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by Chris McGrath

Last year, an ongoing bull run in the North American bloodstock market carried the juvenile sector to a historic breakthrough. For the first time, aggregate turnover broke the \$200-million barrier. The momentum felt so giddy that the next milestone, with the mean cost of a 2-year-old standing at \$95,807, promised to be a six-figure average.

No market, of course, can sustain perennial growth. Capitalism requires recession to regenerate value. While these cycles will ideally be mild, this particular market is always especially exposed to any incipient weakness. Very often, it trades in animals that have already had to generate a profit for two sets of speculators: a commercial breeder, and a weanling-to-yearling pinhooker. With the raw materials becoming ever more expensive, then, the stakes for this third group had been rising precariously. Their record gross last year had been fed by a yearling market, in 2018, averaging nearly 30% more than had been the case only two years before.

And then, out of nowhere, the whole apparatus of the global economy was broadsided by COVID-19.

If these are indeed unprecedented times, at least in the postwar era, then there's limited point in historic comparisons.

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CHRISTOPHE CLEMENT JOINS TDN WRITERS' ROOM

There was no hotter trainer on the grounds through opening weekend at Saratoga than Christophe Clement, which is saying something considering the array of champion and Hall of Fame conditioners that occupy the backstretch of America's premier race meet. After winning five races from 13 starters in the first four days of the stand, including a pair of graded stakes victories, Clement joined the TDN Writers' Room **presented by Keeneland** to discuss his hot start.

Calling in via Zoom as the **Green Group Guest of the Week**, the French-born trainer also touched on the increased competition for imports from Europe, summer and fall plans for his leading 3-year-old turfers and how his stable bounced back from tragedy earlier in the year. **Cont. p6**

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Rosbrian Farm's Optimus Prime (Fr) (Deportivo {GB}), pictured getting a kiss from Eve Ledyard following a victory in 2018's GI New York Turf Writers Cup H., faces eight in Thursday's GI A. P. Smithwick Memorial Steeplechase H. at Saratoga. See the North American Racing section for more. | Sarah Andrew

BROWN'S SUCCESS A CONSTANT AT SARATOGA

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Mike Kane catches up with Chad Brown, who talks about his early success at the Saratoga meet and how he's been affected by having no spectators at the track.

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Juvenile Market Crash Not the Full Picture cont. from p1

But for what it's worth, when the hammer came down on Hip 1114 at OBS last week, business for North American juveniles in 2020 was completed at \$125,956,800, a drop of \$77,374,900 or 38%; with the average down 24% to \$72,389.

But never mind "comparing apples and pears." This is like being trying to make sense of eviction from the most fertile and succulent orchard of Calvados, to harvest a few twisted, diseased stumps in a city backyard instead. The panic infecting vendors in the spring, as the Wall Street elevator went into nauseous reverse, was such that most would probably settle for maintaining three-quarters of the 2019 average as a pretty tolerable outcome.

The pandemic hit just as consignors were bringing their horses to a peak. OBS tottered bravely through its March Sale, but Fasig-Tipton called off its glamorous auction at Gulfstream; and Keeneland followed suit with its April catalog. By the time the sales companies had regrouped--improvising a summer market, deep into a curtailed juvenile program on the racetrack--many pragmatists had already staunched the flow by private deals with trusted clients.

So the most fundamental barrier to any coherent year-on-year comparison is the unknown volume of business conducted away from the sales ring. There was a 6.9% drop in the animals that even made a catalog, from 3,924 to 3,652. But there was also a significant rise among those who were entered for a sale but then scratched.



Quality Road-False Impression colt brings \$1.25 million at OBS Spring | Photos by Z

Even during the runaway bull run, of course, trade was ruthlessly predicated on a) a fast time and b) passing the vet. In the last two years, this endemic risk aversion had maintained catalog withdrawals at almost precisely 30%. **Cont. p4**



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This time, outs amounted to 37.45%. The net decline in the public market, then, amounted to 16.6%: 2,284 entering the ring, down from 2,740.

Among those that did so, moreover, only limited consolation can be drawn from a clearance rate that superficially held up very well—just a fraction down, at 76.18%, on 77.4% last year. For one thing, stable demand in a reduced pool equates to reduced demand. But the goalposts had also been moved so far that many vendors felt obliged to write off a project altogether; to cut losses by taking whatever was on offer. Their priority will simply have been to ride out this juddering bump in the road, and salvage enough capital to turn the overall slump to their advantage when, lean and mean, they open the next pinhooking cycle at the yearling sales.

Only four stallions made a seven-figure sale, compared with eight last year. Two of these were established heavy hitters, Quality Road and Uncle Mo; whereas the other pair, Not This Time and Speightster, were making headlines with their first crop.

Unmistakably, Not This Time was the market's breakout achiever. He not only sold the most expensive 2-year-old of the year, a \$1.35 million filly at the OBS "Spring" Sale, but maintained a \$80,000 median and \$175,216 average off a \$15,000 opening fee.

As ever, stallions are grossly flattered by the exclusion of RNAs from their averages: rewarded, in effect, for failing to find a home for their weakest offerings. So a couple that deserve a mention for quiet, consistent merit this year are Flatter, who sold all but one of his 10 into the ring, for a \$208,333 average and \$170,000 median (crop foaled at \$35,000); and Tapizar, who moved on six of seven at a \$152,916 average and \$100,000 median (\$15,000 fee). Flatter's dividends were broadly on a par with those he registered with this crop as yearlings (\$198,088 average, \$140,000 median); but Tapizar's yearlings in 2019 traded at an average of \$46,979 and a median of just \$25,000.

That's pinhooking gold.

But stallion performance, overall, is another area plainly distorted by all those private sales. Last year, for instance, Into Mischief sent 56 juveniles into the ring; Uncle Mo, 40; and American Pharoah, 37. This time round, these commercial big guns were respectively represented by 35, 14 and 21. On that basis, it seems safe to assume that a lot of the cream was skimmed off the farms around Ocala.

It will, no doubt, be a long way home. As the bull run kept up its breathless tempo, we often cautioned how the therapies employed after the 2008 financial crisis had been greedily maintained beyond the recovery. If nobody could have planned for the form taken by the next shock, then everyone knew that the system was being wilfully exposed. **Cont. p5**



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Painkillers were now being prescribed as recreational drugs. Sure enough, governments everywhere now find themselves with no choice but to make huge and perilous surgical interventions.

Another point worth brief reiteration: the wider recovery after 2008 was slow to percolate into the bloodstock market. Having lost 33.8% in 2008, the Dow Jones rebounded 18.8% the following year. It was a similar story with GDP: the entire 2.5% loss of 2009 was restored the following year.

North American bloodstock, in contrast, made consecutive losses between 2008 and 2010 of 21.2, 32.2 and 6.5%; and had to wait until 2013 to get back on an even keel.



Into Mischief | Sarah Andrew

And it's hard to resist the sense that the environment, this time around, is much more hazardous. We've spent a decade pumping liquidity steroids into the global economy. The most affluent have had their gains topped up by tax breaks and deregulation. And, all round the world, these divisive economics have been "secured" by electoral populism. Those don't look terribly solid foundations for the massive reconstruction required ahead.

On the other hand, we have to keep the faith. The best harvests tend to be sown than when a field has been most thoroughly harrowed. Returning to this specific market, you have to feel sorry for anyone who launched a business in the

2019-20 yearling-juvenile cycle. But history tells us that each "bust" invariably contains the seeds of the next "boom." For anyone with the resources, audacity and skill to play a long game, this is the perfect moment to go into business.

SIREs WITH \$1-MILLION 2YOS IN 2020

Sire-Dam	Price	Sale
Not This Time -Sheza Smoke Show (f)	\$1.35m	OBS Spring
Quality Road -False Impression (c)	\$1.25m	OBS Spring
Speightster -Auspicious (c)	\$1.1m	OBS Spring
Uncle Mo -Miss Ocean City (c)	\$1.1m	F-T Midlantic

It's a more obviously propitious moment, of course, for those on the other side of the fence: the buyers. Trainers who have clung to viability will have picked up oven-ready runners at a bargain rate this spring. For bloodstock investors, equally, now is the time to find that stallion's page; that foundation mare. And not just because prices are down. One of the latent dynamics of recession is that the guys who come out the other side will tend to be those with a worthwhile product. It's the survival of the fittest. And those who have established their class through thick and thin, by reliably identifying and drawing out potential in a young Thoroughbred, won't complain if they lose a few competitors who have simply jumped into their slipstream, during the boom years, thinking that the game is easy.

Who knows? Perhaps this crisis can even become a cue for everyone to be a little more grown-up about the stopwatch. Remember that the sector has matured, first and foremost, through the consummate horsemanship of consignors--many of whom feel increasingly uncomfortable about the commercial imperative of the "bullet" breeze. They are under ever more pressure to light a dangerous fuse in an animal that will never run so fast again. So if we lose a few who simply train young horses to sprint for 10 seconds flat, maybe that would be no bad thing.

Presumably the yearling market is about to endure similar travails, if not worse.

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North American 2YO Sales, 2015-2020

Year	catalogued	out	% out to cat	ring	sold	% sold to ring	gross	average
2020	3652	1368	37.45	2284	1740	76.18	\$ 125,956,800	\$ 72,389
2019	3924	1184	30.17	2740	2121	77.4	\$ 203,206,700	\$ 95,807
2018	3909	1168	29.87	2741	2113	77.08	\$ 187,023,200	\$ 88,510
2017	3775	1241	32.87	2534	2026	79.95	\$ 195,244,000	\$ 96,369
2016	4236	1243	29.34	2992	2227	74.43	\$ 175,841,800	\$ 78,959
2015	4172	1188	28.47	2984	2269	76.03	\$ 188,123,800	\$ 82,910

Top Sires of 2020 2-Year-Olds-In-Training

by cumulative average price for stallions standing in North America

Rank	Name	Loc	2017 Fee	Ring	Sold	Avg	Median
1	War Front	KY	\$250,000	2	1	\$335,000	\$335,000
2	Quality Road	KY	\$35,000	15	8	\$316,500	\$210,000
3	Medaglia d'Oro	KY	\$150,000	9	6	\$247,500	\$265,000
4	Empire Maker	KY	\$85,000	14	12	\$219,480	\$167,500
5	American Pharoah	KY	Private	21	17	\$212,592	\$190,000
6	Uncle Mo	KY	\$150,000	14	9	\$211,444	\$57,000
7	Flatter	KY	\$35,000	10	9	\$208,333	\$170,000
8	Candy Ride (Arg)	KY	\$60,000	20	13	\$199,000	\$80,000
9	Bernardini	KY	\$100,000	10	7	\$198,901	\$97,810
10	Curlin	KY	\$150,000	10	5	\$183,000	\$110,000

Top Freshman Sires of 2020 2-Year-Olds-In-Training

by cumulative average price for stallions standing in North America

Rank	Name	Loc	2017 Fee	Ring	Sold	Avg	Median
1	Not This Time	KY	\$15,000	47	37	\$175,216	\$80,000
2	Runhappy	KY	\$25,000	17	13	\$128,692	\$57,000
3	Frosted	KY	\$50,000	34	30	\$110,766	\$97,500
4	Nyquist	KY	\$40,000	17	6	\$107,500	\$107,500
5	Upstart	KY	\$10,000	33	25	\$104,400	\$45,000
6	Speightster	KY	\$10,000	53	38	\$91,815	\$58,500
7	Air Force Blue	KY	\$25,000	24	22	\$87,022	\$29,500
8	Tamarkuz	KY	\$12,500	3	3	\$81,666	\$70,000
9	Firing Line	KY	\$5,000	9	7	\$81,123	\$52,000
10	California Chrome	KY	\$40,000	29	25	\$75,180	\$35,000

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Whereas the juvenile sector measures the appetite for immediate action, the rest of the sales calendar opens more patient cycles. But "correction," across the board, is not just about inflated values. Maybe vendors, forced to think about what their brand should represent in the longer term, might actually realize that their own interests--like those of the breed itself--are better served by horses that can run; and not just horses that can sell.

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Christophe Clement On TDN Writers' Room cont. from p1



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Asked about hitting the ground running following the coronavirus-forced interruption of racing in New York, Clement said, "The pandemic has been a challenge regarding the workforce and the organization of the barn, but I think we're very lucky in New York. NYRA and Martin Panza did a great job and we're just lucky to race here. It's probably more challenging for the people who only have one string, but we're lucky because we do have a string in Saratoga before the meet. That makes it much easier."

In addition to capturing the GII Hall of Fame S. and GII Lake Placid S. last weekend at the Spa, Clement also unveiled a 'TDN Rising Star' with **Momos** (Distorted Humor) romping in the first 2-year-old race of the meet.

"I've got a very good group of 2-year-olds this year," Clement said. "Momos is all about speed. He's built like a very fast horse. He's not big, but he's very well balanced. My only instruction to [Manny] Franco was, 'We know the horse is very fast, don't make it too complicated.' He gave a very good ride and he was always in control. That's pretty exciting."

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Clement's operation is likely a sentimental favorite for many in the industry this year after dealing with the devastation of losing 10 horses in a trailer fire on the New Jersey Turnpike **last month**. Speaking candidly about how to cope with that kind of loss, Clement said simply, you can't.

"I don't think you cope with that," he said. "That phone call, I think it was 3:45 or 4:00 in the morning from the state trooper, it's the worst of the worst. I'm lucky in a way because I train for amazing owners, so in a way they made it easy on me. But no, nobody can cope with that. That's the worst."

Elsewhere on the show, the writers gave their takeaways from the rest of the weekend's big racing including the GI Haskell S., discussed the temporary closure of Del Mar and the increasing unlikelihood of fans in the stands for the GI Kentucky Derby. Then, in the **West Point Thoroughbreds** news segment, they used the return of **Maximum Security** (New Year's Day) as an opportunity to look back on whether anything has changed with racing's drug problems in the four-plus months since the bombshell FBI indictments. [Click here to listen to the podcast](#) and [click here to watch it on Vimeo](#).

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BROWN'S SUCCESS A CONSTANT AT UNORTHODOX SARATOGA MEET

by Mike Kane

SARATOGA SPRINGS, NY--While most everything looks and feels different at spectator-less Saratoga Race Course this summer, trainer Chad Brown has maintained standard form. Brown has won three of the last four meet training titles--in 2019 by a whopping 20 victories over Todd Pletcher--and led the standings through the first four days of the 40-day season.

It is pretty much standard Saratoga stuff for Brown, 41, who grew up about 17 miles away in the small city of Mechanicville and was schooled in the sport at the historic track. Brown won with six of his first 16 starters this meet and his in-the-money figure was a eye-catching 81%. Three of the wins came in stakes, starting with Country Grammer's score in the GIII Peter Pan S. on opening day. Country Grammer is headed to the Aug. 8 GI Runhappy Travers S., a race that Brown has often said is more important to him than the GI Kentucky Derby.

After completing an interview and heading toward the Oklahoma training track to watch a set of his horses train Wednesday morning, Brown laughed, threw his arms into the air and said, "What if I win the Travers and nobody is here? I might have to retire."

Brown is a long, long way from calling it a career. He is the three-time defending Eclipse Award winner as outstanding trainer and picked up his 100th career Grade I victory in June. At Saratoga, where he won with his very first starter in 2008, he has 329 victories.

Saturday, he sends out 2018 female turf champion **Sistercharlie (Ire)** (Myboycharlie {Ire}) in the GII Ballston Spa S. It will be the first start for Peter Brant's 6-year-old mare since she finished third as the 4-5 favorite in the GI Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf in November at Santa Anita.

"She's just a special horse," he said. "We have a great team working with her. She's a very special individual talent. She shows up whenever we run her, particularly off a layoff and at all different distances. We're excited to get her back racing."

Since she was imported in 2017, Sistercharlie has won seven Grade I races in 10 starts for Brown and has never been worse than third.

"She's not a difficult horse to train," he said. "She's very straightforward. She's all class. We're not doing anything miraculous with her. We set the proper schedule for her and she goes ahead and she does what you ask her to do." **Cont. p8**



Chad Brown | Mike Kane



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With his deep personal connection to the region, Brown understands the impact of the rules put on place during the COVID-19 pandemic that have kept the popular track eerily quiet. He started a program on his Twitter account to give away some of his branded merchandise. The challenge for opening weekend was to correctly select the stable's total of winners. A drawing was held to determine which one of the 44 people who guessed six would receive the prize.

"I feel really bad for the local fans," Brown said. "Not only my family and friends, but people I don't know who might yell at me at the races. To be up here prior to the meet and seeing different fans outside the gate trying to watch training when you are pulling in and out of the gate is really something to see.

"It really shows you how much this meet and horse racing in general means to the community. It really means something to me to see that. It's what got me into the sport as a local fan growing up here and wanting to get into the sport. I see people of all ages outside the gate during training. I wish I could do more. Giving away some hats and masks is a small thing to do, but I am thinking of different ways to try keep people's interest in what we are doing here. I hope everybody still follows the meet closely. Even if, unfortunately, they are not allowed to come in the entire meet--and I hope that's not the case--that everyone is back here next year in the same numbers and people don't lose interest in the sport or this meet in particular with the year off. "

Brown said the stable gear was ordered for his 250 employees then he decided it would be nice to spread some of it around through social media.

"It's not hard for us to do it," he said. "Obviously, we are very busy, but we're trying to sort of recognize the individuals that I am speaking about, who are either outside the gate here or who can't come to Saratoga but are still watching religiously from afar and are following our meet and the sport. We're going to try and do it, but we're also running the meeting. But we're trying. "

Brown said he is pleased with how his stable got rolling early at the Spa.

"I think that is always important, particularly for this meet," he said. "For any meet, or any major weekend of racing when you have a lot of starters, if you can get off to a good start it puts everybody in a very focused, composed manner to continue to execute their jobs."

Despite his success at Saratoga, Brown said that he doesn't take anything for granted and maintains a business-as-usual philosophy.

"We're taking the same approach that we always have here: day to day and week to week," he said. "We have nice horses each week coming up to run in all types of different spots. My

team, so far, is doing what they have been doing for a long time, executing our plan."

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OPEN LETTER TO THE INDUSTRY

OPEN LETTER TO THE INDUSTRY: BENTLEY COMBS



Bentley Combs | *Holly Smith*

by Bentley Combs

Last week I was disheartened to read the Maryland horsemen had relented to outside pressure to hold 2-year-old racing without Lasix. However, I saw a silver lining in the mentioning of a possible three-year study. No matter what side of the debate you fall on, we can all agree that the race-day administration of Lasix might be the most divisive issue in an industry full of divides.

In the back and forth debate over Lasix and its need, I have heard differing numbers. I have heard anti-Lasix people say between five and 10% of horses experience Exercise Induced Pulmonary Hemorrhaging (EIPH), commonly known as bleeding. On the pro-Lasix side, I've heard over 50%. This three-year study gives us the chance to answer that debate.

We have decades of anecdotal evidence through experience at the track and through studies such as the South African study partially funded by the Grayson Jockey Club Research Foundation. That landmark study demonstrated the effectiveness of Lasix and, also importantly, showed no harm with its usage. Knowing this, the prevalence of EIPH should be the deciding factor in the administration of race-day Lasix.

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What if we had a large comprehensive study answering the question of prevalence of EIPH under real-world racing conditions in horses running in the United States that have not been administered Lasix on race day?

Vital to truly understanding the extent of EIPH, we must determine the numbers of horses who might not bleed through the nostrils, to where it can be observed by the naked eye, but who experience blood in the airways that is detected only by endoscopic exam. Whether visible or not, bleeding is damaging to a horse and often is progressive.

Not having the expertise to come up with the conceptual framework of a peer-reviewed study, this just seems like the most common-sense approach to me: We scope all 2-year-olds that run in a race in Maryland for the next three years. Scope them all 45 minutes to an hour post race. This would be for the simple binary ruling of 'yes' or 'no'. Other things will need to be recorded as well such as sex, surface, distance, weather conditions and track conditions as these things could be contributing factors.

Certainly any such study will face hurdles, including owners and trainers objecting to participation for fear of their horses being put on some sort of bleeder list. Submitting to the study would be a condition of entry. Also people's minds can be put to rest with the condition of anonymity for the horse. The only purpose for identifying the horse post race is to confirm that the horse was in fact one that ran in that race.

Also: who will do the scoping and who will pay for this study? I think it should be the veterinarians currently working at Maryland tracks doing the endoscopic exams. Vets aren't going to scope horses for free, so who will pay for the scoping and compiling of the data? This might be pie in the sky, but I think every industry stakeholder should make an effort to chip in for such a study because it benefits everybody and most of all our horses. This issue of prevalence of EIPH brings us to a new starting point in a conversation over Lasix based in science.

I think any owner, trainer, breeder or stakeholder who is genuinely curious and willing to learn would contribute. Such a study would give the world as a whole a chance to learn and grow.

So many decisions in this industry seem to be emotionally based. A study like this gives the industry a chance to base policy-making on Lasix on science rather than emotion.

Given the importance of such a study, the industry shouldn't limit the scope to just Maryland. Every racing jurisdiction that has adopted a no-Lasix policy for 2-year-old racing--whether by regulatory authority or utilizing a track's "house rules"--should launch a parallel project.

I sincerely hope the anti-Lasix camp with their numbers of between five and 10% are correct. Given my own experiences, I

don't believe the anti-Lasix camp's numbers to be accurate (or they're only counting horses who visibly bleed), but I don't know for sure. A study like this would give us a clear view moving forward in our policy-making rather than the emotionally blinded view it seems we've been using thus far.

Kentucky-based Bentley Combs began training horses in late 2017 after serving as assistant trainer to Dallas Stewart. The Lexington product graduated from the University of Louisville's Equine Industry Program in the College of Business and received an MBA from the University of Mississippi.

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A SPOTLIGHT ON STRESS IN THE ERA OF COVID



Working in racing has always been a stressful occupation; a roller-coaster of emotions, triumphs and tragedies, long hours and travel. Add a global pandemic and unprecedented economic worry, with many participants fearing for their health, livelihoods and businesses, and the stress can become almost overwhelming. It's the sort of topic many people don't like to talk about, but we asked several industry participants to open about what particular stresses they were feeling during these very concerning times, and how they were dealing with them. We open up with a remarkable letter that National HBPA CEO Eric Hamelback has sent to his membership.

ERIC HAMELBACK, CEO of the National HBPA

To say this year has been rough would certainly be the understatement of 2020 (so far). What we have all experienced personally and as an industry can undoubtedly be defined by one of the more commonly used words this year--unprecedented. We have seen events canceled amid health concerns even while implementing social distancing guidelines, experienced resource insecurity and much more.

All of that combined can affect our mental health and well-being. I feel that the topic of mental health, in particular, is not being discussed as much as it should be. **Cont. p10**

With the issues our industry has had this year, we should all pay more attention to mental stress, which continues to burden many within our industry as well as those around us. Many of you reading this may not know that May was Mental Health Awareness Month. But we can still let it serve as a reminder to us all that self-care is critically important in addressing the stresses and disappointments stemming not only from the COVID-19 pandemic but also those being felt in our industry.



National HBPA CEO Eric Hamelback | Stu Kirshenbaum

Rarely would I make my CEO letter personal, but this letter will be just that—personal. Stress on one's mental health can affect us all, including you and me. Within the racing and breeding industry, I know mental health conditions can affect trainers, assistants, farm managers, jockeys, grooms and hot walkers, who all work in high-pressure environments. The lack of conversation about the subject can lead to crippling anxiety and depression, and in some extreme circumstances, it can lead to suicide. The suicide rates within the horse racing industry and within agriculture as a whole are alarming.

This topic strikes me to the core and has significantly affected me as well as my family. I know because I have experienced these conditions. This letter, while personal in nature, is meant to strike a chord in everyone, and I urge you to please take the effort to look around and help when help is needed. Many of you know my history, and I am able to talk at length about my fight with anxiety and severe depression, which I dealt with while under the extreme pressure of working for two major operations in the industry.

I read a post on Facebook recently from a friend who shared the thoughts of someone who posted their personal struggles with mental stress, and seeing this post inspired me to openly discuss this topic in my CEO letter. This very private post forced me to recall times in my life and in my career when the mental

burdens of my positions became almost unsurmountable. I learned how much stress can take a toll on your physical and mental health, and I recognized I needed help. Unfortunately, many do not. Now, I understand how important it is to give assistance to those in need, and it is just as important for those of us suffering from stress to recognize the problem and then reach out for support.

The consequences of not getting support are becoming a staggering statistic. According to the National Institute of Mental Health Disorders, each year one in four people suffer from a mental health problem, which is why I hope to become more progressively involved in making sure this topic is more openly discussed and that assistance is made available in our industry. Organizations such as the National HBPA and the Race Track Chaplaincy of America need to put forth better efforts toward mental health recognition, aid in the promotion and adoption of good mental health practices, promote positive public health messages and be a resource to help horsemen find mental health care providers.

The occurrence of stress and mental well-being issues within our industry is indicative of the need for all of us to do a better job of recognizing the signs and offering assistance and support. We should be taking action on the most basic of levels, simply by opening up mental health discussions within our operations. Talking openly to one another about how we are feeling and leaning on one another for support could influence those who need help to take steps in the direction of professional support.

If more and more of us open up about the struggles we have experienced personally, it will lead to others jumping onboard to support those in need or to ask for help. We must eradicate the stigma many have about mental health issues and work harder toward recognition, treatment and recovery.

I ask that you please join me—a survivor—in working toward lowering the disturbing trend that is growing in our culture and in our industry. “Horsemen Helping Horsemen” is the motto of the National HBPA, and that has never been more important than right now. If you need help, don't be afraid to ask. If you think someone else needs help, don't be afraid to offer. We can all make a positive difference in the lives of others in our industry.

Would you like to share your thoughts on stress during this particularly difficult time? Email the TDN's Katie Ritz at katieritz@thetdn.com or Sue Finley at suefinley@thetdn.com.

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WANAMAKER'S JULY CATALOGUE NOW LIVE

After a successful first online auction, Wanamaker's has released its second catalogue, headed by the entry of **Fiya** (Friesan Fire), a 3-year-old gelding who is two-for-two on the year and posted a 98 Beyer Speed Figure and a 9 on the Ragozin Sheets in winning a Laurel allowance July 17. Fiya's 98 Beyer is the second fastest by a 3-year-old on the turf this year.

The catalogue, found on wanamakers.com, also contains yearlings, a 2-year-old racing prospect, racing/broodmare prospects, and broodmares. Prospective buyers may browse the catalogue to view pictures and videos and schedule in-person inspections with sellers. Racehorse entries also contain *DRF* past performances, Ragozin Sheets, and race replays. Buyers must register for an account to be able to bid.

Live bidding will open at 8:00 a.m. ET July 30 and the first listing will close at 5:00 p.m. ET with subsequent listings ending in three-minute increments. Detailed buying information can be found at wanamakers.com/buy.

"Our sellers deserve a tremendous amount of credit for helping us to build a quality and diverse catalogue," said Wanamaker's co-founder Jack Carlino. "I feel that this catalogue displays the advantages afforded by online auctions, whether that be the timing or ability to maximize exposure with significantly less risk financially and to the horse."

Learn more at wanamakers.com.

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TEXAS SUMMER YEARLING SALE CATALOG AVAILABLE; HORA SESSION, ONLINE BIDDING TO BE OFFERED

A catalog of 175 head is now online for the Texas Summer Yearling and Horses of Racing Age Sale, set for Aug. 24 at 12 p.m. CDT at Lone Star Park at Grand Prairie. Sponsored by the Texas Thoroughbred Association and Lone Star Park, the sale will welcome bidders on site with enhanced safety protocols and for the first time will also offer live online bidding for those who cannot attend in person. Online Bidders must be registered at one week before the sale, no later than 12 p.m. Aug. 17.

"We had to cancel our 2-year-old sale due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and we've been working since then to ensure we are able to conduct this sale because of its importance to the region," said Mary Ruyle, executive director of the TTA. "We normally wouldn't have a horses of racing age session at this sale, but we are happy to offer that this year to fill the needs of consignors and buyers. The HORA section is quite impressive."

The sale will kick off with a horses of racing age session, including 2-year-olds in training, and will be followed by a yearling session that includes 151 head. The online catalog and more information are available at www.ttasales.com.

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NYRA TO HOST VIRTUAL DOG ADOPTION SERIES DURING SARATOGA MEET

The New York Racing Association will help connect four-legged friends with their forever homes by hosting a Virtual Dog Adoption Series during the 2020 meet at Saratoga Race Course, which runs through Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 7.

The series will highlight dogs available for adoption in partnership with the Saratoga County Animal Shelter and Greyhound Rescue of New York. NYRA will feature photos and a brief description of each dog with new dogs added as they become available throughout the meet. NYRA will underwrite the paperwork for each adoption up to \$50.

The Virtual Dog Adoption Series will be hosted online at NYRA.com/DogAdoption.

The online series follows the success of last season's inaugural one-day dog adoption clinic at Saratoga Race Course, which resulted in the adoption of four dogs and generated nearly 30 new applications.

"The Saratoga County Animal Shelter is pleased to partner with NYRA on its Virtual Dog Adoption Series," said Saratoga County Animal Shelter Public Relations Coordinator Karlianna Russell. "We are grateful for the opportunity to showcase our adoptable dogs."

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NICHOLS JOINS NTRA ADVANTAGE

Emma Nichols has joined NTRA Advantage, the National Thoroughbred Racing Association's purchasing arm, in the position of Sales Manager while Emily Moylan is moving to the role of Inside Sales Manager, effective August 2020.

A native of Laurinburg, NC, Nichols comes to NTRA Advantage having spent over five years working for the United States Hunter Jumper Association. Prior to joining the USHJA, Nichols used her background in management, sales, and customer service working for US Equestrian. **Cont. p12**

Moylan has been with NTRA Advantage since June 2016, holding the position of Equine Sales Manager. A lifelong equestrian, Moylan competed in the sport horse world throughout college and previously worked for US Equestrian and Tom McCutcheon Reining Horses.

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Date	Race	Track
July 24	GIII Quick Call S.	Saratoga
July 25	GI Alfred. G. Vanderbilt H.	Saratoga
	GII Ballston Spa S.	Saratoga
	GII San Clemente S.	Del Mar
	GIII Selene S.	Woodbine
July 26	GIII Marine S.	Woodbine
	GII Bernard Baruch H.	Saratoga
	GIII Seagram Cup S.	Woodbine
Aug. 1	GI Bing Crosby S. (BC)	Del Mar
	GI Whitney S. (BC)	Saratoga
	GI Personal Ensign S. (BC)	Saratoga
	GI H. Allen Jerkens S., pres. by Runhappy	Saratoga
	GII Bowling Green S.	Saratoga
	GIII Monmouth Oaks	Monmouth
Aug. 2	GI Clement L. Hirsch S. (BC)	Del Mar
Aug. 7	GII Saratoga Special S.	Saratoga
	GII Sorrento S.	Del Mar
Aug. 8	GI Runhappy Travers S.	Saratoga
	GI Ballerina S. (BC)	Saratoga
	GI Longines Test S.	Saratoga

Click [here](#) to access the TDN graded stakes calendar.

REVIEW OF CURRENT INVESTMENT INCENTIVES

1. Three-year Racehorse Depreciation

- Three-year depreciation has been reinstated for all racehorses retroactive to 2018 and through 2020. This schedule allows taxpayers to now depreciate, on a three-year schedule, racehorses 24 months of age and younger when purchased and placed into service, as opposed to the previous seven-year schedule for racehorses of that age.

2. 100% Bonus Depreciation

- 100% bonus depreciation for qualifying horse, farm equipment and farm depreciable asset (land improvements, fencing, barns) purchases through 2022
- Bonus depreciation is phased down by 20% per calendar year in taxable years beginning after 2022

3. Section 179 Expense Deduction

- Expense allowance for horse, farm equipment and depreciable asset (land improvements, fencing, barns) purchases is permanent at \$1.04 million for 2020 (having started at \$1 million and indexed for inflation beginning after December 31, 2018)
- Reduced by one dollar for each dollar of eligible property purchased that exceeds \$2.59 million in 2020 (having started at \$2.5 million and indexed for inflation beginning after December 31, 2018)

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NTRA REPORT FROM CAPITOL HILL

Leading First-Crop Sires

for stallions standing in North America through Tuesday, July 21

Earnings represent worldwide figures, stud fees listed are 2019 fees.

Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	Speightster (2012) by Speightstown FYR: 2018	--	--	--	--	--	--	7	3	60,667	147,341
				Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$10,000						Dreaming of Drew	
2	Not This Time (2014) by Giant's Causeway FYR: 2018	--	1	--	1	--	--	7	3	57,400	107,519
				Stands: Taylor Made Farm KY Fee: \$12,500						Hopeful Princess	
3	Air Force Blue (2013) by War Front FYR: 2018	--	1	--	--	--	--	12	3	27,900	84,204
				Stands: Ashford Stud KY Fee: \$15,000						Beauty Queen	
4	Reload (2009) by Hard Spun FYR: 2018	--	--	--	--	--	--	4	2	55,996	81,325
				Stands: Northern Dawn Stables ON Fee: 3,000						Lion of the Sea	
5	Social Inclusion (2011) by Pioneer of the Nile FYR: 2018	--	--	--	--	--	--	2	2	43,000	71,250
				Stands: Diamond B Farm PA Fee: \$5,000						Social Exclusion	
6	Brody's Cause (2013) by Giant's Causeway FYR: 2018	--	--	--	--	--	--	7	2	31,549	68,314
				Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY Fee: \$7,500						Gospel Way	
7	Exaggerator (2013) by Curlin FYR: 2018	--	--	--	--	--	--	9	2	18,600	64,719
				Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$20,000						Perfect Mistake	
8	Vancouver (Aus) (2012) by Medaglia d'Oro FYR: 2018	--	--	--	--	--	--	10	1	15,800	64,369
				Stands: Ashford Stud USA (Dead/Ret)						Ever Clever Lady	
9	Marking (2012) by Bernardini FYR: 2018	--	1	--	--	--	--	8	2	33,483	55,766
				Stands: A & A Ranch NM Fee: \$3,500						One Mark	
10	Upstart (2012) by Flatter FYR: 2018	--	1	--	--	--	--	8	1	25,490	49,240
				Stands: Airdrie Stud KY Fee: \$10,000						Baytown Bear	
11	Ride On Curlin (2011) by Curlin FYR: 2018	--	--	--	--	--	--	3	1	45,250	48,450
				Stands: Pleasant Acres Stallions FL Fee: \$5,000						Sophisticurl	
12	Outwork (2013) by Uncle Mo FYR: 2018	--	--	--	--	--	--	11	1	39,040	48,267
				Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$15,000						Garoppolo	
13	Texas Red (2012) by Afleet Alex FYR: 2018	--	--	--	--	--	--	8	1	30,000	48,050
				Stands: Crestwood Farm KY Fee: \$10,000						My Girl Red	
14	Tourist (2011) by Tiznow FYR: 2018	--	--	--	--	--	--	9	2	19,350	44,179
				Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$7,500						Indy Tourist	
15	Nyquist (2013) by Uncle Mo FYR: 2018	--	--	--	--	--	--	6	--	20,232	44,083
				Stands: Darley KY Fee: \$40,000						Breakthrough	

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Friday, Saratoga, post time: 5:46 p.m. EDT

QUICK CALL S.-GIII, \$100,000, 3yo, 5 1/2fT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	High Cruise	Bayern	Calumet Farm	Sisterson	Davis	118
2	Jack and Noah (Fr)	Bated Breath (GB)	Gary Barber	Casse	Velazquez	122
3	Flap Jack	Oxbow	Calumet Farm	Sisterson	Gaffalione	120
4	Old Chestnut	Speightstown	Live Oak Plantation	Casse	Alvarado	118
5	Fore Left 🦄	Twirling Candy	Reddam Racing LLC	O'Neill	Ortiz	124
6	Sky of Hook	Tapiture	E.V. Racing Stable	Rodriguez	Ortiz, Jr.	118
7	Power Up Paynter 🦄	Paynter	Winning Move Stable, MyRaceHorse Stable, Sanford Robbins LLC, Rice, Linda & Jaffe, Michael	Rice	Ortiz, Jr.	118
8	Turned Aside	American Pharoah	Paul P. Pompa, Jr.	Rice	Lezcano	118

Breeders: 1-Calumet Farm, 2-Oceanic Bloodstock Inc. & ArianeGravereaux, 3-Calumet Farm, 4-Live Oak Stud, 5-Machmer Hall, 6-EV and NC Corp, 7-James Everatt, Janeane Everatt & ArikaEveratt-Meeuse, et al, 8-Paul P. Pompa

Saturday, Saratoga, post time: 6:16 p.m. EDT

ALFRED G. VANDERBILT H.-GI, \$250,000, 3yo/up, 6f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Lexitonia	Speightstown	Calumet Farm	Sisterson	Gaffalione	118
2	Whitmore	Pleasantly Perfect	LaPenta, Robert V., Moquett, Ron and Head of Plains Partners LLC	Moquett	Rosario	123
3	Firenze Fire	Poseidon's Warrior	Mr. Amore Stable	Breen	Ortiz, Jr.	122
4	Volatile 🦄	Violence	Three Chimneys Farm & Phoenix Thoroughbred III	Asmussen	Santana, Jr.	121
5	Mind Control	Stay Thirsty	Red Oak Stable and Madaket Stables, LLC	Sacco	Velazquez	123

Breeders: 1-Calumet Farm, 2-John Liviakis, 3-Mr Amore Stables, 4-Hill 'n' Dale Equine Holdings, Inc. &Stretch Run Ventures, LLC, 5-Red Oak Stable

Saturday, Saratoga, post time: 2:18 p.m. EDT

BALLSTON SPA S.-GII, \$200,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Call Me Love (GB)	Sea The Stars (Ire)	R Unicorn Stable	Clement	Rosario	122
2	Bramble Queen	Silent Name (Jpn)	Ballybrit Stable, LLC	Dini	Franco	118
3	North Broadway 🦄	Quality Road	Peter M. Brant	Brown	Gaffalione	118
4	Another Broad 🦄	Include	Farfellow Farm, Ltd.	Pletcher	Rider TBA	118
5	Sistercharlie (Ire)	Myboycharlie (Ire)	Peter M. Brant	Brown	Velazquez	122
6	Starship Jubilee 🦄	Indy Wind	Blue Heaven Farm	Attard	Castellano	122

Breeders: 1-Grundy Bloodstock SRL, 2-Ballybrit Stable LLC, 3-Three Chimneys Farm, LLC, 4-Fitzhugh, LLC, 5-Ecurie Des Monceaux, 6-William P. Sorren

Saturday, Del Mar, post time: 9:00 p.m. EDT**SAN CLEMENTE S.-GII, \$150,000, 3yo, f, 1mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	She's So Special 🌿	Hard Spun	Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners	Miller	Prat	120
2	Lazy Daisy 🌿	Paynter	C T R Stables LLC, ERJ Racing, LLC, Great Friends Stable, LLC, MyRacehorse.com, Caroom, Jerry and Mansor, Tom	O'Neill	Franco	118
3	Laura's Light 🌿	Constitution	Gary Barber	Miller	Cedillo	123
4	Over Attracted 🌿	Atreides	Batchelor Family Trust	Gaines	Smith	118
5	Croughavouke (Ire)	Dandy Man (Ire)	Red Baron's Barn LLC and Rancho Temescal LLC	Mullins	Rispoli	118
6	Cheermeister	Bodemeister	Palmer, Teresa and Palmer, David J.	De La Cerda	Espinoza	123
7	Little Bird (Ire)	Free Eagle (Ire)	Next Wave Racing, Baltas, Richard and Robershaw, Ritchie	Baltas	Fuentes	120
8	Mind Out	Tapit	Gainesway Stable, LNJ Foxwoods and Rosen, Andrew	Callaghan	Blanc	118
9	Warren's Showtime	Clubhouse Ride	Warren, Benjamin C. and Sally	Lewis	Velez	123
10	Guitty (Fr)	Dunkerque (Fr)	Benowitz Family Trust, Madaket Stables LLC, Mathiesen, M. and Powell, M.	Powell	Hernandez	118
11	Applecross (Ire)	Sir Prancealot (Ire)	Medallion Racing, Next Wave Racing and McClanahan, Jerry	Baltas	Van Dyke	118

Breeders: 1-Gary & Mary West Stables Inc., 2-John Elder & Paynter Syndicate, 3-Golden Pedigree LLC, 4-Hill 'n' Dale Equine Holdings, Inc., 5-Joe Fogarty, 6-Mike Abraham, 7-Springbank Way Stud, 8-H. Allen Poindexter & Tapit Syndicate, 9-Benjamin C. Warren, 10-Hyperion Sarl, 11-Thomas Cahalan & Sophie Hayley

Saturday, Del Mar, post time: 9:30 p.m. EDT**SAN DIEGO H.-GII, \$150,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Higher Power 🌿	Medaglia d'Oro	Hronis Racing LLC	Sadler	Prat	122
2	Ax Man	Misremembered	Earnhardt III, Patti and Hal J.	Baffert	Smith	118
3	Sharp Samurai 🌿	First Samurai	Red Baron's Barn LLC, Rancho Temescal LLC and Glatt, Mark	Glatt	Velez	119
4	Combatant 🌿	Scat Daddy	Hronis Racing LLC	Sadler	Van Dyke	121
5	Maximum Security	New Year's Day	West, Gary, West, Mary, Magnier, Mrs. John, Tabor, Michael B. and Smith, Derrick	Baffert	Cedillo	127
6	Midcourt 🌿	Midnight Lute	C R K Stable LLC	Shirreffs	Espinoza	122

Breeders: 1-Pin Oak Stud, LLC, 2-Hal J. Earnhardt, 3-Cudney Stables, 4-Paget Bloodstock, 5-Gary & Mary West Stables, Inc., 6-Dixiana Farms LLC

Saturday, Woodbine, post time: 2:03 p.m. EDT**MARINE S.-GIII, C\$125,000, 3yo, 1 1/16m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Lucky Curlin	Curlin	John C. Oxley	Casse	Kimura	117
2	Glorious Tribute 🌿	Congrats	Bruce Lunsford	Minshall	Salles	117
3	Lookinatamiracle 🌿	Lookin At Lucky	Ramon J. Dominguez	Dominguez	Husbands	117
4	Dotted Line	Signature Red	Norseman Racing Stable	Attard	Stein	121
5	Perfect Revenge	I Want Revenge	Braverman, Paul and Pinch, Timothy	Charalambous	Fukumoto	117
6	Untitled	Khozan	Barber, Gary and Sebastian, Michael B.	Casse	Wilson	117
7	Shirl's Speight	Speightstown	Charles E. Fipke	Attfield	Hernandez	117

Breeders: 1-John C. Oxley, 2-Tim Meeuse & Arika Everatt-Meeuse, 3-C. Kidder, N. Cole & Linda Griggs, 4-Howard Walton, 5-David J. Lanzman Racing Inc, 6-Brent Fernung, Crystal Fernung, Mike Sebastian Jr. & Mike Sebastian, 7-Charles Fipke

Saturday, Woodbine, post time: 4:53 p.m. EDT

SELENE S.-GIII, C\$125,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Owlette 🐾	Frac Daddy	Ten Broeck Farm, Inc.	Ward	Contreras	117
2	Saratoga Vision	Court Vision	Alexander P. Patykewich	Patykewich	Husbands	117
3	Livin in the Six	Society's Chairman	Zilli Racing Stables	De Paulo	Stein	117
4	Diamond Sparkles	War Front	Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners and Barber, Gary	Casse	Kimura	117
5	American Tap 🐾	Tapiture	Gary Barber	Casse	Kimura	117
6	Two Sixty	Uncaptured	Gary Barber	Casse	Wilson	121
7	Merveilleux 🐾	Paynter	Ulwelling, Al and Bill	Attard	Hernandez	119

Breeders: 1-Michael C. Byrne, 2-Charles Fipke, 3-Dr. B. Van Are, 4-Premier Bloodstock, 5-Tall Oaks Farm, 6-Shade Tree Thoroughbreds Inc, 7-Mike Carroll



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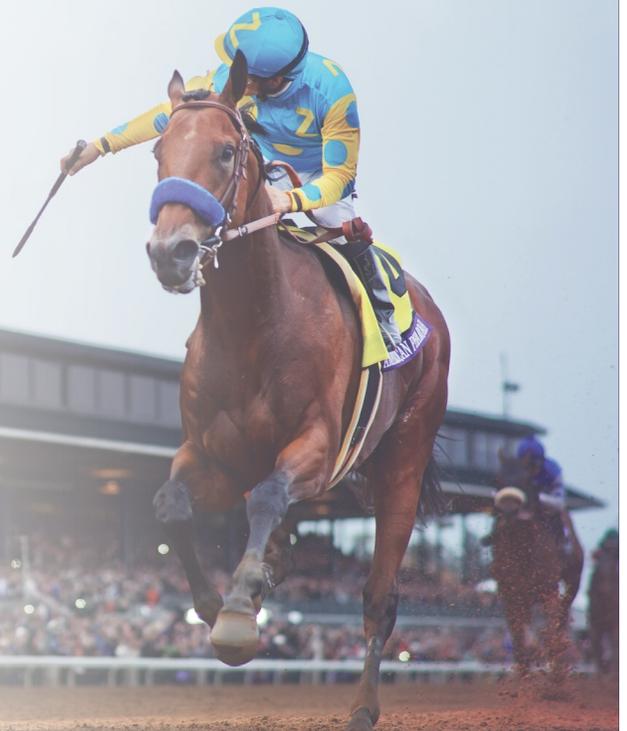
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MOSCATO AIMS FOR SWEET WIN IN A. P. SMITHWICK



Optimus Prime | Sarah Andrew

by Don Clippinger

The spring steeplechase season was compressed by the coronavirus pandemic into 21 races at two June race meets, but it had some sweet moments.

Perhaps none was as satisfying as the GIII Temple Gwathmey Steeplechase H. victory by Bruton Street-US's **Moscato (GB)** (Hernando {Fr}), named after the sweet Italian wine. Moscato will have an opportunity to make his season even sweeter in Saratoga Race Course's GI A. P. Smithwick Memorial Steeplechase H. Thursday.

Second in the weights to Rosbrian Farm's **Optimus Prime (Fr)** (Deportivo {Fr}), 9-year-old Moscato very likely will be favored in the 2 1/16-mile Smithwick off his 11-length victory in the Temple Gwathmey June 13.

The victory was everything that was expected of Moscato since his arrival in leading trainer Jack Fisher's barn in early 2017. Bred by Kirsten Rausing and formerly trained by Oliver Sherwood, Moscato bolted through the novice division with three New York stakes victories and was American jump racing's leading earner going into the fall season.

Fisher and the Bruton Street partners-Maryland neighbors Charles Fenwick Jr., Mike Hankin, and Charles Noell entered Moscato for the GI Grand National, but he was scratched on the eve of the Far Hills, N.J., race with an injury that kept him off the racecourse for all of 2018.

He won his comeback race, the 2019 Temple Gwathmey, but did not return to the winner's circle until his repeat victory last month.

In between, he was unplaced only once, an eighth-place finish in Belmont Park's GI Lonesome Glory H. behind Wendy Hendriks's **Surprising Soul** (Perfect Soul {Ire}), the likely pacesetter in Thursday's Smithwick.

Bruton Street also entered **Pravalaguna (Fr)** (Great Pretender {Ire}), a front-running mare formerly trained by Willie Mullins. Shipped in for last fall's Far Hills meet, she demolished an overmatched group of fillies and mares in the Peapack S.

The 8-year-old has not started since the Peapack. Fisher also entered Riverdee Stable's **Gibralfaro (Ire)** (Dalakhani {Ire}), who found a sweet spot in the International Gold Cup's GII David L. "Zeke" Ferguson Memorial Hurdle S. last October.

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IN ORDER OF PURSE:

LUBASH S., \$79,050, Saratoga, 7-22, (S), 3yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:41.75, fm.

1--**CROSS BORDER, 122, g, 6, English Channel--Empress**

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2--**Rapt, 122, g, 7, Hat Trick (Jpn)--Creek Girl, by Elusive Quality.**

125,000 Ylg '14 SARAUG). O-Marc Keller; B-Twin Creeks Farm (NY); T-Robert Ribaudo. \$17,000.

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3--**Blewitt, 122, h, 6, Uncle Mo--Stopspendingmaria, by Montbrook.** O/B-Repole Stable Inc (NY); T-Todd A. Pletcher. \$10,200.

Margins: 6 1/4, NO, 1 3/4. Odds: 0.30, 7.40, 2.95.

Also Ran: The J Y. Scratched: Dante's Fire, Yankee Division.



Cross Border | *Chelsea Durand*

Cross Border earned his black-type badge with a dominant score against fellow Empire-breds. Away well from his rail draw in this field scratched down to four, the heavy favorite kept tabs on the leaders from third through a half-mile in :48.95. Launching a two-wide bid approaching the far bend, the newly gelded dark bay struck the front in mid-stretch and bounded clear for a decisive victory.

"It looked like Todd [Pletcher]'s horse [Blewitt] and Cross Border were the speed of the race," winning trainer Mike Maker said. "He's done well in the past stalking but on paper he looked like the class. I think his tactical speed helps him, but also being a New York-bred and the conditions he had really helped him last year. Plus, it was a four-horse field here and a drop in class can't hurt."

Runner-up in the GIII William L. McKnight S. Jan. 25, Cross Border filled the same spot in a Belmont optional claimer June 3 and was fifth in the GI Manhattan S. there last time July 4. The winner hails from the family of GSW & GISP sire Central Banker (Speightstown). **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**



IN ORDER OF PURSE:

8th-Saratoga, \$74,000, Alw, 7-22, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:40.51, fm.

COLONEL LIAM (c, 3, [Liam's Map](#)--Amazement, by Bernardini) crossed the line second in his main track debut at Gulfstream Apr. 11, but was promoted to first after the winner was disqualified. Third in the slop in Hallandale May 24, the \$1.2 million OBSAPR topper was given an 8-1 chance in this switch to the lawn. Saving ground in mid-pack through early splits of :23.51 and :47.52, the gray was swung out four a four-wide bid turning for home and kicked it into high gear halfway down the lane to win going away by 2 3/4 lengths. Favored La Hara (Ire) (Dansili {GB}) was the runner-up. The winner has a 2-year-old half-sister named Lovely Dee (Shackleford), who finished second on debut at Delaware July 18; a yearling colt by Tapiture; and a 2020 colt by Arrogate. Their dam was bred back to Copper Bullet. Colonel Liam's second dam is MGISW Wonder Again (Silver Hawk). Sales history: \$50,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP; \$1,200,000 2yo '19 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-1, \$67,790. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O-Lawana L. and Robert E. Low; B-Phillips Racing Partnership (KY); T-Todd A. Pletcher.

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5th-Saratoga, \$64,000, (S), Alw, 7-22, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, 5 1/2ft, 1:02.34, fm.

MAXWELL ESQUIRE (c, 3, [Discreet Cat](#)--Momma's Image, by Marquetry) closed out 2019 with a second-place finish behind GIII Quick Call S. contender Turned Aside (American Pharoah) in an Aqueduct optional claimer Nov. 27 and was third when next seen in a Belmont allowance June 7. Fourth last time in Belmont's Sir Cat S. 12 days later, he was hammered down to even-money favoritism in this test. Cabooing the field through a :22.03 opening quarter, the bay tipped out turning for home and unleashed a powerful rally in the lane to win by two length's over Luna's in Charge (Take Charge Indy). This winner is a half to Memories of Peter (Disco Rico), SP, \$311,368; and to Image of Noon (Disco Rico), MSP, \$200,152. **Cont.**

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Momma's Image also produced a juvenile colt named Flintshire's Rock (Flintshire {GB}); a yearling colt named Treasured Image (Treasure Beach {GB}); and a 2020 colt by Flintshire. Maxwell Esquire hails from a deep Generazio family that includes Grade I winner Discreet Marq (Discreet Cat). Lifetime Record: 7-2-2-1, \$114,120. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**
O/B-Patricia Generazio (NY); T-Christophe Clement.

9th-Saratoga, \$64,000, (S), Alw, 7-22, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8m, 1:52.17, ft.

SINGULAR SENSATION (f, 4, Mineshaft--Saratoga Summer, by Smart Strike) graduated at third asking in an off-the-turf event against state-breds last June and was eighth next out on the grass here in a NY-bred event a month later. A neck second in an Empire-bred test on the local main track in August, she was runner-up in her 2020 bow downstate June 25. Given a 2-1 chance here, the bay traced from second through a :23.48 first quarter and :48.62 half-mile. Ranging up outside the pacesetter turning for home, Singular Sensation edged away in deep stretch to win by 1 1/2 lengths over Sharp Starr (Munnings). The winner is a half to Summersault (Rock Hard Ten), GSW, \$503,443. Saratoga Summer's most recent foal is a yearling filly by Frosted. Lifetime Record: 7-2-2-0, \$105,140. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Parsons, Jr., William and Howe, David S.; B-William Parsons Jr. & David S. Howe (NY); T-Mark A. Hennig.

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5th-Delaware, \$43,595, Alw, 7-22, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m 70y, 1:42.18, ft.

LASTING UNION (f, 3, Union Rags--Happy Vale, by Distorted Humor) finished a well-beaten fourth in her first three attempts at Gulfstream this spring and broke through last time at Laurel June 19. Seizing the early advantage, the 5-2 shot was headed by Annika Gold (Friesan Fire) was the half went up in :48.50. Wrestling control back from her foe, the chestnut sailed clear with ease in the lane to win by 12 lengths. Annika Gold held second. The winner's dam produced a Hard Spun colt this year. Her second dam is MGSW & MGISP Indian Vale (A.P. Indy), daughter of GISW Marley Vale (Forty Niner). Sales history: \$195,000 RNA Ylg '18 FTSAUG; \$190,000 Ylg '18 FTKOCT. Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-0, \$53,870. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Hidden Creek Farm; B-William D. Graham (ON); T-Michael R. Matz.

**IN ORDER OF PURSE:**

7th-Saratoga, \$62,000, (S), Msw, 7-22, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:44.21, fm.

CRESCENT LADY (f, 4, Scat Daddy--Speightful Lady, by Speightstown) checked in fifth in her seasonal bow sprinting against fellow native New Yorkers at Belmont June 3 and was third next out in another state-bred test going two turns in Elmont June 28. Overlooked at 10-1 here, the chestnut raced off the rail in mid-pack through moderate early fractions. Four wide in the lane, Crescent Lady extended her stride in the lane, swiftly inhaling her rivals and running down Kept Waiting (Broken Vow) late to win by a neck. The winner's juvenile half-sister Make Mischief (Into Mischief) ran second in the Gill Schuylerville S. on opening day of Saratoga. Speightful Lady is also responsible for a 2020 filly named Speightful Lily (Union Rags). Sales history: \$115,000 RNA Ylg '17 FTSAUG. Lifetime Record: 6-1-0-2, \$52,835. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**
O-Equivine Farm; B-Avanti Stable (NY); T-William I. Mott.

3rd-Delaware, \$40,300, Msw, 7-22, 2yo, 5 1/2f, 1:04.75, ft.

WAIST DEEP (g, 2, Oxbow--Flowing, by Tapit) led the way before fading to third on debut at this venue July 1 and was given an 8-5 chance in this field scratched down to just five horses. The bay pressed the issue from the outside through a :22.03 opening quarter. Confronting the leader, he took control entering the bend and charged clear in the lane to graduate by eight lengths. The winner's dam produced a Keen Ice filly in 2019 and a Runhappy colt in 2020. Waist Deep hails from the family of Group 1inner Etoile Montante (Miswaki) and MGSW Starformer (Dynaformer). Sales history: \$5,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$28,400. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Super C Racing Inc.; B-Calumet Farm (KY); T-Anthony Farrior.

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Exaggerator (Curlin), WinStar Farm, \$20,000
 124 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
 3-Gulfstream, Msw 1mT, ALEXANDRA AM I, 20-1
 \$62,000 KEE SEP yrl
 3-Gulfstream, Msw 1mT, DIRECTOR'S CUT, 4-1
 \$34,000 RNA FTK OCT yrl

Noosito (Harbor the Gold)
 8 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
 5-Emerald Downs, Msw 5f, NOOSITA, 10-1

Speightster (Speightstown), WinStar Farm, \$10,000
 122 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
 3-Saratoga, Msw 1 1/16mT, UPTOWN FLIRT, 6-1
 \$65,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$120,000 FTK JUL yrl; \$100,000 OBS MAR
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Vancouver (Aus) (Medaglia d'Oro), Ashford Stud
 95 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
 5-Emerald Downs, Msw 5f, VAROMA, 6-1
 \$20,000 KEE SEP yrl

SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: THURSDAY, JULY 23

Bayern (Offlee Wild), Hill 'n' Dale Farms, \$15,000
 157 foals of racing age/44 winners/0 black-type winners
 5-Evangeline Downs, Msw 5fT, HEZA WAY MAKER, 15-1
 \$7,000 KEE SEP yrl

Carpe Diem (Giant's Causeway), WinStar Farm, \$15,000
 231 foals of racing age/34 winners/2 black-type winners
 1-Gulfstream, Msw 1mT, TAKE ME AS I AM, 3-1
 \$55,000 KEE SEP yrl

Constitution (Tapit), WinStar Farm, \$40,000
 233 foals of racing age/49 winners/6 black-type winners
 3-Gulfstream, Msw 1mT, BOLD ARTICLE, 3-1
 \$10,000 OBS WIN wnl; \$35,000 OBS OCT yrl

Karakontie (Jpn) (Bernstein), Gainesway Farm, \$10,000
 130 foals of racing age/25 winners/4 black-type winners
 1-Gulfstream, Msw 1mT, SPANISH LOVEAFFAIR, 6-1
 \$35,000 KEE SEP yrl

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STAKES RESULTS:

WAYNE HANKS MEMORIAL S., \$75,000, Lone Star, 7-22, (S),
 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:17.44, ft.

1--**DIRECT DIAL, 123, h, 5, Too Much Bling--Fast Find, by Mineshaft.** (\$105,000 Ylg '16 TTAMIX). O/B-W. S. Farish (TX); T-Steven M. Asmussen; J-Stewart Elliott. \$45,000. Lifetime Record: 23-7-4-6, \$363,506. *Full to Scooter's Choice, SW, \$113,006; Full to Shaded, SW, \$133,315.

2--**Lullaby Bling, 120, g, 4, Too Much Bling--Soft Music, by Action This Day.** (\$100,000 Ylg '17 TTAMIX). O-Durham, Danele and Beggs II, Ed Farmer; B/T-Danele Durham (TX). \$15,000.

3--**Trumps Revenge, 118, g, 4, I Want Revenge--Cookin's Cast, by Fashion Find.** O/B-Ken Pullen & Christi Love (TX); T-Alan Love, Sr. \$8,250.

Margins: 3 3/4, 1 1/4, NK. Odds: 0.30, 11.00, 27.50.

LANE'S END DANNY SHIFFLETT SCHOLARSHIP S., \$75,000, Lone Star, 7-22, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 7 1/2fT, 1:28.97, fm.

1--**CORLUNA, 118, m, 5, Unbridled's Heart--Red Moon Cat, by Malibu Moon.** O/B-Ian Yarnot (TX); T-Sarah Delany; J-Richard E. Eramia. \$45,000. Lifetime Record: 25-7-4-1, \$158,514.

2--**Herbs Love, 123, f, 4, Etesaal--Totally Vested, by Siphon (Brz).** O-Sam Sherman; B-Joe Keith Davis (TX); T-Danny Pish. \$15,000.

3--**Gee She Sparkles, 118, f, 3, Race Day--Pata Fresca, by Indian Charlie.** (\$8,500 Ylg '18 TTAMIX). O-GFB Racing LLC and Pish, Danny; B-Inside Move (TX); T-Danny Pish. \$8,250.

Margins: 2 1/4, HD, 1. Odds: 3.30, 1.60, 6.80.

SUPERNATUREL S., C\$40,000, Hastings Racecourse, 7-21, 3yo, f, 6 1/2f, 1:17.87, ft.

1--**FLORAL, 117, f, 3, Bakken--Montefiore, by Rahy. 1ST BLACK TYPE WIN.** O-Jilek, Michal, Winnick, Craig and

Canyon Farms; B-Canyon Farms (BC); T-Craig MacPherson; J-Alexander Marti. C\$24,400. Lifetime Record: 7-2-2-0, \$38,855.
2--Fully Lent, 117, f, 3, Lent--We Are One, by You and I. (C\$11,000 Ylg '18 BRCSEP). O-Chan, Dr. Karl, Forster Stable and Cameron Hill Mortgages Ltd.; B-Mike Anderson & Terry Clyde (BC); T-David Forster. C\$8,000.
3--Sangria, 122, f, 3, Sungold--Vinoterra, by Finality. O-Bennett, Russell J. and Lois; B-R. J. Bennett (BC); T-Barbara Heads. C\$4,000.
 Margins: 1 3/4, 1 3/4, 2 1/4. Odds: 6.25, 1.35, 2.05.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

7th-Indiana Grand, \$45,000, (S), 7-22, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m 70y (off turf), 1:43.33, my.

UNBRIDLED CLASS (m, 5, Unbridled Express--Miss Carmelite, by Mutakddim) Lifetime Record: 23-11-5-4, \$424,972. O-L. T. B., Inc. and Hillerich Racing, Inc.; B-L.T.B. Inc & Hillerich Racing, Inc. (IN); T-Bernard S. Flint. *Full to Ace of Aces, MSW, \$264,685; and to Express Model, SW, \$133,202; Full to Express Run, SW, \$343,640.

6th-Parx Racing, \$42,500, (S), (NW2BX)/Opt. Clm (\$35,000), 7-22, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10.22, ft.

WORD ON A WING (g, 4, Winchill--Merry's Pegasus, by Fusaichi Pegasus) Lifetime Record: 8-5-1-1, \$156,950. O/B-Pewter Stable (PA); T-Kathleen A. Demasi.

8th-Parx Racing, \$42,000, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$35,000), 7-22, 3yo/up, 7 1/2f, 1:32.69, fm.

INFURIATED (g, 5, Big Drama--Lake Louise, by Devil His Due) Lifetime Record: 26-5-1-2, \$124,335. O-Christopher McCarthy; B-Harold Queen (FL); T-Donald R. White.

1st-Indiana Grand, \$36,500, (S), 7-22, (NW3L), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11.16, sy.

SHACKLELACKALACKA (f, 4, Shackleford--Hot Gates, by War Pass) Lifetime Record: 6-3-0-1, \$66,410. O/B-Bad Boy Racing (IN); T-Brad H. Cox.

3rd-Canterbury, \$30,500, (S), 7-21, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:18.43, gd.

HOTASAPISTOL (f, 3, Flat Out--Alacazar, by Dayjur) Lifetime Record: 6-2-0-1, \$46,485. O-Bergsrud, Gary and Brenda; B-Gary Bergsrud (MN); T-Clinton C. Stuart.

6th-Canterbury, \$30,500, (S), 7-21, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 7 1/2f, 1:31.69, fm.

TWO BE ROYAL (m, 6, Kings Blood {Ire}--Two Bayou {SP, \$188,456}, by Two Punch) Lifetime Record: 25-4-9-7, \$149,670.

O/B-Winchester Place Thoroughbreds, LLC (MN); T-Tony Rengstorf.

1st-Canterbury, \$30,900, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$20,000), 7-22, 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:16.01, ft.

HOT SHOT KID (g, 6, Majestic Warrior--Our Sweet Mary B, by Officer) Lifetime Record: 32-15-7-1, \$598,909. O/B-Warren Bush (MN); T-McLean Robertson. *1/2 to Minecraft Maniac (Midshipman), SW, \$189,079.

7th-Thistledown, \$23,000, 7-22, (NW3L), 3yo/up, 1m 40y, 1:43.06, ft.

BARITONE (g, 5, Uncle Mo--Sweet Symphony {GISW, \$646,776}, by A.P. Indy) Lifetime Record: 16-3-2-2, \$60,030. O/T-Olivo I. Inirio; B-Kinsman Farm (KY). *\$160,000 RNA Ylg '16 KEESEP.



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4th-Thistledown, \$22,500, 7-22, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:13.24, gd.

FOX ON THE RUN (c, 4, Curlin--Shesastonecoldfox {MSW, \$216,409}, by Foxhound) Lifetime Record: 6-2-2-0, \$33,785. O-Michael A. Foster; B-Dennis Petrisak & Deborah Petrisak (NY); T-William D. Cowans. *\$100,000 Ylg '17 FTKOCT. **1/2 to Fox Rox (Officer), SW, \$418,845; 1/2 to Fox Rules (Roman Ruler), MSW, \$686,660; 1/2 to Elusive Fox (E Dubai), SP, \$169,235.

10th-Fair Meadows, \$21,120, (S), 7-21, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:19.01, ft.

YAK ATTACK (f, 4, Oratory--Mudlaff Charlie, by Indian Charlie) Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-1, \$38,251. O-Coye Conley; B-Kirk Thoroughbreds LLC (OK); T-Spencer Don Leddy. *\$9,000 Ylg '17 OKCYRL.

7th-Finger Lakes, \$20,400, (S), (C)/Opt. Clm (\$15,000), 7-22, 3yo/up, f/m, 5f, :58.39, gd.

MISS LILY B (f, 4, Yes It's True--Magnificent Mia, by Jump Start) Lifetime Record: 11-6-4-0, \$109,405. O/B-Ronald A Brown (NY); T-Chris J. Englehart.

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Becca's Bouquet, f, 2, **Conveyance**--Rebecca's Surprise (SP, \$378,778), by Marino Marini. Lone Star, 7-21, 5f, :59.38. B-Buck Pond Farm Inc. & Rob Auerbach (KY). *\$37,000 RNA Ylg '19 FTKOCT. **1ST-TIME STARTER.

Little Alex, c, 2, **Musketier (Ger)**--Special Skippy, by Skip Away. Indiana Grand, 7-22, 6f, 1:12.43. B-Calumet Farm (KY). *0 RNA

Wlg '18 KEENOV; \$1,200 Ylg '19 KEESEP.

Thealligatorhunter, c, 2, **Overanalyze**--Garden Gloves, by Stormy Atlantic. Canterbury, 7-21, (S), 5f, :59.14. B-Pete Mattson & Tim Padilla (MN). *1ST-TIME STARTER.

Bebop Baby, f, 2, **Too Much Bling**--Conquest Bebop, by Scat Daddy. Lone Star, 7-22, (S), 5f, 1:00.25. B-Douglas Scharbauer (TX).

Singlino, g, 2, **Uncle Lino**--Signaling, by Smoke Glacken. Delaware, 7-22, (WC), 5 1/2f, 1:05.16. B-Sycamore Hall Thoroughbreds, LLC (MD).

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Luzmaria, f, 3, **Big Brown**--We Need V L T's (SP, \$166,828), by Freud. Finger Lakes, 7-22, 5f, 1:00.03. B-F and F Stable (NY).

Zelig, g, 3, **Bind**--Happyfromthegitgo (MSW, \$188,457), by Easyfromthegitgo. Louisiana Downs, 7-22, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:04.18. B-J. Adcock (LA). * \$5,000 Wlg '17 ESLMIX.

Yankee Empire, g, 3, **Cairo Prince**--Yankee Sweetheart, by Lion Hearted. Saratoga, 7-22, (C), 6f, 1:11.13. B-Almar Farm, LLC (KY). *\$125,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP; \$150,000 2yo '19 FTFMAR.

Icy Dude, g, 3, **First Dude**--Harbin, by Gone West. Finger Lakes, 7-22, 1m 40y, 1:43.85. B-Donald R. Dizney, LLC (FL).

Brink Point, c, 3, **Mixmaster**--Ola D., by Yonaguska. Belterra, 7-22, (S), 6f, 1:14.70. B-Peggy Wolterman (OH).

Tapaway, g, 3, **Race Day**--La Prada, by El Prado (Ire). Thistledown, 7-22, (S), 1 1/16m, 1:51.44. B-Catherine & Peter Shepell (OH). *\$5,000 Ylg '18 KEEJAN.

Cynical Girl, f, 3, **Strong Mandate**--Wish It Were (MSW, \$166,001), by Is It True. Canterbury, 7-21, 5fT, :57.11. B-Dr. & Mrs. E.C. Hart & Serendipity Farm (KY). *\$70,000 Wlg '17 FTKNOV; \$90,000 RNA Ylg '18 KEESEP; \$18,000 Ylg '18 EASOCT; \$90,000 2yo '19 OBSOPN. **1/2 to Ancient Rome (Roman Ruler), MSW, \$230,180.

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Lady Sniper, f, 3, **What Now**--Rachel Wiggles (MSP), by Could Be Me. Indiana Grand, 7-22, (S), 1m 70y, 1:46.69. B-Don Wright (IN).

Gospel Lucille, f, 4, **Awesome Patriot**--Tiz a Lady Colonel, by Tiz Wonderful. Fair Meadows, 7-21, (S), 6f, 1:14.57. B-Save Williams (OK).



AWESOME PATRIOT, Gospel Lucille, f, 4, o/o Tiz a Lady Colonel, by Tiz Wonderful. MSW, 7-21, Fair Meadows

BAKKEN, Floral, f, 3, o/o Montefiore, by Rahy. Supernaturel S., 7-21, Hastings

BIG BROWN, Luzmaria, f, 3, o/o We Need V L T's, by Freud. MSW, 7-22, Finger Lakes

BIG DRAMA, Infuriated, g, 5, o/o Lake Louise, by Devil His Due. AOC, 7-22, Parx Racing

BIND, Zelig, g, 3, o/o Happyfromthegitgo, by Easyfromthegitgo. MSW, 7-22, Louisiana Downs

CAIRO PRINCE, Yankee Empire, g, 3, o/o Yankee Sweetheart, by Lion Hearted. MCL, 7-22, Saratoga

CONVEYANCE, Becca's Bouquet, f, 2, o/o Rebecca's Surprise, by Marino Marini. MSW, 7-21, Lone Star

CURLIN, Fox On the Run, c, 4, o/o Shesastonecoldfox, by Foxhound. ALW, 7-22, Thistledown

DISCREET CAT, Maxwell Esquire, c, 3, o/o Momma's Image, by Marquetry. ALW, 7-22, Saratoga

ENGLISH CHANNEL, Cross Border, r, 6, o/o Empress Josephine, by Empire Maker. Lubash S., 7-22, Saratoga

FIRST DUDE, Icy Dude, g, 3, o/o Harbin, by Gone West. MSW, 7-22, Finger Lakes

FLAT OUT, Hotasapistol, f, 3, o/o Alacazar, by Dayjur. ALW, 7-21, Canterbury

KINGS BLOOD (IRE), Two Be Royal, m, 6, o/o Two Bayou, by Two Punch. ALW, 7-21, Canterbury

LIAM'S MAP, Colonel Liam, c, 3, o/o Amazement, by Bernardini. ALW, 7-22, Saratoga

MAJESTIC WARRIOR, Hot Shot Kid, g, 6, o/o Our Sweet Mary B, by Officer. AOC, 7-22, Canterbury

MINESHAFT, Singular Sensation, f, 4, o/o Saratoga Summer, by Smart Strike. ALW, 7-22, Saratoga

MIXMASTER, Brink Point, c, 3, o/o Ola D., by Yonaguska. MSW, 7-22, Belterra

MUSKETIER (GER), Little Alex, c, 2, o/o Special Skippy, by Skip Away. MSW, 7-22, Indiana Grand



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ORATORY, Yak Attack, f, 4, o/o Mudlaff Charlie, by Indian Charlie. ALW, 7-21, Fair Meadows

OVERANALYZE, Thealligatorhunter, c, 2, o/o Garden Gloves, by Stormy Atlantic. MSW, 7-21, Canterbury

OXBOW, Waist Deep, g, 2, o/o Flowing, by Tapit. MSW, 7-22, Delaware

RACE DAY, Tapaway, g, 3, o/o La Prada, by El Prado (Ire). MSW, 7-22, Thistledown

SCAT DADDY, Crescent Lady, f, 4, o/o Speightful Lady, by Speightstown. MSW, 7-22, Saratoga

SHACKLEFORD, Shackelackalacka, f, 4, o/o Hot Gates, by War Pass. ALW, 7-22, Indiana Grand

STRONG MANDATE, Cynical Girl, f, 3, o/o Wish It Were, by Is It True. MSW, 7-21, Canterbury

TOO MUCH BLING, Bebop Baby, f, 2, o/o Conquest Bebop, by Scat Daddy. MSW, 7-22, Lone Star

TOO MUCH BLING, Direct Dial, h, 5, o/o Fast Find, by Mineshaft. Wayne Hanks Memorial S., 7-22, Lone Star

UNBRIDLED EXPRESS, Unbridled Class, m, 5, o/o Miss Carmelite, by Mutakddim. ALW, 7-22, Indiana Grand

UNBRIDLED'S HEART, Corluna, m, 5, o/o Red Moon Cat, by Malibu Moon. Lane's End Danny Shifflett Scholarship S., 7-22, Lone Star

UNCLE LINO, Singlino, g, 2, o/o Signaling, by Smoke Glacken. WMC, 7-22, Delaware

UNCLE MO, Baritone, g, 5, o/o Sweet Symphony, by A.P. Indy. ALW, 7-22, Thistledown

UNION RAGS, Lasting Union, f, 3, o/o Happy Vale, by Distorted Humor. ALW, 7-22, Delaware

WHAT NOW, Lady Sniper, f, 3, o/o Rachel Wiggles, by Could Be Me. MSW, 7-22, Indiana Grand

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LYONS TAKES LONG VIEW FOR EVEN SO



Even So winning the Irish Oaks (pink silks) | *Racing Post*

Ger Lyons took his second Irish Classic of the season on Saturday with the Coolmore-owned **Even So (Ire)** (Camelot {GB}) and is already looking forward to her 4-year-old season.

"A real plan hasn't been made, but her real career could kick in at four because there's a good programme for the older fillies," he said of the three-time winner. "There's obviously the Yorkshire Oaks, but I wouldn't be in a rush to take on Love (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), without talking to connections they let all of their horses take each other on, but I don't think I need to do that with her.

"There's no plan at the moment for Even So-she's out in the paddock with Yaxeni and Lemista and she'll be there all of this week at the very least to help her get over her exertions."

He added, "The initial thinking was to find a little prep and head for [Champions Day at] Ascot."

Lemista (Ire) (Raven's Pass) added to a fantastic weekend for the Lyons stable with her victory in the G2 Kilboy Estates S. over nine furlongs. The filly, who was racing in the colours of American owner Peter Brant, had Even So behind her in third when winning the G3 Park Express S. in March before racing was halted. She then bounced back to win the Listed Victor McCalmont Memorial S. on June 20.

"Lemista is a great filly. It was a big decision to sell her for David Spratt," said the trainer. "She's winning over a trip shorter than I think is her best, and on ground quicker than I think she wants." [Cont. p2](#)

MILLISLE BACK TO WINNING WAYS IN THE BALLYOGAN

Carrying a five-pound penalty for her G1 Cheveley Park S. win in 2019, Stonethorn Stud Farms Limited's **Millisle (Ire)** (Starspangledbanner {Aus}) made light of that burden to return to the winner's enclosure in style in Wednesday's G3 Yeomanstown Stud Ballyogan S. at Naas. On the front foot from the outset under Shane Foley, the 9-4 second favourite who was no match for Art Power (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}) in the course-and-distance G3 Lacken S. last time took control passing halfway and drew away to score by four lengths from **Pronouncement** (Declaration of War), with **Lady Penelope (Ire)** (Night of Thunder {Ire}) 2 1/2 lengths back in third.

Successful in the five-furlong Listed Curragh S. in August and runner-up in the G3 Dick Poole Fillies' S. over an extra furlong at Salisbury early the next month, the bay had arrived at Newmarket in late September a 16-1 shot but belied those odds to put Raffle Prize (Ire) (Slade Power {Ire}) in her place in the Cheveley Park. Taking in the G1 1000 Guineas back there on her seasonal bow June 7, she was seventh tackling a mile before reverting to this trip to be fifth in the G1 Commonwealth Cup at Royal Ascot 12 days later. [Cont. p2](#)



Millisle | *Racing Post*

IN TDN AMERICA TODAY

CHRISTOPHE CLEMENT JOINS TDN WRITERS' ROOM

Trainer Christophe Clement joined the TDN Writers' Room presented by Keeneland on Wednesday. [Click or tap here to go straight to TDN America.](#)

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He added, "If you could see her and Even So work on the gallops you'd be scratching your head, but they turn it on on the track. They lead the baby 2-year-olds on the gallops."

Lyons added, "The day she won the Park Express we were speculatively black-type hunting, but Chris Hayes rode her and told us we were under-estimating her. I don't think she's an [Irish] St Leger type--I have **Nickajack Cave (Ire)** (Kendargent {Ire}) for that, who won the [Listed] Saval Beg. You could run Even So over a mile and six, or Yaxeni."

A maiden winner last season, **Yaxeni (Fr)** (Maxios {GB}), owned by SBA Racing Ltd, which also races the smart juvenile **Frenetic (Ire)** (Kodiac {GB}), finished sixth in the Irish Oaks and has also been Group 3-placed this year.

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G3 Ballyogan S. Cont. from p1

Forced to race against the burgeoning sprinting star Art Power on level weights due to her Group 1 penalty, she beat everything else senseless in the July 4 Lacken only to find herself on the receiving end of a 2 1/2-length defeat. That race was run in 1:13.10 on yielding-to-soft and she was possibly more at home on this drier ground aided by a lead to halfway by the 13-8 favourite **Forever In Dreams (Ire)** (Dream Ahead). Finishing off strongly at the line, she recorded a time of 1:10.85 in this contest and showed she retains all her ability.

"She's a very good filly and was beaten by a very good horse last time," her rider commented. "In fairness to her, we were training her all spring to see if she would get a mile and trying to settle and relax her and get her to switch off. The Guineas was a non-event, but she showed today that she is a comfortable high cruiser back to what she is best at. She travelled and did everything like a good sprinter should and put the race to bed quickly. She's not really a five-furlong filly and Jessie [Harrington] has said that there is a race in France for her. There are all the travel restrictions, but if she has to go she has to go."

Harrington added, "She's back on track. She was very good there and Shane said she's only really learning to sprint now. She was probably a bit ring-rusty the last two times having been trained for a mile earlier on. She got rolling, enjoyed it and quickened up well. We'll probably go to The Curragh now for the Phoenix Sprint, another Group 3 and then we could go to France for the [G1 Prix Maurice de Gheest at Deauville]. It's just hard enough to find races for her. There are very few fillies races, that's the trouble, and she's probably not hardened enough to take on the elder sprinters yet. I think she will be in time, as I think she's a proper sprinter. I'd love to look at a Group 1 towards the end of the season. She seems to go on any ground, it doesn't seem to worry her at all. Her dam went back in foal

this year to Starspangledbanner aged 23. She had been retired, but they brought her back in out of the field."

Pedigree Notes

Millisle's dam Green Castle (Ire) (Indian Ridge {Ire}) has produced nine winners and four black-type performers headed by the Listed Braveheart S. winner Ithoughtitwasover (Ire) (Hurricane Run {Ire}). Another was the listed-placed Greenisland (Ire) (Fasliyev), who is herself the dam of the Listed Prix Vallee d'Auge scorer Shamshon (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) and the Listed Feilden S. third Boerhan (GB) (Sea The Stars {Ire}), while Glenmayne (Ire) (Duke of Marmalade {Ire}) was third in the 14-furlong Listed Stanerra S.

The second dam is the listed winner Green Lucia (Green Dancer), who was also placed in the G1 Yorkshire Oaks and G1 Irish Oaks and is a half-sister to the dual Derby-winning sire Old Vic (GB). Her descendants include the G3 Matron S. winner and stakes producer Tadwiga (GB) (Fairy King), while the family also features the G1 2000 Guineas hero and leading sire High Top (Ire) and the talented Irish pattern-race sprinters Downforce (Ire) (Fast Company {Ire}) and Moon Unit (Ire) (Intikhab).

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Wednesday, Naas, Ireland

YEOMANSTOWN STUD BALLYOGAN S.-G3, €50,000, Naas, 7-22, 3yo/up, f, 6fT, 1:10.85, gd.

1--**MILLISLE (IRE)**, 131, f, 3, by **Starspangledbanner (Aus)**

1st Dam: Green Castle (Ire), by Indian Ridge (Ire)

2nd Dam: Green Lucia, by Green Dancer

3rd Dam: Cockade (GB), by Derring-Do (GB)

O/B-Stonethorn Stud Farms Ltd (IRE); T-Jessica Harrington; J-Shane Foley. €30,000. Lifetime Record: G1SW-Eng, 9-4-3-0, \$304,903. *1/2 to Ithoughtitwasover (Ire) (Hurricane Run {Ire}), SW-Eng, \$121,297; Greenisland (Ire) (Fasliyev), MSP-Eng & SP-Ger; and Glenmayne (Ire) (Duke of Marmalade {Ire}), SP-Ire. **Werk Nick Rating: A+++**. ***Triple Plus***. **Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.**

2--**Pronouncement**, 126, f, 3, Declaration of War--Terrific Tiffany, by Strong Hope. (\$60,000 RNA Wlg '17 KEENOV; \$115,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP). O-Anthony Paul Smurfit; B-William Humphries (KY); T-Johnny Murtagh. €10,000.

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3--**Lady Penelope (Ire)**, 126, f, 3, **Night of Thunder (Ire)**--Step Sequence (GB), by Nayef. (€27,000 RNA Wlg '17 GOFNOV; £32,000 Ylg '18 GOUKPR; €45,000 RNA 2yo '19 ARQMA). O-Phoenix Thoroughbred Ltd; B-Kiltown Bloodstock Ltd (IRE); T-Joseph O'Brien. €5,000.

Margins: 4, 2HF, HD. Odds: 2.25, 8.50, 7.50.

Also Ran: Precious Moments (Ire), Unforgettable (Ire), Back To



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IN TDN AUS/NZ TODAY

RELIEF AS SHUTTLE STALLIONS TOUCH DOWN

Shuttle stallions are returning to Australia in advance of the breeding season, despite COVID-19. [Click or tap here to go straight to TDN Aus/NZ.](#)

Brussels (Ire), Forever In Dreams (Ire), Laurel Wreath (GB), Sunday Sweet (Ire), Lynn Britt Cabin (Ire).

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SPIRIT OF NELSON SHINES AT VICHY

Already successful at Group 3 level when taking Saint-Cloud's Prix de Flore in October, Jean-Claude Seroul's **Spirit of Nelson (Ire)** (Mount Nelson {GB}) was in the mood to garner another on Wednesday evening and made her determination count in the G3 Grand Prix de Vichy. Third in the G2 Prix Corrida over 11 furlongs at Lyon-Parilly June 6, the 4-1 shot was waited with towards the rear early and grafted her way to the front passing the furlong pole. Taken all the way to the line by **Top Max (Fr)** (Joshua Tree {Ire}), the bay dug deep to eke out a head verdict, with **Styledargent (Fr)** (Style Vendome {Fr}) a length away in third.

Spirit of Nelson came to the fore when winning the Listed Prix de la Pepiniere at Deauville last July and she was far from disgraced when fifth in the G1 Prix Jean Romanet back there the following month. Third in the G3 Prix Bertrand de Tarragon at ParisLongchamp in September before her big day in the Flore, she had come back at five to be second in the G3 Prix Exbury at Saint-Cloud Mar. 15 prior to her latest effort in the Corrida.

Pedigree Notes

The useful dam, who has also produced the listed-placed Elusive Pearl (Fr) (Elusive City) and Kanuka (Fr) (Footstepsinthesand {GB}), also has the unraced 2-year-old colt Raven's Spirit (Fr) (Raven's Pass) and a yearling filly by Dream Ahead. She is a half to the dam of the G3 Prix d'Arenberg scorer Afandem (Ire) (Vale of York {Ire}) from the family of the smart sprinter Miss Emma (Ire) (Key of Luck), who took the G3 Greenlands S. and two renewals of the G3 Prix de Seine-et-Oise.

Wednesday, Vichy, France

GRAND PRIX DE VICHY-G3, €56,000, Vichy, 7-22, 3yo/up, 10fT, 2:06.50, g/s.

1--**SPIRIT OF NELSON (IRE)**, 126, m, 5, by Mount Nelson (GB)

1st Dam: Spirit of Pearl (Ire) (SP-Ire),

by Invincible Spirit (Ire)

2nd Dam: Aguilas Perla (Ire), by Indian Ridge (Ire)

3rd Dam: Tapolite (Ire), by Tap On Wood (Ire)

O/B-Jean-Claude Seroul (IRE); T-Jerome Reynier; J-Cristian Demuro. €28,000. Lifetime Record: 20-7-2-4, €219,490. **Werk Nick Rating: A+.** [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#)

2--**Top Max (Fr)**, 129, g, 4, Joshua Tree (Ire)--Risky Nizzy (GB), by Cape Cross (Ire). O-Patrice Nicolet, Alban De Mieulle, Ingrid Pantall, Francisco Perez Gonzalez, Odette Fau & Roger De

Mieulle; B-Ecurie Haras de Quetieville (FR); T-Henri-Alex Pantall. €11,200.

3--**Styledargent (Fr)**, 129, g, 4, Style Vendome (Fr)--Feriadargent (Fr), by Kendargent (Fr). (€100,000 RNA HRA '19 ARARC). O-Guy Pariente; B-Guy Pariente Holding (FR); T-Jean-Pierre Gauvin. €8,400.

Margins: HD, 1, HD. Odds: 4.00, 4.90, 3.00.

Also Ran: Mr Satchmo (Fr), Wonderment (Ire), Subway Dancer (Ire), Zarkallani (Fr), Diamond Vendome (Fr), Wonnemond (Ger), Palavas (Fr).

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EUROPEAN NEWS

LONGINES IRISH CHAMPIONS WEEKEND WITHOUT SPECTATORS

The Longines Irish Champions Weekend, held Sept. 12-13, will take place behind closed doors, the Longines Irish Champions Weekend Committee confirmed on Wednesday. The committee's recommendation, which was made as the COVID-19 pandemic continues, was approved by the Board of Horse Racing Ireland at their July meeting on Monday, July 20. The Sept. 12 card at Leopardstown features the G1 Irish Champion S., and G1 Coolmore America 'Justify' Matron S. The Curragh plays host on the second day, with four Group 1 races on tap: the Comer Group International Irish St Leger, the Goffs Vincent O'Brien National S., the Moyglare Stud S. and the Derrinstown Stud Flying Five S.

"With less than eight weeks to go before Longines Irish Champions Weekend, it was the committee's view that this was the optimum time to give people certainty," said HRI Racecourses Chief Executive Paul Dermody. "It is a great shame that our feature weekend of Flat racing will not be enjoyed by racegoers in person this September, but we will ensure a warm welcome for everybody when they return next year. In the meantime, we will be refunding all of those who availed of early-bird and advance ticket offers. We will now focus our attention on providing racing fans with a brilliant at-home experience."

Added Harry McCalmont, Chairman of the Longines Irish Champions Weekend Committee, "We had dearly hoped that circumstances would allow us have racegoers back on the racecourse for Longines Irish Champions Weekend but that doesn't look at all likely so it is best to make a call on it now. It is a great pity, but we still have a wonderful weekend of racing to

look forward to. The committee would like to take the opportunity to thank the sponsors of all races for their loyalty and we look forward with interest to see the array of horses that will line up at Leopardstown and The Curragh."

It was also announced on Wednesday that the seven-day Listowel Harvest Festival from Sept. 20-26 would also be conducted without spectators. The Listowel Race Company Committee met on Tuesday evening, and, after consulting with Horse Racing Ireland, decided to hold the festival behind closed doors. The Guinness Kerry National is the featured highlight.

Pat Healy, Chairman of Listowel Race Company, said, "In these unprecedented times, and in line with Government guidelines, the Listowel Race Company has made the extremely difficult decision to race behind closed doors, this means the event will not be open to the general public this year. The health and safety of everyone is our number one priority and with crowd restrictions in place, it would be very difficult for us to run the festival, as it attracts significant numbers of visitors to Listowel each year."

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Magical winning the 2019 G1 Irish Champion S. | Alain Barr

NAZEEF TEAM EYES PRIX ROTHSCHILD

Sheikh Hamdan's G1 Falmouth S. winner **Nazeef (GB)** (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) looks set to race outside Britain for the first time, with Deauville's G1 Prix Rothschild on Aug. 2 her likely next target.

"We're looking at the Prix Rothschild, but we are just going to look at the Nassau as well in case we can't get to France for any reason," confirmed the sheikh's racing manager Angus Gold. "The first priority has always been Deauville, but she'll probably be in the Nassau."

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Nazeef, blue & white silks | *Racing Post*

Nazeef Cont.

He added of the 4-year-old filly, "I'm sure one day she will go over 10 furlongs, but the thinking was to stay at a mile for the time being. That does depend on the travel arrangements, though, if we are struggling to get anyone over to Deauville with her."

Beaten only once when third on debut, the Shadwell-bred Nazeef has put together an impressive string of six victories since June 2019. Her three wins this year include the G2 Duke of Cambridge S. at Royal Ascot and she was one of six winners for Sheikh Hamdan at the meeting.

Gold continued, "We thought she'd be group class this year, but you can only hope they win a Group 1--you don't expect them to. We knew she had a lot more to give and she's rewarded us in spades. She's got ability, is very good looking and has a fantastic attitude, which counts for an awful lot. It's a strong combination."

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STRADIVARIUS COULD FACE SANTIAGO AT GOODWOOD

Tuesday's G1 Qatar Goodwood Cup has the makings of an intriguing contest, with champion stayer **Stradivarius (Ire)** (Sea The Stars {Ire}) aiming for an historic fourth win in the race which will also feature this season's Irish Derby winner **Santiago (Ire)** (Authorized {Ire}).

Bjorn Nielsen's homebred Stradivarius, who is now the winner of six Group 1 contests including a hat-trick of Gold Cups at Royal Ascot, first triumphed at Goodwood as a 3-year-old when downing the colours of another popular stayer, Big Orange (GB) (Duke Of Marmalade {Ire}). The latter was then a 6-year-old, as Stradivarius is now.

There will be a maximum field of seven for the two-mile contest, potentially including last Saturday's G3 John Smith's Silver Cup winner **Eagles By Day (Ire)** (Sea The Stars {Ire}), whose dam Missunited (Ire) (Golan {Ire}) made her final

racecourse appearance at Glorious Goodwood in 2014 when winning the G3 Lillie Langtry S. for trainer Michael Winters and owner-breeder Vanessa Hutch.

Nayef Road (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), who was runner-up to Stradivarius at Royal Ascot, is also entered, along with Scottish raider **Euchen Glen (Ire)** (Authorized {Ire}) and **Spanish Mission** (Noble Mission {GB}).

Who Dares Wins (Ire) (Jeremy), another Ascot winner, whose stamina has already been tested beyond the two-mile mark in the Queen Alexandra S., completes the list of entrants.

His part-owner Henry Ponsonby said, "I think Who Dares Wins can be considered a definite runner at this stage. Tom Marquand will ride him. I think he's entitled to be there on his Prix du Cadran run last year--he finished fourth, not far behind Dee Ex Bee, who was second to Stradivarius on a number of occasions last season."

Who Dares Wins provided Tom Marquand with his first victory at the Royal Meeting and was one of three winners at Royal Ascot for his trainer Alan King.

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Stradivarius | *Racing Post*

KUBLERS BECOME UK'S FIRST MARRIED TRAINING PARTNERSHIP

Daniel and Claire Kubler have become the first husband-and-wife team to be officially licenced as a training partnership in the UK following a change in the rules in May 2020.

Prior to that, a British training licence could only be held in one name but, following a Twitter plea to the British Horseracing Authority (BHA) from the couple on International Women's Day in March 2019, the rules were adjusted to follow countries such as Australia and France in allowing licences to be held in multiple names. Father-and-son partnerships Paul and Oliver Cole and Simon and Ed Crisford have already taken advantage of the new arrangement. [Cont. p6](#)



Daniel & Claire Kubler at the yearling sales | Emma Berry

Kublers Cont.

The Kublers, who train at Sarsen Farm in Lambourn under the name of Kubler Racing, announced on their website on Wednesday that Claire's application had recently been approved by the BHA.

"We have always worked together, so it's very much business as usual. We started out with just six horses and have grown the business to around 35 horses. Training winners is a team effort, a joint licence goes some way to reflecting that," the statement read.

"We've been keen to operate as a training partnership since we started out. We floated the idea on social media and received a positive response that led to the BHA getting in touch. We worked closely with the BHA and the NTF to get the concept off the ground. We would particularly like to thank Henry Bradley at the BHA for going above and beyond to make this happen."

Kubler Racing hopes to have a first runner for the new partnership at Ascot this weekend, where 2-year-old maiden winner **Bowland Park (GB)** (New Bay {GB}), who was bred and is owned by Claire's parents Gary and Lesley Middlebrook, is set to contest the listed Pat Eddery S.

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NEW-LOOK NHRM SET TO REOPEN

Newmarket's National Horse Racing Museum (NHRM) has a new name and a new look ahead of its reopening to the public on Tuesday, July 28. The museum, situated in the centre of the town just off the high street, has been closed for four months during the coronavirus pandemic.

One-way systems and social-distancing measures are in place to ensure that visitors can return safely to the venue which is also home to a number of high-profile retired racehorses who

reside in the Rothschild Yard.

"Not only does the museum present a rich and fascinating panorama of a sport which is very much at the centre of the nation's story, it's also a great day out for everyone, whether they already know about racing or not," said NHRM chief executive Dr. Steven Parissien. "We want to become an essential resource for the town and believe that our unique combination of art, heritage, horses, open spaces and great food and drink is exactly what Newmarket needs in these trying times."

He continued, "There will be new catering outlets, more space, a dedicated community gallery and displays which will reflect the history of the town as well as of racing. This autumn, for example, we will be showing a compilation of BBC archival films on Newmarket, from a profile of the old railway station's famous heavy horses of the 1960s to the *Blue Peter* special on the town of 2003."

The popular Tack Room restaurant will also reopen, along with the former bakery in the King's Yard, which will offer bread, cakes, coffee and picnic boxes. Further changes include the transformation of the museum's paddocks into a picnic area with benches and, in the coming months, a miniature zoo for companion animals such as sheep and goats. The museum store is also being relaunched and will include a second-hand book room.

Dr. Parissien added, "We want the museum's fabulous open spaces to be a key venue for the town-for eating and drinking, for art, for music and for shows and events, as well as for reflection and for relaxation. Keep in touch with us through our new website and you can find everything that's coming up."

This summer's special exhibition, entitled *The Good Companions*, opens on Friday, July 31, and explores the portrayal of dogs in art. Tickets can be booked via visit the temporary [ticketing website](#).

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The Frankel statue in The King's Yard at the NHRM | Mark Atkins

AUSTRALIA ON THE CARDS FOR DEJA



Deja & Harry Bentley win the Old Newton Cup | *Racing Post*

Deja (Fr) (Youmzain {Ire}), recent winner of the Old Newton Cup for Phoenix Thoroughbreds, could be heading to Australia later this year after being given entries for the G1 Caulfield Cup and G1 Melbourne Cup.

The winner of five of his eight starts to date, the 5-year-old, who is trained by Peter Chapple-Hyam, has been raised seven pounds for his most recent victory and looks likely to carry top weight in the Ebor H. at York on Saturday, Aug. 22.

"We have had it on our mind all year to step him up into group races before the end of the season and the Caulfield Cup and Melbourne Cup are definitely options," said Phoenix Thoroughbreds' PR manager and UK representative Jamie Watson.

"If he were to win [the Ebor] or even go close, I think you'd have to strongly consider going for the Melbourne Cup. We think a mile and a half is his minimum and would expect even more from him over longer distances, and there's every chance he'll get his ground conditions in Australia at that time of year. We are also looking at the Doncaster Cup and the stayers' race on Champions Day at Ascot as other options."

The Phoenix Thoroughbreds team has already tasted Group 1 success in Australia with Loving Gaby (Aus) (I Am Invincible {Aus}) as well as with the homebred Golden Slipper winner Farnan (Aus) (Not A Single Doubt {Aus}), who is raced in partnership with Aquis Farm.

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GORDON ELLIOTT JOINS VIRTUAL LIVE RACING

Irish trainer Gordon Elliott has become a shareholder of Virtual Software Limited, the firm behind **Virtual Live Racing**. Based on

the Isle of Man, the firm is chaired by online betting pioneer and racehorse owner Vincent Caldwell. The VLR product is available to all tote systems in the US via distribution through AmTote International's Spectrum wagering system which enables tracks to accept wagers from players and create a brand new risk-free revenue system.

"Vincent Caldwell and I have enjoyed winners for the last four seasons," said Elliott. "Vincent is passionate about Irish racing and works tirelessly like we all do in this industry without complaint as we are lucky enough to work in an industry we love. His focus of wanting to excel and win, just like myself, is what sparked my interest in his new venture Virtual Live Racing (VLR). Vincent's goal is to give back to racing so that it will flourish for the next generation. By creating virtual replicas of real racetracks, Virtual Live Racing's software, creates a much needed new revenue stream for racetracks and wagering operators. The software helps promote and build future demand in our beautiful sport. Vincent has created a little bit of racing history here and I am happy to back a winner with Vincent and Virtual Live Racing."

Added Caldwell. "It's fantastic to have Gordon on board. He shares VLR's vision which sees virtual racing as an innovation that has a vital role to play in the future success of the racing industry. The respect and status that Gordon has in the sport, combined with his business knowledge, is a major boost in our drive to support a future proof, sustainable, business model for the racing industry in Ireland, UK, and internationally."

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Gordon Elliott (far left), Chris Meehan, Poormans Hill, and Vincent Caldwell (far right) | *Virtual Live Racing*

FIRST-SEASON SIRES WITH RUNNERS

Thursday, July 23, 2020:

UNITED KINGDOM

Pearl Secret (GB) (Compton Place {GB}), Chapel Stud
43 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
16:55-SANDOWN PARK, 7f, SWAGGER (Ire)
42,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2018; 50,000gns
Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2019 - Book 3

Territories (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), Dalham Hall Stud
113 foals of racing age/6 winners/0 black-type winners
13:50-PONTEFRACT, 5f, REGIONAL (GB)
35,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2018; 120,000gns
Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2019 - Book 2

FRANCE

Belardo (Ire) (Lope de Vega {Ire}), Kildangan Stud
93 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners
4-VICHY, 42K PRIX DES REVES D'OR - JACQUES
BOUCHARA1000m, GOT LUCK (Fr)

Buratino (Ire) (Exceed And Excel {Aus}), Kildangan Stud
88 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners
3-VICHY, 1400m, KARABAS BARABAS (Ire)
1,200gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2019 - Book 4

Dariyan (Fr) (Shamardal), Haras de Bonneval
68 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
3-VICHY, 1400m, PRETTY PLAYER (Fr)
€15,000 Arqana Deauville October Yearlings 2019

Goken (Fr) (Kendargent {Fr}), Haras de Colleville
61 foals of racing age/8 winners/1 black-type winner
1-PARISLONGCHAMP, 1300m, LAGOKEN (Fr)
€10,000 RNA Arqana Deauville Autumn Mixed Sale 2019
1-PARISLONGCHAMP, 1300m, MISS LOUNA (Fr)
4-VICHY, 42K PRIX DES REVES D'OR - JACQUES
BOUCHARA1000m, GOYAVA (Fr)
5-VICHY, 1000m, LA BONBONNIERE (Fr)
€20,000 Osarus September Yearling Sale 2019

The Last Lion (Ire) (Choisir {Aus}), Kildangan Stud
43 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
5-VICHY, 1000m, KING OF THE LIONS (Ire)

Marcel (Ire) (Lawman {Fr}), Anngrove Stud
20 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
3-VICHY, 1400m, MARCELLA MIA (GB)
10,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2018; £2,000 Goffs UK

December Sale 2019

Morandi (Fr) (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}), Haras du Mont
Goubert

60 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
3-VICHY, 1400m, IMPERATORIO (Fr)

Territories (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), Dalham Hall Stud
113 foals of racing age/6 winners/0 black-type winners
4-VICHY, 42K PRIX DES REVES D'OR - JACQUES
BOUCHARA1000m, MURRAYFIELD (Fr)
€9,000 Arqana Deauville October Yearlings 2019

IRELAND

Estidhkaar (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}), Tara Stud
106 foals of racing age/6 winners/0 black-type winners
1-LEOPARDSTOWN, 8f, SHAKE THE HEART (Ire)

Flintshire (GB) (Dansili {GB}), Hill 'n' Dale Farms
99 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
1-LEOPARDSTOWN, 8f, TALACRE

The Gurkha (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), Coolmore Stud
120 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
1-LEOPARDSTOWN, 8f, FLY GIRL (Ire)
€10,000 Goffs Orby Yearling Sale 2019



Flintshire is looking for his first winner in Ireland on Thursday.

Sarah K. Andrew



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DAUGHTER OF CHICQUITA DEBUTS AT LEOPARDSTOWN

1.00 Leopardstown, Mdn, €16,500, 2yo, f, 8fT

NICEST (IRE) (American Pharoah) is a daughter of the G1 Irish Oaks heroine Chicquita (Ire) (Montjeu {Ire}) who debuts for the Tabor/Smith/Magnier axis and Donnacha O'Brien. A half-sister to the group-placed Secret Thoughts (War Front), she is from the immediate family of Magic Wand (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}).

4.55 Sandown, Mdn, £6,400, 2yo, 7fT

THUNDER SUN (FR) (Siyouni {Fr}) was a 450,000gns purchase at Tattersalls October Book 1 for Saeed Suhail who starts out for the Sir Michael Stoute stable. A half-brother to last year's G1 Grosser Dallmayr-Preis winner Danceria (Fr) (Redoute's Choice {Aus}), the January-foaled bay is out of a group-winning half to Lope de Vega (Ire).

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IRELAND

Wednesday's Results:

1st-Naas, €24,000, Mdn, 7-22, 2yo, 5fT, :59.79, gd.

STEEL BULL (IRE) (c, 2, Clodovil {Ire}--Macarthurs Park {Ire}, by Equiano {Fr}) broke in the second rank and tracked the leaders on the bridle through halfway in this debut. Gathered together inside the two pole, the 2-1 chance quickened to the fore passing the furlong marker and was pushed clear to easily outpoint Dense Star (Ire) (Starspangledbanner {Aus}) by 2 1/2 lengths. "[Trainer] Mike [O'Callaghan] bought him at the breeze-ups off Andrew Lynch, who had liked him all along," said winning rider Leigh Roche. "He was showing us plenty at home, ability wise, but we didn't know whether he was fit enough. He was still a little bit raw and it took him a few strides to get going, but when he did he put the race to bed and hit the line very well. He will improve a lot from that race and is one to look forward to. He's very straightforward, he travels, he settles and when you ask him to pick up he picks up, puts his head down and gallops to the line." Steel Bull is the second of two foals produced by a half-sister to Listed Curragh S. victor Three Sea Captains (Ire) (Choisir {Aus}), who in turn is out of a winning daughter of G1 Haydock Sprint Cup heroine Lavinia Fontana (Ire) (Sharpo {GB}). Sales history: €5,000 Wlg '18 TATFBR; £15,000 Ylg '19 TASAYG;

£28,000 2yo '20 GOFARQ. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$16,601. 1ST-TIME STARTER. O/T-Michael O'Callaghan; B-Macarthurs Park Partnership (IRE).

8th-Naas, €11,000, Mdn, 7-22, 3yo/up, 10fT, 2:14.51, gd.
DAWN PATROL (IRE) (c, 3, Galileo {Ire}--Gwynn {Ire}, by Darshaan {GB}), a half-brother to the G1 Epsom Derby hero Pour Moi (Ire) (Montjeu {Ire}), G1SW-Eng, GSW-Fr, \$1,313,155, was a touch unlucky when third in the G1 Irish Derby at The Curragh June 27 and took up front-running duties from the outset. Strongly pressed by Daylight Come (Ire) (Dawn Approach {Ire}) in the straight, the 1-8 favourite stayed on to score by 1 1/2 lengths. The winner is also a half-brother to the G3 Prix des Reservoirs and G3 Prix Penelope winner and G1 Prix de Diane, G1 Irish Oaks and G1 Prix Saint-Alary-placed Gagnoa (Ire) (Sadler's Wells), MGSW & MG1SP-Fr, G1SP-Ire, \$597,492, who is also the dam of last year's G3 Coolmore Stud Irish EBF Fillies Sprint S. scorer Etoile (War Front). His full-sister Kissed (Ire) took the Listed Salsabil S., while the family also features the brilliant Bosra Sham (Woodman), Hector Protector and Lammtarra. The dam's unraced 2-year-old filly Beluga (Ire) is also by Galileo. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-1, \$95,645. O-Michael Tabor & Derrick Smith & Mrs John Magnier; B-Lynch Bages Ltd (IRE); T-Aidan O'Brien.

3rd-NAAS, €11,000, Mdn., 7-22, 3yo/up, 6fT, 1:11.82, gd.

GOLD FACTORY (f, 3, The Factor--Golden Causeway, by Giant's Causeway) took a few attempts to learn her trade, but ultimately prevailed narrowly at Naas on Wednesday. Second at Dundalk from five trips to the post as a juvenile, she opened her sophomore season with an unplaced run at Leopardstown on June 14, and was 10-1 with bookmakers in this return. Jumping well, she avoided traffic snug against the far side rail while in midpack and sidled toward the centre of the course inside the final 200 metres to challenge for the lead. In command shortly thereafter, she dug deep to hold off the rapidly gaining Make A Promise (Ire) (Slade Power {Ire}) and win by a head.

"Gold Factory had a couple of promising runs last year and built on that today after disappointing in her first start of the season," said **bloodstock agent Dan Hayden** to TDN. "Joseph [O'Brien] switched some things up with her in the mornings and she responded well with a gutsy win today, hopefully she moves forward."

Hayden purchased the winner and last week's victress Gin Blossom (Ire) (Make Believe {GB}) for Marc Holliday of Blue Devil Racing at the Goffs Orby Yearling Sale for €90,000 and €75,000, respectively. Holliday is involved with real estate in New York and has previously raced GI Ballerina S. heroine Come Dancing (Malibu Moon). **Cont. p10**

3rd-Naas Cont.

The agent also provided an update on Gin Blossom and said, “Gin Blossom showed plenty on the gallops last year. She had two good runs on heavy ground at two, she was second to Katiba (Ire) (Footstepsinthesand {GB}), who is Group 3 placed and second to Lemista (Ire) (Raven’s Pass) who’s a Group 2 winner. She got her good ground in Leopardstown last week and responded with [a] very nice win, she may point to a listed race in a couple of weeks and her future looks bright.”

Out of the winning 3-year-old Golden Causeway, Gold Factory is the third foal and third winner out of her dam. Gold Factory is followed by the unraced gelding Robert’s Luxury (Shanghai Bobby), the yearling filly Way Lucky (Lookin At Lucky) and a weanling full-sister to the latter foaled on May 11. All three were bred by South Branch Equine, who snapped up their dam for \$85,000 out of the Keeneland November Sale in 2017 in the name of South Branch Farms. Golden Causeway is a half-sister to GSPs Wedding Ring (Ire) (Oasis Dream {GB}) and Falcon Wings (GB) (Nathaniel {Ire}), while her second dam is the English listed winner Crystal Crossing (Ire) (Royal Academy), responsible for English highweight Rule of Law (Kingmambo), a winner of the 2004 G1 St. Leger and runner-up in that year’s G1 Epsom Derby.

Sales Record: \$30,000 Ylg ‘18 KEEJAN; €90,000 Ylg ‘18 GOFORB.
Lifetime Record: 7-1-1-0, \$10,642.

O-Blue Devil Racing Stable LLC. B-Hunter Valley Farm (KY). T-Joseph P. O’Brien.

	Dan Hayden Bloodstock Purchase	
	Raised & Sold by Hunter Valley Farm	

CONDITIONS RESULT:

6th-Naas, €13,500, 7-22, 3yo/up, 7fT, 1:29.20, gd.

COULD BE KING (GB) (g, 4, Bated Breath {GB}--Poyle Dee Dee {GB}, by Oasis Dream {GB}) Lifetime Record: MSP-Ire, 10-2-0-3, \$40,174. O-Richard Barnes; B-Cecil and Miss Alison Wiggins (GB); T-Ken Condon. *9,000gns Wlg ‘16 TATFOA; €52,000 RNA Ylg ‘17 GOFOR; 25,000gns RNA Ylg ‘17 TATDEY.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:

Tasalka (Ire), f, 3, Lope de Vega (Ire)--Tarakala (Ire) (Hwt. 3yo Filly-Ire at 14f+, SW-Eng, GSP-Ire, \$157,050), by Dr Fong. Naas, 7-22, 10fT, 2:14.79. B-His Highness the Aga Khan’s Studs SC (IRE). *1/2 to Tarana (Ire) (Cape Cross {Ire}), MSW & GSP-Ire, \$141,525.



Gold Factory (The Factor) winning for Blue Devil Racing Stable LLC at Naas. The filly was purchased by Dan Hayden at Goffs Orby for €90,000.

FRANCE

Thursday, ParisLongchamp, post time: 1.10 p.m.**PRIX DE THIBERVILLE-Listed, €38,000, 3yo, f, 12fT**

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	2	Valia (Fr)	Sea the Stars (Ire)	Mosse	de Royer-Dupre
2	8	Queen Daenerys (Ire)	Frankel (GB)	Guyon	Varian
3	3	Majestic Noor (GB)	Frankel (GB)	Dettori	Gosden
4	5	Padovana (Fr)	Sea The Moon (Ger)	Boudot	Graffard
5	6	Assigned (Ire)	Camelot (GB)	Trullier	Clement
6	1	Tara (Fr)	Mastercraftsman (Ire)	Hardouin	C&Y Lerner
7	4	Gua Ginger (Fr)	Rock of Gibraltar (Ire)	Leconte	Suborics
8	7	Wonderful Tonight (Fr)	Le Havre (Ire)	Piccone	Menuisier

All carry 126 pounds.

Thursday, Vichy, post time: 7.05 p.m.**PRIX DES REVES D'OR - JACQUES BOUCHARA-Listed, €42,000, 2yo, 5fT**

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	5	Northbound (Ire)	Fast Company (Ire)	Mendizabal	Palmer
2	9	Eve (Fr)	Charm Spirit (Ire)	Piccone	Dupont-Fahn
3	6	La Discoteca (Ire)	Anjaal (GB)	Guyon	Vermeulen
4	4	Got Luck (Fr)	Belardo (Ire)	Barzalona	P&F Monfort
5	7	Night Hunting (Fr)	Amarillo (Ire)	Maillet	Clement
6	1	Murrayfield (Fr)	Territories (Ire)	Lemaitre	Decouz
7	3	Goyava (Fr)	Goken (Fr)	Crustus	Reynier
8	2	Pietra Giallo (Fr)	Evasive (GB)	Cheminaud	Marcialis
9	8	Acapulco Gold (Fr)	Bungle Inthejungle (GB)	Pasquier	Chappet

All carry 122 pounds bar Northbound, 126.

Wednesday's Results:

2nd-Vichy, €16,000, Mdn, 7-22, 3yo, f, 10fT, 2:08.45, g/s.

EXTREME FAST (FR) (f, 3, Le Havre {Ire}--Extreme Green {GB}, by Motivator {GB}), third on debut over this trip at Compiègne at the start of the month, was allowed to coast to the front by the first turn. Full of run with two furlongs remaining, the 27-10 second favourite was asked to extend there and responded generously to record a 5 1/2-length success from Animal Fever (Animal Kingdom). The dam, who also has the 2-year-old filly Tambootie (Ire) (Siyouni {Fr}) bought for €80,000 by Tina Rau Bloodstock and Nicolas Clement at the Arqana Deauville October Yearling Sale, is a half-sister to the six-times Group 1 heroine Moonlight Cloud (GB) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}). The third dam is Wedding Bouquet (Ire) (Kings Lake), the GIII Monrovia H. and G3 C L Weld Park S.-winning half-sister to Generous (Ire) and Imagine (Ire) (Sadler's Wells). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, €11,000. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O/B-Haras de la Perelle (FR); T-Francis-Henri Graffard.

3rd-Vichy, €16,000, Mdn, 7-22, 3yo, c/g, 10fT, 2:07.92, g/s.

MET OFFICE (IRE) (c, 3, Dansili {GB}--Paratonnerre {GB}, by Montjeu {Ire}), ninth on debut over 10 1/2 furlongs at

Saint-Cloud May 19, raced behind the leading trio early. Sent forward to tackle Algiers (Ire) (Shamardal) approaching the final furlong, the 6-1 shot gained the edge in the last 75 metres for a neck success. The dam is a full-sister to the G3 Prix de Lutece winner Pacifique (Ire) and a half to the Listed Lingfield Derby Trial winner and G1 Epsom Derby fifth English King (Fr) (Camelot {GB}). Another of her half-siblings is the Listed Prix de la Seine scorer Prudenzia (Ire) (Dansili {GB}), who is responsible for the G1 Irish Oaks heroine Chicquita (Ire) (Montjeu {Ire}) and the G1 MacKinnon S. winner Magic Wand (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}). Paratonnerre's 2-year-old colt Let There Be Rock (Fr) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}) was knocked down to Christophe Ferland for €110,000 at the Arqana Deauville October Yearling Sale. Sales history: €150,000 Ylg '18 ARAUG. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, €8,000. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Sheikh Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum; B-Ecurie des Charmes & Skymarc Farm (IRE); T-Henri-Francois Devin.

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

3rd-Dieppe, €18,000, Cond, 7-22, 3yo, 11fT, 2:25.60, sf.

SUMMER DRIVE (f, 3, Hard Spun--July Jasmine {MSP-Eng}, by Empire Maker) Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-0, €13,750. O-Khalid Abdullah; B-Juddmonte Farms Inc (KY); T-David Smaga.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Zelote (Fr), g, 3, Literato (Fr)--Zyhton (Fr), by Kabool (GB).

Dieppe, 7-22, 7fT, 1:23.20. B-Myriam Bollack-Badel & Pierre Lamy (FR). *1/2 to Zygmont (Fr) (Vespone {Ire}), SW-Fr.

Gallya (Fr), f, 3, Power (GB)--Non Piu Diva (Ire), by Invincible Spirit (Ire). Dieppe, 7-22, 5 1/2fT, 1:04.80. B-Scuderia Micolo SNC (FR).

Sheraz (Fr), g, 3, Sea the Stars (Ire)--Shemiyla (Fr) (GSW-Fr, \$169,373), by Dalakhani (Ire). Dieppe, 7-22, 5 1/2fT, 2:22.80. B-H H The Aga Khan's Studs SC (FR).

BRITAIN

Wednesday's Results:

5th-Catterick Bridge, £6,400, Mdn, 7-22, 2yo, 5f 212yT, 1:13.41, gd.

SCIENCE (IRE) (c, 2, No Nay Never--Princess Desire {Ire}, by Danehill), who travelled strongly in the G2 Coventry S. only to finish 12th in that June 20 Royal Ascot contest, was sent straight to the front from the break. Turning the screw from the home bend, the 10-11 favourite hit the line with 4 3/4 lengths to spare over Shesaheart (GB) (Brazen Beau {Aus}).

"We've always thought a lot of him and we brought him up here to get his confidence back," jockey Hollie Doyle explained.

5th-Catterick Bridge Cont. “He hated the ground, so it was a good showing to win as he has.” The dam, who was already responsible for the Listed Rose Bowl S. runner-up Mappa Mundi (Henrythenavigator) and the Italian listed-placed Bloody Love (Ire) (Rip Van Winkle {Ire}), is connected to the top-level scorers Prince Arch (Arch) and Kingsfort (War Chant) and to the recent G3 Brownstown S. winner Valeria Messalina (Ire) (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}). Her yearling colt is by Starspangledbanner (Aus). Sales history: 170,000gns Ylg ‘19 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$6,810. O-Qatar Racing Limited; B-Rockhart Trading Ltd (IRE); T-A Watson.

4th-Great Yarmouth, £5,400, Nov, 7-22, 3/4yo, f, 6f 3yT, 1:13.68, g/f.

SILVER MACHINE (GB) (f, 3, Brazen Beau {Aus}--Blue Crest {Fr}, by Verglas {Ire}), an easy three-length winner over this distance at Chelmsford City in her Nov. 7 debut last time, was sharply into stride and led from flagfall in this seasonal return and first turf start. Nudged along passing the two pole, the 2-1 second choice quickened smartly entering the final furlong and was pushed out to prevail by 2 1/4 lengths from Praised (GB) (Pivotal {GB}). She is one of four scorers from as many runners out of a winning half-sister to three black-type performers and the April-foaled grey's siblings include Listed Harry Rosebery S. victor Dave Dexter (GB) (Stimulation {Ire}), a 2-year-old colt by Stimulation (Ire) and a yearling colt by The Last Lion (Ire). Sales history: 55,000gns Ylg ‘18 TAOCT. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$12,765. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O-Tweenhills Fillies; B-Llety Farms (GB); T-Archie Watson.

FIRST WINNER FOR SIRE

5th-Great Yarmouth, £5,400, Nov, 7-22, 2yo, 6f 3yT, 1:13.47, g/f.

ALICESTAR (GB) (f, 2, Charming Thought {GB}--Atheera {Ire}, by Shamardal) found cover in fifth from the outset of this unveiling. Angled into the clear approaching the quarter-mile marker, the 4-1 second favourite was ridden to go second entering the final eighth and pushed out late to assert by 1 1/4 lengths from Soldier Lions (Ire) (Equiano {Fr}), becoming the first winner for her freshman sire (by Oasis Dream {GB}). She is the latest of four winning foals produced by a winning granddaughter of G1 Irish 1000 Guineas heroine Mehthaaf (Nureyev), herself a half-sister to G1 July Cup-winning sire Elnadim (Danzig). Sales history: 8,000gns RNA Wlg ‘18 TATFOA; £10,000 Ylg ‘19 TASAYG. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$4,448. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** 1ST-TIME STARTER. O-Tick Tock Partnership; B-Lordship Stud (GB); T-David Simcock.

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Charming Thought celebrated his first winner with Alicestar at Great Yarmouth. | Darley

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

- One Day (GB)**, f, 2, **Adaay (Ire)**--Pelican Key (Ire), by Mujadil. Bath & Somerset County, 7-22, 5f 10yT, 1:01.80. B-Trickledown Stud Ltd (GB). *8th winner for freshman sire (by Kodiak {GB}). **35,000gns Wlg ‘18 TATFOA; 32,000gns Ylg ‘19 TATOCT.
- Topper Bill (Fr)**, c, 2, **Intrinsic (GB)**--Alyaa (Ire), by Iffraaj (GB). Catterick Bridge, 7-22, 7f 6yT, 1:28.11. B-Malih Al Basti (FR). €1,000 RNA Ylg ‘19 ARQFEB.
- Alezan (GB)**, f, 3, **Dawn Approach (Ire)**--Sarinda (GB) (SW-Ger), by Dubawi (Ire). Bath & Somerset County, 7-22, 8fT, 1:40.25. B-Rabbah Bloodstock Ltd (GB). *38,000gns Ylg ‘18 TATOCT.
- Wrath of Hector (GB)**, g, 3, **Mayson (GB)**--Dutch Mistress (GB), by Dutch Art (GB). Great Yarmouth, 7-22, 6f 3yT, 1:13.47. B-Ferdlant Stud Ltd (GB). *800gns Wlg ‘17 TATFOA; £12,000 RNA Ylg ‘18 GOHITY.
- Stars In the Night (Ire)**, f, 3, **Starspangledbanner (Aus)**--On the Dark Side (Ire) (SP-Eng), by Kheleyf. Catterick Bridge, 7-22, 5fT, :59.05. B-Drumlin Bloodstock (IRE). *46,000gns Wlg ‘17 TATFOA; 40,000gns Ylg ‘18 TAOCT.
- Lehwaiyla (GB)**, f, 3, **Toronado (Ire)**--Strawberrydaiquiri (GB) (MGSW & MG1SP-Eng, \$439,664), by Dansili (GB). Bath & Somerset County, 7-22, 8fT, 1:40.44. B-Al Shaqab Racing (GB).
- Essgee Nics (Ire)**, g, 7, **Fairly Ransom**--Vannuccis Daughter (Ire), by Perugino. Bath & Somerset County, 7-22, 10f 37yT, 2:08.20. B-Richard O'Hara (IRE). *€3,500 RNA Ylg ‘14 GOFFEB.

ITALY

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:

- Winning Star (GB)**, f, 2, **Twilight Son (GB)**--Lavinia's Grace, by Green Desert. Napoli, 7-22, Mdn. (€12.1k), 1000mT. Lifetime Record: 3-1-2-0, €. O-Daniela Tedde. B-Wellsummers Stud (GB). T-Danilo Pieromenico. *2nd winner for her sire (by Kyllachy {GB}). **£5,000 RNA Ylg ‘19 GOFAUG.



RELIEF AS SHUTTLE STALLIONS TOUCH DOWN



Justify | Coolmore Stud

By Bren O'Brien

While leading industry figures never seriously considered that the international movement of stallions would be stalled by the global COVID-19 crisis, there is certainly a sense of relief from everyone that the shuttle sires have begun touching down on Australian soil in recent days.

Australia's two biggest international breeding operations, Darley and Coolmore, have had 100s of millions worth of bloodstock touch down in Melbourne this week, be they from Europe, United Kingdom, Ireland or the United States.

They include US Triple Crown winners **Justify (USA)** and **American Pharoah (USA)** and Australian-bred global stars **Fastnet Rock** and **Exceed And Excel**. Darley's new boys **Blue Point (Ire)** and **Too Darn Hot (GB)** are also on Australian soil for the first time, along with Coolmore freshman duo **Calyx (GB)** and **Magna Grecia (Ire)**.

While the arrival of the shuttle stallions is crucial for the global business of the two thoroughbred behemoths, it's a similarly important moment for Spendthrift Australia, which will be welcoming **Omaha Beach (USA)** and **Vino Rosso (USA)** to its Victorian base following their spell in quarantine after they touched down on Tuesday.

"It was one of those things where there has been stages where the element of uncertainty has been there, but I think IRT has worked pretty hard for all of us to get the boys back and I think it's a credit to their organisation really," Spendthrift Australia's

General Manager, Garry Cuddy, said.

IRT, which oversees the majority of equine imports into Australia, began working with Thoroughbred Breeders Association, Racing Australia and the federal government as soon as the COVID crisis emerged to help smooth the passage of stallions into Australia for the new season.

TBA chief executive Tom Reilly said that getting horses into the country was never a major hurdle, but the issue was around how to co-ordinate the travel of humans with those horses.

"It was clear quite early on that the movement of the horses wasn't going to be an issue, because the protocols are well in place. It was only an issue with staff coming with the horses," Reilly said. "IRT always felt confident early on and the conversation we were having with the Department Of Agriculture who were then linking in with Home Affairs and Australian Border Force, were always positive."

RA, IRT and TBA successfully argued that the travel of handlers with the horses was crucial to what was an essential business pursuit.

"It was essential that if you have an asset that is worth tens of millions of dollars, you want the right people on the plane with those animals. We wanted the confirmation that staff could go with those horses and they gave us the assurance to make sure that would happen and they have done so," he said. "Since then, the farms have been able to do what they need to get his done.

"I always felt confident because we were asking for a common-sense solution, which had no risk in terms of COVID. They understood our industry and the necessity and the broader economic benefit for Australia of those horses coming."



Too Darn Hot | Darley Stallions



Frosted | *Darley Stallions*

While there was a comfort there as to the transport of the stallions being able to be conducted within appropriate protocols, Reilly admitted he was glad that agreement was reached last month prior to the evolving outbreaks of COVID in Australia in the past weeks.

"With this second wave, government can get snowed under, so there is a sense of relief that it has all worked out and they are here now," he said. "The shuttle stallions bring a lot to our industry."

Shuttlers a Huge Boost for Swettenham

Sweetenham Stud has welcomed **Highland Reel (Ire)**'s arrival in the country as part of the Coolmore shipment, with **Toronado (Ire)** to arrive early next week.

Principal Adam Sangster said the actions of IRT and TBA has certainly helped ease nerves in what has been an uncertain time across the industry.

"IRT and Chris Burke, who looks after us, have done a remarkable job, along with the TBA. They have worked very closely with governments and working through the protocols with Canberra. Full credit goes to those guys," he said.

Sangster said the additional protocols to ensure the right handlers could travel with the horses provided an additional level of comfort.

"Highland Reel's handler, Darren, has been with him since he was a yearling, and did his work riding, and when he retired, he looked after him in the service barn and has been down here before," he said. "He actually flew down with Highland Reel and the other horses and turned around within three hours and went back to Ireland. He said he travelled like a professional, he travelled safely, he ate and he drank up well."

Darley's Faith in the Process

Darley's Head Of Sales Alastair Pulford said he always had faith that the shuttlers would not have an issue coming into Australia.

"There was never a time where we thought this was in danger of not happening. Obviously, the air transport companies had to go through the protocols, to ensure that everything was in its right place and worked properly."

He said the 10 shuttle stallions which had arrived this week, two of which, **Belardo (Ire)** and **Ribchester (Ire)** will fly onto New Zealand, had settled in well.

Blue Point, **Frosted (USA)** and **Street Boss (USA)** will head to Victoria's Northwood Park, while Exceed And Excel, Too Darn Hot, **Harry Angel (Ire)**, **Territories (Ire)** and **Astern** will need to cross the currently closed border between Victoria and New South Wales, something Pulford doesn't anticipate being a problem.

"It is all sorted. Livestock movement is permitted with strict controls around staff, and obviously we are adhering to all the protocols and restrictions around that. We will have a car follow them to the border and a car follow them from the border," he said. "With the appropriate permits and plans in place, it's not a completely difficult exercise. It's a bit more restricted than normal."

The Inspection Challenge

The next logistical challenge for the farms is co-ordinating the inspection of the stallions, something which will have different restrictions depending on the state where they are based.

"At this stage, the Hunter Valley have a parade plan for the year, in an open house format," Pulford said.

"We anticipate there would be a minimal risk with adequate social distancing and temperature checks in place. That is being practiced at the moment and we are confident that the people that need to and want to see the horses, will be able to do so, albeit it won't be the big social occasion as it has been in the past."

With two high profile new arrivals, Cuddy said there was obviously a demand to inspect his stallions, but with the COVID-19 situation changing in Victoria by the day, they would wait and see for a couple of weeks as to what format that may be in.

"We are going to try and get as many people as we can to see them. The stallions have arrived a week earlier than usual, which is good, so once we get them out of quarantine and settle them onto the farm, we will make announcements as to what our plans will be there in early to mid-August," he said.

"We need to get our heads around what the requirements will be in Victoria by that time. There is an element of uncertainty that leaves you wondering what to do and how best to do it, and the way things are changing, they are changing daily."

The positive Cuddy takes from the situation is that demand for

inspections means interest in the two stallions is very high.

"It's generating a lot of return business and generating plenty of new business which is obviously crucial when you step up your game and bring out horses of this quality," he said. "It's great to be receiving phone calls from some of the leading breeders around the country."

Sangster: Protocols Crucial

The pressure at Swettenham Stud is not as acute as its two shuttle stallions are familiar to Australian breeders, but Sangster said it is crucial the protocols are continued to be observed.

"Most people know what our stallions look like, but It's just a moving target and we have put out a digital stallion parade already," he said. "If someone does want to come up, and they have got a mare, we want them to submit the mare to us beforehand, to make sure that the people we have got coming to look at the stallions are not just out for a joyride.

"It's incredibly important that the protocols are kept in place and no one eases them. We need to uphold what we are trying to do, because it is a worrying time.

"We have an important role to perform as breeding and racing is the fabric of the community."

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