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MCPEEK DUO SET FOR ALABAMA CLASH; 'SWISS' STILL POSSIBLE FOR DERBY



Swiss Skydiver | Benoit

by Mike Kane

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N.Y.--With a pair of contenders, trainer Kenny McPeek said he is looking at Saturday's GI Alabama S. more as an important prize than a steppingstone to one or both of the marquee races at Churchill Downs on the first weekend of September.

McPeek plans to run **Swiss Skydiver** (Daredevil) and **Envoutante** (Uncle Mo) in the 140th Alabama and expects they will both move on to the GI Kentucky Oaks Sept. 4. It is still possible, McPeek said, he might try Swiss Skydiver in the GI Kentucky Derby, but the focus this week is on the 1 1/4-mile Alabama.

Last month at Keeneland, McPeek kept his fillies apart: Envoutante was third in the GI Central Bank Ashland S., while Swiss Skydiver was given a Derby prep against males in the GI Toyota Blue Grass S. and finished second, 3 1/4 lengths behind Art Collector (Bernardini). Since both have enough points to qualify for the Oaks--Swiss Skydiver tops the table with 350--they will face each other for the first time in the Alabama.

"There's not a lot of options. Both of them are doing good," McPeek said. "It's a great race. Anybody that turns their nose up to the Alabama; it's just a great race."

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KEENELAND CATALOGS 4,272 YEARLINGS FOR SEPTEMBER SALE

The catalog for the world-renowned Keeneland September Yearling Sale, to be held Sept. 13-25, is **now online** and features 4,272 offerings. Book 1, which features 448 yearlings, will run Sept. 13 and 14 with each season beginning at noon, followed by a dark day Sept. 15. Selling resumes Sept. 16 with the first of two Book 2 sessions, beginning at 10 a.m. Books 3-6 will each be comprised of two sessions, also beginning at 10 a.m.

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McPeek's Alabama Duo cont. from p1

McPeek picked up his first Alabama with Eskimo Kisses (To Honor and Serve) in 2018 and said he would like to win another.

"Envoutante is coming into it timing-wise really well. And Swiss Skydiver is obviously a high-level talent, but she hasn't won a Grade I yet," McPeek said. "I didn't want to put all my eggs in one basket for the Oaks, because obviously Gamine (Into Mischief) is a very fast filly. If I've got to run against her on Oaks day there is no guarantee that I can win that."

The Alabama, which honors the 19th-century breeder and owner William Cottrell of Mobile, Ala., is the female companion of Saratoga's GI Runhappy Travers S., won Aug. 8 by Tiz the Law (Constitution). It has been run at the 10-furlong distance since 1917.

"I don't think either one of them will have any trouble with it"



Kenny McPeek | *Coady*

McPeek said. "Envoutante is asking for a little bit more. I think she's going to need a little more patient ride. Swiss Skydiver can dictate her own pace if you need her to. She's fast. I'd be more concerned with her getting the distance than Envoutante, but

talent-wise Swiss Skydiver has shown that she is maybe a little bit better at this stage."

Swiss Skydiver is by far the better-known of McPeek's two fillies and has earned \$677,980. He picked her out of the 2018 Keeneland September sale for what has proved to be a bargain \$35,000 for longtime owner Peter Callahan. McPeek said that Callahan named the filly for a granddaughter, who did some skydiving in Switzerland. She won her debut at Churchill Downs Nov. 16 and climbed to the top of the 3-year-old filly

division this year when she moved into longer races. She won the GI Gulfstream Park Oaks at 9-1 in March, the GIII Fantasy S. in May at 16-1. **Cont. p4**

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After those victories, she won the four-horse GII Santa Anita Oaks in June at 3-5 before the Blue Grass, where she was a 2-1 favorite in the field of 13.

“Once we got her to two turns it’s been no problem for her,” McPeek said. “She just handled that really well. She’s all class. She’s a really strong filly to be around, too. She’s gotten stronger as she’s gone on.”

Envoutante, owned by the partnership of Scott Leed’s Walking L Thoroughbreds and Three Chimneys Farm, was acquired for \$250,000 as a yearling at the 2018 Keeneland September sale. Her name means “bewitching” in French.



Envoutante | Coady

The July 11 Ashland was Envoutante’s first try in graded stakes company and she ended up 6 3/4 lengths behind the winner, Speech (Mr. Speaker). She has had three works since, including a bullet half-mile in :47.51 over the Oklahoma training track on Aug. 8.

“I think this race is a really good setup for Envoutante,” McPeek said. “It wouldn’t surprise me if she upset my other filly. She’s a good filly in her own right.”

McPeek said the Ashland turned out to be a learning experience that could help with the Alabama.

“She got pinned inside most of the race and Jose Ortiz came back and said she was a little bit uncomfortable down in there. Her better races have been when she’s laid on the outside and made a run. She’s capable of making the pace, which she did when she broke her maiden, but I think her best race is where she came from off the pace at Churchill in the allowance race. I’m going to ask him to ride her similar to the way he did with Eskimo Kisses when we won the Alabama, a couple of seasons ago, just wait and wait and wait and wait, just get her in a nice rhythm and make one run. I think she is better that way.”

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Saratoga-based Tyler Gaffalione will be aboard Swiss Skydiver in the Alabama, replacing Mike Smith, who was up for her last two races. Gaffalione rode the filly in her first two starts in November.

Swiss Skydiver has enough qualifying points to secure a berth in the Kentucky Derby and McPeck said it was possible that she might start there instead of the Oaks.

“If she won impressively, I would entertain it. We’ll see,” he said. “Let’s run first and talk about it later. Yeah, if she won impressively, I wouldn’t rule it out completely. [Tiz the Law] is very, very good, but probably his worst race was there. And it’s a funny race track. Some horses just don’t like Churchill Downs. Skip Away hated it. So those things happen. Let’s get through this weekend and see.”

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Keeneland September Catalog Released cont. from p1

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“Keeneland’s September Sale is vital to the Thoroughbred industry and the primary source globally of champions and graded or group stakes winners year after year,” Keeneland President-Elect and Interim Head of Sales Shannon Arvin said. “We look forward to welcoming consignors and buyers this fall, and we are collaborating with Fasig-Tipton and government and health officials on protocols to be announced in the coming days that will enable us to conduct a successful and safe sale. For those unable to attend, we have expedited our technology initiatives to provide real-time online bidding and expanded our phone bidding capabilities. We also have enhanced the

resources available via our digital September Sale catalog to deliver more information directly to our customers.”

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MAX PLAYER MOVED TO ASMUSSEN BARN



Max Player | Sarah Andrew

George Hall and SportBLX Thoroughbreds’s GI Kentucky Derby contender **Max Player** (Honor Code) has been moved from trainer Linda Rice to the Steve Asmussen barn, Rice confirmed via Twitter Tuesday.

“Max Player has been moved to the Asmussen barn in order to prepare for the Kentucky Derby at Churchill Downs,” Rice said. “We are disappointed to see him go, but we wish George Hall and SportBLX the best of luck!”

Winner of the GIII Withers S. this February at Aqueduct, Max Player finished third off a four-plus month layoff behind Tiz the Law (Constitution) in the GI Belmont S. and again completed the trifecta behind the Derby favorite in Saturday’s GI Runhappy Travers S. at Saratoga. He currently sits in ninth on the Derby points leaderboard with 60 and was slated to become Rice’s first starter in the Run for the Roses.

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Colonial Downs has canceled Tuesday and Wednesday's card due to leading jockey Trevor McCarthy testing positive for COVID-19, according to a report by *Daily Racing Form*. McCarthy took off his mounts Sunday and Monday because of "flu-like symptoms", according to his agent Scott Silver. According to the report, McCarthy attempted to get tested Monday but was unable to, then received a test Tuesday and was positive.

Silver added that McCarthy's symptoms had dissipated and he was feeling well enough on Tuesday that he would have ridden at Colonial card his test come back negative. It remains unclear how long McCarthy will have to sit out or how Colonial Downs will proceed after the two canceled cards, but the track said in a text to horsemen that it was awaiting guidance from the Virginia Department of Health.

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SUMMER HARVEST THE STUFF OF DREAMS

by Chris McGrath

What a business this is: how random, the turn of the dial. And yet, at the same time, how symmetrical; how suggestive of a destiny coherent enough for us all to keep trying to read it. A budget of \$10,000, permitting the purchase of a mare for \$7,000. Jim Weigel would have gone home already, but the two he had earmarked in the catalog had both soared past his reach. Then a reserve of \$10,000 on her yearling daughter, only for the bidding to stall at \$7,000. So he kept the filly, and raced her. And when she won the Grade I, he ran down the steps at Oaklawn.

"Though by that time I'd already had my stroke, and was kind of limping along on my right leg," Weigel recalls. **Cont. p7**

"About halfway down I turned around and said, to nobody in particular: 'So you wouldn't give me \$10,000 for her, huh? Now look what happened!'"

That was 15 years ago, the GI Apple Blossom H., and Dream Of Summer was then a dappled gray. In the meantime, with the whitening of her coat, she has introduced an ever brighter shimmer to a family tree previously so dull that neither she nor her mother could gain due attention in the ring.

Two of her foals have been Classic-placed: Creative Cause, a Grade I winner at two, was third in the GI Preakness among serial performances that qualified him among the best of his crop; and Destin, who had set a track record in the GII Tampa Bay Derby, led into the stretch in the GI Belmont S. only to be caught at the wire. Both are by Giant's Causeway; and so, too, is Vexatious—who introduced fresh luster to their dam's breeding record when holding off champion Midnight Bisou (Midnight Lute) by a neck in the GI Personal Ensign S. at the start of the month. **Cont. p7**



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Dream of Summer & her 2020 Uncle Mo filly | *Taylor Made*

Weigel spent much of his career as a naval sonar engineer but at this time, still in his 20s, he was working down in Orange County on the ballistic missile program.

"We used to go up to the big airbase in central California, Vandenberg, though I never actually saw one of those missiles shot," Weigel remembers. "I'd either be in the basement of the blockhouse, which was too close to watch, or back at the hotel getting my fill of beer! I was lucky. Some of the guys in the department were sent to Vietnam, while I was getting jobs like Switzerland and the U.K. For a time they had me just over the hill from Troon, and I spent four days there for the British Open.

"Anyway I just happened to be walking out from work that day, a little bit after five o'clock. And a friend of mine, Jerry Borquez, was sitting in his office and I stopped on the way out. I asked him what he was doing that weekend and he said that he thought he'd go out to Santa Anita. When I said I'd never been to the races, he said: 'Well, why don't you come along?'

"Of course I started out as a \$2 bettor, and I hadn't cashed a ticket at all until the Santa Margarita Handicap came up. And then I think I had a show ticket I was able to cash in for \$2.60. And I thought to myself: 'This is easy!' And I was hooked. I'd go out there with Jerry, we'd walk from the back parking lot under the racetrack and into the infield. In those days they still hadn't instituted Sunday racing, there was no account betting, and there was always a big crowd. I thought it was just great."

It was during a stint with the Ford Motor Company that Weigel dipped his toe into a syndicate of 37, some of them in for as

little as \$100, for a "no-account gelding that never won a race." But every time a call went out for a top-up of funds, the membership fell away. Weigel did carry on with a couple of friends for many years, with the odd cheap claim, but as early retirement loomed he decided to try his luck making a longer play: he would go to the 1996 January Sale at Barrett's, and find himself a broodmare.

"I thought that about the only way I could get a valuable horse would be to breed it," he says. "What did I know about it! I was going to pay cash, because people didn't know who I was and they weren't about to give me credit. I had \$10,000, and I had picked out these two mares. But they were both bid to over \$20,000, so I had to let them go."

He was just sitting there, browsing the catalog, when Hip 189 came in: an unraced 6-year-old by Skywalker.

"She had a reasonably good pedigree," Weigel says. "By a Breeders' Cup Classic winner, from a long line of good Californian broodmares. I think she'd got hurt at a 2-year-olds in training sale, and they'd bred her then: that kind of shocked me, that she'd already had three foals and that the youngest had been in utero when she was just two. Anyway I started bidding on her and, to show you what a neophyte I was, it turned out I was bidding against myself. The spotter had to come over and say: 'That's already your bid.'"

A couple of years later, Weigel sent her to Caro's grandson Siberian Summer, who had shocked Bertrando (Skywalker) in the GI Strub S. but never got much traction during a peripatetic stud career. He did have better genes than was apparent at the time, his half-sister Magnificent Style (Silver Hawk) subsequently emerging as a blue hen in Europe. And Marianne Millard was adamant that his filly out of Mary's Dream had something about her.

"Marianne runs Here Tis Ranch, where she was born and raised, and liked her right from the start," Weigel recalls. "She told me: 'Now don't you sell this filly cheap.' She wanted me to put a number in my head, when we took her to the yearling sale at Fairplex, and to stick to it. Well, she had siblings that had won races but I don't think any had cracked the \$40,000 mark [in earnings] so I figured I couldn't pitch too high."

He settled on \$10,000 and, when the bidding dried up at \$7,000, duly sent her back to Here Tis. And for a long time afterwards he reproached himself for doing so. First, a bucked shin. Then another one; and then a hairline fracture. Each time, Dream Of Summer had nearly made it to the track before going back to square one. But Juan Garcia, her trainer, meanwhile stopped talking about maiden claimers and, when she was finally launched, instead put her in a maiden special weight at Hollywood Park. "She ran away with the race, and the rest is history," says Weigel. **Cont. p8**

Dream Of Summer won 10 times in 20 starts across three years, earning \$1,191,150. And this was the first horse Weigel had owned outright, the horse for whom he had registered silks. Unfortunately she was second both times she ran in the GI Santa Margarita, but that was still a good deal better than the \$2.60 show ticket the first time her owner saw the race. Actually the 2006 running proved her final start: Garcia thought she might persevere, but warned Weigel that there was some creaking around the sesamoids. "Juan," Weigel told him. "You pick out the transportation company and I'll pick out the farm."

His choice was Taylor Made, where he thanks the team not just for "a lot of good times together" but also for their help in navigating the challenges of foal-sharing, in order to afford the kind of stallions Dream Of Summer deserved. The turning point, once again, was a twist of fate: she was booked to Storm Cat, but his fertility proved to be ebbing away and Ashford offered his son instead. "So that was just by default," Weigel says. "Storm Cat had started shooting blanks, she missed a cycle breeding to him, and Giant's Causeway was a consolation prize. And it all started from there."



Vexatious as a yearling | Taylor Made

Of course, Dream Of Summer still had that left-field pedigree. There was no guarantee that her athletic capacities, wherever she had found them, would be reproduced. Plus some of her foals were on the small side. Creative Cause made no more than \$135,000 as a Keeneland September yearling; but his millionaire endeavors helped his brother Destin to \$400,000 four years later. The next foal was Vexatious, who slipped through for \$150,000. But after lightning had struck a second time on the track, through Destin, more recent yearlings have realized \$625,000 and \$500,000.

Though fourth in the GI Kentucky Oaks, Vexatious had owed her only previous graded stakes success to a disqualification and is now 6-years-old. Yet she is plainly thriving, having joined

Calumet Farm's young trainer Jack Sistrerson only last year. And, while Dream Of Summer is 21 and sadly has no yearling this time round, the caliber of her recent matings means that she could yet add new chapters to her remarkable story.

After Creative Cause won the GI Norfolk S., offers for his dam ran to seven figures. Weigel told everyone that she was not for sale at any price. A couple of times a year Weigel likes to fly out from his home at Valencia, north of Los Angeles, to his sister in Wisconsin, and they drive down to the Bluegrass together to hug Dream Of Summer, kiss her on the nose. As he told the agents, "you can't put a price-tag on that."

"And she's still like a kid," he enthuses. "She's a beauty. Always been a lovable gal, a sweetheart. I remember when she had her first foal, I could get in the stall with her: she would just shield the baby, but without ever being mean. And while there was nothing that we saw ahead of time, about these three top-notch racehorses she's produced, when I went down to Del Mar to see Creative Cause, I thought he did have his momma's personality. And now he's doing well at stud, too."

On some levels, Dream Of Summer is a definitive enigma as a filly with no obvious pedigree who nonetheless became a Grade I winner and has since replicated the same athletic mechanics in her stock. Actually there are some intriguing strands among the seven generations of hard-running Cal-breds behind her. Mary's Dream, for instance, is out of a granddaughter of Protanto, the forgotten 1971 GI Whitney winner who died young but was by Native Dancer out of a half-sister to Bold Ruler. But while Weigel was then new to the whole game, even decades of experience won't explain some of these mysteries to any of us.

"Well, I guess to sum it up I'd just say I've been damned lucky," he says. "A couple more bids when I tried to sell her, and I may have been out of the racing game entirely, or just playing it very low out here in California. You just do the best you can; and I guess I was on a path that allowed me to be lucky."

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FIRST-CROP GUN RUNNER YEARLINGS SWEEP INTO SALES SEASON



by Katie Ritz

Although it will look quite different this year, the start of the yearling sales season is finally around the corner and 2017 Horse of the Year Gun Runner would appear to be poised at the head of his class if stud fee and weanling average are any indicators.

The son of Candy Ride (Arg) led all first-crop sires of weanlings with an average of \$275,923 with 13 of 14 sold, including a filly out of two-time Grade I winner Love and Pride (A.P. Indy) who was the highest-priced weanling at the Fasig-Tipton November Sale, selling for \$750,000 to Mike Ryan. A filly out of another dual Grade I winner in Pure Clan (Pure Prize) brought \$475,000 at the Keeneland November Sale.

Of course, the yearlings that look to compete closely with Gun Runner's progeny belong to the late champion Arrogate, who was the only other first-crop weanling sire in 2019 to surpass an average of \$200,000. [Click here for the full table.](#)

Gun Runner ranks as the most expensive stallion of his class with a fee of \$70,000, a price that has stayed in place over his first three years at stud. Three Chimneys backed their sire's initial seasons in the stud barn with 171 mares in his first year, and another 166 last year.

"Gun Runner was received very well by breeders," Tom Hamm, Director of Stallion Nominations for Three Chimneys, said. "In his first few books of mares, he had mares that not only had high-quality pedigrees, but they were also high-quality producers."

His dominating career began with a maiden-breaking debut as a juvenile and eventually culminated to a decisive victory in the GI Pegasus World Cup Invitation S. at five.

In the 17 starts between those efforts, the Asmussen trainee collected nine additional graded stakes wins, running in the money in all but two of his 19 career starts. He maintained a streak of five Grade I victories in his last five starts, starting with a record-breaking seven-length win in the Stephen Foster H. and then wrapping up with the Breeders' Cup Classic before the Pegasus finale.



2019 Gun Runner colt out of Ana Luisa (Elusive Quality)

"He had exceptional speed and stamina," said Hamm. "He was able to win from a mile to a mile and a quarter against top-level competition. He really got over the ground so well, and was such a great mover. I think that, along with his depth of pedigree, is what made him an exceptional racehorse."

Gun Runner's pedigree backs both his record on the track and now his career at stud. The champion is the son of the Grade II-winning Giant's Causeway mare Quiet Giant, who is a half-sister to four other stakes winners, including Horse of the Year Saint Liam (Saint Ballado) and another Three Chimneys sire in Grade I winner Funtastic (More Than Ready).

While discussing the physicals of both Gun Runner and his early progeny, Hamm's conversation always came back to how they efficiently and effortlessly carry themselves.

"Gun Runner got over the ground really well on the racetrack and I think that's reflected in his yearlings that we're seeing today," Hamm said. "They're exceptional movers. As a whole, they're very correct and have a lot of quality to them."

At the Three Chimneys yearling division, a son of Gun Runner out of the Brazilian Group 3 winner Ana Luisa (Elusive Quality) is preparing for the Keeneland September Sale.

"This yearling has got a lot of substance," Hamm said. "He's very balanced and athletic like Gun Runner. He just gets over the ground and is a fluent mover."

Another Gun Runner yearling slotted for the Keeneland sale is prepping at Mulholland Springs. The filly is out of the 2013 Canadian Champion Female Sprinter Youcan'tcatchme (The Daddy).

Again, Martha Jane Muholland noted that the filly is an exceptional mover.

"She's a big, powerfully-made lovely filly," Mulholland said. "She has a good top line, is correct and well-balanced, but most of all, I like her athletic, sweeping walk." **Cont. p10**

Mulholland said she is fully expecting to see great things once Gun Runner's first crop hits the track.



2019 Gun Runner filly out of Youcan'tcatchme (The Daddy)

"Obviously the expectations were high for Gun Runner," the long-time breeder said. "We all took our very best mares to him. But what surprised me is that the foals out of these already-good mares were the best foals the mares had ever had. When that happened, I knew Gun Runner was something special."

There will be plenty of his first-crop progeny to sort through this fall, with 65 additional Gun Runner yearlings cataloged for the Keeneland Sale. Twelve more are tabbed for the Fasig-Tipton Selected Yearlings Showcase on September 9-10 including a colt out of Speed Succeeds (Gone West), whose family includes Grade I winners Brilliant Speed (Dynaformer) and Touch Gold (Deputy Minister), as well as a filly out of Tap It All, a stakes-winning Tapizar mare who is a half-sister to GI Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile winner Spun to Run (Hard Spun).

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IF MAXIMUM SECURITY PASSED TESTS, OWNERS SHOULD BE PAID

by Bill Finley

The matter of whether or not **Maximum Security** (New Year's Day) should be disqualified from his victory in the \$20-million Saudi Cup has been made out to be much more complicated than it is. Did any illegal substances show up in any of the battery of tests conducted on Maximum Security before and after the Saudi Cup? If the answer is no, there is no justification for not paying owners Gary and Mary West and partners the \$10 million due to the winner. If the answer is yes, then disqualify him and move on.

While the Jockey Club of Saudi Arabia (JCSA) has not said one way or another what the results of those tests were, it's reasonable to assume they were negative. The race was held Feb. 29, almost 5 1/2 months ago. Even if they wanted to go back and do additional tests after it was announced that Jason Servis had been indicted for allegedly using performance-enhancing drugs on his horses, that's more than enough time for the results of the drug tests to have come back from the lab. And if Maximum Security tested positive, why would they be keeping that under wraps?

Yet, we still don't have a decision. The JCSA kicked the can down the road once again Monday, announcing that it would be paying the owners who finished second through tenth in the race but would be withholding the winner's share while it continues its own investigation. In the same statement, the Saudi officials said their investigation was hampered by the fact they are not a party to the ongoing legal proceedings surrounding Maximum Security's trainer Jason Servis. If they are intent on withholding the winner's share of the purse until after the case against Servis has made its way through the courts, we could be talking a couple of years before a decision is reached.



Maximum Security | Jockey Club of Saudi Arabia

What will the case against Servis reveal about the Saudi Cup and whether or not Maximum Security was drugged? Absolutely nothing. So why make that a factor when it comes to paying the owners? It isn't.

The concern is that the Saudis are making this more about Servis than what their drug tests revealed. That's not right. It may be true that Servis was a bad apple and that he drugged hundreds, maybe even thousands, of horses over the years. Maximum Security very well may have run on performance-enhancing drugs in the Saudi Cup, but "may have" is not good enough. **Cont. p11**

The charges have to be proven and the best way to do so is through drug testing. So far, the Saudis have not revealed even a shred of evidence that Maximum Security ran on illegal drugs in their race, and it's possible they will never be able to do so. It appears that all they have is conjecture.

Instead, it seems as if the Saudis have bought into the mob mentality and are ready to make this all about Servis, that if he is found guilty of doping horses in the U.S., that will be cause to disqualify Maximum Security. In the announcement, the Saudis listed the indictment against Servis as a reason for withholding the winner's share of the purse and that the decision to do so was "taken in the interests of safeguarding the integrity of racing in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia..."

To some, that may seem like poetic justice, exactly what Servis deserves. No one may be shedding any tears for Jason Servis, but he still has rights and deserves to be treated fairly and so do his former owners. Whether it's the Saudi Cup or a \$20,000 claimer he won at Monmouth or Gulfstream, you cannot retroactively disqualify any of his horses because Servis may have had a history of drugging horses. There has to be proof that a particular horse was drugged on a particular day and, at least in this race, no one has indicated that is the case.

If this race were run in the U.S., certain procedures would have been followed. A post-race inquiry would have gone nowhere and the owners would have been paid. The Saudis play by their own rules and may still disqualify Maximum Security for no other reason than they can.

(An interesting sidelight to this discussion: With the Saudis paying the purse money to all horses but Maximum Security, might that mean they plan to keep the \$10 million the winner is supposed to have earned if they disqualify Maximum Security rather than distributing it to the other finishers?)

Enough time has passed that the JCSA investigation should have been concluded. If they have any evidence that Maximum Security was drugged then make that evidence public and disqualify the horse. If all they have is the case being made against Servis in the U.S., there is no ground for failing to pay Maximum Security's owners.

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THOUGHTFULLY TAKES NEXT STEP IN ADIRONDACK

'TDN Rising Star' **Thoughtfully** (Tapit) looks to prove her dominant unveiling was no fluke in Wednesday's GII Adirondack S. at Saratoga. The \$950,000 FTSAUG purchase romped by 8 3/4 lengths on debut at Churchill Downs June 11 and enters off a best-of-14 five-panel bullet at the Spa in 1:00 4/5 Aug. 3.



Thoughtfully | Coady

Make Mischief (Into Mischief) won at first asking against fellow Empire-breds June 18 at Belmont and was second last out in this venue's GIII Schuylerville S. July 16. She is favored on the morning-line to make amends here.

Several first-out winners also make their black-type bow in this spot. **Lucifers Lair** (Quality Road) graduated by three lengths on debut at this oval July 19 for trainer Todd Pletcher. **Lilac Lace** (High Cotton) rallied to victory in a turf sprint at Keeneland July 12 and **Ava's Grace** (Laoban) opened her account at Ellis July 3.

Rounding out the field is **Beautiful Farewell** (Frosted), who is still a maiden after two starts, most recently finishing fifth going six panels here just 10 days ago.

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BC HORA DISCOUNT NOMINATION DEADLINE SATURDAY

The Breeders' Cup is reminding all horsemen that this Saturday, Aug. 15 at 11:59 p.m. ET is the discount deadline for nomination of horses of racing age to the Breeders' Cup program. All horses must be Breeders' Cup-nominated in order to compete in the Breeders' Cup.

The nomination discounts are as follows: Juveniles by a nominated Breeders' Cup stallion can join the program for \$12,000. This one-time nomination fee makes the racehorse Breeders' Cup-eligible for its entire racing career.

Runners which are 3-year-olds and older that were foaled in the Northern Hemisphere and sired by a nominated stallion will receive a 50% discount off normal racehorse nomination fees.

Three-year-olds and older which were born in the Southern Hemisphere can be nominated for 25% of their regular nomination fee.

Following the Aug. 15 deadline, the price for all non-nominated runners reverts back to the standard racehorse nomination fee of US\$100,000 or more until Oct. 26, when all runners must be pre-entered.

Owners of horses of racing age by non-nominated stallions also can take advantage of discounted prices before Aug. 15. Two-year-olds by non-nominated stallions can join the program for \$18,000; Northern Hemisphere 3-year-olds and older for \$100,000 and Southern Hemisphere 3-year-olds and older for \$50,000.

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NEW VOCATIONS ALL-THOROUGHBRED CHARITY HORSE SHOW AND TIP SEPTEMBER CHAMPIONSHIPS CANCELLED

New Vocations Racehorse Adoption Program and The Jockey Club Thoroughbred Incentive Program (T.I.P.) have jointly agreed to cancel their 2020 hunter/jumper/pleasure horse show that was slated for Sept. 3-6 at the Kentucky Horse Park.

“We are deeply disappointed to cancel the 2020 horse show, but after ongoing discussions with show management, Kentucky Horse Park event staff and horse show managers of other events held at the park, the decision to cancel the event was made,” says Sarah Coleman, director of community and public relations for New Vocations. “Multiple factors contributed to this outcome, including the cancellation of other Kentucky Horse Park championship events, the spike in COVID-19 cases throughout the country, various state travel restrictions that would affect many exhibitors and the inability to ensure that the regional governments would not force the cancellation of the event, potentially once the show was underway.”

Now in its sixth year, the New Vocations All-Thoroughbred Charity Horse Show raises much-needed funds to enable the program to rehabilitate, retrain and rehome retiring Thoroughbred and Standardbred racehorses. The T.I.P. Championships celebrate qualified Thoroughbreds in a variety of disciplines. Run concurrently, the show typically hosts more than 400 Thoroughbreds at the Kentucky Horse Park each fall.

Sponsors for the New Vocations All-Thoroughbred Charity Horse Show will have several options, including shifting support to a virtual competition in late September. Details of this virtual event are forthcoming.

The dressage competition, set to run Oct. 3 and 4 at the Kentucky Horse Park, remains on the schedule. Show management will evaluate the event in the coming weeks and will announce a decision on holding the show prior to the

opening of entries in late August.

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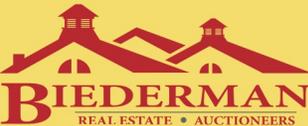
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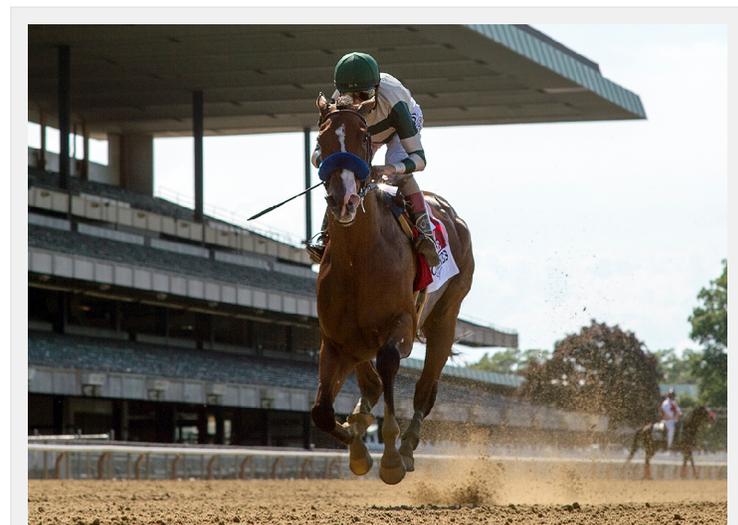




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Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	American Pharoah <i>(2012) by Pioneerof the Nile FYR: 2017</i>	7	12	4	9	--	--	103	30	112,929	1,777,852
										Harvey's Lil Goil	
2	Constitution <i>(2011) by Tapit FYR: 2017</i>	4	9	2	6	1	2	85	33	1,668,300	3,702,188
										Tiz the Law	
3	Tapiture <i>(2011) by Tapit FYR: 2017</i>	4	8	1	2	--	--	106	39	156,240	1,766,353
										Hopeful Growth	
4	Liam's Map <i>(2011) by Unbridled's Song FYR: 2017</i>	3	5	1	2	1	2	74	28	411,500	1,753,469
										Basin	
5	Summer Front <i>(2009) by War Front FYR: 2017</i>	3	5	2	3	--	1	70	26	358,850	1,452,307
										Ete Indien	
6	Karakontie (Jpn) <i>(2011) by Bernstein FYR: 2017</i>	3	4	1	2	--	--	54	19	256,800	982,557
										Sole Volante	
7	Khozan <i>(2012) by Distorted Humor FYR: 2017</i>	2	6	--	2	--	--	70	40	116,547	1,677,322
										Untitled	
8	Tonalist <i>(2011) by Tapit FYR: 2017</i>	2	3	2	3	--	--	69	23	280,145	1,555,734
										Tonalist's Shape	
9	Honor Code <i>(2011) by A.P. Indy FYR: 2017</i>	2	5	2	3	1	2	67	21	340,000	1,542,158
										Honor A. P.	
10	Palace Malice <i>(2010) by Curlin FYR: 2017</i>	2	4	1	1	--	--	81	22	260,000	1,102,957
										Mr. Monomoy	
11	Mr Speaker <i>(2011) by Pulpit FYR: 2017</i>	2	4	1	1	1	1	50	18	348,000	980,768
										Speech	
12	Commissioner <i>(2011) by A.P. Indy FYR: 2017</i>	2	2	1	1	--	--	60	19	100,412	834,448
										Dreamalildreamofu	
13	The Big Beast <i>(2011) by Yes It's True FYR: 2017</i>	2	3	--	1	--	1	43	21	171,318	809,598
										Up in Smoke	
14	Wicked Strong <i>(2011) by Hard Spun FYR: 2017</i>	1	3	--	--	--	--	97	33	62,065	1,007,576
										Villainous	
15	Race Day <i>(2011) by Tapit FYR: 2017</i>	1	2	--	--	--	--	60	21	62,164	693,257
										Consultora	

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ADIRONDACK S.-GII, \$150,000, 2yo, f, 6 1/2f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Ava's Grace	Laoban	Southern Equine Stable LLC	Diodoro	Cohen	120
2	Make Mischief	Into Mischief	Gary Barber	Casse	Velazquez	120
3	Lilac Lace	High Cotton	Ashley Quartarolo	Quartarolo	Castellano	120
4	Thoughtfully	Tapit	Heider Family Stables LLC	Asmussen	Santana, Jr.	120
5	Lucifers Lair	Quality Road	The Elkstone Group, LLC	Pletcher	Ortiz, Jr.	120
6	Beautiful Farewell 	Frosted	Michael J. Ryan	Stidham	Rosario	118

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ALLOWANCES

IN ORDER OF PURSE:

8th-Indiana Grand, \$40,300, Alw, 8-11, (NW2L), 2yo, 6f, 1:11.57, ft.

BETSDOWNLETSRIDE (g, 2, Sangaree--Convey, by Tale of the Cat) graduated by a front-running 4 1/4 lengths in his five-furlong debut at this oval July 14. The 5-2 shot stepped right out to the early lead and was pressed by Lonesome Sound (Run Away and Hide) through fractions of :22.04 and :45.43. He determinedly held off that stubborn foe to the wire to win by one length. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#)**. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$48,300. O-Herbert & Darlene Likens; B-Herbert Likens (IN); T-Cipriano Contreras.



MAIDENS

IN ORDER OF PURSE:

7th-Colonial Downs, \$41,200, Msw, 8-10, 2yo, f, 5fT, :58.14, fm.

ADELAIDE MISS (f, 2, Vancouver {Aus}--Miss Judged, by E Dubai), sent off at 6-1, rated off the pace, tipped out four wide at the top of the lane and closed steadily to get up late for a half-length victory over pacesetter Chatelet (Into Mischief). Adelaide Miss is the fourth winner for her freshman sire (by Medaglia d'Oro). A \$23,000 KEENOV weanling, the filly sold for \$4,200 as a FTKOCT yearling. Miss Judged, with the winner in utero, sold for \$12,000 at the 2017 Keeneland November sale. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton**. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$24,000. O-Respect the Valleys, LLC; B-China Horse Club International Limited (KY); T-Brittany Russell.

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3rd-Lone Star, \$40,120, Msw, 8-10, 2yo, f, 5 1/2f, 1:05.45, ft.
NEW BOSS (f, 2, Street Boss--Denali Dreamscape, by Corinthian), let go at 7-1, chased the pacesetter down the backstretch before moving up to challenge for the lead after a quarter in :22.02. She stuck a head in front after a half in :45.76 and pulled away to score by 2 1/2 lengths over late-closing favorite Becca's Rocket (Orb). New Boss was a \$45,000 KEESEP yearling. Denali Dreamscape, out of a full-sister to champion Housebuster, produced a colt by Not This Time in 2019 and a colt by Goldencents this year before being bred back to Munnings. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton**. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$23,712. O-Barry & Carol Conrad; B-Hinkle Farms (KY); T-W. Bret Calhoun.

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7th-Indiana Grand, \$32,240, Msw, 8-11, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m (off turf), 1:45.51, ft.

BULLSEYE BUN (c, 3, Dialed In--Figure of Beauty, by Street Cry {Ire}), dismissed at 33-1, battled 10-1 outsider Bubba Caballo (Twirling Candy) through fractions of :23.57 and :47.45. He asserted control at the top of the stretch and strode home a 3 1/4-length winner. Bubba Caballo, who had fallen back to third in upper stretch, rallied to be second. The unraced Figure of Beauty, a half-sister to Group 1 winner Millenary (GB) (Rainbow Quest), produced a filly by Noble Mission (GB) in 2019 and a colt by Dialed In this year. She was bred back to Noble Mission. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#)**. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$18,600. O/B-Neil Jones (KY); T-Andrew McKeever.



Bullseye Bun | *Coady Photography*

5th-Indiana Grand, \$31,000, Msw, 8-11, 2yo, f, 1m 70y (off turf), 1:44.01, ft.

BLISSFUL CHANGE (f, 2, Treasure Beach {GB}--Jeekers, by Forest Wildcat) was seventh after a troubled trip going 5 1/2 furlongs over the Keeneland lawn in her July 12 unveiling. The 2-1 second choice in this off-turfer broke alertly and was on the lead in the early strides before taking up a tracking position as longshot Slewpys Halo (Cinco Charlie) took the field through fractions of :23.90 and :48.40. The bay filly surged to the lead entering the far turn and strode clear down the lane to score by 9 1/4 lengths. Favored Pharoah's Gold (American Pharoah) was second. Blissful Change was a \$10,000 OBSWIN yearling and, after RNA'ing for \$29,000 last year at OBS October, she sold for \$25,000 following a :10 2/5 work at OBS March this year. Jeekers, a half-sister to graded stakes winner Wow Me Free (Menifee), produced a filly by Ride On Curlin last year and a colt by Handsome Mike this year. She was bred back to Handsome Mike. The winner's third dam is Triple Wow (Coastal), who produced Canadian champion Alywow (Alysheba). **Click for the Equibase.com chart.** Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$18,750.

O-Big E Stables LLC; B-Helen & Joseph Barbazon, Edward Seltzer & Beverly Anderson (FL); T-Joe Sharp.

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6th-Finger Lakes, \$26,500, Msw, 8-11, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:12.22, ft. TROUBLESHOOTER (g, 3, Into Mischief--Flower Mart {SP, \$119,489}, by Street Sense) had not been seen since finishing a well-beaten eighth over the turf at Aqueduct while debuting last Nov. 16 for trainer Christophe Clement. Sent off at 5-2, the bay gelding recovered from a slow start to attend the early pace. He let pacesetter Honor Thy Secret (Honorable Dillon) open up briefly, but easily overtook that rival along the rail approaching the stretch and effortlessly drew away down the lane to win by 12 1/4 lengths. Themsfightinwords (Declaration of War) was second. **Click for the Equibase.com chart.** Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$16,166.

O-Merrylegs Farm; B-Merrylegs Farm North LLC (NY); T-Jeremiah C. Englehart.

1st-Belterra, \$21,600, (S), Msw, 8-11, 2yo, f, 6f, 1:14.97, ft. ANGEL'S SASSY (f, 2, Cinco Charlie--Windsail, by Grand Appointment) opened her career with a third-place effort against state-bred stakes company in the 5 1/2-furlong Jim Morgan Memorial Tah Dah S. July 10. The 1-9 favorite sprinted out to the early lead and was loose through fractions of :23.23 and :48.34 and romped home an easy seven-length winner. Tap the Town (Cowtown Cat) was second. Angel's Sassy is the third winner for her freshman sire (by Indian Charlie). **Click for the Equibase.com chart.** Lifetime Record: SP, 2-1-0-1, \$20,460. O/B-Susan Anderson Racing LLC (OH); T-Susan L. Anderson.



FIRST-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12

Big Blue Kitten (Kitten's Joy), Calumet Farm, \$10,000
44 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
6-Colonial Downs, Msw 1m, MY GIRL BLUE, 8-1

Cinco Charlie (Indian Charlie), Spendthrift Farm, \$5,000
66 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
8-Belterra, Msw 6f, NOPICKINONCHARLIE, 20-1
3-Indiana Grand, Msw 6f, PAQUIME, 7-2
\$7,000 RNA FTK OCT yrl

Frosted (Tapit), Darley, \$40,000
125 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
9-Saratoga, \$150K GII Adirondack S., 6 1/2f, BEAUTIFUL
FAREWELL, 8-1
\$150,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl

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Adelaide Miss (Vancouver {Aus}) got up late to graduate at Colonial Downs Monday night.

Laoban (Uncle Mo), Sequel New York, \$5,000
 79 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
 9-Saratoga, \$150K Gil Adirondack S., 6 1/2f, AVA'S GRACE, 10-1

Protonico (Giant's Causeway), Castleton Lyons, \$5,000
 18 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
 2-Lone Star, Msw 7f, VENUS ISLAND, 30-1

Quick Change (Awesome Again), Raimonde Farms
 6 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
 8-Belterra, Msw 6f, IS SHE QUICK, 20-1

Slumber (GB) (Cacique {Ire}), Calumet Farm, \$5,000
 16 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
 9-Indiana Grand, Msw 5 1/2f, RILEY RICH, 20-1

Texas Red (Afleet Alex), Crestwood Farm, \$10,000
 49 foals of racing age/1 winner/1 black-type winner
 6-Colonial Downs, Msw 1m, FIGHTING ZELDA, 12-1

SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: WEDNESDAY, AUG. 12

Bayern (Offlee Wild), Hill 'n' Dale Farms, \$15,000
 157 foals of racing age/49 winners/0 black-type winners
 8-Indiana Grand, \$150K Caesars S., 1mT, SUNSATON, 12-1
 \$27,000 FTK OCT yrl; \$160,000 OBS MAR 2yo

Commissioner (A.P. Indy), WinStar Farm, \$7,500
 164 foals of racing age/34 winners/3 black-type winners
 7-Indiana Grand, \$150K Indiana Grand S., 1mT,
 DREAMALILDREAMOFU, 9-2
 \$15,000 OBS OCT yrl; \$65,000 OBS OPN 2yo

Constitution (Tapit), WinStar Farm, \$40,000
 233 foals of racing age/55 winners/6 black-type winners
 6-Presque Isle Downs, Msw 6f, INDEPENDENCE LAW, 9-2
 \$4,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; \$15,000 OBS OPN 2yo
 7-Emerald Downs, Msw 5f, STEAL HOME, 8-1
 \$38,000 KEE SEP yrl

Conveyance (Indian Charlie), Buck Pond Farm, \$3,500
 69 foals of racing age/12 winners/1 black-type winner
 9-Indiana Grand, Msw 5 1/2f, NOBODY LISTENS, 6-1
 \$39,000 RNA FTK OCT yrl; \$40,000 OBS APR 2yo

Honor Code (A.P. Indy), Lane's End Farm, \$30,000
 213 foals of racing age/31 winners/2 black-type winners
 3-Delaware, Msw 6f, HEALTHCARE HEROES, 6-1
 \$335,000 RNA FTS AUG yrl

Last Gunfighter (First Samurai), Pin Oak Lane Farm
 36 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
 5-Parx Racing, Msw 5 1/2f, ALMOST IRISH, 8-1

Outstrip (GB) (Exceed And Excel {Aus}), Dalham Hall Stud,
 \$5,000
 199 foals of racing age/31 winners/3 black-type winners
 7-Indiana Grand, \$150K Indiana Grand S., 1mT, OUTBURST (GB),
 10-1
 €25,000 ARA V2 yrl

Summer Front (War Front), Airdrie Stud, \$10,000
 181 foals of racing age/35 winners/4 black-type winners
 8-Indiana Grand, \$150K Caesars S., 1mT, SUMMER ASSAULT, 9-2
 \$80,000 RNA FTK JUL yrl; \$15,000 FTK OCT yrl; \$45,000 OBS APR
 2yo

Tapiture (Tapit), Darby Dan Farm, \$7,500
 247 foals of racing age/60 winners/5 black-type winners
 3-Indiana Grand, Msw 6f, TWO WORLDS, 5-2
 \$45,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$50,000 OBS APR 2yo

Wicked Strong (Hard Spun), Spendthrift Farm, \$6,000
 233 foals of racing age/47 winners/1 black-type winner
 7-Indiana Grand, \$150K Indiana Grand S., 1mT, EVIL LYN, 15-1
 \$60,000 KEE SEP yrl



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STAKES RESULTS:

TOM RIDGE S., \$75,400, Presque Isle Downs, 8-10, 3yo, 6f (AWT), 1:10.55, ft.

1--**GUILDSMAN (FR)**, 115, g, 3, by **Wootton Bassett (GB)--Dardiza (Ire)**, by **Street Cry (Ire)**. (€67,000 Ylg '18 AROYRG; €125,000 2yo '19 ARQMA; 160,000gns RNA 2yo '19 TATAHI). **1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN.** O-Qatar Racing; B-SCEA Haras de Saint Pair (FR); T-Brendan P. Walsh; J-Pablo Morales. \$45,000. Lifetime Record: GSP-Eng & Ire, 10-2-1-3, \$110,488.

2--**So Street**, 124, g, 3, Street Magician--So Vain, by Mr. Greeley. (\$3,000 Ylg '18 EASOCT). O-Runnymore Racing, LLC; B-R. Larry Johnson (MD); T-Jamie Ness. \$15,000.



3--**Alfie Solomons**, 121, c, 3, Kantharos--Meets Expectations, by Valid Expectations. (\$285,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP). O-Andrew Farm and For the People Racing Stable LLC; B-Darsan Inc. (FL); T-Wesley A. Ward. \$7,500.



Margins: 3, HD, NK. Odds: 2.30, 28.50, 2.70.

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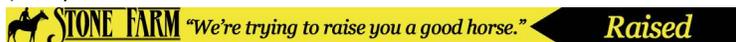
8th-Parx Racing, \$51,090, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 8-11, 3yo, 6f, 1:10.99, ft.

BRILLIANT CHASE (c, 3, Golden Lad--Fix You, by Flying Chevron) Lifetime Record: 13-2-3-4, \$122,060. O-S D Trading; B-Matthew T. Groff (PA); T-Bryant R. Taylor. *\$15,000 2yo '19 EASMAV.



4th-Colonial Downs, \$48,000, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 8-10, 3yo/up, 5 1/2ft, 1:03.01, fm.

CHAPS (g, 5, More Than Ready--Cowgirl Mally {GSP}, by Gone West) Lifetime Record: 15-3-2-4, \$190,142. O/B-Joseph W. Sutton (KY); T-Eddie Kenneally. *\$220,000 RNA Ylg '16 FTSAUG; \$950,000 RNA 2yo '17 OBSMAR. **Full to Scabbard, MGSP, \$242,197.



8th-Colonial Downs, \$47,200, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 8-10, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:44.66, fm.

JABUTICABA (f, 4, City Zip--Thegalthatwasaboy, by Tiznow) Lifetime Record: SP, 14-6-2-0, \$150,484. O/B-Germania Farms, Inc. (KY); T-Phil Schoenthal.



7th-Lone Star, \$44,840, (NW23MX)/Opt. Clm (\$35,000), 8-10, 3yo/up, 5ft, :55.60, fm.

SHARE THE UPSIDE (g, 5, Maclean's Music--Mystic Silver, by Silver Deputy) Lifetime Record: SW, 17-7-4-1, \$399,868. O-Hill 'n' Dale Equine Holdings, Inc. (J. G. Sikura) & Windsor Boys Racing; B-Hill 'n' Dale Equine Holdings, Inc (ON); T-Steven M. Asmussen. *\$75,000 RNA Ylg '16 KEESEP.



9th-Lone Star, \$41,300, 8-10, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11.04, ft.

VISUAL MAGIC (f, 4, Jimmy Creed--Moonlight Caper, by Malibu Moon) Lifetime Record: 12-2-4-4, \$108,558. O-Keene Thoroughbreds LLC; B-Legacy Ranch Inc (KY); T-J. R. Caldwell.

10th-Prairie Meadows, \$41,201, (S), (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$12,500), 8-10, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:38.38, my.

STONECOLD STUNNER (f, 4, Hold Me Back--Maiden Stone, by Grindstone) Lifetime Record: 7-3-2-0, \$61,035. O/B-Dave McShane & Don Frazier (IA); T-David D. McShane.

11th-Parx Racing, \$41,000, 8-11, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:05.01, ft.

BOJINGLE (c, 4, Horse Greeley--Jingle Tune, by Flatter) Lifetime Record: 8-2-2-1, \$99,410. O/B-L. Riley Mangum (KY); T-Guadalupe Preciado.



7th-Thistledown, \$29,300, (S), 8-11, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:06.62, ft.

GOLDEN MONEY (g, 3, Goldcents--Music Thunder, by Distorted Humor) Lifetime Record: 13-2-2-3, \$61,060. O-Edwin Mundo; B-Peter Shepell & K. C. Garret Farm (OH); T-Nestor Rivera. *\$11,000 Ylg '18 FTKOCT; \$16,000 2yo '19 OBSOPN.

4th-Canterbury, \$29,280, (S), 8-10, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1m (off turf), 1:37.43, ft.

ZOE'S DELIGHT (g, 4, Itsmyluckyday--Delightful Ridge, by Come Summer) Lifetime Record: 10-2-1-1, \$60,341. O/B-Winchester Place Thoroughbreds LLC (MN); T-Tony Rengstorf.

6th-Louisiana Downs, \$24,000, (S), 8-10, (NW3L), 3yo/up, 7 1/2ft, 1:31.94, fm.

LIKE MIKE (g, 4, Arkhoma--Like No Other, by Montbrook) Lifetime Record: 7-3-0-0, \$34,200. O-Louis Pomes; B-Mike Munna Racing Stables LLC (LA); T-Denise Schmidt.



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5th-Thistledown, \$23,000, 8-11, (NW3L), 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:07.06, ft.

PROMISES FOREVER (f, 3, Girolamo--Apleasantnight, by Pleasant Tap) Lifetime Record: 12-3-3-1, \$61,625. O-Mast Thoroughbreds LLC; B-Joe & Jim Dodgen (MD); T-Robert M. Gorham. *\$22,000 Ylg '18 FTKOCT. **1/2 to Mary n' Eileen (Indy King), MSW, \$228,979.

2nd-Louisiana Downs, \$20,500, 8-11, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11.38, ft.

EL ASESINO (g, 5, Majestic Warrior--One in the Chamber, by Red Bullet) Lifetime Record: 28-4-5-5, \$156,346. O-M and M Racing (Mike Sisk); B-Equest Thoroughbreds, Inc. (FL); T-Robertino Diodoro. *\$40,000 Ylg '16 KEESEP. **1/2 to Guns Loaded (D'wildcat), GSW, \$507,540.

5th-Louisiana Downs, \$20,500, 8-11, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 7 1/2fT, 1:33.08, fm.

AKULINA (f, 4, Silver City--Miss Pepper, by Gold Legend) Lifetime Record: 8-2-3-1, \$39,140. O/B-Billy Clevenger (TX); T-Beverly Burress.

8th-Fort Erie, C\$19,142, 8-11, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 5fT, 1:00.58, fm.

HOT APRIORITY (g, 4, Apriority--Hot Prize, by Pure Prize) Lifetime Record: 10-2-2-0, \$37,650. O/T-Satrohan N. Singh; B-Israel Flores Horse LLC (LA).

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Waco Kid, g, 2, **Blueskiesnrainbows**--Smooth Stride, by Castledale (Ire). Prairie Meadows, 8-10, (C), 5 1/2f, 1:06.17. B-Cecil O. Seaman (IN).

Focus First, f, 2, **Even the Score**--Sweet Margi, by Margie's Wildcat. Prairie Meadows, 8-10, (C), 5 1/2f, 1:04.62. B-Hal Snowden (KY). *\$5,000 RNA Ylg '19 ARZNOV.

Oscar Winner Wally, g, 2, **Tapiture**--Brave Love, by Indian Charlie. Prairie Meadows, 8-10, (S), 5f, :58.08. B-Roger Pelster & Steve Frum (IA). *\$24,000 Ylg '19 IOWOCT.

Tantima, f, 3, **Fed Biz**--Bird House, by Limehouse. Canterbury, 8-10, (S), 1m (off turf), 1:40.86. B-Scott Pierce (MN). *\$30,000 Ylg '18 FTKOCT.



Threewickedwishes, f, 3, **Include**--Im a Bear (MSW, \$135,048), by Touch Tone. Louisiana Downs, 8-11, 1mT, 1:39.09. B-Tom Durant (KY).

Mystical Justice, f, 3, **Lantana Mob**--True Starlet, by Is It True. Indiana Grand, 8-10, (S), 1m, 1:41.08. B-Justice Farm, Greg Justice (IN). *\$5,500 Ylg '18 INDMIX.

Express Lady, f, 3, **Unbridled Express**--Fasig Girl, by Successful Appeal. Indiana Grand, 8-11, (S), 6f, 1:13.27. B-Richard W. Huddleston (IN).

Gotham City Queen, f, 3, **Wilburn**--Ghost City Queen, by City Zip. Canterbury, 8-10, (S), 5f (off turf), :57.67. B-Miguel Angel Silva (MN).

Samurai Legacy, g, 4, **First Samurai**--Malibu Legacy (SP), by Malibu Moon. Finger Lakes, 8-11, 6f, 1:13.77. B-Edward A. Cox (KY). *\$6,000 Ylg '17 KEEJAN.

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APRIORITY, Hot Apriority, g, 4, o/o Hot Prize, by Pure Prize. ALW, 8-11, Fort Erie

ARKHOMA, Like Mike, g, 4, o/o Like No Other, by Montbrook. ALW, 8-10, Louisiana Downs

BLUESKIESNRAINBOWS, Waco Kid, g, 2, o/o Smooth Stride, by Castledale (Ire). MCL, 8-10, Prairie Meadows

CINCO CHARLIE, Angel's Sassy, f, 2, o/o Windsail, by Grand Appointment. MSW, 8-11, Belterra

CITY ZIP, Jabuticaba, f, 4, o/o Thegalthatwasaboy, by Tiznow. AOC, 8-10, Colonial Downs

DIALED IN, Bullseye Bun, c, 3, o/o Figure of Beauty, by Street Cry (Ire). MSW, 8-11, Indiana Grand

EVEN THE SCORE, Focus First, f, 2, o/o Sweet Margi, by Margie's Wildcat. MCL, 8-10, Prairie Meadows

FED BIZ, Tantima, f, 3, o/o Bird House, by Limehouse. MSW, 8-10, Canterbury

FIRST SAMURAI, Samurai Legacy, g, 4, o/o Malibu Legacy, by Malibu Moon. MSW, 8-11, Finger Lakes

GIROLAMO, Promises Forever, f, 3, o/o Apleasantnight, by Pleasant Tap. ALW, 8-11, Thistledown

GOLDEN LAD, Brilliant Chase, c, 3, o/o Fix You, by Flying Chevron. AOC, 8-11, Parx Racing

GOLDENCENTS, Golden Money, g, 3, o/o Music Thunder, by Distorted Humor. ALW, 8-11, Thistledown

HOLD ME BACK, Stonecold Stunner, f, 4, o/o Maiden Stone, by Grindstone. AOC, 8-10, Prairie Meadows

HORSE GREELEY, Bojingle, c, 4, o/o Jingle Tune, by Flatter. ALW, 8-11, Parx Racing

INCLUDE, Threewickedwishes, f, 3, o/o Im a Bear, by Touch Tone. MSW, 8-11, Louisiana Downs

INTO MISCHIEF, Troubleshooter, g, 3, o/o Flower Mart, by Street Sense. MSW, 8-11, Finger Lakes

ITSMYLUCKYDAY, Zoe's Delight, g, 4, o/o Delightful Ridge, by Come Summer. ALW, 8-10, Canterbury

JIMMY CREED, Visual Magic, f, 4, o/o Moonlight Caper, by Malibu Moon. ALW, 8-10, Lone Star

LANTANA MOB, Mystical Justice, f, 3, o/o True Starlet, by Is It True. MSW, 8-10, Indiana Grand

MACLEAN'S MUSIC, Share the Upside, g, 5, o/o Mystic Silver, by Silver Deputy. AOC, 8-10, Lone Star

MAJESTIC WARRIOR, El Asesino, g, 5, o/o One in the Chamber, by Red Bullet. ALW, 8-11, Louisiana Downs

MORE THAN READY, Chaps, g, 5, o/o Cowgirl Mally, by Gone West. AOC, 8-10, Colonial Downs

SANGAREE, Betsdownletsride, g, 2, o/o Convey, by Tale of the Cat. ALW, 8-11, Indiana Grand

SILVER CITY, Akulina, f, 4, o/o Miss Pepper, by Gold Legend. ALW, 8-11, Louisiana Downs

STREET BOSS, New Boss, f, 2, o/o Denali Dreamscape, by Corinthian. MSW, 8-10, Lone Star

TAPITURE, Oscar Winner Wally, g, 2, o/o Brave Love, by Indian Charlie. MSW, 8-10, Prairie Meadows

TREASURE BEACH (GB), Blissful Change, f, 2, o/o Jeekers, by Forest Wildcat. MSW, 8-11, Indiana Grand

UNBRIDLED EXPRESS, Express Lady, f, 3, o/o Fasig Girl, by Successful Appeal. MSW, 8-11, Indiana Grand

VANCOUVER (AUS), Adelaide Miss, f, 2, o/o Miss Judged, by E Dubai. MSW, 8-10, Colonial Downs

WILBURN, Gotham City Queen, f, 3, o/o Ghost City Queen, by City Zip. MSW, 8-10, Canterbury

WOOTTON BASSETT (GB), Guildsman (Fr), g, 3, o/o Dardiza (Ire), by Street Cry (Ire). Tom Ridge S., 8-10, Presque Isle Downs

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	GII King Edward S.	Woodbine
	GIII Bold Venture S.	Woodbine
Aug. 16	GIII Seaway S.	Woodbine
Aug. 21	GIII Rancho Bernardo H.	Del Mar
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	GI Del Mar Oaks	Del Mar
	GI Fourstardave H. (BC)	Saratoga
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JULIE HARRINGTON NAMED NEW BHA CEO



Julie Harrington will take over as CEO of the British Horseracing Authority on Jan. 4 | *Courtesy BHA*

The British Horseracing Authority (BHA) has announced the appointment of Julie Harrington to the role of chief executive from January 2021.

A former BHA board member during her eight years as a senior executive with Northern Racing, Harrington has been the CEO of British Cycling for almost four years. She has also previously been managing director of Uttoxeter Racecourse and operations director of the Football Association (FA), during which time she was responsible for Wembley Stadium and the FA's training facility, St George's Park.

A statement released by the BHA on Tuesday read, "As Chief Executive of British Cycling, [Harrington] has dealt with some significant regulatory challenges. The role has also involved engagement with UK Sport and Sport England over elite funding and growing participation, achieving its target for more than two million cyclists by 2020. It works closely with the Department for Digital, Media, Culture and Sport and the devolved governments in Scotland and Wales through their national cycling bodies."

Harrington, who will become the first female chief executive of the BHA, will take up her new position from Jan. 4 and succeeds Nick Rust, who announced at the start of 2020 his intention to stand down from the role after a six-year tenure. **Cont. p2**

PHOENIX THOROUGHBREDS TO CEASE UK OPERATIONS

Phoenix Thoroughbreds has announced that it will end its racing operations in the UK with immediate effect.

Phoenix Thoroughbreds has been embroiled in controversy since last November when its chief executive officer Amer Abdulaziz Salman was named in a U.S. federal court trial as being **involved in a money-laundering operation**. Abdulaziz was also accused of stealing money from sham cryptocurrency OneCoin, which he purportedly helped to run. Abdulaziz has repeatedly **denied the allegations**. A statement from Phoenix on Tuesday read in part, "everybody at Phoenix Thoroughbreds is keen for investment into the international sport of racing and in the past few years has been fully committed to healthy growth. The company has conducted itself appropriately, despite certain media outlets claiming otherwise." **Cont. p2**

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"I'm so excited to be coming home to racing and playing my part helping this great sport to achieve a prosperity from which everyone benefits," Harrington said. "I know how important collaboration across racing has been over the past few months and I look forward to working with colleagues from all parts of the sport.

"The BHA and its team of dedicated officials do a great job in keeping racing safe, clean and fair. I am proud to take on this leadership role in such a well-regulated sport, which enriches the lives of horses and people, and has a special place at the centre of national life and our rural communities."

Former Olympic rower Annamarie Phelps became chair of the BHA in April 2019 after fulfilling the same role with British Rowing and serving as vice-chair of the British Olympic Association. She said, "I am delighted that Julie is coming back to the BHA and to racing, and the board and I are looking forward to working closely with her. This is a vital leadership role for the organisation and British racing. Julie's hands-on knowledge of horse racing, coupled with her governance and business experience, make her the ideal person to carry on with the task of restoring sustainable prosperity after the COVID crisis. We've got the right person, for the right job, at the right time."

Phelps added, "Nick and his team are working closely with the RCA and The Horsemen's Group to get racing through the next phase of COVID-19, to bring back the public, and support our owners and investors in the sport. There'll be no let-up over the coming months and the sport will see a seamless transition to our new CEO. I want to thank all those at the BHA and the industry bodies who are working so hard and I'm confident that racing will continue to lead the way towards a full resumption of sport."

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The statement continued, "It is in no small part down to the unfair treatment from an industry media outlet that this decision has been taken. Phoenix Thoroughbreds has always fully cooperated with the British Horseracing Authority and has always been and continues to be registered, compliant with and operates to the highest standards within the industry. We have been the recipient of incredible support for our ambitions in UK racing and cannot possibly begin to explain our gratitude to the many trainers, stables and other fantastic business partners we have had the absolute privilege and honour to work with over the past few years. We are looking forward to continued relationships with our trusted partners internationally, equine industry colleagues and esteemed providers as we seek even further success on and off the racecourse for the remainder of 2020 and into 2021."



Amer Abdulaziz Salman | Sarah Farnsworth

A statement from Abdulaziz Salman read, "It is with a heavy heart that Phoenix Thoroughbreds will no longer have our racing operations in the UK. We have very much enjoyed working with our excellent partners in that market and seeing our colours race at Ascot, Newmarket and further afield has been a dream come true for myself and everyone here at Phoenix Thoroughbreds. We have invested large amounts into the industry in the UK helping to employ hundreds of staff both directly and indirectly.

"This has not been a decision we have taken lightly. However, for the growth and well being of our business and our partners internationally, we have taken the decision to leave the UK for the foreseeable future.

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Phoenix Thoroughbreds To Cease UK Operations cont.

“It saddens me greatly to have to do this but at this juncture we believe it is necessary. We would like to thank everyone who has helped us achieve our dreams so far.”

Phoenix’s best runners in the UK have included the triple Group 1-winning sprinter Advertise (GB) (Showcasing {GB}) and the 2018 G2 Queen Mary S. and G2 Prix Robert Papin winner Signora Cabello (Ire) (Camacho {GB}). It is involved in racehorses and breeding stock on multiple continents and is a part-owner of this year’s G1 Golden Slipper winner Farnan (Aus) (Not A Single Doubt {Aus}). Trainer Martyn Meade and Bob Baffert and bloodstock agent Dermot Farrington had already been among those to distance themselves from Phoenix since the money-laundering allegations arose, and over the weekend it was revealed that the company’s Head of U.S. Operations, Tom Ludt, **had also stepped aside.**

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NICKAJACK CAVE HEADED DOWN UNDER



Peter Moody and jockey Luke Nolen | Bronwen Healy

Last out G3 Ballyroan S. winner **Nickajack Cave (Ire)** (Kendargent {Fr}) has run his last race for trainer Ger Lyons and will be transferred to Peter Moody in Australia with the G1 Melbourne Cup in November his key aim.

Nickajack Cave was previously campaigned by David Spratt, Sean Jones and Lynne Lyons, and the deal for his sale was done prior to the Ballyroan. Moody told *Racing.com* that the new ownership group—which includes some of the owners of Moody’s former sprint sensation Black Caviar (Aus) (Bel Esprit {Aus})—briefly considered keeping the 4-year-old in Ireland for the G1 Irish St Leger in September but have opted to bypass that opportunity to keep his Melbourne Cup weight down.

Nickajack Cave Headed Down Under cont. from p1

“The Melbourne Cup is our sole target,” Moody said. “There was a suggestion that he would run in the Irish St Leger but we were worried that if he won that it might have given him too much weight in the Melbourne Cup, so we’ve decided to bypass that race. It’s more than likely that he’ll go straight into the Melbourne Cup without another run. We’ve got staff that will take him into quarantine, he’ll stay with Ger until mid-September and then the staff will take him into quarantine in Newmarket afterwards until he travels to Melbourne where my staff will take over at Werribee. I’m grateful for the opportunity and fingers crossed we can have a faultless prep.

“The owners are dead-set keen on the Melbourne Cup but you always hope this sort of horse develops into a nice 2000 to 2400-metre weight-for-age horse post the Cup and he appears to have the right profile.”

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SGA YEARLING CATALOGUE ONLINE

A catalogue of 145 yearlings has been assembled for Italy’s SGA Select Yearling Sale at La Maura Racecourse adjacent to San Siro Racecourse on Sept. 19. Part one of the sale will include 96 select yearlings with an upset price of €5,000, while for part two 49 ‘qualified’ yearlings will be offered for a minimum bid of €2,000.

The catalogue includes a filly by recent Group 3 first-season sire Pride of Dubai (Aus) who is a half-sister to G3 Premio Elena Regina (Italian 1000 Guineas) winner Fullness Of Life (Ire) (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}) (lot 6) and an Australia (GB) half-sister to Italian Group 3 winners Candy Store (Ire) (Lope De Vega {Ire}) and The Conqueror (Ire) (Excelebration {Ire}) (lot 14).



Pride Of Dubai, who recently got his first Northern Hemisphere stakes winner, has three yearlings catalogued at SGA Select | Coolmore

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There are a pair of colts by Holy Roman Emperor (Ire) who are both siblings to two stakes winners (lots 43 and 55); a Churchill (Ire) half-sister to two domestic stakes winners including G3 Premio Dormello victor Sweet Gentle Kiss (Ire) (Henrythenavigator) (lot 74); and a Kodiak (GB) half-brother to this year’s G3 Premio Parioli (Italian 2000 Guineas) winner Cima Emergency (Ire) (Canford Cliffs {Ire}) (lot 89).

The sale day is bookended by two racing days at San Siro, with Sunday’s card featuring the G2 Premio Federico Tesio, the G3 Premio Elena e Sergio Cumani and the G3 Premio Del Piazzale.

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TRAINERS FACING SAN SIRO EVICTION

Racehorse trainers in Milan, Italy may be forced to leave the San Siro training facility adjacent to the historic racecourse after receiving a letter late last month from the property’s owner, Snaitech, asking them to vacate within 120 days.

According to Moreno Meiohas, a racehorse owner in both Italy and France, the trainers’ standoff with Snaitech—which owns both the San Siro Racecourse and training centre—began in December when the company asked them to sign a contract that included Snaitech’s commitment to running the facility for 36 months, but with the caveat that the trainers could be asked to leave at any time with 180 days notice at Snaitech’s request.

Trainers Facing San Siro Eviction cont.

The trainers' declined to sign the contract. Around 40 trainers and 450 racehorses are based at the San Siro training centre.

Snaitech—known as Snai prior to integrations with Cogemat/Cogetech and later the London-based Playtech in 2017 and 2018--acquired San Siro Racecourse in 1997 after purchasing Trenno Spa, the company that founded the racecourse in 1911.

In addition to being a racehorse owner, Meiohas is the proprietor of a company that sells equine supplements and pharmaceuticals. He lives across the street from San Siro and is the head of a committee of horse people fighting to stay at San Siro.



San Siro Racecourse | Getty Images

“My passion is my business so I’m involved in it 100%, and this is a disaster,” Meiohas said. “We have tried to explain to Snaitech that if we leave the stables, it will kill racing in Milan and all of Italian racing will suffer. It will kill the turf. It will kill everything; the [livelihoods of] vets, trainers, owners, starters--everything.”

Meiohas said lawyers have been negotiating on behalf of the trainers with Snaitech since early 2020. He said that while San Siro Racecourse isn’t in direct danger—it is a designated “liberty monument”—there are no other training centres in the vicinity and therefore it wouldn’t be feasible for trainers to run their horses in Milan should they be forced from the training centre. He said trainers are also concerned that the standoff will affect confidence of owners heading into the autumn yearling sales.

“For 120 years horses and horse people have been based in this area; Federico Tesio, Ribot, Frankie Dettori—all of our history, the present and the future is here,” Meiohas said.

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FIVE STATS TO GET YOU UP-TO-DATE

1. Ballylinch Stud's **Lope De Vega (Ire)** has sired 11 individual Group 1 winners. 72 stakes winners in total.
2. John Hammond, who trained **Montjeu (Ire)**, is the new racing manager for major French owner-breeder Gerard Augustin-Normand.
3. **Invincible Gal (GB)**, a 200,000gns Tattersalls October Book 1 purchase by Mike Ryan, won at first asking at Saratoga on Friday for owners Mike Ryan, Jeff Drown and Jay Hanley and trainer Graham Motion.
4. **Pride of Dubai (Aus)** was the sixth first-season sire this year to get a stakes winner when **Star Of Emaraaty (Ire)** won Saturday's G3 Sweet Solera S.
5. **War Front** is responsible for 50 graded stakes winners. 34 colts, 16 fillies.



Invincible Gal

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FIRST-SEASON SIRES WITH RUNNERS

Wednesday, August 12:

UNITED KINGDOM

Belardo (Ire) (Lope de Vega {Ire}), Kildangan Stud
93 foals of racing age/7 winners/0 black-type winners
13:35-BEVERLEY, 7.5f, DI BELLO ROSA (Ire)
€10,000 Goffs November Foals Sale 2018; €12,000 RNA Goffs Sportsman's Yearling Sale 2019
13:15-KEMPTON PARK, 6f, FARASI LANE (Ire)
€5,000 Goffs November Foals Sale 2018; £15,000 Tattersalls Ireland Ascot Yearling Sale 2019

Cannock Chase (Lemon Drop Kid), Vauterhill Stud
39 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
16:05-WOLVERHAMPTON, 8.75f, CHASE THAT DREAM (GB)

Charming Thought (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}), Dalham Hall Stud
48 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
14:40-BEVERLEY, 5f, COUNTRY CHARM (GB)
£8,000 RNA Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearling Sale 2019

Coulsty (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}), Rathasker Stud
44 foals of racing age/5 winners/1 black-type winner
13:15-KEMPTON PARK, 6f, ENDURING (GB)
£10,000 Tattersalls Ireland Ascot Yearling Sale 2019

Estidhkaar (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}), Tara Stud
106 foals of racing age/6 winners/0 black-type winners
13:45-KEMPTON PARK, 7f, SCALENE (Ire)
€10,000 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearlings 2019
14:40-BEVERLEY, 5f, SOUND OF DUBAI (Ire)
£22,000 Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearling Sale 2019

Flintshire (GB) (Dansili {GB}), Hill 'n' Dale Farms
99 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
13:45-KEMPTON PARK, 7f, LARGO BAY
\$35,000 Keeneland Association November Breeding Stock Sale 2018; 30,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2019 - Book 2

The Gurkha (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), Coolmore Stud
120 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
14:40-BEVERLEY, 5f, LIBBY AMI (Ire)
26,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2019 - Book 2
14:20-KEMPTON PARK, 7f, NELL QUICKLY (Ire)
70,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2019 - Book 2

Markaz (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}), Derrinstown Stud
78 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
13:35-BEVERLEY, 7.5f, FULL MARKS (Ire)

50,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2019 - Book 2
13:45-KEMPTON PARK, 7f, RIGHT PROUD (Ire)
€5,000 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearlings 2019
13:45-KEMPTON PARK, 7f, TWENTYSHARESOFGREY (GB)
10,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2018; 5,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2019 - Book 3

Mehmas (Ire) (Acclamation {GB}), Tally-Ho Stud
146 foals of racing age/18 winners/2 black-type winners
14:40-BEVERLEY, 5f, BILLIAN (Ire)
8,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2018; £13,000 Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearling Sale 2019

Pearl Secret (GB) (Compton Place {GB}), Chapel Stud
43 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
14:20-KEMPTON PARK, 7f, SAORSA (Fr)
£32,000 Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearling Sale 2019
14:20-KEMPTON PARK, 7f, SHEILA O'SHEA (GB)
4,800gns RNA Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2019 - Book 4

Prince of Lir (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}), Ballyhane Stud
77 foals of racing age/4 winners/1 black-type winner
14:40-BEVERLEY, 5f, PRINCE OF SOL (Ire)
£3,000 RNA Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearling Sale 2019;
€1,000 Goffs Autumn Yearling Sale 2019; 4,762gns Tattersalls Ireland Goresbridge Breeze Up 2020
13:35-BEVERLEY, 7.5f, WOBWOBWOB (Ire)
€7,500 Goffs November Foals Sale 2018; 10,000gns RNA Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2019 - Book 2; £70,000 Goffs Arqana 2020 Breeze Up Sale (Doncaster)

Shalaa (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), Haras de Bouquetot
118 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners
14:20-KEMPTON PARK, 7f, MA CHERIE AMOUR (Fr)
€40,000 Arqana December Breeding Stock Sale 2018; £46,000 Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearling Sale 2019

Twilight Son (GB) (Kyllachy {GB}), Cheveley Park Stud
122 foals of racing age/7 winners/1 black-type winner
14:40-BEVERLEY, 5f, DAN DE LIGHT (Ire)
€29,000 Goffs November Foals Sale 2018; £29,000 Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearling Sale 2019

FRANCE:

Exosphere (Aus) (Lonhro {Aus}), Haras du Logis
31 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
1-LE TOUQUET, 1300m, SPHERICAL (Fr)
€5,000 Arqana December Breeding Stock Sale 2018; €14,000 Baden-Baden Sept. Yearling Sale 2019

Goken (Fr) (Kendargent {Fr}), Haras de Colleville
61 foals of racing age/10 winners/1 black-type winner
3-LE TOUQUET, 1300m, EUTHYDIKOS (Fr)

€5,500 Arqana Deauville February Mixed Sale 2019; €26,000 Arqana Deauville October Yearlings 2019

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

60 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
1-LE TOUQUET, 1300m, HEALEY (Fr)

Scissor Kick (Aus) (Redoute's Choice {Aus}), Haras d'Etreham

43 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
3-LE TOUQUET, 1300m, KICKANDWIN (Fr)

€10,500 Baden-Baden October Mixed Sale 2019

Territories (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), Dalham Hall Stud

113 foals of racing age/8 winners/0 black-type winners
3-LE TOUQUET, 1300m, WALLIS ET FUTUNA (Fr)

€32,000 Arqana Deauville v2 Yearling Sale 2019

IRELAND:

Buratino (Ire) (Exceed And Excel {Aus}), Kildangan Stud

88 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners
1-GOWRAN PARK, 8f, VIRTUAL HUG (Ire)

€12,500 Goffs November Foals Sale 2018; €5,500 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearlings 2019

Pride Of Dubai (Aus) (Street Cry {Ire}), Coolmore Stud

122 foals of racing age/2 winners/1 black-type winner
1-GOWRAN PARK, 8f, FLYING VISIT (Ire)

1-GOWRAN PARK, 8f, MOUNT EDEN (Ire)

€22,000 RNA Tattersalls Ireland Flat Breeding Stock Sale 2018;

€6,500 RNA Tattersalls Ireland September Yearlings 2019



Prince Of Lir has two runners on Wednesday | Ballyhane Stud

OBSERVATIONS

on the European racing scene

TEPIN'S BROTHER BACK ON SHOW IN IRELAND

1.30 Gowran Park, Mdn, €15,500, 2yo, 8ft

Aidan O'Brien trainee **HARVARD (IRE) (Galileo {Ire})**, who is kin to MGSW GI Breeders' Cup Mile and G1 Queen Anne S. heroine Tepin (Bernstein) and MGSW GI Wood Memorial and GI Forego S. third Vyjack (Into Mischief), shaped with a deal of promise when a close-up fourth tackling seven furlongs at Leopardstown on debut last month and gets a second chance to shed maiden status upped in trip for this one. His opposition features Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum's hitherto unraced **Wuqood (GB) (Dubawi {Ire})**, a Dermot Weld-trained son of MGSW G1 Epsom Oaks runner-up and former Rosehill incumbent Tarfasha (Ire) (Teofilo {Ire}); and Sun Bloodstock's fellow debutant **Liffey River (Fr) (Lope de Vega {Ire})**, who is a €380,000 off-piste buy out of last year's Arqana August fixture and a full-brother to G1 Irish 2000 Guineas, G1 Prix Jean Prat and G1 Prix Maurice de Gheest placegetter Lope Y Fernandez (Ire), representing Joseph O'Brien.



Harvard is a half-brother to Tepin (pictured) | Coady Photography

4.05 Wolverhampton, Mdn, £6,400, 2yo, 8f 142y (AWT)

Mohammed Obaida's **KING FRANKEL (IRE) (Frankel {GB})** is a 280,000gns Tattersalls October Book 1 son of G1 Fillies' Mile third You'll Be Mine (Kingmambo) and thus a full-brother to MGSW G1 Irish Champion S. and G1 Ranvet S. placegetter Eminent (Ire).

Observations cont.

One of two contenders from the Mark Johnston stable, his rivals include King Power Racing's fellow newcomer **Summer Power (Fr) (Pivotal {GB})**, a Tim Easterby-trained half-brother to dual stakes-winning MGSP G2 Dante S. runner-up Mildenberger (Ire) (Teofilo {Ire}).

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BRITAIN

Tuesday's Results:

FIRST WINNER FOR SIRE

5th-Haydock, £5,400, Nov, 8-11, 2yo, f, 6f 212yT, 1:30.65, sf. RUN THIS WAY (GB) (f, 2, Cannock Chase--Prime Run {GB}, by Dansili {GB}), who finished off the radar when last of six in her July 30 unveiling over seven furlongs at Musselburgh, was swiftly into stride and led from the outset of this return. Untroubled on the lead until shaken up when threatened approaching the quarter-mile marker, the 22-1 outsider was safely clear entering the final furlong and kept on strongly under mild rousing in the closing stages to comfortably account for the well-related Verbena (GB) (Lethal Force {Ire}) by 2 1/2 lengths while coming the first winner for her G1 Canadian International S.-winning first-season sire (by Lemon Drop Kid). "I didn't ride her, but she was green first time at Musselburgh and the soft ground out there probably helped her today," said winning rider Joe Fanning of the upcoming Tattersalls August Horses-in-Training sale entry. "She pinged out of the gates, I was always comfortable on her and confident that she'd see out the trip well. There's some more improvement in her and, hopefully, she'll come on for that." Run This Way is the latest of four foals and first winner produced by a half-sister to six black-type performers, headed by G1 Prix Morny heroine Silca's Sister (GB) (Inchinor {GB}), MGSW G1 Prix Morny, G1 Irish 1000 Guineas and G1 Coronation S. placegetter Golden Silca (GB) (Inchinor {GB}) and G1 Moyglare Stud S. and G1 Cheveley Park S. placegetter Silca Chiave (GB) (Pivotal {GB}). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$4,566. O-Saeed Suhail; B-Rabbah Bloodstock Ltd (GB); T-Mark Johnston.

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Cannock Chase, who notched his first winner on Tuesday | HKJC

4th-Haydock, £5,400, Nov, 8-11, 2yo, 7f 212yT, 1:42.47, sf. RIVER ALWEN (IRE) (c, 2, Dark Angel {Ire}--Intense Pink {GB} {SW & GSP-Eng}, by Pivotal {GB}), an Aug. 2 debut third over seven furlongs at Leicester last time, broke in the front rank and raced in second through the initial stages of this return. Inching to the front on the home turn, the 7-2 chance was shaken up in front approaching the quarter-mile marker and driven out inside the final furlong to hold Legend of Dubai (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) by 3/4 of a length. "He's always been a lovely colt the stable's held in high regard," revealed winning rider Rossa Ryan. "He came on a lot for his first run, I knew he'd stay the mile well and I think there's plenty of improvement to come." Half to a yearling filly by Showcasing (GB), River Alwen is the third of four foals and second scorer out of stakes-winning G3 Chartwell Fillies' S. third Intense Pink (GB) (Pivotal {GB}), herself kin to G1 Racing Post Trophy third Henrik (GB) (Primo Dominie {GB}), G2 Gimcrack S. third Sir Reginald (GB) (Compton Place {GB}) and the stakes-placed dam of GSW G1 Tattersalls Gold Cup third Euphrasia (Ire) (Windsor Knot {Ire}). Intense Pink is also half to the dam of G1 2000 Guineas and G1 Racing Post Trophy placegetter Van Der Neer (GB) (Dutch Art {GB}). Sales history: €145,000 Ylg '19 GOFOR. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$5,372. O-Sun Bloodstock Racing Ltd; B-James F Hanly (IRE); T-Richard Hannon.

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CONDITIONS RESULTS:

7th-Wolverhampton, £4,300, Cond, 8-11, 3yo/up, 7f 36y (AWT), 1:30.20, st.

COME ON BEAR (IRE) (m, 5, Dandy Man {Ire}--Blusienka {Ire} {SP-Eng}, by Blues Traveller {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 12-3-2-0, \$14,737. O-M7 Come On Bear LLP; B-Ballyhane Stud (IRE); T-Joseph Parr. *£33,000 Ylg '16 GOUKPR. **1/2 to Capt Chaos (Ire) (Captain Rio {GB}), GSW-Ire, \$215,974; and Control Zone (Ire) (Daggers Drawn), GSP-Eng, \$254,804.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Boogie Time (Ire), c, 2, Kodiak (GB)--Get Up And Dance (GB), by Makfi (GB). Wolverhampton, 8-11, 6f 20y (AWT), 1:14.91. B-Tally-Ho Stud (IRE). *£65,000 Ylg '19 GOFFPR.

Aussie Stormer (Ire), c, 2, Mehmas (Ire)--Stormy Clouds (Ire) (SP-Eng, \$290,961), by Sir Prancealot (Ire). Wolverhampton, 8-11, 5f 21y (AWT), 1:02.19. B-Tally-Ho Stud (IRE). *18th winner for freshman sire (by Acclamation {GB}). **£50,000 Ylg '19 GOFFPR.

Black Sparrow (GB), f, 2, Swiss Spirit (GB)--Bronze Star (GB), by Mark of Esteem (Ire). Lingfield, 8-11, 5f 6y (AWT), :59.90. B-Carmel Stud (GB). *14,000gns Ylg '19 TAOCT.

End Zone (GB), g, 3, Dark Angel (Ire)--Brown Eyed Honey (GB), by Elusive City. Lingfield, 8-11, 6f 1y (AWT), 1:13.87. B-The Brown Eyed Honey Partnership (GB).

Thunder Flash (GB), g, 3, Night of Thunder (Ire)--Sultanah Heyam (GB), by Manduro (Ger). Lingfield, 8-11, 10f (AWT), 2:08.51. B-Rabbah Bloodstock Ltd (GB). *4,000gns Ylg '18 TAOCT; €19,000 RNA 2yo '19 TATGOR.

Temujin (Ire), g, 4, Moohaajim (Ire)--Alhena (Ire), by Alhaarth (Ire). Lingfield, 8-11, 10f (AWT), 2:07.98. B-Elton Lodge Stud (IRE). *€23,000 Wlg '16 GOFNOV; £55,000 Ylg '17 GOUKPR; 18,000gns 3yo '19 TATJUL.

Simply Sin (Ire), g, 5, Footstepsinthesand (GB)--Miss Sally (Ire) (Hwt. 3yo Filly-Ire at 5-6f & MGSW-Ire, \$345,464), by Danetime (Ire). Wolverhampton, 8-11, 7f 36y (AWT), 1:30.19. B-Helen Smith & Sally Mullen (IRE). *€30,000 RNA Wlg '15 GOFNOV; €18,000 Ylg '16 GOYHIT.

FRANCE**CONDITIONS RESULTS:**

4th-Deauville, €28,000, Cond, 8-11, 3yo, 8fT, 1:41.92, g/s.
ZIEGFELD (GB) (c, 3, New Approach {Ire}--Maid To Dream {GB}, by Oasis Dream {GB}) Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-1, €31,420. O-Godolphin SNC; B-Barton Stud Partnership (GB); T-Andre Fabre. *120,000gns Ylg '18 TATOCT. **1/2 to The Happy Prince (Ire) (Rip Van Winkle {Ire}), GSW-Ire & GSP-Eng, \$218,352.

2nd-Deauville, €27,000, Cond, 8-11, 2yo, f, 6fT, 1:11.53, g/s.
CASSIOPEA (FR) (f, 2, Helmet {Aus}--Diva Cattiva {GB} {SW & GSP-Ity, \$194,013}, by Lujain) Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-0, €29,630. O/B-Scuderia Micolo SNC (FR); T-Andrea Marcialis.

6th-Deauville, €22,000, Cond, 8-11, 4yo/up, 10fT, 2:06.41, g/s.
CHEVALIER CATHARE (FR) (c, 4, Sea The Moon {Ger}--Zain Al Boldan {GB} {SW & GSP-Eng}, by Poliglote {GB}) Lifetime Record: 11-3-4-0, €56,560. O-Mme Isabelle Corbani, Eric Puerari & Gerard Larrieu; B-SARL Haras de Saint-Faust & SAS Gerard Larrieu (FR); T-Stephane Wattel. *€90,000 RNA Ylg '17 AROCT; €180,000 3yo '19 ARQARC. **1/2 to Poetic Dream (Ire) (Poet's Voice {GB}), GSW-Ger, \$146,472.



Chevalier Cathare | Scoop Dyga

3rd-Moulins, €14,000, Cond, 8-11, 3yo, 7fT, 1:28.40, g/s.
ZELOTE (FR) (g, 3, Literato {Fr}--Zyhton {Fr}, by Kabool {GB}) Lifetime Record: 10-2-0-1, €25,650. O-Torsten Raber & Trois Mille; B-Myriam Bollack-Badel & Pierre Lamy (FR); T-Andrea Marcialis. *1/2 to Zygmunt (Fr) (Vesponse {Ire}), SW-Fr.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Angelinka (Fr), f, 2, Pedro The Great--Silent Cause, by Giant's Causeway. Deauville, 8-11, 7fT, 1:28.80. B-Haras des Eves & Daniel Cherdo (FR). *€34,000 Ylg '19 ARAUG.

Early Light (Fr), c, 2, Wootton Bassett (GB)--Accalmie (Fr), by Invincible Spirit (Ire). Deauville, 8-11, 6fT, 1:10.39. B-Haras des Sablonnets & Aymard de Talhouet-Roy (FR). *€28,000 RNA Wlg '18 ARQDEC; €200,000 Ylg '19 AROCT.

EASTERN EUROPE

NON BLACK-TYPE STAKES RESULTS:

Zariyanka (Ire), f, 3, **First Defence**--Zaridiya (Ire) (SP-Fr), by Duke of Marmalade (Ire). Karlovy Vary (Czech Republic), 8-9, Czech Oaks, 2400mT. B-His Highness the Aga Khan's Studs SC. *€5,500 HRA '20 ARQFEB. **VIDEO**

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

Power Barbarian (GB), c, 2, **New Approach (Ire)**--Twilight Mystery (GB), by Acclamation (GB). Sluzewiec (Poland), 8-8, 1200mT. B-Whatton Manor Stud. *62,000gns Wlg '18 TATDEF; €11,000 Ylg '19 GOFSP. **VIDEO**

Rabbit Make (Ire), f, 3, **Make Believe (Ire)**--Okavango (GB), by Nayef. Karlovy Vary (Czech Republic), 8-9, 1400mT. B-B Kennedy & Mrs Ann Marie Kennedy. *8,000gns Wlg '17 TATDEF. **VIDEO**

HANDICAP RESULTS:

Dawn Hill (Fr), c, 3, **Kingston Hill (GB)**--Delma (Ire), by Authorized (Ire). Kincsem Park (Hungary), 8-9, 2200mT. B-Mme Katarina Jacobson & Serge Duchene. *€4,000 Ylg '18 BBAOCT. **VIDEO**

MAIDEN WINNERS:

Quibou (Fr), c, 2, **Air Chief Marshal (Ire)**--Kilava (Fr), by Invincible Spirit (Ire). Sluzewiec (Poland), 8-9, 1300mT. B-Franklin Finance SA, E Ribard & S Vidal. *€1,000 RNA Ylg '19 ARQFEB; €4,000 Ylg '19 ARQNOV. **VIDEO**

Lagertha Rhyme (Ire), f, 2, **Gutaifan (Ire)**--Cockney Rhyme (GB), by Cockney Rebel (Ire). Sluzewiec (Poland), 8-8, 1200mT. B-Mrs Bena Hickey. *1ST TIME STARTER. **3,500gns Ylg '19 TATOCT. **VIDEO**

Sparkle Shout (Ire), f, 2, **Red Jazz**--Blase Chevalier (Ire), by Chevalier (Ire). Karlovy Vary (Czech Republic), 8-9, 1400mT. B-Andrew Cocks & Tara Johnson. *€1,000 Ylg '19 TISEP. **VIDEO**

Miss Mystery (Ire), f, 2, **Sir Prancealot (Ire)**--Maleha (Ire), by Cape Cross (Ire). Kincsem Park (Hungary), 8-9, 1100mT. B-Tally-Ho Stud. *1ST TIME STARTER. **€3,000 Ylg '19 GOFAUT. **VIDEO**

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AROUND THE FARM WITH GARETH DOWNEY



Gareth Downey | Valachi Downs

by Paul Vettise

TDN AusNZ continues its series in which we quiz Australasian stud identities about their operations, backgrounds and thoughts on the wider thoroughbred industry. Today, we chat with Valachi Downs' Gareth Downey.

The Kevin and Joanna Hickman-owned Matamata operation will this season welcome new stallion Ten Sovereigns (Ire), who will stand at NZ\$20,000 + GST, while Vespa (NZ) has been relocated to stand his first season at NZ\$5000 + GST. The stallion roster also features U S Navy Flag (USA) (NZ\$17,500 + GST), Zacinto (GB) (NZ\$8000 + GST) and Savile Row (NZ) (NZ\$2500 + GST).

TDN AusNZ: When did you take up your new appointment and how are you enjoying the position?

Gareth Downey: I was appointed to the new role at the beginning of March just as the lockdown started here in New Zealand, so that added an interesting layer of complexity as you can imagine. But being appointed to the position of General Manager for Valachi is a real honour. Not least because Kevin and Joanna are exceptional people to work for, and I have to say, I love the role.

It is not my first experience as a General Manager, but it is in the thoroughbred industry. We are very lucky to have the team of people we have at Valachi and it is superb to be working with them to achieve the continuous operational improvements we are looking for.

The ultimate goal is to see the horses we breed and race achieve elite performances on the racetrack. Who would not love overseeing all that?

TDN AusNZ: Does your working brief cover all facets of the Valachi operation?

GD: The General Manager role is responsible for overseeing all aspects of the Valachi operation, which now covers the entire range of equine activities from conception to retirement. These operations are spread over three properties, the main stud farm, the breaking in and pre-training facility, and the racing stable.

TDN AusNZ: Looking ahead to the next few years, are there any changes to the business model planned and what is your process for reviewing ongoing development?

GD: Valachi has been through an extended phase of rapid growth and it is now time for a period of consolidation. We are working toward doing everything we do that little bit better. The results of all those improvements will ultimately be measured on the racetrack in the years to come. Kevin and Joanna have both had incredibly successful careers as individuals in business as well as in sport administration. This means Valachi has very robust systems in place for the constant review of goals, results and development.

TDN AusNZ: What is the biggest challenge facing your business at the moment?

GD: The overall health of the New Zealand racing industry has been the biggest concern for some time now. There are moves being made to get us going in the right direction and all participants desperately need to see those moves continue. The short-term issue from a breeding perspective has now become the impact of COVID-19. The combination of these two issues means there are some challenging times ahead.

However, New Zealand breeders are a resilient bunch and we know we have the best place in the world to breed and grow horses, so we will keep charging on and attempt to keep punching above our weight as a country on the international racing scene.

TDN AusNZ: You have new stallion Ten Sovereigns (Ire) in 2020, can you describe him physically and what type of mare you will be sending to him?

GD: Ten Sovereigns is a stunning stallion. He is 16.1hh with plenty of strength, scope and quality. This will make him a very easy stallion to breed to as he will suit pretty much all mares physically. His early-maturing speed will complement many of our Kiwi mares really well and we are looking for an explosive combination there.



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TDN AusNZ: How did that stallion come on your radar to stand and how have you found the response from the breeding community?

GD: Last year was the first year of us working together in partnership with Coolmore to bring U S Navy Flag (USA) to New Zealand. The response to him from local breeders was fantastic, with him serving 150 mares last season.

This gave us and Coolmore the confidence to further extend our partnership and Ten Sovereigns was one of the most popular stallions on their roster in Ireland this year, so he was an obvious choice to come down here. All indications are that he and U S Navy Flag will again receive very good support from local breeders this year. We are excited to be breeding to these stallions ourselves and are delighted to be able to share that opportunity with local breeders.

TDN AusNZ: Vespa (NZ) is also new to the farm, tell us about his relocation and what type of mares are best suited to him.

GD: Vespa has been given an excellent initial opportunity at stud by Wellfield Lodge and with the support of the shareholder base as well as all those breeders who have chosen to breed to him. We have now taken the baton with the aim of ensuring Vespa has access to the size of broodmare population that he clearly deserves.

From a first crop of just 55 foals, he has already had two Group-placed horses, as well as another who has already scored three wins. Vespa is very good at adding strength, substance, speed and early maturity – he is well suited to any mare that can benefit from those attributes.

TDN AusNZ: Service fees have been announced, how are you finding the response to your roster given the current economic uncertainty?

GD: The response to our roster has been very positive. I think local breeders appreciate the opportunity we are giving them with these exceptional stallion options at reasonable fees. The level of inquiry and booking activity has certainly picked up considerably in the last couple of weeks now that the breeding season is literally upon us.

TDN AusNZ: How many broodmares are in the Valachi band and tell us a bit about the process of working out matings and who is involved in that?

GD: We will be breeding from 130 mares this year. The process of deciding on the matings is a very collaborative one between Kevin and the management team. Everyone brings a different skill-set and focus to that process, so it means we end up with all aspects of pedigree, commercial appeal, physical and temperament compatibility all being well considered.

TDN AusNZ: Silent Achiever (NZ) (O'Reilly {NZ}) was a wonderful performer, what is she up to now?

GD: Yes, she won four Group 1 races among her 10 wins so she is, of course, the jewel in the crown of our broodmare band. She has had four foals to date while she was at stud in the Northern Hemisphere. These have been by Frankel (GB), Galileo (Ire) and Kingman (GB) so we are obviously eagerly looking forward to what they will bring to the racetrack.

She is now on her way home to New Zealand and is coming via Australia to visit Pierro. She will then head home to Valachi and we just can't wait to have her back here after all these years.

TDN AusNZ: Who currently in the industry do you look toward for inspiration, and why?

GD: There are many passionate and enthusiastic people in our industry that I admire and am in regular contact with, all of whom have vast horse and business experience. There are always opportunities to learn and gain inspiration from a variety of these people, so I couldn't single out anyone in particular.

TDN AusNZ: Who did you learn the most from, regarding horse conformation and why do you think they were a good judge?

GD: John Foote and Gordon Cunningham are the two people who have been the most generous in sharing their knowledge and time with me. They are both people who have obviously achieved excellent results in their respective areas of the industry, so their knowledge has stood the test of time. Both of them are also very good at assessing the individual and relating the physique of the individual to the ancestors in the pedigree. I am very grateful to both of them for all they have shared with me.

TDN AusNZ: Who is the best stallion physical you have ever seen?

GD: Anyone who spent time with O'Reilly (NZ) couldn't help but end up with an immense admiration for him. He was an excellent type, but he also had an excess of charisma and personality. He was one of those horses who possessed an exceptional presence that you felt any time you were around him.

TDN AusNZ: If different, which horse is the best physical you've ever worked closely with, and why?

GD: U S Navy Flag is an outstanding physical horse I got to know well last year. He looks like an athlete, has the temperament of a top-class competitor, and he is such a pleasure to watch move with the way he uses himself. It is certainly easy to see why he was such a top-class racehorse.

TDN AusNZ: What stallion on another farm's roster would you like to be standing?

GD: Pierro is a relatively young stallion who has already left six Group 1 winners, and they have come at the exceptional rate of a Group 1 winner for every 52 runners.

He has proven to be such a versatile stallion, with his top-class progeny performing over such a range of distances. I would love Pierro to be standing the remainder of his breeding career at Valachi.

TDN AusNZ: Is there an under-the-radar emerging stallion that you have a preference for?

GD: I genuinely believe Vespa is this stallion. He has had relatively limited opportunities to date but is quickly putting the runs on the board from what opportunities he's had. I track various performance data to try and objectively assess true stallion performance, with one of those goals being to spot early stallion performance that may otherwise be somewhat under the radar. Vespa ranks very high on this performance data table. This is further supported by so much positive feedback from the trainers of his progeny that haven't yet raced, so this adds confidence that he is likely to go on with it from the start he has made.

TDN AusNZ: What is the biggest challenge facing the industry at the moment?

GD: In New Zealand, this is obviously the state of our racing industry. We need a healthy racing industry to underpin the confidence of the breeding industry. All the talk about what needs to be done to get our racing industry healthy again needs to be converted to a cohesive plan that is implemented through strong and effective leadership.

TDN AusNZ: What's your opinion on the 140-mare cap that the Jockey Club in America is proposing? Do you think it's needed here?

GD: In principle, I support this concept. The main benefit of implementing a cap is to ensure a greater number of stallions get an opportunity at stud. Our history is littered with examples of top-class stallions who earned their way to the top from humble beginnings. The larger the books of mares served by established stallions, the less number of stallions get a chance. However, I do certainly understand the view that market forces tend to achieve the limiting of books relatively well and the need for genetic diversity does end up finding its own way to fruition.



TDN AusNZ: Which four people, within the industry or outside it, dead or alive, would you invite to a dinner party?

GD: I would have to extend this to five and it would definitely be my wife Mel and our four children. We all know this industry places high demands on our time, so opportunities for family dinners don't occur often enough.

TDN AusNZ: Are there any books or world business leaders that inspire you?

GD: There is a very good book called Good To Great that talks about how various businesses have made the next step from being good to being great. One commonality of all of them was the quality and type of leadership that those businesses were operating under.

In a previous career, I was lucky enough to work for a man named Leland Foster. He would not be recognised as a world business leader, but he was in his own industry. He was an exceptional person who was, in turn, an exceptional leader. The foundation of everything he did was that all his relationships were characterised by honesty, integrity, respect and trust. People such as these are a privilege to work for.

TDN AusNZ: Which global breeding brand do you have the ultimate respect for?

GD: I have absolute respect for every breeding operation, no matter what size, that successfully focuses on the well being of their horses as the ultimate priority, whilst treating their staff and clients with genuine care and respect.

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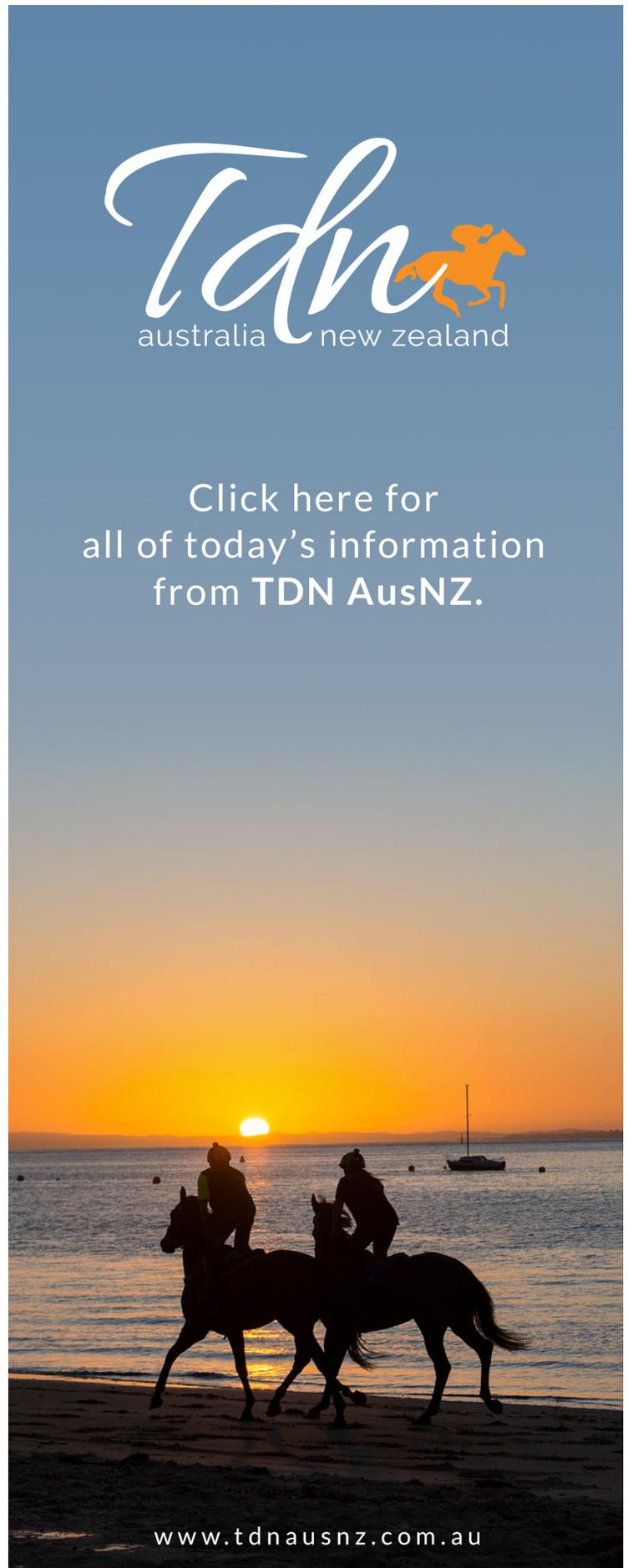
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