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## OBS MAKES PLANS FOR SAFETY PROTOCOLS AT SPRING SALE



OBS sales grounds | Photos by Z

by Jessica Martini

The juvenile sales calendar, interrupted by the coronavirus epidemic, is scheduled to resume in three weeks with the Ocala Breeders' Sales Company's Spring Sale of 2-year-Olds in Training and the OBS board met Monday to discuss the implementation of safety protocols ahead of the four-day auction. OBS held the only 2-year-olds in training sale of the year so far in March, just as the pandemic was starting to cause mass cancellations. Precautions for the Spring Sale will continue on from protocols put in place prior to the March sale, according to OBS Director of Sales Tod Wojciechowski.

"We will have a crew of people here wiping down the facility," Wojciechowski said. "We will have door people working the doors, so people don't have to touch anything. We will have hand sanitizing stands throughout the facility."

Additionally for the Spring Sale, all OBS employees will be wearing masks while inside the building and everyone attending the sale will be strongly encouraged to wear face coverings as well. And social distancing efforts will be stepped up.

"We are urging people that are not here to buy horses to stay home," Wojciechowski. "We will limit some of the rows in the auditorium to help with social distancing. Our food services will be limited to grab-and-go and seating will be limited. **Cont. p3**

## FORMER NAVARRO, SERVIS HORSES ENTERED AT GULFSTREAM

by Bill Finley

The next chapter in the saga of Jorge Navarro and Jason Servis will begin Thursday at Gulfstream Park when the first of more than 100 horses that had been under the care of the two trainers before they were indicted will start for their new barns.

Now trained by Mike Maker, **Admiral Lynch** (Super Saver) has been entered in Thursday's ninth race. The 4-year-old had been trained by Servis. On Thursday, Todd Pletcher will send out two horses that had previously been trained by Navarro.

Three days after Navarro and Servis were indicted on charges that revolved around the use of illegal performance-enhancing drugs, it was announced by Gulfstream officials that the horses they had been training would be placed on the veterinarian's list and restricted from racing for at least 60 days. **Cont. p7**

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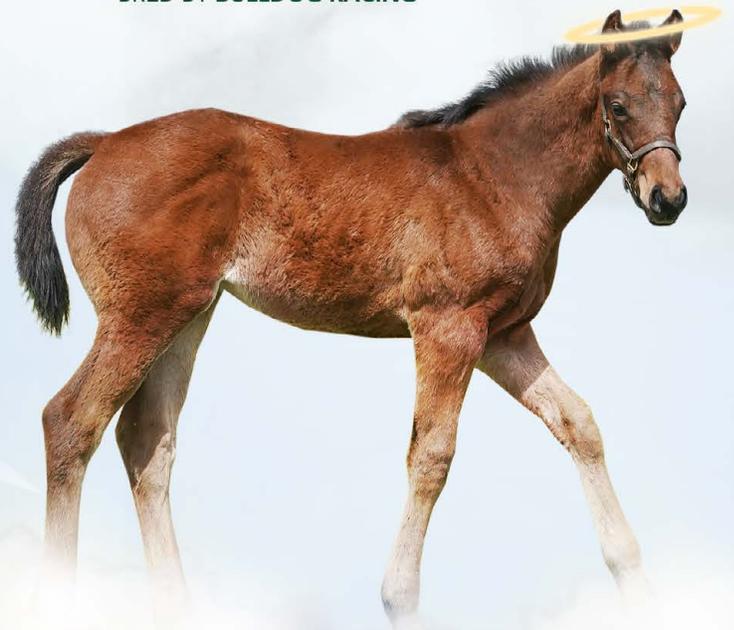
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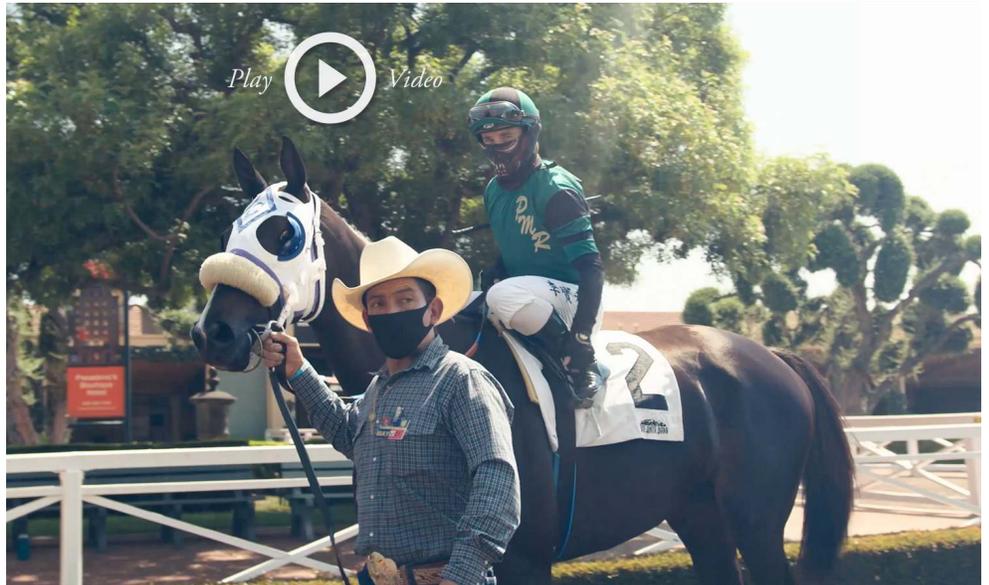
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**MIDNIGHT BISOU TARGETS FLEUR DE LIS**

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*Bloom Racing Stable LLC, Madaket Stables and Allen Racing LLC's Midnight Bisou (Midnight Lute) is tentatively scheduled to resume the American portion of her career in the GII Fleur de Lis S. at Churchill Downs June 27.*

**FORTY NINER DIES IN JAPAN**

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*Forty Niner (Mr. Prospector--File, by Tom Rolfe), a four-time Grade I winner and champion of his generation in 1987 before becoming a sire of considerable importance, passed away Monday, May 18, in Japan due to the infirmities of old age. He had just celebrated his 35th birthday May 11.*

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## OBS Makes Plans for Safety Protocols at Spring Sale *(cont. from p1)*

Wojciechowski continued, "In high traffic areas, our employees will be behind a plexiglass barrier."

Two weeks ago, **Woodford Thoroughbreds announced new safety protocols** it would implement for its Spring sale consignment. Wojciechowski said he expects to see other consignors follow suit.

"We're sending out an email with some basic guidelines to all of the consignors," he said. "Woodford came out with a statement about it. And I believe you will see a number of consignors doing very similar things on the grounds; helping with spacing and masks, hand sanitizing and stuff like that."

The under-tack show for the Spring sale will be held May 31 through June 6 and the same protocols in place for the sale will be in place for the breeze show.

"We will have people wiping down common areas at the breeze show, we will ask people to socially distance, and urge people inside to wear masks," Wojciechowski said. "We will not have communal water areas. We will have bottled water available, but we will have someone handing it out or serving it from behind a table rather than in an ice chest where people reach in to grab the water."

Wojciechowski has fielded phone calls from potential bidders concerned about what precautions will be in place for the sale, which will be held June 9 through 12, but he feels most people have become familiar with the protocols that make up the "new normal" throughout the greater society.

"We've had a couple of calls from people asking if we were going to require masks or different things, not a lot, but I've had some people call and ask," he said. "And rightly so. People want to know that we are going to make an effort and will try to keep them safe. We want to do all that we can, but I believe, given what we've all been through the last couple of months, I think people have a good viewpoint on how to handle themselves in public now. I think there are habits that have been made over the last two months that will continue on."

People who are unable to attend the sale will have the option of online bidding and phone bidding.

"Within the next couple of days, we will have a registration page up and people can register to bid online with the live simulcast of the auction," Wojciechowski said. "In addition to that, we have phone bidding that we always have."

After a two-month hiatus, Wojciechowski thinks buyers and sellers are eager to get back into action.

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“I think everyone is happy to get started again,” he said. “We can see what is going on in the world, everyone has a little cabin fever, and obviously the horse business is no different. I think it’s good that we see a number of the racetracks starting to reopen and race. I think people are ready for that. And I think they are ready for the sales as well.”

The *TDN* staff reached out to a number of buyers who have traditionally been active at the 2-year-olds in training sales to gauge their feelings ahead of the Spring sale. Their reactions follow.

**JUSTIN CASSE:**

My feelings about going to OBS are overshadowed by my anxiousness to get the 2-year-old sales season wrapped up, just as any other horseman in Ocala would feel, I’m sure. Of course safety is a concern, but I feel comfortable and confident going forward with my job as long as I continue adhering to the same precautions I have been for the past 60 days. The OBS sales grounds is an open space for inspecting and there are many locations to bid from without being paranoid about congestion. I would say the main precautions you’d like to see are: 1) adequate social distancing, 2) properly outfitted staff decontaminating public spaces when possible and, 3) hand sanitizer and wipes readily available. I believe if everyone respects each other’s space and acts accordingly, things should go well. It is of the utmost importance that this sale goes well and moves forward. This sale is going to be indicative of how the remaining 2-year-old sales will end up. Not to mention it has a trickle-down effect that ripples through the entire year. The yearling sales will need 2-year-old pinhookers who aren’t going to be limited from the economic strain of COVID. Then the results from those yearling sales have a large effect on how much pinhooking money comes back for the foals at the mixed sales.



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**DOUG CAUTHEN**

I'll start by saying I was at the OBS March sale, and under the circumstances, I thought OBS did a good job to make things as comfortable as possible for people in attendance. However, between that time and now, a lot more information has come out, including that if people simply wear masks universally, up to 80% of transmission risk is eliminated. That's big. This proved out if you review the success at Oaklawn Park where they checked temps and wore masks daily to great success. In Kentucky, Churchill and Keeneland have taken an even greater step with universal COVID-19 testing, and it's been very doable (24 hours or less turnaround on results) and has tremendously helped limit the possibility of horsemen populations coming from Fair Grounds, Florida, and Oaklawn into Kentucky and causing a significant COVID-19 spike. Personally, I think OBS should be a little concerned about all of us "ship-ins" coming to Marion County, which has a very low COVID caseload currently, and potentially causing a spike. So the way to deal with that is to test everyone who comes into town. It is doable, and I believe Keeneland and Fasig-Tipton will be able to pull that off for their sales. One thing is for sure, I'll be wearing a mask around people, and wearing out the hand-sanitizer. I understand OBS won't be doing testing, and that is their prerogative. But I'd be very happy to see their staff and consignors come out and follow the [Woodford Thoroughbreds plan](#), to have masks on everyone, temp people daily, and have hand sanitizer around everywhere. The OBS layout allows people to bid on horses comfortably enough, and avoid being around others. I'm looking forward to going to the sale, but I sure hope that OBS and the consignors work hard to make it a comfortable place to be.

**DAVID INGORDO**

I am going. I wouldn't miss it for the world. I've talked to Eddie Woods and Barry Eisaman today and I think all the protocols are appropriate, they're fair, and I'm going down with confidence in regards to my health. I have clients from California who are coming in from the sale, and from all different regions of the country. Nobody feels in danger. I'm going with confidence. All winter and even this weekend, we've been going to the races at Gulfstream.

I've sat in the car, but my wife and her people go in, and everybody is careful. We've all been tested when we got her to Churchill and we're all COVID-free. OBS will have hand sanitizers, social distancing, wearing a mask. Really, only on sales days is when it gets crowded, and typically, they have a lot of people just looking, and they usually have school kids coming to check it out, but that won't happen this year, so it should be less crowded. I just think we have to be smart, listen to what everyone says to do, and we don't need to be standing on top of each other. But we're ready to get back to work. We're going to go, and support the industry, and my clients are as well.

**JOE APPELBAUM**

Our experience in the Northeast is different than it is in Marion County. Until you see someone in your neighborhood sick and see people dying, that's understandable. What we've seen is that business conferences have been a source of spread. I have 32 horses catalogued, so it's important to me that people come and feel safe, and OBS has a large plant. The workers at my consignment will be wearing masks. I think that's important. We're going to try to limit our interactions in a way that in the past would have seemed inconceivable. I think that the good news at the barns is that we can call out horses to bring out without having to get too close to anyone. Obviously, as you get closer to the sales ring, it's more difficult. We'll have a lot more online bidding, and telephone bidding, and that will be great, too. The reality of the sales, even though we see a lot of people there, is that a few dozen agents and trainers do the bulk of the purchasing. It's as much about making that group comfortable as anything else. I will be there. It will be my first trip out of New York. I have been thinking of travel strategies and doing research about the safety of air travel rather than car. Research suggests air travel is safer than you think as long as you wear a mask and don't have someone sitting right next to you. Our guys have been working in our barn for the last two months with masks and gloves. I think OBS is on the right track. We've seen conditions improve so quickly in the last two, three weeks, and so I hope they'll keep on in that direction.

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**STEVE ASMUSSEN**

I'm going to go. I think, for me, it comes down to the fact that I need to be responsible for myself. We've had a little practice at this for a couple of months, anyway. I'll be wearing a mask, but that has nothing to do with OBS specifically; I do that everywhere. I think being responsible for ourselves would be the best start. OBS is obviously trying, but we still all need to be conscious and do the right thing.

**EMMANUEL DESEROUX**

At the moment, I personally take the situation very seriously and I've been staying home since my return from OBS March. I have made no decision yet about traveling in the near future. Florida is one of the states that is still in red alert. Obviously, Ocala is far away from Miami, but I have made no decision at this stage. I feel like we've done the right thing staying at home so far and what is another two or three weeks to make sure we get it right. It's a very difficult situation for all parties involved, but I think the health issue is very serious and we need to be very careful.

*[Are your Japanese clients planning on being active at the sale?]*

Usually with the 2-year-olds we buy to go to Japan, we buy earlier. Now it is getting late to travel to Japan because by the time you ship the horses out of the U.S., they would not be able to ship before mid-July, which is the peak of the heat. It's not a good time to travel. So the number of horses being bought will probably not be as many as we would have been buying. Other clients are very much still confined at home because the issue with the coronavirus is not resolved. So a lot of people are still under confinement.

If we are interested in a horse we can always work with people on the ground who live there.

*[Would you bid online?]*

Depends on who has seen the horses for us beforehand.



Emmanuel deSeroux | Photos by Z

**STEVE YOUNG**

I think whatever the people at OBS think we need to do to be safe and to get up and running is what we have to do. I have no reservations about going there. I am going there to buy horses. I think our country has played defense long enough. I feel horrible for the people who have passed, but I think there are inherent risks in everything in life. This isn't the first time that we've had a bad health situation--some of them before I was born--and it won't be the last.

*[Will you wear a mask?]*

The only time I won't wear a mask is if I forget it somewhere. But yeh. I will wear a mask.

**JEFF BLOOM**

It's a question that I've asked myself numerous times over the course of the last few weeks. I'm both a seller and a buyer, so I am wondering the same thing about others who are in the same position, whether buyers, sellers or both, what's going to be an individual's level of comfort? It's a very fluid situation. On a daily basis, we're starting to see changes in people's take on what the situation is relative to the safety of being outside. I think we're really starting to see more and more as things start to open up that maybe there's less risk with travel and the idea of being out in public, while at the same time recognizing that it's prudent and smart and obvious to take precautions. I think and hope that OBS will do their part to create an environment with proper protocols in place to make things as safe as possible. I fully intend to make the trip to OBS, to be there for the breeze show and to participate in the same way I would as though this never happened. That's part of my job and I believe with what we're seeing, it's a very reasonable expectation that those of us that will be there will be just as safe as we can be without any additional risks or concerns.

**CHARLIE BODEN**

I don't wear a mask and I don't wear gloves around town right now. Unless I am told I have to wear one, I don't. So if I am outside, I definitely don't plan on wearing a mask and if I were to be inside in a large crowd, I probably would. As far as I am concerned, if I am outside looking at horses or even inside, I would probably try to keep my distance a little bit from people. But I am not as concerned as the rest of the world about this right now. I think a hat is more important than a mask. I am more worried about the sun than I am the virus.

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## Former Navarro, Servis Horses Entered at Gulfstream *(cont. from p1)*

In order to be cleared for racing, they had to undergo a battery of tests, including urine and blood tests, and the new trainers had to submit hair samples. The final step was a workout performed before state veterinarians.

Gulfstream Executive Director, Florida Operations Bill Badgett said there were “100 plus” horses that were prohibited from running because they had been trained by Servis or Navarro and that all but about 30 have been cleared to race again. Dr. Dionne Benson, the chief veterinary officer for The Stronach Group, said that no illegal drugs have been detected in any of the horses.

“Our first priority was making sure the horses were healthy and ready to return to competition,” Benson said. “We were concerned about any permanent damage that may have been done to these horses. If they had had any growth hormones or anything like that we couldn’t test for, the 60 days off would also give us the opportunity to make sure these horses were clear from the affects of any of those substances.”

Admiral Lynch made his first 11 starts for Navarro before being turned over to trainer Tim Kreiser for whom he made two starts. Landing in the Servis barn after being sold at Fasig-Tipton’s December sale, the dark bay ran once for Servis, finishing second in the Feb. 22 Gill World of Trouble S. A repeat of that would make him tough to beat in the \$48,000 allowance.

“He’s doing well and I have high hopes for him,” Maker said. “If he runs the way he has been working, he will be very competitive.”

Maker said he hasn’t seen any signs that would suggest Admiral Lynch, or any of the other 11 horses he has received that were trained by Servis, are any different than any other horses he has acquired from another trainer.

“It’s really been pretty straightforward,” he said. “It looks like these horses were well cared for. I have no complaints. I have claimed horses from Jason before and none of them have seemed any different than horses I claimed from someone else.”

On Friday, Pletcher will send out **Pick Up the Fone** (Overanalyze) in a \$20,000 claiming race and **Cowboy Culture** (Quality Road) in a \$12,500 claiming race.

“They’ve all trained well,” he said of the eight horses he now has that were trained by Navarro. “Once we received them, we knew they wouldn’t be able to run for a while. When we found out it was going to be a couple of months, we sort of freshened them up a bit and got them on a breeze program. Then they went through a series of tests they needed in order to be cleared.”

Pletcher also said that nothing seemed to be out of the ordinary with the former Navarro horses.

“To be honest with you, I didn’t notice any difference with them and we didn’t see any major fall off on any of the ones we got,” he said.

Pletcher ordinarily doesn’t accept low-level claimers into his program, but said he did so as a favor to Mike Repole, who is the owner of seven of the former Navarro trainees.

“Mike is one of our biggest clients and we wanted to accommodate him,” Pletcher said. “It was a tight window and people needed to make decisions to get their horses proper care right away so we wanted to help him out.”



**Firenze Fire** | Sarah Andrew

Trainer Kelly Breen acquired a number of horses that had been trained by Servis, including Grade I winner **Firenze Fire** (Poseidon’s Warrior). Breen is hoping to run the 5-year-old in the GI Carter H., if the race is part of the Belmont spring stakes program. With Servis having an unusual training routine, where his horses have long, slow gallops in the morning, Breen decided it was best not to change things up too dramatically.

“We have tried to continue with the training style Jason had, two-minute licking them,” he said. “I have tried to not do too much with them until I got to know them and get them through an acclimation period. Their maintenance level and their blood level for me have stayed very good.”

Badgett said the trainers who have taken in former Navarro and Servis horses are “chomping at the bit” to get them back to the races. That means the Gulfstream entries may soon include dozens of these horse, which will present a handicapping conundrum for horseplayers. If the horses had been doped in prior starts and are now running free of drugs, what will that do to their form? In its investigation, the FBI concluded that virtually all of Navarro and Servis’ horses were regularly drugged with a number of banned substances. Both trainers are out on bail.

## MIDNIGHT BISOU PENCILED IN FOR FLEUR DE LIS *by Alan Carasso*

Bloom Racing Stable LLC, Madaket Stables and Allen Racing LLC's **Midnight Bisou** (Midnight Lute), last seen finishing a bang-up second in the inaugural \$20-million Saudi Cup in Riyadh Feb. 29, is tentatively scheduled to resume the American portion of her career in the GII Fleur de Lis S. at Churchill Downs June 27. The 5-year-old mare worked five furlongs in a leisurely 1:02.80 at Keeneland Friday, May 15, before vanning to Churchill Downs over the weekend.

"All of her breezes up until the other day were designed to get some additional foundation under her," managing partner Jeff Bloom said Monday. "Now that she's had her first five-eighths since coming back from Saudi, [trainer] Steve [Asmussen] plans to start cranking up the tempo and start gearing her up for getting ready to run again, which right now tentatively on the calendar would be the Fleur de Lis next month at Churchill."

A \$200,000 event going a mile and an eighth, the Fleur de Lis serves as a 'Win and You're In' qualifier for the GI Breeders' Cup Distaff at Keeneland in early November.

Bloom said that Midnight Bisou did her return quarantine in Chicago before vanning to Keeneland. He said that Midnight Bisou has done remarkably well within the context of all the moving around she's done over the past 2 1/2 months.

"I was talking to Steve last night and we were just marvelling about how unique she is by not getting fazed by things, like travel or new environments, and also just how strong she is, physically," he said. "I just got a video of her, she had just arrived at Churchill, and she's carrying incredible weight, she's got great muscle, her coat couldn't look any better, she's happy. It's as though she never traveled anywhere."

Not unlike other industry shareholders, Bloom is excited to see racing getting back on its feet.

"The powers that be in those racing jurisdictions have been working tirelessly--the horsemen, the racetrack operators--it's been a challenge," he offered. "It's an understatement to say that I am thrilled and excited about the fact that we've now seen some of these areas lift the hold and are opening up racing--on so many levels, is critically important for all of us in the industry. The racing ties into all the things we do: as



**Midnight Bisou** | Jockey Club of Saudi Arabia

breeders, as people that buy and sell horses at auction, all of this relies and revolves around that we have racing opportunities. I am over-the-top excited. In general, the ability to have the underlying light at the end of the tunnel makes it so much easier to move forward. It's an enormous relief."

Bloom also reflected on the weekend return to the races of fellow Eclipse Award winner Monomoy Girl (Tapizar), who easily defeated Churchill allowance rivals Saturday, May 16.

"She's a remarkable racemare," he said. "Her record speaks for itself. Huge shout-out to her connections and in particular, her trainer, for having her come off such a long layoff and be effective, having had so many hiccups along the way. Those good horses, like she is, step up to the challenge. She showed her grit and her desire and her talent and so, sure, as a fan, I love seeing that kind of stuff."

In four head-to-head battles between the fillies in 2018, Monomoy Girl crossed the line ahead of Midnight Bisou on each occasion (Midnight Bisou was awarded the GI Cotillion S. via disqualification of Monomoy Girl).

As both a fan and an owner, Bloom is looking forward what the rest of the season may hold.

"At the end of the previous year, we were really excited about having another year of matchups between Midnight Bisou and Monomoy Girl," he explained. "It's good for racing. We felt at the time that our mare was up to the challenge and we were going to get to see some really good races between two very talented racehorses. It's exciting to know that the distaff division is that much stronger. I'm super happy for her connections, but at the end of the day, it's a huge positive for the industry to have the potential for a pretty significant matchup."

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## RUNHAPPY BONUS EXTENDED TO BELMONT

The Runhappy bonus program, which will reward owners of 2-year-olds by Claiborne Farm freshman sire **Runhappy** (Super Saver) \$100,000 for winning an unrestricted maiden race at Saratoga first time out, has been extended to the corresponding races at the Belmont meeting, set to kick off the week of June 1.

The bonus will be paid by owner Jim McIngvale, who campaigned Runhappy to victories in the GI King's Bishop S. and GI Breeders' Cup Sprint en route to being named champion sprinter of 2015. **Cont. p9**

“We’re really excited about the New York Racing Association getting back up,” McIngvale said during Sunday’s ‘America’s Day at the Races’ program on FOX Sports. “Whenever the first races are for 2-year-olds at the Belmont spring/summer meet, we decided to extend the Runhappy \$100,000 bonus. We were reserving for Saratoga, Del Mar and Kentucky Downs, but since Belmont got delayed, we wanted to add some excitement.”



**Brother Lob, a first-crop son of Runhappy out of Pledge Pin (Chatain), fetched \$475,000 at this year’s OBS March sale | ThoroStride**

The sire of 94 2-year-olds of 2020 according to The Jockey Club, Runhappy was the second-leading first-crop yearling sire by average (\$227,000) for 59 sold from 68 offered off an advertised 2017 stud fee of \$25,000, according to [TDN Sales Statistics](#).

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## QUEEN’S PLATE SET FOR SEPT. 12

The Queen’s Plate, originally scheduled for June, has been rescheduled for Sept. 12, Woodbine Entertainment announced Monday.

“The history of The Queen’s Plate is so rich and the fact that it’s been held every year since the inaugural race in 1860 is remarkable,” said Jim Lawson, CEO, Woodbine Entertainment. “We are honored to be able to continue this rich history in face of adversity by hosting the race for the 161st consecutive year.”

The \$1-million stakes race was postponed this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. It was originally scheduled to run June 27.

Woodbine’s 2020 Thoroughbred meet is currently scheduled to open without spectators June 6. The Woodbine Oaks and The Plate Trial are expected to be held Aug. 15. The track’s full Thoroughbred stakes schedule will be announced Wednesday.

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## FORTY NINER DIES IN JAPAN AT 35

**Forty Niner** (Mr. Prospector--File, by Tom Rolfe), a four-time Grade I winner and champion of his generation in 1987 before becoming a sire of considerable importance, passed away Monday, May 18, in Japan due to the infirmities of old age. He had just celebrated his 35th birthday May 11.

Owned and bred by Claiborne Farm and trained by Woody Stephens, Forty Niner won the 1987 GI Futurity S. and GI Champagne S. to clinch a divisional championship. A leading sophomore of 1988, Forty Niner missed by a neck to Winning Colors in the GI Kentucky Derby and bounced back from a disappointing effort behind eventual champion Risen Star in the GI Preakness S. to add the GI Haskell Invitational S. and GI Travers S., defeating Seeking the Gold narrowly on each occasion. Second, beaten a neck, by Alysheba in the GI Woodward S., Forty Niner prevailed by a neck in the GI NYRA Mile H. and closed his career with a fourth to Alysheba in that year’s GI Breeders’ Cup Classic. He retired with a record of 11-5-0 from 19 starts and earnings of \$2,726,000.

Forty Niner stood at Claiborne from the time of his retirement in 1989 through 1995, siring 41 stakes winners (12% SW to foals), 22 at graded level, including four-time graded winner Distorted Humor. The latter, carries on the legacy of Forty Niner at WinStar Farm. Forty Niner was the sire of six Grade I winners, including 1996 GI Belmont S. hero Editor's Note, fellow Travers winner Coronado's Quest, Ecton Park, Nine Keys, Marley Vale and Gold Fever. He was the leading freshman sire of 1992, and his son End Sweep followed suit in 1998 after accounting for a then record 33 first crop winners.



**Forty Niner (1985-2020) | Bill Denver/Equi-Photo**

Forty Niner was sold to continue his career at Shizunai Stallion Station and was pensioned from stud duties in 2007. From his Japanese crops, he was responsible for 14 stakes winners, including two group winners.

Coronado's Quest was also sold to Japan, while End Sweep shuttled from Arrowfield Stud in Australia before his untimely passing in 2002, siring eventual Horse of the Year Admire Moon (Jpn) from his final crop. The latter's son Swept Overboard stood in Japan (died 2017) and is responsible for G1SWs Omega Perfume (Jpn) and Red Falx (Jpn). Ecton Park is a perennial leading sire in South Korea.

Forty Niner's producing daughters have been represented by 95 black-type winners to date, 38 at the group/graded level and eight G1/GI winners High Yield (Storm Cat), Island Sand (Tabasco Cat), Jack Milton (War Front), Mass Media (Touch Gold), Albertus Maximus (Albert the Great) and Daredevil (More Than Ready) in the U.S.; Epoca d'Oro (Jpn) (Orfevre {Jpn}) in Japan; and Pryka (Arg) (Southern Halo) in Argentina. Forty Niner's lesser-known stallion son Roar is the broodmare sire of Horse of the Year Rachel Alexandra (Medaglia d'Oro), while a daughter of West Acre produced two-time Eclipse Award winner Songbird (Medaglia d'Oro). Distorted Humor is the sire of the dams of 97 black-type winners, 45 GSWs and 14 G1/GISWs.

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## VIRTUAL SOVEREIGN AWARDS TONIGHT

Canada's version of the Eclipse Awards, the Sovereign Awards is set to be held during a virtual ceremony Tuesday evening at 8 p.m. Eastern time. The ceremony will be streamed live at [www.woodbine.com](http://www.woodbine.com) and HPItv Canada. A digital program will be available for download at the [Jockey Club of Canada website](#).

The Sovereign Awards, which recognize the nation's best across 12 equine and five human categories, was originally slated for Apr. 16, but officials were forced to postpone the program due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Media Sovereign Awards in the writing, digital AV/Broadcast and photograph categories will also be handed out, while prominent owner/breeder Charles Fipke will be honored with the E.P. Taylor Award of Merit given to those "who have accomplished outstanding individual achievements and have made a significant contribution to the thoroughbred industry in Canada." Harvey Warner, president of the Manitoba Jockey Club and a steward for the Jockey Club of Canada will receive the Special Sovereign Award for his "significant contributions to the Canadian Thoroughbred industry."

Click [here](#) for a list of the 2019 Sovereign Award finalists.

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Forty Niner (inside) gets just the better of Seeking the Gold in the 1988 GI Haskell Invitational S. | Bill Denver/Equi-Photo

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## NY RACE TRACK CHAPLAINCY CAMPAIGN A NECESSARY SUCCESS

by Katie Ritz



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When the New York Racing Association announced Mar. 25 that racing would be suspended due to the coronavirus pandemic, perhaps no lives were affected as much as those of the New York backstretch workers. The New York Race Track Chaplaincy, which has been dedicated to supporting and ministering to the needs of this community for over 30 years, jumped into action.

They began a campaign to help the 3,500 people who were suddenly without their normal wage deal with the challenges that resulted from the pandemic, asking for help in providing food and germ-fighting supplies. The racing industry responded enthusiastically with both financial and emotional support.

New York Race Track Chaplaincy general manager Karen Chavez spoke of her gratitude towards the industry.

"It is incredible what we have been able to do over the past few weeks thanks to your generosity," she said. The New York Race Track Chaplaincy has been able to provide food to hundreds of backstretch workers every single week thanks to your help and to all the donations that have been coming in. We are so grateful to all the racing fans around the United States who have helped us in our efforts to provide food and other supplies to backstretch workers. To all of you who supported the chaplaincy, we would like to say thank you."

One of the biggest focuses for the chaplaincy team was to make sure that the shelves of their food pantry remained filled. Ramon Dominguez, president of the New York Race Track Chaplaincy Board, said that this goal was accomplished.

"The support for the food pantry has been overwhelming," he said. "So many people have come forward to ensure the shelves have enough food to feed the families. We have been touched by so many donations of any size, as well as many calls, messages, and prayers. It has been so heartwarming, and all of

this support has come from people from all over-different states near and far."

One racing participant in particular made a major impact on the campaign. Owner Len Green of DJ Stable made a matching pledge of \$25,000. For every dollar that people donated, Green matched for up to \$25,000.

Green has been a strong supporter of various chaplaincy programs for decades, he was recently challenged to make his stance more public.

"I don't usually do these publicity things," Green said. "But my good friend Terry Finley called me and said he wanted me to give something for this campaign publically. When I asked why, he said that I've been in this business for a long time and I have a lot of friends and enemies, so if I give something, they're going to want to match me."

Green said that over his career, he's learned that challenging people can get things done. "I was amazed by how fast the results came in. It's a great cause, and I'm not the hero. I'm just a small part in this whole thing."

Green's son and the general manager of DJ Stable Jon Green added, "You have to recognize and take care of the people who take care of you. People on the backstretch have always been near and dear to us. We've always done whatever we can do to recognize all their hard work, and this was just another way for us to show our appreciation."

Chavez said that Green's challenge was monumental in their campaign. "That's what I call extreme generosity. Like him, there are many other people who have signed up to help, support the cause, and to help us in providing all the things that the families of the backstretch need during this very difficult time."

Although the Belmont track opened for training on May 12 and racing is set to return to New York during the first week of June, Dominguez said that their work is far from finished.

"This is an ongoing effort," he said. "With the constant need for different supplies and food, support is greatly appreciated."

**Financial donations can be made here.** For information about donations of food, contact [info@rtcany.org](mailto:info@rtcany.org) or text 516-428-5267.

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## U.S. SUPREME COURT WON'T HEAR \$150M NJTHA CASE VERSUS SPORTS LEAGUES

by T.D. Thornton

The United States Supreme Court on Monday opted not to get involved in a years-long court dispute over whether the major professional and college sports leagues owe the New Jersey Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association (NJTHA) \$150 million in alleged damages.

The *Associated Press* reported that the case now goes back to a federal court in New Jersey, where a judge will consider evidence from both sides and decide how much the leagues have to pay.

Some \$3.4 million in potential damages had been escrowed in 2014 when the four major U.S. pro sports leagues and one college sports regulatory body (NFL, MLB, NBA, NHL and NCAA) first tried to block Monmouth Park's initial attempt at getting sports betting up and running.

Then in May 2018, the Supreme Court struck down the federal law that had prohibited sports betting in all but a few grandfathered states. Soon after, the NJTHA-run Monmouth opened for legalized sports betting.

Yet even though its sports betting operation was finally up and running, the NJTHA never stopped chasing the money that had been placed in escrow

A September 2019 decision by a U.S. Court of Appeals (Third Circuit) panel of judges ruled that because Monmouth had initially been unlawfully subjected to a no-sports-betting injunction for 28 days in 2014 when it first tried to get into the sports betting business, it had been "wrongfully enjoined" because it "had a right all along to do what is was enjoined when the leagues first tried to block sports betting."

But the NJTHA has claimed in court filings that it is entitled to damages that are actually \$150 million, far higher than the amount that had been escrowed. The association's argument is that it got wrongfully shut out of sports betting for four years, not the original four weeks that the escrow period covered.

After that 2019 ruling came out, the leagues fired back, first requesting an "en banc review" into the case. When that was denied, the two sides sparred for several months at the U.S. District Court level. They agreed to halt proceedings until the U.S. Supreme Court decided whether it would hear the writ of certiorari filed by the leagues, which essentially asked for the nation's highest court to reconsider that "wrongfully enjoined" verdict from 2019.

Writs of certiorari filed at the Supreme Court level are rarely granted, and Monday's denial was one of scores of such denials that got entered into the books without so much as a line of explanation from the judges.

Ronald Riccio, an attorney represented the NJTHA, immediately filed a letter dated Monday with the U.S. District Court of New Jersey exercising the group's "right to renew its motion for immediate judgment" of the full amount of the injunction bond, plus interest, and for "partial summary judgment" as to plaintiffs' "liability for damages in excess of bond amount."

John Brennan, who has been covering the case for *New Jersey Online Gambling*, wrote that the next step presents "a complex question. The horsemen clearly were improperly prevented from offering what turned out to be a legal product--sports betting--for almost four years. But the leagues will have a case to make that they shouldn't be held liable for the legal errors of multiple judges."

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## MINNESOTA RACING BILL EDGES CLOSER TO PASSAGE

by T.D. Thornton

Both branches of the Minnesota Legislature have now passed a bill that aims to help Canterbury Park and Running Aces open spectator-free Thoroughbred and harness meets.

The chief change in the statute, if signed by the governor, will allow the two tracks to operate card clubs even if they race fewer than the required 50 dates per year in 2020 and 2021 if the racing commission deems there are "circumstances beyond the licensee's control," like the current COVID-19 pandemic.

The legislation, which passed the House of Representatives 97-34 on Friday and the Senate 65-2 on Sunday, also reduces the tracks' portion of regulatory fees through the end of 2021.

The bill also includes language pertaining to "capital improvements and expense reimbursements specific to the operation of live racing."

The original version of the bill contained a provision that would have allowed Minnesota residents to bet on in-state racing via phone or online advance-deposit wagering, but that language was removed before the initial hearing.

Canterbury plans a 52-day racing season starting June 10, pending approval from government, health, and racing commission officials.

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## T-SHIRT SALES TO BENEFIT NYRA BACKSTRETCH WORKERS

The sale of new t-shirts with the slogans “Belmont Tough” and “Saratoga Tough” will be used to raise funds for the New York Racing Association backstretch community during the COVID-19 pandemic. NYRA will donate all net proceeds from t-shirt sales in equal allotments to three non-profit organizations which serve the Belmont Park backstretch community: the Belmont Child Care Association (BCCA); the Backstretch Employee Service Team of New York (B.E.S.T.); and the New York Race Track Chaplaincy of America (NYRTCA).

“The backstretch workers are the unsung heroes of our sport,” said NYRA Chief Operating Officer Gordon Lavalette. “As we move toward the resumption of live racing, we encourage fans to support the men and women whose hard work and dedication have made that possible.”

The limited-edition t-shirts are now available for sale by visiting <https://shop.nyra.com/>.

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## TRAINING OPENS AT GRANT PASS DOWNS, TWO OREGON FAIRS SCRAPPED FOR 2020

by T.D. Thornton

Grants Pass Downs opened for training Monday ahead of a nine-date, spectator-free race meet that will span June 16-July 8. Purses are projected at \$60,000 daily, according to a press release issued by the track.

However, two stops on the Oregon summer circuit have called off their race meets because of the coronavirus pandemic.

According to a notice posted on the Oregon Racing Commission web site, the Eastern Oregon Livestock Show meet at Union, which traditionally kicks off the summer fair circuit in the state, will not run its June 12-14 dates.

Crooked River Roundup in Prineville also pulled the plug on the July 15-18 races. According to a press release issued by the association that runs the meet, the under-the-lights Crooked River races traditionally attract the largest handles and average attendances of any racetrack in Oregon.

The other two stops on the state's summer fairs circuit--Harney County Fair in Burns and Tillamook County Fair in Tillamook--are still listed as being on schedule for July and August race dates, according to the commission's site and the fairs' own websites.

Grants Pass Downs will be implementing COVID-19 health protocols that include mask-wearing, with the Oregon Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association providing masks to participating horsemen and support staff. Racing operations will be conducted in compliance with social distancing standards, and two checkpoints with COVID-19 screening equipment will check temperatures and look for symptoms.

Grants Pass Downs, which took over as the main stop on the Oregon circuit last season after the closure of Portland Meadows, will also race a Sep. 20-Nov. 9 meet this year.

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## UPCOMING MAJOR NORTH AMERICAN STAKES

Date	Race	Track
May 23	GII Charles Whittingham S.	Santa Anita
	GIII Daytona S.	Santa Anita
	GIII Matt Winn S.	Churchill
May 25	GI Gamely S.	Santa Anita
	GI Shoemaker Mile S.	Santa Anita
	GII Monrovia S.	Santa Anita
May 30	GIII Old Forester Mint Julep S.	Churchill
	GIII Winning Colors S.	Churchill
	GIII Honeymoon S.	Santa Anita
May 31	GII Santa Maria S.	Santa Anita
June 6	GI Santa Anita Derby	Santa Anita
	GI Gold Cup at Santa Anita	Santa Anita
	GII Santa Anita Oaks	Santa Anita
	GIII Dogwood S.	Churchill
June 7	GII Triple Bend S.	Santa Anita
June 13	GIII Louisville S.	Churchill
June 14	GIII San Francisco Mile S.	Golden Gate
June 20	GII Wise Dan S.	Churchill
	GIII Lázaro Barrera S.	Santa Anita
	GIII Wilshire S.	Santa Anita

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## IN ORDER OF PURSE:

**10th-Santa Anita, \$53,500, Alw (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 5-17, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:37.26, ft.**

**LAMBEAU (c, 4, First Samurai--Coastal Sunrise {SW}, by Congrats),** last but one debuting over the Del Mar turf Aug. 17, graduated off a layoff on the main track there Nov. 29 and was third over track and trip Feb. 7 before missing by a nose going a sixteenth further here Mar. 6. Off as the 29-10 second choice, the \$475,000 Keeneland September buy established a clear lead from his rail draw and dictated terms through strong splits of :22.66 and :46.27. Taken on by Sash (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}) passing the quarter pole, the dark bay dug in gamely through the final furlong to repel that challenger by three-quarters of a length. The winner's dam, a \$60,000 purchase by Arindel at Keeneland November last fall, has a juvenile Broken Vow colt who sold to Mongolian Stable for \$55,000 at OBS March, a yearling colt by Carpe Diem and a full-brother to the winner foaled Feb. 11. Sales History: \$475,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-1, \$80,391. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Jerome S. Moss; B-Popatom, LLC (KY); T-John A. Shirreffs.



## Elm Tree Farm Sales Graduate

**9th-Golden Gate Fields, \$40,454, Alw (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 5-17, 3yo/up, 6f (AWT), 1:09.68, ft.**

**DADDYSPRIZE (r, 5, Scat Daddy--Youtheprizeandi, by You and I),** a debut victor here two springs ago, bolted when switched to the turf in the California-bred Silky Sullivan S., but annexed his next two back on synthetic and dirt and was a close runner-up in the state-bred Real Good Deal S. at Del Mar. Laid up for nearly eight months, he finished sixth in a local allowance last May and returned to the bench before resurfacing again in this spot. Given a 9-1 chance, the homebred broke on top from his outside post before settling in third behind dueling leaders through a salty :21.90 quarter. Pouncing on the pacemakers going by the furlong marker, the ridgling inched clear past the sixteenth pole before holding sway from favored Oiseau de Guerre (War Front) by three-quarters of a length. The victor has a juvenile Smiling Tiger half-brother named Murphys Tiger and a yearling half-brother by Bluegrass Cat named Mileys Bluecat. Lifetime Record: SP, 7-4-1-0, \$114,705. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O/B-Jethorse LLC (CA); T-Tim McCanna.

## Fleetwood Bloodstock Recommended Purchase

**3rd-Will Rogers Downs, \$26,400, (S), Alw, 5-18, (C), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:40.06, ft.**

**CENTERGEE (g, 3, Jimmy Creed--Palaestra {MSP, \$127,965}, by Atticus),** third debuting in a muddy local sprint Apr. 13, graduated by a nose when stretched out to this trip 15 days later and was made a 7-2 repeat proposition here. Showing the way narrowly through fractions of :24.17 and :48.68, the chestnut shook away from his pace pursuers at the eighth pole and staved off the inside bid of Valentine Guy (Latent Heat) to prevail by a neck. Out of a half-sister to GISW Pompeii (Broad Brush), the winner is a half to Nacho Business (Rahy), SW, \$113,590. Sales History: \$12,000 RNA Ylg '18 FTKOCT. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-1, \$31,715. **Click for the Equibase.com chart.**

O/B-Center Hills Farm (OK); T-Scott E. Young.



## IN JAPAN:

**Vent de Lion, c, 3, First Samurai--Kitten's Peak, by Kitten's Joy.** Niigata, 5-16, Maiden (\$90k), 6f, 1:11.9. Lifetime Record: 8-1-1-2, \$97,196. O-Tadahiro Murayama; B-P Headley & Nancy Bell & NATO (KY); T-Yasuhiro Nemoto. \*Won by five lengths as the 6-5 favorite. \*\*\$70,000 Ylg '18 KEEJAN; \$120,000 RNA Ylg '18 FTSAUG; \$40,000 Ylg '18 FTKOCT; \$100,000 2yo '19 OBSAPR.



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**Viel Spass, g, 5, Kitten's Joy--Mighty Renee, by Maria's Mon,** Kyoto, 5-17, Allowance (\$195k), 6f, 1:10.2. Lifetime Record: 11-2-2-1, \$275,047. O-North Hills; B-Sierra Farm (KY); T-Kazuya Nakatake. \*SP-Jpn. \*\*1/2 to Mighty Caroline (Stormy Atlantic), GSW, \$140,000; Renee's Queen (After Market), SW; Cyclogensis (Stormy Atlantic), MSW, \$198,750; and American Theorem (American Pharoah), GISP, \$103,267. \*\*\*\$180,000 Ylg '16 KEESEP.

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## IN RUSSIA:

**Face Mask, c, 2, The Factor--Makeup Artist (GSW, \$198,614), by Dynaformer.** Central Moscow Hippodrome, 5-17, Trial S. (NBT), 1200m. B-George Krikorian (KY). \*1ST TIME STARTER. \*\*Won by 7 1/2 lengths. \*\*\*\$47,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP. **VIDEO**



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**Bud' Geroem, c, 3, Commissioner**--Speed Wagon (SW, \$134,700), by Tomorrow's Cat. Central Moscow Hippodrome, 5-17, Season Opening S. (NBT), 1800m. B-Paul Knapper (KY). \*Won by seven lengths. \*\*1/2 to India Mantuana (Wilburn), GSW, \$223,100. \*\*\*\$6,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP. **VIDEO**

**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

**10th-Golden Gate Fields, \$35,110, 5-17, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, 6f (AWT), 1:09.51, ft.**

**FACTS MATTER (g, 5, The Factor--Alpha Tammy, by Golden Missile)** Lifetime Record: 19-7-2-1, \$154,765. O-Quadrun Farm LLC; B-Maccabee Farm (KY); T-Tim McCanna. \*\$67,000 Ylg '16 KEESEP; \$100,000 2yo '17 OBSMAR.

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**6th-Will Rogers Downs, \$22,000, 5-18, (NW2X), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:37.58, ft.**

**GOT MOJO (g, 5, Liaison--Saardona, by Saarland)** Lifetime Record: 26-4-6-3, \$62,524. O-Steve F. Williams; B-Robby & Treissa Robinson (AR); T-Jose Martinez-Espinoza. \*\$15,000 RNA Ylg '16 OBSWIN; \$18,000 RNA Ylg '16 FTKOCT.

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**STAKES RESULTS:**

**MORE THAN EVEN S., (NB) \$55,000, Will Rogers Downs, 5-18, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:43.87, ft.**

**1--LADY ORCHID, 124, f, 4, Oratory--Burst of Life (SW, \$140,355), by Soto.** O/B-Lori L. Bravo (OK); T-Francisco Bravo; J-Floyd Wethey, Jr. \$33,000. Lifetime Record: 8-5-1-0, \$165,454.

**2--Spring Steen, 124, m, 5, Maclean's Music--Spring Unbridled, by Unbridled's Song. (\$5,000 RNA Ylg '16 HEROCT).** O-Michael Grossman; B-Eureka Thoroughbred Farm (OK); T-Francisco Bravo. \$11,000.

**3--She's Shiney, 124, f, 4, Save Big Money--Swiss Blend, by Swiss Yodeler.** O/B-Adios Reality Farms LLC (OK); T-J. Alan Williams. \$6,050.

Margins: 2 3/4, 1HF, 1. Odds: 2.90, 4.30, 9.20.

**FIRST SAMURAI, Lambeau, c, 4, o/o Coastal Sunrise, by Congrats.** AOC, 5-17, Santa Anita

**JIMMY CREED, Centergee, g, 3, o/o Palaestra, by Atticus.** ALW, 5-18, Will Rogers

**LIAISON, Got Mojo, g, 5, o/o Saardona, by Saarland.** ALW, 5-18, Will Rogers

**ORATORY, Lady Orchid, f, 4, o/o Burst of Life, by Soto.** More Than Even S., 5-18, Will Rogers

**SCAT DADDY, Daddysprize, r, 5, o/o Youtheprizeandi, by You and I.** AOC, 5-17, Golden Gate

**THE FACTOR, Facts Matter, g, 5, o/o Alpha Tammy, by Golden Missile.** ALW, 5-17, Golden Gate

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Barcelona soccer player Clément Lenglet, owner of Bois D'Argent, has two horses in training with Francis-Henri Graffard. The Frenchman has been capped seven times by his country. | Getty Images photo

By Gary King

On Monday, footballer Clément Lenglet sent out his 3-year-old colt **Bois D'Argent (GB)** (Toronado {Ire}) to an impressive debut win at Chantilly. A member of France's national team, he currently plays his club football for Barcelona and has two horses in training with Francis-Henri Graffard. Lenglet, who grew up about 40 minutes from Chantilly, is advised by French bloodstock consultant Ghislain Bozo. *TDN's* Gary King caught up with the centre-back after the win.

**TDN:** Could you describe how you developed your interest in horses and horse racing.

**CL:** My father went racing a lot, and used to take me with him. We went to the racetracks and bet a little bit. I developed a love for the sport and the animal. It came very naturally.

**TDN:** Why did you decide to get involved in ownership?

**CL:** I was introduced to Ghislain [Bozo] at the G1 Prix du Jockey Club. I was keen to get into racing and was looking for a credible agent and someone to help me.

We quickly went to the breeze-ups at Arqana and purchased a filly called **Perle D'Ivoire (Ire)** (Starspangledbanner {Aus}). She was second at Deauville last year and is back in training with Francis [Graffard] after a small set back. [Cont. p2](#)

## THE WEEKLY WRAP: FLAMING JUNE

By Emma Berry

Setting aside the disappointment that most of us won't actually be able to attend race meetings, June is promising to be a stellar month of action after a prolonged spell of inactivity.

France has eased us back into the idea of being able to watch live European racing with a week of informative meetings, including a number of trials and juvenile contests, and Ireland was given a boost by government on Friday when it was confirmed that racing could begin again on June 8. In theory, British racing will start a week before that, and while the noises oft appear to be encouraging, that has yet to be confirmed.

Working on the assumption that it will go ahead, as the BHA race planners have been doing, the batting order for major races in Britain, Ireland and France currently runs like this:

June 1: Poule d'Essai des Poulains & Poule d'Essai des Pouliches, ParisLongchamp

June 5: Coronation Cup, Newmarket

June 6: 2000 Guineas, Newmarket

June 7: 1000 Guineas, Newmarket

June 12: Irish 2000 Guineas, The Curragh

June 13: Irish 1000 Guineas, The Curragh

June 16-20: Royal Ascot

June 27: Irish Derby, The Curragh

July 4: Derby & Oaks, Epsom

July 5: Eclipse, Sandown

July 5: Prix du Jockey Club & Prix de Diane, Chantilly [Cont. p4](#)



Magna Grecia, winner of the 2019 2000 Guineas | Racing Post

## IN TDN AMERICA TODAY

EX-NAVARRO, SERVIS HORSES ENTERED AT GULFSTREAM

Horses that were transferred from indicted trainers Jorge Navarro and Jason Servis have been entered at Gulfstream Park. Bill Finley has the scoop. [Click or tap here to go straight to TDN America.](#)

TDN  Q & A

**Clement Lenglet Cont. from p1**

**TDN: Francis has had a lot of success as a trainer in a relatively short period of time. Is that what attracted you to employing his services?**

**CL:** Ghislain introduced my father and I to three different trainers. We decided on Francis because we liked his sensibilities to horses, his professionalism, the way he kept his yard, and we had a good rapport with him.

**TDN: Could you describe the feeling when Bois D'Argent won. Was it similar to winning a big soccer match?**

**CL:** I had such positive emotion. It was my first victory ever in racing. But I love competition, so it's important for me to win. I must say that I never felt any pressure but made it clear that I wanted to win.

**TDN: Are any of the other Barcelona players interested in racing?**

**CL:** I received messages of support from Antoine Griezmann and Arturo Vidal, they congratulated me and are very excited.

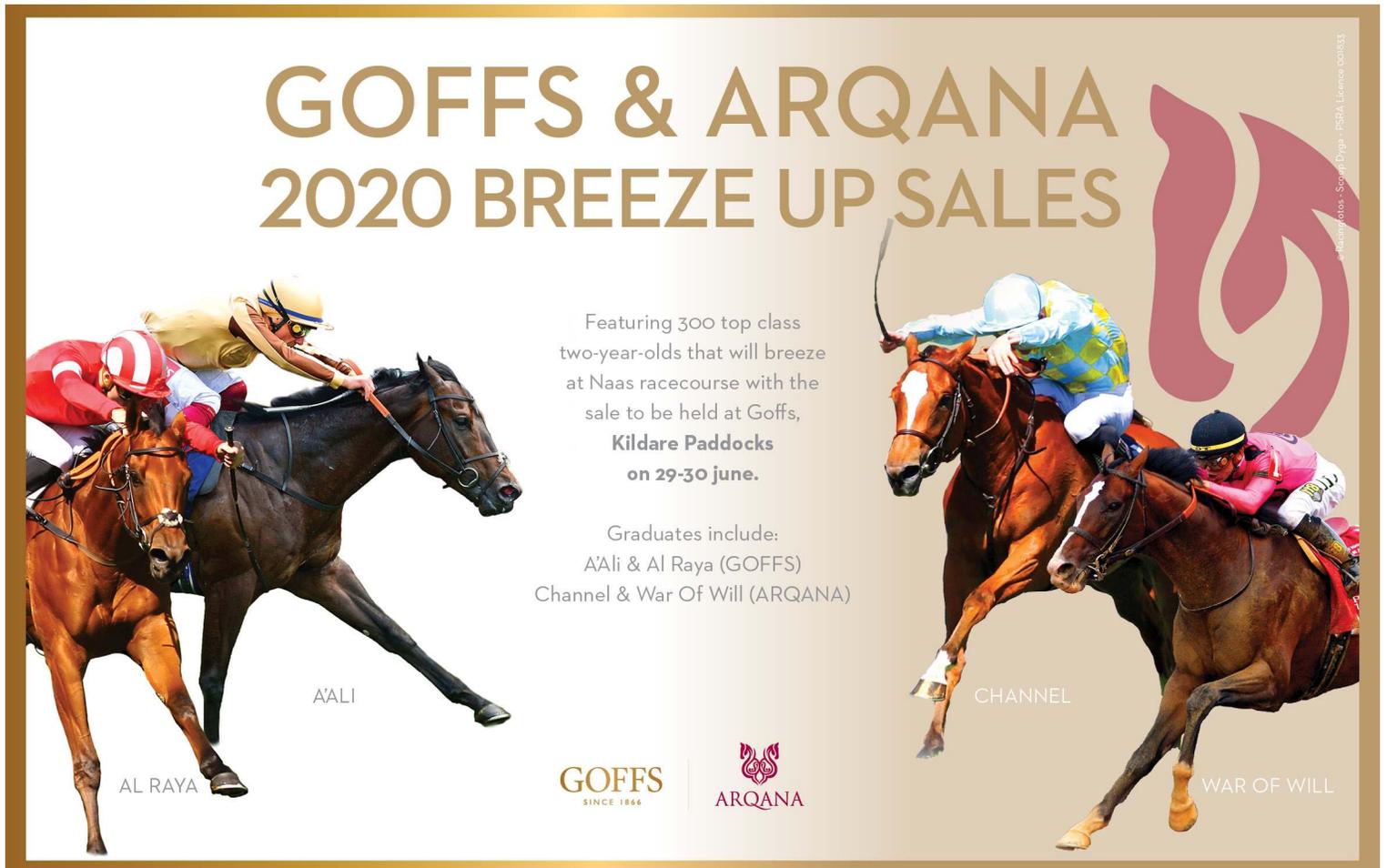
**TDN: What are your future plans for Bois D'Argent?**

**CL:** I will discuss the horse's future career with Ghislain and Francis, but Francis will have the final decision. I would like to develop my stable in a clever and financially rational way over time. Maybe buy one or two well-bred fillies with Ghislain.

**TDN: It's been a very uncertain time for everyone, how have you kept busy during the recent lockdown?**

**CL:** We just had a baby two weeks ago, so I'm in a really positive mood.

With Barca, we had to train alone but stayed in touch with the club. We are all training together again now under strong protocols, but we are hoping to start back in competition in mid June. **Cont. p3**



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Pierre-Charles Boudot liked him and wanted to ride him and we think there is more improvement to come. We'll give him one more race and then we'll see if he's good enough for the French Derby.

**Ghislain Bozo on Bois D'Argent**

#### TDN Q&A w/Clement Lenglet Cont.

**5th-Chantilly, €20,000, Mdn, 5-18, 3yo, c/g, 10fT, 2:02.03, sf. BOIS D'ARGENT (GB) (c, 3, Toronado {Ire}--Madonna Lily {Ire}, by Daylami {Ire})** raced in a handy fourth along the rail from the outset of this debut. Bustled along at the quarter-mile marker, the 9-10 pick was ridden into third entering the final furlong and kept on relentlessly under continued rousing to outpoint Lord Wellington (Fr) (War Command) by a short neck in the dying strides.

"Clement Lenglet is a new owner, born not far from Chantilly,

and plays soccer for FC Barcelona and the France national team," explained Ghislain Bozo. "He is also keen to increase his investment in racing. We bought this colt privately and made an offer to the breeder after he was a buy-back at the sales. He raced against horses that had experience and, although he didn't have the best of trips today, won in a very nice way. Pierre-Charles Boudot liked him and wanted to ride him and we think there is more improvement to come. We'll give him one more race and then we'll see if he's good enough for the French Derby."

The July 5 G1 Prix du Jockey Club and Sept. 13 G1 Grand Prix de Paris entry is the latest of six foals and fourth scorer produced by a half-sister to GII Canadian S. victress Minakshi (Fr) (Footstepsinthesand {GB}). He is a half-brother to last year's G1 Prix de Diane third and last week's Listed Prix Zarkava winner Grand Glory (GB) (Olympic Glory {Ire}). Sales history: €16,000 RNA Ylg '18 AROCT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €10,000. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

1ST-TIME STARTER. O-Ecurie Lenglet; B-Elevage Haras de Bourgeauville (GB); T-Francis-Henri Graffard.

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Bois D'Argent (GB) (Toronado {Ire}) winning impressively on debut under Pierre-Charles Boudot at Chantilly on Monday. | Scoop Dyga

**THE WEEKLY WRAP** by Emma Berry

**Flaming June Cont. from p1**



The BHA has clarified that international runners will be allowed to take part in the three Group 1 races in June, while HRI is allowing the same for all Group 1 and Group 2 contests. The sticking point for this for runners going either way will be the mandatory 14-day quarantine for people arriving in Ireland.

According to current guidelines, travellers between France and England will have to undertake a fortnight's quarantine on either side of the Channel, but when foreign runners will be allowed to compete in France is still unknown. Before the resumption of French racing on May 11, France Galop president Edouard de Rothschild had indicated that it would from June 1 but, speaking on *Sky Sports Racing* on Monday, chief executive Olivier Delloye conceded that, despite both French Guineas being scheduled to run on June 1, it remains unclear whether those races will be strictly domestic affairs.

He said, "It's not really in our hands. It's more the government's decision than France Galop's, but of course we would love to see our races open again, especially at the top end of the Pattern programme. It's still undecided as yet but we hope to be able to reopen the races during the month of June but I can't say exactly when that will happen today."

So far, Andre Fabre has stated his intent to run his recent **German import Alson (Ger) (Areion {Ger})** in the 2000 Guineas, and it seems unthinkable that the Newmarket Classics would take place without any runners from Ballydoyle.



**Oliver Delloye** | *Scoop Dyga*



**Her Majesty The Queen and Prince Philip will not be attending Royal Ascot in 2020** | *Horsephotos*

Since 1998, Aidan O'Brien has won the 2000 Guineas on 10 occasions and the 1000 Guineas five times. Even though this year's races look set to be staged on the weekend before Irish racing resumes, readiness should not be a problem for an O'Brien starter. In the last five years Gleneagles (Ire), Churchill (Ire), Saxon Warrior (Jpn) and Magna Grecia (Ire) have all won the 2000 Guineas on their first start of the season, and of the trainer's three fillies to win the 1000 Guineas during that time, it was the same case for Minding (Ire) and Hermosa (Ire), with only Winter (Ire) breaking the pattern by having one prep run before she arrived in England.

Causing greater consternation, in Britain at least, is the short run in to the 2-year-old races at Royal Ascot. Ordinarily, the G2 Coventry S. would take place on the first day of the meeting. There are 14 2-year-old races planned for the first eight days of racing in Britain and realistically, any trainer harbouring hopes of running at Ascot will not want to run a 2-year-old in the week immediately preceding the meeting. Those juvenile races have been given the priority to divide, at the expense of 3-year-old maidens and handicaps, but even then, in the rush for many to get to Ascot, it is feared that demand for places will be huge. The BHA's introduction of a balloting system whereby trainers with a high number of previous Ascot juvenile runners and/or success at the meeting are given the chance to nominate certain horses to be given priority in the ballot has, understandably, ruffled feathers.

Interviewed on Luck On Sunday last weekend, Ascot's director of racing and communications Nick Smith said, "The plan at the moment is to run all the races but the order of running may change quite a bit." **Cont. p5**

## The Weekly Wrap Cont.

He also didn't discount the notion of the meeting including runners trained in America by Wesley Ward, who has been a regular visitor to Ascot in recent years. Smith added, "That's feasible at the moment. There's no reason that he should be treated any differently than someone coming from, say, France. It's complicated but we are not standing in the way. We want [international runners] here but I think this is a year to step back from being proactively involved in making it happen."

With the Queen absent, along with all the accompanying hoopla of parades, picnics and preening, the meeting will be so markedly different from Ascot as we know it that there is surely an argument to be made for staging the six black-type juvenile races later in the season. It makes sense for the progression of young racehorses, and it avoids bad feeling among owners and trainers.

## Pariente's Good Run Continues



Hurricane Cloud | Scoop Dyga

Few people can have been more pleased with the first week of post-confinement racing in France than Guy Pariente. As noted in [last week's wrap](#), the owner of Haras de Colleville, along with its resident stallions Kendargent (Fr), Galiway (GB) and the homebred Goken (Fr), claimed the first group race of the resumption when **Batwan (Fr)** (Kendargent {Fr}) sprinted to glory in the G3 Prix de Saint-Georges.

The good start continued when freshman sire Goken notched his first winner with one of his first two runners, **Livachope (Fr)**, at Chantilly. That came 24 hours after Goken's 3-year-old half-brother **Hurricane Cloud (GB)** (Frankel {GB}) posted an impressive debut at Saint-Cloud, sparking a double in Pariente's colours which included another homebred debutant, **Sealiway (Fr)** (Galiway {GB}).

On Sunday, **Tortola (Fr)** gave Goken another push in the fledgling first-season sires' championship when becoming his second winner at La Teste de Buch. The 8-year-old son of Kendargent has now had nine runners for two winners and two placed finishers.

These are very early days but the only other contemporary of Goken to have posted a winner this season is the Haras de Bonneval resident Dariyan (Fr), whose daughter **Princesse De Saba (Fr)** became his first winner at Lyon-Parilly on Friday.

Guy Pariente's recent success has more than a few ties to Alain Chopard's Haras des Faunes near Bordeaux. Chopard is the breeder of Goken's dam Gooseley Chope (Fr), a daughter of the late Haras des Faunes resident Indian Rocket (GB). A selection of that stallion's daughters have shown some affinity with Kendargent, and the same cross is responsible for Batwan. Chopard is also the owner-breeder of Goken's first winner, Livachope, and there was further success for the extended family on Sunday when Gooseley Chope's half-brother **Galop Chop (Fr)** won on debut at La Teste. The 2-year-old is from the second French-conceived crop of the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile winner Vale Of York (Ire), who was recruited to Chopard's stallion barn from Kildangan Stud in 2016.

## Rouget's Fillies in the Pink

With so few trials able to be staged, this identity of this year's Classic winners is likely to be even more of a guessing game than ever but there were at least some early clues to be found in France last week.

One of the most taking, both on performance and pedigree, was Sheikh Hamdan's **Raabihah**. Like the owner-breeder's most recent Oaks victrix Taghrooda (Ire), Raabihah is a daughter to Derby winner Sea The Stars (Ire), and there are further strong Classic claims in her background as her grandam Eswarah (GB) (Unfuwain) and great grandam Midway Lady (Alleged) both won the Oaks. [Cont. p6](#)



Raabihah stretches clear in the Listed Prix de la Seine | Scoop Dyga

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Raabihah, trained by Jean Claude-Rouget, is now one of the leading fancies for the Prix de Diane at Chantilly on July 5, but she has some competition, in the betting at least, from her stable-mate **Simeen (Fr)**. The Lope De Vega (Ire) filly is the first foal of the Aga Khan's Samadrisa (Ire) (Oasis Dream {GB}), whose Prix de Diane-winning half-sister Sarafina (Ire) (Refuse To Bend {Ire}) could also be represented in this year's Classics by her daughter **Savarin (Jpn)** (Deep Impact {Jpn}), the winner of last year's G3 Prix d'Aumale for owner Masaaki Matsushima and Andre Fabre.

## French Sires Blazing A Trail

The French-based trio of Le Havre (Ire), Kendargent (Fr) and Siyouni (Fr) lead the European sires' table as the season splutters into belated action. Another French stallion, Wootton Bassett (GB), has also made a decent start to the year, with three black-type winners to date in **The Summit (Fr)**, **Wooded (Ire)** and Waltham (Fr).

When this trio of 3-year-olds was conceived in 2016, Wootton Bassett was still standing for his introductory fee of €6,000. Later that year, his first-crop son Almanzor (Fr) romped through the season, winning three Group 1 races, and the following year his sire's fee was raised to €20,000 before being doubled to his current price of €40,000 in 2019.

Al Shaqab Racing's Wooded, who brought up a pair of Group 3 victories for his sire in the space of three days when easily winning the Prix Texanita, is another exciting graduate for the Swiss breeding syndicate Gestüt Zur Küste, which also bred 2018 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches winner Teppal (Fr) (Camacho {GB}). Wooded's full-brother Beat Le Bon was also a useful performer for Richard Hannon, winning four races and finishing runner-up in the listed Two Year Old Trophy at Redcar.

## Yoshidas in Classic Picture

While Teruya Yoshida's Shadai Farm could be represented as breeder in the French Classics by the aforementioned Savarin, so could his brother Katsumi Yoshida of Northern Farm via **Magic Attitude (GB)** (Galileo {Ire}).



Magic Attitude wins the Prix Vanteaux | Scoop Dyga

Trained by Fabrice Chappet for a syndicate which includes Haras d'Etreham and Haras de Saubouas, Magic Attitude is out of Margot Did (GB) (Exceed And Excel {Aus}), who was bought for just 10,000gns at the Guineas Breeze-up Sale by Richard Frisby the year before she won the G1 Nunthorpe S. Her daughter was unsold at €850,000 when offered by Etreham at the Arqana August Yearling Sale but won the G3 Prix Vanteaux in some style from the favourite **Emoji (Ger)** (Soldier Hollow {GB}).

The success of Galileo with Danehill mares has of course produced such luminaries as Frankel (GB), Teofilo (Ire), Highland Reel (Ire) and Intello (Ger), while the Galileo cross with Danehill's son Exceed And Excel, on which Magic Attitude is bred, was also seen in last year's Derby winner Anthony Van Dyck (Ire).

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## PRETREVILLE'S BACK IN TOWN

Gerard Augustin-Normand's **Pretreville (Fr)** (Acclamation {GB}) led from pillar to post when earning a first black-type score in September's Listed Prix du Pont du Jour at Craon, his final start for the Jean-Claude Rouget stable, and made his first appearance for Pascal Bary in Monday's G3 Prix Bertrand du Breuil Longines at Chantilly. The €100,000 Arqana October yearling faced a solid cast in the day's one-mile feature and repeated his frontrunning tactics to secure a career high in style. Breaking smartly from an outer box to lead under restraint from the outset, the 10-1 chance was shaken up when threatened soon after passing the quarter-mile marker and extended his margin of superiority under urging inside the final furlong to easily account for **Plumatic (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}) by 3 1/2 lengths, with 8-5 favourite **Skalleti (Fr)** (Kendargent {Fr}) running on from the rear to finish 1 1/2 lengths back in third.

"It's the first time Pretreville has run under my name, but his previous trainer Jean-Claude Rouget has done a very good job with him," said Bary of the bay, who won five from six last year. "He hasn't been overraced and, despite being a 5-year-old, is like a brand new horse. He gives a lot in his work in the mornings and also gives a lot in the afternoons so I'm not surprised with the performance. He has gone up in class once again so we will now try him at a higher level in the [G2] Prix du Muguet." **Cont. p7**



Preteville | Scoop Dyga

### Pedigree Notes

Preteville, half-brother to a yearling colt by Dabirsim (Fr), is one of four winners from as many foals to race and the leading performer produced by Pegase Hurry (Fusaichi Pegasus), herself a winning daughter of Big Hurry (Red Ransom), who in turn is a full-sister to G3 Debutante S. third Rapid Ransom. Big Hurry is also a half-sister to three black-type performers headed by stakes-winning G3 Queen Mary S. third Warrior Queen (Quiet American), who in turn is the dam of MGSW sire A. P. Warrior (A.P. Indy) and granddam of MGSW GII American Turf S. winner Global View (Galileo {Ire}). Warrior Queen is out of a half-sister to the dam of G1SW European champion Pas de Reponse (Danzig) and MG1SW sire Green Tune (Green Dancer), from a family featuring G1SW sire Storm Bird (Northern Dancer).

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### Monday, Chantilly, France

**PRIX BERTRAND DE BREUIL LONGINES-G3**, €56,000, Chantilly, 5-18, 4yo/up, 8fT, 1:34.50, g/s.

1--**PRETEVILLE (FR)**, 126, h, 5, by **Acclamation (GB)**

**1st Dam: Pegase Hurry, by Fusaichi Pegasus**

**2nd Dam: Big Hurry, by Red Ransom**

**3rd Dam: Call Me Fleet, by Afleet**

**1ST GROUP WIN.** (€100,000 Ylg '16 AROCT). O-Gerard Augustin-Normand; B-Serge Boucheron (FR); T-Pascal Bary; J-Cristian Demuro. €28,000. Lifetime Record: 10-7-2-1, €125,920. [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#)

**Werk Nick Rating: C.**

2--**Plumatic (GB)**, 126, h, 6, **Dubawi (Ire)**--Plumania (GB), by Anabaa. O-Gerard Thomas Ryan; B-Wertheimer & Frere (GB); T-Francis-Henri Graffard. €11,200.

3--**Skalleti (Fr)**, 130, g, 5, Kendargent (Fr)--Skallet (Fr), by Muhaymin. (€85,000 Ylg '16 ARAUG). O-Jean-Claude Seroul; B-Guy Pariente Holding (FR); T-Jerome Reynier. €8,400.

Margins: 3HF, 1HF, SNK. Odds: 9.90, 2.70, 1.60.

Also Ran: Silver Quartz (GB), Stunning Spirit (GB), Anodor (Fr), Nature's Colors (GB), Impulsif (GB), Lucky Team (Fr). [Click for the Racing Post result or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.](#) [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

## THE IMPORTANCE OF MENTORS

### LIAM NORRIS

**Who has been the biggest inspiration in your career and why?**

**LN:** The biggest inspiration on my career would have to be Bob McCreery. He was a magical person, had fabulous passion for his mares and bought into pedigrees that have consistently produced champions. Walking around his stock with him was what and does inspire me to become a breeder of his calibre.

**What's the best advice you've been given and why did it stick with you?**

**LN:** Eamon Reilly (BBA Ireland) and I have a knack of liking the same horses, especially fillies; we have become friends because of it.

I was complaining to him one day that I didn't have enough clients. He said to me, 'never mind about new clients. Look after the ones that you have.' I consider that to be very sound advice.

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# OBSERVATIONS

on the European racing scene

## DAUGHTER OF ARC HEROINE SOLEMIA ON SHOW IN FRANCE

**11.10 Saint-Cloud, Mdn, €20,000, unraced 3yo, f, 10 1/2fT**  
Alain and Gerard Wertheimer's **SEAMIA (GB) (Sea the Stars {Ire})** is a homebred daughter of G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe heroine Solemia (Ire) (Poliglote {GB}) and is unveiled by Carlos Laffon-Parias in this debutantes' contest. The G1 Prix Saint-Alary and G1 Prix de Diane entry's 17 rivals include Ecurie Skymarc Farm and Ecurie des Monceaux homebred **Paix (Ire) (Muhaarar {GB})**, who is a Francis-Henri Graffard-trained daughter of G3 Prix de Lutece victress Pacifique (Ire) (Montjeu {Ire}).

**11.40 Saint-Cloud, Mdn, €20,000, unraced 3yo, c/g, 10 1/2fT**  
Coolmore's **ROYAUME UNI (IRE) (Galileo {Ire})** is the 11th foal produced by G3 Preis der Winterkonigin victress and \$1.7-million Fasig-Tipton Keeneland November purchase Night Lagoon (Ger) (Lagunas {GB}) and the Andre Fabre trainee is a half-brother to four black-type performers headed by MG1SW sire Novellist (Ire) (Monsun {Ger}). The July 5 G1 Prix du Jockey Club and Sept. 13 G1 Grand Prix de Paris entry faces 17 including Juddmonte homebred and stablemate **Woodstock Park (GB) (Frankel {GB})**, a son of GI Gamely Breeders' Cup H. and GI Yellow Ribbon S. victress Bates Creek (Rahy), who retains the same entries and another in the June 1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains.

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## FRANCE

### Monday's Results:

**4th-Chantilly, €20,000, Mdn, 5-18, 3yo, f, 10fT, 2:02.39, sf.**  
**SOLSTICIA (IRE) (f, 3, Le Havre {Ire}--Solilea {Ire}, by Galileo {Ire})**, a Sept. 1 debut fourth going one mile at ParisLongchamp in her only prior start, was well away from the inside gate to track the leading duo along the rail in third after the initial exchanges of this sophomore return. Nudged along approaching the final quarter mile, the 59-10 chance was angled into the clear to lead with 300 metres remaining and ridden out to comfortably assert by three lengths from Ebaiyra (Distorted Humor). She is the first of three foals produced by a winning sibling of MGSW G2 Prix du Muguet winner Plumatic (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}), stakes-winning Prix d'Harcourt placegetter Maniaco (GB) (Galileo {Ire}) and G2 Prix Greffulhe third

Starmaniac (GB) (Sea The Stars {Ire}). The homebred bay, a granddaughter of G1 Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud victress Plumania (GB) (Anabaa), is kin to the unraced 2-year-old filly Solania (Ire) (Zoffany {Ire}) and a yearling colt by Lope de Vega (Ire). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, €12,700. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O/B-Wertheimer & Frere (IRE); T-Andre Fabre.

**3rd-Marseille-Borely, €18,000, Mdn, 5-18, 3yo, 8fT, 1:39.67, g/s.**  
**LIKE A CHARM (FR) (f, 3, Charm Spirit {Ire}--Shendama {Fr}, by Dr Fong)**, who ran third behind subsequent Group 3-winning duo Savarin (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}) and Dream And Do (Ire) (Siyouni {Fr}) in an Aug. 6 debutantes' heat over 7 1/2 furlongs at Deauville last time, recovered from a hampered departure to stalk the pace in second after the first turn in this sophomore bow. Looming large in the straight, the 6-4 favourite eased to the front on the bridle approaching the eighth pole and was shaken up to surge three lengths clear of Revolver Eyes (Ire) (Kendargent {Fr}) inside the final 100 metres. Becoming the third winner for her dam, the March-foaled bay is kin to Listed Prix des Sablonnets third Shenoya (Fr) (Zoffany {Ire}), a 2-year-old colt by Dariyan (Fr) and a yearling colt by Reliable Man (GB). Her second dam Shendaya (Fr) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}) is a stakes-placed half-sister to G1 Prix du Jockey Club runner-up Shamkiyr (Fr) (Sea The Stars {Ire}). Sales history: €63,000 Ylg '18 AROCT. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, €13,050. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Roy Racing Ltd; B-Mlle Marie-Laure Collet, Mme Marylene Collet & Jean Collet (FR); T-Frederic Rossi.

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**1st-Marseille-Borely, €14,000, Mdn, 5-18, unraced 2yo, 5fT, :57.97, g/s.**

**SENLISIENNE (IRE) (f, 2, Siyouni {Fr}--Abraxa {Ire} {SW & GSP-Ger}, by Verglas {Ire})** was a shade green at the break and chased the leaders, racing fourth of the five contenders, from the outset of this first go. Taking closer order under pressure inside the final quarter mile, the 43-10 chance exhibited a smart turn of foot to challenge with 75 metres remaining and was pushed out from there to edge Takamaka (Fr) (Silver Frost {Ire}) by an ultimately comfortable head. Half-sister to a yearling colt by Kodiak (GB), she is the second foal and scorer out of stakes-winning G3 Herbst Stutenpreis third Abraxa (Ire) (Verglas {Ire}), herself a half-sister to the unraced dam of this year's GIII Florida Oaks victress Outburst (GB) (Outstrip {GB}). Sales history: €85,000 Ylg '19 AROCT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €7,000.

**Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

**1ST-TIME STARTER.** O-Mme Sophie Midy, Jean-Claude Rouget, Jean-Pierre-Joseph Dubois & Olivier Carli; B-Manfred Wurtenberger (IRE); T-Fabrice Vermeulen.

**4th-Marseille-Borely**, €13,000, Mdn, 5-18, unraced 3yo, 10fT, 2:04.58, g/s.

**BIG TAMAYA (IRE) (f, 3, Tamayuz {GB}--Big Emotion {Fr}, by Trempolino)** found her way into midfield after a sluggish exit and was under a firm hold until turning for home. Inching closer off the home turn, the 12-5 favourite was shaken up with 300 metres remaining and kept on strongly under whipless coaxing in the closing stages to deny Amica Nostra (Ire) (Epaulette {Aus}) by a half-length nearing the line. She is the fifth winner from as many runners produced by a winning daughter of MSW G2 Prix Corrida runner-up Restrained (Robellino), herself a half-sister to the dam of MGISW US Horse of the Year and multiple champion Zenyatta (Street Cry {Ire}). The March-foaled homebred chestnut is kin to the hitherto untested 2-year-old filly Emotive (Fr) (Rock of Gibraltar {Ire}). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €6,500.

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1ST-TIME STARTER. O/B-Jean-Claude Seroul (FR); T-Jerome Reynier.

#### CONDITIONS RESULTS:

**5th-Marseille-Borely**, €35,000, Cond, 5-18, 3yo, 10fT, 2:01.51, g/s.

**CLEOD'OR (FR) (c, 3, Anodin {Ire}--Foxy Cleopatra {Fr}, by Slickly {Fr})** Lifetime Record: 19-3-4-5, €75,010. O-Fabrice Petit & Bruno Tissot; B-BS Racing SARL (FR); T-Marc Pimbonnet. \*€67,000 Ylg '18 AROCT.

**2nd-Marseille-Borely**, €16,000, Cond, 5-18, 4yo/up, 8fT, 1:40.02, g/s.

**CASHBAG (FR) (h, 6, Iron Mask--Joha Fong {Fr}, by Dr Fong)** Lifetime Record: 43-9-10-3, €135,900. O-Jean-Luc Medina & Patrick Guedj; B-Patrick Guedj (FR); T-Christophe Escuder.

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#### HANDICAP WINNERS:

**Handarro (Fr)**, c, 3, **Manduro (Ger)**--Arrivee (Fr), by Anabaa. Sluzewiec, 5-17, 1600mT. B-EARL Bois Hue. \*€16,000 Ylg '18 ARQNOV. **VIDEO**

#### CONDITIONS WINNERS:

**Inter Royal Lady (Ire)**, f, 3, **Holy Roman Emperor (Ire)**--Fearn Royal (Ire) (SW & GSP-Ire, \$215,392), by Ali-Royal (Ire). Sluzewiec, 5-17, 1600mT. B-Fergus Cousins. \*The champion 2-year-old filly of 2019 in Poland, Inter Royal Lady ran her record to a perfect seven-for-seven with a 3 1/2-length victory. \*\*€22,000 RNA Wlg '17 GOFNOV; €25,000 Ylg '18 GOFSP. **VIDEO**

**Seririo (Fr)**, f, 3, **Rio de la Plata**--Serinova (Fr), by Galileo (Ire).

Sluzewiec (Poland), 5-17, 1600mT. B-Haras de Magouet. \*€6,000 Ylg '18 ARQNOV. **VIDEO**

**Snow Storm (Ire)**, c, 4, **Slade Power (Ire)**--Snowdrops (GB) (MGSW-US, \$594,787), by Gulch. Sluzewiec (Poland), 5-17, 1200mT. B-West Lodge Stud. \*1/2 to Tawhid (GB) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), GSW-Eng, GSP-Ger, \$178,135. \*\*34,000gns Wlg '17 TATDEF; 72,000gns Ylg '18 TATOCT; £10,000 HRA '19 GOFAUG. **VIDEO**

#### MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Hipop de Loire (Fr)**, c, 3, **American Post (GB)**--Louve Rose (GB), by Muhtathir (GB). Sluzewiec (Poland), 5-16, 1800mT. B-Arnaud & Andre Mottais. \*€22,000 Ylg '18 ARQNOV. **VIDEO**

**L'Aquila (Ire)**, f, 3, **Dream Ahead**--Lucy Limelites (GB), by Medicean. Sluzewiec (Poland), 5-16, Debutantes, 1400mT. B-Lady Richard Wellesley. \*1ST TIME STARTER. \*\*2,800gns Ylg '18 TATOCT. **VIDEO**

**Secret Passion (GB)**, f, 3, **Havana Gold (Ire)**--Hamsat Elqamar (GB), by Nayef. Most (Czech Republic), 5-18, 1400m. B-Natton House Thoroughbreds. \*Won her Czech debut by 10 lengths, having been unplaced in four English starts last season for Clipper Logistics and trainer Archie Watson. \*\*1/2 to Rabiosa Fiore (GB) (Sakhee's Secret {GB}), MSP-Ity. \*\*\*72,000gns Wlg '17 TATDEF; 7,500gns HRA '19 TATAUT.

**Cote Jardin (Fr)**, c, 3, **Prince Gibraltar (Fr)**--Perspective (Fr), by Funambule. Most, 5-18, Maiden, 2200mT. B-Franck Bozo, Mme Paul Bozo, Mme Marie-Christine Boze et al. \*Won by five lengths. \*\*1/2 to Los Cristianos (Fr) (Gold Away {Ire}), MGSP-Fr, \$419,724. \*\*\*€8,500 Wlg '17 ARQDEC; €13,000 Ylg '18 ARQNOV.

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## Leading General Sires by Winners

for stallions standing in Europe through Sunday, May 17

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Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	<b>Dark Angel (Ire)</b> <i>(2005) by Acclamation (GB) FYR: 2009 Crops: 10</i>	1	4	--	--	--	--	96	28	47,218	374,424
										<i>Stands: Yeomanstown Stud Ire Fee: €85,000 Ateem (Fr)</i>	
2	<b>Kodiac (GB)</b> <i>(2001) by Danehill FYR: 2008 Crops: 11</i>	--	2	--	1	--	--	121	26	19,837	261,607
										<i>Stands: Tally-Ho Stud Ire Fee: €65,000 Kwela (GB)</i>	
3	<b>Dandy Man (Ire)</b> <i>(2003) by Mozart (Ire) FYR: 2011 Crops: 8</i>	1	3	1	2	1	2	91	25	26,045	271,473
										<i>Stands: Ballyhane Stud Ire Fee: €15,000 Jedha Man (Fr)</i>	
4	<b>Le Havre (Ire)</b> <i>(2006) by Noverre FYR: 2011 Crops: 8</i>	1	5	--	2	--	--	71	21	47,646	397,439
										<i>Stands: Haras de Montfort &amp; Preaux Fr Fee: €50,000 Bebeautiful (Fr)</i>	
5	<b>Lope de Vega (Ire)</b> <i>(2007) by Shamardal FYR: 2012 Crops: 7</i>	1	3	--	1	--	--	80	21	27,461	271,307
										<i>Stands: Ballylinch Stud Ire Fee: €100,000 Felix (GB)</i>	
6	<b>Zoffany (Ire)</b> <i>(2008) by Dansili (GB) FYR: 2013 Crops: 6</i>	--	4	--	1	--	--	97	20	22,677	265,430
										<i>Stands: Coolmore Stud Ire Fee: €22,500 Choise of Raison (GB)</i>	
7	<b>Kendargent (Fr)</b> <i>(2003) by Kendor (Fr) FYR: 2009 Crops: 10</i>	1	1	1	1	--	--	97	19	24,444	379,003
										<i>Stands: Haras de Colleville Fr Fee: €15,000 Batwan (Fr)</i>	
8	<b>Casamento (Ire)</b> <i>(2008) by Shamardal FYR: 2014 Crops: 5</i>	1	2	--	1	--	1	69	18	25,520	172,022
										<i>Stands: Sunnyhill Stud EUR (Dead) Malotru (GB)</i>	
9	<b>Zebedee (GB)</b> <i>(2008) by Invincible Spirit (Ire) FYR: 2012 Crops: 7</i>	--	--	--	--	--	--	84	18	11,710	145,056
										<i>Stands: Cornerstone Stud EUR (Dead) Moveonup (Ire)</i>	
10	<b>Exceed and Excel (Aus)</b> <i>(2000) by Danehill FYR: 2006 Crops: 13</i>	2	5	2	4	2	2	84	17	28,013	259,690
										<i>Stands: Kildangan Stud Ire Fee: €40,000 Sanaadh (GB)</i>	
11	<b>Holy Roman Emperor (Ire)</b> <i>(2004) by Danehill FYR: 2008 Crops: 11</i>	1	4	--	2	--	--	68	17	27,132	235,173
										<i>Stands: Coolmore Stud Ire Fee: €15,000 Le Pin (Fr)</i>	
12	<b>Showcasing (GB)</b> <i>(2007) by Oasis Dream (GB) FYR: 2012 Crops: 7</i>	1	1	1	1	--	--	70	17	24,444	174,719
										<i>Stands: Whitsbury Manor Stud Eng Fee: £55,000 Tropbeau (GB)</i>	
13	<b>Iffraaj (GB)</b> <i>(2001) by Zafonic FYR: 2008 Crops: 11</i>	1	3	--	1	--	--	74	17	15,577	159,239
										<i>Stands: Dalham Hall Stud Eng Fee: £30,000 Delsheer (Fr)</i>	
14	<b>Siyouni (Fr)</b> <i>(2007) by Pivotal (GB) FYR: 2012 Crops: 7</i>	2	6	1	5	--	--	109	16	56,661	376,980
										<i>Stands: Haras de Bonneval Fr Fee: €100,000 Simona (Fr)</i>	
15	<b>Dabirsim (Fr)</b> <i>(2009) by Hat Trick (Jpn) FYR: 2015 Crops: 4</i>	--	--	--	--	--	--	100	16	27,365	289,941
										<i>Stands: Haras de Grandcamp Fr Fee: €12,000 Tibasti (Fr)</i>	



## JUVENILES POWER MAHER/EUSTACE TO THE TOP



David Eustace & Ciaron Maher | Bronwen Healy

By Bren O'Brien

Ciaron Maher and David Eustace's ascent to the top of the race to be crowned Australia's leading trainer of 2019/20 has been powered by the remarkable performance of their current crop of 2-year-olds.

Training pair Maher and Eustace, now based across several centres in Victoria as well as out of Warwick Farm, has had 228 winners for the season and currently leads Chris Waller by 10, and is on track to be crowned Australia's top trainer(s) for the first time.

Maher's versatility as a trainer has long been a huge asset and that has been underlined again in a season where he and Eustace have prepared 2-year-old filly **Away Game** (Snitzel) to win multiple stakes races, including a R. Listed Magic Millions 2YO Classic, while also preparing both a G1 Sydney Cup winner in **Etah James (NZ)** (Raise The Flag {GB}) and a Grand Annual Steeplechase winner with **Ablaze (NZ)** (Raise The Flag {GB}).

They are reaping the rewards of an aggressive expansion policy at the start of 2019, where they took over the Forest Lodge operation previously in the hands of now disqualified trainer Darren Weir while at the same time setting up a Sydney base under the eye of Annabel Neasham.

The Ballarat operation, combined with the existing base at Caulfield, plus other regionally based training centres, have allowed Maher and Eustace to become the leading trainer in their 'home' state, where they have had 184 winners to date this season (six more than Lindsay Park), already surpassing their previous best of 159 in 2018/19.

### Warwick Farm Drives Juvenile Success

The establishment of the Warwick Farm stable, led by astute horsewoman Neasham, has been crucial to boosting the amount of 2-year-old winners, lending a whole new aspect to the operation.

Six seasons ago, Maher, then operating solo, had just one 2-year-old winner for the entire season. He built those numbers up, but it wasn't until he returned from his six-month suspension in 2018 and then joined with Eustace that a clear change of focus emerged.

In 2018/19, the pair trained the winners of 17 2-year-old races, including five at stakes level. This season, that has exploded to 29 2-year-old wins in total, including 11 stakes wins. The most recent of those stakes win came on Saturday when **Macroura** (Snitzel) won the Listed Woodlands S. at Rosehill.

That puts them clearly in front of renowned 2-year-old trainers such as Peter and Paul Snowden (25 2-year-old winners, six SWs), David and Ben Hayes and Tom Dabernig (21 winners, three SWs) and Gai Waterhouse and Adrian Bott (11 winners, three SWs).

Breaking down where those black-type 2-year-old wins have come from gives clear evidence of the importance of the Warwick Farm base. Six of those 11 black-type wins have been in Sydney, three in Queensland and two in Melbourne.



Away Game | Bronwen Healy

Sydney has long been regarded as the heart of 2-year-old racing in Australia and Maher, Eustace and Neasham have taken on the big league and, this season at least, have been the clear winners.

These things do tend to cycle through and indeed this time last season James Cummings' amazing 2-year-old season with Godolphin held centre of attention. He had 14 stakes wins in 2-year-old races in 2018/19, and 38 2-year-old wins in total. In comparison, this year Cummings has had 11 2-year-old winners, and one stakes winner.

The Snowdens also had an amazing 50 2-year-old wins last season including 10 stakes wins, and while they won't match that this season, with 25 2-year-old victories and six at stakes level to date, they have still had a very successful season, highlighted by dual Group 1 winner King's Legacy (Redoute's Choice).

Maher and Eustace are yet to experience the joy of a 2-year-old Group 1 winner, but given the trend of the past few seasons, it seems likely to be achieved over the next couple of seasons.

### ***Achieving the Magic Formula***

Maher and Eustace have been able to achieve what is a magic formula for any training operation charting growth, and that is to not only increase numbers, but also increase what was already an impressive strike rate.

Looking specifically at their 2-year-olds, they have had 150 starters so far this season, a number which already surpasses last season's total. But while their 2-year-old winning strike rate was 12.1% in 2018/19, it has leapt to 19.3% this season.

That mirrors what has been happening across the board for the partnership. Their total runners so far this season have reached a new high of 1248 (80 more than last season already), but they have also been able to lift the rate which they are preparing winners to a heady 18.3%.

To put that strike rate into context, not even Weir in his 400-winners-a-year pomp, was able to record a winning strike rate of above 18%. You have to go back to 2011/12 to find the winner of an Australian trainers' premiership at better than that rate. (Peter Moody at 20.20%).

Maher, either in partnership with Eustace, or in his own right, has always trained at a relatively high winning strike rate. Over the past four seasons, that has been in the 16-17% range, but they have lifted to another level this year.

Comparing that to others currently inside the Top 10 trainers across Australia and only Tony and Calvin McEvoy, currently sixth overall with 133 winners, have a better strike rate at 20.4%.

Waller, who has amassed over \$40 million in prizemoney this season, has had considerably more runners, and as such, his strike rate for his 218 winners is 11.7%, while the Lindsay Park operation of David and Ben Hayes and Tom Dabernig, has had 208 winners at 13.4%. Cummings, who has had 171 winners, is going at 16.4% this season, while Kris Lees has trained the same amount of winners at 14.7%.

### ***Professionalism Lays Foundation***

There are a number of factors which have propelled Maher and Eustace to the top of the tree in Australia, including the formation of the partnership at the start of the 2018/19 season, which has facilitated the necessary expansion.

Maher's six-month suspension in 2017 proved a catalyst for him to put a professional business framework in place, and that has allowed both he and Eustace to do what they do best, train racehorses, while others can focus on specific aspects of running the business.

There are still bumps along the way, and they were last week charged over one of their horses returning a positive for the diuretic Frusemide. But the manner in which that was handled, with the training partnership putting out a statement before the charges were even confirmed by Racing Victoria, was more proof of how the approach has changed.

The statement from Ciaron Maher Racing indicated they had identified the issue themselves through an internal review and had altered their internal processes to ensure it wouldn't happen again.

While the Victorian Racing Tribunal will hear the charge at a date to be fixed, the professional manner of the response points to a culture which is setting itself up for every chance of ongoing success.

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