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by Chris McGrath

So this dismal year slinks under our resentful glare towards the back gate, like an uninvited guest who has wrecked a party by outrageous behavior. Soon, perhaps, there will be a cheerful ringing of the doorbell and we can welcome one to revive spirits around the world.

In the meantime, somehow, the Thoroughbred is managing to hold together the strands linking all our yesterdays and whatever tomorrow may bring. I've often remarked, during recent months, that horsemen will be well served by the patient perspectives they require even at the best of times. Continuity is not optional, when a horse needs feed or exercise. But we are also indebted to many people beyond the shedrow: for maintaining, more or less unbroken, a calendar of graded stakes and bloodstock auctions that will keep the breed functional. Admittedly a few fixed points of reference were unfixed, some unnecessarily. But just consider what continuity, in the annals, has meant for the final big juvenile race of the year.

It's pretty perplexing, on the face of it, that the Los Alamitos Derby should have lost its Grade I status last year. The two previous winners, Improbable (City Zip) and McKinzie (Street Sense), have in the meantime amply confirmed their elite stature.

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TOBA ANNOUNCES '21 U.S. GRADED/LISTED STAKES

The American Graded Stakes Committee of the Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association released its listing of U.S. graded and listed stakes races for 2021, the results of its annual grading session conducted Dec. 15-16. A single race, the Saratoga Derby Invitational S. at Saratoga, was upgraded to Grade I status for 2021. No races were downgraded from Grade I to Grade II for 2021.

The committee evaluated races conducted following the 2019 Breeders' Cup through Mar. 15 as normal, and races conducted after Mar. 15 were evaluated as normal, as well, but took in consideration any pandemic-related circumstances that may have affected, positively or negatively, the 2020 renewal.

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2020 in Photos: July 18. Authentic (Into Mischief) leads the field the first time by en route to victory in the GI TVG.com Haskell S. | Sarah Andrew

Q & A WITH EVERETT DOBSON

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TODAY'S GRADED STAKES

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Mastery (Candy Ride {Arg}) did so as emphatically as possible in his only subsequent start, and the other winners since the closure of Hollywood Park were Mor Spirit (Eskendereya) and Dortmund (Big Brown).

Winners in the last years at the original venue, on synthetics, included Shared Belief (Candy Ride {Arg}), Violence (Medaglia d'Oro), Lookin At Lucky (Smart Strike), Pioneerof The Nile (Empire Maker) and Into Mischief (Harlan's Holiday). And though the race was only inaugurated in 1981, the preceding roll of honor (on dirt) includes A.P. Indy (Seattle Slew), Real Quiet (Quiet American) (outstaying Artax {Marquetry}), Point Given (Thunder Gulch), Captain Steve (Fly So Free) and Best Pal (Habitony). Five Derby winners have been beaten in the race: Ferdinand (Nijinsky), Alysheba (Alydar), Thunder Gulch (Gulch), Giacomo (Holy Bull) and Gato Del Sol (Cougar II).

Then there are brilliant but tragic names, faded by time: the second running was won by Roving Boy (Olden Times), who broke down fatally on his return--in poignant symmetry with Landaluce (Seattle Slew), who had brought the female juvenile championship to California as well, before being struck down by colitis. Grand Canyon (Fappiano), meanwhile, melted the stopwatch at 1:33 in 1989 (race then still at a mile) only to be lost to laminitis the following year.

Fate dispenses its favors as randomly among horses as anywhere. But any who persist in discerning some latent coherence beneath events may wonder whether destiny has summoned Positivity (Paynter) into the gate for this year's race, in the week that we lost his venerable grandsire.

Had Awesome Again been born under the same malign star as Roving Boy or Grand Canyon, we would have been denied not only one of the best performances ever to miss a formal championship, in the GI Breeders' Cup Classic of 1998, but also a long stud career decorated by one of the very best racehorses of the modern era in Ghostzapper. As it was, he was able to retire into the cherishing hands of Old Friends, and can be mourned at 26 as one of the most important Thoroughbreds ever bred in Canada.

His own sire Deputy Minister, of course, was an Ontario-bred grandson of Canada's ultimate pride, Northern Dancer. As ever, we also need to credit Awesome Again's dam, especially as Primal Force (Blushing Groom {Fr}) subsequently produced

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champion juvenile Macho Uno (Holy Bull). (Incidentally, as Primal Force's sire was a grandson of Nasrullah, Awesome Again combined the two main highways from Nearco.) But it is as a son of Deputy Minister that I always had high hopes for Awesome Again.

Where lots of other people obsess about the putative interplay of sire-lines, I tend to view broodmare sires as a more reliable foothold for building a family. The phenomenon is easier to observe than explain, no doubt: as when the sires of those bluest of blue hens, Urban Sea (Miswaki) and Toussaud (El Gran Senor), both happen to be out of mares by Buckpasser. Anyhow, one way or another Deputy Minister has definitely recycled his own prowess as a broodmare sire.

As it happens, Touch Gold--from the same crop as Awesome Again--was out of a Buckpasser mare; so maybe his daughters, in turn, will produce useful broodmare sires in the likes of Commissioner (A.P. Indy) and Upstart (Flatter).

Awesome Again, for his part, is damsire of a young stallion with strong credentials in Accelerate (Lookin At Lucky). And all good breeders should definitely be interested in fillies by Keen Ice: his sire Curlin is out of a Deputy Minister mare, and his dam is by Awesome Again. (Moreover, Keen Ice's fourth dam is Chic Shirine (Mr. Prospector); while earnings of \$3.4 million across four seasons very much speak to that toughness we associate with Deputy Minister--not least in the case of Awesome Again, in his pomp at four and responsible for a many horses that thrived with maturity, like Game On Dude.)

And if Awesome Again's outstanding legacy is obviously a son, then Ghostzapper is himself already damsire of a Triple Crown winner. (Albeit Bravazo, another son of Awesome Again himself now starting at stud, tried his best to prevent that happening when getting closer to Justify (Scat Daddy) than did any other horse, closing to half a length in the GI Preakness S.)

It is through Paynter, however, that Awesome Again may have



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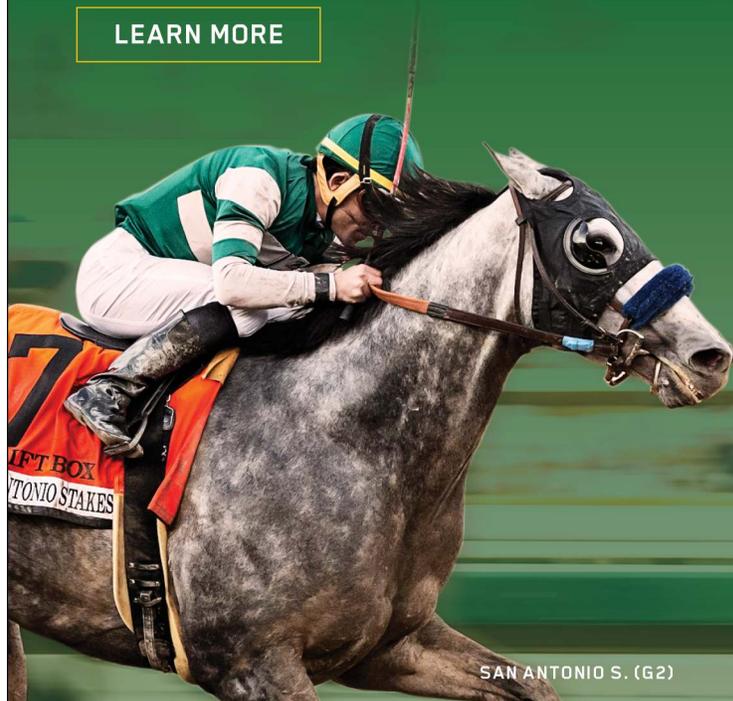
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a fitting memorial carved at Los Alamitos. Positivity could prove an important horse for Paynter, whose flagbearer Knicks Go put his name back in lights at the Breeders' Cup. This colt has so far been confined to Cal-bred sprints, but stretching out could elevate his form along with the company he keeps. After landing a maiden on debut in May, at just 4.5 furlongs, he graduated to win a 5.5 furlong stake before rallying after an all-the-way winner, the pair a street clear, in the Golden State S. over seven.

It's a blue-collar family, for sure, but Positivity's dam is by Ghostzapper's half-brother City Zip. That looks a pretty evocative formula for the carrying of speed.

Obviously, they changed the race conditions when Hollywood Park closed, and the small print now specifies that only Bob Baffert can win. Certainly the \$1-million yearling Spielberg (Union Rags) has been campaigned like one of the stars of his barn and he follows Red Flag (Tamarkuz) here after running flat on a quick turnaround in the GIII Bob Hope S. That was a breakout performance from Red Flag, however, after looking green winning his maiden on turf, and he is in the very best of hands.

It looks a short enough field, on paper, but then taking away those Grade I laurels can be self-fulfilling. All I know is that the gate will be usefully congested by the specters of those who have gone before, whether illustrious past winners (and losers) in this race; or the lamented grandsire of Positivity.

At least Awesome Again was able to complete his second career. Poor Tapizar was also lost this week, to an accident shortly before his departure for a fresh start in Japan. Actually he was out of a Deputy Minister mare, so may yet achieve some distaff influence even with his premature loss. (Everyone certainly looks forward to seeing what Monomoy Girl may achieve, in that regard, once finally retired.)



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So, let's celebrate the many good things bequeathed by Awesome Again; and, however his grandson gets on in his Futurity mission, let's accentuate the Positivity for 2021.

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'21 Graded/Listed Stakes cont. from p1



2020 Saratoga Derby | Sarah Andrew

The Committee reviewed 849 U.S. stakes races with a purse of at least \$75,000, assigning graded status to 445 of them, three fewer than were graded in 2020, and listed status to 193 races.

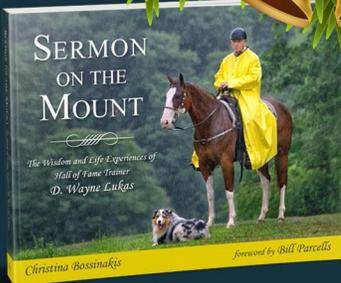
Three races were upgraded to Grade II status for 2021: the Red Smith S. at Aqueduct and Franklin-Simpson S. and Kentucky Turf Cup S. at Kentucky Downs.

Three races were downgraded from Grade II to Grade III in 2021: the Knickerbocker S. at Belmont Park and Palos Verdes S. and Las Virgenes S. at Santa Anita Park.

Four races were upgraded to Grade III status for 2021: the Gulfstream Park Turf Sprint S. at Gulfstream Park; Tourist Mile S. at Kentucky Downs; Caress S. and Saratoga Oaks Invitational S. at Saratoga.

Five races were downgraded from Grade III to listed status for 2021: the Discovery S. at Aqueduct; Palm Beach S. and Rampart S. at Gulfstream Park; Red Bank S. at Monmouth Park; and Senator Ken Maddy S. at Santa Anita Park.

A total of 12 races were upgraded to listed status for 2021: the CTT and TOC S. at Del Mar; Kentucky Downs Preview Ladies Turf S. and Kentucky Downs Preview Tourist Mile S. at Ellis Park; Pago Hop S. and Tom Benson Memorial S. at Fair Grounds; Dueling



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Grounds Oaks at Kentucky Downs; Oaklawn Mile S. and Oaklawn S. at Oaklawn Park; Desert Code S. at Santa Anita Park; Mahony S. at Saratoga; Suncoast S. at Tampa Bay Downs; and Kentucky Cup Classic S. at Turfway Park.

Five races were downgraded from listed to non-listed black-type status for 2021: Correction S. at Aqueduct; Delta Mile S. at Delta Downs; Azalea S. at Gulfstream Park; Dixie Belle S. at Oaklawn Park; and John Battaglia Memorial S. at Turfway Park.

The Arlington Classic S., Arlington Matron S. and Stars and Stripes S. at Arlington Park; the C.E.R.F. S., Daisycutter H., Osunitas S. and Wickerr S. at Del Mar; Skip Away S. at Gulfstream Park; Maxxam Gold Cup S. at Sam Houston Race Park; Lone Star Park H. at Lone Star Park; Iowa Distaff S. and Saylorville S. at Prairie Meadows; and Adoration S., Black Pearl S. and Midnight Lute S. at Santa Anita Park were not eligible for grading in 2021.

'21 Graded	Number	% Graded	%Eligible	Δ '20
Grade I	100	22.5%		+1
Grade II	135	30.3%		-
Grade III	210	47.2%		-4
All Graded	445		52.4%	
Listed	182		22.7%	
Listed (Restricted)	11		1.4%	
Non-Listed Eligible	211		24.9%	

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Q & A WITH EVERETT DOBSON, CHAIRMAN AMERICAN GRADED STAKES COMMITTEE

by Bill Finley



Everett Dobson | Fasig-Tipton

For the American Graded Stakes Committee, 2020 presented challenges unlike anything it has faced before as the pandemic played havoc with racing schedules and caused the cancellation of numerous stakes. *The TDN* sat down with the committee's chairman Everett Dobson to discuss the challenges, why it made the changes that it did for 2021 and what might in store for future years.

TDN: Take us through what the process entails when it comes to evaluating stakes races. What are the numbers that you crunch?

ED: We look at a tremendous amount of information. The Jockey Club puts together an enormous amount of what I call objective analytical data that we go through. There are a variety of data points. The objective information that we look at is on the TOBA website, if anyone wants to take a look at it. From that, you get a pretty good indicator of the relative strengths of a race. We look at it over a five-year period and look at the relative performances of the horses over what is now 15 divisions. We actually look at every single race. With some, we don't feel compelled to look too long. An example would be the Breeders' Cup Classic. It doesn't warrant much discussion when it comes to whether or not it should be a Grade I race. It's the same for the Kentucky Derby and a few other races.

TDN: In what was a very unusual year, there were several major stakes, for instance, the Arlington Million and the Pennsylvania Derby, that were not run. Did that throw a wrinkle into things and how did the committee deal with this set of circumstances?

ED: We had 69 graded stakes that weren't run in 2020. There were another 63 listed races that were on the calendar that weren't run. So, 132 total stakes races were not run. Yes, that threw a wrinkle into things. Despite that, we still went through the process and looked at those races. While 2020 was an exceptional year, we still had a fair amount of data for each of those individual races. We felt like we owed it to the tracks, those races, the owners, trainers, breeders and everyone involved to take a look at those races.

TDN: Because of the COVID-19 shutdowns, there was a period when some tracks were the "only game in town" and their stakes races were actually much stronger than normal. How did the committee deal with that issue?

ED: We had a separate call among the committee members a couple of weeks before the session actually started to discuss that very issue. How were we going to approach the process this year? We decided to be somewhat cautious about giving a race too much credit when it came to evaluating it off just the one year. We didn't want to significantly reward a race because of COVID or the impact of the COVID effect. In the United States, we have a committee that discusses and analyzes and debates the relative merits and strengths of a race. While we do have objective analytical data points, we ultimately use our collective wisdom to assign the grade of the race for the following year. We made a conscious decision to not overly penalize a race or reward a race if it was clear there was a COVID impact on that race.

TDN: There were few changes for 2021. Is there any particular reason why?

ED: There were undoubtedly fewer changes than normal, whether a race was promoted up or down. The answer is, that was the result of our decision to be cautious because of COVID. That resulted in fewer changes.

TDN: There were a handful of stakes this year, including Grade I events, where the quality of the fields was disappointing. Are there any races that are on the committee's radar that might be nearing the point where they are in jeopardy of being downgraded?

ED: The answer is yes. We actually meet no less than four or five

times a year in between the session where we assign the grades. In those meetings, we discuss a lot of what we are seeing in terms of trends within the races we will be asked to analyze. Those trends include things like a situation where certain geographic areas are seeing smaller fields in their stakes races. We will discuss and analyze whether something like that is having an impact on quality. Are races being impacted because of where they are positioned on the calendar opposite other races? We look at field size across the board. We've noted that field size in turf races has gone up. That has had some influence on the quality and strength of those fields. We look at the size of the foal crop. We've had a significant reduction in the size of the foal crop over the last 20 years. But interestingly enough, the size of the foal crop in Kentucky is actually pretty flat. We do an enormous amount of analytical research and have a tremendous amount of discussion about what we are seeing. We like to see the big picture.

TDN: In recent years, the committee has let it be known that it recognizes that the foal crop has gone down, that top horses race less frequently than they used to and, because of this, there is an overall need to downgrade races or take graded status away from some races. Have those adjustments now been made or is that still a work in progress?

ED: We see a little bit more stability in the foal crop, despite it being down. But there are still legitimate concerns about the foal crop as it relates to the strengths of the stakes over time. Yet, the rate of decline, if you will, has subsided quite a bit, particularly when you consider that the foal crop out of Kentucky is relatively flat over the last five or six years. In our minds, that bodes well for the relative quality. That's not to say that markets like Florida and California, where there has been significant reductions in the foal crops, aren't a concern. It is. But Kentucky is relatively stable, and that helps.

TDN: This year, there were some complaints from Kentucky Downs, which felt it had been treated unfairly by the committee. They must be happy since they had more races upgraded than any track. Could you address their situation and why these upgrades didn't happen sooner?

ED: In some cases, it was a matter of it taking a two-year renewal of a race for us to consider it for a grade. Why it hadn't happened sooner? I can't really answer that question without breaking down individual races, looking at the divisions and how a race stacks up against other races. Kentucky Downs, obviously, is a tremendous bright spot in our sport right now and we are thrilled at what they are doing. We certainly see the relative strength of turf racing in the U.S. improving. We are benefitting

across the board when it comes to turf racing with all the European horses coming to the U.S. to run, and some of those horses wound up running at Kentucky Downs. Overall, turf racing in the U.S. is doing very well and Kentucky Downs is a significant bright spot when it comes to that.

TDN: In the past, the committee had made it known that it might take a stand when it comes to Lasix. One possibility has been that stakes races run with Lasix will lose their grading. With so many tracks disallowing Lasix in their stakes for 2021, is the committee once again thinking of penalizing stakes where the medication is still allowed?

ED: I hate to say this, but this is a topic I cannot comment on...maybe for obvious reasons.

TDN: The committee members have a pretty thankless job and, at the end of the day, a lot of people are not happy with some of the decisions that it makes. What can you tell people so that they are more sympathetic when it comes to the challenges the committee faces?

ED: I'll go back to my opening comments. We have 11 dedicated people on the committee that are enormously knowledgeable about the sport, their heart is in the right place and they work really hard. It takes me a good week to prepare for the grading session. It takes a tremendous effort to be prepared to go into those sessions and be able to have a knowledgeable discussion about individual races. I think we do it the right way and analyze things the right way. In other countries around the world, they take a number and do their analysis based on something like speed ratings. They take the human element out of it. When you do that, how do you evaluate things like what happened in 2020? That's exactly where you need people with knowledge of the sport to come in, weigh in and make the right decisions. We have five racing secretaries on the committee that are spread around the country and represent different tracks. They leave their badge back at home. They work really hard when it comes to being fair and assigning the grades as they should be. Everybody works exceptionally hard to get to the right answer.

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LASIX-FREE RACING FOR 2021 STAKES RACES AT GULFSTREAM

The 2021 stakes races run at Gulfstream Park will be carded Lasix-free, effective Jan. 1, 1/ST RACING announced Friday.

The move to medication-free racing reflects the commitment made in April 2019 by 1/ST, along with other major racing organizations and associations, to eliminate Lasix in all stakes



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Stakes-winning daughter of Dixie Union in foal to Uncle Mo. Out of stakes winner Bedside Manner and a half-sister to Grade 2 winner Skyway.

HIP 400E JEN'S RULES

Street Sense mare in foal to Connect. Half-sister to stakes winner Foxy Danseur, dam of Grade 3 winner Ever So Clever, and from the family of Grade 3 winner In Conference.

HIP 400F TWITTERPATED

Full sister to Grade 1 winner Stormy Lucy cataloged as a broodmare prospect. Daughter of Stormy Atlantic is from the family of 2020 Grade 2 winner Big Runner and earlier Grade 3 winner Moonwalk.

HIP 800H '20 MENDELSSOHN- FORT AFLEET COLT

From the family of Grade 1 winner Bellamy Road and Grade 3 winner Calibrachoa.

HIP 800J MUCHO AMOR

Stakes-winning daughter of Mucho Macho Man consigned as a racing or broodmare prospect. Out of stakes-placed Raucous Lady, and from the family of stakes winners John the Magician and Charming Ruckus.

HIP 800K '20 CITY OF LIGHT- BANREE COLT

Out of Grade 3-placed mare and from the family of Grade 3 winners Gloryzapper and Her Royalty.

HIP 800L TWIRLING HEARTS

Daughter of Twirling Candy cataloged as a broodmare prospect, from the family of Grade 1 winner Leave Me Alone and Grade 2 winner Candy Boy.

HIP 1199A LANDESKOG

Winning, Grade 2-placed gelding by Munnings offered as a racing prospect.

HIP 1199B ANSWER IN

Winning, Grade 3-placed gelding by Dialed In offered as a racing prospect.

HIP 1199C DISCREET LOVER

Grade 1-winning millionaire by Repent cataloged as a stallion prospect. The winner of the 2018 Jockey Club Gold Cup (G1) is from the family of Grade 3 winner Desert Code.

HIP 1199D SABADOR (FR)

A winning Kendargent (FR) gelding.

HIP 1199E KILBARRY LADY

A winning daughter of Will Take Charge out of Russian Symbol (FR), a full sister to European highweight and Group 1 winner Esoterique (IRE). Offered as a racing or broodmare prospect.

HIP 1199F BOND STREET (IRE)

Winning son of Galileo (IRE) and full brother to Group 2 winner Armory (IRE). Sells as a racing or stallion prospect.

HIP 1199G ARGENTELLO (IRE)

Winning, stakes-placed gelding by Intello (GER) offered as a racing prospect.

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races in 2021 and is consistent with the International Federation of Horse Racing Authorities (IFHA) standards.

Gulfstream Park will be the first racetrack in Florida to move to medication-free racing. The medication-free format for stakes races will apply to the \$3-million GI Pegasus World Cup Invitational and the \$1-million GI Pegasus World Cup Turf Invitational set to take place Jan. 23 as well as the GI Florida Derby and GII Fountain of Youth S.

In 2020, the administration of race day Lasix was also banned for 2-year-old horses entered at any of 1/ST RACING's racetracks, including at California's Santa Anita Park and Golden Gate Fields and at Laurel Park and Pimlico Race Course in Maryland.

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LOS ALAMITOS OWNER THREATENS TO CLOSE TRACK *by Bill Finley*



Courtesy of Los Alamitos

Los Alamitos owner Dr. Ed Allred told the California Horse Racing Board (CHRB) Thursday that he plans on withdrawing his application to run Thoroughbred and nighttime Quarter Horse races in 2021. Allred said he would look to convert the Los Alamitos property to real estate.

Allred made the announcement after the CHRB voted to grant the track a six-month license instead of a license for a full year. The decision to give Los Alamitos what amounted to only an interim license was in response to the track having had an unusually high amount of fatalities this year. According to the *Los Angeles Times*, since Dec. 27, there have been 29 racing or training fatalities at Los Alamitos.

The move to grant Los Alamitos a six-month license was spearheaded by CHRB Vice Chairman Oscar Gonzales. Should the CHRB conclude that steps are taken to cut down on the fatalities

and that racing had been conducted without any serious problems, Los Alamitos would then be approved to run during the second half of the year.

Initially, the CHRB vote to give Los Alamitos the six-month license ended in a tie at 3-3. Commissioner Alex Solis did not take part in the virtual meeting. Two commissioners, Dennis Alfieri and Damascus Castellanos, reversed course and joined Gonzales. The dissenting vote came from CHRB Chairman Greg Ferraro who called issuing Los Alamitos a six-month license a "mistake" and lobbied for the one-year license.

Allred told the board that the track could not operate with only a six-month license because horsemen need to make plans for an entire year of racing.

"If you're going to do it only for six months, people can't make preparations and plans, going forward," Allred said, according to *The BloodHorse*. "This is devastating to Los Alamitos. It will become a real estate development. I don't want that to happen."

Gonzales replied: "If the kind of improvements continue, then racing continues at Los Alamitos, as will be the case at other racetracks. But I just don't feel that a racetrack that has not lived up to the expectations that we've set forth in reform--and a very serious-minded board--that we should allow for a carte blanche of racing dates without any conditions or stipulations."

Los Alamitos will ask the board to reconsider its decision.

"Los Alamitos will be requesting reconsideration of the action taken by the board and hopes that its request will be acted on in an expedited manner," said Los Alamitos Vice President Jack Liebau.

Though racing only a limited Thoroughbred schedule, Los Alamitos has become an important part of the Southern California circuit and its closure would have serious ramifications. It was slated to conduct a pair of two-week Thoroughbred meets in 2021 and provides stabling for hundreds of Thoroughbreds on a year-round basis.

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15 HORSES SUPPLEMENTED TO KEEJAN

A total of 15 horses have been supplemented to Keeneland's 2021 January Horses of All Ages Sale, Jan. 11-14. Keeneland will continue to accept approved supplements until the January Sale begins. For the complete list of supplements, visit www.keeneland.com.

Supplemented to Day 1 of Book 1:

- **Burning Brow (2, f, by War Front) (Hip 400C) -**



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Cataloged as a racing or broodmare prospect and consigned by Denali Stud, agent, she is out of Group 2 winner and Group 1-placed Laughing Lashes (Mr. Greeley). Her family includes Group 1 winner Palace Episode and Group 2/Grade II winners Duke of Hazzard and Tejano Run.

- **Ava K. (12, m, by Dixie Union) (Hip 400D)** - the stakes winner, in foal to Uncle Mo, is out of stakes winner Bedside Manner and is a half-sister to Grade II winner Skyway. She is consigned by St George Sales, agent.
- **Jen's Rules (4, f, by Street Sense) (Hip 400E)** - in foal to Connect. Consigned by Bluewater Sales, agent, she is a half-sister to stakes winner Foxy Danseur, dam of Grade III winner Ever So Clever, and from the family of Grade III winner In Conference.
- **Twitterpated (3, f, by Stormy Atlantic) (Hip 400F)**, a full-sister to Grade I winner Stormy Lucy. Consigned by South Point Sales, agency, and cataloged as a broodmare prospect, the filly is from the family of 2020 Grade II winner Big Runner and earlier Grade III winner Moonwalk.

Supplemented to Day 2 of Book 1:

- **2020 Colt by Mendelssohn (Hip 800H)** - from the family of Grade I winner Bellamy Road and Grade III winner Calibrachoa. Consigned by Warrendale Sales, agent, he is out of Fort Afleet, by Northern Afleet.
- **Mucho Amor (4, f, by Mucho Macho Man) (Hip 800J)** - Consigned by Eaton Sales, agent, as a racing or broodmare prospect, the stakes winner is out of

stakes-placed Raucous Lady (Rock Hard Ten), and from the family of stakes winners John the Magician and Charming Ruckus.

- **2020 Colt by City of Light (Hip 800K)** - out of Grade III-placed Banree (Macho Uno). Consigned by Eaton Sales, agent, he is from the family of Grade III winners Gloryzapper and Her Royalty.
- **Twirling Hearts (2, f, by Twirling Candy) (Hip 800L)** - cataloged as a broodmare prospect, she is consigned by Warrendale Sales, agent. From the family of Grade I winner Leave Me Alone and Grade II winner Candy Boy.

Each session of the January Sale will begin at 10 a.m. ET.

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KEENELAND JANUARY PROTOCOLS ANNOUNCED

Keeneland has released its health and safety protocols for the January Horses of All Ages Sale, which takes place Jan. 11-14. For the safety of all participants, the policies and procedures are very much consistent with those from the September and November sales. A few highlights:

Attendance at the January Sale will again be limited to credentialed sales participants. Please apply for a new credential in the Virtual Badge app. Your credential from the November Sale will not be valid for the January Sale.

COVID-19 testing will again be required for all consignors, veterinarians, farriers, media, Keeneland employees and essential staff. Keeneland will offer testing on-site Dec. 28 & 29 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Keene Barn & Entertainment Center. However, your test does not have to be taken at Keeneland.

Access to the Keeneland grounds will be restricted to those with January Sale credentials beginning Friday, Jan. 8 through Thursday, Jan. 14.

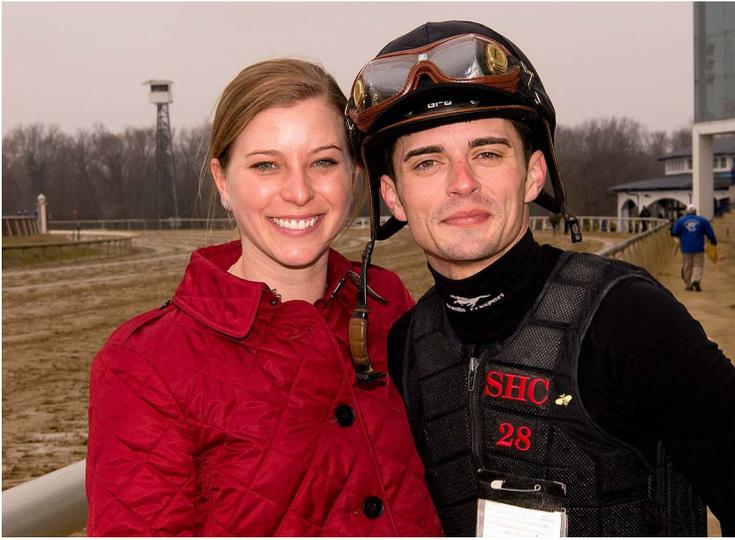
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AS LAUREL MEET WINDS DOWN, BRITTANY RUSSELL WINNING AT OVER 50%



Brittany & Sheldon Russell | MJC

by Bill Finley

Brittany Russell had every reason to expect that she was going to have a good run at Laurel when the current meet began Oct. 8. She is a high-percentage trainer and knew that several of her horses were sitting on winning races. But the 31-year-old, who has been on her own for less than three years, never could have expected what was about to unfold. No one could have.

Through Dec. 17, Russell has won 22 of her 42 starts at Laurel, putting her winning percentage at 52% for the meet. The Dec. 17 card was canceled due to a winter storm and she had no starters Dec. 18. While there are no known records for highest-winning percentage ever at a meet, it's conceivable that Russell could become the first ever trainer with a sizeable sample of starters to finish a meet at a major track above the 50% threshold.

"I was optimistic about this meet, but you never think you are going to win at 50%," Russell said. "We walk them over well-prepared. I will say that. The percentage at this point in time is, honestly, a bit crazy."

Russell is also on top of the Laurel trainer standings by one win over Claudio Gonzalez. She has started 42 horses at the meet to Gonzalez's 110.

Before going out on her own, she got a good education that prepared her for what has been nothing less than a meteoric rise to the top of the Maryland standings. She spent time working for Ron Moquett, Jimmy Jerkens and, most significantly, Brad Cox. Known as Brittany Trimble before her marriage to Maryland jockey Sheldon Russell, she was an assistant to Cox for more than three years, learning from a trainer who is also known for his high-winning percentage.

"Working for Brad Cox was a great job," she said. "He was the

reason I went out on my own. He left me alone as an assistant and he taught me a lot. Brad is such a good horseman. He made me want to give this a try."

She had worked primarily in New York for Cox, but decided to call Maryland home when starting her training career. The decision was an easy one because her then fiancé was among the top riders on the circuit. Like his wife, he is having a standout meet. With 42 wins, he is the leading rider at the meet.

Russell wasted no time getting started. She won her first ever race, capturing a maiden special weight event with Oh My (Medaglia d'Oro) Feb. 25, 2018 at Laurel. She only had 11 winners in 2018, but her winning rate was 24%. She had a similar year in 2019, winning 17 races from 66 starters, good for 26%. Those are the sort of percentages that owners notice.

"You win some races and then somebody else might give you a call," she said. "That's how it has worked for me. People show interest when they see you are having success."

With 11 winners, she tied for ninth place in the standings at the Laurel meet that concluded Sept. 19 of that year, but was steadily building up her stable. She is up to 40 horses and her clients include high-profile owners like Mike Dubb, Sol Kumin, Robert LaPenta, Ten Strike Racing, Chuck Zacney and Hillwood Stables. She said that bloodstock agent Liz Crow has been instrumental in helping her get owners.

Russell won with her first starter at this meet and kept on going, winning with five of her first 10 starters and nine of her first 14. Her longest losing streak at the meet has been four.

"To have that kind of winning percentage, you have to be lucky," she said. "It's just that a lot of our horses were ready to fire at the right time."

But a meet like the one she has had comes with a price. In horse racing, jealousy and finger pointing are never far behind when someone is having the kind of meet Russell is. That she is female, young and has been on her own for such a short period of time, only fuels the critics and skeptics.

"You just try to ignore that stuff and focus on what's important," she said. "We work hard. I have a really good team behind me and my husband is a big part of that. He is a rock and, naturally, rides a lot of our horses. We work really hard. This just didn't fall into our lap. People will say she gets all the good horses and the good owners. Well, you have to work hard to get those things."

With all the recent success, Russell is contemplating her next steps. For the first time, she has a division at Gulfstream, where she has yet to win a race from four starters. She said she has no intention of leaving Maryland, but said she would like to branch out and have a second division in a place like New York.

"I sent a few turf horses to Gulfstream this year," she said. "It's tough to break into a place like that. We are trying. You kind of have to do it. You have to get your feet wet and take a swing at

something like that. It might be tough for a little while, but we will keep plugging along."

She said another goal is to win her first graded stakes. She's won five stakes in her career, four of them with the Maryland-bred star Hello Beautiful (Golden Lad).

Russell knows she can't count on winning with 50% of her starters forever and that even the slightest slump could drop her below that mark. But she's got a pretty good idea of which horses she will be starting the remainder of the year and is confident that she isn't done winning. Nor has she stopped dreaming of even bigger and better accomplishments.

"Of course, I would love to have better horses," she said. "I wouldn't mind having another string somewhere where there's a bit of a higher profile. I just hope we are still on the rise. I would love two years from now to look back and be able to say that we had a good 2020, but look at what we are doing now."

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chestnut was fourth last time in the Bob Hope. His trainer Bob Baffert has won the last six straight renewals of this event and took home the Los Al Futurity trophy 12 times total.

Weston (Hit It a Bomb) opened his account with a pair of victories, including the GII Best Pal S. Aug. 8. The gelding was third in the Del Mar Futurity and fifth in the Bob Hope. He also navigates a route of ground for the first time here.

Richard Mandella saddled leading sire Into Mischief to a win in this event when it was a Grade I and known as the CashCall Futurity S. back in 2007. The Hall of Famer saddles one of that stallion's sons in this year's renewal in Bass Stables homebred **Petruchio**. Third in his first two starts at Del Mar Aug. 1 and Aug. 29, respectively, the bay missed by a neck going a mile on the lawn in Arcadia Oct. 4 and broke through going that distance on the Del Mar sod Oct. 31.

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RED FLAG TOPS LOS AL FUTURITY



Red Flag | Benoit

Red Flag (Tamarkuz), last seen romping in the GIII Bob Hope S. Nov. 15, headlines Saturday's GII Los Alamitos Futurity S. Off the board in his main track debut Sept. 6, the chestnut graduated in a turf sprint at Santa Anita Oct. 10 and romped by 7 1/4 lengths in Del Mar's seven-panel Bob Hope S. back on dirt, earning an 81 Beyer Speed Figure. This will be his first try around two turns.

The only horse in the field to run a faster number is **Spielberg** (Union Rags), who earned an 83 Beyer when graduating two starts back going a mile at Del Mar Nov. 1. Second to Dr. Schivel (Violence) in his first two attempts, including the Sept. 7 GI Del Mar Futurity, the \$1-million KEESEP buy was third as the favorite in the 1 1/16-mile GI American Pharoah S. at Santa Anita Sept. 26. Breaking his maiden going a mile in SoCal Nov. 1, the

CIGAR MILE SCRATCHES RESURFACE IN MR. PROSPECTOR

Grade I winners **Firenze Fire** (Poseidon's Warrior) and **Mind Control** (Stay Thirsty) were both scratched from GI Cigar Mile Dec. 5 after heavy rains soaked the Aqueduct main track and will instead start in Saturday's GIII Mr. Prospector S. at Gulfstream.

A Grade I winner at two, Firenze Fire won several graded stakes during his tenure for Jason Servis and was transferred to Kelly Breen after the former was federally indicted and removed from the racetrack. Fourth in the slop in the GI Carter H. in his first start for his new conditioner June 6, the homebred won the GII True North S. June 27 and was fourth in Saratoga's GI Alfred G. Vanderbilt H. July 25. Failing to fire when 11th in a sloppy renewal of that venue's GI Forego S. Aug. 29, the bay captured



Firenze Fire | Sarah Andrew



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Belmont's GI Vosburgh Invitational S. Sept. 26 and was third in the GI Breeders' Cup Sprint S. at Keeneland Nov. 7.

"Whitmore was able to get through [in the Breeders' Cup]," owner Ron Lombardi said. "We were just behind him, but it closed up on us and we couldn't get there. He ran a great race. He always does. He tries all the time. The slop is obviously difficult for him. That's what led to the decision to skip the Cigar Mile and ship him to Florida."

After closing 2019 with his second Grade I win in the H. Allen Jerkens Memorial S., Mind Control kicked off 2020 with a pair of victories at Aqueduct in the GIII Toboggan S. Jan. 18 and the GIII Tom Fool H. Mar. 7. With racing shut down due to COVID-19, he was next seen in the Vanderbilt, where he finished third, and was eighth in the Forego. Third when given a big class break in Monmouth's Mr. Prospector S. Sept. 12, the homebred could only manage ninth behind the re-opposing **Sleepy Eyes Todd** (Paddy O'Prado) last time in Keeneland's Lafayette S. Nov. 7.

"It's been a little bit of a hard luck year," said trainer Greg Sacco. "He started out the year super and then COVID hit. The Carter got pushed back and he hit the slop and he hates the slop. We ran him back in the Vanderbilt and he ran super. We were back on track and we hit the slop again. We brought him back to Monmouth to give him an easier race to give him a confidence booster. He got a rough trip that day and got checked back on the backstretch. The race at Keeneland, a horse gave way right in front of him and Johnny [Velazquez] had to snatch him up. We've been sort of a victim of circumstances this year."

The versatile **Diamond Oops** (Lookin At Lucky) will look to defend his title in this race. Fourth in the GI Pegasus World Cup Invitational S. Jan. 25, the gelding was subsequently shelved and resurfaced in a local handicap, finishing second June 13. Back to winning ways in the GII Twin Spires Turf Sprint S. at Churchill Sept. 4, the bay followed suit with a win in Keeneland's GII Phoenix S. back on dirt Oct. 2 and was sixth in the BC Sprint there.

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WEISBORD TO BE RELEASED FROM HOSPITAL AFTER SUCCESSFUL BRAIN SURGERY

Bradley Weisbord is expected to be released from Weill-Cornell Medical Center in New York City Saturday, Dec. 19, after a successful six-hour surgery Tuesday to remove a benign cavernous malformation symptomatic hemorrhage in the left temporal lobe of his brain, according to his father, Barry Weisbord.

"The surgery went well, but it was difficult and complex," said



Partners Liz Crow and Bradley Weisbord | Keeneland photo

Barry Weisbord. "Brad will recover for six to eight weeks before returning to work in February."

The surgery was performed by Dr. Philip Stieg, who has been the Neurosurgeon-in-Chief at New York Presbyterian/Weill-Cornell for 20 years.

Weisbord had sent a letter to friends and clients informing them of the impending surgery last Saturday, in which he explained the reasons for the procedure.

"As many of you know, in September of 2018, I was diagnosed with a cavernous malformation; a lesion in the brain that had hemorrhaged," he wrote in the letter last week. "At that time, this caused the symptoms of severe headaches, speech issues and short-term recall issues. After a few surgical opinions deeming the surgery too risky for one bleed, and the odds that it was unlikely to bleed again [in the short term], I was able to recover to what I feel was 100% in a few months."

But Weisbord, who suffered a severe bout of COVID-19 at the beginning of the outbreak in America, began feeling symptoms again this fall, he wrote.

"Unfortunately, after my rough bout with COVID-19 in March of this year, an MRI showed a second minor bleed. My neurologist thought this was due to COVID, and we continued to watch it. Most recently, beginning in late October, I have been in a tremendous amount of daily head pain. I waited until our work was done in Kentucky and got a scan as soon as I returned home to New York City in November. The MRI revealed the third, and biggest bleed to date, and we have all decided it's time to try to safely remove the lesion as the malformation is now growing, considered a chronic bleeder, that if not addressed could lead to deficits down the road."

The news came after this year's Fasig-Tipton November Sale, where Weisbord and his partner, Liz Crow, sold the sales topper Monomoy Girl for \$9.5 million, a record for a racing or broodmare prospect, among five seven-figure mares.

"Brad got through the sale, albeit in a lot of pain, which he hid well," said his father. "As such, his doctors felt it was time to remove the lesion, as it was causing severe headaches and hemorrhage and could have become a more serious problem."

Stieg performed what is known as an awake craniotomy, a procedure performed while the patient is awake and alert. During the procedure, the surgical team, led by Dr. Babacar Cisse, a neurosurgical expert in brain mapping, and Dr. Heider Alexander Bender, performed cortical mapping to identify the vital areas called the "eloquent brain" that controls speech and movement which surrounded the lesion, approximately the size of a raspberry.

"We all are so grateful to the doctors and feel so fortunate to have found this incredible group of surgeons that will allow him to make a full recovery," said Barry Weisbord. "The team at BSW/Crow Bloodstock and Elite Sales, including Liz, Katelyn Jackson and Jake Memolo, have been fully prepared to run the business and their upcoming consignment at Keeneland January while he continues to recover. We expect to see him back at full strength and at the races and sales by February."

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OHIO HBPA SUES BELTERRA TO RECOUP \$2.7M IN 'DEPRIVED' VLT MONEY

by T.D. Thornton

The Ohio Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association (OHBPA) filed a federal lawsuit against Belterra Park's present and former owners Dec. 18 seeking more than \$2.7 in gaming revenues that the OHBPA is claiming the track wrongfully withheld between 2014 and 2018.

"This action arises from Defendants' failure to pay the OHBPA its share of net-win video lottery terminal [VLT] commission from Belterra Park," states the complaint filed Friday morning in United States District Court for the Southern District of Ohio (Eastern Division). "The OHBPA has been deprived of these funds, which go directly toward the benefit of horse breeding and horse racing in Ohio."

According to the complaint, when VLT gaming was first legalized by Ohio in 2009, the state authorized racinos to retain 66.5% of revenues, with "between 9% and 11%" of those net-win proceeds to then be paid to Thoroughbred and Standardbred entities.

Those percentages were set five years before any actual VLT gaming happened at Belterra, and in 2012 the state authorized the Ohio State Racing Commission to set the actual rate that would go to purses, based upon that 9-11% range. But until a new, firm rate got set, 9% was to be used as the placeholder to determine purse proceeds.



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"At all relevant times, the OHBPA and Belterra Park each understood that, pursuant to the statute, the actual percentage rate was to be set at some future time, and that Belterra Park would need to make a 'true-up' payment to the OHBPA for any difference between the 9% placeholder rate and a statutorily-set rate that was greater than 9%," the suit contends.

Beltterra didn't open for VLT gaming until May 1, 2014, largely because the former track known as River Downs was undergoing a substantial renovation to rebrand the property as Belterra Park Gaming & Entertainment Center. The capital expenditures for that project were to be a factor in determining the new calculation rate for purse money, but the suit alleges Belterra stalled and tried to overstate the costs it incurred fixing up the property.

The complaint continues, "Upon information and belief, the delay in setting the statutory rate was due to Belterra Park's years-long delay in providing to the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission a submission of reasonable capital expenditures incurred, such capital expenditures being the basis for the setting of the percentage rate."

"Beltterra's submissions were unrealistic and overly aggressive attempts to persuade the authorities that it was entitled to a lower statutory rate; this caused delays in the determination by the Racing Commission," the complaint alleges. "The OHBPA had no access to Belterra Park's records of purported capital expenditures, and no way to expedite the rate-setting process."

Eventually, on June 27, 2018, the racing commission set the percentage of Belterra Park's net-win VLT commission that it owed to the OHBPA at 9.95% (both retroactively and moving forward, according to the suit).

And four days after that rate was established, the OHBPA did, in fact, begin receiving its full 9.95% from Belterra.

But the bone of contention has to do with retroactivity: The

OHBPA is arguing that Belterra never made good on the four-year difference between the placeholder rate and the revised rate, which it claims totals \$2,769,652.

"The OHBPA has demanded the difference between the 9% placeholder rate and the 9.95% rate set pursuant to the statute in its negotiations with Belterra at various times since May 1, 2014, by, for example, proposing alternative methods of receiving the earmarked funds," the suit contends. "Indeed, the Racing Commission itself has acknowledged that the true-up payment from Belterra Park is due and has asked the OHBPA if it would accept installment payments on the past-due amount."

"The OHBPA has a right to possess the Converted Funds, which are identifiable and traceable, yet Defendants continue to withhold the Converted Funds from the OHBPA," the complaint asserts.

In addition, the OHBPA is asking the court to make Belterra and the other defendants pay \$25,000 in damages, plus pre- and post-judgment interest and the OHBPA's attorney fees and court costs.

Belterra Park itself is named as a defendant, as is the racino's current owner/operator, Boyd Gaming Corporation.

David Strow, Boyd's vice president of corporate communications, answered a request for comment from *TDN* by emailing that it is company policy not to discuss pending litigation.

Pinnacle Entertainment, Inc., (which, according to the suit, owned Belterra between 2011 and 2018) and Penn National Gaming, Inc. (which, according to the suit, briefly had an ownership interest in Belterra in 2018), are also listed as defendants.

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CALIFORNIA OWNERS' PER-START FEE TO INCREASE BY 10% JAN. 1

Stemming from the challenges arising from the COVID-19 pandemic, which forced the reduction of live racing, and California's statewide increases in workers compensation costs, Post Time Self Insurance will institute a 10% increase, paid by both owners and trainers, to offset the shortages of the horse industry's workers compensation program covering jockeys and backstretch workers. California owners and trainers fund the majority of program costs via per-stall charges from trainers and race per-start fees from owners. The owners' per-start fee will

be raised from \$149 to \$162, effective Jan. 1, 2021. The per-start fee will continue to be automatically deducted from the owner's paymaster account every time they start a horse.

To help offset increased workers' compensation per-start increases and provide additional financial support to California owners, the Thoroughbred Owners of California authorized an increase in the Guaranteed Participation Purses earlier this year from \$351 to \$500 per start in Southern California and from \$300 to \$450 in Northern California. Guaranteed participation purses are paid to owners of horses that fail to finish in the top five spots. Horses finishing sixth and beyond (and to fifth place finishers when their share of purse money is less than the corresponding Guaranteed Participation Purse) are paid \$500 per start in Southern California and \$450 per start Northern California.

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MIDLANTIC STALLION REDEEMED RELOCATED TO TEXAS

Century Acres Farm, located near Hempstead, Texas, will stand **Redeemed** (Include--Early Mass, by Pleasant Tap) for the 2021 season. The multiple graded stakes winner previously stood at Northview Stallion Station in Maryland.

Winner of the GII Brooklyn H. and GIII Greenwood Cup S. at four, as well as the GIII Discovery H. at three, Redeemed won five black-type events overall and placed in another three, including the 2012 GI Donn H. Racing in the colors of Jay Em Ess Stable for conditioner Richard Dutrow, Jr., he retired after the 2012 season with a record of 13-8-2-2 and earnings of \$832,140.

Among the top 40 fifth-crop sires cumulatively, Redeemed has sired the earners of over \$3.5 million from just 105 foals of racing age. His five stakes horses include Godlovesasinner, who placed in the recent Maryland Million Turf Sprint H.

As property of Teo Mallet, Redeemed's fee at Century Acres will be \$2,000.

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WOODBINE ENTERTAINMENT GIVES BACK TO BACKSTRETCH COMMUNITY

Woodbine Entertainment has announced a trio of initiatives designed to support the 130 people living on the backstretch at Woodbine Racetrack during the winter months.

Woodbine has partnered with the Horses First Fund, which will sponsor a nutritious, hot meal each week. The program will start Wednesday, Dec. 23. The Horses First Fund assists Thoroughbreds and their caretakers in need of emergency aid due to large scale neglect, natural disaster, or other catastrophes.

Horses First Fund founder Jaime Roth of LNJ Foxwoods said, "I was especially moved by the misfortune caused by the pandemic on the Woodbine backstretch workers. Throughout this challenging year, the Horses First Fund has provided emergency funding to seven aftercare organizations, four backstretch organizations, and contributed to two equine feed assistance programs."

The Horses First Fund is administered by the Thoroughbred Charities of America.

Additionally, Woodbine has reduced the rent for those living on the backstretch by 50%.

In addition to its regular annual donation, Woodbine will make a \$4,000 donation to the Race Track Chaplaincy of Canada to help ensure proper resources, programming and support for those remaining on the Woodbine Racetrack backstretch throughout the winter.

"This year has been tremendously difficult for so many people, including those that contribute to our world-class racing at Woodbine Racetrack," said Jim Lawson, CEO, Woodbine Entertainment. "We know that due to circumstances beyond their control, many are unable to be with their friends and family this winter. I would like to thank our partners the Horses First Fund and the Race Track Chaplaincy of Canada, whom together with us will help ensure that everyone here at Woodbine has the support they need this holiday season and beyond."

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BLENDED CITIZEN TO OKLAHOMA

Blended Citizen (Proud Citizen--Langara Lass, by Langfuhr), a three-time graded stakes winner, has been purchased by DMW Racing Stables and will enter stud in Oklahoma for the 2021 breeding season. Mike Recio brokered the transaction on the 5-year-old on behalf of owners Sayjay Racing, LLC, Greg Hall and Brooke Hubbard.

Blended Citizen's resume includes wins in the 2018 GIII Peter Pan S. and GIII Jeff Ruby Steaks and also a win in this year's GIII Louisiana S. via disqualification. He retires with a record of 22-5-1-2 and earnings of \$558,230.

"Blended Citizen was an incredibly talented and versatile individual," Hubbard said. "He showed tremendous ability to win on three different surfaces and to win graded stakes races on both dirt and synthetic against some of the top horses of his generation. We are excited about his future and to his first-crop of foals in 2022."

Bred by Ray Hanson, Blended Citizen is out of the multiple stakes-winning Langfuhr mare Langara Lass. The \$85,000 OBS March graduate is a half-brother to the stakes-winning millionaire Lookin At Lee (Lookin At Lucky), runner-up in the 2017 GI Kentucky Derby.

"We could not be more pleased to acquire an exceptional horse like Blended Citizen," said Matt Wilkett of DMW Racing Stables. "We think a horse with his depth of pedigree, paired with his ability to win as a 2-year-old and at the graded stakes level at three, makes him an attractive horse for breeders in Oklahoma at the southwest region."

Blended Citizen will stand for an introductory rate of \$2,000 at Collett Equine Veterinary Service.

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9	Emotion Orpen (Arg)	Orpen	Fernandes	Dassie	132
10	Quiet Man (Arg)	Campanologist	Pereyra	Blanco	131
11	Tetaze (Arg)	Equal Stripes (Arg)	Calventa	Pellegatta	131
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1	Unbridled's Song <i>(1993) by Unbridled Crops: 18</i>	19	43	12	23	3	9	699	283	6,447,191	25,086,148
				<i>Stands: Taylor Made Stallions USA (Dead/Ret)</i>						<i>Contrail (JPN)</i>	
2	Distorted Humor <i>(1993) by Forty Niner Crops: 15</i>	13	35	5	11	3	4	539	246	5,930,205	22,166,737
				<i>Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$50,000</i>						<i>Golden Sixty (AUS)</i>	
3	Giant's Causeway <i>(1997) by Storm Cat Crops: 13</i>	21	46	10	21	3	6	790	326	3,162,000	21,296,723
				<i>Stands: Ashford Stud USA (Dead/Ret)</i>						<i>Mucho Gusto</i>	
4	Tapit <i>(2001) by Pulpit Crops: 9</i>	14	29	7	17	3	7	397	162	4,227,051	15,945,351
				<i>Stands: Gainesway Farm KY Fee: \$200,000</i>						<i>Gran Alegria (JPN)</i>	
5	A.P. Indy <i>(1989) by Seattle Slew Crops: 21</i>	20	36	9	16	3	7	524	220	1,810,000	14,760,976
				<i>Stands: Lane's End Farm USA (Dead/Ret)</i>						<i>Improbable</i>	
6	Street Cry (Ire) <i>(1998) by Machiavellian Crops: 12</i>	16	31	10	23	3	8	458	199	520,900	12,237,380
				<i>Stands: Darley USA (Dead/Ret)</i>						<i>Domestic Spending (GB)</i>	
7	Bernardini <i>(2003) by A.P. Indy Crops: 7</i>	15	25	8	17	3	6	330	149	713,533	9,723,994
				<i>Stands: Darley KY Fee: \$40,000</i>						<i>Serengeti Empress</i>	
8	Mr. Greeley <i>(1992) by Gone West Crops: 18</i>	8	23	3	6	2	3	487	188	7,170,000	17,518,800
				<i>Stands: Gainesway Farm USA (Dead/Ret)</i>						<i>Authentic</i>	
9	Tiznow <i>(1997) by Cee's Tizzy Crops: 13</i>	13	35	6	13	2	3	455	188	2,388,300	12,624,822
				<i>Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$40,000</i>						<i>Tiz the Law</i>	
10	Hard Spun <i>(2004) by Danzig Crops: 6</i>	6	16	6	8	2	2	211	94	3,642,459	8,565,956
				<i>Stands: Darley KY Fee: \$40,000</i>						<i>Danon Smash (JPN)</i>	
11	Belong to Me <i>(1989) by Danzig Crops: 20</i>	5	8	3	4	2	3	164	61	1,505,909	5,762,943
				<i>Stands: Lane's End Farm USA (Dead/Ret)</i>						<i>Mozu Superflare</i>	
12	Smarty Jones <i>(2001) by Elusive Quality Crops: 10</i>	2	8	2	3	2	2	135	48	702,427	3,013,377
				<i>Stands: Equistar Farm PA Fee: \$3,500</i>						<i>Fierce Impact (JPN)</i>	
13	Smart Strike <i>(1992) by Mr. Prospector Crops: 18</i>	10	29	3	15	1	2	569	243	624,943	13,732,687
				<i>Stands: Lane's End Farm USA (Dead/Ret)</i>						<i>Ivar (BRZ)</i>	
14	Elusive Quality <i>(1993) by Gone West Crops: 15</i>	10	28	3	12	1	3	542	215	1,335,144	12,695,795
				<i>Stands: Jonabell Farm USA (Dead/Ret)</i>						<i>Essential Quality</i>	
15	Kingmambo <i>(1990) by Mr. Prospector Crops: 20</i>	11	24	7	16	1	6	363	145	1,686,793	12,178,339
				<i>Stands: Lane's End Farm USA (Dead/Ret)</i>						<i>Addeybb (IRE)</i>	

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Saturday, Los Alamitos, post time: 4:28 p.m. EST

LOS ALAMITOS FUTURITY-GII, \$200,000, 2yo, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	ML
1	Red Flag 🌿	Tamarkuz	Moss, Jerome S. and Moss, Tina	Shirreffs	Espinoza	1-1
2	Petruchio	Into Mischief	Bass II, Perry R. and Bass, Ramona S.	Mandella	Smith	4-1
3	The Great One	Nyquist	ERJ Racing, LLC, Train Wreck AI Racing Stables, Brennan, Niall, J., Fritz, Tom and Strauss, William	O'Neill	Cedillo	15-1
4	Weston 🌿	Hit It a Bomb	Drakos, Chris and Hanson, Ryan	Hanson	Baze	10-1
5	Positivity	Paynter	Charles, Annie & Justyn Winner	Gallagher	Van Dyke	8-1
6	Spielberg 🌿	Union Rags	SF Racing, Starlight Racing, Madaket Stables, Golconda Stables, Siena Farm & Masterson, Robert	Baffert	Prat	5-2

Breeders: 1-Elaine Macpherson, 2-Bass Stables, LLC, 3-Coteau Grove Farms, 4-EVADI Farm Team, 5-Allen Farm, LLC, 6-G. Watts Humphrey Jr.

Saturday, Gulfstream, post time: 4:43 p.m. EST

MR. PROSPECTOR S.-GIII, \$100,000, 3yo/up, 7f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	ML
1	Lasting Legacy 🌿	Tapizar	David A Bernsen LLC and Lambert, Jeffrey	Hess, Jr.	Lopez	15-1
2	Cool Arrow	Into Mischief	My Purple Haze Stables	Pompay	Zayas	12-1
3	Wind of Change (Brz)	Forestry	Daniel Alonso	Sanchez	Reyes	30-1
4	Haikal	Daaher	Shadwell Stable	Pletcher	Saez	6-1
5	Majestic Dunhill 🌿	Majesticperfection	R. A. Hill Stable	Weaver	Bravo	10-1
6	Last Judgment	Congrats	M. Dubb, S. Hornstock & Bethlehem Stables LLC	Maker	Vasquez	20-1
7	Diamond Oops 🌿	Lookin At Lucky	Diamond 100 Racing Club, LLC, Dunne, Amy E., D P Racing LLC and Patrick L. Biancone Racing	Biancone	Leparoux	3-1
8	Sleepy Eyes Todd 🌿	Paddy O'Prado	Thumbs Up Racing, LLC	Silva	Gaffalione	5-1
9	Firenze Fire	Poseidon's Warrior	Mr. Amore Stable	Breen	Ortiz, Jr.	5-2
10	Ebben 🌿	Trappe Shot	J S Stables LLC	Margolis	Lanerie	20-1
11	Zenden 🌿	Fed Biz	LLP Performance Horse, LLC	David	Albarado	30-1
12	Mind Control	Stay Thirsty	Red Oak Stable and Madaket Stables, LLC	Sacco	Velazquez	15-1

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Sun Path breaking her maiden at Churchill | Coady

Sun Path (Munnings) was heavily favored at 1-5 to improve off a good-looking maiden breaker last time and ran to the money with an ultra-impressive victory at Fair Grounds Friday. The Juddmonte homebred stalked from second, keeping a close eye as Rock Star Parking (Upstart) clicked off opening splits of :24.05 and :47.72. Taking control at the three-eighths pole, the chestnut ran with her head cocked to the right as she ran on the wrong lead in early stretch. Once she swapped leads midway down the lane, Sun Path took off, charging clear of her three foes to win as she pleased by 12 3/4 lengths. Runner-up in her six-panel unveiling at Keeneland Oct. 2, the Brad Cox trainee overcame a late start to graduate by three lengths next out in a seven-panel event at Churchill Downs Nov. 8.

Sun Path is a full-sister to this year's GII Twinspires.com Fair Grounds Oaks victress and GI Alabama S. runner-up Bonny South, who also carries the Juddmonte colors and resides in the Cox shedrow. Their dam Touch the Star is a half-sister to Group 1 winner Etoile Montante (Miswaki), who is the dam of MGSW Starformer (Dynaformer). This is also the family of MGSWs Bates Creek (Rahy) and Sightseek (Distant View); European champion Special Duty (GB) (Hennessy); and GI Breeders' Cup Mile hero Expert Eye (GB) (Acclamation {GB}); and GIII Peter Pan S. victor Country Grammar (Tonalist).

8th-Fair Grounds, \$46,560, Alw, 12-18, (NW2L), 2yo, f, 1m 70y, 1:42.95, ft, 12 3/4 lengths.

SUN PATH, f, 2, by **Munnings**

1st Dam: Touch the Star, by Tapit

2nd Dam: Willstar, by Nureyev

3rd Dam: Nijinsky Star, by Nijinsky II

Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, \$91,892. O/B-Juddmonte Farms Inc (KY); T-Brad H. Cox. *Full to Bonny South, GSW & GISP, \$532,150. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#), [the free EquineLine.com catalogue-style pedigree](#), or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.

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By *Christie DeBernardis*

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SIX-FIGURE MEDAG COLT MAKES FIRST START AT TAMPA

3rd-TAM, \$27.5K, Msw, 2yo, 1m 40yds, 1:12 p.m.

Godolphin's **NEW DAWN (Medaglia d'Oro)**, a \$600,000 KEESSEP buy, will face the starter for the first time Saturday at Tampa. She is out of SW Wait Til Dawn (Giant's Causeway), who is a full-sister to GSW Excited, who in turn is the dam of SW & MGSP Thrilled (Uncle Mo). This is also the family of MGSW Spain (Thunder Gulch). **TJCS PPs**

PLETCHER UNVEILS PRICEY 'CHROME' COLT

5th-AQU, \$80K, Msw, 2yo, 6f, 1:45p.m.

Repole Stable and St. Elias Stable joined forces to secure **INSPIRATION POINT (California Chrome)** for \$725,000 at the delayed OBS April Sale and the colt debuts here for Todd Pletcher. A \$65,000 RNA at KEESEP, the gray became his sire's most expensive offspring after breezing in a sharp :20 3/5. He has continued to breeze sharply for Pletcher, including a half-mile bullet in :47 flat (1/34) two works back over the Belmont training track Dec. 9. His unraced dam Diva Style (Unbridled's Song) is a half to GSW Tizfiz (Tiznow), who is the dam of MGISW Tiz the Law (Constitution). **TJCIS PPs**



Hot Dixie Chick | Sarah Andrew

STONESTREET DEBUTANTE DEBUTS IN NOLA

8th-FG, \$50K, Msw, 2yo, f, 6f, 4:25 p.m.

Stonestreet homebred **PAULINE'S PEARL (Tapit)** looks to follow in the hoofprints of her talented dam Hot Dixie Chick (Dixie Union) as she gets her career started for the same trainer, Steve Asmussen, at the Fair Grounds Saturday. Barbara Banke purchased Hot Dixie Chick for \$435,000 at the 2009 FTFEB juvenile sale and she won four times, including the GI Spinaway S. at Saratoga. She is also the dam of Union Jackson, who carried the Stonestreet colors to a pair of stakes win and a graded-stakes placing during his tenure in the Asmussen barn. He now stands stud at Becky Thomas' Sequel New York. Out of GSW Above Perfection (In Excess {Ire}), Hot Dixie Chick is a half-sister to GI Kentucky Derby hero Always Dreaming (Bodemeister) and GSW Positive Spirit (Pioneerof the Nile), who brought \$1.5-million from Spendthrift at FTKNOV last month. Pauline's Pearl enters off a best-of-21 five panels at Fair Grounds in 1:00 1/5 Dec. 10. Claiborne Farm and Adele Dilschneider homebred **Symptom (Runhappy)** also makes her first trip to the post here. The bay is out of GSW Sign (Pulpit), who is a half-sister to GSW Vexed (Arch). She prepped for this with a half-mile bullet in :47 1/5, the best of 78 at the distance, in NOLA Dec. 11. **TJCIS PPs**

EXPENSIVE QUALITY ROAD COLT MAKES CAREER BOW

11th-GP, \$50K, Msw, 2yo, 1mT, 5:14 p.m.

John Oxley's \$625,000 KEESEP acquisition **COURAGEOUSLY (Quality Road)** debuts in this spot for trainer Mark Casse. Out of MSW Miss Red Delicious (Empire Maker), the dark bay is a half to GSW Nootka Sound (Lonhro {Aus}) and SP Follow No One (Uncle Mo). Miss Red Delicious is a half to MGSW & GISP Lady Apple (Curlin), who brought \$1.2 million at FTKNOV; SW & GSP Dr. Diamonds Prize (Pure Prize); and the dam of SW & GISP Parlor (Lonhro {Aus}). Todd Pletcher saddles another intriguing firster in **Ultimate Gift (Pioneerof the Nile)**. The \$350,000 KEESEP buy is out of GSW Savvy Supreme (Distorted Humor), a full-sister to two-time GI Whitney S. winner Commentator.

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Saturday, Fair Grounds, post time: 2:29p.m. EDT

LETELLIER MEMORIAL S., \$75,000, 2yo, f, 6f

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1 Mariah's Princess	Ghostzapper	Mena	Bauer	5-2
2 Joy's Rocket	Anthony's Cross	Santana	Asmussen	6-5
3 Moon Swag	Malibu Moon	Graham	Walsh	15-1
4 Charlie's Penny	Race Day	Hernandez	Block	7-2
5 Seguro	Orb	Beschizza	Chapman	20-1
6 Double Whopper	Maclean's Music	Pedroza	Douaihy	6-1
7 Sariah Sariah	Tonalist	Gilligan	Mouton	20-1

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Saturday, Fair Grounds, post time: 3:27p.m. EDT

SUGAR BOWL S., \$75,000, 2yo, 6f

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1 Quick Tempo	Tapizar	Beschizza	Davis	5-2
2 Tate	Quality Road	Suarez	Stidham	4-1
3 Sermononthemount	Tale of Ekati	Santana	Dixon	12-1
4 Warlock Doc	Jack Milton	Mena	Pish	12-1
5 Gagetown	Exaggerator	Geroux	Cox	3-1
6 Twilight Blue	Air Force Blue	Hernandez	Sharp	3-1
7 Crime Spree	Fort Larned	Murrill	Heitzmann	12-1

Saturday, Fair Grounds, post time: 6:50 p.m. EDT

TENACIOUS S., \$75,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1 Cool Bobby	Shanghai Bobby	Graham	DeVaux	12-1
2 Locally Owned	Distorted Humor	Mena	Stall	5-1
3 Captivating Moon	Malibu Moon	Hernandez	Block	9-2
4 Mocito Rojo	Mutadda	Gilligan	Wilson	8-1
5 Sonneman	Curlin	Santana	Asmussen	3-1
6 Maxfield	Street Sense	Geroux	Walsh	8-5
7 Dinar	Union Rags	Bridgmohan	DeVaux	12-1



IN ORDER OF PURSE:

9th-Aqueduct, \$70,000, (S), Msw, 12-18, 2yo, 1m, 1:40.67, ft, 3 1/4 lengths.

NICKY THE VEST (c, 2, Runhappy--Tazarine, by Cat Thief) became the eighth winner for his freshman sire (by Super Saver) with a decisive debut victory against fellow Empire-breds.

Seizing the early advantage, the bay was unchallenged through modest splits and coasted home to a 3 1/4-length graduation.

Full Moon Fever (Effinex) completed the exacta. The winner is a half to Moms Choice (Kitten's Joy), SP, \$269,234. Nicky the Vest is the most recent offspring out of Tazarine, who visited Bolt d'Oro last spring. Sales history: \$110,000 Ylg '19 OBSOCT.

Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$38,500. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Robert V. LaPenta; B-Highclere (NY); T-Jonathan Thomas.



IN ORDER OF PURSE:

8th-Aqueduct, \$82,000, Alw, 12-18, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:41.05, ft, 1 1/2 lengths.

AM IMPAZIBLE (f, 4, Mission Impazible--True Legend, by Gold Legend) graduated at second asking in a state-bred test at Aqueduct last November and captured a NY-bred allowance there Dec. 29 of last term. Capturing another Empire-bred event in Ozone Park Feb. 14, she was subsequently shelved and was given a 4-1 chance in this return to action against open company. Racing near the back of the pack early, the gray bided her time through a first half-mile in :48.96. Swung out four wide turning for home, Am Impazible gobbled up ground late, nabbing Break Curfew (Into Mischief) in the final strides and forging clear to a 1 1/2-length score. The winner's dam is also responsible for the unraced juvenile colt Jay'stalker (Emcee). Lifetime Record: 5-4-0-0, \$154,970. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O/B-Richard & Richard Troncione (NY); T-Kelly J. Breen.

7th-Fair Grounds, \$47,000, Msw, 12-18, 2yo, f, 1m 70y, 1:44.37, ft, 5 1/4 lengths.

DIVINE COMEDY (f, 2, Into Mischief--Via Strata, by Street Cry {Ire}) could only manage sixth in her 6 1/2-panel unveiling at Churchill Downs Sept. 17 and received Lasix for this first try at two turns. Going straight to the front, the 3-1 shot walked the dog through a half-mile in :48.40 and continued unchallenged into the lane, cruising clear to a 5 1/2-length success. Wicked Bisou (Wicked Strong), the half-sister to champion Midnight Bisou (Midnight Lute), was the runner-up. Divine Comedy is the first foal out of Via Strata, who has since produced a pair of colts by Into Mischief. She failed to get in foal to Ghostzapper this spring. Her second dam is MGSW & GISP Golden Velvet (Seeking the Gold), who produced graded winners Lucullan (Hard Spun) and Innovative Idea (Bernardini). The winner's third dam is MGSW Caress (Storm Cat), who is the dam of Grade I-winning sire Sky Mesa (Pulpit). This is also the family of Grade I-winning sophomore Maxfield (Street Sense), who returns to action in NOLA Saturday. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$29,086. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O/B-Godolphin (KY); T-Brad H. Cox.

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5th-Los Alamitos, \$43,500, Msw, 12-18, 2yo, f, 5 1/2f, 1:04.39, ft, 1 1/4 lengths.

EMPIRE HOUSE (f, 2, Empire Maker--Mama Yay, by Mineshaft) finished a half-length second in her career bow at Del Mar Nov. 21 and was hammered down to 4-5 favoritism to go one better this time. Glued to the leader's outside hip, the \$500,000 KEESEP purchase pressed from second through a sharp first quarter in :21.77. Drawing even turning for home, the bay kicked clear in the lane and held Aadhana (California Chrome) at bay by 1 1/4 lengths. The winner is the first foal out of Mama Yay, whose two subsequent foals died. She was bred to the late Arrogate last spring. Mama Yay is a full-sister to Grade I-winning sire Dialed In (Mineshaft); and a half to SW Broadway Gold (Seeking the Gold), who is the dam of MGSW Golden Lad (Medaglia d'Oro); MGSW & GISP Broadway's Alibi (Vindication); and MSW & GISP R Gypsy Gold (Bernardini). Sales history: \$240,000 Wlg '18 KEENOV; \$500,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$36,600. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Tommy Town Thoroughbreds LLC; B-Lakland Farm (KY); T-Jonathan Wong.

LAKLAND FARM Graduate

5th-Turfway, \$30,500, Msw, 12-17, 2yo, f, 1m (AWT), 1:39.38, ft, 3/4 length.

INTO VANISHING (f, 2, Into Mischief--Vanishing {SP, \$104,025}, by Lemon Drop Kid) finished third in her first two outings, debuting in a Monmouth turf sprint Sept. 26 and running in a sloppy off-the-turfer at Aqueduct Nov. 23. Favored at 8-5 in this switch to the synthetic and extension to a mile, the bay broke alertly and shot straight to the lead as the snow fell over the track. Headed by another foe, she pressed from a neck second through a :23.93 opening quarter and took control as the half went in :48.09. Confronted as she turned for home, Into Vanishing forged clear of her foe, holding off Polka Polenta (Fort Larned) by 3/4 of a length. Vanishing produced an Uncle Mo colt last year and an Arrogate filly this season. She was bred back to Speightstown. The winner's second dam is GSW Recording (Danzig), who is also responsible for MGSW & MGISP Smart Bid (Smart Strike). Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-2, \$33,300. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Augustin Stable; B-George Strawbridge (KY); T-Jonathan Thomas.

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Mouheeb, c, 2, Flatter. See 'TDN Europe--Middle East.'

Honorable Justice, c, 4, Majesticperfection--Desert Recon, by Outflanker. Jebel Ali, 12-18, Hcp., 1200m, 1:14.16. B-Justice Farm, Greg Justice (KY). *\$30,000 RNA Ylg '17 KEESEP; \$35,000 2yo '18 OBSAPR. **VIDEO**

Habah, f, 4, Twirling Candy--Dear Mama (Arg), by Mutakddim. Jebel Ali, 12-18, Hcp., 1600m, 1:40. B-Kildare Stud (KY). *\$60,000 2yo '18 OBSAPR. **VIDEO**

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IN SAUDI ARABIA:

Alhabrazy (KSA), c, 2, Munnings--Hidden Face, by Empire Maker. King Abdulaziz, 12-18, Maiden, 1600m. B-Tarig Mohammed Enaya. *Won by six lengths. **\$32,000 in utero '17 KEENOV. **VIDEO**

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In this continuing series, Alan Carasso takes a look ahead at US-bred and/or conceived runners entered for the upcoming weekend at the tracks on the Japan Racing Association circuit, with a focus on pedigree and/or performance in the sales ring. Here are the horses of interest for this weekend running at Nakayama and Hanshin Racecourses, the latter of which plays host to the *G1 Asahi Hai Futurity S.*:

Saturday, December 19, 2020

7th-HSN, ¥13,830,000 (\$134k), Allowance, 2yo, 1800m

FRANCE GO DE INA (c, 2, Will Take Charge--Dreamy Blues, by Curlin) was a sound fourth behind next-out Cattleya Sho hero Lemon Pop (Lemon Drop Kid) in a 1300-meter newcomers' event at Toyko Nov. 7 before switching to this track and distance to post a convincing maiden-breaking victory Nov. 28 ([video](#), #10). A \$100K Keeneland September yearling, the chestnut is out of a half-sister to GSW Shawklit Mint (Air Forbes Won) and is

the early 6-5 favorite to take this next step. *B-Betz, Kidder, B & K Canetti & Jim Betz (KY)*

Sunday, December 20, 2020

6th-NKY, ¥13,400,000 (\$130k), Newcomers, 2yo, 1800m

BLACK LOTUS (c, 2, American Pharoah--Arravale, by Arch) is the latest to make the races from his dam, Canada's Horse of the Year and Sovereign Award-winning turf female of 2006, whose victories included the GI E.P. Taylor S. at home and the GI Del Mar Oaks south of the border. The dam of GSP Nancy O (Ire) (Pivotal {GB}), Arravale was purchased by John Moores and Charles Noell's Merribelle Stable for \$490K in foal to Animal Kingdom at KEENOV in 2016. Black Lotus, who could become his sire's 10th Japanese winner, was a \$200K KESEEP purchase. *B-Merribelle Stable (KY)*

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FIRST-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19

2020 Stud Fees Listed

Air Force Blue (War Front), Ashford Stud, \$15,000

107 foals of racing age/16 winners/0 black-type winners
6-Fair Grounds, \$75K Sugar Bowl S., 6f, TWILIGHT BLUE, 3-1
\$45,000 KEE SEP yrl

California Chrome (Lucky Pulpit), Arrow Stud, private

104 foals of racing age/11 winners/0 black-type winners
5-Aqueduct, Msw 6f, INSPIRATION POINT, 2-1
\$65,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; \$725,000 OBS APR 2yo

Cinco Charlie (Indian Charlie), Spendthrift Farm, \$5,000

66 foals of racing age/13 winners/1 black-type winner
4-Turfway, Msw 1m, FIVE DREAMS, 3-1

Exaggerator (Curlin), WinStar Farm, \$20,000

124 foals of racing age/14 winners/0 black-type winners
6-Fair Grounds, \$75K Sugar Bowl S., 6f, GAGETOWN, 3-1
\$170,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$47,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; \$120,000 RNA
OBS APR 2yo
8-Fair Grounds, Msw 6f, PAYTONSATTHEPLATE, 20-1
\$45,000 FTK OCT yrl

Flintshire (GB) (Dansili {GB}), Hill 'n' Dale Farms, \$15,000

99 foals of racing age/6 winners/0 black-type winners
3-Fair Grounds, Msw 1mT, FREDDY FLINTSHIRE, 12-1

Frosted (Tapit), Darley, \$40,000

125 foals of racing age/15 winners/1 black-type winner
8-Fair Grounds, Msw 6f, DELLA FROST, 20-1
\$140,000 RNA FTK OCT yrl; \$47,000 OBS OPN 2yo
8-Fair Grounds, Msw 6f, EUPHORIC, 6-1
\$50,000 OBS APR 2yo
12-Fair Grounds, Msw 6f, FROSTED OVER, 15-1
\$275,000 FTK JUL yrl

Hit It a Bomb (War Front), Spendthrift Farm, \$5,000

33 foals of racing age/5 winners/1 black-type winner
4-Los Alamitos, \$200K GII Los Alamitos Futurity, 1 1/16m,
WESTON, 10-1
\$7,000 KEE JAN wnl; \$7,000 KEE SEP yrl

Itsthesameoldsong (Unbridled's Song), Twin Lakes Equestrian Center, private

3 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
6-Mahoning Valley, \$75K Joshua Radosevich Memorial S., 6f,
FIRST SONG, 2-1

Metaboss (Street Boss), Harris Farms

11 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
4-Turfway, Msw 1m, SABUDA, 5-1

Not This Time (Giant's Causeway), Taylor Made Farm, \$12,500

111 foals of racing age/27 winners/3 black-type winners
5-Aqueduct, Msw 6f, MOMZA, 7-2
\$30,000 FTK OCT yrl; \$200,000 EAS MAY 2yo
8-Fair Grounds, Msw 6f, THAT'S A GIANT NO, 12-1
\$20,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$140,000 OBS MAR 2yo

Nyquist (Uncle Mo), Darley, \$40,000

94 foals of racing age/16 winners/2 black-type winners
4-Los Alamitos, \$200K GII Los Alamitos Futurity, 1 1/16m, THE
GREAT ONE, 15-1
\$125,000 OBS OCT yrl; \$185,000 OBS OPN 2yo
8-Fair Grounds, Msw 6f, REMINISCENT, 20-1

Protonico (Giant's Causeway), Castleton Lyons, \$5,000

18 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
4-Turfway, Msw 1m, WILD DEMIR, 20-1

Runhappy (Super Saver), Claiborne Farm, \$25,000

94 foals of racing age/8 winners/0 black-type winners
10-Fair Grounds, Msw 1 1/16m, GUN LAP, 6-1
\$325,000 KEE SEP yrl
12-Fair Grounds, Msw 6f, HAPPY AMERICAN, 30-1
\$385,000 KEE SEP yrl
5-Remington, Aoc 6 1/2f, HAPPYGOBUCKY, 4-1
\$95,000 KEE NOV wnl
8-Fair Grounds, Msw 6f, SYMPTOM, 6-1

Social Inclusion (Pioneerof the Nile), Diamond B Farm, \$5,000

34 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners
3-Tampa Bay Downs, Msw 1m, LAST INVESTMENT, 9-2

Speightster (Speightstown), WinStar Farm, \$10,000

122 foals of racing age/14 winners/2 black-type winners
2-Aqueduct, Msw 6 1/2f, BIG TONY'S GIRL, 6-1
\$20,000 FTN MIX wnl; \$20,000 EAS MAY 2yo

Tamarkuz (Speightstown), Shadwell Farm, \$10,000
 29 foals of racing age/5 winners/1 black-type winner
 4-Los Alamitos, \$200K Gil Los Alamitos Futurity, 1 1/16m, RED FLAG, 1-1
 \$50,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$220,000 KEE SEP yrl

Tourist (Tiznow), WinStar Farm, \$7,500
 97 foals of racing age/13 winners/0 black-type winners
 8-Mahoning Valley, Msw 6f, LADY UNBRIDLED, 20-1
 \$1,500 OBS WIN wnl
 3-Fair Grounds, Msw 1mT, WENTRU, 9-2

Upstart (Flatter), Airdrie Stud, \$10,000
 101 foals of racing age/18 winners/0 black-type winners
 12-Fair Grounds, Msw 6f, MASQUEPARADE, 8-1
 \$100,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$180,000 KEE SEP yrl
 12-Fair Grounds, Msw 6f, RIVER'S RAGING, 30-1
 8-Fair Grounds, Msw 6f, SUKI, 8-1
 \$47,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; \$40,000 OBS OCT yrl
 8-Fair Grounds, Msw 6f, ZOOM UP, 9-2
 \$25,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$75,000 OBS APR 2yo

Vancouver (Aus) (Medaglia d'Oro), Coolmore Australia, \$30,250
 95 foals of racing age/12 winners/1 black-type winner
 11-Gulfstream, Msw 1mT, HE'SPUREGOLD, 10-1
 11-Gulfstream, Msw 1mT, VAN DUSEN (GB), 30-1
 52,000gns TAT FOA wnl; 90,000gns TAT OCT yrl; \$20,000 OBS APR 2yo

War Dancer (War Front), Irish Hill & Dutchess Views Stallions, \$7,500
 73 foals of racing age/5 winners/1 black-type winner
 2-Aqueduct, Msw 6 1/2f, SHESADIRTYDANCER, 8-1
 \$24,000 RNA SAR AUG yrl

SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: SATURDAY, DEC. 19
2020 Stud Fees Listed

Bayern (Offlee Wild), Hill 'n' Dale Farms, \$15,000
 157 foals of racing age/72 winners/2 black-type winners
 12-Fair Grounds, Msw 6f, GRENDEL, 5-1
 \$35,000 FTK OCT yrl

Competitive Edge (Super Saver), Ashford Stud, \$12,500
 155 foals of racing age/64 winners/4 black-type winners
 5-Aqueduct, Msw 6f, MOTION TO STRIKE, 20-1

Global Power (Pulpit), J.S.R. Equine Center, \$2,000
 11 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners
 5-Mahoning Valley, \$75K Bobbie Bricker Memorial H., 1m, DIVA POWER, 20-1

Jack Milton (War Front), Crestwood Farm, \$6,500
 104 foals of racing age/32 winners/2 black-type winners
 6-Fair Grounds, \$75K Sugar Bowl S., 6f, WARLOCK DOC, 12-1
 \$17,000 KEE SEP yrl

Palace Malice (Curlin), Three Chimneys Farm, \$25,000
 211 foals of racing age/60 winners/5 black-type winners
 1-Aqueduct, Msw 6 1/2f, MISSPOTOFGOLD, 30-1

Race Day (Tapit), Spendthrift Farm, \$7,500
 149 foals of racing age/50 winners/4 black-type winners
 3-Los Alamitos, Msw 5 1/2f, BOB DANIELS, 8-1
 \$7,200 RNA CTB AJA wnl
 4-Fair Grounds, \$75K Letellier Memorial S., 6f, CHARLIE'S PENNY, 7-2

Summer Front (War Front), Airdrie Stud, \$10,000
 181 foals of racing age/53 winners/5 black-type winners
 3-Fair Grounds, Msw 1mT, AWESUMMER, 20-1
 \$25,000 KEE JAN wnl; \$15,000 RNA FTK JUL yrl; \$60,000 FTK OCT yrl
 11-Fair Grounds, \$75K Blushing K. D. S., 1 1/16mT, VALENTINES DAY, 20-1
 \$20,000 KEE SEP yrl

Tapiture (Tapit), Darby Dan Farm, \$7,500
 247 foals of racing age/99 winners/7 black-type winners
 11-Fair Grounds, \$75K Blushing K. D. S., 1 1/16mT, BEAUTIFUL TRAUMA, 8-1
 \$35,000 KEE JAN wnl; \$150,000 FTK JUL yrl; \$190,000 RNA OBS MAR 2yo

Tonalist (Tapit), Lane's End Farm, \$15,000
 179 foals of racing age/54 winners/2 black-type winners
 4-Fair Grounds, \$75K Letellier Memorial S., 6f, SARIAH SARIAH, 20-1
 \$19,000 RNA KEE JAN wnl; \$4,000 KEE SEP yrl



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3rd-Aqueduct, \$84,000, (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 12-18, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12.65, ft, 2 1/2 lengths.

SADIE LADY (f, 4, Freud--Zucca, by Read the Footnotes) Lifetime Record: 17-6-0-3, \$266,232. O-Dennis Narlinger; B-JMJ Racing Stables, LLC (NY); T-Rob Atras.

8th-Laurel, \$60,930, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$35,000), 12-18, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11.23, my, 1 3/4 lengths.

FILLE D'ESPRIT (f, 4, Great Notion--Sweet Valor, by No Armistice) Lifetime Record: 8-6-1-0, \$130,806. O-C J I Phoenix Group and No Guts No Glory Farm; B-Sweet Spirits Stables, LLC (MD); T-John J. Robb.

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4th-Laurel, \$50,442, 12-18, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1 1/8m, 1:53.82, my, 1 1/4 lengths.

CLOSER LOOK (g, 4, Take Charge Indy--Willa On the Move {GSW & GISP, \$363,940}, by Two Punch) Lifetime Record: 23-5-5-6, \$186,467. O-P.R. Racing; B-Marathon Farms, Inc. (MD); T-A. Ferris Allen, III. *\$40,000 2yo '18 EASMA. **1/2 to Grecian Maiden (Ghostzapper), MSW, \$213,224.

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10th-Fair Grounds, \$49,000, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 12-18, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:43.97, ft, neck.

CHESS CHIEF (c, 4, Into Mischief--Un Blessed, by Mineshaft) Lifetime Record: 21-3-4-2, \$364,048. O-Estate of James J. Coleman, Jr.; B-Morgan's Ford Farm (VA); T-Dallas Stewart. *\$145,000 RNA Ylg '17 FTSAUG.

 **Another Yearling Graduate from Stuart Morris, Agent**

9th-Gulfstream, \$45,900, (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 12-18, 3yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:37.10, fm, 1 1/2 lengths.

(DH) SISTER HANAN (f, 4, Orb--Costenia, by Giant's Causeway) Lifetime Record: 7-3-2-1, \$129,917. O-Sumaya U.S. Stable; B-International Equities Holding, Inc. (KY); T-Ben Colebrook.

(DH) BIENVILLE STREET (m, 5, Street Boss--Milk Run, by Running Stag) Lifetime Record: 31-4-3-7, \$187,915. O-CJ Thoroughbreds; B-Double W Thoroughbred Racing Inc (FL); T-Cam M. Gambolati.

6th-Fair Grounds, \$44,000, (S), (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$20,000), 12-18, 3yo/up, 1mT, 1:36.92, fm, head.

STUCK IN VEGAS (g, 5, Bind--Oh Whata Holiday {MSP, \$157,291}, by Harlan's Holiday) Lifetime Record: 29-7-4-7, \$173,290. O-Suite Stable; B-World War IV Racing & Rebel Tide Racing LLC (LA); T-Joseph M. Foster.

9th-Fair Grounds, \$43,000, 12-18, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:42.91, fm, 1 length.

FLASHING RED (f, 3, Violence--Thunder Way, by Thunder Gulch) Lifetime Record: 9-3-2-2, \$103,024. O-Matthew Schera; B-Hartwell Farm Inc. (KY); T-Thomas Morley. *\$120,000 Wlg '17 KEENOV; \$67,000 Ylg '18 FTKOCT; \$120,000 RNA 2yo '19 OBSOPN.

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6th-Mahoning Valley, \$36,300, 12-18, (NW2X), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:40.54, gd, 4 3/4 lengths.

MOBIL SOLUTION (g, 5, Mobil--Perfect Solution, by Seeking the Gold) Lifetime Record: MSW, 34-12-9-6, \$615,050. O-Danielle Agnello; B-Mapleton Thoroughbred Farm (OH); T-Jeffrey Skerrett. *\$88,000 5yo '20 OTBOMX. **1/2 to La Piba (Lookin At Lucky), SW, \$157,001.

6th-Turfway, \$33,000, 12-17, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f (AWT), 1:11.15, ft, 3/4 length.

QUEEN BRIDGET (f, 3, Verrazano--Queen Dido, by Thunder Gulch) Lifetime Record: 11-2-2-1, \$91,678. O-Mary Ann Gould; B-William D. Gould (KY); T-John Alexander Ortiz. *\$9,000 RNA Ylg '18 FTKOCT. **1/2 to Suva Harbor (Rockport Harbor), SW, \$166,468.

FOALED AND RAISED Blackburn Farm

8th-Tampa Bay Downs, \$21,875, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$16,000), 12-18, 3yo/up, 7f, 1:23.50, ft, 2 3/4 lengths.

BRANCO MARIA (g, 3, Candy Ride {Arg}--Heidi Maria {MSW, \$220,764}, by Rockport Harbor) Lifetime Record: 6-2-0-1, \$41,727. O-Phoenix Thoroughbred, LTD; B-Machmer Hall (KY); T-Michael Stidham. *\$385,000 Ylg '18 FTSAUG.

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Rightandjust, c, 2, **Awesome Again--Pussyfoot**, by Tiznow. Fair Grounds, 12-18, (C), 1 1/16m, 1:45.51. B-Gary & Mary West Stables Inc. (KY).

Wicked Prankster, g, 2, **Mosler--Broken Trust Fund**, by Broken Vow. Laurel, 12-18, (WC), 6f, 1:12.55. B-Country Life Farm & Broken Trust Fund LLC (MD). *\$5,000 Wlg '18 KEENOV.

**Ninth winner for freshman sire (by War Front).

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Excellerator, c, 2, **Orb**--Red Velvet (SW, \$132,280), by City Zip. Aqueduct, 12-18, (C), 6f, 1:15.61. B-CRK Stables, LLC (MD). *\$3,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP.

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Swift Nonni, f, 2, **Run Brother Ron**--Free Sunset, by Sierra Sunset. Los Alamitos, 12-17, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:04.81. B-George F & Clare Schmitt (CA). *1ST-TIME STARTER.

Well Done West, c, 3, **Awesome Again**--Malibu Breeze, by Distorted Humor. Gulfstream, 12-18, 1m, 1:36.80. B-Gary & Mary West Stables Inc. (KY).

I'm Fine, f, 3, **Blame**--Stormy Caress, by Stormy Atlantic. Aqueduct, 12-18, (S), 7f, 1:28.40. B-Dr. William B. Wilmot & Dr. Joan M. Taylor (NY). *\$115,000 Wlg '17 KEENOV.

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AWESOME AGAIN, Rightandjust, c, 2, o/o Pussyfoot, by Tiznow. MCL, 12-18, Fair Grounds

AWESOME AGAIN, Well Done West, c, 3, o/o Malibu Breeze, by Distorted Humor. MSW, 12-18, Gulfstream

BIND, Stuck in Vegas, g, 5, o/o Oh Whata Holiday, by Harlan's Holiday. AOC, 12-18, Fair Grounds

BLAME, I'm Fine, f, 3, o/o Stormy Caress, by Stormy Atlantic. MSW, 12-18, Aqueduct

CANDY RIDE (ARG), Branco Maria, g, 3, o/o Heidi Maria, by Rockport Harbor. AOC, 12-18, Tampa Bay

EMPIRE MAKER, Empire House, f, 2, o/o Mama Yay, by Mineshaft. MSW, 12-18, Los Alamitos Thoroughbred

FREUD, Sadie Lady, f, 4, o/o Zucca, by Read the Footnotes. AOC,



The late Awesome Again had two new winners Friday | Matt Wooley

12-18, Aqueduct

GREAT NOTION, Fille d'Esprit, f, 4, o/o Sweet Valor, by No Armistice. AOC, 12-18, Laurel

INTO MISCHIEF, Chess Chief, c, 4, o/o Un Blessed, by Mineshaft. AOC, 12-18, Fair Grounds

INTO MISCHIEF, Divine Comedy, f, 2, o/o Via Strata, by Street Cry (Ire). MSW, 12-18, Fair Grounds

INTO MISCHIEF, Into Vanishing, f, 2, o/o Vanishing, by Lemon Drop Kid. MSW, 12-17, Turfway

MISSION IMPAZIBLE, Am Impazible, f, 4, o/o True Legend, by Gold Legend. ALW, 12-18, Aqueduct

MOBIL, Mobil Solution, g, 5, o/o Perfect Solution, by Seeking the Gold. ALW, 12-18, Mahoning Valley

MOSLER, Wicked Prankster, g, 2, o/o Broken Trust Fund, by Broken Vow. WMC, 12-18, Laurel

MUNNINGS, Sun Path, f, 2, o/o Touch the Star, by Tapit. ALW, 12-18, Fair Grounds

ORB, Excellerator, c, 2, o/o Red Velvet, by City Zip. MCL, 12-18, Aqueduct

ORB, Sister Hanan, f, 4, o/o Costenia, by Giant's Causeway. AOC, 12-18, Gulfstream

RUN BROTHER RON, Swift Nonni, f, 2, o/o Free Sunset, by Sierra Sunset. MSW, 12-17, Los Alamitos Thoroughbred

RUNHAPPY, Nicky the Vest, c, 2, o/o Tazarine, by Cat Thief. MSW, 12-18, Aqueduct

STREET BOSS, Bienville Street, m, 5, o/o Milk Run, by Running Stag. AOC, 12-18, Gulfstream

TAKE CHARGE INDY, Closer Look, g, 4, o/o Willa On the Move, by Two Punch. ALW, 12-18, Laurel

VERRAZANO, Queen Bridget, f, 3, o/o Queen Dido, by Thunder Gulch. ALW, 12-17, Turfway

VIOLENCE, Flashing Red, f, 3, o/o Thunder Way, by Thunder Gulch. ALW, 12-18, Fair Grounds

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MEHMAS COLT STARS ON GOFFS DAY ONE



The €75,000 session-topping Mehmas colt | Goffs

By Daithi Harvey

KILDARE, Ireland--The opening day of the rescheduled Goffs November Sale got off to a lukewarm start on Friday, with present circumstances understandably impacting trade. Last year's opening day was highlighted by a €100,000 session topper with seven foals selling for €50,000 or more, while 69.5% of the offered foals changed hands at an average of €17,957 and a median of €13,750. Only four foals reached or surpassed the €50,000 mark on Friday headed by a €75,000 session-topping Mehmas (Ire) colt. In total, 159 of the 254 (63%) offered foals changed hands for a total of €2,178,200, at an average of €13,786 and a median of €10,000. Allowances, of course, have to be made for this being the most disruptive year in recent times, and it is expected that trade should take a leap forward in each of the next two sessions. **Cont. p2**

UPDATE KEEPS DREAM ALIVE FOR SMALL BREEDER *By Kelsey Riley*

Martin Cooney arrived at the Goffs November Breeding Stock Sale in 2018 with a modest budget and a simple plan: "buy a mare that was in foal, and that could be a quick way to turn our money around with a bit of luck," the Fethard-based horseman said.

On Cooney's shortlist the first day of the sale was the 8-year-old Hard Spun mare Plying, in foal to Starspangledbanner (Aus). A \$200,000 yearling, Plying had won three times for Sheikh Mohammed and trainer Henri-Alex Pantall before being culled for €12,000 at the Arqana December Breeding Stock Sale in 2013.

By the time she resurfaced at Goffs five years later, Plying had produced the placed 3-year-old filly Saguaro (Ire) and the unraced 2-year-old Alexander James (Ire) (Camelot {GB}). She had a yearling colt by Zoffany (Ire), and her No Nay Never filly foal had made €40,000 at the Goffs foal sale two days earlier.

"We went through a good few mares and it came down to one or two that we liked," Cooney recalled. "Plying had a great walk and a good girth on her. I thought she had a great head on her. She had the frame of being a strong mare and I thought maybe with us, having a smaller number of horses, that she might improve. She was in foal to Starspangledbanner, which was a plus."

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Mehmas Colt Stars On Goffs Day One cont. from p1

The most expensive foal of the day saw two branches of a very prominent bloodstock family battle it out with Tally-Ho Stud's Tony and Roger O'Callaghan eventually getting the better of Grangemore Stud's Guy O'Callaghan, who was standing with his brother Robert. **Lot 279** is by the all-conquering Mehmas (Ire), who the successful bidders stand, and is the second produce out of the unraced Lope De Vega (Ire) mare Vida Amorosa (Ire), who was purchased in this ring in 2017 for just €1,200. Offered by Derek Veitch's Ringfort Stud on behalf of breeder Tom Lacy, the chestnut colt continued the fine run of form for Ringfort this year both on the track and in the sales ring.

"He'll come back for sale as a yearling and is a sweet colt," Tony O'Callaghan said afterwards. "We sold his half-brother earlier in the year but this fella is a better model. The sire has been amazing and we are delighted

to have him," he added.

Mehmas was also responsible for a colt (**lot 286**) signed up by Paula Flannery late in the session for €40,000.

There has been plenty of publicity the past few weeks about Starfield Stud's new stallion Far Above (Ire), and a half-brother to that G3 Palace House S. winner led proceedings throughout much of the session on Friday when selling to Avenue Bloodstock's Mark McStay for €70,000. **Lot 73**, a son of Dawn Approach (Ire), was consigned by Clare Manning's Boherguy Stud and is out of the winning Shamardal mare Dorraar (Ire), whose group-winning sprinting son has been her only runner so far. After signing the buyer's docket Mark McStay commented, "He's a lovely

horse and I've had some luck with the sire before. He's been bought for an existing client who might keep him to race rather than to sell next year."



Lot 73, the €70,000 Dawn Approach colt | Goffs

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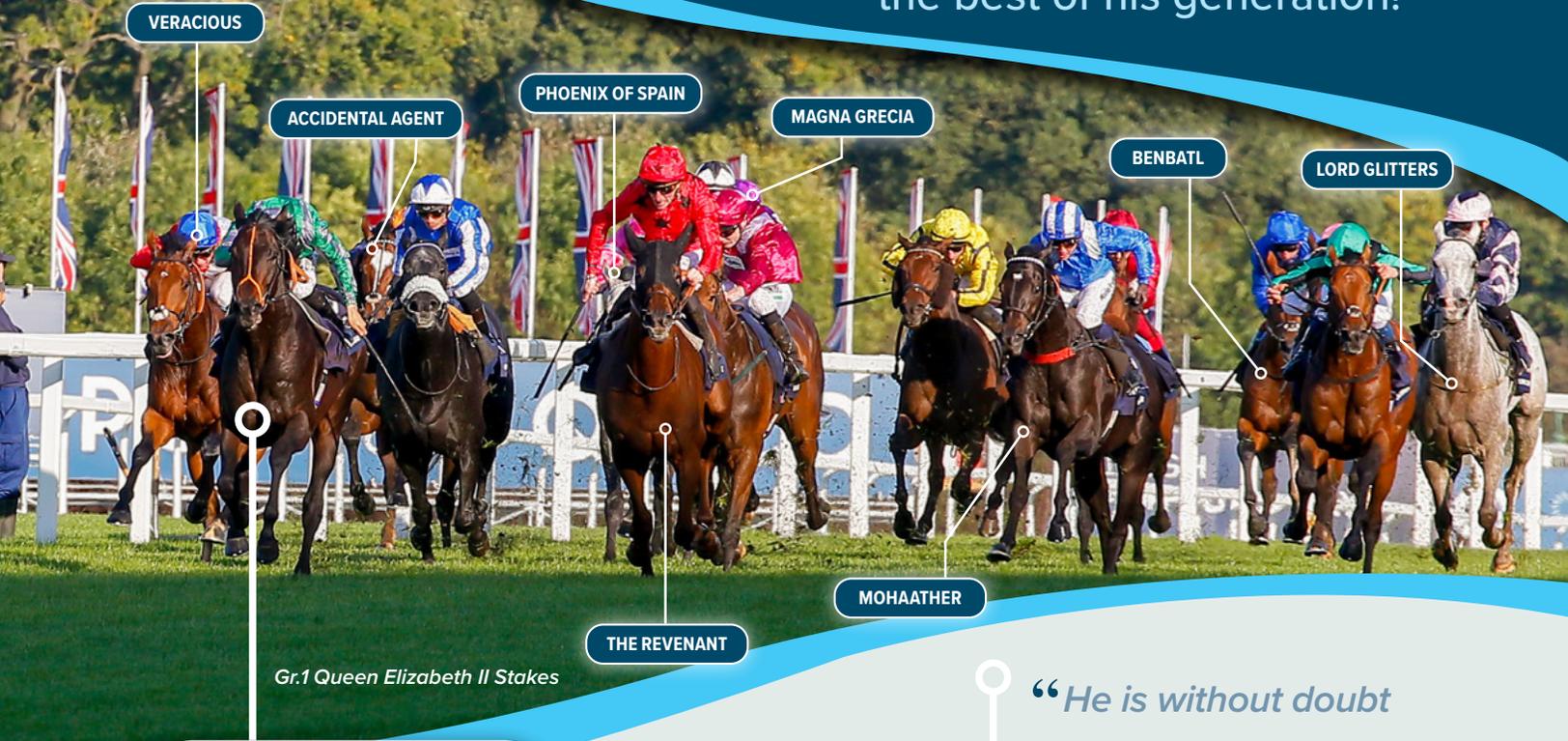
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Goffs November cont.

Boherguy has 11 foals catalogued this weekend and having got her sales week off to a good start, Clare Manning said, "We sold him on behalf of a client and he is a lovely, professional horse and it was great for our client to get a result like that. It's a nice start for ourselves as well and hopefully it will continue that way as we have some lovely foals to sell over the next few days."

Mark McStay was back in the fray later on when he went to €60,000 to secure a colt by Dandy Man (Ire) offered by Arglo House Stud. **lot 208** is a grandson of the G3 Park Express S. winner Danehill Music (Ire) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}) and the dam Rip Van Music (Ire) (Rip Van Winkle {Ire}) has bred a winner from her first and only runner. "He's been bought for a pinhooking syndicate to be re-sold through Baroda Stud next year," reported McStay. "He is a lovely foal, one of the standouts today and Dandy Man (Ire) has had another solid year. I didn't think I'd have to give as much for him as I did but hopefully he'll be worth it," he added.

An attractive daughter of Sea The Moon (Ger) caught the eye of Grove Stud's Brendan Holland and was eventually knocked down to him for €50,000. The Castlebridge-consigned **lot 86** is the first foal out of the unraced Exploitation (Ire) (Excelebration {Ire}), who is a half-sister to the stakes-placed Rythmique (Ire) (Casamento {Ire}).

Paul McCartan has a habit of striking gold with his pinhooks and it will be interesting to monitor the exploits both in the sales ring and on the track of **lot 81**. This Mastercraftsman (Ire) filly was bought by the McCartan's Ballyphilip Stud for €45,000. Offered by Galbertstown Stables, the Liz O'Leary-bred filly is closely related to GI Matriarch S. winner Off Limits (Ire) (Mastercraftsman {Ire}), while her yearling full-brother made 55,000gns at Tattersalls in October. The dam Eccellente Idea (Ire) (Excellent Art {GB}) also got off to a winning start as a broodmare this year when her second produce won as a 2-year-old in Norway.

Early in the day John Walsh acquired **lot 15**, a filly by Churchill (Ire), for €42,000.

Offered by Oak Lodge & Springfield House Stud, the foal is the second produce out of Alambra (Ire) (Shamardal) a winner in Italy and placed four times in stakes company. The same price was given for **lot 255**, a colt by Footstepsinthesand (GB) purchased by Tally-Ho Stud.

The Murphys of Redpender Stud are noted judges of bloodstock, and they put their faith in **lot 180**, a colt by Fast Company (Ire). Offered by Ballyogue Stud, the first produce out of Nisma (Ire) (Montjeu {Ire}) from the family of group winner and Classic-placed Wind Chimes (GB) (Mastercraftsman {Ire}) was knocked down to Kilkenny based Jimmy Murphy for €40,000. "We haven't had one by the sire before but he's a proven stallion and this is a good foal with a nice pedigree so hopefully he can come back successfully next year," he said.

Murphy swiftly added another foal to his 2021 pinhooking team when securing **lot 182**, a Dandy Man (Ire) filly, for €29,000.

The sale resumes on Saturday morning at 10a.m.

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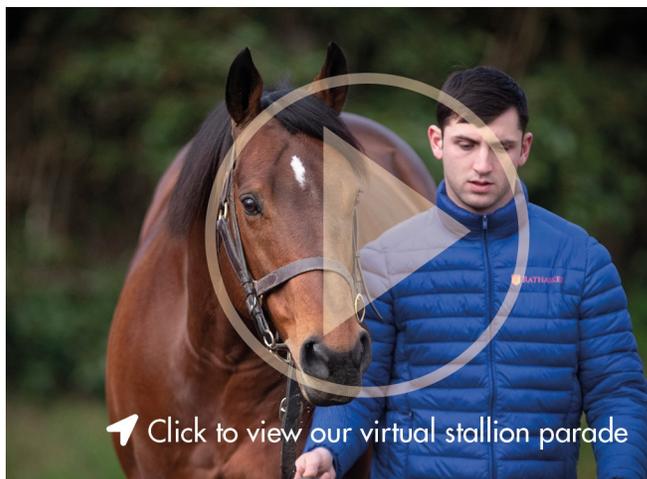


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Cooney followed Plying into the ring and was able to secure her on a bid of €21,000.

“I’d say we were lucky on the day; I think someone else at the last second tried to drop in another bid, but the hammer went down and your man said, ‘too late sir.’ From that day on, in fairness, the mare has been lucky.”

That sir, whoever he is, will doubtless be lamenting not raising his hand quicker, as Plying is now the dam of two stakes winners, including the aforementioned No Nay Never filly who was subsequently named Alcohol Free (Ire) and won this year’s G1 Cheveley Park S. for owner Jeff Smith and trainer Andrew Balding. Alexander James had previously bolstered the page last October with a listed victory in France as a 3-year-old.

Cooney, through his Jossestown Farm, brings Plying’s latest foal, a colt by Dandy Man, to this year’s edition of the Goffs November Foal Sale, and he sells during the premiere Sunday session as **lot 698**.

“He is a cracker,” Cooney said of the April-foaled bay. “He’s got size, he’s got scope, he’s got the looks. I’d be shocked if he doesn’t make a few quid.”

Expanding on the decision to send Plying to Dandy Man, Cooney said, “Plying is American-bred and has a speedy pedigree. Dandy Man is full of speed but as well as that he isn’t an over-big type of horse. She tends to throw them with size, not in a bad way, but we thought the perfect model might come

out with the Dandy Man cross. I thought the match would work well and to be honest, it did. He’s correct and he walks. It’s hard to explain, but he is a bull. I wouldn’t change him in any way. He’s strong in every way and he has a good back end to him, which is important for those speed horses that will run five or six furlongs.”

Cooney admitted that anything the Dandy Man colt brings him is a bonus; the Starspangledbanner filly Plying produced for Cooney covered the cost of her dam as well as the Dandy Man covering fee when she brought €40,000 at Goffs February

earlier this year. She was pinhooked by Knockatrina House for 130,000gns at last month’s Tattersalls December Yearling Sale.

“Plying had a lovely filly foal by Starspangledbanner,” Cooney said. “She colicked at the first sale she went to [last year’s Goffs November Foal Sale] and we were a bit unlucky because there were plenty of people on her. She went to the November sale and colicked on the day of the sale. It wasn’t the right thing to do to send her through the ring, so we

brought her home and minded her and she went to the next sale and made €40,000, which covered the cost of the mare and the covering fee of Dandy Man. And then the updates happened after that.”

Cooney said he followed Alcohol Free’s progress as she was broken in and sent to Andrew Balding’s Kingsclere Stables.

“I heard through the grapevine that she might be going to Andrew Balding’s after being broken, which is always a plus,” Cooney said. “The manager at [Jeff Smith’s] Littleton Stud told me she was a real nice physical and they really liked her.”



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Alcohol Free won at first asking on Aug. 15 at Newbury before running a fine race to be second to Happy Romance (Ire) (Dandy Man {Ire}) in the G3 Dick Poole S. at Salisbury on Sept. 3. Sent off at 7-2 in the G1 Cheveley Park S. three weeks later, Alcohol Free narrowly led Miss Amulet (Ire) (Sir Prancealot {Ire}) through the opening furlongs before drawing further clear at halfway. That rival re-rallied in the closing stages with G3 Firth of Clyde S. winner Umm Kulthum (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}) also proving a tough adversary, but Alcohol Free hit the line a half-length the best much to the delight of her connections, not least Cooney.



Plying is in foal to Gleneagles | Coolmore

“To be honest, I nearly had a heart attack watching the Group 1,” Cooney recalled. “I nearly threw the telly out the window watching it. I couldn’t believe it. We were ecstatic. You hope that something will do that, but the likelihood of that happening is slim to none. It doesn’t really happen to an ordinary Joe; usually those pedigrees are always with the bigger operations.

“We have always had horses but we’ve never had a pedigree like that. It’s nice for the small man to get on top.”

Indeed, Cooney said Plying is currently one of two mares in his barn, and he also pinhooks a few foals annually, at both flat and National Hunt Sales. And chances are good he’ll be back at the breeding stock sale next week looking to grow his broodmare band.

“The idea going forward would be to try to find another Plying,” he said. “We’d be interested in going to the sales again and trying to find a gem that maybe we could syndicate, put in foal to a good sire and maybe it just might take off again.”

Cooney acknowledged that sire power was an important aspect of Plying’s page at the time of her purchase, despite the fact she hadn’t yet hit as a broodmare.



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Update Keeps Dream Alive For Small Breeder cont. from p1

“The thing we liked about Plying was that on her page, she had one runner, a High Chaparral that didn’t show much, but after that she had a Camelot, a Zoffany and a No Nay Never, which on any page suggests you have a fair chance for the mare to throw a winner. That really kind of sold us on her.”

Plying is currently in foal to another Coolmore sire in Gleneagles (Ire), and while a 2021 mating hasn’t been set in stone, Plying looks likely to get another upgrade.

“We’re flat out thinking about what would be the right thing to do and where to go,” Cooney said. “I personally would love to go to Kingman (GB). I think she’d have an absolutely gorgeous horse, but there also is the likes of Lope De Vega—he’s another top-class stallion. There’s nothing confirmed yet but we’re thinking the likes of them.”

Cooney began 2020 with a profitable mare in his barn, and is ending the year at the sales with a half-sibling to a 2-year-old Group 1 winner and Classic contender.

“The dream is still alive,” as Cooney himself said, but he is nonetheless keeping his feet on the ground. “The simple and short story of it is that we went looking to buy a mare that could breed winners from,” he said. “She was the one, and it worked out.”

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EUROPEAN NEWS

HRI RELEASES 2021 BUDGET

Horse Racing Ireland’s 2021 budget has been approved, with measures to combat the threats of COVID-19 and Brexit key among the priorities.

Brian Kavanagh, chief executive of Horse Racing Ireland, said, “The HRI budget for 2021 is set in the context of two lifetime challenges hitting the sector simultaneously and the priority is to shield the industry from the impacts of both Covid-19 and Brexit, while being cognisant of the welfare of our horses and the people that work with them.

“Thanks to the effort of many, the finances of Horse Racing Ireland are stable as we come to the end of one of the most challenging years any of us will ever face. The Board wishes to acknowledge the effort and sacrifices made within the industry this year and is pleased to announce a progressive budget for 2021 which is aimed at giving some clarity in an uncertain environment.”

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€17,500 Oct 1, SLF. Kildangan Stud, Ireland



HRI Releases 2021 Budget cont.

“In framing its budget, HRI is following the key objectives set out in our Strategic Plan for the industry 2020-2024 which was launched earlier this year. The quality of the Irish racing and breeding product remains strong and, working within our plan, I am confident that we can put 2020 behind us and look forward with some optimism.”

Budgeted prizemoney for 2021 is €60.7-million, with the return of minimum prizemoney levels to €10,000 a priority. Fourteen extra fixtures have already been announced, taking the overall total to 384.

The budget also includes government funding toward the redevelopment of the Irish Equine Centre in Johnstown, Co. Kildare. This project will ensure the highest possible standards of disease prevention and surveillance within the industry. The budget also makes provisions for an all-weather

track at Tipperary and a new racecourse grant scheme to enhance stable yard capacities. HRI noted it will work with racecourses in 2021 on a case-by-case basis to assist them with mitigating the impact of COVID-19. Budget provision has also been made for a national awareness campaign for the safe return to race-going when appropriate.

The board has approved €14-million for integrity and racecourse services, and €1.3-million to support breeders and the sale of Irish-bred horses in light of the double threats of COVID and Brexit.

Kavanagh continued, “2020 was a year when prudence with the industry’s finances was an absolute necessity and the resilience of our sector enabled many to get through

the year. That said, 2020 was anything but normal and the spectacle of high quality racing in front of empty stands was a depressingly familiar sight.”



Horses on The Curragh | Emma Berry

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HRI Releases 2021 Budget cont.

“Regrettably this new normal will continue to be the theme as we head into 2021, although recent developments regarding vaccines and travel do allow some cause for optimism regarding a safe return to more normal activity.

“The allocations in Budget 2021 have been guided by the HRI Strategic Plan for the industry with growth in fixtures and prize money targeting increased participation in the sector. HRI will ensure that our prize money remains internationally competitive and we will announce a new scheme in early 2021 to provide financial support to the breeding industry and assist Irish vendors in the post Brexit environment. The Irish Tote alliance with the UK Tote Group will commence from 1st January 2021 following the issue of a new seven-year Tote licence by the Government in October, while the latest phase of redevelopment of Leopardstown has just been completed, although unfortunately we will not be able to showcase it to the public at the forthcoming Christmas Festival.”

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IRELAND, FRANCE BIPARTITE AGREEMENT AT ADVANCED STAGE



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A bipartite agreement on the movement of horses between Ireland and France has made advances in recent days, with Britain agreeing to accept EU Documents of Movement for horses across its land bridge. Operators will not be required to separately notify the UK import system and, in order to safeguard animal welfare, Irish operators will not be required to seal vehicles for export of horses to and through Britain. Indications from the UK Government are that a stopover facility will be permitted.

Brian Kavanagh, chief executive of Horse Racing Ireland, said, “We welcome the confirmation from our colleagues at the Department of Agriculture Food and the Marine that a Bipartite

agreement between Ireland and France is at an advanced stage. In tandem with this, authorities in Britain have agreed to accept DOCOMs (EU Documents of Movement) for movement of animals across the British land bridge. This means that from Jan. 1, it looks likely that horses will be able to continue to use the DOCOM system to move to France, both directly or through the land bridge, which is very welcome and timely news.”

Kavanagh reiterated, however, that Brexit “remains a very fluid situation.”

“Advice is changing all of the time,” he said. “Whether there is a deal or not, we would strongly say to trainers and breeders that it is imperative that you start these communications now-- with the Department of Agriculture Food and the Marine, with Revenue, with your private veterinary practitioner and with the logistics or haulage companies you expect to use to travel your horses.”

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VARIAN LOSES TWO LISTED RACES OVER FEED CONTAMINATION

The Roger Varian-trained fillies Angel Power (GB) (Lope De Vega {Ire}) and Queen Daenerys (Ire) (Frankel {GB}) have been disqualified from listed wins at ParisLongchamp in September as a result of the **well-documented Gain feed contamination saga** that also saw Aidan O’Brien **scratch his four runners** from the G1 Prix de l’Arc de Triomphe. France Galop has revealed that 12 horses tested positive for the prohibited substance Zilpaterol as a result of the feed contamination, but all the trainers involved—including Varian, who was the only overseas trainer affected—have been cleared of any wrongdoing.

Varian, who withdrew all his runners in the coming days when the situation came to light on Oct. 1, told *Racing Post* on Friday, “I am very disappointed for the owners of Angel Power [King Power Racing] and the owner of Queen Daenerys [HH Sheikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa], that through no fault of our own these two horses were found to have traces of Zilpaterol in their system.

“From the very first days that we learned about this situation it was clear we were dealing with a contaminated feed scenario, one that I as a trainer had no prior knowledge of or reason to suspect might arise. I would like to thank Gain Equine Nutrition for the speed with which they made the industry and public aware of the situation. I am grateful to France Galop for recognising that no blame was attached to the trainers who were caught up in this unfortunate situation. And finally, I would like to thank King Power Racing and HH Sheikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa for their understanding and support over the period of time since we first learned about the positive results.”

Varian Loses Two Listed Races Over Feed Contamination cont.

Zilpaterol is a synthetic substance that is used to promote weight gain in cattle, but that is unregistered in Europe. Martin Ryan, Head of GAIN Equine, said at the time the contamination came to light, "We apologise sincerely to our valued customers for the inconvenience caused by this incident and we are committed to promptly keeping you fully informed. A thorough investigation and trace back of all feed ingredient sources is underway as a matter of urgency to determine how this external contaminant could have found its way into some batches of our equine product."



Roger Varian | *Scoop Dyga*

The other trainers involved with positives were David Cottin, Fabrice Chappet, Simone Broggi, Jean-Philippe Dubois and Jacques Ortet.

Angel Power has progressed to win the G3 Pride S. and the G2 Premio Lydia Tesio since taking the Sept. 3 Prix de Liancourt. Queen Daenerys, who like her stablemate was winning a black-type race for the first time in France in the Sept. 10 Prix Joubert, has not run since.

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FIRST-SEASON SIRE WITH RUNNERS

Saturday, December 19:

UNITED KINGDOM

Belardo (Ire) (Lope de Vega {Ire}), Kildangan Stud
93 foals of racing age/13 winners/4 black-type winners
20:00-WOLVERHAMPTON, 8.75f, CLASSY DAME (Ire)

€7,000 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearlings 2019
12:15-LINGFIELD PARK, 8f, WISPER (Ire)
5,000gns RNA Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2019 - Book 3

Bobby's Kitten (Kitten's Joy), Lanwades Stud
78 foals of racing age/11 winners/0 black-type winners
12:15-LINGFIELD PARK, 8f, ALVARINO (GB)
€15,000 RNA Tattersalls Ireland September Yearlings 2019;
£1,500 RNA Tattersalls Ascot December Sale 2019

Buratino (Ire) (Exceed And Excel {Aus}), Kildangan Stud
88 foals of racing age/12 winners/0 black-type winners
20:00-WOLVERHAMPTON, 8.75f, BEAU TINKER (Ire)
€13,000 Tattersalls Ireland Flat Breeding Stock Sale 2018;
€8,000 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearlings 2019

Twilight Son (GB) (Kyllachy {GB}), Cheveley Park Stud
122 foals of racing age/22 winners/1 black-type winner
20:00-WOLVERHAMPTON, 8.75f, STEP SISTER (GB)

FRANCE:

Belardo (Ire) (Lope de Vega {Ire}), Kildangan Stud
93 foals of racing age/13 winners/4 black-type winners
1-DEAUVILLE, 1300m, GOT LUCK (Fr)

Charming Thought (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}), Dalham Hall Stud
48 foals of racing age/8 winners/0 black-type winners
6-DEAUVILLE, 1500m, AMY C (GB)
€8,000 Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2018

Dariyan (Fr) (Shamardal), Haras de Bonneval
70 foals of racing age/10 winners/0 black-type winners
3-DEAUVILLE, 1500m, LOORD HILL (Fr)

Fascinating Rock (Ire) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}), Ballylinch Stud
61 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
1-DEAUVILLE, 1300m, 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
3-DEAUVILLE, 1500m, COGOLIN (Fr)

The Last Lion (Ire) (Choisir {Aus}), Kildangan Stud
43 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners
1-DEAUVILLE, 1300m, KING OF THE LIONS (Ire)

Mehmas (Ire) (Acclamation {GB}), Tally-Ho Stud
146 foals of racing age/54 winners/4 black-type winners
6-DEAUVILLE, 1500m, QUELLE CHARM (Fr)
€28,000 RNA Arqana Deauville August Yearling Sale 2019

Prince of Lir (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}), Ballyhane Stud
77 foals of racing age/14 winners/1 black-type winner
1-DEAUVILLE, 1300m, COAXIURUM (Ire)

First-Season Sires With Runners cont.

12,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale 2019 - Book 3

Shalaa (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), Haras de Bouquetot
118 foals of racing age/20 winners/0 black-type winners
6-DEAUVILLE, 1500m, MAGIC SOUND
€80,000 Arqana Deauville August Yearling Sale 2019

Silas Marnier (Fr) (Muhtathir {GB}), Haras de Saint Vincent
6 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
6-DEAUVILLE, 1500m, SASHKA (Fr)

Territories (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), Dalham Hall Stud
113 foals of racing age/19 winners/2 black-type winners
1-DEAUVILLE, 1300m, BELLE SYLVIE (Fr)
€26,000 Arqana Deauville October Yearlings 2019
3-DEAUVILLE, 1500m, MYSTERIOUS LAND (Fr)
€90,000 Arqana Deauville August Yearling Sale 2019
1-DEAUVILLE, 1300m, SHAR INVOICE (Fr)
€13,000 Arqana Deauville October Yearlings 2019

BRITAIN**CONDITIONS RESULTS:**

4th-Wolverhampton, £5,300, Nov, 12-18, 2yo, 7f 36y (AWT),
1:30.48, st.

TO THE BAR (IRE) (c, 2, Tamayuz {GB}--Coachhouse Lady, by Rahy) Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$9,216. O-Jaber Abdullah; B-Old Carhue & Graeng Bloodstock (IRE); T-Richard Hughes. *£17,000 Ylg '19 GOFFPR.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Water of Leith (Ire), g, 2, Kodiak (GB)--Zakhrafa (Ire), by Shamardal. Wolverhampton, 12-18, 6f 20y (AWT), 1:15.05. B-Rifa Mustang Pty Ltd (IRE); *€25,000 Ylg '19 GOFSP; £62,000 2yo '20 GOFARQ.

FRANCE**CONDITIONS RESULTS:**

9th-Lyon La Soie, €12,000, Cond, 12-18, 4yo/up, 10 3/4f (AWT),
2:21.70, st.

LARS (IRE) (g, 4, Siyouni {Fr}--Absolutely True {GB}, by Westerner {GB}) Lifetime Record: 5-3-0-0, €16,700. O/B-Jean-Claude Seroul (IRE); T-Jean-Pierre Gauvin. *1/2 to Absolute City (Fr) (Elusive City), SW & GSP-Fr, \$143,930; and Allons Y (Fr) (Soldier of Fortune {Ire}), SP-Fr.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Keyflower (Fr), f, 2, Kheleyf--Heather Flower (Ire), by Lope de Vega (Ire). Lyon La Soie, 12-18, 9f (AWT), 1:54.80. B-Haras de Magouet (FR). *1ST-TIME STARTER. **€22,000 Ylg '19 OSASEP.

IRELAND**Friday's Results:**

2nd-Dundalk, €14,000, Mdn, 12-18, 2yo, 7f (AWT), 1:26.43, st.
MORNING APPROACH (IRE) (f, 2, Dawn Approach {Ire}--Cape of Night {Ire}, by Cape Cross {Ire}) was steadied to track the pace in fifth after an alert getaway in this unveiling. Shaken up to take closer order off the home turn, the 8-1 chance launched her bid approaching the final furlong and was driven out to assert by a half length from Brosna Empress (Ire) (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}). Devil's Outlaw (War Front), a half-brother to GI American Oaks heroine Competitionofideas (Speightstown), was unable to land a telling blow and finished seventh. "She's a lovely, big filly and very honest and we've never had any complications with her," said winning trainer Willie McCreery. "She showed a good attitude in the finish, she really stuck her head out and is going to be a lovely filly on grass next year. Sadly the man who picked her out, Frank McGarry, passed away this year, but she's owned by a lovely syndicate of lads that have been with me for a good few years." Kin to a yearling filly by The Gurkha (Ire), the March-foaled bay is the fifth of six foals and becomes the first scorer produced by an unraced half-sister to three stakes performers including MGSW G1 King's Stand S. and G1 Prix de l'Abbaye placegetter Muthmir (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}). Sales history: €8,000 Ylg '19 GOFSP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$10,307. 1ST-TIME STARTER. O-Morning Approach Syndicate; B-Mrs S Grassick (IRE); T-Willie McCreery.

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

1st-Dundalk, €18,500, Cond, 12-18, 2yo, 5f (AWT), :58.80, st.
QUEENS CARRIAGE (IRE) (f, 2, Mehmas {Ire}--Mimiteh, by Maria's Mon) Lifetime Record: 9-2-2-1, \$36,037. O-Kim Coleman; B-Old Carhue Stud (IRE); T-Kevin Coleman. *€16,000 Ylg '19 GOFSP. **1/2 to King's Field (Ire) (Kodiak {GB}), SP-Ire.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Wonder Elzaam (Ire), c, 3, Elzaam (Aus)--Artful Panda (Ire), by Excellent Art (GB). Dundalk, 12-18, 8f (AWT), 1:37.91. B-Marion Wallace (IRE). *€8,000 Wlg '17 GOFNOV; €10,000 Ylg '18 TIRSEP.



IN THE UAE:

Dark of Night (Ire), g, 3, Dark Angel (Ire)--Moonvoy (GB), by Cape Cross (Ire). Jebel Ali, 12-18, Maiden, 1600m, 1:40.03. B-George Kent. *€125,000 Wlg '17 GOFNOV; 155,000gns Ylg '18 TATOCT. **VIDEO**

Dark Silver (Ire), g, 3, Dark Angel (Ire)--Silver Shoon (Ire) (GSP-Ire), by Fasliyev. Jebel Ali, 12-18, Cond., 1200m, 1:12.69. B-Yeomanstown Stud & Doc Bloodstock. *Won by 9 1/4 lengths. **€240,000 Ylg '18 GOFORB; 23,000gns HRA '20 TATAUG. **VIDEO**

Dahawi (GB), g, 4, Heerat (Ire)--Piranha (Ire), by Exceed and Excel (Aus). Jebel Ali, 12-18, Hcp., 1200m, 1:13.28. B-Richard Kent & Robert Percival. *38,000gns Wlg '16 TATDEF; £100,000 Ylg '17 GOFAUG; 20,000gns HRA '19 TATJUL. **VIDEO**

MIDDLE EAST

Friday's Results:

1st-Jebel Ali, AED60,000, Maiden, NH2yo/SH3yo, c/g, 1200m, 1:13.19, ft.

MOUHEEB (c, 2, Flatter--Shanani's Song {SW, \$158,270}, by Eltish), the mount of visiting jockey Tom Marquand, showed good early speed to argue the pace down towards the inside and found plenty when asked entering the final 300 metres, staying on strongly up the rise to score by 2 3/4 lengths on debut. "We always thought he was a nice horse and he has always trained well at home, so we were quite hopeful coming here," said trainer Nicholas Bachalard. "It was either the 1600m race at Meydan last night or the 1200m here and we decided on this but he will now have to go up in trip and class. We would have to look at the UAE 2000 Guineas Trial I guess, but hopefully he is a horse with a big future." The winner, a full-brother to Favorable Outcome, GSW & MGISP, \$431,355; and a half to Bellamentary (Bellamy Road), SW & MGSP, \$216,200, cost \$400,000 at this year's OBS June Sale after breezing a quarter-mile in a slick :20 4/5. Shanani's Song is the dam of a yearling Gun Runner filly, a weanling colt by Candy Ride (Arg) and was most recently bred to Arrogate. Sales history: \$400,000 2yo '20 OBSJUN. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$9,803. O-Sheikh Ahmed bin Rashid al Maktoum; B-Charles T Matses (KY); T-Nicholas Bachalard.



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Sunday, Al Rayyan, Qatar, post time: 7:45 p.m.

QATAR DERBY (Black-Type), US\$500,000, 3yo, 2000mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	7	Bottom Bay (GB)	Oasis Dream (GB)	Saadi	Fellowes
2	15	Dramatic Sands (Ire)	Footstepsinthesand (GB)	Lukasek	Mountain
3	2	Happy Bere (Fr)	Pedro the Great	Rossi	Kobeissi
4	6	Hayzum (Fr)	Anodin (Ire)	Thomas	Mikhailides
5	4	Hellenistique (Fr)	Wootton Bassett (GB)	Casamento	Maki
6	8	King Pacha (Ire)	Acclamation (GB)	Auge	Maki
7	5	Main Reef (GB)	Pivotal (GB)	Bughanaim	Mountain
8	9	Mount Fuji (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Al-Marri	Mountain
9	14	Perfect Empire (GB)	Hly Rmn Empr (Ire)	Sanna	Ghazali
10	13	Sir Arthur Dayne (GB)	Sir Prancealot (Ire)	Watson	Ghazali
11	3	Skip the Queue (Ire)	Acclamation (GB)	Henrique	Al-Jehani
12	10	Suffrage (Fr)	Mastercraftsman (Ire)	Forest	Kasim
13	12	Union (Ire)	New Approach (Ire)	Maniezzi	Ibido
14	11	Usak (Fr)	Al Kazeem (GB)	Guillambert	Ghazali
15	1	Wedream (Fr)	Whipper	Reznikov	Ghazali

All carry 128 pounds.

WORLDWIDE NEWS

RED BELLE AUBE RATES SLIGHT EDGE IN

ASAHI HAI FUTURITY by Alan Carasso

Red Belle Aube (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}) looks to give his legendary late sire a fourth winner of the G1 Asahi Hai Futurity S. in the last seven years as he takes on 15 other rivals in the 1600-metre event that will go some way towards determining year-end honors.

Asahi Hai Futurity cont.

Bred from an Unbridled's Song mare just like Triple Crown hero Contrail (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}), Red Belle Aube has won two in a row since dropping his career debut, including the G2 Daily Hai Nisai S. over this course and distance Nov. 14 in which he just outgamed **Ho O Amazon (Jpn)** (King Kamehameha {Jpn}) in the final furlong. Red Belle Aube's full-brother Red Bel Jour (Jpn) won last year's Daily Hai Nisai S. before finishing 10th in this test.

"He's not so different than he was for his last race, but he is getting bigger," said his jockey Yuichi Fukunaga. "He's got speed which should see him do well here over a mile, although like his brother, there is a slightly difficult side to him."

Shock Action (Ire) (Gleneagles {Ire}), a 65,000gns purchase by Paca Paca Farm on behalf of Godolphin's Japanese arm at the 2018 Tattersalls December foal sale, broke his maiden at second asking and became his young sire's first local group winner when taking out the G3 Niigata Nisai S. by a handy 1 3/4 lengths Aug. 30.

Mondreise (Jpn) (Daiwa Major {Jpn}), whose sire was responsible for the recently retired 2018 Asahi Hai winner Admire Mars (Jpn), looms an interesting longshot price with Christophe Lemaire at the controls. No worse than second in his four starts to date, the bay colt steps up in class off a neck defeat of **Lord Max (Jpn)** (Deep Impact {Jpn}) in the G2 Keio Hai Nisai S. (1400m) at Tokyo Nov. 7.

Dura Mondo (Jpn) (Duramente {Jpn}), whose sire is in the thick of the battle for leading Japanese freshman sire, is undefeated from two runs and faces a stiff class test Sunday, but is well backed to negotiate the jump.

Stella Veloce (Jpn) (Bago {Fr}) is well in the markets off a convincing three-length success in the G3 Saudi Arabia Royal Cup at headquarters Oct. 10 when he seemed to relish soft underfoot conditions.

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PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Kaiser Nova (Jpn)	Maurice (Jpn)	Ikezo	Yahagi	121
2	Grenadier Guards (Jpn)	Frankel (GB)	Kawada	Nakauchida	121
3	Bisonte No Bufalo (Jpn)	Precise End	Yamada	Kobiyama	121
4	Shock Action (Ire)	Gleneagles (Ire)	Tosaki	Okubo	121
5	Dura Mondo (Jpn)	Duramente (Jpn)	Take	Tezuka	121
6	Blue Spirit (Ire)	Invincible Spirit (Ire)	Fujioka	Nakauchida	121
7	Stella Veloce (Jpn)	Bago (Fr)	Yokoyama	Sugai	121
8	Red Belle Aube (Jpn)	Deep Impact (Jpn)	Fukunaga	Fujiwara	121
9	T O da Vinci (Jpn)	Daiwa Major (Jpn)	Hamanaka	Okada	121
10	Ascoltare (Jpn)	Duramente (Jpn)	Kitamura	Nishimura	121
11	Bathrat Leon (Jpn)	Kizuna (Jpn)	Sakai	Yahagi	121
12	Jun Blue Sky (Jpn)	Duramente (Jpn)	Iwata	Tomomichi	121
13	Ho O Amazon (Jpn)	King Kamehameha (Jpn)	Matsuyama	Yahagi	121
14	Mondreise (Jpn)	Daiwa Major (Jpn)	Lemaire	Matsunaga	121
15	Lord Max (Jpn)	Deep Impact (Jpn)	Iwata	Fujiwara	121
16	Super Hope (Jpn)	Kizuna (Jpn)	Demuro	Fujioka	121

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06/10	Idn	OHY	Coechello (Fr)	Dunkerque (Fr)
06/10	Idn	OHY	Rough (Fr)	Territoires (Ire)
06/10	Listed Prix Finlande	OHY	Wangari (Ger)	Soldier Hollow (GB)
06/10	G3 Prix de Royumont	OHY	Ebaljra	Distorted Humor
06/10	G3 Prix de Guiche	OHY	Chachnak (Fr)	Kingman (GB)
06/09	Idn	NTS	Forefront (Ire)	Estchehar (Ire)
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