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KENTUCKY SIRES FOR 2021, FIRST YEARLINGS: PART I



Justify | Coolmore Australia

by Chris McGrath

As we all know, the more a stallion has to prove, the more the market indulges him. As each intake shows more of its hand, however, breeders become progressively more nervous of young sires disproving judgements that are themselves typically more concerned with the anticipation of demand at the sales, than of any potency they may (or may not) be able to recycle on the track.

In this third instalment of our survey, then, we begin our descent of the slippery slope with the first group to offer a hint of what they might actually be made of, having in recent weeks offered their first weanlings to market.

Quite how reliably that market will judge this early stock is another matter. Because year after year, it's the same: almost invariably, the average prices paid for first weanlings tend pretty scrupulously to reflect their ranking by covering fees. A couple of years ago, for instance, the top six rookies by fee in Kentucky duly filled the top six weanling averages among their intake--and more or less in sequence, too. The only one who elevated himself conspicuously higher than his fee rank was Runhappy.

The year before, conversely, the outlier had been a big disappointment: Constitution. While the other pair who had launched at \$25,000, Liam's Map and Carpe Diem, respectively averaged \$131,281 and \$110,475, Constitution managed only \$65,895. (In offering 37 foals, moreover, he had sent much the biggest sample of his work into the ring.) **Cont. p3**

COULD BREAKAGE BE USED TO PAY FOR HORSERACING INTEGRITY AND SAFETY ACT?

The Week in Review, by Bill Finley

As the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act resurfaced last week as part of an omnibus spending bill passed by the House and Senate, the same questions were being asked all over again. What will the new way of doing things cost and who is going to pay for it?

All anyone really knows at this point is that the states will be expected to foot the bill and their share will depend on how much racing there is in each state. Kentucky, with year-round racing, will have to pay more than Arkansas, where Oaklawn is the only track and it is open for only about four months. A state like Pennsylvania, where there are three Thoroughbred tracks, two of which run year-round, and three harness tracks, will get hit the hardest. **Cont. p9**

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GI Rodeo Drive S. winner Mucho Unusual (Mucho Macho Man) returned to the West Coast with a 3/4-length victory in the GIII Robert J. Frankel S. to wrap up the holiday weekend at Santa Anita Sunday.

FIELD OF 11 FOR JOE HERNANDEZ STAKES

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Kentucky Sires for 2021, First Yearlings

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In other words, let's be careful about reading too much into the market verdict on these first weanlings. Had you treated the few variations from fee rankings as any kind of weathervane, you might well have expected Constitution to be on his way to Turkey by now. That's what happened to Daredevil, after all, having finished just behind him in the averages (off half the fee). And we know what happened to Daredevil next. No need, by the same token, for anyone to give up on Runhappy despite his underwhelming first juveniles.

If their rare departures from the values initially presented by the farms prove to be so misplaced, little wonder purchasers end up adhering pretty slavishly to the pecking order implied in the cost of conception. In future, however, they might as well keep out of the November sleet, and not bother hauling themselves from barn to barn to inspect these living, breathing animals!

With that in mind, we should draw limited inferences from the "performance" at the weanling sales of those stallions who will be presenting their first yearlings to market in 2021. For the record, a couple who failed to hold their place in the weanling averages, relative to fees, were West Coast and Always Dreaming. But they remain absolutely entitled to maintain a resemblance to Constitution once their stock actually gets onto the racetrack in 2022.

In the meantime, of course, this group stands nervously before a commercial highwire: their 2021 covers will go to the yearling sales in 2023, when their first crop will be showing their prowess or otherwise on the track as sophomores. If you back one that lands running, you'll hope to be in clover. But the rest will be exposed to a precipitate decline in the value of their brand.



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That won't disqualify them from breeding runners, however. And with so many farms cutting fees across the roster, to keep the carousel turning in the pandemic economy, there should be some excellent value around. Overall, it's an attractive group with interest at most levels.

The top of the weanling averages, unsurprisingly in the context we have just established, was **JUSTIFY** (Scat Daddy--Stage Magic, by Ghostzapper). The only Triple Crown winner to remain unbeaten in the history of the American Turf bestrode the intake with an opening fee of \$150,000, and Ashford got him going last year with an unbelievable first book of 252 mares--matched, nationally, only by another rookie by the same sire, starting at the same farm, in Mendelssohn. Justify received another 222 guests this time round, and gets a clip to \$125,000 to negotiate the approaching "bubble."

With 474 covers in his first two years, presumably all mares deserving of the fee, Justify will need to do precisely as his name suggests with his first crops. As always, there's a witting trade-off in the sheer volume of traffic. On the one hand, he will surely find runners to keep his name in lights, however his percentages stack up against rivals with smaller books. At the same time, good luck if you're going to rely on kudos to get any duds through the sales: there won't be a lack of alternatives. Of the 16 weanlings who put their heads over the parapet, nine reached their reserves; but vendors were understandably

prepared to try again if not satisfied (RNAs up to \$400,000) while those that did sell achieved a very decent yield at \$421,737.

So while it's always a long way down, at numbers like this, Justify should be equal to the challenge if the basic tenets of our industry hold up. Performance we scarcely need to reprise. Physique is barely less extraordinary. He exudes such virility in the flesh that you feel intimidated just standing near him, and the Storm Cat line can seldom have yielded such a vivid example of its trademark power and musculature. And pedigree is cogent enough: first three dams all at least graded stakes performers; likewise, his tragic half-brother.

The keystone of his family tree, as has been explored many times, is the duplication in its fourth generation of sisters Preach and Yarn: Justify's second dam is by the former's son, Pulpit, while his grandsire Johannesburg is out of the latter's daughter Myth (Ogygian). The sisters' dam Narrate, moreover, was by Honest Pleasure--whose brother For The Moment is sire of Justify's fourth dam; while their sire Mr. Prospector is also Scat Daddy's damsire. That Mr. P. bedrock gets a perfect foil in the Classic quality and stamina of Nijinsky, who also recurs top and bottom, including (but not only) as Narrate's damsire. How gratifying it was, to see such thoughtful breeding repaid by historic achievement; and fortunate is the breeder who can afford to tap into it now.



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Among the mortals, the highest opening fee was charged by **CITY OF LIGHT** (Quality Road--Paris Notion, by Dehere), who was initially offered at \$35,000 and elevated to \$40,000 after rounding off his resumé with a six-length romp (and 112 Beyer) in the GI Pegasus World Cup. And he could hardly have made a better debut at the sales, selling a dozen of 14 weanlings for a knockout average of \$216,000--behind only Justify; more than double any other stallion in the intake; and at an unrivalled yield.



City of Light | Lane's End

This shouldn't have surprised anyone. Of the three recruits made by Lane's End in this intake, we'll all have had our individual favorites. I did think Accelerate (Lookin At Lucky) was particularly good value, priced as he was, but City of Light is a most seductive animal and also looked worth every cent of his fee. A lot of breeders evidently agreed, as he has managed to hold his fee in the teeth of the economic gale, doubtless aided by the exemplary management of his books by a farm that tries to keep a premium on the brand by not flooding the marketplace. Many others would cheerfully have kept the door revolving long after City of Light reached 146 mares in both his first two seasons.

In terms of sheer class, he looks a valid alternative--and not just a more accessible one--to his \$150,000 sire. From his breakout success in the GI Malibu S., City of Light proved invincible except in two very pardonable circumstances, stretching his speed just too far over 10 furlongs and given the slip by the dashing Whitmore (Pleasantly Perfect) after a three-month layoff. His performance in the GI Dirt Mile, breaking his pursuers with a blazing 110 Beyer, was one of the most charismatic of recent Breeders' Cups. That was one of four Grade Is won by City of Light, though his GII Oaklawn H. defeat of Accelerate (the rest beaten off 10 lengths) differed only formally in caliber.



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He is, moreover, a thing of beauty (\$710,000 Keeneland September yearling); and his dam is a three-parts sister to a Grade I winner out of a Grade I winner. Even without that level of quality, I would already love two first dams by distaff influences as resonant as Dehere and Somethingfabulous. (The latter's mother Somethingroyal actually holds the whole pedigree together: her great son, Secretariat, is damsire of Dehere; while Quality Road's sire Elusive Quality draws together Secretariat and Sir Ivor, a grandson of Somethingroyal, as damsires of his sire and dam respectively.) Though City of Light's own forte was plainly dirt speed, there are interesting shades of green under the third dam, who produced a top-class European colt of his era in Cacoethes (Alydar), so his brilliance might well prove transferable to any theater.



West Coast | Lane's End

Many others, surveying the Lane's End trio, preferred to pin their colors to the mast of **WEST COAST** (Flatter--Caressing, by Honour and Glory). True, he has not started quite so smoothly: his second book diminished from 168 to 103, and his fee from \$35,000 to \$20,000 after obtaining an ordinary average (\$64,764) with his first weanlings. As we keep saying, however, the only true measure of these horses still remains some way down the road and West Coast still has every chance.

He is out of a champion juvenile filly who has produced a couple of other graded stakes performers, and his physique sustained a \$425,000 yearling tag (highly respectable for his sire). Having sat out the Classics, he bloomed in time to pick up the pieces in the GI Travers and sealed the sophomore title when first of the crop home behind Gun Runner (Candy Ride {Arg}) and Collected (City Zip) in the GI Breeders' Cup Classic. And at four he raked in some of the biggest place purses around, taking his career earnings past \$5 million.

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It's not necessarily the most decorated pedigree past the dam, but it has a couple of interesting knots. Both his sire and dam are out of granddaughters of Raise a Native, respectively via Mr. Prospector and Majestic Prince--whose own family ties back into the bottom line: West Coast's fourth dam is by My Host, a full-brother to the second dam of Majestic Prince (as well as to Kelso's sire Your Host). Mares who bring Real Quiet or Pleasant Colony into play might tighten this strand in interesting fashion.



Mendelssohn | Sarah Andrew

As we've already noted, **MENDELSSOHN** (Scat Daddy--Leslie's Lady, by Tricky Creek), matched his illustrious new neighbor at Ashford in herding an eye-watering 252 mares for his debut season. Remarkably, a second book of 242 was surpassed only by Uncle Mo and Into Mischief and he duly holds his fee at \$35,000 after a solid debut at the sales, processing as many as 19 of 23 offered at an average \$95,736.

Clearly, you're not going to be short of options if you want a Mendelssohn yearling in 2021 or 2022. That said, it would be disappointing if the other side of this gamble--that he will produce an early star or two to keep him going--should fail to come off.

Because Mendelssohn is out of one of the most remarkable mares in the modern history of the breed, and by a more commercially helpful sire than her rags-to-riches son Into Mischief (Harlan's Holiday). His physique sealed his status as Keeneland September sale-topper and, true to the versatile influence of his sire, he won his Grade I at two on the grass at the Breeders' Cup. Unfortunately he could not convert that extraterrestrial dirt debut in Dubai into further success at the elite tier, but he left no doubt as to his essential eligibility to do so (repeatedly ridden at too manic a pace). By any measure Mendelssohn has his "ducks in a row" and his popularity is easy to understand among those of Ashford's clients who could not stretch for a Triple Crown winner by the same sire.



Good Magic | Sarah Andrew

The other stallion to launch at \$35,000 was **GOOD MAGIC** (Curlin--Glinda the Good, by Hard Spun) at Hill 'n' Dale. Though only 10 of 19 weanlings found a new home, they did so at \$104,000 and he gets a mild clip to \$30,000 to maintain numbers after opening with books of 164 and 142.

Here was another seven-figure yearling and he matched that billing as a GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile champion who trained on

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to beat 18 others in the GI Kentucky Derby; made a valiant effort to burn off the Triple Crown winner when beaten a bare length in the GI Preakness; and, finally spared the attentions of Justify, duly won the GI Haskell. His dam and three of her half-sisters were graded stakes-placed or better, and there are several accomplished runners and/or producers under the third dam, notably Magical Maiden (Lord Avie) and her daughter Miss Houdini (Belong to Me), both Grade I-winning juveniles in California.

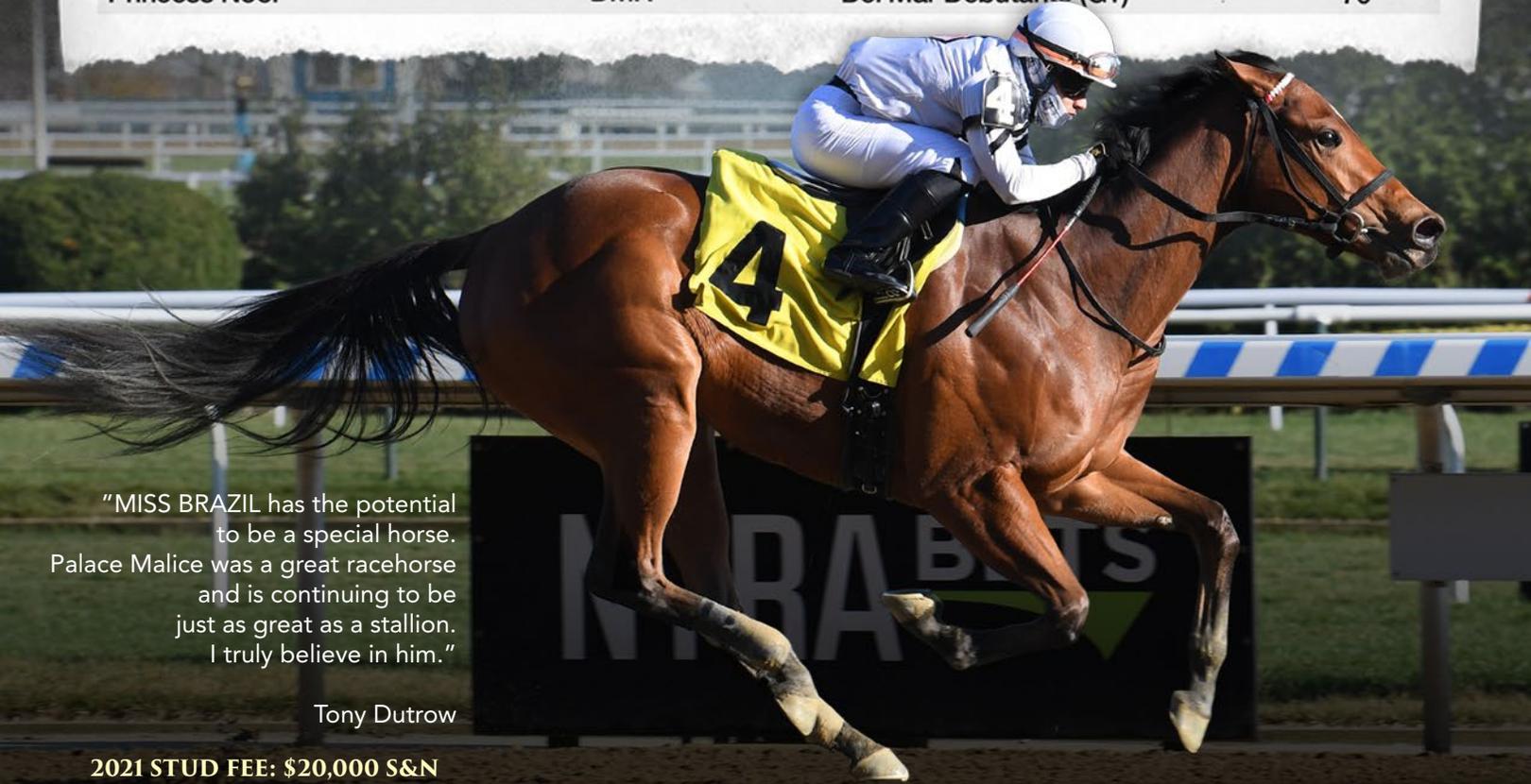
In broader terms, I adore the top-to-bottom parade of breed-shaping names in his third generation: Mr. Prospector, Deputy Minister, Danzig, Miswaki. There's increasing competition among sons of Curlin, but most of them were not as quick to mature and Good Magic will surely get runners. There's just something wholesome about this horse and he may well live up to his name in his new career.

We could not know it at the time but the most expensive recruit to Spendthrift, at \$25,000, has turned out to be a pathfinder for a series of blue-chip stallions now bidding to build on the success of that farm's "pile-'em-high" commercial model. **BOLT D'ORO** (Medaglia d'Oro--Globe Trot, by A.P. Indy) was third to Good Magic at the Breeders' Cup but already had a couple of Grade Is under his belt (one by nearly eight lengths) and a stellar juvenile Beyer of 103.

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Bolt d'Oro | *Spendthrift*

Moreover this is a pedigree, tracing to Myrtlewood, that has gained considerably over the last year through the blossoming of his older half-brother Global Campaign (Curlin), himself now starting out at WinStar, to make the GI Breeders' Cup Classic podium. Their tragic dam obviously packaged a pretty vital genetic package, her only other foal also being a stakes winner and Grade II-placed at two. We'll never know quite how far Bolt d'Oro may have progressed, but his pedigree and the template of Global Campaign together suggest that we hadn't seen the best of him by the time he derailed at three.

Predictably enough, his farm secured a monster opening book of 214 and another 146 this time round but he performed extremely efficiently in the sales debut, rehousing a high ratio (22 of 25) at a very respectable \$93,136. He was himself a \$630,000 Saratoga yearling and, slashed to \$15,000 as Spendthrift made purposeful cuts across its roster, looks quite tempting value now.

The other stallion in this intake retired at \$25,000 was **ALWAYS DREAMING** (Bodemeister--Above Perfection, by In Excess {Ire}), who has been eased to \$17,500 at WinStar. He arguably needed that help, his weanling performance having been candidly disappointing: to sell 17 of 24 was solid enough, but they realized an average of just \$34,070. As we said at the outset, of course, history tells us not to read anything into that and he has numbers behind him (165 and 118 mares in his first two books) to get a crucial headliner or two early on.

In fairness, the sporting decision to seek a revival at four backfired and the memory of his GI Kentucky Derby success, not to mention a GI Florida Derby romp in the fastest time since Alydar, had rather begun to fade by the time he got to stud. So while his own sire's fortunes in the meantime are discouraging, let's remember that Always Dreaming is a half-brother to Grade I-winning juvenile Hot Dixie Chick (Dixie Union) and runaway GII Demoiselle S. winner Positive Spirit (Pioneerof the Nile) out of a mare who ran Xtra Heat (Dixieland Heat) to a neck in the GI Prioress S.



Always Dreaming | *Jon Siegel*

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What To Look Forward To in 2021



The Week in Review *(cont. from p1)*

It appears that each state will be left to its own devices when it comes to figuring out how to come up with an amount that will likely be in the millions for the major racing states. If that turns out to be the case, it raises the possibility that the money will come from an increase in takeout, which is the very last thing this sport needs.

While not offering any specifics, the bill suggests that the money could come from foal registration fees, sales contributions, starter fees and track fees. But taking money out of the pocket of owners, in the form of purse cuts or fees to start a horse, is another bad idea. Owners and bettors are the two most important participants in the sport and neither group can afford to have any more money come out of their pockets

Which is why the sport needs to come together and find clever and alternative ways to raise the money. Here's my idea: use the money that accrues each year from breakage.

In most states, payoffs are rounded down to the nearest 20-cent increment on a \$2 bet. That means if the exact payoff on a horse to show should be \$2.79, the actual payoff will be just \$2.60. While a few pennies here or there may not seem like a lot, breakage can add up fast. The Thoroughbred Idea Foundation estimates that breakage adds up to about \$50 million a year. During the 2018 Triple Crown alone, breakage on win bets on Justify (Scat Daddy) totaled more than \$1 million for the three races.

In a perfect world, all bets would be broken down to the penny and the horse that should pay \$4.18 would pay \$4.18 and not \$4. Horseplayers may deserve that money, but it's highly unlikely that they will ever see it. That's what makes this different from a hike in the takeout rate. Diverting breakage to pay for the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act will not mean that the gamblers will be asked to pay any more than they are now.

Of course, that estimated \$50 million has to come from somewhere. The money from breakage is used to fund such things as purses and breed development funds. In some states, the tracks are allowed to keep some or all of the money. The breakage money is retained by the bet-taker, which means more and more of that \$50 million is now going to the ADW companies, which can afford to take a small hit. The money would be missed, but it is currently spread among so many entities that the hit will be minimal. And it can also be argued that this is money the tracks, breeding funds and purse accounts shouldn't be getting in the first place.

Another source of revenue could be uncashed tickets. According to the 2019 Maryland Racing Commission annual report, there were \$981,618 in uncashed tickets in the state in 2019.

Multiply that by the 30 or so states that have pari-mutuel wagering and you will likely come up with \$10 million or so.

The breakage plus uncashed tickets, is that enough? Until The Jockey Club, the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority or, perhaps, the United States Anti-Doping Agency or whomever, release a budget or an estimated budget, it's impossible to tell. But even if the breakage money pays for just a fraction of the program, it is a good place to start.

The passage of the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act, which appears to be inevitable despite President's Trump's reluctance to sign the omnibus spending bill that includes the Act, promises to be a tremendously positive, much-needed development for the sport. It will come at a cost, but that shouldn't be too much of a cost. This is not something that horseplayers should have to pay for. The same goes for the owners. Whether it's with the breakage money or something else, when it comes to paying for the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act, the sport needs to get this one right.

Charlatan Sensational In His Return

Bob Baffert said that he thought **Charlatan** (Speightstown) was going to need the race in the GI Runhappy Malibu S. Saturday at Santa Anita. He could not have been more wrong.

Before being sidelined in June due to a filling in his ankle, Charlatan looked like he might be the most promising horse in racing. He demolished the competition in all three of his races, including the GI Arkansans Derby, where a medication violation cost him the official win.

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What appeared to be a match race on paper, didn't really develop because the highly regarded **Nashville** (Speightstown) didn't run to expectations. But, nonetheless, the Malibu was loaded with talent and Charlatan thrashed his opponents, winning by 4 1/2 lengths. He got a 107 Beyer figure.

On Sunday, Baffert said he wasn't sure what was next for Charlatan. It will be interesting to see if his team shoots for the big money in races like the G1 Dubai World Cup or the Saudi Cup or gets more conservative and keeps him home. But wherever he goes, he will be the headliner. Until proven otherwise, he's the most exciting horse in the sport.

The other story out of Santa Anita Saturday was the handle. The \$23,003,159 wagered was a record for an opening day at "The Great Race Place." It sure looks like the bettors are not turning away from Southern California racing over the new, strict whipping rules.

Los Alamitos Deserved Better

The California Horse Racing Board (CHRB) should be demanding that every track in the state do its very best when it comes to safety. But the CHRB was being unreasonable when it voted to only give Los Alamitos a six-month license to run in 2021. They did so because there had been a reported 29 fatalities at the track during 2020. The commissioners said they would let Los Alamitos run during the second half of the year if they were convinced that the track had been making positive steps when it came to safety.

It's one thing to give Los Alamitos such an ultimatum. It's another thing to do so two

weeks before the beginning of the year.

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That's especially a problem for a Quarter Horse track because most of the money for major races in the sport comes from sustaining payments. Track owner Dr. Ed Allred correctly noted that it was hard to ask Quarter Horse trainers and owners to keep making the payments when they would have no idea if any of the races scheduled later than June 30 would actually be run.

When California was desperate for a track to step up and fill the void after Hollywood Park closed down, Allred went above and beyond, converting his track so that it could hold Thoroughbred racing. Since then, it seems like he never gets a break from the CHRB. The guess is that Allred will back down, but his threat to shut the track down rather than agree to the six-month license is something that can't be taken lightly.

Because of its racing dates and the fact it provides stabling for hundreds of Thoroughbreds, Los Alamitos has become a part of California racing that would be greatly missed if it were ever to go away.

The right thing to do would have been to grant Los Alamitos a one-year license while letting the track know that this would be its last chance and that there would be a stiff price to pay going forward if it didn't improve on its safety record.

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Sunday, Santa Anita

ROBERT J. FRANKEL S.-GIII, \$101,500, Santa Anita, 12-27, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8mT, 1:46.94, fm.

1--**MUCHO UNUSUAL, 125, f, 4, by Mucho Macho Man**

1st Dam: **Not Unusual, by Unusual Heat**

2nd Dam: **Fly First Class, by General Meeting**

3rd Dam: **Laura's Jet, by Wajima**

(\$170,000 RNA Ylg '17 KEESep). O/B-George Krikorian (CA); T-Tim Yakteen; J-John R. Velazquez. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: 18-6-3-4, \$762,715. *1/2 to Big Score (Mr. Big), GSW & GISP, \$702,792. **Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.**

Werk Nick Rating: A.

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2--**Never Be Enough (GB)**, 123, m, 5, Sir Percy (GB)--Camp Fire (Ire), by Lahib. (8,500gns RNA Wlg '15 TATFOA; £16,000 Ylg '16 GOUKSI; £15,000 RNA 5yo '20 GOFJAN). O-Ronald L. Charles & Samuel Gordon; B-J. Skinner (GB); T-Manuel Badilla. \$20,000.

3--**She's Our Charm**, 121, f, 4, **Candy Ride (Arg)**--Charm the Maker, by Empire Maker. (\$600,000 Ylg '17 KEESep). O-Deborah McAnally Trust; B-Ron & Deborah McAnally (KY); T-Ronald L. McAnally. \$12,000.

Margins: 3/4, NO, 3/4. Odds: 2.90, 32.40, 4.20.

Also Ran: Miss Teheran (Ire), Zee Drop, RidefortheCause, Altea (Fr), Colonial Creed. Scratched: Meal Ticket, Posh Holly (Ire).

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George Krikorian's homebred Mucho Unusual rebounded from a rare off-the-board finish in the GI Breeders' Cup F/M Turf with a determined 3/4-length victory in the GIII Robert J. Frankel S. at Santa Anita Sunday. The 5-2 shot, away alertly, was content to stalk pacesetter She's Our Charm through moderate splits. The frontrunner skipped further clear down the backstretch, but Miss Teheran (Ire) (Teofilo {Ire}) charged up the fence to take the lead nearing the far turn. Mucho Unusual ranged up three wide to join those two foes at the top of the lane. She began inching away from a game She's Our Charm with a furlong to run and then fended off the late rally of Never Be Enough for her second graded victory of the year.

"She's my queen. We don't have a big stable but she's our queen," said winning trainer Tim Yakteen. "She is such a dream to train, so easy, so straightforward she makes my job easy."

Mucho Unusual, second in last year's GI American Oaks, opened 2020 with third-place efforts in the GII Buena Vista S. in February and in the GI Gamely S. in May. Eighth when shipped to Keeneland for the July 11 GI Jenny Wiley S., she returned home to be third against state-bred foes in the one-mile Solana Beach S. at Del Mar Aug. 15. The bay filly earned a spot in the Breeders' Cup with a front-running 1 1/4-length victory in the 1 1/4-mile GI Rodeo Drive S. Sept. 26, but came home only 12th following a wide trip in the F/M Turf.

Looking ahead, Yakteen added, "We haven't made any plans. Maybe the [Jan. 18] Megahertz will be in play, or not. We'll consider everything and just play it by ear."



Mucho Unusual | Benoit

Pedigree Notes:

George Krikorian purchased Mucho Unusual's dam, Not Unusual, for \$67,000 at the 2007 Barretts October Yearling Sale. The filly is a half-sister to Krikorian's GIII Transylvania S. winner Big Score (Mr. Big). Not Unusual produced a filly by Mr. Big in 2019 and a colt by Kitten's Joy this year. She was bred back to Uncle Mo.

Friday, Santa Anita, post time: 6:30 p.m. EST

JOE HERNANDEZ S.-GII, \$200,000, 4yo/up, 6 1/2fT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Texas Wedge	Colonel John	Altamira Racing Stable, Rafter JR Ranch LLC, STD Racing Stable and Miller, A.	Miller	Prat	120
2	P R Radio Star	Warrior's Reward	Jacobsen, Gordon, Lewis, Michael & Vanderslice, J	D'Amato	Hernandez	120
3	Encoder	English Channel	Hronis Racing LLC	Sadler	Baze	120
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5	True Valour (Ire)	Kodiac (GB)	R. Larry Johnson	Motion	Van Dyke	120
6	Blitzkrieg	War Front	R3 Racing LLC and Calara Farms	O'Neill	Espinoza	122
7	Wildman Jack	Goldcents	W.C. Racing Inc.	O'Neill	Cedillo	122
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EDDIE LOGAN S., \$80,150, Santa Anita, 12-27, 2yo, 1mT, 1:33.80, fm.

1--**CATHKIN PEAK (IRE)**, 120, g, 2, by **Alhebayeb (Ire)**

1st Dam: Drumcliffe Dancer (Ire), by **Footstepsinthesand (GB)**

2nd Dam: Tea Service, by **Atticus**

3rd Dam: Her Silver, by **Herbager**

(€17,000 Ylg '19 GOFSP). **1ST BLACK TYPE WIN.** O-CYBT, Sterling Stables, LLC & Michael Nentwig; B-G. Kinch (IRE); T-Philip D'Amato; J-Flavien Prat. \$46,680. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$81,672. *1/2 to El Astronaute (Ire) (Approve {Ire}), SW & G1SP-Fr, SW & GSP-Ire, SW-Eng, \$558,804.

2--**Commander Khai**, 120, c, 2, **Twirling Candy**--Walloon, by Alphabet Soup. (\$80,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP). O-Calvin Nguyen & Joey Tran; B-Stonehaven Steadings (KY); T-Richard Baltas. \$15,560.



3--**Beer Can Man**, 124, c, 2, Can the Man--Cheesecake, by Dynaformer. (\$9,500 RNA Wlg '18 KEENOV). O-Little Red Feather Racing & Sterling Stables, LLC; B-Ron Patterson (KY); T-Mark Glatt. \$9,336.



Margins: 1, 2 3/4, 1. Odds: 4.20, 3.90, 3.80.

Also Ran: Big Fish, Party Game (Ire), Barrister Tom, Ebeko (Ire).

What Cathkin Peak (Ire) lacked in experience--having made the fewest starts in the field--he clearly made up for in talent, taking the Eddie Logan S. to stay undefeated since moving Stateside. The bay gelding hopped out of the gate awkwardly and was outrun, settling in the clear in the penultimate spot of the strung-out field. Early fractions went in :22.59 and :45.74 while he waited patiently. Cathkin Peak began inching up on the far turn and split horses on his way to a clear path. Despite spending part of the stretch run on his wrong lead, he wore down the leaders with fierce determination and went right on by a for a one-length triumph.



Cathkin Peak (purple cap) hits the front in the Eddie Logan | Benoit

"He's such a neat horse," said trainer Phil D'Amato. "Ever since he arrived, he hasn't done anything wrong and he keeps getting better and better. Flavien [Prat] seems to fit him like a glove."

The race was marred by the spill of Zuma Beach S. winner Ebeko (Ire) (Awtaad {Ire}) at the top of the lane. The colt was vanned off for further evaluation and jockey Joel Rosario was cleared to ride the rest of the card.

Cathkin Peak debuted Aug. 29 at Navan in Ireland, finishing fourth in a five-furlong maiden under the tutelage of Johnny Murtagh while in the colors of JP Murtagh Racing. He made the move Stateside and into the hands of his new connections, bursting onto the scene in a one-mile maiden at Del Mar Nov. 29. The three-quarter length victory came after a dramatic four-wide closing drive. The Eddie Logan marked his second straight U.S. win.

The winner's dam, who hails from the same family as 1979 GI Suburban H. winner State Dinner (Buckpasser) and 1976 GI Hopeful S. winner Banquet Table (Round Table), produced colts the last two years by Kodi Bear (Ire) and Kessaar (Ire), respectively. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

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**IN ORDER OF PURSE:**

8th-Gulfstream, \$40,000, Alw (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 12-27, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:40.41, fm, 2 3/4 lengths.

KISSING FROGS (f, 3, Cairo Prince--Kiss a Vet, by War Front), fourth in her career bow going a mile on the Aqueduct dirt in November 2019, closed from off the pace to take his turf bow at Gulfstream the following month. Reserved in midpack in the early going, Kissing Frogs was still covered up and in need of racing room leaving the quarter pole. Four wide turning for home, the grey stretched her legs in the lane, collared Mimina's Team (Uncle Mo) midstretch and drew off to win by 2 3/4 lengths. Kiss a Vet produced full siblings to the winner the last three seasons. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$52,200. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O-Paradise Farms Corp., Umberto Ferri, Ira Keeperman & Harold Chubinsky; B-Harvey A Clarke (KY); T-William I. Mott.

10th-Gulfstream, \$40,000, Alw (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 12-27, 3yo/up, 1mT, 1:34.31, fm, 3/4 length.

MO READY (g, 3, Uncle Mo--Ready and Good, by More Than Ready) got some class relief after a third in the Oct. 3 GI Belmont Derby Invitational S. and a no-factor 13th in Keeneland's Nov. 6 Bryan Station S. Heavily favored at 6-5 to visit the winner's circle, he broke sharply but got outrun for the lead and settled into an early inside third. Fractions were sensible--:24.04 and :47.50--and Mo Ready was tipped out on the turn to put in a bid. Shipped about four wide, he reeled in the leaders, set sail for home, and held off 25-1 late closer African Heritage (Cairo Prince) for a three-quarter length triumph. The winner is a half to Sudden Surprise (Giant Surprise), MSW, \$816,089. Ready and Good delivered a colt by Collected this past spring and has been bred back to Maximus Mischief. Lifetime Record: GISP, 10-3-1-2, \$167,513. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O/B-Repole Stable Inc (NY); T-Todd A. Pletcher.

8th-Tampa, \$23,750, Alw (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$32,000), 12-27, 3yo/up, 8fT, 1:35.96, fm, 2 3/4 lengths.

ATONE (c, 3, Into Mischief--Captivating Lass {SW, \$133,225}, by A.P. Indy), a runaway winner in an Arlington sprint on the synthetic in September, finished eighth transferring to the main in a seven furlong Keeneland allowance Oct. 22. Back on top last out going 8 1/2 furlongs over the Tampa turf Nov. 27, the Godolphin homebred was installed the 5-2 second choice

behind 6-5 choice Mo Hawk (Uncle Mo). Three wide into the first turn as Mo Hawk pursued by Lord Barna (Passion for Gold) led the charge, Atone tucked in between rivals down the backstretch. Moving into contention approaching the quarter pole, the Godolphin homebred drew to the outside of Lord Barna and the hard-trying pacesetter turning for home, and despite overtaking Mo Hawk late, he was unable to surpass Lord Barna late as they crossed the wire in unison. Mo Hawk was 2 3/4 lengths behind the dead-heating duo. Lifetime Record: 6-3-0-0, \$49,374. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O/B-Godolphin (KY); T-Eoin Harty.

**IN ORDER OF PURSE:**

8th-Santa Anita, \$63,500, (S), Msw, 12-27, 2yo, 6 1/2f, 1:16.74, ft, 6 3/4 lengths.

THE CHOSEN VRON (g, 2, Vronsky--Tiz Molly, by Tiz Wonderful), sent off the 2-1 choice, took the lead early, extended his advantage in the latter half, running clear to score by 6 3/4 lengths over Big Story (Mr. Big). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$36,600. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Eric Kruljac, Robert Fetkin, John Sondereker and Richard Thornburgh; B-Tiz Molly Partners (CA); T-J. Eric Kruljac.

2nd-Santa Anita, \$61,000, Msw, 12-27, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:37.61, ft, 2 3/4 lengths.

MASTERING (c, 3, Street Sense--Shimmer, by Pulpit), off-the-board in two prior starts over this track, was installed second choice at even money behind favored Exhaulted (Twirling Candy). Content to track Direct Line (Liam's Map) early while Exhaulting took up third, Mastering put his head in front of that rival on the far turn and opened a clear advantage. As the favorite loomed and appeared poised to offer more, Mastering had enough left in the tank and rolled home to a 2 3/4 length victory. Mastering, a half to Sister Moon (Dixie Union), GSP, \$107,350, also has a juvenile half-brother by Into Mischief named Tycoon in addition to a yearling sister by Overanalyze who was exported to Korea this year. Sales history: \$500,000 Ylg '18 FTKOCT. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$40,400. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

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3rd-Fair Grounds, \$47,000, Msw, 12-27, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11.42, ft, 1 1/2 lengths.

VERIFIED (g, 3, Maclean's Music--Lady Mocha, by Tale of the Cat) kicked off his career with a third going 4 1/2 furlongs here in June 2019 before finishing runner-up in his latest in a five-panel test at Los Al later that month. Sidelined thereafter, the gelding was given a 7-2 chance in this return. In front soon after the start, Verified extended his lead and responded to strong urging late to score by 1 1/2 lengths over Another Hero (Union Rags). Sales history: \$100,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-1, \$44,000. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Big Chief Racing, LLC, Rocker O Ranch, LLC & J. Keith Desormeaux; B-Betz/Kidder (KY); T-J. Keith Desormeaux.

3rd-Laurel, \$42,520, Msw, 12-27, 2yo, f, 7f, 1:23.94, ft, 14L.

LITTLE HUNTRESS (f, 2, Frosted--Judy Legend, by Medaglia d'Oro), sent off the piping hot 1-5 favorite following a close-up second in her six-furlong unveiling here Nov. 21, zipped to the front, racing through an opening quarter mile in :22.66. Comfortably in front through a :45.87 half, the grey turned on all boosters late, roaring home a 14-length winner over Door Buster (Speightster), and becoming the 17th winner for her freshman sire (by Tapit). The winner's dam, Judy Legend, is out of graded winner Andujar (Quiet American). She produced a Quality Road colt in 2019 before dropping a Runhappy colt this term. She was bred back to Hard Spun. Sales history: \$100,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$31,200. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

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5th-Turfway, \$31,250, Msw, 12-26, 2yo, f, 6f (AWT), 1:10.56, ft, 7 1/4 lengths.

IGLOO (f, 2, Mshawish--Winter Palace, by Smart Strike), sent off at 5-1 for this unveiling, led narrowly through :22.26 and :45.55, shook clear in early stretch and galloped clear to score by a widening 7 1/4-length margin. Out of Grade I winner Jessica is Back (Put It Back), Winter Palace produced a Mineshaft colt last term followed by a Twirling Candy colt this season. The 8-year-old mare was bred back to Bolt d'Oro. Sales history: \$9,000 Ylg '19 FTKOCT; \$40,000 2yo '20 EASMAY. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$19,200. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners; B-Carolyn Vogel (KY); T-Jonathan Thomas.

1st-Hawthorne, \$22,880, Msw, 12-27, 2yo, 1m 70y, 1:42.70, ft, 5 1/4 lengths.

MARTINI BLU (c, 2, Maclean's Music--Athena Star, by Star Cat) settled off pacesetter Dream Keeper (Super Saver), who carved out initial splits of :23.83 and :47.97. Up to challenge the favorite in the stretch, the 6-1 chance overtook his rival at the three-sixteenths and drew away late to graduate by 5 1/4 lengths. Dream Keeper was a clear second. In addition to Martini Blu, Athena Star is also responsible for a yearling by Tapizar and a weanling by Goldencents. She was bred back to Catalina Cruiser. Sales history: \$40,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$13,200. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

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 5-Delta Downs, Msw 6 1/2f, CRIMSON STORM, 7-2
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 101 foals of racing age/19 winners/0 black-type winners
 9-Fair Grounds, Aoc 5 1/2fT, MAYSTART, 8-1

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IN FRANCE:
Shallgouda Again, f, 3, **More Than Ready**. See "France".

IN SINGAPORE:
Knight Love, g, 3, **Shanghai Bobby**--Amazing Littlelady, by Unbridled's Song. Kranji, 12-27, Hcp. (\$38k), 1000m (AWT), :58.29. B-Machmer Hall, Carrie & Craig Brodgen (KY). *\$35,000 2yo '19 OBSAPR. **VIDEO**

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:
7th-Santa Anita, \$66,000, 12-27, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, 6fT, 1:08.40, fm, 1/2 length.
JETOVATOR (g, 4, **Grazen--Jet Blue Girl {MSP, \$320,809}**, by **Gimmeawink**) Lifetime Record: 16-2-4-5, \$147,631. O-Ciaglia Racing LLC & Estate of Sharon Alesia; B-Sharon Alesia & Ciaglia Racing, LLC (CA); T-Peter Eurton.

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1st-Santa Anita, \$64,500, (S), 12-27, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:35.62, fm, 1 3/4 lengths.

CASSIE BELLE (f, 4, Lucky Pulpit--Madame Heat, by Unusual Heat) Lifetime Record: 14-2-4-2, \$129,085. O-Oakcrest Stable; B-Oakcrest Stable (CA); T-Sean McCarthy.

8th-Hawthorne, \$23,240, (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$20,000), 12-27, 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:18.00, ft, 5 1/4 lengths.

JETS A GINNIN (m, 5, Benny the Bull--Ooh Yeah, by Dismissed) Lifetime Record: 16-10-1-1, \$145,065. O-William Stiritz & Rob Vitale; B-Gregg James (IN); T-Scott Becker.

9th-Hawthorne, \$22,500, (NW2L)/Opt. Clm (\$32,500), 12-27, 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:17.11, ft, 2 lengths.

STURGILL (g, 3, Take Charge Indy--Nicole's Dream {MSW, \$826,454}, by Northern Trend) Lifetime Record: 8-2-1-1, \$34,788. O-Haran Thoroughbreds, LLC and Charles Watt; B-Kim Nardelli, Rodney Nardelli & Take Charge Indy Syndicate (KY); T-John Haran. *\$265,000 Ylg '18 FTKJUL. **1/2 to Phat Man (Munnings), GSW, \$528,482; 1/2 to Estellara (Henrythenavigator), SW, \$101,090.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Highland Creek, g, 2, Broken Vow--Mizzenway, by Mizzen Mast. Fair Grounds, 12-27, (S), 1mT, 1:39.76. B-J. Adcock & Neal McFadden (LA). *\$60,000 Ylg '19 ESLYRL.

J. Stevens Bloodstock Purchase

Taylor's Chrome, f, 2, California Chrome--Sam's Bliss (MSP, \$195,931), by War Front. Laurel, 12-27, (WC), 1m, 1:38.28. B-T.F. VanMeter & Fox Straus Kentucky (KY). *\$52,000 Wlg '18 KEENOV; \$45,000 RNA Ylg '19 KEESAP; \$60,000 RNA 2yo '20 OBSAPR. *12th winner for freshman sire (by Lucky Pulpit).

Gimme's Goldengirl, f, 4, Algorithms--Gimme the Gold, by Touch Gold. Laurel, 12-27, (WC), 5 1/2f, 1:04.79. B-Michael Horning & Debbie Horning (MD). *1/2 to Eyeplayeveryday (Jazil), SW, \$220,789.



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Little Huntress (Frosted) romps home an easy 14-length winner at Laurel.



ALGORITHMS, Gimme's Goldengirl, f, 4, o/o Gimme the Gold, by Touch Gold. WMC, 12-27, Laurel

ALHEBAYEB (IRE), Cathkin Peak (Ire), g, 2, o/o Drumcliffe Dancer (Ire), by Footstepsinthesand (GB). Eddie Logan S., 12-27, Santa Anita

BENNY THE BULL, Jets a Ginnin, m, 5, o/o Ooh Yeah, by Dismissed. AOC, 12-27, Hawthorne

BROKEN VOW, Highland Creek, g, 2, o/o Mizzenway, by Mizzen Mast. MSW, 12-27, Fair Grounds

CAIRO PRINCE, Kissing Frogs, f, 3, o/o Kiss a Vet, by War Front. AOC, 12-27, Gulfstream

CALIFORNIA CHROME, Taylor's Chrome, f, 2, o/o Sam's Bliss, by War Front. WMC, 12-27, Laurel

FROSTED, Little Huntress, f, 2, o/o Judy Legend, by Medaglia d'Oro. MSW, 12-27, Laurel

GRAZEN, Jetovator, g, 4, o/o Jet Blue Girl, by Gimmeawink. ALW, 12-27, Santa Anita

LUCKY PULPIT, Cassie Belle, f, 4, o/o Madame Heat, by Unusual Heat. ALW, 12-27, Santa Anita

MACLEAN'S MUSIC, Martini Blu, c, 2, o/o Athena Star, by Star Cat. MSW, 12-27, Hawthorne

MACLEAN'S MUSIC, Verified, g, 3, o/o Lady Mocha, by Tale of the Cat. MSW, 12-27, Fair Grounds

MSHAWISH, Igloo, f, 2, o/o Winter Palace, by Smart Strike. MSW, 12-26, Turfway

MUCHO MACHO MAN, Mucho Unusual, f, 4, o/o Not Unusual, by Unusual Heat. Gill Robert J. Frankel S., 12-27, Santa Anita

STREET SENSE, Mastering, c, 3, o/o Shimmer, by Pulpit. MSW, 12-27, Santa Anita

TAKE CHARGE INDY, Sturgill, g, 3, o/o Nicole's Dream, by Northern Trend. AOC, 12-27, Hawthorne

UNCLE MO, Mo Ready, g, 3, o/o Ready and Good, by More Than Ready. AOC, 12-27, Gulfstream

VRONSKY, The Chosen Vron, g, 2, o/o Tiz Molly, by Tiz Wonderful. MSW, 12-27, Santa Anita

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BIG BOOKS AND BREAKING RECORDS



Mehmas has 55 first-crop winners from 146 foals | Tally-Ho Stud

By John Boyce

The setting of new sire records in the modern era tends more than not to be a direct consequence of ever-greater book sizes. But they must still be acknowledged as legitimate breeding benchmarks as they will inevitably feature some outstanding performances. Just look at **Mehmas (Ire)**'s tally of first-crop 2-year-old winners this term. Currently on 56 winners, he is already 17 clear of Iffraaj's old record and in normal circumstances we might be entitled to expect his record to stand for many years. It may well do, but his strike rate of 53% winners to runners, achieved by quite a few other freshman sires down the years, suggests that the big total of winners is just as much a function of a big crop of runners. So, we cannot rule out another Mehmas-like total in the near future.

We could say the same about black-type records. Larger numbers of runners tend to be the reason why these records fall, but it's not always so. Take the case of **Frankel (GB)**, the sire who has posted the highest number of stakes winners (56) and group winners (41) of any European sire in the first five years of his career.

Frankel has already eclipsed the previous records set by Dubawi after his first five years, which stood at 53 stakes winners and 35 group winners. Dubawi, in turn, took the record away from Galileo (Ire), who had amassed 51 stakes winners and 30 group winners after his first five years. [Cont. p2](#)

MOMENT OF 2020: EUCHEN GLEN

by John Berry

While he isn't one of the very best horses to have raced in Great Britain during 2020, **Euchen Glen (GB)** (Authorized {Ire}) has to be a contender for any Horse of the Year award. The star of Jim Goldie's Scottish stable, Euchen Glen put up one of the best handicap performances of 2018 when taking the 19-runner John Smith's Cup H. at York by two and a quarter lengths from Thundering Blue (Exchange Rate). Thundering Blue was giving Euchen Glen 1lb that day but, while Thundering Blue returned to York to win the G2 Sky Bet York S. on his next start and then to finish third to Roaring Lion (Kitten's Joy) and Poet's Word (Ire) (Poet's Voice {GB}) in the G1 Juddmonte International S. the following month before setting off on some rewarding overseas forays, Euchen Glen didn't run again for nearly two years as he was found to have sustained a tendon injury in the race.

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KENTUCKY SIRES FOR 2021, FIRST YEARLINGS: PART I

Chris McGrath pens the first of two installments of Kentucky sires with their first yearlings in 2021. [Click or tap here to go straight to TDN America.](#)

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Big Books Cont. from p1

No one could accuse Frankel of relying on sheer numbers of runners to outpace Dubawi and Galileo. In fact, he has set the new standards with fewer runners than either of his major rivals. Hence he has posted superior strike rates--14.2% stakes and 10.4% group winners--than Dubawi and Galileo had at the same point in their careers. But Frankel really did get a head start on all his rivals by covering Europe's best mares from the outset of his career, unlike either Galileo or Dubawi. As many as 62% of the mares that have produced Frankel's runners so far can be classed as elite, which is in stark contrast to the corresponding percentages for the early runners by Dubawi (30%) and Galileo (35%). What's certain is that Frankel will need to have very long innings at his current strike rate to overhaul Dubawi's current mark of 171 stakes winners and, by my calculations, another 20-plus years to reach his sire's tally of 298. It's a sure sign of the times that Frankel not only has more group winners than Galileo after five years but also has nearly double the number of his grandsire Sadler's Wells and has over three times what the great Northern Dancer had in their first five years.

Remarkably, there is yet another sire that can boast an even higher number of group winners in his first five years. Shadai's **Deep Impact (Jpn)**, the very definition of a big fish in a small pond, sired 47 group winners in his first five years with runners. The lack of serious competition among Japan's stallion ranks possibly casts a shadow over such an achievement, as does the fact that Deep Impact's percentage of group winners (7.4%) is not quite as good as the percentages posted by Frankel, Galileo or Dubawi all of whom average above 10% group winners to runners. To counter that argument, though, it must also be recognized that Japan has far fewer group races per head of population than Europe does. So, 47 group winners in five years is still a formidable achievement.

Not surprisingly, North America's records for stakes winners and graded winners at the end of five years have also fallen quite recently. The phenomenal **Uncle Mo** set new standards at the end of 2019 with his 48 stakes winners and 26 graded winners. It's hard to believe that there are now 19 sires with more stakes winners in their first five years than the great Danzig, but none will ever get close to his 21% strike rate.

Among sires who stood exclusively in America, few would have guessed that it wasn't Speightstown, nor Distorted Humor, nor Scat Daddy that held the record prior to Uncle Mo, but the one and only **Kitten's Joy**, a sire that perhaps still struggles for due recognition.

LEADING SIRES BY STAKES WINNERS AFTER FIVE YEARS

Name	YOB Sire	BTW
FRANKEL	2008 Galileo	57
DEEP IMPACT	2002 Sunday Silence	56
DUBAWI	2002 Dubai Millennium	53
GALILEO	1998 Sadler's Wells	51
UNCLE MO	2008 Indian Charlie	50
OASIS DREAM	2000 Green Desert	48
GIANT'S CAUSEWAY	1997 Storm Cat	47
MONTJEU	1996 Sadler's Wells	46
SEA THE STARS	2006 Cape Cross	45
TEOFILO	2004 Galileo	43
KITTEN'S JOY	2001 El Prado	42
LOPE DE VEGA	2007 Shamardal	42
SPEIGHTSTOWN	1998 Gone West	40
NUREYEV	1977 Northern Dancer	40

LEADING SIRES BY GROUP/GRADED WINNERS AFTER FIVE YEARS

Name	YOB Sire	GW
DEEP IMPACT	2002 Sunday Silence	47
FRANKEL	2008 Galileo	41
DUBAWI	2002 Dubai Millennium	35
GALILEO	1998 Sadler's Wells	30
OASIS DREAM	2000 Green Desert	26
UNCLE MO	2008 Indian Charlie	26
GIANT'S CAUSEWAY	1997 Storm Cat	26
SEA THE STARS	2006 Cape Cross	25
STREET CRY	1998 Machiavellian	23
SADLER'S WELLS	1981 Northern Dancer	23
QUALITY ROAD	2006 Elusive Quality	21
CAMELOT	2009 Montjeu	21

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MOMENT OF 2020**Euclen Glen Cont. from p1**

When Euclen Glen resumed in June this year, exactly 23 months after his John Smith's Cup triumph, he was had a BHA rating of 107. He finished third to Red Verdon (Lemon Drop Kid) in a listed race at York that day, came home sound and has now raced nine more times. Following wins in the Old Borough Cup H. at Haydock, the G3 Cumberland Lodge S. at York and the G3 St Simon S. at Newbury, he is now rated 109 and, as an improving 7-year-old, he looks like he might be able to give his owner/breeder William Johnstone even more excitement in the years to come.



Euclen Glen this fall | Racingfotos.com

The discovery of damage to a horse's tendon always sinks the spirits of owners and trainers. Too many horses never return to racing afterwards. Of those that do, many find that the problem reappears after only a handful of races and/or that they have lost the bulk of their previous ability. It speaks volumes for the skill of Jim Goldie not only that Euclen Glen was back racing merely two years later, but has progressed to become even better than he had been before disaster struck. It is hard to think of a horse in recent years who has made a more successful comeback from tendon trouble than the one which this very popular gelding has enjoyed in 2020.

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GLOBAL VIEWS with *Godolphin Flying Start***Lowri Allen***Godolphin Flying Start***AUSTRALIAN EXTENSION**

In Global Views, Godolphin Flying Start trainees provide insight into practices experienced and observations taken on their worldwide travels. Second-year trainee Lowri Allen shares the news of the course's syllabus change that will see them attend the Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale.

The Godolphin Flying Start Programme offers a unique opportunity to spend time working in

and learning about the Thoroughbred industry in five major racing jurisdictions; Ireland, Britain, America, Australia and Dubai. The 2019-2021 class of trainees are now in the fourth phase of the programme, spending time in the capital of Australian Thoroughbred breeding, the Hunter Valley, in New South Wales. Prior to this we spent time in Kildare, Newmarket, and Lexington, learning a tremendous amount about the Irish, British and American Thoroughbred industries.

Spending time shadowing bloodstock agents at the sales forms an integral part of the programme's syllabus, and consequently we attend many of the major sales internationally. Many of the programme's graduates have gone on to be highly successful in the bloodstock field.

Ordinarily, trainees would finish the Australian phase of Flying Start in mid-December. But a change resulting from previous year's feedback, which suggested that the Australian phase should be extended to provide trainees with the opportunity to attend an additional major yearling sale, will see us staying in Australia until the end of February for the Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale.

The Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale is one of Australia's premier yearling sales and this year, a quality line up of 1273 lots has been confirmed by vendors for the seven-day extravaganza. Yearling inspections by trainers and bloodstock agents are currently well underway as they tour the Hunter

Valley stud farms looking for the next champion. Legendary trainer Gai Waterhouse places great value in conducting stud farm inspections and is usually one of the earliest visitors on the stud farms. This practice is a noticeable difference between Australia and other jurisdictions, where prospective purchasers might see the yearlings for the first time at the sales complex. From my limited experience, it seems hugely beneficial to see a horse on its home turf and observe how it develops from mid-way through its sales preparation, to the finished product on sales day.

Further to this, the practice of pre-sales inspections was, I think, a major contributor to the success of the 2020 Inglis Easter Yearling Sale. It was the first major sale to take place during the coronavirus pandemic, and it was held at a time when many countries and Australian states were in lockdown. Whilst the sale was conducted with online bidding in a virtual auction format, many prospective buyers had already had the opportunity to view the yearlings through stud farm inspections. Consequently, there was greater buyer confidence and the sales results held up remarkably well considering that the global Covid-19 pandemic drove some challenging economic factors.

Whilst the traditional sales calendar has been kept broadly in line, digital sales continue to gain in popularity. Many in the industry say that the pandemic has pushed forward their usage. Inglis held its first digital sale back in May 2017 and the platform has grown steadily since then. This year was one of exponential growth, with the platform's gross having doubled that of 2019 by the end of November, being just shy of \$50-million.

Across the waters, at Keeneland in Lexington, similar growth was shown at their digital sales.

Keeneland debuted its first digital sale in June, offering 31 horses. This number was more than doubled at the December digital sale where 70 horses were offered. The bloodstock industry has been resilient and flexible during 2020, with online bidding and digital sales rapidly establishing themselves alongside those of a traditional format.

The opportunity to learn about and experience sales across all the major racing jurisdictions has been an advantageous aspect of the programme. In Australia,

syndicates form a major part of racehorse ownership, with one in every 244 Australians owning a share in a racehorse. **Cont. p5**



Godolphin Flying Start trainees shadow Gai Waterhouse at the Hunter Valley yearling inspections

Global Views Cont.

In America and Europe, syndication forms a much smaller part of racehorse ownership and syndication groups take up far less of the buying bench at sales in these countries. Another difference is the speed of auctioneering, which is noticeably quicker in Australia and allows the working hours for sales staff to be more favourable than those in Europe, where sales could often go on late into the evening.

The applications for the 2021-2023 intake of Godolphin Flying Start trainees are currently open and close on Monday, Feb. 8, 2021. For more information and to apply, [click here](#).

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FIRST-SEASON SIRES WITH RUNNERS

Monday, Dec. 28, 2020:

FRANCE

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

Bobby's Kitten (Kitten's Joy), Lanwades Stud
78 foals of racing age/11 winners/0 black-type winners
4-DEAUVILLE, 1300m, TURF LODGE (Ire)
€6,500 Goffs Autumn Yearling Sale 2019

Bow Creek (Ire) (Shamardal), Haras du Logis
22 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
2-DEAUVILLE, 1500m, BREIZH EAGLE (Fr)

Charming Thought (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}), Dalham Hall Stud
48 foals of racing age/8 winners/0 black-type winners
6-DEAUVILLE, 1900m, MELANDROS (Fr)
€10,000 Osarus September Yearling Sale 2019



Bow Creek seeks a fourth winner in France on Monday | Darley

Fascinating Rock (Ire) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}), Ballylinch Stud
61 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
4-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
4-DEAUVILLE, 1300m, KENOR (Fr)
€42,000 Arqana Deauville v2 Yearling Sale 2019

Prince of Lir (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}), Ballyhane Stud
77 foals of racing age/14 winners/1 black-type winner
4-DEAUVILLE, 1300m, LADY DANGER (Ire)
€5,000 Goffs Sportsman's Yearling Sale 2019; 5,000gns
Tattersalls Autumn Horses-in-Training Sale 2020

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CONDITIONS RESULTS:

2nd-Wolverhampton, £6,300, Nov, 12-27, 2yo, 6f 20y (AWT),
1:12.72, st.

WATER OF LEITH (IRE) (g, 2, Kodiac {GB})--Zakhrifa {Ire}, by Shamardal) Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$10,127. O-Flash Figs Racing; B-Rifa Mustang Pty Ltd (IRE); T-Jim Goldie. *€25,000 Ylg '19 GOFSPST; £62,000 2yo '20 GOFARQ.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Epic Pass (Ire), c, 2, Awtaad (Ire)--Kanes Pass (Ire) (SW-Ire, \$118,110), by Clodovil (Ire). Wolverhampton, 12-27, 8f 142y (AWT), 1:51.10. B-Mrs E Cosgrove (IRE). *14th winner for freshman sire (by Cape Cross {Ire}). **€85,000 Wlg '18 GOFNOV; 30,000gns Ylg '19 TATOCT.

FRANCE

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

1st-Deauville, €28,000, Cond, 12-27, 3yo, 7 1/2f (AWT), 1:56.02, st.
KAMARON (GER) (c, 3, Amaron {GB})--Kellemoi de Pipita {GB}, by Hawk Wing) Lifetime Record: 9-3-0-3, €42,920. O-Stall Alpenland; B-August Fockler (GER); T-Carmen Bocskai. *€12,000 Ylg '18 BBAGO.

2nd-Deauville, €18,000, Cond, 12-27, 4yo/up, 12 1/2f (AWT),
2:43.86, st.

CHOUAIN (FR) (g, 4, Rajsaman {Fr})--Our Dream Queen {GB}, by Oasis Dream {GB}) Lifetime Record: MSP-Fr, 15-4-3-2, €72,440. O-Stall Big Jump & Friends; B-Franklin Finance SA (FR); T-Miroslav Rulec. *€3,000 2yo '18 ARQJUL.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Allez Burrows (Fr), f, 2, **Goken (Fr)**--See Your Dream (GB) (Siyouni {Fr}). Deauville, 12-27, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:18.76. B-Mme Julie Morgan (FR). *15th winner for freshman sire (by Kendargent {Fr}).

Mister X (Fr), g, 3, **Le Havre (Ire)**--Perfect Queen (Fr), by Mount Nelson (GB). Pornichet-La Baule, 12-26, 12f (AWT), 2:31.10. B-Indivision Perfect Queen 2017 (FR). *€15,000 Ylg '18 AROCT.

Shallgouda Again, f, 3, **More Than Ready**--Again, by Unbridled's Song. Deauville, 12-27, 7 1/2f (AWT), 1:29.38. B-Machmer Hall (KY). *\$55,000 RNA Wlg '17 KEENOV; \$170,000 Ylg '18 OBSJAN; \$90,000 RNA 2yo '19 FTIMAY.

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

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Aidensfield (Ger), c, 2, **Guiliani (Ire)**--A Night Like This (GB), by Indian Danehill (Ire). Dortmund, 12-27, 9f (AWT), 2:02.24. B-Dieter Albert Brand (GER). *1st winner for freshman sire (by Tertullian).

ITALY

Sunday's Results:

PREMIO PIAZZA DEI MIRACOLI-Listed, €42,900, Pisa, 12-27, 2200mT, 2:20.80.

- 1--**ORNAIS (GB)**, 121, g, 3, **Roderic O'Connor (Ire)**
 1st Dam: **Oryetta (GSP-Ity)**, by **Henrythenavigator**
 2nd Dam: **Storm the Church**, by **Pulpit**
 3rd Dam: **Probable Storm**, by **Tabasco Cat**
1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. O-Razza Dormello Olgiata Di Citai. B-Societa Agricola C.I.T.A.I. Spa (GB). T-Riccardo Santini. J-Fabio Branca. €16,575. Lifetime Record: 8-4-3-1, €53,295.
- 2--**Spirit Noir (Ire)**, 121, g, 3, **Dragon Pulse (Ire)**--Appletreemagic (Ire), by Indian Danehill (Ire). (€6,000 Ylg '18 TATSEP). O/T-Sebastiano Guerrieri. B-Miss Annmarie Burke (Ire). €7,293.
- 3--**Unique Diamond**, 58, h, 5, **English Channel**--Diamond Dilemma (Ire), by Sinndar (Ire). (\$1,500 Ylg '16 FTKOCT). O/T-Societa Al M.S. SRL di Salvioni. B-Calumet Farm (KY). €3,978.

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Margins: NO, NO, 1 1/4. Odds: 1.68, 12.37, 4.55.
 Also Ran: Northsea Star (Ger), Blu Navy Seal (Ity), Clarenzio Fan

(Fr), Time to Choose (GB), Bridge Battlango (Ire), Aldrodovar (Ity), Deeper Dive (Ire), Norohna (Fr), Eaglewings (Fr), Zio Reginaldo (Ire).

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Hazarder (Ire), c, 2, **Harzand (Ire)**--Kitoko (Ire), by Montjeu (Ire). Pisa, 12-27, Mdn. (€13.2k), 2000mT, 2:10.10. O-Jiri Charvat. B-Niarchos Family (Ire). T-Pavel Tuma. ***1ST-TIME STARTER.** **7th winner for his first-season sire (by Sea The Stars {Ire}). ***€8,500 Wlg '18 GOFNOV; €22,000 Ylg '19 TATSEP.

Chemeh (Ire), c, 2, **Mehmas (Ire)**--Cheworee (GB), by Milk It Mick (GB). Siracusa, 12-26, Rcm. (€5.5k), 1700mT. O-Scuderia Romano SRLS. B-Mountain View Stud & Tally-Ho Stud (Ire). T-Carmelo Zappulla. *56th winner for his first-season sire (by Acclamation {GB}). **£5,000 Ylg '19 GOFAUG.

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CHRONO GENESIS ON TIME IN ARIMA KINEN

by Heather Anderson

The fans' selection proved spot on in Sunday's G1 Arima Kinen at Nakayama, with 3-2 favourite **Chrono Genesis (Jpn)** (Bago {Fr}) snapping up her third Group 1 by a neck. The field is selected by fan poll, and Sunday Racing's mare defeated **Salacia (Jpn)** (Deep Impact {Jpn}), with that foe a neck in front of **Fierement (Jpn)** (Deep Impact {Jpn}), second on the morning line. MG1SW **Lucky Lilac (Jpn)** (Orfevre {Jpn}) ran fourth, another 2 1/2 lengths back.

Well back in midpack passing the winning post for the first time as **Babbitt (Jpn)** (Nakayama Festa {Jpn}) led, the grey filly started to advance during the backstretch run. Still well off the fence, Chrono Genesis continued to make inroads towards the vanguard and was within a length of new leader Fierement close home, before matching strides with that foe and asserting for a narrow victory. Salacia also showed good late dash to nip Fierement for second. In her final race, Lucky Lilac plugged on to take fourth. **Blast Onepiece (Jpn)** (Harbinger {GB}) went amiss on the backstretch and did not finish the race.

"All I wanted was her to be relaxed and her break wasn't that bad, she was in hand and ran in the same rhythm as before," said pilot Yuichi Kitamura. "Yesterday and today, I was in 2500-metre races here at Nakayama which enabled me to get warmed up with a good idea of how I wanted her to run. We haven't faced the two Triple Crown winners yet, but I hope she performs well and stays in the spotlight next season."

G1 Arima Kinen Cont.

Added trainer Takashi Saito, “She was in good form and gave us a great impression before the race. I was worried that Yuichi might have made a too early bid, but he was confident and rode her beautifully, holding off the others. This is a dream come true and I have a feeling there will be many more.”

Runner-up in the 2018 G1 Hanshin Juvenile Fillies after two unbeaten runs including the Listed Ivy S., Chrono Genesis captured the G3 Daily Hai Queen Cup last term and was third in both the G1 Japanese 1000 Guineas and G1 Japanese Oaks before a win in the G1 Shuka Sho. Unplaced in her 3-year-old finale in the G1 Queen Elizabeth II Cup last November, she returned at four with a win in the G2 Kyoto Kinen and played bridesmaid in Lucky Lilac’s Osaka Hai in April. Back on top in the G1 Takarazuka Kinen on June 28, she went missing until a third in the G1 Tenno Sho (Autumn) behind Almond Eye (Jpn) (Lord Kanaloa {Jpn}) on Nov. 1 last out.



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Pedigree Notes

One of two Group 1 winners for her sire after Big Week (Jpn), the winner is among Bago’s 11 black-type winners, seven at the group level. The eighth foal and eighth winner out of the winning Chronologist, Chrono Genesis is also her dam’s second offspring to win at least two Group 1s after the grey mare Normcore (Jpn) (Harbinger {GB}). At the beginning of December, the grey Normcore padded her resume with a win at Sha Tin in the G1 Longines Hong Kong Cup after saluting in the G1 Victoria Mile earlier in her career. The duo are followed by the unplaced 3-year-old filly Clotho Nona (Jpn) (Rulership {Jpn}), an unnamed juvenile colt by Maurice (Jpn), a yearling by Drefong and a weanling filly by Maurice. Chronologist visited the court of 2017 G1 Japanese Derby/Tenno Sho (Autumn) hero Rey de Oro (Jpn) (King Kamehameha {Jpn}) this spring.

The extended family of the 2020 Arima Kinen heroine features Japanese MSW Fusaichi Airedale (Jpn) (Sunday Silence), in turn the dam of Japanese Champion 2-Year-Old Colt Fusaichi Richard (Jpn) (Kurofune), MSW Lailaps (Jpn) (French Deputy), and the G1 Hanshin Juvenile Fillies third Beach Samba (Jpn) (Kurofune). Another half-sister to Fusaichi Airedale, Bellagio (Jpn) (Mejiro Ryan {Jpn}), saluted in the Listed Topaz S., while yet another half-sister was the dam of G3 Sapporo Nisai S. victor Admire Eikan (Jpn) (Heart’s Cry {Jpn}).

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Sunday, Nakayama, Japan

ARIMA KINEN-G1, ¥574,860,000, Nakayama, 12-27, 3yo/up, 2500mT, 2:35.00, fm.

1--**CHRONO GENESIS (JPN)**, 121, f, 4, Bago (Fr)

1st Dam: Chronologist (Jpn), by Kurofune

2nd Dam: In This Unison (Jpn), by Sunday Silence

3rd Dam: Rustic Belle, by Mr. Prospector

O-Sunday Racing; B-Northern Farm (Jpn); T-Takashi Saito; J-Yuichi Kitamura. ¥303,420,000. Lifetime Record: 13-7-2-3.

*1/2 to Normcore (Jpn) (Harbinger {GB}), G1SW-Jpn & HK, \$5,619,785 **Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.**

Werk Nick Rating: F.

2--**Salacia (Jpn)**, 121, m, 5, Deep Impact (Jpn)--Salomina (Ger), by Lomitas (GB). O-Silk Racing; B-Northern Farm (Jpn); ¥120,972,000.

3--**Fierement (Jpn)**, 126, h, 5, Deep Impact (Jpn)--Lune d’Or (Fr), by Green Tune. O-Sunday Racing; B-Northern Farm (Jpn); ¥75,486,000.

Margins: NK, NK, 2HF. Odds: 1.50, 73.90, 2.50.

Also Ran: Lucky Lilac (Jpn), World Premiere (Jpn)*, Curren Bouquetd’or (Jpn)*, Persian Knight (Jpn), Crescendo Love (Jpn), Ocea Great (Jpn), Loves Only You (Jpn), You Can Smile (Jpn), Kiseki (Jpn), Babbitt (Jpn), Authority (Jpn), Mozu Bello (Jpn). DNF: Blast Onepiece (Jpn).

Dead Heat for 5th: World Premiere (Jpn) & Curren Bouquetd’or (Jpn). **Click for the JRA chart & video or the free EquineLine.com catalogue-style pedigree.**

OMEGA PERFUME SHOOTS FOR TOKYO

DAISHOTEN THREE-PEAT by Alan Carasso

Omega Perfume (Jpn) (Swept Overboard), arguably the best Japanese dirt horse not named Chrysoberyl (Jpn) (Gold Allure {Jpn}), has drawn nicely in gate seven of 16 as he goes for a third consecutive victory in Tuesday’s G1 Tokyo Daishoten, the final top-level event for 2020 and the lone race at group level held on the National Association of Racing (NAR) circuit.

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Tokyo Daishoten Cont.

The 5-year-old gray defeated **Nonkono Yume (Jpn)** (Twining) by a length in defence of his title 12 months ago and won the G3 Keian Hai at Kyoto first off the layoff this past May. He found Chrysoberyl a touch too strong when second to the champion dirt horse in the June 24 Teio Sho and Nov. 3 JBC Classic, but in that one's absence, he is hands down the one to beat. Mirco Demuro rides.

Omega Perfume's first Daishoten came as a 3-year-old and the sophomore set looks well represented here as well. The American-conceived **Danon Pharaoh (Jpn)** (American Pharoah) won the Japan Dirt Derby over this course and distance in July and bounced back from a fifth in the JBC Classic to take out the Listed Urawa Kinen (2000m) Nov. 25. **T O Keynes (Jpn)** (Sinister Minister) has won half of his six starts this season and exits a near-miss second in listed company at Hanshin Dec. 20. He should enjoy the run of the race from gate one.

Mutually (Jpn) (Pyro) has missed the top three only once from seven runs at Ohi and came from well back to finish a respectable fourth when last seen in the JBC Classic.

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IN JAPAN:

Top Star Sun, c, 2, I Am Invincible--Meliora (GSW-Aus, \$248,410), by Ad Valorem (USA). Hanshin, 12-27, Newcomers (\$171k), 1400m, 1:21.9. B-Yarraman Park Stud Pty Ltd, A Mitchell, E & J Rea (NSW). *1ST-TIME STARTER. **\$650,000 Ylg '20 MMGCYS. ***Full to I Am Immortal, GSW-Aus, \$280,400.

IN SINGAPORE:

Relentless, g, 3, Hallowed Crown--Gladwell (GSP-Aus, \$130,650), by Anabaa (USA). Kranji, 12-27, Hcp. (\$50k), 1400m, 1:25.18. B-C O'Brien (NSW). *\$30,000 2yo '19 INGRTR. **SP-Sin. **VIDEO**

Starlight, g, 3, Headwater--Zalila (NZ), by Zabeel (NZ). Kranji, 12-27, Restricted Maiden (\$74k), 1200m (AWT), 1:11.65. B-Erinvale Investments Pty Ltd, Rathosheen (Vic). *1ST-TIME STARTER. **\$41,000 Wlg '19 MGLMAY; \$210,000 2yo '19 INGRTR. **VIDEO**

Lim's Craft, g, 5, Smart Missile--Dukemore, by Encosta de Lago. Kranji, 12-27, Kranji Stakes 'A' (\$99k), 1400m, 1:22.81. B-S T Morley (Qld). *\$50,000 Ylg '17 MMMAR. **VIDEO**



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PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	T O Keynes (Jpn)	Sinister Minister	Matsuyama	Takayanagi	121
2	Derma Louvre (Jpn)	Pyro	Tosaki	Toda	126
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11	Noble Saturn (Jpn)	Casino Drive	Hattori	Sano	126
12	Kurosuke (Jpn)	Captain Thule (Jpn)	Machida	Kashiwagi	126
13	Night of Knights (Jpn)	Harbinger (GB)	Chida	Watanabe	126
14	Casino Fountain (Jpn)	Casino Drive	Harita	Yamashita	126
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