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VALUE SIRES FOR 2021, PART II: NEW KY SIRES



Tom's d'Etat | Coady

by Chris McGrath

Precocity may not be the first thing you'd have in mind from **TOM'S D'ETAT** (Smart Strike--Julia Tuttle, by Giant's Causeway), who enters service at WinStar at \$17,500 after only really seizing our attention at the age of seven. Nonetheless, he represents one of the most promising prospects of the intake.

For a start, he's by a sire of sires out of a graded stakes-placed Giant's Causeway mare whose own dam was a full-sister to Candy Ride (Arg). And nine consecutive triple-digit Beyers attest to the tough and consistent way in which, having initially required much patience of connections, Tom's d'Etat ultimately reached his pomp.

His four-win streak from the GII Fayette S. permitted no doubt as to his Grade I caliber, albeit that was formally sealed only in the Clark S. Though geared down in the GII Stephen Foster S., his 1:47.30 barely missed the 1:47.28 track record set by Victory Gallop (Cryptoclearance) in 1999. He had beaten Improbable (City Zip) in Hot Springs on their resumption and was unlucky when that horse turned things round in the GI Whitney S., having stumbled out of the gate and been caught behind a dawdling pace. Their opening fees suggest we take that form at face value, but I remain convinced that Tom's d'Etat had as much class on his day as any older horse operating round two turns this year. Despite maturing into a big, powerful physique, his mechanics were always very smooth and balanced. **Cont. p3**

INSTILLED REGARD RETIRED TO TAYLOR MADE

Grade I winner **Instilled Regard** (Arch--Enhancing, by Forestry) has been retired from racing and will take up stud duties at Taylor Made. The 5-year-old will stand for a fee of \$12,500 S&N for the 2021 season.

Bred by KatieRich Farms, Instilled Regard RNA'd for \$110,000 at Keeneland September, but brought \$1.05 million from Larry Best's OXO Equine at the OBS March Sale. Turned over to Jerry Hollendorfer, he began his career on dirt, finishing second in the 2017 GI Los Alamitos Cash Call Futurity S. and captured the 2018 GIII Lecomte S. Fourth in the GII Risen Star S. that term, the dark bay filled the same spot behind eventual Triple Crown hero Justify (Scat Daddy) in both the GI Santa Anita Derby and GI Kentucky Derby.

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THIS SIDE UP: CAN'T MISS SIRES

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The news of the passing of Congaree earlier this week got Chris McGrath thinking about horses retired to stud that are deemed 'can't miss' prospects.

FORT LAUDERDALE A PEGASUS PREP

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Todd Pletcher sends out Halladay (War Front) and Largent (Into Mischief) in Saturday's GII Fort Lauderdale S. at Gulfstream.

TODAY'S GRADED STAKES

<u>ET</u>	<u>Race</u>
1:35p	Rampart S.-GIII, GP
2:38p	Sugar Swirl S.-GIII, GP
4:09p	Harlan's Holiday S.-GIII, GP
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Value Sires II cont.

It will be fascinating to see the WinStar system, which so reliably loads the engine for a young commercial prospect, helping a horse who will surely appeal as good value to any breeder possessed by the quaint notion that the object of a mating might be to produce a runner. Okay, so maybe he won't be champion freshman. But with the right material, he is as eligible as any horse in this intake to sire a Classic Thoroughbred, which to me is kind of the point of what we're all doing.

As it happens, you could say much the same of one starting out at Lane's End--except you might just say it a little louder, given a fee as tempting as \$15,000. In terms of value, that makes **HONOR A. P.** (Honor Code--Hollywood Story, by Wild Rush) the neon standout among the new sires for 2021.



Honor A. P. | Benoit

His scenic route into fourth in the GI Kentucky Derby was exasperating, his subsequent retirement heart-breaking, and it is the coldest of comforts to reflect that he remains the only colt ever to have beaten the winner. He did so decisively, too, while clocking a 102 Beyer in the GI Santa Anita Derby--no less than he had promised when chasing home the same horse in what proved primarily an educational exercise in the GII San Felipe S. The genius who was training him toward one day certainly wasn't fazed when Honor A. P. was beaten in his rehearsal, but there was no accounting for the trip he got at Churchill. Hampered at the gate, he already had no chance when preceded by the whole field past the post first time. While the winner was not for catching, left to his own devices in front, the ground made up by Honor A. P. (while going an extra 49 feet) filled his admirers with confidence that he could yet confirm himself the best in the crop at the Breeders' Cup.

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DIVISIDERO

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Multiple Grade I Winner **DIVISIDERO**

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Value Sires II cont.

Sadly, it turned out that his Derby effort had also been compromised by injury. But no more beautiful a horse goes to stud this year, as you might glean from his \$850,000 tag as a Saratoga yearling. And now that he joins his sire at the farm that also gave us his breed-shaping grandsire, Honor A. P. can also recycle the excellence of a dam who won Grade Is at two and five. That longevity offers comforting reassurance for a horse confined to a light career, while the bottom line of his pedigree--largely seeded by iconic Classic influences--complements the sumptuous family of Honor Code in eventually extending to the great Myrtlewood.

It's all there, then: perhaps physique above all, but also performance and pedigree. And all for one-fifth of the fee charged for the horse he outgunned fair and square in the Santa Anita Derby.

Myrtlewood also pegs down the bottom line of **GLOBAL CAMPAIGN** (Curlin--Globe Trot, by A.P. Indy), who similarly looks plenty of racehorse for \$12,500 at WinStar.

A half-brother to Bolt d'Oro (Medaglia d'Oro), among just three foals delivered by their tragic dam, Global Campaign rounded off with a podium in the GI Breeders' Cup Classic that came as no surprise to those who sat up and took notice when he returned from a nine-month layoff over seven furlongs at

Gulfstream in the spring. He had to regroup after disappointing next time but did so in style, notably in making all for his Grade I in the Woodward S.



Global Campaign | Sarah Andrew

His second dam is a triple graded stakes winner whose half-sister produced triple Grade I sprint winner Zensational (Unbridled's Song)--an unusually quick horse, for the sire, and that's something of a pattern through this family. **Cont. p5**

	<p>MUNNINGS</p> <p>By Champion Sprinter SPEIGHTSTOWN</p> <p><i>TDN Rising Star</i> on debut at 2yrs</p> <p>Gr.2 winner over 7 furlongs at 3yrs</p> <p>2nd Dam a Gr.1 winner</p> <p>Proven Gr.1 sire</p>	<p>ECHO TOWN</p> <p>By Champion Sprinter SPEIGHTSTOWN</p> <p><i>TDN Rising Star</i> on debut at 2yrs</p> <p>Gr.1 winner over 7 furlongs at 3yrs</p> <p>1st Dam a Gr.2 winner</p> <p>Top sire prospect</p>	
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Myrtlewood speed filters through elsewhere, indeed: through Seattle Slew, as grandsire of Global Campaign's dam; and through Mr Prospector, who recurs 3x5. I just wonder whether Global Campaign quite lasted home in the Classic, with all this speed packed down behind him (unpressured in the Woodward). Certainly with his half-brother a dual Grade I winner at two, I wouldn't be surprised to see Global Campaign getting earlier momentum than Curlin-over-A.P. Indy might imply. (He himself was five days into his sophomore year when romping on debut at Gulfstream, his fulfilment ultimately delayed only by bone bruising.)



Complexity | Sarah Andrew

Like Honor A. P. and Volatile (Violence), **COMPLEXITY** (Maclean's Music--Goldfield, by Yes It's True) raised the bar as a yearling, at \$375,000 the most expensive yearling in his sire's third crop. He, too, looks sensibly priced at \$12,500 with Airdrie.

The way he stitched everything back together at four, after losing the thread of juvenile promise, left no doubt as to his elite quality and commercial appeal. A **'TDN Rising Star'** on debut at Saratoga, he then ran Code of Honor (Noble Mission {GB}) into the ground in the GI Champagne S. and was duly fancied for the GI Juvenile when bombing out at the Breeders' Cup. He was really back on song this summer, including when just collared after contributing to molten fractions in the GI Forego S. He then steamrolled Code of Honor once again in the GII Kelso H., earning a 110 Beyer, before a creditable run at the Breeders' Cup when again pouring coal into the pace out wide.

Complexity is another of those that bring back some retro names--first three dams by Yes It's True, Digression and Torsion--but it's obviously working as his unraced mother (half-sister to a GII Demoiselle S. winner) has already produced Valadorna (Curlin) to be runner-up in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies. **Cont. p6**



HONOR A.P.

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Complexity cont.

No question about it, this guy had a ton of ability on his day and, with such a good farm behind him, looks a potential player in the freshmen's championship.

A third horse introduced at what feels like a market sweet spot of \$12,500 is **SPUN TO RUN** (Hard Spun--Yawkey Way, by Grand Slam) at Gainesway. Few people took his defeat of Omaha Beach (War Front) at the Breeders' Cup as too literal a guide to their relative merits, given the way the race developed that day, but the 109 Beyer he nonetheless earned was his third consecutive triple-digit. Though unfortunate to be confined to single start when kept in training this year, he confirmed his caliber in beating all bar Maximum Security (New Year's Day) in the GI Cigar Mile H. His dam won a Saratoga stakes at two, and a paternal grandson of Danzig who showed so much dash at a mile has a good ring to it.

'**TDN Rising Star**' **GIFT BOX** (Twirling Candy--Special Me, by Unbridled's Song) didn't surface at all in 2020, but at \$10,000 it's well worth reminding ourselves what a splendidly old-fashioned campaigner has now joined his sire at Lane's End. He was better than ever at six, nosing out '**Rising Star**' McKinzie (Street Sense) for his Grade I success in the Santa Anita H. and then running *Vino Rosso* (Curlin) to three-parts of a length in the GI Gold Cup at the same course.



Gift Box | Benoit

I really like the fact that his dam, a half-sister to G1 Dubai Golden Shaheen winner *Our New Recruit* (Alphabet Soup), has produced an equally hardy and classy daughter in dual Grade II winner *Stonetastic* (Mizzen Mast). By combining two branches of Fappiano, moreover, Gift Box is exactly what his name suggests for a lot of other blood. He was precocious enough to notch a 93 Beyer breaking his maiden before running third in the GII Remsen S., but longevity and two-turn guts are his trademarks--and heaven knows the breed needs plenty of both.

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PROMISES FULFILLED (Shackleford--Marquee Delivery, by Marquetry) is in much the same boat, in starting out at WinStar off \$10,000, having disappeared this year after establishing toughness and quality through three preceding seasons. He, similarly, got going early enough to win his first two and then make the frame in the GII Kentucky Jockey Club S.; after being tempted astray on the Derby trail, he showed his true zip back in trip and won his Grade I in the Allen Jerkens S.; and at four put up a trademark blitz for the GII John A. Nerud S. in 1:21.75. His dam, twice graded stakes-placed, has managed to produce a multiple stakes winner by Cowboy Cal, but his real calling card is pure track speed. Indeed, his farm is highlighting how he won the first call in 15 of 17 starts, and you can easily picture him achieving corresponding early thrust in his new career.



Promises Fulfilled | Sarah Andrew

ECHO TOWN (Speightstown--Letgomyecho, by Menifee) is another Allen Jerkens winner, launched at the same fee at Ashford. If you are only going to manage a single season, it helps if you can demonstrate such soundness: he spread 10 starts evenly between Fair Grounds in January and the Breeders' Cup. And while he presumably owes a Kentucky stud career pretty well entirely to his standout Saratoga success, where the favorite bombed out, he was certainly a stylish winner on the day and does have something to work on genetically. His dam won her first three, including a Grade II, before derailing in her only other start, and has also produced GIII Gotham S. winner J Boys Echo (Mineshaft). And a lot of people are going to like the fact that she is by a grandson of Storm Cat, who recurs as damsire of Speightstown.

The team that brought us Gift Box has meanwhile housed **HIGHER POWER** (Medaglia d'Oro--Alternate, by Seattle Slew) at Darby Dan, where he, too, opens at \$10,000. And he's in a similar mold, a hardy old stager round two turns who matured

through four seasons, the highlights being a five-length rout in the GI Pacific Classic (107 Beyer) and a podium in the GI Breeders' Cup Classic. He has a solid-enough page, too, as a half-brother to Alternation (Distorted Humor), sire of Serengeti Empress, out of a multiple graded stakes-placed sibling to Canadian Horse of the Year Peaks and Valleys (Mt. Livermore).

Mind you, he will do very well to match the value available about his new neighbor **'TDN Rising Star' COUNTRY HOUSE** (Lookin At Lucky--Quake Lake, by War Chant). To be fair, at \$7,500, newcomers right across the Bluegrass will be embarrassed by the contrast.

True, Country House has to be led out to the crossroads to remind everyone of his existence, having unfortunately failed to get back onto the track when kept in training at four. You can see why that felt like an imperative, the horse having been given so little credit for the merit of his own Kentucky Derby performance while everyone debated the disqualification of the first past the post. But let's take a step back and remind ourselves that he overcame a rough trip from gate 19 to beat 18 rivals including several--including Improbable, Game Winner (Candy Ride {Arg}) and War of Will (War Front)--who are being launched at much higher fees. Forget his long odds on the day: he had been brought skillfully to the boil by his trainer, taught to pass horses behind War of Will in the GII Risen Star S. and Omaha Beach and Improbable in the GI Arkansas Derby.



Country House | Coady

Yes, we know that a son of such an underrated sire will likely be undervalued himself. But Country House not only doubles up on Danzig--responsible both for his own damsire and for that of Lookin At Lucky--but has a complementary mirror of No Class, the Sam-Son matriarch who belied her name as dam of four champions. Her celebrated daughter Classy 'n Smart (Smarten) produced Lookin At Lucky's sire Smart Strike, while her son Sky Classic is the sire of Country House's Grade I-placed granddam.

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From just four foals and three starters, Country House's dam has also produced graded stakes winner Mitchell Road (English Channel); while her half-brother (also by Lookin At Lucky) is multiple Grade I-placed Breaking Lucky. Country House himself obviously came into his own with a proper test round two turns, but his dam and third dam were both sprinters so there's more latent speed to draw out than you might assume. Bottom line is that Country House, given the right material, would be perfectly entitled to sire a colt able finally to secure him overdue credit under the Twin Spires. The only barrier is whether people with the fast, well-bred mares that he deserves are smart enough to save so much money on a cover fee, or view a \$7,500 stallion as beneath their dignity.

Many a commercial breeder, you suspect, will need less persuasion to roll the dice at the same fee on a very different type in **INSTAGRAND** (Into Mischief--Assets of War, by Lawyer Ron) at Taylor Made.

Here's a thought that tells you a lot about our industry. Had he happened to retire after the GII Best Pal S., there would have been a stampede of breeders ready to use him at nearly any money. At that point he was a \$1.2 million Gulfstream 2-year-old bullet who had then won by 10 lengths both on debut (in :56 flat) and now in a Grade II. But the flame has dwindled through two campaigns since, meaning that he must start at a fee feasible for a gamble. Bearing in mind that second and third dams were both graded stakes winners, you can be sure that plenty of pinhookers will be keeping an eye on his first crop.

Two of the three stallions in the bargain basement of this intake have been recruited at Crestwood, itself an immediate recommendation. This farm deserves much respect for the way it fights its corner, against much bigger rivals, with a roster always full of interest.



Caracaro | Ryan Thompson

CARACARO (Uncle Mo--Peace Time, by War Front) only managed four starts but shaped very well, six months after his dashing '**TDN Rising Star**' maiden win, when beaten a neck in the GIII Peter Pan S., before proving least embarrassed among the pursuers of Tiz the Law (Constitution) in the GI Travers S.

His first three dams are by War Front, Unbridled and Storm Cat, the middle one being the very smart Santa Catarina, a Grade II winner who was placed three times in Grade I company as a juvenile. And their line traces to the Phipps matriarch Lady Be Good, via the branch that also gave us top-class European milers Zilzal (Nureyev), Polish Precedent (Danzig) and Culture Vulture (Timeless Moment).

We know to expect this kind of thing at a farm that understands how aristocratic lineage can elevate a stallion past the perceived track limitations that keep them affordable. Sure enough, **YORKTON** (Speightstown--Sunday Affair, by A.P. Indy) is backed up by a terrific family--and, in contrast with Caracaro, also bears another farm trademark in having thrived through five seasons of racing. Albeit he did not win beyond Grade III level, he was as committed as ever at the age of six and showed his form on three surfaces.

But what makes him well worth a punt at \$5,000, not least in view of a \$1-million breeders' incentive program, is one of the very best families in the book--and one that has been seeded accordingly: first four dams, this time, by A.P. Indy, Sunday Silence, Nijinsky II and Mr. Prospector. The third dam, in fact, is Gold Beauty's daughter Maplejinsky, the half-sister to Dayjur (Danzig) who herself produced Sky Beauty (Blushing Groom {Fr}). This dynasty just keeps on giving, with Violence (Medaglia d'Oro) and Guarana (Ghostzapper) among its recent adornments, and Yorkton has the build to support the farm motto: "We raise runners."

We round off our survey with **BRAVAZO** (Awesome Again--Tiz o' Gold, by Cee's Tizzy) at Calumet, standing at \$6,000. There were times when it felt as though a race could only be accorded Grade I status if he were in the gate and, if he couldn't always show why, he certainly had his moments in banking \$2 million--notably when within half a length of derailing the Triple Crown express of Justify (Scat Daddy) in the Preakness. And you have to admire a horse that can miss the Clark by just a neck on his 11th sophomore start, the last eight at elite level.

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Value Sires II cont.

Ducking under the wire in time for inclusion in this review is **INSTILLED REGARD** (Arch--Enhancing, by Forestry), whose name has just been added to the roll call of rookies. He has been announced at \$12,500 by Taylor Made.

If he's last, he's certainly not least--having maintained high standards in different environments through four seasons: he was Grade I-placed on dirt at two, fourth in Justify (Scat Daddy)'s Derby and rounded off with a :22.31 split to notch his Grade I on grass in the Manhattan S. That longevity augurs extremely well for a \$1.05-million 2-year-old, and it's all backed up by a top-class Phipps pedigree.



Instilled Regard | Susie Raisher

For his second dam is champion Heavenly Prize (Seeking the Gold), who herself produced a Manhattan winner in Good Reward (Storm Cat), as well as the dam of Grade I winner Persistently (Smoke Glacken); while fourth dam is the blue-hen Blitey (Riva Ridge), mother of three Grade I winners plus another at Grade II level.

I love matching Blitey against a name as resonant as Courtly Dee in the bottom line of Arch, himself such a wholesome influence. In fact, Instilled Regard offers as good a "stairwell" up and down the fourth generation as you can find anywhere in this intake. Having finished so strongly in both his starts at 10 furlongs, in the Derby and the Manhattan, arguably his stamina was never fully tapped: had he made the gig, he might well have given the Euros a run for their money in the GI Breeders' Cup Turf.

If that won't be received as the most commercial of recommendations in this myopic marketplace, then don't forget the way Instilled Regard got himself rolling on the winter Triple Crown trail. This looks a really interesting new option for any breeder far-sighted enough to seek a Classic horse for any theater.

CHRIS McGRATH'S VALUE PODIUM

Gold:

Honor A. P. (\$15,000, Lane's End)

Staggering physical, and the only colt to beat the champ

Silver:

Country House (\$7,500, Darby Dan)

The least credited Derby performance ever gets a corresponding fee

Bronze:

Global Campaign (\$12,500, WinStar)

A family that loads up the speed

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THIS SIDE UP: THE ELUSIVE LESSON OF

'CAN'T MISS' SIREs *by Chris McGrath*

He has trademarked the move, his name reliably invoked whenever a horse picks off his rivals with the kind of flair that luminously separates him from the herd. Yet just about the only time I ever saw one glide through an elite field with quite the same extraterrestrial contempt as **Arazi** (Blushing Groom {Fr}) in the 1991 GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile was the following May, at the same track, when that nimbus-among-the-shadows exhibition was reprised along the backstretch by a horse called... Arazi.

His discovery of mortal limitations, both in his second season and then at stud, has become so integral to the Arazi narrative that we tend to forget how he maintained the exquisite illusion until suddenly exchanging the wings of an angel for feet of clay at the top of the stretch in the GI Kentucky Derby. (Or, strictly, knees of clay.)

The whole story, with all the symmetrical and didactic properties of parable, came back to me this week on learning of the death of **Congaree**--a charismatic creature in his own right, who shouldered nearly alone the burden of his sire's honor.

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This Side Up cont.

For even Arazi's decline on the track could not prepare us for the anti-climax of a stud career that took him ever more forlornly from Newmarket to Kentucky, Japan and even Switzerland.

Congaree, in turn, proved a disappointing stallion. Between Kentucky, New York and Texas, he mustered just 13 stakes winners. That was still two more than dad. Hardly the dividends anticipated from horses packaging so many attributes that any right-thinking breeder would seek to replicate. Congaree, remember, was in training for five seasons; he contested 22 consecutive graded stakes, winning five Grade I's besides placing in two Classics; and his 1:33.11 in the first of consecutive wins in the GI Cigar Mile (a unique distinction) was the fastest dirt mile of 2002.

It so happens that his loss coincided with my resumption of an annual ritual: a comprehensive survey of the Kentucky stallion market, which we began yesterday and today with newcomers for 2021.

While their track achievements will clearly govern both quality and quantity in their opening books, in principle these horses have all been brought back to a new starting gate. The world is at their feet, each and every one launched with impassioned conviction by farms across the Bluegrass. And while the promotional material sometimes succeeds in stirring only a wholesome scepticism, you always retain in the back of your mind the way Into Mischief or Tapit looked when they first arrived at stud.



Congaree at Del Mar in 2003 | *Horsephotos*

Assessing new stallions, some people are credulous enough to buy into ostensibly sophisticated predictive tools. But most horsemen know these shortcuts for what they are. All you can do, at the outset, is weigh the evidence with due vigilance on behalf of the breed. That might not always get you aboard the

elevator on the ground floor. But it's better to wait for more tangible evidence, from early stock and runners, than to corral huge books of mares for a new stallion that happens to claim a superficial resemblance to some commercial template.

My instinct, for instance, is that the entire European gene pool will ultimately forfeit its present strength—easily measurable, on turf at any rate, by the recent success of imports to America, whether from the yearling sales or the racetrack—by the opportunist recycling of garbage that catches a plausible glister from a passing sunbeam, and is duly presented as sharing the same, immanent glow of some authentically potent predecessor.

In Britain and Ireland, especially, the most marginal accomplishment in juvenile sprints has become an unthinking formula for the siphoning of mares, literally in their thousands, away from alternatives with at least some eligibility to produce a Classic racehorse. The result is a virtual Classic monopoly for the same blood, often concentrated in the same hands; and a ticking time bomb that will eventually pulverise the European breed to the point that its sharpest horsemen will belatedly recognize a cue for speed-carrying American blood, much as happened with the Northern Dancer dynasty.



North America's current top sire, Into Mischief | *David Coyle*

On both sides of the ocean, unexpected success for a stallion can launch phony imitations by the dozen. Personally, however naively, I prefer to adhere to the time-honored precepts of pedigree, physique and performance. But even the few stallions that unhesitatingly tick all three boxes bring no guarantees.

Arazi lacked size, of course, but that didn't stop his sire Blushing Groom (Fr) nor his damsire Northern Dancer. There was also a conformation issue, judging from that notorious knee surgery the winter after the Breeders' Cup. Yet it still seemed as though appropriate matings could not fail to draw out the seams of gold in his pedigree.



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In counterweight to his damsire, Arazi's top line took the other (Nasrullah) highway to Nearco. There were other striking echoes within his family tree: Native Dancer figured both through Northern Dancer's mother Natalma and Arazi's third dam, who was by Raise a Native; while there was a variegating top-and-bottom footprint for Wild Risk (Fr), as damsire of Blushing Groom and grandsire of Arazi's second dam, who was by Le Fabuleux (Fr).

Wild Risk apart, Arazi's phenomenal talent could not have had a more obvious genetic bedrock: not least through his second dam, whose kinship to many classy performers and producers was crowned by her sibling Ajdal (Northern Dancer), another highly flamboyant European champion.



Northern Dancer | Tony Leonard

Ajdal, the most expensive yearling buyback in history before his private acquisition by Sheikh Mohammed, certainly went to stud lavishly equipped with the three P's. (Performance was briefly an issue, until he famously dropped from 12 furlongs at Epsom to six in the G1 July Cup)! Sadly he shattered a leg after a single season at stud, which in those days still translated into just 35 foals. Remarkably, three daughters would go on to produce Group 1 winners.

Congaree, for his part, did have a curious pedigree, loading Northern Dancer 3x3 through his forgotten damsire Mari's Book. But anyone who claims that Arazi's failure was predictable to anyone with the right software is peddling snake oil.

I prefer to view him as another of those lessons in humility so routinely handed out by the Thoroughbred. Ultimately, after all, we're talking about flesh and blood. Happily, in fact, we are still doing so—even as the venerable creature approaches his 32nd birthday. In retirement Arazi has enjoyed exemplary care at Stockwell Farm in Australia, still adored for a performance far more dramatic than anything authored even by Frankel (GB) (Galileo {Ire}), say, with his brutal, pour-it-on style; but essentially given the same respect and attention as we owe to

any of these animals that so absorb our dreams, our toil, our craft—animals of uniform nobility, wherever they might rank in performance.

The three P's need to work out often enough to keep our business viable; to keep the rich guy sticking up his hand for seven-figure yearlings at Keeneland or Saratoga. But actually it's their scrambling that makes the whole game function. So long as outcomes sometimes remain unaccountable, whether in success or failure, then we've all got half a chance.

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LOCAL ROUTE TO PEGASUS GOES THROUGH FORT LAUDERDALE

Trainer Todd Pletcher will saddle a pair of runners in Saturday's GII Fort Lauderdale S. at Gulfstream Park, the local prep for the Jan. 23 GI Pegasus World Cup Invitational. Harrell Ventures' **Halladay** (War Front), winner of the Aug. 22 GI Fourstardave H. set the pace before fading to sixth in the Nov. 7 GI Breeders' Cup Mile last time out. The 4-year-old is three-for-three over the Gulfstream lawn where he won the Tropical Park Derby last December and this year's Sunshine Forever S. Stablemate **Largent** (Into Mischief) has won three of four starts over the Hallandale turf course and will be stepping up to the graded stakes ranks after a pair of 2020 stakes wins. He captured the July 29 Edward P Evans S. at Colonial Downs and the Oct. 9 Bert Allen S. at Laurel.

"This is going to be a tough race. This is a prep with some real teeth to it," Pletcher said. "I think if either one of them were able to perform well in here it would certainly tell us that they belong in the Pegasus." **Cont. p12**

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Halladay will be making his first start beyond 1 1/16 miles in the nine-furlong Fort Lauderdale as connections look ahead to the 1 3/16-mile Pegasus next month.

“We know that he’s fond of the Gulfstream course so we felt like this was sort of a good opportunity to see how he would handle a little more distance,” Pletcher said. “If this were to go really well it would put the Pegasus Turf in play, so that’s what we’re trying to find out.”



Halladay | Sarah Andrew

Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners and Twin Creeks Racing Stables’ Largent will also be looking to stretch out beyond 1 1/16 miles for the first time in the Fort Lauderdale.

“He’s super consistent, always shows up and runs well. He, too, has always liked Gulfstream. He’s definitely one that is capable on the day,” Pletcher said of Largent. “I think as he’s matured he’s settled a little better, as has Halladay, I think that gives them both the chance of handling the added distance.”

Trainer Mike Maker, who won last year’s Pegasus with Zulu Alpha (Street Cry {Ire}), also has two entered in the Fort Lauderdale. Three Diamonds Farm’s **Tide of the Sea** (English Channel), purchased for \$80,000 at last year’s Keeneland November Breeding Stock Sale, will be making his stakes debut Saturday. The 4-year-old was a front-running winner of a 12-furlong allowance at Keeneland last time out Oct. 7. Skychai Racing and David Koenig’s **Somelikeithotbrown** (Big Brown), gate-to-wire winner of the July 26 GII Bernard Baruch H., is coming off a win over New York-bred foes in the Oct. 24 Mohawk S. at Belmont Park.

“We’re going to give both of them a shot,” Maker said. “It would be great to get back to the Pegasus.”

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2020 in Photos: January 25. Mucho Gusto (Mucho Macho Man) wins the GI Pegasus World Cup Invitational S. | Coglianesse

Instilled Regard to Taylor Made cont. from p1

Transferred to Chad Brown, Instilled Regard was off the board in the GI Pennsylvania Derby, after which he was switched to turf, finishing third in the GI Hollywood Derby. Winless in his first three starts of 2019, he finished off the season with a victory in the GII Fort Lauderdale S. Third in the GI Pegasus World Cup Turf Invitational S. in January, the OXO Equine colorbearer was off the board in the GII Mervin Muniz Memorial S. Mar. 21, but closed out his career with victories in the June 6 GII Fort Marcy S. and July 4 GI Manhattan S. Instilled Regard retires with a record of 18-5-3-4 and earnings of \$983,240.

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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.

ADRIAN REGAN, Hunter Valley Farm



Hunter Valley Farm's Adrian Regan weighs in on the incoming sire crop of 2021. | Keeneland

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

I hate singling just one, but **War of Will** made a lot of sense for me. I was very impressed with his physical appearance when we went to see him at the farm. With his performance on the track, he was pretty durable on both dirt and turf which I'm a big fan of. There's not too many horses like that.

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Complexity (Maclean's Music), \$12,500, Airdrie Stud

For under-the-radar incoming stallions, I was very impressed with **Complexity**. I thought he was a super physical. He's got a beautiful frame and is an athletic, correct horse. He also was able to carry his speed on the track, which was a big plus. I thought he was good value.

Caravaggio (Scat Daddy, \$25,000, Ashford Stud) and **Laoban** (Uncle Mo, \$25,000, WinStar Farm) also both impressed me when seeing them for the first time. I thought they were both very good physicals.

Thank you to the breeders and agents who have participated in our ongoing 'Who's Your Pick' series this week. Did you miss a few responses? You can catch up on the entire series [here](#).

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2020 Leading Turf Sires

for stallions standing in North America through Thursday, December 10

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Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	Medaglia d'Oro (1999) by El Prado (Ire) Crops: 13	6	16	2	9	--	--	157	38	4,091,882	6,936,587
				Stands: Darley KY Fee: \$200,000						Golden Sixty (AUS)	
2	More Than Ready (1997) by Southern Halo Crops: 17	8	21	4	12	3	5	178	53	880,000	5,189,414
				Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$80,000						Rushing Fall	
3	War Front (2002) by Danzig Crops: 11	11	24	7	16	3	5	155	54	518,500	4,984,769
				Stands: Claiborne Farm KY Fee: \$250,000						Flavius	
4	Kitten's Joy (2001) by El Prado (Ire) Crops: 12	6	14	2	5	1	2	296	88	526,636	4,918,909
				Stands: Hill 'n' Dale Farms KY Fee: \$75,000						Gendarme	
5	English Channel (2002) by Smart Strike Crops: 10	10	15	6	8	1	3	182	62	839,443	4,705,665
				Stands: Calumet Farm KY Fee: \$35,000						Channel Maker	
6	Speightstown (1998) by Gone West Crops: 13	5	12	4	6	2	3	134	42	1,448,631	3,960,690
				Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$70,000						Mozu Superflare	
7	Uncle Mo (2008) by Indian Charlie Crops: 6	8	13	5	10	--	1	178	56	580,656	3,942,318
				Stands: Ashford Stud KY Fee: \$125,000						Golden Pal	
8	The Factor (2008) by War Front Crops: 5	3	7	2	4	--	1	182	61	820,250	3,821,247
				Stands: Lane's End Farm KY Fee: \$17,500						Factor This	
9	Scat Daddy (2004) by Johannesburg Crops: 8	8	10	4	6	1	2	116	37	492,360	3,398,849
				Stands: Ashford Stud USA (Dead/Ret)						Con Te Partiro	
10	Into Mischief (2005) by Harlan's Holiday Crops: 9	8	20	3	8	--	--	189	53	163,605	3,353,922
				Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY Fee: \$175,000						Into Mystic	
11	Hard Spun (2004) by Danzig Crops: 10	3	5	1	2	--	1	151	33	370,419	2,741,859
				Stands: Darley KY Fee: \$40,000						Meikei Die Hard (JPN)	
12	American Pharoah (2012) by Pioneerof the Nile Crops: 2	7	9	5	8	2	3	118	37	584,040	2,687,513
				Stands: Ashford Stud KY Fee: Private						Harvey's Lil Goil	
13	City Zip (1998) by Carson City Crops: 15	7	13	2	6	--	--	114	41	226,600	2,534,603
				Stands: Lane's End Farm USA (Dead/Ret)						Pixelate	
14	Sir Prancealot (Ire) (2010) by Tamayuz (GB) Crops: 5	3	8	2	6	--	3	108	41	430,900	2,296,102
				Stands: Rancho San Miguel CA Fee: \$15,000						Beau Recall (IRE)	
15	Twirling Candy (2007) by Candy Ride (Arg) Crops: 6	3	6	--	4	--	--	132	51	98,834	2,244,436
				Stands: Lane's End Farm KY Fee: \$40,000						Taishan	

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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	ML
1	Somelikeithotbrown	Big Brown	Skychai Racing LLC and Sand Dollar Stable LLC	Maker	Gaffalione	4-1
2	Delaware (GB) 🌿	Frankel (GB)	Michael, Nice Guys Stables & Bethlehem Stables	Brown	Ortiz, Jr.	5-1
3	Doswell	Giant's Causeway	Joseph Allen LLC	Tagg	Alvarado	20-1
4	Breaking the Rules	War Front	Phipps Stable	McGaughey	Zayas	8-1
5	Channel Cat	English Channel	Calumet Farm	Sisterson	Lanerie	15-1
6	Largent 🌿	Into Mischief	Twin Creeks Racing & Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners	Pletcher	Lopez	20-1
7	Tide of the Sea 🌿	English Channel	Three Diamonds Farm	Maker	Bravo	15-1
8	Spooky Channel	English Channel	Terry Hamilton	Lynch	Leparoux	12-1
9	Factor This 🌿	The Factor	Gaining Ground Racing LLC	Cox	Ortiz	5-2
10	Halladay 🌿	War Front	Harrell Ventures, LLC	Pletcher	Saez	7-2

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	ML
1	Crumb Bun	Afleet Alex	Eric J. Wirth	Bates	Torres	10-1
2	Bajan Girl 🌿	Speightstown	Slack, Robert and Walters, Daniel	Crichton	Prado	5-2
3	Sally's Curlin 🌿	Curlin	CJ Thoroughbreds, Left Turn Racing & Casner Racing	Romans	Lanerie	3-1
4	Good Credence 🌿	Jimmy Creed	Thoroughbred Investment Fund & Donnelly, Peter	Margotta, Jr.	Alvarado	8-1
5	Letruska	Super Saver	St. George Stable LLC	Gutierrez	Jaramillo	2-1
6	Dream Marie	Graydar	Miracle's International Trading, Inc.	Williams	Reyes	5-1

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	ML
1	Sound Machine 🌿	Into Mischief	e Five Racing Thoroughbreds	Joseph, Jr.	Ortiz	5-1
2	Lady's Island	Greatness	Matties Racing Stable LLC and Averill Racing LLC	Baxter	Jaramillo	7-2
3	Golden Ami	Goldencents	Ivan Dalos	Carroll	Gaffalione	5-2
4	Bronx Beauty	Liaison	2W Stables LLC	Margotta, Jr.	Saez	8-1
5	Cinnabunny	Golden Lad	Madaket Stables LLC, Dubb, Michael, Shooting Star Stable LLC and Bethlehem Stables LLC	Cox	Ortiz, Jr.	3-1
6	Aunt Nadine 🌿	Munnings	Three Diamonds Farm	Maker	Zayas	4-1

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	ML
1	Tax	Arch	R. A. Hill Stable, Reeves Thoroughbred Racing and Lynch, Hugh	Gargan	Saez	2-1
2	Phat Man	Munnings	Stribling, Marianne, Force Five Racing, LLC and Two Rivers Racing Stable LLC	Sweezey	Ortiz, Jr.	5-2
3	Identifier 🌿	Creative Cause	Gelfenstein Farm	Gonzalez	Ortiz	15-1
4	Eye of a Jedi 🌿	Eye of the Leopard	Steve Budhoo	Budhoo	Meneses	8-1
5	Royal Urn	Kantharos	Roseland Farm Stable	Breen	Bravo	12-1
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	9-2
7	Tatweej 🌿	Tapit	Alshareef Hazzaa Shaker Alabdali	Pletcher	Zayas	4-1

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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2nd-Gulfstream Park, \$50k, Msw, 2yo, 6f, post time: 12:35 p.m.

Todd Pletcher saddles firster **PRIME FACTOR (Quality Road)** for China Horse Club and WinStar Farm. The bay colt was a \$900,000 purchase at last year's Keeneland September sale. He is out of Haylie Brae (Bernardini), a half-sister to graded-winning freshman sire Speightster and a granddaughter of blue hen mare Classy 'n Smart (Smarten). Christophe Clement sends out Shel Evans's **Broadway (Quality Road)**, a \$500,000 purchase at last year's Fasig-Tipton Saratoga Yearling Sale. The juvenile is the first foal out of Etiquette (Tapit), a half-sister to graded winner Pleasant Prince (Indy King) and from the family of Canadian champion Holy Helena. **TJCS PPs**

7th-Gulfstream Park, \$50k, Msw, 2yo, 1m, post time: 3:08 p.m.

Godolphin's **ALEXANDER VALLEY (Medaglia d'Oro)** makes his first trip to the post for trainer Bill Mott. Purchased for \$2.15-million at the 2019 Keeneland September sale, the bay colt is the first foal out of Grade I winner Tara's Tango (Unbridled's Song). **TJCS PPs**

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IN ORDER OF PURSE:

9th-Gulfstream, \$40,000, Alw (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$75,000), 12-11, 2yo, 1mT, 1:35.62, fm, 1 1/4 lengths.

TARANTINO (c, 2, Pioneerof the Nile--Without Delay, by Seeking the Gold), a \$610,000 KESEP yearling purchase, began his career with Hall of Famer Bob Baffert in Southern California, winning at first asking with subsequent GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile longshot second Hot Rod Charlie (Oxbow) back in fifth over the Del Mar lawn Sept. 7 before just missing by a nose in Santa Anita's Zuma Beach S. most recently Oct. 4. Making his first start for Rodolphe Brisset here, the 9-2 chance was ridden to secure early position in second, took the first run at the longshot leader and reached even terms at the top of the stretch, kicking for home from there to score by 1 1/4 lengths over Whatmakessammyrun (We Miss Artie). The winner, named in honor of the popular filmmaker Quentin Tarantino, is a half-brother to Before You Know It (Hard Spun), GSP, \$313,083. Without Delay, a half-sister to the dam of GSW & GISP King Guillermo (Uncle Mo), is also responsible for a Quality Road colt of 2019. She was bred to Curlin for 2021. Sales history: \$610,000



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5th-Tampa Bay Downs, \$20,125, Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$75,000), 12-11, 2yo, 1mT, 1:38.15, fm, 3/4 length.

CAVE HILL (c, 2, Frosted--Painted Lady, by Broad Brush), a debut fifth over the Indiana lawn Oct. 6, romped in a sloppy off-the-turfer there last time Oct. 28. Back on the lawn here, the rail-drawn, 9-5 favorite hopped at the start and trailed the field of five passing the grandstand for the first time. The gray crept closer down the backstretch, was under a ride while three-four wide off the turn for home and reeled them in down the center of the course to score by 3/4 of a length over Lauda Speed (Bayern). The winner is a half-brother to Skylighter (Sky Mesa), MGSW, \$489,892. Painted Lady, a daughter of MGSW Nastique (Naskra), is also represented by a Bodemeister filly of 2019. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$30,910. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

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IN ORDER OF PURSE:

2nd-Aqueduct, \$70,000, (S), Msw, 12-11, 2yo, 6fT, 1:10.51, gd, 4 lengths.

BARDOLINO (g, 2, Tizway--Spa Duchess, by Tale of the Cat) shot out to the front, turned for home as the one to catch and kept on finding down the lane while racing on his left lead for most of the way to pull off the massive upset at 59-1. It was four lengths back to Vodka Lemonade (Twirling Candy) in second. The winner's dam had a colt by Run Away and Hide in 2019 and a filly by Lookin At Lucky this year. She was bred back to Sky Mesa. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$38,500. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

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6th-Los Alamitos, \$42,500, Msw, 12-11, 2yo, 5 1/2f, 1:02.93, ft, 3 lengths.

MEDINA SPIRIT (c, 2, Protonico--Mongolian Changa, by Brilliant Speed), campaigned by the same connections as recently retired MGSW Princess Noor (Not This Time), was given a 3-1 chance to win at first asking here. He forced the issue from the outside, put his head in front at the three-eighths marker, opened a clear advantage in the stretch and had three lengths over First Class Dad (Dialed In) on the line. He becomes the third winner for his freshman sire (by Giant's Causeway). Sale history: \$1,000 Ylg '19 OBSWIN; \$35,000 2yo '20 OBSOPN. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$25,200. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

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1st-Laurel, \$42,800, Msw, 12-11, 2yo, f, 1m, 1:40.93, ft, 2 1/4 lengths.

CHLOE ROSE (f, 2, Twirling Candy--Wild About Sonny, by Officer) rallied late for third as the favorite in her unveiling in a 5 1/2-furlong off-the-turfer at Laurel Oct. 18. Getting some additional real estate to work with here, the 1-2 choice vied for early command from the outside, held a narrow advantage heading into the far turn, kicked for home in charge and had 2 1/4 lengths over Our Bella Nicole (Honor Code). The winner's dam had a colt by Blame in 2019. Sales history: \$80,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP; \$75,000 2yo '20 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$27,200. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

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**IN THE UAE:**

Sadeedd, r, 3, **Stay Thirsty**--Patriotic Viva (SW, \$148,660), by Whywhywhy. Jebel Ali, 12-11, Maiden, 1200m, 1:14.72. B-Erich Brehm & Charles Hovitz (KY). *1/2 to Patriotic Diamond (Hat Trick {Jpn}), SW, \$236,169; and Diamond Oops (Lookin At Lucky), MGSW & MGISP, \$1,098,590. **\$83,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP; \$170,000 2yo '19 OBSAPR. **VIDEO**

Shanaghai City, c, 4, **Shanghai Bobby**--Anysaturdayinmay, by Any Given Saturday. Jebel Ali, 12-11, Hcp., 1000m, 1:00.61. B-Jeanne Bruce (KY). *\$47,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP; £55,000 2yo '18 TAASC. **VIDEO**

Tailor's Row, g, 6, **Street Cry (Ire)**--Raw Silk (GSW, \$201,958), by Malibu Moon. Jebel Ali, 12-11, Hcp., 1800m, 1:51.95. B-Darley (KY). *Won by 6 1/4 lengths. **8,000gns HIT '17 TATDEC.

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In this continuing series, Alan Carasso takes a look ahead at US-bred and/or conceived runners entered for the upcoming weekend at the tracks on the Japan Racing Association circuit, with a focus on pedigree and/or performance in the sales ring. Here are the horses of interest for this weekend running at Chukyo and Hanshin Racecourses:

2nd-HSN, ¥9,680,000 (\$93k), Maiden, 2yo, 1800m

AMERICAN PEACE (c, 2, **Tapit**--La Cloche, by Ghostzapper) is one of at least four runners by this sire entered this weekend for

owner Katsumi Yoshizawa of Master Fencer (Jpn) fame and is the early 1-2 favorite off a strong runner-up effort when trying the dirt for the first time at Chukyo Oct. 4 (**video**, gate 10). The \$325K Keeneland September yearling, a full-brother to GSW Bellevais, is out of a Grade III-winning daughter of MGISW Memories of Silver (Silver Hawk), herself the dam of MGISW Winter Memories (El Prado {Ire}) and granddam of MSW & MGSP '**TDN Rising Star**' Winter Sunset (Tapit). This is also the female family of '**Rising Star**' Hawkish (Artie Schiller). Don Alberto Corp. acquired La Cloche for \$2.4m in foal to Tapit at Fasig-Tipton November in 2014. *B-Don Alberto Corporation (KY)*

5th-HSN, ¥13,400,000 (\$129k), Newcomers, 2yo, 1800m

MOZU LADY MO (f, 2, **Uncle Mo**--Czarina, by Bernardini) cost \$375K at KEESEP in 2019 and is out of a full-sister to MGISW To Honor and Serve and GISW Angela Renee; and a half to SW & GISP Elnaawi (Street Sense). The filly's third dam was responsible for MGSW India (Hennessy), whose MG1SW son Mozu Ascot (Frankel {GB}) was recently retired to stand the 2021 breeding season at Arrow Stud. The March foal is bred on the same cross responsible for GISW Mo Town and GSW Modernist. *B-Rigney Racing LLC (KY)*

Sunday, December 13, 2020**4th-HSN, ¥13,400,000 (\$129k), Newcomers, 2yo, 1800m**

YORIKUN ROAD (JPN) (c, 2, **Quality Road**--Hymnotic, by War Front) is the first produce for his dam, a full-sister to SW & G1SP Whitecliffsofdovery, who was purchased for \$240K with this foal in utero at KEENOV in 2017. The colt's second dam Orate (A.P. Indy) also produced SW & GISP Endless Chatter (First Samurai) and is a full-sister to the late, influential sire Pulpit. Since her export to Japan, Hymnotic has foaled colts by Horse of the Year Kitan Black (Jpn) (Black Tide {Jpn}) each of the last two years. *B-Yanagawa Bokujo*

10th-CKO, ¥19,110,000 (\$184k), Allowance, 2yo, 1400mT

MOON BEAD (JPN) (f, 2, **American Pharoah**--Evening Jewel, by Northern Afleet) overcame a wide trip from the 18 hole to graduate by a half-length going this distance on Niigata debut Oct. 17 (**video**) and should enjoy a softer run in this more compact field. Shadai Farm acquired this MGISW dam for \$950K at KEENOV in 2016 and the mare foaled a Pioneer of the Nile colt the following spring. She was bred to American Pharoah and was exported before producing this filly in March 2018. Evening Jewel is the dam of a yearling Deep Impact (Jpn) colt and was covered this past season by Duramente (Jpn). *B-Shadai Farm*

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2020 Stud Fees Listed



Air Force Blue | Coolmore

Air Force Blue (War Front), Ashford Stud, \$15,000
 107 foals of racing age/15 winners/0 black-type winners
 10-Fair Grounds, \$100K Louisiana Champions Day Juvenile S., 6f,
 WAR SAVVY, 15-1

\$30,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$100,000 OBS OPN 2yo

Firing Line (Line of David), Crestwood Farm, \$5,000
 33 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
 3-Hawthorne, \$50K Jim Edgar Illinois Futurity, 6 1/2f, MOMMAS
 BOY OTIS, 30-1

Hit It a Bomb (War Front), Spendthrift Farm, \$5,000
 33 foals of racing age/5 winners/1 black-type winner
 13-Fair Grounds, Msw 6f, MUSTA GOT LOST, 7-2
 \$35,000 FTK JUL 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 FANCY, 3-1

Mshawish (Medaglia d'Oro), Taylor Made Farm, \$10,000
 88 foals of racing age/11 winners/0 black-type winners
 8-Mahoning Valley, Msw 6f, SCARLETT'S AWISH, 15-1
 \$38,000 FTK OCT yrl
 5-Charles Town, Msw 4 1/2f, SPINISH, 5-2
 5-Fair Grounds, \$100K Louisiana Champions Day Lassie S., 6f,

TAYLOR AVENUE, 9-2
 \$70,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$110,000 FTK OCT yrl

Speightster (Speightstown), WinStar Farm, \$10,000
 122 foals of racing age/14 winners/2 black-type winners
 2-Gulfstream, Msw 6f, BRACKEN, 4-1
 \$285,000 FTK JUL yrl

Uncle Lino (Uncle Mo), Northview PA, \$4,000
 61 foals of racing age/6 winners/0 black-type winners
 5-Charles Town, Msw 4 1/2f, GOLDEN KEY, 6-1

Upstart (Flatter), Airdrie Stud, \$10,000
 101 foals of racing age/17 winners/0 black-type winners
 5-Laurel, Msw 1m, MANOR HOUSE, 3-1

War Dancer (War Front), Irish Hill & Dutchess Views Stallions,
 \$7,500
 73 foals of racing age/5 winners/1 black-type winner
 3-Gulfstream, Aoc 1mT, FUNWHILEITLASTED, 15-1
 \$20,000 FTK OCT yrl

SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: SATURDAY, DEC. 12
2020 Stud Fees Listed

Commissioner (A.P. Indy), WinStar Farm, \$7,500
 165 foals of racing age/46 winners/6 black-type winners
 9-Charles Town, \$50K My Sister Pearl S., 1 1/8m, CAMPANIA,
 30-1
 \$21,000 EAS MAY 2yo
 5-Fair Grounds, \$100K Louisiana Champions Day Lassie S., 6f,
 MRS. JUDY, 5-1

Constitution (Tapit), WinStar Farm, \$40,000
 233 foals of racing age/75 winners/10 black-type winners
 7-Gulfstream, Msw 1m, AMERICAN LAW, 4-1
 \$37,000 RNA KEE NOV wnl; \$200,000 KEE SEP yrl

Fast Anna (Medaglia d'Oro), Three Chimneys Farm, \$10,000
 142 foals of racing age/41 winners/4 black-type winners
 8-Los Alamitos, \$100K Soviet Problem S., 1m, I'M SO ANNA, 4-1

Fury Kapcori (Tiznow), Journeyman Stud, \$2,500
 62 foals of racing age/13 winners/1 black-type winner
 7-Tampa Bay Downs, \$100K FTBOA City of Ocala Florida Sire S.,
 7f, THE GODDESS LYSSA, 10-1
 \$10,000 OBS OPN 2yo

Golden Lad (Medaglia d'Oro), Northview Stallion Station, \$5,000
 125 foals of racing age/28 winners/3 black-type winners

6-Gulfstream, \$100K GIII Sugar Swirl S., 6f, CINNABUNNY, 3-1

Govenor Charlie (Midnight Lute), Lovacres Ranch, \$3,000
60 foals of racing age/12 winners/1 black-type winner
8-Los Alamitos, \$100K Soviet Problem S., 1m, GOVERNOR
GOTEVEN, 7-2

Karakontie (Jpn) (Bernstein), Gainesway Farm, \$10,000
131 foals of racing age/41 winners/6 black-type winners
5-Fair Grounds, \$100K Louisiana Champions Day Lassie S., 6f,
TECATE TIME, 8-1

Khozan (Distorted Humor), Journeyman Stud, \$10,000
130 foals of racing age/57 winners/6 black-type winners
7-Tampa Bay Downs, \$100K FTBOA City of Ocala Florida Sire S.,
7f, INDEPENDENT MISS, 9-2
3-Tampa Bay Downs, \$100K FTBOA Marion County Florida Sire
S., 7f, LEGAL DEAL, 7-2

Lea (First Samurai), Claiborne Farm, \$7,500
103 foals of racing age/31 winners/4 black-type winners
3-Hawthorne, \$50K Jim Edgar Illinois Futurity, 6 1/2f, BEEALEA,
20-1
11-Fair Grounds, \$100K Louisiana Champions Day Turf S., 1
1/16mT, CARLEA'S DREAM, 8-1
\$100,000 ESL YRL yrl

Palace (City Zip), Spendthrift Farm, \$5,000
153 foals of racing age/42 winners/1 black-type winner
10-Fair Grounds, \$100K Louisiana Champions Day Juvenile S., 6f,
SIR WELLINGTON, 3-1
\$20,000 KEE JAN wnl; \$35,000 OBS OCT yrl; \$55,000 EAS MAY
2yo

Race Day (Tapit), Spendthrift Farm, \$7,500
149 foals of racing age/50 winners/4 black-type winners
8-Mahoning Valley, Msw 6f, ANGELINA, 6-1

Summer Front (War Front), Airdrie Stud, \$10,000
181 foals of racing age/53 winners/5 black-type winners
13-Fair Grounds, Msw 6f, EVERLOVINGHAND, 8-1
\$30,000 ESL YRL yrl

Tapiture (Tapit), Darby Dan Farm, \$7,500
247 foals of racing age/99 winners/7 black-type winners
7-Fair Grounds, \$100K Louisiana Champions Day Ladies Sprint S.,
6f, STEPH'SFULLASUGAR, 8-1
7-Fair Grounds, \$100K Louisiana Champions Day Ladies Sprint S.,
6f, VACHERIE GIRL, 8-1
\$60,000 OBS WIN wnl; \$60,000 FTK JUL yrl; \$87,000 OBS OPN
2yo

Tonalist (Tapit), Lane's End Farm, \$15,000
179 foals of racing age/53 winners/2 black-type winners
13-Fair Grounds, Msw 6f, MR. UNIVERSE, 20-1
\$30,000 KEE SEP yrl



STAKES RESULTS:

MAGIC CITY CLASSIC S., (NB) \$50,000, Fair Grounds, 12-11, (S),
3yo/up, 1m, 1:39.73, ft.

1--**LIKEN IT, 117, g, 3, Doc N Bubba G--Ausbrook, by Cryptoclearance.** O-Kent Gremmels; B-Kent & Lisa Gremmels (AL); T-Ronnie P. Ward; J-Marcelino Pedroza. \$27,500. Lifetime Record: 12-2-3-0, \$48,500.

2--**Foolish Steve, 118, g, 4, Mosquito--Shirley's Brittney, by Sea of Secrets.** O/B-Jerry Hughes (AL); T-Rowdy Morris. \$10,000.

3--**Two Mikes N Doc G, 117, g, 5, Doc N Bubba G--Ausbrook, by Cryptoclearance.** O-Winalot Racing, LLC; B-Kent & Lisa Gremmels (AL); T-Ron Faucheux. \$5,500.

Margins: 3/4, 2, 18 1/4. Odds: 26.90, 0.90, 1.80.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

6th-Aqueduct, \$85,000, Opt. Clm (\$80,000), 12-11, 3yo/up, 7f, 1:24.09, ft, 3 1/4 lengths.

AMERICAN POWER (h, 5, Power Broker--Catch the Spirit, by Fusaichi Pegasus) Lifetime Record: 28-9-6-2, \$416,859.
O-Sanford J. & Irwin Goldfarb & The Estate of Ira Davis; B-Gary & Mary West Stables Inc. (KY); T-Rob Atras.

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8th-Aqueduct, \$82,000, 12-11, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:17.80, ft, 1/2 length.

FED FUNDS (g, 3, Lemon Drop Kid--Rapid Racer {SW}, by Forest Wildcat) Lifetime Record: 8-4-0-1, \$129,800. O-Black Swan Stable; B-Claiborne Farm (KY); T-Horacio DePaz. *\$25,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP.



3rd-Laurel, \$45,906, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 12-11, 2yo, 6f, 1:10.33, ft, 1 1/4 lengths.

MAYTHEHORSEBWITHU (g, 2, Bullsbay--Avani Force, by Forestry) Lifetime Record: 5-2-2-0, \$76,215. O-Michael Dubb & Bethlehem Stables LLC; B-Beatrice Patterson & Vicky Schowe (PA); T-Brittany Russell. *\$55,000 Ylg '19 EASOCT. **1/2 to Call Paul (Friesan Fire), MGSW & GISP, \$573,720; Pink Caddy (El Padrino), SW, \$182,930.



6th-Laurel, \$44,940, 12-11, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:17.10, ft, 1 3/4 lengths.

UNO TIGRESS (f, 3, Macho Uno--Muirneen, by Dynaformer) Lifetime Record: 4-2-2-0, \$49,820. O-SAB Stable Inc.; B-Sierra Farm (KY); T-Dale Bennett. *\$45,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP.



6th-Fair Grounds, \$43,000, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$17,500), 12-11, 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2ft, 1:05.42, fm, head.

SAVVY ALLY (f, 4, Brethren--Indian Heat, by Indian Charlie) Lifetime Record: 21-4-2-7, \$136,953. O/T-Hugh H. Robertson; B-James F Webb (FL). *\$4,500 Ylg '17 OBSOCT.

10th-Gulfstream, \$42,100, (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 12-11, 3yo/up, 5ft, :56.03, fm, 1 3/4 lengths.

QUARKY (g, 4, The Factor--Beyond the Reach {MSW, \$278,398}, by Sahm) Lifetime Record: 18-4-6-3, \$179,230. O-Ballybrit Stable, LLC; B-Center Hills Farm (OK); T-Michael Dini. *\$20,000 Wlg '16 KEENOV; \$4,000 2yo '18 OBSAPR.

8th-Laurel, \$38,850, (C), 12-11, (C), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:37.41, ft, 3 1/2 lengths.

MCELMORE AVENUE (g, 3, El Padrino--To Give, by Bluegrass Cat) Lifetime Record: 10-4-1-1, \$99,229. O-Mary E. Eppler Racing Stable, Inc. & RAM Racing Stable; B-Robert T. Manfuso & Katharine M. Voss (MD); T-Mary E. Eppler. *\$35,000 Ylg '18 EASOCT.

6th-Turfway, \$36,000, 12-10, (NW3L), 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:16.97, ft, 1/2 length.

ANNA'S FAST (f, 3, Fast Anna--True Will, by Yes It's True) Lifetime Record: 7-3-0-1, \$96,075. O-Breeze Easy, LLC; B-Amg Equine LLC (KY); T-Wesley A. Ward. *\$17,000 RNA Wlg '17 KEENOV; \$32,500 Ylg '18 FTKJUL; \$470,000 2yo '19 OBSMAR.



7th-Turfway, \$35,944, 12-10, (NW3L), 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m (AWT), 1:44.12, ft, neck.

SKYGAZE (f, 3, American Pharoah--Skyscape, by Marquetry) Lifetime Record: GSP, 8-3-0-2, \$102,484. O-Tracy Farmer; B-Normandy Farm LLC (KY); T-Mark E. Casse. *\$300,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP. **1/2 to Sky Cape (Najran), GSW, \$452,208; Sunny Skies (Animal Kingdom), SW & GSP, \$122,894.



3rd-Charles Town, \$28,000, 12-10, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:20.75, ft, 1 1/4 lengths.

MARY'S JEWEL (m, 5, Indy Wind--American Darling, by Quiet American) Lifetime Record: 22-4-5-1, \$122,520. O-Super C Racing Inc.; B-Save Verica (FL); T-Kieron Magee.

4th-Charles Town, \$28,000, (S), 12-10, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 4 1/2f, :52.60, ft, 3 3/4 lengths.

BAYOU BOUGIE (f, 3, Golden Ticket--Black Bayou, by Kafwain) Lifetime Record: 7-4-1-0, \$43,250. O-Irie Thoroughbred LLC; B-Maurice F. Casey (WV); T-John C. Carlisle.

7th-Charles Town, \$28,000, 12-10, (NW2LX), 3yo/up, 4 1/2f, :52.70, ft, 1 length.

MY TIME IN COURT (g, 3, Awesome of Course--Sayes Court, by Paynes Bay) Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-1, \$39,400. O/T-John D. McKee; B-Charles H. Deters (FL). *\$3,000 Ylg '18 KEEJAN.



5th-Mahoning Valley, \$21,200, 12-11, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:40.95, ft, 1/2 length.

MAXIMIZER (g, 3, Silver Max--Be Glorious, by Red Bullet) Lifetime Record: 17-4-4-2, \$51,874. O/T-Ricardo Bailey; B-TCR Ranch (KY); *\$7,500 Ylg '18 KEESEP.



7th-Tampa Bay Downs, \$21,000, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$32,000), 12-11, 3yo/up, 5fT, :56.86, fm, 2 lengths.

THE CRITICAL WAY (g, 6, Tizway--Critical Factor {GISP, \$188,840}, by Star de Naskra) Lifetime Record: MSW, 20-6-5-0, \$281,743. O-Monster Racing Stables; B-Blackstone Farm LLC (PA); T-Jose H. Delgado. *\$17,000 Wlg '14 KEENOV; \$65,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP; \$75,000 2yo '16 OBSOPN.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Golden Gulley, c, 2, Goldcents--Thigh High Boots, by Storm Boot. Laurel, 12-11, 5 1/2f, 1:05.35. B-Richard Bremer & Cheryl Sprick (MN). *\$45,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP; \$40,000 2yo '20 EASMAY. **1/2 to Shipmate (Midshipman), SW, \$133,860; Bet Your Life (Giacomo), SW, \$118,035; Bet Your Boots (Birdstone), SW, \$169,311.

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Mendham, f, 2, Munnings--Perfect Package, by Tiznow. Aqueduct, 12-11, (S), 1 1/16mT, 1:46.55. B-Barry K Schwartz & Andrew Rosen (NY). *1/2 to Just Right (Into Mischief), SP, \$234,532.

Romantic Note, f, 2, Two Step Salsa--Profile, by Cherokee Run. Gulfstream, 12-11, (S), 6f, 1:12.23. B-Wilson Colindres & Dean Miller (FL). *\$20,000 RNA 2yo '20 OBSOPN.

Violentiam, f, 2, Violence--Coquihalla, by Elusive Quality. Aqueduct, 12-11, (S), (C), 6f, 1:13.14. B-Newtownanner Stud (NY). *\$70,000 RNA Ylg '19 SARAUG; \$44,000 RNA Ylg '19 EASOCT.

Mama Kin, f, 3, City Zip--Alydarla (GSP, \$150,650), by Henny Hughes. Aqueduct, 12-11, (C), 7f, 1:26.36. B-Gryphon Investments, LLC, Don Ameche III & Randy Reed (KY). *\$75,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP. **1/2 to Bethlehem Road (Quality Road), SW, \$147,570.

Ripittotheright, g, 3, Half Ours--One Last Hope, by Heatseeker (Ire). Fair Grounds, 12-11, (S), 1mT, 1:41.49. B-Brehon Farm (LA). *\$1,700 Ylg '18 ESLYRL.

Makisupa (GB), f, 3, Muhaarar (GB)--Rose Blossom (GB) (GSW-Eng, \$201,289), by Pastoral Pursuits (GB). Gulfstream, 12-11, (C), 1mT, 1:35.56. B-Lofts Hall Stud & B. Sangster (GB). *130,000gns Ylg '18 TATOCT.

Dee Gee, f, 4, Decarchy--There Goes Gee Gee, by Atticus. Los Alamitos, 12-11, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:05.17. B-Gilman Racing (CA). *\$27,000 Ylg '17 BAROCT.



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- AMERICAN PHAROAH**, Skygaze, f, 3, o/o Skyscape, by Marquetry. ALW, 12-10, Turfway
- AWESOME OF COURSE**, My Time in Court, g, 3, o/o Sayes Court, by Paynes Bay. ALW, 12-10, Charles Town
- BRETHREN**, Savvy Ally, f, 4, o/o Indian Heat, by Indian Charlie. AOC, 12-11, Fair Grounds
- BULLSBAY**, Maythehorsewithu, g, 2, o/o Avani Force, by Forestry. AOC, 12-11, Laurel
- CITY ZIP**, Mama Kin, f, 3, o/o Alydarla, by Henny Hughes. MCL, 12-11, Aqueduct
- DECARCHY**, Dee Gee, f, 4, o/o There Goes Gee Gee, by Atticus. MSW, 12-11, Los Alamitos Thoroughbred
- DOC N BUBBA G**, Liken It, g, 3, o/o Ausbrook, by Cryptoclearance. Magic City Classic S., 12-11, Fair Grounds
- EL PADRINO**, McElmore Avenue, g, 3, o/o To Give, by Bluegrass Cat. ALW, 12-11, Laurel
- FAST ANNA**, Anna's Fast, f, 3, o/o True Will, by Yes It's True. ALW, 12-10, Turfway
- FROSTED**, Cave Hill, c, 2, o/o Painted Lady, by Broad Brush. AOC, 12-11, Tampa Bay
- GOLDEN TICKET**, Bayou Bougie, f, 3, o/o Black Bayou, by Kafwain. ALW, 12-10, Charles Town
- GOLDENCENTS**, Golden Gully, c, 2, o/o Thigh High Boots, by Storm Boot. MSW, 12-11, Laurel
- HALF OURS**, Ripittotheright, g, 3, o/o One Last Hope, by Heatseeker (Ire). MSW, 12-11, Fair Grounds
- INDY WIND**, Mary's Jewel, m, 5, o/o American Darling, by Quiet American. ALW, 12-10, Charles Town
- LEMON DROP KID**, Fed Funds, g, 3, o/o Rapid Racer, by Forest Wildcat. ALW, 12-11, Aqueduct
- MACHO UNO**, Uno Tigress, f, 3, o/o Muirneen, by Dynaformer. ALW, 12-11, Laurel
- MUHAARAR (GB)**, Makisupa (GB), f, 3, o/o Rose Blossom (GB), by Pastoral Pursuits (GB). MCL, 12-11, Gulfstream
- MUNNINGS**, Mendham, f, 2, o/o Perfect Package, by Tiznow. MSW, 12-11, Aqueduct
- PIONEER OF THE NILE**, Tarantino, c, 2, o/o Without Delay, by Seeking the Gold. AOC, 12-11, Gulfstream
- PROTONICO**, Medina Spirit, c, 2, o/o Mongolian Changa, by Brilliant Speed. MSW, 12-11, Los Alamitos Thoroughbred
- POWER BROKER**, American Power, h, 5, o/o Catch the Spirit, by Fusaichi Pegasus. AOC, 12-11, Aqueduct
- SILVER MAX**, Maximizer, g, 3, o/o Be Glorious, by Red Bullet.

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- ALW, 12-11, Mahoning Valley
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REYNIER ON THE ROAD AGAIN



Skalleti is one of two HKIR starters for Jerome Reynier | HKJC photo

by Alan Carasso

Jerome Reynier may lack the name recognition and firepower enjoyed by his fellow Frenchmen like Arc winner Jean-Claude Rouget, the legendary Andre Fabre and rising star Francis-Henri Graffard. But the 35-year-old, based in Marseille in the southeast of France, can boast of sharing a spot with that esteemed company on the French trainers' premierships by earnings (north of €2-million in France alone, good for ninth place) and by number of winners (81, sixth most). Reynier can close what by any metric has been an outstanding season this weekend in Hong Kong when he sends out the win machine **Skalleti (Fr)** (Kendargent {Fr}) in the G1 Longines Hong Kong Cup and stablemate **Royal Julius (Ire)** (Royal Applause {GB}) in the G1 Longines Hong Kong Vase.

"We were locked down from mid-March to mid-May and the prize money was decreased as well," Reynier said earlier this week from Hong Kong. "We are pretty happy to have earned a bit more than €2-million in France, so that's a pretty good year. All I want for the guys and the owner I'm lucky enough to train for is to keep consistency, keep horses in good form and good shape."

Like the aforementioned Graffard, Reynier participated in the Godolphin Flying Start program, working first as a bloodstock agent post-graduation before taking out a trainer's license in 2013. Some four years later, Royal Julius provided him with his first stakes winner, defeating the Graffard-trained Maximum Aurelius (Fr) (Showcasing {GB}) in the Listed Grand Prix Anjou Bretagne at Nantes, and later became the young trainer's first group winner when taking out the G2 Premio Presidente della Repubblica at the Capannelle in 2018. Royal Julius provided the stable a breakthrough winner on foreign soil in the 2019 Bahrain International Trophy and gave a good account of himself when fifth in this year's HH The Emir's Trophy in Qatar. While the 7-year-old may lack the class of the market leaders for the Vase, Royal Julius hasn't made the trip to Hong Kong just for show.

"He's there to be as competitive as he can and with only seven runners, we had to take this gamble," Reynier said. [Cont. p2](#)

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“He’s used to long travel—he’s been to Qatar twice and once in Bahrain, so that shouldn’t be a problem. The mile and a half around two turns, like the Emir’s Trophy in Qatar, he’s showed he likes that kind of trip.”

“Mogul (GB) (Galileo {Ire}) and Exultant (Ire) (Teofilo {Ire}) will be very hard to beat, but I think it’s quite open for third place.”

Royal Julius has yet to crack the win column in eight trips to the races this season, but has run with credit, including a third to the recently retired Way To Paris (GB) (Champs Elysees {GB}) in the G3 Grand Prix de Vichy in May and a pair of runner-up efforts in Milan, including the G2 Premio Federico Tesio on Sept. 20.

“I quite liked the way he ran in Milan in September, he showed that he is still competitive as a 7-year-old,” the conditioner commented. “I am very happy with him as well, he’s in very good shape.”



Jerome Reynier | Emma Berry

Skalleti is the better fancied of the two Reynier runners as he takes on the likes of Magical (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) and defending champ Win Bright (Jpn) (Stay Gold {Jpn}) in the Cup. A 12-time

winner from just 16 starts, the 5-year-old has kept good company this season, finishing third to the classy Persian King (Ire) (Kingman {GB}) in the June 28 G2 Prix du Muguet at Saint-Cloud before carrying Pierre-Charles Boudot to a hard-fought neck defeat of the Rouget-trained future G1 Prix de l’Arc de Triomphe hero Sottsass (Fr) (Siyouni {Fr}) in the G3 Prix Gontaut Biron - Hong Kong Jockey Club at Deauville in August ([video](#)). Following up with a visually impressive title

defense in the G2 Prix Dollar on Arc weekend, he backed up relatively quickly to run the soft-ground loving Addeybb (GB) (Pivotal {GB}) to 2 1/4 lengths in the G1 QIPCO British Champion S., with Magical one spot back in third.

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See him in the stallion yard at Coolmore, witness his devastating turn of foot and hear what his breeder Henri Bozo has to say.



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“After he won the Prix Dollar, he stayed up in Chantilly and prepared for the Champion S. It was the first time in his life that he was racing on two weeks’ rest,” Reynier explained. “We were not very optimistic, as that’s a long trip to Ascot. We didn’t know if he was going to be able to race up to that standard because he never raced in Group 1 company before, so we weren’t sure about his level. But he did show that he’s got plenty of ability and that he’s up to that standard and that he can be among the best in the world on the turf. That was a good run.”

Though very much suited to a race like the Hong Kong Cup, connections were wondering whether Skalleti might be over the top, but ultimately they let the horse do the talking.

“We were probably thinking after the race that he’s probably given enough this year and that we would see him next year, but he came back to the southeast of France in Marseille in very good nick,” Reynier said.



Royal Julius | HKJC photo

“We were starting to think about the Hong Kong Cup and he showed us through the month of November that he was in top shape. We are very happy with him, so we decided to give it a go.”

Skalleti, who has been full of energy in his all-weather gallops this week, is certain to encounter much quicker ground at Sha Tin than he has seen for some time, but Reynier appears not the least bit concerned.

“He has won a Group 3 over a straight mile in Deauville on firm ground [2019 G3 Prix Quincey] and he has gone 1:35 for the mile,” the trainer said. “A mile and a quarter on good ground, I don’t think that’s a problem for him. He’s probably a little better on soft, but he’s been showing us that he’s able to win on a straight track, he’s won on Polytrack, left-handed, he’s won Group 2s in heavy ground, so he can handle anything. I think he’s just a good horse and I think he’ll be very competitive.”

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The conditioner is also pleased to have Boudot back in the saddle, not far removed from his two-win day at the Breeders' Cup last month.

"It's very important that someone rides who knows the horse, because he can be a bit anxious," said Reynier. "Pierre-Charles knows him very well and knows how to deal with him. He was drawn one last time and we knew it was going to be hard to come from behind at Ascot, so that's why we wanted to be close to the pace. Pierre-Charles will be riding him with some confidence."

A long, strange trip it has been, for both horses and humans, to get to this point. The equine athletes endured a lengthy journey, from Reynier's Marseille base to Chantilly and from that equine center to Liege, Belgium, to board their flight. With no direct option available, there was also a layover in Qatar. Reynier said it was equally challenging for him and his team navigating the waters within the context of a global pandemic.

"We were not sure that my team was going to be able to make the trip until we got tested twice," he explained. "We are exempted from the 14-day quarantine because we have a work visa, we spent one day in a hotel after being tested on arrival and then we moved into a hotel near the racecourse. We are able to go see the horses two or three times a day, but part of the deal is that we have to stay in our rooms. We won't be able to see the city, but look, we aren't coming here for tourism, we are coming to try to win some races, so we don't mind."

Judging by his statistics as the end of the year approaches, 2020 has been a wild success, pandemic or not.

"We have improved our results. I started out with four horses as a public trainer and I got up to 40 and didn't really want any more than that," Reynier said. "I thought that was a good number, because I didn't want a big stable where you lose track of your horses. I was very happy, we had very good results and in September 2018, [Skalleti's owner] Mr [Jean-Claude] Seroul asked me to train his string, with 50 to train. That was a very different scenario because he's got his own yard and his own staff and I'm just kind of managing it all. When we are full with all the youngsters coming in, that's 90 or so horses to train on a daily basis and that's plenty to keep busy. It's the reason we've been able to improve our results year after year and this year, we've got a bit more than 80 wins in France and a bit more abroad."

It won't be easy, but Reynier and team would surely not complain about adding to that total in Hong Kong this weekend.

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GLOBAL VIEWS *with Godolphin Flying Start*



Rachel Wade
Godolphin Flying Start

UNDERSTANDING RACING'S ECONOMICS

In Global Views, Godolphin Flying Start trainees provide insight into practices experienced and observations taken on their worldwide travels. Second-year trainee Rachel Wade discusses how racing must gain a clearer understanding of its economics.

"Economics is whatever economists do" - Jacob Viner

Often vaguely described, economics is a study in human choice and behavior and their effect on society. The term has historically carried a monetary connotation but really delves into how different choices are made, why humans make those choices and what the implications of those choices are to industry and the wider economy. As such, it is important for any industry to understand economic forces in order to achieve whatever their goals may be.

Horse racing falls short in its research and understanding of the more subtle economic intricacies such as incentives and decision making. Reports on economic impact show the quantitative measurements of the industry, which are indisputably important, but fail to address anything qualitative pertaining to racing. How can we expect to improve our industry and keep it relevant without understanding what everyday decisions and incentives drive it forward or hold it back?

I have been incredibly privileged to experience racing in four major racing jurisdictions during the past 15 months on the Godolphin Flying Start scholarship. Through my travels I have yet to see a racing industry that doesn't suffer from a skilled staff shortage. This issue is both fashionable and widely accepted within the industry, yet there is no research into why it exists. Many are quick to point the finger extrinsically, blaming issues such as an increasingly urbanized population and its resulting disconnect between humans and animals or the younger generations' aversion to manual labor. Perhaps it is time to look intrinsically and improve our understanding of things such as the appeal and value of racing, what its barriers to entry are and what incentivizes people to work in it. Without an understanding of something such as incentivization, our industry will never be able to attract and retain a viable workforce.



Racing must better understand what motivates its workforce | Emma Berry

The book *Freakonomics* describes incentives as "why human beings do things," and separates incentives into three categories: economic (material), social and moral. Humans base decisions on all three factors which is evident in society as well as more specifically in the Thoroughbred industry. For example, Australian studs in the Hunter Valley constantly compete with the neighboring mining industry for workers. Mining staff work fewer hours for substantially higher wages, yet stud farms still manage to recruit and retain staff (albeit often international/seasonal workers), demonstrating that people find value outside of material incentive to work in our industry. If humans were truly rational and motivated only by material incentive, it is unlikely racing would have any workers in any jurisdiction.

There can be no doubt that higher wages would make our industry more attractive, but it is unlikely that racing will ever be able to pay enough to compete with an industry as large and subsidized as mining. It is therefore paramount that we identify and promote the key social and moral incentives that racing offers in order to maximize our workforce. Furthermore, racing should pinpoint nonmaterial incentives that could be changed in order to align with society's values. For instance, assume that society places high value on time spent with friends and family. If horse racing altered its working hours to appeal to this value and allow staff a more sociable lifestyle, the personal utility gained may make our jobs more attractive than the higher paying industry next door.

Oftentimes to its detriment, the racing industry has acted as a 'reactive' rather than 'proactive' business. Issues such as animal welfare and aftercare have emerged and been debated with increasing ferocity in the past decade as society's values and opinions on animals used for sport has changed. In my opinion,

racing has responded urgently and effectively to this issue, but much of the damage to public perception may prove irreversible. If the industry is to survive over the coming years, it will be necessary to identify strengths and weaknesses within the sport and attempt to make change proactively rather than reactively. The world's population is expected to reach nine billion by 2050, with approximately 70% of the population living in urbanized areas. This can be viewed as both an opportunity and a threat to the racing industry. If racing can shift to a proactive mindset, perhaps this growth can be used to thrust horse racing into a top tier sport. For example, racing may appeal to those who value ecological sustainability as it is a sport with a relatively small ecological footprint and has many positive externalities. Stud farms have a vested interest in the land they occupy, protecting and cultivating it so that it may be used to raise healthy racehorses. This is more sustainable than single-use industries such as mining. As more people become disconnected from animals through an urbanized lifestyle, horse racing may satiate a desire to connect with large animals. Though these are only speculations, horse racing must prepare for society's change over the coming years and identify how it can fit into shifting values and norms.

Although often hidden and misunderstood, economics plays a vital role in our beautiful industry. A greater understanding of its impact could unravel the numerous challenges the Thoroughbred industry faces as it struggles to maintain relevancy in a constantly changing and modern world. Maybe it is time we begin to look at racing through the eyes of an economist and ask ourselves why we love this industry and what hidden incentives can be used to attract new people to racing as both professionals and patrons.

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Saturday, December 12:

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Ajaya (GB) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), Ire

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18:45-WOLVERHAMPTON, 5f, LIVVIE (GB)

1,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2018; £1,500 Goffs UK September HIT & Yearling Sale 2019

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

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

16:00-NEWCASTLE, 8f, MISS BOBCAT (Ire)

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

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

15:30-NEWCASTLE, 6f, KHABIB (Ire)

€35,000 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearlings 2019;

16,000gns Tattersalls Autumn Horses-in-Training Sale 2020

15:30-NEWCASTLE, 6f, YORKSHIRE PIRLO (Ire)

Pearl Secret (GB) (Compton Place {GB}), Chapel Stud

43 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners

15:30-NEWCASTLE, 6f, SHAYKHOON (GB)

12,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2018; £14,000 Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearling Sale 2019; 35,000gns Tattersalls Guineas Breeze-Up Sale 2020

FRANCE:

Ajaya (GB) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), Ire

31 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners

1-DEAUVILLE, 1500m, FOREVER CLEMENTINE (Fr)

€9,000 Arqana Deauville October Yearlings 2019



Ajaya (GB) | Rathbarry Stud

Belardo (Ire) (Lope de Vega {Ire}), Kildangan Stud

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1-DEAUVILLE, 1500m, SIMPLY MINDS (Fr)

€35,000 RNA Arqana Deauville v2 Yearling Sale 2019

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

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

1-DEAUVILLE, 1500m, SUPER CUTE (Ire)

Dariyan (Fr) (Shamardal), Haras de Bonneval

70 foals of racing age/10 winners/0 black-type winners

1-DEAUVILLE, 1500m, RUE D'AUMALE (Fr)

€8,000 Arqana Deauville October Yearlings 2019

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

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

1-DEAUVILLE, 1500m, CALL SIGN (Ire)

€4,500 Tattersalls Ireland Flat Breeding Stock Sale 2018; €3,800 Goffs Autumn Yearling Sale 2019

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

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

2-DEAUVILLE, 1900m, GO GIPSY (Fr)

1-DEAUVILLE, 1500m, LA NEVA (Fr)

€12,000 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, 1900m, SHAMSHA

€50,000 RNA Arqana Deauville August Yearling Sale 2019

3-DEAUVILLE, 1900m, ROYAL REGARD (Fr)

€25,000 Arqana Deauville October Yearlings 2019

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

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

4-DEAUVILLE, 1900m, TATJANA

€20,000 Arqana Deauville August Yearling Sale 2019

Triple Threat (Fr) (Monsun {Ger}), Haras du Mont Goubert

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

4-DEAUVILLE, 1900m, ALTERNATIVE (Fr)



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FULL-BROTHER TO DEAUVILLE DEBUTS AT DEAUVILLE



Deauville (Ire) | Sarah Andrew

11.45 Deauville, Mdn, €22,000, unraced 2yo, c/g, 9 1/2f (AWT)

Fitri Hay, Michael Tabor and Susan Magnier's **TIDES OF WAR (IRE)** (**Galileo {Ire}**), an Andre Fabre trainee, is a full-brother to GI Belmont Derby Invitational hero Deauville (Ire) and encounters one dozen fellow newcomers in this debut. Opposition features Fabrice Chappet's **Royal Regard (Fr)** (**Shalaa {Ire}**), who is a half-brother to MGSW sire Free Port Lux (GB) (**Oasis Dream {GB}**) out of GI Beverly D. S. victress Royal Highness (Ger) (**Monsun {Ger}**).

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BRITAIN

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

To The Bar (Ire), c, 2, **Tamayuz (GB)**--Coachhouse Lady, by Rahy. Southwell, 12-11, 7f 14y (AWT), 1:26.92. B-Old Carhue & Graeng Bloodstock (IRE). *£17,000 Ylg '19 GOFFPR.

Alpha Theta (GB), f, 3, **Archipenko**--Alumna (GSP-Fr), by Mr. Greeley. Southwell, 12-11, 12f 14y (AWT), 2:36.18. B-Kirsten Rausing (GB). *1ST-TIME STARTER.

FRANCE

Friday's Results:

1st-Deauville, €22,000, Mdn, 12-11, unraced 2yo, c/g, 7 1/2f (AWT), 1:28.88, st.

BREIZH EAGLE (FR) (c, 2, **Bow Creek {Ire}**--**Breizh Touch {Fr}**, by **Country Reel**) raced in rear from the outset of this debut. Taking closer order off the home turn, the 69-10 chance challenged with 300 metres remaining and was coaxed clear in the closing stages to assert by 2 1/2 lengths from Hallowed Time (Ire) (Hallowed Crown {Aus}), becoming the third winner for his freshman sire (by Shamardal). Verderon (Ire) (Lope de Vega {Ire}), Godolphin's 500,000gns Tattersalls December half to this term's Listed Fleur de Lys S. victress Indie Angel (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}), shaped with some promise and finished two lengths adrift in third. Kin to a yearling filly by Herald The Dawn (Ire), Breizh Eagle is the third foal and scorer produced by five-time winner Breizh Touch (Fr) (Country Reel). The March-foaled bay's fourth dam is Listed Prix Belle de Nuit third Kirigane (Fr) (Vitiges {Fr}). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €11,000. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

1ST-TIME STARTER. O-Mme Roland Perron & Haras des Eves; B-Haras des Eves & Daniel Cherdo (FR); T-Joel Boisnard.

2nd-Deauville, €22,000, Mdn, 12-11, unraced 2yo, f, 7 1/2f (AWT), 1:30.05, st.

STAR OF INDIA (FR) (f, 2, **Muhaarar {GB}**--**Special Gift {Ire}**, by **New Approach {Ire}**) was reined back to settle off the pace for most of this unveiling. Angled to the outside in early straight, the 34-5 chance quickened smartly to challenge entering the final furlong and powered clear thereafter to prevail by three lengths from Shalgoda Diamond (GB) (Bated Breath {GB}). Ballylinch Stud's Casimia (Ire) (Siyouni {Fr}), a homebred half-sister to G1 Prix Jacques Le Marois-winning sire Al Wukair (Ire) (Dream Ahead), raced on the lead and ran on well once headed inside the eighth pole to finish fourth. Star of India is the third of four foals and second scorer produced by an unraced daughter of Listed Prix La Sorellina victress Persian Secret (Fr) (Persian Heights {GB}), herself a half-sister to MG1SP sire Verglas (Ire) (Highest Honor {Fr}) and MGSW matriarch Cassandra Go (Ire) (Indian Ridge {Ire}). The May-foaled bay is kin to a yearling filly by Siyouni (Fr). Sales history: €50,000 Ylg '19 AROCT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €11,000. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

1ST-TIME STARTER. O-Ecurie Skymarc Farm; B-Ecurie des Monceaux, Lordship Stud Ltd, Ecurie Skymarc Farm & Beauregard Bloodstock (FR); T-Stephane Wattel.

French Report cont.**CONDITIONS RESULTS:**

3rd-Deauville, €22,000, Cond, 12-11, 3yo, 12 1/2f (AWT), 2:43.32, st.

PRETTY WOMEN (GB) (f, 3, Zoffany {Ire}--Fast and Pretty {Ire}, by Zamindar) Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-2, €23,000. O-Chevotel Racing; B-Chevotel de la Hauquerie (GB); T-Pia & Joakim Brandt.

IRELAND**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

Bear Story (Ire), c, 2, **Kodiac (GB)**--Angels Story (Ire), by Galileo (Ire). Dundalk, 12-11, 8f (AWT), 1:38.55. B-John Connaughton (IRE). *10,000gns RNA Ylg '19 TATOCT.

Uncharted (GB), f, 2, **Territories (Ire)**--Rawoof (Ire), by Nayef. Dundalk, 12-11, 8f (AWT), 1:40.50. B-Brook Stud Bloodstock Ltd (GB). *19th winner for freshman sire (by Invincible Spirit {Ire}). **33,000gns Ylg '19 TADEYG.

Feminism (Ire), f, 3, **Shamardal**--Modern Ideals (GB), by New Approach (Ire). Dundalk, 12-11, 7f (AWT), 1:25.72. B-Godolphin (IRE).

**EUROPEAN-BRED WINNERS****IN THE UAE:**

Bladesmith (Ire), g, 4, **Mastercraftsman (Ire)**--Annabelle Ja (Fr), by Singspiel (Ire). Jebel Ali, 12-11, Maiden, 1600m, 1:41.30. B-Lynch Bages, Camas Park & Arkle Bloodstock. *1/2 to Libranno (GB) (Librettist), MGSW-Eng, \$620,826; Al Muthana (Fr) (Pastoral Pursuits {GB}), GSP-Fr; and Unforgettable (Ire) (Muhaarar {GB}), GSP-Ire. **380,000gns Ylg '17 TATOCT; AED110,000 HRA '19 ERASEP. **VIDEO**

Karaginsky (Ire), g, 5, **Dubawi (Ire)**--Belenkaya, by Giant's Causeway. Jebel Ali, 12-11, Hcp., 1400m, 1:25.39. B-Godolphin. *AED55,000 HRA '18 ERASEP. **VIDEO**

Blue Sovereign (Ire), g, 5, **Teofilo (Ire)**--Nashama (Ire), by Pivotal (GB). Jebel Ali, 12-11, Cond., 1950m, time: n/a. B-Godolphin. *AED60,000 HRA '18 ERASEP. **VIDEO**



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WORLDWIDE NEWS**UNDEFEATED SODASHI HEADS HANSHIN JUVENILE FILLIES**

Sodashi | JRA Photo

Undefeated **Sodashi (Jpn)** (Kurofune) will try to extend her winning streak in Sunday's G1 Hanshin Juvenile Fillies and in the process, the likely favorite will also try to become the white-colored horse to win a Group 1 race in Japan.

"The white really stands out on grass," said trainer Naosuke Sugai. "I think she's turning into a real star."

The flashy filly triumphed in her career debut at Hakodate in July before scoring over 1,800-meters in the G3 Sapporo Nisai S. Sept. 5. In her latest start, she took the G3 Artemis S. at Tokyo Oct. 31.

"We like to keep her close because she can be sensitive, but physically, she's very solid," said Sugai.

Sodashi's regular rider, Hayato Yoshida, worked her in the three weeks leading up to Sunday's 1,600-meter test and is encouraged by what he's seen so far.

"She took the bit on her own on the straight," Yoshida said after last week's fast work. "She was the one leading me. She's been sharp since the week before and I think she'll be in similar form compared to her last race."

In an interesting fun-fact, Yoshida is the Japanese Racing Association's all-time leader with six wins aboard white horses.

"They're all very sensitive and [can be] high maintenance," he said of white horses. "You do need to be careful with them but with her, that sensitive side is bringing out the best in her. She breaks well and is super responsive when you tell her to go. She's really smart and a very complete racehorse."

Also looking for her fourth career victory, **Meiki Yell (Jpn)** (Mikki Isle {Jpn}), who enters of a victory in the 1,400-meter G3 Fantasy S. at Hanshin Nov. 7. A debut winner at Kokura in August, she followed up with a win in the G3 Kokura Nisai S. Sept. 6.

“The performances have been good in all three wins,” said trainer Hidenori Take. “There was an unstable side to her at one point, but ever since her last start, the appetite is there and she’s added some weight. All in all, this is the best I’ve seen her yet.”

Take is part of Japanese racing’s royal family heralded by Yutaka Take--the great jockey and the trainer’s parents are cousins. Yutaka, who has ridden Meikei Yell in her last two races, likes what he sees in the filly.

“The most important thing is she won both races. She had a hard time settling, especially in the last race. So that is an area she needs work. Your average horse though wouldn’t have won --but she did. Which speaks to a lot about her quality, her upside. She just runs really hard. But as long as she can stay under control then she has every chance. I’ve known Hide since we were kids, our parents are cousins. Would be great to win a [Group 1] race together.”

Known to be keen in the early going of her races, the filly will be asked to go 200-meters farther than her latest start.

“She has looked good in the workouts,” Hidenori Take added. “I hope practice does translate into results. She’s physically sound and a good all-round horse.”

He continued, “She hasn’t filled out yet but I’m excited by the prospect. She’s classy and gorgeous--almost like an actress. A win here, hopefully, will really get her name out there.”

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SOU MILLON OUT OF QUARANTINE

Jockey Christophe Soumillon told Hong Kong Jockey Club officials that a negative result was returned on his most recent COVID-19 test and with that, he has completed all necessary quarantine requirements as set out by the Hong Kong SAR Government. The Club will require that Soumillon take further tests beginning Saturday in accordance with established protocols and the earliest he may accept mounts will be Sunday, Dec. 20. The Belgian is on a short-term contract through Feb. 14 and was to ride Sunday’s Longines HKIR, but was stood down Thursday after failing to gain clearance from quarantine. In related news, jockey Zac Purton was fined HK\$40,000 for a tweet that had the potential to “create uncertainty regarding the continuance of racing in Hong Kong in the immediate future.”

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Thursday, Nagoya, Japan

NAGOYA GRAND PRIX-Listed, ¥54,400,000, Nagoya, 12-10, 3yo/up, 2500m, 2:44.80, gd.

1--**MASTER FENCER (JPN)**, 123, c, 4, **Just a Way (Jpn)**--

Sexy Zamurai, by **Deputy Minister**. O-Yoshizawa Holdings; B-Mishima Bokujo; T-Koichi Tsunida; J-Yuga Kawada; ¥32,000,000. Lifetime Record: 17-7-4-0. *1/2 to Top Divo (Jpn) (King Kamehameha {Jpn}), SW-Jpn, \$1,245,538.

2--**Lord Golazo (Jpn)**, 123, h, 5, **Heart's Cry (Jpn)**--**Soccer Mom**, by Kingmambo. O-Lord Horse Club; B-K.I. Farm; ¥10,240,000.

3--**Daishin Indi (Jpn)**, 123, c, 4, **Gold Allure (Jpn)**--**Cats**, by Storm Cat. O-Nobuyuki Oyagi; B-Sato Farm; ¥5,760,000.

Margins: 2, 1, 2. Odds: 0.40, 2.80, 50.60.



IN QATAR:

Off He Goes, g, 6, **Casino Prince**--**Perfectly Stunning (NZ)**, by **Perfectly Ready**. Al Rayyan, 12-11, Hcp., 2200m, 2:20.48. B-P J Cranitch (Qld). *\$26,000 Ylg '16 MMMAR; \$55,000 RNA 2yo '16 MMOCT. **VIDEO**

IN MACAU:

Winter Typhoon, g, 4, **Canford Cliffs (Ire)**--**Cloudcatcher**, by **Catcher In The Rye (Ire)**. Taipa, 12-11, Hcp. (\$50k), 1050m (sand), 1:01.8. B-Blue Gum Farm Aust Pty Ltd (NSW). *1ST START IN MACAU. **\$30,000 RNA Ylg '18 INGVBS; \$80,000 2yo '18 INGRTR. **VIDEO**

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'SIXTY' SET TO CONFIRM STATUS AS HONG KONG'S 'GOLDEN' CHILD



Mile favorite Golden Sixty at trackwork Dec. 8 | HKJC photo

by Alan Carasso

History tells us that when one darling of the Hong Kong turf fades into the sunlight, almost invariably--though not to be taken for granted--another one appears.

Fairy King Prawn (Aus) was the marquee Hong Kong galloper at the turn of the century and it wasn't long after that Silent Witness (Aus) took the jurisdiction by storm, embarking on a 17-race winning streak that included back-to-back runnings of the G1 Hong Kong Sprint in 2003-2004.

A Derby win often paves the path to Hong Kong superstardom, and such was the case with the likes of Vengeance of Rain (NZ), Viva Pataca (GB) and Ambitious Dragon (NZ), while Hong Kong International Sale grad Good Ba Ba cemented his status as one of the greats with three consecutive victories in the G1 Hong Kong Mile.

Able Friend (Aus) became a fan favorite with his thrilling and irresistible late bursts, Rapper Dragon (Aus) was sadly lost before fully realizing his true greatness and Beauty Generation (NZ) was the undisputed king of the hill through the 2019, while Exultant (Ire) has proved an able understudy.

The proverbial baton is set to be passed on again this weekend, as **Golden Sixty (Aus)** (Medaglia d'Oro) looks to stretch his current winning streak to 11 and his lifetime mark to 14 from 15 as the banker of the Longines Hong Kong International Races meeting at Sha Tin Racecourse.

A 'Gaud'-y Purchase...

A \$60,000 Keeneland September acquisition, Gaudeamus won the 2006 G2 Debutante S. for trainer Jim Bolger, but was winless in four starts as a 3-year-old, including the G1 Irish 1000 Guineas and G1 Irish Oaks and was the first horse ever acquired by Sheamus Mills. He bought the filly on behalf of former Moonee Valley chairman Bob Scarborough and his wife Rosemary's Victoria-based Wood Nook Farm. Gaudeamus arrived in Australia in foal to Pivotal (GB) to Southern Hemisphere time and went on to produce five foals to race for Wood Nook, including Listed Tasmanian Derby third Igitur (Aus) (Helmet {Aus}).

The Scarboroughs offered Gaudeamus in foal to Medaglia d'Oro on a Nov. 4 cover date at the 2015 Magic Millions National Broodmare Sale. Then 11 years of age, Gaudeamus, whose second dam includes European champions Bosra Sham (Woodman) and her full-brother Hector Protector as well as G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains hero Shanghai (Procida), was hammered down to Josh Hutchins Bloodstock for A\$160,000. The mare produced a Queensland-bred bay colt Oct. 14, 2015, and a year and three months later when offered by the Hutchins family's Element Park agency at the Magic Millions Gold Coast sale, he fetched A\$120,000 from Sam Beatson's Riversley Park and Ben Foote's Enigma Farm, both New Zealand-based operations.

"He was a good-moving, athletic yearling with a great head and eye on him and looked like he would grow into a lovely 3-year-old and oozed class," Beatson recollected.

The colt was sent across the Tasman for the next part of his preparation.

A Fast Start For Riversley Park...

Sam Beatson was always destined for a career that included horses. A descendant of John Beatson, a successful amateur jockey and one of the founding members of the Hawke's Bay Jockey Club, his grandfather was George Beatson, a similarly successful amateur rider, owner/breeder and racing administrator. Sam Beatson got started in show jumping from an early age, representing his native country in India and Australia, before relocating to Cambridge, where he started a breaking-in and pre-training business. He initially operated as Beatson Stables before going out on his own at Riversley Park in 2015.

Hong Kong's 'Golden' Child cont.

The Medaglia d'Oro colt was the second most-expensive of five purchases made by Beatson and Foote at the Gold Coast sale nearly four years ago, and Beatson said the colt, who would ultimately be targeted at New Zealand Bloodstock's Ready To Run Sale in the springtime, grew up the right way over the ensuing 10 months.

"He developed along the path that I hoped he would," said Beatson. "He grew and strengthened and matured into the potential I saw in him early on."



Golden Sixty prior to the Magic Millions Gold Coast sale (top, Magic Millions photo) and ahead of the NZB Ready To Run sale NZB photo)

The Gaudeamus colt made an exceptionally racy impression during his under-tack preview, clocking :10.48 ([under-tack video](#)) for 200 metres, a time well above average for the sale.

"He moved across the ground well with a great galloping action, doing it all in a nice time," Beatson commented.

Consigned by Riversley Park to the RTR sale--also responsible for 2019 G1 Hong Kong Sprint hero Beat The Clock (Aus) (Hinchinbrook {Aus})--as lot 136 and by the sire of that year's G1 Golden Slipper hero Vancouver (Aus), the colt was ticketed for Hong Kong after trainer Francis Lui signed the winning ticket at NZ\$300,000.

"When I buy horses I try to identify horses that would be suited for Hong Kong, so I was confident that he would perform up there," Beatson said. And perform he has.

The Meteoric Rise of Golden Sixty...

Golden Sixty arrived in Hong Kong in October 2018 and his trackwork and trials were such that the betting public sent him away as the \$27 (17-10) favorite for a Class 4 over 1200 meters and he obliged with a decisive turn of foot that has since become his trademark ([video](#)) en route to a cheeky score Mar. 31, 2019. He would go on to add a pair of wins in Class 3 before a below-par 10th to close the season in July.

He hasn't lost since. Golden Sixty made the G3 Chinese Club Challenge H. his first success at Pattern level last Jan. 1, then joined the star-crossed Rapper Dragon (Aus) (Street Boss) as the only horses to sweep the 4-Year-Old Classics with a thrilling victory in the BMW Hong Kong Derby over the 2000 meters ([video](#)). Put away for the year instead of pressing on to either the G1 QE II Cup or the G1 Champions Mile, he has rattled off three straight this term, all at odds-on, including a facile defeat of Ka Ying Star (GB) (Cityscape {GB}) in the G2 Jockey Club Mile. Vincent Ho has been in the boot for each of his 14 starts.

Beatson believed from his sales prep that he had a quick horse on his hands. But was he one that could see out a classic trip?

"I knew he had a lot of speed so he would suit running a mile, but I was confident he would make the Derby distance in Hong Kong," he opined.

Beatson has been around a good horse or two in his career, having had a hand in the careers of horses like G1 Melbourne Cup hero Prince of Penzance (NZ), New Zealand Horse of the Year and six-time Australian Group 1 winner Dundeel (NZ) and Lucia Valentina (NZ), a treble top-level winner. He reckons that Golden Sixty can become the best of that bunch at the weekend.

"It's fantastic to be associated with Golden Sixty, we always thought he was special and for him to be doing what he is doing on the track just reiterates my thoughts of what a special horse he is," Beatson said. "I had very high expectations of him, you always dream of selling a horse of his caliber, so I hope he can carry on his great performances. To have bought, prepared and sold a horse that is competing in the Hong Kong international Mile is fantastic. But if he wins, it would be a huge result for Riversley Park."

LONGINES HONG KONG CUP

Purse: HK\$28 million (£2,719,596/€2,982,832/A\$4,816,012/US\$3,612,093)

Distance: 2000 metres

2019 champion: Win Bright (Jpn) (Stay Gold {Jpn})

THE PICK: Twelve months after Magic Wand (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) went down to a troubled and narrow runner-up effort at the hooves of **Win Bright (Jpn)**, the same connections' **Magical (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) takes her international roadshow to Sha Tin. Her four runs at or about this distance that have come over a sound surface this term stamp her as clearly the one to beat in the day's marquee event. Having defeated her peers in the G1 Pretty Polly S. at the Curragh in June, she thrashed future G1 Cox Plate winner Sir Dragonet (Ire) (Camelot {GB}) for a second consecutive G1 Tattersalls Gold Cup. Not disgraced when runner-up to an in-form Ghaiyyath (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}) in York's G1 Juddmonte International S. in August, she reversed form when outstaying the Godolphin runner to defend in the G1 Irish Champion S. Sept. 12. She likely found the ground too easy when third in the G1 QIPCO British Champion S. at Ascot Oct. 17 and she exits a second-place finish in the G1 Breeders' Cup Turf at Keeneland Nov. 7. "Magic Wand was a super mare, but Magical would, you would think, beat her," jockey Ryan Moore told the HKJC's Leo Schlink earlier in the week. "[Magical is] a slight step up on her. She would bring stronger form than Magic Wand would have done."



Magical | HKJC photo

THE CONTENDERS: Win Bright faces the starter for the final time before heading off to stud and seems to save his best for Sha Tin. The gray belied odds of 47-1 to best Exultant (Ire) (Teofilo {Ire}) in the 2019 G1 QE II Cup over this course and distance and was therefore a 22-5 gamble when taking out this race last December.

Seventh in search of a three-peat in the G2 Nakayama Kinen in March, he was a never-nearer 10th to Almond Eye (Jpn) (Lord Kanaloa {Jpn}) in the G1 Tenno Sho (Autumn) in his lone appearance since. His local trackwork has been good, but questions abound as to his readiness for this.

His compatriot **Danon Premium (Jpn)** (Deep Impact {Jpn}) would have hated the heavy going at Randwick, but was a creditable third to the soft-ground loving Addeybb (GB) (Pivotal {GB}) in the G1 Queen Elizabeth S. in April and he tired late when last seen in the Tenno Sho to be a good fourth. He should strip fitter and should be closest to likely pacesetter and 2017 Cup winner **Time Warp (GB)** (Archipenko). Japanese runners have won three of the last five Cups.

Furore (NZ) (Pierro {Aus}) was the somewhat surprising favorite in last year's Cup, but could do no better than fourth and running-on. Having since joined the Tony Cruz yard, the 2018 Hong Kong Derby hero enters this in career form, having gotten the better of Exultant in the G3 Sa Sa Ladies' Purse H. and G2 Jockey Club Cup in his last two outings.

THE ROUGHIE: In an eight-horse affair, the betting should be fairly tight, but **Skalleti (Fr)** (Kendargent {Fr}) is a horse that could be flying under the radar, pari-mutually speaking. Winner of 12 of his 16 career starts for upcoming trainer Jerome Reynier, the gray gelding proved a neck better than future G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe hero Sottsass (Fr) (Siyouni {Fr}) in the G3 Prix Gontaut-Biron - Hong Kong Jockey Club at Deauville Aug. 15 and he added a second G2 Qatar Prix Dollar under a letter-perfect ride from Maxime Guyon Oct. 3. A highly creditable second to Addeybb at Ascot last time, he has shown he can handle quicker conditions underfoot, his energy level this week has been remarkable and he'll sit a nice trip from gate four.

Video Past Performances – Cup

Date	Race	HKIR Runner
Apr. 11	G1 Queen Elizabeth S.	Danon Premium
Sept. 12	G1 Irish Champion S.	Magical
Oct. 3	G2 Qatar Prix Dollar	Skalleti
Oct. 17	G1 QIPCO British Champion S.	Skalleti/Magical
Nov. 1	G1 Tenno Sho (Autumn)	Danon Premium
Nov. 1	G3 Sa Sa Ladies' Purse H.	Furore/DWD
Nov. 7	G1 Breeders' Cup Turf	Magical
Nov. 22	G2 Jockey Club Cup	Furore/Time Warp

LONGINES HONG KONG MILE

Purse: HK\$25 million (£2,426,394/€2,662,282/A\$4,299,260/US\$3,225,227)

Distance: 1600 metres

2019 winner: Admire Mars (Jpn) (Daiwa Major {Jpn})



Golden Sixty winning the Jockey Club Mile last time | HKJC photo

THE PICK: In the space of the last 18 months, **Golden Sixty (Aus)** (Medaglia d’Oro) has become the pin-up horse of the Hong Kong racing scene. Having tasted defeat just that one time last season, he was impeccably prepared by Francis Lui and was ridden to perfection by homegrown jockey Vincent Ho to emulate the accomplishment of the late Rapper Dragon (Aus) (Street Boss) in sweeping the 4YO Classic Series, consisting of the Hong Kong Classic Mile, the Hong Kong Classic Cup (1800m) and the BMW Hong Kong Derby (2000m). Having displayed ample versatility in terms of trip, Lui had a decision to make this season—keep Golden Sixty at or around the mile or stretch him back out. The conditioner opted for the former and the 5-year-old has responded in kind with two victories when well off at the weights in group races at handicap level followed by a thoroughly dominating success in the G2 Jockey Club Mile last time Nov. 22, where he had pacesetting **Ka Ying Star (GB)** (Cityscape {GB}) and **Southern Legend (Aus)** (Not A Single Doubt {Aus}) in behind. The locals would seem to be at his mercy, but one raider in particular could trouble him.

THE CONTENDERS: That shipper would be **Admire Mars (Jpn)** (Daiwa Major {Jpn}), who caught the eye in the mornings training up to last year’s Mile, then came running late to deliver a 26-1 upset for his late owner Riichi Kondo. An intended runner in the G1 Dubai Turf last winter, the chestnut returned home when that meeting was canceled and resumed with a sixth to Japan’s top sprinter/miler Gran Alegria (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}) in the G1 Yasuda Kinen in June.

Only ninth in his Mile prep in 2019, Admire Mars enters his title defence off a strong third-place effort to Gran Alegria in the G1 Mile Championship S. Nov. 22, a race used as a springboard to Hong Kong Mile success by Eishin Preston in 2001, Hat Trick (Jpn) in 2005 and the irrepressible Maurice (Jpn) (Screen Hero {Jpn}) in 2015. Ryan Moore takes over from Christophe Soumillon.

Romanised (Ire) (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}) races in the familiar colours of Robert Ng, who campaigned 2000 Hong Kong Vase hero Daliapour (Ire) (Sadler’s Wells). The bay stallion is a dual Group 1 winner over 1600 metres, having won the 2018 G1 Irish 2000 Guineas and last year’s G1 Prix Jacques le Marois. Winner of the G2 Minstrel S. at the Curragh in July, he was fifth in the Marois, dropped one spot in the G1 Prix du Moulin and was a money-burning third in a prep over the Dundalk all-weather Nov. 16.

Beauty Generation (NZ) (Road to Rock {Aus}) is back for a fourth crack at the Mile, having won it in 2017 and 2018 before finishing third last year. Second to Golden Sixty in the G3 Celebration Cup H. (1400m) when giving away 17 pounds, the 8-year-old was fractionally disappointing when sixth to the choice in the Oct. 18 G2 Sha Tin Trophy H. Beauty Generation runs fresh for new trainer David Hayes.

Order of Australia (Ire) (Australia {GB}) was ticketed for a listed event on Breeders’ Cup weekend until the scratch of One Master (GB) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}) allowed him entry to the GI Mile. Question is: was that 73-1 upset a one-off or a harbinger of things to come?

THE ROUGHIE: Winning any race first-up for 7 1/2 months is a tough ask, nevermind a Group 1 test, but trainer John Size has proven equal to the task previously, sending out Glorious Days (Aus) (Hussonet) to win the 2013 Mile off a six-month break. **Waikuku (Ire)** (Harbour Watch {Ire}) ran on gamely to be beaten a half-length behind Admire Mars last year and earned a breakthrough top-level score in the G1 Stewards’ Cup next time, getting just the better of Beauty Generation. Waikuku has trained brilliantly and was very impressive in winning his most recent trial over the all-weather track at Sha Tin ([video](#)) Dec. 4.

Video Past Performances – Mile		
Date	Race	HKIR Runner
Dec. 8	2019 G1 Longines HK Mile	Admire Mars
June 7	G1 Yasuda Kinen	Admire Mars
July 18	G2 Minstrel S.	Romanised
Sept. 27	G3 Celebration Cup H.	Golden Sixty
Oct. 20	G2 Sha Tin Trophy H.	Golden Sixty
Nov. 22	G1 Mile Championship S.	Admire Mars
Nov. 22	G2 Jockey Club Mile	Golden Sixty

LONGINES HONG KONG SPRINT

Purse: HK\$22 million (£2,135,036/€2,341,961/A\$3,783,349/US\$2,838,187)

Distance: 1200 metres

2019 winner: Beat The Clock (Aus) (Hinchinbrook {Aus})

THE PICK: Sporting the lone full field among Sunday's four Group 1s, the Longines Hong Kong Sprint is--almost by definition--a wide-open affair. While The TAB Everest hero **Classique Legend (Aus)** (Not A Single Doubt {Aus}) is clearly the one they'll have to beat to cash (more below), what fun is it picking an even-money chance in a crowded field? The Sprint has been the domain of the locals since its inception, as just five foreign-based horses have been able to get home first. The most recent of those--and he did it back-to-back in 2012 and 2013--was Lord Kanaloa (Jpn), whose son **Danon Smash (Jpn)** is in with a puncher's chance this weekend, poor draw and all.



Danon Smash | HKJC photo

Eighth, beaten 2 1/2 lengths after hopping at the break last year, the 5-year-old has quietly put together a strong 2020 campaign in the always-tough Japanese sprint ranks. Winner of the G3 Ocean S. in March, the G2 Keio Hai Spring Cup in May and the G2 Centaur S. in September, Danon Smash may not have preferred the yielding ground when down the field in the G1 Takamatsunomiya Kinen in the springtime, while his other top-level try this year resulted in a runner-up effort to the wildly talented Gran Alegria in the Sprinters' S. Oct. 4. Ryan Moore takes the reins on Danon Smash, who is known to miss the kick in his races. There is very little room for error this weekend and he will need some luck from the riverside draw, but he can factor on his very best.

THE CONTENDERS: If he is ready off of what has been a fairly eventful couple of months, there is little doubt that the Sprint very much goes through Classique Legend. A half-brother to 2019 favourite Aethero (Aus) (Sebring {Aus}), the grey gelding came from second-last and out of a jackpot to take out the Sept. 19 The Shorts S. before finishing a no-cover second in the G2 Premiere S. Oct. 3. Favoured for the A\$15-million The TAB Everest last time, the gray got well back and was in traffic at the 400m, but found his way into the clear and rushed home to score as much the best. His lone trial since being exported was only fair, but a hit-out earlier this week suggests he's more on his game than not at the moment.

Hot King Prawn (Aus) (Denman {Aus}) is perhaps the best horse in training in Hong Kong without a Group 1 victory to his credit. Well-beaten when favoured in the 2018 Sprint, the likeable gray rounded out a John Size quinella behind Beat The Clock 12 months ago and improved in his last run to scoop the G2 Jockey Club Sprint, besting perfect-trip **Computer Patch (Aus)** (Exceed and Excel {Aus}) despite covering a ton of extra ground. The latter shows plenty of speed in his races and used that asset to best effect with a coast-to-coast defeat of the venerable **Jolly Banner (Aus)** (Lonhro {Aus}) in the G3 National Day Cup H. down the 1000-metre straight course Oct. 1. He was just touched off by **Wishful Thinker (Aus)** (I Am Invincible {Aus}) in the G2 Premier Bowl H. prior to his JC Sprint effort.

THE ROUGHIES: **Rattan (NZ)** (Savabeel {Aus}) looms an interesting rough candidate, not so much on a win line, but underneath on vertical tickets. The 7-year-old was 10th and not beaten far in this event 12 months ago and has rattled home in his two most recent runs to be third at long odds in both the Premier Bowl and JC Sprint, overcoming slow starts on each occasion. Godolphin's **Tower of London (Jpn)** (Raven's Pass) is the lone Group 1 winner in the field, having annexed the Sprinters' S. in 2019. He makes his first appearance since finishing eighth to Danon Smash in the Keio Hai Spring Cup. William Buick takes the ride.

Video Past Performances – Sprint		
Date	Race	HKIR Runner
Sept. 13	G2 Centaur S.	Danon Smash
Oct. 1	G3 National Day Cup H.	Computer Patch
Oct. 4	G1 Sprinters' S.	Danon Smash
Oct. 17	The TAB Everest	Classique Legend
Oct. 18	G2 Premier Bowl H.	Wishful Thinker
Nov. 22	G2 Jockey Club Sprint	Hot King Prawn

LONGINES HONG KONG VASE

Purse: HK\$20 million (£1,941,120/€2,129,056/A\$3,438,840/US\$2,580,090)

Distance: 2400 metres

2019 winner: Glory Vase (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn})

THE PICK: He isn't getting any younger and he hasn't managed to win either of his two preps this term, but **Exultant (Ire)** (Teofilo {Ire}) has every right to get back to his best in Sunday's G1 Longines Hong Kong Vase. Winner of the 2018 renewal and a pacesetter third from gate 14 last season, the reigning Horse of the Year returned as the 133-pound highweight in the G3 Sa Sa Ladies' Purse H. Nov. 1 and was run down late by Furore. Chasing the pace of Time Warp (GB) (Archipenko) in defence of his title in the G2 Jockey Club Cup over the same course and distance Nov. 22, he didn't find much when given a dig 200 metres out--a function of chasing an above-average tempo--and Furore parlayed a perfect trip into victory. The soon-to-be 7-year-old gets back to his preferred staying trip this weekend and should sit close to whatever pace there is before calling on his reserves late.

THE CONTENDERS: Mogul (GB) (Galileo {Ire}) represents the Aidan O'Brien stable responsible for two-time Vase winner Highland Reel (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) and can complete a productive season here. The full-brother to MG1SW Japan (GB) and GSW/MG1SP Secret Gesture (Ire) disappointed in his first two starts this season when fourth in the G2 King Edward VII S. at Royal Ascot and when sixth to stablemate Serpentine (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) in the G1 Investec Derby before bouncing back in the G3 Gordon S. at Goodwood July 30. Third in the G2 Great Voltigeur S. at York Aug. 19, he accounted for next-out G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe runner-up In Swoop (Ire) (Adlerflug {Ger}) in the G1 Grand Prix de Paris Sept. 13 and comes out of an even fifth in a slow-paced renewal of the GI Breeders' Cup Turf at Keeneland Nov. 7. He possesses the necessary class to take this, but the race shape is likely to work against him.

THE ROUGHIE: If the top two should falter, **Columbus County (NZ)** (Redwood {GB}) looks primed to take advantage. Ninth behind Golden Sixty in March's BMW Hong Kong Derby, the bay gelding closed the season on a positive note, winning a July 1 Class 2 handicap over 1800 metres with a big weight. With 132 pounds on his back for his seasonal comebacker at nine furlongs with an all-important ground-saving trip at Happy Valley Oct. 28, he romped to a 2 1/4-length success and ran home generously when third in the G2 Jockey Club Cup Nov. 22. *(Click the link below to share the entire HKIR Special Edition)*

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Date	Race	HKIR Runner
July 30	G3 Gordon S.	Mogul
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Sept. 20	G2 Premio Federico Tesio	Royal Julius
Oct. 28	Class 2 handicap	Columbus County
Nov. 1	G3 Sa Sa Ladies' Purse H.	Exultant
Nov. 22	G2 Jockey Club Cup	Exultant

LONGINES HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL RACES					
Winners By Country					
Country	Cup	Mile*	Sprint	Vase	Total
Hong Kong	11	15	16	3	45
Japan	6	4	2	3	15
France	3	1	0	10	14
Great Britain	3	2	0	7	12
Australia	1	3	2	0	6
Ireland	1	1	0	2	4
New Zealand	3	1	0	0	4
UAE	2	1	0	1	4
South Africa	1	0	1	0	2
USA	1	1	0	0	2
Singapore	1	0	0	0	1

*Includes the Hong Kong Invitational Bowl

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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

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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

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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

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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-Segenhoe 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)

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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)
06/10	G3 Prix de Raymond	CHY	Ebaljra	Distorted Humor
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