN ADVANCE OF HORSE INFLUX, HUMAN COVID-19 TESTING BEGINS IN KY



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Even before their stabling areas officially begin readmitting horses next week, Churchill Downs and Keeneland are already working in tandem to provide on-site COVID-19 testing of backstretch workers and licensed personnel who will be involved when racing resumes at Churchill May 16. A negative result will be required to gain access to both racetracks.

The mandate of swab testing for all Kentucky racetrack personnel exceeds the scope of recommendations published May 7 by the National Thoroughbred Racing Association (NTRA).

Bob Elliston, Keeneland's vice president of racing and sales, told TDN on Saturday that his association just filed a backstretch reopening plan with Kentucky officials, and that he believes the inclusion of testing protocols will enable new shippers to join the 650 horses already stabled at Keeneland if the plan gets approved.

"We sent protocols to the governor's office [on Friday]," Elliston said. "They're reviewing them this weekend, and we're hopeful to open our backside next week to an additional 400 horses. We've been doing health screening and temperature checks for almost two months, and it's served us well. But as we think about the addition of new people coming with new horses for summer stabling, we're taking those next steps and [expanding to include] testing protocols. **Cont. p3**

SONGBIRD CONTINUES TO THRIVE IN MOTHERHOOD by Katie Ritz

Of all the jaw-dropping feats that a Thoroughbred is able to accomplish, perhaps nothing is quite as miraculous as watching a fierce, powerful racehorse transform to fill the role of broodmare.

Wayne Sweezy, who owns and operates Timber Town Stables alongside his wife Cathy, has watched this dramatic role change hundreds of times. But one mare on his farm in particular has excelled above and beyond both on the track and with a foal by her side.

She won 13 of her 15 starts, never finishing worse than second, and took nine Grade I victories over her three-year career. She retired with over \$4.6-million in earnings as a two-time Eclipse Award winner and Breeders' Cup heroine and for \$9.5-million at Fasig-Tipton November in 2017. **Cont. p5**

IN TDN EUROPE TODAY

RUSSIAN CAMELOT MAKES DERBY HISTORY

Russian Camelot (Ire) (Camelot [GB]) became the first Northern Hemisphere 3-year-old to take a Derby in Australia, winning the G1 South Australian Derby on Saturday. [Click or tap here to go straight to TDN Europe.](#)

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After foaling a filly by Arrogate in 2019, Songbird now has another beautiful filly by Tapit. Katie Ritz checks in with the superstar mare at Timber Town Farm, just in time for Mother's Day. Click to watch the video. The story continues inside.

CLASSIC SHUFFLE

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With this year's Triple Crown schedule still up in the air, Christina Bossinakis takes a look at the scheduling history of all three major American Classics.

WINNER NUMBER 50 FOR CONSTITUTION

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It was a quiet day of racing, but Constitution still managed to sire another promising winner in Todd Pletcher-trained juvenile Hyperfocus at Gulfstream. The Repole Stable colorbearer was his sire's 50th individual winner.

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“Churchill’s already begun that,” Elliston added, referencing the COVID-19 testing that greeted some licensees arriving at Churchill over the past few days, and also at Fair Grounds in New Orleans, where Kentucky-bound horses and workers are shipping out. “Churchill will be allowing horses on their grounds May 11. We’re hoping to get open perhaps as early as the 13th. We want to get these folks back into the state and get an opportunity to run for those purses at Churchill because, unfortunately, they didn’t get that opportunity in April with us.”

Churchill’s corporate communications office has yet to respond to a Friday interview request asking for what horsemen should expect regarding the logistics of COVID-19 testing.

“The good news about how we are approaching it in Kentucky is that the tracks are working cooperatively,” Elliston said. “Both Churchill and Keeneland are sourcing private testing capabilities so that we are not contingent or we’re not in competition with the public health officials who are doing testing in our region.”

Elliston said the private medical company the two tracks have contracted with for testing is the Lexington-based firm Wild Health. [A “Strategy” web page](#) on that company’s site describes the practice as specializing in “genomics-based personalized medicine” as well as disease prevention and treatment.

“They’re going to be on our grounds for six straight days as people arrive,” Elliston said. “They’re going to be on the Churchill grounds as well to test those folks who are returning to Kentucky from out-of-state locations.”

Asked if it was difficult to obtain large-scale testing, which has been in shortage in some parts of the country, Elliston said the key to the process was working with state health officials while focusing on local testing resources.

“The costs of the testing are not extravagant,” Elliston said. “[Wild Health] got them to a point that they are a manageable resource. And honestly, in this day and age, with the severity of the consequences of being positive, particularly at an at-risk population, money shouldn’t be an inhibitor for doing the right thing.”



Bob Elliston | Keeneland Photo

Elliston said Keeneland is picking up the entire cost for testing that will be done on its property, and licensees will not have to pay any portion of it.

Elliston said the Keeneland testing would initially start with just horse-care personnel who plan to live on the grounds. Later, as Keeneland sorts out options for potential summer racing and the eventual September sale, more licensees will be required to get tested. There have been no known coronavirus positives at Keeneland this year.

“We’re looking at it in two different phases. There’s the racing component, and obviously, the September sales component,”

Elliston said. “We’re hopeful that sometime this summer we can pick up some of the [spring meet racing] days that we lost.

“This really leads us into September in a big way. We know there’s going to be some disruption. Not only do we have to ensure that we have the protocols necessary to bring those people onto our grounds, but we’ve got to send a message to those people that we’re doing everything we possibly can to keep them safe when they do come here.

“We talk about these testings and these personal protection equipment requirements, and there are places where some folks find those intrusive and maybe too much,” Elliston continued. “But quite honestly, I find a lot of folks really want to be assured that we’re doing everything we can to keep them safe when they come to our grounds. And that’s the biggest part about it. It’s not a money situation. We’re going to do what it takes.

“And the beautiful thing about it is we’re working cooperatively with the other sales companies,” Elliston said. “With Fasig-Tipton, the other sales company in town, we’re going to develop a common set of protocols so when folks shop at Fasig earlier that week in September and then come to our grounds, there’s going to be continuity in those programs.”

Fasig-Tipton president and chief executive Boyd Browning Jr. told *TDN* that exact plans for his firm’s sales are still being formulated. The first auction is expected to occur in Maryland.

COVID-19 Testing cont.**Browning** | *Fasig-Tipton Photo*

“It’s going to depend on the various jurisdictions and the timing when the various sales occur,” Browning said. “I would envision that the next sale on our calendar will be the Timonium sale at the end of June [29-30]. Certainly, social distancing will be required. I suspect there might be provisions with regards to masking and that temperatures will be taken and people will have to fill out health questionnaires before you can gain access. Also there may be some limitations on personnel. You will see many of the things we are seeing with protocols around the country with other businesses, including racetracks.... We are still continuing to get guidance from the state of Maryland. They don’t have a definitive date to resume racing yet, so it’s impossible to answer that question.”

Browning continued: “We are going to be responsible and we will be responsive to the conditions and do everything we can to conduct sales in a safe environment. We will work with local health officials to make sure that we do everything that is necessary. We are looking forward to getting back in the auction ring and providing opportunities for the folks to sell horses and sooner rather than later.”

Outside of Kentucky, Tom Ventura, the president of Ocala Breeders’ Sales Company (OBS), said he wasn’t certain if testing would occur at upcoming auctions in Florida.

“I don’t know if we are that point where we could provide testing for people who are at the sales,” Ventura said. “To provide testing and then deal with the turnaround time for results, I don’t think that is feasible.

“We plan to see to it that there are a minimal amount of surfaces that people can touch,” Ventura continued. “We will be keeping all our interior doors open. We have doormen opening exterior doors. Proper spacing and things like that. Hopefully, we are on the tail end of this and are going in the opposite direction. Those protocols worked for us in March and we may

enhance them as we have learned things along the way. Whether or not mandatory masks or facial coverings, that hasn’t been decided yet.”

Asked what OBS learned from conducting one sale already amid the COVID-19 outbreak, Ventura added, “People have become more aware of the situation and things they needed to do to be safe themselves. So as far as what we did initially [in March], people have learned even more...The other thing you will see, and it is happening with all sales companies, is that there will be some ways to bid for people who aren’t there. We really ramped things up so far as phone bidding goes. We had a bank of phones in March. This time, there will be the availability of phone bids and online bids. We will be taking extra steps for people who can’t be here or don’t feel comfortable being here.

As tracks and sales companies are rolling out reopening plans, many are looking to the NTRA’s newly published “best practices” protocols for guidance.

A portion of that document, which is designed to help racetracks mitigate the coronavirus while returning to spectator-free environments, states that “At this time, these best practices support but do not definitively recommend widespread testing of the racetrack population for the purpose of identifying individuals who are positive for COVID-19 because the science and value of population testing are evolving rapidly. Instead, these best practices call for daily screening and point-of-care testing in limited circumstances. However, we will continue to review the scientific results of population testing currently being conducted and based upon those results may amend these best practices in the future to provide population testing protocols.”

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**Shoppers at this year’s OBS March sale in masks** | *Photos by Z*

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Carpe Diem (6.90 AWD) would appear most likely of the remaining top 10 (first-crop sires) to **benefit from increasing accessibility to longer races**. The high AWDs... suggest that [his] progeny have won some relatively short races more because of **sheer ability** than preferences for the shorter differences typically available to 2-year-olds.

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Rank	Stallion <small>2018 Stallions & Fee</small>	BTW <small>[% of starters]</small>	BTH <small>[% of starters]</small>	CSW <small>[% of starters]</small>	CSH <small>[% of starters]</small>	C1SW <small>[% of starters]</small>	C1SH <small>[% of starters]</small>	Starters	Wins <small>[% of starters]</small>	Highest Earnings
1	Constitution (2011) by Tapit FVG 2017 Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee \$40,000 Named Foals: 368 Starters: 63	3 (4.76)	7 (11.11)	2 (3.17)	5 (7.94)	1 (1.59)	2 (3.17)	63	3.24	TODAY
2	Carpe Diem (2012) by Giant's Causeway FVG 2017 Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee \$15,000 Named Foals: 173 Starters: 63	-	2 (4.76)	-	1 (1.59)	-	-	63	1.94	#2 SECOND-CROP SIRE
3	Tonalist (2011) by Tapit FVG 2017 Stands: Lane's End Farm KY Fee \$15,000 Named Foals: 137 Starters: 46	1 (2.17)	2 (4.33)	1 (2.17)	2 (4.33)	-	-	46	2.17	
4	American Pharoah (2012) by Pioneerof the Nile FVG 2017 Stands: Ashford Stud KY Fee (Private) Named Foals: 240 Starters: 61	2 (3.28)	4 (6.54)	-	-	-	-	61	1.98	
5	Liam's Map (2011) by Unbridled's Song FVG 2017 Stands: Lane's End Farm KY Fee \$35,000 Named Foals: 100 Starters: 46	-	-	-	-	-	-	46	1.74	#5 SECOND-CROP SIRE

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#10 FIRST-CROP SIRE

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Songbird cont. from p1

Stories of **'TDN Rising Star' Songbird's** (Medaglia d'Oro) days on the track will no doubt be shared for generations to come, but for those who know her, her current role as a broodmare is equally as extraordinary.

"She's the best," Sweezey said. "Songbird is probably one of the most professional mares we've ever had here. She's what everybody wants in a broodmare."

Songbird had her second foal this year on Jan. 26, a filly by Tapit.

"She lay down and foaled with no problems," Sweezey said. "The foal was big and strong. She's got a big, beautiful shoulder, a lovely hip, and is correct. She's a very special individual for a foal."

Songbird's first foal, a filly by Arrogate, is now a yearling developing in Ocala at owner Mandy Pope's Whisper Hill Farm. (See 2019 TDN video.)

"The yearling is doing super," Sweezey reported. "She will definitely be as big as Songbird when she grows. One of the reasons we thought about Arrogate for Songbird is to give her a little more scope, and I think we're going to see that at the end of the day."

The jury is still out on where this first foal might end up.

"I'm not sure if Mandy will sell her or keep her," Sweezey said. "She's vacillating right now. Mike Smith has indicated that he would love to ride this filly, so I think that's in the back of everybody's mind. I have high hopes for her."

Now over 3-months-old, this year's foal reminds him even more of Songbird than the first, Sweezey said.

"I think that with Arrogate and Tapit, you have two completely different individuals. Both of them complement the mare in their own right. Where we're going to see a little bigger individual in the yearling, this filly is going to be more of a Songbird type, a heavier and thicker type."

Sweezey said that this foal also shares Songbird's easygoing but curious personality: "Songbird's experience on the track lends to her personality. She's not a dominant mare in the field and she's not mean, she just loves attention. And this baby is always the first to come see you. That kind of goes with the family."

Baby Bird, as she is affectionately referred to by Cathy Sweezey, has become quite the personality among her pasture mates.

"Her only annoying thing is that she's figured out how to chew the other mares' and foals' tails," Cathy Sweezey said. "So we have lots of chili in the tails so Baby Bird can't chew them all off."

Songbird has already checked back in foal to Tapit.

"Mandy is crazy for Tapit," Wayne Sweezey said. "With Songbird, this will be her second shot with Tapit. She went right back in foal. Whether we go back to him for a third time, I don't know. I think we may switch around and go another direction for next year. But Mandy is reaching for that brass ring, and breeding the best to the best is her mantra."

As for Baby Bird, Sweezey said he suspects this filly will stay with Pope. "I think it would be a good horse for her to keep," he said. "If she wants to keep any of them, this would be the one I would pick."

Although thriving in her role of motherhood, Songbird doesn't hesitate to keep her onlookers on their toes. Every so often, she will give the Sweezey's a glimpse of who she used to be, and in turn the foal will show what she could become.

"This morning they were the last paddock we put up," Sweezey said. "I watched Songbird kick into full gear going down the fence line and that filly ran along beside her, which made me shudder a little as fast as they were going, but great actions on both parts. I think this filly is going to be pretty special."

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Wayne Sweezey | Keeneland Photo

CLASSIC SHUFFLE

by Christina Bossinakis



Triple Crown winner display at Belmont Park | Sarah Andrew

The American Triple Crown is among a never-ending string of sporting fixtures that have been upended as a result of the current coronavirus pandemic. Churchill Downs addressed the issue first, announcing that the 2020 renewal of the GI Kentucky Derby will be presented Sept. 5, while the Maryland Jockey Club followed, announcing the GI Preakness S. would also be rescheduled, although an official date has yet to be announced for the Triple Crown's second jewel despite reports of an October running. NYRA has yet to confirm a date for the GI Belmont S., originally slated for June 6.

As the current environment of uncertainty and upheaval continues not only throughout all of sport, but on a worldwide stage, the altering of the long familiar incarnations of the Classics has proven unsettling and, in many cases, unwelcome, to most. However, a look back over the past two centuries in American racing details a long line of dynamic and at times momentous changes facing the three jewels through their storied histories.

The Kentucky Derby

The Kentucky Derby holds two distinctions over the other jewels of the Triple Crown--it has been run continuously since Aristides won the inaugural edition May 17, 1875 and it has always been contested at its current home of Churchill Downs in Louisville, Kentucky. Modeled after England's Epsom Derby, the American version was contested at 1 1/2 miles beginning in its first year through 1895, before cutting back to its present-day distance of 1 1/4 miles in 1896.

The race's running dates also varied greatly in its early history.

From 1875 through 1931, the race was contested from as early as Apr. 29 in 1901 to as late as May 23 in 1883. Left to the discretion of the governing racing body of the era, the Derby followed the Preakness on seven occasions during the 1920s alone (from 1923-29), with a pair of seasons seeing the two jewels contested on the same day.

In 1945, the occurrence of World War II precipitated a government ban of all horse racing in January which threatened to have the event's 70-year-run come to an end, however, VE Day ('Victory in Europe Day', May 8) saved the allies, and the Derby, which was reinstated June 9. Won by Hoop Jr. that year, the Derby--which had not been restricted to a weekend (Saturday or Sunday) earlier in its history--would be earmarked for the first Saturday in May going forward.



Aristides, winner of the inaugural Kentucky Derby | Coady

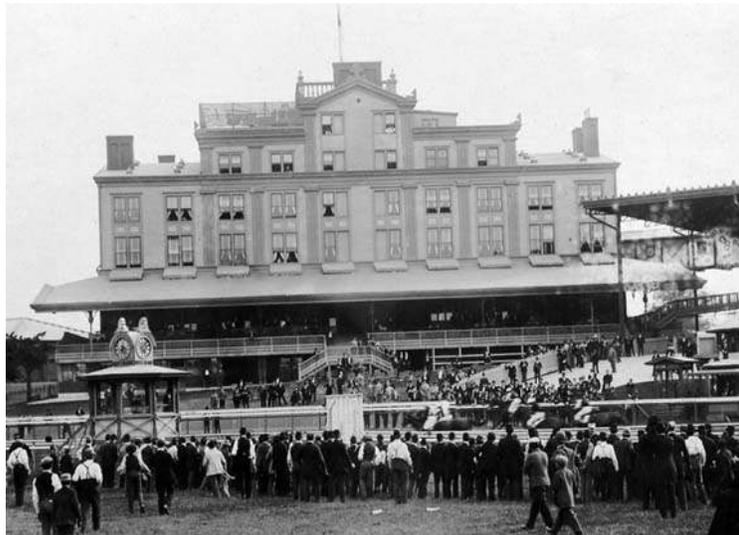
The Preakness

A colt named Survivor triumphed in the inaugural edition of the Preakness at Pimlico in Baltimore, Maryland, two years prior to the Kentucky Derby in 1873. Contested at 1 1/2 miles through 1888, the race was cut back to 1 1/4 miles for the 1889 edition before returning to 1 1/2 miles in 1890, the year the race was transferred to Morris Park in the Bronx, New York. With its age restriction lifted that season, the race--which was run on the Belmont S. undercard--was won by 5-year-old Montague in what would be the only occasion the Preakness was *not* restricted to 3-year-olds.

Early on, the race struggled to gain widespread popularity, resulting in only a pair of entrants for the 1883-84 and 1889 renewals. As racing continued to wane, the Maryland Jockey Club discontinued all flat racing at Pimlico for the next three seasons (1891-93), and the Preakness along with it. **Cont. p7**

Classic Shuffle cont.

Returned to New York in 1894 to Coney Island's Gravesend Racetrack, the Preakness--carded at 1 mile 70 yards or 1 1/16 miles through 1908--returned to Pimlico in 1909 where it would remain. Run at a mile for the 1909-10 seasons, the fixture was extended to nine furlongs for the next 15 years before settling to its present day 1 3/16 miles in 1925. In total, the race has been run at seven different distances throughout its history.



Morris Park, 1896 | Keeneland Library

In contemporary times, the Preakness has been a mainstay on the racing calendar, coming two weeks after the Kentucky Derby. However, that has not always been the case. After having been contested on several occasions prior to the Derby, the Preakness found itself as late as June four times, including in 1945, after the conclusion of the war, when Polynesian took it a week after the Derby. In fact, 1930 Triple Crown winner Gallant Fox won the Preakness (May 9) prior to winning that season's Kentucky Derby (May 17) before adding a win in the June 7 Belmont. With the Triple Crown beginning to pick up traction as a series through the '30s and early 40's, the Preakness fell into its customary spot on the calendar beginning in 1946.

The Belmont S.

Similar to the Kentucky Derby, the Belmont S. was the American Jockey Club's response to England's Epsom Derby. First run in 1867 (won by Ruthless), the Belmont was named after August Belmont Sr., who financed Jerome Park (built by Leonard Jerome), the site of the race through 1889. Relocated to Morris Park for the 1890 through 1904 renewals, the Belmont was finally moved to Belmont Park, which kicked off its inaugural season in 1905.

As racing flourished in the state at the turn of the century, an anti-gambling bill--the Hart-Agnew Law--was passed by the New York State Legislature on June 11, 1908. While influential

owners, including August Belmont, Jr. and Harry Payne Whitney, opposed the law, reform legislators continued to push for more restrictive legislation, including a law that made it possible for racetrack owners and its board of directors to be fined or imprisoned if found betting on the premises. The defeat of a 1911 amendment to limit the liability of owners and directors resulted in the closure of every racetrack in the state. Consequently, the Thoroughbred industry collapsed, which resulted in an exodus of trainers and horses overseas, in addition to the cancellation of the Belmont S. in 1911 and 1912. The resumption of racing in 1913 allowed for the race to return to Belmont, where it remained until the reconstruction of Belmont Park (1963-68), which prompted the race to be held at Aqueduct for those seasons.

Like the other two jewels in the Triple Crown, the Belmont underwent a series of adjustments to its conditions, including race distance, through its early history. Contested at Epsom's Classic distance from 1874 through 1889, the race varied from 1 mile 5/8 (1867-1873) down to nine furlongs (1893-94) before returning to its present-day 1 1/2-mile distance in 1926. Additionally, Belmont Park started off as a right-handed course in 1905, allowing the fixture to be contested in European fashion prior to the oval's adopting America's new counter-clockwise style in 1921.



Man o' War running clockwise at Belmont prior to the track adopting a left-handed orientation in 1921 | Keeneland Library

The oldest jewel in the American Triple Crown, the Belmont also found itself at varying spots on the calendar throughout the years, and was typically scheduled in late May through early June early in its 151-year history. The one notable exception is 1895, when it almost wasn't run because of new laws banning bookmaking in New York. But despite the near miss, the race was allowed to be rescheduled for Nov. 2.

Triple Crown Trail



The 'Fox of Belair' Gallant Fox | NYRA

Through the first five decades of their inception, each of the three Triple Crown races faced their fair share of challenges, an ebb and flow of fortunes. Innovation and renewal were punctuated by periods of dissent and opposition, war and depression. While the series began to fall into an increasingly recognizable pattern on the calendar with the ensuing years, it wasn't until the 1920s that it actually started to be referred to as the Triple Crown. The *Daily Racing Form's* Charles Hatton is generally credited with solidifying the term in 1930, the year Belair Stud's Gallant Fox completed the series and it continued to take its present-day shape through the next two decades. In 1950, the Thoroughbred Racing Association commissioned an official trophy--crafted by Cartier--for the three-race series and it was presented for the first time to 1948 Triple Crown hero Citation at that year's TRA's annual awards dinner in New York and in each subsequent year, a retroactive trophy was awarded, in reverse order, to the eight horses who completed the trifecta prior to 1948.

TC 2020 or Bust

While much debate has ensued whether the Classics will or should be contested in this season and if they are run, *how* they should be classified for posterity, it remains clear that time has proven to be the greatest equalizer. Approximately half of the Triple Crown winners are credited with completing the series before it was even considered the 'Triple Crown'. In the past, race dates and conditions varied--significantly at times--from the contemporary standard. So, given those early variations in all three of the Classics--spanning the better part of six decades--does that diminish or somehow alter the achievements of the earliest winners of the individual races or the horses who have

managed to garner Triple Crown glory? It is often said that desperate times call for desperate measures, and in the year of the coronavirus, that appears to resonate even more forcefully. And despite any sweeping change the three Classics may face in 2020, this appears to be yet another step in the historical evolution of the Triple Crown.

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VICTORIA MILE ADDED TO BREEDERS' CUP CHALLENGE SERIES



Almond Eye | Horsephotos

Officials at Breeders' Cup Limited and the Japan Racing Association have announced that the \$2.1-million G1 Victoria Mile, to be held next Sunday, May 17, at Tokyo Racecourse, has been added to the 2020 Breeders' Cup Challenge series and will offer the winner a fees-paid berth into the GI Maker's Mark Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf at Keeneland Nov. 7.

A total of 19 horses have been nominated to the 1600-meter event, led by 2018 Japanese Horse of the Year **Almond Eye (Jpn)** (Lord Kanaloe {Jpn}), who is scheduled to make her 5-year-old debut and will face female-restricted company for the first time since winning the G1 Shuka Sho in October 2018. Almond Eye's planned reappearance in the G1 Dubai Turf was snuffed out when the race was canceled due to the coronavirus pandemic. **Normcore (Jpn)** (Harbinger {GB}), who defeated **Primo Scene (Jpn)** (Deep Impact {Jpn}) in last year's race, are also set to do battle, as is the once-beaten **Loves Only You (Jpn)** (Deep Impact {Jpn}), who validated 3-1 favoritism in last year's G1 Yushun Himba (Japanese Oaks).

The Victoria Mile is the second of four races through which Japanese-based horses can earn Breeders' Cup berths.

Victoria Mile cont.

Mozu Ascot (Frankel {GB}) qualified for the GI Breeders' Cup Classic with his victory in the G1 February S., while the June 7 G1 Yasuda Kinen (GI Breeders' Cup Mile) and June 28 G1 Takarazuka Kinen (GI Breeders' Cup Turf) remain on the schedule. The Victoria Mile replaces the G1 Sprinters' S. on the Breeders' Cup Challenge calendar.

"We greatly thank the JRA for their partnership as we look to strengthen the roster of automatic qualifiers in Japan this year," said Dora Delgado, Breeders' Cup Executive Vice President and Chief Racing Officer. "Adding the Victoria Mile into the 2020 Breeders' Cup Challenge Series provides a new opportunity to participate on racing's greatest stage for owners and trainers in Japan."

Added Masayuki Goto, president and CEO of the JRA: "We are quite honored to have one of our Grade 1 races to be added to the 2020 Breeders' Cup Challenge Series. Also, we greatly appreciate that Breeders' Cup highly values the quality of our races and horses. I firmly believe the renewed format of the series will encourage more participation from our horses in one of the most prestigious events of the entire global racing calendar."

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This is a recognition that the racetrack serves as a middle ground between numerous competing interests--shareholders, the state, horsemen, jockeys and horseplayers. Of those, only horseplayers lack a clear representative at the table. By coming out and saying "this person's job exists to hold us accountable to you," a racetrack that used this role well would build much-needed trust among grizzled, veteran horseplayers and be better positioned to attract new ones.



Steve DeCaspers

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.

STEVE DECASPERS

Number 1: Horseplayer Ombudsman

Racetracks should hire a horseplayer ombudsman who would--to steal from legendary *Washington Post* editor Ben Bradlee's description of the role at his paper: "represent the horseplayer in whatever strains might arise from time to time between the racetrack and its customers." This horseplayer representative would be empowered to privately and publicly voice concerns to racing officials about policy development, racing operations, and overall quality of the gambling product.

Number 2: One Coordinated Saturday

Racetracks should work to coordinate a few Saturdays a year for ADW-centric players. If you are one of these players, you know that Saturdays are both awesome and dreadful. The good: full fields, big races, exciting payouts and the sport's stars on display. The bad: post-time overlap, too many races crammed into a 4-hour period, scratches/changes, missing the live feed of a race at one track because you're sweating the photo at another. It's a glorious mess. I would love to see a group of racetracks commit to one orderly Saturday and see how it goes. Does it increase handle? Was it able to be administered? I'm not calling for tracks to do this all the time because I realize certain days are also critical to the on-track experience and coordination with others could diminish that experience.

I think this could be done in the winter with Aqueduct, Gulfstream, Tampa, Fair Grounds, Oaklawn and Santa Anita. It would require adjustments to start and finish times, centralized communications and, of course, post-time coordination. Just asking for it once--maybe it won't be the Xanadu that this horseplayer thinks it would be, but it would be great to see racetracks try it.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

HUBERT GUY

I met Jack and Melissa Preston in the mid nineties. They loved racing and as they owned a home in Rancho Santa Fe, decided to buy a few horses to race on the West Coast, especially at Del Mar.

We were lucky right away; a filly by Caerleon named Auriette (Ire) won the GI Beverly H.; Sicy D'Alsace (Fr) won the GI Del Mar Oaks; Special Ring won the GI Eddie Read twice, and was second in two other Grade Is to the mighty Candy Ride (Arg). Then we bought a filly by Miswaki called Premiere Creation (Fr) who was third in the Del Mar Oaks, but who unfortunately got hurt. She became a really nice broodmare and was the dam of Leo's Starlet (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) and Anabaa's Creation (Ire), both graded stakes winners. We bred Premiere Creation back to Galileo. Melissa called her Starlet Sister. She was a pretty, average-size filly, and could not break her maiden. She was retired, sold privately to Henri Bozo at Haras des Monceaux, and became the dam of Eclipse Award-winner Sistercharlie (Ire), French Derby winner Sottsass (Fr), and Group 3 winner My Sister Nat (Fr).

Let's not forget his two best horses that he owned with his brothers J.R. and Art, two-time Breeders' Cup Mile winner Da Hoss, trained by Michael Dickinson; and of course the Belmont S. winner Victory Gallop, trained by Elliott Walden.

Jack was the epitome of the American gentleman, an engineer and a Doctor of Medicine, very quiet, courteous, generous, and so passionate about racing. It was a privilege to have him as a client, friend, and partner. He will be missed.

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 Boarded at Edition Farm, NY
 Accomplishments: Champion female sprinter, MGSW & GISP,
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La Verdad and her newborn Into Mischief colt | Kathy Landman

SWEET N DISCREET, 10, Discreet Cat--Westside Dancer, by Gone West

Foal born Apr. 12, a colt by Liam's Map

Will be bred back to American Pharoah

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Accomplishments: GSP, \$366,447; and dam of Sweet Melania,
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HALLADAY SHUTS OUT RIVALS IN SUNSHINE FOREVER



Halladay | Lauren King

Dispatched the 13-10 favorite for Saturday's featured Sunshine Forever S. at Gulfstream Park, **Halladay** (War Front) enjoyed a fairly soft time of things from the front beneath Luis Saez and proved not for catching, reporting home a 1 1/4-length winner from **Aquaphobia** (Giant's Causeway). **Social Paranoia** (Street Boss), last-out winner of the GIII Appleton H. Mar. 28, completed a 1-3 finish for the Todd Pletcher barn.

Halladay hit the ground running and took some token pressure from a hard-held **El Tormenta** (Stormy Atlantic) and a three-wide **Admission Office** (Point of Entry) through a half-mile in :47 flat. Still traveling strongly on the turn, the grey colt was set down after six furlongs in 1:09.57 and finished his final 2 1/2 furlongs in :29.09 to hold sway as Aquaphobia gave game chase. It was the second win on the program for Harrell Ventures, who won race six with Riggins (Liam's Map), who was claimed for \$65,000. It was the third win on the day for Pletcher.

"I knew there was another speed so we just tried to break clean and see," Saez said. "If he was right there, we'd take it and if not we can track somebody. But, he broke perfect and he was right there, so we took it. He was pretty relaxed. Around the first turn he was going very, very nice and relaxed. He came to the half-mile [pole] and when he felt the pressure, I just let him roll and he took off. He won pretty easy."

Halladay was third in the age-restricted English Channel S. and Gio Ponti S. in New York last fall before earning his first stakes score from a high draw in this track's Tropical Park Derby Dec. 28. Farther off the pace than usual when fourth in the GIII Tampa Bay S. Feb. 8, he wired a one-mile allowance by three lengths over this course when last seen Apr. 4.

Halladay is one of four winners from five to race from his dam, winner of the GIII Dogwood S. and GIII Iowa Oaks in 2009, and has a 3-year-old half-sister by Empire Maker and a yearling half-sister by Gun Runner. Hightap was most recently covered by Union Rags.

SUNSHINE FOREVER S., \$75,000, Gulfstream, 5-9, 4yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:38.66, fm.

1--**HALLADAY**, 123, c, 4, **War Front--Hightap (MGSW, \$300,345)**, by Tapit. (\$225,000 RNA Ylg '17 KESEP). O-Harrell Ventures, LLC; B-Gainesway Thoroughbreds Ltd & Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC (KY); T-Todd A Pletcher; J-Luis Saez. \$44,640. Lifetime Record: 12-5-2-4, \$288,485.

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2--**Aquaphobia**, 123, h, 7, Giant's Causeway--Pussycat Doll, by Real Quiet. O-Paradise Farms Corp, David Staudacher & Hooties Racing LLC; B-M Roy Jackson (KY); T-Michael J Maker. \$14,400.

Lynwood Stable Graduate

3--**Social Paranoia**, 126, c, 4, Street Boss--Shutterbug, by Deputy Minister. (\$75,000 Ylg '17 FTKJUL). O-The Elkstone Group, LLC (Stuart Grant); B-Mineola Farm II LLC & Silent Grove Farm LLC (KY); T-Todd A Pletcher. \$7,200.

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Margins: 1 1/4, 1 1/4, HF. Odds: 1.30, 4.70, 3.10.

Also Ran: Admission Office, Cullum Road, El Tormenta, Sand Dancer, Highland Sky, Hawkish. Scratched: Just Whistle, Regally Irish, War of Will. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by [Fasig-Tipton](#).**

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IN ORDER OF PURSE:

7th-Gulfstream, \$45,000, Alw, 5-9, 3yo, f, 5fT, :55.75, fm.

FOOLISH HUMOR (f, 3, **Distorted Humor--Foolish Cause**, by **Giant's Causeway**) got the \$12-million Rainbow Six force out off to thrilling start, just lasting over a very unlucky Fast Scene (Fast Anna). Quickest away from gate five, the 18-5 third betting choice set a fast early tempo from favored Compensate (Liam's

Map), getting the opening couple of furlongs in :21.38. The \$200,000 Keeneland September purchase fought off that rival, was clear into the final furlong and just managed to hold sway. Fast Scene, a stakes winner on the Poly and on the grass last season, broke in at the start and raced farther off the pace than she had to this point in her career. She sprouted wings with less than a furlong to race and dove at Foolish Humor, but was fractionally too late. Foolish Humor, the adjudicated winner of last year's Colleen S. at Monmouth Park, was seventh to Fast Scene in the Woodbine Cares S. in September and returned with an allowance third over course and trip Mar. 21. Foolish Cause, closely related to Crestwood Farm's Get Stormy (Stormy Atlantic), has a yearling filly by Violence and was most recently bred to Bolt d'Oro. Sales history: \$200,000 Ylg '18 FTKJUL. Lifetime Record: SW, 6-3-0-1, \$123,803. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O-Andrew Farm; B-Gabriel Duignan, Crosshaven Bldsk, Petaluma Bldsk & Hazelmere Bldsk (KY); T-Wesley A Ward.



Foolish Humor (far side) just lasts | Lauren King

11th-Gulfstream, \$41,000, (S), Alw (NW1X), Opt. Clm (\$16,000), 5-9, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:09.95, ft.
TAP IT TO WIN (r, 3, Tapit--Onepointhreekarats {MSW, \$260,299}, by Medaglia d'Oro), a debut third to 'TDN Rising Star' Shoplifted (Into Mischief) at Saratoga July 27, donned cap and gown in an always-salty Travers Day maiden Aug. 24, but tailed off to finish a distant last at 3-1 in the GI Claiborne Breeders' Futurity at Keeneland Oct. 5. Well-beaten yet again in the Oct. 27 Street Sense S. in Louisville, he was a juicy 26-5 facing Florida-breds for his sophomore unveiling. Settled in fourth, in the slipstream of front-running favorite I'll Fight Dempsey (Into Mischief), the Live Oak homebred was angled out four deep at the entry to the straight and powered past Whiskey Sunrise (Cajun Breeze) for a 1 1/2-length victory.

I'll Fight Dempsey gave way readily in the lane to finish seventh of nine. The winner's dam--as her name implies--cost Live Oak \$1.3 million at KEESEP in 2009 and hails from a strong Gil Campbell family. Onepointhreekarats is a half-sister to GSWs Friel's For Real (Sword Dance {Ire}) and Ryan's For Real (Sword Dance {Ire}), whose GSW half-sister Ivanavinalot (West Acre) produced two-time champion and nine-time Grade I winner Songbird, also a daughter of Medaglia d'Oro. The winner has a yearling full-brother. Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-0, \$88,372. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Live Oak Plantation; B-Live Oak Stud (FL); T-Mark E Casse.



IN ORDER OF PURSE:

2nd-Gulfstream, \$44,000, Msw, 5-9, 2yo, 4 1/2f, :52.63, ft.
HYPERFOCUS (c, 2, Constitution--Discreet Meating, by Hat Trick {Jpn}) became the 50th worldwide winner for his second-crop sire, who scored both of his top-level victories at Gulfstream for winning trainer Todd Pletcher. Sent off at 5-2 in this career bow, the \$100,000 KEESEP purchase raced off the fence in mid-pack as Breakthrough (Nyquist) and Peppi (Cajun Breeze) dueled through a swift first quarter in :22.07. Aggressively ridden by Irad Ortiz, Jr., the bay ranged up outside the top two turning for home. Breakthrough called it a day in the lane and Peppi put up a mild fight, but Hyperfocus swept past in the final sixteenth and kicked clear to score by 1 1/4 lengths. Peppi held on for second and Breakthrough secured third. The winner, produced by a half-sister to Argentinian champion and dual G1SW Forty Greeta (Arg) (Roar) and to GSW sire Honorable Dillon (Tapit), is the first and only foal so far out of Discreet Meating, who was bred to Super Saver last year. Sales history: \$100,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$24,000. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

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 6-Gulfstream, Msw 7f, CAROLINA BEAST, 9-2
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 6-Gulfstream, Msw 7f, CAROLYN'S SMILE, 5-2

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Riggins, g, 3, **Liam's Map**--Miss Houdini (GISW, \$187,600), by Belong to Me. Gulfstream, 5-9, (C), 1mT, 1:35.10. B-Bo Hirsch LLC (KY). \$225,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP. *1/2 to Papa Clem (Smart Strike), MGSW & GISP, \$1,121,190; and to Ce Ce (Elusive Quality), MGISW, \$726,600. **Winner **claimed for \$65,000.**

Expensive Style, g, 3, **Posse**--M S C Jet, by Da Stoops. Tampa Bay Downs, 5-9, 5 1/2f, 1:05.01. B-Bob & Maryann Miller (NY). *\$9,000 Ylg '18 OBSOCT; \$5,500 2yo '19 OBSOPN.

Noble Alma, f, 4, **Lemon Drop Kid**--Glorious View (GSW, \$307,190), by Pleasant Tap. Gulfstream, 5-8, (C), 1mT, 1:35.58. B-Brant M Laue (KY). *\$145,000 RNA Ylg '17 FTSAUG; \$47,000 RNA 3yo '19 KEENOV.

Temperance, f, 4, **The Factor**--Grace Phil (MSW, \$377,252), by Philanthropist. Gulfstream, 5-9, (C), 1mT, 1:35.10. B-Nursery Place, Donaldson & Broadbent (KY). *1/2 to Taishan (Twirling Candy), SP. **\$25,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP.

CONSTITUTION, Hyperfocus, c, 2, o/o Discreet Meating, by Hat Trick (Jpn). MSW, 5-9, Gulfstream

DISTORTED HUMOR, Foolish Humor, f, 3, o/o Foolish Cause, by Giant's Causeway. ALW, 5-9, Gulfstream

LEMON DROP KID, Noble Alma, f, 4, o/o Glorious View, by Pleasant Tap. MCL, 5-8, Gulfstream

LIAM'S MAP, Riggins, g, 3, o/o Miss Houdini, by Belong to Me. MCL, 5-9, Gulfstream

POSSE, Expensive Style, g, 3, o/o M S C Jet, by Da Stoops. MSW, 5-9, Tampa Bay

TAPIT, Tap It to Win, r, 3, o/o Onepointthreekarats, by Medaglia d'Oro. AOC, 5-9, Gulfstream

WAR FRONT, Halladay, c, 4, o/o Hightap, by Tapit. Sunshine Forever S., 5-9, Gulfstream

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RUSSIAN CAMELOT MAKES DERBY HISTORY



Russian Camelot | Getty Images

By Emma Berry

While Irish racing awaits a resumption date following a week of uncertainty over lockdown easing, two of the country's exports did Ireland proud in Adelaide on Saturday when **Russian Camelot (Ire)** (Camelot {GB}), ridden by former jump jockey Johnny Allen, became the first horse bred in the Northern Hemisphere to win a Derby in Australia.

It's no surprise to see the name O'Brien next to a Derby winner, but this time it was Flemington-based Danny O'Brien, whose season is continuing in fine style after adding the G1 South Australian Derby to his G1 Melbourne Cup victory with Vow And Declare (Aus) (Declaration Of War) and the G1 VRC Oaks success of Miami Bound (NZ) (Reliable Man {GB}).

With a birth date of Mar. 29, Russian Camelot was born six months after the runner-up Dalasan (Aus) (Dalakhani {Ire}) and third-placed Warning (Aus) (Declaration Of War), the winner of the G1 Victoria Derby in November. The colt's 1 3/4-length win, coming wide from the rear to loop the entire field off the home turn, was impressive enough to shoot him to the head of the betting for the Melbourne Cup.

For Allen, who started out as a conditional with Frances Crowley before moving to Australia in 2012, it was a third victory in the South Australian Derby in five years and one of three winners on Morphettville's Saturday card. [Cont. p2](#)

FABRE, GRAFFARD WELCOME IMPORTS

By Sean Cronin

France is on the cusp of mirroring neighbour Germany by staging race fixtures once again and, while both countries emerge from lockdown in phased measures, it's not all that links the pair. Gestut Schlenderhan--having celebrated its 150th anniversary last year--has transferred a tranche of promising 3-year-olds across the border, sending the colts **Alson (Ger)** (Areion {Ger}) and **Mare Australis (Ire)** (Australia {GB}) and the filly **Shenouni (Ger)** (Siyouni {Fr}) to Andre Fabre. All three former Jean-Pierre Carvalho trainees will race in the colours of Corinna Baronin von Ullman.

Taking delivery of former German gallopers is no fresh experience for Fabre and additions to his yard in the past have included luminaries such as **Borgia (Ger)** (Acatenango {Ger}), **Shirocco (Ger)** (Monsun {Ger}) and **Manduro (Ger)** (Monsun {Ger}). Borgia was conditioned by Andreas Schutz to success in the 1997 G1 Deutsches Derby and G1 Grosser Preis von Baden as well as placings in the G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe and G1 Breeders' Cup Turf. [Cont. p4](#)



Andre Fabre has taken charge of some promising runners for Gestut Schlenderhan | *Racing Post*

IN TDN AMERICA TODAY

SONGBIRD CONTINUES TO THRIVE IN MOTHERHOOD

Katie Ritz interviews Wayne Sweezey of Timber Town Stables about second-time mother and champion Songbird (Medaglia d'Oro). [Click or tap here to go straight to TDN America.](#)

Russian Camelot Cont. from p1

He said, "I was comfortable with the way he was travelling but probably not comfortable with where I was in the race. It was a bit messy early but there were a couple in front of us riding off the fence so that gave us a bit of cover at least. Danny filled me with confidence and he said 'ride this horse like the best horse.' He was confident that if he was close enough at the corner that he would have a better turn of foot and it proved that way. He's just a superior horse."

Allen added, "A lot has been made about his preparation but the biggest factor is that he's still six months younger than most of these horses. If he can beat them now and he's only just turned three, imagine what he can do in six months or year's time."

Russian Camelot's trainer has long held him in high regard, and the Irish-bred is one of eight staying types purchased in Europe as yearlings by O'Brien and his owners in a project **detailed in TDN last Wednesday**.

"He's been a very exciting horse, not just for us but for the public, since his very first start," said O'Brien on *Racing.com* after the race. "We've had to do something that hasn't been done before, to take him to a Derby against the Australian 3-year-olds."

Referring to the horse's progression from his last-start win over 1600 metres at Pakenham to the 2500 metres of the Derby, he added, "It's rare in Australia but his father Camelot only had the one run at a mile in the Guineas and then won the English Derby second up, so there is certainly no real issue in doing it. We bought the horse from England and bought the training manual with him."

Among an international ownership group which includes John Wheeler and Dan and Rae Fletcher of Queensland-based Telemon Stud are two long-term British clients with O'Brien, Hong Kong resident Melv Ford and Mark Edwards.



Mark Edwards & Melv Ford | Emma Berry

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Speaking from his home in Cornwall on Saturday morning, Edwards said, "What a thrill. He's just so progressive and you have to say he's still untapped. He's clean-winded, natural and he has this potent turn of foot. There's not much to not like about him."

A regular visitor to Australia, Edwards has mares in the country at Widden Stud in the Hunter Valley and at Willaroon Thoroughbreds in Victoria. He has enjoyed previous success with exporting horses from Europe to the Southern Hemisphere, notably as the co-breeder of G1 Oakleigh Plate winner Shamal Wind (Aus) (Dubawi {Ire}), a daughter of the Machiavellian mare Firemaid.

He said, "I would definitely have been there if not for everything that's going on at the moment. I'd have done the three days at Warrnambool to get myself match fit for a day in Adelaide at Morphettville. But thank goodness with technology now we're not having people holding phones next to radios and giving commentaries, we can actually tune in and see everything. It's still hugely exciting, especially when you're so well looked after by Australian trainers with this constant video flow--Danny has been sending two or three things every fortnight and you can just see this horse enjoying being a racehorse." **Cont. p3**

Russian Camelot Cont.

He added, "He's maturing, and any little speed bump on the way, Danny has ironed it out. You'd have to think he's going to be quite a force come their spring."

Edwards added, "I started buying fillies in Europe and sending them down. I've been lucky to know Danny for nearly 18 years now and he trained Firemaid for us, who we bought from Darley. She walked off the plane and straight to Danny's yard and he won two races with her over a trip that I imagine Darley would never tried her at, over 1000 metres, and her first foal was then Shamal Wind.

"Having met Danny with Melv Ford and Antony Thompson, and then finding Firemaid at the July sale, I've had horses with him pretty much on and off ever since."

Russian Camelot was bred by Lynch Bages & Camas Park Stud and is the second foal of the unraced Lady Babooshka (GB) (Cape Cross {Ire}), who was bought on their behalf by Cormac McCormack at the 2014 Tattersalls July Sale for 40,000gns.

A great granddaughter of the Meon Valley Stud blue hen Reprecolor, Lady Babooshka's first foal No Trouble (Ire) (No Nay Never) was a dual winner over the winter at Dundalk. Russian Camelot's 2-year-old full-sister Russian Camilla (Ire) is now in

training with Sylvester Kirk in Lambourn, having been bought privately by Johnny McKeever for a syndicate of Australian owners.

Co-breeder Timmy Hyde, Sr. sold Russian Camelot as a yearling at Book 1 of the Tattersalls October Yearling Sale for 120,000gns to Jeremy Brummitt.

After watching his Derby win from Camas Park, he said, "He did that very nicely, coming wide round the outside. There was a lot of talk about him when he won his first race when he was still a 2-year old running against the 3-year olds so I've been following him closely."

He continued, "Lady Babooshka is a nice mare, she's only nine. She's had a filly foal this year by Zoffany (Ire) and has been covered again by Camelot."

In 2012, the Aidan O'Brien-trained Camelot, a son of Montjeu (Ire), won the 2000 Guineas, Derby and Irish Derby, and he came close to becoming the first Triple Crown winner in Britain since Nijinsky II in 1970 when beaten three-quarters of a length for second by Encke (Kingmambo) in the St Leger. He has now sired Group/Grade 1 winners in Ireland, France, America and Australia.

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Fabre, Graffard Cont. from p1

She was unable to match those heady heights, but nonetheless raced with credit in five different countries for Fabre and closed her racing career with victory in Sha Tin's 1999 G2 Hong Kong Vase. Shirocco also won a German Derby for Schutz, adding Milan's 2004 G1 Gran Premio del Jockey Club as a 3-year-old, and posted four wins in seven starts for Fabre. Later highlights include victories in the 2005 G1 Breeders' Cup Turf and 2006 G1 Coronation Cup, downing **Ouija Board (GB)** (Cape Cross {Ire}) in the latter.

Manduro, who had won both the G3 Preis des Winterfavoriten and G3 Preis der Deutschen Einheit for Peter Schiergen, was another to excel when sent to the Chantilly maestro. Hooking up for the 2006 season, the bay garnered the G2 Prix d'Harcourt in his first outing for Fabre and placed in all five Group 1 starts that term. He was unbeatable thereafter and won five from five in 2007, including the G1 Prix d'Ispahan, G1 Prince of Wales's S. and G1 Prix Jacques Le Marois.

While the Class of 2020 has a lofty reputation to uphold, the raw potential is there. Not least with Alson (Ger) (Areion {Ger}), who was the standard-bearer last term--winning four of six starts--and annexed Baden-Baden's Aug. 31 G3 Zukunftsrennen and ParisLongchamp's Oct. 27 G1 Criterium International, either side of a second to Victor Ludorum (GB) (Shamardal) in the Bois de Boulogne venue's Oct. 6 G1 Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere on Arc day.

His short-term targets include the June 1 G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains and July 5 G1 Prix du Jockey Club. Mare Australis (Ire) (Australia {GB}) registered a half-length verdict contesting a Nov. 3 one-mile maiden at Munich in his only prior start and is entered in a May 12 conditions heat over 10 1/2 furlongs at Saint-Cloud as well as the July 5 G1 Prix du Jockey Club, July 12 G1 Deutsches Derby and Sept. 13 Grand Prix de Paris. Shenouni (Ger) (Siyouni {Fr}) debuted with a 6 1/2-furlong maiden win at Cologne in September and followed up with a fourth upped to one mile for Baden-Baden's Oct. 20 G3 Preis der Winterkonigin last time. Her entries include the June 1 G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulaches, June 14 G1 Prix Saint-Alary, July 5 G1 Prix de Diane and Aug. 2 G1 Preis der Diana (German Oaks).

"It is difficult to make a precise statement under the given circumstances at the moment, but all three have been entered for the Classics and leading races in France," said Gestut Schlenderhan's stud and racing manager Gebhard Apelt prior to restrictions being lifted. "We feel that their breeding and potential has earned them a place in the yard of Andre Fabre. My personal favourite is Mare Australis whom I regard very highly."

IN TDN AUS/NZ TODAY

RUSSIAN CAMELOT EXCELS IN GROUP 1

Russian Camelot (Ire) (Camelot {GB}) won the G1 South Australia Derby on Saturday. [Click or tap here to go straight to TDN Aus/NZ.](#)

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Fabre, Graffard Cont.

In addition to the Schlenderhaner contingent, Fabre has also taken delivery of Gestut Gorlsdorf's homebred **Tickle Me Green (Ger)** (Sea The Moon {Ger}), who followed up a Sept. 15 debut score at Hannover with a second, two places ahead of Shenouni, in Baden-Baden's Oct. 20 G3 Preis der Winterkonigin before running fourth in Krefeld's Nov. 10 G3 Herzog von Ratibor-Rennen last time. She will face a maximum 10 opponents when making her debut for the new yard in Monday's G3 Prix de la Grotte at ParisLongchamp and remains engaged in the June 1 G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches, June 14 G1 Prix Saint-Alary, July 5 G1 Prix de Diane and Aug. 2 G1 Preis der Diana (German Oaks). Gorlsdorf has also rerouted its once-raced homebred bay filly **Moon A Lisa (Ger)** (Sea The Moon {Ger}), a Nov. 20 soft-ground maiden winner over 9 1/2 furlongs at Dresden, to Francis-Henri Graffard. The trainer, who has also taken charge of Corinna Baronin von Ullmann's hitherto unraced July 12 G1 Deutsches Derby and Sept. 13 G1 Grand Prix de Paris entry **In Swoop (Ire)** (Adlerflug {Ger}), has enjoyed recent success with the German import **Emoji (Ger)** (Soldier Hollow {GB}). Acquired by Team Valor International after spreadeagling her opposition by 14 lengths and more for Henk Grewe at Baden-Baden in October, Emoji garnered Saint-Cloud's Mar. 15 Listed Prix la Camargo in her first start for new connections and is another building up to the Classics.



Francis Graffard has a few former German runners in his care | *Scoop Dyga*

"We are fortunate enough to have three equally talented 3-year-old fillies by Sea The Moon with these being Snow, Moon A Lisa and Tickle Me Green," said Gestut Gorlsdorf's Niko Lafrentz. "All were trained by Markus Klug at two, but they are evenly matched in potential and distance preferences so we felt it

better to separate them in order not to be standing in our own way. Thus, we sent Tickle Me Green To Andre Fabre and Moon A Lisa to Francis Graffard. Andre Fabre is very pleased with Tickle Me Green and was also considering her for the G3 Prix Vanteaux [at ParisLongchamp] on May 14. We are unable to go and see her at the moment, so we are happy to rely on his recommendations. His main target for the filly is the [July 5] G1 Prix de Diane [at Chantilly], so we can keep dreaming for the moment."

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EUROPEAN NEWS

FRENCH GOVERNMENT GIVES DEFINITIVE APPROVAL FOR MAY 11 RACING RESUMPTION

French President Emmanuel Macron has greenlit the May 11 resumption of racing in France behind closed doors, France Galop and LeTROT jointly announced Saturday morning. France Galop, LeTROT and the National Federation of horse racing received the government authorities definitive approval for the resumption of racing in France from May 11, in accordance with the program established by the racing authorities. The news came after **France Galop and Le TROT had spent Friday negotiating with the government**, releasing a joint press release late Friday evening. There had been rumors of a challenge to the French government's decision to allow racing to go ahead from an unnamed quarter on Friday.

The decision was welcomed by racing authorities. Thanking President Macron, Prime Minister Edouard Philippe and Ministers Didier Guillaume and Gerald Darmanin, France Galop President Edouard de Rothschild tweeted on Saturday morning, "This was a race I wanted to win more than any other. The return to racing has been accepted. Now, let us show them that they were right!"

Paris had been declared a "red zone" during the coronavirus lockdown in France. Three tracks are running on Monday-- ParisLongchamp, Compiègne and Toulouse, with the first two located in the Paris "red zone". ParisLongchamp plays host to four group races, as well.

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LARA TELFER CROWNED FURLONG FACTOR CHAMPION

Lara Telfer earned the top prize of £1,500 and an all-expenses-paid trip to the G1 Qatar Prix De L'Arc De Triomphe, courtesy of Racing Breaks, concluding Racing Welfare's singing competition, the Furlong Factor. Clinching the title following her rendition of James Bay's Let It Go, Telfer was named the winner during a special live broadcast on Sky Sports Racing hosted by Luke Harvey. She will also receive a trophy donated by Inkerman London. Racing Welfare, in association with Great British Racing (GBR) and Tote and Sky Sports Racing, launched the Furlong Factor with the aim of raising £50,000 towards their Emergency Appeal, which has an overall target of £500,000.

"It's been really fun and we can't forget what it's all about. Racing Welfare do an amazing job and it's been a fantastic campaign to not only raise awareness for them, but to raise some funds at a time they really need it and I'm glad I could be a part of it."

A key feature to the fundraising initiative, Racing Welfare, which supports racing-related staff and workers, has requested the show's viewers to donate the equivalent of their usual favourite night out (#NightIn4NightOut) to the Covid-19 Emergency Appeal. To donate to Racing Welfare's Covid-19 Emergency Appeal, click [here](#).

Sky Sports Racing's Luke Harvey, guest host of the Furlong Factor, said: "The standard has been top notch across the board, massive well done to Lara Telfer for taking the win. Most importantly of course has been the support for Racing Welfare; their team do such an amazing job and it is so crucial that we do what we can to help them help others during this crisis."

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GROUP 1 SIRE DIAMOND GREEN DEAD AT 19

GSW and French Classic-placed **Diamond Green (Fr)** (Green Desert–Diamonaka {Fr}, by Akarad {Fr}) has passed away from a heart attack after covering a mare at Haras des Etincelles on Friday, the stud announced on Facebook Saturday morning. The half-brother to MGSW & G1SP Diamilina (Fr) (Linamix {Fr}) was 19. A winner of the G3 Prix la Rochette as a juvenile for Andre Fabre, the Lagardere homebred would go on to finish second three times at Group 1 level—the Poule d'Essai des Poulains, Prix du Moulin de Longchamp and St. James's Palace S. Raced briefly by His Highness the Aga Khan and later on Alain Falourd and Robert Trussell, the bay eventually made his way Stateside to the care of Bobby Frankel. Carrying the colours of Stonerside Stable, Trussell and Falourd, he earned three more graded

placings.

Retired to stud with four wins from 18 starts and \$491,886 in earnings, the son of the MGSP Diamonaka stood at Ballyhane Stud from 2007-2010 and then moved to Haras des Granges from 2011-2017. From 2018-2019, he held court at Haras du Lion and was standing his first season—priced at €2,500—at Haras des Etincelles in 2020.

His best runner, and one of three black-type winners, was Watsdances (Ire), who won the GI Beverly D S. in America. His runners have also proven useful over jumps. This is the family of European highweight of English/Irish Classic hero Capri (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}).

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Diamond Green | Haras des Etincelles

GERMANY

Saturday's Results:

1st-Mulheim, €3,000, Mdn, 5-9, 3yo, 7ft, 1:23.21, gd.

LEX LUTHOR (IRE) (g, 3, Lethal Force {Ire}--Pointed Arch {Ire}, by Rock of Gibraltar {Ire}) tracked the leading duo in a handy third after a sharp break in this first go. Shaken up once into the home straight, the 109-10 chance came under sterner urging inside the final quarter mile and swept by Lagune (Ger) (Amarillo {Ire}) with 100 metres remaining en route to a 2 1/4-length success from that rival. He becomes the sixth scorer out of a winning half to MSW G1 Irish St Leger runner-up Pugin (Ire) (Darshaan {GB}), Listed Oyster S. victress Chartres (Ire) (Danehill) and to the dam of G1 Middle Park S. second and GSW sire Lilbourne Lad (Ire) (Acclamation {GB}). The April-foaled chestnut is half to a 2-year-old filly by Adaay (Ire) and a yearling filly by Alhebayeb (Ire). Sales history: €14,000 Wlg '17 GOFNOV; €9,000 Ylg '18 GOFSP; €6,000 Ylg '18 BBAGO. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €1,500.

1ST-TIME STARTER. O-Christoph Holschbach; B-Derek Icton (IRE); T-Marian Weissmeier.

2nd-Mulheim, €3,000, Mdn, 5-9, 3yo, 10fT, 2:06.32, gd.
PRAETORIUS (GER) (c, 3, Novellist {Ire}--Ponte Tresa {Fr} {GSW & G1SP-Fr, \$460,983}, by Sicyos), who followed up an Aug. 18 debut third tackling one mile at Dusseldorf with a sixth-of-six over that course and distance in the Sept. 8 Listed Junioren-Preis last time, was well away to race in a prominent second from the outset of this sophomore return. Nudged along with 500 metres remaining, the 29-10 pick was driven to gain a slender advantage entering the final eighth and ridden out to deny Shut Down (Fr) (Siyouni {Fr}) by 1 1/2 lengths. The February-foaled homebred is kin to the 2-year-old filly Ponte Nova (Ger) (Protectionist {Ger}) and hails from a family featuring G1 Doomben Cup victor and G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains third Pornichet (Fr) (Vesponne {Ire}). She becomes the third winner for G2 Prix Kergorlay victress and G1 Prix Royal-Oak third Ponte Tresa (Fr) (Sicyos), herself out of a MSP half-sister to G1 Prix Maurice de Gheest heroine Porlezza (Fr) (Sicyos), who in turn produced GSW G1 Prix Morny third Pontenuovo (Fr) (Green Tune). Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, €2,100.
 O/B-Dr Christoph Berglar (GER); T-Andreas Wohler.

3rd-Mulheim, €3,000, Mdn, 5-9, 3yo, 6 1/2fT, 1:15.47, gd.
BIG BEAT (GER) (c, 3, Soldier Hollow {GB}--Bella Flora {Ger} {SW-Ger}, by Slip Anchor {GB}), a Nov. 10 last-out second over this trip at Krefeld, chased the leaders in third until taking closer order on the home turn. Easing to the fore on the bridle passing the two pole, the 1-2 favourite was shaken up with 300 metres remaining and pushed out in the closing stages to easily account for Reventa (Ger) (Areion {Ger}) by 5 1/2 lengths. He becomes the sixth winner from as many runners out of Listed Nereide-Rennen victress Bella Flora (Ger) (Slip Anchor {GB}) and is thus a full-brother to Listed Neue Bult Youngsters Cup runner-up Blumenfee (Ger) and a half to Listed Junioren-Preis second Barzini (Ger) (Lando {Ger}). His stakes-winning second dam Breda (Ger) (Big Shuffle) is out of a half-sister to G3 Prix La Force-winning sire Olantengy (Fr) (Riverman). Sales history: €24,000 Ylg '18 BBAGS. Lifetime Record: 5-1-2-0, €3,600.
 O-Gestut Auenquelle; B-Tanja & Pavel Sramek (GER); T-Andreas Suborics.



IN AUSTRALIA:

Russian Camelot (Ire), c, 3, Camelot (GB). See 'TDNAus/NZ Insert.'

IN HONG KONG:

Gallant Legacy (Fr), g, 5, Redoute's Choice (Aus)--Torentosa (Fr) (SP-Fr), by Oasis Dream (GB). Sha Tin, 5-9, Hcp. (£101k/€115k), 1200mT, 1:09.33. B-Marquesa de Moratalla. *€220,000 Ylg '16 ARQAUG; HK\$2,200,000 '18 HKJUN. **VIDEO**

WORLDWIDE NEWS

Saturday, Kyoto, Japan

KYOTO SHIMBUN HAI-G2, ¥104,880,000
 (US\$983,531/£792,726/€904,153), Kyoto, 5-9, 3yo, 2200mT, 2:11.70, fm.

1--**DEEP BOND (JPN), 123, c, 3, Kizuna (Jpn)**

1st Dam: Zephyranthes (Jpn), by King Halo (Jpn)

2nd Dam: Mogami Hime (Jpn), by Cacoethes

3rd Dam: Mogami Point (Jpn), by Maruzensky (Jpn)

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. 1ST GROUP WIN. (¥17,820,000 Ylg '18 JBBAJUL). O-Shinji Maeda; B-Murata Farm (Jpn); T-Ryuji Okubo; J-Ryuji Wada. ¥54,966,000. Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-1.
Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree. Werk Nick Rating: A+.

2--**Man of Spirit (Jpn), 123, c, 3, Rulership (Jpn)--Sunday Smile (GB),** by Sunday Silence. (¥64,000,000 Wlg '17 JRHAJUL). O-Hoshino Racing; B-Northern Farm (Jpn); ¥22,276,000.

3--**Falconia (Jpn), 123, c, 3, Deep Impact (Jpn)--Cambina (Ire),** by Hawk Wing. O-Shadai Race Horse; B-Shadai Farm (Jpn); ¥14,138,000.

Margins: NK, 1HF, HF. Odds: 9.70, 7.60, 5.00.

Also Ran: Admire Virgo (Jpn), Irogotoshi (Jpn), Meisho Dajin (Jpn), King of Dragon (Jpn), Saperavi (Jpn), Kids Agacha (Jpn), Ho O Eclair (Jpn), Unsaid Vow, Precioso (Jpn), Silverio (Jpn).

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SOUTH AFRICA

PHUMELELA ENTERS BUSINESS RESCUE

Phumelela Gaming and Leisure (PGL) went into Business Rescue May 8, and a Post Commencement Finance ('PCF') deal has been agreed to with Mary Oppenheimer Daughters Pty Ltd ('MOD'), reported *Sporting Post*. One of the conditions of the deal outlined by MOD was that the PCF Board initiate Business Rescue. Charles Savage was appointed by MOD to act as an intermediary between the two entities. **Cont. p8**

Phumelela Enters Business Rescue Cont.

Previously facing bankruptcy (TDN, May 4), the injection of PCF will allow PGL to meet its financial obligations for the duration of the Business Rescue process, including the payment of stakes funds agreed upon with the Racing Association last month.

With the goal of creating a sustainable strategy in South African racing, Savage, along with a team of industry heads and officers, previously backed the creation of a Restructuring Task Team (RTT), instituted to work with PGL to safeguard, re-capitalize and restructure the racing industry.



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“It must be stressed that the opportunity will be short-lived and will rely on all stakeholders having to make significant compromises,” said a spokesperson for RTT. “Government will be a crucial stakeholder in the future of racing, and while there has been positive engagement, a lot of work remains.

“We have been able to ensure payment of stakes, albeit reduced, for the foreseeable future. The RTT will communicate with all stakeholders as and when we are able to do so.”

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May 16	G1 Doomben Cup	Doomben
	G1 The Fuhrfy Goodwood	Morphettville
May 23	G1 TAB-Kingford-Smith Cup	Eagle Farm
	G1 Moet & Chandon QLD Derby	Eagle Farm
May 30	G1 Treasury Brisbane QLD Oaks	Eagle Farm
June 6	G1 TAB Stradbroke H.	Eagle Farm
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June 20	G1 Sky Racing Tattersall's Tiara	Eagle Farm

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1	Shachi (Jpn)	Real Impact (Jpn)	Kowata	Kobiyama	125
2	Taisei Vision (Jpn)	Turtle Bowl (Ire)	Ishibashi	Nishimura	125
3	Resistencia (Jpn)	Daiwa Major (Jpn)	Lemaire	Matsushita	121
4	Prince Return (Jpn)	Strong Return (Jpn)	Harada	Kayo	125
5	Shine Garnet (Jpn)	Orfevre (Jpn)	Tanabe	Kurita	121
6	Gilded Mirror (Jpn)	Orfevre (Jpn)	Fukunaga	Matsunaga	121
7	Meisho Titan (Jpn)	Lord Kanaloa (Jpn)	Yoshida	Honda	125
8	Succession (Jpn)	King Kamehameha (Jpn)	Yokoyama	Kunieda	125
9	Rhinebeck (Jpn)	Deep Impact (Jpn)	Tsumura	Tomomichi	125
10	Harmony Magellan (Jpn)	Daiwa Major (Jpn)	Ono	Maki	125
11	Lauda Sion (Jpn)	Real Impact (Jpn)	Demuro	Saito	125
12	Bon Om Touk (Jpn)	Kurofune	Tanaka	Takahashi	121
13	Nishino Storm (Jpn)	Reach the Crown (Jpn)	Eda	Sugiura	125
14	Luftstrom (Jpn)	Kinshasa no Kiseki (Aus)	Lane	Hori	125
15	Soul Train (Jpn)	Red Spada (Jpn)	Fujii	Nishimura	125
16	Stone Ridge (Jpn)	Deep Impact (Jpn)	Matsuda	Fujiwara	125
17	Satono Impresa (Jpn)	Deep Impact (Jpn)	Take	Yahagi	125
18	Win Greatest (Jpn)	Screen Hero (Jpn)	Yokoyama	Aoki	125

Sunday, Hoppgarten, Germany, post time: 2.30 p.m.

DR BUSCH-MEMORIAL-G3, €27,500, 3yo, 8fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	4	Fearless King (GB)	Kingman (GB)	Piechulek	Steinberg	128
2	2	Palmiro (Fr)	Sommerabend (GB)	Casamento	Hickst	128
3	7	Rubaiyat (Fr)	Areion (Ger)	Starke	Grewe	128
4	5	Santurin (Fr)	Sommerabend (GB)	Lecoeuvre	Grewe	128
5	1	Sovereign State (Ger)	Soldier Hollow (GB)	de Vries	Almenrader	128
6	3	Vulcano (Ger)	Tertullian	Minarik	Fabianova	128
7	6	Zavaro (Ger)	Areion (Ger)	Delozier	Grewe	128

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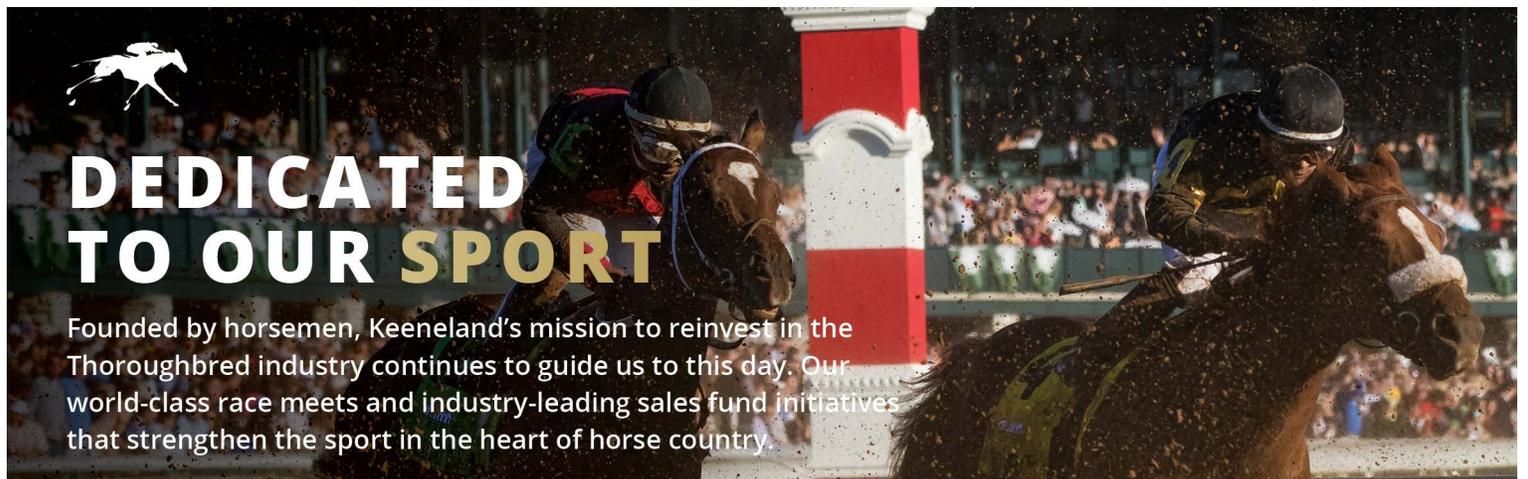
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RUSSIAN CAMELOT EXCELS IN GROUP 1



Russian Camelot | David Mariuz/AAP Photos

By Paul Vettise

Trainer Danny O'Brien's first venture into the European yearling market has proved to be an overwhelming success with the lightly-ried colt **Russian Camelot (Ire)** (Camelot {GB}) now a Group 1 winner.

The Flemington conditioner's patient approach was handsomely rewarded at Morphettville where Russian Camelot got out to a more suitable distance of 2500 metres and put paid to his rivals in the TAB South Australian Derby with ease.

It was his third win from five starts and, in his first appearance beyond 1800 metres, it was an exciting taste of what is to come from the 3-year-old, who by virtue of his Northern Hemisphere background also gave age away to his opposition.

"Obviously we're really excited. He's a horse that we've had a huge opinion of," O'Brien told AAP. "We've had him since he was a yearling and this was a race that we've been aiming him at for the better part of 12 months. He's turned up and delivered.

"It's very satisfying. It's never been done before--a Northern Hemisphere horse has never won a Derby in Australia."

Russian Camelot also completed a lucrative day at Morphettville for jockey John Allen, who had earlier partnered Ringbolt (Dream Ahead {USA}) to win the G3 TAB SA Sires' Produce S. and Game Keeper (Fastnet Rock) to win the Listed Adelaide Galvanising Adelaide Guineas.

O'Brien and his owners commissioned bloodstock agent Jeremy Brummitt to find them a potential high-class stayer and he settled on Russian Camelot, a 120,000gns (AU\$156,000) purchase at the 2018 Tattersalls October Yearling Sale.

Colt Showed Class Early

Ever since Russian Camelot's arrival, O'Brien has had no reason to be disappointed in the colt who was a debut winner and then finished runner-up in the Listed Connoisseur S. on Melbourne Cup day. He enjoyed a break and returned to finish fourth after bombing the start before a ridiculously easy win at Pakenham.

An inflamed throat forced the colt to bypass a planned lead-up race to the Derby, but it mattered not and he was far too good for **Dalasan** (Dalakhani {Ire}) and **Warning** (Declaration Of War {USA}).

While missing an outing ahead of a Group 1 test was never going to be ideal, O'Brien had said pre-race that it wouldn't be an excuse for the colt, who had worked supremely well and enjoyed a jump-out before heading to Morphettville.

Russian Camelot was caught three deep at the back of the field on Saturday, but Allen was happy to keep the horse in a rhythm and began his run around the field 500 metres from home.

They were widest into the straight and Russian Camelot let down impressively and in a manner in keeping with his stamina-biased pedigree.



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Camelot | Coolmore Stud

Pedigree Notes

The fourth Group 1 winner for his sire, Russian Camelot is out of the unraced Lady Babooshka (GB) (Cape Cross {Ire}), who is a half-sister to the G2 Jebel Hatta S. winner Alkaadhem (GB) (Green Desert {USA}). Their dam is the Sadler's Wells (USA) mare Balalaika (GB), who won the Listed Newmarket Dahlia S. and is a sister to the dual Group 2 winner Stagecraft (GB) (Sadler's Wells {USA}). She is also a three-quarter sister to the former champion European stayer Kayf Tara (GB), who won two editions of both the G1 Royal Ascot Gold Cup and the G1 Irish St Leger. His brother Opera House (GB) was also a two-time Group 1 winner and successful sire.

Saturday, Morphettville, South Australia, Australia

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN DERBY-G1, A\$400,000, SAJC, 5-09, 3yo, Open Set Weight, 2500mT, 2:42.04, sf.

1--**RUSSIAN CAMELOT (IRE)** , 56.5, c, 3, **Camelot (GB)**

1st Dam: Lady Babooshka (GB), by Cape Cross (Ire)

2nd Dam: Balalaika (GB), by Sadler's Wells (USA)

3rd Dam: Bella Colora (GB), by Bellypha (Ire)

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. 1ST GROUP WIN. 1ST GROUP 1 WIN. (£120,000 Ylg '18 TATOCT). O-J R Wheeler, G L McRostie, Qld Cup Colts (Mgr: D J Fletcher), B A Ainsworth, J & Mrs S Kanga, M P Edwards & M G Ford; B-Lynch Bages Ltd & Camas Park Stud (Ire); T-D T O'Brien; J-John Allan; A\$256,000. Lifetime Record: 5-3-1-0, A\$324,225. **Werk Nick Rating: A+.** **Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.**

2--**Dalasan**, 56.5, c, 3, Dalakhani (Ire)--Khandallah, by Kitten's Joy (USA). (\$80,000 Ylg '18 INGMAR). O-B H Perks, Ms A M Clough, H M Perks, R Hersey, I E Read, G G Tully, V Tripodi, I M Collins, Mrs L D Nelson, A E Potter, D M Sharp, S B Potter, E M Potter, D Carpinelli & S Christod; B-The Toorak Thoroughbred Breeding Trust SA (SA); T-L Macdonald & A Gluyas; J-J Holder; A\$68,000.

3--**Warning**, 56.5, g, 3, Declaration of War (USA)--Livia, by Galileo (Ire). (A\$65,000 Ylg '18 MGMMAR). O-W G Johnson, B Baines, T E Dwyer, J A O'Neill, Mrs K Grossek, L Jervis, T L Ewert, E R D Farquharson, W Leaf, T Seccull, A Boyd, J Van De Pol, A W S Blair, Mrs S M Ridgway, Bromfie; B-The Toorak Thoroughbred Breeding Trust SA (SA); T-Anthony Freedman; J-Damien Thornton; A\$32,000.

Margins: 1 3/4, 2 3/4, 1. Odds: 1.90, 2.80, 3.50.

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IN HONG KONG:

Hong Kong Win, g, 4, **Mossman**--With Apologies, by Testa Rossa. Sha Tin, 5-9, Hcp. (\$415k), 1000m, :55.08. B-J M Cappellin (Vic). *\$110,000 Ylg '17 INGFEV. **VIDEO**

Buddies, g, 4, **So You Think (NZ)**--Gladwell (GSP-Aus, \$130,650), by Anabaa (USA). Sha Tin, 5-9, Hcp. (\$553k), 1400m, 1:20.88. B-Yarraman Park Stud Pty Ltd & C O'Brien (NSW). *\$320,000 Ylg '17 INGEAS. **VIDEO**



IN AUSTRALIA:

Another Dollar, m, 5, **Ocean Park**--Make A Wish (NZ), by Pins (Aus). Randwick, 5-9, Gosford Gold Cup-Listed (NZ\$213k), 2000m, 2:03.35. B-Waikato Stud Ltd. *A\$190,000 Ylg '16 INGEAS. **G1SP-Aus.

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