

CHURCHILL MAINSTAY FOLEY, DERBY HOPEFUL IN TOW, EAGER FOR REOPENING



Greg Foley | Coady

by Joe Bianca

Few felt the jarring absence of the GI Kentucky Derby, or indeed any racing at all, on the first Saturday in May at Churchill Downs more acutely than a Louisville native. Add to that being a horseman who relies on the track's customary spring/summer meet to make your living, throw in having a Derby hopeful in your barn to boot, and one can understand why longtime Churchill-based trainer Greg Foley was so excited to be back home this week, with racing set to resume Saturday beneath the Twin Spires.

"It's already so different, but I tell you, you come in, you see the track, and it feels so good to just be home," he said. "Everything is good now, man. It feels so good."

Foley is unique in that, while he runs his horses elsewhere in the midwest, he points specifically to the Churchill meets. Keeneland in April and October, circled in bold ink on most trainers' calendars, is generally a stepping stone for Foley's horses to produce their best efforts when racing shifts to his neck of the woods. That's why the 62-year-old conditioner sits in seventh on the all-time wins list at the 145-year-old oval, mingling among Hall of Fame names like Bill Mott, Steve Asmussen and D. Wayne Lukas. **Cont. p3**

NYRA HOPING COMPREHENSIVE SET OF PROTOCOLS WILL EXPEDITE REOPENING

by Bill Finley

While still awaiting word from Gov. Andrew Cuomo regarding when it can resume racing, the New York Racing Association has submitted a comprehensive plan to the state and the New York Gaming Commission outlining the steps it is taking to maintain a safe environment for those who must be on hand to conduct racing.

The timetable for a resumption of racing at Belmont Park may also hinge on a region-by-region approach to opening the state announced by Cuomo Monday. The Governor's office has divided the state into 10 regions and said each one can start to reopen when they have met seven health-related metrics. Three regions have met the criteria and can start to reopen Friday. There will be four phases of the reopening.

No state has been hit harder by COVID-19 than New York. As of May 11, New York has had 26,656 deaths from the coronavirus, almost triple the next closest state. **Cont. p5**

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Horses gallop over Belmont Park's main track, which opened for training Tuesday morning. | Francesca LeDonne

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Foley Eager for Churchill Reopening

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Spending his winters at Fair Grounds in New Orleans, Foley was ready to come home with his wife and two sons, all involved in the family business, several times this spring, only to be told along with the rest of Churchill's horsemen that it wasn't safe yet. So they have been stuck in limbo essentially since Mar. 21, closing day at Fair Grounds.

"Everybody was ready to ship home and we kept getting pushed back," Foley said. "They canceled the ship-in date to Churchill twice; we were regularly supposed to be in there Mar. 19. Everyone's ready to come home at the end of the [Fair Grounds] meet anyway, then you add on having to spend another 40, 50-something days stuck there where you can't race. That was no good. You try to keep your owners from getting too excited or too upset about not running. All of mine dealt with it pretty well, so I was lucky in that aspect of it."

Foley and his stable were among the first to be allowed back at the track Monday, as Churchill began a phased reopening of the backstretch starting with horses shipping from Fair Grounds. He said that the protocols at the track are rigorous, starting with everyone who returns to the backstretch getting tested for COVID-19 before they're allowed back on the premises.

"We were all tested two or three days before we left Fair Grounds," he said. "Anybody coming into Churchill has to be tested. Anybody. They tested us all before we left and they got the results back in 24 hours. Thank goodness we were all fine and had no problems. I had a few guys who didn't go to New Orleans who work for me, they were tested here at Churchill. I don't think they're going to let the owners back here. They're very strict on that."



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Beyond testing, Foley added that Churchill officials are mandating daily temperature checks and mask wearing to try to prevent any outbreaks once everyone is settled in.

"They're taking your temperature every day as you come in the gate," he said. "They put a wristband on you, a different colored one every day. The help has to go down to the rec hall every day between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. to have their temperatures taken. Everybody's got to wear a facemask back here too. So they're on it pretty good."

While the desperately needed familiarity of horses racing will return to 700 Central Avenue this weekend, the spring meet took a major hit when the Derby had to be postponed for four months, a hit that Foley says reverberates through his life as well as the Louisville community at large.

"That whole week, with Oaks and Derby, for some of my owners that's the only week I see them all year," he said. "We missed all of that. Shoot, it's just

huge for Louisville financially, for the fans, and for us. This whole deal is really messed up. I hope we never see it again."

The blue-collar Foley stable is also in the rare position of housing a potential Derby starter, who would be their first, in Lloyd Madison Farms homebred **Major Fed** (Ghostzapper). A sharp second-out graduate on New Year's Day at Fair Grounds, the dark bay stepped right into stakes company and proved his mettle when runner-up in a division of the GII Risen Star S. Feb. 15 at Fair Grounds. He was then fourth despite a poor start, wide trip and unfavorable pace scenario in the GII Twinspires.com Louisiana Derby on closing day. With no Derby to aim for, Foley relaxed Major Fed's training a bit, but has ratcheted it back up with the GIII Matt Winn S. next



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Saturday at Churchill now in sight.

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"I kind of backed off my horse a little after the Louisiana Derby, just played around with him, jogged, galloped for 10 days to two weeks," he said. "Then he went on back and had scheduled works, and he's ready to go. He looks fantastic. I worked him Thursday before we left New Orleans, he went in 1:00 4/5, galloped out in 1:14, did it really easy. I'm tickled to death with him. I'll breeze him one more time either Friday or Saturday over the track here at Churchill, probably just a half-mile, and let him gallop out good to have him ready on the 23rd. That race will come up plenty tough enough."

That much is fair to assume, based on the dearth of major 3-year-old races available for sophomores who would normally be peaking right now, as well as the response from Churchill's horsemen to the track reopening. When entries were drawn Tuesday for Saturday's opening day card, a whopping **162 horses were entered for 11 races**, including champion Monomoy Girl (Tapizar), who is slated to make her long-awaited return in race four.

"Everyone and their brother's gonna be trying to get in a race," Foley said. "It's gonna be tough racing. You'd better be ready to go."

While the competition will be stiff, Foley and his fellow Churchill stalwarts finally have the certainty of opportunity on the calendar. That, and the comforts of home, will carry the day for Team Foley until things are fully back to normal.

"My help were really good, they were homesick too and they hung in there," Foley said. "Everybody's just so glad to be back, to get to Saturday and get racing, and hopefully get some fans in here before too long."

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NYRA Hoping Protocols Will Expedite

Reopening (cont. from p1)

Belmont Park is part of the Long Island region, which has met five of the seven metrics. Saratoga is part of the Capital region, which has also met five of the requirements.

While it is not clear if Long Island must meet all seven metrics before Belmont can reopen, doing so would no doubt make a resumption of racing there an easier sell. There has been no racing in New York since Mar. 15, when a card was completed at Aqueduct.

"Everyone in Albany is focused on meeting the regional needs first and industry needs second," said New York Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association President Joe Appelbaum.

Eager to resume racing, albeit without fans, NYRA submitted a 19-page document that details all the steps it will take when given the approval to begin running again. Since Belmont has been open for training throughout the pandemic, many of the provisions are already in place.

"NYRA's plan is the gold standard when it comes to what tracks are doing," Appelbaum said,

In an outline of the 19-page document provided by NYRA Director of Communications Pat McKenna, it is estimated that only 60 people who are not part of the workforce in place for morning training would be needed to conduct racing. The only employees and staff allowed will be those required to be present under the rules of New York racing.



Belmont Park | Horsephotos

For daily training operations, the following protocols are already in place:

- The backstretch is closed to all non-essential personnel.
- Those entering the backstretch are subject to temperature checks and standard health questions at entrance gates.
- NYRA is following all New York State Department of Health and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control guidance regarding social distancing. Facial coverings are mandatory for anyone on the property.
- NYRA and the New York Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association have worked together to purchase surgical masks, gloves and face shields and other equipment and have been distributing these supplies to all who need them as necessary.

McKenna said that NYRA "is working aggressively to introduce widely available antibody and diagnostic tests," which would likely be in place before racing resumes. Similar tests are already being performed at Keeneland and Churchill Downs. Appelbaum was confident that testing will soon be available at the NYRA tracks and that implementing a testing program will hasten the reopening of New York racing.

"Testing is a critical component in the tool kit," he said. "I don't think any track will be open without an appropriate testing program, so I'm pretty certain we will have one here."

The NYRA racing community has had the misfortune of having a small coronavirus outbreak on the backstretch, one that led to the death of 63-year-old groom Martin Zapata. For that reason, NYRA management and the horsemen are already well versed in how to deal with the daily problems posed by the coronavirus.



Joe Appelbaum | *ThoroStride*

Anyone showing symptoms is promptly tested, either on the backstretch or at a nearby family health center. Belmont Park residents who test positive are placed in isolation in a dedicated quarantine dormitory suitable for these purposes and NYRA personnel conducts a contact tracing program to test those who came in contact with the infected individual. Individuals are released from quarantine only after they have completed at least 14 days and subsequently tested negative for COVID-19.

"Our experience handling outbreaks on the backstretch is critical," Appelbaum said. "We have been doing testing, tracing and preventative quarantine for eight weeks already. You see the results. We are not unscarred on the backstretch, but when you compare us to other situations, like nursing homes or cruise ships, other dorm-like environments, I think our results, knock on wood, have been pretty strong. We are hoping to leverage that so that people understand we can create a safe environment to race under."

Cuomo has said that he welcomes the return of sports in New York and has encouraged operators to develop business models that cover health concerns and the economic viability of reopening. NYRA has done just that. The only thing missing is the government's blessing to begin racing.

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L.A. COUNTY TO EXTEND STAY-AT-HOME ORDER UNTIL JULY; SANTA ANITA 'OPTIMISTIC'

With Los Angeles County's stay-at-home order expected to be extended until July, officials at Santa Anita said that they still remain optimistic about opening this Friday with strict protocols in place to prevent the spread of coronavirus.

"We remain optimistic about running on Friday," said Mike Willman, the director of publicity at Santa Anita. Track officials said that that would be the only statement the track would offer Tuesday.

L.A. County's Public Health Director Barbara Ferrer said that the order would "with all certainty" be extended for the next three months during a Board of Supervisors meeting Tuesday, according to the Los Angeles Times, which reported that the timeline would only change if there were a "dramatic change to the virus and tools at hand."

Beaches in L.A. County are set to re-open Wednesday, but users will be required to wear masks when not in the water. Sunbathing will not be allowed and only "active recreation" like swimming, jogging, and surfing will be allowed.

Monday, Santa Anita sent a text to horsemen telling them to be prepared to enter their horses Tuesday for a spectator-free race card Friday, the day the "Safer at Home" order was expected to expire. The county did not specifically grant its permission to Santa Anita to race. The track has been closed for racing since Mar. 27.

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MONOMOY GIRL HEADLINES 162 ENTRIES FOR CHURCHILL OPENING DAY

A total of 162 horses, headlined by returning champion **Monomoy Girl** (Tapizar), were entered Tuesday for Saturday's opening day card at the Churchill Downs spring meeting. Off since winning the 2018 GI Breeders' Cup Distaff, Monomoy Girl returns in the fourth race, a conditioned allowance event at one-mile on the main track with a purse of \$85,000.

"It's been a long time coming but we are thrilled for [Monomoy Girl] to return to the races," said trainer Brad Cox. "She's been working great down at Keeneland since late March and we're looking forward to this first step back."

Also entered in the fourth race is graded stakes winner **Talk Veuve to Me** (Violence).

First post at Churchill Downs Saturday is 1 p.m. ET and race four is expected to go off at 2:32 p.m. The 11-race card will feature an average field size of 11.3 horses.

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WOODBINE SEEKS JUNE 6 OR 13 START; OVERNIGHT PURSES WON'T TAKE A HIT IN 2020

by T.D. Thornton

Woodbine Entertainment Group (WEG) is planning to seek approval for a June 6 or 13 start for its pandemic-delayed Thoroughbred race meet, and the firm's chief executive officer, Jim Lawson, said in a public video chat Tuesday that he does not expect overnight purses to be adversely affected this year despite mounting losses from the closure of WEG's gaming facilities.

Woodbine will also seek to move its signature stakes race, the Queen's Plate, from June 27 to a September date that has yet to be determined.

Lawson said one near-term upshot with horse racing restarting earlier than other team sports is that Woodbine is working on a deal to get both its Thoroughbred and harness races broadcast in prime time on TSN, which is Canada's national sports television channel.

And although Woodbine has proposed COVID-19 protocols to its provincial regulators that are more stringent than what some United States racetracks are doing right now--like requiring jockeys to wear masks all the way into the starting gate until the race goes off--Lawson said licensed personnel at Woodbine will not be mandated to be tested for the coronavirus as a condition of entering the grounds.

The National Thoroughbred Racing Association published **best-practice guidelines** for racing during the pandemic May 7 that do not recommend widespread virus testing. But several U.S. tracks, such as Churchill Downs and Keeneland, **will require it**.

"We're not in a position right now to be doing testing of people on the backstretch. It's not something that we have the expertise to do," Lawson said.

"The short answer right now is people need to self-isolate [for 14 days] if they've come from another jurisdiction," Lawson said, noting that horses are free to ship in without restriction if they are cared for by licensees who are either already on the grounds or have completed that quarantine.

"Self-isolation is not our decision. That's the government's decision," Lawson said. "We'll see where we get to on testing. I think we are at some point hopefully going to be in a position to

test people, especially if they've had to self-quarantine or self-isolate because there's been virus in their family, for example....Hopefully we'll all get to the point where there is testing available so those people can re-enter the workforce."

Jockeys will be allowed to enter the grounds to exercise horses starting Wednesday, Lawson said, and the starting gate will be available for schooling that morning. Timed workouts can begin Friday, and Woodbine's training track is expected to open May 22 to accommodate a rising horse population.

Whichever of those Saturday dates that the Thoroughbred meet opens--June 6 or 13--the Standardbred season will resume

the night before, on a Friday. Both breeds customarily race at different post times at Woodbine on separate surfaces.

The initial week of afternoon Thoroughbred racing will just be a Saturday and Sunday, then Woodbine plans to go to a three-day week and, eventually, four days per week.

A new wrinkle could be the swapping out of Wednesday evening racing for an afternoon Thursday post time. That's partially because of the pending TV deal and partially because Woodbine won't be allowed to

race with spectators present out of respect to social distancing mandates.

"We've been engaged in discussions with TSN in moving into prime time on either Thursday or Friday nights with a horse racing show, and the idea is that we would like to have both breeds that race on either a Thursday or a Friday night," Lawson said. "That would mean a potentially 4 p.m. start time for the Thoroughbreds.... I think it would be a mistake not to take advantage of it.

"Wednesdays have always been a big food and beverage night for us [because] people like going to dinner at Woodbine," Lawson continued. "[But] we won't be able to offer any food and beverage, so our hope and plan is to run on Thursday [afternoons]. It's better for [betting] business."

Access to non-essential racing personnel could open up on a "limited basis" over summer, Lawson explained. But he added that "our planning right now is, at least through September, that we're not [going to be allowing] spectators."

Lawson said that horse owners do not meet the current standard for "essential" personnel.

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2019 Queen's Plate Day at Woodbine | Michael Burns

“That question’s come up a few times, and understandably so,” Lawson said. “The owners pay the bills and have the investment. I’ve talked to many, many owners [but I hope they understand that] we need to keep [population] numbers down on the backstretch. We need to keep people safe, and I can’t underline that enough. We all want racing to start, and the more we can control the people and control physical distancing and have less people back there, the better off we’re all going to be.

“If we have problems with illness in the jockey colony...and on the starting gate crew, we’ve got an issue in terms of how to manage this,” Lawson said. “We’re being extremely careful with our jockeys, and we cannot proceed with racing if we were to have an outbreak of the virus within our colony.”

Moving the Queen’s Plate to September opens up the chance that at least owners would be allowed to attend what Woodbine bills as “the oldest continuously run race” in North America.

“Part of our thinking is there’s a better chance for spectators in September,” Lawson said. “In any event, we feel like we need a couple of months of prep races to get horses ready to go 1 1/4 miles.”

Just like officials at Keeneland **told TDN last week**, part of the rescheduling dance for major stakes involves not stepping on the toes of other tracks.



Jim Lawson | Michael Burns

“It’s a little different now with dates shifting. We have to make sure that we’re not bumping squarely into what other racetracks are doing,” Lawson said. “We’re just making sure that we don’t make a mistake and land on a date without all the other considerations. And as other racetracks are going through the same process, we need to coordinate.... I don’t think it would be the right thing, for example, to run the Queen’s Plate on the same day as the [Sep. 5 GI] Kentucky Derby.”

The Queen’s Plate is restricted to Canadian-bred 3-year-olds, but other graded stakes deeper into Woodbine’s season

typically attract international shippers. Lawson said it’s far too early to tell what type of government restrictions will be in place at that time.

“Maybe by the time of [the autumn stakes races] the rules will be eased in terms of cross-border traffic,” Lawson said. “But right now it would be a problem for horses shipping in. They’d have to ship in on their own [and be taken care of by someone already at Woodbine].”

Lawson said that there is no plan to make up lost dates from this spring by extending the Thoroughbred meet past its traditional mid-December closing.

But, he added, overnight purse levels are expected to remain unchanged for the balance of 2020.

“There’s no expectation that purses will be impacted this year. [Based on existing agreements with horsemen and regulators], we’re locked. Purses are no longer tied to wagering and casino income.

“What concerns me, and I’ll be quite frank about it, is certainly [WEG’s own] revenue,” Lawson said. “We are going to be down substantial amounts of revenue as a result of the casino shutdown.... I want to keep optimistic in terms of this conversation today, but it’s certainly a concern for the future, and that’s why we’ve been looking at historical horse racing...to see if there are ways we can generate additional income in the future, because we’re going to feel this hit for awhile. Even if the casinos get started this summer or this fall, I think we all can appreciate it’s going to take a long time for them to ramp up.

“Of course the races that have been canceled, those purses, effectively we’re looking at this on a pro rata basis going forward,” Lawson continued. “Particularly on the Thoroughbred side, we’re going to have to look at the stakes program more closely in terms of [what to do with purses if those races don’t get run]. But overnight purses, we plan on keeping them the same, and there will be some adjustment on the stakes side, just balancing out the stakes purses.”

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CHURCHILL EXTENDS ROAD TO KY DERBY

Churchill Downs Racetrack released a preliminary list of races Tuesday that could be used for the extension of the “Road to the Kentucky Derby presented by Woodford Reserve,” pending agreeable race placement by the host tracks.

The first race in the extended series, the \$150,000 GIII Matt Winn S. May 23 at Churchill Downs, will have top four-finisher points raised from the previously announced 10-4-2-1 to 50-20-10-5.

“Based on measured interest from horsemen and limited racing opportunities for 3-year-olds across the country, the Matt Winn at the home of the Kentucky Derby appears to be the lone race in May on the national calendar for horsemen to use as a prep to possible important stakes engagements in mid-to-late June,” said Mike Ziegler, Churchill Downs Incorporated’s Executive Director of Racing. “For that reason, we’re pleased to be able to fill the void and raise the significance of the Matt Winn.”



Churchill Downs | Coady

The other two legs of the Triple Crown, the GI Preakness S. and GI Belmont S., have yet to be rescheduled, but if they are run prior to the rescheduled GI Kentucky Derby Sept. 5, the top four finishers will receive the following points 150-60-30-15.

“We’re in the midst of an unprecedented year, and this year’s Kentucky Derby and Triple Crown will be one of the most memorable of our lifetimes,” Ziegler said. “There are a lot of moving parts and there are still a lot of unanswered questions, including who will be running and when. We’ve had great conversations with our partner racetracks and believe we’ve identified the best extension to a most unique Road to the Kentucky Derby. This will continue to evolve, including date placement, as host tracks firm up their plans.”

The following races, separated by region, have been added to the Road to the Kentucky Derby. Once the New York Racing

Association finalizes their stakes schedules, eligible races could be added to the series:

- East: GI Haskell Invitational (100-40-20-10) and Pegasus S. (20-8-4-2) at Monmouth Park.
- Midwest: Matt Winn (50-20-10-5); GIII Indiana Derby (20-8-4-2); GII Blue Grass S. (100-40-20-10); and Ellis Park Derby (50-20-10-5).
- West: GI Santa Anita Derby (100-40-20-10); GIII Los Alamitos Derby (20-8-4-2); and Del Mar’s Shared Belief S. (50-20-10-5).

Because the situation is fluid, all races are subject to change and events could be added or removed. Additionally, the point values for each race will be subject to readjustment based on their proximity to all Triple Crown races.

Adjustments also will be made to the European Road to the Kentucky Derby and Japan Road to the Kentucky Derby in the coming weeks.

Additionally, the following races, separated by region, have been added to the Road to the Kentucky Oaks:

- East: GIII Delaware Oaks (50-20-10-5) and GIII Monmouth Oaks (50-20-10-5).
- Midwest: GIII Dogwood (20-8-4-2); GIII Indiana Oaks (20-8-4-2); GI Ashland S. (100-40-20-10); and GIII Beaumont S. (20-8-4-2).
- West: GII Santa Anita Oaks (100-40-20-10).

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INDIANA GRAND TARGETS JUNE 15 OPENING

Indiana Grand Racing & Casino, pending approval from the Indiana Horse Racing Commission, has proposed opening its 90-day season Monday, June 15 and close as previously scheduled Nov. 18. In a departure from the previously approved schedule, Indiana Grand will now race on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons, with a first race post time of 2:20 p.m. ET.

“The longer our season was delayed the more clear it became that we needed to rethink the goals of the meet,” said Eric Halstrom, Vice President and General Manager of Racing. “We feel strongly that a move to racing on Monday through Thursday, with quality fields and an attractive wagering menu, will best serve our horsemen and customers all over the nation during an uncertain time. A new condition book and stakes schedule will be published shortly while we adapt to these extraordinary circumstances.”

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WHAT IS THE GOAL BEHIND THE CAP?*by Jon Green*

I love this business and I am a true fan of the sport and an admirer of its equine athletes. I am fortunate enough to participate on a weekly podcast and occasionally write business-related articles for the *Thoroughbred Daily News*. Both forums enable me to voice my opinions on various topics including the recently enacted commercial breeding cap on the number of mares bred to a stallion annually. I also feel it is imperative to start this piece with a few disclaimers--I do not own a stallion, nor any shares. I am not a Kentucky land-owner, nor do I plan on ever buying a horse farm. Other than being a breeder and owner of Thoroughbreds, I do not have any agenda or dog in the fight about the **Jockey Club's rule change limiting number of mares that can be bred to a stallion at 140**.

I genuinely applaud The Jockey Club for taking a stand and implementing a rule that they feel will help perpetuate the sport in the future. We are a relatively "leaderless business," so I am thankful that The Jockey Club is attempting to establish regulations for the betterment of horses. I respect what Jockey Club president and COO James Gagliano has accomplished over the years and consider him a true ambassador of the business.

As a Certified Financial Planner, I study economics and financial trends and I am a firm believer in allowing the free market to be the driver of an industry. I personally do not endorse sanctions to deter, nor subsidies to artificially enhance businesses. Both Headley Bell of Mill Ridge Farm and John Sikura of Hill 'n' Dale Farm have publicly voiced similar economic-driven arguments and I have had countless private discussions with other industry leaders endorsing that philosophy.

Therefore, I was taken aback with the news that The Jockey Club implemented the game-changing rule of mare caps.

The regulation itself does not surprise me, as The Jockey Club floated the concept last September. But two things about the ruling did: 1) What is the science behind the new regulation and 2) What other options were discussed?

The Jockey Club's official statement claims that the rule "will promote diversity of the Thoroughbred gene pool and protect the long-term health of the breed."

One can certainly make the argument that the shrinking gene pool is an issue--many of the top recent racehorses are very inbred, including California Chrome (3x4 Mr. Prospector, 4x5 Raise a Native, 4x4 Numbered Account, 4x5 Northern Dancer, etc.), Constitution (4x5 Seattle Slew, 4x4x5 Mr. Prospector, etc.), Gun Runner (4x4 Fappiano, 4x5 Blushing Groom, 4x5 Lyphard, etc.), and Justify (3x5x5 Mr. Prospector, 4x5 Nijinsky II, etc.) to name a few.

However, there are just as many top stallions who possess little to no inbreeding in the first four generations of their respective pedigrees including American Pharoah, Arrogate, Flintshire, Into Mischief, Uncle Mo, etc., as well as stallion prospects Tiz the Law and Nadal.

I would go out on a limb and suggest that every generation of new stallions possesses an equal number of inbreeding and outcrosses. It is then left to a combination of genetics, Mother Nature, economics, and sometimes blind luck to determine which foals succeed on the racetrack and subsequently get re-introduced back into the gene pool.

But my hypothesis and estimates are just that--(un)educated guesses at best. I do not have the authority, nor the funding, to commission the studies necessary to direct an entire industry.

Which brings us back to my initial questions and concerns. I would like to see the reports commissioned by The Jockey Club which ultimately led to the artificial limit of future matings. How did they land upon the hard cap of 140 mares? Are they willing to reveal their sources and findings so we can review and discuss them as an industry?

The second question I raised earlier was, "What other options were discussed"?

I am not a geneticist, but I do actively participate in the breeding industry--we have over 20 mares in our broodmare band and over the years have bred Champions, Grade I and II winners by Mizzen Mast (one of the best examples of an outcross as there is in the stallion registry), Speightstown, Storm Cat, and Tapit (one of the most inbred stallions around). As such, I have read numerous books and articles on genealogy, including those written by Ken McLean, Federico Tesio and other top equine breeders. My rudimentary understanding of genetics is that to avoid a shrinking gene pool, new bloodlines need to be introduced and/or reinforced.

If The Jockey Club's goal was to truly expand the gene pool and promote soundness in horses, then why not a) prohibit the registration of foals who are inbred within the first three generations or have a certain percentage of common bloodlines; b) establish a formal and legal definition of the term "outcross" and brand The Jockey Club papers for those resulting foals. Tracks could then offer restricted races to outcrosses only, which would enable those foals an easier way to earn more money, black-type, etc., elongate racing careers and provide better opportunities for stakes participation; and c) offer outcrosses free nomination to the Breeders' Cup or the Triple Crown. (I realize that the later two suggestions would call for the involvement of third parties, but it would potentially increase the participation in those top races, which would naturally enhance the likelihood of an outcross being introduced to the gene pool).

Like state-bred foals, outcrosses would then be eligible for additional benefits, which would subsequently enhance their pre-race sales value.

The above suggestions would not encroach on fair trade/free market discussions. It would also avoid going down the artificial insemination rabbit hole, which would likely address the healthy concerns of overbreeding a stallion. Rather, it would add value for some future foals, provide opportunities for less-commercial stallions and expand the gene pool.

And aren't those the goals of The Jockey Club in the first place?

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GRAYSON-JOCKEY CLUB KICKS OFF

WEBINAR SERIES by *Christina Bossinakis*



Rood and Riddle Photo

Following the cancellation of the ninth Welfare and Safety of the June 20 Racehorse Summit in Lexington, Kentucky, because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation kicked off an educational series of weekly webinars Tuesday afternoon. Presented by Dr. Katherine Garrett, shareholder at Rood & Riddle Equine Hospital, the initial segment on equine health and safety featured 'Fetlock Injuries: Palmar metacarpal disease and how the various imaging modalities can be used to help diagnose it.'

During the course of the 45-minute lecture, which was followed by a short Q&A period, Dr. Garrett outlined the different types of diagnostic imaging modalities--Radiography, Ultrasound, Nuclear Scintigraphy, MRI (Magnetic Resonance Imaging), CT (Computerized Tomography) and PET (Positron Emission Tomography)--and the advantages and challenges inherent to each of them. The basic outline of each imaging modality and its best diagnostic use:

- Radiography - Good initial choice for bony problems
- Ultrasound - Good initial choice for soft tissue problems
- CT - Excellent choice for bony injury
- Nuclear Scintigraphy - (Functional imaging modality) Excellent choice for stress fractures, increased bony turnover
- MRI - Excellent choice for soft tissue and bony injury
- PET - (Functional imaging modality) - Excellent for evaluating bony turnover, higher resolution than scintigraphy and cross-sectional images (3D)

Garrett compared and contrasted each modality, when they are most effective, and how they are often used in tandem to provide the most accurate diagnosis.

"None of them can do everything," said Garrett. "However, we look at Radiography and Ultrasonography and they shine in the convenience and expense categories. Most of the time, vets can make a diagnosis using Radiography or Ultrasonography, and that's why they're so common, because they are very good. But sometimes we do have to move to our more advanced imaging modalities. Looking at the modalities that have these advanced diagnostic abilities, often they cost more and the horse needs to go to a hospital or clinic where the service is provide. However, the trade-off for that is you're going to get the answer that you need, ideally."

The webinar also offered a look at the general anatomy of the fetlock, in addition to a few of the injuries and diseases which affect the sport horse. Highlighted during the discussion were several commonly seen injuries in racehorses, including Palmar Osteochondral Disease (POD), a condition that occurs due to the repetitive and high-speed concussion absorbed by the fetlock during training, resulting in the deterioration of the articular cartilage of the joint.

"POD develops when there is an imbalance between the work that is asked of the horse and the horse's ability to adapt the bone quickly enough," explained Garrett. "Essentially, the bone can't keep up. And what this does is it leads to chronic subchondral bone fatigue, and the pain which manifests as lameness results from the damage to the subchondral bone."

Addressing the challenge in diagnosing the condition, she continued, "There really is a spectrum of changes to the bone. This isn't normal one day and abnormal the next. This is part of a normal, adaptive training process, we expect to see some of these changes. However, the problem occurs when the bone isn't keeping up."

Asked if imaging can predict lameness or injury, Garrett said, "Honestly, the answer right now is 'no.' The frustrating reason this is the case is because there is lot of overlap in the changes that are seen in a normal response to training and those seen in a pre-lameness or injury state. And there is a ton of variation between horses. That is why we need to treat the actual horse and not just the images."

She added, “I suspect CT, MRI and PET scanning will play a major role in some of these endeavors. But currently, no test is 100% accurate. Several of the tests are very good, but asking for 100% accuracy is a lot. We really have to consider the horse as an individual.”

The next webinar in the series featuring--the Importance of transparency in medical records; monitoring horses between starts--will be held May 19. Moderating the segment is Dr. Dionne Benson, Chief Veterinary Officer, The Stronach Group and speakers include Dr. Ryan Carpenter, Equine Medical Center in Cypress, California; Dr. William Farmer, Equine Medical Director, Churchill Downs Inc.; and Dr. Scott Palmer, Equine Medical Director, New York State Gaming Commission.

The free webinars are accessible each week at zoom.us/j/96557992970. Viewers will be able to ask questions through the Zoom webinar platform. All sessions start at 2 p.m. ET.

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THOROUGHBRED SAFETY COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES 2020 SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS

The Thoroughbred Safety Committee announced three new recommendations to the industry to further improve the health, welfare, and safety of its equine athletes.

The recommendations call for:

- Increased self-reporting statistics from the Equine Injury Database
- Mandatory stand-down period for horses in the care of trainers determined to be in possession of or intending to administer illegal substances to racehorses
- Banning the presence of clenbuterol in Thoroughbred racehorses and Thoroughbreds consigned for public auction

The full text of the recommendations can be found on The Jockey Club [website](#).

“As with most of the world, our industry is facing challenges from the COVID-19 pandemic, but it is also facing challenges from within,” said Craig Fravel, chairman of the Thoroughbred Safety Committee and chief executive officer, Racing Operations, The Stronach Group. “At this critical time, it is more important than ever that we ensure our industry is taking the best care of its horses and holding stakeholders accountable for their actions.”

“Two items The Jockey Club has advocated for over the years are increased transparency into the health and safety of horses and that horses should compete only when free from medication,” said James L. Gagliano, president and chief operating officer of The Jockey Club. “Implementing these recommendations will show that our industry is serious about the future of our sport and the health and welfare of our equine athletes.”

Gagliano also noted that imposing mandatory stand-down periods for horses determined to be the subjects of illegal substances will assist racetracks and regulatory authorities with decisions regarding horses that are potentially the unwitting subject of illegal activity.

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By *Andrea Branchini*

Street + street = intersection. This is the formula for the brilliant and ingenious name of a recent US-bred winner in Japan. The 5-year-old **INTERSECTION** is by Street Cry (Ire) out of Vine Street. Wordplay at its low-key best.

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.

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

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KY DERBY MUSEUM DONATES \$10K TO COVID-19 RELIEF EFFORTS

The Kentucky Derby Museum is donating over \$10,000 to support COVID-19 relief efforts in the state after the success of its Collect to Contribute campaign.

The Kentucky Derby Museum closed to in-person visitors mid-March due to the coronavirus pandemic. During the shutdown, the Museum's Collect to Contribute online retail campaign sold collectible Derby 146 merchandise branded with the original Kentucky Derby date of May 2, 2020. The Museum pledged to donate 20% of the profits to Governor Andy Beshear's Team Kentucky Fund and Louisville Mayor Greg Fischer's One Louisville: COVID-19 Response Fund.

"The response to our online campaign exceeded our expectations," said Patrick Armstrong, President & CEO of Kentucky Derby Museum. "Customers realized it was a great opportunity to purchase collectible Derby 146 merchandise while supporting a great cause. We are proud to announce today the Museum is donating \$10,289 from this sale to help people in need during this crisis."

The Kentucky Derby Museum is reopening its Finish Line Gift Shop located inside the Museum May 20 in accordance with state health guidelines and restrictions. Curbside pickup will still be offered for customers wishing to shop online. This service will be available Wednesday-Friday only, starting May 20. While the gift shop reopens, the Museum itself remains closed to visitors at this time.

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 Accomplishments: GSW & GISP, \$294,830.



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Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	Into Mischief (2005) by Harlan's Holiday	4	7	2	3	--	--	63	13	157,040	846,691
	Crops: 9			Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY				Fee: \$175,000		Bemma's Boy	
2	English Channel (2002) by Smart Strike	2	6	2	4	--	--	79	19	128,080	862,821
	Crops: 10			Stands: Calumet Farm KY				Fee: \$35,000		Spooky Channel	
3	Tapit (2001) by Pulpit	2	6	2	5	--	--	64	7	119,132	634,593
	Crops: 13			Stands: Gainesway Farm KY				Fee: \$200,000		American Seed	
4	Medaglia d'Oro (1999) by El Prado (Ire)	1	5	1	4	--	--	72	13	3,172,650	3,966,854
	Crops: 13			Stands: Darley KY				Fee: \$200,000		Golden Sixty (Aus)	
5	More Than Ready (1997) by Southern Halo	1	5	--	1	--	1	84	12	442,748	1,351,824
	Crops: 17			Stands: WinStar Farm KY				Fee: \$80,000		Eagle Way (Aus)	
6	Scat Daddy (2004) by Johannesburg	4	4	3	3	1	1	54	14	483,588	1,254,722
	Crops: 8			Stands: Ashford Stud USA (Dead/Ret)						Con Te Partiro	
7	The Factor (2008) by War Front	3	4	2	3	--	--	80	19	282,500	1,203,692
	Crops: 5			Stands: Lane's End Farm KY				Fee: \$17,500		Factor This	
8	Blame (2006) by Arch	1	4	--	4	--	--	32	8	138,000	492,391
	Crops: 7			Stands: Claiborne Farm KY				Fee: \$35,000		Dontblamerocket	
9	City Zip (1998) by Carson City	2	4	--	--	--	--	48	12	48,120	462,428
	Crops: 15			Stands: Lane's End Farm USA (Dead/Ret)						Billy Batts	
10	Get Stormy (2006) by Stormy Atlantic	1	4	1	4	--	1	21	6	95,395	345,749
	Crops: 5			Stands: Crestwood Farm KY				Fee: \$7,500		Getmotherarose	
11	Kitten's Joy (2001) by El Prado (Ire)	1	3	--	2	--	--	133	32	230,146	1,270,830
	Crops: 12			Stands: Hill 'n' Dale Farms KY				Fee: \$75,000		Gendarme	
12	Lonhro (Aus) (1998) by Octagonal (NZ)	--	3	--	1	--	--	18	3	173,575	420,620
	Crops: 4			Stands: Darley USA (Dead/Ret)						Yee Cheong Pegasus (Aus)	
13	Giant's Causeway (1997) by Storm Cat	1	3	1	2	--	--	43	9	120,000	394,904
	Crops: 17			Stands: Ashford Stud USA (Dead/Ret)						United	
14	Arch (1995) by Kris S.	1	3	--	3	--	1	19	3	113,580	379,741
	Crops: 17			Stands: Claiborne Farm USA (Dead/Ret)						March to the Arch	
15	Sky Mesa (2000) by Pulpit	1	3	--	--	--	--	26	10	98,030	333,808
	Crops: 14			Stands: Three Chimneys Farm KY				Fee: \$15,000		Highland Glory	

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WEDNESDAY'S INSIGHTS: STIDHAM UNVEILS CANDY RIDE COLT AT TAMPA



Candy Ride | Lane's End

4th-TAM, \$20k, Msw, 3yo, 6f, 2:30 p.m. ET

BRANCO MARIA (Candy Ride {Arg}) faces seven rivals in this unveiling for trainer Mike Stidham. The sophomore, a \$385,000 FTSAUG yearling purchase by Phoenix Thoroughbred III, worked five furlongs in 1:01 1/5 (3/7) at Tampa Bay Downs May 7. The son of two-time Canadian stakes winner Heidi Maria (Rockport Harbor) hails from the extended female family of 'TDN Rising Star' Sweet Whiskey (Old Fashioned), heroine of the 2014 GIII Old Hat S. and runner-up in the GI TVG Acorn S. **TJCIS PPs**

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SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: WEDNESDAY, MAY 13

Dramedy (Distorted Humor), Sau, private
29 foals of racing age/5 winners/1 black-type winner
4-Will Rogers Downs, Msw 5 1/2f, DRAMACIDE, 3-1

Honor Code (A.P. Indy), Lane's End Farm, \$30,000
213 foals of racing age/22 winners/1 black-type winner
7-Will Rogers Downs, Msw 6f, EL VALE, 20-1
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9th-Will Rogers Downs, \$20,900, 5-12, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:03.85, sy.

ALWAYS INTHE MUNNY (f, 3, Munnings--Always A Star {Ire}, by Danehill) Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-1, \$42,829. O-Michael Grossman; B-Eureka Thoroughbred Farm (TX); T-Francisco Bravo. *Won by eight lengths.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Ragan's Jet, f, 3, Mister Lucky Cat--She'sgotherownjet, by Songandaprayer. Will Rogers Downs, 5-12, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:05.56. B-Millar Equine (OK).



2020 Arrogate--Totally Tucker



MISTER LUCKY CAT, Ragan's Jet, f, 3, o/o She'sgotherownjet, by Songandaprayer. MSW, 5-12, Will Rogers

MUNNINGS, Always Inthe Munny, f, 3, o/o Always A Star (Ire), by Danehill. ALW, 5-12, Will Rogers

RITE MOMENT, 16, Vicar--Moments of Joy, by Lost Code
Foal born Mar. 31, a filly by City of Light
Will be bred back to City of Light
Owned by and boarded at Woodford Thoroughbreds, KY
Accomplishments: MGSW, \$399,303; and dam of Moment is Right (Medaglia d'Oro), MSW, \$228,445; and Laudation (Congrats), SW, \$100,840.

GREEN JEANS, 21, Green Dancer--Duds, by Ack Ack
Foal born Apr. 25, a colt by American Freedom
Owned by and boarded at Goshen Farm.
Accomplishments: Dam of Just Call Kenny (Jump Start), GSW, \$501,270; Determined Vision (Jump Start), SP, \$101,360.

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HOLIDAY SOIREE, 11, Harlan's Holiday--Try to Remember, by Include

Foal born Apr. 16, a filly by Gun Runner

Will be bred back to Candy Ride (Arg)

Owned by and boarded at Woodford Thoroughbreds, KY

Accomplishments: SW & GISP, \$405,642.

TOTALLY TUCKER, 11, Elusive Quality--Champagne Room, by French Deputy

Foal born Apr. 8, a colt by Arrogate

Will be bred back to Uncle Mo

Owned by and boarded at Woodford Thoroughbreds, KY

Accomplishments: Dam of Totally Boss (Street Boss), GSW, \$665,418; and Super Steed (Super Saver), GSW, \$365,500.

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FRENCH MARES MAKING MARKS IN JAPAN



Lune d'Or, the dam of Japanese Group 1 winner Fierement, ahead of her win in the 2004 G2 Prix de Pomone | Scoop Dyga

By Kelsey Riley

The Yoshida brothers' reputation of farming the best broodmare prospects globally for their elite collection on the island of Hokkaido has been well documented. And while they have enjoyed top-level success with runners from as far afield as the U.S. and Argentina and various parts of Europe, they have experienced a particular purple patch as of late with the progeny of mares sourced from France.

When Fierement (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}) defended his title in the two-mile G1 Tenno Sho Spring on May 5, he became the third Group 1 winner in the span of five months bred by Katsumi Yoshida's Northern Farm from a mare sourced from France. The dams of Fierement and triple Group 1 winner Admire Mars (Jpn) (Daiwa Major {Jpn}) were purchased at Arqana's December Breeding Stock Sale, while the mare that produced last year's Japanese Horse of the Year Lys Gracieux (Jpn) (Heart's Cry {Jpn}) was a private purchase.

Yoshida had purchased Fierement's dam, Lune d'Or (Fr) (Green Tune), from her breeder Haras du Mezeray in Deauville in 2010 for €750,000—the sale's second-highest price, bettered only by the €800,000 paid by Yoshida's brother Teruya of Shadai Farm for the dual Group 3 winner Celimene (Ire) (Dr Fong).

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SPEED IS THE ORDER OF THE DAY AT CHANTILLY

Chantilly plays host to the G3 Prix Texanita on Wednesday, with the domestic 3-year-old sprinters having their say over the six-furlong strip. Al Shaqab Racing's **Wooded (Ire)** (Wootton Bassett {GB}) reverts to this trip for the first time, having shown smart juvenile form over a furlong further when a short-head runner-up to Kenway (Fr) (Galiway {GB}) in the G3 Prix la Rochette at ParisLongchamp in September and third in the G3 Prix Thomas Bryon at Saint-Cloud the following month. He faces Guy Pariente's **Wanaway (Fr)** (Galiway {GB}) who captured the 5 1/2-furlong Listed Prix Ronde de Nuit on heavy ground here Mar. 13 and who bids to provide her dam Matwan (Fr) (Indian Rocket {GB}) with a quickfire group-race double following the exploits of her 5-year-old son Batwan (Fr) (Kendargent {Fr}) in Monday's G3 Prix de Saint-Georges. [Cont. p4](#)

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French Mares Making Marks in Japan Cont. from p1

Lune d'Or is the third generation of her family to be bred by the Moussac family at Mezeray; her second dam, the listed-winning *Viola d'Amour* (Luthier {Fr}), is responsible for the French champion miler *Luth Enchantee* (Fr) (Be My Guest), while her first dam *Luth d'Or* (Fr) (Noir et Or {GB}) won the Listed Grand Prix de Compiègne and was twice group-placed before producing Lune d'Or and the listed-placed *Archange* (Tremolino). Lune d'Or was a classy runner for trainer Richard Gibson, winning the G2 Prix de Malleret and G2 Prix Pomone at three before defeating older mares in Italy's G1 Premio Lydia Tesio, and at the time of her purchase she had four foals on the ground and was reportedly in foal to *Galileo* (Ire).

Lune d'Or's first few years in the Land of the Rising Sun weren't entirely unproductive, but made few headlines. A foal was not registered from the *Galileo* covering, and her first live foal in Japan, the filly *Lunatique* (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}), failed to make it to the races. Her 2014 filly *Revoir* (Jpn) (Heart's Cry {Jpn}), however, won three times, and she was followed by *Fierement*. It is worth noting, too, that the horse *Fierement* got up to beat by a nose in the Tenno Sho, *Stiffelio* (Jpn) (Stay Gold {Jpn}), is out of the 2008 G1 Cheveley Park S. winner *Serious Attitude* (Ire) (Mtoto {GB}), a private purchase by Shadai.

Lune d'Or's current 4-year-old *Last Noodle* (Jpn) (Orfevre {Jpn}) has won twice and her 3-year-old *Route d'Or* (Jpn) (Just A Way {Jpn}) showed promise last year with a five-length debut score at Tokyo. She has a 2-year-old filly by Deep Impact, a yearling by him and was covered last year by the Japanese Guineas/Derby winner *Duramente* (Jpn) (King Kamehameha {Jpn}).

Meanwhile, the page has continued to develop in Europe too. Lune d'Or's first foal, the unplaced German-bred mare *Learned Friend* (Ger) (Seeking The Gold), produced *Inns Of Court* (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), who won group sprints in France at three, four and five for Godolphin and who is standing his debut season at Tally-Ho Stud this year.

That 2010 sale marked the first time the Yoshidas topped Arqana's December showpiece—in fact, they secured between them the top three lots, with Patrick Barbe also buying the €700,000 *La Boum* (Ger) (Monsun {Ger}) on behalf of Shadai—and they have rarely been missing from the top of the market at the sale ever since. Katsumi Yoshida topped the sale in 2014 with the purchase of the €1.1-million *Alterite* (Fr) (Literato {Fr}), and while that Grade I winner's first two foals are both winners, it is another mare Katsumi purchased through Narvick International about an hour earlier on the same evening for €480,000, *Via Medici* (Ire) (Medicean {GB}), who has made a faster start. The 2010 G3 Prix De Lieurey victress had already produced two foals by the time she went through the ring in Deauville in foal to *Dansili* (GB), and both of those have won listed races in France: *Via Pisa* (Fr) (Pivotal {GB}) and *Via Firenze* (Ire) (Dansili {GB}). The resulting foal from her 2014 *Dansili* covering, *Freccia* (Jpn) (Dansili {GB}), won three times in Japan.

Admire Mars was *Via Medici*'s first Japanese-conceived progeny, and he was that country's champion 2-year-old in 2018 after winning the G1 Asahi Hai Futurity. Reverted back to a mile after failing to see out the extra two furlongs of the G1 Satsuki Sho the following season, he rewarded connections with two more Group 1 wins over the shorter trip in the NHK Mile and the Hong Kong Mile. *Via Medici*'s current 3-year-old is the *Kinshasa no Kiseki* (Jpn) filly *Aloha Nui Loa* (Jpn), who has run once, while she has a 2-year-old filly by *Duramente*, a yearling daughter of *Heart's Cry* and was bred to *Daiwa Major* last year.

Via Medici's dam, the G3 Prix des Reservoirs winner *Via Milano* (Fr) (Singspiel {Ire}), was purchased at Tattersalls December in 2004 by Andreas Putsch's 6 C Racing as a filly in training. Her new owners covered her the following season with *Tiger Hill* (Ire), with that resulting colt never being named, and they bred *Via Medici* out of her the following year before she went back through the ring at Tattersalls and was signed for by Putsch's Haras de Saint Pair for 55,000gns in foal *Holy Roman Emperor* (Ire). [Cont. p3](#)



Teruya Yoshida (centre) | Tattersalls



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French Mares Making Marks in Japan Cont.

Saint Pair has since bred three more stakes horses out of Via Milano including the G3 Prix Imprudence winner and G1 Prix Rothschild second Via Ravenna (Ire) (Raven's Pass) and the G3 Prix Vanteaux third Via Manzoni (Ire) (Monsun {Ger}). Via Manzoni's Lope de Vega (Ire) 3-year-old filly, Via Liguria (GB), ran third in her Saint-Cloud debut on Tuesday for Saint-Pair and Jean-Claude Rouget.

Lys Gracieux became the latest international Group 1-winning filly to come off the Japanese conveyor belt last year, with a G1 Cox Plate victory in Australia bookended by domestic scores in the G1 Takarazuka Kinen and G1 Arima Kinen earning her the Horse of the Year statuette. Her dam Liliside was, like Via Medici, a foal of 2007 and was bred by the Lepeudry family at Elevage de Tourgeville just outside Deauville. Liliside was largely unheralded at the 2008 Arqana October Yearling Sale when bought by MAB Agency for €39,000, but her pricetag would have been much greater when Katsumi Yoshida bought her privately midway through her 3-year-old campaign.



Lys Gracieux after winning the Cox Plate | Bronwen Healy

Liliside had won a pair of listed races, besting the eventual G1 Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf winner Zagora (Fr) (Green Tune) in the Listed Prix La Camargo, in 2010 before she saw defeat snatched from the jaws of victory in the G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches when demoted from first to sixth for interference. It was after a fifth in the G2 Prix de Sandringham next out that Yoshida swooped to secure Liliside privately, and she added a win in ParisLongchamp's Listed Prix de la Cochere going a mile in his colours before being packed off to Hokkaido. Her first six foals are all fillies—and five are winners—with Lys Gracieux the third in that lineup and the lone stakes winner thus far. Liliside has a 2-year-old by Heart's Cry, a yearling by him and was bred last year to Lord Kanaloa (Jpn). [Cont. p4](#)

French Mares Making Marks in Japan Cont.

While Katsumi Yoshida had to source Liliside privately, he wasn't about to let one of the mare's close relatives slip through his grasp when she came on the market at Arqana

December in 2018. At the time Lys Gracieux was less than a month removed from her first Group 1 win in the Queen Elizabeth II Cup, and Lily's Candle (Fr) (Style Vendome {Fr})—a daughter of Liliside's half-sister Golden Lily (Fr) (Dolphin Street {Fr}) also bred by the Lepeudrys—had done her part to boost the family in France by winning the G1 Prix Marcel Boussac on the G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe undercard. Katsumi laid out a sale-topping €1.1-million for Lily's Candle, who ran just once last year when trailing the field in the G3 Prix de la Grotte.

While his brother has stolen the headlines as of late, Teruya Yoshida could be the one making the news this spring with the produce of a mare bought privately from France, namely the 2014 G1 Prix de Diane and Pouliches winner Avenir Certain (Fr) (Le Havre {Ire}). Her first foal is the Deep Impact filly Des Ailes (Jpn), who extended her record to two for two last weekend with a victory in the Listed Sweetpea S. and who is a major contender for the G1 Yushun Himba (Japanese Oaks) on May 24. Avenir Certain has a yearling filly by Deep Impact and was one of the small number of mares covered by him last season before his injury and subsequent death.

Teruya Yoshida has not kept his admiration for Le Havre a secret: as detailed by Emma Berry early this week in the [Weekly Wrap](#), Yoshida also privately secured another dual Classic-winning daughter of the sire, La Cressonniere (Fr), as well as her dam, Absolute Lady (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}). The latter remained in France to visit Le Havre on another two occasions after her purchase before later being exported to Japan. La Cressonniere has 2-year-old and yearling colts by Shalaa (Ire) and Golden Horn (GB) and visited exciting young sire Epiphaneia (Jpn) in her first season in Hokkaido last year, while Absolute Lady has a yearling colt by Deep Impact and last year visited Just A Way.

Teruya Yoshida has also bred the champion 2-year-old filly and Yushun Himba winner Soul Stirring (Jpn) (Frankel {GB}) and the G3 Artemis S. winner Schon Glanz (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}) out of the six-time Grade/Group 1 winner Stacelita (Fr) (Monsun



Avenir Certain has made a promising star to her broodmare career in Japan | *Scoop Dyga*

{Ger}), a private purchase. Stacelita returned to Britain in 2018 and foaled a filly by Deep Impact—who is now in training in France with Andre Fabre—before returning to Frankel, a mating which last year yielded a full-sister to Soul Stirring.

France has clearly been a happy hunting ground for the Yoshida brothers, each of which purchased a mare from the middle market in Deauville last December: Teruya took home the well-bred French listed winner Qualisaga (Fr) (Sageburg) for €380,000; Katsumi secured Elaya (Fr), a full-sister to triple Group 1 winner Ervedya (Fr) (Siyouni {Fr}) for €260,000 and Haruya—the youngest of the three sons of famed Japanese breeder Zenya Yoshida—bought the G1 Preis Der Diana third

Wonder of Lips (Ger) (Champs Elysees {GB}) for €350,000. Another Hokkaido nursery, Lake Villa Farm, took home the listed-winning Joplin (Ger) (Solider Hollow {GB}) for €300,000. With plenty of young mares still in the pipeline and much to look forward to from the proven producers, it is likely the Japanese breeding industry's French chapter is not yet nearly finished.

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G3 Prix Texanita Preview Cont. from p1

Juddmonte are represented by the Henri-Francois Devin-trained filly **Alocasia (GB)** (Kingman {GB}), who was runner-up to Tropbeau (GB) (Showcasing {GB}) in Deauville's G3 Prix Six Perfections in July before winning the 6 1/2-furlong Listed Prix Saraca at Maisons-Laffitte in September and finishing fifth in the G2 Criterium de Maisons-Laffitte the following month. Of the unexposed types, Prime Equestrian's **Mutual (Fr)** (Lope de Vega {Ire}) from the Christophe Ferland academy is an unknown quantity after his heavy-ground win in a six-furlong conditions event at Toulouse Mar. 9.

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Alocasia | Scoop Dyga

DERBY, OAKS CLEAR HURDLE TO STAY AT EPSOM

The G1 Investec Derby and G1 Investec Oaks cleared a major hurdle in the race to remain at their historic home at Epsom Downs on Tuesday, with the Epsom and Walton Downs Conservators giving their backing at a special council meeting on Tuesday evening to the Jockey Club’s plans to stage the two Classics on alternate dates, behind closed doors and with the public areas surrounding the track temporarily closed to the public.

The Derby and Oaks have been staged at Epsom every year since their respective inceptions in 1780 and 1779 bar the war years (1915 to 1918 and 1940 to 1945), when they were held in Newmarket. Jockey Club Racecourses announced on Apr. 7 that the Derby and Oaks would be moved from their traditional early June slots as a result of racing’s shutdown due to COVID-19. Racing in Britain looks likely to resume with other sports no earlier than June 1.



Anthony Van Dyck winning last year’s Derby | *Racing Post*

Delia Bushell, group chief executive of the Jockey Club, said, “we are working hard on a practical and deliverable plan to stage the 2020 Investec Derby and Investec Oaks at their traditional home, without a crowd and once racing is approved to resume by government. I’d like to express my sincere thanks to the Epsom and Walton Downs Conservators for their backing today. These two Classics play a vital role in the Thoroughbred racing and breeding industries, so it’s of great importance for them to be able to go ahead during this difficult period. Our teams now look forward to working with the British Horseracing Authority and local authorities to bring our plan to life.”

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LEVY BOARD ANNUAL 2018/19 REPORT RELEASED

The 2018/2019 Horserace Betting Levy Board (HBLB)’s **annual report** was released on Tuesday. HBLB Chairman Paul Lee, whose 10 1/2-year term ended on Mar. 31, noted the following:

- the UK government continues to work with the HBLB and other facets of the industry to maximise the benefit of changes made to the Levy in 2017, including primarily the capture of Levy income from bets placed by British-based customers with bookmakers outside Britain;
- the Levy income was adjusted from £78 million to £83 million after an agreement between the HBLB and certain betting operators as to the treatment for Levy purposes of a particular type of promotional bet offer
- the above point made possible the publication of accounts in 2020 that accurately reflect the final 2018/19 financial position
- the HBLB financial reserve stood at £48 million as of Mar. 2019
- HBLB increased its contributions in several areas, including prize money in 2018/19, despite fall in Levy income
- HBLB introduces a payment towards the installation of sectional timing/tracking systems during fixtures
- HBLB also started a betting data project and took responsibility for the new Betting Liaison Group, made up of senior betting and racing representatives

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UNDER THE RADAR by Tom Frary

In the latest of this “dark horses” series, the subject is the John Gosden-trained Newmarket maiden winner Heiress.

HEIRESS (GB), f, 3, Kingman (GB)--Love Divine (GB), by Diesis (GB).

Twenty years on from the G1 Epsom Oaks victory of the dam, Trevor Harris’s Lordship Stud just might have something to look forward to this summer. The half-sister to the 2006 G1 St Leger hero Sixties Icon (GB) (Galileo {Ire}) looked every inch a potential class act when beating a subsequent winner decisively over seven furlongs at Newmarket in November. Love Divine, who shared a similarly unexposed profile at the end of her 2-year-old career before making up ground quickly prior to the Oaks, has only produced one filly to have lived long enough to become a broodmare and this one has real potential on the track and residually for the Newmarket establishment. The second dam La Sky (Ire) (Law Society) was one of Harris’s foundation mares and having been second in the G3 Lancashire Oaks also produced the listed-winning Floreeda (GB) (Linamix {Fr}) and Dark Promise (GB) (Shamardal), as well as the dam of the triple Hong Kong Group 1 winner Dunboyne Express (Ire) (Shamardal). **Click for the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

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Heiress’s dam Love Divine | Racing Post

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Dariyan is looking for his first winner at Chantilly | The Aga Khan Studs

Wednesday, May 13, 2020:

FRANCE

Dariyan (Fr) (Shamardal), Haras de Bonneval
68 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
3-CHANTILLY, 1000m, RUE D’AUMAILE (Fr)
€8,000 Arqana Deauville October Yearlings 2019

Fascinating Rock (Ire) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}), Ballylinch Stud
61 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
3-CHANTILLY, 1000m, CALL SIGN (Ire)
€4,500 Tattersalls Ireland Flat Breeding Stock Sale 2018;
€3,800 Goffs Autumn Yearling Sale 2019

Goken (Fr) (Kendargent {Fr}), Haras de Colleville
61 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
3-CHANTILLY, 1000m, LA NEVA (Fr)
€12,000 Osarus September Yearling Sale 2019
4-CHANTILLY, 1000m, AXDAVALI (Fr)
3-CHANTILLY, 1000m, LIVACHOPE (Fr)
3-CHANTILLY, 1000m, TORTOLA (Fr)
€20,000 RNA Arqana Deauville v2 Yearling Sale 2019

Morandi (Fr) (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}), Haras du Mont Goubert
60 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
5-CHANTILLY, 1000m, HEALEY (Fr)

Prince of Lir (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}), Ballyhane Stud
77 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
5-CHANTILLY, 1000m, OFF GALAVANTING (Ire)

Territories (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), Dalham Hall Stud
113 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
5-CHANTILLY, 1000m, TREAUVILLE (Fr)
€40,000 Arqana Deauville v2 Yearling Sale 2019

Vadamos (Fr) (Monsun {Ger}), Tally-Ho Stud
127 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
3-CHANTILLY, 1000m, BOUVINES (Ire)
£3,000 Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearling Sale 2019

OBSERVATIONS

on the European racing scene

HURRICANE IVOR BACK IN ACTION

11.00 Chantilly, Cond, €28,000, 3yo, c/g, 8ft

CELESTIN (FR) (**Dabirsim {Fr}**) reappears for Ecurie Normandie Pur Sang and Fabrice Chappet, having created a big impression when winning the Listed Criterium du Languedoc at Toulouse in November by 6 1/2 lengths. He has to give four pounds to Godolphin's **Winwood (Ger)** (**Siyouni {Fr}**), an Andre Fabre-trained maiden from the family of Waldpfad (Ger) (Shamardal), Waldpark (Ger) (Dubawi {Ire}), Masked Marvel (GB) (Montjeu {Ire}) and Waldgeist (GB) (Galileo {Ire}).

11.30 Chantilly, Cond, €28,000, 3yo, f, 8ft

SIMEEN (FR) (**Lope de Vega {Ire}**) registered easy wins at Saint-Cloud and Clairefontaine last term and stakes her claims for a tilt at the G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches. Jean-Claude Rouget pitches the Aga Khan's relative of Sarafina (Fr) (Refuse To Bend {Ire}) in against another Godolphin-Fabre project in **Bionic Woman (Ire)** (**Lope de Vega {Ire}**), who was last seen finishing fourth in the G1 Prix Marcel Boussac.

12.30 Chantilly, Debutantes, €22,000, 2yo, c/g, 5ft

ORNAMENTAL GLITTER (IRE) (**No Nay Never**) is a half-brother to last year's Listed Rosemary S. winner Agincourt (Ire) (Declaration of War) and an early juvenile runner for the White Birch Farm-Jean-Claude Rouget axis. From the family of the GI Manhattan H. winner Desert Blanc (GB) (Desert Style {Ire}), the February-foaled bay meets seven rivals.

1.30 Chantilly, Cond, €22,000, 3yo, 6ft

HURRICANE IVOR (IRE) (**Ivawood {Ire}**) makes his keenly-anticipated return from the wilderness, having flopped when

seventh in the G3 Prix du Bois here last June. Fiona Carmichael's **TDN Rising Star** had previously run away with the Prix d'Orgemont on this card and it will be fascinating to see if he can rebuild his reputation in 2020. He has to give four pounds to the Juddmonte filly **Marbling (GB)** (**Kingman {GB}**), an Andre Fabre-trained half-sister to the useful Broad Street (GB) (Sea the Stars {Ire}) and Brogue (GB) (Frankel {GB}) who was runner-up on debut at Compiègne in October.

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FRANCE

Tuesday's Results:

8th-Saint-Cloud, €28,000, Cond, 5-12, 3yo, c/g, 10 1/2ft, 2:14.12, sf.

PORT GUILLAUME (FR) (c, 3, Le Havre {Ire}--Keira {Fr}, by Turtle Bowl {Ire}), successful in Jan. 23 and Feb. 15 outings at Cagnes-sur-Mer, broke alertly and stalked the leader in second before easing to the fore along the backstraight. Maintaining control thereafter, the 39-10 chance was nudged along passing the two pole and ridden out inside the final furlong to comfortably hold Gold Trip (Fr) (Outstrip {GB}) by 1 1/4 lengths. Corinna Baronin von Ullmann's Mare Australis (Ire) (Australia {GB}) shaped with promise, despite a troubled trip in the straight, and kept on well late to finish three lengths off the winner in fourth. One of three scorers from as many runners produced by a winning sibling to three stakes performers, Port Guillaume is a full-brother to last term's Listed Prix Pelleas victor Aubevoye (Fr). The March-foaled bay is also kin to the 2-year-old colt Portbail (Fr) (Rajsaman {Fr}) and a yearling colt by Recorder (GB). Sales history: €55,000 Ylg '18 AROCT. Lifetime Record: 3-3-0-0, €38,500. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Claudio Marzocco, Bernard Benaych & Jean-Claude Rouget; B-Franklin Finance SA, Mme Elisabeth Ribard & Sylvain Vidal (FR); T-Jean-Claude Rouget.

9th-Saint-Cloud, €28,000, Cond, 5-12, 3yo, f, 10 1/2ft, 2:16.57, sf.

IRSKA (FR) (f, 3, **Hunter's Light {Ire}**--Eire {GB}) {MSP-Fr, \$241,221}, by **Medicean {GB}**), who made all to secure a Mar. 3 debut win over 9 1/2 furlongs at Chantilly last time, broke well and gained an immediate lead in this turf bow too. In command throughout, the 13-2 chance was shaken up when threatened passing the two marker and kept on strongly under continued coaxing inside the final furlong to score by 1 1/4 lengths from Vienne (Ire) (Showcasing {GB}). She is one of four winners produced six-time black-type victress Eire (GB) (Medicean {GB}), herself a granddaughter of G3 Musidora S. and G3 May Hill S. winner Marillette (Diesis{GB}) from the family of G1SW sire Storm Bird (Northern Dancer). **Cont. p8**

9th-Saint-Cloud Cont.

The March-foaled chestnut is a half-sister to G3 Prix La Rochette runner-up Toijk (Fr) (Siyouni {Fr}), G3 Prix Allez France third Happy Approach (Fr) (New Approach {Ire}), and a yearling filly is by Le Havre (Ire). Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, €26,500.

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O-Lutz Bongen; B-M & Mme M Nigge (FR); T-Markus Nigge.

5th-Marseille-Pont-de-Vivieux, €18,000, Cond, 5-12, 3yo, 7 1/2f (AWT), 1:30.69, st.

TOUR D'ECHELLE (GB) (f, 3, Le Havre {Ire}--Zejel {GB} {GSP-Fr, \$159,687}, by Gold Away {Ire}), who was runner-up at Cagnes-sur-Mer last time Feb. 16, enjoyed a perfect stalking trip on the inside in third. Sent to the front passing the furlong marker, the 4-1 shot dug deep to ward off Palus Argenteus (Fr) (Silver Frost {Ire}) and prevail by a head. The winner is the first foal out of the useful dam, who was runner-up in the G3 Prix de Ris-Orangis. With the 2-year-old filly Nemba (Fr) (Bated Breath {GB}) to come, she descends from Dixiella (Fr) (Fabulous Dancer) who was multiple stakes-placed on both sides of the Atlantic and who is the ancestress of the listed-winning and multiple group-placed Goldtara (Fr) (Gold Away {Ire}). Sales history: €120,000

Ylg '18 ARAUG. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-2, €18,750. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Jean-Claude Seroul; B-Zafonic S.L. & Ecurie de Montfort & Preaux (FR); T-Jerome Reynier.

1st-Saint-Cloud, €22,000, Mdn, 5-12, unraced 2yo, 6fT, 1:14.53, sf.

SEALIWAY (FR) (c, 2, Galiway {GB}--Kensea {Fr} {SW-Fr}, by Kendargent {Fr}) was settled off the pace and raced under cover through halfway in this debut. Shaken up for his bid out wide approaching the two pole, the 16-5 second favourite quickened smartly to lead entering the final furlong and lengthened clear in the closing stages to score by a comfortable two lengths from Xaario (Fr) (Kendargent {Fr}). Full-brother to a yearling colt, the February-foaled chestnut becomes the second winner produced by Listed Prix Herod victress Kensea (Fr) (Kendargent {Fr}). He hails from a family featuring MGSW G1 Irish St Leger runner-up Ahzeemah (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}). Sales history: €62,000 Ylg '19 ARAUG. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €11,000. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

1ST-TIME STARTER. O-Le Haras de la Gousserie & Guy Pariente; B-Guy Pariente Holding (FR); T-Frederic Rossi.



Port Guillaume (Fr) powers to victory in the Prix Tourbillon (conditions) at Saint-Cloud on Tuesday. Jean-Claude Rouget purchased the son of Le Havre (Ire) for €55,000 at the Arqana October Yearling Sale in 2018. | Scoop Dyga

3rd-Saint-Cloud, €20,000, Mdn, 5-12, unraced 3yo, c/g, 8fT, 1:42.67, sf.

HURRICANE CLOUD (GB) (c, 3, Frankel {GB}--Gooseley Chope {Fr}, by Indian Rocket {GB}) missed a beat at the kick, but soon found his stride and stalked the leading duo in third after the initial exchanges of this newcomers' test. All dressed up and nowhere to go when caught in traffic either side of the quarter-mile marker, the 19-10 favourite was ridden to seize an opening along the far-side fence with 300 metres remaining and kept on strongly under mild urging to deny Westeros (GB) (Kingman {GB}) by 1 1/4 lengths nearing the line. He becomes the third scorer for his dam and is a half to G1 King's Stand S. placegetter and MGSW sire Goken (Fr) (Kendargent {Fr}), the 2-year-old colt Steadyman (Fr) (Kingman {GB}) and the yearling filly Kencarla (Fr) (Kendargent {Fr}). From a family featuring GI Swaps S.-winning sire Clear Choice (Raise a Native), the March-foaled homebred bay shares his stakes-winning second dam Gooseley Lane (GB) (Pyramus) with G3 Prix Sigy third Kenbaio (Fr) (Kendargent {Fr}). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €10,000. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

1ST-TIME STARTER. O-Guy Pariente; B-Guy Pariente Holding (FR); T-Pascal Bary.



Hurricane Cloud | Scoop Dyga

4th-Saint-Cloud, €20,000, Mdn, 5-12, unraced 3yo, f, 8fT, 1:42.32, sf.

BEAUTE POUR TOI (GB) (f, 3, Camelot {GB}--Grain de Beaute {Ire}, by Lawman {Fr}) was off the tempo in mid division until making smooth headway into contention on the home turn. Bumped when seeking a clear path at the quarter-mile marker, the 30-1 outsider quickened smartly to lead with 100 metres remaining and stretched out to a 1 3/4-length success from Gellhorn (GB) (Showcasing {GB}). Godolphin's \$1-million KEESEP yearling Joyous Sounds (Medaglia d'Oro) was handily placed until fading in the straight and finished ninth. Beaute Pour Toi is the second of four foals and first scorer out of a winning half-sister to G3 Prix de Saint-Georges victress Beyond Desire (GB) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), herself the dam of Listed Lansdown Fillies' S. winner Queen of Desire (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}). From a family featuring MG1SW sires Mastercraftsman (Ire) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}) and Pressing (Ire) (Soviet Star), the March-foaled bay is half to a 2-year-old filly by Vadamos (Fr) and a yearling filly by Decorated Knight (GB). Sales history: 21,000gns Ylg '18 TATYEA. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €10,000. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

1ST-TIME STARTER. O-Noel Greenhalgh & Nicolas Clement; B-Guy Bloodstock Ltd (GB); T-Nicolas Clement.

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PRIX TEXANITA-G3, €56,000, 3yo, 6fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	5	Wooded (Ire)	Wootton Bassett (GB)	Boudot	Graffard	125
2	13	Xaaros (Fr)	Kendargent (Fr)	Crastus	Sogorb	125
3	4	Mutual (Fr)	Lope de Vega (Ire)	Auge	Ferland	125
4	6	Alocasia (GB)	Kingman (GB)	Badel	Devin	121
5	9	Bavaria Baby (Fr)	Dabirsim (Fr)	Barzalona	Chappet	121
6	8	Porcelaine (Ire)	Kodiac (GB)	Pasquier	Chappet	121
7	11	Minuty (Fr)	Charm Spirit (Ire)	Lemaitre	Head	121
8	3	Lindy Lou (Fr)	Sidestep (Aus)	C Demuro	Baudron	121
9	2	Ammobaby (Fr)	Planteur (Ire)	Cheminaud	H de Nicolay	121
10	7	Gratiane (Fr)	Milanais (Fr)	Grosjean	Montzey	121
11	10	Wanaway (Fr)	Galiway (GB)	Guyon	Bary	121
12	1	Abama (Fr)	Alhebayeb (Ire)	Benoist	Barberot	121
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MAJOR SUPPORT PACKAGE FOR NZ INDUSTRY



New Zealand Deputy Prime Minister Winston Peters | Getty Images

By Paul Vettise

Minister for Racing Winston Peters has announced a NZ\$72.5 million COVID-19 emergency support package for the New Zealand racing industry.

The New Zealand racing industry was in a desperate state before the coronavirus outbreak, which halted racing on March 24. Racing was set resume on July 3 with a flat stake level of NZ\$15,000 for the 13 meetings to be held next month.

Tuesday's announcement by Minister for Racing Winston Peters of a NZ\$72.5 million COVID-19 emergency support package includes a relief grant for the Racing Industry Transition Authority (RITA) and funding for the construction of all-weather tracks at Awapuni and at Christchurch, while work is already under-way for the first surface at the Cambridge training centre.

Peters delivered news of the support package, which he described as the beginning of a lengthy recovery process for the future financial sustainability of the New Zealand industry.

"We can't gild the lily. The racing industry has been hit by the perfect storm of COVID-19 while in a weak financial state and in the midst of a reform program," he said. "As a result, there is a genuine risk of insolvency and the industry losing the future gains of its reforms.

"The Government has a respond, recover, and rebuild strategy for COVID-19. This announcement is the first step toward a long term restoration of racing. "

The support package consists of a NZ\$50 million dollar relief grant for the RITA; up to NZ\$20 million in funding to construct two new all-weather race tracks and NZ\$2.5 million for the Department of Internal Affairs to fast track work on the online gambling revenue and address loss of revenue impacts on community and sport groups.

"Of the immediate grant, \$26 million will be used by RITA to pay its outstanding supplier bill, which it hasn't been able to do because of strangled revenue," Peters said. "The other share of this package will ensure RITA, and each of the racing codes, can maintain a baseline functionality and resume racing activities."

Last week, RITA announced proposed staffing cuts to the TAB in response to the impact of COVID-19.

The proposal included a reduction of approximately 30 per cent of roles across all areas of the organisation and is in addition to other cost saving measures aimed at reducing total expenditure.

The detail of the proposal would see the business becoming leaner, more efficient and with increased commercial and customer focus.

The scale of change presented to staff was required to ensure the business was sustainable for the future and best placed to meet the needs of New Zealand racing and sport, RITA Executive Chair Dean McKenzie said.

Following the initial consultation process, final decisions will be announced later this month.

"The racing industry is seriously underestimated for its economic contribution. For this reason, the Government will also consider recapitalising the industry to help promote a quicker recovery and achieve a greater economic outcome," Peters said. "Past studies indicate racing contributes NZ\$1.6 billion to the economy each year. There are 15-thousand full-time racing industry jobs and nearly 60,000 jobs which participate in the industry in some shape – from vets to equipment suppliers, and owners. New Zealand bloodstock is world class and a significant export earner.

"Over the next three months officials will assess recapitalisation options. Ministers will need to be assured industry reforms are making progress to ensure any such future investment is well directed."

The Government has also approved up to NZ\$20 million dollars from the Provincial Growth Fund (PGF) to construct two new synthetic race tracks.

The intention is to have one located at Awapuni in the Manawatu and the other at Riccarton Park in Christchurch. The construction of a track in Cambridge is already underway after receiving NZ\$6.5 million in PGF funding.

"Whilst the NZ\$20 million has been approved, the next step is for RITA and the codes to consult with the local race clubs on the terms behind these projects," Peters said. "COVID-19 has also impacted on funding available to community and sport organisations which receive a share of gambling revenue. There has also been an increase in New Zealanders gambling offshore throughout online platforms.

"Both trends are concerning. For that reason the Government is fast tracking a program of work by the DIA to re-evaluate the gambling framework of our community, sporting, and racing groups."

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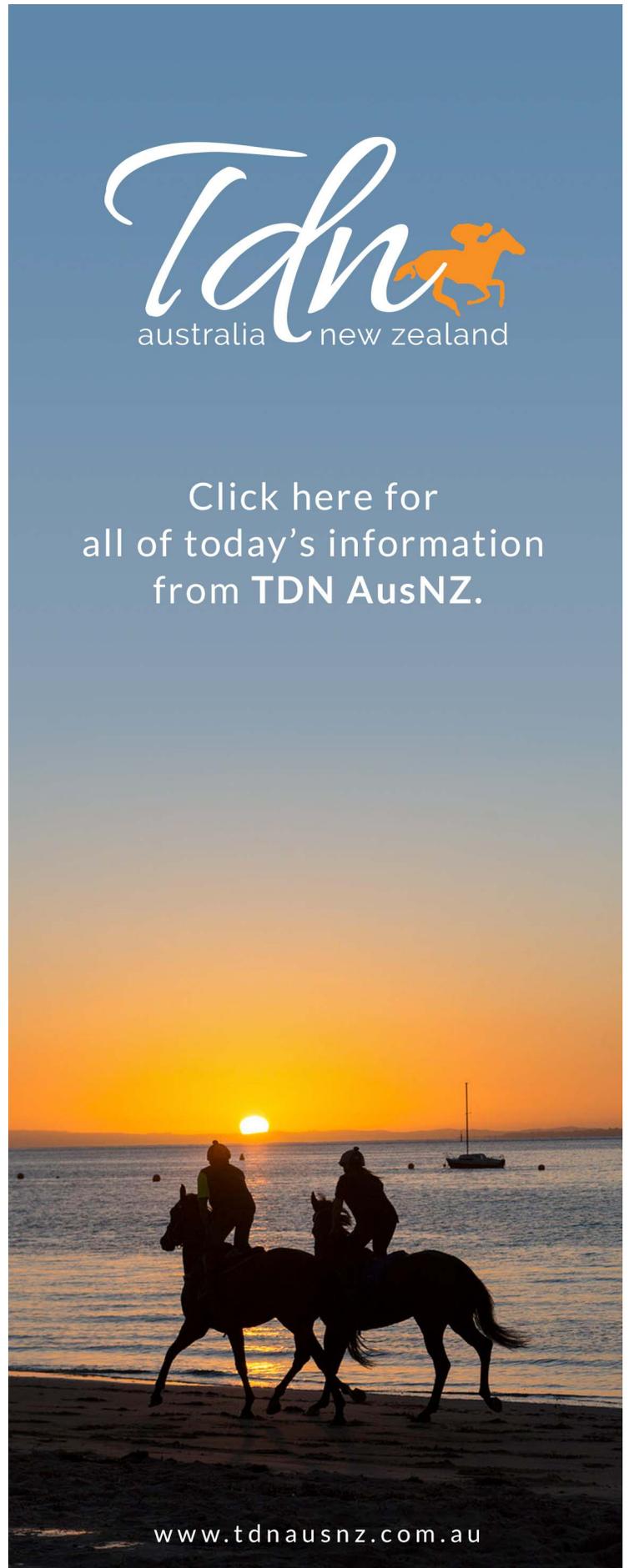
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