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HARD SPUN FILLY TOPS KEENELAND DIGITAL HRA SALE



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by Brian DiDonato & Katie Ritz

Regally bred 3-year-old filly **Trapezium** (Hard Spun) (**hip 26**) topped Keeneland's first-ever digital auction, the Select Horses of Racing Age sale, Tuesday on a winning bid of \$327,000 from Vinnie Viola's St. Elias Stables. A Gulfstream maiden special weight runner-up in February, the granddaughter of blue hen Toussaud was consigned by her owner/breeder, Juddmonte Farms, Inc. The Juddmonte draft was responsible for four of the sale's top five lots at the close of trade.

"The successful launch of the Digital Sales Ring marks a milestone in Keeneland's storied auction history because it enables us to deliver another high-quality sales option to our clients," Keeneland Vice President of Racing and Sales Bob Elliston said. "This sale met the needs of the market by providing buyers, as tracks reopen around the country, the opportunity to purchase proven, ready-made racehorses from top-flight consignors."

The sale grossed \$829,500 for 12 horses, at an average of \$69,125 and a median of \$32,750.

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DIVERSITY IN RACING

As many people in the United States and around the world question their personal views on diversity and racial inclusion, we decided to look inwardly on our industry, and we found it wanting. So we asked a tough question to several industry members— How do we make racing at its highest level more diverse?

JASON WILSON, PRESIDENT & COO OF EQUIBASE

I am keenly aware that I am the only African-American in the executive ranks of horse racing. I used to joke that Equibase's advertising meeting was the most diverse meeting in racing (only one of seven members is a white male). Sadly, any meeting I am in is probably the most diverse meeting in horse racing.

There is more to say on this topic than can be printed in one issue of the *TDN*. Diversity encompasses a broad range of activities. It includes hiring, employee development, corporate culture, and those with whom we do business (fans, owners, and vendors). I will focus my comments on hiring. **Cont. p7**

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CHURCHILL SUBMITS PROPOSAL FOR FANS AT DERBY 8

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MIDLANTIC BREEZE SHOWS BEGIN WEDNESDAY 8

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DON ALBERTO'S NEW GOLDEN GIRL 9

Katie Ritz checks in with champion Unique Bella (Tapit) and her first foal, a filly by Medaglia d'oro, at Don Alberto Farm.

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Keeneland Digital Sale cont. from p1

With buyers and sellers still figuring out the nuances of a digital sale, 19 of the 31 offerings failed to meet their reserves or sell immediately after trade had closed, including 2-year-old debut winner **Queen Arella** (Speightster) (hip 475), who RNA'd for \$475,000.

While all three horses consigned by Niall Brennan Stables were initially bought back, sophomore filly **Eloquent Speaker** (Flatter) (hip 35) was subsequently purchased by Anthony Mitola for \$200,000 and recorded in the final results as sold to be the day's second topper. The New York-bred, co-owned by Brennan and Mike Ryan, broke her maiden second out for trainer Jeremiah Englehart at Belmont June 12.

"Since the sale, we've sold one of our three, and we've had three or four calls on each of them," Brennan said. "I think some people had trouble navigating the process. It's the first time we've done this and it's a little different. Even when you went



Niall Brennan | Photos by Z

online and the instructions were quite specific, I think people were caught off guard thinking they could just hop online and bid. They didn't realize they had to register and then go back and get credit even if they've bought with Keeneland before. They didn't realize they had to re-establish credit. There's no live bidding, which we're used to. Even if you're on the phone at a live auction, you're listening and you're involved. But this time there's no auctioneer and it feels like a dead bid. So there may be some confusion, but it's the first time out of the box and I'm sure Keeneland and the buyers expected to iron out some kinks and for there to be a learning curve."

Brennan added, "Our three horses were legitimate, and they vetted clean. The one sold, and she won last week at Belmont in a nice maiden race. She's a lovely filly and I hope the buyers have good luck with her. She's got stakes potential and she came out of the race really well. Jeremiah is really high on her. They can run her back at Saratoga if they want." **Cont. p4**

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Keeneland cont.

“As far as the platform is concerned, I loved it,” said ELITE’s Brad Weisbord, who consigned \$210,000 RNA **Wondrwherecraigis** (Munnings) (**hip 30**) and who said he also bid on another horse who RNA’d. “In the case of the one horse we consigned, we wanted to support the sale and try out the platform. We used our best clients who were willing to support our endeavor in doing that; we hand-selected a horse who we thought would really fit the model—he was two-for-two, and had fast speed figures... Anybody who called to discuss, I was very stern in saying that they’re going to want \$200,000 to \$225,000 for the horse because they think he’s a stakes horse. That was the messaging, and they didn’t waver and we didn’t waver. It seemed like there was live money in the \$150,000 range, but for a horse who’s two-for-two, I wouldn’t let them sell him for that—even with decreased purses around.”

Weisbord added, “I think the main hurdle to navigate is that you still need to inspect these horses—we didn’t have one inspection on Wondrwherecraigis. We did provide the X-rays to multiple trainers and owners, and we produced a vet report that we placed online, but I didn’t think anyone would be giving \$200,000-plus for a horse they didn’t inspect... I think you need to determine if the horse’s feet are in good condition; if their coat is in good condition; if they have any vices; how they train and gallop. That’s the stuff that an inspection can take care of—

I’m not as concerned about the actual vetting, because as long as everyone’s being ethical, our vets can interpret X-rays, and if we need to ultrasound something we can do that or ask the consignor to do it. But, the inspection part is tough—especially with COVID. People don’t want to travel, and if they do, they can’t get on the backsides. So I think that’s really going to hurt the online platform until COVID is over.”

Agent Nick Hines, who purchased 3-year-old colt **Juror** (Tapit) (**hip 8**) for \$55,000 out of the Juddmonte consignment, also had positive impressions of the digital platform but experienced some of the same logistical hurdles mentioned by others.

“As far as making the credit request and getting set up to bid online, it was pretty seamless,” he said. “It was probably comparable to getting set up for the Keeneland September sale --it was as easy as that. As far as the actual vetting and inspection process, however, the logistics were a bit tedious knowing that horses were in different locations, but it’s still something new and I’m sure everyone will continue to figure it out. For the actual bidding online, I think we’ve all been eBay shoppers at some point, and it was pretty straightforward. The most difficult part in getting this done was having a vet in place and getting it done in a timely fashion. I think it’s also probably prudent to know who you’re buying from--as you would in any other market--and to ask questions.” **Cont. p5**

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Hines said Juror, who was second on debut for trainer Chad Brown at Tampa Bay Downs June 1, would be sent to California to take advantage of Del Mar's "Ship and Win" program and that the additional \$2,000 incentive **announced** for purchases made Tuesday added to the appeal of shopping the sale.

SALES TOPPERS

KEENELAND SELECT HORSES OF RACING AGE (DIGITAL)

HIP	HORSE	PRICE (\$)
26	Trapezium (f, 3, Hard Spun) <i>Consignor: Juddmonte Farms, Inc.</i> <i>Purchaser: St. Elias Stables</i>	\$327,000
35	Eloquent Speaker (f, 3, Flatter) <i>Consignor: Niall Brennan Stables, agent</i> <i>Purchaser: Anthony Mitola</i>	\$200,000
14	Oak Room (c, 3, Into Mischief) <i>Consignor: Juddmonte Farms, Inc.</i> <i>Purchaser: Steven W. Young, agent</i>	\$65,000
28	Valletta (f, 3, Into Mischief) <i>Consignor: Juddmonte Farms, Inc.</i> <i>Purchaser: Big Dom Racing Stable</i>	\$65,000

Juddmonte Draft Dominates

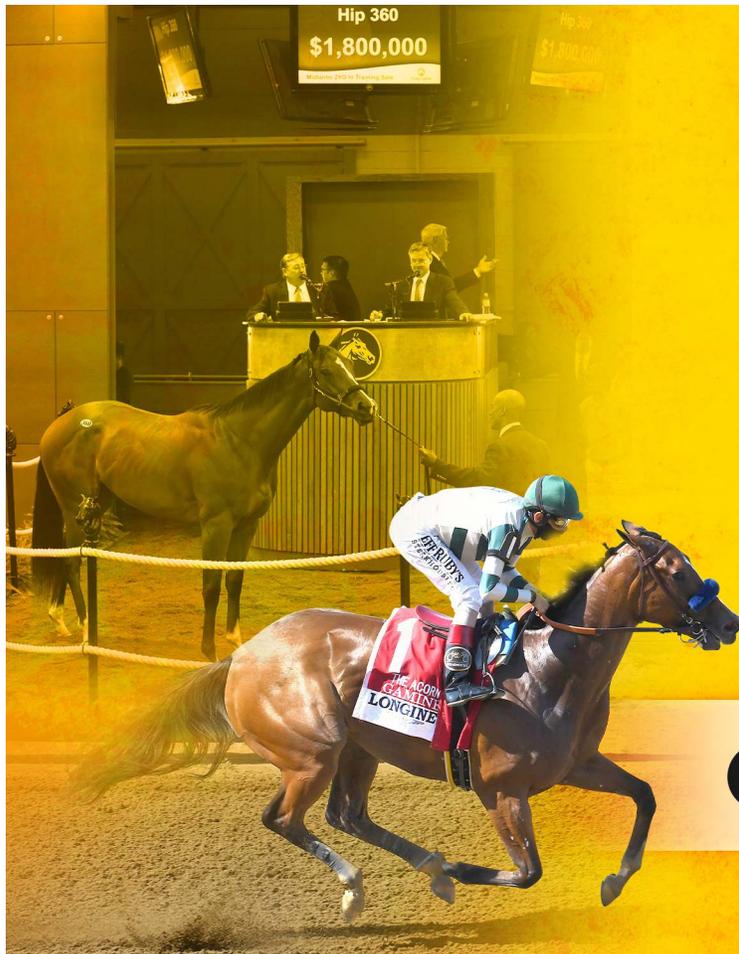
Trapezium (Hard Spun) was the major standout of the inaugural, all-online Keeneland Select Horses of Racing Age sale as the Juddmonte draft--many selling without reserve--dominated the market.

Bidders jumped at the chance to acquire a filly from the direct line of Juddmonte blue hen mare Toussaud (El Gran Senor). The bidding was almost to the \$300,000 mark by half-past noon, and the virtual gavel stuck at \$327,000 two hours later.

The sophomore filly is out of the unraced A.P. Indy mare Mesmeric and is a half-sister to the near-millionaire and three-time graded stakes winner Honorable Duty (Distorted Humor). Mesmeric is a daughter of 2002 Broodmare of the Year Toussaud, dam of four Grade I winners including late sires Empire Maker (Unbridled) and Chester House (Mr. Prospector) and Honest Lady (Seattle Slew), in turn the dam of GISW First Defence (Unbridled's Song).

"Juddmonte is obviously one of the most premier private breeding operations in the world. But what attracted us to her is that while most of their stock races on turf, this family is different in that it's primarily a dirt family with Empire Maker and Honest Lady and several other top dirt stakes winners," said John Sparkman, bloodstock advisor to Viola.

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Juddmonte cont.

Trapezium was eighth in her debut on the Gulfstream grass for Bill Mott Dec. 29, but earned a 76 Beyer Speed Figure when improving to be second in a similar spot Feb. 2. She has posted two published works this month at Juddmonte's Lexington farm.

"She's a filly from one of our very best families," said Juddmonte General Manager Garrett O'Rourke. "There are many great horses in this family who have headlined for Prince Khalid over the years. It's a family that other breeders are very keen to try to access. When she was first placed in this catalogue, I wasn't sure how she might be received in a training sale. But any fears we might have had were quickly dispelled because by the time we got to last Friday, both my phone and Leif Aaron's phone were ringing, and even Bill Mott told us about the calls he was getting. It was good for us that she did stand out, but it was also indicative of how many people actually paid attention to this sale. Quite a few people came to see her at the farm and ask questions. My expectations were tempered by a fear for the market being down in these times, but the reality is that when you bring quality to the market, even in down times, people will still pay a premium."



O'Rourke | Keeneland Photo

With the logistical hurdles of conducting a sale of horses spread out around the country, especially in the midst of the coronavirus pandemic, the St. Elias team enlisted help inspecting its target.

"It was critical for us that since I couldn't be there, we were able to get Tom Evans from Trackside Farm to go to Juddmonte and take a look for us," Sparkman said. "He gave us confidence that she was a nice mare. We're very excited to have her."

Sparkman reported that Trapezium will be sent to Dr. Larry Bramlage for a thorough once-over before leaving Kentucky and heading to the barn of Todd Pletcher in New York.

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"Hopefully we can win a race or two with her," he said. Sparkman also gave a nod to the online sales process, saying everything ran as planned.

"The sale seemed to go pretty much as predicted," he said. "It was a smooth process for us and I thought it worked well. Her price was pretty much on the money for what we expected."

Along with Trapezium, Juddmonte Farms consigned four other horses through the online sale, including a son and daughter of Into Mischief who each brought \$65,000.

O'Rourke said that the success of Juddmonte's five-horse consignment fully exceeded his expectations.

"I think there's a learning curve for how a sale like this takes place," he said. "There's a lot that we had to learn and I'm sure a lot that Keeneland had to learn as well. There might be things that we do better going forward, but I think it was a sale that was put together at a time when there was a necessity for a sale. Everybody latched onto it and learned how to use the portal readily."

O'Rourke also said that in the future, Juddmonte's consignment will aim to make more information readily available for potential buyers.

Keeneland cont.

"As time goes on, we will have to learn more about what buyers demand from these online sales," he said. "We want to give them as much information as we can. We can do a better job in providing video of the horses and more editorial on what the horses are doing. We learned from the questions that were asked of us on the phone. If we have a description of why the horse hasn't worked in a while, why it was on a layoff, and maybe quotes from the trainers, all of these pieces of information can give the buyers confidence."

Looking ahead, O'Rourke said he sees continued long-term potential for online sales because of the ease of use for end users located across the country and worldwide.

"Even if you aren't in town for the sale, you can still engage in a sale like this," he said. "We spoke with people in New York and California. These sales enable end users to be able to engage from afar. I think that's going to be a huge advantage for online sales. If it means you can spread a larger net over your potential buyers and have more people engaged in the sale, then it's good. Overall, any commerce is good especially in times like these. I commend Keeneland for putting on this sale in short notice."

He continued, "To be honest, I think people were having fun with it. We tried something new. Sometimes you do that and it doesn't work, but I definitely think this worked. It doesn't mean we have to do this every single month, but it's a very useful tool to fill in for specific types of horses at a time where there aren't major on-site sales."

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Jason Wilson | *The Jockey Club*

The starting point should be to ask why we want to encourage diversity. There are a whole host of reasons, but I will mention the one that should appeal to everyone: Diverse companies are more profitable. McKinsey & Company has studied the performance of diverse companies three times over the past five years, and each time reinforced the hypothesis that diverse companies greatly outperform non-diverse companies, and the greater the representation, the higher the likelihood of outperformance. Moreover, in each of the three studies, the likelihood of outperformance continues to be higher for diversity in ethnicity than in gender. The diversity winners are adopting systematic, business-led approaches to diversity and inclusion, and the results are 36% greater profitability for those that are ethnically diverse and 25% for those that are gender diverse. **(Full results of the study here).**

Companies need to have a commitment to diversity and meaningful accountability. Early in my career, I was in-house counsel at a growing tech company in Silicon Valley. I raised my hand to chair a diversity task force to increase diversity at the company. After several months of work, the consultant that we hired to help us sat me down and said, "Listen, everybody here means well, but I do not sense that there is an organizational commitment to diversity. Until this becomes the fabric of key performance indicators, performance reviews, and compensation structures, very little will change." So it requires more than good intentions. It requires the same rigor that we bring to the rest of our business. **Cont. p8**



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**KEENELAND SELECT HORSES OF RACING AGE
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SALE TOTALS	
• Catalogued	38
• No. Offered	31
• No. Sold	12
• RNAs	19
• % RNAs	61.3%
• High Price	\$327,000
• Gross	\$829,500
• Average	\$69,125
• Median	\$32,750

Diversity in Racing cont.

Next, we need to look at our hiring practices. I have often heard that we need to hire somebody with racing or horse experience for any given role. That reduces the available talent pool and is a built-in impediment to any diversity. I can point to a handful of people who I work with that came to the sport without any industry experience and have flourished. Rather than recruit primarily from our networks, look to establish alternative pipelines for talent: create scholarships and recruit at historically black colleges and universities and establish internships to give a range of younger people exposure to racing. Equibase and other companies affiliated with The Jockey Club are looking at these strategies.

Honest conversations about diversity are uncomfortable. An incredibly talented and successful college classmate of mine, Mellody Hobson, gave a [TED talk](#) on this topic. I encourage anyone interested in the future of the sport to watch it. I also encourage anyone who is interested in speaking about this topic to reach out to me at jjwilson@equibase.com.

Do you have an idea that you would be willing to share for this series? Email the TDN's Katie Ritz at katieritz@tdn.com.

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CHURCHILL HAS ISSUED PROPOSAL FOR DERBY SPECTATORS, WAITING TO HEAR FROM GOVERNOR

by Bill Finley

After submitting its proposal to allow fans to attend this year's GI Kentucky Derby, Churchill Downs officials are expecting to hear back from Governor Andy Beshear this week.

At his press briefing Monday, Beshear said he is reviewing Churchill's proposal and would announce a decision shortly. Alluding to the GI Belmont S., where fans were not allowed in the stands, Beshear said he envisioned that the Kentucky Derby will be "different" than the Belmont.

"I believe that Churchill Downs made a very good decision to move the race," the governor said. "It certainly wouldn't have been safe when it was. I think they are offering a lot of concessions and are looking at safety precautions. I hope to have some information on this this week."

"We submitted a plan to the governor's office and we have continued our ongoing discussions about having a Kentucky Derby with spectators," said Darren Rogers, Churchill's senior director of communications. "We have had good, careful collaboration with their office and they have asked some

questions and we gave them our answers. We expect to hear some news this week."

Churchill has not released details of its proposal and it is not clear if management is seeking to have a Derby with an unlimited amount of spectators or one where the number of people that can attend is capped.



Churchill Downs grandstand at the 2019 Derby | [Horsephotos](#)

"Our team has worked through a number of different scenarios based on whatever permissions are granted," Rogers said. "We want to have as many people as we can while operating safely and responsibly."

Because of the pandemic, the date of the Derby was shifted from May 2 to Sept. 5 in hopes that by Labor Day weekend the coronavirus situation would become more manageable. It appears that will be the case. Beshear said in his press briefing Monday that he had no new coronavirus deaths to report and said he could only recall two other days since the pandemic started that that was the case. Kentucky will move into its next phase of reopening Monday. When that happens, Beshear said, "just about everything in the commonwealth will be open in some capacity."

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FASIG MIDLANTIC UNDER TACK SHOW STARTS WEDNESDAY

The three-day under-tack show ahead of next week's Fasig-Tipton Midlantic 2-Year-Olds in Training Sale begins Wednesday morning at 8 a.m. at the Maryland State Fairgrounds in Timonium. The breeze show continues with sessions Thursday and Friday. The auction will be held next Monday and Tuesday. A total of 563 juveniles have been catalogued for the sale and bidding begins each day at 11 a.m. **Cont. p9**

Fasig Midlantic cont.

Fasig-Tipton will debut its new online bidding platform for the auction and has also increased phone bidding capacity. To register for online bidding, visit <http://bidonline.fasigtipton.com>.

The sales company will also be utilizing a new repository system for the auction with a cloud-based system, the Asteris Keystone Repository, allowing attending veterinarians to review radiographs remotely, instead of having to do so on the sales grounds.

The Midlantic sale, originally scheduled for May, produced its most recent Grade I winner when 2019 graduate Gamine (Into Mischief) won the GI Acorn S. last Saturday. The filly topped last year's sale when bringing a final bid of \$1.8 million.

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MONOMOY GIRL TO GO NEXT IN RUFFIAN

Monomoy Girl | *Coady Photo*

by *Bill Finley*

Eclipse Award winner **Monomoy Girl** (Tapizar) will run next in the GII Ruffian S. July 11 at Belmont Park, reports trainer Brad Cox.

The champion 3-year-old filly of 2018, Monomoy Girl was sidelined for nearly a year and a half before making a successful return to the races with a May 16 allowance win at Churchill Downs. Like the Ruffian, her comeback race was a one-turn mile event.

"She's really training well and we feel like the one-turn mile at Belmont will really suit her well right now and it gives us plenty of time between races," Cox said. "The race just make sense. She's coming off a very long layoff, and we have to keep that in mind. She was off a year and a half. It's not like this is her second race back after a three-month layoff."

Monomoy Girl is bypassing this Saturday's GII Fleur de Lis H., a stakes for older fillies and mares on her home turf at Churchill Downs that will feature Midnight Bisou (Midnight Lute). Cox said that while he was not eager to face Midnight Bisou at this juncture in the season, the main reason for choosing the Ruffian over the nine-furlong Fleur de Lis was the distance of the Churchill race.

"Right now, after such a long layoff, a mile and an eighth is not what I am looking for," Cox said.

If it happens, the rematch between Monomoy Girl and Midnight Bisou will be one of the most anticipated races of the year.

The two have not met since the 2018 GI Breeders' Cup Distaff, which was won by Monomoy Girl with Midnight Bisou finishing third. The two faced each other four times in 2018 and Monomoy Girl crossed the wire first each time. However, Midnight Bisou was placed first, and ahead of Monomoy Girl, in the GI Cotillion S. due to interference. With Monomoy Girl out all of 2019, Midnight Bisou put together a championship season in which she went seven for eight.

"Our horse is unbelievable, she's a great mare," Cox said. "I'm looking forward to the matchup with Midnight Bisou. They are two champions and it would be great for racing for them to meet. It would be a tremendous boost for the sport."

Cox said the only other race that is definitely on Monomoy Girl's schedule this year is the Breeders' Cup Distaff.

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UNA BELLA D'ORO, DON ALBERTO'S NEW GOLDEN GIRL

by *Katie Ritz*

It's a toss-up, really, as to who made the bigger splash in 2017 --the Don Alberto Corporation itself, or their superstar filly **Unique Bella** (Tapit).

Three years ago, Don Alberto Corporation continued its traditional annual shopping spree at the fall breeding stock sales, spending a combined \$8.3 million at Keeneland and Fasig-Tipton, plus an additional \$3.35 million in partnership purchases at the Keeneland November Sale.

Meanwhile, its \$400,000 2015 Keeneland September purchase Unique Bella shone bright as a 3-year-old with four consecutive graded stakes wins and a later victory in the GI La Brea S., earning Don Alberto Stable its first Grade I win in the U.S., as well as an Eclipse Award for champion female sprinter.

No matter who stole the show, Don Alberto has defined itself as a force both at the sales and on the track in the United States, and Unique Bella played a major role in establishing this reputation. **Cont. p10**

Una Bella d'Oro cont.

“It’s very obvious that Unique Bella was the one that put Don Alberto on the map and put our silks out there,” Don Alberto’s Executive Director Fabricio Buffolo said. “She won the La Brea S. as a 3-year-old, and then coming back at four, the Beholder Mile S. and the Clement Hirsch S. So three Grade Is, including the first Grade I for Don Alberto.”



Fabricio Buffolo talks Unique Bella and her first foal

The daughter of champion sire Tapit retired in the summer of 2018 as a millionaire with eight graded stakes wins and two Eclipse awards to her credit. The towering gray filly was a fan favorite throughout her career and a top earner for trainer Jerry Hollendorfer. She was sent to Don Alberto’s new farm in Lexington upon retirement. The former 440-acre Vinery Farm was purchased by Don Alberto in 2013.

The next year, she was bred to top Darley stallion Medaglia d'Oro, the sire of 25 individual Grade I winners, including Horse of the Year Rachel Alexandra, dual Eclipse winner Songbird and Canadian Horse of the Year Wonder Gadot.

This January, the 6-year-old mare delivered her first foal.

Buffolo said that the foaling went perfectly and that their team is now ecstatic with the bright young filly.

“Her foaling was good, and Unique Bella was nice and kind to the foal,” he said. “We think she’s an outstanding filly. She has plenty of scope and she’s definitely growing the right way.”

The youngster comes from a family of powerhouse mares, and Buffolo said this one looks to fit that mold.

“She’s a pretty tall filly already,” he said. “She has plenty of leg. Soon we’re going to be looking to wean her. So it’s another step for her, but she’s a really good filly with a good temperament and we expect great things from her.”

The foal has been named, but where she might end up is still unknown.

“We named her Una Bella d'Oro,” Buffolo said. “We’ll see, she might go to the sale and she might not.”

The filly, who’s name translates to ‘a beautiful golden one’ in Italian, won’t live up to the “golden” part of her name in respect to her coat color, as she is developing her mother’s bright dapple gray coat more every day.

Buffolo reflected upon Unique Bella’s racing career and how her personality has changed as she transitioned into motherhood.

“On the track, you could see from her workouts...she wanted to go fast and there was no holding her back,” he said. “She just wanted to go and go and go. And that’s definitely a trait that is good to see on the good horses, right? They want to go no matter what.”

He continued, “I was involved with Royal Delta as well, and you see that with some of those mares, sometimes they want their own way and it’s whatever they want and you need to adjust to it. So Unique Bella is like that, but to be honest, she has settled quite a bit as a mom. She’s really quiet and gets along with her peers. She’s been pretty easy as a broodmare.”

Unique Bella has checked back in foal to two-time Horse of the Year Curlin for next year.

It’s an exciting time for the Don Alberto Corporation. Since its first expansion to the States in 2013, they are now starting to see some of the first products of its hard work.

“The engine has started working,” Buffolo said. “We know the mares and know more about how they are producing. We are getting better at matings because we know what we can do with them.”

While Don Alberto is still a relatively new name in the U.S., the corporation has been an international powerhouse for many years.

Their Chilean location, Haras Don Alberto, was founded in 1987. Liliana Solari and her son Carlos Heller Solari are the driving forces behind the business. **Cont. p11**



Unique Bella and connections celebrate a Grade I win | Horsephotos

Una Bella d'Oro cont.

"Miss Liliana has a passion for horses and always loved the breeding," Buffolo said. "She had a few good mares from her father, Alberto, and she started breeding on her own in Chile. It's a long tradition there for them and it's a big operation nowadays."

Haras Don Alberto has leased a number of stallions for the Southern Hemisphere breeding season, including Bluegrass Cat, Fusaichi Pegasus, Stevie Wonderboy, and Proud Citizen. They are also involved with WinStar's Tourist (Tiznow) and the red-hot Constitution (Tapit).

Don Alberto Corporation is a subsidiary of Bethia Holdings, which holds interests in retail, television, health care, agriculture, and a variety of other businesses. They also own the local Chilean racetrack Club Hipico de Santiago.

The expansion to their United States location was all in pursuit of Don Alberto's ultimate goal.

"The goal is to have successful horses in Chile, and then hopefully in the U.S.," Buffolo said. "[The goal is] that they can be competitive anywhere."

Their first U.S. Grade I winner in Unique Bella was one of the first fulfillments of that goal, and she will always be a favorite for the Solari family.

"Miss Liliana's favorite thing is to bring carrots to Unique Bella," Buffolo said. "They have a very strong emotional connection to the horses. They're passionate not only about the breeding and racing, but about the animals as a whole."

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AT ALMOST 20 YEARS OLD, EXPLODING STAR RETURNS HOME

by Katie Ritz

As a yearling, **Exploding Star** (Exploit) showed all the early potential to become a successful racehorse. Her dam Star Minister (Deputy Minister) won the 1992 GII Cotillion H. at Philadelphia Park and claimed six additional stakes races over her three-year career. Her half-brother, Concerned Minister (Concern), also won several black-type races.

Exploding Star was purchased as a yearling at the 2002 Fasig-Tipton Saratoga Select Sale by the late F. Eugene Dixon Jr. for \$450,000.

After three career starts where she ran in the money twice, Exploding Star retired under the same ownership, and began her broodmare career at Claiborne Farm. She spent nine years at Claiborne, and was then sold in 2014 at the Keeneland November Sale for \$18,000.

Six years later, Claiborne found out that this mare, who had once called their farm home, had ended up in the wrong hands and was in a kill pen in Texas. They immediately sprang into action.

Claiborne's Client Relations and Sales Manager Jill Gordon relayed the story.



Exploding Star home at Claiborne Farm | Jill Gordon

"Our assistant broodmare manager Mary Ormsby was made aware that Exploding Star was in a kill pen," she said. "She was instrumental in organizing and coordinating Exploding Star's return back to the farm."

After completing a period of quarantine in Texas, Exploding Star returned to Claiborne Farm this month.

"Although thin, she returned to the farm in good health," Gordon said. "She is doing well and is putting weight on daily here at the farm."

Exploding Star will live out the rest of her days in retirement at Claiborne, the farm where she has spent more of her life than any other one place, sharing bluegrass pasture with fellow broodmare retirees and, as Gordon said, "being spoiled by the farm's staff."

"At Claiborne, we strongly believe that if you take care of the horse, the horse will take care of you," Gordon said. "We are dedicated to the horses that we breed and raise, and this mare had strong ties to the farm through the late Mr. Dixon. It made sense for us to jump into action, just as we believe the majority of other operations would have, had they been in our position."

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MONMOUTH TO ALLOW OWNERS ON TRACK FOR WEEKEND WORKOUTS

A day after announcing that it will be **open to a limited number of fans** when its racing season commences July 3, Monmouth Park announced Tuesday that owners will be permitted to watch their horses work from a designated area from 5:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Fridays through Sundays starting Friday, June 26.

Monmouth Park has been closed to all but essential personnel since March 16, when restrictions were put into place to slow the spread of the Covid-19 virus.

Under a special permit that allows for re-purposing of restaurants under the state of New Jersey’s Stage 2 loosening of restrictions to slow the pandemic, owners will be allowed to watch workouts only from a newly-created venue at the Blu Grotto, which is an all-weather tented section adjacent to Bluegrass mini-golf that abuts the racetrack.

To gain access, owners with a valid ID will enter through the Blu Grotto entrance on Port au Peck Avenue and will undergo temperature checks as well as a health questionnaire.

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TDN’S AMANDA CRELIN ONE OF TWO WINNERS OF BREEDERS’ CUP T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST

TDN Advertising Designer Amanda Crelin has been selected as one of two winners of the Breeders’ Cup T-Shirt Design Contest, a philanthropic art competition that tasked entrants to create original artwork to be printed and sold in support of backstretch communities and other industry stakeholders affected by COVID-19. Crelin, a Belford, NJ resident was chosen along with Alexa Zapp of Lawrence, KS by the judging panel out of five finalists populated from an original pool of 93 entrants.

The two winners will each receive two VIP tickets to the 2020 Breeders’ Cup World Championships, scheduled to take place Nov. 6 and 7 at Keeneland. Additionally, their winning designs are now available for purchase on BreedersCupShop.com for \$25 and will be sold on site at the two-day event in November, with all Breeders’ Cup proceeds going to Breeders’ Cup Charities, the organization’s official charity outreach program, in support of COVID-19 relief efforts.

“It has been extremely rewarding to see the passionate fan response to our first-ever T-Shirt Design Contest, especially given the important cause that the program supports,” said Justin McDonald, Senior Vice President of Marketing at Breeders’ Cup. “We were incredibly impressed with our finalists’ displays of artistry and are excited to showcase not one, but two designs in our shop this year. We extend our congratulations to the winners and thank all of the talented entrants who took part

in this contest.”

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JOCKEY CLUB ANNOUNCES 2020-2021 ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Grace Clark has been selected to receive The Jockey Club Scholarship and Eric DeCoster has been selected to receive The Jockey Club Jack Goodman Scholarship, The Jockey Club announced Tuesday.

The Jockey Club Scholarship provides \$15,000 (\$7,500 per semester) to a student who is pursuing a bachelor’s degree or higher at any university and has demonstrated interest in pursuing a career in the Thoroughbred industry.

The Jockey Club Jack Goodman Scholarship awards \$6,000 (\$3,000 per semester) annually to a student at the University of Arizona Race Track Industry Program (RTIP) and is based on academic achievement, a proposed career path in the Thoroughbred racing industry, and previous industry involvement. Goodman was a longtime member of The Jockey Club and one of three founders of the RTIP.

Clark is a senior at the University of Kentucky and is majoring in Community and Leadership Development with a minor in Agricultural Economics. In addition to being a marketing intern and tour guide for Godolphin, she has worked in various roles for Kentucky Downs and is active in the National FFA Organization. Upon graduation, Clark hopes to work in educational outreach and promotion of the Thoroughbred industry.

DeCoster is an incoming freshman in the RTIP this fall. An Arizona native, he worked as an assistant manager at a local barn and cohosts “Racing Rundown,” a horse racing podcast. DeCoster aspires to be a bloodstock agent.

“The Jockey Club’s two academic scholarships are part of the portfolio of initiatives designed to support the Thoroughbred industry, and we are proud to assist Grace and Eric in their efforts to pursue careers in the Thoroughbred racing and breeding industries,” said James L. Gagliano, president and chief operating officer of The Jockey Club.

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Thursday, Woodbine, post time: 6:45 p.m. EDT

JACQUES CARTIER S.-GIII, C\$125,000, 4yo/up, 6f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Malibu Secret	Malibu Moon	1569389 Ontario, Inc. and Schickedanz, Bruno	Drexler	Wilson	117
2	Dixie's Gamble	Gamble's Exchange	Ivan Dalos	Carroll	Contreras	119
3	Circle of Friends	Midnight Lute	Keowee Racing Stable & D-Mac Racing Stable Inc.	MacRae	Husbands	117
4	Not So Quiet	Silent Name (Jpn)	Heste Sport, Inc.	Casse	Kimura	117
5	Pink Lloyd	Old Forester	Entourage Stable	Tiller	Hernandez	124

Breeders: 1-Sam-Son Farm, 2-Tall Oaks Farm, 3-Ericka Rusnak, 4-Heste Sport Inc. - TB Racing Division, 5-John Carey

Saturday, Churchill Downs, post time: 5:47 p.m. EDT

STEPHEN FOSTER S.-GII, \$500,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/8m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Fearless 🌿	Ghostzapper	China Horse Club and WinStar Farm LLC	Pletcher	Velazquez	120
2	Pirate's Punch 🌿	Shanghai Bobby	Gulliver Racing, Drager, Craig W. and Legan, Dan	Forster	Smith	120
3	Alkhaatam	Tapit	Shadwell Stable	Peitz	Cannon	120
4	Multiplier 🌿	The Factor	Wachtel Stable, Kerr, George J. and Barber, Gary	Miller	Gaffalione	120
5	Tom's d'Etat 🌿	Smart Strike	G M B Racing	Stall, Jr.	Mena	124
6	By My Standards	Goldencents	Allied Racing Stable, LLC	Calhoun	Saez	122
7	Silver Dust 🌿	Tapit	Tom R. Durant	Calhoun	Beschizza	120
8	Owendale 🌿	Into Mischief	Rupp Racing	Cox	Geroux	120

Breeders: 1-Helen K. Groves Revocable Trust, 2-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC, 3-Shadwell Farm, LLC, 4-Mark Stansell, 5-SF Bloodstock LLC, 6-Don Ladd, 7-Don Alberto Corporation, 8-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings, LLC

Saturday, Churchill Downs, post time: 5:15 p.m. EDT

FLEUR DE LIS H.-GII, \$200,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Go Google Yourself	Into Mischief	Jay Em Ess Stable	McGee	Hernandez, Jr.	120
2	Another Broad 🌿	Include	Farfellow Farm, Ltd.	Pletcher	Velazquez	120
3	Chocolate Kisses	Candy Ride (Arg)	Debby M. Oxley	Casse	Carroll	120
4	Serengeti Empress 🌿	Alternation	Joel Politi	Amoss	Talamo	124
5	Midnight Bisou 🌿	Midnight Lute	Bloom Racing Stbl, Madaket Stables & Allen Racing	Asmussen	Smith	124
6	Red Dane (Ity)	Red Rocks (Ire)	Calumet Farm	LoPresti	Lanerie	120
7	Motion Emotion 🌿	Take Charge Indy	Abbondanza Racing, Mark DeDomenico LLC and Medallion Racing	Baltas	Leparoux	120

Breeders: 1-Samantha Siegel, 2-Fitzhugh, LLC, 3-Pin Oak Stud, LLC, 4-Tri Eques Bloodstock, LLC, 5-Woodford Thoroughbreds, 6-Centro Equino Arcadia Srl, 7-WinStar Farm, LLC



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Saturday, Churchill Downs, post time: 4:43 p.m. EDT

BASHFORD MANOR S.-GIII, \$100,000, 2yo, 6f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Crown and Coke	Aikenite	Matthew Schera	Lawrence, II	Mena	120
2	Hulen	Tapiture	Heiligbrodt, William & Corinne, Madaket Stables & Spendthrift Farm LLC	Asmussen	Lanerie	120
3	Gatsby	Brethren	Arindel	Alvarado	Gaffalione	120
4	Hyperfocus 🌿	Constitution	Repole Stable	Pletcher	Velazquez	120
5	Herd Immunity 🌿	Union Rags	Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners	Miller	Hernandez, Jr.	120
6	Cazadero 🌿	Street Sense	Stonestreet Stables LLC	Asmussen	Santana, Jr.	120
7	County Final 🌿	Oxbow	Ennis, John, Noriega, Hayden and 47 Roses, LLC	Ennis	Graham	120

Breeders: 1-Richard Forbush, 2-Keith Asmussen, 3-Arindel, 4-Mike Heitzmann, Jill Heitzmann & WinStar Farm, LLC, 5-Mike G. Rutherford, 6-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC, 7-Calumet Farm

Saturday, Churchill Downs, post time: 6:20 p.m. EDT

REGRET S.-GIII, \$100,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/8mT

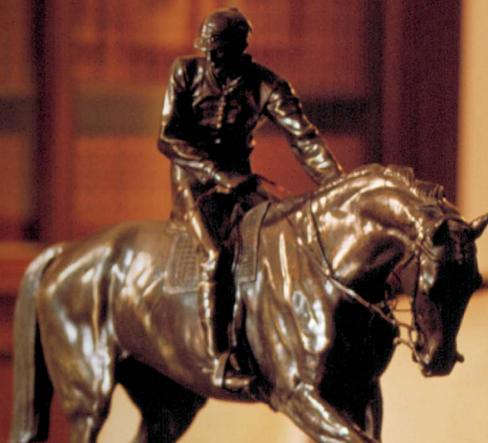
PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Dominga	Ghostzapper	Don Alberto Stable	Cox	Bridgmohan	118
2	His Glory 🌿	Mineshaft	Joe Sharp	Sharp	Hernandez, Jr.	118
3	Stunning Sky 🌿	Declaration of War	Paradise Farms Corp.	Maker	Gaffalione	118
4	In Good Spirits	Ghostzapper	Bal Mar Equine, LLC	Stall, Jr.	Mena	118
5	Crystal Cliffs (Fr)	Canford Cliffs (Ire)	Dubb, Michael, Madaket Stables & Wonder Stables	Motion	Velazquez	118
6	Micheline	Bernardini	Godolphin, LLC	Stidham	Bravo	118
7	Edgee Angel 🌿	Competitive Edge	Self, Dorothy, Simms, Zack and Morgeson, Jay A.	Simms	Lanerie	118
8	Wexx	Declaration of War	Hinkle Farms	Jones	Beschizza	118
9	Eve of War	Declaration of War	Treadway Racing Stable	Pletcher	Geroux	118
10	Harvey's Lil Goil	American Pharoah	Estate of Harvey A. Clarke and Braverman, Paul	Mott	Garcia	118
11	Witez	More Than Ready	Mary Ann Charlston	Wilkes	Landeros	118
12	Pass the Plate	Temple City	Silverton Hill LLC	McGee	Leparoux	118
13	Hendy Woods 🌿	Uncle Mo	Stonestreet Stables LLC	Casse	Carroll	118

Breeders: 1-Don Alberto Corporation, 2-Farm III Enterprises LLC, 3-Stephen J. McDonald, 4-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC, 5-M. L. Bloodstock Ltd., 6-Godolphin, 7-Stillmeadow Farm LLC, 8-Hinkle Farms, 9-Jeff Treadway, 10-Harvey A. Clarke, 11-Mary Ann Charlston, 12-Silverton Hill, LLC, 13-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC



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for stallions standing in North America through Monday, June 22

Earnings represent worldwide figures, stud fees listed are 2020 fees.

Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	Into Mischief <i>(2005) by Harlan's Holiday Crops: 9</i>	7	12	3	6	1	3	79	21	380,000	2,417,680
				Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY Fee: \$175,000						Authentic	
2	Uncle Mo <i>(2008) by Indian Charlie Crops: 6</i>	4	7	4	6	--	1	61	24	402,400	2,147,133
				Stands: Ashford Stud KY Fee: \$125,000						Modernist	
3	Constitution <i>(2011) by Tapit Crops: 2</i>	2	6	1	4	1	2	48	14	1,133,300	2,017,799
				Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$40,000						Tiz the Law	
4	I'll Have Another <i>(2009) by Flower Alley Crops: 5</i>	--	--	--	--	--	--	64	21	402,298	1,681,412
				Stands: Ballena Vista Farm CA Fee: \$6,000						Mangan (JPN)	
5	Munnings <i>(2006) by Speightstown Crops: 7</i>	5	7	3	4	--	--	55	15	291,600	1,457,873
				Stands: Ashford Stud KY Fee: \$30,000						Bonny South	
6	Speightstown <i>(1998) by Gone West Crops: 13</i>	1	2	1	2	1	2	32	8	506,328	1,435,772
				Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$70,000						Full Flat	
7	Blame <i>(2006) by Arch Crops: 7</i>	1	2	1	2	1	1	26	6	1,053,000	1,402,811
				Stands: Claiborne Farm KY Fee: \$35,000						Nadal	
8	American Pharoah <i>(2012) by Pioneerof the Nile Crops: 2</i>	2	6	1	3	--	--	43	7	505,855	1,252,116
				Stands: Ashford Stud KY Fee: Private						Cafe Pharoah	
9	Honor Code <i>(2011) by A.P. Indy Crops: 2</i>	2	2	2	2	1	2	38	14	320,000	1,088,225
				Stands: Lane's End Farm KY Fee: \$30,000						Honor A. P.	
10	Tapit <i>(2001) by Pulpit Crops: 13</i>	1	5	1	4	--	--	42	11	220,000	1,040,210
				Stands: Gainesway Farm KY Fee: \$200,000						Enforceable	
11	Tonalist <i>(2011) by Tapit Crops: 2</i>	1	2	1	2	--	--	45	14	259,145	1,019,799
				Stands: Lane's End Farm KY Fee: \$15,000						Tonalist's Shape	
12	Lookin At Lucky <i>(2007) by Smart Strike Crops: 7</i>	1	2	1	2	--	--	24	7	816,600	1,017,747
				Stands: Ashford Stud KY Fee: \$20,000						Wells Bayou	
13	Khozan <i>(2012) by Distorted Humor Crops: 2</i>	1	3	--	2	--	--	48	22	109,000	949,815
				Stands: Journeyman Stud FL Fee: \$8,500						Liam's Lucky Charm	
14	Liam's Map <i>(2011) by Unbridled's Song Crops: 2</i>	--	2	--	2	--	2	49	16	210,000	944,987
				Stands: Lane's End Farm KY Fee: \$35,000						Basin	
15	Curlin <i>(2004) by Smart Strike Crops: 9</i>	--	3	--	3	--	--	47	19	119,490	944,208
				Stands: Hill 'n' Dale Farms KY Fee: \$175,000						Fire Coral	

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FIRST NORTH AMERICAN WINNER FOR SLIPPER WINNER VANCOUVER

Vancouver (Aus) (Medaglia d'Oro) was represented by his first North American winner at Thistledown Tuesday afternoon.

Nicky Two Shoes, off at odds of 5-2 to debut a winner, chased early in third, hit the gas with a rail run on the far turn, took over as they hit the quarter pole, and after enjoying a clear lead from there, held on by a half-length over the unlucky favorite Latin Spice (Buffum), who was bumped hard by a rival and nearly went down in the stretch. The winner's dam had a colt by Shanghai Bobby in 2019 and a filly by Midnight Lute this year. The 2015 G1 Golden Slipper S. and 'TDN Rising Star' Vancouver reverse shuttled from Coolmore Australia to the farm's Ashford Stud in Versailles, Kentucky, for the 2017 breeding season.

6th-Thistledown, \$21,000, Msw, 6-23, 2yo, 5f, 1:00.46, my.

NICKY TWO SHOES (c, 2, Vancouver {Aus})--Wendy Wow, by Invasor {Arg} Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$12,000. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O/B-Southern Comfort Farm (KY); T-William D. Cowans.

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IN ORDER OF PURSE:

4th-Lone Star, \$34,000, Msw, 6-23, 2yo, 4 1/2f, :52.59, my.
B B MOODY (g, 2, Custom for Carlos--Band of Time, by Time Bandit) lit up the tote board at 37-1 in this first career start. Drawn widest in post 10, he chased on the outside in fourth, made a four-wide blitz for the lead nearing the quarter pole and came charging down the stretch while racing on his left lead to graduate by a length over G Don't Know (Early Flyer). Band of Time is also represented by a 2019 colt by Ole Rebel and a full-brother to the winner of this year. Sales history: \$12,000 Ylg '19 ESLYRL. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$20,100. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).
O-Evan Everett Moody; B-Clear Creek Stud LLC (LA); T-Rosa E. Ramirez.



3rd-Lone Star, \$34,000, (S), Msw, 6-23, 2yo, 4 1/2f, :52.60, my. ISLAND SUN (c, 2, Too Much Bling--Pacific Sunrise, by Belong to Me) fired a four-furlong bullet out of the gate in :47 2/5 (1/28) at Lone Star May 31 and was off at odds of 3-5 in this unveiling. He broke like a shot, dueled through an opening quarter in :22.75, and shook clear in the stretch to graduate by 2 3/4 lengths. Wings for Eno (Fusaichi Pegasus) got up for second to complete the exacta at odds of 35-1. Pacific Sunrise had a filly by Eagle this year. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$20,220. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O/B-W.S. Farish (TX); T-Steven M. Asmussen.

2nd-Belterra, \$21,600, (S), Msw, 6-23, 2yo, f, 4 1/2f, :53.74, sy. ALEXANDRIA (f, 2, Constitution--Spring Water, by Spring At Last), off as the even-money favorite in this debut run, was hustled out to the front and made every pole a winning one en route to a facile 5 3/4-length graduation. Longshot Gonnabegood (Macho Uno) was second. Spring Water produced a full-sister to the winner in 2019 and a filly by Paynter this year. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$12,960. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#).**

O/B-WinStar Farm LLC & Blazing Meadows Farm LLC (OH); T-Timothy E. Hamm.



1st-Louisiana Downs, \$21,000, (S), Msw, 6-23, 2yo, f, 4f, :47.64, ft.

CHEME (f, 2, Maclean's Music--Sweet Jackie Jo, by Stormy Atlantic) topped last year's ESLYRL sale bringing \$145,000 from Bill Heiligbrodt's East Hickman. Favored at 3-5 to kick off her career with a win for this high-profile partnership, she blasted out to the front from her inside draw, raced under pressure around the far turn, and drew clear in the stretch to score by 1 1/2 lengths. Annie Sullivan (Cross Traffic) was second. Cheme is a half-sister to Atchata (Apriority), SW, \$110,180; Actif Storm (Interactif), SW, \$117,285; and Nurse Goodnight (Fire Slam), MSP, \$193,400. The winner's dam had a filly by El Deal last year and a colt by Midshipman in 2020. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$13,608. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#).**

O-William L. & Corinne Heiligbrodt, Madaket Stables LLC & Spendthrift Farm LLC; B-4M Ranch (LA); T-Steven M. Asmussen.

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SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24

American Pharoah (Pioneerof the Nile), Ashford Stud, private
318 foals of racing age/40 winners/7 black-type winners
8-Parx Racing, Msw 6f, KNOW IT NOW, 8-1

The Big Beast (Yes It's True), Ocala Stud, \$6,000
103 foals of racing age/26 winners/2 black-type winners
2-Gulfstream, Msw 5f, SON OF A BEAST, 5-2
\$42,000 RNA OBS WIN wnl

Danza (Street Boss), Fair Winds Farm, \$2,500
140 foals of racing age/19 winners/2 black-type winners
8-Parx Racing, Msw 6f, DANZAFIED, 20-1

Jack Milton (War Front), Crestwood Farm, \$6,500
102 foals of racing age/15 winners/0 black-type winners
8-Parx Racing, Msw 6f, MILTON THE MONSTER, 8-1
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MAY 2yo

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IN ITALY:

Siwa Star, f, 3, **Kitten's Joy**--Sea Bubble, by U S Ranger.
Capannelle, 6-23, Hcp. (€11k), 2300m (AWT), 2:33.90.
Lifetime Record: 6-2-0-0. O-Scuderia Mancusi. B-Kenneth L. &
Sarah K. Ramsey (KY). T-Luciano Bietolini. *\$32,000 Ylg '18
KEESEP; 10,000gns HRA '19 TATMAY.



ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

9th-Parx Racing, \$40,750, 6-23, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:09.51, ft.
FINAL SHOT (g, 5, Talent Search--Last Shot, by Pioneering)
Lifetime Record: 18-3-5-4, \$174,314. O-Hopes Racing Stable,
Inc.; B-Wendy H. Mutnick (PA); T-Guadalupe Preciado. *1/2 to
Amandasromeo (Weigelia), SP, \$167,360.

5th-Prairie Meadows, \$38,438, 6-22, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, 1m,
1:38.39, gd.

IRISH WIND (g, 5, Daaher--Blew Me Away, by Indy King)
Lifetime Record: 8-4-1-0, \$116,111. O/B-Joel B. Hunsburger (IA);
T-Tanner Tracy.

7th-Prairie Meadows, \$38,382, (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$16,000),
6-22, 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:04.28, gd.

**QUEANS ALTAR (m, 6, Rushin' to Altar--Queansco {MSW,
\$214,124}, by Humming)** Lifetime Record: 13-5-2-2, \$148,662.
O/B-Loretta F. McClintock (IA); T-Henry Guillory, Jr.

4th-Indiana Grand, \$36,500, (S), 6-23, (NW3L), 3yo/up, f/m,
5 1/2f, 1:05.04, ft.

COPPER NICKEL (f, 3, Stroll--Ms. Purr, by Sir Cat) Lifetime
Record: SW, 7-3-0-1, \$106,670. O-Frank Brown, Mike South &
Doris Book; B-Frank Brown (IN); T-Michael E. Lauer.

7th-Lone Star, \$35,000, (S), 6-23, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 7f,
1:26.11, my.

**EMPRESSIVE REWARD (f, 3, Warrior's Reward--Empressive
Humor, by Distorted Humor)** Lifetime Record: 9-2-3-2, \$71,830.

O-William T. Reed; B-Jerry Durant (TX); T-W. Bret Calhoun.
*\$25,000 Ylg '18 TTAMIX.

9th-Lone Star, \$35,000, 6-22, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 5f (off turf),
:58.04, gd.

**RIZZI'S HONORS (m, 7, With Distinction--Runaway Rizzi {MSP,
\$195,004}, by Rizzi)** Lifetime Record: 30-6-7-6, \$160,338.
O-M and M Racing (Mike Sisk); B-Pedro Maestre (FL); T-R.
Diodoro. *\$20,000 Ylg '14 OBSAUG; \$82,000 2yo '15 OBSAPR.

Broken and Trained by Randy Bradshaw

5th-Lone Star, \$35,000, 6-23, (NW2L), 3yo, 1m (off turf),
1:38.85, my.

**CREATIVE PLAN (g, 3, Creative Cause--Let's Park, by Divine
Park)** Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-0, \$34,290. O-M and M Racing
(Mike Sisk); B-Brereton C. Jones (KY); T-Karl Broberg. *\$37,000
RNA Wlg '17 KEENOV; \$45,000 RNA Ylg '18 KEESEP.

5th-Thistledown, \$31,700, (S), 6-23, (NW2X), 3yo/up, 1m,
1:42.42, sy.

**GRAD BASH (g, 6, Magna Graduate--La Tache {SP, \$100,010},
by Hennessy)** Lifetime Record: 40-4-4-4, \$98,296. O-R and P
Racing Stables, LLC; B-Eric J Heyman & Gail Kromer (OH);
T-Rodney C. Faulkner.

7th-Thistledown, \$24,500, 6-23, (NW3L), 3/up, 6f, 1:12.84, my.
**PEANUTS PERFECTION (g, 5, Majesticperfection--Jossy Do It
{SW}, by Proud Accolade)** Lifetime Record: 6-3-1-1, \$49,680.
O/B/T-David Wolochuk (KY).

3rd-Fair Meadows, \$21,120, (S), 6-22, (C), 3yo/up, 6 1/2f,
1:20.10, ft.

**ROOKIE SEASON (g, 5, Notional--I Want Candy, by Candy Ride
{Arg})** Lifetime Record: 11-3-2-1, \$73,434. O/B-Bad Boy Racing
LLC (OK); T-Scott E. Young.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Prepare for Glory, g, 3, **Archarcharch**--Sliver of Hope (SW,
\$124,430), by Value Plus. Indiana Grand, 6-23, (S), 5f, 1:00.09.
B-Southern Chase Farm, Inc. & Karen Dodd (IN). *\$50,000 2yo
'19 OBSAPR.

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Kentucky Ghost, g, 3, **Ghostzapper**--Closing Range (GSW,
\$214,353), by After Market. Indiana Grand, 6-22, 1 1/16mT,
1:44.18. B-Blue Devil Racing Stable, LLC (KY). *\$180,000 Ylg '18
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Philadelphia Belle, f, 3, **Jump Start**--Cam's Cousin, by Silver Deputy. Parx Racing, 6-23, (S), 6f, 1:11.30. B-Nick Polydoros (PA).
Tynan, f, 3, **Liam's Map**--Pappascot (GSP, \$165,762), by Scat Daddy. Indiana Grand, 6-23, 1 1/16m (off turf), 1:46.67.
 B-Rustlewood Farm, Inc. (FL). *\$225,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP.

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Caddo Fox, g, 3, **My Golden Song**--Sassy Sondra, by Officer. Lone Star, 6-23, (S), 1m, 1:39.90. B-Richard Martin & Danny Payne (TX).
Saber Run, c, 3, **Sabercat**--Run N Sassy, by Run Production. Louisiana Downs, 6-23, (S), 7 1/2ft, 1:34.41. B-L. H. Dunham (LA).
Idea Man, c, 3, **Strong Mandate**--Rose Run, by Will's Way. Indiana Grand, 6-23, (S), 1m, 1:41.70. B-Fred & Neil McCrary (IN). *1/2 to Torazo (El Corredor), SP, \$239,478.



ARCHARCHARCH, Prepare for Glory, g, 3, o/o Sliver of Hope, by Value Plus. MSW, 6-23, Indiana Grand
CONSTITUTION, Alexandria, f, 2, o/o Spring Water, by Spring At Last. MSW, 6-23, Belterra
CREATIVE CAUSE, Creative Plan, g, 3, o/o Let's Park, by Divine Park. ALW, 6-23, Lone Star
CUSTOM FOR CARLOS, B B Moody, g, 2, o/o Band of Time, by Time Bandit. MSW, 6-23, Lone Star
DAAHER, Irish Wind, g, 5, o/o Blew Me Away, by Indy King. ALW, 6-22, Prairie Meadows
GHOSTZAPPER, Kentucky Ghost, g, 3, o/o Closing Range, by After Market. MSW, 6-22, Indiana Grand
JUMP START, Philadelphia Belle, f, 3, o/o Cam's Cousin, by Silver Deputy. MSW, 6-23, Parx Racing
LIAM'S MAP, Tynan, f, 3, o/o Pappascot, by Scat Daddy. MSW, 6-23, Indiana Grand
MACLEAN'S MUSIC, Cheme, f, 2, o/o Sweet Jackie Jo, by Stormy Atlantic. MSW, 6-23, Louisiana Downs
MAGNA GRADUATE, Grad Bash, g, 6, o/o La Tache, by Hennessy. ALW, 6-23, Thistledown
MAJESTICPERFECTION, Peanuts Perfection, g, 5, o/o Jossy Do It, by Proud Accolade. ALW, 6-23, Thistledown
MY GOLDEN SONG, Caddo Fox, g, 3, o/o Sassy Sondra, by Officer. MSW, 6-23, Lone Star
NOTIONAL, Rookie Season, g, 5, o/o I Want Candy, by Candy Ride (Arg). ALW, 6-22, Fair Meadows
RUSHIN' TO ALTAR, Queens Altar, m, 6, o/o Queensco, by Humming. AOC, 6-22, Prairie Meadows
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TALENT SEARCH, Final Shot, g, 5, o/o Last Shot, by Pioneering. ALW, 6-23, Parx Racing
TOO MUCH BLING, Island Sun, c, 2, o/o Pacific Sunrise, by Belong to Me. MSW, 6-23, Lone Star
VANCOUVER (AUS), Nicky Two Shoes, c, 2, o/o Wendy Wow, by Invasor (Arg). MSW, 6-23, Thistledown
WARRIOR'S REWARD, Empressive Reward, f, 3, o/o Empressive Humor, by Distorted Humor. ALW, 6-23, Lone Star
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CROWLEY BORN TO EXCEL AT ASCOT



Jim Crowley rode six winners at Royal Ascot | *Racing Post*

By Emma Berry

Among some memorable performances at Royal Ascot last week, two that stood out at opposite ends of the distance spectrum were provided by Battaash (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}) and Stradivarius (Ire) (Sea The Stars {Ire}). The sprinter and the stayer may be poles apart in some respects, but what they share is the fact that, at the age of six, they have been around long enough to be taken to the hearts of the racing public. Six also unites their respective jockeys, Jim Crowley and Frankie Dettori, as that was the number of winners they each chalked up at Ascot, Crowley with a first-day treble, and Dettori snatching the leading rider title by pulling off the same feat on the final day and being ahead on the countback for the number of placed finishes.

Crowley knows all about stayers, especially of the jumping variety from his former days as a National Hunt jockey but, now in his fourth season as the number one retained rider for Sheikh Hamdan Al Maktoum, he has had the privilege of being the regular partner of the one of the world's fastest horses.

"Battaash is unbelievable to ride," says Crowley, who has been in the saddle for 13 of Battaash's 21 starts, including his three Group 1 victories, most recently in the King's Stand S. "I've ridden nice sprinters in the past but he is head and shoulders above anything I've ever sat on." [Cont. p2](#)

ENGLISH KING "INTERESTING" IN DERBY: DETTORI

Frankie Dettori, who on Monday picked up the mount on tatter favourite **English King (Fr)** (Camelot {GB}) in the July 4 G1 Investec Derby, told *Sky Sports Racing* on Tuesday that he will get acquainted with Bjorn Nielsen's Listed Derby Trial S. winner this week.

"I'm going to go and ride him this week," Dettori said. "I can only go on what I've seen, but he was impressive at Newcastle last year, and very impressive at Lingfield.

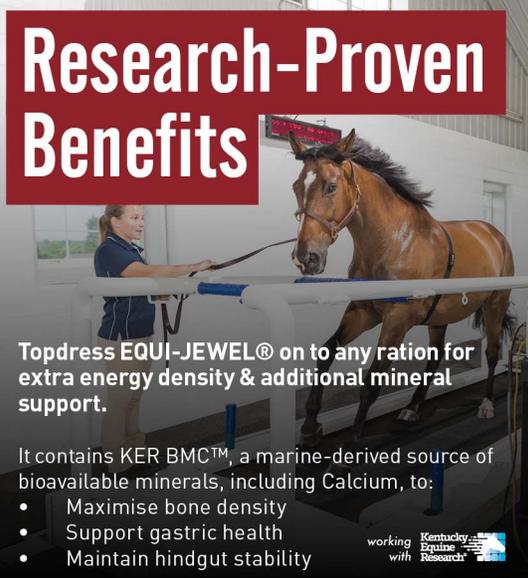
"He's interesting. On the plus side, he went round Lingfield like it was a flat track. You would think Epsom is quite similar, so that is a big tick in the box. I've had some good success for Bjorn Nielsen with Stradivarius. He approached me when he realised John [Gosden] didn't have anything for the Derby. He had a quiet word in my ear to see if I would accept the ride, and I said I was all over it. He looks a good horse from what I've seen, so it would be my pleasure." [Cont. p5](#)

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"He has so much natural speed, it's scary really because there's nothing quick enough in a race to lead him, or if they do lead him it's pretty much only for a furlong."

He continues, "It was nice for him to win at Ascot because the track wouldn't be tailor-made for him, it almost rides like 5 1/2 furlongs and we've been beaten by a marvellous horse both times previously, who basically has just out-stayed him really. Obviously it was important for him to win this year to get the three up--he's now done the Nunthorpe, the Abbaye and the King's Stand, and I think he feels as good as ever at six years old."

The champion jockey of 2016, Crowley is based in Sussex at the famous Coombelands estate where his father-in-law Guy Harwood trained before handing over to his daughter (and Crowley's sister-in-law) Amanda Perrett. Crowley's role, however, takes him far and wide, not just for race meetings but for work mornings of the 13 different trainers who are honing the various members of the Shadwell string. Rarely, though, is he given the leg-up on the wily old Battaash at Charlie Hills's Lambourn stable.

Crowley says, "I don't actually ride him work that often because he's such an intelligent horse and he knows as soon as I get on him. When I went to ride him work there two weeks before Ascot I just walked home on the gallops afterwards and I was buzzing because you actually forget how good he is. I'm very fortunate to ride nice horses all the time but riding him is literally like getting in a Formula 1 car. The feel he gives you, even on the gallops at home: he never puts in a bad day, he never works badly, he's just a real pleasure to be around."

He adds, "I suppose it's nice that he's a gelding because if he were a colt we might not even have seen him at four, so it's marvellous that he's been around a while and I think a lot of people have really taken to him."

With his Group 1 success, Battaash may have been the crowning jewel of a right royal week for the jockey, but Crowley's winners came across the grades and distances and for five different trainers.

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"At the start of the year I thought we would have a really nice team of horses coming through and that's been proved right so far really," he says.

"But you can often go to Ascot thinking that and then leave the place licking your wounds, because it's not an easy place to ride winners at all. So to get a treble on the first day, that really got the ball rolling. I thought I'd definitely have a couple and then three went in. I could have had four if Mohaather (GB) had had a clearer run in the Queen Anne, but you can't be too greedy."

Crowley also helped to play a part in a memorable Ascot for the man who was formerly one of his National Hunt weighing-room colleagues, Owen Burrows, who registered a first win at the meeting with the progressive Hukum (Ire) (Sea The Stars {Ire}) in the King George V S.

"It was obviously nice to ride Owen's first winner there but to be honest it was just one of those weeks when all the horses ran really well, including the ones I didn't ride when we had three or four in a race," Crowley reflects. "And that's all credit to the trainers because to go to Ascot, a lot of those horses were having their first run of the year, and to have them absolutely tuned up, I'm sure that hasn't been easy."

Unlike his fellow leading rider Dettori, Crowley is not one who actively seeks the limelight but he is readily approachable and certainly still hungry for success. **Cont. p3**



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Battaash and Jim Crowley winning the King's Stand S. | *Racing Post*

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Since his championship year, when he rode 189 winners--24 more than the runner-up Silvestre de Sousa, who had been champion the previous season--he has barely let his grip loosen, and he has notched annual tallies well into three figures in each of the three subsequent seasons. He may not crave the hoopla, but he certainly excels on the main stage. This year, of course, the Flat season so far has been a play with all the leading actors in place but with no audience present, and nowhere is that emptiness felt more keenly than at Royal Ascot.

"With the crowds not being there it did feel a little bit different but it didn't feel any less important to ride winners there," Crowley says. "It meant just as much, but obviously it would have been lovely to come in and for Sheikh Hamdan to have been there and the crowd, but it was still very gratifying."

He adds, "It's just great to be back really. Funnily enough, my first day back was an absolute nightmare. I went to Newcastle and I was beaten on a very short odds-on shot, and I had one slip over backwards in the stalls, and then I got brought down out the back. So it wasn't a great start but obviously things picked up through the week and a couple of days later Nazeef won the Snowdrop at Kempton."

The 4-year-old Nazeef (GB) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) may be lightly raced but she has done little wrong in her six starts and, as her progression this season from victory in the Listed Snowdrop Fillies' S. over former 1000 Guineas winner Billesdon Brook (GB) to G2 Duke of Cambridge S. winner at Ascot suggests, this late developer may well be stepping up to Group 1 level before too long.

"Hopefully we can just keep going and I think we will because there were some really nice horses who won at Ascot," says Crowley of the prospects of the Shadwell team for the remainder of the season. [Cont. p4](#)

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TOO DARN HOT: DESTINED FOR GREATNESS

Melissa Steele profiles shuttler and Southern Hemisphere first-season sire Too Darn Hot (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}). [Click or tap here to go straight to TDN Aus/NZ.](#)

Crowley Born To Excel At Ascot Cont.

"Obviously a few of them have to step up from handicaps into group company now but hopefully they are capable of doing that.

"I gave the boss a call on Saturday night to go through them and he was obviously very happy. It's the most winners he has ever had at Royal Ascot so he was very pleased."

For an operation such as Shadwell, what happens on the track isn't just cause for celebration when Sheikh Hamdan finishes a major meeting as the leading owner, but also has positive implications in the development of its broodmare band and future stallion prospects. This is now another factor on Crowley's agenda as he has familiarised himself over the last four years with the pedigrees of his daily mounts along with their racing form. As pedigrees go, there are few horses more exciting than that of his first winner following the Royal Meeting: Almighwar (GB). The

3-year-old colt is a son of Dubawi (Ire) and Sheikh Hamdan's Oaks heroine Taghrooda (Ire) (Sea The Stars {Ire}) and was thus an important and impressive first winner on Sunday for his illustrious mother in her second career.

"I definitely take a real interest in that side of things," he says. "When I first took the job on, and obviously it's a big operation with so many horses, it was difficult to get my head around it, but now I'm starting to ride the families and you can understand their different traits and things like that. With so many horses it's hard to keep up all the time but I do enjoy it."

At 41, Crowley has been race-riding for over half of his life and is arguably in his prime, with a retainer for one of the sport's major owners and the opportunity to ride a wide variety of well-bred horses. He admits that his own 7-year-old son is snapping at his heels and urging him out of bed in the mornings to ensure that he is able to take to the fresh gallops on his pony ahead of his aunt's racehorses, and higher up the age ladder there are some talented junior members of the weighing-room with which to compete, not least the current champion jockey, 24-year-old Oisin Murphy.

"Oisin has done remarkably well," Crowley says. "Tom Marquand has made giant strides, as has his partner Hollie Doyle, who is a fantastic jockey. I think she's really good and I

wouldn't say 'for a girl', she's just generally good all round. I think nowadays there's so much more information for the jockeys out there, with jockey coaches, and being able to watch all their replays. Jockeys on the whole are getting better as time goes on."

He adds, "And on the flip side of the coin, the senior jockeys are riding for much longer because we take care of ourselves. Jockeys are probably more athletes nowadays than anything else. I run everyday. Even if I've got five or six rides that day, I'd

still run in the morning or go to the gym, and I know Ryan Moore is the same, and Frankie is the same. If you do that and you eat right, you can definitely prolong your career. When I first went into racing you would never see a jockey running on the track before racing started."

Crowley certainly has plenty of enticement to maintain peak fitness, not least the prospect of being reunited with Battaash throughout the season.

"I think the plan is to go back to Goodwood to try to make it four in the King George S. and then obviously up to York," he says of the sprinter's options for the coming months. "Then we have the decision to make about whether or not he goes back for the Abbaye, or whether Sheikh Hamdan and Charlie [Hills] decide to take him to America. He's got nothing to prove but it would be lovely to see him win abroad somewhere."

For Crowley, however, the sprinter's most pleasing win, even with no crowd present, is likely to remain his Group 1 at Ascot. The jockey was delivered into this world back in 1978 at Heatherwood Hospital, which sits almost in the shadow of the racecourse's huge grandstand. You could say, when it came to racing, he was indeed to the manner born.



Jim Crowley and Roger Varian. The pair won two races together at Royal Ascot | *Racing Post*

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Threat (Ire) (Footstepsinthesand {GB})

Owner: Cheveley Park Stud

Breeder: La Lumiere Partnership (Ire)

Trainer: Richard Hannon

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English King cont. from p1

Dettori replaces Tom Marquand aboard the Ed Walker-trained 3-year-old, with the 22-year-old Marquand having ridden him in his maiden-breaking win in November and at Lingfield.

“It [losing big rides] happened a lot to me when I was young,” Dettori reflected. “Tom is 22--I’m sure he’ll have plenty of other chances in his career, but I was just delighted to get the ride.”

Dettori said he thinks the G1 2000 Guineas winner Kameko (Kitten’s Joy) is his biggest threat in the blue riband.

“Classic form is always the strongest, and Kameko hit the line strong,” he said. “He’s the one who brings class to the party, and the one I fear the most.”

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Frankie Dettori after winning the Gold Cup for the third time with Bjorn Nielsen’s Stradivarius | *Racing Post*

DANDALLA CAMP MULLING TARGETS

Last week’s eye-catching G3 Albany S. winner **Dandalla (Ire)** (Dandy Man {Ire}) will step up to Group 2 company in either the Duchess of Cambridge S. at Newmarket on July 10 or the Prix Robert Papin against colts at Chantilly the following week, according to Nick Bradley, who co-owns the filly with Elaine Burke, wife of trainer Karl Burke.

Dandalla was a €22,000 yearling purchase by the Burkes’ daughter Kelly. Bradley said offers have been coming in for the filly since her Royal Ascot victory, but that they likely will continue to be turned down.



Dandalla returns after winning the Albany | *Racing Post*

“We’ve probably had around 10 enquiries since last week, but I think we’ll still own her [for her next run],” Bradley said. “[Elaine Burke] has a significant share and we’re not that interested in selling, to be honest.”

Of Dandalla’s six-length Albany victory off a two-length maiden score at Newcastle, Bradley said, “It was a great performance and we sort of thought she might do that, to be honest, although maybe not in that style. The word beforehand was really good. You never really know what you’re up against going into a juvenile race at Royal Ascot, but Karl was very hopeful and how right he was--he’s done a great job with her.”

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GRAND NATIONAL-WINNING RIDER TREADWELL DIES

Liam Treadwell, who won the 2009 Grand National aboard 100-1 outsider Mon Mome (Fr) (Passing Sail {Fr}), has died aged 34. A statement from West Mercia Police read, “earlier this morning police were called to an address in Billingsley, near Bridgnorth, following the death of a man in his 30s. The death is currently being treated as unexplained. However, at this stage there is believed to be no third-party involvement.”

Mon Mome’s trainer Venetia Williams said, “It’s a massive shock. I think we all thought he was in a good place now, having been through some tough times in previous years. We thought his renewed career had put in him in a situation where he was happy. It’s desperately sad news.”

Treadwell, who was also third in the 2015 Grand National on Monbeg Dude (Ire) (Witness Box), had retired in February 2018 but returned to the saddle last March. He was also an assistant to trainer Alastair Ralph.



Liam Treadwell and Mon Mome | *Racing Post*

Treadwell Cont.

British Horseracing Authority Chief Executive Nick Rust said in a statement, “We are devastated to hear the tragic news about Liam Treadwell. Liam had a fine career in British racing, riding over 300 winners in the 17 years that he held a jockeys’ licence, obviously none more memorable than his remarkable 100-1 Grand National success on Mon Mome in 2009--a ride that cemented his place in racing folklore. The racing community will be united in grief today, and the thoughts of everyone at the BHA are with Liam’s friends, family and colleagues.”

A joint statement from the Injured Jockeys Fund and the Professional Jockeys Association read, “We were heartbroken to be informed this morning that one of our own, Liam Treadwell, has died. Tributes to Liam have rightly flowed in--given how universally popular, well-liked and respected he was--and the weighing room will be a lesser place for his absence.

“Liam will forever be remembered for winning the Grand National in 2009 on the 100-1 shot Mon Mome, trained by Venetia Williams. He was a gifted horseman, valued by racehorse trainers for both this and his communication skills. He was polite, funny, kind and brave, having spoken passionately and eloquently about his mental health issues both in the press but also in our own ‘Jockey Matters’ films. It is devastating that this has happened, and our thoughts and prayers are with Liam’s family, friends and everyone who knew and supported him.”

Anyone within racing who is struggling with their mental health can contact Racing Welfare at 0800 6300 443, or Samaritans at 116 123.

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DUBAI DUTY FREE IRISH DERBY

Entries after Tuesday’s forfeit, with odds from Paddy Power

- 5-2 Santiago
- 4-1 Arthur’s Kingdom, Crossfirehurricane
- 5-1 Iberia
- 6-1 Fiscal Rules
- 10-1 Gold Maze, Memorabilis, Mythical, New York Girl
- 12-1 Chiricahua
- 14-1 Galileo Chrome, Tiger Moth
- 16-1 Dawn Patrol
- 20-1 Order Of Australia
- 33-1 King Of The Throne, Sunchart
- 50-1 Amhran Na Bhfiann, Serpentine

ITBA Educational Programme 2020:
Summer Series Online Workshops:

ITBA’S Grassland & Pasture Management Workshop will be held from 11 a.m.-12:15 p.m. on Thursday, June 25. Led by David O’Connell of OCAE, the workshop will include a brief overview of potential climate change impact. There are still a few spots available. To register, email Kerry Ryan at kryan@itba.ie.

**FIRST-SEASON SIRE
WITH RUNNERS**

Wednesday, June 24, 2020:

FRANCE

Goken (Fr) (Kendargent {Fr}), Haras de Colleville
61 foals of racing age/6 winners/1 black-type winner
1-MAR.BORELY, 1200m, GOYAVA (Fr)

UNITED KINGDOM

Adaay (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}), Whitsbury Manor Stud
94 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners
16:55-WINDSOR, 6f, ONARAGGATIP (GB)
5,715gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2018; £18,000 Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearling Sale 2019

Buratino (Ire) (Exceed And Excel {Aus}), Kildangan Stud
88 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
14:10-HAYDOCK PARK, 7.25f, BURRISTO (Ire)
€35,000 Goffs November Foals Sale 2018; £30,000 Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearling Sale 2019
12:45-HAMILTON PARK, 5f, TINOCHIO (Ire)
€20,000 Goffs November Foals Sale 2018; £35,000 Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearling Sale 2019

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Kodi Bear is looking for his fourth winner at Hamilton Park & Windsor on Wednesday. | Rathbarry Stud

Kodi Bear (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}), Rathbarry Stud
83 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
14:20-HAMILTON PARK, 6f, BERGERAC (Ire)
€40,000 Goffs November Foals Sale 2018; £75,000 Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearling Sale 2019
12:45-HAMILTON PARK, 5f, BROXI (Ire)
€8,500 Goffs November Foals Sale 2018; €8,000 Goffs Sportsman's Yearling Sale 2019
16:55-WINDSOR, 6f, COCO BEAR (Ire)
25,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2018; £15,000 Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearling Sale 2019

The Last Lion (Ire) (Choisir {Aus}), Kildangan Stud
43 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
14:20-HAMILTON PARK, 6f, KRAKEN POWER (Ire)
€39,000 Goffs November Foals Sale 2018; £28,000 Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearling Sale 2019

Markaz (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}), Derrinstown Stud
78 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
16:55-WINDSOR, 6f, MARKED UP (GB)
£1,000 Goffs UK September HIT & Yearling Sale 2019

Prince of Lir (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}), Ballyhane Stud
77 foals of racing age/1 winner/1 black-type winner
12:45-HAMILTON PARK, 5f, ATTABOY ROY (Ire)
€25,000 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearlings 2019

Strath Burn (GB) (Equiano {Fr}), Bridge House Stud
15 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
12:45-HAMILTON PARK, 5f, BURNING CASH (Ire)
€25,000 Goffs Autumn Yearling Sale 2019

Twilight Son (GB) (Kyllachy {GB}), Cheveley Park Stud
122 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
12:15-HAMILTON PARK, 5f, AISH (GB)

8,000gns RNA Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2019 - Book 3
14:20-HAMILTON PARK, 6f, PEELY WALLY (Ire)
€5,000 Goffs Sportsman's Yearling Sale 2019

IRELAND

Buratino (Ire) (Exceed And Excel {Aus}), Kildangan Stud
88 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
1-NAAS, 5f, ONLY JACK (Ire)

Markaz (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}), Derrinstown Stud
78 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
1-NAAS, 5f, GATEWAY TO HEAVEN (Ire)
€1,000 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearlings 2019

OBSERVATIONS

on the European racing scene

HIGHEST GROUND RETURNS AT HAYDOCK

1.10 Haydock, Novice, £5,400, 3yo/up, 10f 100yT

HIGHEST GROUND (IRE) (Frankel {GB}) makes his eagerly-awaited return, having earned **TDN Rising Star** status a long time ago when impressing on his winning debut at Leicester in September. The Niarchos Family's relative of the sire King of Happiness (Spinning World) encounters another **TDN Rising Star** in Gestut Ammerland and Newsells Park Stud's **Waldkonig (GB) (Kingman {GB})**, the John Gosden-trained half-brother to Waldgeist (GB) (Galileo {Ire}) who was third when odds-on for the Listed Newmarket S. earlier this month.

2.10 Haydock, Novice, £6,400, 2yo, 7f 37yT

CAIRN ISLAND (IRE) (Kodiac {GB}) cost trainer Kevin Ryan 525,000gns at the Tattersalls October Book 1 Sale and debuts for Sheikh Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum in this intriguing affair. The half-brother to the useful Galileo (Ire) pair of Cameron Highland (Ire) and Field of Miracles (Ire) gets seven pounds from Russell Jones's Tom Dascombe-trained **Devious Company (Ire)** (Fast Company {Ire}), who beat some rivals who fared well in last week's Listed Chesham S. including March Law (Ire) (Lawman {Fr}) on his debut at Haydock earlier this month.

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BRITAIN

Tuesday's Results:

1st-Kempton, £6,400, Novice, 6-23, 2yo, f, 6f (AWT), 1:14.07, st/sl.

VILLE DE GRACE (GB) (f, 2, Le Havre {Ire}--Archangel Gabriel, by Arch), a 5-1 shot on this debut as the first 2-year-old runner for the Sir Michael Stoute stable, was rushed up to stalk the early pace in third. Rolling to the front with 100 yards remaining, the bay asserted to score by 1 1/2 lengths from Glesga Gal (Ire) (Lope de Vega {Ire}). The dam, whose 2019 colt by Kingman (GB) sold for €270,000 to Cormac McCormack Bloodstock at the Goffs November Foal Sale, also has a filly foal by Saxon Warrior (Jpn). She is an unraced full-sister to Prince Arch who captured the GI Gulfstream Park Breeders' Cup H. and to the dam of the G3 Desmond S. scorer Pincheck (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) and G3 Oh So Sharp S. runner-up Valeria Messalina (Ire) (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}). Archangel Gabriel is also a half to the G1 Vincent O'Brien National S. scorer Kingsfort (War Chant) connected to the GI Garden City Breeders' Cup S. winner Luas Line (Ire) (Danehill). Sales history: €300,000 RNA Ylg '19 ARAUG. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$5,163. O-Hunscote Stud and Chris Humber (GB); T-Sir Michael Stoute.

2nd-Kempton, £6,400, Novice, 6-23, 2yo, 6f (AWT), 1:14.61, st/sl.
NEVER SAY WHEN (IRE) (c, 2, No Nay Never--Lady Soldier {Ire}, by Erewhon), who like the winner of the first race Ville de Grace (GB) (Le Havre {Ire}) emanates from the Sir Michael Stoute stable, was close enough when last of the quartet throughout the early stages. Staying on to gain the lead with a furlong to race, the 15-2 shot may have been idling as Running Back (Ire) (Muhaarar {GB}) closed and at the line had a head to spare. "Maybe they weren't the strongest maidens, but both were ready to go and had been going nicely at home. He looks like he has plenty of speed." The winner is the sole progeny so far out of the dam, who is an unraced daughter of the GIII Natalma S. scorer and GI Queen Elizabeth II Challenge Cup third Lush Soldier (Lost Soldier). Sales history: €54,000 Wlg '18 GOFNOV; 325,000gns Ylg '19 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$5,163. O-Mr Mohamed Obaida; B-Peadar McCaghey (IRE); T-Sir Michael Stoute.

2nd-Chepstow, £5,400, Novice, 6-23, 2yo, f, 6f 16yT, 1:12.63, g/s.
CHICA BELLA (IRE) (f, 2, Gutaifan {Ire}--Maracuja {GB}, by Medicean {GB}), still learning when fourth over this trip at Leicester 10 days earlier, tracked the leaders travelling strongly throughout the early stages. Sent to the front passing the two-furlong marker, the 11-8 favourite drew away to win by 6 1/2

lengths from Katie's Kitten (GB) (Bobby's Kitten). The dam is a half to the listed winner and G3 Lillie Langtry S. third Twitch (Ire) (Azamour {Ire}) also related to the Hong Kong Horse of the year Comic Strip (GB) (Marju {Ire}) and GI Flower Bowl Invitational and GI Diana S. heroine Laughing (Ire) (Dansili {GB}). Her yearling colt is by Australia (GB). Sales history: €11,000 Ylg '19 TIRSEP. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$4,742. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-A&B Air Systems Ltd & Partner; B-Manister House Stud (IRE); T-David Loughnane.

3rd-Beverley, £5,400, Mdn, 6-23, 2yo, 7f 96yT, 1:35.28, gd.

DEEP IMPRESSION (IRE) (f, 2, Footstepsinthesand {GB}--Parvenue {Fr}, by Ezzoud {Ire}) dropped her rider on the way to post before running fifth in her June 10 unveiling at Pontefract last time, doing so again in the preliminaries here, and suffered mild interference at the break to compound her woes. Settled under cover in third until slipping to fourth when the tempo was increased at the top of the straight, the 9-2 chance was angled into the clear just after passing the quarter-mile marker and stayed on relentlessly for continued urging to edge Lanika (GB) (Outstrip {GB}) by a neck in the dying strides. "That's the second time she's done that so we'll have to get the pony out when she runs next," said trainer Mark Johnston of the winner's pre-race antics. "She's still very green, but she'll have to get used to it. Luckily, she doesn't do much when she's loose and just headed to the start. I'm not sure if it's the step up in trip or the experience of last time that made the difference. She isn't bred for seven furlongs, but it might have given her time to settle." She becomes the seventh scorer produced by a winning granddaughter of the stakes-placed Lypatia (Fr) (Lyphard), herself kin to G1SW sire Lycius (Mr. Prospector). The February-foaled bay is a half-sister to South Africa's MGSW G2 Gold Bowl victress Gorongosa (Ire) (Montjeu {Ire}), the dam of stakes-winning G3 Fred Darling S. third Melbourne Memories (GB) (Sleeping Indian {GB}) and a yearling filly by Highland Reel (Ire). Sales history: €21,000 Ylg '19 GOFFEB; 17,000gns Ylg '19 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$4,356.

O-Kingsley Park 15; B-John Nagle (IRE); T-Mark Johnston.

6th-Beverley, £5,400, Mdn, 6-23, 3yo/up, f, 9f 207yT, 2:05.30, gd.

GOLDEN PASS (GB) (f, 3, Golden Horn {GB}--Lovely Pass {Ire} {SW & GSP-UAE, SP-Eng, \$230,835}, by Raven's Pass), who hit the board behind subsequent G1 Fillies' Mile sixth and Listed Pretty Polly S. runner-up Queen Daenerys (Ire) (Frankel {GB}) tackling one mile at Newmarket in her Sept. 21 debut last time, jinked left from the outside gate and was steadied to settle off the pace in rear through halfway in this seasonal return. **Cont. p9**

6th-Beverley Cont.

Making continued headway under coaxing in the straight, the 9-5 second choice joined the front rank entering the final furlong and was ridden out to prevail by 3/4-of-a-length from Lightness (Ire) (Shamardal). “She’s a lovely filly and deserves a lot of credit for finishing third [in a hot novice heat at Newmarket] last year as she’s so big and leggy,” insisted winning rider Ben Curtis after securing the middle leg of a treble on the card. “I wanted to get her settled at the start of the race and thought, if I could get her relaxed somewhere, we could have a crack at them up the home straight. She relaxed lovely out the back of the pack and, when I brought her out, she was always getting there. She had a nice blow when she got there, but got the job done. She’ll improve a lot for that and I’d say it’s onwards and upwards for her.”

She is the second foal and winner produced by Listed UAE Oaks heroine and G3 UAE Oaks second Lovely Pass (Ire) (Raven’s Pass), herself a half-sister to Listed Pipalong S. victress Spirit Raiser (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) out of G2 Falmouth S. winner Macadamia (Ire) (Classic Cliche {Ire}). The January-foaled bay is a half-sister to the hitherto unraced 2-year-old colt Lockdown Over (GB) (Shamardal) and a yearling colt by Dubawi (Ire). Sales history: 150,000gns Ylg ‘18 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$5,318.

O-Dr Ali Ridha; B-Rabbah Bloodstock Ltd (GB); T-Hugo Palmer.

4th-Kempton, £5,400, Mdn, 6-23, 3yo/up, f, 8f (AWT), 1:39.29, st/sl.

DUBAI QUALITY (IRE) (f, 3, Dubawi {Ire})--Local Time {GB} {GSW-Eng, GSW-UAE, GSW-Tur, \$532,031}, by Invincible Spirit {Ire}, who was runner-up on debut over an extended seven furlongs at Wolverhampton in December, recovered from a tardy start to race in a close-up second early. Gaining a narrow lead approaching the two-furlong pole, the 5-2 favourite was tackled and briefly headed by Long Haired Lover (Ire) (Night of Thunder {Ire}) soon after but battled to regain the advantage and score by 3/4 of a length. “I think she’ll go 10 [furlongs] in time and she’s only going to improve,” jockey Pat Cosgrave said. “She’s been working with our nicer 3-year-old fillies and her homework had been pretty good.” The winner is the first foal out of the G3 Oh So Sharp S., G3 International Istanbul Trophy and G3 UAE Oaks winner, whose next three foals are a son of Shamardal, another filly by Dubawi and a filly by New Approach (Ire), respectively. She is a granddaughter of the G3 Prix Vanteaux winner and G1 Prix Saint-Alary and G1 Prix Vermeille-placed Mare Nostrum (GB) (Caerleon) who in turn produced the Dubawi’s G1 Grand Prix de Paris and GI Canadian International hero Erupt (Ire). Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$5,676. O/B-Godolphin (IRE); T-Saeed bin Suroor.

5th-Kempton, £5,400, Mdn, 6-23, 3yo/up, f, 8f (AWT), 1:40.41, st/sl.

MAURIMO (GB) (f, 3, Kingman {GB})--Lynnwood Chase, by Horse Chestnut {SAf}, a half-sister to last year’s G1 Irish Oaks heroine Star Catcher (GB) (Sea the Stars {Ire}), was eighth on her sole prior start over seven furlongs at Newbury in September and was sent up to race in second from the break. Beginning to assert on the front end from two out, the 8-1 shot was in control from there and hit the line with two lengths to spare over Sun Tide (GB) (Siyouni {Fr}), the half-sister to Midday (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}). Godolphin’s Aureum (Medaglia d’Oro), the \$800,000 Keeneland September half-sister to Nemoralia (More Than Ready), was slowly away and left several lengths before finishing fifth. “She had done very well over the winter--she’s not the biggest, but is quite strong and athletic with a good attitude,” winning jockey Jason Watson said. The winner is a half-sister to the high-class sons of Lemon Drop Kid Pisco Sour, GSW-Fr, GSW-Eng, \$412,610; and Cannock Chase, GISW-Can, MGSW-Eng, \$680,268, as well as to the aforementioned Star Catcher who also took the G1 QIPCO British Champions Fillies & Mares S. and G1 Prix Vermeille, G1SW-Fr, G1SW-Ire, G1SW-Eng, \$1,211,998. The dam, who is a half to the multiple group winner Lord Admiral (El Prado {Ire}) connected to the GI Breeders’ Cup Juvenile hero and sire Action this Day (Kris S.), also has the 2-year-old filly Netherton (GB) (Frankel {GB}) and a yearling colt by Time Test (GB). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$4,356.

O-Miranda Beaufort and Partners; B-Hascombe & Valiant Stud Ltd (GB); T-Roger Charlton.

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

1st-Beverley, £6,400, Nov, 6-23, 3yo/up, 5fT, 1:04.54, gd.

BOMB PROOF (IRE) (g, 3, Society Rock {Ire})--Chantaleen {Fr}, by Falco Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$21,231. O-C Fox & Shalfleet Partnership; B-Michael O’Mahony (IRE); T-James Fanshawe. *40,000gns Wlg ‘17 TATFOA; 100,000gns Ylg ‘18 TAOCT.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:**

Campari (GB), g, 3, Due Diligence--Spritzeria (GB), by Bigstone (Ire). Chepstow, 6-23, 8f 14yT, 1:35.61. B-Jeremy Green and Sons (GB). *£10,000 Ylg ‘18 GOUKPR; £54,000 2yo ‘19 GOFBRE.

Damage Control (GB), g, 3, Zoffany (Ire)--One So Marvellous (GB), by Nashwan. Chepstow, 6-23, 10fT, 2:06.56. B-Meon Valley Stud (GB). *65,000gns Ylg ‘18 TAOCT. *1/2 to Coquet (GB) (Sir Percy {GB}), MSW & GSP-Eng.

IRELAND

Tuesday's Results:

1st-Navan, €24,000, Mdn, 6-23, 2yo, f, 5f 164yT, 1:13.39, sf. ELYSIUM (IRE) (f, 2, Belardo {Ire}--Sonning Rose {Ire} {SP-Eng}, by Hawk Wing), off the board over five furlongs behind the TDN Rising Star performance of More Beautiful (War Front) at Naas in her June 8 debut last time, broke in rear and was off the pace for most of this return. Taking closer order at the quarter-mile marker, the 12-1 chance was switched to the outside with 1 1/2 furlongs remaining and found plenty under a late drive to deny Giselles Thunder (Ire) (Night of Thunder {Ire}) by 1 3/4 lengths nearing the line, becoming the fifth winner for her freshman sire (by Lope de Vega {Ire}). “We were disappointed when she ran the last day, but nothing went right for her,” admitted winning trainer Noel Meade “She’s a nice filly, she’d been showing us plenty at home and if she didn’t do it the ones at home were in trouble. She was slow out of the gate and got bumped a few times, but [jockey] Gavin [Ryan] liked her a lot and said she came home really well. I always thought she’d love fast ground because she’s a real daisy cutter, but there was ease in the ground today. She shows us plenty of boot at home and we’re

hoping she’ll go on from there. She’s a sweet filly and out of a mare who was second in the Chesham so there is a decent pedigree there.” Elysium is the latest of four foals and third scorer produced by Listed Chesham S. runner-up Sonning Rose (Ire) (Hawk Wing), herself kin to three stakes performers headed by G3 Premio Carlo Chiesa second Universo Star (Ire) (Excellent Art {GB}). Sales history: €15,000 Ylg ‘19 GOAUTY. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$16,217.

O-The London Racing Partnership; B-Tullpark Ltd (IRE); T-Noel Meade.

2nd-Navan, €24,000, Mdn, 6-23, 2yo, c/g, 5f 164yT, 1:14.57, sf. LAWS OF INDICES (IRE) (c, 2, Power {GB}--Sampers {Ire}, by Exceed and Excel {Aus}), a June 8 first-up ninth over six furlongs at Naas last time, tracked the leaders in a handy third after an alert getaway in this one. Nudged along soon after halfway, the 3-1 second choice went third entering the final furlong and was driven out in the closing stages to deny Street Kid (Ire) (Street Boss) and The Blue Panther (Ire) (Buratino {Ire}) in a three-way photo on the line. “The framing of this race worked out for him with the weight allowances and there will be plenty of winners come out of the race he ran in at Naas,” said winning trainer Ken Condon. [Cont. p11](#)



Elysium is the fifth winner for her first-season sire Belardo. | *Racing Post*

2nd-Navan Cont.

He added, “We liked him at home and he was ready to run early, but was very raw the first day and I’d say it will be another run or two before we see the best of him. [Rider] Billy [Lee] said he was going to be third, 100 yards down, but he stayed on well. He pulled him out to see if he could get him rolling and it had the opposite effect, he was starey and raw. Where he goes next I’m not quite sure. He’s a nice horse, a good looker and he was well bought by connections.” Laws of Indices is the latest of seven foals and becomes the fourth scorer for three-time winner Sampers (Ire) (Exceed and Excel {Aus}). His G2 Prix de Malleret-winning third dam Privity (Private Account) is herself a daughter of G3 Princess Royal S. victress Sylph (Alleged), who in turn is a full-sister to G1 Irish St Leger-winning sire Leading Counsel. Sales history: €8,000 Ylg ‘19 GOAUTY. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$16,217.

O-Miss C R Holmes; B-N Hartery (IRE); T-Ken Condon.



Laws of Indices and his winning connection | *Racing Post*

6th-Navan, €14,000, Mdn, 6-23, 3yo, 13fT, 3:04, sf.
HY BRASIL (IRE) (g, 3, Fastnet Rock {Aus})--Kahyasi Moll {Ire}, by Brief Truce) recovered from a scrappy getaway and employed patient tactics under wraps off the pace in sixth for most of this

belated debut. Making rapid headway under coaxing in the straight, the 20-1 chance quickened smartly to gain a narrow advantage passing the quarter-mile marker and was driven out in the latter stages to outpoint Zanahiyr (Ire) (Nathaniel {Ire}) by an ultimately comfortable 1 1/4 lengths. “He stays the trip well, he handled the soft ground today and I was impressed by him,” said rider Shane Crosse. “I was a little bit surprised, but he has been showing okay in his work and has done it well today. He doesn’t really set the world alight at home so there was the question of what he was going to do when he got to the racetrack, but it seems to have brought out the best in him. We kind of got into gear early and it slowed down the whole way down the back. I wasn’t travelling overly great so it gave my lad just a chance to get into a rhythm. Once I got him out into the clear in the straight, and got a smack into him and grabbed him up, he was good. I don’t see why he has to go any further than that. He showed plenty of boot there when I was at the brow of the hill and I could see a mile-and-a-half or a mile-and-five again no worries.” The February-foaled bay, the latest of 11 living foals and fifth winner for his dam, is a half-brother to G1 Gamely S. heroine Belle Royale (Ire) (Val Royal {Fr}). His family features MG1SW sires Daylami (Ire) (Doyoun {Ire}) and Dalakhani (Ire) (Darshaan {GB}) and G1 Dubai Sheema Classic heroine Dolniya (Fr) (Azamour {Ire}). Sales history: 60,000gns Ylg ‘18 TAOCT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$9,460.

1ST-TIME STARTER. O-D L O’Byrne; B-Paget Bloodstock (IRE); T-Joseph O’Brien.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Illetas (Ire), c, 3, Power (GB)--Holy Matrimony (Ire), by Holy Roman Emperor (Ire). Navan, 6-23, 5fT, 1:04.19. B-Adrian Taylor (IRE).

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TOO DARN HOT: DESTINED FOR GREATNESS



Too Darn Hot | *Racing Post*

By *Melissa Steele*

We continue our first-season sire profiles with Darley Australia's **Too Darn Hot (GB)**, who will stand at the farm's Kelvinside base. The son of Dubawi (Ire) is from the Group 1-winning and producing mare Dar Re Mi (GB) (Singspiel {Ire}). Too Darn Hot lived up to his blue blood with victories in both the G1 Sussex S. and G1 Prix Jean Prat.

Some Thoroughbreds are born great and others achieve greatness, but it is the potent combination of both that most stallion-masters strive for. There's no disputing that Too Darn Hot was born great. Not only is he by Darley's supersire Dubawi but also out of Watership Down's exceptional Group 1-winning and producing mare Dar Re Mi.

Crucially, though, he was able to back up those blue bloodlines on the racecourse by achieving greatness and well-equipped with both race record and pedigree he retired to stud in 2020 as one of the hottest tickets in town.

The good news for Australian breeders is that they too can get in on the action. Too Darn Hot is on his way to Darley's Kelvinside Stud where he'll stand for an opening fee of \$44,000 inc GST, but for those unfamiliar with the young sire, here's a recap of the racing career that left the UK front pages sizzling with headlines of "Hot Hot Hot!"

There was a bit of theatre about the horse even before he got to the racecourse. Too Darn Hot is owned by musical maestro and his wife, Lord and Lady Lloyd-Webber; a name you might associate more closely with Cats than horses. The Lloyd-Webbers, however, own the hugely successful Watership Down Stud where, ordinarily, they sell all of the colts and keep their pick of the fillies.

In what turned out to be an extraordinary stroke of good fortune, a minor issue for their Dubawi colt out of Dar Re Mi as a yearling in 2017 meant that he never made it to the sales and they kept him on to race. If his breeding alone was not enough to live up to, the name Too Darn Hot--long-reserved by the Lloyd-Webbers and a favourite song from the musical 'Kiss Me Kate'--was another burden to carry.

It was nothing to the horse though who, under John Gosden's training and Frankie Dettori's steering, burst onto the scene in early August 2018 and won his maiden over a mile at Sandown by a blistering 7l. He was simply too darn good for his rivals as a 2-year-old and made his way up the grades, never starting at less than even money.

Next up was a return to Sandown for the G3 Solario S. over seven furlongs which he won by 4l and it was onto the G2 Champagne S. at Doncaster where he left the following season's G1 Irish 2000 Guineas winner, Phoenix Of Spain (Ire) (Lope De Vega {Ire}), in his wake.

The G1 Dewhurst S. was set to be the biggest test for Too Darn Hot so far. It is run over seven furlongs at Newmarket and usually serves to be the best indicator of Classic credentials for the following year. It was another race that he made light work of, so much so that Dettori was already into full celebration mode with 50 yards left to run. His rivals were no walkovers either, the race threw up the 2019 G1 Epsom Derby winner Anthony Van Dyck (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), as well as, the 2019 G1 Commonwealth Cup winner, Advertise (GB) (Showcasing {GB}).

In explanation of his early elation, Dettori was emphatic after the race. "I celebrated because I was going so fast and thought there was no way anyone could get near him," Dettori said. "I love him. It's the first time Too Darn Hot has been challenged, the first three races were non-events. He's learnt a lot. He's an amazing horse. Now we can dream for next year, he's done everything we've asked him to."

They were sentiments backed-up by Gosden, who said, "He's blessed with an awful lot of speed and it would be lovely to come back here for the Guineas."

“His mother got a mile-and-a-half and his father was a phenomenal miler and, at this stage, he seems to be taking more after his father.”

The Lloyd-Webbers, who set up Watership Down Stud in 1992, were understandably on a high after the race. “He seems to have this amazing change of gear that when he’s asked, he just seems to go for it—god I wish some of my performers did that,” said Andrew. “Joking apart, he’s one of these extraordinary things. Madeleine never keeps the colts but he had a minor issue as a yearling so we never sold him and no-one knew if he would get remotely near a racecourse.”

Theatrics for the Lloyd-Webbers

It turned out to be a huge week for the Lloyd-Webbers. Theatrics created by Too Darn Hot in the Dewhurst S. had also been provided by his full brother in the Tattersalls sales ring just three days earlier. The 2018 Dubawi yearling out of Dar Re Mi was always going to turn a few heads but he did far more than that when knocked down to David Redvers on behalf of Qatar Racing for 3.5 million gns (AU\$6,982,500).

It was a significant outlay for any yearling but a price that

seemed justified, particularly after Too Darn Hot won the G1 Dewhurst S., crowning himself as Champion 2-Year-Old in the process and earning an official rating on a par with Frankel’s (GB) at that stage in his career of 126.

The regally bred son of Dubawi was a warm favourite for the G1 2000 Guineas over the winter and much like his equal on ratings, Frankel, the plan was to head to the G3 Greenham S. in April first. Unfortunately, a training set back meant that he didn’t make either and the plan became slightly muddled.

It was decided that Too Darn Hot would be aimed towards the G1 Epsom Derby, however, a preparatory race in the G2 Dante S. at York over 10 furlongs proved that, despite his best efforts, he didn’t stay.

“He’s blessed with natural speed so we’re going back to a mile,” Dettori said.

In an attempt to notch up a Classic victory, the G1 Irish 2000 Guineas was hastily put on the agenda but just nine days later, it arguably came too soon and Too Darn Hot had to settle again for the runner-up spot. Next up was Royal Ascot for the G1 St James’s Palace S. where he was a gallant third to subsequent three-time Group 1 winner Circus Maximus (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) but still lacking some of the pizzazz we had witnessed at two.



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Back to His Brilliant Best

Dropped back to seven furlongs in the G1 Prix Jean Prat in early July, Too Darn Hot was back to his brilliant best and landed the spoils by an easy 3l.

Lamenting himself for his race planning earlier in the year, Gosden said after the win, “It is very clear that we have not been clever with Too Darn Hot this season. He's very fast, he proved that as a 2-year-old, and so coming back to seven furlongs was ideal but he could still get an easy mile. He was Champion 2-Year-Old running over seven and now we'll play to his strengths rather than playing to his weaknesses. I should probably be running him in the July Cup next week!”

But it was onto Glorious Goodwood and in the G1 Sussex S., run over a mile against older horses, where Too Darn Hot proved once and for all that he had lost none of the spark he had displayed as a 2-year-old. His performance in the G1 Prix Jean Prat was impressive but a victory in the G1 Sussex S. was the real coming of age.

His speed was plain to see that day, not least to the trainer. “We'll look at mile races but I wouldn't be afraid of running him on Champions Day in the Sprint. What caught him out earlier in the season was the stiff mile at The Curragh and the round mile at Ascot which rises a long way. He's an out and out

speed horse--he was Champion 2-Year-Old and is all speed.

“Being honest, we got it completely wrong running in the Dante--that's just not the horse's trip. Then we rushed him back nine days later in Ireland which was stupid.

“The horse has fortunately overcome both his manager and his trainer. He proved that being Champion 2-year-old was no fluke and it's great to come here and win an all age race like the Sussex.”

It is likely to have been with a huge sigh of relief that connections watched Too Darn Hot win the G1 Sussex S. and return to the upper-echelons where he belonged. But no sooner was he back then he was gone again. His stunning display at Goodwood came at a cost and resulted in a leg injury that ended his career on the racecourse.

It was announced soon after that Too Darn Hot would retire to Dalham Hall Stud in Newmarket, where a deal had been struck between Darley and the Lloyd-Webbers.

Too Darn Hot has all the attributes to make it as a stallion; the looks, the speed, the talent and, not to mention, the pedigree. Dubawi has also proved himself to be a sire of sires, in particular with fellow Darley associate Night Of Thunder (Ire) who was leading first-season sire in Europe in 2019 and from just a small crop of 58 in Australia, has had eight winners from 12 runners on the last time of counting.

Night Of Thunder unfortunately will not be making the trip Down Under this season, but in Too Darn Hot, Darley provide a very exciting alternative and if his progeny inherit even half of his class, they'll be well worth having in your stable.

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