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**SOTTSASS KEEPS ZEROLO'S  
OCEANIC AHEAD OF FLEET**



**Brant, Zerolo and Edouard de Rothschild  
at Sottsass's French Derby | Scoop-Dyga**

by *Chris McGrath*

The trade winds, in the clipper age, blew west to east. But horsepower has reversed the flow; and for many years one of the most skilled navigators, for European horses to America, has been the debonair Michel Zerolo of Oceanic Bloodstock.

The cargos are more contested nowadays, he says, with a lot of sharp traders driving up prices. But the fact is that Zerolo recently scaled a new pinnacle, with the G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe success of a Deauville yearling bought for an American patron. **Sottsass (Fr)** (Siyouni {Fr}), moreover, is a sibling to the very first horse he found for Peter Brant, Sistercharlie (Fr) (Myboycharlie {Ire}), imported to win seven Grade 1s in America.

Zerolo has made a useful habit of landing running with his most important clients. In that respect, in fact, perhaps the pivotal moment of his entire career came at Fasig-Tipton's July Sale of 1982, when he introduced himself to a trainer who had just begun to build on a reputation initially established through claims and gambles.

"I saw him there, in a Hawaiian shirt and flip-flops, and he looked a cool guy," Zerolo remembers. "I was a kid, but he had no pretense about him and gave me his number."

Bobby Frankel probably needed reminding of that conversation when Zerolo telephoned with a horse from Europe, but a deal was done. **Cont. p3**

**FLY ON ANGEL TOPS MIDLANTIC SALE**

by *Jessica Martini*

**Fly On Angel** (Palace Malice) (**hip 280**), winner of the Aug. 28 GIII Charles Town Oaks, topped Tuesday's Fasig-Tipton Midlantic December Mixed Sale when bringing a final bid of \$195,000 from Cypress Creek, LLC. The 3-year-old filly was consigned by Northview Stallion Station on behalf of Joseph Besecker, who had claimed her for \$50,000 out of a winning effort at Parx Aug. 10.

"I had followed this horse for a while after Clovis Crane consigned her and he had tried to get me to buy her as a baby, but I just wasn't a Palace Malice fan," Besecker recalled. "When she ran and she was doing well, I claimed her because I kind of always regretted not getting her. [Trainer] Claudio [Gonzalez] did a tremendous job with her." **Cont. p9**

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**McGrath On Zerolo, cont. from p1**

"And actually he was a decent animal, I think he won a stake at the Fair Grounds," Zerolo recalls. "But then the second one I sold Bobby, we struck gold. In those days Adrian Maxwell would come to Florida in the winter with a string of horses that were all for sale. And in that group was a Sheikh Hamdan cast-off, a 3-year-old called Al Mamoon (Believe It). He was the horse that got it all started, really."

In Frankel's care, Al Mamoon won five graded stakes and also chased home Cozzene (Caro) in the GI Breeders' Cup Mile. From that point, Zerolo regularly supplied the great man with ammunition.

"Bobby was a huge factor, in that he just made you look good," Zerolo says. "He was incredible. You gave this guy some, okay, maybe not average horses, but you give him a 'B' horse, or even a 'C', and it became an 'A-plus'. And he was just a gambler from Brooklyn. But do you know what Bobby had? He loved animals.



Frankel with one of his beloved dogs, Happy | Horsephotos

Remember when he didn't show up at the Breeders' Cup, because his dog was ill? And when Exbourne (Explodent) foundered, Bobby stayed with him hours and hours. He had that respect for animals; everything was for the horse."

Zerolo had started out thinking that he might become a trainer himself, but believes now that he would have lacked due patience. As it was, Frankel determined one of the defining tenets of his strategy.

"I've always made it a rule of thumb that if I cannot buy the best horses, or the best-bred horses, at least I'm going to put them with the best trainers," Zerolo says. "Because it's only a matter of getting an introduction, and your client being able to pay whatever it takes to be there. And

that's a huge help."

At the time he approached Frankel, Zerolo had only recently gone solo after being introduced to the bloodstock market as American liaison for French agent Frederic Sauque. **Cont. p4**

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"Frederic was driven by success, by work; a very inventive, very creative man," Zerolo says. "It was interesting, because it was the first time in my life I actually made money. All of a sudden I thought, 'This is an easy game.' I soon learned that wasn't the case."

Nonetheless, he had found his metier. It had been quite an odyssey already. His grandfather had moved to Algeria as a young surgeon, and Zerolo was born and spent his earliest years there. But he has only the dimmest memory of the family's flight, in 1962, during the War of Independence.

"Basically we left with suitcases, and that was it," he recalls. "We left everything. It was a very dirty war, like those wars always are. Members of my family were killed. We did feel let down by the French government."

They settled in Toulon, but the upheavals that shaped the young Zerolo were not over. He was at boarding school in the Massif Central when the radical unrest of 1968 brought everything to a standstill for three months.

"So we were all stuck at this school, with nothing to do," Zerolo says. "There was no petrol, trains would stop. The teachers couldn't get in, so we were pretty much left to our own devices. It was magic for us. I must say I was a terrible student anyway. But close by there was a riding academy, and that's how my passion for horses started."

The connection was instant, for all that he had no kind of pedigree for horses. His father had entered the family profession, as a surgeon; and while his mother would occasionally ride at their grain and palm oil estates, in the south of Algeria, that was all. Yet soon Zerolo was riding eventers.

"I think it starts with the love of the animal, there's no doubt about that," he says with a shrug. "After that, it's something you either have it or you don't. And it's observation, too. I don't know that I was born with an instinct. You'd like to think so, but mainly you learn by your mistakes-because you make lots of those."

The door to Thoroughbreds was opened by teenage vacations with his grandparents at Pau. One day a friend there raised a pertinent question: why were they paying to ride at the academy, when they could get paid to ride at the training centre over the street? That transition sowed the seeds for Zerolo, after military service, to begin his Turf vocation in earnest at a stable in Chantilly.

Stints followed on stud farms in Ireland and then Kentucky, culminating at Spendthrift. The farm was in its late 1970s heyday, with that paragon John Williams lighting a path for the countless horsemen who have since spread his illumination, as man and horseman, through the industry.

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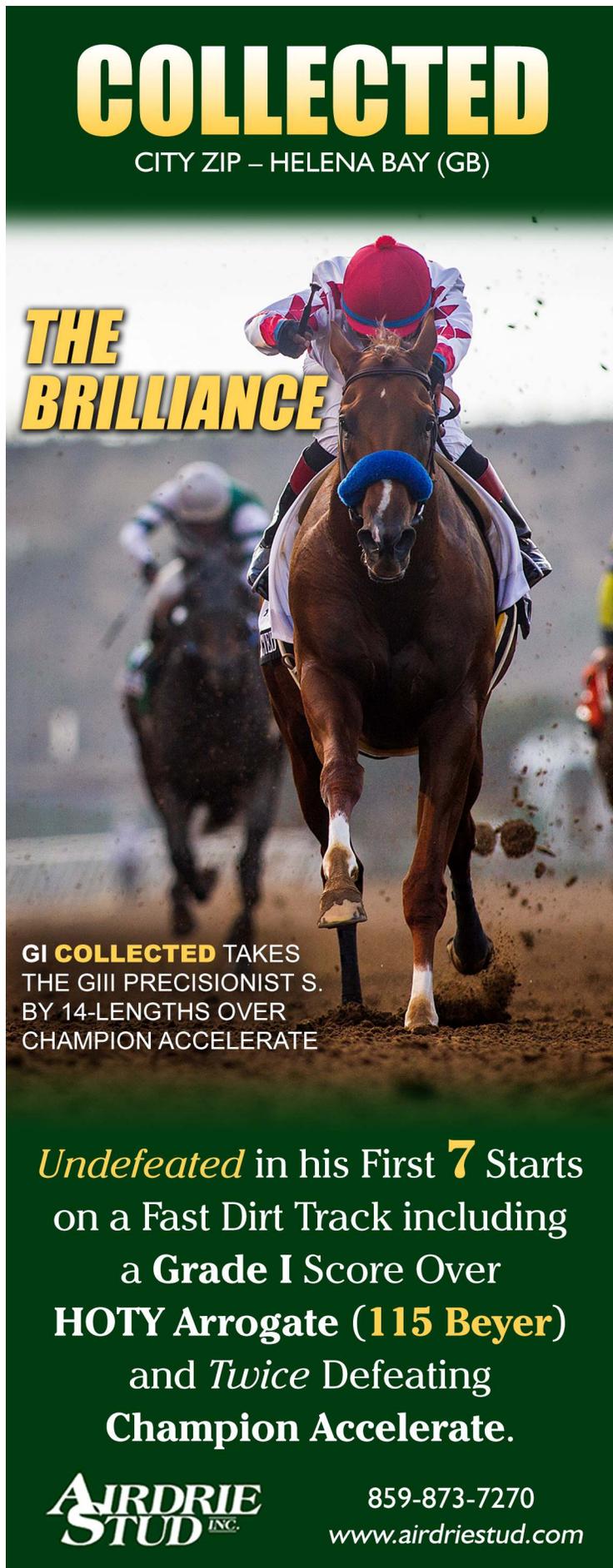
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"Rick Nichols was assistant manager, there was Steve Johnson, Allen Kershaw, so many people meanwhile very successful in their own right," Zerolo recalls. "I was there with Gerry Dilger, Robbie Lyons, all those guys of my generation. And, in the stallion barn, I was there when JO Tobin retired, when Seattle Slew retired; when Affirmed arrived, Caro arrived. John was an incredible mentor to all of us, because he had such a work ethic. He was driven like noone I've ever seen. He took on Spendthrift, turned it around and made it what it was."

As already noted, he first branched out into bloodstock with Sauque; but he also remembers with gratitude the support of Edward Seltzer. "Ed gave me lot of latitude," he recalls. "He let me learn by experience, and by making mistakes. Such an interesting fellow, both in racing and in breeding."

As he became established professionally, Zerolo was also putting down some domestic roots-in Miami, with a first wife who already had a couple of children. "All I needed was a dog!" he says. "It anchored me down. But I have always made regular trips back to Europe, maybe every five to six weeks. In fact, today I would say I have more and more of a foothold in Europe--so much so that I think I'm actually going to reverse the poles, and base myself primarily in France."



Zerolo with his longtime partner in Haras des Capucines, Eric Puerari | Zuzanna Lupa-Arqana photo

His portfolio, after all, has long had its center of gravity there. Very soon after getting started, for instance, he entered partnership with Eric Puerari in the Haras des Capucines; and meanwhile, along with Marc de Chambure, they also developed the European Sales Management draft, dependably one of the elite consignments at the Tattersalls breeding stock sales.

"I was interested in breeding and Eric, who was born into it, really opened my eyes," Zerolo reflects. "It started gradually. At first it was just an idea of buying and selling horses, trying to build towards the next level." **Cont. p6**

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"And then an opportunity came to buy into a farm," he continued. "I don't know that we really sat down and planned anything: at that age, you don't really think about it, you run with it. And European Sales Management was the same, a partnership born through opportunity and friendship. There was an economy of scale, and it has worked very well."

But the trademark of Oceanic Bloodstock itself has become the recruitment of European turf horses eligible to raise their earning power in the United States. Zerolo points to Juddmonte as the blueprint, noting how you need only look at a typical Juddmonte pedigree to find a second or third dam that started out with Sir Henry Cecil, say, or Andre Fabre, before being transferred to Frankel in California.

With Frankel, the trust was such that if the horse passed the vet, Zerolo would be told: "Okay, send me the horse and send the bill to so-and-so." His owners were so awed by Frankel that none ever declined, except in the famous case of Starine (Fr) (Mendocino). Zerolo kept a stake as she overcame her obscure pedigree to win in Frankel's own silks at the Breeders' Cup, where she has now featured as **second dam of a winner two years running**.



Martin Schwartz and Zerolo | Zuzanna Lupa-Arqana photo

Before Brant came aboard, Zerolo's principal ally in this kind of enterprise was Martin Schwartz, with the likes of Stacelita (Fr) (Monsun {Ger}) and Zagora (Fr) (Green Tune). But no less crucial was Chad Brown, identified by Zerolo as "a natural successor" to Frankel (whom he had served as assistant). Yes, Brown gained momentum for his own career from the association; but he also confirmed Zerolo in his belief that half the battle is having the right trainer on your team. The other half, a client with sufficient verve and commitment, was where Schwartz came in.

"Marty gave me great opportunities for a long, long time," says Zerolo gratefully. "He was one of the very few men operating at that level. He's in the high-speed, high-testosterone finance

world. So he needed a sort of a release for his energy: he loves to bet, he loves action, but he has no interest in breeding whatsoever."

Brant, on the other hand, is fascinated by the whole, acorn-to-oak process. In his initial stint on the Turf, uniquely, he bred both sire and dam of a Kentucky Derby winner, Thunder Gulch (Gulch).

"In those days, he was the young, successful, adventurous man with his cousin Joe Allen," Zerolo recalls. "All those good horses he was buying, whether dirt or grass, his mindset was the same: let's go for the best. He's a fascinating man; a renaissance man. He has led a fascinating life and whether you talk about art, or politics, or horses, he always has a very interesting opinion. And he's challenging, too: he keeps you on your toes. He does his homework.

"Anyway, after he had disappeared for 20 years, and came back, I reintroduced myself and he said, 'If you see something interesting, give me a call.' And yes, the very first call was Sistercharlie. I happened to be at Saint-Cloud when she won a conditions race. Her turn of foot was spectacular. So I called Peter. It took a little bit of time to register, and by that time she had won a Group 3, so she obviously became more expensive. But then she ran in the [G1] Prix de Diane, and should have won, so already there could not be too many doubts about what we'd done."

And so the dominoes began to fall towards an Arc winner. Sistercharlie's half-brother had to be on the inspection list at the Arqana August Sale of 2017, and Brant authorized a bid of €340,000.

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"I was fortunate that Peter gave me enough credit," Zerolo says. "That's always the critical element of the equation, the funds! I mean, he was not cheap. But he was a very good-looking horse. Not particularly like Sistercharlie, actually: he looks very much like his dam."



Sottsass after the Arc | Scoop-Dyga

Once again, much has hinged been the genius of a trainer. "Full credit to Jean-Claude Rouget who basically, in his own quote, had to lose other races in order to win the Arc," Zerolo says. "That took a bit of explanation, to get Peter on board. I

think the only time we collectively took a stand with Jean-Claude was that Sottsass would run in the [G1] Irish Champion S. I think Jean-Claude was going for a classic French preparation, but we thought the horse needed a bit of a kick in the ass. That race really woke him up. But Jean-Claude is an extraordinary trainer, a great judge and a born horseman. I mean, he's won eight Classic races in seven years, something like that."

Zerolo, naturally enough in view of his success, operates within the orthodoxies: he doesn't export European horses to run on dirt, instead content to exploit a lack of depth in American grass breeding. He refutes the objection that dirt and turf horses may be more versatile than we allow.

"If it's not on the page, it doesn't exist," he argues. "When you look at a pedigree and you see grass, grass, grass, it's a grass horse. It's a different animal, physically. You need a more athletic horse, one who's lighter on his feet. On dirt you need a strong horse: I mean, they have to dig themselves out from that stuff. Mechanically, it's a different thing.

"But it is true, going way back when I first started in this business, that we imported a French horse called Perrault (GB) (Djakao {Fr}), who was as grassy a horse as grass could be. And first start on the dirt he wins the Hollywood Gold Cup. But he was built like a bull." **Cont. p8**



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The paradox is that while the right blood still can't get commercial traction among American breeders--Zero describes standing a grass stallion in the U.S. as "nearly impossible"--the turf program is thriving, ever more competitive and respected. That, of course, is partly down to the efforts of importers like Zero and his rivals. But he feels the industry needs to heed the logic and follow through: with a turf Triple Crown, for instance; and a recognition that the training habits passed down through the generations may literally have run their course.

"I don't see the future of American racing with training horses on the racetrack," he declares. "I know it's a big statement. But I think training centers are the way of the future. I think that's why Peter Brant bought Payson Park. The logistics in America make it difficult. But I think the 'all-American' trainer, who would have 20 webbings, five forks, five saddles, and three exercise riders, there's going to be less and less of that. It's sad in some ways, yes. But we're in the era of the super trainers."



**Zero at the Capucines consignment at Arqana**  
*Zuzanna Lupa-Arqana photo*

Yet whatever European practice might be usefully emulated here, Zero still feels that the Old World must also look to its laurels.

"I think you can safely say that today you will find the world's best racehorses in Japan," he suggests. "There's been a haemorrhage of good pedigrees from America to Europe, and then lately from America and Europe to Japan. So the poles have shifted. It's incredible what the Yoshida family has built up. I have watched them all along, because I was sort of competing against them in the early 2000s, when buying expensive fillies for Mr. Schwartz. They were pretty much my only competition for good racehorses; not necessarily horses with fantastic pedigrees, but good racehorses with decent pedigrees."

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"Yes, maybe it takes me to my roots," Zerolo says with a laugh. "But it's all about opportunities. Before, horses were a lot cheaper. There were very few people doing it. Today there's less and less slack. There are a lot of talented young men and women making it extremely competitive. Before, you used to be able to buy a Group 3 winner in Europe, and were almost assured, if you went to Bobby Frankel, that it would become a Grade I horse. Now it's very rare, that magic order: find me a well-bred filly, a Group 3 horse that can run. I used to be able to pick up the phone and call 10 people. Now you have to look at Listed horses, you have to downgrade a little bit."

Hence the importance of the Arc: raising the bar higher yet. Zerolo is still at the helm, the rest still sailing eagerly in his wake. After all, even for the best, this business remains a constant puzzle.

"Yes, and a constant punishment as well," he says. "Because as you know, you're wrong more often than you're right."

That's the same for every horseman, of course. What makes the difference is not just how often you get something right, but how right you get it. And the launch of a €30,000 stallion at Coolmore, 32 years after Al Mamoon went to stud, suggests that Zerolo is still steering a course others will try to follow.

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**Fly On Angel Tops Fasig Midlantic December cont. from p1**



**Fly On Angel** | Coady Photography

Fly On Angel's next start following the claim was the Charles Town Oaks where she was a front-running half-length winner.

"My mom died Aug. 4 and we had a memorial service the night of the Charles Town Oaks," Besecker said. "I was with Clovis and he said, 'We have three minutes to post.' I had almost forgotten with everything that was going on, but I think my mom got her across the line. She went the fastest quarter and half in Charles Town history. She was flying like an angel. It was pretty emotional. And tonight was emotional, too. But I had to put a business mind to it and I think her value could not have been too much higher. We might have reduced her value a little bit with her last race where she had some issues."

Following her win at Charles Town, Fly On Angel finished sixth in the Oct. 3 GIII Miss Preakness S. and was most recently seventh in the Nov. 28 Safely Kept S. She is out of the stakes-placed mare Runge (Posse).

In all, 182 horses sold in Timonium Tuesday for a total of \$2,345,600. The average was \$12,888 and the median was \$5,000. With 55 horses reported not sold, the buy-back rate was 23.2%. **Cont. p10**



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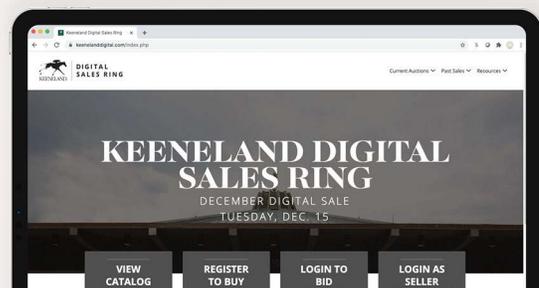
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Besecker’s dispersal of the majority of his stock dominated last year’s Midlantic December sale, with the auction’s top three lots, led by the \$450,000 Laddie Liam (Golden Lad), all from the dispersal. Through the Northview Stallion Station consignment, Besecker sold 17 horses Tuesday for \$475,000. The prolific Pennsylvania-based owner also signed for four lots.

“Just like a lot of sales lately, there were ebbs and flows,” Besecker said of the market at the Midlantic sale. “Early on, I think I bought a couple because they were just giving them away. Then it got a little strong and then there were some things that peppered it up. And then when it got to some of the racing horses, they went for much better than I would have thought. So there were peaks and valleys and I tried to take advantage of the valleys”

A weanling colt by hot freshman sire Laoban brought the second highest price of Tuesday’s auction when bringing a final bid of \$150,000 from Carrie Brogden of Machmer Hall. Bred in New York by Team Millennium Stable and consigned by Vinery Sales, the bay colt (hip 182) is out of Dixie Gem (Stonesider).

“He’s a proper horse by a proper stallion, the only thing he doesn’t have is a proper pedigree,” Brogden said of the colt who was purchased as a pinhooking prospect. “He’s out of a young mare, but once again that’s the type of mare that Laoban has been making it on. He’s a registered New York-bred who vetted well.”



Hip 182 | Fasig-Tipton Photo/Maggie Kimmitt

Of the weanling’s final price tag, Brogden added, “I told my mom and my husband I was going to be at \$120,000, and of course that ended up becoming \$150,000. But he’s special.”

Laoban (Uncle Mo), who will relocate to WinStar Farm in Kentucky for the 2021 breeding season after beginning his stallion career at Sequel New York, has already been represented by Grade I winner Simply Ravishing and graded winner Keepmeinmind. **Cont. p11**

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“They are all correct. He is throwing correct Uncle Mos,” Brogden said of offspring of the stallion. “And obviously they are running and they are running no matter who the mare is. That is an attribute of a superstar sire. I think you are witnessing the same thing happening with Constitution, too.”

Brogden saw Laoban for the first time last week and she was impressed with what she saw.

“I thought this weanling was as good-looking as his father,” she said. “I just saw his father for the first time last week. If I had realized how good-looking he was, I would have booked mares to him. I unfortunately missed the boat there, but I did buy pieces of three yearlings by him to go to the 2-year-old sales.”

Brogden said she had seen a solid middle market at the Midlantic sale.

“I think that, overall, there was more strength in the middle market at this sale--the \$20,000 to \$30,000 horses,” she said. “There was a Sharp Azteca filly [hip 139 sold for \$28,000 to Wazuzu Racing] who was beautiful, but she had three blank dams. I felt like there were more buyers for that type of horse.”

The Maryland auction house is advantageously located at the juxtaposition of several racing jurisdictions and Brogden agreed the geography could help the sale attract a stronger middle-market buying bench.

“I think you have a lot of trainers and a lot of people who support their own state-bred programs,” Brogden said. “A Virginia-bred or a New York-bred or a Maryland-bred. I saw Jeff Runco bought a really nice West Virginia-bred [hip 148, a filly by Gormley who sold for \$30,000], well he is keyed into that program. These horses all have their own market.”

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## FOR JUST \$5,000, OWNER MAY HAVE BOUGHT HIS TICKET TO KENTUCKY DERBY

by Bill Finley

The Ocala Breeders' Sales Company's 2-year-old sales attract all the heavyweights in the business, people who are ready to spend millions and have proven records of picking out future stars. Then there is Mark Schwartz. Schwartz arrived at this year's OBS Spring sale with a modest budget and ready to buy a horse at a sale for the first time. A Brooklyn-born retiree living in Florida, he knew the odds were not in his favor.

"I did my research, but this was kind of like playing the lottery," he said.

And sometimes you buy the winning ticket.

In a story that should give hope to anyone who has ever gone to the sales with big dreams and a small bankroll, Schwartz paid just \$5,000 for a horse that is now in the mix for next year's GI Kentucky Derby. That's what he paid for **Brooklyn Strong** (Wicked Strong), the New York-bred gelding who won Saturday's GI Remsen S. in the slop at Aqueduct. Of the 779 2-year-olds sold at the sale, only one went for less money.



**Brooklyn Strong** | Sarah Andrew

"I was there looking for bargains," he said. "I'm not one of those guys who can spend \$100,000 for a horse. There was no way in my wildest dreams I could have expected this. You hope maybe he could get to the allowance races. Maybe I would have a good claimer. But this proves that with a lot of horses you sometimes can get lucky. Look at what happened with California Chrome."

According to Equibase, Schwartz was 0 for 24 as an owner before Brooklyn Strong came around, but he says he has owned some winners that were part of partnerships. Part of the problem was obvious: he didn't have much money to spend. That was still the case entering the Ocala sale when he showed up without his trainer, Danny Velazquez, who stayed behind at Delaware Park because of the coronavirus. **Cont. p13**

## NEW YEAR NEW OPPORTUNITY

The catalog is now online for the 2021 Keeneland January Horses of All Ages Sale. Discover quality broodmares, broodmare prospects, short yearlings, horses of racing age and more, as well as rare offerings from the dispersals of Sam-Son Farm, Paul P. Pompa, Jr. and Spry Family Farm.



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That left Schwartz to go it alone. He did his homework, studying the catalogue and watching the works. He made a list of horses he liked, realizing most would be out of his price range. He hoped to not pay more than \$15,000 for a horse. With Brooklyn Strong, Schwartz liked the horse's work, which went in :10 2/5, and was impressed by the pedigree on the dam's side. The dam is Riviera Chic, who is by Medaglia d'Oro and had two winners from her first three foals.

Schwartz said the bidding began at \$1,000 and stopped with his bid of \$5,000. He does not understand why there was not more interest in the horse.

"Maybe there wasn't much respect for his sire, Wicked Strong," said Schwartz, who also brought a Will Take Charge filly (hip 474) at the sale for \$10,000. "But I don't really know what turned other people off. It couldn't have been the workout, it was good. He had a little knot on his knee, but that was nothing

serious. I was kind of shocked. I never thought I'd get him for \$5,000."

Brooklyn Strong, who was bred by Cheryl Prudhomme and Dr. Michael Gallivan sold originally as a weanling for \$30,000 at the Fasig-Tipton New York Saratoga Fall Mixed sale. He later RNA'd at two yearling sales, one time for \$42,000, another for \$6,000

After the sale, Schwartz called Velazquez to ask what he thought of the purchase. Velazquez told him he really didn't have anything to lose.

"He asked me what I thought and I said, 'He looks good to me. What's the worst thing that can happen? You only paid \$5,000 for him.'" Velazquez said.

Brooklyn Strong made his debut Sept. 12 at Delaware Park, winning a \$40,000 maiden

claimer. He then ran third in the Bertram Bongard S. and followed that up with a win in the Sleepy Hollow S. Both races are for New York-breds. **Cont. p14**



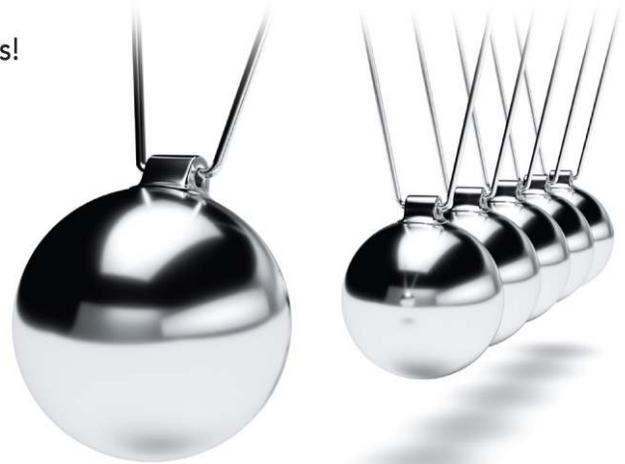
In the Remsen winner's circle | Sarah Andrew

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The gelding had proven he could compete at a high level against state-breds, but the Remsen loomed as a much bigger challenge. The competition included Known Agenda, a homebred by Curlin, Ten for Ten (Frosted), who cost \$410,000 at Keeneland September, and GIII Nashua S. winner Pickin' Time (Stay Thirsty).

"We knew going in that he would have to show his class and that open company is a lot different than New York-breds," Velazquez said "There were a couple of horses in there that they paid a lot of money for. We knew we were going against the big boys. I knew we were extremely ready. I told Mark that if we lose we lose, but that we were going in there 1000% ready, well trained, well prepared and healthy."

The Remsen turned into a two-horse race, with Brooklyn Strong prevailing by a neck over Ten for Ten. It was the start of a huge weekend for Velazquez. The Remsen was his first graded stakes win and the next day he won the New York Stallion Series S. with Laobanonaprayner (Laoban).

"Danny is a terrific young trainer," Schwartz said.

Velazquez has yet to pick out another start for Brooklyn Strong, but said the Feb. 6 GIII Withers S. at Aqueduct is a possibility.

Considering his success on the track and that he is owned by someone of modest means, Brooklyn Strong would seem like the type of horse that someone looking for a Derby contender

would swoop in and try to buy. But Schwartz said he hasn't had any serious offers. For now, that's fine with him. It lets him focus on trying to make it to the Derby.

"I'm an optimistic person and a dreamer," he said.

And, maybe, just a little but lucky.

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## KEENELAND CATALOGS 1,588 FOR JANUARY SALE

A total of 1,588 horses have been cataloged for the upcoming Keeneland January Horses of All Ages Sale, which will be held in Lexington Jan. 11-14. On offer at the four-day auction will be 808 broodmares and broodmare prospects, 697 short yearlings, 78 horses of racing age and five stallions or stallion prospects.

The catalogue features horses from the dispersals of Sam-Son Farm, the late Paul Pompa, Jr., and Spry Family Farm.

Multiple Eclipse Award and Sovereign Award-winning breed-to-race operation Sam-Son Farm will offer 21 broodmares in foal to Accelerate, American Pharoah, Bernardini, Candy Ride (Arg), City of Light, Distorted Humor, Hard Spun, Into Mischief, Kantharos, Kitten's Joy, Lookin At Lucky, Malibu Moon, Munnings, Omaha Beach, Speightstown, Street Sense, Twirling Candy, Uncle Mo and War Front. **Cont. p15**

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Hill 'n' Dale Sales Agency, agent, will handle 46 horses cataloged in the Dispersal of Spry Family Farm, including 11 mares in foal to stallions Ghostzapper, Speightstown, Maclean's Music, Midshipman and Take Charge Indy; 10 foals of 2020 by Creative Cause, Ghostzapper, Maclean's Music and Tapiture; nine foals of 2019 by Lea, Maclean's Music and Temple City; and 16 racing or broodmare prospects by such sires as Uncle Mo, Frankel (GB), Invincible Spirit (Ire), Medaglia d'Oro and Kodiak (GB).

The 39 horses in the Complete Dispersal of the late Paul P. Pompa Jr., Lane's End, agent, are broodmares, foals of 2020, horses of racing age and broodmare or stallion prospects.



Keeneland January sales grounds | Keeneland photo

"This year's January sale is especially deep because of the Sam-Son, Paul Pompa and Spry Family Farm dispersals, which offer one-of-a-kind opportunities to obtain breeding and racing stock from established, successful operations," Keeneland President-Elect and Interim Head of Sales Shannon Arvin said. "These dispersals further enhance the January sale's reputation for being a source of quality broodmares prior to breeding season and a popular market for newly turned yearlings and horses of racing age."

Each session of the January sale will begin at 10 a.m. ET. Keeneland will continue to offer online and phone bidding to enable buyers to participate in the January sale remotely while employing onsite COVID-19 protocols similar to those used during its two recent auctions.

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## KEENELAND CATALOGS 79 LOTS FOR DECEMBER DIGITAL SALE

Keeneland has cataloged 79 lots, including mares in foal to such noteworthy stallions as Not This Time, Nyquist, Practical Joke and Yoshida (Jpn), for its December Digital Sale, to be held Tuesday, Dec. 15 as part of Keeneland's Digital Sales Ring platform. The December Sale catalog is available at [keenelanddigital.com](http://keenelanddigital.com).

The catalog features 41 broodmares or broodmare prospects, 12 yearlings, eight weanlings, six racing or broodmare prospects, two racing or stallion prospects, one stallion prospect, six stallions, two shares and one breeding right.

Online bidding opens at 10 a.m. ET Dec. 15 and closes that day at 2 p.m. Buyers are encouraged to register for an account in the Keeneland Digital Sales Ring in advance of sale day. In order to log in to the Keeneland Digital Sales Ring, you should register for an account or log in through the Keeneland Sales Portal. Your universal login applies to both the Sales Portal and the Digital Sales Ring.

For more information about the December Sale, contact Dean Roethemeier at [droethemeier@keeneland.com](mailto:droethemeier@keeneland.com), Kyle Wilson at [kwilson@keeneland.com](mailto:kwilson@keeneland.com) or Chip McGaughey at [cmcgaughey@keeneland.com](mailto:cmcgaughey@keeneland.com).

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## KY ADVANCES CLENBUTEROL REGS; TURFWAY SWITCHES WEEKLY RACE DAYS

by T.D. Thornton

The Kentucky Horse Racing Commission (KHRC) advanced a proposal Dec. 8 that will create a set of new regulations designed to curb clenbuterol's off-label abuse as a lean muscle mass builder.

The move is part of a trend this year among North American racing jurisdictions aiming to eliminate clenbuterol's misuse as a performance enhancer while putting in place restrictions that will still allow the drug to be prescribed for its intended purpose as a bronchodilator to treat airway disease.

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The new Kentucky rules on clenbuterol will require 1) A specific diagnosis for its prescription that must be filed with the KHRC within 24 hours of dispensing the drug; 2) The horse to be placed on the veterinarian's restricted list for 21 days; 3) Proof via blood and urine testing that the horse's system is clear of clenbuterol prior to being removed from the list and allowed to compete.

The regulatory switch will align Kentucky with a clenbuterol model rule enacted by the Racing Medication and Testing Consortium on Aug. 24. The Kentucky Equine Drug Research Council (EDRC), which serves as an advisory board to the KHRC, advanced its approval of these new clenbuterol guidelines at a Dec. 1 meeting.

The existing clenbuterol standard in Kentucky is a withdrawal time of 14 days.

One commissioner argued to no avail against advancing the new set of clenbuterol rules prior to the remaining KHRC members passing the initiative by a voice vote.

That lone dissenter was Alan Leavitt, a decades-long Standardbred owner and breeder and member of the Harness Racing Museum Hall of Fame.

"This is a case of punishing harness racing for the sins of the Quarter Horse people and the Thoroughbred people," Leavitt said prior to the vote. He lamented the practice of trainers of those breeds "hammering a horse with clenbuterol" to gain muscle-building akin to steroids that give a horse a performance advantage and claimed that it has been "documented in harness racing with no incidences of abusing it."

Leavitt echoed an argument voiced last week by Andy Roberts, DVM, who represents Standardbred interests on the EDRC, that harness horses should be treated differently than Thoroughbreds when it comes to clenbuterol because of the near-weekly frequency that Standardbreds generally race.

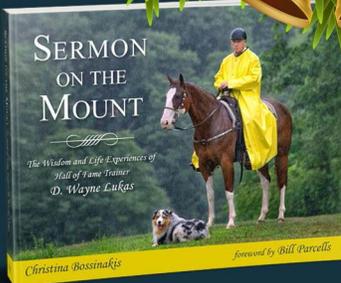
"I'm opposed to this, and I wish the do-gooders would just leave us alone because we don't abuse clenbuterol, and it's very helpful to keep our horses very safe," Leavitt said.

Commissioner Foster Northrop, DVM, whose practice primarily focuses on Thoroughbreds, disagreed with Leavitt's logic while urging passage of the new regulations.

"Any drug out there that has an ability to be misused and overused and to give a benefit that the drug wasn't originally meant for needs stricter guidance than what we have now presently on clenbuterol," Northrop said.

"The Quarter Horse crowd showed how easily it could be abused. And I know in the sales rings it's being abused and in racing it's being abused," Northrop continued. "I can't speak on the Standardbred side of it, but any drug like this...certain factions of people will find a way to abuse it."

"We typically use it for horses that bleed," Northrop said.



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"Horses that bleed automatically need a minimum of 21 days off. And this is when this product is very effective. We're not putting the trainers in jail for using it the way it was meant to be used.... Everybody wants a level playing field. I think this rule is going to move us closer to having a more level field for all participants, and I'm [on the backstretch] every day of my life.

Commissioner Kenneth Jackson, an attorney specializing in equine law who represents harness racing interests in connection with the Kentucky Standardbred Development Fund and Kentucky Standardbred Breeders' Incentive Fund, also urged for the KHRC to pass the new regulations.

"We've got to try to clean up what's out there. We've got to try to get some consistency in the way we look at these animals. And I believe that this is not an issue that impacts the masses that would detrimentally affect the Standardbreds," Jackson said.

Within the past year, a number of racing jurisdictions have tightened clenbuterol restrictions based on evidence showing the medication has been widely abused for its repartitioning effect that promotes lean muscle mass.

On Jan. 1, the California Horse Racing Board enacted a clenbuterol rule that requires a prescription for appropriate usage plus a stint on the vet's list until the drug clears.

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On May 1, the Canadian Pari-Mutuel Agency started banning clenbuterol 28 days out from race day at tracks country-wide. On Oct. 22, the Maryland Racing Commission advanced a rule proposal similar to California's, and the New York State Gaming Commission did the same Nov. 30.

In addition, more restrictive clenbuterol "house rules" are in effect at Gulfstream Park and soon will be during the Oaklawn Park race meet.

**New Schedule at Turfway**

A Friday-through-Sunday schedule is out at Turfway Park for the winter/spring 2021 meet that runs from January through March, replaced by a new Thursday-through-Saturday weekly slate.



Racing at Turfway | Coady Photography

The KHRC unanimously approved the calendar amendment during Tuesday's meeting, which does not change the initially granted number of 39 dates. In the KHRC meeting packet for this agenda item, the reason Turfway cited for the change was "a temporary hold on its 2021 construction schedule."

Churchill Downs, Inc., the gaming corporation that owns Turfway, had announced back on Oct. 29 that it was stopping construction on Turfway's planned new grandstand and historical horse racing (HHR) gaming facility until the state of Kentucky clears up the ambiguity surrounding the apparent illegality of HHR, which contributes tens of millions of dollars annually to purses in the state.

The old grandstand has already been torn down and Turfway will be conducting a no-spectator meet with temporary structures for racing officials. No Turfway executives elaborated on the stalled construction during Tuesday's meeting, nor did any commissioners address that topic.

Post time will be 6:15 p.m. nightly. A Wednesday, Jan. 6, program is an exception to the new calendar, and Turfway

retains the right to run "optional" dates on other Wednesdays (it had previously been granted optional Thursdays).

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# WHO'S YOUR PICK?

*As we approach the end of the calendar, we turn our attention to the incoming sire class of 2021. We asked several judges who their favorite incoming sire is for next year and if there are any other stallions, new or otherwise, that have caught their eye as under-the-radar picks.*

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Aidan O'Meara, Stonehaven Steadings | Keeneland

**Authentic (Into Mischief), \$75,000, Spendthrift Farm**

The horse we're most excited about this year is a bit of an obvious one, but it has to be **Authentic**. His sire has developed into the preeminent sire of this past five years and has set himself up to carry that status well into the next decade and beyond.

When a sire hits that stratosphere and puts himself out of reach of most of your broodmare band, you hope that a significant son of his shows up to give you a viable alternative, and thankfully, Authentic is that and more. A horse that showed raw brilliance from day one, he is one of the more exciting prospects to retire in recent years and a stand-out in a group of young horses that is arguably one of the stronger incoming classes in the last decade.

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What I consider to be one of the more significant things to do as a racehorse to showcase your potential future abilities as a stallion is to win the Breeders' Cup Classic as a 3-year-old. Only a handful of horses have been able to do it and most of them have gone on to be significant sires--Sunday Silence, Unbridled, A.P. Indy, Tiznow, Curlin and most recently American Pharoah. Authentic's win this year in the Classic and the manner and time in which he did it coupled with wins in the GI Kentucky Derby and GI Haskell S. gives me a lot of confidence that we may have something potentially special on our hands with him.

He was picked out as a yearling by one of the sharpest teams in the business [SF Bloodstock, Starlight West] and that will tell you a lot about his physique. He is somewhat atypical of the sire line in that he has a larger frame and stretch than what normally is seen and has a body that will only be further complimented as he matures.

I was fortunate enough to see him a couple of mornings on the run up to the Breeders' Cup and he's a horse that just exuded class as he cruised around Keeneland. We will be breeding a couple of A-team mares to him, the dam of Shanghai Bobby (Harlan's Holiday) being one of them.

#### War of Will (War Front), \$25,000, Claiborne Farm

There are plenty of value sires in the 'breed to race' sphere. Paynter, Midnight Lute, Lookin At Lucky, etc. have consistently delivered at the racetrack but have been held back commercially for different reasons and make for limited commercial plays. Any proven sire that has shown commercial appeal to go along with racetrack success has sky rocketed in the other direction to where it only makes sense for a handful of breeders.

Despite what was a very difficult year for most farms trying to sell yearlings, the stud fee market has not been very reflective of that and just about all stud fees for established sires with any commercial appeal and all of the incoming freshman sires are about what they would have been at this time last year.

That being said though, the one young sire that I thought jumped out from a value standpoint was **War of Will** (War Front) at \$25,000. He's a very attractive horse that gets your attention two steps out of his stall. He carries more size than expected from the sire line and has a classy yet masculine look that we like to see in young prospects. He's a Grade I winner on dirt and turf and has a big pedigree to back it all up.

Claiborne has traditionally been very selective in their young stallion acquisitions and has developed young stallions who have been commercially successful in the all-important first few years of their careers, as evidenced by Mastery (Candy Ride {Arg}) again last year.

We think War of Will has a big shot to develop into one of the talking horses at the weanlings and yearling sales the next

couple of years and offers breeders a great opportunity of commercial success without being over exposed on the stud fee.

*Do you have a favorite incoming sire pick for 2021 or a stallion that you think might be under-the-radar next year? Email the TDN's Katie Ritz at [katieritz@thoroughbreddailynews.com](mailto:katieritz@thoroughbreddailynews.com) to give your response.*

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## CALIFORNIA MEMORY: THE LITTLE HORSE THAT COULD...AND DID

by Alan Carasso



California Memory | Liesl King photo

A good horse can come from anywhere, can come in all shapes and sizes. Perhaps no horse in the history of the Hong Kong turf embodies that idea more than the diminutive, but wildly talented **California Memory** (Highest Honor {Fr})--Kalpita, by Spinning World).

Brookdale Farm's Fred Seitz acquired Kalpita privately after she was led out unsold on a bid of 48,000gns at Tattersalls December in 2005 and the mare foaled a grey colt Mar. 2, 2006. Hailing from the female family of champions Bosra Sham (Woodman) and Hector Protector (Woodman), the colt was consigned by Seitz's Brookdale Sales to the 2007 Keeneland September Sale and was off to Europe following a winning bid of \$65,000. In an ironic twist, his third dam has come to include Gaudeamus (Distorted Humor), whose son Golden Sixty (Aus) (Medaglia d'Oro) is the early favorite for Sunday's G1 Longines Hong Kong Mile.

Placed in his first two career starts in Madrid, Portus Blendium won his maiden at third asking at Dax in extreme southwestern France. He acquitted himself nicely at metropolitan tracks in early 2009, and it was a conditions victory at Chantilly that May that caught the attention of many, including Marie Yoshida.

“A good friend of mine, Francois Dupuis, contacted me and at the same time, my loyal and longtime Hong Kong client Dr. Thomas T.S. Liang was in search of a promising young racehorse,” Yoshida said. “We contacted trainer Carlos Laffon-Parias, but it was only after his third-place finish in the Listed Prix Matchem that we were able to secure him.”

Ahead of Portus Blendium in the Matchem were future Godolphin star Cavalryman (GB) (Halling) and a future legend by the name of Cirrus des Aigles (Fr) (Even Top {Ire}). It would not be the final time the rivals met.

Portus Blendium made one final start in France, a third in the Listed Prix Tourgeville in August 2009, but tragedy struck a short time thereafter, as Dr. Liang passed away suddenly the following month. His final purchase was renamed California Memory by his family, who crossed their fingers that they might have a Derby runner on their hands.



Trainer Tony Cruz and Marie Yoshida at Sha Tin in 2019

### ***Derby Dreams Dashed...***

Under normal circumstances, it is tough to prepare a European import for a Classics season (for 4-year-olds in Hong Kong), but it was not straight-forward for California Memory. Having raced in France as a ridgling, he underwent gelding surgery once he got to Hong Kong, and made his local debut in February 2010, finishing 11th at long odds in the Hong Kong Classic Cup just one month prior to the Derby. It wasn't meant to be. He returned a better horse that latter half of that season and would go on to win a pair of Class 1 handicaps, but he was no better than a 30-1 shot against the likes of veterans Irian (Ger) (Tertullian) and Viva Pataca (GB) (Marju {Ire}) in the 2011 G1 Hong Kong Gold Cup (2000m). Racing for Dr. Liang's son Howard and with homegrown rider Matt Chadwick aboard, California Memory--all 981 pounds of him--got well back, but kicked hard in the final 200 meters to cause the boilover ([video](#)), prompting commentator Darren Flindell to anoint California Memory a

champion stayer of the future. A prescient comment, indeed.

“I vividly remember receiving a phone call from Howard Liang and there was so much emotion. I could not stop smiling and crying at the same time,” recollected Yoshida. “We could feel that something very special had just happened, as if Dr. Liang was there with us.”

### ***A History Maker...***

California Memory won the 2011 Sha Tin Trophy H. over an insufficient 1600-meter trip off a five-month layoff with 130 pounds on his back and was fourth at odds on in the G2 Jockey Club Cup ahead of that year's Hong Kong Cup. Forced to race handier to a slow pace while facing true international competition for the first time, he was short of room at a crucial stage, but bulled his way through to defeat Irian, with his old mate Cirrus des Aigles fifth ([video](#)).

“We were so proud that this horse could represent Hong Kong and that Matthew Chadwick, who attended the Hong Kong Jockey Club jockeys' school, would have such success,” Yoshida said.

If anything, California Memory was in even better form heading into the internationals of 2012. Having won the Jockey Club Cup this time around, he was the 17-10 favorite on the big day and it was an easy watch for his backers, as he ran to daylight after saving ground throughout and powered home easily best to become the first--and only--two-time winner of the richest of the HKIR ([video](#)).

“Frankly, we were hoping California Memory could do it, but we did not 100% believe he could,” Yoshida reflected. “Tony Cruz had him in peak form and it was such a big honor for Howard Liang and his family to be there and race for Hong Kong. Everything happened in slow motion that day, it was surreal. It was a celebration of Dr. Liang's life and the family's long-term racing accomplishment in Hong Kong. Mrs. Liang and several grandchildren were there. It was just perfect.”

California Memory made the 2013 G1 Champions and Chater Cup (2400m) the last of his 12 career victories and earned him champion stayer honors that season. He retired from racing in 2015 with earnings of \$6,687,501 and lives out his days at Living Legends just outside of Melbourne, where he shares space with other HKIR winners Silent Witness (Aus), Good Ba Ba, Peniaphobia (Ire), Mr Stunning (Aus), Beauty Only (Ire) and Designs On Rome (Ire).

Japan's Win Bright (Jpn) (Stay Gold {Jpn}) could equal California Memory's achievement when he goes out in defense of his title in Sunday's Hong Kong Cup.

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## HORSE RACING WANTS NEW BLOOD. OR DOES IT?

by Sue Finley



Horse racing wants to draw new people in the sport; artificial barriers limit their paths | *Horsephotos*

Earlier this year, the son of a longtime family friend called me and said that he had claimed an 8-year-old gelding the previous summer who had raced a dozen or so times for him, but now the horse was nine, and he was worried about him. He wanted to make sure that he retired him sound, so that he could have a second career. After six or seven years on the track, he had earned it, he said.

He asked my advice, and I had him contact Anna Ford at New Vocations, who said she would make room for him. It meant that he would lose money on the horse, and that he would be the one to fund a retirement from a career for which he was only briefly responsible, but he insisted upon doing the right thing, even though his trainer felt he could still run successfully. Blue Pigeon has now been adopted out as a hunter-jumper prospect, and he owes his future to his former owner, 23-year-old Philip Miller.

But when Miller went to Aqueduct last week to apply for a jockey's agent's license, he was told that not only was he unqualified, but that he was unqualified to even sit for the test to determine if he was qualified.

"Has he ever been in prison?" asked a friend of mine when she heard of the decision.

He has not.

In fact, Miller graduated from the Stevens Institute of Technology at the top of his class with a Bachelor of Science degree in Finance. Now an MBA candidate who earned his real estate license in his spare time this summer, he is the son of a prominent cancer specialist and racehorse owner, and has owned horses on his own or in partnership for two years. He

grew up going to the racetrack, spends most days handicapping, and has won a bit of money on the ponies.

He has been known to bring home a stray dog or two, did seven years of weekly volunteer service at the Special Olympics as an assistant swim coach, is polite, intelligent, and well-spoken. He designed an app to provide free college tutoring to under-privileged students. Any industry would be happy to have him.

Except for horse racing.

Miller was offered the job as jockey agent for Ferrin Peterson, but has been deemed by the New York State Gaming Commission as unqualified because he has no hands-on horse experience on the backstretch. Let's put aside for a moment that being a jockey's agent requires no hands-on horse experience.

After her agent, Julie Krone, moved back to California, I suggested Miller as an option to Peterson, who had ridden a winner for Miller at Monmouth. I have known Miller for his entire life, knew he was looking to get into racing in a bigger way, and his father has helped out more racetrack families with care for their cancer-stricken loved ones than I can count. I should know. My family was the first.

She met with him, thought he was the perfect fit, and offered him the job.

But a rule on the New York Gaming Commission books reads that "a license to be a jockey's agent may be initially issued only to an applicant who...has been licensed and has acted as an exercise person, apprentice jockey, jockey, assistant trainer or trainer in this or another jurisdiction for at least one year."

So, without so much as looking at his resume and what he has accomplished at the age of 23, without discussing his two years of racehorse ownership, New York State Steward Braulio Baeza told him he wouldn't even be allowed to sit for the test because he was unqualified.

He studied Multivariable Calculus and Business Law, made the Dean's List every semester, and received a merit-based scholarship to attend the school.

But he's unqualified to be a jockey's agent?

There's nothing wrong with taking the path from jockey or trainer to agent; Angel Cordero and Kiaran McLaughlin are two good examples. But to say that's the only path defies reason.

The rule would eliminate the careers of almost any jockey agent you ever heard of--Harry Hacek, Vic Gilardi, Lenny Goodman, and more. The people who managed the careers of Steve Cauthen, Eddie Delahoussaye and Jorge Velasquez would have been deemed unfit at the start.

Ignore for a minute that the rule seems arbitrary, insular and protectionist, ensuring that the path of many bright young people trying to get into the sport will be blocked, and that only insiders can play. **Cont. p21**

That's not the best way to invite smart, passionate people into horse racing. (And for what it's worth, the rule would disqualify the most talented racing secretary from being a jockey's agent, which makes no sense.)

Shouldn't consumers (trainers) and employers (jockeys) decide who succeeds at this job, not the people in charge of issuing institutional licenses?

How many times have we said we should bring new people into the sport? How many seminars have you attended on attracting young people? How many committees have we formed and organizations have we launched for just that purpose?

But instead of bringing his considerable intelligence, education, character and passion for the sport to horse racing, Miller will go on to work in another industry. He'll do just fine.

I'm not so sure about us.

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## APPELBAUM RE-ELECTED NYTHA PRESIDENT

Joe Appelbaum has been re-elected to a second term as president of the New York Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association in election results announced Tuesday by the organization.

Incumbent Owner/Directors Tina Bond, Rob Masiello and Aron Yagoda were re-elected as well, with Jon Green and Dan Collins filling the two additional Owner/Director spots. Incumbent Trainer/Directors Leah Gyarmati, John Kimmel, Linda Rice and Richard Schosberg will be joined by Pat Kelly, who most recently served as an alternate to the board.

"Thank you to all of New York's owners and trainers who took the time to participate in our election," Appelbaum said. "Now, more than ever, it is important to make your voice heard. We welcome Jon Green and Dan Collins to the team, and look forward to working on your behalf to promote and protect your interests, the backstretch community, the horses and Thoroughbred industry that is so vital to our state."

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## HANDLE INCREASES AT AQUEDUCT FALL MEET

The average daily handle from all sources at the recently concluded Aqueduct fall meet was \$9,261,276--an increase of 12.8% from the 2019 meet--the New York Racing Association announced Tuesday.

The 2020 fall meet, which was conducted over 18 race days, generated all-sources handle of \$166,702,976. The 2019 fall meet, which was conducted over 25 race days, generated all-sources handle of \$205,249,710. A total of 175 races were run in 2020, 58 fewer than the number of races run in 2019.

Of the 175 races run during the fall meet, 107 were held on the main track and 68 over the two turf courses. Average field size over those 175 races was 8.67, a 3.2% increase over 2019. A total of 11 races were taken off the turf due to weather.

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## ARCI STRENGTHENS RULE RESTRICTIONS ON CROP USE

Jockeys will be prohibited from using the riding crop more than two consecutive times before being required to wait three full strides in order to give the horse a chance to respond under an expanded Model Crop Rule adopted by the Association of Racing Commissioners International (ARCI) last week.

The modified rule tightens restrictions already in place but clearly says that any use of the crop to "urge" the horse must be limited. The new RCI Model Rule continues to rely upon the judgement of the Stewards as to when to impose sanctions, but is clear that using the crop more than two consecutive times or not waiting three full strides before reuse is to be regarded as a rule violation.

The RCI did not include an overall strike count in the actual rule but did approve corresponding guidelines to advise officials that use of the crop for more than six strikes during the race is something to be assessed.

"If our accredited Stewards cannot judge when a jock has crossed the line then perhaps they should not be in the stand," said former jock and racing official Doug Moore, who is Executive Director of the Washington State Racing Commission and Chair of the RCI Rider and Driver Safety Committee. "If the officials fail to exercise their responsibility in this matter, then the feeling at the meeting was that the matter must be reviewed up top in assessing someone's job performance and deciding whether to keep them on."

"Several years ago we changed the riding crop requirements to rely upon poppers which provide an audible stimulation to the horse in addition to the visual one of showing the horse the crop," said RCI Chairman Tom Sage. "As a result, it is extremely rare to find a horse with evidence of crop misuse coming in off the track. In helping to protect the horse we may have created an opposite impression with the public as they now hear the noise coming from the crops."

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RCI President Ed Martin noted that testimony from the Jockey Club as to public perception was taken to heart and the regulators found it compelling to help address that by defining clearly what the chance to respond should be.

“The image of someone wailing away on a horse coming down the stretch is not a good one for a sport struggling to assert a positive image. But controlled and limited use with three full strides to respond was something the regulators believed would help mitigate that,” he said.

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### COMPETITIVE EDGE TO VALOR FARM IN TEXAS

**Competitive Edge** (Super Saver--Magdalena's Chase, by Cape Town), winner of the 2014 GI Hopeful S. at Saratoga and a nationally ranked first- and second-crop sire over the past two years, was purchased by Douglas Scharbauer to stand at Valor Farm in Texas. He previously stood at Ashford Stud in Kentucky. His 2021 fee will be \$5,000. Competitive Edge, who also covered mares in the Southern Hemisphere while with Ashford, was North America's sixth ranked first-crop sire with more than \$1.3 million in progeny earnings in 2019. He is currently ranked among the Top 15 second-crop sires, with total progeny earnings of nearly \$3.6 million thorough early December. He is represented by 12 stakes horses, including Saratoga stakes winners Fierce Lady and My Italian Rabbi, and graded-stakes placed runners Reagan's Edge and Edgeway.

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### FAZIO NAMED FOREVER SPRING MANAGER

Timothy Fazio has been named farm manager at Forever Spring Farms, David Williams's Thoroughbred boarding and breeding facility in Danville, Kentucky. Fazio previously worked at Northview Stallions. During his tenure at that Pennsylvania farm, his various positions included general oversight of broodmares and stallions, as well as pedigree analysis.

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### DAVIS ELECTED PRESIDENT OF TURF PUBLICISTS

Wendy Davis from the Race Track Industry Program at the University of Arizona has been elected president of the Turf Publicists of America (TPA) for 2021 and 2022, it was announced Tuesday by outgoing President Amy Gregory. At the same time, it was announced that Najja Thompson from the New York Thoroughbred Breeders has been re-elected as a vice president, and because of a tie in the voting both Claire Crawford from the Del Mar Thoroughbred Club and Kevin Kerstein from Churchill

Downs Racetrack have been elected vice presidents for the first time. Each will serve a two-year term in 2021 and 2022. Davis, Thompson, Crawford and Kerstein join vice presidents Tom LaMarra, Erin Shea and Amy Zimmerman and secretary-treasurer Dave Zenner, each of whom was elected to a two-year term last year.

The TPA, founded in 1951, is comprised of approximately 130 Thoroughbred racing publicists and marketing executives at racetracks throughout North America with the shared goal of promoting the sport of Thoroughbred racing.

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### INDIANA GRAND SUPPORTS HELPING HANDS FOR FREEDOM

Indiana Grand Racing and Casino made a \$10,000 donation to Helping Hands for Freedom, an organization which assists families of fallen, wounded and deployed members of the military. Helping Hands for Freedom is headquartered in Phoenix and has offices in Indiana, Colorado, San Diego, and Florida.

“Like everybody else, we have really taken a hit with the pandemic this year, as have our military families,” said Paul Gable, Helping Hands' Midwest Community Liaison. “This donation will go directly to military families with immediate life needs. Our requests had gone up even before COVID. Every year, we get more and more requests, so this donation is greatly needed by our organization.”

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## 2020 Leading Dirt Sires

for stallions standing in North America through Monday, Dec. 7

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

Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	<b>Into Mischief</b> <i>(2005) by Harlan's Holiday Crops: 9</i>	<b>21</b>	<b>42</b>	8	<b>19</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>344</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>7,170,000</b>	<b>18,168,887</b>
				<i>Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY Fee: \$175,000</i>						<i>Authentic</i>	
2	<b>Tapit</b> <i>(2001) by Pulpit Crops: 13</i>	<b>11</b>	<b>19</b>	8	<b>15</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>1,570,000</b>	<b>9,629,538</b>
				<i>Stands: Gainesway Farm KY Fee: \$200,000</i>						<i>Tacitus</i>	
3	<b>Curlin</b> <i>(2004) by Smart Strike Crops: 9</i>	<b>11</b>	<b>27</b>	6	<b>19</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>1,020,600</b>	<b>8,093,308</b>
				<i>Stands: Hill 'n' Dale Farms KY Fee: \$175,000</i>						<i>Global Campaign</i>	
4	<b>I'll Have Another</b> <i>(2009) by Flower Alley Crops: 5</i>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	--	<b>1</b>	--	--	<b>201</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>562,889</b>	<b>7,605,607</b>
				<i>Stands: Ballena Vista Farm CA Fee: \$6,000</i>						<i>Another Truth (JPN)</i>	
5	<b>Uncle Mo</b> <i>(2008) by Indian Charlie Crops: 6</i>	<b>15</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>16</b>	--	<b>4</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>406,400</b>	<b>7,374,546</b>
				<i>Stands: Ashford Stud KY Fee: \$125,000</i>						<i>Modernist</i>	
6	<b>Munnings</b> <i>(2006) by Speightstown Crops: 7</i>	<b>11</b>	<b>17</b>	6	<b>7</b>	--	<b>2</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>571,000</b>	<b>6,782,067</b>
				<i>Stands: Ashford Stud KY Fee: \$30,000</i>						<i>Warrior's Charge</i>	
7	<b>Speightstown</b> <i>(1998) by Gone West Crops: 13</i>	<b>9</b>	<b>14</b>	4	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>767,145</b>	<b>6,678,720</b>
				<i>Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$70,000</i>						<i>Matera Sky</i>	
8	<b>Street Sense</b> <i>(2004) by Street Cry (Ire) Crops: 10</i>	<b>6</b>	<b>11</b>	4	<b>6</b>	--	--	<b>214</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>699,166</b>	<b>5,933,395</b>
				<i>Stands: Darley KY Fee: \$75,000</i>						<i>Fashionista (JPN)</i>	
9	<b>Midnight Lute</b> <i>(2003) by Real Quiet Crops: 9</i>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	2	<b>2</b>	--	<b>2</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>3,721,520</b>	<b>5,923,066</b>
				<i>Stands: Hill 'n' Dale Farms KY Fee: \$15,000</i>						<i>Midnight Bisou</i>	
10	<b>Empire Maker</b> <i>(2000) by Unbridled Crops: 14</i>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	--	<b>2</b>	--	--	<b>202</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>468,733</b>	<b>5,750,963</b>
				<i>Stands: Gainesway Farm USA (Dead/Ret)</i>						<i>History Maker (JPN)</i>	
11	<b>Hard Spun</b> <i>(2004) by Danzig Crops: 10</i>	<b>4</b>	<b>12</b>	2	<b>7</b>	--	<b>2</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>325,326</b>	<b>5,403,845</b>
				<i>Stands: Darley KY Fee: \$40,000</i>						<i>Touch of Luck (AUS)</i>	
12	<b>Constitution</b> <i>(2011) by Tapit Crops: 2</i>	<b>3</b>	<b>13</b>	1	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>2,388,300</b>	<b>4,891,478</b>
				<i>Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$40,000</i>						<i>Tiz the Law</i>	
13	<b>City Zip</b> <i>(1998) by Carson City Crops: 15</i>	<b>3</b>	<b>8</b>	2	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>1,810,000</b>	<b>4,815,777</b>
				<i>Stands: Lane's End Farm USA (Dead/Ret)</i>						<i>Improbable</i>	
14	<b>Bernardini</b> <i>(2003) by A.P. Indy Crops: 11</i>	<b>5</b>	<b>12</b>	2	<b>6</b>	--	<b>1</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>642,829</b>	<b>4,806,958</b>
				<i>Stands: Darley KY Fee: \$40,000</i>						<i>Art Collector</i>	
15	<b>Malibu Moon</b> <i>(1997) by A.P. Indy Crops: 18</i>	<b>6</b>	<b>11</b>	1	<b>3</b>	--	<b>1</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>459,899</b>	<b>4,767,894</b>
				<i>Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY Fee: \$60,000</i>						<i>Madras Check</i>	

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## WEDNESDAY'S INSIGHTS: BERNARDINI FILLY FROM FAMILY OF SPEIGHTSTOWN DEBUTS AT GULFSTREAM



Speightstown | Louise Reinagel

4th-Gulfstream Park, \$50K, Msw, 2yo, f, 7f, post time: 2:03 p.m. ET

**VINTAGE STYLE (Bernardini)**, produced by a half-sister to champion sprinter and top sire Speightstown (Gone West), gets her career started for owners R. A. Hill Stable and Gatsas Stables and trainer George Weaver. The full-sister to G1 Emirates Airline Al Maktoum Challenge Round 3 winner Capezzano, drawn widest of all in post six and listed as the 5-2 morning-line favorite, was a \$150,000 KEESEP yearling. **TJCIS PPs**

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## WHAT'S IN A NAME?

### WHAT'S IN A NAME: GERVAIS

by Andrea Branchini

Kudos to whoever was creative and subtle enough to name GERVAIS, a horse by DISTORTED HUMOR. The winner of a handicap race at Meydan last week has just that almost risqué name. English actor Ricky Gervais is the creator of *The Office*, a TV program that stretched the borders of mainstream humor in the UK and in the US. Moreover, Ricky Gervais has presented the Golden Globes five times, always under the threat of being fired because of his outrageous sense of humor and his cutting, take-no-prisoner jokes. With Gervais live at the microphone, everybody knows that everything is possible. Gervais's closing refrain "I don't care, I don't care" – sounds funnier than it reads – is the manifesto of a comedy that is both old (British) and new (the sky is the limit).

**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. \*£30,000 HRA '17 GODSEP. \*\*1/2 to Ruthless Quality (Elusive Quality), SW-US, \$190,620.

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**FIRST-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9**  
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**Air Force Blue** (War Front), Ashford Stud, \$15,000  
 107 foals of racing age/15 winners/0 black-type winners  
 5-Turfway, Msw 6f, BOOTS N' JEANS, 8-1  
 \$36,000 KEE SEP yrl

**California Chrome** (Lucky Pulpit), Arrow Stud, private  
 104 foals of racing age/11 winners/0 black-type winners  
 4-Gulfstream, Msw 7f, PLATINUM FROLIC, 4-1

**Hit It a Bomb** (War Front), Spendthrift Farm, \$5,000  
 33 foals of racing age/5 winners/1 black-type winner  
 6-Tampa Bay Downs, Msw 6f, ESTILO VARONIL, 5-1  
 \$4,500 RNA KEE SEP yrl; \$4,000 OBS OPN 2yo

**Marking** (Bernardini), A & A Ranch, \$3,500  
 30 foals of racing age/4 winners/1 black-type winner  
 7-Zia, Msw 5 1/2f, MISS LUBBOCK, 4-1

**Nyquist** (Uncle Mo), Darley, \$40,000  
 94 foals of racing age/15 winners/2 black-type winners  
 6-Tampa Bay Downs, Msw 6f, WITSEL, 6-1  
 \$72,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl

**Runhappy** (Super Saver), Claiborne Farm, \$25,000  
 94 foals of racing age/7 winners/0 black-type winners  
 4-Gulfstream, Msw 7f, SHEZA HAPPY GIRL, 5-1  
 \$37,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$27,000 RNA OBS APR 2yo

**Uncle Vinny** (Uncle Mo), Equistar Training and Breeding Center,  
 \$2,500  
 8 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners  
 6-Tampa Bay Downs, Msw 6f, UNCLE CHARMING, 4-1

**Upstart** (Flatter), Airdrie Stud, \$10,000  
 101 foals of racing age/17 winners/0 black-type winners  
 5-Turfway, Msw 6f, ALICE JEWELL, 20-1  
 \$8,000 KEE SEP yrl

**Vancouver (Aus)** (Medaglia d'Oro), Coolmore Australia, \$30,250  
 95 foals of racing age/12 winners/1 black-type winner  
 5-Turfway, Msw 6f, CUZZYWUZZY, 3-1



**Liam's Map** | Alys Emson

\$19,000 RNA KEE NOV wnl; \$12,000 FTK OCT yrl

**SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: WEDNESDAY, DEC. 9**  
*2020 Stud Fees Listed*

**Bahamian Squall** (Gone West), Double Diamond Farm, \$3,000  
 55 foals of racing age/14 winners/0 black-type winners  
 2-Tampa Bay Downs, Msw 6 1/2f, STRETCH RUNNER, 15-1

**Chitu** (Henny Hughes), Bridlewood Farm, \$4,500  
 89 foals of racing age/18 winners/0 black-type winners  
 6-Tampa Bay Downs, Msw 6f, FOREMAN, 9-2  
 \$6,000 OBS OCT yrl; \$20,000 OBS OPN 2yo

**Fast Anna** (Medaglia d'Oro), Three Chimneys Farm, \$10,000  
 142 foals of racing age/41 winners/4 black-type winners  
 8-Turfway, Msw 6 1/2f, BIG ANN, 20-1  
 \$1,200 KEE NOV wnl

**Liam's Map** (Unbridled's Song), Lane's End Farm, \$35,000  
 232 foals of racing age/62 winners/6 black-type winners  
 4-Gulfstream, Msw 7f, HIGH SPEED STEF, 3-1  
 \$85,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$140,000 OBS MAR 2yo



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**STAKES RESULTS:**

**CLASICO CAMARERO S.**, \$43,708, Camarero, 12-6, (S), 4yo/up, 1 1/8m, 1:57.07, ft.

1--**REGALADA**, 117, m, 5, by **Hockenheim--Transformadora (MSW-PR, \$204,760)**, by **Van Nistelrooy**. O-L.A.R. Stable, Corp.; B-Luis Archilla (PR); T-Eric A. Betancourt; J-Juan C. Diaz. \$25,868. Lifetime Record: Ch. 3yo Filly-PR, 18-13-2-1, \$277,835.

2--**El Salsero**, 121, h, 5, Two Step Salsa--Islera, by Running Stag. O-Establo Cinco Hermanos; B-Waldemar Rodriguez (PR); T-Maximo Gomez. \$8,920.

3--**El Furioso Afy**, 116, g, 4, Afleet Alex--Salty Princess, by Salt Lake. O-Ji Diamond Stable; B-Jorge R. Jimenez (PR); T-Jean C. Ortiz. \$4,460.

Margins: 2, 3/4, 9HF. Odds: 2.15, 0.30, 11.20.

**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

**9th-Parx Racing**, \$44,304, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$35,000), 12-8, 3yo/up, 1m 70y, 1:42.40, ft, 3/4 length.

**ROCK ON LUKE (g, 3, Conveyance--Slammin Beauty, by Grand Slam)** Lifetime Record: 7-3-3-1, \$104,210. O-Jennifer M. Truehart; B-Samuel Santiago (KY); T-Regina Brennan. \*\$7,500 Ylg '18 KEEJAN.

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**8th-Delta Downs**, \$36,000, (S), 12-7, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 7f, 1:27.96, ft, 2 3/4 lengths.

**JOHNNYSJOURNEY (g, 4, Cameo Appearance--Lakeway Dancer, by Lake Austin)** Lifetime Record: 14-3-2-1, \$50,815. O-Linda Saffel; B-Linda Saffel, Lynn Mosley & Sandy DeHeer (LA); T-Eric D. Nelson, Jr.

**8th-Delta Downs**, \$36,000, (S), 12-8, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:28.53, ft, 1/2 length.

**NANA'S JOY (m, 5, El Corredor--Wendybird, by Afleet Alex)** Lifetime Record: 29-5-5-4, \$81,743. O-Erin Gaarz; B-Ernie Wells (LA); T-Karl Broberg. \*\$1,000 Ylg '16 FTKOCT.

**9th-Remington**, \$30,500, 12-8, (NW2X), 3yo/up, 1m 70y, 1:42.03, ft, 1/2 length.

**CARIBBEAN (AUS) (g, 6, Speightstown--New Dice, by Capote)** Lifetime Record: 21-4-3-5, \$151,346. O-Richard L. Davis; B-Waratah Thoroughbreds Pty Ltd (AUS); T-Robertino Diodoro. \*1/2 to Molto Grande (War Chant), SW & MGSP-Jpn, \$2,043,373.

**10th-Remington**, \$30,000, 12-8, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:38.53, ft, 1 1/4 lengths.

**AMAZING RIDE (f, 3, Candy Ride {Arg}--Endless Chatter {SW & GISP, \$221,652}, by First Samurai)** Lifetime Record: 9-2-3-0, \$65,085. O-Woodford Racing, LLC, Team D & George Bolton; B-Alpha Delta Stables, LLC (KY); T-Steven M. Asmussen. \*\$525,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP.



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**7th-Mahoning Valley**, \$21,200, 12-8, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:42.16, ft, 2 3/4 lengths.

**COSI MOMOSI (f, 3, Fast Anna--Nesso {SW & GSP, \$229,726}, by Roman Ruler)** Lifetime Record: 18-5-3-1, \$48,215. O/T-Jason DaCosta; B-Amaty Racing Stables (KY).

**9th-Zia**, \$21,000, (S), 12-7, (NW3L), 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:04.50, ft, 1 3/4 lengths.

**TUTTA TERLINGUA (f, 3, Stellar Rain--Tiz Stella Bella, by Tiznow)** Lifetime Record: MSP, 13-3-1-4, \$63,207. O-Yuliana Yanez; B-Wendy Davis (NM); T-Arturo Chavez.

**7th-Zia**, \$20,000, (S), 12-8, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:16.33, ft, 4 3/4 lengths.

**CHARLIE COMANCH (g, 3, Shame On Charlie--Katie Murphy, by Northern Afleet)** Lifetime Record: 13-2-2-1, \$48,570. O/B-James McLain (NM); T-Roy L. Marcom, Jr.

**7th-Mountaineer Casino & Resort**, \$19,796, 12-7, (NW3LX), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:41.33, ft, 15 3/4 lengths.

**OUR ALIBI (h, 5, Warrior's Reward--Portend, by Sky Mesa)** Lifetime Record: 11-3-1-2, \$54,445. O-Kay Reed & Allan Chapell; B-Allan & Lori Chappell (KY); T-Eric R. Reed. \*\$3,500 RNA Ylg '16 KEESEP.

**5th-Mountaineer Casino & Resort**, \$19,594, (S), 12-7, (NW3L), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:14.70, ft, 2 3/4 lengths.

**EL A VADER (f, 4, Machen--Proudtobyourfriend, by Proud Citizen)** Lifetime Record: 12-3-1-4, \$44,249. O/B-Michelle Helms (WV); T-Eddie Clouston.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Wise Anchor**, c, 2, **Anchor Down**--Oh Wise One, by Dunkirk. Delta Downs, 12-8, (S), 7f, 1:29.29. B-Michael L Martin, LLC (LA). \*\$45,000 Ylg '19 FTKJUL; \$5,000 2yo '20 OBSMAR. \*\*8th winner for freshman sire (by Tapit).

**Happygobucky**, f, 2, **Runhappy**--Consecrate (SW), by Pulpit. Remington, 12-8, 6 1/2f, 1:21.41. B-Wayne, Gray & Bryan Lyster (KY). \*\$95,000 Wlg '18 KEENOV. \*\*Seventh winner for freshman sire (by Super Saver).

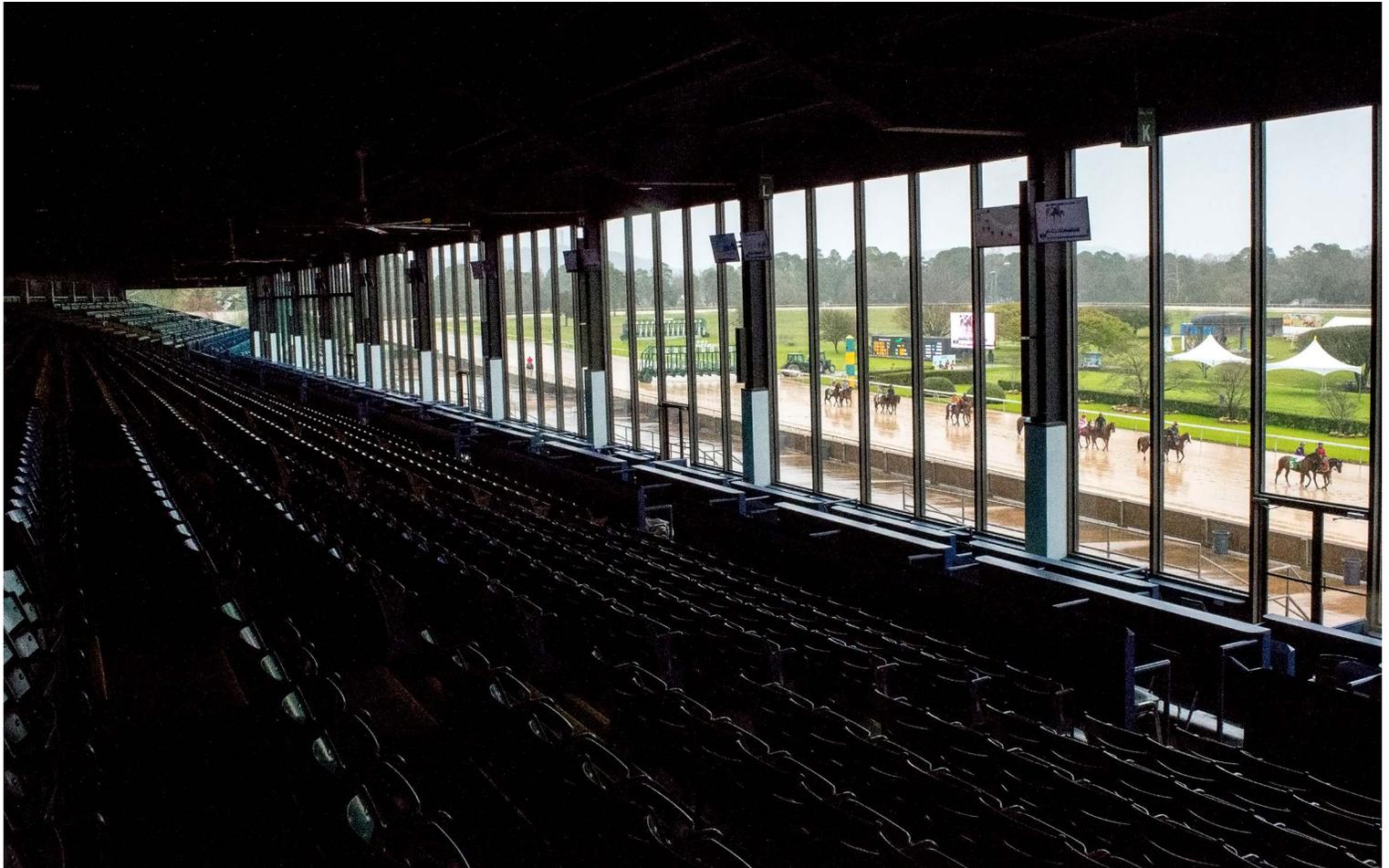
**Danzafied**, g, 3, **Danza**--Idle Fortune, by Capitano. Parx Racing, 12-8, (S), (WC), 7f, 1:25.21. B-Fox Tale (PA).

**Hallies Dream**, f, 3, **Euroears**--Hallieslewy, by Evansville Slew. Remington, 12-8, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:05.96. B-James E. Helzer (OK).  
**Ashley's New Shoes**, f, 4, **Declaration of War**--Escape Act, by Medaglia d'Oro. Delta Downs, 12-8, 6 1/2f, 1:20.54. B-Haras Jockey (KY). \*\$30,000 2yo '18 OBSAPR.

**DECLARATION OF WAR**, Ashley's New Shoes, f, 4, o/o Escape Act, by Medaglia d'Oro. MSW, 12-8, Delta Downs  
**EL CORREDOR**, Nana's Joy, m, 5, o/o Wendybird, by Afleet Alex. ALW, 12-8, Delta Downs  
**EUROEARS**, Hallies Dream, f, 3, o/o Hallieslewy, by Evansville Slew. MSW, 12-8, Remington  
**FAST ANNA**, Cosi Momosi, f, 3, o/o Nesso, by Roman Ruler. ALW, 12-8, Mahoning Valley  
**HOCKENHEIM**, Regalada, m, 5, o/o Transformadora, by Van Nistelrooy. GI Clasico Camarero S., 12-6, Camarero  
**MACHEN**, El a Vader, f, 4, o/o Proudtoyourfriend, by Proud Citizen. ALW, 12-7, Mountaineer  
**RUNHAPPY**, Happygobucky, f, 2, o/o Consecrate, by Pulpit. MSW, 12-8, Remington  
**SHAME ON CHARLIE**, Charlie Comanch, g, 3, o/o Katie Murphy, by Northern Afleet. ALW, 12-8, Zia  
**SPEIGHTSTOWN**, Caribbean (Aus), g, 6, o/o New Dice, by Capote. ALW, 12-8, Remington  
**STELLAR RAIN**, Tutta Terlingua, f, 3, o/o Tiz Stella Bella, by Tiznow. ALW, 12-7, Zia  
**WARRIOR'S REWARD**, Our Alibi, h, 5, o/o Portend, by Sky Mesa. ALW, 12-7, Mountaineer



**ANCHOR DOWN**, Wise Anchor, c, 2, o/o Oh Wise One, by Dunkirk. MSW, 12-8, Delta Downs  
**CAMEO APPEARANCE**, Johnnysjourney, g, 4, o/o Lakeway Dancer, by Lake Austin. ALW, 12-7, Delta Downs  
**CANDY RIDE (ARG)**, Amazing Ride, f, 3, o/o Endless Chatter, by First Samurai. ALW, 12-8, Remington  
**CONVEYANCE**, Rock On Luke, g, 3, o/o Slammin Beauty, by Grand Slam. AOC, 12-8, Parx Racing  
**DANZA**, Danzafied, g, 3, o/o Idle Fortune, by Capitano. WMC, 12-8, Parx Racing



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## BOUQUETOT SIRES SHINE AT ARQANA'S FINAL SESSION



A horse parades in Deauville | Arqana

Al Shaqab Racing's Haras de Bouquetot featured heavily among the top lots on the fourth and final day of the Arqana December Breeding Stock Sale in Deauville. Both the topper and next dearest lot were mares in foal to Bouquetot residents, and the co-highest-priced foal of the day was also by one of their growing roster of stallions

**Lot 784**, the Frankel (GB) mare **Bursa (GB)**, in foal to G1 Prix Jacques le Marois hero Al Wukair (Fr) from the Bouquetot draft proper, commanded a session-topping €38,000 from Haras du Quesnay.

Out of a winning full-sister to G1 Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud heroine Plumania (GB) (Anabaa), Bursa is also closely related to fellow Group 1 winner Left Hand (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}). She already has fillies on the ground by Bouquetot resident and MG1SW Ectot (GB) last year and Al Wukair this spring.

"I really like the mare, and the pedigree," said Criquette Head of Bursa. "It's a lovely Wertheimer family and it's great to get into it. The mare corresponds to several of our stallions, but the choice doesn't stop there."

Windfield Bloodstock was in action for **lot 711, Al Hamla** (Medaglia d'Oro), who was also offered by Bouquetot. Knocked down for €27,000, the 8-year-old is carrying to G1 Prix Jean Prat victor Zelzal (Fr) (Sea The Stars {Ire}). The resulting progeny would be her fifth foal. [Cont. p2](#)

## UK GOVERNMENT TO EXAMINE REFORM OF THE HORSERACE BETTING LEVY AND GAMBLING REFORM

The UK Government will look into the timetable for reviewing the Horserace Betting Levy, and the news has been welcomed by the British Horseracing Authority (BHA). Not due for a review until 2024 under the current legislation, the Horserace Betting Levy is now on the table for next year. The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has magnified the funding issues of the industry, and the COVID-19 Recovery Plan, published in August, called for an urgent review as part of a wider initiative to restore industry finances. After the review was published, the BHA Chair and Chief Executive Annamarie Phelps and Nick Rust, respectively, met with the Sports Minister in September, where the issue of re-examining the Levy was raised. The Levy returns 10% of the profits on racing made by betting companies to the sport.

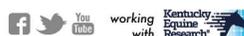
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SOTTASS KEEPS ZEROLO'S OCEANIC AHEAD OF THE REST  
Chris McGrath speaks with Oceanic Bloodstock's Michel Zerolo. [Click or tap here to go straight to TDN America.](#)

Lot: 174 **DURANCE** Arqana Breeding Stock Sale  
Consignor: Ronald Rauscher  
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**Arqana December Breeding Stock Sale Wraps Cont. from p1**

A daughter of GIII Locust Grove H. heroine Genuine Devotion (Ire) (Rock of Gibraltar {Ire}), Al Hamla's dam is a half-sister to Classic winner and Group 1 sire Mastercraftsman (Ire) (Daneshill Dancer {Ire}) and G1 Moyglare Stud S. bridesmaid Famous (Ire) (Daneshill Dancer {Ire}).

"She a beautiful mare by Medaglia d'Oro with a page--her dam is by Rock of Gibraltar (Ire) and a sister to Mastercraftsman (Ire)," said Jean Biraben. "It's a young pedigree that could turn something up."

A pair of mares brought €22,000--Haras de la Louviere's **Perfect Day (Ire)** (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}) (lot 643), herself a daughter of G1 Irish 1000 Guineas heroine Yesterday (Ire) (Sadler's Wells), went to Morten Buskop Bloodstock; while Agence BHB shelled out the same amount for lot 722, **Haigoa (Fr)** (Diktat {GB}). The former is in foal to Group 1 sire Galiway (GB) on a May 17 cover. Ectot is the covering sire of record for Haras du Berlais consignee Haigoa, a half-sister to G2 Premio Ribot scorer King Air (Fr) (Kingsalsa).

Al Wukair, Ectot and Zelzal all have their first juveniles running in 2021.

It was a two-way tie for most expensive foal of the day, with Meridian International striking first at €22,000 for a filly by Birchwood (Ire) (lot 676) out of Bourgeauville (Ire) (Le Havre

{Ire}). Hailing from the Ecurie d'Auge draft, the bay's second dam won at listed level in France.

"She's a pretty filly [by] Birchwood, out of a Le Havre dam," said Ghislain Bozo. "I think that Birchwood is a promising sire. His offspring are already pleasing their trainers, with good minds and look early types. I'm a fan."

Equaling that price later in the session was a grey son of the aforementioned Al Wukair out of Green Media (Fr) (Green Tune) from La Motteraye Consignment. **Lot 716** attracted the attention of Haras du Saubouas and is from the extended family of G1 French 2000 Guineas hero Style Vendome (Fr) (Anabaa).

From a statistical standpoint, Tuesday's session sported a 78.44% clearance rate (up over 12% compared to 2019), with 131 sold of 167 for a gross of €839,500. The average was €6,408 (-66.13%) and the median also dropped to €4,500 (-55%). In 2019, Arqana's final session was a mix of Flat and National Hunt horses. This year, due to COVID-19, the sessions contained fewer lots in order to meet pandemic restrictions, with all of the National Hunt breeding stock moved to the Nov. 19 **Arqana National Hunt Breeding Stock Sale** instead.

Overall, the clearance rate remained a bright spot throughout the sale, and moved up two points to 79.12% for 557 sold from 704 offered. The gross was €25,0284,500, while the median and average were €17,000 (-10.52%) and €45,394 (-7.85%), respectively. **Cont. p3**

**3** Group-winning 2YO's in 2020 including **THUNDER MOON**, pictured winning the **National Stakes-Gr.1** from the subsequent Dewhurst 1-2 St Mark's Basilica & Wembley

I think **Zoffany (Ire)** (Dansili) is really great value at €20,000. He is capable of getting performers at the highest level, both colts and fillies, such as Thunder Moon (Ire) and Fleeting (Ire). He is a solid source of 2-year-olds



Cathy Grassick, TDN, 22nd Nov. 2020

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### VRC TABLES CUP SAFETY CHANGES

There are a few suggested safety changes that have been tabled by RV as part of an injury review on the G1 Melbourne Cup. [Click or tap here to go straight to TDN Aus/NZ.](#)

### Arqana December Breeding Stock Sale Wraps Cont.

Topping the buyers' sheets was Meridian International, which bought 14 head for €1,448,000. Shadai Farm was next with €930,000 for a pair of lots, while Blandford Bloodstock bought nine for a gross of €902,000. Wertheimer et Frere were in front on the consignors' table, selling 24 horses for a gross of €3,353,000, closely followed by Ecurie des Monceaux for €3,141,000 for 29 lots. Third on the vendors list was Haras d'Etream which sold 26 lots for €1,748,000.



The sales grounds at Arqana sporting some holiday decorations

Arqana

At the end of the four-day sale, Arqana President Eric Hoyeau and Executive Director Freddy Powell said, "The Breeding Stock Sale is a perfect reflection of the overall results for this year. The figures display a decrease of around 20% in sales volume, with the average falling by 15% but still remaining solid given the particular global context. We are relieved that all the efforts that we have made to mitigate the constraints imposed by Covid--from the development of Arqana Online to the more general aspects including inspection videos and chartering flights for our foreign clients--have borne fruit.

"However, these efforts would have been in vain without the help of the local authorities, with whom we have worked very closely to ensure that the sales could take place, as well as all of the players involved: all the consignors and buyers, who showed remarkable adaptability and complied with the protocols imposed by the health crisis, all the Arqana teams, the ground staff who worked to make the establishment as welcoming as possible despite the restrictions, Henri Morel and his teams who succeeded in completely rethinking their catering to continue satisfying the clientele, as well as all the European sales agencies that we worked with to arrange the sale dates in order to meet the needs of the sector." [Cont. p4](#)

**Arqana December Breeding Stock Sale Wraps Cont.**

They added, “We would like to thank them all for their efforts and their contribution to the functioning of the market. It has been difficult in many ways, and this year has been marked by a great spirit of solidarity and resilience.”

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**ARQANA DECEMBER BREEDING STOCK SALE DAY 4**

SESSION TOTALS	2020	2019
• Catalogued	199	210
• Number Offered	167	184
• Number Sold	131	122
• Not Sold	36	62
• Clearance Rate	78.44%	66.30%
• High Price	€38,000	€105,000
• Gross	€839,500	€2,308,500
• Average (% change)	€6,408 (-66.13%)	€18,922
• Median (% change)	€4,500 (-55%)	€10,000

CUMULATIVE	2020	2019
• Catalogued	840	1038
• Number Offered	704	918
• Number Sold	557	713
• Not Sold	147	205
• Clearance Rate	79.12%	77.7%
• High Price	€750,000	€1,300,000
• Gross	€25,284,500	€34,384,500
• Average (% change)	€45,394 (-7.85%)	€49,261
• Median (% change)	€17,000 (-10.52%)	€19,000

united front to government. As the Minister outlined in the House today, there are ongoing conversations between the BHA and government on Levy reform. We look forward to working with DCMS officials and ministers in 2021 to ensure that the Levy is sustainable and fit for the digital age."

Also on Tuesday, the UK Government has **launched a major and wide-ranging review of gambling laws**, which the BHA also welcomes. They agree with the objectives of protecting vulnerable individuals from gambling-related harm, as well as accepting the need to ensure that gambling legislation is modernised for the digital age while reflecting the significant economic contribution that gambling and associated industries make to the UK.



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Rust added, “Betting on horseracing is enjoyed by millions of people safely and responsibly, with a low prevalence for gambling related harm. Despite the low levels of problem gambling in the sport, racing promotes responsible gambling and is committed to working with the betting industry to further reduce risk. We will also work closely with our partners in the betting and racing industry to formulate our response to the consultation.

“We are pleased to hear that the review will be evidence-based and we look forward to proposals that are proportionate and focused on those at risk. We know the government is aware of the potential impact on related industries such as British racing and the 80,000 livelihoods it supports. The Minister, Nigel Huddleston, made clear in his address that the challenging conditions that sports find themselves in, and the importance of legitimate commercial relationships between sport and gambling, will be considered as part of the review.”

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**Levy/Gambling Reform Cont. from p1**

The BHA also engaged MPs with racing interests in their constituencies, who made their own representations to the Sports Minister.

“We welcome the announcement from the Minister that DCMS will examine in 2021 the timetable for reviewing the Levy,” said BHA Chief Executive Nick Rust. “Racing industry leaders agreed that there was an urgent case for reform as part of our plans to recover from COVID-19 and have presented a

**Levy/Gambling Reform Cont.**

“Racing and betting’s unique, interdependent relationship has been recognised by government in many ways, including through the Horserace Betting Levy. British racing has laid the groundwork for the gambling consultation with an industry group meeting for several months. Detailed submissions and representations were also made to the recent Lords Special Inquiry, which highlighted the ‘special position’ of racing and betting.”

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**ST LEGER HERO GALILEO CHROME TO STAND UNDER COMPAS STALLIONS BANNER**

Classic hero **Galileo Chrome (Ire)** (Australia {GB}–Curious Mind {GB}, by Dansili {GB}) will stand at Starfield Stud in Ireland next year for the National Hunt division of Compas Stallions. The bay, trained by Joseph O’Brien for the Galileo Chrome Partnership, took the G1 St Leger S. at Doncaster last out in September, his fourth straight win from five starts. He also saluted in the Listed Yeats S. A fee for the Mohamed Ali Meddeb-bred, who has \$313,148 in earnings, will be announced later.

“A tall, scopey, athletic individual with a fantastic walk, Galileo Chrome was one of the best 3-year-olds in training this year,” said Compas’s Micheal Orlandi. “A great physical, with a star-studded pedigree, he is everything that National Hunt breeders look for in a stallion.”

The second foal of a winning Dansili mare, herself a half-sister to stakes winner and St Leger third Michelangelo (GB) (Galileo {Ire}) and SW Private Secretary (GB) (Kingman {GB}), Galileo Chrome was a €75,000 RNA at the Goffs Orby Yearling Sale. His MSP second dam is a full-sister to SW & GSP Approach (GB) (Darshaan {GB}), the dam of French highweight and MG1SW Coronet (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}), as well as Irish highweight Midas Touch (GB) (Galileo {Ire}), who won the G2 Derrinstown Stud Derby Trial and was second in both the G1 Irish Derby and St Leger. The stallion Aussie Rules (Danehill), who won the G1 French 2000 Guineas, is also a half-brother to Intrigued (GB) (Darshaan {GB}) and Approach. Galileo Chrome’s fourth dam is the outstanding blue hen Alruccaba (Ire) (Crystal Palace {Fr}).

Said O’Brien, “Australia was one of the best I rode and Galileo Chrome is easily, one of the best I trained. Unbeaten in his 3-year-old campaign, which culminated in victory in the G1 St Leger, I think he could have been the leading middle-distance horse in Europe next year. However, fortunately for breeders, he retires to stud and offers an opportunity to use a top class racehorse. He is a beautiful looking individual with all the qualities I look for in a racehorse. I could not recommend him enough and look forward to training his offspring.”



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“Galileo Chrome developed into a high-class racehorse in a very short space of time,” said Kevin Blake. “From winning over a mile-and-a-quarter at Leopardstown, powering through heavy ground to win a listed race at Navan and winning the St Leger on good-to-firm ground, he wasn’t found wanting for anything. His relaxed and straightforward nature meant that he could be ridden any way that was necessary, making much of the running to win at Leopardstown and showing pace to win the St Leger under a waiting ride.”

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**GILLON BLOODSTOCK AT FLOORS CASTLE TO LAUNCH IN JANUARY**

After the partial dispersal of the late Duke of Roxburghe’s Floors Stud, current stud manager Christopher Gillon will start Gillon Bloodstock @ Floors Castle which will utilise the property and formally being on Jan. 1. An eight-year veteran of Floors Stud, the 37-year-old began as a stud hand and progressed to his current role. [Cont. p6](#)



Chris Gillon | [Tattersalls](#)

**Gillon Bloodstock Cont.**

The Floors Stud facilities include a horse walker, lunge rings, turnout paddocks and the most amazing estate for hand walking yearlings. Gillon Bloodstock @ Floors Castle will be taking a limited number of boarding mares, weanlings and spellers. Next fall, Gillon Bloodstock will offer its own draft at all major yearling sales.

During Gillon’s tenure, the stud raised, produced and sold five individual seven-figure yearlings, including in 2020 the 2.1 million guineas Dubawi (Ire)–Cushion (GB) (Galileo {Ire}) yearling colt and the 1.1 million guineas Frankel (GB)–Attraction (GB) (Efisio {GB}) yearling colt.

Ed Sackville who was bloodstock advisor to the late Duke and has worked closely with Gillon commented, “The success the stud enjoyed with this years October sales are a true testament to Chris’s ability and professionalism. I will certainly endeavour to continue to support Chris in his new venture.”

Simon Marsh whose Kiltinan Castle Stud sold the mares and foals on behalf of Floors at the December Sales added, “In all my dealings with Chris he has been thoroughly professional and his attention to detail is excellent as has been borne out through the sale of the yearlings this year as well as the mares and foals that were all prepared by him at the stud.”

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**COLIN BOWE RECEIVES WILLIE STEPHENSON MEMORIAL TROPHY**

Trainer Colin Bowe was chosen as the recipient of the Willie Stephenson Memorial Trophy for 2019, Goffs UK announced on Tuesday. The award commemorates the co-founder of DBS, now Goffs UK and is awarded annually to the person or persons whom the Goffs UK Board feel have made the biggest contribution to the success of the company during the year.

Bowe trainees are a regular feature at the Goffs UK Doncaster and Aintree Sales, particularly the latter, where they have topped three of the four sales held at the venue thus far. Normally, the award is presented at Doncaster, but due to COVID-19, it was instead awarded to Bowe in his yard on Tuesday.

“Colin has had a lasting impact on our sales with his point-to-pointers regularly featuring at the top of the market—a testament to his ability to consistently produce horses of the highest calibre,” said Goffs Group Chief Executive Henry Beeby in his role as the second successor to Willie Stephenson as Goffs UK Chairman. “He has played a big part in the ongoing success of our Aintree Sale having produced most of the sale toppers including Samcro who topped the inaugural 2016 sale and went on to become a headline horse, winning the G1 Ballymore Novices’ Hurdle at the Cheltenham Festival in 2018 and the G1

Marsh Novices’ Chase at the Festival earlier this year.”

“We are delighted to add Colin’s name to the list of very worthy and diverse recipients of this award and look forward to selling more of his Milestone Stables’ graduates for many years to come.”

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(l-r) Goffs UK Director George Stanners, Colin Bowe and Goffs UK Chairman Henry Beeby | Goffs UK

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

**DESPITE COVID, BRITISH RACING’S SUCCESS**

There is much to be negative about with British racing but occasionally we should acknowledge and celebrate success. During this terrible year of Covid, racing’s rulers should be celebrated for what they have achieved and what has been saved.

Our great sport was back behind closed doors and handled the health implications effectively. The stud season took place with mares covered and the business uninterrupted. [Cont. p7](#)



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# OBSERVATIONS

on the European racing scene

## HALF TO EXPERT EYE DEBUTS AT KEMPTON

### 4.20 Kempton, Novice, £6,300, 2yo, 7f (AWT)

**DUTY OF CARE (GB) (Kingman {GB})** debuts for Khalid Abdullah and Sir Michael Stoute, who combined to capture the 2018 GI Breeders' Cup Mile with his half-brother Expert Eye (GB) (Acclamation {GB}). The March-foaled bay, whose family also features the dual Classic winner Special Duty (GB) (Hennessy), gets a seven-pound allowance from Shadwell's Chelmsford winner **Maraakiz (Ire) (Muhaarar {GB})**, a William Haggas-trained son of the South African Group 1 winner Entisaar (Aus) (More Than Ready).

### 4.55 Kempton, Novice, £6,300, 2yo, 7f (AWT)

**HIGHLAND AVENUE (IRE) (Dubawi {Ire})** is another notable newcomer in this second division of the novice races on the card, being the first foal out of the G1 Cheveley Park S. heroine Lumiere (GB) (Shamardal). Charlie Appleby has charge of Godolphin's January-foaled grey and early indications are that he is expected to score first time as his dam and second dam did to such impressive effect.

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## BRITAIN

### Tuesday's Results:

**5th-Wolverhampton, £6,300, Mdn, 12-8, 2yo, f, 8f 142y (AWT), 1:51.95, st.**

**LOVING DREAM (GB) (f, 2, Gleneagles {Ire}--Kissable {Ire} {SW & GSP-US, G1SP-Ire, \$225,919}, by Danehill Dancer {Ire})**, who failed to make a mark on debut when seventh in a mile novice at Kempton Nov. 11, was sent forward from the break to race in a close-up second. Pushed along entering the straight, the 11-2 shot secured the advantage inside the final 50 yards and stayed on to beat Sea La Rosa (Ire) (Sea The Stars {Ire}) by a length. The winner is a half-sister to the Lady of Shamrock S. scorer and GI American Oaks third Amandine (GB) (Shamardal), SW & GISP, \$151,584, who was the first foal out of the smart dam whose career achievements featured placings in the G1 Moyglare Stud S., G3 Silver Flash S. and GIII Glens Falls S. Bought by Trevor Harris's operation for 180,000gns at the 2013 Tattersalls December Mares Sale, Kissable is a daughter of the talented but ill-fated Listed Park Express S. winner Kitty O'Shea (GB) (Sadler's

Wells) who is in turn a full-sister of the G1 St Leger-winning sire Brian Boru (GB) and closely related to the similarly classy Sea Moon (GB) (Beat Hollow {GB}). Also connected to the G1 Epsom Derby and G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe-winning European champion Workforce (GB) (King's Best). The dam's yearling is the filly Five Stars (GB) (Sea The Stars {Ire}), while her 2020 colt is by Camelot (GB). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$5,452. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O/B-Lordship Stud (GB); T-John Gosden.

### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Surrey Gold (Ire), c, 2, Golden Horn (GB)--Shemiyla (Fr)** (GSW-Fr, \$169,373), by Dalakhani (Ire). Wolverhampton, 12-8, 8f 142y (AWT), 1:51.37. B-Fethard Bloodstock Ltd (IRE). \*37,000gns Ylg '19 TADEYG.

**Carrothers, c, 2, Mshawish--Queenofperfection, by Arch.** Southwell, 12-8, 7f 14y (AWT), 1:28.22. B-Siena Farms LLC (KY). \*\$125,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP. \*11th winner for his first-season sire (by Medaglia d'Oro).



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## FRANCE

### CONDITIONS RESULTS:

**2nd-Chantilly, €22,000, 12-8, 3yo, 9 1/2f (AWT), 1:56.59, st.**  
**FEERIQUE (IRE) (f, 3, Le Havre {Ire}--Incroyable {SP-Fr}, by Singspiel {Ire})** Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-0, €21,720. O/B-Wertheimer & Frere (IRE); T-Andre Fabre. \*1/2 to Impertinente (Ire) (Redoute's Choice {Aus}), GSP-Fr.

**8th-Chantilly, €18,000, 12-8, 4yo/up, 8f (AWT), 1:37.06, st.**  
**VINTAGER (GB) (g, 5, Mastercraftsman {Ire}--White and Red {Ire}, by Orpen)** Lifetime Record: GSW-Fr & Ger, SP-Eng, 15-5-1-2, €154,221. O-Rabbah Racing; B-Thurso Ltd (GB); T-Simon & Ed Crisford. \*25,000gns Wlg '15 TATFOA; 65,000gns Ylg '16 TAOCT.

### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:

**Passefontaine (Fr), f, 3, Wootton Bassett (GB)--Perpetual Glory (GB), by Dansili (GB).** Chantilly, 12-8, 8f (AWT), 1:37.36. B-M Bollack-Badel, N Forgeard & P Lamy (FR). \*SP-Fr.

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## WORLDWIDE NEWS

### LONGINES HKIR NOTEBOOK: SINGAPORE'S INFERNO WITHDRAWN FROM SPRINT

by Alan Carasso

Barree Stable's Singapore-based **Inferno (Aus)** (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}) has been scratched from Sunday's G1 Longines Hong Kong Sprint at Sha Tin after being found to be lame in his left front leg by Hong Kong Jockey Club veterinarians Tuesday.

Very little went as planned for Inferno on his trip over to Hong Kong. The air conditioning in the horse float that transported Inferno from Kranji Racecourse to Changi Airport about 30 minutes away broke down and the horse was subjected to the heat for three hours. He then had to endure the four-hour flight up to Hong Kong and making matters worse, connections were dealing with a foot issue in the 24 hours prior to departure. Inferno galloped well over the Sha Tin all-weather Monday morning, but the decision to come out of the Sprint was not a difficult one for trainer Cliff Brown.

"Inferno became distressed after the air-conditioning in his box broke down. He was melting in the heat at the airport for three hours," Brown told the Singapore Turf Club's Michael Lee. "Luckily, [Singapore Turf Club veterinary surgeon] Dr. Dan Shaw and [assistant-trainer] Tony Lane were able to hose him down and sedate him as he was getting so upset.

"From the way the trip has unfolded, it was a really bad start, and once he arrived in Hong Kong, things got worse when he didn't eat properly for three nights. To top all that, the day before he left, he had a small foot issue. I thought it would get right, and he actually cantered fine yesterday, his work was fine.

"But all in all, he was not coming right, and as I needed him to gallop tomorrow, I've decided to pull the pin early. We're coming home. The horse already had this foot issue, and in hindsight, maybe I could have pulled the pin there and then," Brown concluded.



Inferno galloping Monday at Sha Tin | HKJC photo

Inferno is the winner of eight of his nine starts in Singapore, including an impressive score in the Lion City Cup Oct. 25. Hong Kong's second leading rider Zac Purton now picks up the mount on **Amazing Star (NZ)** (Darci Brahma {NZ}), who moved off the reserve list and into the field when **Perfect Match (Aus)** (Not A Single Doubt {Aus}) was taken out Monday. Also joining the field is **Stronger (Aus)** (Not A Single Doubt {Aus}), who gives trainer Douglas Whyte a first runner at the HKIR.

#### *Fast Work for Golden Sixty, Classique Legend...*

A pair of locally based runners that will carry favouritism in their respective races put in some fast work over the turf course Tuesday.

**Golden Sixty (Aus)** (Medaglia d'Oro), who figures a warm choice in the G1 Longines Hong Kong Mile, went five furlongs on

the turf and was allowed to roll through the final 400 metres, clocking a final sectional of :23.2 with regular rider Vincent Ho in the saddle.

"Both Vincent and me are pleased with his trackwork performance this morning," said trainer Francis Lui, who saddled Lucky Bubbles (Aus) (Sebring {Aus}) to a runner-up effort in the 2016 Sprint, but is still in search of a maiden HKIR winner. "We will arrange him another gallop this Friday and that will be an easy

work."

**Classique Legend (Aus)** (Not A Single Doubt {Aus}), last-out winner of The Everest at Randwick Oct. 17 and the likely choice in the G1 Longines Hong Kong Sprint, was a modest third in a 1000-metre barrier trial last week, but looked to have improved from that after finishing 800 metres of work in :23.1 Tuesday morning.

"He had a nice half-mile gallop, he had a companion lead him out and he quickened up nice, he ran home in 23 (seconds) and he did it nice and easily," said trainer Caspar Fownes. "Vincent Ho, who galloped him this morning, was very happy with him--he's getting there now, he looks good--I can't do any more with him."

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## VRC TABLES CUP SAFETY CHANGES



Twilight Payment winning the G1 Melbourne Cup | Bronwen Healy

by TDN AusNZ

The Victorian Racing Club has tabled a number of suggestions to Racing Victoria on key areas for consideration as part of RV's broader international injury review after the numerous deaths to internationals in recent G1 Melbourne Cups. These areas for consideration include the mandatory use of nuclear scintigraphy, Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI), Computed Tomography (CT) and/or X-rays of all international runners before they enter quarantine, as well as the appointment of an independent panel of veterinarians to examine all international horses, including trot-ups and scans, before they travel to Australia, with that same panel expected to continue this process once horses arrive in Melbourne.

"The VRC's aim is to have every thoroughbred competing at Flemington Racecourse returning home safe and sound," VRC CEO Steve Rosich said. "The VRC has given much consideration to these key areas provided to RV and looks forward to continuing to proactively work with RV. The safety of our equine athletes is paramount, and we feel we need to help set the global standard given the importance and significance of the Lexus Melbourne Cup."

## WALLER JOINS CUP PROBE

by TDN AusNZ

Champion trainer Chris Waller will join a panel of experts

which includes Vin Cox and Dr. David Sykes, as part of Racing Victoria's probe into the G1 Melbourne Cup deaths.

"As we have consistently stated, no stone will be left unturned to consider why the fatality of Anthony Van Dyck occurred, with a comprehensive fatality report well underway," RV Chief Executive Giles Thompson said.

"We are conscious that the Melbourne Cup is not the only race internationals run in and that is why we are looking at the wider international experience as part of the broader review so that we can reduce the rate of serious injuries among international horses in the future," added Thompson. "We are committed to seeing the review completed as soon as is practicable and well in time for the 2021 Spring Racing Carnival, however, more than simply collating information and opinions from experts in Australia and around the world, it is the working group's analysis of available data that will be critical to develop a genuine understanding of the challenges to be overcome."



Chris Waller | Bronwen Healy

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