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The Lane's End Press Pass event has become increasingly popular over the past few years, and while hosting a large gathering in their stud barn was made impossible for the farm due to the current circumstances, Lane's End still worked to make the third annual Press Pass a reality.

Through a Zoom meeting, media members joined the virtual get-together to chat with Bill Farish and the rest of the Lane's End team about the farm's stallion program.

TVG racing analyst Scott Hazelton hosted the event and led participants through the list of 21 members of the Lane's End stud roster. Trainers John Shirreffs, Brad Cox, Steve Asmussen, and Kenny McPeck, as well as agents John Moynihan and Mike Ryan made appearances to speak on several of the stallions.

Game Winner (Candy Ride {Arg}), Honor A.P. (Honor Code) and Gift Box (Twirling Candy) will each begin their inaugural season at stud alongside their sires, while the red-hot Daredevil (More Than Ready) returns to the United States to stand under the Turkish Jockey Club banner.

Game Winner (Candy Ride {Arg}), \$30,000

Bill Farish: Game Winner was a very important horse for us to get for a lot of reasons. We sold him as a yearling to Gary and Mary West. He's by **Candy Ride** and out of an A.P. Indy mare, so it's almost surprising we didn't have the honor of having bred him because he's bred exactly how we would hope.

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TDN'S JOE BIANCA, PATTY WOLFE AMONG MEDIA ECLIPSE AWARD WINNERS

TDN Associate Editor Joe Bianca and multi-media producer Patty Wolfe are among the winners of the Media Eclipse Awards as announced Wednesday by the National Thoroughbred Racing Association, the *Daily Racing Form* and the National Turf Writers and Broadcasters.

Bianca and Wolfe were awarded the Eclipse in the 'Audio/Multimedia Internet' category for a piece written and narrated by Bianca and produced by Wolfe entitled "**To Hell and Back: Belmont Marks a Deserved Triumph for New York City**," a tribute to the Belmont S., which took place as the first leg of the COVID-19 delayed Triple Crown Saturday, June 20, and appeared the day before the race. It is the first Eclipse Award for Bianca and a second for Wolfe, who also shared the honor with TDN's Christie DeBernardis for a TDN Multimedia piece on off-the-track Thoroughbreds in 2018. **Cont. p6**

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BALDWIN BLOODSTOCK TO MAKE DEBUT AT KEEJAN 7

Amy Bunt and John Barton's Baldwin Bloodstock makes its debut appearance as a consignor at next week's Keeneland January Horses of All Ages Sale, offering 21 horses over the course of the four-day auction.

GAGLIANO GUESTS IN THE TDN WRITERS' ROOM 10

Jim Gagliano, the President and Chief Operations Officer of The Jockey Club was welcomed as The Green Group Guest of the Week to the TDN Writers' Room Podcast to share his thoughts on the recently passed Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act.



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To have him go from the yearling sales and run early as a 2-year-old and win three Grade I races and become Champion 2-year-old, we were very keen to get him at that point and unfortunately so was everybody else, so we had quite a negotiation to get him.

But he's a very exciting young horse and so far the breeders have really responded. He's got a phenomenal first book so far and he's closed down already. That's a great sign for any young horse.

Daredevil (*More Than Ready*), \$25,000

Chance Timm: We're all aware of Daredevil's accomplishments, but it's important to put into perspective just how remarkable they are. When Shedaresthedevil and Swiss Skydiver went one-two in the GI Kentucky Oaks, that has only happened 12 times in history in the past 585 runnings of Classic races where a sire has sired both the first and second-place finishers. He's the only first-crop sire to ever have an individual winner of the GI Preakness S. and the GI Kentucky Oaks.

This all puts him in rarified air and I think what's most impressive is that these two fillies are really what make Grade I American dirt racing what it is. They have speed, they press the pace, they don't stop and they can win these top-class races going long on the dirt and that's really what American racing is all about.

So this horse is doing something pretty remarkable and we feel very fortunate to have him. We think he's poised to continue to do that. He's from a very important sire line and he's the only proven son of **More Than Ready** in Central Kentucky. He is in a unique position to carry on a very important sire line for this country and the breed.



Swiss Skydiver is a leading candidate for Eclipse Award honors

Sarah Andrew



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Honor A.P. (Honor Code), \$15,000

John Shirreffs: Honor A.P. got over the ground really nicely. When he was working, it almost seemed effortless and he hit the ground so lightly and got into his next stride so easily that it was always a little deceiving. As a trainer, you're watching your horse work and getting a feeling for how he's doing, and then you look down at the stopwatch and go, 'Oh my gosh, he actually did that.' That's the feeling I got with Honor A.P.

He was good because his talent made him good. He was not a particularly mature 2-year-old, but his talent made him seem to be that way. He always got over the ground well. That was one of the first things I noticed about him was how lightly he got over the ground. So just his sheer talent made him a threat as a 2-year-old.

When he got a little older, he got stronger, which is something you look for. He got stronger and bigger, so he was maturing, but he wasn't maturing quickly. He was just one of those athletes that was ahead of his class.

Honor A.P. is a very intense horse. He's 100% man as you would say. He's a big strong guy and his qualities are really amazing, because he has a forearm like Paul Bunyan. You can just see his strength. He's got a nice long back that gives him a great length of stride and he has hocks that are very clean and large and strong that give him a lot of drive from the hind end. His conformation is perfect for a racehorse.

Gift Box (Twirling Candy), \$10,000

Alys Emson: Gift Box is a really nice horse to be around. We did raise him from a weanling to a yearling. Like a lot of the Candy Rides and Twirling Candys, they're very amenable horses, good-minded, and I think that's a big part of the equation down the road. I think trainers are able to get the most out of these horses because they're willing to work and they want to work.



Gift Box | Horsephotos

I think he'll be attractive to a lot of breeders for several reasons. He's a very consistent, durable horse. He ran 18 times and was only off the board twice. From a physical standpoint, you can see why he's so durable and consistent. He's very correct, great through his knees and he's got a big fluid walk like a lot of the Twirling Candys do.

From a pedigree standpoint, I think at this price point you'll find a lot of horses that just outran their pedigrees, but this horse is out of an exceptional mare that has had three graded stakes winners. She's a half-sister to a Grade I winner. So he really ran true to his pedigree and at the price point we have him at, I think he should be really attractive to breeders especially being free from Storm Cat and A.P. Indy lines which have both been very successful with the Twirling Candy and Candy Ride cross.

SF Bloodstock's Tom Ryan spoke on Gift Box's sire **Twirling Candy**, noting that SF Bloodstock has become increasingly invested in the stallion in the past few years.

"Twirling Candy brought himself to our attention," he said. "Every time you pick up a paper you see, whether it's a five-furlong turf sprinter or a mile-and-a-sixteenth dirt router, he's there. His crops have really started to rise to the top. With the fact that he's got four individual Grade I winners and double-digit stakes horses, he made a great impression on us. He's a horse that is just making steps in the right direction and we see future growth for him."

Bill Farish also spoke on **Quality Road**, who commands the highest stud fee of the roster for 2021 at \$150,000. Farish talked on what it means to have the top Grade I-producing stallion in their stud barn. **Cont. p5**

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He also won the **Belmont Stakes-Gr.1** by 3¾ lengths and **Florida Derby-Gr.1** by 4¼ lengths (leading sires to win it include **Scat Daddy**, **Quality Road**, **Constitution** and **Nyquist**), both over 9f.

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“Quality Road has been so successful and it’s been an interesting case study to watch his stud fee rise,” Farish said. “This year he had a very good year both in the sales ring and on the race track. The 2020 crop of 2-year-olds were bred at a stud fee of \$35,000. He then jumped to \$70,000, so the 2-year-olds for this upcoming year will be at a much higher stud fee. Then he went to \$150,000 from there and has just had phenomenal mares. So we’re very excited and he has so much in front of him. Having already sired 11 Grade I winners now, he’s a very special horse to us and we look forward to what he has in store in the future.”

Top agent Mike Ryan spoke on **City of Light**, a son of Quality Road who will be represented by his first crop of yearlings in 2021.

“City of Light is a magnificent physical, an unbelievable equine specimen,” Ryan said. “I think he was one of the most highly-recruited horses of his generation. Every stud farm was trying to get him to stand as a stallion because obviously he was the complete package.

Of his first crop of foals last year, Ryan added, “It wasn’t a surprise to me when his foals looked so good because I have found over the years that these magnificent-looking stallions like Alydar, Secretariat and Deputy Minister have the gene strength

to reproduce themselves. When they’re really good physicals, it seems to be pretty common that they transmit that to their offspring and this was no exception in City of Light.”

Bill Farish concluded the event by saying, “I’d like to thank everyone for coming and being on this. I know there’s a lot going on in the world but we really appreciate it. It’s an event that we really love doing and we don’t want to see it die. We really appreciate having the opportunity to highlight our stallions and our roster and we look forward to next year when we can be back and in a newly renovated stallion barn.”

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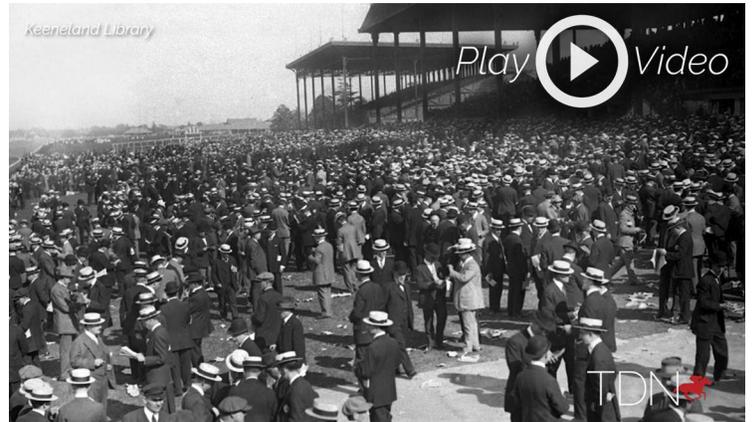
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Bianca, Wolfe Media Eclipse Award winners cont. from p1

Bianca’s text and narration goes into the rich history of racing in New York and Belmont Park, which first hosted the Belmont in its current location in 1905. Wolfe weaved in archival racing footage with images of images of New York City, most impacted by the coronavirus.

“Winning an Eclipse Award is an honor like no other in racing and I’m immensely grateful to have been selected this year,” said Bianca. “I want to thank our producer Patty Wolfe and her incredible team of talented editors for illustrating my words so beautifully. Also thank you to our publisher Sue Finley for her steadfast support for my work as we branch out into different types of media at *TDN*. It has obviously been a very difficult and tragic year, but I’m so proud and thankful to have moved people with one of the inspirational success stories of 2020 in an ode to my beloved hometown.”

Added Wolfe: “This video is a reminder of the things we always had but almost lost. Other professional sports were not competing at that time, and New York had just been through a nightmare with the pandemic. NYRA’s running of the Belmont S. in June was momentous. Talking directly into his computer, Joe’s authenticity was compelling as he put the magnitude of the moment into words.”



The Paulick Report’s Natalie Voss is the recipient of the Media Eclipse Awards for both the ‘Feature/Commentary Writing’ category for her piece entitled “An Angel On His Shoulder: This Thoroughbred’s Fate Was Written in Ink;” and for the News/Enterprise Writing category for her multi-part series “A Decade IN, How Are We Doing With Thoroughbred Aftercare?”

NBC Sports receives the Eclipse for their coverage of “The Breeders’ Cup World Championships” Nov. 7, a program produced by Billy Mathews and Lindsay Schanzer; as well as the ‘Television/Features’ category for “Rider’s Up: The World’s First Sports Bubble,” which aired on NBC Sports Network Oct. 2, 2020, and was produced by the Hennegan Brothers. **Cont. p7**

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Alex Evers is the recipient of the Eclipse for ‘Photography’ for “A Derby Without Fans” which ran in the Paulick Report Sept. 21, 2020.

The 2020 Eclipse Awards ceremony will be a virtual event. It will be televised live on TVG and streamed on other outlets on Thursday, Jan. 28 at 7:30 p.m. ET.

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BALDWIN BLOODSTOCK MAKES ITS DEBUT AT KEENELAND JANUARY *by Jessica Martini*



Amy Bunt and Miss Temple City

The Keeneland January Horses of All Ages Sale will mark the inaugural consignment of Amy Bunt and John Barton’s Baldwin Bloodstock, which will offer 21 horses during the four-day auction next week. Bunt, who was a partner in the now-disbanded Select Sales Agency and a principal in Machmer Hall Sales which debuted at the yearling sales last fall, brings a wealth of international experience to the new endeavor.

“When we sat down earlier in the spring and talked about Machmer Hall Sales and the direction they wanted to go in, Carrie [Brogden] just wanted to concentrate on the yearlings, so she could buy more mares and be more proactive with helping her clients purchase horses, rather than selling horses at the mixed sales,” Bunt said of her decision to launch the new consignment. “And it just kind of popped into my head. ‘What about me? In January the sales are kind of small, would you mind if I did my own consignment?’ And graciously, she and her mother [Sandy Fubini] said yes and they are supporting me, as well as some of our clients. It was just a happy accident.”

Bunt traces her love of horses to a trip to the park when she was just a toddler.

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Santa Ynez S. (G2)

“I am literally the only horse person in my family,” Bunt said with a laugh. “My dad took me to a park when I was a little kid, I think I was about three years old, and these people had pulled up to go trail riding with their horses. I probably had never even seen a horse before and I just had a temper tantrum until he let me go over and they kindly let me sit on one of their horses. So somehow I was just born with a desire to be around them.”

Bunt grew up riding horses and graduated from Virginia Tech with a degree in Animal Sciences before finding her way to the Bluegrass as part of the Kentucky Equine Management Internship.

“I really just wanted to learn how to breed horses,” Bunt said. “I thought I might breed riding horses. But when you get to Central Kentucky and it's so beautiful, you just kind of get the bug.”

Bunt spent a year working for Coolmore in Australia and returned to Kentucky where she initially worked as a veterinary technician at Hagyard Davison McGee. She also served as sales coordinator for Van Meter Sales, Niall Brennan Stables and Eaton Sales and served international stints in Ireland and in England with Ted Voute before joining Select Sales in 2013. She became a partner in that operation in 2016.

“When Select disbanded last year, Carrie maintained a small number of clients,” Bunt said. “She has worked really hard and

was trying to take a step back and enjoy life a little bit more and enjoy their success. She downsized and focused on quality over quantity. So a lot of the clients that stayed with Machmer Hall Sales are selling with us [at Baldwin Bloodstock] and then I have acquired a couple new clients.”

She also acquired a partner for the new venture in John Barton, who is a cousin of bloodstock agent Bob Feld.

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John Barton and Amy Bunt

ISSUANCE OF NEW NONIMMIGRANT VISAS SUSPENDED THROUGH MARCH 2021

President Trump on December 31, 2020 extended an order that suspends issuance of new nonimmigrant visas at least through March 31, 2021 in an effort to protect the domestic labor force, as U.S. businesses and workers continue to recover from the economic fallout and uncertainty inflicted by COVID-19. Employers that utilize specific visa programs, including horse trainers who fill various backside positions through the H-2B visa program, will now be unable to hire new visa workers at least through March. H-2B visa holders residing in the United States as of June 24, 2020, are not affected and may continue to work or seek employment. The proclamation provides that within 15 days of December 31, 2020, and every 30 days thereafter while the proclamation is in effect, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall, in consultation with the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Labor, recommend any necessary modifications.

“This proclamation puts additional pressure on our trainers as they struggle to fill the demanding backside positions in their barns,” said NTRA President and CEO Alex Waldrop. “The NTRA’s federal legislative team continues its work with Trump administration officials to free up new H-2B visas for trainers and is prepared to also engage the incoming Biden administration.”

The December proclamation follows related proclamations 10014 and 10052 issued in April and June, respectively. President Trump noted last month that, although the overall unemployment rate of 6.7 percent in November was markedly down from its April high, the number of seasonally adjusted nonfarm jobs is nearly 10 million fewer than in February 2020 and demonstrates the continued disruption to American livelihoods from COVID-19.

Employers that use the H-1B, J or L visa programs also will not have access to new visa workers through March 2021.

Despite the extension of the suspension of new nonimmigrant visas, the incoming Biden administration may rescind the order.

The NTRA, as a member of the H-2B Workforce Coalition and through its federal legislative team, will continue to seek other solutions for trainers.



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NTRA REPORT FROM CAPITOL HILL

Baldwin Bloodstock cont.

“John knows Mr. [B. Wayne] Hughes from Spendthrift really well—I think it goes back to his uncle and Mr. Hughes who were best friends growing up in Temple City, California. And he is close with our family as well. I met him through the Felds. He came to the sales spending some time with Spendthrift and he was part of the MyRacehorse team that had Authentic. He was interested in shadowing me around the sales, so he came and hung out with me at the sales for a little bit. And as it turned out, he was looking to make a career change.

Bunt continued, “He got the bug coming here and it just kind of happened. I said, ‘I am starting my own small consignment, I’m looking for someone to help me out with it because I pretty much have a full-time job with Machmer Hall. It would be nice to have someone there to take over some of the duties, so I’m not doing it all myself.’ He kind of jumped at the chance and it’s been a really happy partnership so far. He is super enthusiastic and super positive. I don’t ever see him being in a bad mood and that’s the kind of personality that you want to bring in.”

The name Baldwin Bloodstock is a nod, both to the entrepreneurial spirit of Santa Anita founder E J “Lucky” Baldwin, and a personal tribute to a spunky horse near and dear to Bunt’s heart.

“I have an old retired Thoroughbred named after [Baldwin],” Bunt explained. “The horse has been—he’s just a brat, to be honest with you. He is the coolest horse and I think his attitude is what made him a successful racehorse and he was a successful show horse for me. He raced over 70 times and earned almost \$300,000 the hard way. When I got him, I didn’t even know if he was going to be sound enough to do anything. He’s just one of those really awesome hard-knocking horses. I showed him up through the preliminary level eventing, which is a more extensive level than I thought I would personally ever do and definitely more than I thought he was going to be able to do.”

The now 23-year-old Lucky Baldwin (Crafty Prospector) won 10 times in 74 starts and earned \$255,468 before embarking on his show career with Bunt.

“He’s still terrorizing the farrier and everyone and he still goes foxhunting and I ride him a couple times a week just to keep his joints limber,” Bunt said. “I thought it would be nice to honor him [with the consignment’s name] because he’s kind of what we are all here for and what we are all working for. Just to have happy endings for horses like that that provide a living for us.”

She added, “And then the story of Lucky Baldwin himself, he was a famous prospector in California and obviously started Santa Anita and had a lot of entrepreneurial success. I just thought it would bring some luck to us.”

Bunt is excited about Baldwin Bloodstock’s first consignment at the Keeneland January sale.

“Physically, I think we have a really, really super group,” she said. “And we have some great sire power.”

The Baldwin Bloodstock consignment features a pair of yearling fillies by **Union Rags** (hip 324 and hip 376), as well as a yearling filly by **Brody’s Cause** (hip 984)—both stallions who have been in the news lately.

“Union Rags has been on fire lately,” Bunt said. “He’s had [Jan. 1 Cash Run S. winner] Gulf Coast, [GII Los Alamitos Futurity winner] Spielberg and [Fair Grounds maiden winner] Defeater, who won so impressively they already think he’s a Derby-type horse. And Brody’s Cause has Kalypso, who just won the GII Santa Ynez and was second in a Grade I.”

Bunt continued, “We also have a mare in foal to **Outwork** (hip 882) and he’s number four on the freshman sire list and second by number of winners. And our Tapiture colt (hip 1079) is really nice—**Tapiture** is third on the second crop sire list and first by number of winners.”

Bunt will bring a vast array of knowledge to the new consignment, but her philosophy is simple and straightforward.

“I just really want to focus on accurately representing my clients and the horses and being really forthcoming with buyers,” she said. “There is so much information and it’s such a close-knit network, I just want everyone who sells with me to be as happy as they can be and everyone who buys off me to be as happy as they can. And just hopefully do the best job for everyone. Some people are more focused on the selling part, some people are more focused on the buyers. I want to accommodate everyone as well as I can and just present a product that people can trust.”

Baldwin Bloodstock will also have consignments at the upcoming Ocala Breeders’ Sales Company’s Winter Mixed Sale, Jan. 26 and 27, and the Fasig-Tipton Kentucky Winter Mixed Sale, Feb. 8 and 9.

“I really want to focus on the winter sales,” Bunt said. “I think January and February are great times to sell horses who have good conformation. A lot of times in November they can get overlooked.”

Looking ahead to the fall, Bunt said, “In November, I still help Machmer Hall, short-listing for them, and I really enjoy that. So I don’t know if we’ll have a November consignment going forward. But Carrie and I have spoken and she was all for me doing the Fasig-Tipton November consignment. She didn’t particularly want to sell at that one anymore and if I wanted to do it, she said she would filter horses my way. So right now, I have a consignment at Keeneland January, OBS January and Fasig-Tipton February. And we’ll look at doing the November sale this fall at Fasig-Tipton.” **Cont. p10**

Baldwin Bloodstock cont.

With the ongoing global pandemic and political uncertainty, this might be a daunting time to start a new endeavor, but Bunt sees reasons to be optimistic.

“You always worry about the economy and politics can seem to play a part,” she said. “But today I read handle was only down 1% in 2020, so I think that’s super optimistic for our sport. We need all the good news we can get. I thought that was great to know that people are still gambling and still interested even when they couldn’t attend live racing. And the numbers in the economy and the stock market have remained pretty steady compared to what could have happened. So, I am cautiously optimistic. It’s not an ideal time to start this, but if you can get through this, then you should be able to make it through anything.”

The Keeneland January sale begins Monday with bidding commencing at 10 a.m.

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THE JOCKEY CLUB PRESIDENT JIM GAGLIANO JOINS WRITERS’ ROOM

There are few positions more prominent or scrutinized in racing than president of The Jockey Club, and that goes double for years as tumultuous for the sport as 2019 and 2020 were. With a plethora of game-changing topics to discuss, The Jockey Club’s president and chief operating officer Jim Gagliano joined the *TDN Writers’ Room* presented by Keeneland Wednesday in the show’s first episode of 2021. Appearing as the **Green Group Guest of the Week**, Gagliano discussed how the industry can potentially pay for the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act, the rationale behind a 140-mare cap for stallions, racing’s inability to permanently do away with repeat-offender trainers and more.

“I don’t think it should come out of the horseplayers’ pockets,” Gagliano said of the HISA cost. “Every state funds its regulation differently. The problem that we faced when we were considering that matter, is there’s really no one-size-fits-all that we could push down to the states. The most important thing we want to do is make sure we capture first the current expenses, and then that those were brought forward. After that, the Authority will work with each state and through its racing commission to determine what the number is. I suggest the simplest way is to share [the costs] between the tracks and the horsemen. But honestly, there’s a lot of details to be considered.”

Now that the HISA is a reality, Gagliano was asked what else The Jockey Club will focus on in the coming years.



“There’s plenty,” he said. “How we market the sport. The opportunity of television, which thank goodness, during this pandemic, to see the amount of live televised hours of horse racing has been a godsend. We’ve talked about scheduling. We need to put the product in a place where it can have the best showcase. Other areas: HISA is going to put USADA into a role and there are now rules that will be in place that will change the sport, we believe. Investigations, that’s something that racing is not done very well over the last bunch of years. I anticipate The Jockey Club will continue to invest in those kinds of resources to make sure that things we don’t want to happen in our sport, don’t happen.”

Elsewhere on the show, in the **West Point Thoroughbreds** news segment, the crew reacted to some huge performances on the track over the past few weeks and the surprisingly positive handle numbers in 2020, plus host Joe Bianca announces that he and producer Patty Wolfe have won an Eclipse Award. [Click here to watch the podcast](#); [click here for the audio-only version](#).

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RISING STAR HEADED TO STAKES COMPANY

“**TDN Rising Star**” Caddo River (**Hard Spun**), who broke his maiden by 9 1/2 lengths over Churchill’s one-turn mile Nov. 15, is being pointed for a sophomore debut in the \$150,000 Smarty Jones S. at Oaklawn Park Jan. 22.

Bred and raced by John Ed Anthony’s Shortleaf Stable and trained by Brad Cox, the son of Pangburn (Congrats) made his first two career starts going seven furlongs on the New York circuit, finishing a debut second at Saratoga Sept. 5 before filling the same spot at Belmont Park Nov. 11. He made all the running last time, stopping the clock in a very strong 1:35.22.

Cox believes the best is yet to come.

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Caddo River cont.

“He’s a very good colt,” Cox told the Oaklawn notes team. “He ran against two really good colts in New York. He was able to break his maiden, one turn at Churchill. He’s big, tall, rangy, leggy colt. I really do think that he’s going to be better around two turns. He’s got what I think it takes to be a serious horse. He’s got speed and he can carry it.”

Since shipping in from Kentucky, Caddo River has logged a pair of breezes over the Oaklawn main track, including a half-mile drill that was timed in :48 flat (3/87) Jan. 3.

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OAKLAWN TO ALLOW LIMITED SPECTATORS

The 57-day meeting at Oaklawn Park in Hot Springs, AR, is set to be conducted with a limited number of spectators, pursuant to the directives of the Arkansas Department of Health.

“We’ve been working on plans covering numerous scenarios and we’re happy to announce we will be welcoming back race fans in 2021, albeit on a limited basis,” General Manager Wayne Smith said. “We know that the fans are what make Oaklawn so special, but our main concern is for the safety and well-being of our guests and team members. We appreciate the support we have received from the Arkansas Department of Health in developing this plan. We will be working with them throughout the live season and will adjust as needed.”

Oaklawn officials released the following guidelines:

- General admission into the Grandstand will not be allowed initially in 2021.
- Entrance into the Grandstand will strictly be for guests with a racing credential and/or reservation for that day’s races. Doors will open at 11 am.
- Current seasonal box seat holders and current Oaklawn Jockey Club members may enter the Grandstand with weekly reservations required. Detailed correspondence to be sent separately to these individuals.
- Restaurants inside the Grandstand, following Arkansas Department of Health directives, will be open to the public with weekly reservations required.
- Simulcast will be open Wednesday--Sunday, 11a.m.--8 p.m. to limited capacity with weekly reservations required.
- Social distancing will be enforced.

- All guests and team members will be required to have non-invasive temperature checks as they enter the facility. Anyone presenting a temp at/over 100 degrees Fahrenheit will not be permitted inside the building.

- All guests and team members will be required to wear masks at all times.

- Smoking will not be allowed anywhere inside the facility, including the casino.

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NUMBERS UP AT TURFWAY’S HOLIDAY MEET

Coady photo

Northern Kentucky’s Turfway Park wrapped up a five-week holiday meet Dec. 31 with increases in wagering, average daily handle, and field size. All-sources wagering for the meet was up to \$32.3 million, a 34.6% or \$8.3-million increase from last year in spite of three fewer race dates. The average daily handle of \$2.48 million was up 65.6% from the previous year’s number of \$1.5 million.

In addition, average field size grew slightly from 10.3 starters per race to 10.5. A new Tapeta surface was installed last summer.

Jockey Gerardo Corrales earned his first Turfway riding title with 15 wins during the holiday meet. Other leaders included Bill Morey as top trainer with six wins and owner Campos Family Ventures LLC, who tied the leading owner standings with two winners but led in earnings.

Turfway’s winter/spring meet began Jan. 1 and continues through Mar. 28.

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ROBHAM ESTATE DONATES \$500,000 TO NEW VOCATIONS ENDOWMENT FUND



A New Vocations stall | New Vocations photo

The estate of Joyce and Paul Robsham donated \$500,000 to the New Vocations Racehorse Adoption Program’s endowment fund. The Robshams, as two of the founding supporters of New Vocations, were instrumental in creating the endowment fund. New Vocations was founded in 1992 and has rehomed over 7,500 horses to date. Paul Robsham passed away in 2004, while Joyce Robsham died in 2018.

“Paul was a visionary,” said Dot Morgan, executive director of New Vocations. “He saw the need for racehorse aftercare options long before it was recognized by the industry. He had a vision of New Vocations growing into a first-class charity that would serve racing nationally into perpetuity. The Robshams’ vision and commitment to racehorse aftercare is truly a gift that will ultimately provide sustainability to our program allowing us to serve more horses in the years to come.”

All of the live fundraising events normally held by New Vocations had to be cancelled in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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PEGASUS WORLD CUP DAY NOMS CLOSE JAN. 10

Nominations for five graded stakes to be run Saturday, Jan. 23 on Pegasus World Cup Invitational Day at Gulfstream Park will close Sunday, Jan. 10.

The five graded races are: \$200,000 GII Inside Information S. - Fillies & Mares, 4yo/up, Seven Furlongs; \$150,000 GIII W. L. McKnight S., 4yo/up, 1 1/2 Miles Turf; \$125,000 Fred W. Hooper S., 4yo/up, One Mile; \$125,000 La Prevoyante S., Fillies & Mares, 4yo/up, 1 1/2 Miles Turf; \$123,000 GIII Marshua’s River S.,

Fillies & Mares, 4yo/up, One Mile Turf; \$3-million GI Pegasus World Cup S. and \$1-million GI Pegasus World Cup Turf.

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TCA STALLION SEASON AUCTION BEGINS

The 31st annual Thoroughbred Charities of America Stallion Season Auction, the largest for the organization, is open for bidding. Bidding on over 200 stallion seasons from 14 states kicked off on www.starquine.com and will continue through Jan. 8 with a staggered ending times beginning at 4:30 p.m. EST. Seasons available in the online auction include Gun Runner, Ghostzapper, Palace Malice, **Liam’s Map**, **More Than Ready**, **Speightstown**, and many more. View all seasons [here](#).

In addition to the online auction, a live auction of select seasons will be held Tuesday, Jan. 12 in the Keeneland Sales Pavilion after the close of book one, session two of the January sale. Select seasons to Blame, **Constitution**, **Curlin**, **Game Winner**, **Laoban**, **Nyquist** (with a 2022 breed back), and **Quality Road** will be offered. To bid on select seasons, bidders or their authorized agents may bid in person at Keeneland, or they may contact TCA by emailing ecrady@tca.org or calling (859) 276-4989 to arrange telephone or online bidding.

A silent auction of non-season items including halters worn by Enable and Tapit, a John Deere X330 lawn tractor, equine air transportation aboard a Tex Sutton flight, vanning from Sallee and Brook Ledge is also currently underway. The silent auction includes over 70 items with a complete list of items available [here](#).

The auction is sponsored by Rosenberg Thoroughbred Consulting, Limestone Bank, Coolmore America, Keeneland, *BloodHorse*, *Paulick Report*, and *Thoroughbred Daily News*. For more information, visit www.tca.org.

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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	
	GIII W. L. McKnight S.	Gulfstream	
	GIII Fred W. Hooper S.	Gulfstream	
	GIII Palos Verdes S.	Santa Anita	
	Jan. 30	GII San Marcos S.	Santa Anita
		GII San Pasqual S.	Santa Anita
		GIII Robert B. Lewis S.	Santa Anita
GIII Holy Bull S.		Gulfstream	
GIII Swale S.		Gulfstream	
GIII Forward Gal S.		Gulfstream	
GIII Kitten's Joy S.		Gulfstream	
GIII Sweetest Chant S.	Gulfstream		
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New York: Cuomo to fully embrace mobile sports betting in State of the State address

Gov. Cuomo is finally willing to wager on mobile sports betting. The governor, who has long pushed back against legalizing online sports betting, will make the revenue-generating measure a central part of his policy proposals to be laid out in next week's State of the State address. Cuomo's gamble, which comes as neighboring New Jersey continues to dominate the online wagering market, is one part of the governor's efforts to lessen the financial impacts of the COVID crisis.

Denis Slattery, *New York Daily News*

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

LA CANADA S.-GIII, \$200,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Proud Emma 🌿	Include	Gem, Inc. and Kagele, Tom	Miller	Hernandez	122
2	Hard Not to Love 🌿	Hard Spun	Mercedes Stables LLC, West Point Thoroughbreds Scott Dilworth, Dorothy Ingordo, David Ingordo & Steve Mooney	Shirreffs	Gonzalez	120
3	Fighting Mad	New Year's Day	Gary and Mary West	Baffert	Cedillo	124
4	Message 🌿	Warrior's Reward	Baoma Corporation	Baffert	Prat	120
5	Sanenus (Chi)	Scat Daddy	Matriarca	McCarthy	Rispoli	120
6	Miss Stormy D 🌿	Tapizar	Keith Brackpool	Gaines	Smith	120
7	Never Be Enough (GB)	Sir Percy (GB)	Ronald L. Charles & Samuel Gordon	Badilla	Pereira	120

Breeders: 1-Brereton C. Jones, 2-Anderson Farms Ont. Inc., 3-Gary & Mary West Stables Inc., 4-C. Kidder & N. Cole, 5-Haras Matriarca, 6-Lantern Hill Farm LLC, Phil Needham & Judy Needham, 7-Mr J. L. Skinner

Saturday, Gulfstream, post time: 4:49 p.m. EST

TROPICAL TURF S.-GIII, \$100,000, 4yo/up, 1mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Admission Office	Point of Entry	Amerman Racing LLC	Lynch	Leparoux	122
2	Casa Creed 🌿	Jimmy Creed	LRE Racing LLC and JEH Racing Stable LLC	Mott	Alvarado	122
3	Ride a Comet 🌿	Candy Ride (Arg)	Oxley, John C. and My Meadowview Farm LLC	Casse	Gaffalione	122
4	Doctor Mounty 🌿	Street Sense	Pratt, Larry and Alden, Dave	McGaughey III	Ortiz	122
5	Frostmourne 🌿	Speightstown	Green Lantern Stables LLC	Kenneally	Velazquez	120
6	Analyze It 🌿	Point of Entry	William H. Lawrence	Brown	Ortiz, Jr.	124
7	Tusk 🌿	Tapit	Jordan V. Wycoff	Joseph, Jr.	Saez	122
8	Hay Dakota 🌿	Haynesfield	Michael M. Hui, Hooties Racing LLC & WSS Racing LLC	Maker	Lopez	120
9	Flying Scotsman	English Channel	Calumet Farm	Sisteron	Lanerie	118

Breeders: 1-Mrs. Jerry Amerman, 2-Silver Springs Stud, LLC, 3-My Meadowview LLC, 4-G. Watts Humphrey Jr., Susan Keller, Vicki Oliver & G. Watts Humphrey III, 5-Green Lantern Stables, LLC, 6-P. Headley Bell, Nancy Bell & NATO, 7-Flaxman Holdings Limited, 8-Brereton C. Jones, 9-Calumet Farm

Saturday, Santa Anita, post time: 7:00 p.m. EST

LAS CIENEGAS S.-GIII, \$100,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 6fT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Bohemian Bourbon 🌿	Midshipman	MyRacehorse.com	McCarthy	Hernandez	120
2	Charmaine's Mia 🌿	The Factor	Agave Racing Stable	D'Amato	Van Dyke	120
3	Acting Out 🌿	Blame	Sherman Racing, Inc., Zvika Akin & Robert Harkins	Sherman	Cedillo	120
4	Lighthouse	Mizzen Mast	LNJ Foxwoods	Callaghan	Rispoli	122
5	Superstition 🌿	Ghostzapper	Bass II, Perry R. and Bass, Ramona S.	Mandella	Prat	120
6	Oleksandra (Aus) 🌿	Animal Kingdom	Team Valor International	Drysdale	Rosario	122
7	Jolie Olimpica (Brz)	Drosselmeyer	Fox Hill Farms, Inc.	Mandella	Smith	122

Breeders: 1-Fedai Kahraman, 2-Gunpowder Farms LLC, 3-Vincent Colbert, 4-David Chavez Jr., 5-WinStar Farm, LLC, 6-Team Valor Pty Ltd, 7-Stud T N T



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Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	American Pharoah (2012) by Pioneerof the Nile FYR: 2017	10	16	6	12	2	4	171	71	937,143	6,958,498
				Stands: Ashford Stud KY Fee: \$100,000						Danon Pharaoh (JPN)	
2	Constitution (2011) by Tapit FYR: 2017	8	19	2	8	1	3	138	58	2,388,300	6,565,790
				Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$85,000						Tiz the Law	
3	Tapiture (2011) by Tapit FYR: 2017	6	16	1	4	--	1	165	87	508,940	4,385,697
				Stands: Darby Dan Farm KY Fee: \$10,000						Jesus' Team	
4	Daredevil (2012) by More Than Ready FYR: 2017	3	3	2	3	2	3	84	35	1,791,820	4,253,100
				Stands: Lane's End Farm KY Fee: \$25,000						Swiss Skydiver	
5	Liam's Map (2011) by Unbridled's Song FYR: 2017	7	11	3	5	1	3	128	50	502,800	3,956,722
				Stands: Lane's End Farm KY Fee: \$30,000						Rushie	
6	Khozan (2012) by Distorted Humor FYR: 2017	5	12	--	2	--	--	95	52	434,300	3,521,813
				Stands: Journeyman Stud FL Fee: \$10,000						Princess Secret	
7	Carpe Diem (2012) by Giant's Causeway FYR: 2017	3	7	--	1	--	--	135	58	228,440	3,203,583
				Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$7,500						Chancheng Prince	
8	Honor Code (2011) by A.P. Indy FYR: 2017	2	6	2	3	1	2	115	40	490,000	3,092,032
				Stands: Lane's End Farm KY Fee: \$20,000						Honor A. P.	
9	Tonalist (2011) by Tapit FYR: 2017	2	8	2	5	--	--	97	47	291,965	2,975,998
				Stands: Lane's End Farm KY Fee: \$12,500						Tonalist's Shape	
10	Bayern (2011) by Offlee Wild FYR: 2017	2	8	1	3	--	--	99	57	184,480	2,794,962
				Stands: Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa KY Fee: \$7,500						Biddy Duke	
11	Summer Front (2009) by War Front FYR: 2017	4	8	2	3	--	1	110	49	358,850	2,719,226
				Stands: Airdrie Stud KY Fee: \$10,000						Ete Indien	
12	Wicked Strong (2011) by Hard Spun FYR: 2017	3	7	1	1	--	--	144	61	199,534	2,427,173
				Stands: Pin Oak Lane Farm PA Fee: \$3,500						Evil Lyn	
13	Palace Malice (2010) by Curlin FYR: 2017	3	5	2	3	--	--	128	48	260,000	2,401,274
				Stands: Three Chimneys Farm KY Fee: \$20,000						Mr. Monomoy	
14	Competitive Edge (2012) by Super Saver FYR: 2017	--	5	--	2	--	--	100	51	143,120	2,334,955
				Stands: Valor Farm TX Fee: \$5,000						Reagan's Edge	
15	Race Day (2011) by Tapit FYR: 2017	1	4	--	--	--	--	89	45	159,518	1,857,842
				Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY Fee: \$7,500						Socks Go	

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IN ORDER OF PURSE:

6th-Fair Grounds, \$47,000, Alw (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 1-6, 4yo/up, 5 1/2fT, 1:04.82, fm, 1 1/2 lengths.

BORN GREAT (g, 5, Scat Daddy--Funfair {SW}, by More Than Ready), a two-time winner at the Kentucky Downs meeting in September, was last of nine in Keeneland's GI Shadwell Turf Mile S. Oct. 3. He returned with a solid runner-up effort as the favorite in a similar spot to this Dec. 11 and was 4-5 to go one better. He shot out to the front from his rail draw and led them every step of the way to score by 1 1/2 lengths over Seven Scents (Goldencents). In addition to GII Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf Sprint winner Four Wheel Drive (American Pharoah), MGSW, \$693,385, Funfair is also represented by an American Pharoah filly of 2020. She was bred back to Justify. Sales history: \$260,000 Wlg '16 KEENOV; \$275,000 RNA Ylg '17 KEESEP.

Lifetime Record: 6-3-1-1, \$159,650. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Marc Detampel & Fergus Galvin; B-Glenvale Stud (KY); T-Brendan P. Walsh.

9th-Gulfstream, \$40,000, Alw (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 1-6, 4yo/up, 1m, 1:35.29, ft, 5 3/4 lengths.

SUPERFACTO (c, 4, Constitution--American Angel, by Ghostzapper), a sharp wire-to-wire maiden winner at Gulfstream at second asking back in May, was last seen finishing a well-beaten seventh in the Belmont slop Oct. 30. The 19-1 shot traded blows with Ashaar (Into Mischief) through fractions of :23.67 and :45.86, began to shake free from that one on the far turn, kicked for home in complete command and had 5 3/4 lengths over that rival on the line. American Angel, a daughter of MGISW Society Selection (Coronado's Quest), is also represented by an unraced 3-year-old filly named Out of Practice (Exaggerator) and a 2-year-old colt named Could Be Cool (Midnight Lute). She was bred to Mohaymen for 2021.

Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-0, \$47,845. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O/B-Irving M. Cowan (KY); T-Ralph E. Nicks.



Superfacto | Ryan Thompson

2nd-Tampa Bay Downs, \$23,750, Alw (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$32,000), 1-6, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:09.33, ft, 10 lengths.
THE GODDESS LYSSA (f, 4, Fury Kapcori--Amazing Beauty, by Distorted Humor), a winner of her first three career starts at Tampa, including an optional claimer late last January, entered off a third-place finish in the FTBOA City of Ocala Florida Sire S. here Dec. 12. The 3-5 favorite was sent to the lead and dropped the hammer en route to a facile, 10-length wire-to-wire victory. Sales history: \$10,000 2yo '19 OBSOPN. Lifetime Record: SP, 6-4-0-1, \$63,915. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**
 O-Team Equistaff, Inc.; B-Brent & Crystal Fernung (FL); T-Gerald S. Bennett.

5th-Tampa Bay Downs, \$21,500, Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$75,000), 1-6, 3yo, f, 1mT, 1:36.75, fm, 2 1/2 lengths.
OYSTER BOX (f, 3, Tapit--Starformer {MGSW-USA, GSP-Fr, \$543,126}, by Dynaformer) kicked off her career with a debut score going six furlongs over the Belmont lawn Oct. 3. Adding Lasix for her sophomore debut, the 2-5 chalk trailed the bunched-up field of five through a half mile in :48.37, was locked and loaded on the far turn and leveled off nicely in the stretch to win going away by 2 1/2 lengths over Funwhileitlasted (War Dancer). The winner is a half to Flavius (War Front), SW-Ire, SW & GSP-USA, \$581,151. Out of the Group 1-winning mare Etoile Montante (Miswaki), graded-stakes winning turf mare Starformer produced a filly by Kitten's Joy in 2019 and a colt by Galileo (Ire) in 2020. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$47,550. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**
 O-Gainesway Stable (Antony Beck); B-Juddmonte Farms Inc (KY); T-H. Graham Motion.



WHAT'S IN A NAME?

WHAT'S IN A NAME: IRON MEN OF METZ

by *Andreas Branchini*

IRON MEN OF METZ (Added Edge) won on this side of the Atlantic at Mahoning Valley, and **ARNOUL OF METZ** (Kyllachy {GB}) won at "caput mundi" Wolverhampton in England. The "Iron Men of Metz" is the nickname given to the 95th Infantry Division of the US Army, who battled the Germans in WW2 to liberate and defend the French town in November 1944, through heavy and costly fighting, sometimes in house-to-house fashion--while Arnoul (582-645) was the mythical bishop of Metz in the dark middle ages of Merovingian times--and also an ancestor to the one and only Holy Roman Emperor, Charlemagne.

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.

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 McJannet. *6,000gns 4yo '19 TATAH.

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SUPERFACTO (c, 4, Constitution) pulls off the upset at Gulfstream Park.



IN JAPAN:

Jasper Gold, c, 3, Khozan. See 'US-Bred & -Sired Winners in Japan.'

Air Sage, c, 3, Point of Entry. See 'US-Bred & -Sired Winners in Japan.'

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Tuesday's Results:

5th-Chukyo, ¥11,400,000 (\$110,501), Newcomers, 3yo, 2000mT, 2:03.6, gd/fm.

AIR SAGE (c, 3, Point of Entry --Nokaze, by Empire Maker)

became the seventh winner from as many Japanese starters for his sire with a popular first-out success. The 13-10 favorite jumped away alertly and landed in a prominent position, sitting a three-wide trip in the breeze. Put to some pressure approaching the stretch, Air Sage looked to be getting out a touch, but was soon rebalanced, delivered his challenge in earnest with a little less than a furlong to travel and edged away late to graduate by 1 1/2 lengths. The winner is a half-brother to Air Almas (Majestic Warrior), GSW-Jpn, \$1,549,717, a 2-year-old full-brother and a yearling half-brother by Goldencents. Nokaze was most recently bred to Blame. The colt's third dam Angelic Song (Halo) was a full-sister to Canadian Horse of the Year Glorious Song, champion Devil's Bag and Saint Ballado. Her MSW daughter Lady Ballade (Ire) (Unbridled) produced GSW & MG1SP sire Danon Ballade (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}). Of Point of Entry's Japanese winners, four have been bred or co-bred by Dr. Naoya Yoshida's Winchester Farm. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$58,252.

O-Lucky Field Inc; B-Winchester Farm (KY); T-Manabu Ikezoe.

2nd-Chukyo, ¥9,680,000 (\$93,832), Maiden, 3yo, 1200m, 1:12.4, ft.

JASPER GOLD (c, 3, Khozan--Gracious Lady, by Put It Back) had made his three previous starts on turf, finishing second in his first three appearances ahead of a close fourth when last seen at this venue Dec. 6. The 9-5 chalk showed good speed to press the pace outside a rival and was poised to pounce entering the final quarter mile. A bit one-paced at the 200-meter mark, the Florida-bred was put to serious pressure and did enough to find the wire a half-length winner. Gracious Lady is the dam of a yearling colt named Jest Sandman (Jess's Dream) and is due to The Big Beast for 2021. Hailing from the female family of champion Storm Song (Summer Squall), Jasper Gold is the first Japanese winner for his successful young stallion. Sales history: \$100,000 2yo '20 OBSMAR. Lifetime Record: 4-1-2-0, \$103,592. O-Kazuo Kato; B-Randy Lee Myers (FL); T-Hideyuki Mori.

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

7th-Fair Grounds, \$51,000, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$17,500), 1-6, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:44.69, ft, 3/4 length.

WARRIOR'S MAP (c, 4, Liam's Map--Warrior Maid {MSW & GSP, \$496,109}, by Holy Bull) Lifetime Record: 9-2-0-0, \$87,025. O/B-Russell Welch (KY); T-J. Larry Jones.

6th-Gulfstream, \$40,000, (S), 1-6, (NW1X), 3yo, f, 6f, 1:12.04, ft, 1 1/4 lengths.

COREY (f, 3, First Samurai--Gospel Girl, by Holy Bull) Lifetime Record: 5-2-2-0, \$62,571. O-Madaket Stables LLC, Wonder Stables & Robert V. LaPenta; B-Rustlewood Farm, Inc. (FL); T-Brad H. Cox. *\$150,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP. **1/2 to Happy Farm (Ghostzapper), GSW, \$466,888.

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8th-Delta Downs, \$36,000, (S), 1-6, (NW1X), 4yo/up, 5f, 1:00.15, ft, neck.

BAYOU BODE (g, 6, Bodemeister--Dancing Deer, by Deerhound) Lifetime Record: 41-5-9-4, \$122,770. O/T-Dale White, Sr.; B-Circle H Farms (LA). *\$85,000 RNA Wlg '15 FTKNOV; \$100,000 RNA Ylg '16 KEESEP. **1/2 to Top Cat Boogie (Big Top Cat), MSW, \$448,745.

2nd-Delta Downs, \$31,000, 1-6, (NW2L), 3yo, f, 5f, 1:00.36, ft, 1 length.

EVEN PANDURA (f, 3, Time to Get Even--Pandura, by Midnight Lute) Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-1, \$38,353. O-Lothenbach Stables, Inc. (Bob Lothenbach); B-Terry C. Lovingier (CA); T-Joel Berndt. *\$1,000 RNA Ylg '19 NCAAUG; \$7,000 Ylg '19 ARZNOV.

8th-Mahoning Valley, \$29,000, (S), 1-6, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:15.35, ft, neck.

JUSTA COWGIRL (m, 5, Western Pride--Senorita's Secrets, by Sea of Secrets) Lifetime Record: 7-2-3-0, \$54,155. O-Joseph M. Poole & Richard H. McCall; B-Troy J. Gayheart (OH); T-Joseph M. Poole.

6th-Mahoning Valley, \$21,200, 1-6, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:41.33, ft, 5 1/4 lengths.

HEZA HANDFUL (h, 5, Into Mischief--Heywards Park, by

Tiznow) Lifetime Record: 19-2-2-6, \$51,119. O-Matthew Kosco; B-Arturo Vargas (KY); T-Jevon D. Crumley. *\$70,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP.

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Jade Empress, f, 3, Shanghai Bobby--Guard the Empire, by Empire Maker. Gulfstream, 1-6, (S), 7f, 1:24.20. B-George Kerr & Tim Odonohue (FL). *\$105,000 2yo '20 OBSMAR.

TAPROOT TWO-YEAR-OLD PURCHASE

Mr. Doda, g, 3, Uptowncharlybrown--Sweeter Turn, by Sweet Return (GB). Parx Racing, 1-6, 5 1/2f, 1:05.34. B-Monmouth Stud (FL).

Dancing Grace, f, 4, Danza--Blessed Bullette, by Holy Bull. Mahoning Valley, 1-6, (S), 6f, 1:15.84. B-Allen Myers (OH).

Into Victory, f, 4, Into Mischief--Rhineshark, by Fusaichi Pegasus. Delta Downs, 1-6, 7 1/2f, 1:35.49. B-Clearsky Farms (KY). *\$120,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP; \$42,000 Ylg '18 FTKOCT; \$55,000 2yo '19 FTSANA. **1/2 to Blue Wings (Giant's Causeway), MSP, \$276,896.

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BODEMEISTER, Bayou Bode, g, 6, o/o Dancing Deer, by Deerhound. ALW, 1-6, Delta Downs

CONSTITUTION, Superfecto, c, 4, o/o American Angel, by Ghostzapper. AOC, 1-6, Gulfstream

DANZA, Dancing Grace, f, 4, o/o Blessed Bullette, by Holy Bull. MSW, 1-6, Mahoning Valley

FIRST SAMURAI, Corey, f, 3, o/o Gospel Girl, by Holy Bull. ALW, 1-6, Gulfstream

FURY KAPCORI, The Goddess Lyssa, f, 4, o/o Amazing Beauty, by Distorted Humor. AOC, 1-6, Tampa Bay

INTO MISCHIEF, Heza Handful, h, 5, o/o Heywards Park, by Tiznow. ALW, 1-6, Mahoning Valley

INTO MISCHIEF, Into Victory, f, 4, o/o Rhineshark, by Fusaichi Pegasus. MSW, 1-6, Delta Downs

LIAM'S MAP, Warrior's Map, c, 4, o/o Warrior Maid, by Holy Bull. AOC, 1-6, Fair Grounds

SCAT DADDY, Born Great, g, 5, o/o Funfair, by More Than Ready. AOC, 1-6, Fair Grounds

SHANGHAI BOBBY, Jade Empress, f, 3, o/o Guard the Empire, by

Empire Maker. MSW, 1-6, Gulfstream
TAPIT, Oyster Box, f, 3, o/o Starformer, by Dynaformer. AOC, 1-6, Tampa Bay
TIME TO GET EVEN, Even Pandura, f, 3, o/o Pandura, by Midnight Lute. ALW, 1-6, Delta Downs
UPTOWNCHARLYBROWN, Mr. Doda, g, 3, o/o Sweeter Turn, by Sweet Return (GB). MSW, 1-6, Parx Racing
WESTERN PRIDE, Justa Cowgirl, m, 5, o/o Senorita's Secrets, by Sea of Secrets. ALW, 1-6, Mahoning Valley



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UPCOMING MAJOR NORTH AMERICAN STAKES

Date	Race	Track
Jan. 9	GIII Tropical Turf S.	Gulfstream
	GIII La Canada S.	Santa Anita
Jan. 16	GIII Las Cienegas S.	Santa Anita
	GIII Lecomte S.	Fair Grounds
Jan. 18	GIII Louisiana S.	Fair Grounds
	GIII Megahertz S.	Santa Anita
Jan. 23	GI Pegasus World Cup	Gulfstream
	GI Pegasus World Cup Turf	Gulfstream
Jan. 30	GII Inside Information S.	Gulfstream
	GIII La Prevoyante S.	Gulfstream
	GIII W. L. McKnight S.	Gulfstream
	GIII Fred W. Hooper S.	Gulfstream
	GIII Palos Verdes S.	Santa Anita
	GII San Marcos S.	Santa Anita
	GII San Pasqual S.	Santa Anita
	GIII Robert B. Lewis S.	Santa Anita
	GIII Holy Bull S.	Gulfstream
	GIII Swale S.	Gulfstream
GIII Forward Gal S.	Gulfstream	
GIII Kitten's Joy S.	Gulfstream	
GIII Sweetest Chant S.	Gulfstream	
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BREEDERS' CUP HEROINE GOLDIKOVA DEAD AT 16



Goldikova and Olivier Peslier winning their third Breeders' Cup Mile at Churchill Downs in 2010 | *Horsephotos*

By Kelsey Riley

Wertheimer et Frere's 14-time Group 1-winning mare **Goldikova (Ire)** (Anabaa–Born Gold, by Blushing Groom {Fr}), the only horse to win the same race three times at the Breeders' Cup, has died aged 16. "It is with immense sadness that we inform you of the death of champion Goldikova on Jan. 5, 2021," Wertheimer et Frere Racing Manager Pierre-Yves Bureau told *Jour de Galop*. "Goldikova will remain in our memories as our best racemare with her 14 Group 1 wins, among which was a splendid Prix Jacques le Marois in 2009 and her historic triple in the Breeders' Cup Mile."

Bred by Wertheimer et Frere out of their excellent producer Born Gold, Goldikova joined the yard of trainer Freddy Head in 2007 and was an immediate hit, winning her two juvenile outings with ease. She lost her unbeaten record on her 3-year-old debut when third in Longchamp's Prix du Louvre, and found the great Zarkava (Ire) (Zamindar) too good in both the G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches and Prix de Diane; she was second in the former, with Coolmore's now-great producer Halfway To Heaven (Ire) (Pivotal {GB}) back in third, and third in the Diane, with she and Zarkava split by Gagnoa (Ire) (Sadler's Wells), a half-sister to Derby winner Pour Moi (Ire) (Montjeu {Ire}).

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IRISH RACING TO CONTINUE BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

Irish racing will continue behind closed doors despite coronavirus restrictions being maintained, the Irish Government announced on Wednesday. Only professional, elite sports, horse racing, greyhound racing and approved equestrian events are permitted to continue in this fashion, with no other matches or events allowed at this time. Racing in Ireland resumed on June 8, but owners have only been allowed briefly in September. The ban on UK travel continues until midnight on Friday, Jan. 8, and beginning on Jan. 9, all passengers coming from the UK will be required to possess a negative coronavirus PCR test acquired within 72 hours of traveling. This testing requirement prior to travel will last at least until Jan. 31.

"They will have to present that negative test at the border management unit at an airport or at the ferry terminal," said Irish Transport Minister Eamon Ryan. "Failure to do so will be subject to either a fine of €2,500 or up to six months imprisonment penal provision, to make sure we get compliance."

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Goldikova returned to the winner's enclosure next out in the G3 Prix Chloe and went unbeaten the remainder of the season, taking in the G1 Prix Rothschild and G1 Prix du Moulin before her first score in the Breeders' Cup Mile at Santa Anita, where she made Head the first individual to have ridden and trained a winner at the great meeting. He has since been joined by Joseph O'Brien.

Goldikova began her 4-year-old season with an uncharacteristically dull seventh in the G1 Prix d'Ispahan over the soft ground, but bounced back to win three consecutive Group 1s: the Falmouth S., Rothschild and the Prix Jacques le Marois by six lengths in what is credited as her best performance with an official rating of 131.

Third when dropped back to seven furlongs in the G1 Prix de la Foret, Goldikova justified favouritism once again to defend her Breeders' Cup Mile title back at Santa Anita, equaling the feat that Head had achieved aboard the great Miesque 21 years earlier in winning back-to-back Miles, a feat also accomplished by Lure in 1992 and 1993. Wise Dan won the race back-to-back in 2012 and 2013. Da Hoss had won non-consecutive Miles in 1996 and 1998. Goldikova was at the time one of 10 horses to win twice at the Breeders' Cup, with Conduit (Ire) (Dalakhani {Ire}) and Zenyatta (Street Cry {Ire}) interestingly having also accomplished the feat in the 2008 and 2009 Breeders' Cups at Santa Anita. A further nine horses have since won twice at the Breeders' Cup.



Goldikova winning the 2009 Prix Jacques le Marois by six lengths | Scoop Dyga

Redeeming herself in the d'Ispahan with a half-length score to kick off her 5-year-old campaign in 2010, Goldikova traveled to Royal Ascot for the first time to take the G1 Queen Anne S. before winning a third Rothschild. She was second to the Guineas winner Makfi (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) while attempting to defend her Marois title, but bounced back next out to go one better in the Foret before clinching a historic third Breeders' Cup Mile win at Churchill Downs over the American champion Gio Ponti (Tale of the Cat). That feat has not been matched since.

Returned to training at six, Goldikova bested Cirrus des Aigles (Fr) (Even Top {Ire}) to win a second d'Ispahan before finishing second to Canford Cliffs (Ire) (Tagula {Ire}) in the Queen Anne. In what would prove to be her final victory, she won a fourth straight Rothschild before finishing second in the Marois and the Foret to Immortal Verse (Ire) (Pivotal {GB}) and Dream Ahead (Diktat {GB}), respectively. Favoured for a fourth tilt at the Breeders' Cup Mile, Goldikova looked to be

sitting a dream trip stalking the pace on the rail and hit the lead a furlong from home, but lacked the necessary late kick to hold off the Woodbine Mile winners Court Vision (Gulch) and Turallure (Wando). Goldikova retired to the illustrious Wertheimer broodmare band thereafter with 17 wins from 27 starts, and just one off the board finish, and £4,364,886 in the bank. Goldikova earned three Cartier Awards (Horse of the Year in 2010 and Older Horse in 2009 and 2010), was the American champion female turf horse in 2009 and 2010 and was in 2017 inducted into the American racing Hall of Fame. [Cont. p3](#)

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Hellbent (Aus) and Merchant Navy (Aus) have their first yearlings at the Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale. [Click or tap here to go straight to TDN Aus/NZ.](#)

WHEN YOU RIDE AN AMAZING FILLY LIKE THAT, SHE WILL BE IN YOUR LIFE FOREVER. SHE WAS A CHAMPION AND AN AMAZING FILLY.

Olivier Peslier on Goldikova

Breeders' Cup Heroine Goldikova Dead At 16 Cont.

Peslier, who was in the saddle for all 27 of Goldikova's starts, paid tribute to his former partner on Wednesday, saying, "It's very sad that she has passed away. She was a champion and an amazing filly. We travelled all over the world together, going to America and winning three times at the Breeders' Cup. We went to Royal Ascot and won and won many races in France as well, of course.

"It's very similar to Frankie Dettori and Enable--when you ride an amazing filly like that, she will be in your life forever. We have both ridden many winners and many Group 1 winners, but a filly like this--winning 14 Group 1--it's different. The owners were fantastic to keep her in training for as long as they did. She could have been retired, but the owners were like fans and they wanted to see her run."



Freddy Head and Goldikova after the 2009 Falmouth S.

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Goldikova was, somewhat remarkably, the ninth foal out of Born Gold, and the mare did her best producing in the twilight of her broodmare career, with Goldikova followed by the G1 Prix Vermeille scorer and Prix de Diane second Galikova (Fr) (Galileo {Ire}), the G1 Prix Paul de Moussac scorer and the five-times Group 1-placed Anodin (Ire) (Anabaa) and the G3 Prix Vanteaux victress Gold Luck (Fr) (Redoute's Choice {Aus}).

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Galileo's sons are making a significant impact at stud

"Galileo further underlined his growing importance as a sire of sires with his stallion sons supplying a slew of significant winners of their own. The top 35 in last year's British and Irish sires' table featured no fewer than five of Galileo's sons.

Most prominent of those was the 11th-placed **Australia**, who enjoyed something of a breakthrough year thanks to **Galileo Chrome's** St Leger success... swiftly followed by the Grade 1 victory of **Order Of Australia** in the Breeders' Cup Mile, and supplemented by Group 2 wins for **Cayenne Pepper** and **Leo De Fury**... **One place below Australia was Frankel**..."

James Thomas, Racing Post Bloodstock, 4th January 2021

In 2020

10 Group/Stakes winners.

14 yearlings made upwards of
€100,000 (top price **€665,000**).

Weanlings sold for **€165,000**,
€145,000 etc.

*Australia, a brilliantly-bred Epsom Derby-Gr.1 winner like his sire **Galileo***



Australia

9 Gr.1 performers to date (fellow fourth crop sire Kingman has 5)

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2021 Fee:
€25,000

Breeders' Cup Heroine Goldikova Dead At 16 Cont.

Goldikova is also a half-sister to the Group 3 winners Gold Sound (Fr) (Green Tune) and Gold Round (Ire) (Caerleon), and the latter is the best producer out of Born Gold, having left behind five stakes horses including the G3 Prix Minerve scorer Golden Valentine (Fr) (Dalakhani {Ire}). Gold Round is also the second dam of Prix Vanteaux winner Platane (GB) (Le Havre {Ire}).

Goldikova produced a pattern race winner in her second foal, the G3 Prix Cleopatre winner and Prix de Diane third Terrakova (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), and from her four other foals of racing age just the filly Goldika (Ire) (Intello {Ger}) is a winner. Her newly turned 3-year-old is the Dubawi (Ire) filly Goldistyle (Ire) and she has a 2-year-old colt by Galileo (Ire) named Lehman (GB), both in training with Carlos Laffon-Parias. Goldikova was not in foal for 2021.

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He added, “We expect other countries to be doing something similar and we’ll work in co-operation with other countries, and with the European Commission, to monitor and manage how this affects individuals. The cabinet’s agreed provisionally to apply the same measures to other jurisdictions, other red-list countries.

“We will work first of all introduce to the UK provisions, and we will work in the next week with European Commission and others, people involved in the travel industry, in terms of how we broaden and apply the same measures too from other jurisdictions.”

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2021 UK GSSA FINALISTS ANNOUNCED

The finalists for the 2021 UK Godolphin Stud and Stable Staff awards were revealed on Wednesday. The 18 finalists spread across six award categories will now participate in a remote judging day on Feb. 22. [Cont. p5](#)



2021: it’s a great year to use Masar. His first book includes 25 G1 winners or their dams or sisters.

Among them, the G1 winners Lady Marian and Punctilious, who have both already bred Group winners by Masar’s sire New Approach — plus Bean Feasa, Teofilo’s Dubawi half-sister who was herself a G3 winner.

£14,000 Oct 1, SLF. Dalham Hall Stud, UK



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UK GSSSA Finalists Cont.

There will be an interactive virtual awards ceremony showcasing the winners hosted by ITV Racing’s Ed Chamberlin broadcast live and free to air on Racing TV. The finalists and their employers are listed below:

David Nicholson Newcomer

- Jaydon Lee – Nicky Henderson
- Alice Price – Ben Pauling
- Chrissie Sykes – Ruth Carr

Leadership

- Alex Cairns – James Fanshawe
- Rebecca Edmunds – Bryan Smart
- Lauren Webb – Daniel & Claire Kubler

Rider/Groom

- Joanna Lacisz – Sir Michael Stoute
- Sarah Peacock – Tom George
- Faisal – Richard Phillips

Stud Staff

- Tom Hughes – Hazelwood Bloodstock
- Martin Languillet – Fittocks Stud
- Elody Swann – Newsells Park Stud

Dedication

- Guianand Bissessur – William Haggas
- Debbie Howie – John Gosden
- Joline Saunders – Richard Phillips

Community (In recognition of the wonderful work Rory MacDonald achieved at The British Racing School)

- Simon Jones – Charity fundraiser
- Richard Phillips – Trainer and community volunteer
- Sam Trainor – National Horseracing College

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TATTERSALLS IRELAND MOVES NH SALE

The February National Hunt Sale, to be held at Fairyhouse in Ireland, has been moved to Feb. 23-24, Tattersalls Ireland announced on Wednesday. The decision was made due to continued uncertainty due to COVID-19 and the current lockdown in Ireland, which expires on Jan. 30.

“As has been the case since the outbreak of this virus, we’re having to respond as best as we can to rapidly changing scenarios, at all times balancing social responsibility and prevailing government restrictions with the best interest of all Tattersalls Ireland clients,” said Tattersalls Ireland CEO Simon Kerins.



SAVVY NINE

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g. 2016 ANODIN x INSAN MALA



**January Cup (Gr.3)
Happy Valley**

Owners Julian Hui Chun Hang & Michele Monique Reis
Trainer..... Douglas Whyte
Breeder Jan Krauze

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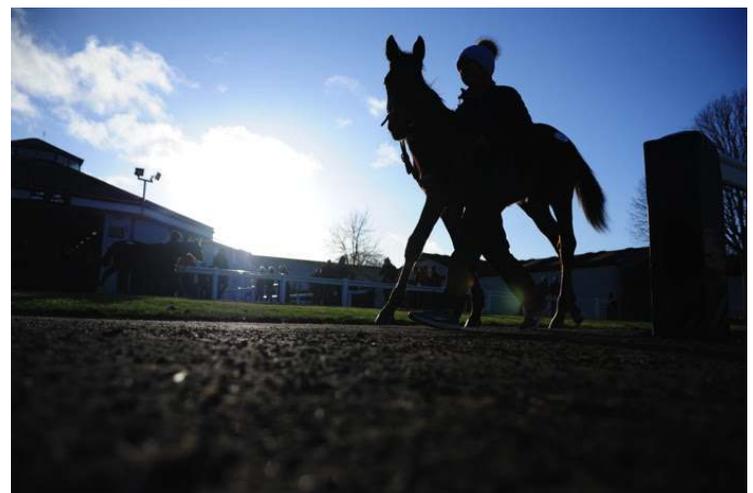
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2nd GLORIOUS DRAGON
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“Rescheduling the February National Hunt Sale to the end of February will provide clarity to our vendors and will maximise the potential for all purchasers to attend the sales complex. It is not the start of the 2021 sales season we had hoped for but we are confident that the measures we have in place will allow us to host successful sales once circumstances allow. Due to the later date in February we will continue to take entries until Friday, 22 Jan.”

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A horse parades at Fairyhouse | Tattersalls Ireland

MOMENT OF 2020

STRADIVARIUS'S ASCOT GOLD CUP



Celebrated stayer Stradivarius | Scoop Dyga

by Tom Frary

My moment of the year was the Ascot Gold Cup win of **Stradivarius (Ire)** (Sea the Stars {Ire}). If there was one significant puncturing of the general gloom with a shot of light it was this emphatic display from everyone's favourite stayer. I just love him, he's a top horse with the requisite looks to remain in the collective racing memory for a long time. I was too young to appreciate Ardross and thought I'd have to wait a long time for another Yeats, but along came this wonderful specimen and I feel spoilt as a lover of great stayers. Go on, do it again in 2021!

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language was apparently perfect and she had access to Nazi war planners as part of her work for a French company in occupied Paris. Her reports to British spymaster R V Jones were remarkable for their quality and led to the famous August 1943 raid on Peenemunde, where the Germans were developing the V-2 missile-bombs. Jeannie was arrested by the Germans in April 1944, just a few weeks before D-Day and the Normandy landings; she was only 25 years of age. Her captivity took her to the camps of Ravensbruck, Torgau, Konigsberg, and to Ravensbruck again--in a truly horrific war odyssey. When the Swedish Red Cross rescued her from Ravensbruck at the end of the war, she weighed only 31kg (70lbs). Spy chief R V Jones was not the only one to think highly of Amniarix/Jeannie Rousseau (he called her "one of the most remarkable young women of her generation"): the CIA awarded her the Seal Medallion in 1993, under Director R James Woolsey. This legendary spy was also modest: she did not talk much with reporters and historians, and her incredible story is not that well known. Therefore, credit is to be given to whoever gave this historic name to this tenacious US-bred 4-year-old filly, whose persistence, by the way, won her the race after having been hampered at the start.

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WHAT'S IN A NAME?

AMNIARIX

by Andrea Branchini

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.

The recent Wolverhampton female winner **Amniarix** is out of a mare named Bold Lass and her namesake was indeed a very brave young woman. Amniarix was the spy codename of Jeannie Rousseau (1919-2017), who was not only a hero of the French Resistance but also an uncompromising survivor of three German prison camps. Jeannie's command of the German

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CONDITIONS RESULTS:

7th-Kempton, £19,000, Cond, 1-6, 4yo/up, 6f (AWT), 1:12.86, st/sl.

TRANCHEE (IRE) (g, 5, War Front--Terrific {Ire} {SP-Ire}, by Galileo {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 19-4-5-3, \$85,568. O-K Sohi; B-Moyglare Stud Farm (IRE); T-David Loughnane. *11,000gns 3yo '19 TATAHI; 35,000gns RNA 4yo '20 TATHRA; 65,000gns RNA 4yo '20 TATAHI.

3rd-Wolverhampton, £5,000, Cond, 1-6, 4yo/up, 6f 20y (AWT), 1:13.77, st.

AT YOUR SERVICE (GB) (g, 7, Frankel {GB})--Crystal Gaze {Ire}, by Rainbow Quest) Lifetime Record: 32-3-3-2, \$24,541.

O-Chelsea Banham Pre Training Ltd; B-Qatar Bloodstock Ltd (GB); T-Chelsea Banham. *1/2 to Spirit Quartz (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), Hwt. 3yo-Ity at 5-7f, GSW-Fr & Ity, MSW-Ire & G1SP-Eng, \$626,533; Caspian Prince (Ire) (Dylan Thomas {Ire}), Hwt. Older Horse-Ire at 5-7f, GSW-Ire, GSP-Eng & GSP-UAE, \$1,180,629; and Tuscan Gaze (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), GSW-Ity, \$372,667.

1st-Kempton, £4,300, Cond, 1-6, 4yo/up, 8f (AWT), 1:42.29, st/sl.

ROCHFORD (IRE) (g, 4, Ivawood {Ire})--Lady Berta {GB}, by Bertolini) Lifetime Record: 16-2-1-3, \$12,271. O-Birdie Racing Club; B-Paul McDonnell (IRE); T-Henry Spiller. *€20,000 RNA Wlg '17 TATFBR; €9,500 RNA Ylg '18 TIRSEP.

2nd-Kempton, £4,300, Cond, 1-6, 4yo/up, 8f (AWT), 1:42.07, st/sl.

CRISTAL PALLAS CAT (IRE) (g, 6, Kodiak {GB})--Flower of Kent, by Diesis {GB}) Lifetime Record: 40-3-5-5, \$29,915. O-Mrs Cathy Hallam & Wendover Racing; B-Joseph Broderick (IRE); T-Roger Ingram. *€20,000 Ylg '16 GOFSP; £14,000 2yo '17 TATABR.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Diligent Harry (GB), c, 3, Due Diligence--Harryana To (GB), by Compton Place (GB). Wolverhampton, 1-6, 6f 20y (AWT), 1:13.66. B-Whitsbury Manor Stud (GB). *1ST-TIME STARTER. **£38,000 Ylg '19 GOFFPR.

Great Esteem (Ire), g, 5, Dubawi (Ire)--Woven Lace (GB) (GSP-Fr), by Hard Spun. Kempton, 1-6, 11f 219y (AWT), 2:39.02. B-Godolphin (IRE). *£21,000 4yo '20 GOFSP. **1/2 to Broderie (GB) (Pivotal {GB}), Hwt. Older Mare-Ger at 5-7f, SW & MGSP-Ger.



IN AUSTRALIA:

Mubariz (GB), g, 5, Dansili (GB)--Could It Be (Ire), by Galileo (Ire). Warwick Farm, 1-6, Hcp. (£29k/€32k), 1600mT, 1:40.90. B-AI Shahania Stud. *40,000gns HRA '19 TATAUT.

WORLDWIDE NEWS

ALMOND EYE NAMED JAPANESE HOTY FOR SECOND TIME IN THREE YEARS by Alan Carasso



Almond Eye | Horsephotos

Silk Racing Co. Ltd.'s **Almond Eye (Jpn)** (Lord Kanaloa {Jpn}), who was retired from racing following a second victory in the G1 Japan Cup last November, was named the recipient of the Horse of the Year award for the second time in the last three years Wednesday. She easily outpointed Triple Crown winners and unanimous champions **Contrail (Jpn)** (Deep Impact {Jpn}) and **Daring Tact (Jpn)** (Epiphaneia {Jpn}), while champion sprinter/miler elect **Gran Alegria (Jpn)** (Deep Impact {Jpn}) garnered a single vote for HOTY. Almond Eye, who was also the champion of her generation at three in 2018, was also named champion older filly or mare.

Programmed for a defence of her title in the G1 Dubai Turf last March, Almond Eye returned to Japan following the cancellation of the multi-million dollar race meeting in late March and instead made her 5-year-old debut in the G1 Victoria Mile, where--facing her own sex for the first time since completing the Fillies Triple Crown in the 2018 G1 Shuka Sho--she proved an easy winner, stopping the timer in 1:30.6. Runner-up to Gran Alegria in the G1 Yasuda Kinen in June, Almond Eye defeated champion older male **Fierement (Jpn)** (Deep Impact {Jpn}) to win the G1 Tenno Sho (Autumn) for the second year in a row and handed Contrail his first career defeat when concluding her career victoriously in the Nov. 29 Japan Cup ([video](#)). **Cont. p8**

2020 Japanese Champions Cont.

Gran Alegria put together a Horse of the Year-worthy campaign herself, defeating males in the G1 Sprinters' S. (1200m) in October, the strength of which was amplified when that race's runner-up Danon Smash (Jpn) (Lord Kanaloa {Jpn}) returned to land the G1 Longines Hong Kong Sprint. Gran Alegria closed a three-for-four season in the G1 Mile Championship, besting the classy Indy Champ (Jpn) (Stay Gold {Jpn}) with an irresistible late flourish. All but one of the 283 votes were cast for Gran Alegria (one was cast for Almond Eye).

Contrail was untouchable versus his age group, completing the Triple Crown with a hard-fought success in the G1 Kikuka Sho before finding only Almond Eye too strong in the Japan Cup. Fierement, whose retirement was announced Wednesday, made three trips to the post in 2020, winning the G1 Tenno Sho (Spring) over 3000 metres in May and was last seen finishing a close third to 'Special Award' winner **Chrono Genesis (Jpn)** (Bago {Fr}) in the G1 Arima Kinen. Deep Impact's three champions for 2020 take his total to 21 in his illustrious career.

Daring Tact's campaign very much mirrored that of Contrail, as she was untouchable in the Filly Triple Crown series before finishing third in the Japan Cup.

Danon the Kid (Jpn) (Just a Way {Jpn}) and the white filly **Sodashi (Jpn)** (Kurofune) locked up the 2-year-old male and female divisions, respectively, with victories in the G1 Asahi Hai Futurity S. and G1 Hanshin Juvenile Fillies, while **Chuwa Wizard (Jpn)** (King Kamehameha {Jpn}) was given the nod as the country's top dirt horse following his win in the G1 Champions Cup last month.

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FIEREMENT RETIRED TO BREEDERS STALLION STATION



Fierement (left) | JRA

Four-time Group 1 winner **Fierement (Jpn)** (Deep Impact {Jpn}–Lune d'Or {Fr}, by Green Tune) has been retired due to a suspensory ligament injury in his right foreleg. The bay sustained the injury when running third in the Dec. 27 G1 Arima Kinen Grand Prix. Named the 2020 Japanese Champion Older Horse, the 5-year-old will stand at Breeders Stallion Station this year.

Bred by Northern Racing and raced by Sunday Racing, the son of G1 Premio Lydia Tesio winner Lune d'Oro won three of his four starts at three including the G1 Kikuka Sho (Japanese St. Leger). Kept in training in 2019, he added his first edition of the G1 Tenno Sho (Spring) in five starts. Never off the board in his final season, Fierement narrowly won his second Tenno Sho (Spring) last May before a second in the G1 Tenno Sho (Autumn) and the aforementioned third in the Arima Kinen. He retires with a mark of 12-5-3-2 and earnings of \$6,521,654.

He is a half-brother to the dam of MGSW and MG1SP Inns of Court (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}). This is the extended family of French Champion Miler Luth Enchantee (Fr) (**Be My Guest**).

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JRA NAMED OFFICIAL PARTNER OF THE IFHA CONFERENCE

The Japan Racing Association (JRA) is the new official partner of the 55th International Conference of Horseracing Authorities. The conference, which is normally held in October, is organised by the International Federation of Horseracing Authorities (IFHA). The JRA will promote Japanese racing on the www.ifhaonline.org and social media channels, while the partnership is also expected to further development of international horse racing and international cooperation.

"We are pleased to have the JRA become our partner for the Federation's signature conference," said IFHA Chairman Louis Romanet. "Our conference, which traditionally is held in Paris, was virtual in 2020 due to COVID-19, but we are hopeful that it will be able to return to its traditional format this year."

"The JRA is delighted to be the partner of the International Conference of Horseracing Authorities," said JRA President and CEO Masayuki Goto. "For more than 50 years, the International Horse Racing Conference has played a major role in the development of the global horse racing industry and enables delegates from all over the world, as well as a number of other racing executives, to exchange information, provide mutual assistance and promote joint research. By becoming a partner of the historical IFHA Conference, JRA hopes to contribute to the further development of international horse racing."

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Wednesday, Happy Valley, Hong Kong

JANUARY CUP H.-G3, HK\$3,500,000 (£331,962/€366,202/A\$579,782/US\$451,416), Happy Valley, 1-6, 3yo/up, 1800mT, 1:48.68, gd.

1--**SAVVY NINE (FR)**, 120, g, 5, by Anodin (Ire)
 1st Dam: **Insan Mala (Ire)** (SW-US, \$123,141), by Bahhare
 2nd Dam: **Madame Claude (Ire)**, by Paris House (GB)
 3rd Dam: **Six Penny Express (Ire)**, by Bay Express (Ire)
1ST STAKES WIN. 1ST GROUP WIN. (€42,000 RNA Ylg '17 ARQAUG; €470,000 HRA '18 ARQARC). O-Julian Hui Chun Hang & Michele Monique Reis; B-Jan Krauze; T-Douglas Whyte; J-Christophe Soumillon; HK\$1,995,000. Lifetime Record: MGSP-Fr, 22-2-4-4, HK\$6,611,810. *Formerly Insandi (Fr). **1/2 to Courcy (Fr) (Mizzen Mast), SW-Fr, \$135,583. **Werk Nick Rating: A. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.**

Purchased by Mandore Agency's Nicolas de Watrigant

2--**Glorious Dragon (Ire)**, 120, g, 6, Teofilo (Ire)--Tipperary Honor (Fr), by Highest Honor (Fr). (€235,000 Ylg '16 ARQOCT). O-LWF Family Syndicate; B-Team Hogdala AB; T-Francis Lui; J-Zac Purton; HK\$770,000.

3--**Singapore Sling (SAf)**, 123, g, 7, Philanthropist--Sing Dixie Sing (SAf), by Western Winter. (R225,000 Ylg '15 CAPJAN). O-Nikki Ng Mien Hua; B-Drakenstein Stud (Nom: Mrs G A Rupert); T-Tony Millard; J-Chad Schofield; HK\$402,500.

Margins: 3/4, 1 1/4, 1. Odds: 29-10, 2-1, 44-5.
 Also Ran: Harmony Victory (Brz), Cinquante Cinq (NZ), Time Warp (GB), Reliable Team (NZ), Bear Again (SAf), Insayshable (Ire), Simply Brilliant (GB). **Click for the HKJC.com chart, PPs and sectional timing. VIDEO. Click for the free Equine.com catalog-style pedigree.**



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HELLBENT & NAVY YEARLINGS FACE LITMUS TEST



Hellbent | Yarraman Park

by Bren O'Brien

In the first of a series on stallions with their first crop of yearlings on offer at next week's Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale, we talk to two men with special early insights into young sires **Hellbent** and **Merchant Navy**.

There are 24 first-season sires with progeny at the Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale. For those who knew the stallions when they were yearlings themselves, their first crop sale results during the 2021 season will be of significant interest.

Comparisons between the stallions and their progeny begins as soon as they are foaled, but hits fever pitch when the yearlings hit the sales ring and the market can fully assess the physical and behavioural similarities.

Among those best-placed to assess where the sires have left their mark are those who bred the stallion, those who raised them and prepared them for yearling sales.

Dr. Richard McClenahan, who, along with his partner Kim, runs Mullaglass Stud, describes Hellbent as the best horse he has ever bred, so naturally, he applies a high standard to the progeny of the Yarraman Park stallion.

"He was very straightforward foal and yearling and he was always a great type. He was very much in the mould of the I Am Invincibles. He definitely was the best horse I have ever bred," he told *TDN AusNZ*.

"I really liked him and he sold very well that year at the Classic Sale (2014). I think his progeny are all in the mould of him and they all look in the mould of I Am Invincible as well. They are very uniform horses."

McLenahan sold Hellbent for \$95,000 through the Dartbrook Downs Thoroughbreds draft at the 2014 Inglis Classic Yearling Sale to J Thorpe. He would later be part-purchased by the Mitchell brothers, and would get his stamp as the heir apparent at Yarraman Park to his own sire when he won the 2018 G1 William Reid S.

While he sold Hellbent as a yearling, McLenahan has since looked to support Hellbent with his own mares and feels the resemblance between he and his progeny extend beyond just the physical similarities.

"I have supported him myself every year and I'm very impressed with the stock I have on the ground and the stock that I have seen around the place. I think they will do quite well," he said.

"He's definitely stamped them all, with the way they look, there is not a lot of variation there, which is good to see.

"He was a pretty calm horse. He had his moments, and could be a little hot headed occasionally, but overall as a yearling he was pretty relaxed and I think his stock are quite similar. The ones we have had at the farm have been all very good to work with and I think that bodes well as they go forward into racing stables."

Born to Run

Hellbent himself didn't make it to the track until June of his 2-year-old season, winning on debut for his first trainer Kurt Goldman but McLenahan expects his yearlings to be even more precocious.

"I think they should be reasonably forward. He should definitely get early enough 2-year-olds," he said.

McLenahan looked to replicate his success with Hellbent, by continuing to breed with his dam, Volkaspray (NZ) (Volksraad {GB}), but she only produced two more foals after that point, and much to his chagrin, was unable to get the filly he desired to keep the bloodlines flowing. She was retired as a broodmare last year after missing for five straight seasons.

With that in mind, it is not surprising McLenahan is anticipating Hellbent's first crop getting to the yearling sales in 2021, including the 39 to be offered on the Gold Coast, 10 of which are part of the Yarraman Park draft.



Merchant Navy | *Coolmore Stud*

An outcross sire like his own father, Hellbent has access to a full suite of quality Australian mares and unsurprisingly covered many mares from the Danehill (USA)-sireline. Fastnet Rock is the most represented damsire among his progeny on the Gold Coast with four, while there are three by daughters of both Commands and Lonhro. There are also yearlings out of mares by champion sires Snitzel, Redoute's Choice and Exceed And Excel.

"He's been so well-supported in his three seasons at stud at far. He's got far better books of mares than his father did at the same point of his career," McLenahan said.

"It's exciting to see them come though. To have him standing at Yarraman Park is very exciting."

Navy Army to Hit the Coast

As a winner of one of Australia's premier stallion-making races, the G1 Coolmore Stud S. as well as the Royal Ascot feature, the G1 Diamond Jubilee S., Merchant Navy's breeding career has been closely followed from the outset.

As a yearling, he was sold for \$350,000 by Segenhoe Stud at the 2016 Inglis Easter Yearling Sale. Segenhoe's General Manager Peter O'Brien is particularly well-placed to assess the progress of his progeny, having also worked closely with Merchant Navy's own sire Fastnet Rock in the earlier part of his breeding career, when he was working with Coolmore.

O'Brien remembers the 2016 sales season as a tricky one for Fastnet Rock, with Merchant Navy the only one that initially met Segenhoe's reserve at the Easter Sale.

"The year we had him at the sales, I recall we had about six Fastnet Rocks at the sale at Easter and we initially passed five of them in. Sometimes stallions have a quiet year and it just happened that was the case with Fastnet that year," he said.

"Merchant Navy himself always had a lot of his mother in him, he had a short back and a big hip. He had a lot of Snippets (his damsire). He looked fast. My personal view of Fastnet colts is that it is those neater types that tend to be the better

racehorses."

The Walk

O'Brien had a good understanding on Merchant Navy's dam, Legally Bay (Snippets), at that point, having previously foaled and raised his two full sisters, Jolie Bay and Zara Bay for breeders Chris and Jane Barham on Kevin and Lesley Maloney's Segenhoe Stud.

O'Brien said Merchant Navy was the most precocious type of the family, but probably didn't get the price he deserved at the sale, primarily because of his walk.

"He didn't have a big walk. He wasn't a big loose-moving horse, having what people would describe a 'sprinter's action'. Some people have commentated that his yearlings aren't exceptional walkers, but that's just the same as him and he could certainly gallop quickly!" he said.

Merchant Navy was equal top-priced first-season stallion at \$55,000 (inc GST) when he debuted in 2018 (he is now \$44,000 inc GST) and the expectation follows that his progeny, of which there are 25 catalogued, will be among the most sought after on the Gold Coast.

O'Brien said two Merchant Navys in Segenhoe's draft are very much in their sire's image, including that walk.

"What I like about the yearlings we have by him is they are short-backed, they have all got big hips. They don't have I would say the 'sale walk', but they look precocious and sharp. We have some belters by him," he said.

"Lot 890, the Thunder Lady, she is just a queen. She is very similar to him in shape as a yearling and would have a better walk. The colt, Lot 876, is out of That's How I Roll, which is a sprinting American family and again, he's in the mould of Merchant, a little bit bigger than what he was a yearling, but a big hip and he looks a sharp 2-year-old."



Peter O'Brien | *Bronwen Healy*

O'Brien said he had seen the occasional Merchant Navy which was a bigger individual, more in the mould of Fastnet Rock, but by far the majority were stamped in the image of their sire in terms of size.

"I am super confident that they will be 2-year-olds and super confident that they will have his great mind. He is the quietest and most laid-back dude you would ever meet in your life. That's the thing that's probably most evident in his offspring, they have beautiful minds," he said.

"The two we have here, they are the first two to finish their grub in the morning and evening and just like their father, they will be beautiful horses to train."

O'Brien will be following what the market makes of Merchant Navy's first yearlings on the Gold Coast, knowing how first impressions can shape commercial decisions.

"There are probably similarities to Snitzel in his first year. They didn't bat it out of the park in terms of big commercial sales results, and I feel he is a bit like him. They are strong, forward horses but we're yet to see if they are great sales horses. To me though, they are racehorses and I think they'll be trainers' horses," he said.

"I feel that whatever money they make this year, they will be making a lot more with the second crop next year."

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Jan. 22	G2 Australia S.	Mooney Valley
Jan. 26	G3 Blue Diamond Preview (f)	Caulfield
Jan. 30	G2 Expressway S.	Rosehill
	G3 Canonbury S.	Rosehill
	G3 Widden S.	Rosehill
	G3 Chairman's S.	Caulfield
	G3 Manfred S.	Caulfield
Feb. 6	G3 Eskimo Prince S.	Warwick Farm
	G1 C.F. Orr S.	Caulfield
	G2 Autumn S.	Caulfield
	G2 Blue Diamond Prelude (f)	Caulfield
	G2 Rubiton S.	Caulfield
	G3 Blue Diamond Prelude (c/g)	Caulfield
	G3 Carlyon Cup	Caulfield
	G3 Geoffrey Belmaine S.	Caulfield



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