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Shug McGaughey

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THIS SIDE UP: MAN OF HONOR OUT TO CATCH A RISING TIDE



John Shirreffs | Horsephotos

by Chris McGrath

In a landscape where so many fixed points have suddenly melted into a mirage--Saturday, remember, was supposed to be the final leg of the Triple Crown--trainers are perhaps better qualified than most to navigate a way forward. For the unchanging cycles of the backstretch, feeding horses and breezing them and hosing them down and walking the shedrow, must be constantly adapted to the flesh-and-blood unpredictability of the Thoroughbred.

In normal times, at least, races are like the high tide: consult the handbook, and you'll know post-time to the minute. Then you adjust your own schedules accordingly. Each workout is like riding a wave. Catch the seventh, they say. But what sets apart the best trainers is not just an ability to count: whether that equates to eighths of a mile, or scoops of oats, or red blood cells. It's about that nuanced ability to read the undertow, the currents beneath the superficial ebb and flow of surf.

John Shirreffs could doubtless render that analogy more coherent, having preceded his long immersion in the Thoroughbred by learning still more elemental rhythms of nature on a surfboard. Maybe he was always a patient guy, anyway. But there isn't a trainer in the world I would sooner entrust with the delicate, incremental conversion of equine potential into achievement.

PERFORMER SEEKS GRADE I GLORY IN THE CARTER

After Shug McGaughey saddles the likely favorite Code of Honor (Noble Mission {GB}) in the GIII Westchester S. Saturday, he will send out on of the top choices in Belmont's GI Runhappy Carter H. in the talented **Performer** (Speightstown). The Carter is typically run in April at Aqueduct, but was rescheduled and relocated due to the COVID-19 racing shutdown. It is a "Win and You're In" qualifier for the GI Breeders' Cup Sprint.

Graduating at second asking going six panels at this oval last June, Performer followed suit with an allowance win sprinting at Saratoga in August. The chestnut captured a Belmont optional claimer when extended to 1 1/16 miles in September and followed suit with a victory in the nine-panel GIII Discovery S. at Aqueduct Nov. 30. **Cont. p7**

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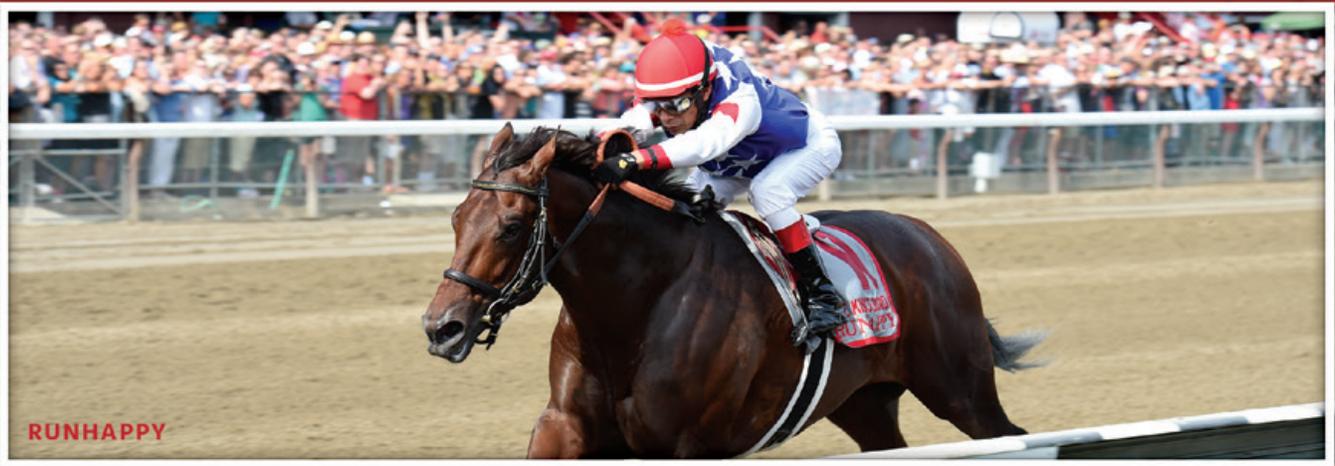
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Saturday, June 6, 2020



Lava Man, winner of three consecutive GI Hollywood Gold Cups from 2005-2007, will lead the post parade for the 81st running of the race on Saturday. The California-bred Hall of Famer is a stable pony in the barn of trainer Doug O'Neill. | Horsephotos

TODAY'S GRADED STAKES

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5:04p	Intercontinental S.-GIII, BEL	TJCIS PPs	FS1/MSG+
5:32p	Santa Anita Oaks-GII, SA	TJCIS PPs	TVG
5:36p	Runhappy Carter H.-GI, BEL	TJCIS PPs	FS1/MSG+
5:50p	Dogwood S.-GIII, CD	TJCIS PPs	FS1/MSG+
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THIS SIDE UP



by Chris McGrath

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Those familiar with his artistry know how many horses—from Zenyatta (Street Cry {Ire}) herself to the barn's latest distaff darling, the one-eyed Hard Not To Love (Hard Spun)—he has rescued from the oblivion that would almost certainly have consumed them in more industrial operations. Unfortunately, Shirreffs brings such monastic self-effacement to a profession not short of brash competition that his genius has yet to be dragged, blinking in dismay at the garish lights of publicity, into the Hall of Fame. But that only diminishes the institution, not the man. Certainly those contemporaries who have already been inducted will only consider their distinction complete once it is shared with Shirreffs.



Honor A.P. | Benoit

At the best of times, his modesty would be appalled by any such suggestion. But today, of all days, he'd be entitled to feel vexed as well. Because there's already pressure enough on **Honor A.P.** (Honor Code), without anyone goading fate.

Nonetheless many of us are anticipating a rather more persuasive Classic rehearsal from this smashing colt in the GI Runhappy Santa Anita Derby than the one offered by Giacomo (Holy Bull) when fourth in the 2005 running. Of course, the way Shirreffs subsequently peaked Giacomo in the GI Kentucky Derby reminds us that Saturday is only a battle, not the whole war. **Cont. p4**

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But there can still be much optimism for Honor A.P.'s rematch with **Authentic** (Into Mischief), who repelled that promising move he made in the GII San Felipe S.

Most obviously, his experience and exertion that day--his first start since breaking his maiden last fall--should yield positive dividends in a horse previously held up with a foot bruise. This time, moreover, the presence of the fast and ardent **Shooters Shoot** (Competitive Edge) may prevent Authentic controlling the tempo even as he steps up in distance.

In the San Felipe, he could lean against the bar and wait for Honor A.P. to step up and buy all the drinks. True, Authentic looked far more professional than he had in the GIII Sham S., and such an effortless stride will surely keep going. If he is to handle a 20-horse stampede at Churchill, however, it would make sense to invite a little flexibility.

Never mind the other 18: something will have to give even against barnmate Charlatan (Speightstown), if neither has learned to rate before September.

A big day, anyhow, for the theory that Into Mischief's stock will stretch their trademark speed as his better books kick in. His farm seems confident: Authentic has already been reserved a place alongside his sire, Spendthrift having evidently been encouraged by Goldcents to play up their winnings and found a dynasty.

They will do well, however, to emulate the Lane's End model celebrated in the naming of Authentic's big rival Saturday. As an \$850,000 Saratoga yearling, Honor A.P is the most expensive member of his sire's first crop. (His dam Hollywood Story (Wild Rush) was a dual Grade I winner for Shirreffs.) CRK Stable named him with due deference to his grandsire A.P. Indy, whose death

in February at the age of 31 placed in melancholy perspective the shocking loss this week of Arrogate (Unbridled's Song). Certainly the Lane's End patriarch made the most of his longevity, both as a sire of sires and broodmare sire, and perhaps his grandson will sketch out an apt eulogy Saturday.

Shirreffs also saddles **Midcourt** (Midnight Lute) for CRK Stable in the GI Hollywood Gold Cup. This blossoming animal, who started in another barn and missed his whole sophomore

campaign, attests eloquently to the patience of his trainer. After only breaking his maiden at age four, he has been moving pretty seamlessly through the ranks ever since.

However Shirreffs fares Saturday, it's good to see such renewal of momentum for a gentleman who, besides his professional mastery, is no less uncommon for his intelligence and decency. Last year, after a couple of lean campaigns, he was back up to 22%. Mind you, having never trained by numbers, Shirreffs should no more

be judged by mere stats than by the single racemare with whom his name will be forever synonymous.

The grandstands will be eerily quiet Saturday, as compared with the day Zenyatta won the GI Breeders' Cup Classic--complementing, lest we forget, the barn's GI Ladies' Classic success with Life Is Sweet (Storm Cat). But the pandemic may ultimately prove to have conspired in favor of a regime that has only ever forced three other maturing colts, besides Giacomo, into a Kentucky Derby staged on its usual date.

Shirreffs would never compromise on a horse's best interests, whether for the vanity of the Derby trail or any other reason. So while Honor A.P. can only benefit from the experience Saturday, luckily his trainer has plenty to spare.



Midcourt | Benoit

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SANTA ANITA DERBY SHOWDOWN



Authentic | Benoit

West Coast heavyweights **Authentic** (Into Mischief) and **Honor A.P.** (Honor Code) meet for round two in a highly anticipated renewal of Saturday's GI Runhappy Santa Anita Derby.

Authentic made it a perfect three-for-three for Hall of Famer Bob Baffert, posting a powerful 2 1/4-length wire-to-wire decision over Honor A.P. in the GII San Felipe S. Mar. 7. He previously aired by 7 3/4 lengths over stablemate **Azul Coast** (Super Saver), a next-out winner of the El Camino Real Derby at Golden Gate Feb. 15, in the GIII Sham S. Jan. 4. Authentic is drawn widest of all in post six with regular rider Drayden Van Dyke in the irons.

Baffert has won the Santa Anita Derby a record nine times and finished one-two in last year's renewal with Roadster (Quality Road) and Game Winner (Candy Ride {Arg}).

It was announced Wednesday evening that B. Wayne Hughes's Spendthrift Farm has acquired a majority ownership interest in the \$350,000 KEESEP yearling, joining forces with Starlight Racing and Madaket Stables.

Honor A.P., a runaway maiden winner in his 2-year-old finale Oct. 13, was making just his first start of the season in the San Felipe after suffering a well-documented foot bruise earlier this year. He fired a five-furlong bullet in :59 1/5 (1/28) for trainer John Shirreffs in Arcadia May 22.

"John [Shirreffs] is developing him like we've got a really good horse," owner Lee Searing told TDN. "He could go a distance of ground and his last race, trying to chase Authentic, wasn't the easiest thing to do. He made the perfect move--the one we all wanted to see--but he didn't catch him. He didn't lean on him and we're just really happy with the way he ran. We haven't set him down yet."

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Santa Anita Derby cont.

The speedy **Shooters Shoot** (Competitive Edge) figures to be on the engine from his inside draw. He enters riding a two-race winning streak for this stakes debut after posting a game optional claiming victory at Oaklawn Apr. 11.

Narrow GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile runner-up **Anneau d'Or** (Medaglia d'Oro) looks to get back on track following disappointing efforts in the GII Risen Star S. at Fair Grounds Feb. 15 and GI Arkansas Derby at Oaklawn May 2.

The Santa Anita Derby offers 170 GI Kentucky Derby qualifying points (100-40-20-10).

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Ed DeRosa of Brisnet.com takes on TDN's Steve Sherack and Brian DiDonato as they handicap Triple Crown prep races plus the big three races themselves. The three will make \$100 Win/Place bets in the preps and \$200 Win/Place bets in the Kentucky Derby, Preakness and Belmont. Highest bankroll at the end wins.

DeRosa - Matt Winn Results - Ny Traffic was second best. **Bankroll: \$2765.**

GI Runhappy Santa Anita Derby - I picked **Honor A. P.** in the San Felipe and see no reason to get off him here with some freshening at twice the price of the horse who got the jump on him last time with slightly more seasoning. There's more speed in here, though, than last time, and I think this is the start of Honor A. P.'s march toward the GI Kentucky Derby Sept. 5 at Churchill Downs. **Selection: #6 Honor A. P. (9-5).**

Sherack - Matt Winn Results - Pneumatic ran a very solid third in his stakes debut. But, wow, how good is Maxfield? **Bankroll: \$2155.**

GI Runhappy Santa Anita Derby - Two things are pointing in favor of **Honor A. P.** that should help the son of Honor Code turn the tables on Authentic in this highly anticipated San Felipe rematch: added distance and the presence of inside speed. Time to find out how good he really is. **Selection: #6 Honor A. P. (9-5).**

DiDonato - Matt Winn Results - Pneumatic ran pretty well on what seemed like the worst part of the track. He looks like the other one you want out of this race other than Maxfield.

Bankroll: \$3015.

GI Runhappy Santa Anita Derby - There are some decent up-and-comers in here, but this still seems like a two-horse race between Authentic and **Honor A. P.**--it'll take some weird trip dynamics or a major jump up on speed figures by someone else for both of them to lose. Authentic fended off Honor A. P. pretty decisively last time in the GII San Felipe, but that extra sixteenth of a mile should make a huge difference--especially with all the other speed signed on to keep Authentic honest. Friar's Road might be the horse for second. **Selection: #6 Honor A. P. (9-5).**

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"He had a very good winter. All of his works were good at Payson and all have been good here," McGaughey told the NYRA media team. "He schooled in the paddock today and was very good. We're looking forward to getting him started. He's gotten bigger and stronger. If we can get a good, solid effort out of him and move ahead, we'll be happy. He had four solid races last year and I think it got him to this year in good position."

The Phipps Stable and Claiborne Farm runner will not have it easy in his first Grade I attempt. He will face a Grade I winner who is also entering on a win streak in **Firenze Fire** (Poseidon's Warrior).

Victorious in the 2017 GI Champagne S., the Mr Amore Stable homebred romped in the Fabulous Strike S. at Penn National Nov. 27 and bested his former stablemate Happy Farm

(Ghostzapper) by a head in Aqueduct's Gravesend S. Dec. 22. Last seen taking the GIII General George S. at Laurel by four lengths Feb. 15, Firenze Fire has since been transferred to Kelly

Breen following the federal indictment of his former conditioner Jason Servis. The bay had been working well for his new barn, including a five-panel bullet in 1:00 2/5 (1/29) two back on the Belmont training track May 21.

Already a two-time Grade I winner, **Mind Control** (Stay Thirsty) also seeks his fourth straight win in the Carter. The 2018 GI Hopeful S. hero came out on top of a thrilling photo finish in last summer's GI H. Allen Jerkens S. in August and out-nosed last year's Westchester winner

Nicodemus (Candy Ride {Arg}) in the GIII Toboggan S. Jan. 18. The bay won the GIII Tom Fool H. at Aqueduct last time Mar. 7.

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Performer winning the Discovery | Sarah Andrew

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Mind Control capturing the Tom Fool | Sarah Andrew

"Mind Control is doing well and training lights out," said Gregg Sacco. "He's had about nine works since the Tom Fool. The last work was super. He has two races under his belt this year and he's a very fit animal. He worked Saturday in 1:01.1 and galloped out in 1:12.4, which was exactly what we wanted. We wanted him to finish strong and he did."

The lightly raced **Vekoma** (Candy Ride {Arg}) seeks his first top-level score here. Triumphant in the GII Toyota Bluegrass S. last term, the chestnut was sidelined after crossing the line 13th, but promoted to 12th in the GI Kentucky Derby. He returned a decisive winner in Gulfstream's Sir Shackleton S. Mar. 28.

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SIX GO FOR GOLD



Midcourt | Horsephotos

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The authoritative 2019 GIII Native Diver S. and 2020 GII San Pasqual S. winner was a close third as the 3-5 favorite when last seen going this same 1 1/4-mile distance in the GI Santa Anita H. Mar. 7. Trainer John Shirreffs takes off the blinkers for this.

Higher Power (Medaglia d'Oro), fifth in this race last year, broke through in a big way with a dominating 9-1 upset in last summer's GI TVG Pacific Classic S. at Del Mar. A well-beaten third in both the GI Awesome Again S. and GI Breeders' Cup Classic, he failed to fire as the 5-2 favorite, finishing last of 10 in the GI Pegasus World Cup Invitational S. at Gulfstream last time Jan. 25.

Trainer John Sadler has won two out of the last five renewals of the Hollywood Gold Cup with Hard Aces (Hard Spun) in 2015 and Accelerate (Lookin At Lucky) in 2018.

GISW **Improbable** (City Zip), fifth in last year's GI Kentucky Derby and sixth in the GI Preakness S., both as the favorite, posted a bang-up second-place finish to Tom's d'Etat (Smart Strike) after leading in the stretch following a wide trip in the Oaklawn Mile S. last time Apr. 11.

It was announced last week that Santa Anita Park will restore the name of the Hollywood Gold Cup for this year's renewal. The race had been called the Gold Cup at Santa Anita since moving to the Arcadia track in 2014.

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SKY HIGH IN THE OAKS

Peter Callahan's streaking **Swiss Skydiver** (Daredevil) headlines a compact field of five set for Saturday's GII Santa Anita Oaks.

The rail-drawn chestnut ships in from trainer Ken McPeck's Kentucky base after posting a pair of impressive upsets in the GII Fasig-Tipton Gulfstream Park Oaks Mar. 28 and GIII Fantasy S. at Oaklawn May 1, respectively. She earned a field-best 99 Beyer Speed Figure after stalking and pouncing and defeating the talented Venetian Harbor (Munnings) by 2 1/2 lengths in the latter. Hall of Famer Mike Smith picks up the mount for the first time.

Merneith (American Pharoah) broke through with a double-digit score going six furlongs in the Oaklawn slop at third asking Apr. 19. The \$600,000 OBS March graduate, second in her first two attempts earlier this term at Santa Anita, is trained by Hall

of Famer Bob Baffert.

"That filly, I love her," Baffert said. "She's such a good filly and she looks the part. She looks like Pharoah. These Pharoahs, you have to wait on them and they're going to come running."



Swiss Skydiver | Lauren King

Speech (Mr Speaker) has hooked a trio of talented fillies while completing the exacta in her last three starts, including a runner-up finish behind 'TDN Rising Star' Donna Veloce (Uncle Mo) in the GIII Santa Ysabel S. Mar. 8 and a neck defeat to unbeaten 'TDN Rising Star' Gamine (Into Mischief) in an optional claimer at Oaklawn May 2. Gamine topped last year's Fasig-Tipton Midlantic 2-year-old sale at \$1.8 million.

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CODE OF HONOR MAKES SEASONAL BOW IN WESTCHESTER



Code of Honor | Sarah Andrew

Dual Grade I winner **Code of Honor** (Noble Mission {GB}) makes his first start as an older horse Saturday in Belmont's GIII Westchester S. Victor of the GII Fountain of Youth S. last term, the Farish homebred captured the GIII Dwyer S. going a mile over this strip last summer and followed suit with a decisive score in the GI Runhappy Travers S. in August. Crossing the line a nose short of Vino Rosso (Curlin) in this venue's GI Jockey Club Gold Cup S. Sept. 28, the chestnut was promoted to first after the winner was DQ'd for interference in the lane. Code of Honor was seventh to that Eclipse-winning rival when last seen in the GI Breeders' Cup Classic at Santa Anita Nov. 2.

"I liked the distance for him. I think one of his best races last year was the Dwyer going one mile," McGaughey told the NYRA notes team. "It's just about getting him started. We're in it to win but as long as we can get a good effort out of him where we can move forward, we'll be happy, too."



Endorsed | Sarah Andrew

Endorsed (Medaglia d'Oro) takes another crack at stakes company in his second start for Hall of Famer Bill Mott. Fourth in Code of Honor's Travers, the Godolphin homebred was shelved following that start and resurfaced with a good-looking optional claimer win at Gulfstream Jan. 11. He was fifth when shipped west for the GI Santa Anita H. Mar. 7 and was transferred from the now-retired Kiaran McLaughlin to Mott. The bay rallied from well back to win an Oaklawn optional claimer in his first start for his new barn May 2.

Chad Brown saddles a pair with a good chance in **Monongahela** (K One King) and **Payne** (Paynter). Monongahela was transferred to Brown earlier this term after the indictment of his previous trainer Jason Servis and makes his first start for the Eclipse-winning conditioner in this test. He won Monmouth's GIII Phillip H. Iselin S. and Penn National's Swatara S. last term and concluded his tenure with the Servis barn with a near miss in the John B. Campbell S. at Laurel last time Feb. 15. His stablemate Payne enters off a three-race win streak in allowance company, most recently triumphing by 9 3/4 lengths in an Aqueduct optional claimer Mar. 13.

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BROWN HOLDS STRONG HAND IN INTERCONTINENTAL

With four talented members of his star-studded stable signed on for this test, the main question facing Chad Brown Saturday seems to be not if he will win Belmont's GIII Intercontinental S., but which of his fillies he will win it with. Favoritism is likely to go to **Significant Form** (Creative Cause), who won this test last year. The gray also captured the GII Ballston Spa S. in August and the GIII Noble Damsel S. in September. She was seventh to Got Stormy (Get Stormy) when last seen in the GI Matriarch S. at Del Mar Dec. 1.

Newspaperofrecord (Ire) (Lope de Vega {Ire}) was perfect as a juvenile with three sensational victories capped off by a tour de force in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf in 2018. She was unable to find the winner's circle in her three starts last term, finishing second in both the GIII Edgewood S. and the GIII Wonder Again S. The **'TDN Rising Star'** was last seen finishing ninth in the GI Belmont Oaks Invitational S. in July and looks to get back on track in this return after 11 months on the sidelines.

"She's been training really well," Brown told the NYRA notes team. "It's a good distance to start her back, we'll look at stretching her out to a mile and not go past that distance."

Paul Pompa homebred **Regal Glory** (Animal Kingdom) won both the GIII Lake George S. and GII Lake Placid S. for Brown last summer and was sixth to barnmate Cambier Marc (Medaglia d'Oro) when last seen in Keeneland's GI Queen Elizabeth II Challenge Cup Oct. 12. **Cont. p11**

Intercontinental cont.



Significant Form | Justina Severni

The one Brown runner who is somewhat of a question mark is **Viadera (GB)** (Bated Breath {GB}), who makes her U.S. debut in this test. Previously trained by G. M. Lyons, the Juddmonte homebred won three times in Ireland, including the Cairn Rose S. in July. She was ninth in her final European venture in the Sovereign Path H. in September and receives Lasix for the first time here.

"She's more of a mile-type," Brown said. "She's a very high quality horse with a top notch pedigree."

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COMPETITIVE FIELD SET FOR DOGWOOD



Four Graces | Coady

A competitive field of eight sophomore fillies are set to line up Saturday for the GIII Dogwood S. at Churchill Downs. **Four Graces** (Majesticperfection) looks to follow in the hoofprints of

her MGSW half-brother McCracken (Ghostzapper) and secure her first black-type victory here. A debut winner at Gulfstream Mar. 1, the Whitham Thoroughbreds homebred was fourth in a Hallandale optional claimer Apr. 10 and returned to winning ways in another optional claimer over this track and trip May 16.

'**TDN Rising Star**' **Ain't No Elmers** (Goldencents) looks to return to winning ways in this black-type bow. A dominant first-out winner at the Fair Grounds Feb. 15, the bay romped by nine lengths next out in NOLA Mar. 18 and was fifth when trying two turns at Oaklawn May 2.

Fellow '**Rising Star**' **Magic Dance** (More Than Ready) also looks to get back on track here. The half-sister to MGSW Guarana (Ghostzapper) opened her account with an impressive win going five panels here last June and took the track-and-trip Debutante S. three weeks later. Third in Saratoga's GII Adirondack S. in August, the dark bay was benched for the season and finished fifth when next seen in a two-turn allowance in the sloop at Oaklawn Mar. 28.

John Sadler saddles another promising runner in **Edgeway** (Competitive Edge). Capturing her career bow in Hot Springs Feb. 29, the dark bay was third to Kimari (Munnings) in a sloppy renewal of that venue's Purple Martin S. Apr. 4 and won an optional claimer there Apr. 26.

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WAVERTREE ON FIRE AT FRIDAY'S BREEZE SHOW

By Christie DeBernardis

Ciaran Dunne's Wavertree Stables was on fire Friday at the Ocala Breeders' Sales Company's Spring Sale of 2-Year-Olds in Training breeze show. The Irishman sent out one of two :20 2/5 bullet breezers, as well as four juveniles who worked in :20 3/5.

"It was a great day," Dunne said. "I don't want to say it was unexpected because it wasn't, but it is very rare that everything goes exactly as you hoped. We felt we were loaded coming into [Friday]. We had some nice horses throughout the week, but we felt we had an exceptionally strong group today. It just kind of went bang, bang, bang like you would have hoped."

Dunne's bullet :20 2/5 breezer was **Hip 1007**, a son of freshman sire Laoban (Uncle Mo). Bred in the Empire State by Joseph Calvo, the dark bay was purchased by Dunne for \$80,000 at the Fasig-Tipton New York-Bred Yearling Sale last August.

"I actually didn't stay for the New York-breds at Saratoga this year, but my daughter was working for Fasig and had gone around and looked at some horses with some people," Dunne said. "She landed on this one and, as daughters will do, she talked me into buying him, probably for more than I wanted to give. But, look, he has been a really nice horse all year." **Cont. p12**



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OBS Breeze Show cont.

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Dunne continued, "I can't believe we still have him. We have had a lot a traffic through the farm and everyone that has come to the farm has absolutely loved him. I didn't think we had him over-priced, but I guess everybody else did. He is the horse that has stood out all year long, just a beautiful mover and very easy going. He is everything you would want in a horse."

The other :20 2/5 breezer came from the Eddie Woods consignment, [Hip 1034](#), a colt by First Samurai. Picked up by Woods for \$80,000 at FTKJUL, the dark bay is out of stakes winner Flat Out Charming (Flatter). He was bred by Chuck and Lori Allen and Amy Bayle.

Dunne's four :20 3/5 workers were a Shackleford colt ([Hip 982](#)) ([video](#)); a daughter of first-season sire Firing Line ([Hip 1010](#)) ([video](#)); a son of Quality Road ([Hip 1018](#)) ([video](#)); and a colt from the first crop of California Chrome ([Hip 1298](#)) ([video](#)).



Hip 982, a half-brother to Monomoy Girl | Sandra Madison

The Shackleford colt stands out on pedigree alone, being a half-brother to champion and MGSW Monomoy Girl (Tapizar) and GSW Mr. Monomoy (Palace Malice). His dam Drummette (Henny Hughes) was purchased by Bridlewood Farm for \$1.85 million in foal to Mastery following Monomoy Girl's championship season at the 2018 Fasig-Tipton November Sale. Dunne bought Hip 982 from breeders Michael Herson and Frankfort Park Farm for \$230,000 at the Fasig-Tipton October Sale.

"The Shackleford is a half to Monomoy Girl," Dunne said. "Do I say anymore? I couldn't believe they let us buy him in October. I was shocked when we got him. I thought it was an exercise in futility, but one of those things you have to try and do. I was stunned when we walked out with the ticket. He is a stunning individual and his work was fabulous."

Dunne picked up Hip 1010 for \$50,000 at the FTKJUL sale. She is bred by Clearsky Farms, which produced the likes of champions Arrogate (Unbridled's Song) and Abel Tasman (Quality Road). The bay is out of Argentinian graded winner Ever Nice (Arg) (Mutakddim), a half-sister to Argentinian champion Ever Peace (Alpha Plus).

"Going up there, we would have thought the Firing Line filly would have been the fastest," Dunne said. "She has been brilliantly fast all year. She is an absolutely gorgeous filly. She looks like a colt, big and strong, but not gross with it. She has enough femininity to her, but is strong and powerful."

A \$240,000 FTKOCT buy, Hip 1018 was bred by KatieRich Farms and is out of the A.P. Indy mare False Impression, a daughter of MGSW Classic Elegance (Carson City). The bay son of Quality Road is a half-brother to MSW and MGSW Standard Deviation (Curlin).

"Hip 1018 is by the preeminent stallion right now that will get you a two-turn horse in Quality Road," Dunne said. "He also has a two-turn pedigree. He was a later foal. We bought him in October and I am always hesitant to get those October horses to an early sale, so he was always slated to go to April. He kind of made a mess of his work today, but sheer talent got him through it. He made a mess of the turn when he broke off, but he was still able to dig out an exceptional work. He is a very, very good colt, a no brainer really."

Bred by JSM Equine, LLC, Hip 1298 RNA'd for \$65,000 at KESEF. The California Chrome colt's unraced dam is a daughter of GSW Tizfiz (Tiznow), making her a half-sister to MGSW Tiz the Law (Constitution).

"The California Chrome is another horse that I thought we had priced very reasonably at the farm," Dunne said. "He is another one that everybody came by asking, 'Who's that? Who's that?' He is out of an Unbridled's Song mare and that is what he looks like: a big stretchy horse that can go a route of ground." **Cont.**

OBS cont.



Hip 1018 | *Sandra Madison*

Dunne continued, “He is from the immediate family of Tiz the Law, which is not going to hurt. He is a very talented horse.”

Just one juvenile breezed a furlong in a bullet :9 4/5, **Hip 1299**, a daughter of Liam’s Map. Bred in Florida by Barry Berkelhammer and Rich Averill, she is consigned by Cary Frommer. Her second dam is MGSW Ebony Breeze (Belong to Me).

The final day of the breeze show is Saturday, starting at 7:30 a.m.

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IRB STUNNER: NO CONTRACT MEANS NO ARLINGTON DATES DECISION FOR NOW

By T.D. Thornton

In a move that seemed to catch some industry stakeholders off guard Friday, the Illinois Racing Board (IRB) deferred voting on approving a long-awaited plan to belatedly start the 2020 race meet at Arlington International Racecourse, citing the lack of a contract between the track and the Illinois Thoroughbred Horsemen’s Association (ITHA) as the sole reason.

Friday’s “special” meeting had been convened primarily for the purpose of getting Arlington back up and running after months of squabbling between the horsemen and the track, plus the COVID-19 pandemic that caused Arlington to miss its May 1 opening date.

Earlier this week, when the IRB announced the special meeting with Arlington as its focal point, it was reported that Arlington officials had suddenly reversed course and agreed to a spectator-free racing plan over a 30-date summer season with the entire stakes program—including the GI Arlington Million—on hiatus for 2020.

As recently as May 22, track officials had repeatedly stated to

the IRB that their desire was not to commit to racing until Arlington could safely host fans, a stance that at least one commissioner and several ITHA officials blasted at the time as being unrealistic.

IRB chairman Daniel Beiser allowed the June 5 meeting to proceed through its public commentary period, then voting took place on the first three actionable agenda items, including one to grant Fairmount Park amended 2020 dates.

But when the highly anticipated Arlington dates plan came up, Beiser told stakeholders and fellow commissioners that the meeting would be recessed until Monday at 10 a.m., with the hope that the two sides could hammer out a contract in the span of a weekend after fighting over some sort of deal since last year.

“We don’t have an agreement between the parties,” Beiser said. “The question is that that agreement needs to be in place. It’s hopeful that this next 65-70 hours will be beneficial in that process, and we’re looking forward to them getting together and hopefully having a resolution to this impasse by the time we reconvene the meeting on June 8.”

Arlington president Tony Petrillo was allowed to speak on the deferral decision right after Beiser announced it.

“I was hoping that the board would address this issue of our amended race schedule today,” Petrillo said. “I think everybody in this industry was very happy to know that we found a solution to race without spectators...and the prospect of hosting fans here at some time in the future led us to that solution.

“Delaying this decision today pushes us back another two days,” Petrillo continued, noting that the Arlington’s plan is predicated on having an agreement inked with the ITHA and having time to get the backstretch ready and employees re-hired. “To have another delay for [our employees and horsemen], it makes one very distraught...These are certainties the horsemen, the trainers, are looking for.”

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Arlington | *Coady*

Arlington cont.

The sweeping Illinois Gaming Act passed last June granted gaming privileges to the state's racetracks, but Arlington stunned Illinois horsemen by intentionally missing an August deadline to apply for racino licensure. That decision took on added controversy because Arlington's corporate parent, Churchill Downs, Inc., has an ownership stake in a nearby competing casino, and has stated an intent to open another near Chicago.

The Gaming Act also had a new requirement written into it that stated "A contract with the appropriate Thoroughbred or Standardbred horsemen organization shall be negotiated and signed by the organization licensee before the beginning of each calendar year." But the two sides have stalemated on a deal since late 2019.

Petrillo closed his remarks by asking if the board would reconsider voting on the plan, citing the weekend delay as "one more hurdle that doesn't need to be navigated." He suggested the IRB could give conditional approval that hinged on pending negotiations, adding "that would put enough desire and circumstance on both parties to work this weekend to get to an agreement."

Beiser said the deferral to Monday was already a done deal.

Commissioner Thomas McCauley went one step further, mandating that the two sparring parties meet at a neutral

location--Hawthorne Race Course--at 10 a.m. Saturday to try to reach an agreement while sitting outdoors in folding chairs in the presence of McCauley and another IRB staffer.

McCauley also said Petrillo's concern that the deferred vote would cost his track two days of prep time was "untenable" considering how long the two sides have already dragged out the negotiation process.

In a post-meeting phone interview, *TDN* asked David McCaffrey, the ITHA's executive director, if it was realistic to expect that an agreement could be reached over the weekend after the parties have already spent eight difficult months trying to come to terms.

"That's up to Arlington," McCaffrey responded. "Fourteen days ago they said they could not race spectator-free. I believe under pressure to save their meet, they took another look at it and

said, 'Maybe we can race spectator-free.' Because they run the risk of losing their host-track status, and I think that's worrisome to them.

"The parameters are in place and we are on the same page for 2020," McCaffrey continued. "If Arlington really cared about racing in Illinois, they would sign that deal for 2020 and we would be racing in 30 days.

"The obstacle here and is this crazy insistence that Arlington is putting on us to sign a second-year deal," McCaffrey explained.

"Nobody knows what it's going to look like next year. We don't even know if they're going to get dates next year," McCaffrey said. "All sorts of crazy things could unfold, and if you look at the professional sports leagues, they're just trying to get through this year. You don't see baseball and basketball trying to figure out what next year's schedule will look like. They're just trying to do the best they can do this year, and that's the position that

we're taking. It's just too nebulous for 2021."

The impasse over a one- or two-year deal is not a new snarl. At the Apr. 24 IRB meeting, the two sides aired their differences over it, with the horsemen claiming the pandemic has made it difficult to project that far ahead and Petrillo stating that the ITHA just sprang the desire for a one-year contract on him the day before.

During the June 5 meeting, Petrillo reiterated that "we have responded to a proposal that was submitted by the ITHA for a two-year agreement. Each year

had five specific points to it. For this year, there's only one really large issue and a couple minor issues [involving how soon training can start]." He underscored that he felt a deal was within reach.

McCaffrey said that 2020 at Arlington figures to be a difficult enough challenge on its own without trying to lock in terms for 2021.

"You have to understand, there's no money right now in the purse account," McCaffrey said. "Whatever we've generated from their host days up until now, they take in recapture. So we had \$4.5 million as of May 10 in our purse account. Their recapture number, the amount that they are allowed [by state law] to take and put into their pockets for whatever they want to do with it, is \$4.5 million. So our purse account right now is dead broke." **Cont. p15**



Arlington | Coady

Arlington cont.

Prior to the IRB's decision to defer, Larry Rivelli, the perennial standings-topping trainer at Arlington, said during the public commentary period that he has personally contacted numerous other horsemen who would be fine with a form of a two-year deal so long as certain purse levels were guaranteed.

"I just wanted the board, [Petrillo], and the ITHA to know that I contacted 34 or 35 trainers, and we're all in [agreement] with the 2020 purse structure of \$130,000 to \$150,000," Rivelli said. "They all said yes. They also said in 2021, if and when that happens, and Arlington was able to maintain a \$150,000 basement, so to say, of purses, that would be acceptable to the horsemen as well."

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jockey] Johnny [Velazquez] told me that he galloped out really well so that makes me feel good."

Another Belmont contender who may be entering the Classic contest on a quick turn around is **Sole Volante** (Karakontie {Jpn}), who is entered in an allowance at Gulfstream Wednesday.

"He's doing good, unfortunately we missed a work with the bad weather, but there's a race for us next Wednesday in the book and he's going to run that," trainer Patrick Biancone said. "We need to give him a prep race. Nothing replaces a race, so we'll run him there and hopefully he runs like we expect and then he'll be in a van the following Monday for Belmont."

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TAP IT TO WIN EYEING BELMONT S.



Tap It to Win | Coglianese

Recent allowance winner **Tap It to Win** (Tapit) is now under consideration for the GI Belmont S. June 20, according to trainer Mark Casse.

"I've always said, run them when they're good," Casse said. "We won the [GI] Breeders' Cup [Filly and Mare Sprint] with Shamrock Rose (First Dude) [off of two week's rest] and last year we spun Got Stormy (Get Stormy) back off of a week's rest to beat colts in a Grade I [Fourstardave at Saratoga]. Sixteen days will be enough time."

A second-out graduate in August, Tap It to Win was well beaten in both the GI Claiborne Breeders' Futurity S. and Street Sense S. last fall. The Live Oak homebred is a perfect two-for-two this season, capturing a Gulfstream allowance May 9 and winning at Belmont June 4.

"I thought that [Thursday] was a really tough race, but I believed we had a good chance," Casse added. "[Hall of Fame

OWNERS, OUT-OF-TOWN SHIPPERS PERMITTED AT LAUREL AS MARYLAND MOVES TO PHASE 2

The Maryland Jockey Club announced policy changes Friday at Laurel Park in response to Maryland Governor Hogan's authorization to enter into Phase 2 of the state's *Roadmap to Recovery* plan.

Effective Saturday, June 6, a limited number of owners will be permitted to watch races from the track apron while adhering to the COVID-19 mitigation protocols already in place at the track. Owners must enter the facility at the Clockers' entrance and must display a Maryland Racing Commission badge. The MJC has requested that owners watch their horses race and then leave to allow other owners access for their races. The grandstand and clubhouse will remain closed and paddock and winner's circle access will not be allowed at this time.

Additionally, effective Friday, June 12, shippers from out of state will be permitted to race at Laurel. Entries for the June 12 program will be taken Monday, June 8. All shippers must go to the receiving barn, and access will be limited to one trainer and one groom. Races will continue to be limited to Maryland-based jockeys who competed when live racing resumed May 30-June 1.

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SPECTATORS ALLOWED AT LOUISIANA DOWNS

With Louisiana moving into Phase 2, Louisiana Downs will allow spectators as live racing kicks off Saturday. Patrons will be required to enter via a specially marked designated entrance and temperature checks will be conducted. Face masks are not required, but recommended. Only trainers, grooms and jockeys will be permitted in the saddling paddock and no more than six individuals will be allowed in the winner's circle following their race, based on social distancing recommendations.

"We have been in daily communication with the Governor's office and were hopeful that we would be able to welcome racing fans to Harrah's Louisiana Downs," said David Heitzmann, Director of Racing. "Our opening day card drew very well, and we look forward to a very successful kick off to our 2020 Thoroughbred racing season."

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BESHEAR: KY HISTORICAL RACING FACILITIES CAN REOPEN MONDAY

Kentucky Governor Andy Beshear announced on Thursday that the state's four historical horse racing (HHR) facilities can reopen Monday, June 8 after having been shuttered due to the coronavirus pandemic. This includes Kentucky Downs, which also reopens for simulcasting Thursday.

The Kentucky Equine Education Project (KEEP) released the following statement in response:

"KEEP applauds Governor Beshear's announcement that historical horse racing (HHR) facilities can reopen on June 8, 2020. KEEP commends the Governor and the horse industry for working together on this solution, which will allow the facilities to operate at one-third capacity and provide a safe environment for the fans of this unique entertainment experience.

"HHR has single-handedly transformed the horse racing industry in Kentucky. HHR's impact on the industry has set it apart from competing states by creating a magnet that is drawing horse operations from around the country to the Commonwealth. HHR alone has contributed more than \$52 million to racing purses, more than \$50 million to breeders and has contributed tens of millions of dollars to the Kentucky General Fund, as well as other state programs.

"With incentive structures in Kentucky that benefit breeders, trainers and owners who keep their horses in Kentucky, HHR is responsible for the positive growth in the health of the industry and its more than \$3.4 billion economic impact on the Commonwealth."

For more on how HHR revenues fund purses in Kentucky, see [KTFD in 'Fragile' State; Ellis 'Moving Heaven and Earth' to Have Race Meet](#).

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KEENELAND SUMMER MEET CONDITION BOOK RELEASED

Keeneland has released the condition book for its five-day Summer Meet at Keeneland, to be held Wednesday, July 8 through Sunday, July 12. The condition book is available online at Keeneland.com/racing or by [clicking here](#).

"We are excited to offer such a high-quality Condition Book and to have the opportunity to present a number of major graded stakes traditionally held during the Spring Meet," Keeneland Vice President of Racing and Sales Bob Elliston said. "We thank our horsemen for their strong support of Keeneland and our racing program."

Keeneland will offer average daily purses of \$948,000, including Kentucky Thoroughbred Development Funds, for a total of \$4,742,000.

The previously announced [stakes schedule](#) includes 10 graded events worth \$2,575,000, including four Grade I races, four Grade II races and two Grade III races. Stakes nominations close Wednesday, June 24.

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ELLIS HISTORICAL RACING TO REOPEN MONDAY



Coady Photo

Ellis Park will reopen for Historical Horse Racing (HHR) gaming this Monday at 10 a.m. Following coronavirus safety protocols, the facility will be limited to 33% occupancy and every employee and guest will have their temperature measured before entering.

Ellis Park has been closed since Mar. 16 due to the global pandemic. Gov. Andy Beshear late Thursday afternoon approved the opening of Kentucky tracks' (HHR) operations starting Monday under similar restrictions placed on restaurants. **Cont. p17**

Ellis Park Historical Racing to Reopen Monday cont.

Gaming terminals available for play will be at least six feet apart, with Ellis Park reconfiguring how machines are positioned as well as turning on every third machine. About 130 gaming terminals will be available for use.

Guests are highly encouraged to wear masks or facial coverings. Ellis Park is bringing in additional staff to clean all the gaming terminals and the simulcast area, with disinfectant wipes available for customers. All Ellis Park employees will be tested for COVID-19.

Betting on horse racing across the country will begin Wednesday on Ellis Park’s second floor, with tables spaced a minimum of 6 ft. apart and a limit on how many people can be upstairs in order to comply with the 33% limit.

“We applaud Gov. Beshear and his office working with the racetracks to get our revenue stream back up and running,” said Jeff Inman, Ellis Park’s general manager. “This is vital to having a successful live race meet, which is so important to the horse industry in Kentucky and all the businesses in the Tri-State area who benefit from Ellis Park and its horsemen. We know the public is itching to get to some form of new normalcy, and we’re delighted to have our popular entertainment venue back in business in a safe manner next week.”

Ellis Park will open for HHR gaming 10 a.m. daily and be available Sunday through Thursday until 2 a.m. the following morning and closing at 4 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday mornings.

The Date Park Grill will be open for food service. Alcohol will be available for purchase at the clubhouse bar, with no seating there allowed in that area at this time. Ellis Park hopes to implement contactless ordering via text for food and beverages by mid-month.

Ellis Park also will begin allowing horses into the stable area starting Monday by appointment only. Trainers should contact stall manager J.J. Gloria at 270-454-2361. Horses stabled in the vicinity, such as at Riverside Downs training track, will get first priority. Horsemen also can begin bringing in their tack and equipment and setting up barns this weekend but should contact Gloria in advance.

Horsemen and backstretch workers will be required to have a health check every day before entering the backstretch and be licensed by the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission.

Ellis Park is scheduled to open for live racing June 28.

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NTRA ISSUES STATEMENT ON RACE AND DIVERSITY

The National Thoroughbred Racing Association issued the following statement Friday from President and CEO Alex Waldrop:

“The racing industry would not exist and could not function without the contributions of the black community and people of color. The systemic racism that has poisoned our country cannot be allowed to inflict its pain on one more generation. We must work individually and collectively to dismantle these prejudices for good and confront the injustice that devalues the lives of the very people who make sure our industry can endure.

“We at the National Thoroughbred Racing Association are committed to supporting the communities we serve. This year, we embarked on an initiative to create greater diversity and cultural awareness at all levels of the business, including positions of power, by collaborating with Legacy Equine Academy, a Kentucky-based program which encourages primarily students of color to attend college and pursue degrees in equine-related studies. Through this venture, the NTRA will help fund scholarships for students in the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture Equine Programs with the intent of fostering a more inclusive Thoroughbred racing industry for generations to come.

“Change cannot wait, so we will work with all of our racing partners to further the goal of a more diverse, inclusive environment for all participants in our sport.”

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DAILY HANDLE FIGURES

Belmont Park

Friday, June 5, 2020	\$13,871,262
Friday, June 14, 2019	\$8,950,952*
Change	up 55%

Churchill Downs

Friday, June 5, 2020	\$5,044,341
Friday, June 7, 2019	\$3,719,480
Change	up 36%

Santa Anita

Friday, June 5, 2020	\$5,398,887
Friday, June 7, 2019	\$5,162,510
Change	up 5%

**Friday, June 7, 2019 was during the Belmont Stakes racing festival, thus a more comparable day is June 14.*



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WEATHERING THE STORM



While many questions regarding the Coronavirus pandemic remain unanswered, and with a stock market experiencing extreme volatility, there is continued uncertainty as to what could happen in our industry over the next few years. But many people in the industry have been through such ambiguity before. We sought the advice of industry leaders who successfully made their way through the Great Recession, and we asked what they learned from it and how they will use their experiences to advance through the coming years.

SHANNON POTTER, Town and Country Farms



Shannon Potter | Keeneland

Looking back on 2008, something I've learned and seen is the importance of managing your expenses and budgeting to keep your head above water. You need to work to maintain your employees and still race the horses at a level you would like to race at. It's important to take care of your affairs at home on the farm instead of trying to worry about the things you can't control.

During 2008, we did some different budget cuts trying to look at the overall picture. We didn't want to get our racing stable too big or our farm too loaded down. We're a commercial breeding operation, so we need to look at the bigger picture and make sure our mares and our people are taken care of. In our operation, we keep anything we really want, but everything else goes to the sale. That mentality has helped us, thinking 'Ok if we have to race that's alright if it's good long-term for the farm,' and not forcing ourselves to sell everything to make it overall. We love having a racing stable, but if we have to look at it, the mares pay the way. So we accept that the number of horses we keep will change from year to year.

We have an active process of selling from the bottom of our broodmare band and buying for the top. So we will continue to

do that looking towards next breeding season. I'm hoping that some of these stud fees will go down. If you look back in 2008, they did come down. It seems like every time those stud fees hit that peak, they get high and then come back when they need to adjust. So our market has done a good job of maintaining itself. I think the limited book size will really help in the future. Overall I think it's a good decision for our industry.

I think our main thing is that we desperately need a centralized head over the Thoroughbred business, just like the NFL and NBA. Not that Roger Goodell is the greatest, but we need a Roger Goodell because so many people are trying to do their own thing. If everyone, whether they're racing horses or breeding horses, had one centralized governing body to look towards, I think that would be a really good thing for our industry, especially during this time of uncertainty.

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#FREEDATAFRIDAY VOL. 37: WHERE'S THE TAKEOUT MENU?

Amongst serious horseplayers, takeout rates in pari-mutuel pools are a frequent discussion. It should be a focus of breeders, owners, trainers and track operators. Unless they are serious bettors too, takeout rates rarely "get a run" from those constituencies, though.

Our recent #FreeDataFriday piece highlighted the impact of various takeout rates on win pools at three different tracks. The higher the rate, the lower the return to winners--and thus, the less they would have to churn through the pools and start another cycle of betting.

Recently, a few bettors lamented on social media that a single source of updated takeout rates for bets across all tracks was unavailable, and sourcing the exact rates was nearly impossible.

Our team set out to build one--scouring track websites, ADWs and even received a full "list" from what seemed a very reputable channel to have such information, only to find later it was replete with holes, inaccuracies or conflicts with other sources.

A press release from three years ago or a promotion which selectively highlights a gimmick, such as a shiny new jackpot pick-six with a "low" takeout which would only be experienced by one person--the single ticket jackpot winner on a day where it is hit, or a group of players only on mandatory payout days--does not count.

It shouldn't be that difficult.

Oilers Score

For **Century Mile** in Edmonton, Alberta, a city with a population of more than 1.4 million and North America's newest racetrack, it is as straightforward as it gets.

The track, which opened in 2019 adjacent to the city's airport, lists takeout rates prominently on [their website](#). At their home page, hover over "Bet" and the menu includes "Takeout Rates."

The information is easy to obtain, and there might be a decent reason for it--the rates are quite favorable to horseplayers.

“As a new racetrack, we felt it was important to find a way to distinguish ourselves in a competitive landscape, by offering an extremely favorable takeout we are trying to incentivize horseplayers to give a new product a look,” says Rob MacLennan, racing secretary at Century Mile. “Takeout is not something we should be ashamed of, or hiding from our players, so we felt it was important to make it accessible especially when we are trying to offer the most competitive rates available.”

A total of seven standard tote pools have takeout rates at or lower than 15% (win, place, show, double, pick three, pick four and pick five)--a standout amongst continental tracks. The 2020 race dates for the Edmonton oval are due to be released as soon as the province of Alberta’s health minister confirms them in this unique period of time.

“In our opening season, we struggled both with field size and handle but are hoping some changes we have made in regards to post times, with a plan to run Fridays and Sundays, in the evening, as well as a reduction in the racing schedule, will allow a similar horse population to raise the average field size and provide a better product for our wagering partners and customers.”

Who’s Publishing Takeout Rates?

We are listing the latest takeout rates here which are readily available from track websites across North America. To qualify for inclusion, the information has to be readily available on a track’s website, inclusive of every bet type offered by that track, specifically identify the total takeout rate and delineate any unique deviations or features (on-track takeout being different than off-track, etc).

To suggest some of this information is buried would be an understatement, and we may have missed some tracks in assembling this list. Now, there could be perfectly rational reasons we missed it--a track that has yet to open for the season, bad web design or simple oversight.

If you found one we may have missed and it is readily available (ideally not buried behind one hover, three clicks, a scroll and then listed on the last of a four-page PDF--don’t worry, we DID include the Fair Grounds despite having missed it in early research), [contact us and we will update our list.](#)

TRACK	WPS	EXA	TRI	SPR	Hi5	DD	P3	P4	P5	P6
Century Mile	14.75	22	25	25	15*	15	15	15	15	-
Colonial Downs	16	20	20	20	-	20	20	20	12	-
Delaware Park	17	19	25	25	-	19	25	25	15	-
Fairgrounds	17	20.5	25	25	-	20.5	25	25	25*	-
Hawthorne	17	20.5	25	25	20	20.5	25	15	15	20
Keeneland	16	19.5	22	22	22	22	22	22	15	22
Kentucky Downs	16	18.25	19	19	19	19	19	14	14	-
Laurel Park	18	21	25.75	25.75	15	21	25.75	25.75	12	20*
NYRA Tracks	16	18.5	24	24	-	18.5	24	24	15	20*
Oaklawn Park	17	21	21	21	-	21	21	21	21	-
Prairie Meadows	17	20	23	20	15	20	19	15	15*	-
Sam Houston	18	21	25	25	12*	12	12	12	12	12*
Tampa Bay Downs	17	20.5	25.9	25.9	18	18	18	18	15	20
Turfway Park	17.5	22	22	22	22	22	22	14	15	15*

*Jackpot

That’s just 16 tracks (NYRA representing three) out of roughly 70 across North America which have published their actual takeout rates for easy customer inspection.

Low Takeout AND Free Data

Unicorns do exist!

The Stronach 5 returns to the betting menu Friday--a five-race sequence connecting races at Laurel, Gulfstream, Golden Gate and Santa Anita. Carrying a \$1 minimum investment with a 12% takeout, you can also get free past performances as part of a promotion between the In The Money Players’ Podcast and DRF Bets.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

CHESTER THOMAS



Chester Thomas | Sarah Andrew

The past two years Allied Racing LLC has achieved our dreams of competing at horse racing’s top level, headed by my first multiple graded-stakes winner and Kentucky Derby runner By My Standards and multiple graded winner Mr. Money. I’d hoped it was just the start of being in the top ranks of the sport we love dearly.

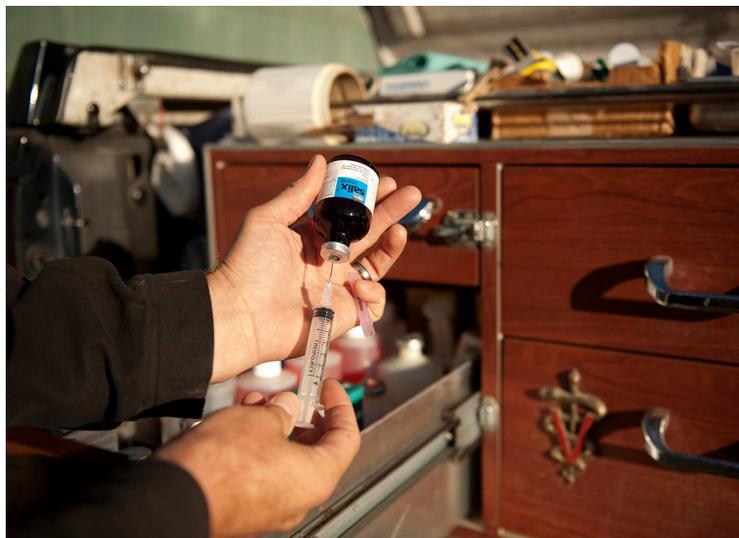
But even as my wife and I ride this incredible wave, we plan to significantly downsize our stable.

Why? Because of the movement to phase out the medication Lasix, a diuretic also used in humans.

The welfare of our equine and human participants must always come first. That’s why it’s mind-numbing that the industry’s power brokers point a finger at Lasix while diverting attention from legitimate issues such as track surfaces.

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Lasix | *Racing Post*

Everything I earned in racing last year was channeled back into buying more horses. Not so in 2020. Until the picture becomes clearer as to how these horses do with no Lasix, I will not be buying any yearlings from Keeneland or elsewhere, nor will I buy any 2-year-olds in training. We will reduce our broodmares by one-third and sell at least two-thirds of our homebred babies.

I'm going to wake up this time next year and I will not have 71 horses, I promise you. It's very difficult to break even in this business, much less to make money. As we are force-fed these ill-advised rule changes, turning a profit will become even more of an illusion.

Yes, horse racing has problems. Lasix isn't one of them.

Phasing out Lasix will not phase out the issue of Exercise Induced Pulmonary Hemorrhaging, the official name for bleeding. Attempting to manage this condition instead will require expensive treatments starting well in advance and after a race. The additional veterinary bills replacing what had been a very effective \$20 Lasix shot will help drive middle-class horse owners away from the game. It is nothing short of class warfare.

Research suggests EIPH is systemic to the species, not hereditary, and Lasix helps to prevent or reduce bleeding. Lasix--given four hours before racing by state veterinarians and the only permitted race-day medication in the vast majority of jurisdictions--is a very closely monitored, highly regulated, transparent and effective program proven over the past 40 years to be in a horse's well-being and best interest. Running a horse on Lasix also is a choice, and should remain so.

To this point, there is no credible study that administering Lasix causes horses to suffer bone or soft-tissue injuries. There is substantial science that the medication helps prevent or reduce the incidence of bleeding. Lasix allows horses to run to their God-given ability and nothing more.

But increasing the chances that a horse will experience EIPH also increases the chance that the horse won't run to its ability, which ultimately reduces its value, possibly to zero.

I believe these new rules will not only dramatically hurt the business but will discourage new participants and the betting public.

The new Lasix rules play into the hands of animal-rights extremists, who in my opinion are salivating for a photo or video opportunity to present itself. They want to see our horses bleed profusely to hand them more emotional ammunition allowing their pursuit to end all horse racing.

And do you know the pre-Lasix way to try to prevent EIPH? Withholding water and hay for 24 hours or more before a race to get the same effect that Lasix does humanely in a short time frame. Think of that as an optic.

There are plenty of ways that horses don't pan out, including being too slow or even self-induced injuries. Why make it even harder for an owner to be successful?

I'm waiting for someone to announce their plan to produce horses that don't bleed, rather than leaving us poor suckers who buy them holding the bag if they do. If breeders truly believe EIPH is hereditary, perhaps they should stop putting known bleeders into the reproductive pipeline. They are talking out both sides of their mouth.

I have been a horse racing fan my entire life, going to the track as a kid with my dad. Now, even as I achieve my dream, I have to question if there's a better way to spend my hard-earned money. I know I'm not alone.

If our industry is on a quest to eliminate catastrophic injuries then we need to be improving track surfaces--not deflecting the media through a partial elimination of Lasix which actually benefits our horses.

Chester Thomas is a businessman and entrepreneur from Madisonville, Ky. His Allied Racing stable ranks No. 7 this year in North American purse earnings at \$1,013,208 through Thursday.

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RECORD NUMBER OF ADOPTEES FOR TAKE THE LEAD

TAKE THE LEAD Thoroughbred Retirement Program (TTL) just closed its 2019-20 fiscal year with a new mark of 135 former racehorses transitioning to second careers for the year. The previous record for the program, which was created by the New York Thoroughbred Horsemen’s Association (NYTHA) in 2013, was 98 retirees for the fiscal year of 2016-17.

Also celebrating its milestone 500th successful retirement last year, TAKE THE LEAD has now been responsible for 603 horses passing through its program. President Rick Schosberg oversees each retirement, which recently included popular New York MGSP gelding Uncle Sigh (Indian Charlie). New Jersey resident Chelsea Crozier is hoping to turn him into a show hunter, if the \$648,686-earner is so inclined.

“The past year has been a true representation of how the New York horsemen and women have realized the full benefits of our TAKE THE LEAD Program,” said Schosberg. “The record number of retirees proves the ease of the process, and the high percentage of sound but ‘noncompetitive’ candidates show that the owners and trainers are indeed retiring horses earlier. This makes for decreased rehabilitation time and quicker adoptions for sound purposeful second careers.”

TAKE THE LEAD is part of the TAKE2 Second Career Thoroughbred Program and works with the horsemen competing on the NYRA circuit to find homes for retiring racehorses with Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance (TAA)-accredited facilities.

“It is incredibly rewarding to hear how happy our retired racehorses are in their new careers—and how much their adopters love them,” said TAKE2 Executive Director Andy Belfiore. “We are grateful to everyone who contributes to these success stories, from the owners and trainers and veterinarians at the track, to the aftercare organizations, to the wonderful Thoroughbred enthusiasts who provide them with their new homes.”

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Saturday, Santa Anita, post time: 7:00 p.m. EDT

RUNHAPPY SANTA ANITA DERBY-GI, \$400,000, 3yo, 1 1/8m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	ML
1	Friar's Road 🌿	Quality Road	Warren, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. William K.	McCarthy	Franco	20-1
2	Rushie	Liam's Map	Daniell, Jim and Daniell, Donna	McCarthy	Prat	8-1
3	Shooters Shoot 🌿	Competitive Edge	ERJ Racing, LLC, Exline-Border Ra. LLC & Dan Hudock	Eurton	Cedillo	8-1
4	Anneau d'Or 🌿	Medaglia d'Oro	Peter Redekop B. C., Ltd.	Wright	Espinoza	15-1
5	Azul Coast 🌿	Super Saver	Watson, Karl, Pegram, Michael E. and Paul Weitman	Baffert	Rispoli	15-1
6	Honor A. P.	Honor Code	C R K Stable LLC	Shirreffs	Smith	9-5
7	Authentic 🌿	Into Mischief	Madaket StbIs LLC, Spendthrift Farm LLC & Starlight Ra.	Baffert	Van Dyke	4-5

Breeders: 1-Robert Low & Lawana Low, 2-Ocala Stud, 3-Nancy C. Shuford, 4-Highland Yard LLC, 5-SF Bloodstock, LLC, 6-George Krikorian, 7-Peter E. Blum Thoroughbreds

Saturday, Santa Anita, post time: 8:00 p.m. EDT

HOLLYWOOD GOLD CUP S.-GI, \$300,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/4m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	ML
1	Parsimony 🌿	Dominus	Reddam Racing LLC	O'Neill	Gutierrez	15-1
2	Midcourt 🌿	Midnight Lute	C R K Stable LLC	Shirreffs	Espinoza	2-1
3	Higher Power 🌿	Medaglia d'Oro	Hronis Racing LLC	Sadler	Prat	9-5
4	Brown Storm (Chi)	Scat Daddy	Matriarca	McCarthy	Cedillo	12-1
5	Improbable 🌿	City Zip	WinStar Farm LLC, China Horse Club Int'l Ltd. & SF Ra. LLC	Baffert	Van Dyke	2-1
6	Tenfold	Curlin	Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC	Asmussen	Smith	6-1

Breeders: 1-Maria Montez Haire, 2-Dixiana Farms LLC, 3-Pin Oak Stud, LLC, 4-Haras Matriarca, 5-St. George Farm LLC & G. WattsHumphrey Jr., 6-Winchell Thoroughbreds, LLC

Saturday, Belmont, post time: 5:36 p.m. EDT

RUNHAPPY CARTER H.-GI, \$250,000, 3yo/up, 7f



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PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	ML
1	Firenze Fire	Poseidon's Warrior	Mr. Amore Stable	Breen	Franco	7-2
2	Performer	Speightstown	Phipps Stable and Claiborne Farm	McGaughey III	Rosario	3-1
3	Still Having Fun	Old Fashioned	Barber, Gary, Wachtel Stable & Terp Racing LLC	Keefe	Davis	20-1
4	Nitrous	Tapit	Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC & Stonestreet Stables	Asmussen	Ortiz	15-1
5	Network Effect	Mark Valeski	Klaravich Stables, Inc.	Brown	Ortiz, Jr.	8-1
6	Midnightcharly	Uptowncharlybrown	Uptowncharlybrown Stud LLC and Godric LLC	Coletti, Jr.	Sanchez	50-1
7	American Anthem 🌿	Bodemeister	Don Tiger	Gargan	Carmouche	15-1
8	Bon Raison	Raison d'Etat	Flying P Stable	Cannizzo	Cancel	30-1
9	Majestic Dunhill 🌿	Majesticperfection	R. A. Hill Stable	Weaver	Gutierrez	20-1
10	Mind Control	Stay Thirsty	Red Oak Stable and Madaket Stables, LLC	Sacco	Velazquez	4-1
11	Vekoma 🌿	Candy Ride (Arg)	R. A. Hill Stable and Gatsas Stables	Weaver	Castellano	7-2

Breeders: 1-Mr Amore Stables, 2-Phipps Stable, 3-Mr. & Mrs. Charles McGinnes & Tim Keefe, 4-Winchell Thoroughbreds, LLC, 5-Louis Jolin, 6-Godric LLC, 7-WinStar Farm, LLC, 8-Calumet Farm, 9-Hargus Sexton, Sandra Sexton & Silver Fern Farm, LLC, 10-Red Oak Stable, 11-Alpha Delta Stables, LLC

Saturday, Santa Anita, post time: 5:30 p.m. EDT**SANTA ANITA OAKS-GII, \$200,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	ML
1	Swiss Skydiver 🦅	Daredevil	Peter J. Callahan	McPeek	Smith	6-5
2	Merneith	American Pharoah	HRH Prince Sultan Bin Mishal Al Saud	Baffert	Van Dyke	2-1
3	Speech	Mr Speaker	Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners and Madaket Stables LLC	McCarthy	Prat	8-5
4	Smiling Shirlee	Smiling Tiger	Brown, Jr., Edward J., Klein, Alan and Leberz, Phillip	SCR		SCR
5	Regal Beauty	Malibu Moon	West, Gary and Mary	Baffert	Cedillo	10-1

Breeders: 1-WinStar Farm, LLC, 2-China Horse Club, 3-Gail Rice, 4-Premier Thoroughbreds LLC, 5-Gary & Mary West Stables, Inc.

Saturday, Belmont, post time: 3:59 p.m. EDT**FORT MARCY S.-GII, \$150,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/8mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	ML
1	Temple 🦅	Temple City	Paradise Farms Corp. and Mad Dog Racing Stable	Maker	Vargas, Jr.	10-1
2	Gucci Factor	Gio Ponti	Castleton Lyons	Clement	Alvarado	6-1
3	Somelikeithotbrown	Big Brown	Skychai Racing LLC and Koenig, David	Maker	Cancel	15-1
4	Flop Shot (Ire)	New Approach (Ire)	Peter M. Brant	Brown	Castellano	6-1
5	Instilled Regard 🦅	Arch	OXO Equine LLC	Brown	Ortiz, Jr.	7-2
6	Synchrony	Tapit	Pin Oak Stud LLC	Stidham	Velazquez	4-1
7	Devamani (Fr)	Dubawi (Ire)	Goldfarb, Sanford J. and Abraham, Samuel	Brown	Rosario	5-1
8	Social Paranoia	Street Boss	The Elkstone Group, LLC	Pletcher	Franco	9-2
9	Tribhuvan (Fr)	Toronado (Ire)	Dubb, Michael, Madaket Stables & Wonder Stables	Brown	Ortiz	12-1

Breeders: 1-Mark Toothaker & Dan White, 2-Highclere, 3-Hot Pink Stables & Sand Dollar Stables, 4-Wertheimer et Frere, 5-KatieRich Farms, 6-Pin Oak Stud, LLC, 7-S. C. H. H. The Aga Khan Studs, 8-Mineola Farm II LLC & Silent Grove Farm LLC, 9-Jean Charles Haimet, Elza Petit & Hannah Petit

Saturday, Belmont, post time: 4:32 p.m. EDT**WESTCHESTER S.-GIII, \$100,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	ML
1	Endorsed	Medaglia d'Oro	Godolphin, LLC	Mott	Rosario	6-1
2	Monongahela	K One King	Dubb, Michael, Bethlehem Stables & Aisquith, Gary	Brown	Ortiz	4-1
3	Mihos 🦅	Cairo Prince	Centennial Farms	Jerkens	Ortiz, Jr.	10-1
4	Payne	Paynter	Warren, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. William K.	Brown	Carmouche	8-1
5	Prendimi	Dance With Ravens	G. J. Stable	Summers	Gutierrez	50-1
6	Joevia 🦅	Shanghai Bobby	Fazio, Michael and Fazio, Jeff	Sacco	Alvarado	20-1
7	Senior Investment 🦅	Discreetly Mine	Richard Malouf	Lake	Vargas, Jr.	10-1
8	Forewarned 🦅	Flat Out	Uriah St. Lewis	St. Lewis	Franco	30-1
9	Code of Honor 🦅	Noble Mission (GB)	W.S. Farish	McGaughey III	Velazquez	6-5
10	Wait for It	Uptowncharlybrown	Uptowncharlybrown Stud LLC	Coletti, Jr.	Sanchez	20-1
11	Backsideofthemoon 🦅	Malibu Moon	Charles Hallas	Klesaris	Cancel	20-1

Breeders: 1-Godolphin, 2-Gunpowder Farms LLC, 3-Wayne Lyster, Gray Lyster & Bryan Lyster, 4-Millennium Farms & Paynter Syndicate, 5-G.J. Stables, 6-Ikhana Farm, 7-Dixiana Farms LLC, 8-Preston Stables, LLC, 9-W. S. Farish, 10-Fantasy Lane Stable, 11-Doug Branham

Saturday, Belmont, post time: 5:04 p.m. EDT**INTERCONTINENTAL S.-GIII, \$100,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 7FT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	ML
1	Viadera (GB)	Bated Breath (GB)	Juddmonte Farms, Inc.	Brown	Rosario	6-1
2	Victim of Love 🦅	Speightstown	Tommy Town Thoroughbreds LLC	Beattie	Lezcano	50-1
3	Eyeinthesky	Sky Mesa	Gary Barber	Casse	Castellano	20-1
4	Slimey 🦅	Quality Road	Flying P Stable	Cannizzo	Carmouche	6-1

5	Newspaperofrecord (Ire)	Lope de Vega (Ire)	Klaravich Stables, Inc.	Brown	Ortiz, Jr.	3-1
6	Jakarta	Bustin Stones	Three Diamonds Farm	Maker	Carmouche	15-1
7	Regal Glory	Animal Kingdom	Paul P. Pompa, Jr.	Brown	Ortiz	5-1
8	Getmotherarose	Get Stormy	Mary Abeel Sullivan Revocable Trust	Bush	Alvarado	10-1
9	Rose Flower (Ger)	Dabirsim (Fr)	Athlone Racing	Clement	Franco	8-1
10	Jc's Shooting Star	Miracle Man	Shooting Star Stable LLC	Donk	Davis	30-1
11	Saratoga Treasure	Treasure Beach (GB)	Patricia A. Generazio	Donk	Cancel	12-1
12	Significant Form	Creative Cause	Stephanie Seymour Brant	Brown	Velazquez	5-2

Breeders: 1-Juddmonte Farms Ltd, 2-Daniel J. Burke, 3-Rusty Kindratiw, 4-Stone Farm, 5-Times of Wigan Ltd, 6-Arrowwood Farm, Inc, 7-Paul P Pompa, 8-Mary A. Sullivan, 9-Gestut Karlshof, 10-Miracle Man Racing Partners LLC, 11-Patricia Generazio, 12-Brereton C. Jones

Saturday, Churchill Downs, post time: 5:50 p.m. EDT

DOGWOOD S.-GIII, \$100,000, 3yo, f, 7f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	ML
1	Clivetty	Into Mischief	OXO Equine LLC	Chatlos	Garcia	15-1
2	Four Graces	Majesticperfection	Whitham Thoroughbreds LLC	Wilkes	Leparoux	5-2
3	Bayerness 🌿	Bayern	Belladonna Racing, LLC	DeVaux	Geroux	6-1
4	Ain't No Elmers 🌿	Goldcents	Lapczenski, Jon and Kerber, John E.	Calhoun	Beschizza	5-1
5	Magic Dance	More Than Ready	Three Chimneys Farm, LLC	Asmussen	Santana, Jr.	7-2
6	Lady Glamour	Discreet Cat	Inga Demeritte	Demeritte	Bejarano	20-1
7	Naughty Thoughts	The Factor	Rafael Lopez	Maldonado	Gaffalione	8-1
8	Edgeway 🌿	Competitive Edge	Hronis Racing LLC	Sadler	Baze	3-1

Breeders: 1-H. Allen Poindexter, 2-Whitham Thoroughbreds, LLC, 3-Machmer Hall, 4-John Kerber, 5-Three Chimneys Farm, LLC, 6-BHMFR, LLC, 7-Maryland Mare Venture, LLC, 8-Pope McLean, Valerie Blethen & David Blethen

Sunday, Santa Anita, post time: 7:00 p.m. EDT

TRIPLE BEND S.-GII, \$200,000, 3yo/up, 7f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	ML
1	Flagstaff	Speightstown	Lane's End Racing and Hronis Racing LLC	Sadler	Espinoza	5-2
2	Ax Man	Misremembered	Earnhardt III, Patti and Hal J.	Baffert	Cedillo	8-1
3	Dark Vader	Tale of Ekati	Alesia, S., Burns Racing LLC, Ciaglia Racing LLC and Christensen, R.	Eurton	Prat	8-1
4	Fashionably Fast	Lucky Pulpit	Harris Farms, Inc., Antonsen, Per and Nicoletti, John A.	Pederson	Pereira	6-1
5	McKinzie 🌿	Street Sense	Watson, Karl, Pegram, Michael E. and Weitman, Paul	Baffert	Smith	3-5

Breeders: 1-Summer Wind Farm, 2-Hal J. Earnhardt, 3-Schleprock Racing LLC, 4-Harris Farms, 5-Summer Wind Farm



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Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings	
1	Goldencents <i>(2010) by Into Mischief</i>	6	14	2	2	--	1	181	92	1,292,370 <i>Mr. Money</i>	7,377,048	
		<i>Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY Fee: \$25,000</i>										
2	Mucho Macho Man <i>(2008) by Macho Uno</i>	3	5	1	1	1	1	76	40	3,941,800 <i>Mucho Gusto</i>	6,130,972	
		<i>Stands: Adena Springs KY Fee: \$10,000</i>										
3	Cairo Prince <i>(2011) by Pioneerof the Nile</i>	4	9	2	2	--	--	151	73	690,393 <i>Mont Perdu</i>	5,064,910	
		<i>Stands: Airdrie Stud KY Fee: \$25,000</i>										
4	Cross Traffic <i>(2009) by Unbridled's Song</i>	7	13	1	2	1	1	103	51	1,668,500 <i>Jaywalk</i>	4,851,396	
		<i>Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY Fee: \$15,000</i>										
5	Central Banker <i>(2010) by Speightstown</i>	4	5	--	1	--	--	99	49	688,725 <i>Bankit</i>	4,787,977	
		<i>Stands: McMahon of Saratoga Fee: \$7,500</i>										
6	Will Take Charge <i>(2010) by Unbridled's Song</i>	2	8	--	5	--	1	117	47	323,050 <i>Herrschaft</i>	3,684,245	
		<i>Stands: Three Chimneys Farm KY Fee: \$15,000</i>										
7	Flashback <i>(2010) by Tapit</i>	1	3	1	2	1	2	101	48	1,442,139 <i>British Idiom</i>	3,584,475	
		<i>Stands: Diamond B Farm PA Fee: \$3,500</i>										
8	Fed Biz <i>(2009) by Giant's Causeway</i>	5	14	--	2	--	--	120	55	216,656 <i>Family Biz</i>	3,304,275	
		<i>Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$7,500</i>										
9	Noble Mission (GB) <i>(2009) by Galileo (Ire)</i>	1	1	1	1	1	1	63	17	2,358,320 <i>Code of Honor</i>	3,019,173	
		<i>Stands: Lane's End Farm KY Fee: \$20,000</i>										
10	Strong Mandate <i>(2011) by Tiznow</i>	2	4	--	1	--	--	87	49	320,180 <i>Gotta Be Strong</i>	2,842,032	
		<i>Stands: Three Chimneys Farm KY Fee: \$5,000</i>										
11	Itsmyluckyday <i>(2010) by Lawyer Ron</i>	2	4	--	--	--	--	94	53	139,140 <i>Ilchester Cheetah</i>	2,129,781	
		<i>Stands: Maro Veterinary Services OH Fee: \$2,000</i>										
12	Can the Man <i>(2011) by Into Mischief</i>	2	8	--	1	--	--	85	46	178,893 <i>Man in the Can</i>	2,115,426	
		<i>Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY Fee: \$3,500</i>										
13	Abstraction <i>(2010) by Pulpit</i>	1	4	--	--	--	--	45	28	536,143 <i>Hustle Up</i>	1,594,006	
		<i>Stands: Doubletree Farm NM Fee: \$3,500</i>										
14	Drill <i>(2009) by Lawyer Ron</i>	1	3	--	--	--	--	57	30	274,810 <i>Drillit</i>	1,570,749	
		<i>Stands: Raimonde Farms OH Fee: \$2,500</i>										
15	Super Ninety Nine <i>(2010) by Pulpit</i>	--	2	--	--	--	--	42	25	111,596 <i>Tommy Shelby</i>	1,470,806	
		<i>Stands: Country Life Farm MD Fee: \$3,000</i>										

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SATURDAY'S INSIGHTS: FIRST BRUSH STROKES ON CEZANNE'S CAREER



Cezanne | Fasig-Tipton

6th-SA, \$50K, Msw, 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 6:03 p.m. ET

CEZANNE (Curlin), the second-highest-priced 2-year-old to sell at public auction when bringing \$3.65 million (:10) at last year's Fasig-Tipton March sale, makes his long-awaited debut after a string of works highlighted by a bullet :47 3/5 half (1/47) last Saturday. Sharing a name with the French post-impressionist artist, the colt looks to match his career to the masterpiece that is his pedigree. Third dam, 2007 Broodmare of the Year Better Than Honour (Deputy Minister), sold for a world-record \$14 million at Fasig-Tipton after producing consecutive GI Belmont S. winners in Jazil (Seeking the Gold) and Rags to Riches (A.P. Indy). Fourth dam Blush With Pride (Blushing Groom {Fr}) won the GI Kentucky Oaks, fifth dam Best in Show (Traffic Judge) was also a Broodmare of the Year, and the list of this sire-making and top-level performing family goes on. Closer up, Cezanne has two stakes-winning half-siblings in Counterforce (Smart Strike) and Arabian Hope (Distorted Humor), who is also G1SP-Eng, plus a yearling full-sister.

Cezanne makes his debut in the Magnier/Tabor/Smith colors for trainer Bob Baffert, who also trained the colt's dam's half-sister, GISW Streaming (Smart Strike). **TJCS PPs**

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IN ORDER OF PURSE:

Saturday, Santa Anita, post time: 7:42 p.m. ET

CINEMA S., \$150,000, 3yo, 1 1/8mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1	Heywoods Beach	Speightstown	Prat	Sadler	6-1
2	Club Aspen	Clubhouse Ride	Velez	Lewis	6-1
3	K P All Systems Go	More Than Ready	Cedillo	Mullins	9-5
4	Constitutionaffair	Constitution	Fuentes	Callaghan	30-1
5	Dominant Soul	Dominus	Pereira	Capestro	20-1
6	Liar Liar (Ire)	Dream Ahead	Gutierrez	Baltas	4-1
7	Hariboux (GB)	Havana Gold (Ire)	Rispoli	Mullins	8-5

Saturday, Churchill Downs, post time: 4:46 p.m. ET

ARISTIDES S., \$100,000, 4yo/up, 6f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1	Manny Wah	Will Take Charge	Lanerie	Catalano	8-1
2	Honest Mischief	Into Mischief	Gaffalione	Brown	5-2
3	Heartwood	Tapit	Cohen	Chapman	6-1
4	Bobby's Wicked One	Speightstown	Mena	Stall, Jr.	9-5
5	Seven Nation Army	First Samurai	Talamo	Moquett	12-1
6	Volatile	Violence	Santana, Jr.	Asmussen	2-1

Saturday, Santa Anita, post time: 5:01 p.m. ET

DESERT CODE S., \$75,000, 3yo, 5 1/2fT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1	Phantom Boss	Shackleford	Pereira	Periban	6-1
2	She's So Special	Hard Spun	Prat	Miller	2-1
3	El Tigre Terrible	Smiling Tiger	Fuentes	Miller	5-2
4	Rookie Mistake	Square Eddie	Gutierrez	O'Neill	5-2
5	Party Town	Shackleford	Maldonado	Brinkerhoff	12-1
6	Thanks Mr. Eidson	More Than Ready	Smith	Bonde	9-2

Saturday, Gulfstream Park, post time: 4:18 p.m. ET

GAME FACE S., \$75,000, 3yo, f, 6 1/2f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1	Dream Marie	Graydar	Maragh	Williams	6-1
2	We Miss Susie	Creative Cause	Lopez	Cibelli	5-1
3	Up in Smoke	The Big Beast	Jaramillo	Weaver	9-2
4	Malibeauty	Malibu Moon	Camacho	Clement	8-1

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5	Boerne	Fed Biz	Zayas	Avila	2-1
6	Vast	Lea	Bravo	Mott	7-2
7	Addilyn	Palace Malice	Trejos	Sano	15-1
8	Compensate	Liam's Map	Prado	Gambolati	20-1

HARMONY LODGE S., \$80,000, Belmont, 6-5, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10.87, my.

1--**HONEY I'M GOOD, 120, f, 4, Shackleford--American Queen (SP, \$155,533), by Quiet American. 1ST BLACK TYPE WIN.**

O-Almost Heaven Stables; B-Ann Fostock (FL); T-Steven M. Asmussen; J-Junior Alvarado. \$44,000. Lifetime Record: 10-5-1-3, \$235,553.

2--**Royal Charlotte**, 124, f, 4, Cairo Prince--Sass and Class, by Harlan's Holiday. (\$70,000 RNA Ylg '17 KEESEP). O-First Row Partners & Parkland Thoroughbreds; B-Rhineshire Farm LLC (KY); T-Chad C. Brown. \$16,000.

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3--**Pacific Gale**, 120, m, 5, Flat Out--Pacific Whisper, by Forestry. (\$50,000 Wlg '15 KEENOV; \$24,000 Ylg '16 OBSAUG; \$72,000 2yo '17 OBSAPR). O-Tobey L. Morton; B-Bally Breeders (KY); T-John C. Kimmel. \$9,600.

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Honey I'm Good, an allowance winner sprinting on the Belmont lawn last fall, was making her stakes debut following a sharp optional claiming tally over the Aqueduct main track Mar.



Honey I'm Good | Adam Coglianese

13. Sent to the front over the muddy sealed going by Junior Alvarado here, the bay clicked off splits of :22.49 and :45.82, and dug in gamely down the lane to fend off last term's GIII Victory Ride S. and GII Prioress S. heroine Royal Charlotte for a career high.

"I was hoping for rain and we got a sealed track," said Toby Sheets, assistant to winning trainer Steve Asmussen. "She loves that. Everything went our way. She's a cool little horse. The time off probably did her good. She's little so we have to space her races out. She's runs big every time though."

American Queen, from the female family of MGISW Classy Cathy, is also responsible for the 2-year-old colt Shackleford Strong (Shackleford) and a yearling filly by Dialed In. She was bred to Accelerate for 2020. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**



IN ORDER OF PURSE:

7th-Churchill Downs, \$75,816, Alw (NW3L)/Opt. Clm (\$100,000), 6-5, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m, 1:42.89, ft.

SHEDARESTHEDEVIL (f, 3, Daredevil--Starship Warspeed, by Congrats), a well-beaten third last out at Oaklawn May 1 to Saturday's GII Santa Anita Oaks morning-line favorite Swiss Skydiver (Daredevil) in the GIII Fantasy S., captured Oaklawn's GIII Honeybee S. over this same distance two back Mar. 7. While spending time in Norm Casse's and Simon Callaghan's barns in 2019, she'd bolstered her juvenile resume with placings in the GII Sorrento S. and the Listed Anoakia S. Under Brad Cox's tutelage for 2020, she stepped down in class for this allowance and rewarded backers with a facile six-length victory as the 7-5 choice after posting fractions of :23.73 and :47.13 under a restrained hold. Mizzen Beau (Mizzen Mast) chased her all the way around. Shedaresthedevil was a \$280,000 purchase by these connections at last fall's KEENOV sale. "This was a good stepping stone to getting her ready for the [GI] Kentucky Oaks [Sept. 4]," said Cox. "She's proved in the past that she's talented and she's already a graded stakes winner. We'll definitely look at the [Road to Kentucky Oaks] schedule to point her to one of the local races this summer." Starship Warspeed also produced Mojovation (Quality Road), GSP, \$184,208; and 2-year-old filly Jemison (Outwork), who sold for \$150,000 at last year's Fasig-Tipton Kentucky July sale and worked three furlongs in :37 (6/33) last weekend at Keeneland toward her race debut. The mare, who is a half-sister to GSW and MGISP Crafty C. T. (Crafty

Prospector), had a filly by Speightster last year and a filly by Exaggerator this year. Sales History: \$100,000 Wlg '17 KEENOV; \$20,000 RNA Ylg '18 KESEP; \$280,000 2yo '19 KEENOV. Lifetime Record: GSW, 8-3-2-2, \$385,368. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

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8th-Belmont, \$66,000, Alw, 6-5, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6fT, 1:09.83, fm.

LOST TICKET (f, 3, [More Than Ready](#)--Shapely, by [Empire Maker](#)) won at second asking going 8 1/2 furlongs at the Big A in November before returning with a ninth--beaten four lengths--in the Feb. 29 GIII Herecomesthebride S. at Gulfstream Feb. 29. Fifth going a mile in allowance company at Churchill Downs May 17, she was overlooked at 20-1 while debuting at a sprint distance this time. Unhurried in ninth through opening fractions of :21.96 and :45.18, Lost Ticket swung out several paths wide turning for home turn, picked off rivals through the lane and caught leading Catch a Thrill (City Zip) in the final strides to win by a neck, putting her Hall of Fame trainer Bill Mott to within two victories of the 5,000 mark. Shapely produced a filly by Dialed In last season and was bred back to Into Mischief. This represents the extended family of Grade I winner and broodmare Maplejinsky. Sales history: \$400,000 Ylg '18 FTAUG. Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-1, \$87,730. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

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7th-Belmont, \$56,000, (S), Alw, 6-5, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6fT, 1:09.07, fm.

THE IMPORTANT ONE (f, 3, [Majestic City](#)--[Hitch Village](#), by [Old Trieste](#)), a debut winner in a \$40,000 maiden claimer versus New York-breds at the Big A Jan. 20, was third after flashing speed in a starter optional claimer Mar. 6, her final start for Wesley Ward. Trying grass for the first time for Steve Asmussen here, the 6-1 shot was last of 12 through a half mile in :44.86, and ran by them all from there, flying home in the stretch to get

up by a head over Dancingwthdaffodls (Giant Oak). The winner's dam had a filly by Majestic City in 2019 and a filly by Cowtown Cat this year. Sales history: \$27,000 RNA Ylg '18 EASOCT. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-1, \$59,950. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O/B-Bloom Racing Stable LLC (Jeffrey Bloom) (NY); T-Steven M. Asmussen.

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IN ORDER OF PURSE:

4th-Churchill Downs, \$78,648, Msw, 6-5, 2yo, 5 1/2fT, 1:06.81, fm.

COUNTY FINAL (c, 2, [Oxbow](#)--[Tapajo](#) {MSW, \$123,727}, by [Tapit](#)), showed a trio of bullets from The Thoroughbred Center on his worktab, and was off at odds of 9-1 in this debut run. The gray blasted out to the front from post three, sped through fractions of :22.77 and :46.96, and showed no signs of slowing down in the stretch en route to a four-length graduation over favored Breakthrough (Nyquist). A Keen Ice filly of 2019 and a Will Take Charge colt of this year are the winner's dam's most recent produce. Sales history: \$9,500 Ylg '19 KESEP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$45,400. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-John Ennis, Hayden Noriega & 47 Roses, LLC; B-Calumet Farm (KY); T-John Ennis.

 **Ballysax Bloodstock Graduate** 



County Final | Coady

10th-Belmont, \$64,000, Msw, 6-5, 3yo/up, 6fT, 1:09.21, fm.
UNCLE GEORGE (c, 3, Uncle Mo--Andraste, by Pulpit), one of four firsters in this field of 11, took the first steps of his race career with a sharp bump at the break when Breithorn (Into Mischief) lugged in. Outfooted for a top position, the 5-1 shot was a half-dozen lengths off the top eight going into the turn. Falling out of camera range in the stretch, Uncle George suddenly appeared approaching the sixteenth pole and flew down the center of the course in the rain to collar Its a Wrap (Twirling Candy) by a neck at the wire. Its a Wrap was disqualified to third for interfering in the stretch with Complex System (Amira's Prince {Ire}), who was elevated to second. Uncle George is a half to Epping Forest (Exchange Rate), SP, \$306,000; an unraced 2-year-old filly Kokopelli (Into Mischief); and a filly foaled this year by Blame. The winner's dam is a half-sister to MGISW Vicar (Wild Again). Sales History: \$310,000 Ylg '18 SARAUG. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$35,200. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O-Jump Sucker Stable; B-Waterville Lake Stables Ltd LLC (NY); T-Christophe Clement.

4th-Belmont, \$53,000, (S), Msw, 6-5, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:12.82, my.
COPPER CHALICE (g, 3, Palace Malice--Oenophile, by Pulpit), the longest shot in the field at 74-1, raced so wide and far back that he was no better than 10th after a half in :46.59. A sixteenth from home, the chestnut could be found nine lengths back in the center of the track with six rivals in front of him still appearing well out of his range. However, Copper Chalice closed like a runaway freight train going downhill in the last strides to nail Farragut (Afleet Alex) by a nose at the wire, all while never switching leads. Copper Chalice is the first foal for his unraced dam, who has the 2-year-old filly Cabernet Trail (Bellamy Road), a yearling colt by Twirling Candy, and a current foal colt by Violence. Granddam Win McCool (Giant's Causeway), is a GSW and also granddam to 2018 GI Arkansas Derby winner Magnum Moon (Malibu Moon). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$29,150. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Richard J. Lugovich, Jr.; B-Richard Lugovich Jr. & Barbara Nelson (NY); T-Richard J. Lugovich.

2nd-Gulfstream, \$52,500, (S), Msw, 6-5, 2yo, 5f, :58.87, ft.
FAMOUS GENT (c, 2, First Dude--Rosie Red, by Exchange Rate), fourth at odds of 3-1 after some early trouble while making his debut versus open company in an off-the-turfer May 22, was overlooked a bit at 7-1 here. Outsprinted early in fifth, he began to roll with a four-wide move leaving the quarter pole and kept on coming in the stretch to reel in Bailey (Brethren) by 3/4 of a length. Rosie Red, a half-sister to GIII Holy Bull S. winner Hey Byrn (Put It Back), is also responsible for an Uncaptured filly of 2019 and a colt by The Big Beast of this year. Rosie Red brought just \$9,000 from Amanda Thompson-Gonzalez, in foal to The Big Beast, earlier this year at OBS January. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$36,250. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Trilogy Stable & Laurie Plesa; B-Trilogy Stable & Plesa (FL); T-Edward Plesa, Jr.

1st-Santa Anita, \$51,000, (S), Msw, 6-5, 2yo, 5f, :59.44, ft.
BOLDEN (c, 2, Square Eddie--Bas, by Flower Alley) fired a :47 2/5 (1/33) four-furlong bullet at Peter Miller's San Luis Rey base May 30 and made 3-5 seem like a gift here. The chestnut rocketed out to the front through an opening quarter in :22.10 and increased his advantage throughout, delivering a 5 1/2-length decision over Eagle in the Sky (Sky Mesa). Bas produced a full-brother to the winner in 2019 and was bred back to Mrzcek. Sales history: \$100,000 Ylg '19 FTCAJR. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$30,000. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Rockingham Ranch; B-Reddam Racing, LLC (CA); T-Peter Miller.



FIRST-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: SATURDAY, JUNE 6

Fortify (Distorted Humor)

4 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
 3-Churchill Downs, Alw 1 3/8mT, JOY NIDERA (Arg), 15-1

Texas Red (Afleet Alex), Crestwood Farm, \$10,000

49 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
 2-Santa Anita, Msw 5f, OKUDAH, 15-1
 \$45,000 RNA FTK JUL yrl

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American Pharoah (Pioneerof the Nile), Ashford Stud, private
 318 foals of racing age/39 winners/7 black-type winners
 5-Santa Anita, \$200K GII Santa Anita Oaks, 1 1/16m, MERNEITH, 2-1
 \$350,000 FTK NOV wnl; \$600,000 OBS MAR 2yo

Bayern (Offlee Wild), Hill 'n' Dale Farms, \$15,000
 157 foals of racing age/37 winners/0 black-type winners
 10-Churchill Downs, \$100K GIII Dogwood S., 7f, BAYERNESS, 6-1
 \$170,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$350,000 EAS MAY 2yo

The Big Beast (Yes It's True), Ocala Stud, \$6,000
 102 foals of racing age/24 winners/1 black-type winner
 9-Gulfstream, \$75K Game Face S., 6 1/2f, UP IN SMOKE, 9-2
 \$45,000 OBS OCT yrl; \$230,000 EAS MAY 2yo

Chitu (Henny Hughes), Bridlewood Farm, \$4,500
 88 foals of racing age/10 winners/0 black-type winners
 2-Santa Anita, Msw 5f, EXHALTING, 3-1
 \$42,000 OBS OCT yrl; \$38,000 RNA OBS MAR 2yo

Competitive Edge (Super Saver), Ashford Stud, \$12,500

155 foals of racing age/42 winners/4 black-type winners
 10-Churchill Downs, \$100K GIII Dogwood S., 7f, EDGEWAY, 3-1
 \$35,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$275,000 OBS APR 2yo
 8-Santa Anita, \$400K GI RUNHAPPY Santa Anita Derby, 1 1/8m,
 SHOOTERS SHOOT, 8-1
 \$90,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$70,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$300,000 OBS APR
 2yo

Constitution (Tapit), WinStar Farm, \$40,000
 233 foals of racing age/44 winners/5 black-type winners
 9-Santa Anita, \$150K Cinema S., 1 1/8mT,
 CONSTITUTIONAFFAIR, 30-1
 \$25,000 OBS WIN wnl

Daredevil (More Than Ready), Turkish Jockey Club, private
 158 foals of racing age/21 winners/3 black-type winners
 5-Santa Anita, \$200K GII Santa Anita Oaks, 1 1/16m, SWISS
 SKYDIVER, 6-5
 \$35,000 KEE SEP yrl

Fury Kapcori (Tiznow), Journeyman Stud, \$2,500
 62 foals of racing age/9 winners/1 black-type winner
 5-Charles Town, Msw 7f, PENNY PINCHER, 10-1



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\$10,000 OBS APR 2yo

Govenor Charlie (Midnight Lute), Lovacres Ranch, \$3,000
60 foals of racing age/7 winners/0 black-type winners
2-Santa Anita, Msw 5f, JEANNE B, 30-1

Honor Code (A.P. Indy), Lane's End Farm, \$30,000
213 foals of racing age/26 winners/1 black-type winner
8-Santa Anita, \$400K GI RUNHAPPY Santa Anita Derby, 1 1/8m,
HONOR A. P., 9-5
\$850,000 FTS AUG yrl

Lea (First Samurai), Claiborne Farm, \$7,500
103 foals of racing age/15 winners/2 black-type winners
9-Gulfstream, \$75K Game Face S., 6 1/2f, VAST, 7-2

Liam's Map (Unbridled's Song), Lane's End Farm, \$35,000
232 foals of racing age/33 winners/2 black-type winners
9-Gulfstream, \$75K Game Face S., 6 1/2f, COMPENSATE, 20-1
\$60,000 FTK OCT yrl
8-Santa Anita, \$400K GI RUNHAPPY Santa Anita Derby, 1 1/8m,
RUSHIE, 8-1
\$70,000 OBS MAR 2yo

Micromanage (Medaglia d'Oro), Rockridge Stud, \$4,000
60 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners
4-Woodbine, Msw 6fT, NAKED ILLUSION, 20-1
\$5,000 FTK OCT yrl

Mr Speaker (Pulpit), Lane's End Farm, \$10,000
79 foals of racing age/17 winners/1 black-type winner
5-Santa Anita, \$200K GII Santa Anita Oaks, 1 1/16m, SPEECH, 8-5
\$65,000 OBS WIN wnl; \$95,000 RNA FTK JUL yrl; \$190,000 OBS
MAR 2yo

Palace Malice (Curlin), Three Chimneys Farm, \$25,000
211 foals of racing age/29 winners/4 black-type winners
9-Gulfstream, \$75K Game Face S., 6 1/2f, ADDILYN, 15-1
\$37,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; \$20,000 OBS MAR 2yo



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8th-Churchill Downs, \$81,765, 6-5, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m,
1 1/8mT, 1:51.89, fm.

SERANITSA (f, 4, Dialed In--Sweet Sarah, by Deputy Minister)
Lifetime Record: SP, 13-2-2-3, \$126,547. O-Bradley
Thoroughbreds; B-Mikhail Yanakov (KY); T-Brendan P. Walsh.
*\$190,000 RNA 3yo '19 KEEAPR.



8th-Laurel, \$61,908, 6-5, (NW1X), 3/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:46.03, yl.
OUTOFTHEPARK (g, 4, Bandbox--McCoughtry, by Purim)
Lifetime Record: SP, 13-2-2-4, \$113,267. O-Hillwood Stable LLC;
B-William L. S. Landes (MD); T-Rodney Jenkins. *\$60,000 Ylg '17
EASOCT.



6th-Santa Anita, \$52,724, (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 6-5,
3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8mT, 1:49.19, fm.
**CATCH THE EYE (f, 4, Quality Road--Turns My Head {Ire}, by
Montjeu {Ire})** Lifetime Record: 11-2-2-0, \$95,122.
O-Amerman Racing LLC; B-Jerry Amerman (KY); T-D. Hofmans.

9th-Laurel, \$48,300, 6-5, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:37.98, ft.
**BUDDY'S RUN (c, 4, Street Sense--Koodori Dawn, by Tale of the
Cat)** Lifetime Record: 12-4-4-0, \$104,270. O-MCA Racing Stable
LLC; B-David Garner (KY); T-Claudio A. Gonzalez.

6th-Gulfstream, \$47,000, (S), (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$20,000), 6-5,
3yo/up, 1mT, 1:35.87, gd.
MOZO BELLO (g, 4, Bellamy Road--Mo Rogue, by Sky Mesa)
Lifetime Record: SP, 22-5-1-5, \$161,600. O-Hernandez Racing
Club; B-Carlos Rafael (FL); T-Armando De La Cerda. *\$20,000 Ylg
'17 OBSOCT; \$39,000 RNA 2yo '18 OBSAPR.

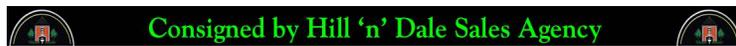
8th-Gulfstream, \$44,900, (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 6-5,
3yo/up, 5fT, :55.51, gd.
LAHINCH (g, 4, Temple City--Southern Spin, by Sharp Humor)
Lifetime Record: SP, 12-3-1-3, \$115,955. O/B-Donarra
Thoroughbreds, LLC (FL); T-Joseph F. Orseno. *\$30,000 RNA 2yo
'18 OBSMAR.

4th-Golden Gate Fields, \$34,984, (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 6-5, 3yo, 6f (AWT), 1:10.84, ft.

JEFFJOHN'STHUNDR (c, 3, Union Rags--Isabelle's Thunder {SP, \$185,297}, by Mineshaft) Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-2, \$61,100. O-Del Secco DCS Racing; B-Justin & Kalvert Spaeth & Equine Equity Partners (KY); T-Jeff Bonde. *\$120,000 Ylg '18 KEEJAN; \$125,000 RNA Ylg '18 FTSAUG; \$170,000 2yo '19 EASMAY.

7th-Charles Town, \$28,000, 6-4, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 4 1/2f, :53.16, ft.

LADY REBEL (m, 5, Not Bourbon--Amaryllis Lady, by Cuvee) Lifetime Record: 26-7-0-5, \$80,001. O-Ashley Tuomisto; B-Douglas J. Reddington (ON); T-Clifford Tuomisto. *C\$6,000 Ylg '16 CANSEP.



ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Wild Union, c, 3, **Bayern**--Sweet Dixie Belle, by Dixie Union. Churchill Downs, 6-5, (C), 1m, 1:36.71. B-Millennium Farms (KY). *\$95,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP; \$225,000 2yo '19 OBSMAR.



Mukulwitz, c, 3, **More Than Ready**--May Day Vow (MSW, \$166,285), by Broken Vow. Gulfstream, 6-5, 5f (off turf), :58.15. B-St George Stables (KY).

Abuelo Paps, c, 3, **Shanghai Bobby**--Beautiful Lu, by Gone West. Laurel, 6-5, 5 1/2f (off turf), 1:02.90. B-Marathon Farms, Inc. (MD). *\$47,000 RNA Ylg '18 EASOCT; \$35,000 2yo '19 OBSAPR.



Idle Time, g, 4, **Into Mischief**--Incentive, by Mr. Greeley. Belmont, 6-5, (C), 1mT, 1:35.67. B-Bertram R. Firestone (KY).



BANDBOX, Outofthepark, g, 4, o/o McCoughtry, by Purim. ALW, 6-5, Laurel

BAYERN, Wild Union, c, 3, o/o Sweet Dixie Belle, by Dixie Union. MCL, 6-5, Churchill Downs

BELLAMY ROAD, Mozo Bello, g, 4, o/o Mo Rogue, by Sky Mesa. AOC, 6-5, Gulfstream

DAREDEVIL, Shedaresthedevil, f, 3, o/o Starship Warpspeed, by

Congrats. AOC, 6-5, Churchill Downs

DIALED IN, Seranitsa, f, 4, o/o Sweet Sarah, by Deputy Minister. ALW, 6-5, Churchill Downs

FIRST DUDE, Famous Gent, c, 2, o/o Rosie Red, by Exchange Rate. MSW, 6-5, Gulfstream

INTO MISCHIEF, Idle Time, g, 4, o/o Incentive, by Mr. Greeley. MCL, 6-5, Belmont

MAJESTIC CITY, The Important One, f, 3, o/o Hitch Village, by Old Trieste. ALW, 6-5, Belmont

MORE THAN READY, Lost Ticket, f, 3, o/o Shapely, by Empire Maker. ALW, 6-5, Belmont

MORE THAN READY, Mukulwitz, c, 3, o/o May Day Vow, by Broken Vow. MSW, 6-5, Gulfstream

NOT BOURBON, Lady Rebel, m, 5, o/o Amaryllis Lady, by Cuvee. ALW, 6-4, Charles Town

OXBOW, County Final, c, 2, o/o Tapajo, by Tapit. MSW, 6-5, Churchill Downs

PALACE MALICE, Copper Chalice, g, 3, o/o Oenophile, by Pulpit. MSW, 6-5, Belmont

QUALITY ROAD, Catch the Eye, f, 4, o/o Turns My Head (Ire), by Montjeu (Ire). AOC, 6-5, Santa Anita

SHACKLEFORD, Honey I'm Good, f, 4, o/o American Queen, by Quiet American. Harmony Lodge S., 6-5, Belmont

SHANGHAI BOBBY, Abuelo Paps, c, 3, o/o Beautiful Lu, by Gone West. MSW, 6-5, Laurel

SQUARE EDDIE, Bolden, c, 2, o/o Bas, by Flower Alley. MSW, 6-5, Santa Anita

STREET SENSE, Buddy's Run, c, 4, o/o Koodori Dawn, by Tale of the Cat. ALW, 6-5, Laurel

TEMPLE CITY, Lahinch, g, 4, o/o Southern Spin, by Sharp Humor. AOC, 6-5, Gulfstream

UNCLE MO, Uncle George, c, 3, o/o Andraste, by Pulpit. MSW, 6-5, Belmont

UNION RAGS, Jeffjohn'sthundr, c, 3, o/o Isabelle's Thunder, by Mineshaft. AOC, 6-5, Golden Gate

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GHAIYYATH SENSATIONAL AT NEWMARKET



Ghaiyyath takes the Coronation Cup at Newmarket | George Selwyn

By Tom Frary

Godolphin's **Ghaiyyath (Ire)** (Dubawi {Ire}) had proven capable of scintillating performances at times during his 2019 campaign and he pulled out another *tour de force* at Newmarket on Friday when dominating the G1 Hurworth Bloodstock Coronation Cup. Left in no man's land after his imperious 8 1/2-length success in the Feb. 20 G3 Dubai Millennium at Meydan, the 5-year-old who had spreadeagled his opposition in the G1 Grosser Preis von Baden made up for a missed opportunity on World Cup night in some fashion here. Quickly to the head of affairs and typically full of zest under William Buick, the strongly-supported 11-10 favourite was out on his own with the dual G1 Ascot Gold Cup hero **Stradivarius (Ire)** (Sea the Stars {Ire}) in trouble with more than half a mile remaining.

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PINATUBO PRIMED FOR ACID TEST

Saturday is another big day in the life of Charlie Appleby, but the captain of Moulton Paddocks is approaching the G1 QIPCO 2000 Guineas with an infectious enthusiasm as the imperturbable **Pinatubo (Ire)** (Shamardal) makes the short journey to the other side of Newmarket for his first 3-year-old examination.

Last year's imperious G1 Vincent O'Brien National S. and G1 Dewhurst S. winner knows nothing of the heavy weight of expectation on him and his pilot William Buick and is mentally well-equipped to handle any surrounding nervous energy. Having made it through a diverse and challenging juvenile campaign with an unbeaten record marked by consistent deadly delivery, a winter and spring of training without hiccup and a month's delay imposed by the COVID-19 disaster, he has just 14 peers and the unforgiving Rowley Mile strip to master now.

In terms of achievement, Pinatubo's 2019 season puts him in elevated territory as the best-rated 2-year-old champion since Celtic Swing (GB) in 1994, but the lesson of that past luminary is that nothing can be taken for granted where this Newmarket Classic is concerned. It has been 238 days since Pinatubo confirmed his premier status by turning back Ballydoyle's **Arizona (Ire)** (No Nay Never) and **Wichita (Ire)** (No Nay Never) in a rain-afflicted Dewhurst here and it is that lengthy timespan that has so often proven the enemy of returning champions.

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Ghaiyyath Sensational At Newmarket cont. from p1

Maintaining the killer gallop down the “dip” and up the famed hillclimb, the bay hit the line with a new track record to boast of and 2 1/2 lengths to spare over the returning G1 Epsom Derby hero **Anthony Van Dyck (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}). Stradivarius was the same margin back in third, with all of Ghaiyyath’s six rivals spread out down the Rowley Mile back to the dual GI Canadian International hero **Desert Encounter (Ire)** (Halling) who was a scarcely-believable 38 lengths behind.

Trainer Charlie Appleby, who was receiving the ultimate nerve-settler ahead of Saturday’s G1 2000 Guineas, has a serious older horse on his hands to go to war with in 2020. “You couldn’t be confident coming up against that calibre of horse, but we felt that we had Ghaiyyath in great order,” he said. “He is very similar to Blue Point last year--going into his 5-year-old season, we felt that we had the finished article. When he won the Dubai Millennium earlier this year, we were more impressed with how he took it mentally and he was maintaining that weight whereas in the past he always had to have that gap between his races. He had always put so much into it, he had to have time off to fill that tank again. When he is alone on the lead like that, he’s very dangerous.”

There were no secrets about Ghaiyyath from the very beginning, with the son of the runaway G1 Irish 1000 Guineas heroine Nightime (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) attracting keen attention for obvious reasons at the Weld family’s Springbank Way Stud. It was no surprise that when he got to the 2015 Goffs November Foal Sale he became the highest-priced colt of that age ever sold in Ireland at that time as John Ferguson secured him for €1.1 million. Impressive in two juvenile successes here culminating in the G3 Autumn S., the bay was making his first and only 3-year-old outing when scoring by three lengths in the G3 Prix du Prince d’Orange over 10 furlongs at ParisLongchamp in September 2018. Getting a clear run at last, connections unleashed the 4-year-old in the G2 Prix d’Harcourt back at France’s premier venue early last April and he proved in a league of his own from the front.

Unable to replicate when third to Waldgeist (GB) (Galileo {Ire}) in the G1 Prix Ganay over an extra half furlong back there three weeks later, he emerged four months later with that notorious 14-length destruction at Baden-Baden. Subsequently overpowered when attempting to repeat the same forcing tactics in the G1 Prix de l’Arc de Triomphe in October, a further winter’s strengthening looked to have worked the oracle as he fired an early warning in the Dubai Millennium only to lose the chance of shining at the abandoned Meydan climax. Emerging from the worldwide lockdown with all the pent-up enthusiasm of his human counterparts, Ghaiyyath provided exactly the kind of visual spectacle needed to remind all why racing needed to come back. This proved an entirely different test to that which would have taken place around the contours and camber of Epsom and was always going to benefit a vigorous front-runner who could maintain a high cruising speed. Taking the place of the G2 Jockey Club S., it was staged on quick ground with a tailwind which may have helped Ghaiyyath to some degree, but this was an outstanding performance whichever way it is measured.

William Buick was impressed. “He is a very explosive horse who can also sustain a gallop,” he commented. “It was a deep field today--Stradivarius was coming back in trip, but he is still a very, very, good stayer with a turn of foot and Anthony Van Dyck is a Derby winner. He has phenomenal mid-race pace and a fantastic cruising speed, which I think is very rare to see in a horse that stays as well as he does. I don’t think I have ridden many horses that have as high a cruising speed as he has. Coming back to a mile and a quarter wouldn’t pose any problem for him at all. Ghaiyyath is one of our flagship horses in the stable. He had a bit of an up-and-down season last year and is a horse that we have been looking forward to for a long time.”

Appleby is looking at shortening the winner up again ahead of a possible return to ParisLongchamp for the autumn showcase. “His victory in Germany last year was emphatic, which threw us into the Arc but conditions and the style of racing didn’t suit him at Longchamp that day,” he added.

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“It was a tough race on the front end, but I would like to think that we could work back from the Arc again. We have always felt as though coming back to 10 furlongs is never going to worry us when you have that natural pace, so potentially we might look at the 10-furlong options during the summer first. I thought in the past that he would be a horse who would love a bit of ease, but we clearly know now that his best performances have come on fast ground. The concern will be what the ground could be like in the Arc at that time of year, because he is clearly a better horse when it is riding fast.”

Frankie Dettori said of Stradivarius, “For a minute going to the two I thought I’d close the gap, but he hasn’t got the legs over a mile and a half. It’s nothing to be ashamed about and it was great that Bjorn and John decided to give him this prep. It will put him right for two weeks’ time and we have to take this as a positive. I was very pleased with him and am looking forward to the Gold Cup.”

Pedigree Notes

The aforementioned Nighttime, who was providing her breeder, the late Gita Weld, with a memorable red-letter day when scoring by six lengths on testing ground in that Curragh Classic 14 years ago, has also produced the high-class Zhukova (Ire) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}), who captured the GI Man o’War S., G3 Kilternan S. and G3 Blue Wind S. Also responsible for the listed-placed Sleeping Beauty (Ire) (Oasis Dream {GB}), who is in turn the dam of the GIII With Anticipation S. runner-up Irish Territory (Ire) (Declaration of War), she is out of the Listed Platinum S. winner Caumshinaun (Ire) (Indian Ridge {Ire}) who is related to the GI Sword Dancer Invitational hero King’s Drama (Ire) (King’s Theatre {Ire}).

Zhukova was secured by Sheikh Mohammed for 3.7 million gns at the 2017 Tattersalls December Mares Sale, while the following year’s auction saw Stroud Coleman Bloodstock pay 700,000gns for the Foal Sale’s top-priced colt who, like Ghaiyyath, is also by Dubawi. Back at Goffs last November, the bar was raised again as another of Nighttime’s sons of Dubawi eclipsed Ghaiyyath’s tag and record when bought by Godolphin for €1.2 million.

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HURWORTH BLOODSTOCK CORONATION CUP S.-G1, £110,000,
Newmarket, 6-5, 4yo/up, 12fT, 2:25.89, g/f.

1--**GHAIIYATH (IRE), 126, h, 5, by Dubawi (Ire)**

**1st Dam: Nightime (Ire) (G1SW-Ire, \$299,507),
by Galileo (Ire)**

2nd Dam: Caumshinaun (Ire), by Indian Ridge (Ire)

3rd Dam: Ridge Pool (Ire), by Bluebird

(€1,100,000 Wlg '15 GOFNOV). O-Godolphin; B-Springbank Way Stud (IRE); T-Charlie Appleby; J-William Buick. £62,381. Lifetime Record: Hwt. Older Horse-Ger at 11-14f, G1SW-Ger, MGSW & G1SP-Fr, GSW-UAE, 10-7-0-2, \$585,854. *1/2 to Zhukova (Ire) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}), Hwt. Older Mare-Eur at 9.5-11f, GISW-US & MGSW-Ire, \$499,594; and Sleeping Beauty (Ire) (Oasis Dream {GB}), SP-Ire. **Werk Nick Rating: A+++ *Triple Plus***. **Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.**

2--**Anthony Van Dyck (Ire), 126, c, 4, Galileo (Ire)--**

Believe'n'succeed (Aus), by Exceed and Excel (Aus). O-Susan Magnier, Michael Tabor & Derrick Smith; B-Orpendale, Chelston & Wynatt (IRE); T-Aidan O'Brien. £23,650.

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3--**Stradivarius (Ire), 126, h, 6, Sea The Stars (Ire)--Private Life**
(Fr), by Bering (GB). (330,000gns RNA Ylg '15 TATOCT).

O/B-Bjorn Nielsen (IRE); T-John Gosden. £11,836.

Margins: 2HF, 2HF, 4 1/4. Odds: 1.10, 5.50, 4.00.

Also Ran: Broome (Ire), Defoe (Ire), Alounak (Fr), Desert Encounter (Ire). **Click for the Racing Post result or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.**

OXTED POWERS TO ABERNANT TRIUMPH

Roger Teal trainee **Oxted (GB)** (Mayson {GB}) had not been seen since winning September's Portland H. cavalry charge at Doncaster before stepping back into stakes company for Friday's G3 Betway Abernant S. at Newmarket. Up to the task in the six-furlong dash on seasonal return, he outgunned his six rivals and provided Cieren Fallon, son of champion jockey Kieren Fallon, with a career high on the occasion of the young rider's first pattern-race ride. Oxted, who also ran sixth in last term's G3 Hackwood S. at Newbury, made a slick getaway and was under a firm grip along the far-side rail in a prominent third through the initial stages. Inching into second at halfway, the 7-2 chance powered to the front approaching the quarter-mile marker and was driven out from the foot of the climb to withstand the persistent threat of **Breathtaking Look (GB)** (Bated Breath {GB}) by a length for a first black-type success.

"I had him primed to run in this in April and it has been a stop-start campaign," explained trainer Roger Teal. "Thankfully we eased off with him and when we got the date for this we knew what was happening so we stoked him up a bit."

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"God bless him, he has done it well. He popped out and travelled lovely. I saw him powering up the hill, Cieren said he was just having a bit of a look around, but he did it nicely." Looking to future options, the trainer added, "He is a sprinter on the up, I feel he is a six-furlong horse and my plan is the [G1] July Cup. I'll speak to the owners, as I think they want to go to [Royal] Ascot."

Reflecting on his landmark win, Fallon added, "I controlled the pace on the rail and, when I asked him to pick up and lengthen, he picked up and hit the rising ground really well. Hopefully it's onwards and upwards for the rest of the season for him."



Oxted and Cieren Fallon | George Selwyn

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“He was a little bit immature last year and Mr Teal and the team have done a great job to get him to the right place mentally. He’s grown up and strengthened and he’s proved that today. I couldn’t use my [three-pound] claim in this race and credit to Mr Teal for keeping me on him. Mr [William] Haggas sent me away to America to get my fractions right, I showed the benefit there and, hopefully, I can start to improve as a rider.”

Pedigree Notes

Oxted, the first of three foals and lone performer out of four-time winner Charlotte Rosina (GB) (Choisir {Aus}), is a full-brother to the 2-year-old colt Chipstead (GB) (Mayson {GB}) and a half to the 3-year-old colt Whiskey Jar (GB) (Equiano {Fr}). Charlotte Rosina is herself a granddaughter of seven-time winner Running Glimpse (Ire) (Runnett {GB}), who in turn is a half-sister to G2 Grosser Hertie-Preis von Deutschland and G2 Premio Ellington victor Captain Horatius (Ire) (Taufan).

Friday, Newmarket, Britain

BETWAY ABERNANT S.-G3, £37,000, Newmarket, 6-5, 3yo/up, 6fT, 1:09.39, g/f.

1--**OXTED (GB)**, 130, g, 4, by Mayson (GB)

1st Dam: Charlotte Rosina (GB), by Choisir (Aus)

2nd Dam: Intriguing Glimpse (GB), by Piccolo (GB)

3rd Dam: Running Glimpse (Ire), by Runnett (GB)

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN; 1ST GROUP WIN. (£400,000 RNA 3yo '19 GOFLO). O-S Piper, T Hirschfeld & D Fish; B-Homecroft Wealth Racing (GB); T-Roger Teal; J-Cieren Fallon. £20,983. Lifetime Record: 8-3-2-0, \$111,138. **Werk Nick Rating: A++.**

Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.

2--**Breathtaking Look (GB)**, 130, m, 5, **Bated Breath (GB)**--Love

Your Looks (GB), by Iffraaj (GB). (42,000gns Ylg '16 TAOCT).

O-J W Parry; B-Ellis Stud & Bellow Hill Stud (GB); T-Stuart Williams. £7,955.

3--**Emeraaty Ana (GB)**, 130, c, 4, **Shamardal**--Spirit of Dubai (Ire),

by Cape Cross (Ire). O-Sheikh Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum;

B-Rabbah Bloodstock Ltd (GB); T-Kevin Ryan. £3,981.

Margins: 1, 3 3/4, 3/4. Odds: 3.50, 5.00, 3.50.

Also Ran: Mr Lupton (Ire), Brando (GB), Keystroke (GB), Green Power (GB). **Click for the Racing Post result or the free**

Equine.com catalogue-style pedigree.

Pinatubo Primed For Acid Test cont. from p1

Celtic Swing's eclipse in 1995 was followed three years later by the heavy reversal suffered by Xaar (GB), a 2-year-old talent comparable with Pinatubo, while in the intervening period there have been only five generation leaders who have emerged successful in this.

Appleby is in bullish mood as the first British Classic looms for an operation already off the mark in a European Guineas. “It is a focal point for Godolphin and, what an important occasion it will be for Pinatubo, who was rated the best two-year-old in 25 years but now has to show he has gone on where he left off last October,” he said. “I am optimistic he will do that on Saturday. He has continued to please me in every way. He continues to do well and I am confident he is ready to win a Classic. He has a wonderful unbeaten record to retain, and I believe he has both the mind and physical attributes to pull it off.”



Pinatubo at last faces his Classic test | *Racing Post*

There were no flies on Pinatubo last year and with nothing to suggest he has lost any of his natural alacrity during the off-season, opponents will be hoping for a tactical advantage. This is one Classic that has made high-class horses hostages to fortune due to the vagaries of the field size and draw combination. Since that famous field-split that may or may not have cost Hawk Wing in 2002, there have been five other renewals which have seen similar divisions and last year's renewal was a particularly notable example with the high-drawn stand's side group dominating. Housed in stall seven, Pinatubo has Ballydoyle's potential pacemaker **New World Tapestry** (War Front) alongside in eight and another who has shown early speed in **Kenzai Warrior** (Karakontie {Jpn}) in six.

Appleby is not letting post position weigh on his mind, however. “Pinatubo's draw is absolutely ideal,” he commented. “He is right in the middle in a 15-runner field, which means William Buick will have options when it comes to deciding where to position the colt in the first couple of furlongs. On ratings, he is the best horse and he is the type you can put where you like in a race and that is knowledge that helps build confidence. We will study the opposition, as you would before any Classic, but William knows he can ride his own race.”

Buick was content on Thursday that there is a level playing field for this year's edition. “The ground is fast and the track is fair, so I don't think there's a bias,” he stated.

Whether the field will split may depend on the course of action that Oisin Murphy opts for on the widest-drawn **Kameko** (Kitten's Joy), Qatar Racing's clear-cut G1 Vertem Futurity hero. If he heads for the stand's rail, where he ended up on the operation's Roaring Lion (Kitten's Joy) two years ago, that could prove profitable. "We're really pleased with the horse, he's healthy and very well--I have Arizona in 13 with pace on both sides from the Ballydoyle contingent, so I'm very happy," Murphy said.

Of those positioned towards the other extremity, Godolphin's pair of understudies **Military March (GB)** (New Approach {Ire}) and **Al Suhail (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}) add another dimension to an intriguing renewal. They were first and second in that order in the course-and-distance G3 Autumn S. that proved such a vital pointer to last year's edition. While Military March's pedigree points more to the Derby than the Guineas, the son of Punctilious (GB) (Danehill) is giving his trainer some exciting signals and it is possible he has been under-rated with all the attention on the team's leading protagonist. "We gave him a break over the winter and have been very pleased with him since he came back in," said trainer Saeed bin Suroor. "I was very happy with his final piece of work earlier this week and he looks ready to go. It looks as though he is a horse who will need further, but he shows plenty of speed and this is a nice starting point for his season. He looks much stronger compared to last year and I'm hoping for a big run."

In a perfect world, Charlie Appleby will be hoping that Al Suhail is chasing home Pinatubo as the son of the G1 Epsom Oaks runner-up Shirocco Star (GB) (Shirocco {Ger}) preps for Epsom. "He is right up to Classic standard and I expect him to acquit himself well," he said of the 1.1-million gns Tattersalls October Book 1 graduate who was also third in the G3 Solario S. at Sandown in August. "I am hoping James Doyle can get him into a nice galloping rhythm in the first half of the race and I expect him to be running on, doing his best work at the finish. He has

an Epsom pedigree top and bottom."

Beaten twice by Pinatubo last term, Arizona is back for

another crack and the G2 Coventry S. winner has the fast ground his trainer believes will be vital to him. Despite being beaten more times than he won at two, he warrants respect as the leading contender for Aidan O'Brien who has trained a record 10 winners of this and the last three. "Arizona's been the horse on everyone's mind all along and everyone is happy

with him," the master of Ballydoyle commented. "He's in good form and everything has gone well with him. He's a big, rangy, scopey horse who we always thought would improve from two to three. He's by No Nay Never, who is an influence for speed, but he was always coming home well in his races last year and we always thought a mile was going to be well within his grasp."

One live outsider is Rae and Carol Borrás's **Kenzai Warrior** (Karakontie {Jpn}), who hails from the Roger Teal stable

responsible for the 2018 runner-up Tip Two Win (GB) (Dark Angel {Ire}). Having made all to beat the subsequent G3 Zetland S. scorer Max Vega (Ire) (Lope de Vega {Ire}) in a mile novice at Salisbury in September, he ploughed through heavy ground to capture the re-routed seven-furlong G3 Horris Hill S. here in November. "I remember driving home that day and saying to my wife 'that's probably the closest we are ever going to get to

winning the Guineas, but two years later here we are going in again, this time with a totally different animal," Teal said. "Tip was a brave little horse with a great turn of foot, whereas this fellow is a big, powerful galloper who loves himself and is quite a character. They are very hard to compare, but both have class.

"We know what we are up against. Pinatubo is the highest-rated 2-year-old for ages--even higher than Frankel--and if he's trained on then he's going to be mighty hard to beat," Teal said. "I know Andrew Balding is very keen on his horse [Kameko] and, of course, you can never rule out the Aidan O'Brien team."

HE HAS CONTINUED TO PLEASE ME IN EVERY WAY. HE CONTINUES TO DO WELL AND I AM CONFIDENT HE IS READY TO WIN A CLASSIC.

Charlie Appleby on Pinatubo



Kenzai Warrior is a live chance for trainer Roger Teal | *Racing Post*

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Teal added, “I was hoping they might not be allowed over but if we are going to win it, then we might as well beat the best! I feel he will be suited by a step up in trip but hopefully he can run well and then go for the Derby.”

Newmarket’s card also features the G2 Betfair Dahlia Fillies’ S., where Godolphin hold a strong hand courtesy of the John Gosden-trained G2 Prix de la Nonette winner **Terebellum (Ire)** (Sea the Stars {Ire}) and the Charlie Appleby-trained **Magic Lily (GB)** (New Approach {Ire}). The latter took the Jan. 16 G2 Cape Verdi and Feb. 13 G2 Balanchine before finishing second in the G1 Jebel Hatta on Super Saturday and may have a vital experience edge. “She posted two good efforts on this course as a juvenile and a mile and a quarter looks to be an ideal distance for her,” Appleby said. “If she can translate her Meydan form to Europe, she should be a major contender at this level.”

In France, the beautiful track at Lyon-Parilly deservedly gains some notable group-race action with Saint-Cloud shut for the time being. Its Classic trials, the G2 Prix Greffulhe and G3 Prix Cleopatre, precede the feature G2 Prix Corrida for older fillies and mares. Albert Frassetto, John D’Amato and Mike Pietrangelo’s **Grand Glory (GB)** (Olympic Glory {Ire}) was returning from an absence when winning ParisLongchamp’s Listed Prix Zarkava over 10 furlongs May 14 and proved there that her 2019 G1 Prix de Diane third was no fluke. In the Greffulhe, which is run over 11 furlongs this year, Corinna Baronin Von Ullmann’s May 15 course-and-distance maiden winner **In Swoop (Ire)** (Adlerflug {Ger}) is an interesting contender taking on last year’s G1 Criterium de Saint-Cloud hero **Mkfancy (Fr)** (Makfi {GB}) who has to put a disappointing effort when last in the G3 Prix la Force behind him. The Cleopatre is also staged over 11 furlongs and sees White Birch Farm’s G3 Prix Vanteaux third **Flighty Lady (Ire)** (Sir Percy {GB}) taken on by a quartet including Sheikh Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum’s impressive May 19 Saint-Cloud debut scorer **Camogie (Ire)** (Invincible Spirit {Ire}).

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WHERE DID THEY COME FROM?

G1 Qipco 2000 Guineas

By Emma Berry

From a \$6,000 yearling to millionaires' row, the line-up for the first British Classic of the season features some smart homebreds along with sales graduates for almost every pocket.

AL SUHAIL (GB)

Dubawi (Ire) - Shirocco Star (GB) (Shirocco {Ger})

Last seen finishing runner-up over course and distance to fellow Guineas contender Military March in the G3 Autumn S. last October, this Meon Valley Stud-bred colt was a 1.1 million gns purchase at Book 1 of the Tattersalls October Yearling Sale. His dam was runner-up in both the Oaks and Irish Oaks and her first two foals are both multiple winners, including Telecaster (GB) (New Approach {GB}), winner of last season's G2 Dante S. Al Suhail is a sixth-generation descendant of Meon Valley's blue hen Reprecolor (GB).

ARIZONA (IRE)

No Nay Never - Lady Ederle (English Channel)

The G2 Coventry S. winner who chased home Pinatubo for second in the G1 Darley Dewhurst S., Arizona was bought as a foal by Charles Briere of Fairway Consignment for 65,000gns before being sold on to Coolmore for €260,000 at the Arqana August Sale. His year-old sister Nay Lady Nay won the GII Mrs Revere S. over 8 1/2 furlongs for Chad Brown at Churchill Downs in November. He shares his grandam Bright Generation (Ire) with the G1 Prix Morny winner Dabirsim (Fr).



Arizona was a €260,000 pinhook | *Racing Post*

CEPHEUS (IRE)

Sea The Stars (Ire) - Crimson Cheer (Van Nistelrooy)

A maiden winner over seven furlongs of the July Course on his sole start last August, Cepheus was sold privately for €70,000 after being led out unsold at the Arqana August Sale. His dam was unplaced in two starts and is a daughter of Yousefia (Danzig), a sister to the former leading sire and top-class sprinter Green Desert (who is also Cepheus's paternal great grandsire).

JUAN ELCANO (GB)

Frankel (GB) - Whatami (GB) (Daylami {Ire})

Bred by David and Trish Brown and sold by their Furnace Mill Stud for 360,000gns at Book 1 of Tattersalls October Yearling Sale, his dam's listed-winning full-sister has produced the G3 Greenham S. winner James Garfield (GB), who was seventh in the Guineas two years ago. Juan Elcano, named after the Spanish explorer, won his maiden on heavy ground at Haydock over seven furlongs and has twice been placed at Group 2 level over the same trip on good to firm.

KAMEKO

Kitten's Joy - Sweeter Still (Ire) (Rock Of Gibraltar {Ire})

Bred in Lexington by Calumet Farm, Kameko represents the same team, same sire and same sale behind the late 3-year-old champion Roaring Lion. A \$90,000 Keeneland September purchase by David Redvers for Qatar Bloodstock, his dam Sweeter Still was bred by Annemarie O'Brien and is a half-sister to G1 Racing Post Trophy winner Kingsbarns (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}). She ran just once in Ireland before being sold to race in California, where she won the GIII Seniorita S. over a mile on turf. Like his relative Kingsbarns, Kameko won the race now known as the G1 Vertem Futurity Trophy which last year was switched to the all-weather surface at Newcastle owing to waterlogging at Doncaster.



Kameko was a \$90,000 Keeneland September yearling | *Racing Post*

KENZAI WARRIOR

Karakontie (Jpn) - Lemon Sakhee (Lemon Drop Kid)

Bred by John Gunther of Glennwood Farm, the birthplace of Triple Crown winner Justify and Breeders' Cup Classic winner Vino Rosso, Kenzai Warrior represents the first crop of the Breeders' Cup Mile winner Karakontie. He is a first Classic runner for his trainer Roger Teal, owners Rae and Carol Borrás, and jockey Jason Watson.

Cleverly bought by Chad Schumer and Johnny Collins, he was a \$6,000 Keeneland September yearling who was resold through Collins's Brown Island Stables at the Goffs UK Breeze-up Sale for £45,000. His grandam Khazayin (Bahri) is a sister to the Arc winner and Derby runner-up Sakhee, while Miesque features twice in the fourth generation of his pedigree, as the great grandam of Karakontie and as the dam of Kingmambo, Lemon Sakhee's grandsire.

KINROSS (GB)

Kingman (GB) - Ceilidh House (GB) (Selkirk)

Kinross was bred at Lawn Stud by his owner, the TBA Chairman Julian Richmond-Watson, who tasted Classic success in the Oaks of 2008 with Look Here (GB) (Hernando {Fr}). His dam was a listed winner over 10 furlongs and is out of a half-sister to the GII Virginia Derby winner Battle Of Hastings (GB) (Royal Applause {GB}). A highly impressive eight-length maiden winner over seven furlongs on the Rowley Mile, he was subsequently fifth in the G1 Vertem Futurity Trophy.

MILITARY MARCH (GB)

New Approach (Ire) - Punctilious (Ire) (Danehill)

Unbeaten in two starts for Saeed Bin Suroor, including the G3 Autumn S. on the Rowley Mile, Military March is a Godolphin homebred out of the G1 Yorkshire Oaks winner Punctilious who was third to Ouija Board in the Oaks.

MUMS TIPPLE (GB)

Footstepsinthesand (GB) - Colomone Cross (Ire) (Xaar {GB})

Mums Tipple looked a man among boys when posting a jaw-dropping performance to win the Goffs UK Premier Yearling S. by 11 lengths over six furlongs on the Knavesmire and was subsequently down the field in the G1 Middle Park S. Bred by Abbey Bloodstock, he was bought as a foal at Goffs by Joanna Morgan for €26,000 and subsequently sold to Peter and Ross Doyle for £45,000 at the Premier Sale.

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NEW WORLD TAPESTRY

War Front - Tapestry (Ire) (Galileo {Ire})

The first foal of the G1 Yorkshire Oaks and G2 Debutante S. winner Tapestry, he was bred by a partnership which includes the Niarchos family and Coolmore. Grandam Rumpelstiltskin (Ire) was also a Group 1 winner and she is herself a grand-daughter of Miesque. New World Tapestry won a seven-furlong maiden on the Rowley Mile in September but was well beaten in the G1 Vertem Futurity Trophy and appears to have a bit to find to live up to his illustrious pedigree.

PERSUASION (IRE)

Acclamation (GB) - Effervesce (Ire) (Galileo {Ire})

Winner of a seven-furlong maiden at Glorious Goodwood, Persuasion was seven lengths behind Wichita (Ire) when second in the G3 Somerville Tattersall S. over the same distance. He was sold for 155,000gns as a foal by his breeder Norelands Stud and resold through Pier House Stud for 220,000gns at Book 1 of the Tattersalls October Yearling Sale to Michael Roy, son of his owner Susan Roy. His half-sister Cristal Fizz (Ire) (Power {GB}) won the Listed Radley S.

PINATUBO (IRE)

Shamardal - Lava Flow (Ire) (Dalakhani {Ire})

Pinatubo is a homebred by Godolphin, as was his dam, the French 10-furlong listed winner Lava Flow. As the highest-rated juvenile for 25 years he is on paper the one to beat.



Military March and Al Suhail | *Racing Post*

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ROYAL DORNOCH (IRE)

Gleneagles (Ire) - Bridal Dance (Ire) (Daneshill Dancer {Ire})

A leading light from the first crop of his Guineas-winning sire, Royal Dornoch was third in the G2 Richmond S. before breaking his maiden on soft ground at Gowran Park in September. He was then last of five in the G2 Champagne S. before springing a bit of a surprise to beat Kameko in winning the G2 Royal Lodge S. Royal Dornoch was bred by David Nagle at Barronstown Stud and was a 240,000gns Tattersalls December Yearling Sale purchase by Amanda Skiffington. His half-sister Hawksmoor (Ire) won the G2 German 1000 Guineas. Like his father, he is named after a Scottish golf course, Royal Dornoch being a stunning links course in the north-east Highlands.

STARCAT (IRE)

Lope De Vega (Ire) - Purr Along (GB) (Mount Nelson {GB})

Just the one winning run for this colt to date over a mile on Kempton's Polytrack in December. Bred by Qatar Bloodstock and Newsells Park Stud from the dual Group 3 winner Purr Along, he was her second foal and was bought by his trainer Hughie Morrison with SackvilleDonald for 125,000gns at Tattersalls October Book 1.

WICHITA (IRE)

No Nay Never - Lumiere Noire (Fr) (Dashing Blade {GB})

Breeder Max Ervine sold Wichita as a yearling through Keith Harte for 140,000gns to Coolmore at Book 2 of the Tattersalls October Sale. He raced solely at seven furlongs in his four starts last year, which included winning a Curragh maiden on debut in August a month before beating Persuasion in the G3 Somerville Tattersall S. He concluded his season with a third-place finish to Pinatubuo and Arizona in the Dewhurst. Wichita's dam won a listed sprint in Germany for the Moussac family and is a half-sister to GI Woodford Reserve Manhattan H. winner Desert Blanc (GB).

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EUROPEAN NEWS

BRITISH BLACK-TYPE RACES TO RE-OPEN TO INTERNATIONAL RUNNERS

All British pattern and listed races will be once again open to international runners from June 15. For the first fortnight of the resumption of racing, foreign shippers have been permitted only for the three Group 1 races.

Internationally trained runners and those transporting them will be permitted to enter Britain but must comply with government rules. There is currently no quarantine period required for persons arriving to Britain from Ireland—although there is a 14-day mandatory quarantine requirement for individuals traveling into Ireland—but those arriving from countries other than Ireland from June 8 will be required to observe a 14-day self-isolation period, though there are exemptions in place for hauliers transporting horses.

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IRISH 2000 GUINEAS ON SISKIN RADAR

Last year's G1 Keeneland Phoenix S. winner **Siskin** (First Defence) remains on course to kick off his 3-year-old season in the G1 Irish 2000 Guineas on June 12.

Teddy Grimthorpe, racing manager to owner Khalid Abdullah, said, "Providing Prince Khalid is happy, Siskin is heading to the Irish 2000 Guineas. [Trainer] Ger [Lyons] has been very positive and again everything has been straightforward and he is going really well. He has progressed well and though he will never be a big horse he has furnished nicely and Ger is very pleased with him. Hopefully he will get the trip."



Siskin | *Racing Post*

Siskin is unbeaten in four outings including the Listed Marble Hill S. and the G2 Railway S. prior to his Phoenix score, but he was denied his planned seasonal swansong after becoming upset in the stalls and being withdrawn prior to the G1 Middle Park S. in September.

"Nothing has come to light as to why he did what he did in the stalls at Newmarket," Grimthorpe said. "I think you would have to ask the horse that. He has been through the stalls plenty of times since without a bother, so he should be fine in them next time."

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HRI PUBLISHES FULL JULY FLAT PROGRAMME

With the resumption of Irish racing looming on June 8, Horse Racing Ireland has released its full flat programme for July through to the end of the Galway Festival that concludes on Aug. 2. There will be 28 racing days through the month, including three days with double meetings and three blank days.

The G1 Irish Oaks festival on July 18 and 19 has been enhanced with three Group 2 races added to the weekend: the Curragh Cup for older stayers and the Railway S. and Balanchine S. for 2-year-olds. The G1 Tattersalls Gold Cup, now open to 3-year-olds as well as older horses, highlights a new card at The Curragh on July 26.

Cork will stage five black-type races and two premier handicaps across its two Sunday cards July 5 and 12, while Dundalk will host the G3 Ballysax S. and the final leg of the European Road to the Kentucky Derby on July 12. Leopardstown's Listed Nijinsky S. moves back a week from July 9 to 16. The €200,000 Irish EBF Ballyhane S. has been moved back three weeks to Aug. 23 at Naas to allow 2-year-olds a chance to get a prior run in.



Star Catcher winning the 2019 Irish Oaks | *Racing Post*

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Shane Doyle, HRI's race planning manager, said, "With the entries now available it is getting very real and we are looking forward to the resumption of Irish racing behind closed doors at Naas on Monday. We are now able to publish the Flat programme through to the end of the Galway Festival to facilitate connections with their medium-term planning, having released the revised fixture list for the whole of 2020 yesterday. The aim remains to provide all Flat horses with their first run as quickly as possible through divisions and ongoing consultation with the IRTA and then suitable subsequent opportunities by offering a balanced programme across all age groups, distances and categories."

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TATTERSALLS ASCOT YEARLING SALE MOVED TO PARK PADDOCKS

The Tattersalls Ascot Yearling Sale on Sept. 8 will this year be held at Park Paddocks in Newmarket due to COVID-19 precautions. All lots will be offered subject to the Tattersalls Conditions of Sale and the auction conducted in guineas.

Matthew Prior, head of Tattersalls Ascot Sales, said, "With yearling inspections ongoing it was important to be able to provide our vendors with some clarity and a clear road map in what has been a period of uncertainty. By moving the Tattersalls Ascot Yearling Sale to our headquarters at Park Paddocks we are in a position to do so."

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Tattersalls's Park Paddocks pavilion | *Racing Post*

PLUSVITAL JOINS NAAS SPONSORS

Irish equine nutrition company Plusvital has joined Naas Racecourse's portfolio of sponsors and will lend its support to the Plusvital Irish EBF Polonia S. on June 20.

Eamonn McEvoy, general manager of Naas Racecourse, said, "We are delighted to have Plusvital on board to sponsor the Irish EBF Polonia S.; we really appreciated them stepping up and supporting us now more than ever. We have also welcomed new sponsors Anglesey Lodge Equine Hospital and Compas Stallions who will sponsor the listed races this coming Monday. Existing sponsors Clinton Higgins Chartered Accountants and Sobac Soil have also increased their sponsorship budget during this testing time. Our new and existing sponsors are a credit to our great industry."

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FIRST-SEASON SIRES WITH RUNNERS

Saturday, June 6:

UNITED KINGDOM

Adaay (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}), Whitsbury Manor Stud

94 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners

16:20-LINGFIELD PARK, 6f, BILANDY (GB)

£35,000 Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearling Sale 2019

16:20-LINGFIELD PARK, 6f, MARIANCE (GB)

11,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2018; £16,000 RNA Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearling Sale 2019

Cannock Chase (Lemon Drop Kid), Vauterhill Stud

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

15:50-NEWCASTLE, 5f, SEGEDUNUM (GB)

Charming Thought (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}), Dalham Hall Stud

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

15:50-NEWCASTLE, 5f, FIRCOMBE HALL (GB)

£8,000 RNA Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearling Sale 2019

Mehmas (Ire) (Acclamation {GB}), Tally-Ho Stud

146 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners

15:50-NEWCASTLE, 5f, SELECTED (Ire)

€60,000 Goffs November Foals Sale 2018; 70,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2019 - Book 1

Pearl Secret (GB) (Compton Place {GB}), Chapel Stud

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

15:50-NEWCASTLE, 5f, MR RYDER (GB)

£10,000 Goffs UK December Sale 2018; 35,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2019 - Book 3

Shalaa (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), Haras de Bouquetot
 118 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
 16:20-LINGFIELD PARK, 6f, MA CHERIE AMOUR (Fr)
 €40,000 Arqana December Breeding Stock Sale 2018; £46,000
 Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearling Sale 2019
 16:20-LINGFIELD PARK, 6f, RHODA'S CHOICE (Fr)
 €30,000 RNA Arqana December Breeding Stock Sale 2018;
 £68,000 Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearling Sale 2019

FRANCE:

Plantation Kid (Fr) (Storm Boy {Fr}),
 1 foal of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
 2-LA MARTINIQUE, 1100m, EVERNA KID (Fr)

Territories (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), Dalham Hall Stud
 113 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
 2-LYON PARILLY, 1200m, MURRAYFIELD
 €9,000 Arqana Deauville October Yearlings 2019



Territories | Amy Lynam

OBSERVATIONS
 on the European racing scene

**SON OF SPRING IN THE AIR STARTS AT
 NEWCASTLE**

12.55 Newcastle, Mdn, £6,400, 2yo, 6f (AWT)
THIRD KINGDOM (GB) (Make Believe {GB}) debuts for Prince Faisal, who purchased the GI Alcibiades S.-winning dam Spring In the Air (Spring At Last) for \$1.65 million at the 2015 Keeneland November Sale. John Gosden introduces the April-foaled colt against nine rivals on the Tapeta.

4.20 Lingfield, Novice, £6,400, 2yo, f, 6f (AWT)
MASHMOOM (GB) (**Muhaarar {GB}**) is one of Saeed bin Suroor's early types with scope for the future as a May-foaled half-sister to the G1 Prix Jean Prat and G1 Prix Jacques le Marois-winning sire Tamayuz (GB) (Nayef). Godolphin's representative encounters 11 peers with Royal Ascot looming.

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BRITAIN

Saturday, Newmarket, post time: 3.00 p.m.
BETFAIR EXCHANGE FREE BET STREAK NEWMARKET S.-Listed,
 £25,500, 3yo, c/g, 10fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	7	Al Aasy (Ire)	Sea The Stars (Ire)	Crowley	Haggas
2	4	Cherokee Trail	War Front	Moore	Gosden
3	1	Formality (GB)	Frankel (GB)	J Doyle	Bell
4	5	Luncies (GB)	Iffraaj (GB)	Shepherd	S&E Crisford
5	2	Mishriff (Ire)	Make Believe (GB)	D Egan	Gosden
6	6	Punctuation (GB)	Dansili (GB)	Murphy	Balding
7	3	The First King (Ire)	War Command	Probert	P&O Cole
8	9	Volkan Star (Ire)	Sea The Stars (Ire)	Buick	C Appleby
9	8	Waldkonig (GB)	Kingman (GB)	Dettori	Gosden

All carry 126 pounds.

Friday's Results:

BETSAFE DERBY TRIAL S.-Listed, £25,500, Lingfield, 6-5, 3yo,
 c/g, 11f 133yT, 2:24.36, g/f.

1--ENGLISH KING (FR), 126, c, 3, by Camelot (GB)

- 1st Dam: Platonic (GB), by Zafonic**
- 2nd Dam: Puce (GB), by Darshaan (GB)**
- 3rd Dam: Souk (Ire), by Ahonoora (GB)**

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. (€210,000 Ylg '18 AROYRG). O-Bjorn Nielsen; B-Ecurie des Monceaux & Ecurie Skymarc Farm (FR); T-Ed Walker; J-Tom Marquand. £14,461. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$26,575. *1/2 to Pacifique (Ire) (Montjeu {Ire}), GSW-Fr, \$154,107; and Prudenzia (Ire) (Dansili {GB}), SW-Fr.

2--Berkshire Rocco (Fr), 126, c, 3, Sir Percy (GB)--Sunny Again (GB), by Shirocco (Ger). (€35,000 Wlg '17 ARQDEC; €50,000 Ylg '18 GOFOR). O-Berkshire Parts & Panels Ltd; B-SAGL Seserve (FR); T-Andrew Balding. £5,483.

3--Summeronsevenhills, 126, c, 3, Summer Front-- lboughtheranyway, by Dixie Union. (\$12,000 Wlg '17 KEENOV; \$45,000 RNA Ylg '18 KESEP; £85,000 2yo '19 TATABR). O-Frank Deely & John McGarry; B-George E Bates Trustee (KY); T-Richard Hughes. £2,744.

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Margins: 2 3/4, 7, HF. Odds: 2.25, 2.25, 25.00.
 Also Ran: Sound of Cannons (GB), King's Caper (GB), Pride of America (Fr), King Carney (GB), Dark Heart (GB). **Click for the Racing Post result. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

Twelve months after Anthony Van Dyck (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) brought kudos back to this blue riband prep, the former Group 3 contest played host to another with potential to roll it back to the glory days of High-Rise (Ire), Kahyasi (Ire) and Slip Anchor (GB). While Bjorn Nielsen's colours were being adorned by Frankie Dettori at Newmarket, the Ed Walker-trained English King was carrying them around this Epsom-like terrain as if he was on wheels. Moments after he had brushed aside the G3 Zetland S. runner-up Berkshire Rocco and won as he liked, his odds for the July 4 G1 Epsom Derby were tumbling to 5-1 such was the manner of this display.

Improving off a debut seventh over a mile at Newmarket Oct. 23 to win over 10 furlongs on Newcastle's Tapeta four weeks later, the bay arrived here with a tall reputation and was the subject of strong support despite several of his rivals having a distinct experience edge on him. Anchored in rear early by Tom Marquand, he travelled ominously smoothly as he made up ground effortlessly and when pulled out in the straight simply breezed by his market rival approaching the final furlong. Pushed out with hands and heels from there, he had strung out some useful yardsticks to give connections hope that he will be a major player on the first Saturday in July.

Marquand said, "Coming here today, there is always a question mark down that hill and he still clearly has signs of immaturity, so to have won that impressively and gone away in the style he did, we are all pretty excited about him. He is one to look forward to for the future, not just for Epsom."

For Ed Walker, English King could provide a watershed moment in his training career and he was left pondering achieving the ultimate ambition next month. "The Derby is one of those races that gets me going, so it is very exciting to have a live contender, God willing--we still have a long way to go," he said. "Bjorn and I chatted about it beforehand and we both agreed that if we had a genuine Derby horse on our hands we needed to win and win very easily. That was exciting and you just wouldn't quite know with him. He goes through the motions at home and is a very relaxed and a playful horse. It has been a fact-finding mission today and he couldn't have done any better. The exciting thing is he has a high cruising speed, he has a turn of foot and he stays and those three together are the three qualities you need in a very good horse."

"We've had some good horses, but not a Group 1 horse. Stormy Antarctic has bashed on the door a few times, we've had a few others place in Group 1s, but now he is as exciting as we have had."



English King (Fr) (Camelot {GB}), a €210,000 Arqana October yearling, is among the favourites for the G1 Investec Derby after a taking performance in the Listed Derby Trial S. | *Megan Ridgewell*

Derby Trial S. Cont.

“We were hoping, but not expecting, because we have nothing to match him at home, so it’s really exciting. I know the distance wasn’t that far from Berkshire Rocco, but I think he did it pretty easily. He is that kind of horse, he’s not a horse who will win a race by 10 lengths, that’s not his style and his home work would suggest that as well. He’s a cool dude. We’ll freshen him up again for Epsom in a month’s time, I think it would be reckless to try to squeeze in another one. I don’t think he needs it, he will have learnt amount round there.”

Pedigree Notes

English King hails from a family that has already had a few meaningful tilts at Epsom glory with mixed results. His dam Platonic’s granddaughter Magic Wand (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) had a rare off-day when fourth in the 2018 Oaks, while under the third dam Alexandrova (Ire) (Sadler’s Wells) swept all aside in that Classic in 2006. The latter’s full-brother Masterofthehorse (Ire) snuck into a close-up third behind Sea the Stars (Ire) in the 2009 Derby, two places ahead of his relative Golden Sword (GB) (High Chaparral {Ire}) while a year earlier Alexandrova and Masterofthehorse’s half-brother Washington Irving (Ire) (Montjeu {Ire}) was also fifth in the blue riband.

As well as throwing the multi-millionaire G1 MacKinnon S. heroine and all-round top-class mare Magic Wand, Platonic’s Listed Prix de la Seine-winning daughter Prudenzia also produced Montjeu’s high-class and mercurial Chicquita (Ire), who took the G1 Irish Oaks and was runner-up in the G1 Prix de Diane. The latter is now a proven broodmare at Coolmore, with her 2016 filly being the G3 Silver Flash S. third Secret Thoughts (War Front). The Fittocks Stud-bred Platonic is also responsible for Pacifique (Ire), another Montjeu who annexed the G3 Prix de Lutece and was third in the G2 Prix Chaudenay.

Sold for 100,000gns at the 2004 Tattersalls December Mares Sale, Platonic has proven an inspired purchase. In the last two months of 2019, her 3-year-old and 4-year-old daughters Mulan (Ire) (Kingman {GB}) and Ionic (GB) (Intello {Ger}) sold for 420,000gns and 450,000gns respectively as broodmare prospects at Tattersalls December, weeks after her yearling son of Le Havre (Ire) was bought by John Foote Bloodstock Pty Ltd for €80,000 at Arqana October.

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BETSAFE TOP PRICE ALL RUNNERS OAKS TRIAL FILLIES’

S.-Listed, £25,500, Lingfield, 6-5, 3yo, f, 11f 133yT, 2:27.19, g/f.

1--**MISS YODA (GER), 126, f, 3, by Sea The Stars (Ire)**

1st Dam: **Monami (Ger) (Hwt. 2yo Filly-Ger, MGSW-Ger & G1SP-Itly, \$151,856), by Sholokhov (Ire)**

2nd Dam: **Monbijou (Ger), by Dashing Blade (GB)**

3rd Dam: **Meerdunung (Gdr), by Tauchsport (Gdr)**

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. (€280,000 Ylg ‘18 BBAGS).

O-Westerberg; B-Gestut Etzean (GER); T-John Gosden; J-Robert Havlin. £14,461. Lifetime Record: GSP-Eng, 4-3-1-0, \$47,515.

2--**Golden Lips (Ire), 126, f, 3, Golden Horn (GB)**--Lady Penko (Fr), by Archipenko. (80,000gns Ylg ‘18 TATOCT). O-Haven’t A Pot & Ballylinch Stud; B-Ballylinch Stud (IRE); T-Harry Dunlop. £5,483.

3--**West End Girl (GB), 126, f, 3, Golden Horn (GB)**--Free Rein (GB), by Dansili (GB). (95,000gns Ylg ‘18 TAOCT). O-A D Spence & M B Spence; B-Car Colston Hall Stud (GB); T-Mark Johnston. £2,744.

Margins: 1 1/4, NO, 3/4. Odds: 1.00, 66.00, 10.00.

Also Ran: La Dragontea (GB), So I Told You (Ire), Anastarsia (Ire), Sly Minx (GB), Heart Reef (Fr). Scratched: Lake Lucerne. **Click for the Racing Post result. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

Following two fluent wins over a mile at Kempton and Sandown in August and September with a runner-up finish in the G3 Zetland S. at Newmarket in October, Miss Yoda looked the clear pick of the trio heading for this trial which the stable won in 2019 with the subsequent Epsom heroine Anapurna (GB) (Frankel {GB}). Missing the break as the fellow Gosden-trained Lake Lucerne (Dubawi {Ire}) was withdrawn having become upset in the stall next door, she was lit up when sent into the main group to gain cover. Having to wait for racing space up the straight, the chestnut was able to work her way to the lead once daylight appeared and from 150 yards out had too much class for the game course winner Golden Lips. Gosden, who was watching the action on the screen at Newmarket, was content with the winner’s performance in light of the stalls incident. “Our other one got upset in the gate and upset her, so she got left and then had to be rushed up. She had a tough time of it, but she showed a lot of courage to win a race at listed level which is great,” he said.



Miss Yoda | Megan Ridgewell

Oaks Trial Fillies S. Cont.

“We will see which way the owners want to go, whether they want to look at the [June 16 G2] Ribblesdale [S. at Royal Ascot] or go to the [July 4 G1 Epsom] Oaks. It was quite a hard race for her today as it was a little muddled up at the start, so it wasn't smooth, put it that way. I think from that point of view, we will see how she is for the next 10 days then make our decision. I like the owner to put their input in and then head in the best direction for her.”

The dam, who was successful in the G2 Diana-Trial and G3 Preis der Winterkonigin and third in the G1 Premio Vittorio di Capua, is a half-sister to Meridiana (Ger) (Lomitas {GB}) who captured the G1 Oaks d'Italia, GII Orchid H. and GIII Bewitch S. The latter's four stakes performers are headed by the GI Man o' War S. runner-up Center Divider (Giant's Causeway) and the dual stakes winner Chamois (Smart Strike), who was also third in the GII Dixie S. Monami has the 2-year-old colt Mahanadi (GB) (Amaron {GB}) and a yearling colt by Kingman (GB) who was purchased for 340,000gns by Baroda Stud as one of the more expensive lots at the recent Tattersalls December Foal Sale.

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BETWAY PARADISE S.-Listed, £25,500, Newmarket, 6-5, 3yo/up, 8fT, 1:34.47, g/f.

1--**MARIE'S DIAMOND (IRE)**, 133, c, 4, **Footstepsinthesand (GB)--Sindiyma (Ire)**, by **Kalanisi (Ire)**. (€35,000 Ylg '17 TIRSEP; £675,000 RNA 2yo '18 GOFGW). O-Middleham Park Racing LXXXVI; B-Tony Ashley (IRE); T-Mark Johnston; J-Silvestre de Sousa. £14,461. Lifetime Record: GSW-Ire & GSP-Eng, 21-6-2-3, \$269,906. *1/2 to Sikandarabad (Ire) (Dr Fong), SW & G1SP-Aus, \$337,224.

2--**Lord Tennyson (GB)**, 133, g, 4, Poet's Voice (GB)--Poppet's Passion (GB), by Clodovil (Ire). (42,000gns Ylg '17 TAOCT; €380,000 2yo '18 ARQMAY). O-Godolphin; B-Whetton Manor Stud (GB); T-John Gosden. £5,483.

3--**Vale of Kent (Ire)**, 133, g, 5, Kodiak (GB)--Red Vale (Ire), by Halling. (380,000gns Ylg '16 TAOCT). O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed Al Maktoum; B-Stock Vale Ltd (IRE); T-Mark Johnston. £2,744.

Margins: 4 1/4, NK, NK. Odds: 14.00, 6.00, 6.00.

Also Ran: Prince Eiji (GB), Oh This Is Us (Ire), Mythical Magic (Ire), Bless Him (Ire), Momkin (Ire), Dawaam, Escobar (Ire). Scratched: Sangarius (GB). **Click for the Racing Post result.**

This race lost much intrigue after Khalid Abdullah's 'TDN Rising Star' Sangarius (GB) (Kingman (GB)) was withdrawn on the morning of the race due to the prevailing fast ground, but there was a decisive winner as Marie's Diamond proved yet again that he is a force to be reckoned with at this level. Largely consistent throughout his career from sprint trips to a mile, the G3

Anglesey S. winner's five prior attempts at this distance had yielded a fourth in last year's G2 Mehl-Mulhens-Rennen (German 2000 Guineas) at Cologne and a win in the Listed Pomfret S. at Pontefract in July.

Third in the Listed Lady Wulfruna S. over an extended seven furlongs at Wolverhampton Mar. 7, the bay grabbed the far rail and the early advantage and was aided by one of those Silvestre de Sousa masterclasses as he drew away from Lord Tennyson, Frankie Dettori's first ride in the Godolphin silks for eight years. “It was a very good performance. There is not a lot I can say really, as it was really straightforward,” trainer Mark Johnston said. “He ran very well at Wolverhampton and that did him no harm and that seven furlongs would have been sharp enough for him as he gets every inch of the mile. He has already won a group race, so hopefully he can go back up to that level. We will talk about going further with him, given the way he finished there.”

Marie's Diamond's stamina is no surprise on pedigree, given that he is a son of His Highness the Aga Khan's cast-off Sindiyma who won over a mile and a half before producing the G1 Metropolitan third Sikandarabad. A full-sister to the Listed Lingfield Oaks Trial scorer Sindirana (Ire) from the family of the brilliant champion and sire Sinndar (Ire), she also has a yearling colt by Free Eagle (Ire).

9th-Lingfield, £7,250, Hcp, 6-5, 3yo, 6f (AWT), 1:13.42, st/sl.

JOVIAL (GB) (f, 3, Dubawi {Ire}--Joyeuse {GB} {MSW & MGSP-Eng, GSP-Ire, \$146,691}, by Oasis Dream {GB}), a

granddaughter of Kind (Ire) (Danehill) who scored at Yarmouth in August and on Newcastle's Tapeta the following month, tracked the leading duo throughout the early stages. Working her way to the front passing the furlong pole, the 13-8 favourite asserted to score by a comfortable half-length margin from Caspian Queen (Ire) (Sepoy {Aus}). “She has a great mind and bags of speed, so I don't think that will be the end of her,” jockey Louis Steward commented. “I think she had a lot of class today and it wasn't the easiest of trips round because she got knocked around a bit and she had to show real guts to win, which was nice to see.” Joyeuse, who was successful twice at listed level and placed four times in group company, is a half-sister to none other than Frankel (GB) (Galileo {Ire}) and his G1 Champion S.-winning full-brother Noble Mission (GB). Her first foal was this stable's Jubiloso (GB) (Shamardal) who was third in last year's G1 Coronation S., while she also has 2-year-old and yearling colts by Galileo with the former named Maximal (GB). This year, she produced a full-brother to Jubiloso. Lifetime Record: 4-3-0-1, \$17,645. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O-Khalid Abdullah; B-Juddmonte Farms Ltd (GB); T-Sir Michael Stoute.

7th-Newmarket, £6,400, Novice, 6-5, 3yo, f, 12fT, 2:32.65, g/f.
RENAISSANCE QUEEN (GB) (f, 3, Pivotal {GB}--Indian Petal {GB}, by Singspiel {Ire}), sent off the 3-1 second favourite, raced in fifth as the early pace proved only moderate. Cajoled past the 7-4 market-leader Delta's Royalty (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) with a furlong remaining, the homebred made the most of a seven-pound pull with that daughter of Royal Delta (Empire Maker) to prevail by a length. "She is bred to stay and William [Buick] said stamina is her forte," trainer Charlie Appleby said of the half-sister to last year's G1 Dubai Sheema Classic and G1 Northern Dancer Turf S. hero Old Persian (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}). "She saw the trip out well. I thought she might get caught out with inexperience, as she is very raw at home. We have not put much work into her, as she is a light-framed filly." Old Persian, who also captured the G2 King Edward VII S., G2 Great Voltigeur S. and G2 Dubai City of Gold, Hwt. Older Horse at 4-UAE at 11-14f, GISW-Can, G1SW-UAE, MGSW-Eng, G1SP-Ger, \$4,349,231, was the first runner for the dam and the second was Chapelli (GB) (Poet's Voice {GB}) who has been placed twice at listed level. A full-sister to the G2 Ribblesdale S. scorer Silkwood (GB) (Singspiel {Ire}) and half to the G2 Cherry Hinton S. winner Silent Honor (Ire) (Sunday Silence), she also has a 2-year-old full-brother to Old Persian and a yearling colt by Night of Thunder (Ire) to come. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$5,215.
 O/B-Godolphin (GB); T-Charlie Appleby.

8th-Newmarket, £6,400, Mdn, 6-5, 3yo/up, f, 7fT, 1:23.54, g/f.
RICETTA (GB) (f, 3, Camelot {GB}--Panzanella {GB}, by Dansili {GB}), who was backed into 5-4 favouritism, was unhurried and kept wide throughout the early stages. Allowed to creep into contention by Frankie Dettori passing halfway, the homebred overhauled Parent's Prayer (Ire) (Kingman {GB}) inside the last 100 yards en route to a cosy 3/4-of-a-length success. "She got into a bit of a muddle and she will be better over a mile," John Gosden commented. "She was stuck out on her own in stall 12. We can't make plans at the moment, as this year is like no other." The fourth winner from as many foals out of a daughter of the G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches heroine and G1 Coronation S. and G1 Queen Elizabeth II Challenge Cup runner-up Zenda (GB) (Zamindar), Ricetta hails from one of her owner-breeder's most esteemed families. The dam, who won a seven-furlong Leicester maiden for this stable by six lengths in 2012, is therefore a full-sister to the G3 Tercentenary S.-winning sire Remote (GB) and a half to the brilliant G1 Irish 2000 Guineas, G1 St James's Palace S., G1 Sussex S. and G1 Prix Jacques le Marois hero and prominent sire Kingman (GB). Also connected to Oasis Dream (GB) et al, she has a yearling filly by Acclamation (GB). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$5,215.
 O-Khalid Abdullah; B-Juddmonte Farms Ltd (GB); T-John Gosden.

1st-Newmarket, £6,400, Mdn, 6-5, 3yo/up, f, 7fT, 1:22.91, g/f.
PURE BEAUTY (GB) (f, 4, Shamardal--Dark Orchid {SW-Fr & SP-Eng, \$107,767}, by Dansili {GB}) conceded weight all round in this belated unveiling and tracked the pace in second after the early strides. Making smooth headway to challenge with three furlongs remaining, the 9-2 chance led soon after and was ridden out inside the final quarter mile to score by two lengths from Lawahed (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}). "Every time she was ready to go last year she would have a problem and we would have to stop with her," revealed trainer Saeed bin Suroor. "This year she has improved and is a better filly than before. She has always shown some class and won well today. The jockey [Pat Cosgrave] thinks she wants further, we will keep options open and, as for Royal Ascot, we will see." Pure Beauty is the second foal and winner out of Listed Prix Volterra victress Dark Orchid (Dansili {GB}), herself produced by a winning sibling of five black-type performers headed by G1SW sires Hernando (Fr) (Niniski) and Johann Quatz (Fr) (Sadler's Wells). The homebred bay is full to a yearling filly and a half to the 2-year-old colt Daramethos (Ire) (Sea the Stars {Ire}). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$5,215.

1ST-TIME STARTER. O/B-Godolphin (GB); T-Saeed bin Suroor.

1st-Lingfield, £5,400, Mdn, 6-5, 2yo, 6f 1y (AWT), 1:13.17, st/sl.
MIGHTY GURKHA (IRE) (c, 2, Sepoy {Aus}--Royal Debt {GB}, by Royal Applause {GB}) was sharpest into stride and claimed the rail and the lead after the initial steps of this first go. Surging clear on the home turn, the 8-15 favourite held a commanding buffer entering the final furlong and was ridden out in the closing stages to score by an impressive 7 1/2 lengths from Hot Scoop (GB) (Hot Streak {Ire}). "He is one of the nicest Sepoys I've sat on," said winning rider Hollie Doyle. "He's a little bit quirky, but there's room for improvement and he'll definitely go to Royal Ascot next. There's plenty of scope there, he got the six furlongs well and he's a nice big unit. I think he'll stay over six for now." Kin to a yearling colt by Slade Power (Ire), Mighty Gurkha is the first of two foals produced by an unraced sibling of stakes-winning G1 Champions Mile and G1 Stewards' Cup placegetter Rewarding Hero (GB) (Exceed and Excel {Aus}) and G3 Diomed S. and G3 Sovereign S. placegetter Dance and Dance (Ire) (Royal Applause {GB}). Sales history: 14,000gns RNA Ylg '19 TAOCT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$4,400. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

1ST-TIME STARTER. O-Mohammed Rashid; B-Rabbah Bloodstock Ltd (IRE); T-Archie Watson.

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FIRST WINNER FOR SIRE

2nd-Lingfield, £5,400, Mdn, 6-5, 2yo, 6f 1y (AWT), 1:13.56, st/sl. IGOTATEX (IRE) (c, 2, Ajaya {GB}--Tifawt {GB}, by High Chaparral {Ire}) was quickly away from the outside stall and settled behind the leaders in third after the initial strides of this debut. Scrubbed along rounding the home turn, the 5-2 pick challenged wide once into the straight and kept on strongly under a late drive to assert by 1 1/4 lengths from Lothian (GB) (Coach House {Ire}), becoming the first winner for his freshman sire (by Invincible Spirit {Ire}). "He has a mind of his own and doesn't do a tap, but he has got ability and it's just a case of getting it out of him," explained Hollie Doyle. "He toughed it out well, he battled hard in the straight and that was very impressive." Half-brother to a yearling filly by Fast Company (Ire), the February-foaled bay is the second of three foals and first scorer out of a half-sister to G1 Nunthorpe S. and G1 Golden Jubilee S. hero Kingsgate Native (Ire) (Mujadil) and the stakes-placed Vanishing Grey (Ire) (Verglas {Ire}). The latter's progeny is headed by stakes-winning G1 Jebel Hatta third First Contact (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}). Sales history: €13,500 RNA Wlg '18 TATFBR; €10,000 Ylg '19 TIRSEP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$4,400. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** 1ST-TIME STARTER. O-Marco Polo; B-Peter & Hugh McCutcheon (IRE); T-Archie Watson.

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CONDITIONS RESULTS:

4th-Angers, €22,000, Cond, 6-5, 3yo, 6f 165yT, 1:23.75, sf. AYAAD (c, 3, Kingman {GB}--Mamdooha {MSW & MGSP-US, \$325,200}, by Daaher) Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-0, €25,390. O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Shadwell Farm (KY); T-Jean-Claude Rouget.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Niangala (Fr), g, 3, Excelebration (Ire)--Pride of Princess (GB), by Pivotal (GB). Angers, 6-5, 8fT, 1:49.33. B-Haras de Grandcamp EARL (FR). *1ST-TIME STARTER. **€30,000 Ylg '18 AROCT.
Royaume Uni (Ire), c, 3, Galileo (Ire)--Night Lagoon (Ger) (Hwt. 2yo Filly-Ger, GSW-Ger), by Lagunas (GB). Angers, 6-5, 14 1/2fT, 3:12.04. B-Coolmore Stud (IRE). *1/2 to Novellist (Ire) (Monsun {Ger}), Hwt. 3yo-Ger & lty at 11-14f, Hwt. Older Horse-Eur, Eng, Fr & Ger at 11-14f, G1SW-Eng, Fr, Ger & lty, \$1,873,588.

Digression (Ire), f, 3, Gleneagles (Ire)--Daltiana (Fr), by Selkirk. Angers, 6-5, 6f 165yT, 1:25.04. B-Ecurie des Charmes (IRE). *€62,000 Ylg '18 OSLATE.

Bernie's Star (Fr), f, 3, Iffraaj (GB)--Bernie's Moon, by Bernstein. Angers, 6-5, 8fT, 1:42.25. B-Rashit Shaykhutdinov (FR). *1ST-TIME STARTER. **€47,000 RNA Ylg '18 ARAUG.

Racing Glory (Ire), c, 3, Zebedee (GB)--Glorious Adventure (Ire), by Galileo (Ire). Angers, 6-5, 6f 165yT, 1:23.63. B-Ecurie Normandie Pur Sang (IRE).

GERMANY

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WORLDWIDE NEWS

'ALMOND' A TOUGH NUT TO CRACK IN YASUDA KINEN

Almond Eye (Jpn) (Lord Kanaloa {Jpn}), third in last year's renewal of the G1 Yasuda Kinen, returns to take another crack at Sunday's 1,600-meter Tokyo feature, a 'Win and You're In' to the GI Breeders' Cup Mile. Victorious over this turf course in the 2,400-meter G1 Japan Cup in 2018, she added two more Group 1s last season in the Dubai Turf in March prior to the Tenno Sho (Autumn) in October. Her 2020 debut was delayed due to the coronavirus pandemic, however, she once again made short work of her rivals, winning the G1 Victoria Mile over this course and trip May 17. Almond Eye has notched five wins out of six starts at Tokyo, the only blemish being last year's Yasuda, with interference at the start the likely culprit. Prior to her Victoria Mile win, she finished ninth in the Arima Kinen at Nakayama Dec. 22. Her jockey, Christophe Lemaire, is gunning for his fourth Group 1 victory this year.

"Last year, up against male horses in the Yasuda Kinen, a lot happened, but she did run well," said trainer Sakae Kunieda. "The Fuchu [Tokyo Racecourse] 1,600 [meters] is an easy race for her and, if she runs like usual, I think it'll go well. And we'll likely have a fast track, which is good."

“After the Victoria Mile, I waited to see how she was doing,” he said. “She looked good and it had been an easy win for her, and she’d come out of the race well. I figured she could run again with only two full weeks training in between. I decided to come here. It’s her first time with so little time between starts, but mentally she’s very relaxed and very calm. Looking at her fast work this week, I’d say there’s nothing to worry about. She has always moved well in work, but I had her work with a partner and told the rider if that horse wasn’t moving well to just move ahead early. It was an ideal workout. If she can get a run like she had in the Victoria Mile, that will be ideal.”



Almond Eye winning the G1 Victoria Mile | JRA

Mile specialist **Indy Champ (Jpn)** (Stay Gold {Jpn}) has proven to be the model of consistency over the past four seasons. Winner of the G1 Yasuda Kinen and G1 Mile Championship last season, he won the Yomiuri Milers Cup at Kyoto Apr. 26, the same prep he used last year heading into the Yasuda (he ran fourth in 2019). Yuichi Fukunaga, just off his second Derby win, is expected in the saddle.

“The Yomiuri Milers Cup lineup was such where I thought he really shouldn’t lose,” said Yuicki Fukunaga. “The most important thing was that he’d had a prep before that and his action in the preliminaries was quite different from what it is without one. He has a lot of quirks, but that was part of the attraction. I had the impression prior to riding him that he was a difficult horse and that he had difficulties at the break. Now, a lot of that has been fixed.”

He continued, “Physically, he seems to have fully matured from last autumn. He has really good acceleration and he’s able to use that acceleration to get a good position now, which is a big plus. He’s also able to handle a slow pace. His strength is his versatility.”

Danon Kingly (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}), winner of the G2 Mainichi Okan last fall, finished fifth in Kyoto’s G1 Mile Championship in November before taking the G2 Nakayama Kinen Jan. 3. He was a close-up third in his latest start in the G1 Osaka Hai Apr. 5. Keita Tosaki, who had been the colt’s regular rider until an accident took him out of action shortly before the Mile

Championship, returned to work May 23 and is expected back with his old partner for the Yasuda.

“This was the first time I was injured and I was raring to be back,” said Tosaki. “The injury was worse than I’d thought and it took a while to heal, but I’m totally recovered now. I think he has matured and that he ran well for Norihiro Yokoyama [in his last three starts]. He really broke well in the Osaka Hai and since no other horses went to the lead, and because he was in great shape, going to the front was the right decision. He gave it his best to the end.”

He added, “His two advantages are he has a great turn of foot and his responses are good. In track work, he moves well from the start, perhaps a little too well, but he does feel good.”

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Saturday, Newmarket, Britain, post time: 3.35 p.m.

QIPCO 2000 GUINEAS S.-G1, £250,000, 3yo, c/f, 8fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	5	Al Suhail (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	J Doyle	C Appleby	126
2	13	Arizona (Ire)	No Nay Never	Moore	A O'Brien	126
3	10	Cepheus (GB)	Sea The Stars (Ire)	Crowley	Meehan	126
4	14	Juan Elcano (GB)	Frankel (GB)	Atzeni	K Ryan	126
5	15	Kameko 🐎	Kitten's Joy	Murphy	Balding	126
6	6	Kenzai Warrior 🐎	Karakontie (Jpn)	J Watson	Teal	126
7	12	Kinross (GB)	Kingman (GB)	Bentley	Beckett	126
8	3	Military March (GB)	New Approach (Ire)	Crouch	bin Suroor	126
9	1	Mums Tipple (Ire)	Footstepsinthesand (GB)	Levey	Hannon	126
10	8	New World Tapestry	War Front	Kirby	A O'Brien	126
11	11	Persuasion (Ire)	Acclamation (GB)	Shoemark	Hills	126
12	7	Pinatubo (Ire)	Shamardal	Buick	C Appleby	126
13	2	Royal Dornoch (Ire)	Gleneagles (Ire)	Marquand	A O'Brien	126
14	4	Starcats (GB)	Lope de vega (Ire)	McDonald	Morrison	126
15	9	Wichita (Ire)	No Nay Never	Dettori	A O'Brien	126

Saturday, Newmarket, Britain, post time: 2.25 p.m.

BETFAIR DAHLIA S.-G2, £52,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 10fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	7	Magic Lily (GB)	New Approach (Ire)	Buick	C Appleby	129
2	6	Ardiente (GB)	Australia (GB)	Moore	Simcock	126
3	1	Bubble and Squeak (GB)	Mastercraftsman (Ire)	J Watson	Kirk	126
4	2	Eva Maria (GB)	Sea The Stars (Ire)	Shepherd	Fahey	126
5	5	Queen Power (Ire)	Shamardal	de Sousa	Stoute	126
6	4	Sweet Promise (GB)	Intello (Ger)	Marquand	Fanshawe	126
7	3	Terebellum (Ire)	Sea The Stars (Ire)	Dettori	Gosden	126

Saturday, Lyon-Parilly, France, post time: 5.25 p.m.

PRIX GREFFULHE-G2, €90,000, 3yo, 11fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	7	Mkfancy (Fr)	Makfi (GB)	Guyon	P&J Brandt	128
2	2	In Swoop (Ire)	Adlerflug (Ger)	Boudot	Graffard	128
3	9	Maki Maki (Fr)	Makfi (GB)	Piccione	Borgel	128
4	5	Loquito (GB)	Night of Thunder (Ire)	Lemaitre	Decouz	128
5	3	Gold Trip (Fr)	Outstrip (GB)	Pasquier	Chappet	128
6	8	Chachnak (Fr)	Kingman (GB)	Barzalona	Vermeulen	128
7	1	Laocoon (Fr)	Whipper	M Pelletan	JL Pelletan	128
8	6	Cleod'or (Fr)	Anodin (Ire)	Blondel	Pimbonnet	128
9	4	Influx (Ire)	Golden Horn (GB)	Auge	Ferland	128

Saturday, Lyon-Parilly, France, post time: 7.05 p.m.

PRIX CORRIDA-G2, €90,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 11fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	6	Grand Glory (GB)	Olympic Glory (Ire)	Boudot	Bietolini	126
2	4	Mutamakina (GB)	Nathaniel (Ire)	Peslier	Laffon-Parias	126
3	1	Ambition (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Barzalona	Thomas-Demeaulte	126

4	3	Amarena (Fr)	Soldier Hollow (GB)	Pasquier	Bary	126
5	2	Spirit of Nelson (Ire)	Mount Nelson (GB)	C Demuro	Reynier	126
6	5	Romanciere (Ire)	Dansili (GB)	Guyon	Fabre	126

Saturday, Lyon-Parilly, France, post time: 6.00 p.m.

PRIX CLEOPATRE-G3, €56,000, 3yo, f, 11fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	6	Camogie (Ire)	Invincible Spirit (Ire)	Barzalona	Devin	123
2	5	World Peace (Ger)	Camelot (GB)	Boudot	Graffard	123
3	2	Neige Blanche (Fr)	Anodin (Ire)	Blondel	C Rossi	123
4	1	Scripturale (Fr)	Makfi (GB)	Piccone	Delcher Sanchez	123
5	3	Solsticia (Ire)	Le Havre (Ire)	Guyon	Fabre	123
6	4	Flighty Lady (Ire)	Sir Percy (GB)	C Demuro	Rouget	123

Saturday, Newmarket, Britain, post time: 1.50 p.m.

BETFAIR SUPPORTS RACING WELFARE PALACE HOUSE S.-G3, £37,000, 3yo/up, 5fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	4	Arecibo (Fr)	Invincible Spirit (Ire)	Shoemark	O'Meara	132
2	11	Dark Shot (GB)	Acclamation (GB)	Probert	Dixon	132
3	13	Far Above (Ire)	Farhh (GB)	McDonald	Tate	132
4	6	Judicial (Ire)	Iffraaj (GB)	Rodriguez	Camacho	132
5	1	Major Jumbo (GB)	Zebedee (GB)	Stott	K Ryan	132
6	10	Moss Gill (Ire)	No Nay Never	J Doyle	Bethell	132
7	8	Ornate (GB)	Bahamian Bounty (GB)	Dennis	Griffiths	132
8	5	Tarboosh (GB)	Bahamian Bounty (GB)	Murphy	Midgley	132
9	12	The Cruising Lord (GB)	Coach House (Ire)	D Egan	Attwater	132
10	2	Well Done Fox (GB)	Acclamation (GB)	de Sousa	Hannon	132
11	7	Hareem Queen (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Atzeni	Burke	129
12	3	Queens Gift (Ire)	Canford Cliffs (Ire)	Mulrennan	Dods	129
13	9	Shades of Blue (Ire)	Kodiac (GB)	Kirby	Cox	129

Saturday, Newcastle, Britain, post time: 2.40 p.m.

BETWAY SAGARO S.-G3, £37,000, 4yo/up, 16f 56y (AWT)

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	11	Ispolini (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	B Doyle	C Appleby	129
2	7	Prince of Arran (GB)	Shirocco (Ger)	Donohoe	Fellowes	129
3	2	Royal Line (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Havlin	Gosden	129
4	9	Alright Sunshine (Ire)	Casamento (Ire)	Tudhope	Dalglish	126
5	8	Jeremiah (GB)	Kheleyf	Eaves	Fellowes	126
6	1	King's Advice (GB)	Frankel (GB)	Fanning	Johnston	126
7	6	Mildenberger (GB)	Teofilo (Ire)	Norton	Johnston	126
8	10	Nayef Road (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Curtis	Johnston	126
9	4	Rainbow Dreamer (GB)	Aqlaam (GB)	H Doyle	King	1266
10	5	Sir Chauvelin (GB)	Authorized (Ire)	Robinson	Goldie	126
11	3	Withhold (GB)	Champs Elysees (GB)	Kingscote	Charlton	126

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Sunday, Tokyo, Japan, post time: 3:40 p.m.

YASUDA KINEN-G1, ¥281,800,000, 3yo/up, 1600mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Danon Premium (Jpn)	Deep Impact (Jpn)	Damian Lane	Mitsumasa Nakauchida	128
2	Danon Kingly (Jpn)	Deep Impact (Jpn)	Keita Tosaki	Kiyoshi Hagiwara	128
3	Normcore (Jpn)	*Harbinger	Norihiro Yokoyama	Kiyoshi Hagiwara	124
4	Kluger (Jpn)	King Kamehameha (Jpn)	Shu Ishibashi	Tomokazu Takano	128
5	Almond Eye (Jpn)	Lord Kanaloa (Jpn)	Christophe Lemaire	Sakae Kunieda	124
6	Indy Champ (Jpn)	Stay Gold (Jpn)	Yuichi Fukunaga	Hidetaka Otonashi	128
7	Persian Knight (Jpn)	*Harbinger	Hironobu Tanabe	Yasutoshi Ikee	128
8	Keiai Nautique (Jpn)	Deep Impact (Jpn)	Akhide Tsumura	Osamu Hirata	128
9	Admire Mars (Jpn)	Daiwa Major (Jpn)	Yuga Kawada	Yasuo Tomomichi	128
10	Mr Melody K	Scat Daddy	Yuichi Kitamura	Hideaki Fujiwara	128
11	Gran Alegria (Jpn)	Deep Impact (Jpn)	Kenichi Ikezoe	Kazuo Fujisawa	124
12	Seiun Kosei (Jpn)	Admire Moon (Jpn)	Hiroyuki Uchida	Hiroyuki Uehara	128
13	Vin de Garde (Jpn)	Deep Impact (Jpn)	Mirai Iwata	Hideaki Fujiwara	128
14	Danon Smash (Jpn)	Lord Kanaloa (Jpn)	Kosei Miura	Takayuki Yasuda	128



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SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	7	Boomer (GB)	Kingman (GB)	Kingscote	Dascombe	126
2	5	Cloak of Spirits (Ire)	Invincible Spirit (Ire)	Atzeni	Hannon	126
3	2	Final (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Cosgrave	bin Suroor	126
4	9	Graceful Magic (GB)	Gutaifan (Ire)	Bishop	Johnson Houghton	126
5	3	Les Hogues (Ire)	Bated Breath (GB)	C Fallon	Baker	126
6	14	Love (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Moore	A O'Brien	126
7	11	Millisle (Ire)	Starspangledbanner (Aus)	Murphy	Harrington	126
8	6	Quadrilateral (GB)	Frankel (GB)	J Watson	Charlton	126
9	13	Raffle Prize (Ire)	Slade Power (Ire)	Barzalona	Johnston	126
10	8	Romsey (GB)	Mukhadram (GB)	Marquand	Morrison	126
11	10	Rose of Kildare (Ire)	Make Believe (GB)	Fanning	Johnston	126
12	1	Shimmering (Ire)	Lope de Vega (Ire)	Dettori	Gosden	126
13	4	Summer Romance (Ire)	Kingman (GB)	Buick	C Appleby	126
14	12	Under The Stars (Ire)	Night of Thunder (Ire)	McDonald	Tate	126
15	15	Yes Always (Ire)	No Nay Never	Curtis	Burke	126

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JUVENILE RECORD FOR EXCEED AND EXCEL



Exceed and Excel | Darley Stallions

by Paul Vettise

Exceed And Excel's ongoing ability to instill precocity in his progeny has reached a remarkable milestone with a 2-year-old double at Newmarket crediting the Darley stalwart with his record 500th juvenile winner. Exceed And Excel has been an outstanding stallion, both in Australia and Europe, for more than 15 years and is now the undisputed king of the 2-year-olds with 500 winners, 75 of them at stakes level and seven Group 1-winning youngsters. His daughter Sacred (GB), a Cheveley Park home-bred, claimed the first 1000 metre juvenile event on Thursday's Newmarket card and Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed's colt Eye Of Heaven (GB) quickly followed her winning lead over the same trip.

"We all know he's the best sire of 2-year-olds in the world and has been for a long time, but to achieve 500 individual winners is just remarkable, it's a huge number," Darley Head of Sales Alastair Pulford said. "It's extraordinary to do it in both Hemispheres. The fact he has been equally successful makes him one of the great reverse shuttle success stories, if not the greatest one."

Exceed And Excel's temperament and the management of his career have been two, major contributing factors to his ongoing success.

"He's a pretty straight-forward stallion and a no nonsense horse, he said. "He's not able to cover the huge numbers that some of these other stallions serve, we've discovered over time."

"We restrict his book to the early 100s in both Hemispheres and have done for a little while, which makes the effort even more remarkable. If you look at the sires' lists, he generally has fewer runners than a lot of the horses around him.

"He's such a consistent winner-getter. They are precocious and easy to train and they get up and go. Sometimes his fillies can show a bit of spark, for want of a better word, but I think that's probably what makes them as good as they are. They have got that energy that will get them up and going and as long as that energy is harnessed, and trainers have worked out exactly what is going on."

Exceed And Excel retired to Darley in 2004 as the winner of seven of his 12 starts and with Group 1 victories in the Invitation S. and the Newmarket H. hopes were high for the son of Danehill (USA). He didn't take long to justify those expectations.

"He declared himself right from the beginning when his first runner Exceedingly Good won on debut in the Listed Maribyrnong Trial and Exceed And Excel went on to quinella the G3 Blue Diamond Preview with Wilander and Exceedingly Good," Pulford said.

Exceed And Excel had five black type winners, including three at Group level, from his first crop and he also quickly made an impact in the Northern Hemisphere with G2 Lowther S. winner Infamous Angel (GB) heading the six stakes performers he sired in 2008.

Slipper Winner

Among Exceed And Excel's Australian Group 1-winning 2-year-olds is the Golden Slipper winner Overreach and in that 2013 edition he also sired the runner-up Sidestep and the fourth-placed Guelph. **Cont. p2**

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She subsequently won the G1 ATC Sires' Produce S. and the G1 Champagne S. before adding the G1 Flight AS. And G1 Thousand Guineas to her record the following season.

"He announced himself from his first crop and it's continued from there and he had the Champion 2-year-old in Microphone last season," Pulford said. "He's done it time and again and never let us down. He's approaching his 20th birthday, he has been a remarkable stallion. That will obviously carry on as he's already proven an elite sire of broodmares and he's got plenty of sons like Microphone, Bivouac, Exceedance and Standout to carry on his legacy."

Microphone stands alongside his sire at Darley and the G1 ATC Sires' Produce S. winner is already fully booked in his first season. Likewise, the Vinery Stud-based Exceedance, winner of the G1 Coolmore Stud S. has also been enthusiastically received. His barnmate Headwater has had an excellent start to stud with his first 2YOs this season, including promising colt Wisdom of Water.

Exceed And Excel continues to enjoy excellent health and the demands of shuttling to Ireland.

"He's in fine form and he's been covering in the Northern Hemisphere, as he has done throughout his career and never had a season off," Pulford said. "He's had another successful season at Kildangan Stud and he'll be back on the plane in the third week of July and back here on the farm in early August."

Exceed And Excel's Group 1-winning 2-year-olds haven't been confined to Australia, as he sired the G1 Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf winner Outstrip (GB), who is now a resident at Dalham Hall Stud. Darley also received further welcome news from England overnight when Exceed And Excel's associate sire and former champion sprinter Brazen Beau produced the G3 Pavilion S. winner Dubai Station (GB)

Following his Newcastle success, the Karl Burke-trainer colt will now head toward the G1 Commonwealth Cup at Royal Ascot.

"Brazen Beau is a very good stallion and his record of stakes winner to runners is phenomenal at this stage and I think he's really going to be one of the stallions of the future for this country," Pulford said.



Microphone with James McDonald in the irons | Bronwen Healy