

TDN Q&A: DEL MAR'S JOSH RUBINSTEIN



Josh Rubinstein | Del Mar

By Dan Ross

Del Mar's short fall meet ended this past weekend with a flourish and a blitz of top-class racing that lured quality runners from across the country, as epitomized by Chad Brown's Grade double courtesy of **Domestic Spending (GB)** (Kingman {GB}) in the **Hollywood Derby** and **Viadera (GB)** (Bated Breath {GB}) in the **Matriarch S.**

The meet rounded out what has been a challenging year for the track, to say the least, thanks to the extraordinary headwinds from a global pandemic, and the already **tough economic environment** for California horsemen. But the bare numbers underscore plenty of reasons for optimism.

The five-week fall meet carded 15% more races this year over last--131 races compared to 114 races last year. Total handle hit the \$195.9-million mark, which constituted an increase of 32% over last season. The average field size also increased 9.5% over last year--8.1 runners per race compared to 7.4 in 2019.

In terms of equine safety, this has been yet another noteworthy year for the facility, with one racing fatality and two training deaths for the entire year, according to the California Horse Racing Board's (CHRB) **Equine Fatalities** database.

To discuss both the year just passed and the road ahead, the *TDN* spoke to Del Mar Thoroughbred Club president, Josh Rubinstein.

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NO LASIX IN MARYLAND'S GRADED STAKES STARTING IN '21 by T.D. Thornton

The Maryland Racing Commission (MRC) voted unanimously Wednesday to expand a race-day Lasix ban that began this year with 2-year-olds to include horses of any age competing in graded stakes starting in 2021.

"A few months ago, the commission passed an emergency regulation restricting Lasix to any horse that's two years old for the next three years, as part of [a negotiated] agreement between the HBPA and The Stronach Group," J. Michael Hopkins, the MRC's executive director, explained prior to the vote during the Dec. 2 teleconference meeting.

"Moving forward, it also included graded stakes races beginning in calendar year 2021," Hopkins said. "What this regulation does is extend that restriction for 2-year-olds to include any horse [of any age] running in a graded stakes going forward in accordance with that agreement." **Cont. p8**

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With Del Mar's Josh Rubinstein *(cont. from 1)*

TDN: Broadly speaking, what's your main takeaway from the year as a whole?

JR: Well, 2020 has obviously been a very unusual year. Prior to 2020, the industry had been laser focused on equine safety. But due to COVID, safety took on an entirely new path. We knew it would take a very comprehensive plan to keep everyone at the racetrack and the surrounding community safe, and we're fortunate to have a great team here at Del Mar. We've got terrific medical guidance from folks at Scripps [hospital], and we put together a detailed COVID response, protocols and procedures.

We're also very fortunate to get buy-in from industry stakeholders. You can have as good a plan as there is on paper, but if you don't have buy-in, it's not worth a whole lot. The folks who are down at Del Mar every day, taking care of the horses, they took this extremely seriously, followed protocols, followed procedures.

Early on, when COVID hit, we weren't even sure we were going to be able to race this summer. There was obviously a lot of uncertainty. There were closures. So, to have the year we did, both the summer and fall meet, producing some pretty significant increases is pretty remarkable.

Our racing product was excellent. I cannot say enough about the job our racing department, led by Tom Robbins and David Jerkens, did. Those guys are truly miracle workers. And we also got tremendous support from our local horsemen--they really supported us both meets, and it showed.

The Ship & Win [program] this year really helped with the depth of our racing product. We had 182 horses qualify for the Ship & Win bonus, 104 in the summer and, I believe, 78 in the fall. These horses had 285 starts at our two Del Mar meets and most will remain and race in California at other racetracks this and next year. Once again, racing secretary David Jerkens was outstanding communicating to local trainers and owners the benefits of Ship & Win.

Because of COVID and lack of on-track revenues--not being allowed to have people on-site--our strategy, especially for the summer, was to run a maximum number of races over the high-handle weekends. We were running 11 [races] most Saturdays and Sundays, and nine and 10 [races] Friday over the summer.

We increased field size over the summer from 8.0 last year to 8.4, and in the recently concluded fall meet, the field size was 8.1 compared to 7.4 last year. So, really competitive quality racing, and the horseplayers support that.



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TDN: The overall handle was certainly impressive, but as we know ADW revenues aren't as lucrative for the horsemen as wagering at brick and mortar venues. How have the ADW numbers you've seen at Del Mar this year broken down into purse generation?



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JR: I'll touch on overall handle just for the moment. Given what I said earlier--that we weren't even sure if we'd race this summer and what that would look like--we ended up with the second highest wagering year in Del Mar's history.

Over \$662 million was wagered between the summer and fall meet, and that's second only to 2015, when we had 60 race days--40 in the summer and 20 in the fall--and that resulted in \$677 million. So, to have those overall results, we were extremely pleased with that.

Overall, total wagering increased 8% during the summer, and that's with 25% fewer race-days [than 2019]. The recently concluded fall meet, wagering increased 32% [with 15% more races than 2019]. So, again, extremely solid numbers.

You mention ADW--we knew we were going to sink or swim this year with ADW, due to fans not being allowed on site, and very, very limited brick and mortar wagering. ADW was going to carry us or not. What we saw in the summer, in-state ADW was up 130% and out-of-state was up 70%.

But, in looking at the fall, there was some trepidation on our end--we didn't know if those numbers would hold. With college football and NFL coming back, would those online players shift to other sports? Fortunately for us, ADW numbers held--in fact, they increased. In-state ADW this fall was up 139% [on 2019], and out-of-state increased 108%.

While we had a really strong racing product, you've got to give some credit to ADWs, like our terrific partner, TVG. Folks like TVG, when racing was the only game in town, they picked up new customers, and they did a very good job at retaining those customers with aggressive marketing.

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But even with that loss of high-margin handle, we were still able to pay out approximately \$22.5 million in purses, and that's level with last year. So, to have that \$115 million yanked out from under you--and again, that's high-margin on-track handle--to deliver purse generation of right around \$22.5 million is significant.

Don't forget, we had the benefit of being able to run most all of our race days. Santa Anita had to close for approximately two months, and we fortunately did not have that. Though we had those three days we had to postpone early in the summer due to some of our jockeys testing positive--although they were asymptomatic--we were able to make up two of those three days later in the summer.

TDN: You say that \$22.5 million is a comparable purse payout to last year. Is that with the same number of races?

JR: We're pretty much right in line with the same number of races [413 races in 2020 vs. 411 in 2019].

TDN: It's been another great year for you safety wise. What do you think are the most important lessons you've learned in this sphere?

JR: We're very proud of our safety record--I say 'we,' because it's California. This has been a group effort between the racetrack operators, trainers, vets, everybody associated with the care of the horse, working with our regulator, the CHR. For Del Mar in 2018 and 2019, we were ranked the safest major racetrack in the country, and our 2020 numbers are continuing that trend.

It's not just us--you look at Santa Anita, at what they've done. I applaud them--they've invested like we have in terms of additional oversight, and communicated on a regular basis with the backstretch community. They had a terrific fall meet--zero fatalities racing or training.

We know this has not been easy on the horsemen and women of California--they've had to make significant adjustments to training and racing over the last couple of years. But the results speak for themselves--there has definitely been a cultural shift.

What we're also seeing is other states, New York and Kentucky for example, they are adopting, or in the process of adopting, many of the reforms that were put in place in California. The fact that other states are following us I think says a lot about how what we're doing is definitely going in the right direction.

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TDN: I know the vagaries surrounding the coronavirus pandemic make long-term planning a dicey task, but looking forward, how are you aiming to navigate these enormous challenges next year?

JR: Like everyone, we're hopeful a vaccine will soon be widely available, and allow some sense of getting back to normal, including fans attending the races. As we go through the budgeting process, we'll look at multiple operational scenarios as it relates to the facility footprint. Like everybody in the sports and entertainment industry, it's kind of wait and see in terms of how we're going to be allowed to operate, but we'll adapt to the conditions. Our number one priority will be to maintain the safety of the horses and the safety of the people who care for them.

TDN: The possibility of year-round stabling at Del Mar has been recently mooted in some corners. How serious a proposition is that?

JR: Del Mar has been and will continue to be a long-term participant in the California horse racing industry. Del Mar won't be sold or developed like other California racetracks have or may continue to be.

As a testament to Del Mar's long-term equine commitment, over \$11 million was invested in an onsite wastewater treatment facility here that will allow for horse activity on the property on a year-round basis. This project will be completed later this month.

The California industry took some criticism for not having a plan post Hollywood Park, and Del Mar is a long-term player in the industry. We believe it's critical to ensure there's sufficient first-rate stabling commensurate with a premier racing circuit. We believe year-round stabling at Del Mar helps to achieve that goal. This is especially the case if we're to attract out-of-state stables to relocate here.

However, to be clear, we don't own the property. And we must get approval from the 22nd District Agricultural Association, our landlord. We continue to have discussions with the 22nd DAA on the benefits of year-round stabling. Also, the substantial feedback we've received from owners and trainers has been that year-round stabling at Del Mar would be welcomed with open arms. We're going to give it our best shot.



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JR: The first piece was getting the wastewater treatment facility done. That will be completed at the end of this month--operationally, that was critical. We couldn't have addressed year-round training without that piece.

The second is the approval from the Ag' District. The conversations we've been having have been positive. I don't want to put a time-stamp on when we think that will happen, but we will continue to have conversations with them about stabling here.

Assuming we can get the approvals needed, 2022 would seem to be probably the earliest realistic time frame. But again, it's something we're focused on now, and are continuing to have discussions with the entities we need to, to hopefully make it a reality.

TDN: There's a long way to go before next year's Breeders' Cup, which Del Mar of course is scheduled to stage next year. But have you started preparations?

JR: We're very excited to host the Breeders' Cup. The 2017 Breeders' Cup at Del Mar was the most profitable in the event's history. People from all over flock to the Breeders' Cup. Seventy percent of Breeders' Cup attendees were from outside of California, so the economic impact on the local community was about \$100 million--hotels, restaurants.

Even though it's a year away, when you walk around town, people ask about the Breeders' Cup, how preparations are going. We have already begun to have planning meetings with the Breeders' Cup team. Fortunately for us, Nov. 5 and 6, 2021, is a ways off, so hopefully that time frame will allow the current environment to change, and allow us to put the event on with a similar footprint that we had in 2017.

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No Lasix in Maryland Graded Stakes Starting in '21 *(cont. from p1)*

Prior to the vote, commissioner David Hayden, who has bred Thoroughbreds at Dark Hollow Farm near Baltimore for three-plus decades, asked for a clarification on the current Lasix rule for 2-year-olds. He wanted to know if the current crop of juveniles who have been racing without Lasix this season will be able to receive it in Maryland once they turn three Jan. 1.

Hopkins confirmed that yes, the current crop of juveniles will be permitted Lasix in less than a month after starting their Maryland careers without it.

“That doesn’t make any sense,” Hayden replied. “But, what do I know?”

The MRC unanimously approved two other rule changes during Wednesday’s meeting.

The first tweaked the existing regulation on shock wave therapy. Currently, Hopkins explained, horses can’t race in Maryland for 10 days after receiving that treatment. The revised version of the rule now prohibits shock-waved horses from working out on the track during that same 10-day post-treatment window.

Another rule change will require trainers and assistants to affirm that they have participated in four hours of continuing education programming prior to being granted a license. Although this rule doesn’t take effect until Jan. 1, 2022, the coursework itself must be completed during calendar year 2021.

The MRC also proposed a new rule, based on recent discussions with horse people and track officials, to extend the right for a new owner to void a claim if the state veterinarian observes that a claimed horse is lame while cooling out in the test barn up to one hour after a race.

Although this rule still has to be published in the state register and go through a public commentary phase before it can be voted in for good, Hopkins suggested that commissioners adopt it as an emergency regulation simultaneous to that process, “to move it forward in a more expeditious manner.” Thus, it takes effect right away.

Sal Sinatra, the president of the Maryland Jockey Club, which owns Laurel Park and Pimlico Race Course, gave commissioners a brief update on the grass course at Laurel.

“We’re putting our turf course to bed,” Sinatra said. “We have some sand coming in next week; we have a deep drill-and-fill process that’s going to happen the week after on the turn. It doesn’t drain. We’ve reached out to some consultants [and] a company from Virginia is coming to dig down about 12 to 18 inches to put some sand in that turn to help with drainage. [We are] just preparing [for next season] as we move forward.”

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After years of dragging its races out and running as many as seven or eight minutes after the listed post times, Gulfstream Park had a major surprise for horseplayers Wednesday on the opening day of the Championship Meet. The races were run at their advertised post times.

The change was ushered in by Aidan Butler, who had been working at the California tracks for The Stronach Group, the owners of Gulfstream, before he was recently promoted and reassigned, with his new duties including overseeing Florida racing.

“There are so many reasons why it is the right thing to do,” Butler said. “It’s the right thing to do from the aspect of the enjoyment of the sport. It’s the right thing to do when it comes to professionalism and being efficient. It’s the right thing to do for the animals. You don’t want them hanging around out there when it’s hot and going around and around in circles. Going forward, the team at Gulfstream and the team at The Stronach Group, we want to try to be the best at everything we do. That might sound cheesy, but that’s what we are striving for. That involves everything we do.”



Gulfstream starting gate | Horsephotos

Butler was aware of several postings on social media praising Gulfstream for the new strategy, many of them from horseplayers who had grown tired of having to guess when a Gulfstream race was actually going to be run.

“I didn’t expect the amount of feedback we have been getting because I just saw it as an operational tweak,” he said. “This is one of many things we want to tweak. I see that it is being well received.”

The post time drag was instituted as a means to increase handle, the idea being that giving bettors so much extra time before a race is actually run would lead to more money being put through the windows.

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Having to wait for the Gulfstream races could also have had the effect of keeping people from betting on other tracks. However, another possibility was that no extra money was actually being bet because players knew they could wait until the very last minute to place their bets and weren't fooled by the post times that were listed.

Butler was among those that didn't believe that the drag was having a positive impact on handle.

"I don't believe what they were doing was productive," he said. "All that it ended up doing was causing confusion. We all want horse racing to be taken super seriously and as a really good wagering sport and an enjoyable thing to be involved with. Then all these things happen across the industry, and I'm not just talking about post times, that are a little bit rinky dink. I don't know how else to describe it. It's not what you would find at an 'A class' sporting event. We need to refocus a little bit and find things like this and address them."

Speaking prior to the day's fourth race, Butler said it was too early to tell if the change had negatively impacted handle with gamblers having to adjust to a new schedule and possibly getting shut out. A possible plan to first take the drag down to three or four minutes was discussed but then abandoned.

"They had been doing this for such a long time that we were thinking of backing into this slowly," he said. "But then even if

handle was going to be a little light at first because people weren't getting their bets in, we decided to get right into it. Sometimes you are better off having that shock so more people hear about what you are doing and more people will pay attention."

While Gulfstream was one of the first and worst offenders when it came to the post time drag, the majority of tracks in the U.S. followed their lead to the point where it is rare to see races go off on time anywhere. Butler said that, going forward, all of The Stronach Group tracks will strive to have their races go off on time.

"We're going to try to be as efficient as we can with these times," he said. "There might be times where we don't want to end up crashing into other racetracks. That's not going to be the norm. The norm, hopefully, will be what you saw today at Gulfstream."

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END-OF-YEAR TAX-SAVING TIPS

by Len Green

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On the flip side, if you have realized losses, consider taking some gains, as the deduction for capital losses is limited to \$3,000 in any given year.

2. ***Retirement Plan Alerts:*** Several relief measures are included in recent tax legislation to help individuals who are approaching retirement or facing financial concerns.

First, required minimum distributions are suspended for Year 2020. As a result, if you do not have a financial need to take a distribution in 2020, you do not need to do so. Leave the money in the Pension Plan and continue to have it accumulate value, tax free.

Second, plan participants who turn 70 1/2 in 2020 or later do not need to take required distributions until the year in which they turn 72.

Third, you are now permitted to contribute to a traditional IRA after age 70 1/2 as long as you have earned income.

Fourth, the 10% early withdrawal penalty for distributions of up to \$100,000 from workplace retirement plans will be waived for individuals who either become ill or lose their employment. These distributions can be spread over three years, and individuals can recontribute all, or a portion, to avoid a penalty.

Fifth, contributions to a Keogh plan or a one-person 401(k) plan can be significant and save you substantial 2020 tax dollars if set up before Dec. 31, 2020.

HOW DOES THE NTRA'S GOVERNMENT RELATIONS TEAM SERVE HORSE RACING?

The NTRA's government relations team performs a broad array of legislative advocacy services for the horse racing and breeding industry. Working closely with the NTRA membership and Board of Directors, the team determines the industry's governmental priorities and then develops a comprehensive legislative strategy to achieve these priorities. The current strategy includes building relationships with members of Congress and their staffs, educating them on industry issues and concerns and introducing lawmakers and staff to industry members in the field.

The government relations team is in daily contact with **The Alpine Group**, the NTRA's lobbying arm based in Washington, DC. The Alpine Group is a bipartisan, bicameral government affairs consulting firm located on Capitol Hill whose clients include Fortune 100 companies, private equity firms, trade associations, local government and others. The Alpine Group is consistently ranked one of the top lobbying firms in Washington, and its personnel are recognized as substantive and political experts.

The Alpine Group's guidance and expertise are invaluable and help move the horse industry's legislative agenda through Congressional processes. From meetings with Congressional staffers and members of Congress to bill drafting to committee mark-ups, hearing and votes, The Alpine Group provides the expertise essential to effective advocacy.

Greg Means, principal and CFO of The Alpine Group, and vice president Lauren Bazel, serve as the NTRA's primary advisors in the firm that consists of 18 professionals.

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A SEP-IRA is another flexible alternative. A SEP can be set up before the filing date of your 2020 tax return, yet still provide you with a 2020 deduction.

3. *Avoid the Underpayment of Estimated Tax Penalty:* If you have not prepared a 2020 income tax projection, you should have your advisor do so. If your 2020 projection shows a balance due, request that a disproportionate amount of withholding be taken from your December paychecks, year-end bonus, or retirement plan distribution, rather than paying a comparable significant amount with a fourth-quarter estimated tax voucher.

This withholding approach is more favorable than writing a check because taxes that are withheld in December are deemed to be "thrown back" and treated as evenly spread through the calendar year. This enables you to catch up on any shortfall and still avoid a penalty for the first three quarters.

4. *Net Operating Losses (NOLs):* Recent tax legislation temporarily reverses the rules enacted in 2017 which preclude the carryback of NOLs. Individuals with NOLs arising in 2018, 2019 and 2020 can now carry back their NOLs five years.

Of great importance, business losses, which had been capped at \$250,000 for single taxpayers and \$500,00 for joint returns, can be deducted without limitation through 2020!

5. *Maximize the Pass-Through Business Income Deduction:* This tax-saving deduction allows certain taxpayers to deduct 20% of their qualified business income. To maximize the deduction, you should take action steps to qualify your taxable income so it is below this new provision's phase-out thresholds.

Steps Available for Business Taxpayers

1. *Tax Treatment of Losses:* Corporations can once again carry back NOLs, at least for losses arising in 2018 through 2020. Tax rule changes in December of 2017 had put a stop to this practice. Recent tax legislation reinstates this benefit and the carryback period is five years. Another temporary change is that corporations can now use NOLs to offset their entire taxable income through the 2020 tax year. The 2017 Tax Act's 80% limitation has been temporarily removed.

2. *Maximize Available Depreciation:* Businesses should consider making expenditures that qualify for 100% first-year bonus depreciation. Generally, both new and used depreciable assets are eligible. The full first-year write-off is allowed even if the asset is purchased late in the year and even if the deduction gives rise to a taxable loss.

Also, make sure you are taking bonus depreciation on all assets that are eligible. Many times assets are missed as to leasehold improvements on horses purchased in overseas sales or horses put into training but not yet raced.

An alternative is Section 179 depreciation, where for 2020 the expense limit has been raised to \$1,040,000 if the investment purchases do not exceed \$2,590,000. Keep in mind that Section 179 expensing cannot give rise to a loss.

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3. *Qualified Business Income (QBI) Deduction:* Certain business owners may be entitled to a deduction of up to 20% of their qualified business income. You should take whatever steps are possible to keep your taxable income below the phase-out thresholds. The rules are complex, so contact your tax advisor so they can help you maximize the use of the QBI deduction.

Possible Tax Law Changes Proposed by the Biden Administration

The best way to sum up President-elect Joe Biden's tax plan would be to say he wants to raise taxes on high-income households and corporations.

- **Increase the corporate tax rate:** The existing tax plan lowered the corporate rate from 35% to 21%. While Biden's camp generally agrees 35% was too high, their proposal is to raise it to 28%.
- **Increase taxes on high earners:** Biden would restore the 39.6% top marginal tax rate that was in effect prior to the 2018 tax year.
- **Phase out the pass-through deduction:** Biden would phase out the 20% Qualified Business Income (QBI) deduction for taxpayers earning \$400,000 or more.
- **Increase capital gains tax on high earners:** Currently capital gains enjoy lower tax rates than ordinary income, but Biden's proposal would change this for taxpayers earning more than \$1 million.

- **Increase Social Security taxes:** Biden would increase revenue to Social Security by imposing the 12.4% payroll tax (half of which is paid by the taxpayer) on all income above \$400,000 in addition to the current structure of the tax.
- **Changes in estate planning:** This portion of the proposed plan is less straightforward. On the one hand, you have the estate tax exemption of \$11.58 million being reduced by 50%. On the other hand, there is less clarity regarding important items such as step-up in basis, business asset exemptions, capital gains, etc.

Clearly there will be changes, adjustments and alterations during the negotiation period prior to any changes being implemented. Also note that it is highly unlikely that any new laws will be made retroactively to 2020. Our best advice is to keep an open line of communication with your tax and financial advisors prior to making any updates to your estate planning.

The Green Group welcomes the opportunity to discuss your 2020 year-end tax-saving strategies with you by phone at 732.634.5100. In the meantime, stay well.

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D J STABLE, GREEN GROUP'S LEN GREEN TALKS MAKING THE HORSE BUSINESS PROFITABLE ON WRITERS' ROOM



It's no secret that the horse business is a tough one if your primary goal is to make money. But your chances are better the more experience and expertise you accrue, and The Green Group's Len Green has decades of both. Wednesday, the tax, accounting and consulting firm's founder and principal of successful racing outfit D J Stable joined the TDN Writers' Room [presented by Keeneland](#) to impart his advice on turning a profit in racing, discuss what tax changes could be coming down the pike with a new presidential administration in 2021 and reminisce on some of his favorite memories in racing.

"One, you really have to learn about setting [your horse investment] up so it looks, sounds and smells like a business," Green said when asked for his advice for new owners. "Instead

of writing checks out of your own regular checking account, which has personal deductions on it, etc., set up an LLC. It gives you protection in terms of liability, but it also gives you the appearance that you're running it as a business. Two, you have to have some strategy. Three, you've got to keep on changing that strategy every couple of years."

Elaborating on the last point, Green talked about making the eventual move from strictly racing claiming horses to the substantial owning and breeding program he now oversees, one that included champion 2-year-old filly Jaywalk (Cross Traffic) in 2018.

"You get used to a particular pattern of doing business and it really takes a shock sometimes to get you out of your comfort zone," he said. "Our comfort zone was winning races. It was great, winning 30% of the time, but you were losing the horse because if the horse won for \$25,000 our trainer would drop it down to 20. It would win at 20, but by that point, someone would claim the horse from you, and that horse may have originally cost you 100 [thousand]. His theory was, you run it where it belongs, which is correct, but that's a great pattern to lose money with. So at a certain point in time, we said, 'Hey, let's get out of this claiming game. It's too difficult to make money.'"

Elsewhere in the show, the writers reacted to an intriguing weekend of racing across the globe and, in the [West Point Thoroughbreds](#) news segment, lamented the slap-on-wrist punishments trainers continue to receive despite overall positive movement on drug issues in the sport. [Click here to watch the podcast; click here for the audio-only version.](#)

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LOS AL TO ALLOW OWNERS AT WINTER MEET

CHRB licensed owners with horses entered to race will be permitted to attend the races at the Los Alamitos winter meet, which begins Friday, Dec. 4. Owners will also be permitted to bring up to two adult guests. Owners wishing to attend the races should email or call Elsa Peron, Administrative Assistant of TOC (eperon@toconline.com) to secure access, and reservations can be made up until 24 hours before race day.

On race days, owners must show their license when entering Los Alamitos Racecourse and park in the designated area. Owners will enter through the main entrance gate, where they will be required to be on the owner reservation list, provide their CHRB owners license, and undergo a COVID-19 health screening including a temperature check. Masks will be required to be worn at all times, and owners must respect social distancing guidelines.

The first come, first served seating is located in the outdoor area of the Vessels Club. There will be food and beverage service available, as well as parimutuel machines. At this time, owners may not enter the paddock or the winners circle. Any violation of this strict policy will result in a forfeiture of racetrack privileges.

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24 STAKES ON TAP AT LAUREL WINTER MEET

Laurel Park's winter meet will feature 24 stakes worth \$2.65 million. The highlight of the schedule is the \$250,000 GII General George S. and the \$250,000 GIII Runhappy Barbara Fritchie S., both to be run Feb. 13. Laurel's winter stakes schedule will also include two new stakes races to be run Jan. 16--the \$100,000 Spectacular Bid S. for 3-year-olds at seven furlongs and the \$100,000 Xtra Heat S. for 3-year-old fillies at six furlongs. The \$75,000 Not For Love S. and \$75,000 Conniver S. for Maryland-bred/sired horses, not raced earlier this year due to Covid restrictions, will return Mar. 13.

Laurel Park's Apr. 17 program will feature the \$125,000 Frederico Tesio S., a 'Win & In' for Triple Crown nominated horses to the GI Preakness S., and the \$125,000 Weber City S., a 'Win & In' for the GII Black-Eyed Susan S.

"We're optimistic about our winter racing season and believe this stakes schedule will provide us with some big weekends and a lot of strong cards and competitive races," said Sal Sinatra, President and General Manager of the Maryland Jockey Club.

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TIGHT TEN TO STAND IN PA

MGSP **Tight Ten** (Tapit--Devils Humor, by Distorted Humor) will stand at Mountain Springs Farm in Pennsylvania. He will have an introductory fee of \$2,500 live foal and additional mares can be bred for \$2,000 each. A lifetime breeding right to Tight Ten will be awarded to breeders after booking four mares.

A debut winner at Churchill as a juvenile, the Winchell homebred was second in both the 2018 GII Saratoga Special S. and GIII Iroquois S. for trainer Steve Asmussen. He retires with a record of 14-2-3-1 and earnings of \$132,369.

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WANAMAKER'S RELEASES DECEMBER CATALOGUE

The on-line auction company Wanamaker's has released the catalogue for its December sale. The catalogue for the company's sixth and final sale of 2020 can be viewed at www.wanamakers.com and includes weanlings, yearlings, broodmare prospects and broodmares. Live bidding begins at 8 a.m. Dec. 10 and the first listing will close at 5 p.m.

"Reflecting on the development, launch, and operations of Wanamaker's before and through COVID-19, Liza [Hendriks] and I really want to thank the industry, our sellers, and our buyers for putting their support and trust behind us. We are looking forward to this sale and continuing our monthly auctions in January of next year," said Wanamaker's co-founder Jack Carlino.

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PARX ANNOUNCER KEITH JONES RETIRES

After more than three decades as the voice of Parx Racing, announcer Keith Jones will be stepping away from the microphone at the end of the year. Since 1987, Jones has been the voice of Philadelphia Park/Parx, making him the second longest tenured announcer after Tampa Bay Downs' Richard Grunder. Jones began his career at Garden State Park before moving permanently to Philadelphia Park.

"I'll be forever grateful to the management at Greenwood for affording me an opportunity to pursue a career doing something I've thoroughly enjoyed," said Jones. "As much pleasure as I've gotten from calling the races, what I'll always treasure most are the relationships--the friendships--that have been so rewarding over the past 34 years. From fellow staff to the many members of our PTHA to our passionate and supportive racing fans, I've had the good fortune to cross paths with an amazing group of people. This track, this job, these people--have been my professional life for a long time and I will miss all of it."

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“The voice of Keith Jones more than any single entity is synonymous with Parx Racing,” said Joe Wilson, Parx Racing’s COO. “He has always called the races with a dignity and professionalism worthy of the sport. It’s hard to imagine someone else calling the Pennsylvania Derby or the Cotillion or even a Tuesday afternoon claiming race.”

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NYSGC ADOPTS ENHANCED HARNESS RACING WAGERING OPTIONS

The New York State Gaming Commission adopted three new wagering rules that will provide bettors more options in the sport of harness racing in New York. The rules were adopted by the Commission at the Nov. 30 meeting and will take effect upon publication in the State Register.

“The new wagering formats will provide increased opportunities for bettors, and, we hope, increase interest in the sport. Any increase in handle is beneficial, as it ultimately leads to incremental purse offerings at racetracks here in New York,” said Commission Executive Director Robert Williams.

The rules adopted are as follows:

● Pick Six Jackpot

The Pick Six Jackpot rule, also known as the “Rainbow or “Jackpot” wager, will appeal to bettors by providing a larger prize when there is only one winning wager from a pool. If there is more than one winning ticket, then the major portion of the day’s pool is paid out to those who selected six of six winners, and the minor pool is added to the carryover. The carryover gets paid out when there is a unique winning ticket, or when there is an intermediate or final distribution approved by the Commission, which would occur at the end of a race meeting. This new wager parallels the Commission’s Thoroughbred racing pick-six jackpot rule.

● Jackpot Super High Five Pools

The new wager option requires the selection of the first five finishers in a single race in the correct order of finish. The entire pool would be paid to the bettor with a unique winning ticket, if there is only one winning ticket. If there is not only one winning ticket, the net pool would be split into a major pool and minor pool. The major pool would be a carryover in the next Jackpot Super High Five pool and the minor pool would be divided among all winning wagers. Additionally, the rule provides for contingencies in the event of dead heats and races with fewer than five entrants.



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• Triple Wager

The new rule amends the triple wager rule for harness racing, which requires the selection of the first three finishers in a single race in the exact order of finish by reducing the number of entries in a race for which the triple is permitted from six to five.

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INDIANA GRAND DONATES TO CANCER RELIEF



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Indiana Grand Racing & Casino recently donated \$5,000 to the Cancer Association of Shelby County, which provides assistance to patients currently fighting cancer. The Cancer Association of Shelby County was unable to hold its major fundraiser this year due to COVID-19 restrictions. The donation, part of Indiana Grand's year-end initiative to give back to the local community, was made during a special presentation at the track.

"We have many team members that have battled cancer in the past or are currently dealing with the disease," said Elena Lisle, Indiana Grand's vice president of marketing. "We have recently lost a few fellow team members to cancer, and the impact of losing a loved one is a tremendous blow to any family, including a work family. Being able to step up and provide any assistance is so important and we are glad to help out in any way we can."

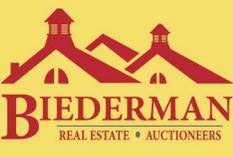
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Saturday, Los Alamitos, post time: 5:30 p.m. EST

STARLET S.-GI, \$300,000, 2yo, f, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Kalypso	Brody's Cause	Rockingham Ranch and David A Bernsen LLC	Baffert	Cedillo	120
2	Nasreddine	Nyquist	Warren, Andrew and Warren, Rania	McCarthy	Pereira	120
3	Princess Noor	Not This Time	Zedan Racing Stables Inc	Baffert	Espinoza	120
4	Astute	Speightstown	LNJ Foxwoods	Mandella	Smith	120
5	Varda	Distorted Humor	Baoma Corporation	Baffert	Van Dyke	120

Breeders: 1-Spendthrift Farm LLC, 2-John C. Oxley, 3-International Equities Holding, Inc., 4-WinStar Farm, LLC, 5-Masters 2013 LLC & Distorted Humor Syndicate

Saturday, Aqueduct, post time: 4:13 p.m. EST

CIGAR MILE H.-GI, \$250,000, 3yo/up, 1m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Performer	Speightstown	Phipps Stable and Claiborne Farm	McGaughey III	Rosario	118
2	Mind Control	Stay Thirsty	Red Oak Stable and Madaket Stables, LLC	Sacco	Velazquez	121
3	Snapper Sinclair	City Zip	Bloom Racing Stable LLC	Asmussen	Franco	117
4	Firenze Fire	Poseidon's Warrior	Mr. Amore Stable	Breen	Lezcano	123
5	Mr. Buff	Friend Or Foe	Broman, Sr., Chester and Broman, Mary	Kimmel	Alvarado	118
6	King Guillermo	Uncle Mo	Victoria's Ranch	Avila	Ortiz	117
7	Majestic Dunhill	Majesticperfection	R. A. Hill Stable	Weaver	Davis	119
8	True Timber	Mineshaft	Calumet Farm	Sisterson	Carmouche	118
9	Bon Raison	Raison d'Etat	Calumet Farm	Sisterson	Vargas, Jr.	116

Breeders: 1-Phipps Stable, 2-Red Oak Stable, 3-K & G Stables, 4-Mr Amore Stables, 5-Chester Broman & Mary R. Broman, 6-Carhue Investments, Grouseridge Ltd. & Marengo Investments, 7-Hargus Sexton, Sandra Sexton & Silver Fern Farm, LLC, 8-Mr. & Mrs. Marc C. Ferrell, 9-Calumet Farm

Saturday, Aqueduct, post time: 1:00 p.m. EST

REMSEN S.-GII, \$150,000, 2yo, 1 1/8m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Pickin' Time	Stay Thirsty	John Bowers, Jr.	Breen	Lezcano	122
2	Known Agenda	Curlin	St. Elias Stable	Pletcher	Velazquez	118
3	Brooklyn Strong	Wicked Strong	Mark Schwartz	Velazquez	Rosario	120
4	Erawan	Rock Hampton	Jose Corrales	Corrales	Franco	118
5	Ten for Ten	Frosted	Courtlandt Farms	McGaughey III	Ortiz	118

Breeders: 1-John Bowers Jr, 2-St. Elias Stables, LLC, 3-Cheryl Prudhomme & Dr. Michael Gallivan, 4-Luisa Degwitz & Ric Deg Farm Inc, 5-George Krikorian



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Saturday, Aqueduct, post time: 3:44 p.m. EST

DEMOISELLE S.-GII, \$150,000, 2yo, f, 1 1/8m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Malathaat 🌿	Curlin	Shadwell Stable	Pletcher	Velazquez	120
2	Traffic Lane 🌿	Outwork	Repole Stable	Pletcher	Carmouche	118
3	Millefeuille	Curlin	Juddmonte Farms, Inc.	Mott	Rosario	118
4	Malibu Curl	Curlin	Woodslane Farm	Albertrani	Alvarado	118
5	Dollar Mountain 🌿	Upstart	Brereton C. Jones	Weaver	Lezcano	118
6	Cafe Society 🌿	Empire Maker	Allen Stable, Inc.	McGaughey III	Ortiz	118
7	Caramocha	Pioneerof the Nile	Richard Greeley	Friedman	Davis	118
8	Celestial Cheetah	Social Inclusion	Designated Hitters Racing, LLC	O'Dwyer	Franco	118

Breeders: 1-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC, 2-Oak Lodge Bloodstock, 3-Juddmonte Farms Inc, 4-Woodslane Farm, 5-Brereton C. Jones, 6-Anderson Farms Ont. Inc., 7-Chester Broman & Mary R. Broman, 8-Michelle Redding

Saturday, Aqueduct, post time: 2:07 p.m. EST

GO FOR WAND H.-GIII, \$100,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Nonna Madeline 🌿	Candy Ride (Arg)	Teresa Viola Racing Stables and St. Elias Stable	Pletcher	Velazquez	123
2	Portal Creek 🌿	Shanghai Bobby	Ten Strike Racing	Guerrero	Carmouche	117
3	Sharp Starr	Munnings	Barry K. Schwartz	DePaz	Ortiz	116
4	Overheated	Distorted Humor	Dark Horse Racing Stable	Handal	Davis	115
5	Stand for the Flag 🌿	Super Saver	Dubb, Michael, Coyle Boys Stable, St. Elias Stable and Bethlehem Stables LLC	Atras	Franco	117
6	Graceful Princess	Tapit	Whisper Hill Farm, LLC	Pletcher	Rosario	117

Breeders: 1-WinStar Farm, LLC, 2-White Fox Farm, 3-Stonewall Farm, 4-Alpha Delta Stables, LLC, 5-Pursuit of Success LLC, 6-Whisper Hill Farm, LLC



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1	Unbridled's Song <i>(1993) by Unbridled Crops: 18</i>	19	43	12	23	3	9	683	275	6,447,191	24,433,243
				<i>Stands: Taylor Made Stallions USA (Dead/Ret)</i>						<i>Contrail (JPN)</i>	
2	Giant's Causeway <i>(1997) by Storm Cat Crops: 13</i>	18	43	9	20	3	6	767	309	3,162,000	20,416,928
				<i>Stands: Ashford Stud USA (Dead/Ret)</i>						<i>Mucho Gusto</i>	
3	Distorted Humor <i>(1993) by Forty Niner Crops: 15</i>	13	34	5	11	2	3	533	236	4,091,882	19,647,643
				<i>Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$50,000</i>						<i>Golden Sixty (AUS)</i>	
4	Mr. Greeley <i>(1992) by Gone West Crops: 18</i>	8	23	3	6	2	3	475	181	7,160,000	17,310,090
				<i>Stands: Gainesway Farm USA (Dead/Ret)</i>						<i>Authentic</i>	
5	Tapit <i>(2001) by Pulpit Crops: 9</i>	13	28	7	17	3	7	385	154	4,227,051	15,553,432
				<i>Stands: Gainesway Farm KY Fee: \$200,000</i>						<i>Gran Alegria (JPN)</i>	
6	A.P. Indy <i>(1989) by Seattle Slew Crops: 21</i>	19	33	7	12	3	6	516	212	1,810,000	14,200,843
				<i>Stands: Lane's End Farm USA (Dead/Ret)</i>						<i>Improbable</i>	
7	Smart Strike <i>(1992) by Mr. Prospector Crops: 18</i>	10	28	3	15	1	2	557	233	624,943	13,294,814
				<i>Stands: Lane's End Farm USA (Dead/Ret)</i>						<i>Ivar (BRZ)</i>	
8	Elusive Quality <i>(1993) by Gone West Crops: 15</i>	10	28	3	11	1	3	534	206	1,335,144	12,126,384
				<i>Stands: Jonabell Farm USA (Dead/Ret)</i>						<i>Essential Quality</i>	
9	Street Cry (Ire) <i>(1998) by Machiavellian Crops: 12</i>	16	31	10	23	3	8	452	192	520,900	11,965,952
				<i>Stands: Darley USA (Dead/Ret)</i>						<i>Domestic Spending (GB)</i>	
10	Tiznow <i>(1997) by Cee's Tizzy Crops: 13</i>	12	35	5	13	1	3	445	177	2,388,300	11,857,156
				<i>Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$40,000</i>						<i>Tiz the Law</i>	
11	Kingmambo <i>(1990) by Mr. Prospector Crops: 20</i>	11	24	7	16	1	6	358	141	1,686,793	11,800,323
				<i>Stands: Lane's End Farm USA (Dead/Ret)</i>						<i>Addeybb (IRE)</i>	
12	Empire Maker <i>(2000) by Unbridled Crops: 10</i>	10	21	5	13	1	2	411	186	849,734	11,492,836
				<i>Stands: Gainesway Farm USA (Dead/Ret)</i>						<i>Arklow</i>	
13	More Than Ready <i>(1997) by Southern Halo Crops: 13</i>	10	27	5	12	1	4	433	197	853,003	11,450,198
				<i>Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$80,000</i>						<i>Cafe Pharoah</i>	
14	Storm Cat <i>(1983) by Storm Bird Crops: 26</i>	7	22	3	12	--	3	420	158	942,668	11,313,988
				<i>Stands: Overbrook Farm USA (Dead/Ret)</i>						<i>Danon Kingly (JPN)</i>	
15	Indian Charlie <i>(1995) by In Excess (Ire) Crops: 16</i>	11	23	3	6	1	4	402	193	556,500	9,805,341
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8th-Fair Grounds, \$47K, Msw, 2yo, f, 5 1/2ft, post time: 5:23 ET
DOC GIRL (Elusive Quality), a \$320,000 Keeneland September yearling purchase and the most expensive of her late sire's progeny to sell in 2019, is a half-sister to MSW Doc Boy (Into Mischief) and is out of an unraced daughter of Eclipse Award-winning turf distaffer Perfect Sting (Red Ransom), herself the dam of GSW Smart Sting (Smart Strike) and GSP Perfect Bullet (El Prado {Ire}). **TJCS PPs**

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5th-Gulfstream, \$40,000, Msw, 12-2, 3yo/up, 1mT, 1:35.67, fm, neck.

BREAK BEAT (c, 3, Blame--Fierce, by Harlan's Holiday), a debut fourth sprinting over the Belmont main track June 6, turned in a pair of strong runner-up efforts in \$75,000 maiden claimers, missing by a half-length at Saratoga Aug. 12 and by three-parts of a length at Belmont Sept. 25. The 21-5 fourth choice in this field of six, Break Beat chased the pace from close up in second, but dropped back a bit when off the bridle entering the turn.

The bay got back into gear nearing the stretch, raced four off the inside into the final furlong and was up late to take it by a neck. The winner's dam, a half-sister to the solid dual-hemisphere stallion Put It Back (Honour and Glory), fetched \$19,000 in foal to Outwork at KEENOV in 2017 and produced a filly by Double Irish in 2019. Fierce was bred back to the same stallion for 2021. Sales history \$25,000 Wlg '17 KEENOV; \$160,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 4-1-2-0, \$48,840.

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O-Imperial Racing, LLC; B-Whitehall Lane Farm (KY); T-Danny Gargan.

THINK INDIAN CREEK

5th-Delta Downs, \$30,420, Msw, 12-2, 2yo, 5f, 1:00.65, sy, 1 length.

SERMONONTHEMOUNT (c, 2, Tale of Ekati--Perfect Nodouble, by Perfect Soul {Ire}), off at 11-1 at first asking, was void of speed, lingered at the tail and well out of camera view to the turn. Clearly last to make the stretch, the bay stormed down the center of the sloppy strip and was up in time to score by a length. The winner, a full-brother to Avalina, SW, \$132,650, hails from the family of champions Sky Classic, Regal Classic and Dance Smartly. Sales history: \$3,000 Ylg '19 FTKOCT; \$3,500 2yo '20 TTAYHR. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$18,000. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Kevin Shane Porter; B-Charles Fipke (KY); T-Tim Dixon.

7th-Tampa Bay Downs, \$20,200, Msw, 12-2, 3yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:36.75, fm, 2 lengths.

LENTEN ROSE (f, 3, Temple City--Entangle {GB} {3x Ch. Older Mare, Ch. 3yo Filly & Ch. Miler-Scan, GSW-Nor, MSW-Swe, \$682,576}, by Pivotal {GB}) was beaten nearly 18 lengths into third in an off-turf maiden at Laurel Oct. 16 and was let go at 22-1 trying the surface for which she was bred. Settled midfield early, Lenten Rose raced wide on the course down the back and began to improve nearing the turn. Four deep on the bend, the half-sister to Dalarna (K One King), SW, \$250,280, swept to the front racing on her wrong lead into the final furlong and edged away to score by two lengths. Entangle is the dam of the 2-year-old filly Robin's Fantasy (Flintshire {GB}) and a yearling filly by the same stallion. She was most recently bred to Air Force Blue. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$16,000. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Alejandro S Vergara; B-Gunpowder Farms LLC (KY); T-Ron G Potts.



FIRST-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3
2020 Stud Fees Listed

Anchor Down (Tapit), Gainesway Farm, \$7,500
 51 foals of racing age/7 winners/0 black-type winners
 6-Remington, Msw 6f, EVENING ANCHOR, 6-1
 \$19,000 RNA OKC YRL wnl; RNA OKC YRL yrl; \$20,000 RNA OBS
 OPN 2yo

Den's Legacy (Medaglia d'Oro), Mighty Acres, \$2,000
 22 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
 6-Remington, Msw 6f, RUN SLEWY RUN, 4-1
 4-Remington, Msw 6f, SILVER LEGACY, 4-1

Mosler (War Front), Country Life Farm, \$4,000
 73 foals of racing age/8 winners/1 black-type winner
 4-Charles Town, Msw 4 1/2f, MACY'S BOY, 8-1
 4-Charles Town, Msw 4 1/2f, WICKED PRANKSTER, 2-1
 \$5,000 KEE NOV wnl

SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: THURSDAY, DEC. 3
2020 Stud Fees Listed

Circumference (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), Milky Way Farms, \$3,000
 43 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
 8-Fair Grounds, Msw 5 1/2f, CIRCLEOFSOUL, 12-1

Competitive Edge (Super Saver), Ashford Stud, \$12,500
 155 foals of racing age/62 winners/4 black-type winners
 4-Charles Town, Msw 4 1/2f, HEATED, 5-1
 \$3,500 FTK OCT yrl
 7-Fair Grounds, Msw 6f, LOUISIANALIGHTNING, 3-1
 \$125,000 OBS APR 2yo

Imagining (Giant's Causeway), Anchor & Hope Farm, \$7,500
 99 foals of racing age/17 winners/1 black-type winner
 5-Laurel, Msw 1m, BELLA COOLA, 6-1

Tapiture (Tapit), Darby Dan Farm, \$7,500
 247 foals of racing age/97 winners/7 black-type winners
 5-Delta Downs, Msw 5f, THEBOYZTAP, 15-1
 \$29,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$19,000 RNA EAS MAY 2yo; \$15,000 OBS
 OPN 2yo

Weave It to Me (Bernardini), Leslie Condon Thoroughbred
 Services, \$1,000
 9 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
 2-Charles Town, Msw 4 1/2f, WEAVE IT QUIXOTE, 8-1



ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

9th-Parx Racing, \$41,250, Opt. Clm (\$35,000), 12-2, 3yo/up, 6f,
 1:09.93, ft, 2 lengths.

PRESS MY BETS (g, 4, Uncaptured--Suite Ten, by Rock Hard Ten) Lifetime Record: 9-3-0-0, \$81,660. O-Richard Malouf; B-John B Penn (FL); T-Scott A Lake. *\$36,000 Ylg '17 OBSWIN; \$100,000 2yo '18 OBSMAR.

8th-Gulfstream, \$40,000, Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 12-2, 3yo/up, 6f,
 1:11.18, ft, 3 lengths.

OURNATIONONPARADE (g, 3, Cal Nation--Parade of Colors, by Leading the Parade) Lifetime Record: SW, 10-2-1-3, \$118,833. O-Reeves Thoroughbred Racing; B-John E Williamson (MD); T-Katherine Ritvo.

8th-Delta Downs, \$37,000, (S), 12-2, (NW3L), 3yo/up, 1m,
 1:41.25, sy, 3 lengths.

POWER JET (g, 4, Power Broker--Zada Rae, by Unbridled's Song) Lifetime Record: SW, 18-3-5-2, \$156,120. O-William T Reed; B-Joseph Adcock (LA); T-W Bret Calhoun. *\$8,000 Ylg '17 ESLYRL. **1/2 to Butterfly Soul (Henny Hughes), SW, \$108,168.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

You're My Boy Blue, g, 2, **Birdrun--Bet On the Blue** (GSP, \$243,798), by E Dubai. Mahoning Valley, 12-2, (S), 6f, 1:14.10. B-Hal Snowden (OH).

Run Bubba Run, g, 2, **Tidal Volume--Positive Thinker**, by Storm Boot. Mahoning Valley, 12-2, (S), 6f, 1:15.24. B-Hal Snowden (OH).

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BIRDRUN, You're My Boy Blue, g, 2, o/o Bet On the Blue, by E Dubai. MSW, 12-2, Mahoning Valley

BLAME, Break Beat, c, 3, o/o Fierce, by Harlan's Holiday. MSW, 12-2, Gulfstream

CAL NATION, Ournationonparade, g, 3, o/o Parade of Colors, by Leading the Parade. AOC, 12-2, Gulfstream

POWER BROKER, Power Jet, g, 4, o/o Zada Rae, by Unbridled's Song. ALW, 12-2, Delta Downs

TALE OF EKATI, Sermononthemount, c, 2, o/o Perfect Nodouble, by Perfect Soul (Ire). MSW, 12-2, Delta Downs

TEMPLE CITY, Lenten Rose, f, 3, o/o Entangle (GB), by Pivotal (GB). MSW, 12-2, Tampa Bay

TIDAL VOLUME, Run Bubba Run, g, 2, o/o Positive Thinker, by Storm Boot. MSW, 12-2, Mahoning Valley

UNCAPTURED, Press My Bets, g, 4, o/o Suite Ten, by Rock Hard Ten. AOC, 12-2, Parx Racing



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Lot 2005, Cressida, showed the way on Wednesday | Tattersalls

by Chris McGrath

NEWMARKET, UK—After the giddy commerce of the previous day, with its six-figure average, the third session of mares at the Tattersalls December Sale as usual catered to prospectors at a rather lesser level. What gives them a chance, of course, is that their perspicacity can redeem their relative lack of resources.

Certainly they must be relieved that many of the bigger players had left town. Those who had deigned to stick around did so largely for the second tranche of the Juddmonte draft, as dusk fell, but few were in the auditorium when three of the first nine into the ring could vaunt second dams as illustrious as Hellenic (GB) (Darshaan {GB}), Arrive (GB) (Kahyasi {Ire}) and Peckitts Well (GB) (Lochnager {GB}).

Within half an hour, moreover, they had missed one of the most luminous sleepers of the whole sale, a Distorted Humor half-sister to none other than Tom's d'Etat (Smart Strike)—whose blossoming into one of the outstanding American performers of 2020 had evidently failed to register with many. Happily, a client of BBA Ireland was sufficiently alert to repatriate her to her native land at just 25,000gns.

Not that trade is ever easy, even in relatively becalmed waters, for those feeding along the bottom of the sea. [Cont. p2](#)

FANS RETURN TO ENGLISH RACECOURSES

Racecourse Association Chief Executive David Armstrong described the return of limited spectators to four English racecourses on Wednesday as a “step in the right direction.”

Ludlow, Lingfield and Haydock welcomed racegoers on Wednesday afternoon, while Kempton had a small crowd for its evening card. All four tracks are in ‘Tier 2’ areas of the country as part of the government’s new system for identifying coronavirus risk levels, meaning they can allow up to 2,000 fans or 50% capacity, whichever is lowest.

Aside from two pilot events in September, Wednesday marked the first time fans have been allowed on English racecourses since racing’s resumption on June 1.

“It’s definitely a step in the right direction,” Armstrong said from Ludlow. “What I wouldn’t describe it as is a pilot or test. It’s a step in the right direction, but it’s a baby step.

“It is important here at Ludlow today, where 650 people will make it quite a good atmosphere,” said Armstrong. “If you think about most racecourses, if they have 2,000 people, it is barely touching the sides—so it doesn’t yet get back to where we create the atmosphere or make it more economically viable.”

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Dan Ross speaks with Del Mar Thoroughbred Club President Josh Rubinstein on Del Mar’s 2020 success. [Click or tap here to go straight to TDN America.](#)

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Regardless, the change in tempo for the Juddmonte string made for an interval of theatre that could not fail to gratify any aficionado, with the transfusion of some of the most coveted blood in the modern breed introduced, on the rostrum, with commensurate flair by Alastair Pim.

In all, the 20 females culled here from Prince Khaled's empire generated 1,526,000gns at an average 76,300gns. Combined with the first draft, in Monday's opening session, the overall consignment of 37 lots weighed in at 3,378,500gns at 91,311gns a head.

Teddy Grimthorpe, the Prince's racing manager, admitted that there are always tough decisions in what is an imperative exercise for any breeder on this scale. But his priority was to reiterate gratitude, on behalf of the whole professional community, to those who managed to secure dispensation for this vital auction in the middle of a national lockdown.

"Without this sale, a multi-million pound industry would have been literally on its knees," he stressed. "So it's spectacular that they have managed to put it on."

In the circumstances, the day's trade proved highly resilient. Turnover dropped a mild 11 percent to 5,312,500gns, from 5,991,300gns at the equivalent session last year, yielding a

26,562gns average (down 13% from 30,568gns) and an unchanged median of 14,000gns. As so often this year, the clearance rate was extremely purposeful at 88%.

Cressida Joins Bluebloods in Court of Sottsass

The most coveted in the Juddmonte beauty parade was **Cressida (GB)** (Dansili {GB}), who topped the day's trade at 360,000gns as **lot 2005**. But she had better not let that status go to her head, as she will find herself pretty well restored to the ranks once given her next task.

For she is only one in a series of top-class partners being assembled by Peter Brant of White Birch Farm to support Sottsass (Fr) (Siyouni {Fr}) in his new career at Coolmore.

It is understood that Brant will account for between 10 and 15 mares in his G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe winner's debut book. These are headed by another daughter of Dansili in Unaided (GB), the dam of GI Breeders' Cup Mile winner Uni (GB) (More Than Ready); she is out of a half-sister to Rafha (GB) (Kris {GB}), breed-shaping dam of Invincible Spirit (Ire) and Kodiak (GB).

Cressida earned her place in the harem by winning her sole juvenile start for John Gosden last year, and while she could not really advance her reputation in just two starts this time round, sweating up on both occasions, she had at least evinced the ability to go with her elegant build and aristocratic page. [Cont. p3](#)




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ROSEMONT ADD TO BROODMARE BAND

Rosemont Stud secured a pair of mares at the Tattersalls December Mare Sale. [Click or tap here to go straight to TDN Aus/NZ.](#)

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She is out of dual group winner Modern Look (GB) (Zamindar), herself a half-sister to the dam of sires Showcasing (GB) and Camacho (GB) out of G1 Cheveley Park S. winner Prophecy (Ire) (Warning {GB}). Modern Look has already produced GI Beverly D. runner-up Grand Jete (GB) by Dansili, who counts Time Test (GB) (Dubawi), Expert Eye (GB) (Acclamation {GB}) and Dream Of Dreams (Ire) (Dream Ahead) among his previous credits as a broodmare sire.

Demi O'Byrne, signing the docket on behalf of White Birch Farm, confined himself to describing her as "a very nice physical and great walker" but what is loud and clear is that Sottsass is being given every chance to land running. He is, of course, himself out of an exceptional broodmare as a half-brother to Sistercharlie (Ire) (Myboycharlie {Ire}), and always had the physique to support a €340,000 tag as an Arqana August yearling. And, even ahead of the Arc, many breeders will principally prize his track record in the G1 Prix du Jockey-Club, nowadays such a reliable signpost to stallions.

Other mares lined up for Sottsass by Brant include Rosa Bonheur (GB), dam of dual Grade I winner Raging Bull (Fr) (Dark Angel {Ire}); Azafata (Spa), dam of Classic-placed Fleeting (Ire) (Zoffany {Ire}); Royal Ascot winner Different League (Fr) (Dabirsim {Fr}); Bonanza Creek (Ire) (Anabaa), a half-sister to Bright Sky (Ire) (Wolfhound); Daldiyna (Fr), another Dansili and a half-sister to a Group 1 winner from one of the Aga Khan's elite families; Toinette (Scat Daddy), a Grade II winner purchased for \$800,000 at Keeneland November; nine-time stakes winner Fifty Five (Get Stormy); and multiple Grade I-placed Thais (Fr) (Rio De La Plata).

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Home Run for Stormy Girl Team

The big touch of the day was **Stormy Girl (Ire)** (Night Of Thunder {Ire}), who was found at Fairyhouse for just €22,000 as a yearling but sold here to Paddy Twomey for 310,000gns as **lot 2045**.

Hats off, then, to purchasers Compas Equine/Loughnane /Hughes; to owner Stonegrave Thoroughbreds; and to trainer Rebecca Menzies, who took charge of her this season and advanced her rating a stone to 101 with a listed success at Pontefract in August.

Menzies was naturally saddened to lose her first ever black-type winner, but delighted for patrons Mike and Eileen Newbould.

"She has been our flagship horse," she said. "We only have a small yard and she will leave a massive hole, but I am really looking forward to watching her. I can't stress enough what a lovely horse she has been to train, so straightforward, tough and hardy filly. She has improved as the year went on and even in

the last four weeks, since we backed off her, she has strengthened up a lot. There will be loads more to come for her, I'm sure, and further down the line she'll make a brilliant broodmare.



Rebecca Menzies | Tattersalls

"It is a wonderful result for the owners, they are family-orientated and their granddaughter Beth has come down to watch her sell today. Mike and Eileen have a lot of horses in training, mainly jumpers but they bought yearlings a few years ago. Once she got that black-type, we thought she would be attractive with that pedigree and the way she looks. Hopefully we can now go back to the sales and try and find another one."

If anyone can build this filly's value even from this elevated base, it is Twomey. Only 24 hours earlier he had said farewell to Sonaiyla (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}), having multiplied her value to 900,000gns since picking her up for €110,000 from Aga Khan Studs at the equivalent stage of her career last year. **Cont. p5**

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• Number Offered	228	231
• Number Sold	200	106
• Not Sold	28	35
• Clearance Rate	88%	85%
• High Price	360,000gns	750,000gns
• Gross	5,312,500gns	5,991,300gns
• Average (% change)	26,562gns (-13%)	30,568gns
• Median (% change)	14,000gns (N/C)	14,000gns
CUMULATIVE	2020	2019
• Catalogued	906	880
• Number Offered	733	705
• Number Sold	629	594
• Not Sold	104	111
• Clearance Rate	86%	84%
• High Price	2,200,000gns	2,100,000gns
• Gross	42,573,700gns	57,513,600gns
• Average (% change)	67,685gns (-30%)	96,824gns
• Median (% change)	28,000gns (-12.5%)	32,000gns

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Twomey could only identify her purchaser as an existing client: presumably one who had paid close attention to proceedings the previous day.

"She looks to have progressive form, and she's been unlucky the odd time," he said. "Hopefully we'll have a campaign with her next year. She's a nice, big, strong filly and the winter might help her improve. Her dam's [half-]sister has had a Group 1-winning 2-year-old this year [Tiger Tanaka (Ire) (Clodovil {Ire})]. It's a deep pedigree, she's by Night Of Thunder, so she'll also have good residual value as a broodmare."

International Breeders Share Juddmonte Dream

Besides the session-topper, the Juddmonte draft clustered a rapid series of six-figure sales—with breeders from all points of the compass unanimous in their eagerness to tap into these dynastic brands.

Arabian Dream (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}), for instance, is a full-sister to the flourishing Whitsbury Manor sire Showcasing (GB). So while the 3-year-old had toiled to a mark of just 47 in her three juvenile starts, and had disappeared since, Tom Goff of Blandford Bloodstock was forced to 170,000gns to secure her as lot 2000. **Cont. p6**



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"I thought we had her at 65,000gns," Goff lamented. "But Oasis Dream is a fantastic broodmare sire, she's going to go and be a mummy straightaway, the page speaks for itself. She will be going to Ireland."

One Juddmonte brood that has been pretty liberally culled of late is that of Clepsydra (GB) (Sadler's Wells), even though she has produced Group 1 winners Timepiece (GB) (Zamindar) and Passage Of Time (GB) (Dansili {GB}), herself dam of the young stallion Time Test (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}). Three of her daughters had already changed hands at this sale, one for the second year running, but those who missed out could contest the 3-year-old **Brinjal (GB)** (Kingman {GB}), who could not win in 10 starts but retained a residual value at 190,000gns as **lot 2002**.

She was knocked down to MAB Agency, whose Marc Antoine Berghgracht explained, "It's just a lovely family, and she has been bought for Haras d'Haspel in Normandy. They're mainly commercial breeders, and this pedigree is really moving: you expect the page to look different next year. We will think what we will do about stallions. Maybe we should ask Juddmonte what would be their suggestion."

Not a bad thought, as that firm is also quite prepared to go elsewhere for the right cover--as was the case with **Siliqua (GB)**, an unraced 3-year-old by Darley's potentate Dubawi (Ire) out of

G1 Matron S. winner Emulous (GB) (Dansili {GB}). She, too, is heading to France after Stephen Hillen gave 105,000gns on behalf of Ecurie Des Monceaux for **lot 2015**.

Snow Shower (GB), similarly, is by Ballylinch's Lope De Vega (Ire) out of a Galileo (Ire) half-sister to elite winners Meteor Storm (GB) (Bigstone {Ire}) and Polish Summer (GB) (Polish Precedent). She looked a smart prospect winning her sole juvenile start for Sir Michael Stoute and was relaunched in an Oaks trial in the spring, only to disappear from view. Given her clear ability, 100,000gns from Durcan Bloodstock looked a fair price for **lot 2017**.

Another ex-jockey, Paul Harley, was relieved finally to break into the Juddmonte draft after being repeatedly thwarted in earlier attempts, giving 105,000gns for **Tanita (GB)** (Frankel {GB}) (**lot 2020**), a stablemate of Snow Shower and placed three times in five starts. Her dam is a full-sister to the wonderful Midday (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}).

"She'll stay in Europe for sure," Harley said. "She may end up in France, but I would imagine she will go to Ireland to be covered. But nothing's decided. She has a lot of quality, a great walk, plenty of depth and she's just a beautiful broodmare prospect. I am just delighted to get her, because we were on quite a few of these Juddmonte mares this week and found the market just too strong." **Cont. p7**

FINAL DAY TOPPER!

Colt ex. Autumn Snow sold by **Barton Stud** at Tattersalls on behalf of **The Brigadier Partnership** to **A.C. Elliott** for **88,000GNS**



“To me he was the best physical here today and by a very fast horse. We love the **Scat Daddy** line, which has been proven time and time again, and this one looked racy.” *Alex Elliott*



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Longines and the International Federation of Horseracing Authorities congratulate Frankie Dettori for being honoured as the 2020 Longines World's Best Jockey, his fourth victory in the preeminent competition to quantitatively recognise a rider as the best among his or her global peers.



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Lincoln Collins | Tattersalls

Annual on a Mission to Kodiak

Noble Mission (GB)'s emigration to Lane's End may have seen him recede somewhat in the memory of the domestic market. But the deeds of Code Of Honor, a dual Grade I winner and GI Kentucky Derby runner-up from his first crop, should ensure that Frankel's brother retains due esteem. And while his 3-year-old daughter **Annual** had never made the track, her parentage combined two of the important broodmares of our time, never mind in the story of Juddmonte.

For her dam Honest Lady (Seattle Slew) is one four elite scorers out of Toussaud (El Gran Senor); and of course her sire is out of Kind (Ire) (Danehill), the ultimate template for the blending of Galileo (Ire) with sprint mares.

It was no surprise, then, to see **lot 1999** knocked down at 100,000gns to an outfit as astute as Tally-Ho Stud. Tony O'Callaghan confirmed that Annual will go to the farm's flagship, Kodiak (GB), and it will be fascinating to see whether her regal pedigree might give his trademark speed some Classic stretch. Mind you, the farm won't mind if it works out the other way round.

"The pedigree deserves him and he deserves the pedigree," declared Tony O'Callaghan, prompting son Roger to add, "We will see if we can speed it up."

Mused Taking a Transatlantic Stroll

The morning session was shaken abruptly out of its relative torpor by the advent of the 2-year-old **Mused (GB)** (Charm Spirit {Ire}), who had still been unraced when catalogued as **lot 1820**. In the meantime, she had squeezed in three starts for Hugo Palmer in the space of a month, crowned in timely fashion at Kempton on Monday when making all to score by 4 1/2 lengths in a fast time.

That earned her the first six-figure docket of the day, signed at 100,000gns by Lincoln Collins of the Kern/Lillingston Association. She will be shipped to the barn of Eddie Kenneally.

"She won nicely the other day, two seconds quicker than the other division, and ought to fit as a nice horse in Kentucky over the winter and hopefully beyond," the agent said. "Hopefully she's progressive and I was happy enough to get her at that money."

Bred by the Stroll Partnership and raced in the silks of Qatar Racing, Mused represents a family that has already established an affinity for the American sport. Her dam Stroll Patrol (GB) (Mount Nelson {GB}) is out of a half-sister to GI Woodford Reserve Turf Classic winner Stroll (Pulpit); further back, moreover, this is the family of the Claiborne stallion Lea (First Samurai).

Stroll Patrol herself was placed in the G3 Dick Poole S. at two, a race won by her half-sister Yourtimeisnow (GB), like Mused a daughter of Charm Spirit.

Partner Luke Lillingston also struck for one of the nicer types of the morning session in **lot 1872, Myth Creation** (More Than Ready), who joins his own Mount Coote broodmare band at 70,000gns. The 5-year-old, consigned by Hazelwood Bloodstock, is carrying a National Defense (GB) foal and her third dam is the matriarch Rosia Bay (GB) (High Top {GB}): dam of Group 1 winners Ibn Bey (GB) (Mill Reef) and Roseate Tern (GB) (Blakeney {GB}) and granddam of that accomplished runner and producer Red Camellia (GB) (Polar Falcon).

"I'm thrilled to own a mare by More Than Ready," Lillingston enthused. "When you open the broodmare sire stats page, there's nothing other than a Group or Grade 1 winners under his name. I remember him from when I was living in the U.S. This is a beautiful mare, she could run a bit and has an international pedigree—and I love Sahn [damsire]." [Cont. p8](#)



Luke Lillingston | Tattersalls

New Subjects for Two Queens

The Godolphin draft had an attractive mosaic quality for prospectors, given the sheer range and diversity of its sourcing, and two 3-year-old "Queens" within three lots each made six figures.

Queen Kahlua (GB) (Kingman {GB}) (lot 1952) raced in the silks of Sheikh Obaid after being picked out as a yearling here by Stephen Hillen and trainer Henri-Francois Devin at 57,000gns. That was rather a basement rate for Book 1 and, having won for a second time since publication of the catalogue, she was knocked down to Stuart Thom of Galloway Stud for 160,000gns.

She will now join Stuart Williams, to see if he can work the same kind of magic to her breeding eligibility as he did with Breathtaking Look (GB) (Bated Breath {GB}), sold at such a handsome yield the previous day.



Laurent Benoit | Tattersalls

Queen Of The Sea (Ire) (Sea The Stars {Ire}) was another graduate of Book 1, where she cost 400,000gns. Lot 1954 showed only limited ability in three placings for Saeed bin Suroor, but she's a half-sister to Group 3 winner Sacred Life (Fr) (Siyouni {Fr}) out of a Montjeu (Ire) daughter of a sister to St Leger winner Rule Of Law (Kingmambo). That residual value secured a 100,000gns docket signed by Laurent Benoit of Broadhurst Agency.

"I think she'll go to a nice, proven stallion," Benoit said. "We know the family well in France and her dam is still young, she is at Monceaux. She could suit Siyouni (Fr) and Sea The Stars (Ire) will be a lovely broodmare sire. Actually I tried to buy her dam when she went through the ring, but Mr. Bozo was too strong. But at least I got her daughter."

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SESSION TOPPERS

TATTERSALLS DECEMBER MARE SALE DAY 3

Lot	Name	Status	Price (gns)
2005	Cressida (GB) <i>(f, 3, Dansili {GB}–Modern Look {GB}, by Zamindar)</i> <i>Bred by Juddmonte Farms (GB)</i> <i>Consigned by Juddmonte Farms</i> <i>Purchased by White Birch Farm/Demi O'Byrne</i>	Horse-Out-of-Training	360,000
2045	Stormy Girl (Ire) <i>(f, 3, Night of Thunder {Ire}–Refusetolisten {Ire}, by Clodovil {Ire})</i> <i>Bred by Rosetown Bloodstock & E. McEvoy (Ire)</i> <i>Consigned by Howe Hills Farm (Miss R. Menzies)</i> <i>Purchased by Paddy Twomey</i>	Horse-in-Training	310,000
2002	Brinjal (GB) <i>(f, 3, Kingman {GB}–Clepsydra {GB}, by Sadler's Wells)</i> <i>Bred by Juddmonte Farms Ltd. (GB)</i> <i>Consigned by Juddmonte Farms</i> <i>Purchased by MAB Agency</i>	Horse-Out-of-Training	190,000
2000	Arabian Dream (GB) <i>(f, 3, Oasis Dream {GB}–Arabesque {GB}, by Zafonic)</i> <i>Bred by Juddmonte Farms Ltd. (GB)</i> <i>Consigned by Juddmonte Farms</i> <i>Purchased by Blandford Bloodstock</i>	Horse-Out-of-Training	170,000
1952	Queen Kahlua (GB) <i>(f, 3, Kingman {GB}–Kahlua Kiss {GB}, by Mister Baileys {GB})</i> <i>Bred by Horizon Bloodstock Limited (GB)</i> <i>Consigned by Godolphin</i> <i>Purchased by Galloway Stud</i>	Horse-Out-of-Training	160,000



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Calyx (GB)
(Kingman {GB})
was tabbed as a
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He added, “Those are steps that are still to come, but we have to start with a baby step and in the current environment, we are very fortunate to get the opportunity to bring this number of people back so soon.

“I probably wasn’t expecting it until after Christmas, so this is a bonus. But the real work is how we bring crowds back at a significant scale, because that is where the economics start to work.”

Armstrong said that as things stand right now and despite the financial hardships of 2020, he expects all of England’s current courses to be operating in 2021.

“There are some in a more fragile position than others and if in 12 months’ time the crowds weren’t allowed back, then I don’t think they would all survive, but I’m confident they all will,” he said. “We are seeing the first step of it today. We are on a journey to bring back crowds in sensible numbers, and once we do that, then they will all be fine.”

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FRANKIE DETTORI NAMED LONGINES WORLD’S BEST JOCKEY



Frankie Dettori | Francesca Altoft

Frankie Dettori has been crowned the 2020 Longines World’s Best Jockey, the third year in a row the Italian has received the accolade. Dettori, who also won the award in 2015, captured five of the world’s Top 100 Group or Grade 1 races in 2020, aboard Stradivarius (Ire) (Sea The Stars {Ire}) in the Gold Cup and Al Shaqab Goodwood Cup S.; Palace Pier (GB) (Kingman {GB}) in the St James’s Palace S. and Prix du Haras de Fresnay-le-Buffard Jacques Le Marois; and the King George VI & Queen Elizabeth QIPCO S. with Enable (GB) (Nathaniel {Ire}).

His total points for the year (from Dec. 1 2019–Nov. 30 2020) were 102. Ryan Moore, winner of the World’s Best Jockey award in 2014/16 was second with 98, while William Buick had 66 points and Irad Ortiz, Jr. finished fourth with 64.

A win is worth 12 points, second place is six points and a third-place finish is worth four points. Dettori’s achievement will be celebrated in mid-January when the 2020 Longines World’s Best Racehorse and Longines World’s Best Horse Racing winners are announced. The full standings for the award are found at www.ifhaonline.org.

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2021 UK GSSS AWARD SHORTLISTS REVEALED

The shortlists for the six different categories of the 2021 UK Godolphin Stud and Stable Staff Awards have been announced. A total of 206 nominations were received, with 60 making the shortlists–10 per category and every person on the shortlist that does not make the final three will now receive £250. Finalists, three per award category, will be determined remotely by the judges due to COVID-19. An interactive virtual event will be held on Feb. 22 to announced the winners which will be broadcasted live and free to air on Racing TVG. The shortlisted nominees are as follows:

David Nicholson Newcomer

- Levi Capell – Willam Haggas
- Alex Caulkett – Eve Johnson Houghton
- Ericka Davies – Iain Jardine
- Rebecca Elliott – Seamus Mullins
- Jaydon Lee – Nicky Henderson
- Alice Price – Ben Pauling
- Alana Stiles – Hughie Morrison
- Chrissie Sykes – Ruth Carr
- Jessica Townend – Jedd O’Keeffe
- Mikaela Wilkings – Susan Corbett

Leadership

- Jessica Bell – Brian Ellison
- Alan Berry – Jonjo O’Neill
- Alex Cairns – James Fanshawe
- Rebecca Edmunds – Bryan Smart
- Kayleigh Flower – William Knight
- Hannah Gregory – Richard Phillips
- Roddy Griffiths – Emma Lavelle
- Timothy Hogg – Jedd O’Keeffe
- Tom Messenger – Dan Skelton
- Lauren Webb – Daniel & Claire Kubler

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- Rakesh Alva – Bryan Smart
- Jessica Benfield – Charlie Longsdon
- Emily Bullock – Ruth Carr
- Lindsay Gallagher – Barry Brennan
- Maqsood Gill – Jim Boyle
- Joanna Lacisz – Sir Michael Stoute
- Sarah Peacock – Tom George
- Faisal Phillips – Richard Phillips
- Karl Pierrepont – Henry Spiller
- Sophie Teague – Nick Alexander

Stud Staff

- Noel Challinor – Northmore Stud
- Jack Conroy – Chasemore Farm
- Natalie Folland – Elkington Stud
- David Hegarty – Genesis Green Stud
- Tom Hughes – Hazelwood Bloodstock
- Martin Languillet – Fittocks Stud
- Oliver Nash – Mildmay Farm and Stud
- Antonia Neal – Far Westfield Farm
- Elody Swann – Newsells Park Stud
- Ellie Wright – Brick Kiln Stud

Dedication

- Guinand Bissessur – William Haggas
- David Crofts – Marcus Tregoning
- Claudia Fisher – Amy Murphy
- Roy Fowler – Mick Channon
- Helen Halliwell – James Fanshawe
- Debbie Howie – John Gosden
- Lisa Jackson – Philip Hobbs
- Joline Saunders – Richard Phillips
- Jane Smith – John Ryan
- John Smith – Henry Candy

Community

- Rob Achner – Jockey Club Estates
- Simon Bailey – Sports Chaplaincy UK
- Bee Chapman – William Jarvis
- Simon Jones
- Joanna O'Neill – Jonjo O'Neill
- Richard Phillips
- Sam Trainor – National Horseracing College
- Caroline Turnbull – Thoroughbred Breeders' Association
- Margo Walsh – The Jockey Club
- Paul Wright – Weatherbys

FROM THE EXPERTS**CRAIG BERNICK**

On the back of the eagerly anticipated stallion fee announcements in Europe, we spoke with a number of leading industry figures about value. Today we hear from Craig Bernick of Glen Hill Farm.



Craig Bernick | Keeneland

TDN: Who have you identified as a first-year stallion at an appealing opening fee?

CB: Pinatubo (Ire) was a top-class 2-year-old and his introductory fee of £35,000 is probably very fair compared to where similar horses have started off over the years. Shamardal is the sire of Lope De Vega (Ire) and he comes from the female family of Invincible Spirit (Ire) and Kodiak (GB), so it all looks promising.

TDN: Best value proven stallion, and why?

CB: Showcasing's fee has come down this year to £45,000 which looks very fair as he has proven that he can get top-class horses. To me, **Mohaather (GB)**'s G1 Sussex S. was the most impressive race I saw all year, and I almost chose him as the first-season stallion I was excited about.

TDN: Who would you consider to be an under the radar stallion?

CB: Starspangledbanner (Aus)'s percentage of winners and stakes performers to runners compares favourably to many other stallions that are double his price or more. His quality of mares has been improving every year as he has done a better job getting them in foal and to me there's a good chance his fee of €22,500 could look like a huge bargain in a few years.

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FIRST-SEASON SIRE WITH RUNNERS

Thursday, Dec. 3, 2020:

FRANCE

Goken (Fr) (Kendargent {Fr}), Haras de Colleville
61 foals of racing age/14 winners/2 black-type winners
4-MAR.P VIVAUX, 1500m, LA BONBONNIERE (Fr)
€20,000 Osarus September Yearling Sale 2019

Prince of Lir (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}), Ballyhane Stud
77 foals of racing age/13 winners/1 black-type winner
4-MAR.P VIVAUX, 1500m, LADY DANGER (Ire)
€5,000 Goffs Sportsman's Yearling Sale 2019; 5,000gns
Tattersalls Autumn Horses-in-Training Sale 2020



Prince of Lir is looking for a 14th winner in France on Thursday
Ballyhane Stud

BRITAIN

Wednesday's Results:

UNIBET WILD FLOWER S.-Listed, £36,000, Kempton, 12-2,
3yo/up, 11f 219y (AWT), 2:32.50, st/sl.

1--**JOHNNY DRAMA (IRE)**, 132, g, 5, **Lilbourne Lad (Ire)--Quelle
Histoire (Ire)**, by Whipper. **1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN.** (€6,500 Wlg
'15 GOFNOV; €3,000 RNA Ylg '16 GOFSP). O-King Power
Racing Co Ltd; B-Knocktoran Stud & Maura Purcell (IRE);
T-Andrew Balding; J-Silvestre De Sousa. £20,416. Lifetime
Record: 17-6-3-0, \$128,317.

2--**Sinjaari (Ire)**, 132, g, 4, Camelot (GB)--Heavenly Song (Ire), by
Oratorio (Ire). (€45,000 Wlg '16 GOFNOV; 110,000gns Ylg '17
TAOCT). O-Mr Mohammed Jaber; B-Dr T Purcell & Mr P Purcell
(IRE); T-William Haggas. £7,740.

3--**Sextant (GB)**, 132, g, 5, Sea The Stars (Ire)--Hypoteneuse
(Ire), by Sadler's Wells. (76,000gns HRA '20 TATAHI).
O-Straightline Bloodstock; B-The Queen (GB); T-Keith
Dalglish. £3,874.

Margins: NO, 1, 1HF. Odds: 1.88, 1.50, 8.50.

Also Ran: Red Verdon, Jeremiah (GB), Sagrada Familia (GB),
Snapraiceps (Ire), Tribal Craft (GB), Dono di Dio (GB).

Proving a revelation since being switched to the all-weather
last month, Johnny Drama had won a brace of handicaps here
Nov. 2 and Nov. 18 before beating the useful Raymond Tusk
(Ire) (High Chaparral {Ire}) by five lengths over this trip on
Southwell's Fibresand Nov. 27. Undaunted by the quick
turnaround and rise in class, the bay tended to over-race initially
before being found cover on the rail in third. Looming on the
front end approaching the furlong pole, he pulled out extra as
Sinjaari threatened in the dying strides to maintain his winning
sequence. The dam, who died last year, was a half-sister to the
triple Australian Group 2 winner and G1 Irish 2000 Guineas
runner-up Endless Drama (Ire) (Lope de Vega {Ire}) from the
family of the G1 Sword Dancer Invitational winner King's Drama
(Ire) (King's Theatre {Ire}). She has the 2-year-old colt Rick
Dalton (Ire) (Estidhkaar {Ire}). **Click for the [Racing Post result](#).**

3rd-Lingfield, £6,300, Novice, 12-2, 2yo, f, 8f 1y (AWT), 1:37.16,
st.

MYSTICAL AIR (GB) (f, 2, **Kingman {GB}**--**Dark Promise {GB}**
{SW-Eng}, by Shamardal), sixth on debut over seven furlongs at
Newcastle Nov. 10, quickly recovered from a tardy break to
track the leader. Committed passing the two-furlong pole, the 6-
4 favourite drew away to win in style by 4 1/2 lengths from
Secret Shadow (Ire) (Camelot {GB}). The listed-winning dam is a
daughter of Trevor Harris's G3 Lancashire Oaks runner-up La Sky
(Ire) (Law Society), famed for producing the G1 Epsom Oaks
heroine Love Divine (GB) (Diesis {GB}). In turn the dam of three
black-type performers headed by the G1 St Leger-winning sire
Sixties Icon (GB) (Galileo {Ire}), she is connected to the G1
Champions Mile and G1 Singapore Airlines International Cup
winner Dunboyne Express (Ire) (Shamardal). Dark Promise's
2019 offering is a colt by Dubawi (Ire), while she also has a colt
foal by Kodiac (GB). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$5,470. **Video,**
sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

O/B-Lordship Stud (GB); T-Roger Varian.



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4th-Lingfield, £6,300, Novice, 12-2, 2yo, f, 8f 1y (AWT), 1:38.16, st. OCEAN ROAD (IRE) (f, 2, Australia {GB})--Love And Laughter {Ire}, by Theatrical {Ire}), runner-up over an extended mile on debut on soft turf at Nottingham Oct. 14, was held up towards the rear after missing the kick. Working his way to the front with 150 yards remaining, the 13-8 market-leader stayed on strongly to record an authoritative 2 3/4-length success from Lochnaver (GB) (Frankel {GB}). The winner is a half-sister to the GI Northern Dancer Turf S. winner Wigmore Hall (Ire) (High Chaparral {Ire}), Hwt. 3yo Colt-Eng at 9 1/2-11f, MGISW-Can, GSW & G1SP-UAE, GISP-US, MGSP-Eng, \$2,099,316, and to the German listed scorer Lady Liberty (Ire) (Shirocco {Ger}). The dam, whose yearling is a son of Caravaggio, is a daughter of Hoh Dear (Ire) (Sri Pekan) who took the GIII Natalma S. and was runner-up in the G2 Cherry Hinton S. Sales history: 140,000gns Wlg '18 TATFOA; 150,000gns Ylg '19 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$7,039. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O-Qatar Racing Limited; B-K and Mrs Cullen (IRE); T-Hugo Palmer.

1st-Kempton, £6,300, Novice, 12-2, 2yo, f, 6f (AWT), 1:12.84, st/sl. GLOBAL ACCLAIM (GB) (f, 2, Acclamation {GB})--Oeuvre d'Art {Ire} {MGSP-Itly, \$186,364}, by Marju {Ire}), a 10-1 shot on this debut, enjoyed cover throughout the early stages racing on the rail behind the leading group. Seizing the advantage with 1 1/2 furlongs remaining, the bay stayed on strongly to beat Model Actress (Ire) (Dansili {GB}) by 3 1/4 lengths. The dam, who was third in the G2 Oaks d'Italia, also has a colt foal by Expert Eye (GB). Sales history: 25,000gns RNA Ylg '19 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$5,470. O-Peter Gleeson; B-Castle Estates Ltd (GB); T-Clive Cox.



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IRELAND

Wednesday's Result:

4th-Dundalk, €18,500, Cond, 12-2, 2yo, 7f (AWT), 1:26.67, st. MESSIDOR (IRE) (f, 2, Vadamos {Fr})--Pyrenean Queen {Ire}, by Zoffany {Ire}), who opened her account over this course and distance Nov. 18, broke alertly to join Hale Bopp (Ire) (Belardo {Ire}) on the front end. Getting the better of that rival from the two-furlong pole, the 11-4 second favourite drew away to beat that rival by 2 3/4 lengths with something to spare. The winner is the first foal out of an unraced half-sister to the G3 Denny Cordell Lavarack & Lanwades Stud Fillies S. scorer Duchess Andorra (Ire) (Duke of Marmalade {Ire}). A granddaughter of the G1 Cheveley Park S. winner and G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches runner-up Pass the Peace (Ire) (Alzao), who was in turn responsible for another Cheveley Park heroine in the European champion Embassy (GB) (Cadeaux Genereux {GB}), her yearling colt is by Acclamation (GB) and her filly foal is by Muhaarar (GB). Sales history: €28,000 Ylg '19 GOFOR. Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-0, \$29,233.

O-Blue Devil Racing Stable LLC; B-Fairway Thoroughbreds (IRE); T-Joseph O'Brien.



FRANCE

CONDITIONS RESULT:

2nd-Le Croise-Laroche, €16,000, 12-2, 3yo, 12 1/2fT, 2:55.10, hy.

ARCTIC GIRL (GER) (f, 3, Pastorius {Ger})--Adelma {Ger}, by Sternkoenig {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-2, €16,250. O-Joseph Hernon; B-U Gruning (GER); T-Gavin Hernon.

ASIA

Wednesday's Result:

HYOGO JUNIOR GRAND PRIX-Listed (Jpn-G2), ¥40,000,000 (US\$382,510/£287,002/€316,545), Sonoda, 12-2, 2yo, 1400m, 1:26.90, gd.

1--DUALIST (JPN), 121, c, 2, Mikki Isle (Jpn)

1st Dam: Dual Story (Jpn), by End Sweep

2nd Dam: Diablo's Story, by Diablo

3rd Dam: Appealing Story, by Valid Appeal

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. O-Sunday Racing; B-Northern Farm (Jpn); T-Takayuki Yasuda; J-Yuichi Fukunaga. ¥25,000,000. Lifetime Record: 3-3-0-0. *1/2 to Dual Sword (Jpn) (Durandal {Jpn}), SP-Jpn, \$1,299,466.

2--**Ladybug (Jpn)**, 119, f, 2, Hokko Tarumae (Jpn)--Favorite Girl (Jpn), by Dance in the Dark (Jpn). O/B-Gold Up Company (Jpn); ¥7,000,000.

3--**Zenno Ange (Jpn)**, 113, f, 2, Henny Hughes--Win Angelus (Jpn), by Bertolini. O-Kumiko Osako; B-Kawashima Farm (Jpn); ¥3,500,000.

Margins: HF, 4, 6. Odds: 0.90, 11.00, 1.40.

DUBAI

Thursday, Meydan, post time: 8:15 p.m.

THE GARHOUND SPRINT SPONSORED BY DP WORLD UAE REGION-

Listed, AED132,500, NH 3yo/up & SH 4yo/up, 1200m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Switzerland	Speightstown	SCR	SCR	SCR
2	Behavioral Bias	Shackleford	Cosgrave	Seemar	128
3	Important Mission	More Than Ready	Ffrench	bin Ghadayer	128
4	Bochart (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Mullen	Seemar	128
5	Leading Spirit (Ire)	Exceed And Excel (Aus)	O'Shea	Seemar	128
6	Enjazaat (GB)	Acclamation (GB)	Beasley	Al Rayhi	128
7	Mazzini (GB)	Exceed And Excel (Aus)	de Vries	Nass	128
8	Waady (Ire)	Approve (Ire)	O'Neill	Watson	134
9	My Catch (Ire)	Camacho (GB)	SCR	SCR	SCR

Thursday, Meydan, post time: 8:50 p.m.

THE ENTISAR SPONSORED BY HAMDAN BIN MOHAMMED CRUISE

TERMINAL-Listed, AED132,500, NH 3yo/up & SH 4yo/up, 2000m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Saltarin Dubai (Arg)	E Dubai	Mullen	Seemar	125
2	For the Top (Arg)	Equal Stripes (Arg)	Ffrench	bin Ghadayer	125
3	Just a Penny (Ire)	Kodiac (GB)	Hitchcott	Watson	125
4	Casey Jones (Ire)	Casamento (Ire)	Fresu	Al Mheiri	125
5	George Villiers (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	O'Shea	Seemar	125
6	Zaman (GB)	Dutch Art (GB)	Jara	bin Harmash	125
7	Pakistan Star (Ger)	Shamardal	Dobbs	bin Ghadayer	125
8	Firnas (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Ziani	bin Ghadayer	125
9	Montsarrat (Ire)	Poet's Voice (GB)	Curatolo	bin Ghadayer	125



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ROSEMONT ADD TO BROODMARE BAND



Marietta Robusti | *Tattersalls*

by *Georgie Dennis*

Just a couple of weeks after purchasing stakes producer **Small Minds** (Canny Lad) on Inglis Digital, Rosemont Stud secured two mares at the Tattersalls December Mare Sale as they look to continually increase the quality of their broodmare band.

In an attempt to boost the quality of their ever-growing broodmare band, Rosemont Stud has been active at this week's Tattersalls December Mares' Sale in Newmarket, purchasing two lots for 49,000 gns (AU\$93,639) and 27,000 gns (AU\$51,597).

The Victorian-based farm's first purchase was **Marietta Robusti (Ire)** (Equiano {Fr}), who is a half-sister to the stakes-winning son of Choisir, Three Sea Captains (Ire).

While Choisir has now been pensioned from stud duties, his son Starspangledbanner is owned by Rosemont with Coolmore and Ryan McEvoy, General Manager of Bloodstock, said he is a likely suitor for the mare.

"Obviously we're part-owners in Starspangledbanner with Coolmore and we've got some nominations to him up in the Northern Hemisphere so we've been looking for a couple of nice mares for him," McEvoy told *TDN AusNZ*. "It was pleasing to pick up a nice mare like her and given she is a half to a stakes winner by Choisir, that was a good little result."

Rosemont's second purchase came late on the second day of the Sale as they secured **Promise Of Success (GB)** (Dansili {GB})

in conjunction with David Redvers Bloodstock, who is a half-sister to Gai Waterhouse and Adrian Bott's impressive 2-year-old trial winner Summerbeel (NZ) (Savabeel).

"She's a Dansili mare from the family of Galileo," McEvoy said. "Interestingly she is a half to a 2-year-old filly that Gai produced at the trials last week called Summerbeel."

"We liked the look of that trial and we'd like to think she's a filly that can potentially achieve some black type. She was a little play with Hannah Wall and David Redvers Bloodstock."

McEvoy said she is likely to remain in Europe to race for another season to try and boost her CV before heading down to stud in Australia.

"She has placed and we'll likely keep her in work with a view to win some races," he said. "Our homework suggests that she has certainly got the ability to be winning races so we'll give her another spin, but ultimately she'll come down to Australia and we'll determine a stallion for her."

"We do have a share in Savabeel so she potentially might be a mare for him if this 2-year-old can do the job."

Boosting the Band

It was only a few weeks ago that Rosemont paid \$410,000 to purchase **Small Minds**, the dam of their talented 2-year-old Sneaky Five (Fastnet Rock) and McEvoy said that like any breeding operation, they are always looking to boost their broodmare stocks.

"We've got a lot of broodmares at home but we're certainly looking to add to the quality," he said.



Small Minds | *Inglis*

“It’s like any major breeder, we’re always looking at trimming the bottom and adding to the top so that’s really a never-ending cycle. Small Minds is the dam of two stakes winners from her first three to race so I think those sort of mares a quite unique.

“She’s a Canny Lad mare, she’s basically free of Danehill, so we can send her to anything and given what we know of Sneaky Five and the sentimental factor in racing her and the upside that she represents, we’re rapt to have a bit more exposure with that family through the dam.

“She’s a gorgeous mare who is in foal to Grunt, we’ll give some thought as to where we send her in the spring and we’re excited about potentially breeding another couple of fillies out of her in the next few years as well, to most likely keep and retain and race in the system.”

Rosemont is also home to a select stallion roster and McEvoy said they will be active during the upcoming yearling season to find quality stock to race and hopefully, one day join the breeding operation as a broodmare or sire.

“We’ll be relatively active in the yearling market next year with both colts and fillies,” he continued. “We’re always open to adding to the quality of our racing team, it’s a major aspect of the business.

“Certainly Nigel (Austin) is a really passionate racing enthusiast so we’re really keen to add to the quality in our stable. We don’t have a specific view but we’re just always open to the right filly and colt that presents itself as value and that we can add to our system.”



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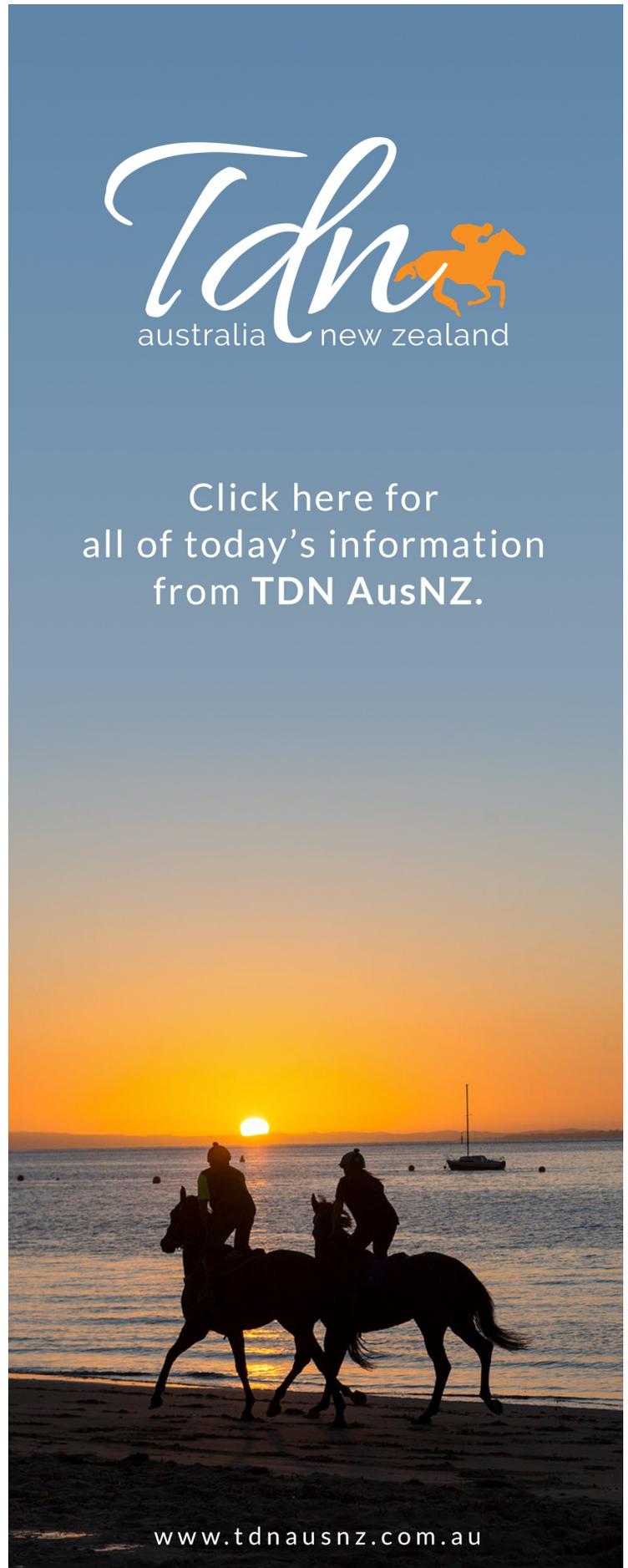
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