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by Chris McGrath

Welcome to our annual survey of covering options in Kentucky for the forthcoming breeding season. As usual, we'll start with the rookies and work our way through the preceding intakes, before trying to eke out some value among the more established stallions.

A wholly subjective exercise, clearly--so apologies if your fellow doesn't make our "value podium." Every farm is understandably sensitive about the reputation of its stallions, for whom opportunity can be so fleeting and about whom fashions can swell or fade on the flimsiest grounds. We'll do our best to be fair, and polite. It's all guesswork at this stage, after all, educated or otherwise. And, in the end, individual breeders will decide for themselves what they feel to be right for their own mares.

The choices they might make in an ideal world, after all, are often very different from what may feel necessary in the real one. Very likely, the priority is making sure you get paid enough for your yearling not just to clear fee and keep, but to retrieve something on what you once gave for the mare herself; and still have a little left over to keep the lights on.

Perhaps it's only from the luxury of this pulpit that I might try to do something dumb like breed a racehorse. Naïve as it may be, however, I do persist in the belief that there should eventually be nothing more commercial, when you're trying to make a mare or build a family, than to get some winners on the page.

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SANTA ANITA STEWARDS DISMISS COMPLAINTS AGAINST JUSTIFY, HOPPERTUNITY

by Dan Ross

The latest development in a long, tumultuous and litigious journey saw the California Board of Stewards dismissing complaints filed by the current California Horse Racing Board (CHRB) regarding the scopolamine positives incurred by **Justify** (Scat Daddy) and **Hoppertunity** (Any Given Saturday) following their runs in the 2018 GI Santa Anita Derby and the GIII Tokyo City Cup S. respectively.

The CHRB filed the complaint as part of a legal settlement with trainer Mick Ruis, owner of Santa Anita Derby runner-up Bolt d'Oro (Medaglia d'Oro).

According to attorney Darrell Vienna, who represents Ruis, he filed a claim Thursday evening with the CHRB requesting that the board overturn the steward's decision. The claim, he said, concerns a statute in the state's Business and Professions Code.

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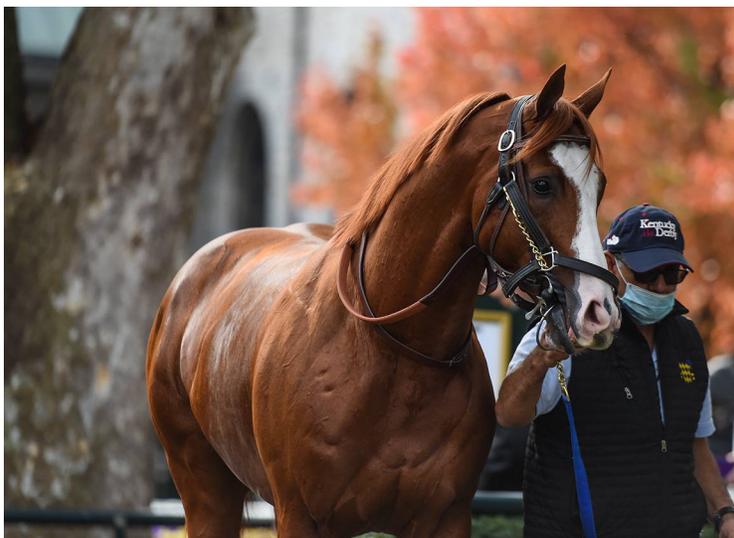
Value Sires cont. from p1

Since this time last year, of course, the market has absorbed some frightening shocks. Arguably this is precisely the time, with the fast bucks slowing down, to take a somewhat longer view on your mare. But the whole concept of "value" can encompass a spectrum of strategies, and I'll do my best to acknowledge that.

In response to the crisis, the farms have certainly done their bit. With the international market showing welcome signs of resilience, and vaccinations on the horizon, generous fee cuts have given breeders every incentive to keep the faith. This, remember, is a community that needs patience and perspective at the best of times. Your 2021 cover typically won't have a bottom line until you get to the 2023 yearling sales, and it would be nice to think the economy might have spluttered back into growth by then.

All that said, to me it looks as though the scythe has been restored to its hook for the sires we feature today. Measured against a market so full of temptingly reduced fees, the newcomers as a class look brutally expensive. But you can't blame the farm accountants, the commercial market's infatuation with unproven sires having in recent years become ever more compressed--to the point that selling nominations has often become uphill work even for stallions entering only their second year.

I have banged this drum too often to weary you by reprising the argument here. Suffice to say that the majority of those we examine today start at a fee that will simply keep dwindling, to the point that many will pack their bags for an overseas or regional program; and even the few that do eventually achieve viable careers in Kentucky will typically have to ride out a dip first.



Improbable | Jon Siegel

Nonetheless there will be value lurking among them. Most obviously because it's a question of demand, rather than supply: their fees may never again be so high, nor will their stock ever enjoy the same premium at the sales ring. Each crop, moreover, will have its Not This Time.

The son of Giant's Causeway was "gold" on our podium when introduced at \$15,000 (and remained so when clipped to \$12,500 last year). Anyone charitable enough to ascribe that oil-strike to judgement, rather than luck, hopefully won't be expecting something similar every time. And we'll have to

decide, when revisiting his intake, whether Not This Time can retain a step on that podium at \$40,000!

Nowadays, moreover, new stallions can offer extra value when so many farms incentivize even a little perseverance by, for instance, offering lifetime rights for repeat breeders.

One of the most significant recent developments in the stallion market is the way that the pioneer of such schemes, B. Wayne Hughes, is upgrading the caliber of animal to which they apply. Into Mischief himself

having started out as a blue-collar experiment, Hughes is now welcoming a succession of authentic Classic types to Spendthrift with the potential to revive the heyday of Nashua, Raise a Native and Seattle Slew.

Last year the first, second and joint-third highest fees among the new stallions were all charged at Spendthrift. This time round, rival farms have looked to their laurels but Hughes again stands top of the heap with much the most expensive of the intake, at \$75,000--a son, of course, of his remarkable champion sire. **Cont. p4**

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Spendthrift had been quick to double down on Into Mischief, hosting his first-crop star Goldencents as a cheaper alternative to a sire whose fee would soon climb beyond the reach of most. And the success of **AUTHENTIC** (Into Mischief--Flawless, by Mr. Greeley) in the postponed GI Kentucky Derby has broken priceless new ground for the farm flagship. For here is immediate evidence that the amelioration of Into Mischief's books as his fee went up--still \$45,000 when Authentic was conceived--would enable him to stretch his trademark speed and become a legitimate Classic sire.

Authentic is the only black-type winner under his first two dams but that doesn't tell a fraction of the story. His unraced granddam (whose half-sister produced the dam of two Grade I winners) died after delivering just three foals, one of which was a 13-length winner on debut, only to bow a tendon on her next start. That was Flawless, and Authentic is only her third starter. The next two dams were both graded stakes winners, but what I really like about Authentic's page is a ghostly pattern of Ruffian: her half-brother Icecapade recurs top and bottom, while her sire Reviewer gave us the dam of Mr. Greeley.

Yes, they were handing out track records like bobble hats at the Breeders' Cup; and maybe maturing sophomores would clock 2:00.61 in the Derby more often if they ran it in September every year. But there's no gainsaying Authentic's effortless speed. His class-high speed figures were founded on a wonderfully fleet action, which made him look something special even when still a gawky beginner in the GIII Sham S. His gate-to-wire dash guarantees Authentic commercial traction and, as a leggie and stretchier model, the right mares will entitle him to continue dad's work round that second turn.

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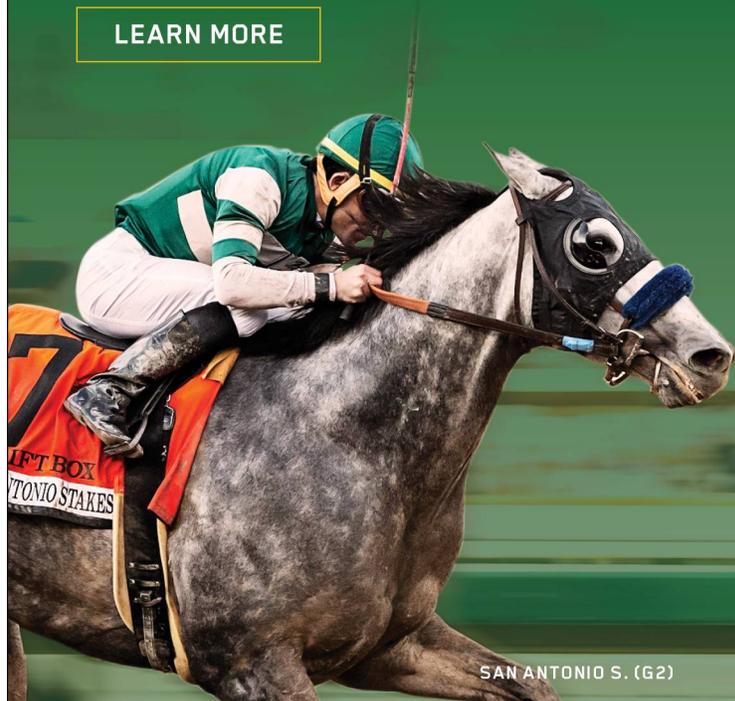
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Would I trade two foals by Omaha Beach for one by his new barnmate? Nope. But that's just a personal take on the most expensive stallion of the last intake, whose revised price we will visit in the next installment of this series. We know that Authentic will make his fee function, at least through his first cycle, because he's the most accomplished son of a freakish stallion now standing at \$225,000. And nobody, such is the nature of the business today, will be looking past that initial phase for now.



Game Winner | Alys Emson

Just as was the case in the GI Breeders' Cup Classic, Authentic's closest pursuer in terms of fees is **IMPROBABLE** (City Zip--Rare Event, by A.P. Indy) at \$40,000. He matured into a most accomplished older horse, with a Grade I hat trick, but WinStar will doubtless be emphasizing what a very smart juvenile he was, too: spectacular on the Breeders' Cup undercard, he then beat Mucho Gusto (Mucho Macho Man) by five in the GI Los Alamitos Futurity. Though a creditable fifth past the post in the Derby, he looked closer to the finished article in his third campaign.

Certainly it would be gratifying to see another son assist Collected in carrying the torch for City Zip, a set-your-clock force for good in his stock. And Improbable's granddam is a half-sister to none other than Hard Spun, just one decoration to a bottom line extending to the Darby Dan foundation mare Banquet Bell (Polynesian), i.e. the family of Little Current (Sea-Bird {Fr}) and company.

Improbable has always been a slick mover, and that completes a pretty comprehensive package: pedigree, class, toughness, balance. No less than we should expect, at this kind of money--but he is at a farm, like Authentic, that will secure him numbers and then it will be over to him.

Next off the grid, at \$30,000, extends Bob Baffert's influence

on this intake into a third crop. **MCKINZIE** (Street Sense--Runway Model, by Petionville) goes to Gainesway with a similar profile to Improbable, as a GI Los Alamitos Futurity winner (albeit in the stewards' room) who really confirmed his standing at four, similarly winning the GI Whitney S. and placing in the GI Breeders' Cup Classic. Persevering this year did not really pay off as it deserved, but at least he reiterated his versatility by adding a Grade II success at seven furlongs to his earlier GI Malibu S. score at that trip.

Bottom line is that he's a Grade I winner at two, three and four, with 11 triple-digit Beyers to his name. That's the kind of mettle the breed could do with, nowadays, and perhaps traces to a family seeded with some pretty left-field influences: he combines two Mr. Prospector sire lines but his first three dams are by Petionville, Houston and Navajo. This kind of stuff can be pretty invigorating, as one glance at American Pharoah's family tree will confirm. So while McKinzie is the only Grade I winner out of a Petionville mare, it has all stacked up somehow: his dam, a very smart runner in her own right, has three half-sisters who have also produced a graded stakes winner.

So we're plainly looking at some kind of genetic vigour, as well as vigo r on the track, and don't let his admirable durability deceive you that McKinzie's stock will need time. His dam made 10 juvenile starts, sandwiching her third in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies with two Grade II wins; and the next dam won four times at two, including a couple of Listed prizes.

Starting on the same peg at Lane's End is **GAME WINNER** (Candy Ride {Arg}--Indyan Giving, by A.P. Indy), who completes Baffert's lock on the top four.

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Grade 1 winning sprinter like his brilliant sire **SPEIGHTSTOWN**

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You have to feel sympathy for connections, who felt there was more to come after he derailed halfway through his sophomore campaign but never got him back on track. But if breeders have to dust off his juvenile championship, they will find it a worthwhile exercise--reminding them how he reeled off three Grade Is after winning on debut, culminating in a decisive defeat of Knicks Go (Paynter) in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile.



War of Will | Maryland Jockey Club

He trained on well, too, running the race-fit Omaha Beach (War Front) to a nose on his resumption, while sixth home in the Kentucky Derby was a respectable effort after a messy trip.

A pedigree that superficially hurries through the generations soon repays closer attention. His first three dams have produced just 10 foals between them, through sundry misfortunes, and Game Winner's only sibling to have started is Grade II winner Flagstaff (Speightstown); while his granddam is champion Fleet Indian (Indian Charlie), who counted two Grade Is among 13 wins from 19 starts. And you can't complain about the compression of a pedigree that ends up taking you through the Striking branch of La Troienne's line.

Genes certainly support a fee of \$25,000 for **WAR OF WILL** (War Front--Visions Of Clarity {Ire}, by Sadler's Wells) at Claiborne. For a start, he foreshortens access to the two premier branches of the Northern Dancer dynasty in a fashion that is rare today: he's a grandson of Danzig out of a Sadler's Wells mare. And what a family that mare represents. His fifth dam is the matriarch Best In Show; closer up, he's a half-brother to a Group 1-winning juvenile; and their stakes-winning dam is a half-sister to the brilliant miler Spinning World (Nureyev) out of a Group 1-placed half-sister to Chimes of Freedom (Private Account), herself an elite operator and dam of two others in Aldebaran (Mr. Prospector) and Good Journey (Nureyev). **Cont.**

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War of Will parlayed this glittering international page into Classic success on dirt plus a Grade I success when switched back to grass for his third season. With his sire rising 19, the chance is there for War of Will to establish himself as a transatlantic influence, obviously at a more accessible fee. He certainly looks the part.

It was War of Will, notoriously, who took the nudge that cost

MAXIMUM SECURITY (New Year's Day--Lil Indy, by Anasheed) the Kentucky Derby. Little could we realise how even the furor over his disqualification would be surpassed by the far graver infringements subsequently alleged about his trainer. One way or another, he could never quite confine headlines to what was plainly a pretty freakish talent: by renouncing the GI Preakness for a 1-20 defeat, for instance, and then when diverted from the Breeders' Cup by colic. Nor did he build conclusively on what was, in the circumstances, an important Grade I for his new trainer this year. But the bottom line is 10 wins in 14 starts for a rating of 122, and the hapless victim of so much controversy now gets the chance to create a fresh legacy of his own, starting out at Ashford off \$20,000.

Maximum Security is another whose first couple of dams introduce pretty exotic names, in Anasheed and Cresta Rider. But a third dam by Double Jay--who was foaled in 1944!--is a throwback I love: he was a fantastic broodmare sire. Anyhow we've already remarked how variegation of this kind is no bar to success, and his dam is a three-parts sister to a very hardy multiple Grade I winner in Flat Out (Flatter). Relative to Maximum Security's accomplishments, the fee takes full account of the fact that he has been a bundle of surprises throughout, for better or worse; and he will reliably be given every chance to write a redemptive final chapter. **Cont. p8**

WINNING THE WORLD OVER!

Leading Sires in North America in 2020

CURRENT 3YO CROP BY BLACK TYPE WINNERS

RK	STALLION	BLACK TYPE WINNERS	Gr.1 PERFORMERS	FEE 2021
1	Into Mischief	13	7	\$225,000
2	Uncle Mo	12	6	\$175,000
3	American Pharoah	11	5	\$100,000
4	Munnings	8	3	Fully Booked
-	Speightstown	8	2	\$90,000

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Also launched at \$20,000 is **VEKOMA** (Candy Ride {Arg}--Mona de Momma, by Speightstown) at Spendthrift. He, too, always carried an air of unconventionality--in his case, that highly idiosyncratic action. But there was no arguing with its efficiency, and it is a real shame that he was consecutively derailed just as he was confirming his class both at three and four. At least he went out on a high, in the stallion-making GI Met Mile.

An unbeaten GIII Nashua S. winner at two, he won the GII Blue Grass S. decisively only to disappear for 11 months after his Derby disappointment. On his return he looked much closer to the finished article: after a stylish comeback, he was plainly at home in the slop when romping in the GI Carter H., but no such



Vekoma | Sarah Andrew

qualifications were required when he sealed his status as one of the most lavishly talented animals around in what turned out to be his swan song, just a click off the track record.

Though confined to eight starts across three seasons, Vekoma fully established his class and versatility, with Grade I wins at seven, eight and nine furlongs. There's no mystery as to where it comes from, either. He owed his efficacy in the slop to a dam who won her Grade I in similar conditions, but a more important inheritance was her sisterhood to Mr. Greeley (Gone West) and to the second dams of Street Sense (Street Cry {Ire}) and Paradise Woods (Union Rags). Moreover Vekoma's fourth dam is Lianga (Dancer's

Image), whose elite scores in Europe were similarly both in sprints and at a mile. She is also the third dam of Coolmore's rags-to-riches sire Danehill Dancer (Ire).

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Sadly Vekoma's dam, lost the year she delivered him, won't be decorating the page further; but the credentials of Candy Ride as a sire of sires grow all the time. This must be his fastest son to stud, moreover, with the precocity to clock a 97 Beyer in the Nashua. Assuming he doesn't reproduce that quirky gait, Vekoma can make the grade.

Another offering 'V' for velocity is **VOLATILE** (Violence--Melody Lady, by Unbridled's Song), launched by Three Chimneys at \$17,500. It would have been mouthwatering to see the pair of them square up in top form for a race like the GI Forego. Unfortunately Volatile was likewise unable to see things through, confined to three starts as a sophomore and another three this year. But these latter confirmed his blossoming as an authentic speedball: dazzling on his return, he then detonated a 1:07.57 romp in the

Aristides S., missing the track record by a sliver; and put a formal Grade I seal on his resumé at Saratoga.

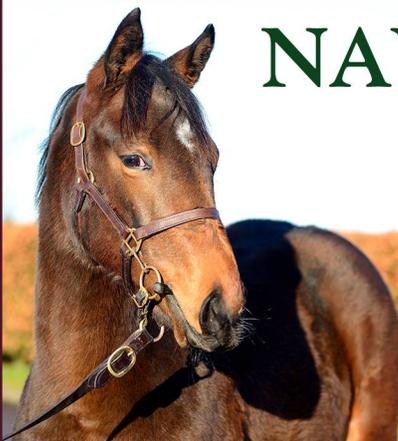
Admittedly he was allowed to tee up his wild closing fractions that day, having controlled the early pace against just three rivals. But an \$850,000 yearling tag tells you all you need to know about his looks, as the most expensive son of his flourishing sire; and his second dam is Lady Tak (Mutakddim), a dual Grade I winner over seven at Saratoga--and whose own granddam Dangerous Star (Dark Star) was one the 10 foals of the remarkable Dangerous Dame. Of these, eight mustered a grand total of three starts between them; the other two, however, were the elite winners and producers Hidden Talent and Heavenly Body, both also by

Dark Star. This is a family fertile in classy horses on both sides of the Atlantic.

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With so many new sires in the Kentucky marketplace for 2021, stay tuned as we continue to cover more than a dozen others in tomorrow's instalment.

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Complaints Against Justify, Hoppertunity Dismissed cont. from p1

The decision was issued Thursday evening following an Oct. 29 hearing on the matter. Click [here](#) for the TDN's hearing report.

"I'm happy with the decision--mostly importantly for Justify. He is a great horse and deserves his undefeated record," said Bob Baffert, trainer of both horses, in response to the decision.

In a 10-page ruling, the stewards framed the decision as one that came down to the following: "Whether, at the times of the races, Scopolamine was a class 3 or a class 4 prohibited substance as classified by the CHRB."

Boiled down to its component parts, the decision circled two main CHRB rules: rule 1843.2, regarding drug classifications; and rule 1859.5, regarding disqualifications following a positive test.



Bob Baffert & Justify | Sarah Andrew

The evidence as to what class of substance Scopolamine was listed in April, 2018, when the two horses competed, was "conflicted," the stewards admitted.

"At the time of the races in April of 2018 the CHRB rules considered Scopolamine a class 3 prohibited substance," the decision states. In California, class 3 drug positives trigger automatic disqualification of horses, regardless of trainer intent or culpability. **Cont. p11**

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Justify | *Coolmore*

The CHRБ, however, based its rules on the Association of Racing Commissioners International (ARCI) guidelines. The ARCI Uniform Guidelines for Foreign Substances was changed in December of 2016 to list Scopolamine as a class 4 substance.

"If this change in the ARCI Guidelines were to prevail in the interpretation of the 2018 version of rule 1843.2, then the disqualification of the two horses would not be necessary as the

prohibited substance would not fall into a class 1-3 category," the stewards' decision states.

The slow-moving wheels of California administrative law, however, meant that the CHRБ hadn't formally adopted ARCI's guidelines at the time of the two races.

At a CHRБ board meeting on Aug. 23, 2018, the CHRБ finally voted to adopt a rule amendment which formally changed Scopolamine from a class 3 to a class 4 prohibited drug, which wouldn't require disqualification.

The CHRБ, however, must formally adopt a rule change to 1843.2 before any changes in drug substances become effective, the stewards' decision states. As such, "It is the Stewards' opinion that had this Board of Stewards heard the Justify and Hoppertunity complaints prior to Aug. 23, 2018, both horses would have been disqualified," the decision states.

Crucially at that same meeting on Aug. 23, however, the attending commissioners voted in executive session not to move forward with charges in the Justify matter, heeding the advice of former CHRБ executive director Rick Baedeker and Rick Arthur, CHRБ equine medical director.

For one, the CHRБ knew at that time that the ARCI had changed its classification guidelines to reflect that Scopolamine was now a class 4 prohibited substance, the stewards' decision states. **Cont. p12**

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3. American Pharoah	\$100,000	56

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Secondly, "Dr. Rick Arthur was of the opinion that the Scopolamine found in Justify and Hoppertunity, as well as five other horses tested in April and May 2018, was the result of environmental contamination and that the matters should be dismissed. He believed it was the right thing to do," the decision states.

Furthermore, "Testimony by Dr. Arthur indicated that he felt the change in the ARCI Guideline Classifications for Scopolamine from a class 3 to a class 4 in December of 2016 was sufficient enough for him to consider the rule amended because the rule changing process in California is cumbersome and inefficient," the stewards' decision adds.

"Even if this panel were to disagree with the CHRB's decision to dismiss these matters or the way the CHRB handled the situation, it cannot be argued that the CHRB lacked the authority to do so," the decision states. "The law specifically allows such actions to take place and the CHRB followed the law."

Following the law the CHRB may have, but the lack of transparency with which the whole matter was handled has eroded public trust in the board, as Arthur feared at the now infamous executive session in August of 2018.

That day, Arthur warned of a perceived lack of transparency should the CHRB fail to go public with the decision, the stewards write. A little more than a year later, the *New York Times* published its explosive story which confirmed Arthur's fears as it pulled back the curtains on the board's inner workings.

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TURF PARADISE GETTING HORSE INFLUX FROM PANDEMIC-AFFECTED TRACKS

By T.D. Thornton

By the time Turf Paradise opens Jan. 4 for Arizona's first live Thoroughbred racing since March 14, track management projects the horse population could top 1,200 for the five-day weekly, 84-date meet that runs through May 1.

Turf Paradise general manager Vincent Francia said during the Dec. 10 Arizona Racing Commission meeting that 664 horses are currently stabled on the grounds, adding that "I expect by the end of the month that that figure is probably going to double."

Francia explained that Turf Paradise is the recipient of a mixed blessing related to COVID-19 pandemic closures at other racetracks.

Chiefly, he said, interest has been sparked from outfits at Golden Gate Fields (which is currently closed for racing until at least Dec. 26) and from tracks in New Mexico (where Zia Park just resumed racing after a health-related shutdown and the Dec. 26 start date at Sunland Park has been pushed back at least 30 days because of pandemic-related uncertainty).

"So in the good news department, we're getting an influx of horses," Francia said. "And the not-so-good news [is] both of those areas have been hit pretty hard with by the virus.

"So we're having to revise and amp up how we're going to handle people coming into the backside and the track," Francia continued. "And by that I mean we're looking at making sure [licensees] have a negative coronavirus test before they come on [to the backstretch]. And once they get here and get their horses in, then they get [another] test. We're taking that extra step...and we need to keep everyone here at Turf safe if we are going to get through this race meet."

Leroy Gessmann, who serves as both the Arizona Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association (AZHBPA) executive director and the National HBPA president, said that in terms of compliance, "the majority of people want to stay safe and the majority of people are following the guidelines."

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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.

JOE MILLER, Kern Thoroughbreds



Joe Miller, Kern Thoroughbreds | Triton Stables

McKinzie (Street Sense), \$30,000, Gainesway

My favorite new sire is a tough decision. There are so many good choices in 2021 and I really do not want to jinx anyone, but I would have to say **McKinzie** is the horse that really stands out to me.

He was a very talented horse around one turn, and was able to carry that speed two turns. He relaxed well in his races, and was unlucky not to win a few more big races. His dam was precocious and very fast as well, and looks wise. He is a picture. On his day, he was pretty special. I think \$30,000 is a fair price on him.

Constitution (Tapit), \$85,000, WinStar Farm

Best value does not necessarily mean inexpensive, and I think **Constitution** is very good value at \$85,000. The commercial market should catch up with race results.

Also, an honorable mention to **Ocean Park** (Thorn Park) at Waikato Stud in New Zealand. For a \$20,000 N.Z. stud fee (about \$14,000 U.S.), you can breed to a young stallion that has already had several Grade 1 winners and seems to have a new stakes

horse every weekend in Australasia. He seems to do it on both sides of the Tasman.

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 to give your response.

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MARK MCNAMARA, CHIEF RACECALLER, HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Having broken into the racecalling business nearly a quarter-century ago, Mark McNamara has worked his way up from describing the action at Moruya in southeastern New South Wales in Australia to becoming one of the primary voices of New Zealand racing from 2009 to 2019. McNamara, now in his early 40s, returned for a short time to Australia, but the job of chief commentator for the Hong Kong Jockey Club came open in late 2019 when Brett Davis announced that he would be returning to Adelaide to take a similar position with the South Australian Jockey Club. McNamara jumped at the opportunity, taking over officially this past Mar. 1 and, in a veritable baptism by fire, was calling the BMW Hong Kong Derby just three weeks later, even if the quality and precision of that call suggested that he'd been at it for years ([video](#)). With better than seven months under his belt at the HKJC, McNamara is set to call the Longines Hong Kong International Races for the first time this Sunday.



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McNamara generously took time out of his busy schedule to field a handful of questions from the *TDN's* Alan Carasso.

AC: How excited are you to call your first Longines Hong Kong International Races?

Mark McNamara: Very excited, it's going to be a Longines HKIR

like no other. Last year there were still 27,000 people on course, but this year it's going to be in the hundreds. It will be eerie, but the races are on, so I can't wait.

AC: Is there one race or one horse that you are looking most forward to?

MM: Definitely the clash between Golden Sixty (Aus) (Medaglia d'Oro) and Admire Mars (Jpn) (Daiwa Major {Jpn}) in the Mile. The respect factor for the Japanese horses is enormous, even more so when they travel. Admire Mars won it last year, of course, but he faces the 'golden boy' of Hong Kong racing this year who has that push-button speed. It has the potential to be the clash of the day.

AC: How did you get into commentating?

MM: It was something I wanted to do from a young age, so as you can guess, I was a bit of a weird kid, nothing much has changed there either! I was lucky enough to get a lucky break when I skipped school to go to Melbourne Cup day as a 15-year-old. This break led to calling the harness racing trials and very fortunately has gone on to become a life-long career.

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AC: Are there colleagues in your line of business that you consider mentors or are there other racecallers that have influenced you?

MM: I was very fortunate coming through the ranks that I had help from a range of people who gave me a lot advice and mentoring. Without their help I'd still be working at McDonald's! My favourite race caller of all time, former Sydney race caller John Tapp, was a terrific commentator and an even better person. I did call a horse a wrong name at some harness trials as a 17-year-old and the trainer tore absolutely shreds off me for doing it. While it wasn't fun at the time, the message about getting it right certainly hit home that day.

AC: In your estimation, what makes a good commentator?

MM: A good memory is pretty important, also someone who can read a race well is a plus, never anticipate what you think may happen. The first piece of advice I give to anyone who asks about becoming a racecaller is just call what you see not what you think you see.

AC: What specific challenges does calling races in Hong Kong present relative to other places you've worked?

MM: The biggest challenges are the finish angles from the commentator's box at Sha Tin and Happy Valley. Sha Tin isn't too bad, but the position is still some distance prior to the line. Happy Valley you are a long way before the winning post which makes calling close finishes tricky, the TV comes in handy for them.

AC: How have you adjusted to life in Hong Kong?

MM: We really enjoy it, it's a great city with so many things to do and see. You can be as energetic or as lazy as you want. The bucket list of things to do in Hong Kong is still quite long.

AC: Tell us one thing about yourself that would surprise people.

MM: I'm a massive plane nerd, I love aviation, even did half a private pilots license course, but failed a written test and never went back, it was like school all over again. Would love to be an air traffic controller if I wasn't calling races.

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A WONDERFUL RIDE: A TRIBUTE TO KENNY LEJEUNE

By Carey LeJeune

Kenny LeJeune, a highly respected horseman who operated a training center in Ocala for many years, succumbed to cancer last week at age 60. Donations in his honor can be made to the PDJF or any horse aftercare organization. His wife Carey LeJeune wrote the following tribute.

The racing world just lost a fan. Ken LeJeune died at home Friday, Dec. 4 after a brief illness. In his 40-plus year career, he was a jockey, trainer, bloodstock agent and all things in between; but always A FAN.

He quietly went about his business: no advertisements, no parties, rarely a mention in the trade papers. That wasn't his thing. His involvement in horse racing reached far and wide. There are not too many people I can think of in the business who have not asked him to train, examine, fix, buy, sell, evaluate or shelter a horse. He loved every minute of it. It was his life's blood.

We met at Delta Downs in the winter of 1980. He was hungry, trying to ride Thoroughbreds until the Quarter Horse meet came in the spring. We lived in a tack room. We married four months later and still didn't own a running car. No matter, we had each other and racing. He rode a match race the day we wed. He rode races for several years, sometimes away from home for months, other times dragging the family along--hotel to hotel.

We eventually moved lock stock, and barrel to Ocala with \$65 and a tank of gas. He started breaking Thoroughbreds for various farms, the first being Fred Hooper's, where he was a regular rider of the famed Precisionist.

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When race riding ended, he dreamed of training and buying horses. The first horse he sold went to Jack Van Berg; a horse given to him as a thank you for getting up at 4:30 a.m. to gallop a few horses prior to his usual job. He enjoyed helping others in the business and that's where he spent most of any profit.

He partnered in the early 2000's on a few cheap horses. One, which he bought as a field buddy for \$1,300, became my namesake Carey's Gold, who fell just short of sweeping the Florida Stallion Stakes circa 2001? 2002? Bad feet, oh my, the horse had bad feet. He worked endlessly on those bad feet.

New York trainer Gary Contessa was the first prominent trainer to see talent in Ken's horsemanship and soon Kenneth was in business in a big way.

In later years, we became close friends of Jim and Susan Hill and enjoyed many racing-related and personal trips together, all the while talking horses. Always talking horses.

Over the years, he had the good fortune of finding or developing some of the best; Peace Rules, Divine Park, Genuine Devotion, Anne's Beauty, Bay to Bay, Clearly Now, Flip Cup and, more recently, Totally Boss, Gufo, Mo Forza and untold others I'm sure I've forgotten.

He was a true Cajun and he never left his roots. He enjoyed fishing in the Gulf, a few cold beers at the end of the day and a stop at the farm to check on the horses. He found total happiness in sitting on his pony, and watching his charges march like soldiers to the track. His faithful dog Sissy, always following behind, logging miles every day to keep up with him. She never wavered.

Although he was ill, even he did not know in the end that it would come so soon. He lived life by the drop and consumed every last bit. It may have seemed unfair, but it was long enough.

He adored, and was so proud of our children, John and Piper, and I'm sure bent everyone's ear to speak of their success. They, in turn, adored him and I am proud to say inherited a strong work ethic, humble gratitude and a commitment of service to others.

To those who believed in him, I thank you... you allowed him to earn a living in a sport that he loved. For almost 40 years, I tagged along for the wonderful ride.

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TEXAS 2-YEAR-OLDS IN TRAINING SALE TO BE HELD APR. 7



Lone Star Park | *Horsephotos*

The Texas Thoroughbred Association (TTA) and Lone Star Park at Grand Prairie will hold the 2021 Texas 2-Year-Olds in Training Sale Wednesday, Apr. 7, 2021. The sale will take place at Lone Star, which will begin its 48-day 2021 Thoroughbred meet Apr. 22. A breeze show is scheduled for Monday, Apr. 5.

“With daily purses at Lone Star expected to be around \$250,000 and maiden races at \$36,000, this sale will offer buyers the chance to get an almost immediate return on their investment,” said TTA sales director Tim Boyce. “In addition to the Sales Futurity in July, Lone Star will be running two divisions of the Clarence Scharbauer, Jr. Texas Stallion Stakes for 2-year-olds in June, so that’s another opportunity for Texas-sired horses.”

The entry deadline is Jan. 15, with consignment forms available at ttasales.com.

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KENTUCKY DOWNS TURF COURSE RENOVATED

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Kentucky 31, named for the state and year it was discovered (in this case, in 1931 by a University of Kentucky professor), is noted for its deep roots, resilience and disease resistance--all considered critical with the wear and tear of turf racing.

The project was overseen by track consultant Butch Lehr who spent 30 years as superintendent at Churchill Downs where he built the track's turf course in 1985. Iron Bridge Sod Farms of nearby Bowling Green provided and installed the sod for the Kentucky Downs course.



Kentucky Downs photo

“Obviously we face unique challenges with the Kentucky Downs course, racing exclusively on grass and with our unusual configuration and elevation variances,” said Ted Nicholson,

Kentucky Downs’ Vice President for Racing. “Over the years, Kentucky Downs made improvements to the course, but this is the most ambitious overhaul we’ve had. Safety is the number one priority. With Kentucky Downs now having six race dates compressed into eight calendar days, we want to ensure we have a course that is of high quality and safe for horses and riders throughout the meet.

“We’re thrilled with how it’s turned out. We were able to put down the sod during Kentucky’s amazing

November weather and feel confident that the course will be spectacular for our 2021 meet. In addition, we will be installing a new rail system that will allow for four racing lanes throughout the six dates.”

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2020 in Photos: March 28. And they're off in the GI Florida Derby, won by Tiz the Law. | Ryan Thompson/Coglianese

INDIANA GRAND 2021 RACE DATES APPROVED

Indiana Grand Racing & Casino received approval for 2021 racing dates Thursday at the monthly Indiana Horse Racing Commission (IHRC) meeting. The schedule will offer 120 days of Thoroughbred and Quarter Horse racing beginning Tuesday, Apr. 13 and running through Thursday, Nov. 4, 2021.

Racing will start off with a hybrid schedule of Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday racing in April moving to the full schedule of Monday through Thursday in May. First post will be 2:25 p.m. Monday through Wednesday and Thursdays first post will be 3:25 p.m.

A total of eight Saturdays will also be included on the schedule with Thoroughbred and Quarter Horse racing held Saturday, May 1, which is GI Kentucky Derby day, and Saturday, Oct. 30, which will be Indiana Champions Day. Post time will be noon on those days.

Six all-Quarter Horse days have been allotted throughout the meet. Dates set exclusively for the sprinters include June 5, July 3, July 24, Aug. 14, Sept. 4 and Oct. 9. Post times for the all-Quarter Horse dates is set for 10 a.m.

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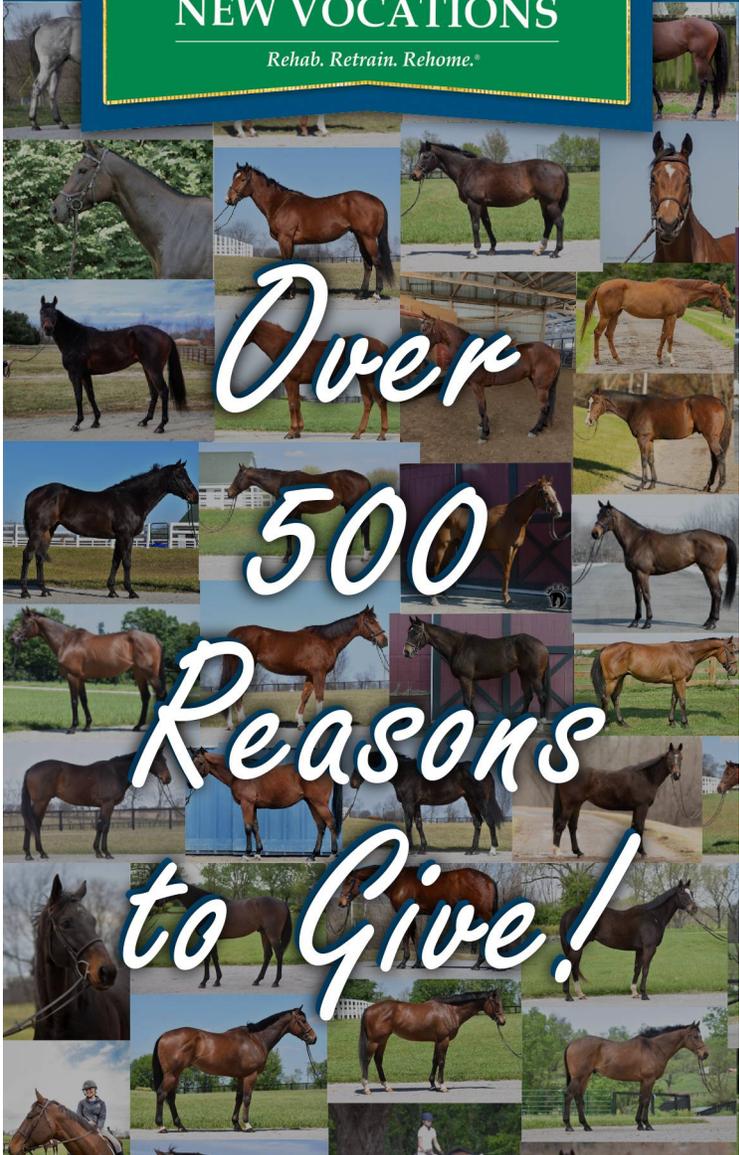
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Saturday, Gulfstream, post time: 4:40 p.m. EST

FT. LAUDERDALE S.-GII, \$200,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/8mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Somelikeithotbrown	Big Brown	Skychai Racing LLC and Sand Dollar Stable LLC	Maker	Gaffalione	125
2	Delaware (GB) 🌿	Frankel (GB)	Michael, Nice Guys Stables & Bethlehem Stables	Brown	Ortiz, Jr.	120
3	Doswell	Giant's Causeway	Joseph Allen LLC	Tagg	Alvarado	120
4	Breaking the Rules	War Front	Phipps Stable	McGaughey	Zayas	120
5	Channel Cat	English Channel	Calumet Farm	Sisterson	Lanerie	120
6	Largent 🌿	Into Mischief	Twin Creeks Racing & Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners	Pletcher	Lopez	120
7	Tide of the Sea 🌿	English Channel	Three Diamonds Farm	Maker	Bravo	120
8	Spooky Channel	English Channel	Terry Hamilton	Lynch	Leparoux	123
9	Factor This 🌿	The Factor	Gaining Ground Racing LLC	Cox	Ortiz	125
10	Halladay 🌿	War Front	Harrell Ventures, LLC	Pletcher	Saez	125

Breeders: 1-Hot Pink Stables & Sand Dollar Stables, 2-Juddmonte Farms Ltd, 3-Mr. Joseph Allen LLC, 4-Phipps Stable, 5-Calumet Farm, 6-Lazy Lane Farms, LLC, 7-Juddmonte Farms Inc, 8-Calumet Farm, 9-Maccabee Farm, 10-Gaineway Thoroughbreds Ltd. &Winchell Thoroughbreds, LLC

Saturday, Gulfstream, post time: 1:35 p.m. EST

RAMPART S.-GIII, \$100,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Crumb Bun	Afleet Alex	Eric J. Wirth	Bates	Torres	121
2	Bajan Girl 🌿	Speightstown	Slack, Robert and Walters, Daniel	Crichton	Prado	118
3	Sally's Curlin 🌿	Curlin	CJ Thoroughbreds, Left Turn Racing & Casner Racing	Romans	Lanerie	123
4	Good Credence 🌿	Jimmy Creed	Thoroughbred Investment Fund & Donnelly, Peter	Margotta, Jr.	Alvarado	118
5	Letruska	Super Saver	St. George Stable LLC	Gutierrez	Jaramillo	125
6	Dream Marie	Graydar	Miracle's International Trading, Inc.	Williams	Reyes	118

Breeders: 1-Eric J. Wirth, 2-St. Elias Stables, LLC, 3-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC, 4-Bill Frothinger, 5-St George Stables, 6-Wynnstay LLC & GWR LLC

Saturday, Gulfstream, post time: 2:38 p.m. EST

SUGAR SWIRL S.-GIII, \$100,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Sound Machine 🌿	Into Mischief	e Five Racing Thoroughbreds	Joseph, Jr.	Ortiz	118
2	Lady's Island	Greatness	Matties Racing Stable LLC and Averill Racing LLC	Baxter	Jaramillo	120
3	Golden Ami	Goldencents	Ivan Dalos	Carroll	Gaffalione	120
4	Bronx Beauty	Liaison	2W Stables LLC	Margotta, Jr.	Saez	122
5	Cinnabunny	Golden Lad	Madaket Stables LLC, Dubb, Michael, Shooting Star Stable LLC and Bethlehem Stables LLC	Cox	Ortiz, Jr.	118
6	Aunt Nadine 🌿	Munnings	Three Diamonds Farm	Maker	Zayas	118

Breeders: 1-Farm III, 2-Bailey Bolen, 3-Tall Oaks Farm, 4-Blackstone Farm LLC, 5-Shooting Star Stable, 6-Hardacre Farm LLC

Saturday, Gulfstream, post time: 4:09 p.m. EST

HARLAN'S HOLIDAY S.-GIII, \$100,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Tax	Arch	R. A. Hill Stable, Reeves Thoroughbred Racing and Lynch, Hugh	Gargan	Saez	121
2	Phat Man	Munnings	Stribling, Marianne, Force Five Racing, LLC and Two Rivers Racing Stable LLC	Sweezey	Ortiz, Jr.	123
3	Identifier 🌿	Creative Cause	Gelfenstein Farm	Gonzalez	Ortiz	123
4	Eye of a Jedi 🌿	Eye of the Leopard	Steve Budhoo	Budhoo	Meneses	123
5	Royal Urn	Kantharos	Roseland Farm Stable	Breen	Bravo	121
6	Math Wizard	Algorithms	Fanelli, John, Mishref, Khalid, Cash is King LLC, LC Racing LLC, Collarmeale Vitelli Stables LLC, Zoumas, Ioannis and Bassett Stables	Joseph, Jr.	Gaffalione	121
7	Tatweej 🌿	Tapit	Alshareef Hazzaa Shaker Alabdali	Pletcher	Zayas	121

Breeders: 1-Claiborne Farm & Adele B. Dilschneider, 2-Kim Nardelli & Rodney Nardelli, 3-Heinz J. Steinmann, 4-Calumet Farm, 5-John Bowers, Jr., 6-Lucky Seven Stable, 7-Cres Ran, LLC



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Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings*
1	The Factor <i>(2008) by War Front FYR: 2014</i>	28	50	7	19	2	6	417	293	1,262,780	28,776,087
										<i>Factor This</i>	
2	Maclean's Music <i>(2008) by Distorted Humor FYR: 2014</i>	20	37	4	8	3	3	249	177	1,125,200	15,444,818
										<i>Cloud Computing</i>	
3	Union Rags <i>(2009) by Dixie Union FYR: 2014</i>	15	32	8	20	4	9	389	227	1,123,890	21,176,312
										<i>Paradise Woods</i>	
4	Dialed In <i>(2008) by Mineshaft FYR: 2014</i>	15	33	5	18	1	5	289	171	5,561,800	19,668,004
										<i>Gunnevera</i>	
5	Creative Cause <i>(2009) by Giant's Causeway FYR: 2014</i>	15	30	5	8	1	2	298	202	2,090,351	18,808,785
										<i>Pavel</i>	
6	Gemologist <i>(2009) by Tiznow FYR: 2014</i>	14	34	3	5	1	2	372	250	715,439	17,244,576
										<i>Horologist</i>	
7	Stay Thirsty <i>(2008) by Bernardini FYR: 2014</i>	13	26	3	7	1	1	280	197	1,825,280	18,669,253
										<i>Coal Front</i>	
8	Algorithms <i>(2009) by Bernardini FYR: 2014</i>	11	23	3	7	1	1	233	168	1,134,540	13,168,039
										<i>Math Wizard</i>	
9	Tapizar <i>(2008) by Tapit FYR: 2014</i>	10	24	6	16	1	3	335	232	4,426,818	22,526,288
										<i>Monomoy Girl</i>	
10	Sir Prancealot (Ire) <i>(2010) by Tamayuz (GB) FYR: 2014</i>	9	22	5	10	1	4	239	147	1,481,412	10,687,180
										<i>Beau Recall (IRE)</i>	
11	Get Stormy <i>(2006) by Stormy Atlantic FYR: 2014</i>	9	11	6	8	1	2	193	107	2,021,378	10,087,862
										<i>Got Stormy</i>	
12	Star Guitar <i>(2005) by Quiet American FYR: 2014</i>	9	20	1	2	--	1	130	96	536,180	7,557,977
										<i>Minit to Stardom</i>	
13	Mission Impazible <i>(2007) by Unbridled's Song FYR: 2014</i>	7	15	1	1	--	--	176	113	412,178	9,301,877
										<i>Dream Bigger</i>	
14	Dominus <i>(2008) by Smart Strike FYR: 2014</i>	7	16	--	5	--	1	138	93	413,144	6,496,142
										<i>Chanel's Legacy</i>	
15	Signature Red <i>(2006) by Bernstein FYR: 2014</i>	5	6	--	1	--	--	66	39	387,518	3,112,544
										<i>Red Cabernet</i>	

*I'll Have Another is the leading fifth-crop sire by progeny earnings with \$30,506,398

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IN ORDER OF PURSE:

6th-Aqueduct, \$72,000, (S), Alw, 12-10, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:37.95, ft, 1 3/4 lengths.

JERRY THE NIPPER (c, 3, [Liam's Map](#)--[Aqua Regia](#) {GSP, \$152,380}, by [Pollard's Vision](#)), a runaway maiden winner going this same distance at second asking at the Big A back in February, returned from the shelf to finish third as the favorite going 6 1/2 furlongs in the Belmont mud Oct. 31. Favored again at 2-1 here, the bay bumped into a rival shortly after the start and recovered quickly to race prominently with the early leaders in third. He gained a narrow advantage at the midway marker, let it out a notch off the far turn and wasn't for catching while hanging on his left lead down the lane. It was 1 3/4 lengths back to [Wudda U Think Now](#) ([Fast Anna](#)) in second. [Aqua Regia](#), bred to West Coast for 2021, is also represented by a 2-year-old colt by [Dialed In](#) and a yearling filly by [Liam's Map](#). Sales history: \$310,000 Wlg '17 KEENOV; \$85,000 3yo '20 KEENOV. Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-1, \$93,240. [Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Repole Stable; B-St. Elias Stable & Peta Ryan (NY); T-Todd Pletcher.

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8th-Gulfstream, \$40,700, Alw (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$75,000), 12-10, 2yo, 1m, 1:38.96, ft, head.

MOONLITE STRIKE (c, 2, [Liam's Map](#)--[Twinkling](#), by [War Chant](#)), a last out maiden winner in an off-the-turfer at a sloppy Gulfstream West Nov. 14, was offense minded from his rail draw here as three of them lined up early. The 7-5 favorite began to duel free with less than three furlongs to go, kicked for home in control, and, after wandering a bit late, just held off stablemate [Kiger](#) ([Verrazano](#)) to score by a head. The winner's dam had a colt by [Exaggerator](#) in 2019 and a filly by [Mshawish](#) this year. She was bred to [Take Charge Indy](#) for 2021. Sales history: \$45,000 RNA Wlg '18 KEENOV; \$120,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP; \$145,000 RNA 2yo '20 OBSMAR; \$77,000 RNA 2yo '20 OBSOPN. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$47,400. [Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Sonata Stable; B-Brushy Hill, LLC (KY); T-Saffie A. Joseph, Jr.

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IN ORDER OF PURSE:

4th-Aqueduct, \$80,000, Msw, 12-10, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:37.52, ft, 2 1/4 lengths.

MALIBU STAR (c, 3, [Giant's Causeway](#)--[Unbound](#) {SP, \$359,826}, by [Distorted Humor](#)), a \$450,000 KEESEP yearling, made one start for Hall of Famer [Bob Baffert](#) at two, finishing fourth behind subsequent GIII [Bob Hope S. winner High Velocity](#) ([Quality Road](#)) at Santa Anita in mid-October of 2019. He made one trip to the post for [Kelly Breen](#) since, completing the exacta behind unbeaten stablemate [Full Impact](#) ([Street Sense](#)) down the Jersey Shore Oct. 14. Part of an entry favored at 3-5 here, he broke on top, but was content to stalk on the outside in third as his entymate [Citizen West](#) ([Quality Road](#)) set the pace. [Malibu Star](#) set his sights on the leader on the far turn, reached even terms with a quarter of a mile to go and powered clear late to win going away by 2 1/4 lengths. [Citizen West](#) stayed on for second. It was 11 1/4 lengths back to second-choice [Risk Profile](#) ([Into Mischief](#)), who rounded out the chalky exacta. [Unbound](#) is also represented by the unraced 2-year-old filly [Lost Wish](#) ([Mshawish](#)); a yearling filly by [Creative Cause](#); and a [Justify](#) colt of this year. [Malibu Star's](#) third dam is the brilliant Hall of Famer [Personal Ensign](#). Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$56,500. [Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Gary & Mary West; B-Bonne Chance Farm LLC (KY); T-Kelly J. Breen.



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5th-Aqueduct, \$80,000, Msw, 12-10, 2yo, f, 1mT, 1:40.08, gd, head.

AMORTIZATION (IRE) (f, 2, [Kingman](#) {GB}--[Scorn](#), by [Seeking the Gold](#)) got going too late to finish fourth as the favorite in her debut going a mile over the Belmont lawn Sept. 19. Favored at 6-5 in this one, she raced in fifth through fractions of :23.84 and :49.98, began to wind up as they cornered for home and came with a sustained rally down the lane to nail [Miss Bonnie T](#) ([Animal Kingdom](#)) on the line by a head. It was another length back to the unlucky first-time starter [Baby Blythe](#) ([American Pharoah](#)), who was unsuccessful at an attempt to thread the needle between the top two while rallying smartly late and was forced to check out. The result stood following a Stewards'

Inquiry looking into the aforementioned infraction in deep stretch.

Klaravich Stables and Chad Brown have also enjoyed recent success with the winner's sire and fellow TATOCT graduates via GI Hollywood Derby winner Domestic Spending (GB); and GI Pilgrim S. runner-up Public Sector (GB). Amortization is listed as the most recent produce for Scorn, a daughter of French highweight and G1 Prix Marcel Boussac Criterium des Pouliches Royal Barriere heroine Sulk (Ire) (Selkirk). This is the extended female family of standouts such as Dank (GB) (Dansili {GB}), Eagle Mountain (GB) (Rock of Gibraltar {Ire}), et al. Sales history: 72,000gns Wlg '18 TATFOA; 130,000gns Ylg '19 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$47,780. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Klaravich Stables, Inc.; B-J. Wigan & London Thoroughbred Services (IRE); T-Chad C. Brown.

2nd-Aqueduct, \$70,000, (S), Msw, 12-10, 2yo, 6 1/2f, 1:18.21, ft, 7 1/4 lengths.

EXCELLENT TIMING (c, 2, Not This Time--Explicable, by Pioneer of the Nile) showed good speed and stayed on for second as the favorite in his Belmont unveiling Oct. 18. The 2-5 chalk cleared the field from his outside draw here and ran them off their feet to a good-looking 7 1/4-length victory. Forty Two Ace (Goldencents) was second. Excellent Timing becomes the 26th winner for his freshman sire (by Giant's Causeway). A Union Jackson filly of 2019 and a Unified filly of this year are in the pipeline for the winner's dam. She was bred to Maximus Mischief for 2021. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$52,500. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O-Happy Face Racing Stable; B-Sequel Stallions New York, LLC & Lakland Farm (NY); T-Charlton Baker.

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6th-Fair Grounds, \$42,000, Msw, 12-10, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:45.59, fm, 2 lengths.

EMPRESS ELEANOR (f, 3, Empire Maker--Half A. P., by Pulpit), a \$270,000 KEESEP yearling, didn't embarrass herself in either of her first two starts, including a third-place finish on the Keeneland lawn last time Oct. 10. The 5-2 chance was bumped at the break and forced out, and raced in sixth through fractions of :23.86 and :49.30. Ready to roll off the far turn, she was steered off heels and into the clear in the stretch and kicked in nicely over the top to defeat Chick Be Quick (Fast Anna) by two lengths. The winner is a half-sister to Fully Living (Unbridled's Song), GSP, \$172,417. Half A. P., a half-sister to champion Halfbridled (Unbridled), has also produced the unraced 2-year-old filly Living for Today (Carpe Diem) and an Arrogate colt of this year. She was bred back to Omaha Beach. Lifetime Record:

3-1-0-1, \$37,150. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Merriebelle Stable; B-Merriebelle Stable, LLC & Empire Maker Syndicate (KY); T-Ignacio Correias, IV.

4th-Gulfstream, \$40,000, (S), Msw, 12-10, 2yo, 6f, 1:11.71, ft, 1/2 length.

WILLY BOI (g, 2, Uncaptured--Shining Moment {MSW, \$121,880}, by Yes It's True), off at odds of 7-1, shot out to the front from his inside draw, began to shake clear from the crowd while racing in hand on the far turn, and had enough left in the tank to hold off Proud Contender (Jess's Dream), who, despite racing greenly late, just missed by a half-length. Sales history: \$40,000 2yo '20 OBSOCT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$24,000.

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5th-Turfway, \$32,000, Msw, 12-9, 2yo, f, 6f (AWT), 1:12.01, ft, 2 lengths.

KAELY'S SISTER (f, 2, Maclean's Music--Policy of Truth, by Yes It's True), overlooked at 9-1 for this debut run despite her always-dangerous connections, traveled nicely from a close-up fourth, revved up with a three-wide bid on the far turn and put the race to bed in the stretch with a two-length victory over A Merry Prankster (Distorted Humor). A colt of 2019 and a filly of this year, both by Twirling Candy, are next in line for the winner's dam. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$19,200. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O/B-Dean Maltzman (KY); T-Brad H. Cox.

8th-Turfway, \$31,880, Msw, 12-9, 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:17.58, ft, 2 1/2 lengths.

ADVOCATING (f, 3, Uncle Mo--Leigh Court {Ch. 3yo Filly-Can, GSW-USA, MGSW-Can, \$778,793}, by Grand Slam) finished up nicely to complete the exacta on debut over the Woodbine synthetic Nov. 14. The bay fired a four-furlong bullet at Mike Stidham's Fair Hill base Dec. 2 and was off as the 8-5 favorite to go one better here. Drawn on the rail, she raced under a snug hold on the outside in sixth, made a menacing four-wide sweep on the far turn and came rolling into the stretch en route to a 2 1/2-length decision over Rearrange (Speightstown). Canadian champion Leigh Court, a \$1-million purchase by Speedway Stables as a horse of racing age at the 2014 FTKNOV sale, is also responsible for the unraced 2-year-old colt A La Carte (Uncle Mo); and a colt by Medaglia d'Oro of this year. She was bred to Constitution for 2021. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$29,861. **Click for Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O-Speedway Stable LLC & Stone Farm; B-Speedway Stables, LLC (KY); T-Michael Stidham.



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Air Force Blue (War Front), Ashford Stud, \$15,000
 107 foals of racing age/15 winners/0 black-type winners
 9-Gulfstream, Aoc 1mT, MAJOR FRONTIER, 6-1
 \$45,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$55,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; \$34,000 OBS APR 2yo

Declan's Warrior (Majestic Warrior), O'Sullivan Farms, \$1,000
 4 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
 5-Charles Town, Msw 4 1/2f, CHARM WEAVER, 6-1

Effinex (Mineshaft), Questroyal North
 58 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners
 2-Aqueduct, Msw 6f, SWINGING STICKS, 12-1

Exaggerator (Curlin), WinStar Farm, \$20,000
 124 foals of racing age/13 winners/0 black-type winners
 5-Aqueduct, Msw 1 1/16m, EMMA AND I, 12-1
 \$32,000 RNA FTK OCT yrl

Frosted (Tapit), Darley, \$40,000
 125 foals of racing age/14 winners/1 black-type winner
 5-Tampa Bay Downs, Aoc 1mT, CAVE HILL, 5-2

Jess's Dream (Curlin), Ocala Stud, \$5,000
 66 foals of racing age/6 winners/0 black-type winners
 4-Gulfstream, Msw 6f, SKYFLY, 9-2
 \$24,000 RNA OBS OCT yrl

Juba (Tapit), Taylor Mountain Farm, \$1,500
 24 foals of racing age/4 winners/1 black-type winner
 5-Charles Town, Msw 4 1/2f, JUBA'S HOUSE, 3-1

Mosler (War Front), Country Life Farm, \$4,000
 73 foals of racing age/8 winners/1 black-type winner
 5-Turfway, Msw 6f, FORT MOULTRIE, 12-1
 5-Charles Town, Msw 4 1/2f, LA RUFINA, 9-2

Mshawish (Medaglia d'Oro), Taylor Made Farm, \$10,000
 88 foals of racing age/11 winners/0 black-type winners
 4-Turfway, Aoc 1m, DARK BLUE FLAME, 30-1
 \$22,000 RNA OBS MAR 2yo

Protonico (Giant's Causeway), Castleton Lyons, \$5,000
 18 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
 6-Los Alamitos, Msw 5 1/2f, MEDINA SPIRIT, 2-1
 \$1,000 OBS WIN wnl; \$35,000 OBS OPN 2yo

Speightster (Speightstown), WinStar Farm, \$10,000
 122 foals of racing age/13 winners/2 black-type winners
 5-Turfway, Msw 6f, SPEITFUL SAM, 30-1

Upstart (Flatter), Airdrie Stud, \$10,000
 101 foals of racing age/17 winners/0 black-type winners
 6-Los Alamitos, Msw 5 1/2f, RACING ACE, 20-1
 \$65,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$100,000 FTK JUL yrl

Vancouver (Aus) (Medaglia d'Oro), Coolmore Australia, \$30,250
 95 foals of racing age/12 winners/1 black-type winner
 4-Turfway, Aoc 1m, BATTLE BLING, 4-1
 \$47,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$110,000 KEE SEP yrl

War Dancer (War Front), Irish Hill & Dutchess Views Stallions, \$7,500
 73 foals of racing age/5 winners/1 black-type winner
 2-Aqueduct, Msw 6f, DANZIGWITHTHESTARS, 5-1
 5-Aqueduct, Msw 1 1/16m, SALUKI, 30-1

SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: FRIDAY, DEC. 11
2020 Stud Fees Listed

Golden Lad (Medaglia d'Oro), Northview Stallion Station, \$5,000
 125 foals of racing age/28 winners/3 black-type winners
 4-Laurel, Msw 5 1/2f, CROWNEDCOUNTRICRISTO, 6-1

Summer Front (War Front), Airdrie Stud, \$10,000
 181 foals of racing age/53 winners/5 black-type winners
 5-Aqueduct, Msw 1 1/16m, WILLOW GROVE, 8-1



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8th-Aqueduct, \$72,000, (S), 12-10, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6fT, 1:10.69, gd, 2 1/4 lengths.

DOLL (f, 4, Verrazano--Dootsie {SW, \$117,142}, by Dixieland Band) Lifetime Record: 13-2-7-2, \$168,327. O-Michael Dubb, David Simon & Bethlehem Stables LLC; B-Daniel J Burke & Kathleen Schweizer (NY); T-Rudy R. Rodriguez. *\$77,000 Ylg '17 SARAUG; \$85,000 2yo '18 OBSMAR. **1/2 to Liam's Song (Saint Liam), SP, \$239,522.

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7th-Fair Grounds, \$49,000, (S), (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$20,000), 12-10, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11.72, ft, 1 length.

SARAH'S PASSION (f, 3, Songandaprayer--My Holy Belle, by Holy Bull) Lifetime Record: SW, 10-3-3-0, \$132,340. O/B-Perform Stables Inc. (LA); T-Allen Landry.

8th-Fair Grounds, \$44,360, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$17,500), 12-10, 3yo/up, 5 1/2fT, 1:04.92, fm, head.

ITS A WRAP (g, 3, Twirling Candy--In Kelly's Defense, by First Defence) Lifetime Record: 9-2-0-3, \$73,000. O-Richard J Emmett; B-Castle Park Farm & Breffni Farm (KY); T-T. Amoss. *\$17,000 RNA Wlg '17 KEENOV; \$83,000 2yo '19 OBSOPN.

6th-Gulfstream, \$40,000, (S), (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$12,500), 12-10, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10.20, ft, 6 lengths.

ROYAL MEGHAN (f, 3, Uncaptured--Royal Sighting, by Rahy) Lifetime Record: 10-2-3-2, \$89,970. O-Lowwood Farm, LLC & Fernando Abreu; B-Ocala Stud (FL); T-Fernando Abreu. *\$62,000 2yo '19 OBSAPR.

6th-Turfway, \$37,435, Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 12-9, 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:16.85, ft, head.

JEANNIE'S BEEP BEEP (f, 4, Successful Appeal--Vonnegut, by General Meeting) Lifetime Record: 10-5-4-0, \$175,238. O-Paradise Farms Corp. & David Staudacher; B-Kendel Standlee (KY); T-Michael J. Maker.

7th-Penn National, \$32,368, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 12-9, 3yo/up, 1m 70y, 1:41.11, ft, 11 1/2 lengths.

O K GAME ON (g, 3, Seville {Ger}--Easy Biscuit, by Bernstein) Lifetime Record: 20-5-6-3, \$128,692. O-Robert A. Derr; B-Kenneth G Groff (PA); T-Timothy C. Kreiser.

1st-Penn National, \$31,600, (S), 12-9, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:45.75, ft, 4 lengths.

CARGO SHIP (g, 4, Orientate--Speedboat Sally, by Friends Lake) Lifetime Record: 25-5-8-6, \$114,556. O-Nicholas Dudek, Jeffrey Carragher & William Thurston; B-Robin H. Perry (PA); T-B. Kulp.

6th-Penn National, \$28,616, 12-9, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1m 70y, 1:40.54, ft, 8 3/4 lengths.

HASHTAG WINNING (g, 5, Take Charge Indy--Celesta, by Bernstein) Lifetime Record: 42-10-8-6, \$123,781. O/T-Timothy C. Kreiser; B-DB Dojo LLC (NY); *1/2 to Runningwscissors (Congaree), MSP, \$156,573.

7th-Charles Town, \$28,000, (S), 12-9, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 4 1/2f, :52.10, ft, 2 1/4 lengths.

NOT A TRICK (g, 5, Not For Love--Pot of Tricks, by Mazel Trick) Lifetime Record: 24-7-4-1, \$97,464. O-Robert L. Cole, Jr.; B-Francis W. Daniel (WV); T-Kevin S. Patterson.

7th-Turfway, \$24,520, (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 12-9, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m (AWT), 1:44.38, ft, 4 1/4 lengths.

COLDWATER (m, 5, Hold Me Back--High Cholesterol {GSP}, by Until Sundown) Lifetime Record: 20-3-4-2, \$94,972. O/B-Janavar Thoroughbreds, LLC (KY); T-Anna Meah. *1/2 to Giftorm (War Pass), GSW-Swe, MGSP-Nor, \$341,363.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Reassured, c, 2, **Bandbox--Bridled Assurance**, by Unbridled's Song. Laurel, 12-10, (WC), 1 1/16m, 1:47.00. B-Hillwood Stables, LLC (MD). *SP.

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Marvella Nasty, f, 2, **Bourbon Courage--Motherload Hipster**, by Dance With Ravens. Laurel, 12-10, (WC), 1m, 1:40.57.

B-Ronald Harris Parker (MD). *\$40,000 2yo '20 EASMAY.
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Keep Your Coil, f, 2, **Coil--Shes a Real Keeper** (SP, \$163,988), by Unusual Heat. Los Alamitos, 12-10, (S), (C), 5 1/2f, 1:05.12. B-Marie L Goda (CA). *\$7,500 RNA Ylg '19 FTCAFR.

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BANDBOX, Reassured, c, 2, o/o Bridled Assurance, by Unbridled's Song. WMC, 12-10, Laurel

BOURBON COURAGE, Marvella Nasty, f, 2, o/o Motherload Hipster, by Dance With Ravens. WMC, 12-10, Laurel

COIL, Keep Your Coil, f, 2, o/o Shes a Real Keeper, by Unusual Heat. MCL, 12-10, Los Alamitos Thoroughbred

EMPIRE MAKER, Empress Eleanor, f, 3, o/o Half A. P., by Pulpit. MSW, 12-10, Fair Grounds

GIANT'S CAUSEWAY, Malibu Star, c, 3, o/o Unbound, by Distorted Humor. MSW, 12-10, Aqueduct

HOLD ME BACK, Coldwater, m, 5, o/o High Cholesterol, by Until Sundown. AOC, 12-9, Turfway

KINGMAN (GB), Amortization (Ire), f, 2, o/o Scorn, by Seeking the Gold. MSW, 12-10, Aqueduct

LIAM'S MAP, Jerry the Nipper, c, 3, o/o Aqua Regia, by Pollard's Vision. ALW, 12-10, Aqueduct

LIAM'S MAP, Moonlite Strike, c, 2, o/o Twinkling, by War Chant. AOC, 12-10, Gulfstream

MACLEAN'S MUSIC, Kaely's Sister, f, 2, o/o Policy of Truth, by Yes It's True. MSW, 12-9, Turfway

NOT FOR LOVE, Not a Trick, g, 5, o/o Pot of Tricks, by Mazel Trick. ALW, 12-9, Charles Town

NOT THIS TIME, Excellent Timing, c, 2, o/o Explicable, by Pioneerof the Nile. MSW, 12-10, Aqueduct

ORIENTATE, Cargo Ship, g, 4, o/o Speedboat Sally, by Friends Lake. ALW, 12-9, Penn National

SEVILLE (GER), O K Game On, g, 3, o/o Easy Biscuit, by Bernstein. AOC, 12-9, Penn National

SONGANDAPRAYER, Sarah's Passion, f, 3, o/o My Holy Belle, by Holy Bull. AOC, 12-10, Fair Grounds

SUCCESSFUL APPEAL, Jeannie's Beepbeep, f, 4, o/o Vonnegut, by General Meeting. AOC, 12-9, Turfway

TAKE CHARGE INDY, Hashtag Winning, g, 5, o/o Celesta, by Bernstein. ALW, 12-9, Penn National

TWIRLING CANDY, Its a Wrap, g, 3, o/o In Kelly's Defense, by First Defence. AOC, 12-10, Fair Grounds

UNCAPTURED, Royal Meghan, f, 3, o/o Royal Sighting, by Rahy. AOC, 12-10, Gulfstream

UNCAPTURED, Willy Boi, g, 2, o/o Shining Moment, by Yes It's True. MSW, 12-10, Gulfstream

UNCLE MO, Advocating, f, 3, o/o Leigh Court, by Grand Slam. MSW, 12-9, Turfway

VERRAZANO, Doll, f, 4, o/o Dootsie, by Dixieland Band. ALW, 12-10, Aqu



Kaely's Sister (f, 2, Maclean's Music) delivers on debut for Brad Cox at Turfway | Coady



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AC: Micheal, Far Above, although lightly raced, was a racehorse of note. What were some of the highlights of his racing career?

MO: He was a fantastic racehorse and exceptionally fast. He started off as a breeze up horse and I liked the fact that he came through the breeze ups and developed into top-class racehorse. It showed great strength of mind and physical strength that he progressed throughout his career and got better. What I loved about his career was he actually got faster when James Tate, his trainer, dropped him back in trip. He started at seven, went back to six, and his best race and best career performance was at Newmarket in the Palace House over five furlongs. Race record is very important in signing a stallion, and Far Above ended his career being Timeform rated 122.

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ACROSS THE CODES: LATE STARTER, SUPA FINISHER

Across The Codes is Emma Berry's occasional look at the narrow divide between the Flat and National Hunt.

Supasundae (GB) was bred for those high summer days at Epsom, Ascot and Goodwood. By Galileo (Ire) and out of a Danehill half-sister to Group 1 winners Nathaniel (Ire) and Great Heavens (Ire), both of whom are also by Galileo, it was no stretch for his breeder Newsells Park Stud to have Classic aspirations for him when he arrived in this world in January 2010.

Plan A didn't quite work out: Supasundae was bought in at 195,000gns when failing to reach his Book 1 reserve at the Tattersalls October Yearling Sale and, two years later, he was bought for a now scarcely believable £5,000 at Goffs UK as an unnamed and unraced gelding.

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Far Above A Speed Specialist For Compas cont. from p1

AC: How is it that he came to stand at Compas Stallions?

MO: These things are very interesting and normally not very straightforward, but in a roundabout way, Jack Cantillon and myself wanted to stand a stallion together under the Compas banner alongside his racing syndicate. There was plenty of other people interested in the stallion but Jack and I put together a pitch and we approached Jono Mills of Rabbah on behalf of Sheikh Dalmook and we were fortunate that they decided the best place for Far Above was Compas Stallions. We are really excited to have him. He's really a stallion that we think complements Kuroshio (Aus) and the rest of the guys here: Cappella Sansevero (Ire) and Smooth Daddy.



Far Above | Compas Stallions

AC: He is by an interesting sire and his damsire is one of the most prolific around. What are the highlights of his pedigree?

MO: He's by Farhh, who statistically is an exceptional stallion. He is a son of Pivotal (GB), who is a proven sire of sires with Siyouni (Fr) doing so well in France. Far Above is out of a Shamadal mare, probably the broodmare sire of the moment, and the cross of Pivotal and Shamadal has worked well.

AC: He looks to be an imposing type of horse. Tell us about his conformation.

MO: He's a fantastic physical. I remember reading somewhere that Napoleon had a famous war horse called Marengo and if I had to ride to war, I'd definitely ride to war on Far Above. He's got fantastic use of himself first and foremost. A beautiful head, great, genuine eye with an unbelievable shoulder to him.

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Far Above cont.

He's got great bone and he's very correct. The physical is very hard to fault, because he has all the attributes you'd want. He's got plenty of strength, he's well balanced and he has a great way of walking. You wouldn't hear him walk past you, he just glides over the ground. I don't know anyone who has come to see him who has faulted him.

AC: Considering the positive reviews from those who have come to see him, do you have an idea of how well supported he might be in the new season?

MO: Breeders in Ireland are very conscious of breeding fast, precocious horses as well as breeding a horse that hopefully will sell well too. Far Above has those attributes in pedigree and physique. Breeders on the flat are very clued in, they know the time of day, and the amount of interest in him from breeders in France, the UK and all across Ireland has been great. It's not by accident that there is a huge interest in breeding rights. The people who are planning to breed to Far Above and who have bought breeding rights for Far Above have been successful and have established themselves as leading breeders in Ireland, the UK and France for a number of years. They're not a flash in the pan. It gives me great confidence in the stallion and I think an apple doesn't fall too far from the tree so I'd be very confident that Far Above will be a success for everyone who's involved in him.

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ACROSS THE CODES

Late Starter, Supa Finisher cont. from p1

The note on his catalogue page that day read, "This gelding is a fine individual whose looks and appearance clearly indicate that he has needed time." He transpired to have been a shrewd purchase by Tim Fitzgerald and, given that time, he gave back in spades.

Supasundae won his first two bumpers readily--the first for Fitzgerald and the second on his sole start for Andrew Balding. Then, bought privately by the late Ann and Alan Potts, he was transferred to Ireland, initially to the care of Henry de Bromhead and subsequently, during 2016, to Jessica Harrington, who this week announced his retirement from racing.

Supasundae may have been a late starter but he has packed plenty into his six years of racing, with three Grade 1 triumphs to his credit, including the Irish Champion Hurdle (beating the mighty Faugheen {Ire}), victories at Aintree's Grand National meeting and the Cheltenham Festival, at which he appeared in six consecutive years.

IN TDN AUS/NZ TODAY

TUBBA RETURNS 'HOME' TO NEWGATE

Tony 'Tubba' Williams returns to Newgate five years after leaving the Hunter Valley farm. [Click or tap here to go straight to TDN Aus/NZ.](#)

With 31 runs, eight wins, 11 places and more than £750,000 in prize-money to his credit, he now takes his bow from a successful career. Not the one he was intended for, but an honourable one nonetheless.

Mesnil Casts Potential New Star

As one jumping star is retired, another appears to be enjoying something of a renaissance. There was much consternation regarding the withdrawal of Altior (Ire) (High Chaparral {Ire}) from last Saturday's G1 Betfair Tingle Creek Chase, but that should take nothing away from the winner, **Politologue (Fr)** (Poliglote {GB}), who made a superb start to this season, having ended the last one on his rousing G1 Betway Queen Mother Champion Chase victory at the Cheltenham Festival.

Now nine, the grey gelding made his first two starts as a 4-year-old in France in the colours of Sophie Devin, the daughter of his breeder Antonia Devin of Haras du Mesnil. Since then, he has been a stalwart of the Paul Nicholls stable, winning 11 of his 25 races in Britain, including two Tingle Creeks and the G1 Melling Chase at Aintree.

In the saddle for his last two Grade 1 wins has been Harry Skelton, more usually seen riding for his trainer brother Dan, a

former assistant to Nicholls. The brothers have close links to Politologue's owner John Hales, who, as well as consistently racing decent National Hunt horses over many years, is an ardent supporter of show jumping and owned Arko III, one of the best horses ridden by their Olympic gold medal-winning father Nick Skelton.

Politologue's sire Poliglote, who died at Haras d'Etream in 2018, was a true dual-purpose stallion and holds the rare distinction of having been champion sire both on the Flat and over jumps in France. The son of Sadler's Wells was bred by the Wertheimer family and provided them with their 2012 Arc winner Solemia (Fr).

In similar vein, Antonia Devin and her husband Henri can be considered breeders of distinction in both codes. Two years in a row they have bred a Cheltenham Festival winner, with A Plus Tard (Fr) (Kapgrade {Fr}) having won there in the Cheveley Park Stud colours in 2019. They have also enjoyed much success with their own stallions over the years. Politologue is out of a mare by their former stalwart, Turgeon, who died last year at the age of 33 having covered 26 mares the previous season. As he entered his twilight years, Turgeon's stud mate Doctor Dino (Fr) came to the fore and is now one of France's busiest stallions.



Supasundae en route to beating Faugheen in the Irish Champion Hurdle | racingfotos.com

Across The Codes cont.

In 2019 the dual G1 Hong Kong Vase winner was sent 155 mares and, while he is principally regarded as a National Hunt stallion, with the likes of Sceau Royal (Fr), Docteur De Ballon (Fr), Sharjah (Fr) and La Bague Au Roi (Fr) as his major flagbearers, he is also responsible for the Flat group winners Golden Legend (Fr), Villa Rosa (Fr) and G1 Prix de Diane runner-up Physiocrate (Fr), all three having been bred by the Devins and trained by their son Henri-Francois.



Telecaster at Meon Valley Stud with Helena Ellingsen, David Wymbs and Mark Weinfeld | Emma Berry

The latest addition to the stallion yard at Mesnil is **Telecaster (GB)** (New Approach {GB}), who won the G2 Dante S. for his breeders Mark Weinfeld and Helena Ellingsen of Meon Valley Stud in 2019 before returning to post two wide-margin victories in France this season, including his swansong in the G2 Grand Prix de Deauville.

Meon Valley Stud has already provided arguably the best British-based National Hunt stallion of the modern era in the recently retired Kayf Tara (GB) (Sadler's Wells). In Telecaster, who is out of the Oaks and Irish Oaks runner-up Shirocco Star (GB), we find not just Sadler's Wells in his top line, but the much-vaunted Monsun (Ger) underneath. Though both these top-class stallions have been hugely influential on the Flat, they are also ubiquitous in the pedigrees of jumpers.

With the support in particular of the Devins' own broodmare band, which features plenty of outcross daughters of their former stallions Turgeon, Kaldounevees (Fr) and his son Ange Gabriel (Fr), don't be surprised to see Telecaster loom large in the jumps division in years to come.

Come On Eileen

In many respects, 2006 was a vintage year for those who enjoy seeing some of the game's smaller players gain the upper hand in major races. The 16,000-guinea yearling Sir Percy (GB) (Mark Of Esteem {Ire}) won the Derby for Victoria and Anthony Pakenham, whose previous star performer had been the prolific jumps winner The Dark Lord (Ire) (Lord Americo {Ire}).

A month earlier, Speciosa (Ire) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}) had plotted a wayward course to triumph in the 1000 Guineas for her small dual-purpose trainer Pam Sly, who owned the filly with her son Michael and Dr Tom Davies. The victory not only made Sly the first British woman to train a British Classic winner, but Speciosa, bred by Kevin and Meta Cullen, became the first graduate of a breeze-up sale to win a Classic.



Eileendover first, the rest nowhere | racingfotos.com

Having turned down a seven-figure offer for Speciosa before her Classic season, the Slys and Davies retained her as a broodmare and she is still at her former trainer's farm near Thorney, some 40 miles from Newmarket. She has been joined in the paddocks by her three winning daughters Asteroidea (GB) (Sea The Stars {Ire}), Vernatti (GB) (Teofilo {Ire}) and Specialty (Ire) (Oasis Dream {GB}). The latter is responsible for the latest exciting member of the dynasty in 3-year-old **Eileendover (GB)** (Canford Cliffs {Ire}), who has won her only two bumper starts to date by a collective 45 lengths in the colours made famous by her grandam.

Eileendover may be seen next in the listed juvenile bumper at Cheltenham on New Year's Day, according to Pam Sly, who told *TDN* after last Saturday's rout at Wetherby, "I'm going to try to get a bit of black-type with her, then give her a break and have a go on the Flat as I think she goes on any sort of ground."

Across The Codes cont.

The breeder/trainer has her horses in tremendous form and, as well as Eileendover, she has also won with her homebreds Xcitations (GB) (Universal {Ire}), Fransham (GB) (Sulamani {Ire}) and Takeit Easy (GB) Malinas {Ger}) in recent weeks. Furthermore, **Rainyday Woman (GB)** (Kayf Tara {GB}), whom she bred and trained for her first two starts, recently won on her bumper debut for champion trainer Paul Nicholls. Sly says of her 17-year-old former stable star, "Speciosa had a Cracksman (GB) filly this year and is not in foal this time. She's still as feisty as ever. Her 2-year-old by Nathaniel (Ire) is enormous and is in my front paddock. I'll get on with him in the new year."

Meanwhile, Speciosa's daughter Asteroidea has a 3-year-old War Command filly named Bellica (GB), also described by the trainer as "enormous, so I'm going to try to run her in a bumper."

The bumper-to-Flat route has worked well in the past for middle-distance fillies, with the Hughie Morrison-trained Urban Artist (GB) (Cityscape {GB}) winning last year's listed mares' bumper at Cheltenham before notching three consecutive wins and some black type on the Flat this season to push her rating to 98. The most notable example of all, however, was perhaps Turbo Linn (GB) (Turbo Speed {GB}), who was reared on a Scottish hillside by her owner-breeder James Nelson before being deftly trained by the late Alan Swinbank to progress from Carlisle bumper winner to G2 Lancashire Oaks winner from seven consecutive wins in nine months. The stuff of dreams for all small breeders.

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Further agreements will be required before the Group is in a position to clarify precisely what these changes will be.

"The Group continues to advise not to try and move horses for at least the first two weeks of January unless absolutely necessary and to engage the services of a shipping agent, transporter and/or customs agent as appropriate. The Steering Group has previously **issued guidance** on the likely new arrangements from Jan. 1; although this guidance remains subject to change, participants are urged to familiarise themselves with this information and with the latest information available from the **UK Government**.

"The easiest way to do this is via the Brexit webpage on britishhorseracing.com, where there are links to the latest government guidance as well as answers to specific queries. Additionally, an e-mail address for direct questions from participants on Brexit has been set up to assist as we approach the end of the transition period via brexit@weatherbys.co.uk.

"The Group will continue to keep participants updated and issue further communications as soon as there is more clarity in what is a fast-moving situation."

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EUROPEAN NEWS

BREXIT STEERING GROUP UPDATE

With continuing uncertainty around the possibility of a Free Trade Agreement and the end of the transition period three weeks away, the Thoroughbred Industries Brexit Steering Group on Thursday released the following update:

"It remains the position of the Steering Group that an FTA being signed would be preferable and engagement continues with the UK Government, governing bodies in other key racing jurisdictions and EU organisations. However even in the event of an FTA being signed there will still be significant changes to the movement of horses and people, as well as other policy areas, from Jan. 1.

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FUNDING BOOST FOR SCOTTISH RACING

Scottish horse racing will receive £2-million in grants as part of a £55-million funding package for sports to help navigate the pandemic.

Delly Innes, manager of Scottish Racing, said, "As Scottish racecourses continue to race behind closed doors, this financial support from the government is not only very welcome, but absolutely vital for everyone in our sport. We're delighted that the Scottish government has recognised the importance of the nation's second most popular sport and the potentially devastating financial implications the pandemic has had on the industry north of the border. As a group, we are all very grateful to the Government Ministers and officials we have worked with for their support for horse racing in Scotland and we will continue to work closely with them to return crowds to racecourses as soon as possible."

Scottish Sports Minister Joe Fitzpatrick said, "I am pleased to announce this substantial funding package, which will help to ensure those sports which have been worst affected by the loss of ticket revenue during the pandemic are able to bridge the gap in revenue until spectators are able to return safely to sports events in larger numbers.

"While restrictions on supporters at events have been vital in stopping the spread of the virus and saving lives, there can be no doubt that they have created real hardships for many sports clubs. These clubs are at the heart of our communities and, without urgent financial support, the survival of some could be in question."

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SHE'S APPLES: NH STAR TOPS GOFFS AT €530,000

It wasn't too hard to predict that Gigginstown House Stud's 11-time Grade 1 winner **Apple's Jade (Fr)** (Saddler Maker {Ire}) would be the star of the Goffs December National Hunt Sale and, entering the ring just a handful of lots before the end of the two-day auction, the 8-year-old mare (**lot 515**) duly commanded the top price of the sale, eventually bringing the hammer down at €530,000.

Along with her own illustrious race record, an extra selling point was provided by the fact that Apple's Jade was offered carrying her first foal by the hugely popular Walk In The Park (Ire), the sire of top-class chasers Douvan (Fr) and Min (Fr). It was her former trainer Gordon Elliott who placed the final bid, and he was acting on behalf of Noel Moran's Bective Stud.

"It will be a very, very long time before we see her like again and it's next to impossible to have a chance at auction to buy a mare like her who won 11 Grade 1 races," said Moran via telephone after the sale. "We're delighted to have gotten her and I'd say in future we will definitely be keeping her progeny to race.

Gordon Elliott added, "She's been a horse of a lifetime for me and I hope she will be just as successful for Noel and Valerie. They are looking for some high-class broodmares and she topped the bill. I hope she's really lucky for them."

Gigginstown's Eddie O'Leary also reflected on the career of Apple's Jade. He said, "She's a very, very special mare and if she breeds horses with half the heart she has they will be absolutely fine. We're sorry to see her go as she's been such a special mare for us and I hope that she will be just as successful for Noel and Valerie."

Along with Apple's Jade, her dam, the five-time winner Apple's For Ever (Fr) (Nikos {Fr}), has also produced the useful Grade 2-winning hurdler and full-sister Apple's Shakira (Fr) among her five winning offspring to date.

Gigginstown House Stud, which also sold Cheltenham Festival runner-up Barra (Fr) (Vendangeur {Ire}) in foal to Poet's Word (GB) for €70,000, was the leading vendor at the sale.

The majority of the catalogue was made up of foals, and the demand for the stock of Walk In The Park continued during the second day but the most expensive weanling of the day was a filly by Flemensfirth, who was retired from stud duties in August at the age of 28. The half-sister to the Grade 2-winning chaser and hurdler Irish Saint (Fr) (Saints Des Saints {Fr}) was consigned as **lot 288** by Ballyreddin Stud and, at €80,000, was the selection of Peter Molony, a noted buyer of National Hunt fillies whose purchases include the unbeaten five-time Grade 1 winner Honeysuckle (GB) (Sulamani {Ire}).

Goffs December NH Sale cont.

Molony, who owns Rathmore Stud, said, "I saw her six weeks ago at home and loved her, and she's turned inside out since then. It's a lovely, current pedigree with lots happening and she's one of the last Flemensfirths."

He added, "We will take her home and dream for the next two years. We'll see whether she'll come back [to the store sale]." Molony also signed for **lot 324**, a Walk In The Park filly, for €40,000.

He said of Peria Stud's half-sister to listed bumper winner Glory and Fortune (Ire) (Fame And Glory {GB}), "She's a lovely big filly. I love the sire and, again, it's a nice current pedigree. She'll definitely be one for the Land Rover Sale in 2023."

Walk In The Park had 23 foals sold across the two days at an average price of €31,000, well above the overall average for the foal section of the sale, which was €14,487, which was 2.5% up on last year's trade. The turnover for foals was €4,520,000, which was down by 8% but from 35 fewer foals sold.

For the sale as a whole, the aggregate was €5,219,100, almost exactly on par with last year, but from the sale of 41 fewer

horses. The clearance rate was up a point at 71%, the average was up by 11% at €16,010, and the median down by 4% at €10,000.

Goffs Group Chief Executive Henry Beeby said, "To hold the first Thoroughbred sale in Ireland on its scheduled date since the outbreak of Covid-19 is noteworthy in itself. Like everyone in the country we have endured a truly torrid time and approached the sale with a degree of trepidation. Could we even conduct the sale and, if so, how would it measure up?"

"On behalf of all the team at Goffs I want to thank everyone--vendors, purchasers, sales staff, vets, caterers, Covid stewards--for their support, forbearance, help and understanding over the last few days. We have managed to conduct a sale in as near to traditional format as possible whilst respecting and implementing a whole range of protocols to ensure Kildare Paddocks was safe and compliant at all times. We salute the patience of all attendees and their acceptance of one-way systems, number restrictions, social distancing, compulsory facemasks and the rest. This is not the way we like to 'welcome' visitors to our sales but this is truly a time of 'needs must.'"



Eleven-time Grade 1 winner Apple's Jade sets a new record for a NH mare at auction at €530,000 | Goffs

Goffs December NH Sale cont.

He added, "So to the business. We have been both relieved and delighted with the strength and depth of the two days which was good enough to feel 'normal.' Indeed, there has been fierce competition for the superb bunch of foals with which we were entrusted by our vendors and to end up with a set of figures that were anywhere near last year's excellent results, never mind ahead, is such a relief. Again we are so grateful to our vendors who are supporting us with increasing numbers of their best bred National Hunt youngsters as we are nothing without them and their support has allowed us to grow this sale into a catalogue of market leading potential.

"And then there's Apple's Jade. We were truly honoured to be entrusted with her by Michael and Eddie O'Leary, and simply overjoyed that she lived up to her star billing. Her price of €530,000 obliterates the record for a National Hunt mare to ensure her appearance in the sales ring absolutely matched up to her racecourse reputation and we look forward to seeing her progeny carry on her mighty legacy, perhaps even in the Goffs sales ring en route to big-race success."

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CHEVELEY PARK STUD ADDS TO SELECT NH TEAM

With restrictions surrounding race meetings continuing in Britain, the Tattersalls Cheltenham December Sale was relocated to Tattersalls HQ at Park Paddocks and it was a famous Newmarket name at the top of the buyers' list on Thursday.

Cheveley Park Stud, traditionally one of Britain's foremost owner-breeder operations on the Flat, has enjoyed increasing success with a clutch of well-selected jumpers in recent seasons, with the hugely exciting novice chaser Envoi Allen (Fr) (Muhtathir {GB}) at the head of the group. Two new recruits were added to the team on Thursday in the form of the day's top two lots, **Grangeclare West (Ire)** and **Guily Billy (Fr)**, at £430,000 and £310,000 respectively.

The former (lot 8) is a 4-year-old son of the late Glenview Stud stalwart Presenting (GB) out of a half-sister to the prolific chase winner Gunner Welburn (GB) (Gunner B {GB}). Grangeclare West made his debut in the point-to-point field in the hands of Jamie Codd at Lingstown on Nov. 22 and won by four lengths for trainer Denis Paul Murphy. His next start will be under rules for Gordon Elliott, trainer of Envoi Allen, as well as Cheveley Park Stud's recent Grade 1-winning novice hurdler Ballyadam (Ire) (Fame And Glory {GB}).

The AQPS 4-year-old Guily Billy (lot 15) is a son of the former Haras de Cergy resident Coastal Path (GB) and the winning hurdler Ukie (Fr) (Dom Alco {Fr}). He won his second point-to-point start in mid-November for Donnchadh Doyle, who

consigned the grey through his Monbeg Stables.

The same vendor was also responsible for **Fameaftertheglor** (**GB**) (Fame And Glory {GB}), who won his maiden point-to-point last weekend at Mainstown. Bred by Will Kinsey, the 4-year-old (lot 43) was sold last year at the Goffs Land Rover Sale for €42,000 and this time around went for £100,000 to Champion Hurdle-winning trainer Gavin Cromwell.

Forty-four lots were offered during the lunchtime sale, with 32 sold for a total of £2,378,000 and an average price of £74,312.

Matthew Prior, Head of Tattersalls Cheltenham Sales, said, "As has been the case for so many in the bloodstock and racing industry in 2020, the point to point sector has experienced huge disruptions and challenges as a result of the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic.



Grangeclare West | Tattersalls

"Having been unable to return to Cheltenham Racecourse since the Cheltenham Festival, we are incredibly grateful to our loyal vendors and purchasers who have shown great resilience in supporting the necessary fixture changes during the autumn season. Nonetheless, we are still able to reflect on what has been a phenomenal year for Tattersalls Cheltenham graduates on the racecourse, with no less than seven Grade 1 winners including Festival winners Monkfish, Ferny Hollow, Shishkin and racing's latest superstar Envoi Allen. Add to that the likes of rising stars Ballyadam and Asterion Forlonge, the lofty reputation of point to point graduates only looks set to rise further. It has been with great pleasure and pride that today we have welcomed the National Hunt fraternity to Tattersalls in Newmarket for the first ever point to point sale to be staged at Park Paddocks, and we were delighted with a top price of £430,000 which was the third highest price in Tattersalls Cheltenham's history.

Tattersalls Cheltenham cont.

“Naturally our desire is for the Tattersalls Cheltenham sales to return to the home of National Hunt Racing at the earliest opportunity in 2021, but until such time today's healthy trade has demonstrated Park Paddock's ability to service the sector with distinction.”

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ENABLE FILM RELEASED

Juddmonte has released a film on DVD celebrating the career of its dual G1 Prix de l’Arc de Triomphe and triple G1 King George VI and Queen Elizabeth S. winner **Enable (GB)** (Nathaniel {Ire}). The film, produced in collaboration with Equine Productions and spanning the five years from her arrival onto a racetrack in 2016 to her retirement at Banstead Manor Stud, includes interviews with trainer John Gosden and jockey Frankie Dettori.

The DVD is available for pre-purchase on [Amazon](#) for £14.99. Juddmonte will make a contribution to the Injured Jockeys Fund from the proceeds of sales.

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Enable on Warren Hill | Emma Berry

HRI AWARDS TO BE SHOWN ON RACING TV

The 2020 Horse Racing Ireland Awards will be broadcast free-to-air on Dec. 15 at 10 a.m. on Racing TV. The 50-minute programme will be presented by Gary O’Brien and will also be available to view on HRI.ie and across Horse Racing Ireland’s social media channels.

Members of the Irish racing media have determined the winners in seven categories and a public vote has chosen the winner of the Ride of the Year Award.

Horse Racing Ireland will also present a Contribution to the Industry Award and an Irish Racing Hero Award.

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IRISH INJURED JOCKEYS CALENDERS, CHRISTMAS CARDS ON SALE

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A muddy champion amateur jockey Patrick Mullins at Tramore Racecourse | Patrick McCann

FIRST-SEASON SIRES WITH RUNNERS

Friday, December 11:

UNITED KINGDOM

Bobby's Kitten (Kitten's Joy), Lanwades Stud

78 foals of racing age/11 winners/0 black-type winners

16:45-SOUTHWELL, 7f, SCOTA BESS (GB)

Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2018; £7,500 Tattersalls Ireland

Ascot Yearling Sale 2019

FRANCE

Bow Creek (Ire) (Shamardal), Haras du Logis

22 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners

1-DEAUVILLE, 1500m, BREIZH EAGLE (Fr)

Goken (Fr) (Kendargent {Fr}), Haras de Colleville

61 foals of racing age/14 winners/2 black-type winners

1-DEAUVILLE, 1500m, PILE OU FACE

€20,000 Arqana Deauville v2 Yearling Sale 2019

1-DEAUVILLE, 1500m, GOLD SHIVA (Fr)

€20,000 Osarus September Yearling Sale 2019

Shalaa (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), Haras de Bouquetot

118 foals of racing age/20 winners/0 black-type winners

2-DEAUVILLE, 1500m, MAZIKEEN

€72,000 RNA Arqana December Breeding Stock Sale 2018;

€70,000 Arqana Deauville August Yearling Sale 2019

Vadamos (Fr) (Monsun {Ger}), Tally-Ho Stud

127 foals of racing age/11 winners/0 black-type winners

2-DEAUVILLE, 1500m, TEAMHAIR (Ire)

€28,000 Goffs Orby Yearling Sale 2019

IRELAND

Adaay (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}), Whitsbury Manor Stud

95 foals of racing age/23 winners/0 black-type winners

4-DUNDALK, 7f, MIRAGE MORE (Ire)

4-DUNDALK, 7f, SARDONYX (GB)

12,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2018

Air Force Blue (War Front), Ashford Stud

107 foals of racing age/15 winners/0 black-type winners

4-DUNDALK, 7f, FLYING ROCK (Ire)

€105,000 Goffs Orby Yearling Sale 2019

Coulsty (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}), Rathasker Stud

45 foals of racing age/9 winners/3 black-type winners

4-DUNDALK, 7f, MACS DILEMMA (Ire)

€3,500 Goffs November Foals Sale 2018

Estidhkaar (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}), Tara Stud

107 foals of racing age/10 winners/1 black-type winner

8-DUNDALK, 8f, TYNAN (Ire)

€5,500 Goffs November Foals Sale 2018; €1,500 RNA

Tattersalls Ireland September Yearlings 2019

2-DUNDALK, 8f, WICKLOW SILVER (Ire)

€5,000 RNA Goffs February Mixed Sale 2019; €4,500 Goffs

Sportsman's Yearling Sale 2019

Fascinating Rock (Ire) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}), Ballylinch Stud

61 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners

8-DUNDALK, 8f, GLOWING ROCK (Ire)

€1,700 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearlings 2019

Kodi Bear (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}), Rathbarry Stud

83 foals of racing age/17 winners/1 black-type winner

4-DUNDALK, 7f, GET NOTICED (Ire)

Markaz (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}), Derrinstown Stud

78 foals of racing age/7 winners/0 black-type winners

8-DUNDALK, 8f, LADY KAZ (Ire)

€1,700 Goffs Autumn Yearling Sale 2019

Mehmas (Ire) (Acclamation {GB}), Tally-Ho Stud

146 foals of racing age/51 winners/4 black-type winners

4-DUNDALK, 7f, DREAM KATCHER (Ire)

€12,500 Goffs November Foals Sale 2018; €27,000 Tattersalls

Ireland September Yearlings 2019

2-DUNDALK, 8f, LINCOLN HAWK (Ire)

€20,000 Goffs November Foals Sale 2018

Protectionist (Ger) (Monsun {Ger}), Gestut Rottgen

36 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners

8-DUNDALK, 8f, DUNMAIN POWER (Ire)

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

113 foals of racing age/18 winners/2 black-type winners

8-DUNDALK, 8f, UNCHARTED (GB)

33,000gns Tattersalls December Yearling Sale 2019

Vadamos (Fr) (Monsun {Ger}), Tally-Ho Stud

127 foals of racing age/11 winners/0 black-type winners

8-DUNDALK, 8f, CALVADOS (Ire)

33,000gns Goffs November Foals Sale 2018

8-DUNDALK, 8f, CATENA ZAPATA (Ire)

€7,000 Goffs November Foals Sale 2018; €27,000 Tattersalls

Ireland September Yearlings 2019

8-DUNDALK, 8f, SUNWALK (GB)

€17,000 Goffs Sportsman's Yearling Sale 2019

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HALF TO AL WUKAIR LINES UP AT DEAUVILLE

11.25 Deauville, Debutantes, €22,000, 2yo, c/g, 7 1/2f (AWT) VERDERON (IRE) (Lope De Vega {Ire}) is a notable newcomer for Godolphin and Andre Fabre on the Polytrack, being a 500,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale purchase. The half-brother to the recent Polytrack listed scorer Indie Angel (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}) faces seven on this introduction.

11.55 Deauville, Debutantes, €22,000, 2yo, f, 7 1/2f (AWT) CASIMIA (IRE) (Siyouni {Fr}) represents her breeders Ballylinch Stud and is a half-sister to the G1 Prix Jacques Le Marois hero and Bouquetot resident Al Wukair (Ire) (Dream Ahead). Robert Collet saddles the March-foaled bay, who encounters 13 peers on this debut.

4.30 Dundalk, Mdn, €11,000, 2yo, 8f (AWT) RULING (GER) (Camelot {GB}) cost Qatar Racing Limited 210,000gns at last year's Tattersalls October Yearling Sale Book 2 and starts out for Joseph O'Brien. His dam is the 2008 G1 Preis der Diana heroine Rosenreihe (Ire) (Catcher In The Rye {Ire}), whose progeny include the G1 Deutsches Derby third Savvy Six (Ger) (Pour Moi {Ire}).

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BRITAIN

Thursday's Results:

1st-Chelmsford City, £7,900, Novice, 12-10, 2yo, 8f (AWT), 1:40.78, st.

SABOUSI (IRE) (c, 2, New Approach {Ire})--Glenmayne {Ire} {SP-Ire}, by Duke of Marmalade {Ire}), third on debut over seven furlongs at Kempton on Nov. 11, was placed on the front from the outset. Workmanlike up the straight, the 4-5 favourite did enough to prevail by a neck from Glide Down (Point Of Entry). Top Table (GB) (War Front), the half-sister to the GI Del Mar Oaks heroine Harmonize (Scat Daddy), was withdrawn after becoming upset in the stalls. The winner is the first foal out of the listed-placed dam, who is a half to four other black-type performers headed by the G1 Cheveley Park S. heroine Millisle (Ire) (Starspangledbanner {Aus}).

Her yearling son of Australia (GB) was purchased by Stroud Coleman Bloodstock for 115,000gns at the recent Tattersalls October Yearling Sale Book 2. Sales history: 105,000gns Ylg '19 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$7,529.

O-Mr Saeed Suhail; B-Stonethorn Stud Farms Ltd (IRE); T-Sir Michael Stoute.

WORLDWIDE NEWS

'LEGEND' UNLUCKIEST AMONG FAVORITES AT LONGINES HKIR DRAW *by Alan Carasso*



Trainer Caspar Fownes reveals gate one for favoured **Classique Legend** for the Hong Kong Sprint | HKJC photo

A total of 39 horses representing Hong Kong, Japan, Ireland and France were entered and barriers drawn Thursday morning for Sunday's HK\$95 million Longines Hong Kong International Races meeting at Sha Tin Racecourse.

Although Boniface Ho's **Classique Legend (Aus)** (Not A Single Doubt {Aus}) has yet to win a race at Group 1 level--he is a multiple Group 2 winner in Australia--he is one of the marquee horses of this year's HKIR, having arrived in Hong Kong on the back of a dominating victory in the A\$15-million The Everest at Randwick Oct. 17. Having come good in his recent trackwork for trainer Caspar Fownes, he figures to jump favourite for Sunday's G1 Longines Hong Kong Sprint, but his chances were done no favours by pulling gate one as the last horse out of the box at the draw.

"I was really hoping for gate five, to tell you the truth, all the way before the draw started," Fownes told the Hong Kong Jockey Club's Leo Schlink.

HKIR Draw cont.

“He’s a horse that needs a bit of room. Anyway, it is what it is. Most people won’t complain about draw one. He’ll be ridden to get his chance and we’ll see it happens. Just going to hope that the legendary Hong Kong pace is on, like it always is, and then it’s up to [jockey] Vincent [Ho] to ride his race.”

Ballydoyle’s **Magical (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) will also begin from the pole position as she faces seven other rivals—including three from Japan—in the day’s richest event, the G1 Longines Hong Kong Cup (2000m). Ryan Moore takes the ride on the bonny mare as she tries to exact revenge on **Win Bright (Jpn)** (Stay Gold {Jpn}), who got just the better of the Moore-piloted Magic Wand (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) in last year’s Cup. The latter will be having the final start of his career Sunday and carries Masami Matsuoka from barrier four.

Moore and Aidan O’Brien will also team up with **Mogul (GB)** (Galileo {Ire}), who looms the main danger to reigning Hong Kong Horse of the Year **Exultant (Ire)** (Teofilo {Ire}) in the first of the four internationals, the G1 Longines Hong Kong Vase (2400m). A barnstorming winner of the G1 Grand Prix de Paris in September, he was a fair fifth behind a modest pace when last seen in the GI Breeders’ Cup Turf at Keeneland Nov. 7. He landed gate four.

Highland Reel (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) won the Vase in 2015 and 2017 for Ballydoyle. Exultant, winner of this race in 2018 before a tough-trip third in his title defence last December, was beaten on the square by leading Cup chance **Furore (NZ)** (Pierro {Aus}) at both his previous starts this season, each over trips short of his best and at something less than peak fitness. He begins one stall to the outside of Mogul in five.

It was lucky seven for **Golden Sixty (Aus)** (Medaglia d’Oro) in the G1 Longines Hong Kong Mile as he goes in search of a first Group 1 himself and an 11th win on the bounce. To do so, he will have to take down the colors of Japan’s **Admire Mars (Jpn)** (Daiwa Major {Jpn}), who became the rare 3-year-old to win the Mile 12 months ago.

Moore takes the ride from Christophe Soumillon, who has been stood down owing to COVID-related issues (see related story) and will have to work out a trip from the widest alley in the field of 10.

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SOUMILLON RULED OUT OF HKIR

Christophe Soumillon will miss Sunday’s Hong Kong International Races meeting after failing to secure an ‘unconditional’ release from the 14-day quarantine he has been undertaking in Hong Kong.

Having been granted a short-term riding contract with the Hong Kong Jockey Club set to begin HKIR day Dec. 13 and last through Feb. 14, Soumillon—who tested positive for COVID-19 at the Breeders’ Cup in Kentucky early last month—arrived Nov. 26.

A release from the Club Thursday evening indicated that even though Soumillon had cleared his first COVID-19 test upon his arrival, that he had been yet to receive clearance and was being asked to undergo further testing by the Hong Kong Department of Health. The release stated that it was not known when said testing would take place, nor could a release date from quarantine be pinpointed.

Soumillon was booked for each of the four HKIR Sunday afternoon, chief among them defending champion Admire Mars (Jpn) (Daiwa Major {Jpn}) in the Hong Kong Mile. Ryan Moore has been engaged. His other rides have been assigned as follows:

Hong Kong Vase: Vincent Ho on Ho Ho Khan (NZ)

Hong Kong Sprint: Alexis Badel will ride Computer Patch (Aus)

Hong Kong Cup: Zac Purton rides Normcore (Jpn)

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Christophe Soumillon | Scoop Dyga

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Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong, post time: 4:30 p.m.

LONGINES HONG KONG CUP-G1, HK\$28,000,000 (£2,719,596/€2,982,832/A\$4,816,012/US\$3,612,093), 3yo/up, 2000mT (PPs)

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	4	Skalleti (Fr)	Kendargent (Fr)	Boudot	Reynier	126
2	6	Danon Premium (Jpn)	Deep Impact (Jpn)	Buick	Nakauchida	126
3	8	Win Bright (Jpn)	Stay Gold (Jpn)	Matsuoka	Hatakeyama	126
4	5	Furore (NZ)	Pierro (Aus)	Moreira	Cruz	126
5	2	Time Warp (GB)	Archipenko	Teetan	Cruz	126
6	7	Dances With Dragon (NZ)	Savabeel (Aus)	Ho	Fownes	126
7	1	Magical (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Moore	O'Brien	122
8	3	Normcore (Jpn)	Harbinger (GB)	Purton	Hagiwara	122

Breeders: 1-Guy Pariente Holding; 2-K I Farm; 3-Cosmo View Farm; 4-GSA Bloodstock Pty Ltd; 5-Miss K Rausing; 6-M W O'Keeffe; 7-Orpendale, Chelston & Wynatt; 8-Northern Racing

Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong, post time: 3:50 p.m.

LONGINES HONG KONG MILE-G1, HK\$25,000,000 (£2,426,394/€2,662,282/A\$4,299,260/US\$3,225,227), 3yo/up, 1600mT (PPs)

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	3	Beauty Generation (NZ)	Road To Rock (Aus)	Purton	Hayes	126
2	7	Golden Sixty (Aus)	Medaglia d'Oro	Ho	Lui	126
3	10	Admire Mars (Jpn)	Daiwa Major (Jpn)	Moore	Tomomichi	126
4	9	Ka Ying Star (GB)	Cityscape (GB)	Schofield	Cruz	126
5	6	Southern Legend (Aus)	Not A Single Doubt (Aus)	Teetan	Fownes	126
6	5	Waikuku (Ire)	Harbour Watch (Ire)	Moreira	Size	126
7	4	Romanised (Ire)	Holy Roman Emperor (Ire)	Lee	Condon	126
8	8	Simply Brilliant (GB)	Frankel (GB)	Leung	Lor	126
9	2	Might Giant (NZ)	Power (GB)	Badel	Yiu	126
10	1	Order of Australia (Ire)	Australia (GB)	Boudot	O'Brien	125

Breeders: 1-Nearco Stud Ltd; 2-Asco International Pty Ltd (Qld); 3-Northern Farm; 4-Kingsclere Stud; 5-Corumbene Stud (NSW); 6-Shane Molan; 7-Mrs Monica Aherne; 8-Cheveley Park Stud Ltd; 9-Mrs C & L R Beckett; 10-Whisperview Trading Ltd

Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong, post time: 2:40 p.m.

LONGINES HONG KONG SPRINT-G1, HK\$22,000,000 (£2,135,036/€2,341,961/A\$3,783,349/US\$2,838,187), 3yo/up, 1200mT (PPs)

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	1	Classique Legend (Aus)	Not A Single Doubt (Aus)	Ho	Fownes	126
2	5	Hot King Prawn (Aus)	Denman (Aus)	Moreira	Size	126
3	10	Big Time Baby (Ire)	Dandy Man (Ire)	Callan	Man	126
4	8	Voyage Warrior (Aus)	Declaration of War	Teetan	Yiu	126
5	14	Danon Smash (Jpn)	Lord Kanaloa (Jpn)	Moore	Yasuda	126
6	12	Tower of London (Jpn)	Raven's Pass	Buick	Fujisawa	126
7	9	Wishful Thinker (Aus)	I Am Invincible (Aus)	Leung	Yip	126
8	11	Computer Patch (Aus)	Exceed and Excel (Aus)	Badel	Cruz	126
9	6	Rattan (NZ)	Savabeel (Aus)	Schofield	Gibson	126
10	7	Big Party (Aus)	Exceed and Excel (Aus)	Chadwick	Lor	126
11	3	Jolly Banner (Aus)	Lonhro (Aus)	Barzalona	Yiu	126
12	2	Amazing Star (NZ)	Darci Brahma (NZ)	Purton	Ting	126
13	13	Fat Turtle (Aus)	Smart Missile (Aus)	Hamelin	Lor	126
14	4	Stronger (Aus)	Not A Single Doubt (Aus)	Boudot	Whyte	126

Longines Hong Kong Sprint cont.

Breeders: 1-Wallings Bloodstock Pty Ltd (NSW); 2-Torryburn Stud (NSW); 3-Paul & Billy McEnergy; 4-R A Emery (Vic); 5-K I Farm; 6-Darley Japan K K; 7-J Davies (Qld); 8-Segehoe Thoroughbreds Australia Pty Ltd (NSW); 9-M H S & S H R Davison & Mrs M P Schick; 10-G S A Bloodstock Pty Ltd (Vic); 11-Makybe Racing & Breeding (Vic); 12-Mrs H G & W G Bax; 13-Gooree Park Stud Pty Ltd (NSW); 14-Arrowfield Pastoral Pty Ltd & Planette Thoroughbred (NSW)

Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong, post time: 2:00 p.m.

LONGINES HONG KONG VASE-G1, HK\$20,000,000 (£1,941,120/€2,129,056/A\$3,438,840/US\$2,580,090), 3yo/up, 2400mT (PPs)

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	5	Exultant (Ire)	Teofilo (Ire)	Purton	Cruz	126
2	7	Chefano (SAf)	Silvano (Ger)	Boudot	Hayes	126
3	2	Ho Ho Khan (NZ)	Makfi (GB)	Ho	Hall	126
4	1	Columbus County (NZ)	Redwood (GB)	Moreira	Fownes	126
5	3	Royal Julius (GB)	Royal Applause (GB)	Barzalona	Reynier	126
6	6	Playa Del Puente (GB)	Elzaam (Aus)	Buick	Shum	126
7	4	Mogul (GB)	Galileo (Ire)	Moore	O'Brien	121

Breeders: 1-Ballygallon Stud; 2-Maine Chance Farms (Pty) Ltd; 3-G Harvey; 4-D W Mayers & Mrs S J Taylor; 5-Old Carhue Stud; 6-Dermot Kelly; 7-Newsells Park Stud

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06/10	Idn	CHY	Coechello (Fr)	Dunkerque (Fr)
06/10	Idn	CHY	Rougr (Fr)	Territoires (Ire)
06/10	Listed Prix Finlande	CHY	Wangar (Ger)	Soldier Hollow (GB)
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TUBBA RETURNS 'HOME' TO NEWGATE



Tony 'Tubba' Williams during his time at Goffs UK | Sarah Farnsworth

by Bren O'Brien

Tony Williams says there is a sense of homecoming about his appointment to the role of Director of Stallions for Newgate, five years after he left the burgeoning company to pursue international opportunities.

Williams, known as Tubba throughout the industry, will begin his new role with Newgate from January 1. He replaces Bruce Slade who remains a member of the Newgate team in a bloodstock and sales consultancy role, having recently expanded his work with his own Kestrel Thoroughbreds business.

Williams first joined Newgate back in 2012, helping Managing Director Henry Field's then fledgling operation get its stallion offering off the ground and overseeing a period of significant growth which has helped it become an industry powerhouse in the past decade.

"I started with Henry soon after he started Newgate. It was when he first got Foxwedge, which was the first of his stallions. In the space of five breeding seasons, we went from having Foxwedge to having nine stallions with 1300 mares booked," Williams told TDN AusNZ. "I haven't been there for five years. And in that time, the business has gone from strength to strength. In the infancy when I was involved, there is no doubting that we achieved a hell of a lot and then in the time I

have been away, it's continued on that upward plane.

"Henry and the whole team, including those investors and principles behind it, have really supported it and taken it onwards. The most important thing for me is that Newgate has a wonderful reputation of looking after its clients and giving them the best opportunity to get a return in what is a tough business. That's very important to me."

Williams, who prior to his first spell with Newgate worked at Magic Millions, left in 2016 to fulfill the role of Managing Director of Goffs UK. He returned to Australia in late 2019 and held the role of CEO at Aquis before departing that post in August this year.

Given the respect and esteem with which he is held in the industry it was no surprise to see him secure another leadership role, and it was also no real surprise that he ended up working with Field, who he has a strong relationship with.

"Henry is absolutely dynamic, there is no doubt about that. He basically started from nothing, with some good support from his partners. He thinks outside the square and makes things happen. To be involved with such a fabulous group of people with all the right principles is really pleasing," Williams said. "When I finished with Newgate in 2016, it was all about another adventure in life for me and now I have been able to re-join with them, I'm very happy. It certainly feels like going home.

"Everything Newgate stands for in their business protocols and in how they deal with their clients is exactly what I want to be involved with."

Field is equally as enthusiastic about rekindling the connection with Williams.



Henry Field | Newgate Stud

"Tubba was instrumental in getting Newgate off the ground as a start-up operation, and I couldn't be happier that he is rejoining us to head up our stallion operation," he said. "Tubba brings with him a wealth of knowledge and has a wonderful rapport with people in the industry. He has taught me so much over the years and Newgate would not be what it is today without him. The Newgate Owners, SF Bloodstock, Matthew Sandblom and myself are thrilled to have him back with us in such a pivotal role in our business."

Williams will be in charge of one of the most exciting young stallion offerings in the country, with all 13 stallions currently on the roster 10-years-old or under.

Wandjina, Dissident and Deep Field are the three most experienced with six seasons now under their belts, while this season has seen the first progeny of four young stallions hit the track in Capitalist, Flying Artie, Winning Rupert and Extreme Choice.

"If you have a look at the first-season stallions this season, of the top nine, Newgate has four of them. That's quite remarkable. It might not necessarily end up that way at the end of the season, but it certainly does suggest that they have a nucleus of horses that can certainly do the job," Williams said.

"Anyone would be proud to have any of those horses with the way their progeny are trialling and racing. The consistent support they are getting from breeders shows this. All those horses are breeding sales types and are now converting that to the racetrack. I know they have a long way to go, but they couldn't be doing it any better than what they are."

The Newgate Farm roster in 2020 also contained Russian Revolution, Super One and Menari and new additions Brutal (NZ), Cosmic Force and Tassort.

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