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TAKING STOCK: PERFORMANCE VS. STUD FEE FOR THE SMALL OWNER-BREEDER

Midnight Lute sits 12th on the general sires' list and gets 5% stakes winners to named foals | *Hill 'n' Dale photo*

By Sid Fernando

By the time a stallion has established himself at stud, his fee is usually determined by performance, not the hype that surrounds new horses when they first enter stud. There are, of course, many ways to measure performance, including progeny earnings (which determines placement on the General Sires list), percent of black-type winners to named foals, quality of runners, number of Grade I winners, etc.

There are seven thoroughly proven stallions that will stand for $150,000 or more in North America in 2021, and these elite horses--**Into Mischief** ($225,000), **Tapit** ($185,000), **Uncle Mo** ($175,000), **Curlin** ($175,000), **Medaglia d'Oro** ($150,000), **War Front** ($150,000), and **Quality Road** ($150,000)--more than make the grade whichever way you slice and dice statistics. For instance, this select group sires black-type winners from named foals at rates of between 7% to 12% (see accompanying charts), which is the gold standard nowadays in the era of big books. *[Note: Younger stallions will have lower percentages because their 2-year-old crops will be a larger percentage of the whole.]*

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CHARLATAN COULD MEET NASHVILLE IN POTENTIAL MALIBU SHOWDOWN

by Steve Sherack

The GI Runhappy Malibu S. on Santa Anita's opening day program could potentially feature a clash between two of the more exciting sophomores in training.

The immensely talented duo of **Charlatan** and **Nashville**, both **'TDN Rising Stars'** and by leading sire Speightstown, are currently being aimed at the prestigious Dec. 26 seven-furlong contest.

The Bob Baffert-trained Charlatan most recently crossed the wire a dominating six-length, wire-to-wire winner in the split-division GI Arkansas Derby May 2, but was subsequently stripped of the victory and demoted to ninth after testing positive for the Class 2 drug lidocaine. He missed an intended start in the GI Belmont S. due to a minor ankle injury.

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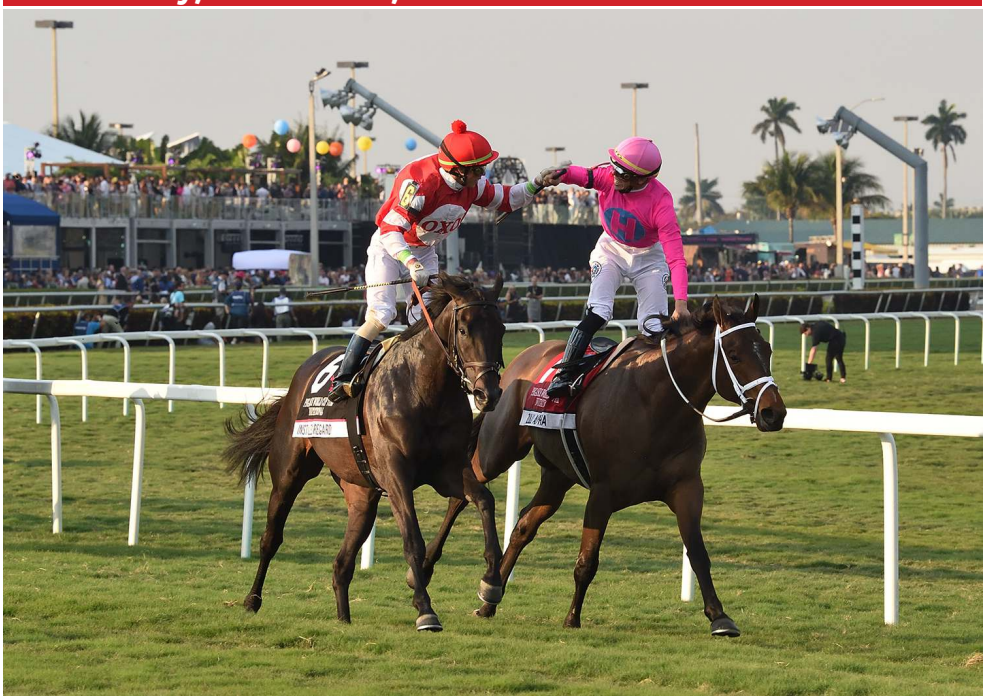


2020 in Photos: January 25. *Irad Ortiz, Jr., riding Instilled Regard (Arch), congratulates Tyler Gaffalione's victory in the GI Pegasus World Cup Turf Invitational S. aboard Zulu Alpha (Street Cry {Ire}).* | *Cris Morales/Coglianese*

MIDNIGHT BISOU ARRIVES AT HILL 'N' DALE **10**

After completing the final phase of her rehabilitation at WinStar, Eclipse Award winner Midnight Bisou (Midnight Lute) arrived at Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa Thursday afternoon. She will be bred to Curlin in her first season at stud in 2021.

NO RACING AT GOLDEN GATE UNTIL DEC. 26 **11**

Officials at Golden Gate Fields announced via a release late Thursday afternoon that racing will not take place at the Northern California oval until Dec. 26, the result of a rash of coronavirus positives over the past several weeks.

TAKING STOCK

by Sid Fernando

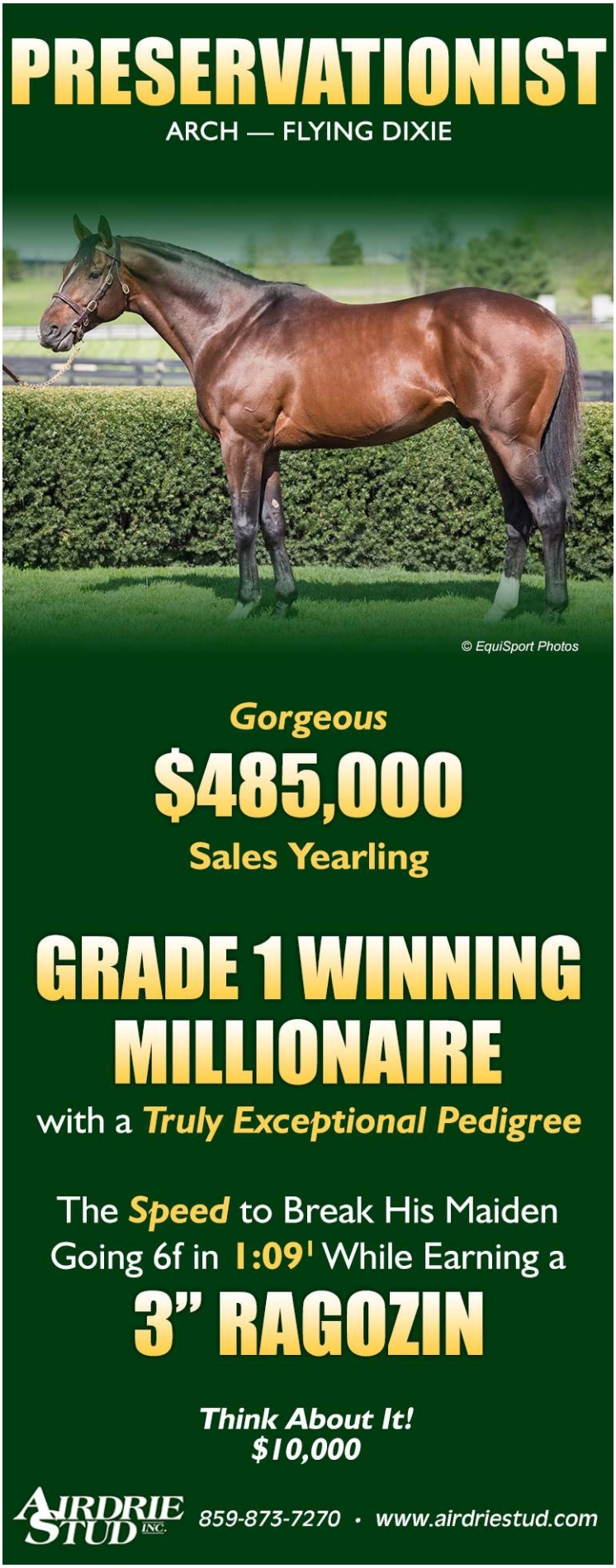
Each year as the breeding season rolls around, a dwindling number of smaller owner-breeders frequently ask us at Werk Thoroughbred Consultants to recommend the best proven stallions standing for $15,000 or less. These people, who once made up a larger percentage of owners, need sires with track records, because they race what they breed and have no room for error. A shiny new horse at $15,000 is unproven and too much of a gamble for them, whereas that same first-year horse might well be the choice for a commercial breeder shopping in that price range. It just so happens, however, that the types of stallions best suited for small homebreeders are inexpensively priced these days, not because they lack performance but because they tend to be old and are mostly ignored by a large swath of folks who breed primarily to sell. And it's the young stallions that sell.

Quality Road is among a group of stallions standing for $150,000 or more that gets 7-12% SWs from named foals | *Lane's End*

Old stallions, like old people, tend to be underappreciated in a climate that rewards youth.

In fact, older proven stallions that aren't elite are frequently priced lower than they should be if performance itself were the sole criteria for fee determination, but with them it's not. They are simply not fashionable, even if they once were.

For those of you who breed to race, I've listed in another chart 10 favorite older stallions that will stand next year for $15,000 or less, and they were chosen primarily because they satisfy two criteria aside from my preferences for them: they are (or were last year) ranked on *TDN*'s General Sires List; and they get a minimum of 5% black-type winners from named foals, which is a rate close enough to rub shoulders with some of the elite sires



standing for $150,000 or more, but at a significantly lower fee that makes them both attractive and affordable for homebreeders. This group can get you a horse good enough to play with the big boys. There are a few others I could have included--my apologies--but didn't for space considerations.

Here they are by descending stud fee; statistics are for the Northern Hemisphere:

Midnight Lute ($15,000) - This son of Real Quiet at Hill 'n' Dale is ranked #12 on the General Sires List, which puts him ahead of both War Front and Quality Road this year, and note also that he's one of the younger horses in this group with nine crops of racing age. He gets 5% black-type winners from named foals and has demonstrated the ability to sire runners of the highest class, such as Eclipse Award winner Midnight Bisou, one of the best fillies of her generation. Altogether, he's sired 33 black-type winners and four Grade l winners, including 2020 Gamely S. winner Keeper Ofthe Stars.

Mineshaft ($15,000) - A sire of 51 black-type winners through 14 crops--six at Grade l level, including $3.3 million earner Effinex and successful Darby Dan sire Dialed In--he stands at Lane's End alongside Lemon Drop Kid and is a son of A.P. Indy. He's at #55 on the General Sires List and is represented this year by Glll Canadian Derby winner Real Grace in what for him is a slow year. He gets 5% black-type winners from foals.

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Mineshaft | *Lane's End*

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Lemon Drop Kid ($15,000) - Through 17 crops of racing age, this well-bred son of Kingmambo has sired 7% black-type winners from foals, the same as his mate Quality Road at Lane's End. Lifetime, he has 96 black-type winners, including nine Grade I winners, and he's ranked #44 on the General Sires List this year with such horses as Canadian classic winner Belichick, GIII Ontario Derby winner Field Pass, and 7-year-old French Group 2 winner Red Verdon. In Japan, he's represented by Godolphin-owned 2-year-old Lemon Pop, who won a non-black-type Kentucky Derby points race on Nov. 28 at Tokyo after winning his debut before that. Though he gets top-level turf and all-weather runners, his daughter Lemons Forever won the Grade I Kentucky Oaks on dirt and has since become a Kentucky Broodmare of the Year.

Sky Mesa ($12,500) - This son of Pulpit has sired 73 black-type winners and four Grade I winners through 14 crops, and it's notable that he's also the sire of three Canadian champions that aren't on his list of Grade I winners. Last year, his 2-year-old daughter Perfect Alibi won the GI Spinaway S., and this year he's represented by two 3-year-old black-type winners, both of them graded placed. He gets 7% black-type winners from foals, is ranked #66 on the General Sires List, and stands at Three Chimneys.

Stormy Atlantic ($10,000) - The elder statesman of this group, he's a son of Storm Cat at Hill 'n' Dale with 19 crops of racing age. Throughout his career, he's maintained a 7% rate of black-type winners to foals and altogether has so far sired 103 black-type winners and seven Grade I winners (eight, if you count one in Argentina). His gelded son Stormy Liberal won the GI Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint twice and was an Eclipse Award-winning turf male, while in Canada he's had three champion juveniles and Horse of the Year Up With the Birds, also a Grade I winner in the U.S. Among his top performers this year are Grade II winner Big Runnuer, a 5-year-old; Grade III

STALLIONS AT $150,000 OR MORE

Stallion (Farm)	2021 Stud Fee	2020 Rank General Sire List	BTW % of Named Foals	Crops of Racing Age
Into Mischief (Spendthrift)	$225,000	1	9%	9
Tapit (Gainesway)	$185,000	2	10%	13
Uncle Mo (Ashford)	$175,000	3	8%	6
Curlin (Hill 'n' Dale)	$175,000	5	8%	9
Medaglia d'Oro (Darley)	$150,000	6	8%	13
War Front (Claiborne)	$150,000	22	12%	11
Quality Road (Lane's End)	$150,000	26	7%	7

(Statistics through Nov. 30 from TDN)

STALLIONS AT $15,000 OR LESS

Stallion (Farm)	2021 Stud Fee	2020 Rank General Sire List	BTW % of Named Foals	Crops of Racing Age
Midnight Lute (Hill 'n' Dale)	$15,000	12	5%	9
Lemon Drop Kid (Lane's End)	$15,000	44	7%	17
Mineshaft (Lane's End)	$15,000	55	5%	14
Sky Mesa (Three Chimneys)	$12,500	66	7%	14
Stormy Atlantic (Hill 'n' Dale)	$10,000	N/A	7%	19
Midshipman (Darley)	$7,500	47	6%	7
Mizzen Mast (Juddmonte)	$7,500	74	6%	15
Silent Name (Adena Springs)*	$7,500	83	7%	10
Freud (Sequel)	$6,500	N/A	6%	16
Include (Airdrie)	$5,000	98	6%	15

*Canadian Dollars

(Statistics through Nov. 30 from TDN)

winner Neptune's Storm, a 4-year-old who won a Grade ll race last year; and 7-year-old Stormy Antarctic, a previous Group 2 winner who was second in the G1 Prix d'Ispahan in France in July. Though he's unranked on the General Sires List in 2020 (he was ranked last year), he consistently gets sound and durable runners with a high degree of class.

Midshipman | *Darley photo*

Midshipman ($7,500) - This son of Unbridled's Song at Darley is the youngest horse here with only seven crops of racing age - the same as Quality Road. He's #47 on the General Sires List and to date is represented by 28 black-type winners in the Northern Hemisphere, a rate of 6% to foals. Though he doesn't have a NH Grade l winner yet, he has three in Brazil, one of which, Royal Ship (Brz), is Grade ll-placed in California this year. His leading earner to date is Grade lll winner and Grade l-placed Lady Shipman ($902,387), whose son Golden Pal won the Gll Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf Sprint this year.

Mizzen Mast ($7,500) - Based at Juddmonte, this son of Cozzene has eight Grade l winners to his credit (nine, if you include another in Peru) from 60 black-type winners, for a rate of 6% black-type winners from foals. One, Flotilla, is a Gl Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf winner and a French classic winner, taking the G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches at three. Another, Full Mast, is a Group 1 winner at two in France, while Sea Defence (also known as Giant Treasure) won a Group 1 at five in Hong Kong. His best-known runner, the mare Mizdirection, twice won the Gl Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint, and in California he's had the winners of such races as the Gl Hollywood Derby at 10 furlongs on turf; the Gl Charles Whittingham Memorial at 10 furlongs on turf; and the Gl Hollywood Gold Cup at 10 furlongs on all-weather,

among other prestigious races. Yes, he's a turf sire with his best runners, but note that his daughter Sailor's Valentine won the GI Ashland S. at Keeneland on dirt. He's #74 on the General Sires List.

Silent Name (Jpn) (C$7,500) - This son of Sunday Silence stands in Canada at Adena Springs and is represented by 27 black-type winners, or 7% from foals, and he's #83 on the General Sires List. He doesn't have a Grade I winner yet in the Northern Hemisphere (he has one in Brazil), but his graded winners include several who have placed at the highest level, including Grade II winners Silentio and Fanticola, plus listed winner Mr. Online. His current runners are headed by Grade II winner Silent Poet, a 5-year-old.

Freud ($6,500) - A Storm Cat brother to Giant's Causeway, he's a New York-based sire at Sequel with enough proven form nationally to take him out of the regional ranks, though he's a must-use sire for the lucrative restricted program in New York. The sire of 55 black-type winners and four Grade I winners (plus an additional three in Argentina) through 16 crops, he gets 6% black-type winners from foals. His best include GI Cigar Mile H. winner Sharp Azteca, now at stud at Three Chimneys. Freud isn't ranked on the General Sires List this year, but he was last year.

Include ($5,000) - This son of Broad Brush at Airdrie is responsible for 45 black-type winners through 15 crops, including five Grade I winners (plus another five bred in Argentina), and he's ranked #98 on the General Sires List. He gets 6% black-type winners to foals and has a notable bias for fillies: all five of his top-level winners are fillies, headed by millionaire Panty Raid. If you included his five Group 1 winners from Argentina, nine of the 10 are fillies. His top current runner, 3-year-old Grade II winner Sconsin, also is a filly, but he does have champion Canadian juvenile colt Riker and Grade III winner and Grade I-placed All Included among a smaller group of accomplished males.

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Charlatan, Nashville On Track for Malibu cont. from p1

Charlatan | *Coady*

The chestnut romped in his two prior trips to the post earlier this term at Santa Anita by a combined 16 lengths with Beyer Speed Figures of 105 and 106, respectively.

Bred in Kentucky by Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings, the $700,000 Keeneland September yearling is campaigned in partnership by the powerhouse line-up of SF Racing, Starlight Racing, Madaket Stables, Frederick Hertrich, III, John D. Fielding and Golconda Stables. Stonestreet also stayed in for a piece. It was announced in May that Hill 'n' Dale had purchased the breeding rights to the son of MGSW & MGISP Authenticity (Quiet American).

"Originally, Baffert was considering either the [GI] Cigar Mile or the Malibu, but he just wasn't ready in time for this weekend," Jack Wolf of Starlight Racing said. "He's breezing well and aiming for the Malibu. There were some extenuating circumstances with the lidocaine positive--not to make an excuse--but I just want him to get back racing, stay sound and do what we thought he could do. And this will be a great test for him."

Charlatan has posted six workouts since late October, most recently firing a six-furlong bullet in 1:13 (1/7) in Arcadia Dec. 2 (XBTV Video). After some filling appeared to his front ankle following a June 1 workout, an MRI revealed chips which required minor surgery.

"According to Baffert, it wasn't anything serious," Wolf said. "I don't think it was a function of the injury, but it did take him a while to get back and being ready for a race. You know how horses are though, and Baffert knows him better than anybody else. I think he's got him pointed for the right spot."

The Malibu field could also include: GIII Nashua S. and Jerome S. hero **Independence Hall** (Constitution), a smart winner in his Del Mar comebacker Nov. 8; and GI Bing Crosby S. winner **Collusion Illusion** (Twirling Candy).

"Boy, I tell you," Wolf added. "That Nashville--[Starlight advisor] Frankie Brothers and I were walking out of Keeneland Breeders' Cup week and [Steve Asmussen assistant] Scott Blasi was schooling the horse in the paddock and we both stopped and asked who it was. That's how good looking he is. We'll have our hands full with him. But from a racing standpoint, it's going to be a great contest."

After bypassing the GI Breeders' Cup Sprint at Keeneland, the undefeated Nashville instead put on a show on the undercard, setting a new track record for six furlongs in 1:07.89 while being geared down late en route to a jaw-dropping 3 1/2-length, front-running score in the Perryville S. Whitmore (Pleasantly Perfect), meanwhile, completed the same distance in 1:08.61 seven races later while upsetting the Breeders' Cup Sprint.

The CHC Inc. and WinStar Farm colorbearer, a $460,000 Keeneland September acquisition, debuted with a double-digit length victory in the Saratoga slop Sept. 2, then posted a career-high 103 Beyer Speed Figure in an equally impressive Keeneland allowance score Oct. 10. Both wins were against older horses.

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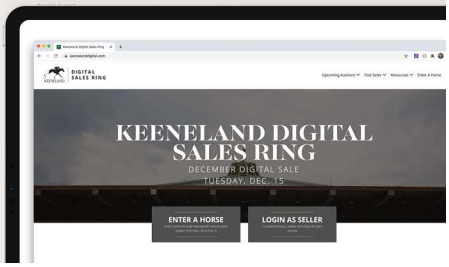

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"Look, I don't think it's going to be any easier of a race than the Breeders' Cup was," WinStar's Elliott Walden said. "I think the quality in the Malibu is going to be similar to what he would've faced in the Breeders' Cup Sprint, but he will have the benefit of another start now. The way the whole thing shook out with him running faster than the Breeders' Cup Sprint, maybe I should've run him in the Breeders' Cup Sprint."

Trained by Hall of Famer Steve Asmussen, Nashville has turned in two workouts since, led by a five-furlong warning shot in 1:00 (1/43) at Fair Grounds Dec. 1.

Nashville | *Coady*

"The race is setting up as a fabulous race," Walden said. "I think it's going to be a really good one. We're really excited about the race. Nashville is doing super and we want to test him against some quality."

Produced by the unraced Mizzen Mast mare Veronique, Nashville hails from the extended female family of GI Kentucky Derby winner Giacomo (Holy Bull) and MGISW Tiago (Pleasant Tap). He was bred in Kentucky by Breffni Farm.

"We've been blessed with a lot of good horses through the 20- year history of WinStar Farm," Walden concluded. "I'm not sure if he's not the second-best horse we've ever had behind [Triple Crown winner] Justify. Time will tell. He does things that are incredible. Just watching him run gives you chills and very few horses come along like that."

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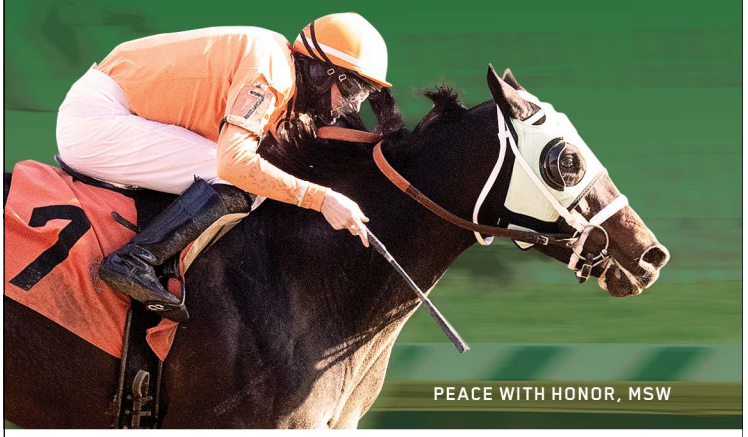

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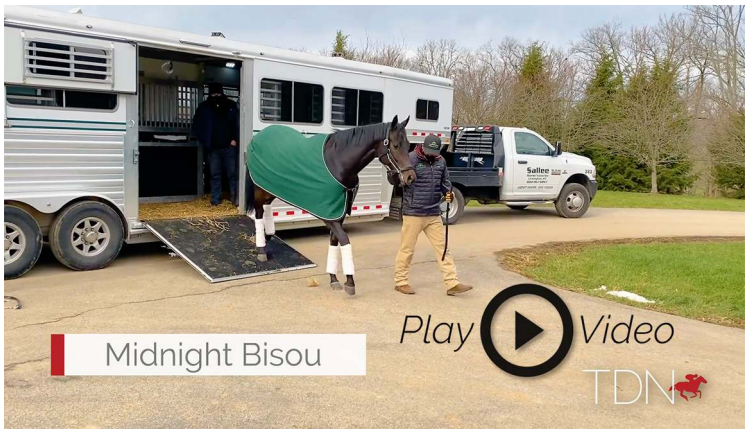

Click to watch Midnight Bisou's arrival to Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa

Champion **Midnight Bisou** (Midnight Lute) arrived at Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa Thursday afternoon after completing her final phase of rehabilitation at WinStar Farm. The five-time Grade I winner will visit Hill 'n' Dale flagbearer Curlin.

Midnight Bisou was preparing for her Breeders' Cup bid this fall when she incurred a sesamoid fracture during a work at the end of September that forced connections to retire the mare prematurely.

The champion shone as one of brightest stars at the Fasig-Tipton November Sale Nov. 8. Co-owner Chuck Allen of Allen Racing couldn't bear to part with the near $7.5-million earner and bought out fellow partners Bloom Racing Stable and Madaket Stables for a winning bid of $5 million.

After going through the ring, Midnight Bisou returned to WinStar Farm to complete the rehabilitation process.

"Midnight Bisou was at WinStar and has been cleared to begin a broodmare career and has arrived here safely today," said Hill 'n' Dale General Manager Jared Burdine. "She's an earner of over $7.4 million, an Eclipse Champion. She's going to visit Curlin, who earned over $10.5 million and was a champion as well. So it's a Classic sire and it should be a Classic-distance baby. She's in great hands here. We're excited to have her here and can't wait to begin her career, especially with champion Curlin."

An $80,000 2017 OBS April Sale purchase for Jeff Bloom, Midnight Bisou won five graded stakes at three including the GI Santa Anita Oaks and GI Cotillion S.

She reached higher stardom at four, taking the GI Apple Blossom H., GI Ogden Phipps S. and GI Personal Ensign, earning the Eclipse crown for her division. This year, the Steve Asmussen pupil ran second behind Maximum Security (New Year's Day) in the Saudi Cup, romped in the GII Fleur de Lis S. after her return

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to the States, and then came in second in the GI Personal Ensign S.

"Special horses like her make us get up and try harder each and every day," Burdine said. "They give you enthusiasm to get to the barn and they're what drives our business. She's a very intelligent, classy mare. She looks beautiful."

Midnight Bisou is among the first new arrivals to Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa, the farm outside of Paris, Ky. that John Sikura purchased over a year ago. The Hill 'n' Dale stallion roster made the journey to their new stud barn this October.

"There's no better place for her to begin her broodmare career, I believe, than with this setting here," Burdine said. "We're honored that Mr. Bloom and Mr. Allen entrusted us with taking her through this part of her career."

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NO RACING AT GOLDEN GATE UNTIL DEC. 26

By Dan Ross

For the "safety and well-being" of those living or working on site at Golden Gate Fields, the facility will continue its temporary suspension of live racing until the scheduled start of the impending winter meet on Dec. 26, according to a Golden Gate Fields press release Thursday.

Towards the end of last month, racing was suspended at Golden Gate after more than 200 people living or working on-site had tested positive for the virus. The current fall meet was scheduled to end on Dec. 13.

In a separate press release Thursday, the Thoroughbred Owners of California (TOC) stated that there has been a "significant improvement in test results" at the facility. David Duggan, Golden Gate general manager and vice president,told the *TDN* that he was unable to provide a number as to how many positive cases there currently are at the facility.

According to Thursday's Golden Gate press release, "The track will continue testing until all tests are returned negative and will continue to collaborate and share all testing data with the Berkeley Public Health Division (BPHD).

"All positive cases are overseen by the BPHD or the neighboring public health departments, as appropriate, through their respective case managers. Positive cases are required to isolate as per local health protocols and are not able to return to Golden Gate Fields until health clearance has been provided by the BPHD or the corresponding public health department."

When asked what the threshold is for the resumption of live racing, Duggan said that "we would like to see very clear evidence via testing that we are in a situation where we're almost exclusively negative."

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"it's not easy to find stallions like **Lookin At Lucky**. Most "proven" sires are, deservedly, also expensive ones"

Chris McGrath, TDN, Sat 21st Nov

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COUNTRY HOUSE	1st Kentucky Derby-**Gr.1** 3rd Arkansas Derby-**Gr.1**
WOW CAT	1st Beldame S.-**Gr.1** 2nd Breeders' Cup Distaff-**Gr.1** 3rd Personal Ensign S.-**Gr.1**
DIAMOND OOPS	1st Twin Spires Turf Sprint S.-**Gr.2** 2020 1st Phoenix S.-**Gr.2** 2020 1st Smile Sprint S.-**Gr.3** 1st Mr Prospector S.-**Gr.3** 2nd Keeneland Turf Mile S.-**Gr.1** 2nd Alfred G Vanderbilt H.-**Gr.1**
FANCY LIQUOR	1st American Turf S.-**Gr.2** 2020
WELLS BAYOU	1st Louisiana Derby-**Gr.2** 2020
MADEFROMLUCKY	1st West Virginia Derby-**Gr.2** 1st Peter Pan S.-**Gr.2** 1st Greenwood Cup-**Gr.3**
MONEY MULTIPLIER	1st Monmouth S.-**Gr.2 (x2)** 2nd Sword Dancer S.-**Gr.1 (x2)** 2nd Man o' War S.-**Gr.1** 2nd United Nations S.-**Gr.1 (x2)**
DR. DORR	1st Californian S.-**Gr.2** 2nd Santa Anita Gold Cup-**Gr.1**
LOOKIN AT LEE	1st Ellis Park Juvenile S. 1st Downs At Albuquerque H. 2nd Kentucky Derby-**Gr.1**

WELLS BAYOU easily defeats **Gr.1** Haskell runner-up **Ny Traffic** and **Gr.2** winner **Modernist** in the **Louisiana Derby-Gr.2**

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Representatives from the local public health department visited the facility earlier this week, Duggan confirmed. “They’re learning quite a bit about the mechanics of the whole place,” he said. “We’re working very closely with them and talking to them every single day.”

The TOC press release is as follows:

“Golden Gate Fields has been conducting COVID-19 testing of all backstretch workers as required by the health department. Testing to date has shown a significant improvement in test results. There will be continued testing of employees, and resumption of racing will be dependent upon success in the continued reduction or elimination of positive tests. Track management is continuing to work with local health authorities to insure a safe backstretch environment and a safe return to live racing.

“Morning training continues as usual. With regard to backstretch workers, the vast majority of those testing positive have returned to work, and most barns are working with full staffs. Owners with concerns about barn personnel are encouraged to reach out to their trainers for information about their particular situation. In your conversations with your trainers please stress the importance of every barn being 100% COVID compliant at all times,” the statement read.

“Until further notice, owners are not allowed to attend the morning workouts or afternoon racing. We will keep you updated as pertinent information becomes available.”

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ASMUSSEN HONORED WITH KY THOROUGHBRED OWNERS' WARNER JONES HORSEMAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

Steve Asmussen | *Sarah Andrew*

Steve Asmussen--who this year became Churchill Downs' all-time win leader and only the second trainer to achieve 9,000 career victories--is the 2020 recipient of the Louisville-based Kentucky Thoroughbred Owners' Warner L. Jones Jr. Horseman of the Year Award.

The award recognizes individuals for outstanding contributions to Kentucky racing and sharing the passion exemplified by Jones, who spent 50 years on the Churchill Downs board, including eight as chairman during the iconic track's resurgence. Warner Jones--the first and so far only breeder of a Kentucky Derby, Kentucky Oaks and Breeders' Cup winner--was the inaugural award winner in 1988, six years before his death.

"Everything my whole family has is because of horse racing," Asmussen said. "I won the Warner L. Jones Horseman of the Year Award--that has a beautiful ring to it. For anybody to be involved in horse racing, I think the greatest compliment you can be given is to be considered a horseman. It is what we strive for. It is something I, as well as my whole family, would be proud to be acknowledged as. The list of past recipients is beyond impressive and a group that I'm very proud to be a part of. That is cool."

Through Dec. 2, Asmussen has won 9,104 races, trailing only the late Dale Baird's 9,445. Those victories include training Horses of the Year Curlin (2007-2008), Rachel Alexandra (2009) and Gun Runner (2017).

Asmussen's more than $342.7 million in career purse earnings are second all-time to Todd Pletcher's $397 million, according to Equibase statistics. He was inducted into the National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame in 2016.

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PEGASUS WORLD CUP SERIES RETURNS

The Pegasus World Cup Championship Invitational Series is returning to Gulfstream Park on Saturday, January 23, 2021. Launched in 2017 as part of 1/ST's mission to modernize the sport of Thoroughbred horse racing, the Pegasus World Cup has evolved into a Championship Invitational Series featuring two Grade I stakes races with a combined $4 million in purses.

The GI Pegasus World Cup Invitational, run on the dirt at 1 1/8 miles, offers a $3-million total purse. The GI Pegasus World Cup Turf Invitational, run on the turf at 1 3/16 miles, offers a $1-million purse. 1/ST entirely provides the $4-million total purse contribution.

This year's event will provide opportunities in North American Thoroughbred racing for horse owners by showcasing their equine athletes competing free of medications on race day while providing the winner of the Pegasus World Cup Invitational with an automatic entry into the 2021 $20-million Saudi Cup.

The medication-free format, for both the Pegasus World Cup Invitational and Pegasus World Cup Turf Invitational, is consistent with the International Federation of Horse Racing Authorities (IFHA) standards and reflects the commitment that 1/ST, along with other major racing organizations and associations, made in April 2019 to eliminate Lasix in all graded stakes races in 2021.

The 2021 Pegasus World Cup will implement strict social distancing protocols and new health and safety guidelines for riders and spectators. On-premise, attendance for this year's event has been reduced to 20% to allow all guests to socially distance accordingly.

NBC Sports returns as the official broadcast partner of the 2021 Pegasus World Cup and will broadcast the race day excitement live from 4:30 pm-6:00 pm ET.

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NYRA'S SUPPORT OF TOYS FOR TOTS TO GO VIRTUAL

The New York Racing Association, Inc. has announced that it will continue its longtime support of the annual Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Foundation, which is being conducted virtually this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

NYRA encourages fans to donate at https://www.toysfortots.org/donate/ during the upcoming virtual weekend of giving on Friday, Dec. 4; Cigar Mile Day on Saturday, Dec. 5; and on Sunday, Dec. 6. Members of the Marine Corps Reserve will use the funds to collect and distribute new and unwrapped toys for children and families during the holidays.

In contrast to previous years when NYRA and the Marine Corps Reserve set up donation boxes around Aqueduct Racetrack to collect toys, cash contributions, and checks for Toys for Tots, fans are asked to make donations online.

"Unusual times call for creative solutions and by giving virtually, fans can continue the tradition of working with the Marine Corps Reserve to make sure children throughout New York City and across Long Island receive toys for the holidays," said Vanessa Rodriguez Payne, NYRA Community Relations Manager. "New York racing fans and our employees have generously supported Toys for Tots for years, and we're pleased to encourage that giving spirit again in 2020."

As part of its support of the Toys for Tots Foundation, NYRA is making a financial contribution to the organization. Toys for Tots is also supported by generous contributions from the New York Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association (NYTHA) and Thoroughbred owner Harold Lerner.

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INDIANA GRAND PROVIDES DONATION TO COURT AND CHILD ADVOCACY GROUP

Being involved in a court case can be very intimidating for a child. The presence of the Court and Child Advocacy Group is essential in creating an environment that eases the stress for children going through difficult times. Their efforts were recently recognized by Indiana Grand Racing & Casino with a $5,000 donation to their organization.

"They are a volunteer-based program and they speak for children in court who have been victims of abuse and neglect," said Lindsay Fish, director of sales and business development. "We are thankful for their commitment to these kids and glad we can assist with their mission."

The Court and Child Advocacy Group is part of the Rush and Shelby County Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA), a not for profit organization. Their mission is to ensure all children thrive in a safe and secure home. Kelly Smith-Ford serves as the executive director of the local chapter and was recently presented with a check from Indiana Grand, represented by Mike Rich, senior vice president and general manager, Fish, and Elena Lisle, vice president of marketing.

"We plan to put $1,000 back for mattresses for the kids we work with," said Smith-Ford. "The other $4,000 will be used to buy the book 'Do You Have a Secret' as well as 'Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention.' Thank you so much to Indiana Grand for believing in our mission."

To become a volunteer or to donate to The Court and Child Advocacy Group located in Rush and Shelby County, go to the CASA website at www.childadvocates.net or contact the local office at (317) 392-1212.

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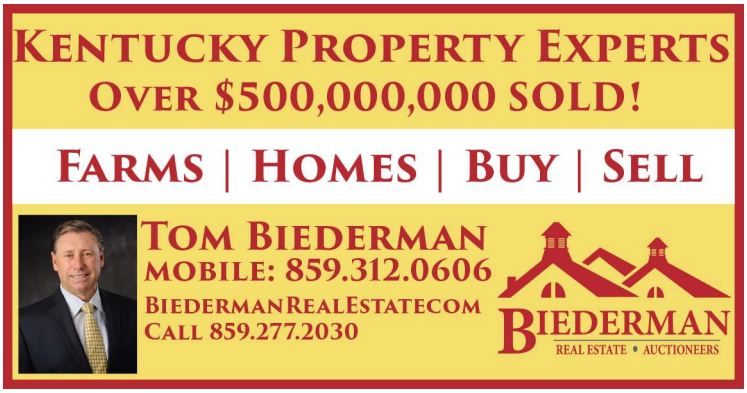

Saturday, Los Alamitos, post time: 5:30 p.m. EST

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

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

BAYAKOA S.-GIII, $100,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Miss Stormy D	Tapizar	Keith Brackpool	Gaines	Rispoli	119
2	Blue Diva	Bluegrass Cat	Frankly Speaking, LLC	Tamayo	Gonzalez	119
3	Donut Girl	Smiling Tiger	Cunningham Stables	Cunningham	Maldonado	119
4	Stellar Sound	Tapit Don Alberto Stable	McCarthy	Espinoza	116	
5	Message	Warrior's Reward	Baoma Corporation	Baffert	Prat	119
6	Proud Emma	Include	Gem, Inc. and Kagele, Tom	Miller	Smith	119

Breeders: 1-Lantern Hill Farm LLC, Phil Needham &Judy Needham, 2-BKB Stables LLC, 3-Premier Thoroughbreds LLC, Alan Klein &Rusty Brown, 4-Don Alberto Corporation, 5-C. Kidder & N. Cole, 6-Brereton C. Jones

Leading Second-Crop Sires YTD by BTWs

for stallions standing in North America through Wednesday, Dec. 2

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

Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	**American Pharoah**	10	15	6	12	2	3	149	55	699,929	4,109,982
	(2012) by Pioneerof the Nile FYR: 2017		*Stands: Ashford Stud KY Fee: Private*							*Harvey's Lil Goil*	
2	**Constitution**	8	19	2	8	1	2	124	53	2,388,300	6,212,595
	(2011) by Tapit FYR: 2017		*Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: $40,000*							*Tiz the Law*	
3	**Tapiture**	6	14	1	4	--	1	154	81	417,040	4,001,366
	(2011) by Tapit FYR: 2017		*Stands: Darby Dan Farm KY Fee: $7,500*							*Jesus' Team*	
4	**Liam's Map**	6	10	3	5	1	3	117	49	502,800	3,660,089
	(2011) by Unbridled's Song FYR: 2017		*Stands: Lane's End Farm KY Fee: $35,000*							*Rushie*	
5	**Khozan**	5	11	--	2	--	--	85	51	434,300	3,184,390
	(2012) by Distorted Humor FYR: 2017		*Stands: Journeyman Stud FL Fee: $10,000*							*Princess Secret*	
6	**Commissioner**	5	10	1	3	--	--	79	31	171,405	1,793,414
	(2011) by A.P. Indy FYR: 2017		*Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: $7,500*							*Island Commish*	
7	**Karakontie (Jpn)**	5	7	2	4	--	--	67	30	256,800	1,767,700
	(2011) by Bernstein FYR: 2017		*Stands: Gainesway Farm KY Fee: $10,000*							*Sole Volante*	
8	**Summer Front**	4	8	2	3	--	1	98	43	358,850	2,500,465
	(2009) by War Front FYR: 2017		*Stands: Airdrie Stud KY Fee: $10,000*							*Ete Indien*	
9	**Daredevil**	3	3	2	3	2	3	77	33	1,761,820	4,103,988
	(2012) by More Than Ready FYR: 2017		*Stands: Lane's End Farm KY Fee: Private*							*Swiss Skydiver*	
10	**Carpe Diem**	3	6	--	1	--	--	121	47	189,013	2,318,702
	(2012) by Giant's Causeway FYR: 2017		*Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: $15,000*							*Monforte*	
11	**Palace Malice**	3	5	2	3	--	--	117	47	260,000	2,241,681
	(2010) by Curlin FYR: 2017		*Stands: Three Chimneys Farm KY Fee: $25,000*							*Mr. Monomoy*	
12	**Wicked Strong**	3	7	--	--	--	--	137	59	184,534	2,184,001
	(2011) by Hard Spun FYR: 2017		*Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY Fee: $6,000*							*Evil Lyn*	
13	**The Big Beast**	3	6	--	1	--	1	55	38	173,318	1,318,983
	(2011) by Yes It's True FYR: 2017		*Stands: Ocala Stud FL Fee: $6,000*							*Up in Smoke*	
14	**Bakken**	3	3	--	--	--	--	26	15	40,081	288,309
	(2010) by Distorted Humor FYR: 2017		*Stands: Stoneridge Farm BC Fee: 1,500*							*Dad's Legacy*	
15	**Honor Code**	2	6	2	3	1	2	105	35	490,000	2,744,730
	(2011) by A.P. Indy FYR: 2017		*Stands: Lane's End Farm KY Fee: $30,000*							*Honor A. P.*	

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IN ORDER OF PURSE:

7th-Fair Grounds, $47,000, (S), Msw, 12-3, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11.08, ft, 5 1/2 lengths.

LOUISIANALIGHTNING (g, 3, Competitive Edge--Princess Composer {MSW, $261,927}, by Composer) showed a sharp worktab for this unveiling, highlighted by a half-mile bullet from the gate in :47 3/5 (1/44) here Nov. 11, and was bet hard throughout to go off as a fractional 13-10 chalk. Away a step slowly from his rail draw, the gelding recovered well and took command soon after, dictating terms through a swift :22.08 quarter. Widening on the turn, he hit the top of the lane well in charge and didn't face an anxious moment from there, cruising home 5 1/2 lengths to the good. Faith's Raceday (Race Day) was second at 42-1, while narrow second choice Candy Shopper (Twirling Candy) never factored. The victor's second dam is five-time GSW Spruce Fir (Big Spruce). Princess Composer produced a full-sister to the winner named Cangua this term before being bred to Clearly Now. Sales History: $125,000 2yo '19 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $28,200. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Marc Winston, George T. Schifano & 4 G Racing, LLC; B-Jose M Camejo (LA); T-Michael Stidham.

8th-Fair Grounds, $46,000, Msw, 12-3, 2yo, f, 5 1/2fT, 1:04.05, fm, 1 1/2 lengths.

DOC GIRL (f, 2, Elusive Quality--Peggy May, by Lemon Drop Kid) tipped her hand with a bullet four furlongs over the local main track in :48 flat (1/26) and was backed down to 19-10 favoritism to give Mike Stidham and Florent Geroux back-to-back debut winners on the card. Sharp from the stalls, the $320,000 Keeneland September buy was swiftest early and showed the way in the clear past a :22.37 quarter. Shaking clear through a :45.80 half, the bay was always doing enough down the lane to hold second choice Naughty Rendezvous (Into Mischief) at bay, hitting the wire 1 1/2 lengths ahead of that rival. The victress is a half to Doc Boy (Into Mischief), MSW, $154,505. Her second dam is 2000's champion grass mare Perfect Sting (Red Ransom). Peggy May is responsible for a yearling Macho Uno filly and was bred to both Arrogate and City of Light this spring. Sales History: $320,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $27,600. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Stallionaire Enterprises LLC; B-Sierra Farm (KY); T-Michael Stidham.

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5th-Delta Downs, $30,000, Msw, 12-3, 2yo, f, 5f, 1:00.37, sy, 4 1/2 lengths.

INFINITE PURGATORY (f, 2, Goldencents--Purgatory Cat, by Tale of the Cat) drilled a bullet three furlongs in :36 3/5 (1/11) locally Nov. 24 and was given a 15-2 debut chance. Breaking alertly, the chestnut traveled in a close-up second through a :22.72 quarter, took over going by the three-sixteenths pole and splashed clear to a 4 1/2-length score. She a Hot Mess (Union Rags) completed the exacta. The winner's second dam is a half to MGISW Hidden Light (Majestic Light), the dam of 2005 GI Breeders' Cup Mile hero and sire Artie Schiller (El Prado {Ire}). Her dam produced a Cloud Computing filly named She's in the Cloud this term before visiting Moro Tap. Sales History: $12,500 Ylg '19 OBSWIN. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $18,000. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Joseph A. Matranga; B-Wesley Michael Melcher (TX); T-Doris Hebert.

FIRST-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4

2020 Stud Fees Listed

California Chrome (Lucky Pulpit), Arrow Stud, private
104 foals of racing age/11 winners/0 black-type winners
1-Remington, Msw 1m, CHROME RUN, 4-1
$32,000 RNA SAR AUG yrl; $8,000 OBS MAR 2yo

Exaggerator (Curlin), WinStar Farm, $20,000
124 foals of racing age/13 winners/0 black-type winners
1-Remington, Msw 1m, HUNKY DUNN, 12-1
$45,000 KEE NOV wnl; $110,000 KEE SEP yrl
7-Turfway, Msw 1m, INVISIBLE WAR, 8-1
$100,000 OBS OCT yrl; $330,000 RNA OBS MAR 2yo

Frosted (Tapit), Darley, $40,000
125 foals of racing age/13 winners/1 black-type winner
5-Aqueduct, Msw 6f, DIAMOND IN THE SUN, 8-1
$155,000 SAR AUG yrl; $150,000 EAS MAY 2yo

Ironicus (Distorted Humor), Claiborne Farm, $5,000
33 foals of racing age/2 winners/1 black-type winner
5-Aqueduct, Msw 6f, AVID SUCINORI, 12-1
$25,000 SAR AUG yrl

Jess's Dream (Curlin), Ocala Stud, $5,000
66 foals of racing age/6 winners/0 black-type winners
8-Tampa Bay Downs, Msw 1m, FORBIDDEN DREAM, 20-1
$8,000 OBS OCT yrl; $23,000 OBS APR 2yo

Laoban (Uncle Mo), Sequel New York, $5,000
79 foals of racing age/10 winners/3 black-type winners
5-Aqueduct, Msw 6f, BUSTINMYGROOVE, 3-1
$12,000 EAS MAY 2yo

Mshawish (Medaglia d'Oro), Taylor Made Farm, $10,000
88 foals of racing age/10 winners/0 black-type winners
6-Aqueduct, Aoc 6f, SPECTATORLESS, 20-1
$17,000 EAS MAY 2yo

Nyquist (Uncle Mo), Darley, $40,000
94 foals of racing age/15 winners/2 black-type winners
8-Tampa Bay Downs, Msw 1m, SCENIC OVERLOOK, 6-1

Outwork (Uncle Mo), WinStar Farm, $15,000
118 foals of racing age/15 winners/2 black-type winners
5-Aqueduct, Msw 6f, COFFEE BAR, 4-1
$14,000 RNA FTK OCT yrl
5-Aqueduct, Msw 6f, SIESTA KEW, 9-2

Protonico (Giant's Causeway), Castleton Lyons, $5,000
18 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
2-Turfway, Aoc 1m, EL SOBREVIVIENTE, 30-1
$7,500 RNA KEE SEP yrl

Sahara Sky (Pleasant Tap), Indy Dancers Training Center, $2,000
5 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
7-Turfway, Msw 1m, SKY JUDGE, 30-1

Speightster (Speightstown), WinStar Farm, $10,000
122 foals of racing age/10 winners/2 black-type winners
2-Aqueduct, Msw 6f, DESPEIGHT ALL ODDS, 6-1
$22,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; $15,000 OBS OPN 2yo
5-Aqueduct, Msw 6f, HANDLE THE TRUTH, 20-1
$27,000 KEE NOV wnl; $15,000 OBS OCT yrl

Tourist (Tiznow), WinStar Farm, $7,500
97 foals of racing age/11 winners/0 black-type winners
1-Fair Grounds, Aoc 7 1/2fT, INDY TOURIST, 3-1
$16,000 FTK FEB wnl; $47,000 RNA FTK JUL yrl; $50,000 OBS MAR 2yo

SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4
2020 Stud Fees Listed
Gospel Tiz Key (Tiznow), OK
5 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
3-Remington, Msw 5 1/2f, GOSPEL CARLOTTA, 15-1

Mr Speaker (Pulpit), Lane's End Farm, $10,000
79 foals of racing age/33 winners/2 black-type winners
7-Fair Grounds, Msw 6f, SPEAK TO ME, 3-1

Outstrip (GB) (Exceed And Excel {Aus}), Dalham Hall Stud, $5,000
200 foals of racing age/38 winners/3 black-type winners
5-Turfway, $65K Holiday Inaugural S., 6f, OUTBURST (GB), 8-1
€25,000 ARA V2 yrl

Race Day (Tapit), Spendthrift Farm, $7,500
149 foals of racing age/49 winners/4 black-type winners
3-Remington, Msw 5 1/2f, SOLDADORES DOS, 5-1
$17,000 RNA KEE NOV wnl; $30,000 OKC YRL yrl

Tonalist (Tapit), Lane's End Farm, $15,000
179 foals of racing age/53 winners/2 black-type winners
8-Tampa Bay Downs, Msw 1m, PAY GRADE, 4-1

We Miss Artie (Artie Schiller), Ramsey Farm, $5,000
40 foals of racing age/7 winners/1 black-type winner
5-Turfway, $65K Holiday Inaugural S., 6f, ARTIE'S PRINCESS, 7-5

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IN THE UAE:

Miller's House, c, 3, **Munnings**--Marcellina d'Oro, by Medaglia d'Oro. Meydan, Mdn. (AED82.5k), 1600m, 1:37.55. O-Mohd Khalifa Al Basti. B-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC (KY). T-Satish Seemar. **VIDEO.** *$72,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP. **1/2 to Hollywood Glory (Maclean's Music), SP-US.

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Kanood, g, 4, **Distorted Humor**--Forbidden Gift, by A.P. Indy. Meydan, Mdn. (AED82.5k), 2000m, 2:06.88. O/T Fawzi Abdulla Nass. B-Mt Brilliant Broodmares LLC (KY). **VIDEO.** *$450,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP.

Important Mission, g, 6, **More Than Ready**. See "*Dubai*".

Gervais, g, 6, **Distorted Humor**--Ruth E, by A.P. Indy. Meydan, 12-3, Hcp. (AED82.5k), 1600m, 1:38.87. O-Jumaa Mubarak Al Junaibi. B-Darley (KY). T-Ali Rashid Al Rayhi. **VIDEO.** *£30,000 HRA '17 GODSEP. **1/2 to Ruthless Quality (Elusive Quality), SW-US, $190,620.

IN QATAR:

Suprematism, g, 5, **More Than Ready**--Exotic Behavior, by Giant's Causeway. Al Rayyan, 12-3, Hcp., 2000mT, 2:05. B-TNIP LLC (KY). *$25,000 Ylg '16 KEESEP; $50,000 2yo '17 OBSAPR; 25,000gns HIT '18 TATJUL. **VIDEO**

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In this continuing series, Alan Carasso takes a look ahead at US-bred and/or conceived runners entered for the upcoming weekend at the tracks on the Japan Racing Association circuit, with a focus on pedigree and/or performance in the sales ring. Here are the horses of interest for this weekend running at Nakayama and Chukyo Racecourses. The latter plays host to the G1 Champions Cup Sunday, which features an intriguing clash between reigning Japanese champion dirt horse Chrysoberyl (Jpn) (Gold Allure {Jpn}), the country's top dirt 3-year-old Cafe Pharoah (American Pharoah) and dual-surface Group 1 winner Mozu Ascot (Frankel {GB}), having his final career start:

Sunday, December 6, 2020

4th-CKO, ¥9,680,000 *($93k)*, Maiden, 2yo, 1200mT

JASPER GOLD (c, 2, Khozan--Gracious Lady, by Put It Back) went very close in his first two career starts--both over this trip and surface--missing by a half-length when favored at Fukushima Nov. 8 and by a neck over course and distance two weeks later. The Florida-bred is the first foal from his dam, an unplaced half-sister to SP Lucky Peridot (Itsmyluckyday), and cost $100K at this year's OBS March Sale after breezing an eighth of a mile in :10 flat. The deeper female family includes Eclipse Award winner Storm Song (Summer Squall). *B-Randy Lee Myers (FL)*

6th-NKY, ¥13,400,000 *($129k)*, Newcomers, 2yo, 1800m

SKY NILE (f, 2, Pioneerof the Nile--Joyful Victory, by Tapit) is the final US-bred produce for her Grade I-winning dam, whose foal of 2017, the colt Saqqara King (American Pharoah) was stakes-placed three times in France as a juvenile. Joyful Victory was acquired privately by this breeder after being withdrawn from Fasig-Tipton November in 2017, dropped this foal and was covered by Kitten's Joy before being exported. That produce, a colt, fetched ¥105 million *($982,202)* as a yearling at this year's JRHA Select Sale. Joyful Victory produced a colt by Daiwa Major (Jpn) this year. *B-Teruya Yoshida (KY)*

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ADDITIONAL RACING

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

**3rd-Aqueduct, $74,000,** (S), (NW2$X)/Opt. Clm ($40,000), 12-3, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:36.95, ft, 2 3/4 lengths.
LOVE AND LOVE (f, 4, Goldencents--Fly the Colors, by Giant's Causeway) Lifetime Record: 17-5-4-1, $243,727. O-Ruggeri Stable; B-Carl Bennett (NY); T-Michael Miceli. *$27,000 Wlg '16 KEENOV; $12,000 Ylg '17 FTKOCT.

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**8th-Aqueduct, $72,000,** (S), 12-3, (NW1$X), 3yo/up, 6fT, 1:11.23, gd, 1/2 length.
ON THE COUCH (c, 3, Freud--So Long Dearie, by D'Accord) Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-2, $78,176. O-Colts Neck Stables LLC; B-Akindale Farm LLC (NY); T-Jorge Duarte, Jr. *$45,000 RNA Ylg '18 SARAUG; $110,000 2yo '19 OBSAPR. **1/2 to My Dinah (Victory Gallop), MSW, $450,391; and Them There Eyes (Holy Bull), MSW, $289,300.

6th-Laurel, $61,965, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm ($35,000), 12-3, 3yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:23.48, ft, 1 1/2 lengths.
LITTLE MISS RAELYN (f, 4, Super Ninety Nine--Helen Louise, by Louis Quatorze) Lifetime Record: 9-5-0-0, $136,942. O-Gold Square LLC; B-Kenneth Lowe (MD); T-Cathal A. Lynch. *$40,000 Ylg '17 EASOCT; $135,000 2yo '18 OBSAPR. **1/2 to Hell of Afire (Friesan Fire), SP, $304,639.

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7th-Laurel, $56,447, (C)/Opt. Clm ($50,000), 12-3, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:09.26, ft, 1 1/2 lengths.
TACO SUPREAM (g, 5, El Padrino--Barouchka, by Not For Love) Lifetime Record: SW, 27-8-9-3, $386,487. O-Big Bertha Stable & Stormy Stable LLC; B-Ann Biggs Jackson (MD); T-Damon R. Dilodovico. *$1,600 Ylg '16 EASOCT. **1/2 to Artful Splatter (Bandbox), SW, $298,428; and Renaissance Rosie (Jump Start), MSP, $372,819.

2nd-Fair Grounds, $48,000, (S), 12-3, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12.56, ft, 2 3/4 lengths.
FANCY MALLORY (m, 5, Etbauer--Fancy Dealer, by Barberstown) Lifetime Record: 20-4-7-2, $89,310. O-Pendleton Larsen, Jr.; B-Margie Averett (LA); T-Courtney Dandridge Jr. *1/2 to Fancy Madelyn (My Friend Max), MSP, $271,251.

6th-Fair Grounds, $44,000, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm ($40,000), 12-3, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:44.08, fm, neck.
TEMPLE CITY TERROR (f, 4, Temple City--It Takes Two, by More Than Ready) Lifetime Record: 15-3-3-2, $191,632. O-Pocket Aces Racing LLC; B-Upson Downs Farm (KY); T-Brendan P. Walsh. *$22,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP.

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4th-Laurel, $42,966, 12-3, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:44.14, ft, 1 length.
ZABRACADABRA (g, 3, Harbor the Gold--Athina Lee, by English Channel) Lifetime Record: 7-2-2-0, $70,030. O-Frank Sample; B-Ken W. Miles & Sheridan Jones (WA); T-Gary Capuano. *$22,000 Ylg '18 WASSEP.

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8th-Remington, $31,650, 12-2, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10.49, ft, head.
CRAZY LEGS HIRSCH (g, 3, Mucho Macho Man--Western Peace, by Peace Rules) Lifetime Record: 9-3-2-1, $36,003. O-GFB Racing LLC; B-Flying H Stables, LLC (KY); T-Danny Pish. *$18,000 Ylg '18 KEEJAN.

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6th-Delta Downs, $31,000, 12-3, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:21.92, sy, head.
DYNAMO KID (g, 3, Daredevil--Hatteras, by Stormy Atlantic) Lifetime Record: 7-2-0-0, $32,100. O-Norman Stables, LLC; B-Fred W. Hertrich (KY); T-Scott Gelner. *$50,000 Ylg '18 KEEJAN; $52,000 Ylg '18 FTKOCT.

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5th-Penn National, $28,616, 12-2, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10.98, ft, 2 1/2 lengths.
READY AND RICH (g, 4, Super Saver--Ready Reply, by More Than Ready) Lifetime Record: 30-4-8-4, $169,088. O-Four Real Stable; B-Chance Farm (VA); T-Brandon L. Kulp. *$36,000 Ylg '17 FTKOCT.

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6th-Charles Town, $28,000, 12-2, (NW2LX), 3yo/up, f/m, 4 1/2f, :52.37, ft, neck.
SONDE OF MUSIC (m, 6, Fiber Sonde--Bear'slittlebeauty {MSP, $141,142}, by Copelan Too) Lifetime Record: 8-5-2-0, $85,624. O/T-Lee Couchenour; B-Lee Couchenhour & John Oller (WV).

7th-Charles Town, $28,000, (S), 12-2, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:20.80, ft, 3 1/4 lengths.
SO RED THE ROSE (f, 4, Munnings--Steal the Appeal, by Successful Appeal) Lifetime Record: 28-4-3-3, $66,423. O-Ultra Championship Racing LLC; B-Charles A. Woodson (WV); T-Anthony Farrior.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Tiz Magic, f, 2, **Dialed In**--Tiz a Brite Miss, by High Brite. Remington, 12-2, 5 1/2f, 1:04.51. B-Jeff, Teresa & Marilyn Little (KY). *$27,000 Wlg '18 KEENOV; $45,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP.

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Danger, f, 2, **Flatter**--Sweet Carrie, by Sidney's Candy. Turfway, 12-2, 1m (AWT), 1:40.21. B-China Horse Club International (KY). *$57,000 Wlg '18 KEENOV; $125,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP; $170,000 2yo '20 OBSOPN.

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Winners Luck, g, 2, **Itsmyluckyday**--Wild Karen, by Wild Tale. Remington, 12-2, (S), 6f, 1:12.64. B-Center Hills Farm (OK). *$21,000 Ylg '19 OKCYRL.

Ship It, f, 2, **Midshipman**--Knoxy, by Touch Gold. Turfway, 12-2, 1m (AWT), 1:39.49. B-Erv Woolsey, Chuck Kidder & Ralph Kinder (KY). *$52,000 Ylg '19 FTKFEB; $80,000 2yo '20 OBSAPR.

TOP LINE SALES, LLC Graduate

Poncho Song, f, 2, **Tapiture**--My Golden Girl, by Golden Missile. Aqueduct, 12-3, (S), (C), 1m, 1:40.69. B-Lynn Horton (NY). *$32,000 Wlg '18 FTNMIX; $45,000 Ylg '19 SARAUG; $72,000 RNA 2yo '20 OBSAPR.

PREFERRED EQUINE Saratoga Graduate
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Bronze Diva, f, 3, **Bandbox**--She's a Lady Cat, by Came Home. Charles Town, 12-2, (S), 4 1/2f, :52.88. B-Maurice F. Casey (WV). *$4,000 RNA Ylg '18 EASOCT.

Peace With Honor, f, 3, **Honor Code**--Flock of Doves, by Kingmambo. Laurel, 12-3, 1m, 1:38.96. B-Pursuit of Success LLC (KY). *$55,000 RNA 2yo '19 OBSAPR.

Lucky Latkes, f, 3, **Lookin At Lucky**--Miss Matzo, by Royal Academy. Aqueduct, 12-3, (S), (C), 6fT, 1:12.08. B-Masie Stable, LLC (NY). *$22,000 Wlg '17 FTNMIX; $30,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP. **1/2 to Miss Matzoball (Smoke Glacken), SW, $199,371.

Dreams of Tomorrow, c, 3, **Speightstown**--Sabbatical, by Medaglia d'Oro. Aqueduct, 12-3, 1 1/8mT, 1:51.71. B-Phipps Stable (KY).

Ahnaf, g, 3, **Street Sense**--Kaseema, by Storm Cat. Turfway, 12-2, 1 1/4m (AWT), 2:08.11. B-Shadwell Farm, LLC (KY). *1/2 to Zainhom (Street Cry {Ire}), MGSP-Eng & MSP-UAE, $189,119.

ALL TDN WINNERS BY SIRE

BANDBOX, Bronze Diva, f, 3, o/o She's a Lady Cat, by Came Home. MSW, 12-2, Charles Town
COMPETITIVE EDGE, Louisianalightning, g, 3, o/o Princess Composer, by Composer. MSW, 12-3, Fair Grounds
DAREDEVIL, Dynamo Kid, g, 3, o/o Hatteras, by Stormy Atlantic. ALW, 12-3, Delta Downs
DIALED IN, Tiz Magic, f, 2, o/o Tiz a Brite Miss, by High Brite. MSW, 12-2, Remington
EL PADRINO, Taco Supream, g, 5, o/o Barouchka, by Not For Love. AOC, 12-3, Laurel
ELUSIVE QUALITY, Doc Girl, f, 2, o/o Peggy May, by Lemon Drop Kid. MSW, 12-3, Fair Grounds
ETBAUER, Fancy Mallory, m, 5, o/o Fancy Dealer, by Barberstown. ALW, 12-3, Fair Grounds
FIBER SONDE, Sonde of Music, m, 6, o/o Bear'slittlebeauty, by Copelan Too. ALW, 12-2, Charles Town
FLATTER, Danger, f, 2, o/o Sweet Carrie, by Sidney's Candy. MSW, 12-2, Turfway
FREUD, On the Couch, c, 3, o/o So Long Dearie, by D'Accord. ALW, 12-3, Aqueduct
GOLDENCENTS, Infinite Purgatory, f, 2, o/o Purgatory Cat, by Tale of the Cat. MSW, 12-3, Delta Downs
GOLDENCENTS, Love and Love, f, 4, o/o Fly the Colors, by Giant's Causeway. AOC, 12-3, Aqueduct
HARBOR THE GOLD, Zabracadabra, g, 3, o/o Athina Lee, by English Channel. ALW, 12-3, Laurel
HONOR CODE, Peace With Honor, f, 3, o/o Flock of Doves, by Kingmambo. MSW, 12-3, Laurel

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BRODY'S CAUSE

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ITSMYLUCKYDAY, Winners Luck, g, 2, o/o Wild Karen, by Wild Tale. MSW, 12-2, Remington
LOOKIN AT LUCKY, Lucky Latkes, f, 3, o/o Miss Matzo, by Royal Academy. MCL, 12-3, Aqueduct
MIDSHIPMAN, Ship It, f, 2, o/o Knoxy, by Touch Gold. MSW, 12-2, Turfway
MUCHO MACHO MAN, Crazy Legs Hirsch, g, 3, o/o Western Peace, by Peace Rules. ALW, 12-2, Remington
MUNNINGS, So Red the Rose, f, 4, o/o Steal the Appeal, by Successful Appeal. ALW, 12-2, Charles Town
SPEIGHTSTOWN, Dreams of Tomorrow, c, 3, o/o Sabbatical, by Medaglia d'Oro. MSW, 12-3, Aqueduct
STREET SENSE, Ahnaf, g, 3, o/o Kaseema, by Storm Cat. MSW, 12-2, Turfway
SUPER NINETY NINE, Little Miss Raelyn, f, 4, o/o Helen Louise, by Louis Quatorze. AOC, 12-3, Laurel
SUPER SAVER, Ready and Rich, g, 4, o/o Ready Reply, by More Than Ready. ALW, 12-2, Penn National
TAPITURE, Poncho Song, f, 2, o/o My Golden Girl, by Golden Missile. MCL, 12-3, Aqueduct
TEMPLE CITY, Temple City Terror, f, 4, o/o It Takes Two, by More Than Ready. AOC, 12-3, Fair Grounds

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"SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE" AT ARQANA

A filly is shown at Arqana December in 2019 | *Zuzanna Lupa*

By Kelsey Riley

The breeding stock sales caravan rolls on to France this weekend for the Arqana December Breeding Stock Sale, and while the pandemic will inevitably lead to fewer making the pilgrimage to Deauville, a typically strong and diverse catalogue–buoyed by another good year on the world's racecourses for the sale's graduates–means that global enthusiasm is unlikely to be dampened at the four-day sale that runs Dec. 5 through 8.

"Given the circumstances it's a relief to be able to organize the sale," said Ludovic Cornuel, head of bloodstock at Arqana. "This has been a very challenging year for everyone in the industry."

With France still ensconced in its second national lockdown due to COVID-19, Arqana was able to test its health protocols at its Autumn Sale last month.

"The sale a fortnight ago went well," Cornuel said. "There were strict protocols enforced. Everyone wanting to attend the sale needs to register on the Arqana website to be allowed in. Masks need to be worn all the time on the sales premises, and there are no restaurants, unfortunately, but our caterers will provide takeaway lunch boxes and sandwiches."

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TATTERSALLS DECEMBER MARKET RESILIENT TO THE END *By Emma Berry*

NEWMARKET, UK--Tattersalls Chairman Edmond Mahony was realistic enough to acknowledge that the 2020 December Mares' Sale "lacked a little of the depth of recent renewals" but, in a surreal year, it is understandable if owners and breeders perhaps decided to hold onto horses rather than enter them for a sale against an uncertain financial backdrop.

Furthermore, given that at times it looked doubtful that this sale would even be able to proceed during a second English lockdown, that fact that the bloodstock industry has been able to engage in business which has turned over around £77 million in less than a fortnight is, frankly, remarkable. And it is also important. Juddmonte's Teddy Grimthorpe acknowledged on Wednesday that "without this sale, a multi-million pound industry would have been on its knees." **Cont. p7**

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In his latest Taking Stock column, Sid Fernando examines the racing results of several proven sires for the small owner/breeder. **Click or tap here to go straight to TDN America.**

"Something For Everyone" At Arqana Cont. from p1

In a most unprecedented year, auctions around the world have borne out the fact that top of the market bloodstock is nearly recession-proof, and the Arqana December Breeding Stock Sale has plenty to go around at that end. Simultaneously, those operating in the lower tiers of the market can be buoyed by the fact that this year's G1 Fillies' Mile winner and champion 2-year-old filly Pretty Gorgeous (Fr) (Lawman {Fr}) was bought for €55,000 as a foal at this sale in 2018, the same year that her dam, Lady Gorgeous (GB) (Compton Place {GB}) was sold for €40,000. Listed-winning 3-year-old and G1 St Leger second Berkshire Rocco (Fr) (Sir Percy {GB}) was a €35,000 Arqana December foal, and that pricetag will look even greater value should he continue his ascent as a top-class stayer. **Directa (Fr)** (Anodin {Ire}), the last out G3 Prix Fille de l'Air scorer who goes through the ring on Saturday as lot 170, cost just €4,000 at this sale in 2017.

It has been a particularly fruitful season for 2-year-olds who were sold at the December sale or whose dams were sourced there. G3 Prix des Reservoirs winner and G1 Prix Marcel Boussac third Rougir (Fr) (Territories {Ire}) was a €14,000 foal, while G3 Prix Eclipse and G2 Criterium de Maisons-Laffitte winner Plainchant (Fr) (Gregorian {Ire}) was let out unsold at €3,000.

Pretty Gorgeous and her dam Lady Gorgeous were both sold at Arqana December in 2018 | *racingfotos.com*

The dams of a trio of Group 1-winning juveniles in 2020 were bought at the Arqana December Sale. The dams of Lucky Vega (Ire) (Lope De Vega {Ire}) and Alcohol Free (Ire) (No Nay Never) cost €17,000 and €12,000, respectively. GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf winner Aunt Pearl (Ire) (Lope De Vega {Ire})'s dam Matauri Pearl (Ire) (Hurricane Run {Ire}) sold for €400,000 here in 2015, the same year that G3 Prix du Bois scorer Livachope (Fr) (Goken {Fr})'s dam Laia Chope (Fr) (Soave {Ger}) cost Alain Chopard €6,000. Cont. p3

Proven G1 Sires

Sire of Breeders' Cup Mile-**Gr.1** winner **Order Of Australia** & St Leger-**Gr.1** winner **Galileo Chrome** in 2020

AUSTRALIA (Galileo) ***€25,000***

4 Gr.1 winners in 2020 including Irish Oaks-**Gr.1** winner **Even So**

CAMELOT (Montjeu) ***€45,000***

Gr.1 winners in 2020 included **One Master**, winner of the Prix de la Foret-**Gr.1** for the third straight year

FASTNET ROCK (Danehill) ***€50,000***

Sire of **65** Group/Stakes winners worldwide including **Gr.1** winners **Chachamaidee** & **Shamalgan**

FOOTSTEPSINTHESAND (Giant's Causeway) ***€12,500***

9 Gr.1 winners in 2020 including Epsom Derby & Oaks winners **Serpentine** & **Love**

GALILEO (Sadler's Wells)

15 Group/Stakes winners in 2019/20 including dual **Gr.1** winning miler **Romanised**

HOLY ROMAN EMPEROR (Danehill) ***€12,500***

75 Group/Stakes winners worldwide including **14 Gr.1** winners

MASTERCRAFTSMAN (Danehill Dancer) ***€15,000***

23 Group/Stakes winners including Champion 3YO Sprinter **Ten Sovereigns** & 2020 Cheveley Park Stakes-**Gr.1** winner **Alcohol Free**

NO NAY NEVER (Scat Daddy) ***€125,000***

Sire of **134** Group/Stakes winners worldwide including **16 Gr.1** winners

ROCK OF GIBRALTAR (Danehill) ***€5,000***

Sire of **21** Group/Stakes performers from just 134 runners including **Gr.1** winning 2YOs **The Wow Signal** & **Millisle**

STARSPANGLEDBANNER (Choisir) ***€22,500***

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WOOTTON BASSETT (Iffraaj) ***€100,000***

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ZOFFANY (Dansili) ***€20,000***

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GAI WATERHOUSE ON TOUR

Gai Waterhouse gives her thoughts on her annual yearling inspection tour across Australia. **Click or tap here to go straight to TDN Aus/NZ.**

"Something For Everyone" At Arqana Cont.

Mishhar (Ire) (Authorized {Ire}), the dam of this year's G2 Royal Lodge S. winner New Mandate (Ire) (New Bay {GB}), was twice available for purchase at Arqana, for €135,000 in 2016 and then for just €12,000 in 2019; New Mandate himself was a €45,000 RNA as a foal here.

Savvy shoppers, then, will be eagerly combing through the approximately 220 foals on offer. Who will unearth the next bargain Group 1 star remains to be seen.

"We have some of the best sires in Europe represented like Camelot, Frankel, Kodiac, Le Havre, Mehmas, Night Of Thunder, Sea The Stars, Showcasing, Siyouni and Wootton Bassett, and also some first-season sires that are quite popular and were very good racehorses, like Cloth of Stars, Cracksman, Expert Eye, Saxon Warrior and Roaring Lion," Cornuel said.

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>
> Ludovic Cornuel on Donjah

The eye-catching foal pages in the catalogue include lot 11, a Kodiac (GB) filly whose third dam is the Arc and five-time Group 1 winner All Along; lot 15, a Sea The Stars (Ire) filly out of a half-sister to six-time Group 1 winner Midday (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}) from an excellent Juddmonte family; lot 23, a Frankel (GB) colt who is the first foal out of dual group winner Castellar (Fr) (American Post {GB}), a half-sister to dual Group 1 winner Recoletos (Fr) (Whipper); lot 53, a Wootton Bassett (GB) half-sister to listed winner and Group 3-placed Expressiy (Fr) (Siyouni {Fr}); lot 87, a Showcasing (GB) colt out of the G2 Duchess of Cambridge S. second Magical Fire (Ire) (Dragon Pulse {Ire}), a half-sister to Group 2 winners Hawksmoor (Ire) (Azamour {Ire}) and Royal Dornoch (Ire) (Gleneagles {Ire}); lot 140, a Kingman (GB) colt out of G3 Prix de Flore winner Lil'Wing (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}); and lot 209, a Siyouni (Fr) colt out of the listed-placed Valasyra (Ire) (Sinndar {Ire}) and a half-brother to two listed-placed winners.

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"Something For Everyone" At Arqana Cont.

Cornuel admitted a blue chip selection of fillies in training has become "a trademark" of the Arqana December Breeding Stock Sale, and considering the success of Grade I-winning sale graduate A Raving Beauty (Ger) (Mastercraftsman {Ire}) as well as fillies like Sistercharlie (Ire) (Myboycharlie {Ire}) and Uni (GB) (More Than Ready) sourced from France, it is plain to see why international buyers scrutinize the catalogue year after year.

Arqana offers the only Group 1-winning filly in training to be sold at a European breeding stock sale in 2020 in the form of G1 Preis von Europa winner **Donjah (Ger)** (Teofilo {Ire}) (lot 102). The 4-year-old was also a Group 3 winner at two and a Group 2 winner at three for Darius Racing and trainer Henk Grewe. She is part of a typically powerful draft offered by Ecurie des Monceaux.

Donjah is the only Group 1-winning filly in training to be sold at a European breeding stock sale this year | *racingfotos.com*

"Donjah could be one of the highlights," Cornuel said. "She's the only Group 1-winning filly in training to be sold in Europe this year, which is quite exciting. She is by Teofilo who is emerging as an important broodmare sire and she's a very good-looking filly. She has all the options open for her; she can race on or be covered next year. She's an exciting proposition."

Donjah is part of a particularly strong cast of German-trained fillies making their way to Deauville, and that list also includes this year's Group 3-winning sprinter **K Club (Ire)** (Kodiac {GB}) (lot 122); dual Group 3-winning miler **Axana (Ger)** (Soldier Hollow {GB}) (lot 128); Group 3-winning miler **No Limit Credit (Ger)** (Night Of Thunder {Ire}) (lot 192) and the multiple group winner **Durance (Ger)** (Champs Elysees {GB}) (lot 174) and G2 Grosser Hansa-Preis scorer **Satomi (Ger)** (Teofilo {Ire}) (lot 197) from Ronald Rauscher. **Cont. p5**

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Other fillies in training sure to catch the eye include this year's G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches third **Mageva (GB)** (Wootton Bassett {GB}) (lot 93); Nicolas Clement's last-out listed-winning 3-year-old **Conte De Fee (Ire)** (Sea The Stars {Ire}) (lot 109); dual Group 3-winning sprinter **Spinning Memories (Ire)** (Arcano {Ire}) (lot 134); and this year's G2 Oaks d'Italia winner **Auyantepui (GB)** (Night Of Thunder {Ire}) (lot 160).

Reflecting on the global appeal of French-trained fillies, Arqana's Executive Director Freddy Powell said, "the French way of training is quite conservative and it helps horses age well. Some people say as well that the French tactics of going slow at the start and finishing fast helps develop their turn of foot and at the end of the day that's what a lot of people are looking for, to race or for breeding purposes; a horse with a good turn of foot, and we have a lot of that in France. And French horses are very sound."

Anabasis is the dam of dual Grade I winner A Raving Beauty (pictured) | *Horsephotos*

The Arqana December Breeding Stock sale has drawn a diverse cast of in-foal mares, and among those is **Melitot (Fr)** (Elusive City) (lot 86), the dam of Mageva, in foal to Sioux Nation. Other exciting broodmares include dual stakes producer **Cherriya (Fr)** (Montjeu {Ire}) (lot 126) in foal to Siyouni; **Ninfea (Ger)** (Selkirk) (lot 146), a dual stakes producer and half-sister to four-time Group 1 winner Novellist (Ger) (Monsun {Ger}) in foal to Nathaniel (Ire); **Golden Lilas (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) (lot 152), an unraced full-sister to dual Classic winner Golden Lilac (Ire) in foal to Lope De Vega; **Anabasis (Ger)** (High Chaparral {Ire}) (lot 164), the dam of A Raving Beauty carrying a full sibling to that dual Grade I winner; and **Truth (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) (lot 178), a full-sister to Group 1 winner Magic Wand (Ire) in foal to Siyouni. Cont. p6

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"The sire power in France has improved a lot over the last five to 10 years and we're lucky to now have mares in foal to those stallions that have really gained international recognition," Cornuel said. "We have plenty of mares in foal to Siyouni and Wootton Bassett, and the good news as well is that there are some new stallions in France that are very promising and some new stallions coming to France next year with high profiles, so we hope it will carry on."

Any rundown of an Arqana December sale is not complete without a look at the drafts from the leading owner-breeders like the Aga Khan, Wertheimer et Frere and Godolphin. These programs annually support the sale with quality drafts of fillies and mares from their elite families, and it is a common occurrence to see the progeny of these mares in winners circles in Europe and further afield for other connections.

Euclidia is a stakes-winning filly offered by Wertheimer et Frere | *Scoop Dyga*

Godolphin sold the dams of Lucky Vega and Alcohol Free at this sale, and its 10-horse draft includes **Adept (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}) (lot 133), a placed 3-year-old daughter of G1 Oaks winner Qualify (Ire) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}) and **Family Way** (Uncle Mo) (lot 195), a winning 3-year-old filly from the immediate family of Caravaggio.

Wertheimer et Frere, which culls exclusively at this sale, brings a strong draft of 24 this year, including 3-year-old filly **Euclidia** (Fr) (Maxios {GB}) (lot 172), a listed-winning half-sister to stakes winners Soustraction (Ire) (Lope De Vega {Ire}) and Matematica (Ire) (Rock Of Gibraltar {Ire}); **Allucination (GB)** (Lope De Vega {Ire}) (lot 176), a winning 3-year-old half-sister to Group 3 winners Saparella (GB) (Shamardal) and Kalahara (GB) (Frankel {GB}); **Toddilea (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) (lot 186), a 3-year-old unraced daughter of Argentine Group 1 winner Safari Queen (Arg) (Lode) and a half-sister to G1 Prix Saint-Alary scorer Queen's Jewel (GB) (Pivotal {GB}); and **Light Dream (Fr)** (Anodin {Ire}) (lot 154), a three-quarter-sister to Group 1 winner Plumania (Anabaa), with G1 Prix Vermeille winner Left Hand among the many other stakes winners appearing under the first dam. Evidence of what can be found in the Wertheimer et Frere draft is embodied by Happy Bean (Medaglia d'Oro). Sold for just €8,000 at this sale last year, she received a major update when her half-brother Happy Saver (Super Saver) won this year's GI Jockey Club Gold Cup, and the great granddaughter of Weekend Surprise is offered again on Saturday by Haras de Lonray as lot 67 in foal to Chemical Charge.

The Aga Khan Studs has sold fillies and mares that subsequently went on to produce horses like Almanzor (Fr) and 2020 stakes winners Gold Trip (Fr) (Outstrip {GB}) and Darkness (Fr) (Siyouni {Fr}) at the Arqana December Breeding Stock Sale, and the latter appears in the pedigree of **Kerka (Fr)** (Dansili {GB}) (lot 78), one of 34 fillies and mares that the Aga Khan offers this time around. The winning 4-year-old daughter of the listed-winning Kerasona (Fr) (Oasis Dream {GB}) is offered in foal for the first time to Wootton Bassett. **Zarza (Fr)** (Charm Spirit {Ire}) (lot 156) is a half-sister to the Aga Khan's legendary G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe winner Zarkava (Fr) (Zamindar), while **Dalmenya (Ire)** (Authorized {Ire}) (lot 38) is a half-sister to G1 Prix de l'Opera scorer Dalkala (Fr) (Giant's Causeway) in foal to Golden Horn (GB). **Cont. p7**

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Suraiya (Fr) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) (lot 185) is another that catches the eye, the winning 3-year-old filly being from the family of Siyouni, Siyouma (Fr) and Siyarafina (Fr).

"This sale has become more and more popular over the years, and I think the main reason for that is that it's a very mixed bunch of horses," said Powell. "There is something for everyone at every price. A lot of people come here not knowing what they're looking for and they'll always go home with something, from €10,000 to €200,000. There is really something for everyone and the more you get into the catalogue the more interesting it gets."

"It's a pretty easy catalogue to work on," Powell added. "For the international clientele, the top offerings are mainly on the first day. It's an easy catalogue to flip through for people who don't know European racing. It's a good exercise in getting familiar with French racing and pedigrees."

For those unable to make their annual beloved trek to Deauville, Powell suggested they "sit down in their favourite chair, open their favourite wine, watch the sale and bid online. We will be welcoming their bids."

Cornuel added, "Those interested can register and bid online. A lot of consignors have sent us footage of their horses and there will be video taken of every horse in the Saturday [session] that will be available online. That should help people to bid remotely and have plenty of information."

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Tattersalls December Market Resilient To The End

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A statement of that nature coming from a representative of such a major owner-breeder operation highlights how important every sale this year has been to participants at all levels of the market.

Tattersalls December Mares Sale Leading Buyers (gns)

Buyer	Lots	Average	Aggregate
BBA Ireland	29	86,028	2,494,800
M V Magnier	1	2,200,000	2,200,000
Blandford Bloodstock	16	112,750	1,804,000
Katsumi Yoshida	5	320,000	1,600,000
Stroud Coleman Bloodstock	11	140,545	1,546,000
Margaret O'Toole	6	182,000	1,092,000
Hillwood Bloodstock	1	900,000	900,000
Moyglare Stud Farm	1	900,000	900,000
Tally-Ho Stud	13	67,231	874,000
Hurworth Bloodstock	3	273,333	820,000

The sales season summed up by Charlie Vigors and Ed Harper | *Tattersalls*

"Traditionally at the conclusion of the Tattersalls December Mares' Sale we would reflect upon the level of trade, both at the December Sales and earlier sales, and also record our thanks and appreciation to all those who have contributed throughout the year," said Mahony. "In this strangest of years our thanks to all concerned is an even more central message, but we should start by expressing heartfelt gratitude on behalf of the wider industry that the 2020 Tattersalls December Sales, Europe's foremost foal and breeding stock sales, have been able to take place, under strict COVID-related protocols, on the advertised dates and with the minimum of disruption to the established cycle of the bloodstock sales season."

He continued, "We have been able to bring a testing sales season to a successful conclusion and for that we are enormously grateful. While the usual vibrance associated with this annual showcase of Europe's finest breeding stock has, by necessity, been lacking, we have again been buoyed by the sustained resilience of the market and the extraordinary determination of buyers from throughout the world who have contributed to yet another 2020 Tattersalls sale which has defied the prevailing social and economic uncertainty."

Across the last four days, 735 fillies, mares, and the odd colt or gelding, have sold for a total of 43,111,900gns (-25%) at an average of 58,656gns (-32%) and median of 20,000gns (-26%). And, in a consistent trend across the various sales this year, the clearance rate was up at 85%.

A factor which helped this rise was doubtless the promotion of the online bidding platform which was so essential for those unable to attend the sales in person. More than 3 million gns was spent this way during the December Mares' Sale, with 136 horses sold online to 75 different bidders. Cont. p8

Beach Frolic was the 2.2-million gns top lot at Tattersalls December | *Tattersalls*

Tattersalls December Market Cont.

The final session of mares traditionally brings the December Sale to a more sedate close. There was a high number of withdrawals but, for those who stood their ground, there was again a decent clearance rate of 80%, albeit at more bargain prices. The average of 5,077gns was up by 35% on last year, and the 3,000gns median up by 20%, with the 106 lots sold adding 538,200gns to the overall tally.

If ever there was an advertisement for agents and breeders to remain at Tattersalls for the last day of mares it was that of Shena's Dream (Ire) (Oasis Dream {GB}), who sold on Tuesday for 280,000gns having been picked up, in foal, by Sicilian breeder Domenico Zammitti for 1,200gns at last year's closing session. In the meantime, of course, her Group 2-winning juvenile daughter Miss Amulet (Ire) (Sir Prancealot {Ire}) had provided the kind of update we all dream about.

It took a pledge of 21,000gns from an absent Geoffrey Howson, bidding through his friend Paul Thorman, to secure the day's leading light, **Banmi (Ire)** (lot 2195). The daughter of Kodiac (GB), who is on her way to France, was a winner last year for Mohammed Moubarak and is a half-sister to the listed-placed Moonlit Garden (Ire) (Exceed And Excel {Aus}).

Concluding his assessment of the sale, Edmond Mahony said, "In addition to the obvious issues, we were conscious that this year's December Mares catalogue lacked a little of the depth of recent renewals, but nevertheless quality consignments from Britain, Ireland and France have attracted buyers from throughout the world who have been active at all levels of the market, as ever demonstrating the enduring appetite for quality European bloodstock. While the undoubted highlight of the week was the 2.2 million guineas sale of Highclere and Floors Studs' outstanding broodmare Beach Frolic to MV Magnier, encouragement can also be taken from the consistent global participation, with buyers from America, France, Japan, Kuwait, Qatar and the UAE all featuring amongst the leading buyers alongside new and established British and Irish investors."

He continued, "Buyers from throughout Europe, the Gulf region, Australasia, India, Kazakhstan, Libya, Morocco, Pakistan and Turkey have also been active and a particular feature of the sale has been the prolific use of the live internet bidding facility which has allowed so many buyers unable to attend in the usual manner to participate successfully. More than half of the lots offered this week have attracted internet bids and it has been notable that the online action has been at every level of the market, including the very top end.

"The implementation of the live internet bidding platform is a perfect illustration of how all involved in this industry have successfully adapted and responded to circumstances outside their control, as is the mutual cooperation with our counterparts at Goffs and Arqana which has allowed us all to adjust sales dates when needed. We have staged an unprecedented 16 sales at Park Paddocks since the end of June and after every one of them we have reflected on the admirable patience and determination which everyone has shown to overcome unprecedented obstacles. The world has been thrown into turmoil, but every single participant at our 2020 sales should be applauded for the manner in which they have accepted the demands presented by the global pandemic. Few will look back on the 2020 Tattersalls sales season with pleasure, but they can look back with pride and our thanks go to each and everyone who has contributed to a Tattersalls sales season of remarkable resilience."

While Tattersalls has now concluded its sales year, Park Paddocks will return to action next Thursday to host the relocated Tattersalls Cheltenham Sale of 38 point-to-pointers and National Hunt horses in training.

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Tattersalls December Mares Sale Leading Vendors (gns)

Vendor	Lots	Average	Aggregate
The Castlebridge Consignment	55	95,805	5,269,300
Juddmonte Farms	37	91,311	3,378,500
Godolphin	74	37,762	2,794,400
Highclere Stud	22	121,477	2,672,500
European Sales Management	9	279,667	2,517,000
Kiltinan Castle Stud, Ireland	25	83,660	2,091,500
Tweenhills Farm & Stud	25	62,212	1,555,300
Voute Sales Ltd.	11	134,045	1,474,500
Norelands Stud, Ireland	12	109,917	1,319,000
Baroda Stud, Ireland	11	112,091	1,233,000

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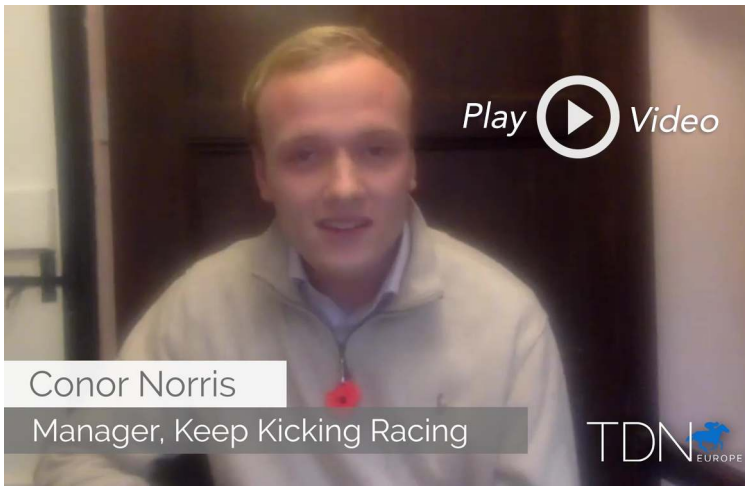
• Number Offered	133	107
• Number Sold	106	74
• Not Sold	27	33
• Clearance Rate	80%	69%
• High Price	21,000gns	
• Gross	538,200gns	277,300gns
• Average (% change)	5,077gsn (+35%)	3,747gns
• Median (% change)	3,000gns (+20%)	2,500gns

CUMULATIVE	2020	2019
• Catalogued	1,180	1,025
• Number Offered	866	812
• Number Sold	735	668
• Not Sold	131	144
• Clearance Rate	85%	82%
• No. $500K+	11	31
• High Price	2,200,000gns	2,100,000gns
• Gross	43,111,900gns	57,790,900gns
• Average (% change)	58,656gns (-32%)	86,513gns
• Median (% change)	20,000gns (-26%)	27,000gns



Keep Kicking Racing is a new syndicate managed by Conor Norris and offers shares in two fillies who will go into training with Clive Cox and Tom Ward. Conor spoke to TDN's Alayna Cullen about the syndicate and if you can find out more at www.keepkickingracing.co.uk.

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MOHAATHER LEADS SHADWELL ROSTER

Group 1 winner **Mohaather (GB)** (Showcasing {GB}–Roodeye {GB}, by Inchinor {GB}), one of four stallions on the Nunnery Stud roster in 2021, will stand for £20,000 in his first year. Retired to stud in August after securing group races at two, three and four, including the G1 Sussex S. the bay is a full-brother to MGSW Prize Exhibit (GB) (Showcasing {GB}), whose Galileo (Ire) yearling filly brought 2.8 million guineas during Book 1 of the Tattersalls October Yearling Sale, as well as a half-brother to the dam of G1 Queen Anne S. hero Accidental Agent (GB) (Delegator {GB}).

Joining Mohaather is champion sprinter and group sire **Muhaarar (GB)** (Oasis Dream {GB}) at £10,000; G1 Commonwealth Cup victor **Eqtidaar (Ire)** (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) at £5,000; and MG1SP **Tasleet (GB)** (Showcasing {GB}), also at £5,000. Eqtidaar's first foals will arrive in 2021, while Tasleet's oldest crop are yearlings next year.

"We are keen to support breeders through these challenging times for the bloodstock industry caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, and we believe that Mohaather's introductory fee of £20,000 represents excellent value," said Shadwell Stud Director Richard Lancaster. "He's a striking dark bay, with plenty of quality who is incredibly light on his feet. However, what really impresses me is how well he walks. He's a superb mover, who covers an incredible amount of ground. If he can pass that walk on to his stock, breeders will be sitting pretty.

"We have also trimmed the prices for Muhaarar, Eqtidaar and Tasleet in light of the present economic situation. Muhaarar has supplied several exciting winners, while Eqtidaar proved popular in his first season at stud and Tasleet's foals have sold very well which is most encouraging."

The quartet are available for viewing at Nunnery Stud.

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Mohaather | *Steve Cargill/Shadwell*

DONCASTER HIT SALE ON FRIDAY

Goffs UK stages its single-session Doncaster December HIT Sale on Friday beginning at 11 a.m. Horses will be sold by owners and trainers like Alan King, Anthony McCann, Brian Ellison, Denis Hogan, Godolphin, Gordon Elliott, Hugh Morrison, Iain Jardine, John Gosden, Karl Burke, Mark Johnston, Mick Channon, Noel Meade, Peter Bowen, Richard Hannon, Richard Hughes, Richard Newland, Tim Easterby, Tom Lacey.

Entry to the sale will be limited to those who wish to take part in the auction and those planning to attend must pre-register and complete the online COVID-19 medical form on the Goffs UK website.

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PAULL KHAN REMAINS EMHF SECRETARY GENERAL

Dr. Paull Khan will remain the Secretary-General of the European and Mediterranean Horseracing Federation until Dec. 31, 2024.

"I am delighted that Paull has agreed to extend his term as Secretary General of the EMHF," said EMHF Chair Brian Kavanagh. "He is a great source of knowledge on the racing and breeding industry and it is a pleasure to work with him. Given the increasing internationalisation of our business, the work of the Federation is more important than ever and Paull provides an excellent service to all 26 member countries."

Added Dr. Khan, "The EMHF holds a special place in my affections and I was delighted to be asked to extend my time with them. I feel the Federation has made great strides, in terms of its influence, profile and value to its member Racing Authorities, and I will do all I can to ensure that this progress continues."

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Friday, December 4:

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Adaay (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}), Whitsbury Manor Stud
95 foals of racing age/22 winners/0 black-type winners
16:45-NEWCASTLE, 6f, PRISCILLA'S WISH (GB)
6,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2019 - Book 3

Charming Thought (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}), Dalham Hall Stud
48 foals of racing age/7 winners/0 black-type winners
16:45-NEWCASTLE, 6f, FIRCOMBE HALL (GB)
£8,000 RNA Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearling Sale 2019

Kodi Bear (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}), Rathbarry Stud
83 foals of racing age/17 winners/1 black-type winner
16:45-NEWCASTLE, 6f, MY SONNY (Ire)
€4,000 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearlings 2019

Mehmas (Ire) (Acclamation {GB}), Tally-Ho Stud
146 foals of racing age/51 winners/4 black-type winners
16:15-NEWCASTLE, 6f, DESTACADO (Ire)
€87,000 Goffs Orby Yearling Sale 2019

FRANCE:

Dariyan (Fr) (Shamardal), Haras de Bonneval
70 foals of racing age/9 winners/0 black-type winners
4-LYON LA SOIE, 1800m, LILY FOR EVER (Fr)
€35,000 Arqana Deauville October Yearlings 2019

Vadamos (Fr) (Monsun {Ger}), Tally-Ho Stud
127 foals of racing age/10 winners/0 black-type winners
3-LYON LA SOIE, 1800m, ROMANELLO (Fr)
€180,000 Arqana Deauville Augest Yearling Sale 2019

IRELAND:

Belardo (Ire) (Lope de Vega {Ire}), Kildangan Stud
93 foals of racing age/13 winners/4 black-type winners
2-DUNDALK, 7f, CNODIAN (Ire)

Fascinating Rock (Ire) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}), Ballylinch Stud
61 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
2-DUNDALK, 7f, SPILT PASSION (Ire)
€110,000 Goffs November Foals Sale 2018; €160,000 Goffs Orby Yearling Sale 2019

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BRITAIN

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:

Strawbs (GB), f, 4, **Garswood (GB)**--Final Rhapsody (GB), by Royal Applause (GB). Chelmsford City, 12-3, 6f (AWT), 1:13.55. B-David C. Mead (GB).

ITALY

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Berta (Ire), f, 2, **Mehmas (Ire)**--Shoshoni Wind (GB) (SP-Eng), by Sleeping Indian (GB). Napoli, 12-3, Mdn. (€11k), 1000mT. O-Scuderia SSIM SRL. B-Tally-Ho Stud (Ire). T-Maria Gaetano Paola. *51st winner for her first-season sire (by Acclamation (GB). **€13,000 Ylg '19 GOFOCT.

IN QATAR:

X Force (Ire), g, 3, **Bungle Inthejungle (GB)**--Nafa (Ire), by Shamardal. Al Rayyan, 12-3, Plate Race, 1200mT, 1:13.18. B-Maurice Burns. *€90,000 Ylg '18 GOFORB; 98,000gns HRA '19 TATAUT. **VIDEO**

Seeyoubyme (Fr), g, 4, **Siyouni (Fr)**--Peinted Song (MSP-Fr), by Unbridled's Song. Al Rayyan, 12-3, Cond., 2000mT, 2:05.04. B-Jean-Pierre Dubois. *1/2 to Palavas (Fr) (Redoute's Choice {Aus}), MSP-Fr. **€240,000 Ylg '17 ARQAUG; 30,000gns HIT '19 TATJUL. **VIDEO**

WORLDWIDE NEWS

Thursday, Funabashi, Japan

QUEEN SHO-Listed, ¥35,700,000, Funabashi, 12-3, 3yo/up, f, 1800m, 1:51.40, ylg.

1--**SALSA DIONE (JPN), 121, m, 6, Gold Allure (Jpn)--Salsa Queen (Jpn), by Lindo Shaver**. O-Hirotaka Sugawara; B-Araya Farm; T-Chiaki Hori; J-Takayuki Yano; ¥21,000,000. Lifetime Record: GSP-Jpn, 36-8-5-2.

2--**Aschenputtel (Jpn)**, 119, f, 4, Battle Plan--Mimi of Paradise (Jpn), by Dance in the Dark (Jpn). O/B-Fujiwara Farm; ¥7,350,000.

3--**Salsa Leia (Jpn)**, 112, f, 4, Kurofune--Salsa Queen (Jpn), by Lindo Shaver. O-Hirotaka Sugawara; B-Kinya Murakami; ¥4,200,000.

Margins: 2HF, 8, HD. Odds: 2.50, 2.30, 69.10.

DUBAI

Friday, Abu Dhabi, post time: 6:00 p.m.

SHEIKH ZAYED BIN SULTAN AL NAHYAN NATIONAL DAY CUP, AED300,000, NH & SH 3yo/up, 1600mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	Boerhan (GB)	Sea The Stars (Ire)	Curatolo	Bachalard
2	Eqtiraan (Ire)	Helmet (Aus)	Paiva	Al Rayhi
3	Fanaar (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Hitchcott	Watson
4	GM Hopkins (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Cosgrave	Ramadhan
5	Janszoon (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Bon	Ramadan
6	Laieth (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	de Vries	Nass
7	Mailshot	Hard Spun	Ffrench	bin Ghadayer
8	Mark of Approval	Lemon Drop Kid	Veron	Hussain
9	Medahim (Ire)	Kodiac (GB)	Mullen	Seemar
10	Motafaawit (Ire)	Intikhab	Crosse	Watson
11	Mystique Moon (GB)	Shamardal	Dobbs	Watson
12	Taamol (Ire)	Helmet (Aus)	O'Neill	Al Rayhi
13	Wasim (Ire)	Acclamation (GB)	Pinheiro	Mohammed
14	Yaalail (Ire)	Intello (Ger)	Beasley	Al Rayhi
15	Zainhom	Street Cry (Ire)	Fresu	Al Mheiri
16	Zorion (GB)	Smart Strike	Mazur	Al Alawi
Reserves:				
17	Above Normal (GB)	Street Cry (Ire)	No Rider	Seemar
18	Hornsby (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	No Rider	bin Ghadayer

*All carry 128 pounds.

Thursday's Results:

THE GARHOUD SPRINT SPONSORED BY DP WORLD UAE-Listed, AED132,500, Meydan, 12-3, NH 3yo/up & SH 4yo/up, 1200m, 1:11.57, ft.

1–**IMPORTANT MISSION, 128, g, 6, More Than Ready**
1st Dam: Laura's Pleasure, by Cactus Ridge
2nd Dam: Doubleyourpleasure, by Double Negative
3rd Dam: Joey's Pleasure, by Bold Josh
1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. ($175,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP). O-Sheikh Juma bin Dalmook Al Maktoum. B-Brian Kahn & More Than Ready Syndicate (KY). T-Salem bin Ghadayer. AED79,500. Lifetime Record: 17-5-2-1, $138,409.

2--**Behavioral Bias**, 128, g, 6, Shackleford--Rosie Dooley, by Trempolino. ($65,000 RNA Wlg '14 KEENOV; $100,000 Ylg '15 FTKJUL; $27,000 2yo '16 FTIMAY). O-Marwan Abdul Rahman

Mohd Sharif Al Baidhaei. B-Doug & Felicia Branham (KY). T-Satish Seemar. AED26,500.

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3--**Bochart (GB)**, 128, g, 7, Dubawi (Ire)--Camlet (GB), by Green Desert. O-Al Bait Mutawahed Team. B-Darley (GB). T-Satish Seemar. AED13,250.

Margins: 1 3/4, 2 1/4, 3/4.

Also Ran: Waady (Ire), Mazzini (GB), Enjazaat (GB), Leading Spirit (Ire). Scratched: My Catch (Ire), Switzerland. **VIDEO.**

THE ENTISAR SPONSORED BY HAMDIN BIN MOHAMMED CRUISE TERMINAL-Listed, AED132,500, Meydan, 12-3, NH 3yo/up & SH 4yo/up, 2000m, 2:05.55, ft.

1--**FIRNAS (GB), 125, g, 7, Dubawi (Ire)**
1st Dam: Crystal Music (G1SW-Eng, G1SP-Ire, $105,519), by Nureyev
2nd Dam: Crystal Spray (GB), by Beldale Flutter
3rd Dam: Crystal Fountain (GB), Great Nephew (GB)
1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. (1,600,000 gns Ylg '14 TATOCT). O-Ahmad Ghalita Aimheiri. B-Watership Down Stud (GB). T-Salem bin Ghadayer. AED79,500. Lifetime Record: 12-4-1-0, $73,784. *1/2 to Crystany (Ire) (Green Desert), MSP-Eng; Crystal Moment (Distorted Humor), SP-US, $172,996; Treasury Devil (Bernardini), SP-Eng; and a full to High End (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}), SP-Eng.

2--**Saltarin Dubai (Arg)**, 125, E Dubai--Saltarina Fitz (Arg), by Fitzcarraldo (Arg). O-Ali Haddad. B-Haras Firmamento (Arg). T-Satish Seemar. AED28,500.

3--**Casey Jones (Ire)**, 125, g, 5, Casamento (Ire)--Balamiyda (Ire), by Ashkalani (Ire). (€11,000 Wlg '15 GOFNOV; €85,000 Ylg '16 TATSEP). O-Nasir Askar. B-Miss Nicola Ann Adams (Ire). T-Musabbeh Al Mheiri. AED13,250.

Margins: HF, 4 3/4, HD.

Also Ran: Pakistan Star (Ger), Just a Penny (Ire), Montsarrat (Ire), George Villiers (Ire), Zaman (GB), For The Top (Arg). **VIDEO.**

6th-Meydan, AED120,000, Cond., 12-3, NH 2yo & SH 3yo, 1400m, 1:25.85, ft.

ZHOU STORM (GB) (c, 2, Due Diligence–Hennalaine {Ire}, by Lujain), off the mark at first asking going six furlongs locally on Nov. 11, defended his unbeaten record with an open-length score on Thursday. Hustled up to the front, the dark bay was pressed by a rival just to his outside. Able to edge a little farther ahead on the bend, he was all by his lonesome at the 500-metre mark. Despite the efforts of the closing pair of Shamran (Dialed In) and Grand Dubai (Dawn Approach {Ire}), he maintained his advantage all the way to the line, winning by 4 1/2 lengths. Shamran (Dialed In) was second by a neck over Grand Dubai. The fourth foal and second winner of his dam herself a half-sister to stakes winner Beyond Expectation (Ire) (Khayasi {Ire}), Zhou Storm has a weanling half-brother by Adaay (Ire). Third dam Daralinsha (Empery) was a productive producer for His Highness The Aga Khan, being a winner of the G3 Prix Minerve and the ancestress of European champions Almanzor (Fr) (Wootton Bassett {GB}) and Darjina (Fr) (Zamindar) among many others. Sales history: 3,000gns Wlg '18 TATNOV; 6,190gns RNA Ylg '19 TATSEP; 21,000gns 2yo '20 TATJUL. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, $. **VIDEO.**

O-Elbashir Salem Elhrari. B-W H R John & Partners (GB). T-Ali Rashid Al Rayhi.

Zhou Storm looks a smart prospect for the upcoming Dubai Racing Carnival, making it two wins from as many starts at Meydan on Thursday. | *Erika Rasmussen/DRC*

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GAI WATERHOUSE ON TOUR

Tom Magnier & Gai Waterhouse with a yearling colt by Zoustar (Aus) out of MG1SW Global Glamour (Aus) | *TDN AusNZ*

by Georgie Dennis

Around this time every year, Gai Waterhouse spends a week inspecting hundreds of yearlings across NSW stud farms. *TDN AusNZ* caught up with the legendary trainer to find out all about her week in the Hunter Valley.

Last week Gai Waterhouse completed her annual tour of the Hunter Valley stud farms to inspect a wide range of yearlings headed towards the Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale in January.

As the first trainer visiting the farms some six weeks before the sale, Waterhouse told *TDN AusNZ* that getting out and inspecting potential future stable stars so early is a highly important part of her process in selecting yearlings.

"I always enjoy it," Waterhouse said. "I've been doing it for a long time, probably about 25 to 30 years. I find it very gruelling and it's an exhausting time but I also find it very beneficial because I'm able to see the horses first-hand.

"We're the first tour to go around the studs so you're seeing the horses and you have time to think about them and talk to your owners, and also talk to all the stud masters and managers and they get your feedback, so I think it's beneficial in every possible way."

A lot changes from when Waterhouse first sees the horse on the farm to when she sees it again at the sales complex, but the champion trainer said the development the yearling makes during that period helps her form more of an opinion on how much she likes it and whether she wants to purchase it.

"I see the horses about six weeks before they go through the sale and it gives the horse a lot of time to change," Waterhouse said. "They may not be quite there but you see him six weeks later and he's absolutely exploded.

"A horse like Pierro would be a perfect example of that, he was okay, a sort of attractive and athletic colt on the farm, but when he got to the sale, he certainly matured dramatically.

"It makes you say 'well, what I saw at the farm I liked and what I see at the sales I like even more'.

"Each of the studs has something different to offer from their hospitality to the way their horses look, to their philosophy on developing the yearlings, they've all got different philosophies on it and so that's interesting.

"So I listen to them and watch their horses and always take on board what they've got to say because they're with the horses all the time. "But sometimes they can almost be too close to the horses, so sometimes having an objective eye can be a truer eye. It doesn't see the horses all the time and it only sees them as a blink really."

The Most Important Factor

While the horses are far from being the finished product this early in their careers, Waterhouse said there are still plenty of things she is looking for in them with a good attitude being the most important factor.

"What I'm looking for is just a horse that's unassuming and relaxed, moves freely, has an intelligent head and just gets on with the job," she said. "All of my best horses have been like that, they've just been terribly 'roll up your sleeves and get on with the job'. They're the best horses by a long shot."

After inspecting hundreds of yearlings across the week, Waterhouse will pass on the information back to the farms and her team will spend the next six weeks leading up to the Magic Millions having lengthy discussions about what they liked, didn't like, and ultimately, which ones they are going to try and buy.

"I pass my information on what we've seen back to the farms and they can throw it in the bin or they might say 'that's interesting' or 'that was helpful Gai saying that'," Waterhouse said.

Gai Waterhouse at Willow Park Stud | *Willow Park Stud*

"And I pass it on to my team headed by Adrian Bott and we discuss them at length. He'll go around the studs next week so he'll do the same thing. And then we'll discuss at length and start to think about what we're going to recommend to our owners to be buying."

One yearling that was of particular note to Waterhouse throughout her inspections was a colt by Zoustar out of her dual Group 1 winner Global Glamour (Star Witness) at Coolmore Stud, who she hopes will one day join her stable so she can continue her association with the family.

"He is a lovely big strong individual," Waterhouse said of the colt. "A nice, big rangey individual, I liked him very much and it would be wonderful if we could come together and we could train Global Glamour's progeny."

A stop off at Kia Ora also saw Waterhouse check-in on G1 Golden Slipper S. winner Farnan (Not A Single Doubt), and she was thrilled with the way he has spelled with his return to work only a few weeks away.

"I thought he looked remarkably good, I could not believe how well he'd done," Waterhouse said of Farnan. "He let us go into the paddock and we lifted up his feet and pulled his legs out and everything and he's such a beautifully unassuming colt.

"Here we were standing in a paddock pulling this great big stallion around, he's a very, very lovely colt and in the short time he's been out there, I was amazed how well he'd done."

Having spent so many years travelling through the Hunter Valley farms, a major change that Waterhouse noticed this year was a lack of staff across the board with far fewer internationals being allowed to come and work in Australia.

"Probably the thing that most stood out to me was how short-staffed everyone was," Waterhouse said. "It was glaring that without the overseas input of young folk coming to Australia, the Australian racing industry is under enormous stress and strain. That was really glaring I thought."

The development of the Southern Highlands is another major change Waterhouse has noticed over the years and is one that she is amazed by.

"I think the most amazing thing is the development around the Southern Highlands," Waterhouse said. "It's nothing short of phenomenal. There's a couple of studs that have invested huge amounts of money and are producing very lovely yearlings and very beautiful farms. That was mind-boggling."

Overall, the week of inspections is a long one but Waterhouse said it is made all the more enjoyable by the incredible hospitality offered by the farms and the chance to sit down with some of the leaders in the bloodstock industry in a much more relaxed environment than what it would be at a Sale.

"You go from the likes of Coolmore, where we were able to sit down in the boardroom and talk with Tom and Sophie Magnier and the crew there, to going to somewhere like the Mitchells where you sit at their dining room table and talk with Georgie and Harry," Waterhouse said. "Everything has its own flavours and I think that's what makes going around the studs so very special. It's so lovely to be there."

Gai Waterhouse at Newgate | *Newgate*

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