



# GAMINE ANOTHER MIGHTY OAK FROM 'GRAND' ACORNS



**Gamine | Benoit**

by Chris McGrath

It's a French word, applied to a young woman of attractively boyish features. But the naming of **Gamine** (Into Mischief) appears to reflect a less elfin quality; to suggest something closer to the power and masculinity of the "tomboy." For here is a young female with all the assertive virility of her barnmates Charlatan (Speightstown) and Nadal (Blame), who followed in her scalded prints when also scoring on the final card of the Oaklawn meet 10 days ago.

The two colts, of course, won a division apiece of the GI Arkansas Derby; Gamine was keeping lesser company, stepping up to allowance level after her spectacular '**TDN Rising Star**' debut success in a Santa Anita maiden. Nonetheless she was able to rub shoulders with her brawny companions in terms of the ratings they took back to California. Even though she ultimately held out by just a neck from Speech (Mr Speaker), Gamine's 98 Beyer was a match for Nadal and edged Charlatan's 96; and she is ranked third in Bill Finley's latest **Kentucky Oaks Top 10**.

As things stand, then, Gamine has managed to maintain her value as she approaches the anniversary of the Fasig-Tipton's Midlantic 2-Year-Olds in Training Sale. **Cont. p3**

## SANTA ANITA TO TAKE ENTRIES TUESDAY

Santa Anita has sent a text to local horsemen confirming that it will take entries Tuesday for the Friday, May 15 card. Due to the coronavirus, Santa Anita has been closed for racing since Mar. 27.

Earlier this month, track officials announced their plans to reopen on the 15th and issued a new condition book and stakes schedule.

The state has begun to lift restrictions on some businesses, including parks and golf courses and the county's "Safer-at-Home" order is set to expire Friday. But the track has yet to be given clearance to operate by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health. It is unclear what will happen if the county does not officially grant its permission for Santa Anita to race before Friday. **Cont. p6**

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Racing returned to France Monday, but horses were training all throughout the closure at Chantilly. We asked Arqana's Alix Choppin to allow us to ride out with her one morning, and she gave us an unforgettable tour on horseback. Click [here](#) or on the photo above to watch. | Scoop Dyga

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**Gamine Another Mighty Oak from 'Grand' Acorns cont. from p1**

And that's no mean achievement--because the \$1.8-million docket signed there by Donato Lanni, on behalf of Michael Lund Peterson, qualified her as the most expensive animal ever sold at that auction.

It also represented a wonderful yield on the \$220,000 staked by Grand Oaks at Keeneland the previous September. But if Gamine is looking comfortable with that kind of profile, then so too is Grand Oaks--even though the Florida farm where she was prepped by Bobby Dodd was only acquired by Brad Grady in December 2012.

The Grady-Dodd partnership landed running. That first summer at Grand Oaks, they picked out a Malibu Moon colt at Saratoga for \$200,000. He was sold at OBS the following March for \$1.3 million. In 2017, a son of Tiznow found for just \$125,000 at the September Sale broke the OBS April record at

\$2.45 million.

Gamine, then, only extended an apparent Midas touch. Certainly there seems to be something ideally complementary about the drive and ambition of Texan businessman Grady, a relative newcomer to the business, and the veteran horsemanship of Dodd.

Both, in fairness, were raised on cattle ranches. But Grady was not even born when Dodd was learning stockmanship from Florida horsemen of the old school, in J.L. Gladwell and Carl Bowling. Dodd then entered a long partnership with Bowling's son Tony, between 1980 and 2008. But he must have assumed himself to be approaching the evening of his career when Grady's advent suddenly opened up all these

unexpected and thrilling new horizons.

"Oh, it's just been a pleasure working for the Gradys," Dodd says warmly. **Cont. p4**



**Bobby Dodd and Brad Grady** | Louise Reinagel

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"Yeah, it's been a breath of fresh air. I'm really enjoying being settled on Grand Oaks, and Brad and Misty are such wonderful, loyal people. Meeting Brad has obviously allowed me to buy a better horse. And I will say this about him: he takes the good and the bad equally. If it's good, he's happy; and if it's bad, he doesn't get upset, doesn't get mad, doesn't blame anybody with anything. He knows how it goes. It's a numbers game. Some of it's going to work, and some of it isn't."

In other words, Grady never brought unreasonable expectations to an unpredictable business. Dodd knew the investment had a level base and Grady knew the same about the prospecting and preparation of young stock. Dodd could carry on using the same set of eyes, just raise them higher in the marketplace.



**Gamine in Timonium | Fasig-Tipton**

He had handled many stakes horses, after all, during his years with Bowling. In 1994, for instance, they gave \$68,000 for a Valid Appeal colt from Mockingbird Farm; they sold him at Calder the following February for \$225,000.

"Even though he was a May 28 foal, he showed us he was going to be early," Dodd recalls. "He came right around--not very big, but very correct and very fast."

That speedball turned out to be Valid Expectations--one of Steve Asmussen's first big horses, and later something of a Texas legend at stud. (Actually Dodd and Bowling pinhooked his G1 Golden Shaheen winner Saratoga County.) But it was another connection to the Lone Star state that would ultimately lead Dodd through the crossroads he reached in 2008. For among those with whom he was still doing business was an old friend in Texas, Dr. Joe Cannon, who happened to count Grady's in-laws among his veterinary clientele. On hunting trips, Cannon shared some insights into the bloodstock world with Grady. Emboldened to try his luck with pinhooking, Grady bought a Malibu Moon filly for \$90,000 at the 2011 September Sale.

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Eddie Woods took her to Gulfstream the following February, where she made \$490,000.

Before the year was out, Grady had bought the former Gulf Coast Farm at Reddick, in northwest Marion County: 415 acres with a seven-eighths training track, 144 stalls, and a swimming facility. Dodd, who had been introduced to Grady by Cannon and assisted some of his early projects, was hired as manager and trainer; he also hones those horses retained for the racing barn, then sent to Joe Sharp.

As a result, Grady found himself represented in the 2017 GI Kentucky Derby both as consignor, of Irap (Tiznow), and owner, of Girvin (Tale of Ekati).

"We try to offer everything for sale," Dodd explains. "But if the horse is not coming around as we expect, and we really like him, then we have the option of keeping him and doing something different later on. Girvin had a little issue in April, he'd stepped on his coronet band and it got infected. He'd have been ready for Maryland, but he was showing a lot of talent and, with his pedigree, we didn't think he'd bring what he was really worth. So Brad opted to keep him, and everything worked out."

Girvin, named for the remote West Texas community where Grady was raised, won the GII Risen Star S. and GII Louisiana Derby.

And while he disappointed at Churchill Downs, he landed his Grade I that summer in the Haskell Invitational and in between ran Irap to a nose in a memorable GIII Ohio Derby for Grand Oaks.

The program is proven, then, inside and out. So when Dodd rang after one of Gamine's first breezes, and declared her "a freak," Grady knew he would have either a smart racehorse or a good payday. After she worked :10 flat at Timonium, it was pretty obvious which it was to be.

"We had no idea this filly would bring that kind of money," Dodd recalls. "We did think she'd bring \$700,000 or \$800,000 and maybe \$1 million, after the vettings she was getting. But everything came together. We got two or three 'money people' hooked on, and it was the perfect storm, if you will."

Gamine hadn't put a foot wrong throughout her preparation. Dodd remembers finding her in the Summerfield consignment at Keeneland, perfect for his specifications.

"Colts or fillies, that's the kind I try to buy: well-balanced, big and strong," he says. "She has a huge, strong body, like a colt, so the name's probably appropriate. But as far as her head and her neck and all, she's quite feminine. She was quite correct, and looked like a horse that would go fast, but then also go two turns--because she was big and stretchy. And obviously Into Mischief was getting runners right and left.

"But I don't know that anybody has that crystal ball or can see the kitty in the barnyard. You just buy a horse you really like, a horse you hope will work out. A lot of times it does, and a lot of times it doesn't. I mean, I don't go to a horse sale just looking for the special, special horse. It's only when you start getting into them that you know. This horse, we were just lucky she fell into our price range. But I've been doing this since 1980, and I honestly do not think anybody can just pick one out and say this is going to be a stakes horse."



**Gamine in the ring at Fasig-Tipton Midlantic | Fasig-Tipton**

So Gamine went into the program, same as all the rest, and set Dodd the usual challenge: how to draw out as much athletic potential as possible, without causing her to recoil from his demands. Striking that balance, reading the mute responses of a developing adolescent, is the key for all consignors.

"Well, it's a hard signal to detect," admits Dodd. "You have to listen to these horses. You can't just buy one and say, 'Well, I'm going to take this one to Gulfstream in February, or OBS April, or wherever.' They're going to tell you where they're going. You have to give some of these horses time. Sometimes a horse will get really forward, really early, but then just get into a spot. And then you have horses that you think they're clumsy and awkward, and they just steadily get better and better.



**Gamine prevailing at Oaklawn | Coady**

"They just tell you. I can't really explain that. I've been doing this a long time, and if it's too early, something will happen. They'll get sore in their back or somewhere. Or some of them are just immature mentally. Because if they get rattled or nervous, that takes a lot out of them. That's when horses wash out."

Gamine had her head in the game from the outset and responded adeptly to every challenge. Nonetheless Dodd wanted to reserve her for the Maryland sale.

"She was real easy on herself," Dodd says. "She was really smart, just took everything in stride, nothing ever bothered her. I think we could've gone anywhere with her. But I always like taking at least one really nice horse up to Maryland. That sale has been good to me and, just feeling that she was going to be a really nice horse, I wanted to go easy with her, give her time, not hurt her in any way. I really wanted to make a good impression with her at the sale. And we did that."

Dodd, demonstrably, knows how to play to the market's commercial prejudices but argues that these are not confined to the single dimension of a "bullet" time. **Cont. p6**

"I don't think the money is eighth-pole to the wire anymore," he explains. "I think it's from the wire to the half-mile pole. And this filly was really fit. We had already worked her a quarter, several times, and she was probably 'three-eighths' fit. I knew she was going to be fast, and I wanted her to gallop out. I was concerned about that five-eighths track up there. But she navigated those turns very well."

Grand Oaks is drawing plenty of attention, then, but while some external clientele are accommodated, Dodd is wary of diluting his own. He believes that these results have been achieved precisely by keeping the scale tight.

"Some of the bigger consignors in the Ocala area have 150 to 200 2-year-olds in training," he says. "We never have more than 60 or 75, and that's really enough for us--because we're all on hand here, seven days a week. Honestly, I don't think that I could do as good a job with that many horses."

As it is, the focused approach of Dodd and his team has produced the most expensive Into Mischief sold to date. True, Gamine's two-turn debut at Oaklawn raised the possibility that she may prove another whose brilliance might not quite stretch to Classic distances. Dodd declines a verdict, simply being delighted by how she has started out.

"I think she can go maybe a little farther, but that's not for me to judge," he says. "That would be for Bob Baffert and he obviously thinks so. I'm just glad it's all working out to the owner's advantage. We knew we had a really, really nice horse to take up to that sale, and we're really proud of her."



**Misty and Brad Grady lead Girvin into Haskell winner's circle**  
*Horsephotos*

Whatever happens from here, Gamine symbolizes a wonderful new lease on life for a veteran horseman who had found himself renting a couple of barns from the McKathan brothers just a few years ago.

"Tony Bowling and I were partners for 28 years," Dodd recalls. "He's a great guy, it was just kind of time for us to move on. He wanted to do some different things, I did as well. It just shows you never know what the future's going to bring. I didn't know what God's plans for me were, but obviously he had plans--and this is what happened. It really is an awesome story. I can't say enough about the Gradys, what great people they are, just really good, down-to-earth, Texas people. They love the game, and the people. This whole scenario around here, my whole situation... I don't want to say it's been a fairytale, but there's just been no negatives. It's all been a plus from the very beginning."

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***Santa Anita To Take Entries Tuesday cont. from p1***

All racing would be held without spectators in the stands and Santa Anita is ready to put in place strict protocols that include mandating that jockeys temporarily take up residence in housing at the racetrack.

Santa Anita issued a statement Saturday that said the track is in ongoing discussions with the county.

There are 10 races in the condition book for Friday, plus two substitute races. If the race goes, the feature will be a \$67,000 allowance at one mile on the dirt. Saturday's card is slated to offer the first two stakes races since March, the \$150,000 Echo Eddie S. and the \$150,000 Evening Jewel S. Both are for California-breds.

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**CHAMPION LA VERDAD EUTHANIZED AFTER COLIC COMPLICATIONS**

**La Verdad** (Yes It's True--Noble Fire, by Hook and Ladder), the 2015 Champion Female Sprinter, has been euthanized due to complications from colic, according to a statement posted by her owner, Sheila Rosenblum. The 10-year-old mare had recently foaled a colt by Into Mischief at Edition Farm in Hyde Park, New York.

Rosenblum posted a statement on Facebook, which read, "It is with a heavy heart that Lady Sheila Stable must announce the passing of La Verdad. The Eclipse Award-winning champion gave birth to a healthy colt by Into Mischief on Monday, May 4. After a few days of medical attention, she was humanely relieved of her distress this afternoon. She passed from complications due to colic."

Just a day earlier, Rosenblum had Tweeted photos of La Verdad's newly born foal. **Cont. p7**

"For this foal Friday, we'd like to reveal some of the hours-old photos of La Verdad's first colt," she wrote, posting two photos of La Verdad with the colt. "By Into Mischief, he was born on the night of May 4th at Edition Farm."



Click above to watch the TDN tribute to La Verdad

La Verdad produced three of her four foals at Edition Farm. "We all know that La Verdad was a rare gem," said Edition Farm owner Vivien Malloy Sunday. "She was special and, at my farm, she was the queen. I felt so blessed to have her in my fields and my barn. She was a wonderful mother and on this Mother's Day, let's applaud that part of her character."

La Verdad won 16 of 25 starts and earned \$1,563,200 over a career that saw her race over four years. Campaigned in the name of Rosenblum's Lady Sheila Stable, she was trained by Linda Rice. She won 11 black-type races, and was named Champion Female sprinter in 2015, her penultimate campaign.

La Verdad's first foal, a filly by Medaglia d'Oro who RNA'd for \$775,000 at the 2018 Fasig-Tipton Saratoga sale, is now named La Kara Mia and is in training with Rice at Belmont Park. La Verdad also produced a filly by Tapit who sold for \$800,000 as a weanling at the 2018 Keeneland November sale. Her 2019 filly by Curlin RNA'd for \$600,000 at last year's Keeneland November sale.

Rosenblum's statement continued, "It is always difficult to lose a horse. Whether a beloved backyard pet or a professional investment or in this case, an accomplished athlete and famous personality. La Verdad was not only a racehorse. She was a symbol. She represented women in racing. As a mare. As a horse trained by Linda Rice and owned by Sheila Rosenblum. And she represented our state and our tracks, as a New York-bred never hesitating in the face of competition. It is very difficult for me to talk about. I am speechless."

"She was more than my champion mare, who was full of class. She was more than a horse to me! I loved her. I am broken-hearted."



Sheila Rosenblum and Linda Rice in winner's circle with La Verdad | Susie Raisher

Her trainer, Linda Rice, called it a 'privilege' to have conditioned her.

"La Verdad brought me, my team and all of the New York racing fans such great joy," Rice told the *TDN*. "We watched her develop from a weanling to a yearling to her racetrack debut at age three to an Eclipse Award at age five. She took Sheila and me on a tremendous ride through 16 victories, 11 of which were stakes, a trip to the Breeders' Cup and a championship title at the Eclipse Awards. It was a privilege to have trained her and she will always hold a special place in my heart."

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## THOROUGHBREDAUCTIONS.COM MIXED SALE A TEST FOR ONLINE AUCTIONS

by Bill Finley

Selling Thoroughbred horses online has never quite caught on in the U.S. as buyers and their advisors are obviously reluctant to purchase a horse they cannot examine in person. But a West Virginia-based auction company is forging ahead with an ambitious online sale later this month, its owners confident that Thoroughbred racing is ready to accept the online marketplace.

"In 2000, if you asked me if this is going to work I would have said no," said Tim Jennings, who runs [ThoroughbredAuctions.com](http://ThoroughbredAuctions.com) with his wife, Cathy. "I just didn't think people would buy them without looking at them or running their hand down the horse's legs. That's not the case anymore. Ready or not, the way you buy and sell is changing."

The viability of online auctions will be put to a good test when the [ThoroughbredAuctions.com](http://ThoroughbredAuctions.com) mixed sale closes May 27.

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With the coronavirus causing the cancellation or postponement of some traditional live sales and with buyers either unable or reluctant to travel because of health concerns, there is an opening for online auctions that has never before existed.

Jennings, who also owns the company SportHorseAuctions.com, said there was a major shift in the sale of sport horses after the 2008 financial crisis. Sellers were looking to save money and move horses fast and found that selling horses online was a practical alternative to a traditional sale.



**Cathy & Tim Jennings** | Photo Courtesy of Tim Jennings

“We sold 3,200 horses around the country in live auctions in 2007 and by 2011 it was down to 1,485,” Jennings said. “To sell their horses, they were using listing sites or Facebook. We had to make the shift because our customers had shifted. The coronavirus is going to have a similar impact on how people buy Thoroughbreds.”

With Jennings’s companies putting more and more emphasis on online sales, he was picked by the U.S. Marshals Service to sell the many horses owned by Rita Crundwell. The comptroller of Dixon, Illinois, she was accused of obtaining more than \$53 million in city funds to support a lavish lifestyle that included owning more than 150 Quarter Horses.

“It was a really big deal,” Jennings said. “Everybody said the online part of it wouldn’t work and it worked best. We sold 80 of the horses online. It was the largest liquidation in the history of the U.S. Marshals Service.”

Since the Crundwell sale, ThoroughbredAuctions.com has handled three dispersal sales, which mainly included New Mexico-bred or based horses. Last December, ThoroughbredAuctions.com conducted its first Thoroughbred auction that was not tied to a dispersal or a legal action. That sale was a starting point and Jennings admitted he was

disappointed with the number of horses that didn’t meet their reserve.

“We just have to dig in and continue to do it,” he said.

The May sale will be the next step in the process. It costs \$400 to enter a horse and the company’s commission is 8%. There is no commission if the horse does not sell. To potential sellers, Jennings has been pitching the fact that there are no costs involved in shipping a horse to a sale, that his site reaches far more people than a traditional sale can and that the horse is up for sale for more than a two-minute window. Like eBay, ThoroughbredAuctions.com, also has a “make-an-offer” feature whereby buyers can acquire a horse before the auction begins.

With the sale set to begin May 20, a handful of horses are already listed in the [online catalogue](#), and the majority are modestly bred 2-year-olds or yearlings. Sellers are asked to provide as much information as possible on the horses, including X-rays, the results of a basic veterinary exam and walk videos. For now, Jennings’s market appears to be those who are looking for regional horses.

“What we are seeing so far is more young stock than broodmares,” he said. “But it’s a learning process. We have watched it mature and change with sport horses over the last eight years and I think that’s what we will see here as people get more used to it.”

Jennings is also planning on posting horses online between auctions, giving an owner a chance to sell at a point where the price is likely to be near its peak.

“Say you have a mare in the field, a half-sister to a filly who jumps up and wins a Grade II,” he said. “The sharks start feeding and all the agents are calling. You are at their mercy. You could do a one-horse auction for that half-sister and it is done. That is so much easier than having to deal with all the agents. Same thing if you own a mare that just won a Grade II and it is time to cash in. It can work.”

While Jennings would like to see his website ultimately compete with the major live sales, like Keeneland and Fasig-Tipton, he’s realistic enough to know that is not going to happen, at least not overnight. It’s more likely that the next many ThoroughbredAuctions.com sales will feature horses that appeal to a regional market and aren’t ordinarily available at the major sales.

“This is the future. There’s no question about it,” he said. “The market reach is so much better. Is it going to replace Books 1 through 4 at Keeneland? Probably not. But there are people, the ones who might be looking to buy a broodmare for \$7,500, who are likely to have work to do at their farms or at their jobs and don’t have time to park themselves at Keeneland for four days.”

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But Jennings sees online auctions continuing to grow. Another company, the Australian-based firm Bloodstockauction.com, is also trying to break into the sales market here and launched its first ever U.S. auction **earlier this month**. Both companies are banking on more and more people growing comfortable with the concept of online sales.

“One of our employees who has worked for us at our live auctions for a long time has the best answer to all those who say this will never work,” Jennings said. “He says making this work to our generation may be a tough sell. But, then, take the next generation coming up. They buy everything from their toilet paper to their townhouse online. They’re just used to it. They shop on eBay, they shop on Amazon. As this way of buying things becomes more prevalent across demographics, sales like ours are going to reach even deeper. It’s a generation that buys everything online and there’s no reason that won’t include horses.”

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## NORTHVIEW STALLION STATION TO CONSOLIDATE OPERATION, SELL PENNSYLVANIA DIVISION

by Bill Finley

Northview Stallion Station announced Monday that it plans to close its Pennsylvania operation and operate solely in Maryland.

Northview is the leading breeder in Pennsylvania, where the future of the racing and breeding industries are uncertain after Gov. Tom Wolf announced his intentions in February to divert \$200 million from Pennsylvania Race Horse Development Fund to a program that would create scholarships for Pennsylvania residents applying to colleges in the state. But Northview General Manager/Director of Sales David Wade said the decision to close the Pennsylvania operation had nothing to do with Wolf’s proposed cuts.

“That’s not at all the case,” Wade said of the possible perception that the farm was leaving Pennsylvania because of the possible loss of the slots money. “We’re going to be leaving Pennsylvania but I don’t think there is a problem in Pennsylvania. I don’t think that budget item is going to pass. Pennsylvania’s program is strong and everything is going to be fine there.”

Wade said Dr. Michael Golden, the son of Northview founder Richard Golden, is taking a more active role in the management of the farm and wanted to consolidate operations.

“Mike doesn’t want to have as large an operation as his dad did,” Wade said. “He wants to consolidate. Northview Maryland was our original farm and Sycamore Hall, the family’s private

farm, is located right next to Northview Maryland. So it made sense to consolidate down here and operate one stallion farm and one private farm for his own horses.”



*Courtesy Northview Stallion Station*

Wade said that Wolf’s proposal did not seem to have a negative impact this year on Northview’s Pennsylvania stallions.

“I didn’t see many signs of it slowing down there,” he said. “Hoppertunity will breed close to 100 mares, which is very good for a second crop. He bred 129 in his first. You wouldn’t expect to have as many in the second. When you approach 100 you are doing pretty well. Uncle Lino also had a good book. His first crop is now two and we’d all like to see racing resume so we can start to see what they can do.”

The Pennsylvania property, which is located in the town of Peach Bottom, will continue to operate normally until it is sold. The farm will shut down Nov. 30 if it has not been sold at that time.

Wade said Hoppertunity and Uncle Lino will stand at stud in Maryland next year. Plans for the Pennsylvania farm’s other three stallions--Medallist, Peace and Justice and Bullsbay--have yet to be determined.

The Pennsylvania property will be listed with Patterson-Price Real Estate, one of the largest agricultural real estate companies in the region. Wade is hopeful that whoever purchases the property will operate it as a breeding farm.

“That would be great for the industry in Pennsylvania,” he said.

Northview Pennsylvania opened for the 2009 breeding season on 180 acres of farmland in Lancaster County. It includes an eight-stall stallion barn, breeding shed, management and booking office, three 20-stall broodmare/foaling barns, and a 12-stall yearling barn. Among the stallions to stand at Northview PA were Jump Start, the region’s leading sire for much of the past decade.

Wade said that every employee at the Pennsylvania farm will be offered a similar job at the Maryland location. **Cont. p10**

“We don’t plan on losing anybody,” he said.

Northview’s Maryland farm opened in 1989 and Northview stallions have topped the Maryland sires lists 21 times through 2016. There are currently six stallions at the Maryland division.

“Mike is very excited about this,” Wade said. “I think we are going to thrive. We already have a strong operation there and will now get even stronger. That the bill to rebuild Pimlico has gone through, that’s a very good sign for the future of Maryland racing.”

Though there are not casinos at Laurel or Pimlico, Maryland racing relies heavily on money that goes to the tracks from the state’s standalone casinos. About 70% of all purse money in Maryland comes from the casinos, and there have been no signs that the money is in jeopardy of going away.

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**Jerry Hollendorfer** | *Fasig-Tipton*

## **HOLLENDORFER FILES AMENDED COMPLAINT AGAINST STRONACH GROUP, WRIT AGAINST CHRБ**

by *Dan Ross*

Hall of Fame trainer Jerry Hollendorfer, barred from The Stronach Group’s (TSG) California facilities since June of last year, has fired the latest legal salvo in his ongoing dispute with the company with a first amended complaint against the Los Angeles Turf Club (LATC)—at Santa Anita—filed late last month in the Los Angeles County Superior Court.

“We’re playing the cards that we are dealt,” said Hollendorfer’s attorney, Drew Couto, about the reasons behind the latest complaint. “We sought provisional remedies from the outset—we’re trying to mitigate his losses by getting him back to work.”

TSG banned Hollendorfer—formerly one of California’s most prolific trainers numerically—from Santa Anita after four of his horses were catastrophically injured during a six-month period between the end of 2018 and the first half of 2019, when the facility experienced a well-publicized spike in equine fatalities.

Since then, Hollendorfer has been engaged in a series of legal battles designed to open the door for his broad return to the California racing scene, of which he has been a key player for decades. During this period, Hollendorfer has been permitted full access as a trainer to the Los Alamitos facility in Long Beach, and no formal regulatory action has been made against him.

Last July, Hollendorfer successfully filed a temporary restraining order against the Del Mar Turf Club, enabling him to compete at the track’s boutique summer meet. Nevertheless, his attempts to once again train and compete at TSG’s facilities at Santa Anita and Golden Gate Fields—where two Hollendorfer trainees were fatally injured in November of 2018 and January of 2019—have thus far failed.

The most recent prior development came at the end of February, when an L.A. County Superior Court judge granted both TSG’s motion to strike and its demurrer to Hollendorfer’s original complaint.

In an emailed statement, TSG attorney, Richard Specter, wrote that the defendants remain confident that Hollendorfer’s first amended complaint will “fail both factually and legally,” and that TSG will be filing another demurrer later this month.

“Both racetracks have the absolute right to exclude Hollendorfer, based upon his record and the applicable horse racing law,” Specter wrote. “In fact, we believe that we were obligated to do so in the best interest of horse racing, consistent with the Stronach Group’s position that the health and welfare of horses is our paramount concern.”

Nevertheless, Couto maintains that attempts to remedy the matter through proper channels—including “arbitration”—have been ignored. “If none of the provisional remedies came to pass, and the administrative remedies were ignored, then the only other option is to seek damages,” Couto said. “That’s why the complaint was amended.”

According to the amended complaint, Hollendorfer’s legal team has also filed two related writs with the Superior Court for the County of San Diego against the California Horse Racing Board (CHRB), each of which is “anticipated to have a direct bearing on material issues in this matter,” the complaint states.

“The related matter involves the same individual Petitioner as Plaintiff herein, and arises from the same or substantially identical transactions, incidents, and/or events, requiring resolution of the same or substantially similar questions of law and/or fact as such relate to certain administrative processes and the interpretation/application of several CHRB Rules and regulations,” the complaint states.

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Because of the COVID-19 pandemic which has disrupted normal operations in San Diego County, this related case has not yet been assigned a number or department, nor has the clerk issued the summons, the complaint states.

Couto said that he was unable to comment on the CHRB writ “as the San Diego Court is still in a stasis because of COVID-19. And until that writ comes out of queue and gets processed, and I can serve it, we can’t say anything more than I’ve said in the complaint.”

A CHRB spokesperson explained that the agency “does not comment on matters under litigation.”

Substantively, the amended complaint against the LATC is centered around an argument that Hollendorfer’s legal team has been making from the start: that the trainer has been denied fair procedure as contractually outlined in the race meet agreement and stall agreements he had signed with TSG.

But the complaint also lays out a number of other key points, including how Hollendorfer has suffered “irreparable harm and significant damages.” To highlight its point, the complaint states that “as a result of TSG’s actions, Plaintiff’s stable has been reduced from just over 120 Thoroughbreds on June 22, 2019, to 38 horses as of the filing of the First Amended Complaint.”

In lieu of being able to race at Santa Anita, Hollendorfer was based at Oaklawn Park this winter. According to Equibase, he had 12 wins from 87 starts, accruing more than \$500,000 in prize money. In *Horse Racing Nation* last week, Hollendorfer explained that he was relocating to Churchill Downs. The spring/summer meet there begins May 16.

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## WHAT'S IN A NAME?

by *Andrea Branchini*

There are so many overtones from the land of the Czars in the pedigree of brilliant Australian Derby winner Russian Camelot (Ire), by the hot Coolmore stallion Camelot. His dam is Lady Babooshka (Russian for grandmother), his granddam is Balalaika (the Russian triangular string instrument), his 2-year-old full-sister is named Russian Camilla. Insightful and fitting name for this blessed youth of a horse.

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*An Italian native, Andrea Branchini now lives in Lexington, KY, where he works in the equine transport industry.*

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### WOODBINE INSTATES MASK MANDATE ON ITS BACKSTRETCH

Effective Wednesday, May 13, all restricted personnel accessing Woodbine’s backstretch will be mandated to wear a mask or face covering as a further precautionary measure against COVID-19, Woodbine Entertainment announced Monday.

The only exception to wearing a mask or face covering will be when a rider is actively breezing or actively galloping a horse, otherwise face masks must always be on and covering the nose and mouth. Jockeys will be permitted to access the Woodbine backstretch to breeze horses under strict physical distancing protocols beginning Wednesday as well.

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A syndicate of breeders from Uruguay has purchased stallion **Honorable Dillon** (Tapit--Shy Greeting {Arg} by Shy Tom) for the 2020 Southern Hemisphere breeding season. Previously standing at Rockridge Stud in New York, Honorable Dillon was a Grade II winner with earnings of \$233,649 in his racing career. As a stallion, he has 27 winners from 64 runners in two crops to race thus far.

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Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	<b>Uncle Mo</b> <i>(2008) by Indian Charlie Crops: 6</i>	4	7	4	5	--	1	70	27	377,400	2,128,879
				Stands: Ashford Stud KY Fee: \$125,000						Modernist	
2	<b>Munnings</b> <i>(2006) by Speightstown Crops: 7</i>	4	6	3	4	--	--	64	18	291,600	1,479,495
				Stands: Ashford Stud KY Fee: \$30,000						Bonny South	
3	<b>Into Mischief</b> <i>(2005) by Harlan's Holiday Crops: 9</i>	7	15	2	4	--	--	89	27	300,000	2,109,471
				Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY Fee: \$175,000						Authentic	
4	<b>Constitution</b> <i>(2011) by Tapit Crops: 2</i>	3	7	2	5	1	2	64	18	598,300	1,553,964
				Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$40,000						Tiz the Law	
5	<b>Speightstown</b> <i>(1998) by Gone West Crops: 13</i>	1	2	1	1	1	1	38	12	506,328	1,462,517
				Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$70,000						Full Flat	
6	<b>Blame</b> <i>(2006) by Arch Crops: 7</i>	1	3	1	3	1	1	31	7	1,053,000	1,451,779
				Stands: Claiborne Farm KY Fee: \$35,000						Nadal	
7	<b>Lookin At Lucky</b> <i>(2007) by Smart Strike Crops: 7</i>	1	4	1	3	--	--	24	10	816,600	1,167,055
				Stands: Ashford Stud KY Fee: \$20,000						Wells Bayou	
8	<b>Tapit</b> <i>(2001) by Pulpit Crops: 13</i>	1	7	1	5	--	--	51	11	220,000	1,015,221
				Stands: Gainesway Farm KY Fee: \$200,000						Enforceable	
9	<b>Tonalist</b> <i>(2011) by Tapit Crops: 2</i>	1	2	1	2	--	--	46	12	213,110	913,496
				Stands: Lane's End Farm KY Fee: \$15,000						Tonalist's Shape	
10	<b>Twirling Candy</b> <i>(2007) by Candy Ride (Arg) Crops: 6</i>	1	3	1	2	--	--	51	14	150,000	771,780
				Stands: Lane's End Farm KY Fee: \$40,000						Fore Left	
11	<b>Honor Code</b> <i>(2011) by A.P. Indy Crops: 2</i>	1	4	1	3	--	--	48	11	137,500	711,913
				Stands: Lane's End Farm KY Fee: \$30,000						Max Player	
12	<b>Palace Malice</b> <i>(2010) by Curlin Crops: 2</i>	2	2	1	1	--	--	56	10	260,000	652,449
				Stands: Three Chimneys Farm KY Fee: \$25,000						Mr. Monomoy	
13	<b>Summer Front</b> <i>(2009) by War Front Crops: 2</i>	1	3	1	2	--	1	38	12	356,600	638,115
				Stands: Airdrie Stud KY Fee: \$10,000						Ete Indien	
14	<b>Karakontie (Jpn)</b> <i>(2011) by Bernstein Crops: 2</i>	2	2	1	1	--	--	29	8	199,800	537,977
				Stands: Gainesway Farm KY Fee: \$10,000						Sole Volante	
15	<b>Lemon Drop Kid</b> <i>(1996) by Kingmambo Crops: 17</i>	1	2	1	1	--	--	29	6	172,900	382,085
				Stands: Lane's End Farm KY Fee: \$20,000						Field Pass	

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## IN JAPAN:

**Meiner Amnis**, h, 6, **Mizzen Mast**--Patineuse (Ire) (Broodmare of the Year-Ger), by Peintre Celebre. Niigata, 5-10, Allowance (\$193k), 1200mT, 1:09.4. Lifetime Record: 26-2-4-3, \$415,327. O-Thoroughbred Club Ruffian; B-Dr Christoph Berglar (KY); T-Yoshihiro Hatakeyama. \*1/2 to Protectionist (Ger) (Monsun {Ger}), Ch. Stayer-Aus, Hwt. Older Horse-Ger at 11-14f, Hwt. Older Horse-Eur & Ger at 14ft, G1SW-Aus & Ger, GSW-Fr, \$3,785,601. \*\*\$95,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP.

## AMERICAN-SIRED WINNER IN JAPAN:

**Intersection (Jpn)**, h, 5, **Street Cry (Ire)**--Vine Street (Ire), by Singspiel (Ire). Kyoto, 5-10, Plate Race, 9.5f. Lifetime Record: 19-3-3-2, \$361,869. O-Godolphin; B-Darley Japan Farm (Jpn); T-Ryuji Okubo. \*Full to Leshlaa, SW-Tur, MGSP-UAE, \$491,513.

## IN RUSSIA:

**Fast Boy**, c, 2, **Lemon Drop Kid**--Sovereign Crisis, by Congrats. Pavlovskiy, 5-10, Colts Trial S. (NBT), 1200m. B-T/C Stable LLC (KY). \*1ST TIME STARTER. \*\*\$30,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP.

**Gold Boy**, c, 3, **Candy Ride (Arg)**--Minaki, by Unbridled's Song. Pavlovskiy, 5-10, Alw., 1600m. B-Hill 'n' Dale Equine Holdings Inc (KY). \*\$50,000 Ylg '18 KEEJAN; \$25,000 Ylg '18 FTKOCT.



**Instant Drop**, f, 3, **Lemon Drop Kid**--Infliction, by Stormy Atlantic. Pyatigorsk, 5-10, Grigory Nazarov S. (NBT), 1400m. B-TNIP LLC (KY). \*1ST TIME STARTER. \*\*\$45,000 Ylg 18 FTKOCT. \*\*\*Won by 11 1/2 lengths.

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**HUBBADAHUBBADABOOM (g, 5, Shanghai Bobby--Consider Thesource {SW, \$269,210}, by Notebook)** Lifetime Record: 18-5-2-2, \$98,781. O-Joe Martin; B-Rustlewood Farm, Inc. (FL); T-William N. Martin. \*\$100,000 2yo '17 OBSAPR.



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## ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Beggar**, g, 3, **Beggarthyneighbor**--Carrroma, by Tactical Advantage. Will Rogers Downs, 5-11, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:06.92. B-Perry Day (OK). \*1ST-TIME STARTER.



**BEGGARTHYNEIGHBOR**, Beggar, g, 3, o/o Carrroma, by Tactical Advantage. MSW, 5-11, Will Rogers  
**SHANGHAI BOBBY**, Hubbadahubbadaboom, g, 5, o/o Consider Thesource, by Notebook. ALW, 5-11, Will Rogers



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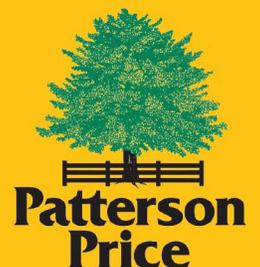


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7-Will Rogers Downs, Msw 5 1/2f, BULLNASTY, 15-1  
\$12,000 OKC YRL yrl

**SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: TUESDAY, MAY 12**

**Constitution** (Tapit), WinStar Farm, \$40,000

233 foals of racing age/43 winners/5 black-type winners  
9-Will Rogers Downs, Alw 5 1/2f, LIL RED VETTE, 8-1  
\$5,500 FTK OCT yrl; \$27,000 RNA TTA APR 2yo

**Midnight Crooner** (War Chant), Caines Stallion Station

2 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners  
9-Will Rogers Downs, Alw 5 1/2f, MOONSHINE MILDRED, 30-1  
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**Bullnasty**, a son of Spendthrift's Race Day (above), is scheduled to go postward at Will Rogers Downs Tuesday | *Spendthrift photo*



## THE WEEKLY WRAP: LA REPRISE



Batwan is the latest group winner on the Kendargent/Indian Rocket cross | *Scoop Dyga*

By Emma Berry

Following some 11th-hour persuasive talks between racing's leaders and the French government on Friday, action returned to three of France's racecourses on Monday, with ParisLongchamp meaning business by opening its 10-race card with the G3 Prix de Saint-Georges.

The yellow and white silks of Guy Pariente are now a regular fixture on racecourses and, almost invariably, they are carried by the offspring of the owner-breeder's Haras de Colleville flagbearer Kendargent (Fr).

With the stallion's 5-year-old son **Batwan (Fr)**, Pariente and trainer Philippe Sogorb took the first, long-awaited race of the restarted French season, and the gelding's breeding reflects a cross which has worked well for Pariente in the past. Batwan is out of the Indian Rocket (GB) mare Matwan (Fr), a listed-winning juvenile herself who has already produced the listed-placed Revedargent (Fr) to the same stallion, as well as the G2 Prix du Muguet runner-up Matorio (Fr) (Oratorio {Ire}). Earlier this year in pre-lockdown days, Matwan's 3-year-old Wanaway (Fr), from the first crop of another Colleville resident, Galiway (GB), won the Listed Prix Ronde de Nuit at Chantilly for Pascal Bary.

The Kendargent-Indian Rocket cross has also given Pariente the third member of his stallion barn, Goken (Fr), who will have his first runners this season. [Cont. p2](#)

## SHAMAN SHINES AS SOTTSASS FAILS TO FIRE

In one of ParisLongchamp's season-opener's unexpected reversals, White Birch Farm's G1 Prix du Jockey Club hero **Sotssass (Fr)** (Siyouni {Fr}) could only manage fourth as the Wertheimers' **Shaman (Ire)** (Shamardal) made all for an upset in the G2 Prix d'Harcourt. Campaigned mainly at a mile last term and runner-up in the G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains and G1 Prix Jacques le Marois, Shaman had stamina to prove upped to this 10-furlong distance for the first time but Maxime Guyon was able to dictate steady fractions on the homebred. After turning back **Simona (Fr)** (Siyouni {Fr}) in a solid if unspectacular home-straight effort, the 13-2 shot earned the success by 3/4 of a length from the stalwart **Way To Paris (GB)** (Champs Elysees {GB}), who denied Simona a short neck with a laboured Sotssass a further length away.

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## IN TDN AMERICA TODAY

### SANTA ANITA TO TAKE ENTRIES TUESDAY

Santa Anita has confirmed it will take entries Tuesday for Friday, May 15. This marks the first card of races since the coronavirus closed the track on Mar. 27. [Click or tap here to go straight to TDN America.](#)

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**THE WEEKLY WRAP** by Emma Berry



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The bay won two French Group 3 races and was third in the G1 King's Stand S. when switched from Henri-Alex Pantall to Kevin Ryan.

The same cross is also responsible for Pariente's Kendam (Fr), winner of G3 Prix Eclipse and now dam of Galiway's first group winner Kenway (Fr), as well as Morando (Fr).

The latter, a 7-year-old soft ground specialist, was also bred by Pariente and has won three Group 3 contests for King Power Racing and Andrew Balding.

The speedily-bred Indian Rocket won the G2 Mill Reef S. for Khalil Al Sayegh and John Dunlop, and he spent his last few years in France at Haras des Faunes after leaving Tally-Ho Stud. His most notable achievement as a broodmare sire is through the G1 Prix de l'Abbaye winner Maarek (GB) (Pivotal {GB}), a son of the classy sprinter Ruby Rocket (Ire).

**Making An Impact**

Like Australia and Hong Kong, Japan has been in the fortunate position to have its racing programme continue uninterrupted behind closed doors and there have been some bright starts

made by some of the country's sophomore stallions.

Epiphaneia (Jpn) provided the G1 Oka Sho (1000 Guineas) winner **Daring Tact (Jpn)** but leading the table for that division at present is the horse who was also leading first-season sire in 2019, Kizuna (Jpn). The son of Deep Impact (Jpn) won the 2013 Tokyo Yushun (Japanese Derby) and on Saturday was represented by his second Group 2 winner, **Deep Bond (Jpn)**, in the Kyoto Shimbun Hai, following the victory of Maltese Diosa (Jpn) in the G2 Tulip Sho. Kizuna has also had a pair of Grade 3 winners this year in Ablaze (Jpn) and Crystal Black (Jpn).

Another son of Deep Impact, the former Arrowfield shuttler Real Impact (Jpn), has a less impressive strike-rate than his paternal half-brother but he made a breakthrough at the weekend as the sire of the G1 NHK Mile Cup winner **Lauda Sion (Jpn)**, who beat last season's G1 Hanshin Juvenile Fillies' winner Resistencia (Jpn), who was also runner-up in the Oka Sho. This victory was actually a double breakthrough for Real Impact: not only was it his first Group 1 strike as a sire but it gave him the distinction of being the first son of Deep Impact to sire a Group 1 winner.

Out of the 1000-metre winner Antiphona (Songandaprayer), Lauda Sion runs in the colours made famous on the international stage by Silk Racing's Almond Eye (Jpn) (Lord Kanaloa {Jpn}) and was bred by Shunsuke Yoshida, the son of Northern Farm principal Katsumi Yoshida. **Cont. p3**

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## The Weekly Wrap Cont.

Antiphona has a 2-year-old Kizuna colt to race and is due to foal to another son of Deep Impact, Real Steel (Jpn), this season.

### Moon Landing A Blow

Among the major racing nations, Germany got European racing properly back up and running last Thursday. The country's first group race, the G3 Cologne Classic, saw a winning return for Germany's champion juvenile of 2019, **Wonderful Moon (Ger)**, who was bred by Gestut Gorlsdorf and is by their homebred Deutsches Derby winner Sea The Moon (Ger). Wonderful Moon will now attempt to emulate his sire in the German Classic on July 12.

While Heike Bischoff and Niko Lafrentz of Gestut Gorlsdorf sold Wonderful Moon as a yearling, they were represented on the same card by another Sea The Moon 3-year-old winner **Sea Of Love (Ger)**, who holds an entry for the G1 Preis der Diana (German Oaks). As detailed in [Sunday's TDN](#), the couple also have several Classic prospects by their Lanwades Stud-based stallion now in training in France. **Tickle Me Green (Ger)**, who was third in Monday's G3 Prix de la Grotte, was transferred from Markus Klug to Andre Fabre over the winter. Along with the Francis Graffard-trained **Moon A Lisa (Ger)**, who was narrowly beaten when second in the Listed Prix Caravelles later on Monday, she is entered for the G1 Prix de Diane, which is now scheduled to be run on July 5, the same day as the G1 Prix du Jockey Club.

Sea The Moon, like his sire Sea The Stars (Ire), has never shuttled but he has caught the attention of Australian buyers at both the foal and yearling sales in Europe in the last few years, with Justin Bahen, Brad Spicer and Peter Moody all having signed for his offspring.



Sea The Moon | Lanwades Stud

# Tattersalls October Group Winner

## TROPBEAU

PRIX DE LA GROTTTE, Group 3

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Moody has recently returned to the Australian training ranks after a four-year hiatus and his first winner on comeback was **Shepard (GB)**, one of two Sea The Moon foals purchased at Tattersalls in 2016, who was recording his fourth victory.

### Pandemic Scuppers Another Shot At History

COVID travel restrictions allowing, it will be no surprise to see even more Australian activity at the European sales in years to come. The **historic victory of Russian Camelot (Ire)** in Saturday's G1 South Australian Derby has highlighted what middle-distance prospects can achieve, even with a notable age gap, and his trainer Danny O'Brien, who has also has two Camelot (GB) 2-year-old colts in his care, has paid European stallions the highest compliment in the aftermath.

Speaking to RSN radio station in Australia on Monday morning, O'Brien said, "Breeding has never been more complicated than [sending] the best to the best, and when you look at the talent of racehorses, Camelot was an absolute superstar. He won the English Derby by five lengths. We also have an Australia (GB) colt at the moment. Australia also won the Derby and is by Galileo (Ire) out of Ouija Board (GB), who was a champion. And we've also got horses by Sea The Stars (Ire), who is a half-brother to Galileo and also won the Derby. [Cont. p4](#)

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Those horses are far superior racehorses to the horses that stand at stud down here and you're not surprised that their stock is better particularly when they get to the right age and distance."

As far back as last October, when Russian Camelot was still technically a 2-year-old, O'Brien had been harbouring an ambitious plan to bring him back north to run in the Derby at Epsom. It's not the horse's talent that has all but quashed that idea but the current pandemic.

He continued, "If COVID hadn't happened he would have been about 10 days away from getting on a plane. We had him booked on a flight with IRT on 20 May and he had his inoculations earlier in the year, and all we were hoping to see in South Australia was enough now that we would have been happy to go over there and give ourselves and opportunity. It's a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity and with the preparation



Danny & Nina O'Brien | Bronwen Healy

having gone as it has done I'm sure he would have gone. But they don't even know [in Britain] yet when that race is going to be run and not only that but we are now in the situation where it's not going to be easy to bring him back here for the spring.

It's probably a remote one given how the world's changed over the last couple of months."

O'Brien added, "As big a deal as it sounds, we felt that there were probably a lot of advantages for a Southern Hemisphere horse. He's been in work all over the Christmas and New Year period here in beautiful conditions and has had a really solid grounding through our autumn, whereas the Derby in England is run pretty early in their season and all of the European horses are just coming out of the winter, and if anything goes wrong you don't get there. We did think

that we would potentially have some sort of advantage, albeit you do have to have the right animal to even consider it."

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# THE SUMMIT

c. 2017 WOOTTON BASSETT x ACOLA



## Prix de Fontainebleau (Gr.3) ParisLongchamp

Owner ..... Mrs Jacques Cygler  
Trainer..... Henri-Alex Pantall  
Breeder ..... Jedburgh Stud

### 2018 OCTOBER YEARLING SALE

Price ..... €16,000  
Buyer ..... Paul Nataf  
Vendor ..... Jedburgh Stud

### NEXT SALE

### BREEZE UP SALE

June 30 - Co.Kildare, Ireland

**PRICELESS  
MOMENT**

### Dual-purpose Stars At The Bool

Ciaron Maher may be one of Australia's leading Flat trainers but the former jump jockey has never really turned his back on his roots and last week saddled his fifth winner of the Grand Annual Steeplechase at the Warrnambool Carnival.

The 8-year-old winner **Ablaze (NZ)** brought up a high-profile double for the impeccably bred stallion Raise The Flag (GB), the son of Sadler's Wells and Hasili (GB) who stands at White Robe Lodge in New Zealand. Three weeks earlier, Raise The Flag had been represented by his first Group 1 winner on the Flat in the Sydney Cup-winning mare **Etah James (NZ)**.

Ablaze has proved to be a versatile performer as he also won the Jericho Cup, Australia's longest Flat race which is just shy of three miles, at Warrnambool in December. His 13 wins include a hurdles success at Ballarat and a 1200-metre maiden in New Zealand as



**Toffee Tongue as a yearling | Sarah Ebbett**

a 4-year-old.

An even more notable feat was notched for New Zealand breeding at Warrnambool by the Highden Park Stud resident Bagalollies (Aus) Zabeel (NZ). The 16-year-old mare has already produced the Hong Kong superstar Werther (NZ) by the recently deceased Cambridge Stud resident Tavistock (NZ), and in recent weeks her record has been enhanced by that treble Group 1 winner's sister **Toffee Tongue (NZ)**, who won the G1 Schweppes Oaks at Morphettville. That was followed three days later by the Galleywood Hurdle victory of another full-sibling, **Gobstopper (NZ)**. The 7-year-old previously won the New Zealand Cup for trainer and part-owner Andrew

Campbell, who fulfilled those same roles for Tavistock and is now involved in the syndicate which owns Bagalollies and bred Toffee Tongue. **Cont. p6**

# TROPBEAU

f. 2017 SHOWCASING x FRANGIPANNI



## Prix de la Grotte (Gr.3) ParisLongchamp

Owner ..... Lady Bamford  
 Trainer ..... André Fabre  
 Breeder ..... Lord Margadale

### 2019 BREEZE UP

Price ..... €180,000  
 Buyer ..... Charles Gordon-Watson  
 Bloodstock  
 Vendor ..... Mocklershill

### NEXT SALE

### BREEZE UP SALE

June 30 - Co.Kildare, Ireland

**BREEZE UP  
GRADUATE**

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Gobstopper's narrow win in the Galleywood came at the expense of the Gai Waterhouse and Adrian Bott-trained **Runaway (Aus)** (Manhattan Rain {Aus}), whose previous achievements on the Flat include victory in the G3 Geelong Cup and a third-place finish in the G1 South Australian Derby of 2018.

This year's Warrnambool Carnival did have one sour note, however, with the demise of the Group 3 winner **Sir Isaac Newton (GB)** (Galileo {Ire}). The full-brother to last season's G1 Juddmonte International winner Japan (GB) and this year's Classic hopeful Mogul (GB), was bred by Newsells Park Stud and sold as a yearling to Coolmore for 3.6 millions gns. He was exported to Australia in early 2017 and was recently switched to Ciaran Maher and David Eustace having previously been under the care of Lloyd Williams's trainers Robert Hickmott and Liam Howley.

**By Royal Approval**

Even if Royal Ascot is able to go ahead his year, the attendance of Britain's 94-year-old monarch and owner of the racecourse is extremely unlikely. But The Queen is clearly pleased to have been keeping up with some racing action in the Commonwealth and is said to have sent her congratulations last week via telephone to Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison for his country's continuation of racing during the coronavirus crisis.

Her Majesty will no doubt have enjoyed hearing news of a first stakes winner for her former colourbearer Carlton House (Street Cry {Ire}), courtesy of the Listed Warrnambool Cup winner **Too Close The Sun (Aus)**.

Bred by Darley and gifted to The Queen as a yearling by Sheikh Mohammed, Carlton House won the G2 Dante S. when trained by Sir Michael Stoute and went on to finish third to Pour Moi (Ire) in the Derby.



Carlton House | Racing Post

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**TROPBEAU (GB)**

**Wins the Group Three Prix de la Grotte  
at Paris Longchamp.**

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As a 5-year-old he was transferred to Gai Waterhouse's Sydney stable and finished runner-up in the G1 Ranvet S. and third in the G1 Queen Elizabeth II S. before retiring to Darley Australia. Poor fertility meant that he produced just 57 foals from two stud seasons, but the Lindsey Smith-trained Too Close The Sun may yet give him a last hurrah as he is being considered for the Melbourne Cup. In the meantime, he is set to line up against the aforementioned Runaway in Saturday's listed Andrew Ramsden S. at Flemington, victory in which comes with the bonus of a guaranteed berth in the Melbourne Cup line-up.

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**FRENCH GROUP & LISTED VIDEO REPLAYS FROM  
MAY 11, 2020:**

Race	Course
G2 Prix d'Harcourt	LCH
G3 Prix de Fontainebleau	LCH
G3 Prix de la Grotte	LCH
G3 Prix de Saint-Georges	LCH
Listed Prix Maurice Zilber	LCH
Listed Prix Caravelle	TOU
Listed Prix Aymeri de Mauleon	TOU

**G2 Prix d'Harcourt Cont. from p1**

Shaman had previously shown encouraging form over further than a mile when winning the nine-furlong G3 Prix la Force here at this track in April before reverting in trip for the remainder of his season. Only a length off Persian King (Ire) (Kingman {GB}) when runner-up in the Poulains here, he was ridden from behind when fifth in Royal Ascot's G1 St James's Palace S. in June and when sixth in this venue's G1 Prix du Moulin in September either side of a more prominent effort when runner-up in Deauville's Jacques le Marois in August. Put in his place by The Revenant (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) when third in the G2 Prix Daniel Wildenstein on Arc weekend on his latest visit to this circuit, the bay had every opportunity to enjoy an unhindered run on the lead here on a day when closers were finding it tough to make up ground.

**Pedigree Notes**

The strong suggestion that this was not a thorough test at the trip suited Shaman, whose dam Only Green (Ire) (Green Desert) was most effective over seven furlongs as she proved when winning the Listed Prix de Saint-Cyr and Listed Prix du Pont-Neuf and running third in the G3 Prix Imprudence. She is kin to the G1

Prix de la Foret and G1 Prix Maurice de Gheest heroine and excellent producer Occupandiste (Ire) (Kaldoun {Fr}), responsible for the GI Arlington Million and GI Woodbine Mile hero Mondialiste (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), the G3 Prix du Petit Couvert and G3 Prix de Saint-Georges winner Only Answer (GB)-who shares Green Desert as a sire with Only Green--and the G2 Prix de Sandringham scorer Impressionnante (GB) (Daneshill). The latter is in turn the dam of the operation's G1 Prix du Jockey Club hero Intello (Ger) (Galileo {Ire}).

The third dam Elle Seule (Exclusive Native) captured the G2 Prix d'Astarte and is a half-sister to four separate top-level winners, most notably the GI Preakness S. hero Timber Country (Woodman) and the G1 Grand Prix de Paris hero and leading South African sire Fort Wood (Sadler's Wells). Elle Seule's progeny list is headed by the G1 Irish 1000 Guineas heroine and Group 1-producing Mehthaaf (Nureyev) and the G1 July Cup hero and sire Elnadim (Danzig). Only Green, whose Green Sweet (Smart Strike) took the Listed Prix Omnium and Albury Gold Cup, also has an as-yet unraced 3-year-old filly by Galileo (Ire) named Cordova (Ire) and a yearling filly by Siyouni (Fr) named Situveux (Ire).

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Shaman upsets the Prix d'Harcourt at ParisLongchamp | Scoop Dyga

**Monday, ParisLongchamp, France**

**PRIX D'HARCOURT-G2**, €90,000, ParisLongchamp, 5-11, 4yo/up, 10fT, 2:06.68, vsf.

1--**SHAMAN (IRE)**, 126, c, 4, by **Shamardal**

**1st Dam: Only Green (Ire) (MSW & GSP-Fr, \$165,007), by Green Desert**

**2nd Dam: Only Seule, by Lyphard**

**3rd Dam: Elle Seule, by Exclusive Native**

O/B-Wertheimer & Frere (IRE); T-Carlos Laffon-Parias; J-Maxime Guyon. €51,300. Lifetime Record: MG1SP-Fr, 12-5-3-2, €592,701. \*1/2 to Green Sweet (Smart Strike), SW-Aus & Fr, \$239,142. **Werk Nick Rating: A. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.**

2 --**Way To Paris (GB)**, 126, h, 7, Champs Elysees (GB)--Grey Way, by Cozzene. (50,000gns Ylg '14 TATOCT). O-Paolo Ferrario; B-Grundy Bloodstock SRL (GB); T-Andrea Marcialis. €19,800.

3--**Simona (Fr)**, 122, f, 4, Siyouni (Fr)--Monava (Fr), by El Prado (Ire). O-Carolyn & Nigel Elwes; B-Nigel Elwes (FR); T-Francis-Henri Graffard. €9,450.

Margins: 3/4, SNK, 1. Odds: 6.40, 27.00, 7.70.

Also Ran: Sottsass (Fr), Villa Rosa (Fr), Royal Julius (Ire), Folamour (GB), Soudania (GB), Syrtis (GB). **Click for the Racing Post result or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

## FONTAINEBLEAU SURPRISE AS THE SUMMIT DOMINATES

Gifted the rail and an easy lead, Jacques Cygler's **The Summit (Fr)** (Wootton Bassett {GB}) punished his rivals under a perfectly-judged ride from Pierre-Charles Boudot in ParisLongchamp's G3 Prix de Fontainebleau. With the benefit of a prior outing in 2020, albeit Mar. 15 when second in Saint-Cloud's Listed Prix Omnium II, the bay whose best piece of form last year came when third in the nine-furlong G3 Prix de Conde coasted along completely unpressured to three out. As the 2-5 favourite **Victor Ludorum (GB)** (Shamardal) failed to find cover on the outer and became lit up running downhill, the 24-1 outsider surged clear from the two-furlong pole en route to a 1 3/4-length success. **Ecrivain (Fr)** (Lope de Vega {Ire}) finished off best of the patiently-ridden horses to be second, 3/4 of a length ahead of a one-paced Victor Ludorum in third.

"He had shown some quality at two and had done very well over the winter," winning trainer Henri-Alex Pantall explained. "Physically, he is stronger and had run a very good race in the Omnium earlier this year when Boudot was very gentle with him, thinking of the future. He had come on a lot for the run that day and is a horse we'll have fun with this season. He's very easy to ride and very relaxed. He'll be back for the [G1 Poule

d'Essai des] Poulains and we'll hope."

Godolphin's Lisa-Jane Graffard said of the beaten favourite, "Victor Ludorum looked to be very ring-rusty but both Andre and Mickael were happy enough with his performance. Provided he comes out of the race well, he will head to the G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains [at ParisLongchamp June 1] en route to hopefully contesting the G1 Prix du Jockey Club."

The Summit, who had been held up in the Prix de Conde at Chantilly and when subsequently fifth as the favourite for the G1 Criterium de Saint-Cloud attempting 10 furlongs, appeared to benefit from being in front on this occasion. Able to employ the turn of acceleration his sire employed to such deadly effect in the G1 Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere, he hails from a family with some notable sprinters.



The Summit | Scoop Dyga

### Pedigree Notes

The second dam Wardara (GB) (Sharpo {GB}) took the Listed Prix Hampton and Listed Prix Cor de Chasse and was second in the G2 Prix du Gros-Chene before producing the G2 King's Stand S. hero Chineur (Fr) (Fasliyev). She is also the ancestress of the G3 Prix du Petit Couvert winner Dibajji (Fr) (Iffraaj {GB}) and the Listed Prix Bonneval scorer Iffrnesia (Fr). Acola (Fr) (Acatenango {Ger}), whose One One One (Fr) (Le Havre {Ire}) was listed-placed, also has an as-yet unnamed 2-year-old colt by Bow Creek (Ire) and a yearling filly by The Grey Gatsby (Ire).

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**Monday, ParisLongchamp, France**

**PRIX DE FONTAINEBLEAU-G3**, €56,000, ParisLongchamp, 5-11, 3yo, c/g, 8fT, 1:42.51, vsf.

1--**THE SUMMIT (FR)**, 128, c, 3, by **Wootton Bassett (GB)**

**1st Dam: Acola (Fr), by Acatenango (Ger)**

**2nd Dam: Wardara (GB), by Sharpo (GB)**

**3rd Dam: Ward One (GB), by Mr Fluorocarbon (GB)**

**1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN; 1ST GROUP WIN.** (€16,000 Ylg '18 AROCT). O-Mme Jacques Cygler; B-SARL Jedburgh Stud (FR); T-Henri-Alex Pantall; J-Pierre-Charles Boudot. €28,000. Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-1, €67,150. \*1/2 to One One One (Fr) (Le Havre {Ire}), SP-Fr. **Werk Nick Rating: F. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.**

2--**Ecrivain (Fr)**, 128, c, 3, Lope de Vega (Ire)--Sapphire Pendant (Ire), by Danehill Dancer (Ire). O/B-Wertheimer & Frere (FR); T-Carlos Laffon-Parias. €11,200.

3--**Victor Ludorum (GB)**, 128, c, 3, **Shamardal**--Antiquities (GB), by Kaldounevees (Fr). O/B-Godolphin; T-Andre Fabre. €8,400.

Margins: 1 3/4, 3/4, SHD. Odds: 24.10, 7.50, 0.40.

Also Ran: Kenway (Fr), Pisanello (Ire), Helter Skelter (Fr), Memory Dream (Fr), Devil (Ire). **Click for the Racing Post result or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

## TROPBEAU TOO GOOD

Where the preceding G3 Prix de Fontainebleau was a steadily-run affair, the G3 Prix de la Grotte proved a true test and it was Lady Bamford's classy and dependable **Tropbeau (GB)** (Showcasing {GB}) who came out comfortably on top in the trial for the upcoming G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches. Last seen finishing third when encountering significant late trouble in running in the six-furlong G1 Cheveley Park S. at Newmarket in September, the G3 Prix Six Perfections and G2 Prix du Calvados winner waited in third early with a suitable strong pace to run at courtesy of the free-going **Khayzaraan (GB)** (Kingman {GB}). Coming between stablemate **Tickle Me Green (Ger)** (Sea the Moon {Ger}) and **Dream and Do (Ire)** (Siyouni {Fr}) passing the furlong pole, the 2-1 favourite asserted under less-than-intense urging from Mickael Barzalona to hold the aces over Dream and Do by a half-length, with Tickle Me Green a head away after running with real credit having chased the pace throughout. The winning time was just under two seconds faster than the colts' trial, adding genuine substance to the race's visual impression.

Tropbeau, whose wins over seven furlongs in Deauville's Six Perfections and Calvados marked her as a thorough professional, had found the hot pace of the Cheveley Park a shock to the system before picking up and coming home strongly. Running into a closed alley as the front pair duelled to the line, she would probably have been second to Millisle (Ire) (Starspangledbanner {Aus}) in the Newmarket feature and so this first try at a mile looked within her reach. In the event, there was no hiding place and she was able to prove her stamina ahead of the course-and-distance Classic for which she is now a hot favourite.

Breeder Lord Margadale had this to say about the winner. "I bought the mare as a 3-year-old at the July Sale. She was out of

Frizzante and she won one or two small races. She went to Iffraaj in the first year, it was a very nice colt but unfortunately died in a paddock accident. Tropbeau was the second. She went through the ring at Book 2 in October 2018 and she didn't meet what I wanted her to, so Willie Browne bought her in partnership with ourselves and she then went to the Arqana breeze-up and made €180,000."

"By last autumn we knew Tropbeau was pretty good--she'd won a Group 2, she didn't get the run of the race in the Cheveley Park, Fabre knew it was probably a bit sharp for her, and that was that. She was a very easy character, quite strong. As a yearling she was strong, they liked her. Unfortunately, at the sales someone vetted her and they doped her for the X-rays. She came out of the vet's box and she fell over. She didn't hurt herself badly, but they had to hose her and walk her all night to stop anything happening, but it wobbled all the big boys. They came to have a look at her the next morning to make a last decision and she was walking up and down like a 15-year-old very pregnant broodmare."

## Pedigree Notes

As outlined above, Tropbeau is a granddaughter of Frizzante (GB) (Efisio {GB}) who captured the G1 July Cup and is a full-sister to the dual listed-winning Firenze (GB) and a half to the Listed Abernant S. winner and G3 Bengough S. and G3 Chipchase S. runner-up Zidane (GB) (Danzero {Aus}). The third dam Juliet Bravo (GB) (Glow) is kin to the GI Yellow Ribbon S. and GI Gamely H. heroine Donna Viola (GB) (Be My Chief). Frangipanni's 2-year-old colt is by Iffraaj (GB), while she also has a yearling colt by Postponed (Ire) and is in foal to Dubawi (Ire). The Postponed colt sold for 280,000gns to Stroud Coleman Bloodstock at the Tattersalls December Foal Sale.

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**Tropbeau & her winning connections** | Scoop Dyga

**Monday, ParisLongchamp, France**

**PRIX DE LA GROTTÉ-G3**, €56,000, ParisLongchamp, 5-11, 3yo, f, 8fT, 1:40.78, vsf.

1--**TROPBEAU (GB)**, 126, f, 3, by Showcasing (GB)

1st Dam: Frangipanni (Ire), by Dansili (GB)

2nd Dam: Frizzante (GB), by Efisio (GB)

3rd Dam: Juliet Bravo (GB), by Glow

(60,000gns Ylg '18 TAOCT; €180,000 2yo '19 ARQMAY). O-Lady Bamford; B-Lord Margadale (GB); T-Andre Fabre; J-Mickael Barzalona. €28,000. Lifetime Record: G1SP-Eng, 6-4-0-1, €190,674. **Werk Nick Rating: A++**. [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#)

### Another Successful Pinhook by **MOCKLERSHILL**

2-Year-Old Purchase by Gordon-Watson Bloodstock

2--**Dream and Do (Ire)**, 126, f, 3, Siyouni (Fr)--Venetias Dream (Ire), by Librettist). (€80,000 RNA Ylg '18 ARAUG). O/B-Haras du Logis Saint Germain (IRE); T-Frederic Rossi. €11,200.

3--**Tickle Me Green (Ger)**, 126, f, 3, Sea The Moon (Ger)--Tickle Me Pink (GB), by Groom Dancer. O/B-Gestut Gorldorf (GER); T-Andre Fabre. €8,400.

Margins: HF, HD, 2HF. Odds: 2.00, 6.10, 3.80.

Also Ran: Ellerslie Lace (Fr), Quiet Times (Ger), Honey Cake (Ire), Kraquante (GB), Marly (Fr), Khayzaraan (GB). Scratched: Secret Time (Ger). [Click for the Racing Post result or the free](#)

[Equine.com catalogue-style pedigree.](#) [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

## THE RETURN OF BATWAN

Not seen since finishing runner-up in the 2019 G3 Prix de Saint-Georges, Guy Pariente's **Batwan (Fr)** (Kendargent {Fr}) overcame the absence to go one better on ParisLongchamp's comeback fixture on Monday. Widest drawn and fresh throughout the early stages tracking the leader **Ken Colt (Ire)** (Kendargent {Fr}), the 11-1 shot kept finding to gain the lead with a furlong to race and hit the line with a half-length to spare over **Gold Vibe (Ire)** (Dream Ahead).

"There's a great layer of grass on the course and it is in superb condition, but with the weekend rain it is quite soft," jockey Maxime Guyon explained. "I had the perfect trip and he quickened nicely. It was a great performance having not run for a year and he has a nice future in this category."

### Pedigree Notes

Batwan, whose other career highs include a third placing in the seven-furlong G3 Prix Djebel at Deauville in April 2018, is relatively unexposed as a sprinter with this being only his second try at this trip. His dam is the Listed Prix des Reves winner Matwan (Fr) (Indian Rocket {GB}), responsible also for the winner's full-sister, the Listed Prix Contessina third Revedargent

(Fr), as well as this year's Listed Prix Ronde de Nuit winner Wanaway (Fr) (Galiway {GB}) and the G2 Prix du Muguet runner-up Matorio (Fr) (Oratorio {Ire}).

Matwan's full-sister Moranda (Fr) produced the three times group-winning Morando (Fr) to a mating with Kendargent (Fr), while she is also kin to the G3 Prix de Seine-et-Oise and G3 Prix de Meautry scorer Myasun (Fr) (Panis) and to the dam of the G3 Prix Miesque winner Lacarolina (Fr) (Charges d'Affaires {GB}). Descended from the G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches heroine Silvermine (Fr) (Bellypha {Fr}), she therefore hails from the family of the G1 Prix Jean Prat hero Sillery (Blushing Groom {Fr}).



Batwan | Scoop Dyga

**Monday, ParisLongchamp, France**

**PRIX DE SAINT-GEORGES-G3**, €56,000, ParisLongchamp, 5-11, 3yo/up, 5fT, :59.01, vsf.

1--**BATWAN (FR)**, 130, g, 5, by Kendargent (Fr)

1st Dam: Matwan (Fr) (SW-Fr, \$106,930), by Indian Rocket (GB)

2nd Dam: Spain (Fr), by Bering (GB)

3rd Dam: Sevilliana (GB), by General Holme

**1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN; 1ST GROUP WIN.** (€25,000 RNA Ylg '16 ARAUG). O-Guy Pariente; B-Guy Pariente Holding (FR); T-Philippe Sogorb; J-Maxime Guyon. €28,000. Lifetime Record: 15-3-3-2, €109,120. \*Full to Revedargent (Fr), SP-Fr; and ½ to Wanaway (Fr) (Galiway {GB}), SW-Fr; and Matorio (Fr) (Oratorio {Ire}), GSP-Fr, \$145,999. **Werk Nick Rating: A++**.

[Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#)

2--**Gold Vibe (Ire)**, 130, g, 7, Dream Ahead--Whisper Dance, by Diktat (GB). (€58,000 Wlg '13 GOFNOV; 300,000gns Ylg '14 TAOCT). O-Pan Sutong Racing Bloodstock; B-Stonecross Stud (IRE); T-Pascal Bary. €11,200.

3--**Sestilio Jet (Fr)**, 130, h, 5, French Fifteen (Fr)--Hideaway Girl (GB), by Fasliyev. (€17,000 Ylg '16 AROCT). O-Akhal Teke Properties SRL; B-Michel Monfort (FR); T-Andrea Marcialis. €8,400.

Margins: HF, NK, SNK. Odds: 11.00, 8.80, 4.50.

Also Ran: Red Torch (Fr), Ken Colt (Ire), Tour to Paris (Fr), We Go (Fr), Duhail (Ire), Morning Basma (Fr), Forza Capitano (Fr). [Click for the Racing Post result or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.](#) [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

## EUROPEAN NEWS

### BRITISH RACING TO RETURN NO EARLIER THAN JUNE 1

The British government released its timeline for the potential resumption of sporting events on Monday, and in its [Our Plan to Rebuild](#), cultural and sporting events conducted behind closed doors—like racing—are part of the second step of lifting the current coronavirus restrictions and would resume no earlier than June 1. The news was welcomed by British horseracing's executive committee comprised of the British Horseracing Authority (BHA), the Racecourse Association, The Racehorse Owners' Association and the National Trainers Federation, who are "committed to plan for resumption on June 1st," according to the release. Racing's resumption date is subject to an assessment by public health officials of the risks posed by the virus at that time and is conditional on the fulfillment of the government's five tests for easing lockdown measures. A timeline blueprint for what racing would need to do to meet that date will be announced within the next seven days.

The Resumption of Racing Group will meet later this week and ensure that race planning and the provisional fixture programme, including scheduling the Classics and other flagship races, meet the new government timeline. Plans have already been drawn up for the resumption of racing based on minimising risk for participants through social distancing and strict infection control measures. New processes and protocols will be in place prior to the resumption and require significant adjustments to 'normal' race-day practices, which will be finalised and agreed upon across the industry, which will then also adopt them.

There is no timeline for reopening venues that attract large crowds, as such "may only be fully possible significantly later depending on the reduction in numbers of infections." The UK Government says it is working with the devolved administrations in Scotland and Wales to coordinate the easing of lockdown restrictions where possible. Finally, the BHA's Public Affairs team continues to liaise with politicians and officials in Scotland and Wales to progress resumption at the earliest opportunity.

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## FIRST-SEASON SIRES WITH RUNNERS

Tuesday, May 12, 2020:

### FRANCE

**Biraaj (Ire)** (Iffraaj {GB}),

9 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners

1-SAINT-CLOUD, 1200m, DONTELLYOURMOTHER (Ire)

**Estidhkaar (Ire)** (Dark Angel {Ire}), Tara Stud

106 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners

1-SAINT-CLOUD, 1200m, FOREFRONT (Ire)

€3,500 RNA Tattersalls Ireland September Yearlings 2019

**Exosphere (Aus)** (Lonhro {Aus}), Haras du Logis

31 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners

1-SAINT-CLOUD, 1200m, SPHERICAL (Fr)

€5,000 Arqana December Breeding Stock Sale 2018 - English

Version; €14,000 Baden-Baden Sept. Yearling Sale 2019

**Martinborough (Jpn)** (Deep Impact {Jpn}), Haras de Grandcamp

49 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners

1-SAINT-CLOUD, 1200m, GOLDEN SAND (Fr)



**Exosphere is looking for his first winner at Saint-Cloud on Tuesday**

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# OBSERVATIONS

on the European racing scene

## MARE AUSTRALIS UNVEILED BY FABRE

**12.10 Saint-Cloud, Debutantes, €20,000, 3yo, c/g, 8fT**

**HURRICANE CLOUD (GB) (Frankel {GB})** debuts in the silks of his breeder Guy Pariente and is a half-brother to his resident sire Goken (Fr) (Kendargent {Fr}), a very sharp juvenile who took the G3 Prix du Bois and went on to be third in the 2016 G1 King's Stand S. Starting out for the Pascal Bary stable, the March-foaled bay encounters several big-yard representatives including the Wertheimers' **Whaze (Ire) (New Approach {Ire})**, a Freddy Head-trained son of the GII Honeymoon H. winner Sarach (Arch).

**12.40 Saint-Cloud, Debutantes, €20,000, 3yo, f, 8fT**

**JOYOUS SOUNDS (Medaglia d'Oro** cost Godolphin \$1million at the 2018 Keeneland September Sale and gets a first airing by Andre Fabre in this fascinating 16-runner heat. Out of the well-connected Moyglare mare Esprit de Vie (Street Cry {Ire}), who had herself fetched \$500,000 when purchased by Runnymede Farm and Haras d'Etreham from the operation's draft three years earlier, the February-foaled bay is taken on by another expensive yearling purchase in **Arabian Belle (Ire) (No Nay Never)**. A full-sister to the listed-winning and group-placed No Needs Never (Ire) from the immediate family of the classy Volta (Fr) (Siyouni {Fr}), the 525,000gns Tattersalls October Book 1 graduate debuts in the colours of Al Shira'aa Farms for the Carlos Laffon-Parias yard.

**3.00 Saint-Cloud, Cond, €28,000, 3yo, c/g, 10 1/2fT**

**MARE AUSTRALIS (IRE) (Australia {GB})** makes his debut in the silks of Corinna Baronin von Ullmann for the Andre Fabre stable, having been switched from Jean-Pierre Carvalho during the winter. From the family of another high-class Fabre transfer in Macleya (Ger) (Winged Love {Ire}), the highly-regarded homebred was successful on his sole winning start from an impressive subsequent winner at Munich in November and is entered in the G1 Prix du Jockey Club, G1 Deutsches Derby and G1 Grand Prix de Paris entry. In this informative Prix Tourbillon, he faces 11 rivals with three others similarly unbeaten.

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## FRANCE

### Monday's Results:

#### PRIX MAURICE ZILBER - FONDS EUROPEEN DE L'ELEVAGE-

Listed, €34,000, ParisLongchamp, 5-11, 4yo/up, f/m, 7fT, 1:22.68, vsf.

#### 1--**SPINNING MEMORIES (IRE), 123, m, 5, Arcano (Ire)--Hanalei**

**Memories, by Hard Spun.** O-Pan Sutong Racing Bloodstock; B-Mubarak Al Naemi (IRE); T-Pascal Bary; J-Christophe Soumillon. €17,000. Lifetime Record: GSW-Fr, 11-5-0-1, €159,890.

#### 2--**Wasmya (Fr), 127, f, 4, Toronado (Ire)--Lamorlaye (Ire), by**

Danehill Dancer (Ire). O-Al Shaqab Racing. €6,800.

#### 3--**Air de Valse (Fr), 123, f, 4, Mesnil des Aigles (Fr)--Air Bag (Fr),**

by Poliglote (GB). O-Corine Barande Barbe & Alain Benabent. €5,100.

Margins: 1 3/4, SNK, SHD. Odds: 3.10, 3.60, 20.00.

Also Ran: Zavrinka (Fr), Cloud Surfing (GB), Paramount (Fr), Pure Zen (Fr), Zazen (GB), Alzire (Fr), Dathanna (Ire), Jet Setteuse (Fr), Chocolate Music (Ire), Mrs Worthington (Ire).



Spinning Memories goes for home | Scoop Dyga

After winning this race 12 months ago, Spinning Memories embarked on a bold campaign and rewarded that with a third placing in the G3 Prix de la Porte Maillot also over this track and trip in July and fourth in the G1 Prix Maurice de Gheest over 6 1/2 furlongs at Deauville in August. Going back to that festival to garner the G3 Prix de Meautry over six, she was unable to land a blow over five when ninth in the G1 Prix de l'Abbaye here on Arc day and had flopped when sixth as favourite for the Prix Anabaa again over 6 1/2 on Chantilly's Polytrack Mar. 3.

Tucked in by Christophe Soumillon from her wide posting, the bay raced with two behind early before being delivered with a fluent effort to overwhelm her rivals from 150 metres out.

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**Listed Prix Maurice Zilber Cont.**

"She is a very sweet filly who did well at a higher level last year," trainer Pascal Bary commented. "I'm sure she didn't run her race in the Abbaye as she was over the top and was also very nervous the first time this year. She's done very well in her morning work since and I was confident she would run back to her best here. She did that nicely and won't run again over five. We'll keep her at six and seven furlongs and we have a few choices."

Spinning Memories is the first live foal out of the unraced Hanalei Memories (Hard Spun), a granddaughter of the GI Beverly D. S. and GI Queen Elizabeth II Challenge Cup scorer Memories of Silver (Silver Hawk). Her four stakes winners are headed by the GI Garden City S. heroine Winter Memories (El Prado {Ire}) and the GIII Athenia S. winner La Cloche (Ghostzapper), both of whom went on to be stakes producers. This is also the family of the GII Miss Grillo S. winner Memories (Hail the Pirates), who is in turn the dam of the G3 Prix du Palais-Royal winner Russian Revival (Nureyev). **Click for the Racing Post result. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

**PRIX CARAVELLE - HARAS DES GRANGES-Listed, €38,000, Toulouse, 5-11, 3yo, f, 10 1/2fT, 2:20.60, sf.**

1--**SAIGA (IRE), 123, f, 3, by Teofilo (Ire)**

**1st Dam: Vorda (Fr) (Hwt. 2yo Filly-Fr, G1SW-Eng, GSW & G1SP-Fr, \$498,143), by Orpen**

**2nd Dam: Velda (GB), by Observatory**

**3rd Dam: Viavigoni (GB), by Mark of Esteem (Ire)**

**1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN.** O-HH Sheikh Mohammed bin Khalifa Al Thani; B-Al Shahania Stud (IRE); T-Philippe Sogorb; J-Anthony Crastus. €19,000. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, €27,880.

2--**Moon A Lisa (Ger), 123, f, 3, Sea The Moon (Ger)--Mahamuni (Ire), by Sadler's Wells. (€55,000 RNA Ylg '18 BBAGS). O-Gestut Gorlsdorf. €7,600.**

3--**Neige Blanche (Fr), 123, f, 3, Anodin (Ire)--Bianca Neve (Fr), by Muhtathir (GB). B-Michel Delaunay & Ecurie du Sud. €5,700.**

Margins: HD, 1, HD. Odds: 17.50, 4.70, 18.00.

Also Ran: Mozzarella (Fr), Scripturale (Fr), Euclidia (Fr), Episodia (Fr), Anca (Fr). Scratched: Coco Caline (Fr).

Introduced at Tarbes in October, Saiga was able to open her account in impressive fashion at the first attempt over 7 1/2 furlongs but she looked reluctant on her return when fifth in a 1700-metre conditions event at Pornichet Mar. 3. Fitted with cheekpieces here, the homebred showed instant benefit and with her mind concentrated slotted in behind the early leaders travelling with enthusiasm. Brought with a steady effort inside the final two furlongs, the bay overhauled Moon a Lisa in the final yards to win a shade cosily.

Saiga is a daughter of the G1 Cheveley Park S. and G2 Prix

Robert Papin heroine and G1 Prix Morny runner-up Vorda, whose first foal was the winning 4-year-old colt Markhor (Ire) (Frankel {GB}) who was also runner-up in Doha's Thoroughbred Guineas. Descending from the G1 Oaks d'Italia and G1 Premio Regina Elena (Italian 1000 Guineas) heroine Val d'Erica (Ire) (Ashmore {Fr}), she also has a 2-year-old filly by Invincible Spirit (Ire) named Creedmoor (GB) and a yearling colt by Iffraaj (GB).

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**PRIX FBA - AYMERI DE MAULEON-Listed, €38,000, Toulouse, 5-11, 3yo, 8fT, 1:42.60, sf.**

1--**USAK (FR), 126, g, 3, by Al Kazeem (GB)**

**1st Dam: Qatari Elegance, by Giant's Causeway**

**2nd Dam: Magnificent Honour, by A.P. Indy**

**3rd Dam: Better Than Honour, by Deputy Minister**

**1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN.** O-HH Sheikh Mohammed bin Khalifa Al Thani; B-Al Shahania Stud (IRE); T-Philippe Sogorb; J-Jean-Bernard Eyquem. €19,000. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-1, €30,080.

2--**Thunderspeed (Fr), 126, c, 3, Night of Thunder (Ire)--Marmoom Flower (Ire), by Cape Cross (Ire). (€40,000 RNA Ylg '18 ARAUG). O-Ecurie Gribomont. €7,600.**

3--**Nobody's (Fr), 126, c, 3, Vespone (Ire)--Lady Speedy (Ire), by Speedmaster (Ger). O-Henri-Alex Pantall. €5,700.**

Margins: 1, 3/4, SHD. Odds: 6.60, 6.40, 16.00.

Also Ran: Choise of Raison (GB), Daniyka (Fr), Patzefredo (Fr), Nevada (Fr), Icatcher (Fr), Sharib (GB), Galina (Fr), Teuch Cloud (Fr), Wasachop (Fr).

After the excitement at ParisLongchamp during the morning and afternoon, Toulouse belonged to Sheikh Mohammed bin Khalifa Al Thani and Philippe Sogorb as the partnership capped a memorable evening with Usak securing a listed-race double. Successful by eight lengths on debut over a mile at Mont-de-Marsan Feb. 6, the homebred had finished a well-beaten third in a conditions event over that trip at Bordeaux-le-Bouscat Feb. 29 but proved a different proposition fitted with blinkers here. Settled in rear early, the chestnut travelled with more panache and when delivered wide in the straight by Jean-Bernard Eyquem was able to arrive on the lead 100 metres from the line and secure the breakthrough.

Usak becomes the second stakes winner for his sire and is the first foal out of the daughter of an unraced full-sister to the GI Belmont S. and GI Kentucky Oaks heroine Rags To Riches (A.P. Indy). Also connected to another Belmont hero in Jazil (Seeking the Gold) and the high-class Casino Drive (Mineshaft), she descends from Better Than Honour (Deputy Minister) and Blush With Pride (Blushing Groom {Fr}) who is also the ancestress of the four-times Group 1-winning Irish Oaks heroine Peeping Fawn (Danehill). Qatari Elegance's yearling filly is by Le Havre (Ire). **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

**4th-ParisLongchamp, €22,000, Cond, 5-10, 3yo, 8fT, 1:43, vsf.**

**SHINNING OCEAN (FR) (c, 3, Dabirsim {Fr}--Shimmering Sands {Fr}, by Medicean {GB})**, an Oct. 25 last-out second at Angers, broke well and led from flagfall in this seasonal return. Holding sway throughout, the 67-5 chance was shaken up with 300 metres remaining and surged clear in the closing stages to easily account for Speak of the Devil (Fr) (Wootton Bassett {GB}) by 2 1/2 lengths. From a family featuring GSW sire Acclamation (GB) (Royal Applause {GB}), he is the first of three foals produced by a daughter of stakes-winning G2 Rockfel S. placegetter Royal Confidence (GB) (Royal Applause {GB}). The February-foaled bay is a half-brother to the 2-year-old filly Sand Girl (Ire) (Mayson {GB}) and a yearling filly by Fast Company (Ire). Sales history: €8,000 Ylg '18 ARAUG. Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-0, €27,830.

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O-Ecurie Normandie Pur Sang; B-Thierry de la Heronniere (FR); T-Christophe Ferland.

**6th-Toulouse, €18,000, Mdn, 5-11, 3yo, 8fT, 1:45.60, sf.**

**THE SHARD (GER) (c, 3, Pivotal {GB}--Tarap {Ire}, by Myboycharlie {Ire})**, a last-out runner-up going 9 1/2 furlongs in a Mar. 13 all-weather maiden at Chantilly, was well away from an outer stall and tracked the leader in second after the opening exchanges of this one. Rowed along to challenge off the home turn, the 31-10 pick gained a narrow advantage approaching the final furlong and was ridden out in the closing stages to hold the late bid of Gelinotte (Fr) (Zanzibari) by a neck. He is the second foal and becomes the first winner produced by a half to four stakes performers headed by dual Grade I victress Amorama (Fr) (Sri Pekan), who in turn is the dam of GSW G1 Grand Prix de Paris second Ampere (Fr) (Galileo {Ire}). The March-foaled homebred bay is kin to the 2-year-old colt Tadjik (GB) (Soldier Hollow {GB}) and a yearling filly by Nathaniel (Ire). Lifetime Record: 4-1-2-0, €20,100. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-HH Sheikh Mohammed bin Khalifa Al Thani; B-Al Shahania Stud (IRE); T-Philippe Sogorb.

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**IN JAPAN:**

**Racing Mind (Ire), c, 3, Verrazano--Freefouracing (SW & GSP-US, GSW-Eng, \$223,415), by French Deputy. Niigata, 5-10, Novice Race, 9f. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-1, \$82,243.**  
 O-Godolphin; B-Mighty Universe Ltd (Ire); T-Hidekazu Asami.  
 \*€110,000 Ylg '18 GOF OCT. \*\*1/2 to Speedway (Forest Wildcat), MSW, \$171,757; Free Brave (Cherokee Run), SP, 4334,421; and Ready Racer (More Than Ready), SW, \$328,460.

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## US STALLION CAP CREATES AUSTRALIAN DEBATE



Danehill | Bronwen Healy

By Bren O'Brien

The decision of The Jockey Club in the United States to impose a cap of 140 mares on stallions has caused significant debate about whether a similar measure would be desirable in other jurisdictions in the world, including Australia.

The Jockey Club announced last week that any stallion born in 2020 and onwards would now be restricted to books of 140 in any season, with a particular focus on preserving the 'health of the Thoroughbred breed' long term.

The initial proposal for a cap, released last September, was framed around concerns that the genetic diversity of the Thoroughbred was being undermined by overbreeding and inbreeding of certain lines.

TDN AusNZ first spoke to a range of leading Australian Thoroughbred industry figures last year surrounding the cap and whether it had merit in application in Australia, with a variety of responses.

We have again reached out to a variety of people within the industry to discuss if a cap should or could be implemented and while the replies again varied, not one person felt genetic diversity was a huge issue in Australia.

Vinery Stud's General Manager Peter Orton supports some sort of soft cap as a general principle.

But he said that while the proliferation of Danehill (USA)-line stallions had been a concern in the past, the market had acted to rectify that in recent years.

"I think there are lots of different benefits for having a cap for managing stallions going forward. I think there are advantages for having a standard across the industry," he said. "Whilst we go through different phases on pedigree dominance, as we do with the Danehill line and with stallions being able to cover a bigger book these days, it's certainly a consideration, but it's not something we are pushing for at this stage."

### *Diversity an Asset*

Speaking specifically on genetic diversity, Orton said the history of Australian thoroughbred breeding provided plenty of examples where the concentrated focus on a certain stallion-line had been corrected in time.

"I've seen this happen through the Star Kingdom-line and the Danehill-line. We always talk about them and we are always looking for outcrosses. The industry does tend to sort itself out as it goes along," he said.

"We now move into another era, and we are getting some real diversity in our pedigrees. I think it will find its natural ground again."

The focus on 'outcross stallions' to the Danehill-line is largely what Vinery has built its success on this century.

"When Vinery got going, Danehill was in full flight and we purposely went for an outcross because the Danehill-line was working so well and it was key to our planning. We had Red Ransom and Mossman and More Than Ready," he said.



Peter Orton of Vinery Stud | Bronwen Healy

"Elsewhere these days, we see Lonhro and Pierro, and then the two American sires at Coolmore in Justify and American Pharoah. Opportunities are going to continue to open up. I am not concerned about gene pools narrowing."

Lyndhurst Stud Farm Manager Jeff Kruger said the genetic diversity argument was something he may have once subscribed to, but he doesn't see it as a problem as things stand in 2020.

"A couple of years ago, it used to be on my mind. But there are a good number of stallions now like our own Better Than Ready that are free of Danehill blood. You can put anything to him," he said. "As far as always being on the lookout for the next stallions, the pedigree has to be a major consideration. If you are thinking of buying a grandson of Danehill, you have to be aware of the limited amount of quality mares that he will be able to serve."

Thoroughbred Breeders Australia Chief Executive Officer Tom Reilly said there were few, if any concerns he had heard from his association's members about genetic diversity because of stallions having large books, but that the number of stallions serving in the 200-plus range, and the issues that may cause, had been noted.

"There are obviously challenges that come with big stallion books: the logistics of getting a mare covered and having a large number of yearlings by the same sire at a sale, that can be challenging for breeders, but not one person has come to me and raised the shrinking of the gene pool as a significant concern," he said. "In Australia we are fortunate to have access to many of the best stallion lines through the diversity of the shuttle sires, and this has ensured there is diversity in the blood lines breeders can access."

### *The Few Producing the Many*

To put a hypothetical cap of 140 in Australia into context, there were 36 stallions who served more than 140 mares last season, including the top two in the Champion Sires race, **Snitzel** (142) and **I Am Invincible** (205). Those 36 stallions covered a total of 6206 mares which represents over 30% of the overall Thoroughbred mare covers in Australia. It is that concentration which does worry Orton.

"I do get a bit concerned about a very small handful of leading stallions being promoted to a higher level because of excessive

books," Orton said. "It does take away the opportunity for some young stallions as well. There is a fine balance there, but just how aggressive we need to be about it now, I'm not sure."

The over-representation of some stallions is exactly what makes Gilgai Farm's Rick Jamieson an ardent supporter of the concept of a cap on stallion covers.

Jamieson, the breeder of unbeaten star sprinter Black Caviar (Bel Esprit), said the ability of breeders to realise a return through the sales ring for their investment on a stallion fee was diminished in a situation where a yearling was part of a large crop.

"I'm a mare breeder so I hope they do bring it [a stallion cap] in. Too often you send your mare to a stallion, only to find he's got 250 mares backed up on him. By the time you go to the sale, you have got so much competition. It's pretty frustrating," he said.

Jamieson is also concerned about the impact younger stallions

having big books has on the volume of stallions which are able to come through. He points to the current dearth of proven stallions in the mid-range as an example of what can happen where the size of a stallion book is unfettered.

"There's a real gap there for stallions at the moment, particularly those middle aged, the 13-14-year-olds with a proven track record," he said. "The really good stallions are at the other end of it and heading to retirement, while we have

had a few die in the past few years. Then you have these new stallions where you don't know what you are going to get from them.

"Some stallions, the standing fee is well above their performance, but because there is such an empty hole there, I don't think breeders have got much of a choice but to use them. It's a funny game at the moment."

### *Making the Most of an Opportunity*

It is not just the big Hunter Valley Studs who are utilising big books. The Kruger family of Lyndhurst Stud Farm in Queensland had waited some time for a young stallion of Better Than Ready's quality and having served books in the 130s in the first three seasons, the demand for him exploded after his first crop hit the yearling sales and he has served books of 236 and 216 the past two seasons.



**I Am Invincible covered 205 mares in 2019 | Yarraman Park**



Tom Reilly | *Aushorse*

"I used to think other farms were being greedy doing it (having books of over 200), but when the shoe's on my foot and it doesn't come along every year, and I have a horse which could handle it, I wasn't afraid to do it," Jeff Kruger said.

For a stallion like **Better Than Ready**, as it was for another emerging Queensland stallion in Eureka Stud's **Spirit Of Boom** recently, numbers at the track were crucial for his success. The strategy has paid dividends for the Krugers, who off the back of Better Than Ready's wealth of first-crop winners on the track were able to more than triple his fee last year to \$33,000 (inc GST), while retaining a plus-200 book.

The peak of a stallion's career is usually very short and there is a strong argument that those who have invested in him should be afforded every right to utilise his full market value. Orton believes there is a middle ground to the situation if the industry is willing to come together to facilitate a change in approach.

"We keep talking about things like restraint of trade, but if we are going to have an industry, we have to take action on these things. It may not be a law, but it could be a recommendation on what people do and what is the standard on what different people operate at," the Vinery Stud General Manager said.

### **No Australian Cap on Horizon**

A hard cap on stallion covers is not something Thoroughbred Breeders Australia sees as a reality in the foreseeable future.

"The introduction of a cap on US stallions is something that's been discussed by the TBA board, but only in general terms," Reilly said. "My understanding is that it is not something that Racing Australia would be keen to replicate here, and I haven't had breeders approach TBA saying it is something they want introduced."

With no change likely in Australia, Magic Millions Managing Director Barry Bowditch says the impact of the cap in the US is something he will watch with interest, to see what the knock-on effects may be, especially in the sales ring.

"It's an interesting development and it will be interesting to chart what impacts it does have," he said.

The global nature of the industry means those impacts could be very well felt in Australia in the coming years, especially with how the major American investors opt to utilise shuttle stallions and the like.

All of this, evolving in a world which has been turned on its head by the first global pandemic in a century, make for a very interesting next few years, according to TBA's Reilly.

"The timing of the Jockey Club's announcement is interesting, especially given the uncertainty created by Coronavirus, plus the other headwinds impacting on the American thoroughbred industry at the moment," he said.

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May 16	G1 Doomben Cup	Doomben
	G1 The Fuhrfy Goodwood	Morphettville
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	G1 Moet & Chandon QLD Derby	Eagle Farm
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	G1 J J Atkins S.	Eagle Farm
June 20	G1 Sky Racing Tattersall's Tiara	Eagle Farm