



**CUPID**  
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## KENTUCKY SIRES FOR 2021: FIRST JUVENILES--PART I



Gun Runner | Sarah Andrew

by Chris McGrath

And so we come to the group standing on the brink. The group facing the moment of truth, when their most precocious stock enters the gate and offers some initial indication as to their competence for the task for which, ostensibly at least, they were bred.

As such, this should perhaps be the moment we double down. That's what we would do, at any rate, if we had real faith in the choices we have made for our mares. If we have selected their mates well, then people will be wanting more of the same at the 2023 yearling sales--and we can hope to be rewarded for meeting increased demand with what tends to be diminished supply.

As it is, the imminent exposure of young stallions' "commercial" credentials to the unsparing examination of the racetrack instead prompts most breeders to flee in terror, sending their mares to those safely unproven rookies who have replaced them on the conveyor belt.

Their logic is perfectly coherent. The whole premise of backing an unproven new stallion is that he will not have been tested by the time you take your yearling to market. And the value of 2021 covers is bound to appear very different, one way or another, in the 2023 sales ring: these sires will by then have a third crop of juveniles on the track, and their slower-maturing, two-turn types will also have shown their hand. **Cont. p3**

## JONATHAN SHEPPARD RETIRES FROM AMERICAN RACING

by Don Clippinger

Jonathan Sheppard, a Hall of Fame trainer whose horses excelled on the dirt, on turf and over steeplechase fences, will retire from American horse racing, but will continue to train a small stable in Ireland, he announced Monday morning.

Sheppard, who turned 80 last month, won every race and prize worth winning in American steeplechase racing over a 56-year career. He is the National Steeplechase Association's all-time leading trainer by wins (1,242) and purse earnings (\$24,902,442). He has been the champion trainer by wins 26 times, and he has led the sport by purses in 29 years, both records.

He also had the distinction of winning a race at Saratoga Race Course in 47 straight years through 2015. **Cont. p8**

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**2020 in Photos: October 4.** Valiance (Tapit) wins the GI Juddmonte Spinster S. | Coady

**STALLION-MAKING POTENTIAL OF WINSTAR PAIR**

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*Katie Ritz talks to WinStar Farm's David Hanley about the stallion-making credentials of two new arrivals at the farm, MGISW and likely Eclipse champion older male Improbable (City Zip) and Grade I-winning sprinter Promises Fulfilled (Shackleford). "This horse, with his mechanics, the way he moved and how sound he was, if he passes that on to his progeny, it gives him a great shot to have a lot of runners," Hanley said of Improbable.*



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**Kentucky Sires: First Juveniles Part I cont. from p1**

As I say, that should actually be an advantage...if, that is, we really believe that we might be catching a wave. But I guess very few breeders can afford the risk of trusting their own opinions to that extent.

Even at the best of times, then, you could expect farms to help this group over the imminent bump in the road. In the prevailing environment, with fee cuts being made across so many rosters, there will surely be particularly good value to be found among stallions whose abrupt loss of commercial traction is every bit as capricious as the hectic subscription of their debut books. After all, those best equipped to sire the type of Thoroughbred we should covet most--namely, one that can run a second turn on the first Saturday in May--will hardly disclose their full potential even now their first crop is being broken and trained.

Nor, as we noted of the weanling market in the previous instalment of this series, can we put too much faith in the reception of these youngsters at the sales. Yes, professional horsemen have at least had the chance to draw some inferences from living, breathing stock presented to their inspection. Moreover, they have been able to assess a much wider sample. Much as with weanling averages, however, those rare occasions when the market challenges the premium implied in stallion fees--whether for better or worse--do not tend to work out very reliably.

As with his weanlings, for instance, the most conspicuous disappointment of the 2018 yearling market, relative to his opening fee, was Constitution. From much the biggest offering of the intake, 98 yearlings, his average sale could not match those of Carpe Diem, Bayern, Tonalist and Lea, to name four whose fees have slipped even as Constitution has meanwhile soared from \$25,000 to \$85,000.

Admittedly, the yearling market "found" Cairo Prince the year before, elevating animals he had conceived at \$10,000 to second place in the averages. But he was sandwiched between two horses whose returns slavishly obeyed the assumptions invited by their fees: Will Take Charge was top, having started out at a class-high \$30,000; and Verrazano was third, having similarly started higher than almost all the rest at \$22,500. Those two are respectively now down to \$5,000 and Brazil.

Once again, then, let's be wary of drawing too many conclusions, whether positive or negative, from the "performance" at the yearling sales of those stallions who will launch their first runners in 2021.

Sadly, of course, the most expensive recruit of the intake is no longer with us. The tragic loss of Arrogate (Unbridled's Song) leaves **GUN RUNNER** (Candy Ride {Arg}--Quiet Giant by Giant's Causeway) as its outstanding prospect after starting out at Three Chimneys as Horse of the Year at \$70,000.

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That has to go down as a very solid start and, while you can't expect a horse that reached his peak at four to be siring sprint winners at Keeneland in April, nor should we forget how he came to the boil at the Fair Grounds before running third to Nyquist (Uncle Mo) in the GI Kentucky Derby. It spoke well of his substance that he was still on the go in late November, winning the GI Clark H.; and he emerged much stronger than did Arrogate from their clash in the desert the following spring, going on an unbeaten spree of five Grade Is.

The appeal to breeders, aside from his class and constitution, was that it all had such an obvious source: his dam is a Grade II-winning half-sister to another Horse of the Year in Saint Liam (Saint Ballado) with a plenty of supporting quality close up. In broader brushstrokes, his page entwines two branches of the Fappiano dynasty, both away from the Unbridled highway: obviously he extends the line through Candy Ride, but he also brings in Fappiano's son Quiet American (with his dynamic genetics) as sire of his second dam.



**Mastery** | Sarah Andrew

All told, Gun Runner looks abundantly qualified to build on whatever promise he can show in what will, after all, only be his opening skirmishes.

Candy Ride's growing stature as a sire of sires helped another of his sons emerge as the standout performer of the intake at the yearling sales. Yes, we've urged circumspection about the market's verdict, but Claiborne priced **MASTERY** (Candy Ride {Arg}--Steady Course by Old Trieste) very fairly at \$25,000.

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Being no less reliable in the conservative management of his books (139/143/138), they have given their clients a platform for a most rewarding debut at the sales.

Mastery was gold on our "value podium" last year and it feels very hard to dislodge him after he sold as many as 64 of 79 yearlings into the ring at a knockout yield of \$129,421--surpassed only by Gun Runner and Arrogate--with mares commensurate with their fees.

There's no doubting the terrific natural talent exhibited by Mastery in a career that contrasted poignantly with that of the teak Gun Runner, derailed as he was in the very act of announcing himself the horse to beat in the Derby. It plainly serves his cause, commercially, that he was a seven-length Grade I winner at two, but his pedigree underpins his appeal to all breeding agendas, including any that might be disposed to retain a filly.

For his dam is a three-parts sister to the Pennsylvania stalwart Jump Start, and their mother, in turn, is by one broodmare sire legend (Storm Cat) out of a full-sister to another in Miswaki. You couldn't ask for better seeding of the bottom line, once you get past a dam by one of A.P. Indy's less fashionable sons: Storm Cat, Mr. Prospector, Buckpasser, Princequillo, Nasrullah. With looks to match, Mastery demands fidelity even among those generally inclined to back off stallions at this precarious stage in their careers. It just feels like the force is with him.

The other stallion to break six figures with his yearling average was **PRACTICAL JOKE** (Into Mischief--Halo Humor by Distorted Humor), who parlayed a \$30,000 opening fee at Ashford into 74 sales (of 92 offered) at \$120,243.

This was another Grade I winner at two, in both the Champagne and Hopeful. He stretched out for fifth in the GI Kentucky Derby, but reiterated that Into Mischief speed was his trademark when dropping back for his sophomore Grade I in the H. Allen Jerkens S. *Cont. p6*



Practical Joke | Coolmore

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2<sup>nd</sup> **Kentucky Derby-Gr.1**, Churchill Downs, 10f, to Authentic

# TIZ THE LAW

A better racehorse than his sire **CONSTITUTION** (by Tapit).

His dam **TIZFIZ** (by Tiznow) won the San Gorgonio H.-Gr.2 and is a full-sister to **FURY KAPCORI** (Gr.3 winner & runner-up in the CashCall Futurity-Gr.1).

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No less than Mastery, Practical Joke has conformed to the standard formula of his host farm with no fewer than 220 mares in his first book and 200 in his second. He maintained turnover with another 188 guests last spring, so he certainly has numbers behind him. That brings its customary risks, but these are acknowledged by consecutive cuts to \$25,000 last year and \$22,500 this time round.

We know that the usual rules don't apply to Into Mischief, whose promising start as a sire of sires doubtless contributed (along with his own physical allure) to the popularity of Practical Joke at the sales. But it must be acknowledged that the champion sire's alchemical powers are well demonstrated by his ability to get such a proficient racehorse from a family as plain as this one.

Practical Joke was well held in third when **CLASSIC EMPIRE** (Pioneer of the Nile--Sambuca Classica by Cat Thief) just denied Not This Time the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile. The runner-up has set high standards in their new career and Classic Empire, having joined Practical Joke at Ashford, looks pretty eligible to meet them.



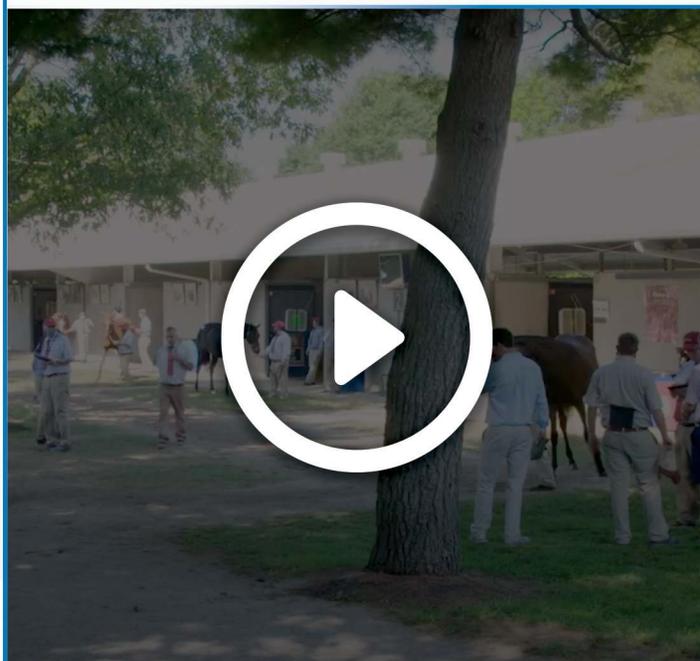
**Classic Empire** | *Coolmore*

He consolidated his 2-year-old championship in the GI Arkansas Derby, and was only denied the GI Preakness by the head of Cloud Computing (Maclean's Music). Unfortunately, that proved to be his final appearance, but there's a beguiling shape to his page: rather like Mastery, his dam is by one of the less glamorous sons of an iconic broodmare sire but the next three dams are by Miswaki, Hoist The Flag and Princequillo--and in this neighborhood it becomes an ancestry shared with Harlan's Holiday, Boldnesian and Ride the Rails. The second dam was Grade I-placed, so there's plenty to be working on here.

Nonetheless, Classic Empire has just taken his fourth consecutive cut, now half his opening fee at \$17,500.

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Respite on the fee helped him maintain 122 mares last spring after an opening book of 185 had slipped to 104 in his second year. That big first crop obviously produced plenty of traffic into the ring, with 92 yearlings offered, and he rehoused 66 of them at \$89,613. Like all these stallions, he's at a crossroads now, but recycling his juvenile prowess would certainly keep him in the game.

Starting alongside Practical Joke and Classic Empire at Ashford, **CUPID** (Tapit--Pretty 'N Smart by Beau Genius) corralled a staggering 223 mares in his debut book. No less breathtaking, however, was his giddy descent to just 53 mares the following year. I don't know which of these numbers is more absurd. There's no way he had done anything like enough to earn a book surpassed nationally only by Into Mischief himself; but nor, when his first foals were barely slithering into the straw, were there any grounds for deserting him with equal haste. What an example of the panicked, neurotic herd instincts of commercial breeders today!

Cupid steadied the ship at 75 mares last spring and, now trading at \$5,000 from an opening \$12,500, he's still entitled to show that those who backed him in his first year were right. His yearlings were processed efficiently enough, after all, a very healthy ratio of 68 sold from 82 offered at \$46,786.

No surprise, perhaps, in one who himself made \$900,000 as a yearling; and his Grade II-placed dam has produced three other stakes/graded stakes winners. After such a dazing start to his stud career, it'll be fascinating to see which way things go from here. Unraced at two, he won his Grade I around two turns at four, so he's hardly standardized to the industrial model. But I like a second dam by Vice Regent when Cupid's damsire is out of a mare by his brother Viceregal, so Cupid could yet land his dart.

Another to join growing competition for the legacy of Gainesway's champion sire is **MOHAYMEN** (Tapit--Justwhistledixie by Dixie Union). Shadwell clients made the most of a very generous price, realizing an average \$52,506--seven times his \$7,500 fee--for 31 sold of 40 offered.

This is a pretty interesting horse: an unbeaten and accomplished juvenile, including in the GII Nashua S. and GII Remsen S., he went on to Florida and won the GII Holy Bull S. and GII Fountain of Youth S. before running fourth in the Derby. Unfortunately, he lost his way thereafter, but the looks and page that qualified him as a \$2.2-million yearling stand undiminished, and his half-brother New Year's Day (Street Cry {Ire}) obviously has somewhat more resonance than a couple of years ago. Their dam was a dual Grade II winner, also Grade I-placed, and Tapit doesn't tend to get too many who land running quite like Mohaymen did at two. (And the page has a nice little knot between Tapit's third dam and her brother Relaunch, whose son Honour and Glory sired Mohaymen's granddam). **Cont. p8**



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*This installment of our ongoing series will be completed in tomorrow's edition. Part II includes stallions like Klimt, Unified, Connect, Keen Ice, Lord Nelson, American Freedom, Midnight Storm and Gormley, along with our latest value "podium".*

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**Sheppard Retires from American Racing cont. from p1**

He has won 15 Eclipse Awards, behind only D. Wayne Lukas and Bob Baffert, and his 11 individual Eclipse Award winners have included two Hall of Fame members, Augustin Stables' Cafe Prince and Flatterer, the four-time champion (1983-1986) who was bred by Sheppard and William Pape, a longtime client and partner. Sheppard was inducted into the National Museum of Racing's Hall of Fame in Saratoga Springs, NY, in 1990.

Also among Sheppard's Eclipse winners were Forever Together (Belong to Me), the 2008 female turf champion, and Informed Decision (Monarchos), the champion female sprinter the following year. Both were owned by George Strawbridge Jr.'s

Augustin Stable. He also trained William T. Young's Storm Cat, a Grade I winner who became America's foremost stallion in the 1990s.

Over the years, Sheppard has provided leadership to the steeplechase sport. He served as the NSA's president from 2004 to 2006 and received the sport's highest honor, the F. Ambrose Clark Award, in 2013. **Cont. p9**



Jonathan Sheppard and Winston C | Sarah Andrew

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**Jonathan Sheppard** | *Horsephotos*

He also has participated in groundbreaking research projects with the University of Pennsylvania's New Bolton Center, not far from his training base in West Grove, PA, approximately 35 miles west of Philadelphia. Throughout his career, he has strived successfully to bring new owners into Thoroughbred racing.

His impact on the sport has continued to today. His most recent champion, in 2019, was Hudson River Farms' Winston C (Ire), now in training in Ireland, and he won the steeplechase trainer titles by wins and purse earnings in the recently concluded 2020 season.

"People undoubtedly will ask why I am retiring now," Sheppard said. "There's no one single reason, and the reasons combined to say that now was the time to step back from American racing. I always wanted to go out on top, and the past year's championships checked that box.

"I had a flare-up of my Lyme Disease last year that kept me away from the horses and the races. It's in remission now, but in fairness to my owners, I didn't want to have another Lyme episode interfere with their horses' careers. My staff at Ashwell in Pennsylvania did a marvelous job with the horses last year, but I don't want to repeat that.

"And, I just turned 80, so it seems to be a good time to pass the reins to a younger generation here in the U.S. I'm not ready to retire completely, and that's why I am retaining a small stable in Ireland for now."

Jonathan E. Sheppard was born December 2, 1940, in the Hertfordshire hamlet of Ashwell, approximately 45 miles north

of London. His father, Daniel, was a Jockey Club handicapper, and as a result, Sheppard was exposed to racing at an early age. For several reasons, however, a racing career in England was impossible.



**Jonathan Sheppard** | *Eclipse Sportswire*

Because of his father's position, conflict-of-interest regulations prohibited him from participating under rules in England even though he was an accomplished point-to-point jockey. Beyond that, he had neither the financial resources nor the connections to train in England or France.

After completing his education at Eton, he proved conclusively to himself and everyone else that he was not cut out to be a stockbroker during a stint at a brokerage firm bearing the family name.

In the early 1960s, he turned his eyes westward to the United States. He landed in the Pennsylvania operation of W. Burling Cocks, himself a future Hall of Fame member. Sheppard absorbed a knowledge of American flat and steeplechase racing, and--after a return to England and a brief period working in France's racing center in Chantilly--came back to the U.S.

He took out his trainer's license in 1965 and won one start on the flat that year, according to Equibase statistics. His first steeplechase winner was Redmond Stewart's Haffaday in the 1966 John Rush Streett maiden timber race at My Lady's Manor in Maryland. Two years later, Haffaday won the Maryland Hunt Cup for him.

Sheppard concluded 1966 with seven jumps victories and tied for seventh in the steeplechase trainer standings. The prior winter, Sheppard had met Strawbridge at an Aiken, SC, dinner, and they immediately developed a rapport. It was misfortune, rather than success, that cemented a relationship that would endure for five decades.

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**Sheppard with George Strawbridge | Horsephotos**

When one of Strawbridge’s early horses sustained a career-ending injury, Sheppard volunteered that his actions--bandages applied too tightly and improper jumping boots--had led to the breakdown. Strawbridge said in a 1970s interview that he was impressed with Sheppard’s honesty and decided to continue their relationship. They notched their first victory together with Brandon Hill at Aqueduct in September 1966.

It was a partnership that blossomed over the following decades and took off at a turning point of American steeplechase racing. The arrival of New York off-track betting in the early 1970s led to the virtual banishment of jump racing from the metropolitan tracks. Steeplechase racing pivoted to its roots, the race meets that grew out of fox hunting and became increasingly popular as upscale community activities.

Strawbridge, a descendant of Campbell Soup Co.’s founder and a history professor, was a highly talented amateur jockey, and many of his Sheppard-trained horses were suited to the hunt meets. Augustin would become the NSA’s all-time leading owner with more than \$9 million in purses and 23 annual championships from 1974 through 2005.

Sheppard won his first steeplechase title by wins in 1970 and, as racing moved away from Aqueduct and Belmont Park, his first earnings title in 1973.

The best member of the Augustin-Sheppard steeplechase team was Cafe Prince, who was bred in California by Verne Winchell and won four times over fences at three in 1973. He achieved his best form in 1977 and 1978, when he was voted Eclipse Awards as North America’s champion steeplechase horse.

Cafe Prince won the International Gold Cup at the Rolling Rock Races in Ligonier, PA, in his championship years, and he twice won the Colonial Cup in Camden, SC, in 1975 and 1977. He was elected to the Hall of Fame in 1985.

Sheppard collected his first Eclipse Award in 1973 with Athenian Idol, a \$2,200 purchase who had started in Sheppard’s name in 1971. Athenian Idol missed the following season, and Sheppard offered a half-interest in him to Pape, a Long Island auto dealer who was beginning to expand his involvement in jump racing.

Athenian Idol won six times in 1973, including victories in the International Gold Cup and the Temple Gwathmey, to sew up his Eclipse Award and launch a partnership that included four more champions: Martie’s Anger in 1979, Flatterer from 1983 through 1986, Mixed Up in 2009, and Divine Fortune in 2013.

None shone brighter than Flatterer. Always frugal, Sheppard bred him with a free season to Mo Bay, a multiple stakes winner he had trained for Augustin. Sheppard and Pape also owned the mare, Horizontal, by Nade, who was a modest winner.

Flatterer was good from the start.

“He was exceptional. You know you were a part of something special while it was happening,” Sheppard told the *BloodHorse’s* Esther Marr shortly after Flatterer’s death at age 35 in 2014.

At four in 1983, Flatterer sealed his first Eclipse Award by winning the steeplechase triple crown--the Grand National, Temple Gwathmey, and Colonial Cup. He would win the Colonial Cup, then a championship year-end race, three more times. He became so dominant that in 1986 he carried a record 176 pounds to victory in the National Hunt Cup in Malvern, PA.



**Flatterer winning the NY Turf Writers’ Cup | Coglianese**

In all, he started 52 times, won 24 of those starts, and had eight second-place finishes and five third-place finishes. Two of his best races were second-place finishes.

In 1986, Sheppard and Pape dispatched Flatterer to France for the French Champion Hurdle. The heavily watered Auteuil course was a bog, but Flatterer ran bravely to finish second, beaten five lengths.

Accompanying Flatterer on that trip was assistant trainer Graham Motion, a fellow Englishman who would go on to a distinguished training career of his own.

Flatterer recovered from that grueling test to win his fourth Colonial Cup that fall. Sheppard brought him back in early spring for a shot at England's Champion Hurdle at the 1987 Cheltenham Festival. He again finished a valiant second, beaten less than two lengths by the champion hurdler See You Then.

He came home to win the Iroquois Steeplechase in May before bowing a tendon in the Breeders' Cup Steeplechase that fall and retiring to Pape's Pennsylvania farm. Flatterer joined Sheppard in the Hall of Fame in 1994.

By then, it was clear that Sheppard could train any type of horse, and Kentucky businessman William Young entrusted him in 1985 with Storm Cat, a 2-year-old by the Northern Dancer stallion Storm Bird and out of the stakes-winning Secretariat mare Terlingua. The colt was foaled at Derry Meeting Farm in Pennsylvania so that Terlingua could be transported easily to Windfields Farm in Maryland to be bred to Northern Dancer.

Despite offset knees, the powerfully built Storm Cat showed he was something special by winning the Meadowlands' GI Young America S., then one of the top juvenile stakes races, and he went off as the second favorite in the second GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile at Aqueduct. He led by 2 1/2 lengths in the stretch, but could not resist Tasso, who won by a nose and claimed the 1985 Eclipse Award.



Sheppard (left) at Saratoga in 1984 | *Coglianesse*

Storm Cat underwent surgery for knee chips over the winter, won at a moderate level at four and did not race at five. Young wanted to sell him as a stallion prospect, but Sheppard's wife, former jockey Cathy Montgomery Sheppard, counseled Young to stand him at the owner's Overbrook Farm in Lexington. She had frequently galloped the headstrong Storm Cat and believed he would prosper at stud.



Sheppard saddling Forever Together at Saratoga | *Horsephotos*

Young changed his mind and prospered. Storm Cat became the dominant sire of his generation as well as a sire of sires, among them the prominent stallion Giant's Causeway. Storm Cat passed along his precocity and was the leading North American sire of juveniles a record seven times.

By then, Sheppard was maintaining a schedule that would break a less committed or less competitive person. He had horses stabled at the Pennsylvania farm and horses in Camden for the winter months; he had horses at Philadelphia Park and, during its fall season, at the Meadowlands in New Jersey.

He also was an inveterate multitasker who was pulled over on occasion for reading the *Daily Racing Form* while driving between racetracks and the farm. His formidable intellect gathered information, processed all the data, and applied the acquired knowledge when appropriate.

No horse illustrated Sheppard's process better than Forever Together, who was a Grade II winner at three but had a condition--a compromised ability to sweat, or anhidrosis--that limited her prospects. Sheppard remembered an old Irish remedy, Guinness Stout, and began mixing it into her feed. She began to sweat, and Sheppard moved her onto the turf, where she won three Grade I races and an Eclipse Award in 2008.

The following year, Sheppard accounted for two champions, Augustin's Informed Decision as the year's leading female sprinter and Mixed Up as the steeplechase champion. He closed out the most recent decade with two more champions, Divine Fortune and Winston C, both over fences.

Sheppard extracted the most out of his charges, even as they aged. This was exemplified by Divine Fortune, an Eclipse Award winner and winner of the Grand National at age 10; and With Anticipation, a Strawbridge homebred that had his best seasons at ages six and seven, earning more than \$2.3 million over those two years." **Cont. p12**



Sheppard's Divine Fortune at Far Hills | Sarah Andrew

On the flat, Strawbridge's homebred With Anticipation had his best seasons at age six and seven, earning more than \$2.3 million over those two years.

Between the jumps and the racetrack, Sheppard has accounted for almost 21,000 starts, and he has won 3,426 races. His career earnings total \$88.7 million. It has been a marvelous career, the sum total of intelligence, experience, instinct, horse knowledge and horse sense.

Charles Fenwick Jr., a retired steeplechase jockey and trainer, summarized the marvel that is Jonathan Sheppard in a 1980 interview with Sports Illustrated's Douglas S. Looney.

"You can't explain brilliance," he said.

After 56 brilliant years, Jonathan Sheppard has closed the book on his history-making American training experience.

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## STALLION-MAKING POTENTIAL FOR IMPROBABLE AND PROMISES FULFILLED

by Katie Ritz

When considering stallion potential, brilliance and precocity are rarely left out of the equation. But a unique find emerges when a headlining juvenile can carry out his talent as a sophomore and even as an older horse before beginning his stud career.

Two of WinStar Farm's new recruits for 2021, **Improbable** (City Zip) and **Promises Fulfilled** (Shackleford), showed brilliance early on in their careers as flashy debut winners before each went on to become stakes winners at three and four.

We spoke with WinStar's David Hanley on the pair of Grade I-winning additions.

### Improbable (City Zip), \$40,000

"The thing that was so impressive about this horse was his soundness," Hanley said of four-time Grade I winner and Eclipse candidate Improbable. "From when he went to Bob Baffert as a 2-year-old, he never missed a day, never had an issue. He was so consistent. Every week you asked how he worked and Bob's response was, 'awesome.'"

In his 15 career starts over three years, Improbable ran in the money in all but four.

"I think that soundness is really important for his future as a sire because in the world we live in today, soundness is such a factor," Hanley said. "This horse with his mechanics, the way he moved and how sound he was, if he passes that on to his progeny, it gives him a great shot to have a lot of runners."

A \$200,000 Keeneland September purchase, Improbable was a debut winner for the same owner-trainer connections that campaigned another speedy chestnut in Triple Crown winner Justify (Scat Daddy). He followed up with a 7 1/4-length victory in the Street Sense S. on the 2018 Breeders' Cup undercard while earning a 'TDN Rising Star' nod.



He wrapped up his 2-year-old season with a win in the GI Los Alamitos Futurity, defeating eventual Grade I-winning stablemate Mucho Gusto (Mucho Macho Man) by five lengths.

"He ran that race in the fastest time of the previous 10 years," Hanley noted. "He really was a top-class 2-year-old and always showed that. From when we broke him in the spring, he just had it together."

From there, Improbable ran second in the GII Rebel S. and again in the GI Arkansas Derby behind Omaha Beach (War Front).

He finished fourth in the GI Kentucky Derby, and although he registered a victory in the Shared Belief S. at Del Mar's summer meet, the chestnut couldn't land a graded stakes win in the later half of his 3-year-old year. **Cont. p13**

“I think after going through the Derby, he got a little bit frazzled and kind of lost his way a bit through the rest of his 3-year-old season,” Hanley admitted. “He got very fired up in the gate and was running his races very hard on the bridle and not settling. But then as a 4-year-old when he got back to Bob in the spring, suddenly he was working a bit more relaxed. He was working unbelievably and showed it on the racetrack when he won three straight Grade I races with 105, 106 and 108 Beyer’s.”



David Hanley | Keeneland

Hanley notes Improbable’s 4 1/2-length win over barnmate and champion Maximum Security (New Year’s Day) in the GI Awesome Again S. as his strongest race of the Grade I trio.

“When Drayden Van Dyke took hold of him and he got on the bridle and let him run, he just exploded. I think that was a really super impressive performance.”

Equally as memorable was his two-length victory in last summer’s GI Whitney S.

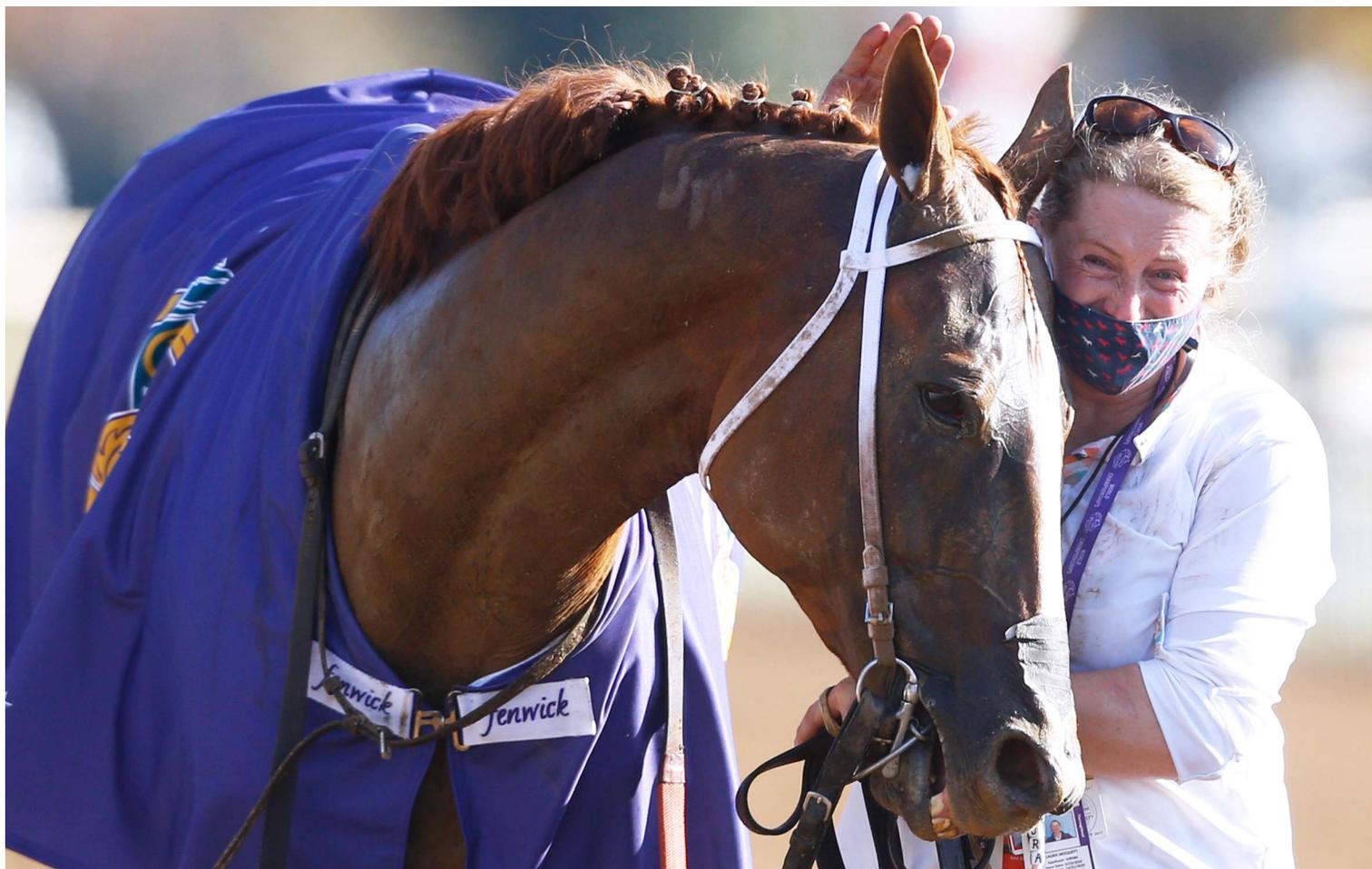
“He was always in control of that race,” Hanley said. “He traveled easily just off the pace and when Irad [Ortiz] took the lead, he just drove off from there.”

While Improbable ran second behind Authentic (Into Mischief) in his final career start in the GI Breeders’ Cup Classic, he earned a 108 Beyer and a 2 Ragozin, the fastest of the race, while traveling over six lengths farther than the winner.

Improbable retired with earnings of over \$2.7 million as the leading earner for his sire City Zip, who passed away when Improbable was a yearling.

“City Zip was a wonderful sire,” Hanley said. “He sired 72 stakes winners, six champions, and was a wonderful racehorse himself. So I think that’s a sire line that’s going to produce some good stallions.”

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2020 in Photos: November 7. Laura Moquett celebrates Whitmore’s victory in the GI Breeders’ Cup Sprint. | Coady

Improbable is a son of the winning A.P. Indy mare Rare Event, whose stakes-winning dam Our Rite of Spring (Stavinsky) is a half-sister to Grade I winner and sire Hard Spun (Danzig).

“City Zip was by Carson City, who was out of a Blushing Groom mare. Interestingly, Our Rite of Spring is by Stravinsky, who is also out of a Blushing Groom mare. So I think that’s huge sire-making pedigree potential,” Hanley said.

With other top sires in Awesome Again, Giant’s Causeway and Candy Ride (Arg) hailing from the Blushing Groom line on their damside, Hanley said he believes with Blushing Groom on both Improbable’s top and bottom side, his pedigree shows a unique potential.

“He’s also out of a really deep Darby Dan family,” he added. “He comes from one of their great foundation mares Banquet Bell, who herself was the dam of a Kentucky Derby and Belmont S. winner and a champion.”



**Eclipse candidate Improbable at WinStar Farm | Sarah Andrew**

Already booked to 160 mares for this season, Improbable has been popular with the breeders.

“He is what I would consider a medium-sized horse,” Hanley said. “He’s tremendously well made. He’s got great length from his hip to his hock and great leverage behind. He really hits the ground, as Drayden Van Dyke said, ‘like a cloud.’”

From the beginning, Hanley says, Improbable’s most noticeable quality was his exceptional movement—an asset that has proven to be useful in attracting a strong book of mares for his initial season at stud.

“From the first few times we worked him on the farm as a 2-year-old, he would breeze a quarter and then just gallop around the track like there was no end to him,” Hanley said. “He had great motion and everything came easy to him. As Bob Baffert said, he’s one of the prettiest-moving horses you could ever see and I think that’s something that’s going to stand him in good stead if he can produce that in his foals.”

**Promises Fulfilled (Shackleford), \$10,000**

“I think his trademark was how genuine he was,” Hanley said of five-time graded stakes winner Promises Fulfilled. “He would go as fast as he could and when the other horses would come to him, he would bear down and give everything he had. He would drop down and stick his head out and give his all every time.”

Recruited and trained by Dale Romans for Robert Baron, Promises Fulfilled was a four-length debut winner at two before taking an allowance at Keeneland and running third in the GII Kentucky Jockey Club S. to wrap up his juvenile season.

He continued on the Derby trail at three with a victory in the GII Fountain of Youth S., breaking first and never giving up the lead to defeat Strike Power (Speightstown) and champion Good Magic (Curlin) by 2 1/4 lengths.

The speedy chestnut broke on top in his next two starts, clocking a :45.77 half mile going head-to-head with Justify (Scat Daddy) in the GI Kentucky Derby, but failed to stay on to finish in the money.



**Millionaire Promises Fulfilled settles in at WinStar Sarah Andrew**

He realized his full potential after turning back in distance in the later half of his 3-year-old season with consecutive wins in the GIII Amsterdam S., GI H. Allen Jerkens S. and GII Phoenix S.

“It was quite an amazing performance to go through what he did in the spring trying to stretch out and then come back and be as competitive as he was,” Hanley said. “That was the period of time when we started to think he was a really serious horse.”

A win the following summer in the GII John Nerud S. with a career-high 108 Beyer sealed the deal, and WinStar bought in on the millionaire earner soon after.

“He was very fast out of the gates, always on pace and really let himself down in his races to finish up strong,” Hanley said. “He ran six sub-:44.4 times in graded races.”

After a layoff following his 4-year-old season, an issue days before his next start kept Promises Fulfilled from racing on at five in 2020.

“It was kind of unfortunate because he was a year from running when he went to stud, so people are quick to forget just how good of a 3-year-old he was,” Hanley said. “But we’re really excited about him because we think he was a horse with a lot of speed and ability.”

Promises Fulfilled retired with earnings of nearly \$1.5 million and ran in the money in 10 of his 17 career starts.

“One thing that I think marks this horse’s character is that fact that he was able to go through the Kentucky Derby preps, run in the Kentucky Derby and then come back and win a Grade I going seven furlongs. It speaks to the character and quality of horse that he was.”

Hanley noted that breeders have been surprised that the sprinter’s physical reflects more of a two-turn type mold.

“He’s quite a big horse, with a lot of leg under him and a lot of stretch to him,” he said. “So it’s interesting that he was as fast as he was. We’re really excited to see what kind of foals he’ll produce because with his pedigree, speed and physique, he’s capable of getting two-turn horses that have some speed.”

The son of Shackleford is out of the Marquetry mare Marquee Delivery, who herself is Grade III placed but is also the dam of three additional black-type horses. Promises Fulfilled’s half-sister Marquee Miss (Cowboy Cal) was a five-time stakes winner.

“Shackleford was by Forestry (Storm Cat), so it’s a speed sire line,” Hanley said. “Shackleford himself was out of the mare Oatsee, who is by Unbridled. So you can see where Shackleford got his leg and size, and where Promises Fulfilled got it as well.”

He continued, “I think he’ll put a bit of size and stretch into his mares. He could fit anything. He was such a fast horse, and he did win going a mile and a sixteenth and looks like a two-turn horse, so anything is possible.”

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Kentucky Pharoah became the latest black-type winner for American Pharoah in Saturday’s Dania Beach S. | Lauren King

Sire (Sire’s Sire)	#SWs	#GSWs
<b>AMERICAN PHAROAH</b> (Pioneerof the Nile) <i>(Kentucky Pharoah--Dania Beach S.)</i>	13	8
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<b>BRODY’S CAUSE</b> (Giant’s Causeway) <i>(Kalypso--GII Santa Ynez S.)</i>	2	2
<b>COMPETITIVE EDGE</b> (Super Saver) <i>(Competitive Speed--Glitter Woman S.)</i>	5	---
<b>HALF OURS</b> (Unbridled’s Song) <i>(Jimmy Two Times--Louisiana Futurity)</i>	23	---
<b>INTO MISCHIEF</b> (Harlan’s Holiday) <i>(Life Is Good--GIII Sham S.)</i>	84	36
<b>MACLEAN’S MUSIC</b> (Distorted Humor) <i>(Drain the Clock--Limehouse S.)</i>	21	4
<b>STREET SENSE</b> (Street Cry {Ire}) <i>(Capo Kane--Jerome S.)</i>	75	33
<b>UNION RAGS</b> (Dixie Union) <i>(Gulf Coast--Cash Run S.)</i>	17	9

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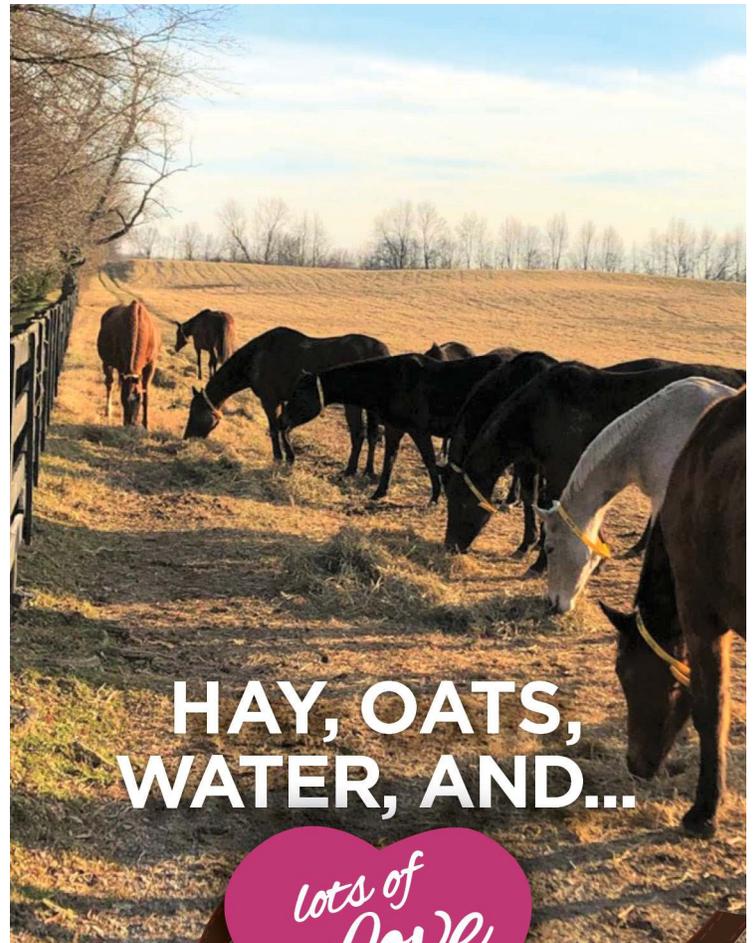
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#### Editorial: Fewer racehorses are dying--but still too many

It's been two years since Santa Anita Park started a tumultuous season of horse racing that saw 37 horses die from racing or training and ushered in a new period of reform in this risky sport. The alarming spate of deaths from late December 2018 to November 2019 led to an overhaul of the California Horse Racing Board and jump-started the federal Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act, which had been stalled for years in Congress. The bill, which passed last month, will put in place nationwide drug regulations and establish a national safety program.

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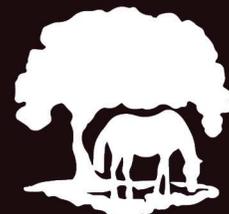
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	GIII La Canada S.	Santa Anita
	GIII Las Cienegas S.	Santa Anita
Jan. 16	GIII Lecomte S.	Fair Grounds
	GIII Louisiana S.	Fair Grounds
Jan. 18	GIII Megahertz S.	Santa Anita
Jan. 23	GI Pegasus World Cup	Gulfstream
	GI Pegasus World Cup Turf	Gulfstream
	GII Inside Information S.	Gulfstream
	GIII La Prevoyante S.	Gulfstream
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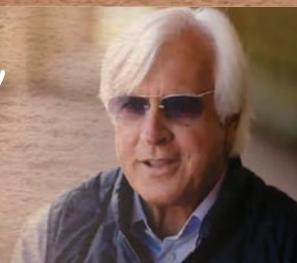
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# NORTH AMERICAN RACING



## IN ORDER OF PURSE:

**9th-Santa Anita, \$67,634, Alw, 1-3, (NW1\$X), 4yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2ft, 1:15.16, fm, neck.**

**CONSTANTIA (f, 4, Munnings--Llandudno {GSP, \$150,160}, by Belong to Me)** broke her maiden versus \$50,000 maiden claimers going one mile of this turf course Oct. 11 before a third-place effort in a one-mile optional claimer at Del Mar Nov. 1. Dismissed at 19-1, the chestnut filly was last of 12 through a quarter in :21.85 and a half in :44.33. She improved her position along the rail before tipping out at midstretch and surging through a narrow opening to hit the wire just in front in a driving finish. All Quality (Quality Road) was second. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** Lifetime Record: 9-2-1-2, \$72,400. O/B-Keith Abrahams (KY); T-John W. Sadler.

**4th-Delta Downs, \$36,000, (S), Alw, 1-4, (NW2L), 3yo, f, 6 1/2f, 1:23.38, ft, 1 3/4 lengths.**

**K R LUCKY DAY (f, 3, Itsmyluckyday--Princess Henri, by Henrythenavigator)**, a \$1,500 ESLMIX yearling, bested state-bred \$10,000 maiden claimers to win her five-furlong debut at this oval by 3 3/4 lengths Dec. 1. Sent off at 9-1 in this second start, the bay filly broke awkwardly, but recovered to stalk the pacesetters. K R Lucky Day was making her move in tandem with Miss Nitap (Closing Argument) just to her outside. That foe began lugging in and bumped K R Lucky Day at midstretch as another foe lugged out and, in the jostling, Birdie Call (Captian Countdown) checked on heels, stumbled badly and lost the rider. Miss Nitap straightened out and strode home a 2 1/4-length winner, but was promptly disqualified for the infraction at midstretch and placed second with K R Lucky Day inheriting the win. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$30,000. O-Kenneth Roberts Racing Stables, Inc.; B-Paul Pruett & Watershed Bloodstock LLC (LA); T-Kenneth L. Roberts, Sr.



## IN PANAMA:

**Thanos K., c, 3, Ready's Image--Reckless, by Indygo Shiner.** Presidente Remon, 12-30, Clasico Luis Shirley, 1300m. B-Kathie Maybee (KY). \*1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. \*\*\$1,500 Ylg '18 FTKOCT.

## VIDEO

### Foaled & Raised at Phoenix Farm

**California Music, h, 6, Maclean's Music--You Call That Art, by Royal Academy.** Presidente Remon, 12-31, Clasico Ano Nuevo, 2000m. B-Kildare Stud. \*Ch. Imp. 2yo Colt, Ch. Imp. 3yo Colt-Pan. \*\*\$18,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP. **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 the first meeting of the new year to be held Tuesday at Nakayama Racecourse:*

**Tuesday, January 5, 2021**

**2nd-NKY, ¥9,680,000 (\$94k), Maiden, 3yo, 1800m**

**AMERICAN YELL (c, 3, Tapit--Sindy With An S, by Broken Vow)**, a \$700K Keeneland September purchase by owner Katsumi Yoshizawa, is a full-brother to SW & GSP My Miss Tapit and the GSP duo of I'll Wrap It Up and Rattataptap, and is the 19-10 favorite to improve off a strong runner-up effort over this course and distance when last seen Dec. 13 ([video](#), gate 12).

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Yoshizawa, who campaigns 2019 Triple Crown participant Master Fencer (Jpn) (Just A Way {Jpn}), has been represented by four Tapit winners in Japan, including the listed-placed American Seed. *B-Gainesway Thoroughbreds Ltd (KY)*

### 3rd-NKY, ¥11,400,000 (\$110k), Newcomers, 3yo, 1800m

**WELL SNIPER (f, 3, Violence--Down the Well {Ire}, by Mujadil)** is the latest to make the races for her dam, whose three winners from as many to hit the track include SW Aqua Frio (Uncle Mo) and '**TDN Rising Star**' Karak (Karakontie {Jpn}), the latter of whom broke her maiden at first asking sprinting on turf at Belmont before winning the 2019 Tyro S. on the grass and the 2020 Cincinnati Trophy on the Polytrack. Well Sniper was bought back on a bid of \$37K at KEENOV in 2018 and fetched \$35K at KEEJAN a couple of months later. *B-Parrish Hill Farm & Amanda Roach Cole (KY)*

### 8th-NKY, ¥21,000,000 (\$204k), Allowance, 4yo/up, 1200m

**SUI (f, 4, Candy Ride {Arg}--Eltimaas, by Ghostzapper)**, the half-sister to champion and MGISW Drefong (Gio Ponti), doubled her win tally when taking out an Oct. 3 allowance over track and trip first off a six-month absence before finishing down the field in her last visit to the post Oct. 25. A \$300K KEESEP yearling turned \$675K OBS March breezer, Sui is out of a half-sister to champion Action This Day (Kris S.). *B-Machmer Hall, Carrie & Craig Brogden (KY)*

### 10th-NKY, Junior Cup-Listed, ¥38,370,000 (\$372k), 3yo, 1600mT

**ASCALON (c, 3, Speightstown--Coco As In Chanel, by Awesome Again)** validated 4-5 favoritism when breaking his maiden at first asking going 1200 meters at Sapporo Aug. 22 ([video](#), gate 6), but was well-beaten in his first try against winners three weeks later and resumes here. The stakes-winning Coco As In Chanel was purchased by SF Bloodstock and Newgate Farm for \$150K in foal to Violence at KEENOV in 2018 and produced a filly by Newgate's Russian Revolution (Aus) in 2020. *B-Heider Family Stable (KY)*

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#### STAKES RESULTS:

**SAM'S TOWN S.**, \$60,000, Delta Downs, 1-4, 4yo/up, 5f, :58.26, ft.

1--**BOLDOR, 118, h, 5, Munnings--Senate Caucus, by Siphon (Brz)**. (\$100,000 Ylg '17 FTSAUG; \$700,000 2yo '18 OBSAPR).

**1ST BLACK TYPE WIN.** O-Ed & Susie Orr; B-Carlos S. E. Moore & Gillian Gordon-Moore (VA); T-Steven M. Asmussen; J-Joel Dominguez. \$36,000. Lifetime Record: 13-4-2-1, \$245,197.

\*1/2 to Fly E Dubai (E Dubai), MSP, \$205,075; Avarice (Not For Love), SP, \$202,193.

2--**Secular Nation, 118, g, 6, Distorted Humor--Adrina, by A.P. Indy**. (\$50,000 Ylg '16 KEESEP). O-J Kirk & Judy Robison; B-Courtlandt Farm (KY); T-Todd W. Fincher. \$12,000.



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3--**Shangroyal, 120, h, 6, Shanghai Bobby--Mama Tia, by Carson City**. (\$400,000 Ylg '16 KEESEP). O-Brent Nichols; B-Atlas Farm LLC & Conor Doyle (KY); T-Benard Chatters. \$6,000.

Margins: 3/4, NK, 1 1/4. Odds: 7.10, 8.30, 59.10.

#### ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

**7th-Parx Racing, \$51,840, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$35,000), 1-4, 4yo/up, 7f, 1:23.53, my, 1 3/4 lengths.**

**CHILLY IN CHARGE (h, 5, Take Charge Indy--Holiday Chills, by Harlan's Holiday)** Lifetime Record: SW, 15-4-4-0, \$250,489. O-Newtown Anner Stud Farm; B-Horseshoe Valley Equine Center (PA); T-Miguel Vera. \*\$170,000 2yo '18 OBSOPN. \*\*1/2 to Chilly Start (Jump Start), SP, \$335,711.

**8th-Mahoning Valley, \$29,000, (S), 1-4, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:14.62, gd, 1/2 length.**

**IRON MEN OF METZ (g, 4, Added Edge--Ur Alwaysonmymind, by Grand Reward)** Lifetime Record: 13-4-2-1, \$71,641. O-Michael J. Annechino; B-Raimonde Farms LTD (OH); T-Jeffrey A. Radosevich.

**7th-Mahoning Valley, \$29,000, (S), 1-4, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:15.20, gd, neck.**

**TANCAHUA (g, 6, Tale of Ekati--Brigitta, by Lake William)** Lifetime Record: 35-2-9-11, \$111,005. O-Jack Cannon; B-Roger S. Braugh (OH); T-Richard Zielinski.

## The New York Jockey Injury Compensation Fund (NYJICF) 2021 Workers' Compensation Premium Assessment and Formula

This is the NYJICF's Assessment Plan for 2021 (2021 Assessment Plan) and, consistent with the last few years, continues to be structured on New York Racing Association (NYRA)-based horsemen contributing 86% of the NYJICF's annual cost, which is estimated to equal \$6,059,480.88, and Finger Lakes Gaming and Racetrack (FLRA)-based horsemen contributing 14% of the NYJICF's annual cost, which is estimated to equal \$986,427.12.

The NYJICF has the authority (i) to use up to \$2 million from the 2021 NYRA purse cushion fund and (ii) to deduct and use 2% of purses from an owner's share of purses.

**NYRA Owners** assessment and payment is a \$1,000 base premium, plus 2% of purses earned.

**FLRA Owners** assessment and payment is a \$2,550 base premium, plus 2% of purses earned.

Each race with a purse over \$1,000,000 will be capped at \$1,000,000 for Workers' Compensation assessment purposes only.

**NYRA Trainer** assessment and payment is a \$1,000 base premium plus:

NYRA trainers will pay a per stall charge of \$1.60 per day for each stall allotted and accepted during each stall allotment period as designated by the track where each trainer races, provided that the first 12 stalls allotted and accepted will be free and the per stall charge for each stall allotted and accepted in excess of 12 will be \$1.60 per day.

**FLRA Trainer** assessment and payment is a \$2,550 base premium plus:

FLRA trainers will pay a per stall charge of \$1.50 per day for each stall allotted and accepted during each stall allotment period as designated by the track.

These premium charges will be due as follows:

**NYRA and FLRA Owners and Trainers** base premium charge is due:

- At NYRA, for those trainers already stabled on the grounds: \$1,000 on or before January 1, 2021.
- At NYRA, for those owners already stabled on the grounds: \$1,000 before they run their first horse in 2021.
- For those trainers shipping in: upon entering the horse on the grounds based on the "shippers" per start schedule set forth below.
- For those owners shipping in: before they run their first horse in 2021 based on the "shippers" per start schedule set forth below.
- At FLRA, for trainers: upon entering the horse on the grounds: \$1,500 on or before April 1, 2021, and an additional \$1,050 (for a total of \$2,550) to be paid on or before June 1, 2021.
- At FLRA, for owners: \$1,500 before they run their first horse in 2021 through May 31, 2021, and an additional \$1,050 (for a total of \$2,550) to be paid on or before June 1, 2021.

Anything in this 2021 Assessment Plan to the contrary notwithstanding, FLRA's 14% of the NYJICF's cost, which is estimated to equal \$986,427.12, will be paid by FLRA in eight equal installments in the amount of \$123,303.39 between April 2021 and November 2021.

### NYRA and FLRA Owners and Trainers

The stall charges will be due on the last day of the first month of each allotment period, for example: January 31 for winter 2021 at NYRA and thirty days after the opening of the stable area for the spring meeting at FLRA.

If the trainer accepts stalls for the summer meeting but ships in three weeks before that meeting begins, that trainer will be responsible for the entire summer meeting plus \$1.60 per day (\$1.50 at FLRA) times the number of stalls allotted, times the number of days that the trainer occupied the stalls prior to the summer meeting, provided that the first 12 stalls allotted and accepted at NYRA tracks will be free.

**Owners/Trainers** will be required to pay the base premium charge of \$1,000 at NYRA and \$2,550 at FLRA, plus 2% of purses earned, plus the stall allotment charge.

**Private Trainers** will be responsible for the base premium of \$1,000 at NYRA and \$2,550 at FLRA. The owner employing that trainer (whose payroll the exercise riders are on) will be responsible for the stall charge plus 2% of purses earned.

**Shippers.** At NYRA, owners and trainers will be charged \$100.00 each per start for their first ten starts (for a maximum of \$1,000 for 2021). At FLRA, owners and trainers will be charged \$150.00 each per start for their first ten starts (for a maximum of \$1,500 for 2021). Owners will also be charged 2% of purses earned. Shipping trainers will only be charged a stall fee if they are assigned stalls.

A suitable stall count to be determined by the racing secretary at the current stall assessment rate (\$1.60 at NYRA tracks (except the first 12 stalls allotted and accepted will be free for 2021) and \$1.50 at FLRA) will be assessed to those horsemen stabled off of the racetrack proper and who have daily access and use of the racetrack facilities.

**Surcharge.** Each trainer, upon such trainer's second claim and any subsequent claim filed with the workers' compensation insurance carrier in 2021, shall be charged a per-claim handling surcharge based upon the total number of horses then currently trained on the date of such claim(s) (as measured by the number of stalls allocated statewide as of the date of the claim for which a surcharge is to be collected), as follows: 1 to 10 horses: \$200; 11 to 30 horses: \$400; and 31 or more horses: \$600.

### General Information

Should NYJICF determine that the amounts which are actually collected from (i) NYRA is inadequate to cover 86% of the NYJICF's annual cost, which is estimated to equal \$6,059,480.88 and and/or (ii) FLRA is inadequate to cover 14% of the NYJICF's annual cost, which is estimated to equal \$986,427.12, respectively, then the NYJICF will seek additional funds pursuant to the Racing, Pari-Mutuel Wagering and Breeding Law Section 221 (7).

- For determining the responsibility for payment of workers' compensation, an owner is the person whose account would be debited or credited when a horse runs. In the case of multiple ownership, this would be the managing partner.
- In order for trainers to reduce their stall charge, they must officially return stalls to the proper association, stall man or racing secretary within 10 days after assuming the stalls.
- The charge per stall is in no way to be construed as a payment for stall rent. This is only a method which the NYJICF uses to estimate the appropriate premium charge that is due.

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For those racing at FLRA:

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Call the Horsemen's Bookkeeper at 585-924-3004 after April 1, 2021 to have that amount debited from your account.

**1st-Turf Paradise, \$23,500**, 1-4, (C), 3yo, f, 5f, :57.44, ft, 2 lengths.

**REIGN OF FIRE (f, 3, Vronsky--Red Hot Renee, by Roar)** Lifetime Record: SP, 7-2-1-2, \$68,844. O-D. Chadwick Calvert; B-Regan Wright & Rustin Reidhead (AZ); T-Scott Rollins. \*\$8,500 RNA Ylg '19 ARZNOV; \$9,000 2yo '20 CTBAJA.

**2nd-Turf Paradise, \$23,500**, 1-4, (C), 3yo, 5f, :57.97, ft, 1 1/4 lengths.

**TONY'S TAPIT (c, 3, Tonalist--Autumn Wedding, by Runaway Groom)** Lifetime Record: 6-2-2-0, \$32,411. O-Jose Luna Silva & Nuevo Farms; B-H & E Ranch (KY); T-Jose Luna Silva. \*\$9,500 Ylg '19 ARZNOV. \*\*1/2 to Wedding Blush (Pure Prize), MSP, \$229,465.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Sierra Diamond, f, 3, Bahamian Squall--Galaxy Princess, by Tiznow.** Mahoning Valley, 1-4, 6f, 1:14.40. B-Donald R. Dizney, LLC (FL).

**Morricone, c, 3, Lone Star Special--Empress Hatshepsut, by Don't Get Mad.** Delta Downs, 1-4, (S), 1m, 1:43.92. B-Tigertail Ranch (LA). \*\$3,500 Ylg '19 ESLYRL.

**Iamgoingtoshine, f, 3, Northern Afleet--Becker County Miss (SP), by Langfuhr.** Mahoning Valley, 1-4, (S), 6f, 1:15.34. B-Calabria Farms LLC & English Channel Co-Owners (OH).

**Copperhead Creek, g, 4, Golddigger's Boy--Precious Lilly, by Turnofthecentury.** Parx Racing, 1-4, (WC), 1m 70y, 1:46.72. B-Luana J. Johnson (PA).



**SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: TUESDAY, JAN. 5**

*2020 Stud Fees Listed*

**Anchor Down (Tapit)**, Gainesway Farm, \$5,000  
89 foals of racing age/8 winners/0 black-type winners  
7-Delta Downs, Alw 6 1/2f, WISE ANCHOR, 8-1  
\$45,000 FTK JUL yrl; \$5,000 OBS MAR 2yo

**Bradester (Lion Heart)**, Valor Farm, \$3,000  
42 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners  
3-Delta Downs, Msw 1m, MERENICA MOJO, 6-1  
\$9,000 RNA OBS OCT yrl

**Jess's Dream (Curlin)**, Ocala Stud, \$4,000

129 foals of racing age/7 winners/0 black-type winners  
3-Delta Downs, Msw 1m, EILEEN ALEXANDRA, 4-5

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**ADDED EDGE**, Iron Men of Metz, g, 4, o/o Ur Alwaysonmymind, by Grand Reward. ALW, 1-4, Mahoning Valley

**BAHAMIAN SQUALL**, Sierra Diamond, f, 3, o/o Galaxy Princess, by Tiznow. MSW, 1-4, Mahoning Valley

**GOLDDIGGER'S BOY**, Copperhead Creek, g, 4, o/o Precious Lilly, by Turnofthecentury. WMC, 1-4, Parx Racing

**ITSMYLUCKYDAY**, K R Lucky Day, f, 3, o/o Princess Henri, by Henrythenavigator. ALW, 1-4, Delta Downs

**LONE STAR SPECIAL**, Morricone, c, 3, o/o Empress Hatshepsut, by Don't Get Mad. MSW, 1-4, Delta Downs

**MUNNINGS**, Boldor, h, 5, o/o Senate Caucus, by Siphon (Brz). Sam's Town S., 1-4, Delta Downs

**NORTHERN AFLEET**, Iamgoingtoshine, f, 3, o/o Becker County Miss, by Langfuhr. MSW, 1-4, Mahoning Valley

**TAKE CHARGE INDY**, Chilly in Charge, h, 5, o/o Holiday Chills, by Harlan's Holiday. AOC, 1-4, Parx Racing

**TALE OF EKATI**, Tancahua, g, 6, o/o Brigitta, by Lake William. ALW, 1-4, Mahoning Valley

**TONALIST**, Tony's Tapit, c, 3, o/o Autumn Wedding, by Runaway Groom. ALW, 1-4, Turf Paradise

**VRONSKY**, Reign of Fire, f, 3, o/o Red Hot Renee, by Roar. ALW, 1-4, Turf Paradise

# 31<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL STALLION SEASON AUCTION

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## SEASON AUCTION INFORMATION

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## DAVID THOMPSON DIES AT 84



David Thompson, CBE | Cheveley Park Stud

By Emma Berry

David Thompson CBE, the owner with his wife Patricia of Cheveley Park Stud in Newmarket, died on Dec. 29 from renal failure at the age of 84.

A proudly patriotic man whose numerous successful racehorses sported the stud's red, white and blue colours, Thompson's significant involvement in British racing and breeding began in 1975 with his purchase of Newmarket's oldest stud farm, which was then in receivership. That same year Music Boy (GB), trained initially in Yorkshire by 'Snowy' Wainwright, became the Thompsons' first group winner, in partnership with Ken Mackey, in the Gimcrack S. Music Boy was later trained by Brian Lunness, who had been installed as the private trainer at Cheveley Park Stud, and he became the first stallion to stand for the Thompsons, becoming leading first-season sire in 1980.

From the original 270 acres of land purchased, the stud now extends to just less than 1,000 acres and incorporates the neighbouring Strawberry Hill, Sandwich, Ashley Heath and Warren Hill divisions, which house a sizeable broodmare band. Cheveley Park Stud itself is home to a six-strong stallion roster which is headed by Pivotal (GB), one of the most successful stallions of the modern era. [Cont. p2](#)

## BRITISH RACING TO CONTINUE NEW LOCKDOWN JAN. 5

Racing in the UK will continue behind closed doors, as new national lockdowns begin at midnight on Jan. 5. Cases of coronavirus are rising UK and the British government imposed new COVID restrictions at midnight this morning. UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson cited the rising death toll in the past seven days and the new coronavirus variant that is widespread in the UK as the primary reasons for a third lockdown, which is expected to last until mid-February. The BHA confirmed via Twitter that racing will continue without fans and with only essential personnel in attendance shortly after Johnson's announcement.

"As I speak to you tonight, our hospitals are under more pressure from Covid than at any time since the start of the pandemic," Johnson said in part, in an address to the nation. "I know how tough this is, and I know how frustrated you are and I know you have had more than enough of government guidance about defeating this virus, but now, more than ever, we must pull together.

"The number of deaths is up by 20% over the last week and will sadly rise further. With most of the country already under extreme measures, it's clear that we need to do more together to bring this new variant under control while our vaccines are rolled out." [Cont. p4](#)



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### David Thompson Obituary Cont. from p1

Now 28, and still on active duty, Pivotal was the first foal for both his sire, the former Cheveley Park Stud resident Polar Falcon, and his dam Fearless Revival (Cozzene). More importantly, he was the first homebred Group 1 winner for the Thompsons and, from a relatively humble beginning at stud, starting off at a fee of £6,000 in 1997, he graduated to a high of £85,000 as his success grew. His 32 Group 1 winners around the world include the current French champion sire Siyouni (Fr), as well as Classic winners Sariska (GB), Saoire (GB) and Halfway To Heaven (Ire). Pivotal was also European champion broodmare sire in 2018 and 2019.

Along with Pivotal, David and Patricia Thompson's extensive list of group winners includes the Classic-winning fillies Russian Rhythm and Confidential Lady (GB), trained respectively by two of their longest-standing trainers, Sir Michael Stoute and Sir Mark Prescott. Russian Rhythm, bred in America by Brushwood Stable, was a rare yearling purchase but Cheveley Park Stud's homebred roll of honour contains dual Group 1 winner and successful stallion Medicean (GB), and his fellow top-level winners Chorist (GB), Nannina (GB), Peeress (GB), Exclusive (GB), Allegretto (GB), Virtual (GB), Hooray (GB) and Persuasive (GB). The most recent Group 1 winner was the 2019 Falmouth S.

victrix Veracious (GB), while Queen's Trust (GB) provided the Thompsons with a memorable American triumph when beating Lady Eli in the GI Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf of 2016.

Paying tribute to the successful owner/breeder, Chris Richardson, Cheveley Park Stud's managing director for more than three decades, said, "David Thompson was a very generous, meticulous, sometimes unpredictable man, who always had a certain charm. He inspired everyone with his insatiable enthusiasm for business which, thankfully, included a love of racing and breeding, alongside his wife, Patricia and their family. He had tremendous foresight and would often ask a question, knowing full well the answer. I always tried to be prepared, as one never knew when the thrill and challenge of another equine adventure would catch his imagination."

One such adventure has been the Thompsons' significant investment in a select string of National Hunt horses, trained in Ireland by Gordon Elliott and Henry de Bromhead. Most notably, they race the unbeaten novice chaser Envoi Allen (Fr), a Grade 1 winner at each of the last two Cheltenham Festivals. The day before David Thompson died, another of the couple's jumpers, A Plus Tard (Fr), put himself in the Cheltenham Gold Cup reckoning with victory in the G1 Savills Chase at Leopardstown.

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### **David Thompson Obituary Cont.**

Though their involvement in jumping has grown significantly in the last few seasons, the interest in the National Hunt scene has been long held and Patricia Thompson previously owned the 1992 Grand National winner Party Politics (GB).

David Thompson attended the Tattersalls Cheltenham Sale on Dec. 10, which was relocated to Newmarket owing to Covid restrictions, and bought the top two lots, both 4-year-old geldings, for a total of 740,000gns.

Chris Richardson added, "His latest venture into National Hunt racing, proved a huge success and gave him so much pleasure. DBT's recent visit to the Cheltenham Sale held in Newmarket, and to the stud, gave him and all here, so much joy. He certainly enriched the lives of all those he met and who knew him. He will be much missed."

As well as having been one of the most successful owner/breeders of this or any other era, David Thompson will be remembered as one of the great entrepreneurs and philanthropists, though he always liked to keep a low profile.

After leaving school, he joined his two elder brothers in the family business B. Thompson Ltd, a meat wholesaling company which their father had developed from his agricultural roots in Suffolk. The trio expanded the company to the extent that it was floated on the stock exchange in 1966. It subsequently merged with J. B. Eastwood plc, but Thompson found the restrictions imposed by the corporate structure did not suit his entrepreneurial spirit so well, and he began to plough his own furrow with sensational results.

By this time, David and Patricia Thompson were living in Hillsgate Court in Totteridge in North London, and in 1975 he consolidated his interests in a new company which he named Hillsgate Holdings (a name which will resonate in plenty of racing ears as sponsor of Newmarket's Cherry Hinton S. for several years). [Cont. p4](#)



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- 1<sup>st</sup> Prix du Jockey Club-**Gr.1** in **TRACK RECORD TIME**
- 1<sup>st</sup> Prix Niel-**Gr.2**
- 1<sup>st</sup> Prix de Suresnes-**L.**, by 6½ lengths
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe-**Gr.1**

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- 1<sup>st</sup> Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe-**Gr.1** defeating Gr.1 winners In Swoop, Persian King, Enable, Stradivarius, Deirdre and Way To Paris  
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## The **BEST** son of Champion French sire **SIYOUNI**

Half-brother to 7-time Gr.1 winning Champion **SISTERCHARLIE**

Out of a daughter of **GALILEO**, like Champion First & Second Crop Sire **NIGHT OF THUNDER**

**“It's always been my dream to win the Arc de Triomphe. To me, the Arc is the maximum a horse can achieve in his career”**

*Sottsass' owner Peter Brant, who will be supporting him strongly with several of his best mares*

**SOTTASS** is simply too good for 3-time Gr.1 winner **PERSIAN KING** as he smashes the track record in the Prix du Jockey Club-Gr.1. Other recent winners over the reduced 10½-furlong trip include **SHAMARDAL, LE HAVRE** and **LOPE DE VEGA!**

# SOTTASS

**Fee: €30,000**

## COOLMORE

**David Thompson Obituary Cont.**

Specialising in taking over ailing businesses, often food-related, and revivifying them, within a decade Hillsdown Holdings became one of the largest privately-owned companies in Britain. In 1985 it was floated on the Stock Exchange and soon became a constituent part of the FTSE 100. By the end of the decade it had an annual turnover of almost £4 billion and over 40,000 employees.

Around this time, David Thompson stepped back from his managerial role in Hillsdown Holdings and sold his interest in the company, but his innate acumen would not allow him to rest. He continued to buy and sell businesses, including farms, and at various times he was the owner of Windsor Racecourse and Queen's Park Rangers Football Club. He also took the opportunity to focus on charitable activity: he and Patricia formed the Thompson Family Charitable Trust, through which they have donated over £70 million to a wide variety of medical, educational, social, artistic and other charities, while maintaining an endowment for future donations of more than £100 million. It was for their philanthropy that both were recently awarded CBEs.

Sir Mark Prescott, who trained Pivotal as well as the Thompsons' homebred Classic winner Confidential Lady and Group 1-winning juvenile Hooray (GB), said, "When they started, Mr. Thompson was really more interested in the racing and Mrs. Thompson was perhaps more interested in the stud but gradually the two interests melded together. He didn't always like going racing, even when he was younger, but he loved racing. Mr. Thompson was determined not to be a tax exile and was determined to pay British taxes. He waved the British flag with his red, white and blue colours. He was very proud to be a British breeder."

David Thompson is survived by his wife Patricia, children Richard, Rosalind and Katie, and seven grandchildren.

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**UK/Scottish Racing Cont. from p1**

The statement from the BHA read, "Following this evening's broadcast, we can confirm racing will continue behind closed doors during the upcoming national lockdown. Attendance will be limited to those essential to the staging of fixtures and strict adherence to British racing's COVID-19 protocols will continue to be required for all who attend."

Scotland's lockdown is expected to last through January and carries a new legal requirement forbidding anyone from leaving their home except for essential purposes. Only essential personnel will be allowed at racing fixtures, and no owners are permitted to attend a fixture until further notice.

Scotland's First Minister Nicola Sturgeon said in a statement to the Scottish Parliament, "We are now seeing a steeply rising trend of infections. Indeed, it is no exaggeration to say that I am more concerned about the situation we face now than I have been at any time since March last year. As a government our clear duty right now is to act quickly and decisively to safeguard health, save lives and protect the NHS.

"The advice of our clinical advisers is very clear that the increased transmissibility of the new variant means that the current level 4 measures may not be sufficient to bring the R number back below 1. It is essential that we further limit interaction between different households to stem the spread and bring the situation back under control, while we vaccinate more people. In short, we must return for a period to a situation much closer to the lockdown of last March."

Scottish Racing, which represents Ayr, Hamilton Park, Kelso, Musselburgh and Perth tweeted, "Following today's announcement that Scotland is to re-enter full Covid restrictions, @ScotGov has confirmed that racing in Scotland can continue behind closed doors. Only individuals essential to staging the fixtures should attend race meetings and are required to continue to follow the strict protocols already in place. Unfortunately, no owners will be permitted to attend a racecourse until further notice."

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**RACETECH AND CHELMSFORD CITY EXTEND PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT**



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Race Tech and Chelmsford City Racecourse have signed a long term extension to their service agreement that began in 2017, the two companies announced on Monday. [Cont. p5](#)

**RaceTech Cont.**

The outside broadcaster and technical service provider to racing for Chelmsford City will provide key race day services including outside broadcast, photo finish, starting stalls and public address, as well as racecourse tv production, additional technical support and multimedia enhancements.

“John Bozza, Chief Executive at RaceTech said, “I am delighted we have signed this agreement that supports our vision to be the technical partner of choice for UK horse racing. RaceTech has unrivalled experience in the delivery of these essential race day services and we look forward to continuing and growing, our long standing relationship with Chelmsford City Racecourse.”

Fraser Garrity, Racecourse Manager, Chelmsford City Racecourse said, “We have a busy racing schedule at CCR and it’s vital that our raceday operations run smoothly. So, we’re very happy to extend our partnership with RaceTech and will continue to benefit from their expertise across a wide range of raceday services.”

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## BRITAIN

**Monday's Results:**

**5th-Lingfield, £5,300, Nov, 1-4, 3yo, 10f (AWT), 2:07.57, st.**

**TAMBORRADA (GB) (g, 3, Dubawi {Ire})--Elle Shade {GB}, by Shamardal** missed his intended debut at Chelmsford City last month with a bruised foot and went postward for this belated opening as the 2-1 favourite. Racing in a handy fourth for the most part, he came under pressure rounding the home turn and quickened smartly inside the final furlong to deny Too Friendly (GB) (Camelot {GB}) by a neck nearing the line. Half to a 2-year-old filly by Iffraaj (GB), the homebred bay is the first scorer produced by a winning sibling of eight black-type performers headed by MGSW G1 Preis der Diana (German Oaks) and G1 Grosser Dallmayr-Preis placegetter Elle Shadow (Ire) (Shamardal). His second dam is MG1SP G2 Preis der Diana heroine Elle Shadow (Ger) (Roi Danzig). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$4,684. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

1ST-TIME STARTER. O/B-Godolphin (GB); T-Charlie Appleby.

**CONDITIONS RESULTS:**

**6th-Wolverhampton, £20,000, Cond, 1-4, 4yo/up, f/m, 7f 36y (AWT), 1:26.70, st.**

**AMNIARIX (f, 4, Speightstown--Bold Lass {Ire}, by Sea the Stars {Ire})** Lifetime Record: 5-3-0-1, \$29,465. O/B-Bjorn Nielsen (KY); T-Ed Walker.

**2nd-Wolverhampton, £5,593, Cond, 1-4, 3yo/up, 5f 21y (AWT), 1:01.86, st.**

**ARNOUL OF METZ (GB) (g, 6, Kyllachy {GB})--Appointee {Ire}, by Exceed and Excel {Aus})** Lifetime Record: 19-2-2-2, \$12,147. O-D Forrester; B-Peter Spiller (GB); T-Luke McLannet. \*6,000gns 4yo '19 TATAHI.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Princess Layan (Ire), f, 3, Sepoy (Aus)--Peppermint Green (GB),** by Green Desert. Wolverhampton, 1-4, 7f 36y (AWT), 1:30.32.

B-Michael Shefflin (IRE). \*37,000gns 2yo '20 TATGBR. \*\*1/2 to Four White Socks (GB) (Lope de Vega (IRE)), GSW-Ire.

**Jeans Maite (GB), m, 5, Burwaaz (GB)--Misu's Maite (GB),** by Misu Bond (Ire). Wolverhampton, 1-4, 5f 21y (AWT), 1:01.22. B-Roy Bowring (GB).

## FRANCE

**CONDITIONS RESULTS:**

**1st-Pau, €18,000, Cond, 1-4, 4yo/up, 8f (AWT), 1:36.20, st.**

**AL MASHRAB (GB) (g, 6, Style Vendome {Fr})--Candicans {GB}, by Dansili {GB})** Lifetime Record: 16-8-1-1, €85,700. O/B-Al Shaqab Racing (GB); T-Jean-Claude Rouget. \*1/2 to Layali (Fr) (Rip Van Winkle {Ire}), MSP-Fr, \$112,628.

**8th-Pornichet-La Baule, €14,000, Cond, 1-4, 5yo/up, 8 1/2f (AWT), 1:41.58, st.**

**MEANDRO (FR) (g, 8, Gris de Gris {Ire})--Je Coiffe {Fr}, by Voix du Nord {Fr})** Lifetime Record: 55-10-4-5, €114,150.

O-Dominique de Breton & Jerry Planque; B-Sylvain Wuillaume & Mme Sylvie Gerard (FR); T-Jerry Planque.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Risky Asset (Fr), g, 4, Iffraaj (GB)--Reine Magique (GB) (SW-Ger),** by Mount Nelson (GB). Pornichet-La Baule, 1-4, 10 1/2f (AWT), 2:09.88. B-Framont Ltd & Ashwood Farm Associates Ltd (FR). \*€50,000 Ylg '18 AROCT.

**Proud Penelope (Fr), f, 4, Monitor Closely (Ire)--Prisenflag (Fr),** by Pyrus. Pornichet-La Baule, 1-4, 15 1/2f (AWT), 3:18.78.

B-SCEA Barbottiere, Jean-Jacques Montagne, Pascal Provost & Guillaume Nicot (FR). \*€5,000 Ylg '18 OSASEP.

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## Leading General Sires by 2020 Winners

for stallions standing in Europe through Thursday, Dec. 31

Earnings represent European figures, stud fees listed are 2021 fees.

Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	<b>Kodiac (GB)</b> <i>(2001) by Danehill FYR: 2008 Crops: 11</i>	12	32	6	19	2	4	476	171	612,766	5,721,404
					Stands: Tally-Ho Stud Ire Fee: 65,000					Port Lions (Ire)	
2	<b>Dark Angel (Ire)</b> <i>(2005) by Acclamation (GB) FYR: 2009 Crops: 10</i>	13	26	5	10	2	4	420	158	601,277	7,208,136
					Stands: Yeomanstown Stud Ire Fee: 60,000					Dark Power (Ire)	
3	<b>Lope de Vega (Ire)</b> <i>(2007) by Shamardal FYR: 2012 Crops: 7</i>	13	29	9	20	3	4	344	139	652,784	6,459,140
					Stands: Ballylinch Stud Ire Fee: 125,000					Aunt Pearl (Ire)	
4	<b>Zoffany (Ire)</b> <i>(2008) by Dansili (GB) FYR: 2013 Crops: 6</i>	6	26	4	15	1	4	376	136	374,896	5,160,781
					Stands: Coolmore Stud Ire Fee: 20,000					Glorious Artist (Ire)	
5	<b>Dubawi (Ire)</b> <i>(2002) by Dubai Millennium (GB) FYR: 2007 Crops: 12</i>	23	45	18	33	4	8	327	129	2,430,970	10,685,090
					Stands: Dalham Hall Stud Eng Fee: 250,000					Benbatl (GB)	
6	<b>Siyouni (Fr)</b> <i>(2007) by Pivotal (GB) FYR: 2012 Crops: 7</i>	14	32	6	16	4	4	306	124	2,179,674	8,540,767
					Stands: Haras de Bonneval Fr Fee: 140,000					Sottsass (Fr)	
7	<b>Exceed and Excel (Aus)</b> <i>(2000) by Danehill FYR: 2006 Crops: 13</i>	7	13	3	9	2	3	296	120	1,440,615	8,727,131
					Stands: Kildangan Stud Ire Fee: 40,000					Mr Stunning (Aus)	
8	<b>Showcasing (GB)</b> <i>(2007) by Oasis Dream (GB) FYR: 2012 Crops: 7</i>	6	13	4	7	1	2	290	118	244,642	3,323,702
					Stands: Whitsbury Manor Stud Eng Fee: 45,000					Mohaather (GB)	
9	<b>Dandy Man (Ire)</b> <i>(2003) by Mozart (Ire) FYR: 2011 Crops: 8</i>	5	14	3	6	1	2	306	112	665,046	3,373,435
					Stands: Ballyhane Stud Ire Fee: 15,000					Big Time Baby (Ire)	
10	<b>Galileo (Ire)</b> <i>(1998) by Sadler's Wells FYR: 2003 Crops: 16</i>	32	57	27	47	9	22	292	108	1,916,500	14,503,540
					Stands: Coolmore Stud Ire Fee: Private					Mogul (GB)	
11	<b>Invincible Spirit (Ire)</b> <i>(1997) by Green Desert FYR: 2004 Crops: 15</i>	8	18	3	10	2	4	271	107	645,900	4,512,603
					Stands: Irish National Stud Ire Fee: 80,000					Digital Age (Ire)	
12	<b>Holy Roman Emperor (Ire)</b> <i>(2004) by Danehill FYR: 2008 Crops: 11</i>	6	17	2	6	--	2	250	105	448,717	4,875,256
					Stands: Coolmore Stud Ire Fee: 12,500					Inferno (Aus)	
13	<b>Kingman (GB)</b> <i>(2011) by Invincible Spirit (Ire) FYR: 2016 Crops: 3</i>	16	34	8	21	3	4	223	101	788,591	5,091,977
					Stands: Banstead Manor Stud Eng Fee: 150,000					Persian King (Ire)	
14	<b>Camelot (GB)</b> <i>(2009) by Montjeu (Ire) FYR: 2015 Crops: 4</i>	12	30	9	20	4	4	260	98	2,522,037	7,037,545
					Stands: Coolmore Stud Ire Fee: 45,000					Sir Dragonet (Ire)	
15	<b>Frankel (GB)</b> <i>(2008) by Galileo (Ire) FYR: 2014 Crops: 5</i>	15	40	8	26	3	9	239	95	1,637,431	10,347,588
					Stands: Banstead Manor Stud Eng Fee: 175,000					Call The Wind (GB)	



## BUYERS DOING WHAT IT TAKES



Denise Martin & Emma Cully | Bronwen Healy

by Bren O'Brien

Prospective members of the buying bench have had to adapt quickly to evolving quarantine and border restrictions in order to attend the Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale.

The degree of agility shown by the thoroughbred industry through the COVID-19 pandemic has been nothing short of heroic as everyone bids to keep the show on the road, and in the past fortnight it has been prospective buyers that have had to adapt quickly to the evolving issue of state borders and quarantine hotspots in order to attend the 2021 Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale.

When the Queensland Government declared much of the Greater Sydney Area a COVID-19 hotspot on Dec. 21, bloodstock agents, trainers and other members of the buying bench in Australia's biggest city had little option but to choose to head to the country areas for a 14-day period of effective quarantine before entering Queensland.

With the Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale to begin on Jan. 12, those buyers residing in Sydney had until Dec. 28 to pack their bags and leave the hotspots if they intended to attend the sale.

Among them was Denise Martin of Star Thoroughbreds, who has been a prolific buyer at the Gold Coast over recent years, buying 11 yearlings in 2020 in partnership with her bloodstock adviser Randwick Bloodstock, spending \$2.36 million.

She packed up for the Hunter Valley and has been lodging at Darley's Kelvinside property for the past eight days, with a plan to arrive in Queensland on the eve of the Sale.

"I've been here for a week and I will leave for the Gold Coast on Sunday and remain in New South Wales on Sunday night and hopefully all going to plan, travel across the border to the Gold Coast on Monday," Martin told *TDN AusNZ*. "I've seen today that there have been no new cases in New South Wales that have been reported, which is very encouraging."

Martin has been able to utilise the situation to her advantage, casting her eye across a significant array of yearlings which have been on parade at the various Hunter Valley farms.

"I've been staying at Kelvinside and it was timely because last Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday I was able to visit a large number of horses. Together with Brett Howard, we have inspected over 250 horses across those three days, so it gave us a great chance to see a number of those locally based yearlings, which was quite helpful," she said.

Martin said she feels fortunate when compared to other buyers, who haven't been able to see much of the catalogue and are now relying on the dynamic border situation to get to the Gold Coast to inspect ahead of drafts.

"There will be people who I appreciate may be very disadvantaged in not being able to see the horses. Some of the interstate people may have to operate at the sale by remote control, but fortunately I have seen quite a large number of these babies and it's been very helpful," she said.

The Hunter Valley farms have spent much of the last week accommodating requests for inspections from buyers based in New South Wales and Martin said she has noticed some familiar faces attending parades before and after the ones she had organised.

"When we were visiting some of the studs, we arrived when others were leaving and visa versa, so there are quite a large number of people doing this. Each of the stud managers indicated that they have had a very big number of yearling parades," she said.

### **Portelli on Tour**

Among the other Sydney exiles in the Hunter Valley has been Warwick Farm-based trainer Gary Portelli, who has also been staying at Kelvinside and Tait House up until now. He has been taking in yearling parades and soaking in the famous Hunter Valley hospitality ahead of heading to the Gold Coast.



Henry Field | TDN AusNZ

"I made a conscious decision last Sunday week, and it was a 10-minute decision with my wife, that if I wanted to get to the Magic Millions, I couldn't rely on the borders being open, I just had to do it," he said. "I took off for Scone and have been here ever since."

Portelli will see out his stay at Kevin and Lesley Maloney's Segenhoe Stud.

"I've just been having a bit of lunch here with Kevin Maloney and he's offered to put me up for the rest of the week to stay at his property. I won't want to go home at this rate!" he said. "If the borders open on Friday, then I can be on the road, but if they don't, I can be there on the Monday."

Portelli, like Martin, has put his time to good use, inspecting the drafts ahead of the Sale, and it might see him change the way he approaches things going forward.

"There hasn't been a horse that I haven't seen in the Hunter Valley," he said. "It might change the way I do things. I have spent a lot of time looking at horses and now when I get up there, the only ones I'll look at will be out the back of the ring, before they go through to give them a final check. This will change the way I do things going forward. Especially if Kevin keeps inviting me back!"

### **Flexible Field**

The Sydney COVID-19 outbreak and the subsequent decisions by the Queensland Government led to a change of holiday plans for Henry Field and his family, who headed to Byron Bay when it became apparent that staying at home was not an option.

Field could easily lay claim to being the busiest man on the Gold Coast every January--although Magic Millions Managing Director Barry Bowditch and his team might give him a run for his money.

Not only is Field the Managing Director of Newgate, which will

sell 45 horses at the Magic Millions Sale, he also heads up several significant buying syndicates involving major international players. He had planned a low key build-up to the sale anyway, so the switch of location was no big worry.

"We just decided to have a family holiday for the week or so and we will be up over the border later in the week and be at the Gold Coast," Field said. "My plan was to take it pretty quietly over these couple of weeks. We had planned for a family holiday the week after the sale, and we decided to have it the week before instead. I've spent some time in the Hunter Valley and some time in Byron and that will get us into the Gold Coast in good shape."

Field's confidence that the sale will proceed with a sense of normality has been bolstered by the downward trend of COVID-19 cases in New South Wales in the past few days.

"With zero cases this morning, I'm confident we should be good. By Saturday, all the horses and all the serious participants will be at the complex. As long as it stays smooth sailing, then we should be right," he said. "Everyone in Sydney has known what they had to do to get there, and be out of Sydney for 14 days. Those who could do that, have done it and I think that will allow the sale to run well."

### **Victorians Hurry to Coast**

The COVID-19 situation in Victoria has been more uncertain, with an outbreak linked to a bayside Melbourne restaurant emerging only last Wednesday. With the prospect of border closures or further restrictions, many Victorians looking to attend the sale decided to expedite their travel plans, arriving in the past couple of days.

Cranbourne-based trainer Robbie Griffiths had always intended to get to the Gold Coast on Sunday and is relieved to have made it.



Robbie Griffiths | TDN AusNZ

"Hopefully everything goes smoothly. It's changing day by day, but at this point in time everything is in place," he said. "I had always planned to go up early because there are so many horses to look at up here. It just happened to be that I was organised anyway and hopefully everything stays as is and settles down and doesn't affect the sale."

All Victorian travellers to Queensland are encouraged to isolate and get a COVID-19 test on arrival and Griffiths was waiting for his when speaking to *TDN AusNZ* on Monday.

"We all have to have a new COVID-19 test that we can display to everyone at the Magic Millions, that way we have that comfort that we are all good to go. I've got a note this morning to get to the clinic and get that done."

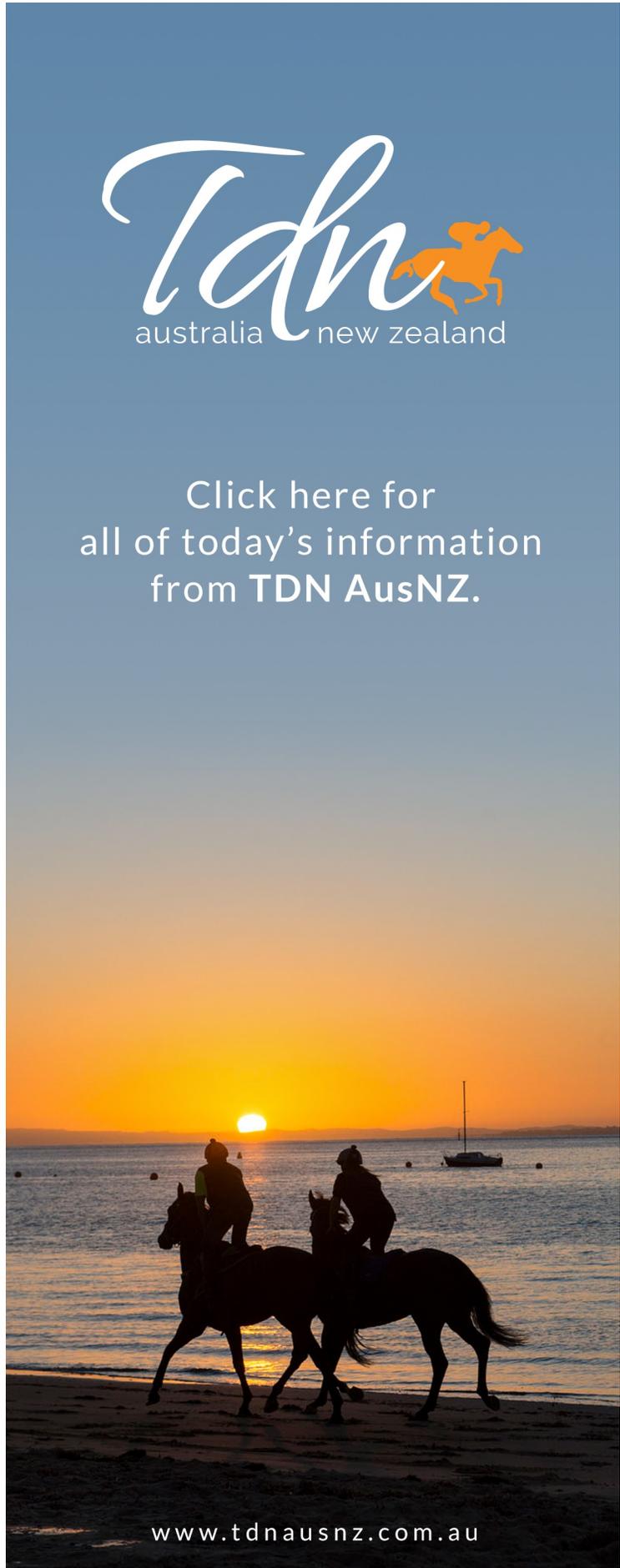
Mick Price is another Victorian trainer who has already arrived in the Gold Coast, and with many of the major buyers already either in town, or having strong plans in place to get there, Griffiths is expecting things to progress pretty much as normal.

"It should go on as per planned with a bit of luck and hopefully nothing stands in the way of the sale moving forward in its normal format. The international buyers seem to have their normal representations through their bloodstock agents and so on. Hopefully, whatever interruptions that this has had are minimal, if nothing at all," he said.

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