

## KENTUCKY SIRES FOR 2021: FIRST SOPHOMORES--PART II



Upstart | Sarah Andrew

by Chris McGrath

This is the second half of the latest instalment in our ongoing survey of covering options for the new breeding season. *The first part can be read here.*

**UPSTART** (Flatter--Party Silks, by Touch Gold) was cleverly named and I think him a very plausible type, likely to rise pretty quickly through the ranks. Certainly there were more than enough "nouveaux riches" among his first juveniles--only **Not This Time** exceeded his 19 winners (from 54 starters)--for him to be pegged at \$10,000 by Airdrie. His principal earner was Reinvestment Risk, who twice chased home speedball Jackie's Warrior (Maclean's Music) in Grade 1s after romping on debut at Saratoga, but a measure of what may be coming down the tracks was the 12-length debut success of Manor House at Laurel just before Christmas.

Remember Upstart himself was multiple Grade I-placed at two, three and four, so expect him to keep consolidating from an opening book of 146 and in the process to ride out a dip in numbers since to 86 and then just 38. Very auspiciously, his first yearlings (whose \$63,608 average exceeded six times his fee) prompted renewed traffic last spring to 90 mares. And actually his second crop maintained value and demand far better than most, 41 of 47 selling for another very fertile yield, relatively speaking, at \$45,159. **Cont. p3**

## STREET SENSE MARE TOPS KEENELAND WEDNESDAY by Jessica Martini

The Keeneland January Horses of All Ages Sale continued into its Book 2 section with a measured session of bidding Wednesday. Five broodmares brought six figures during the session, with the 6-year-old **From the Hood (Street Sense)**, a half-sister to champion Folklore (Tiznow), bringing the day's top price of \$375,000. The mare was consigned by Taylor Made Sales Agency and Chris Baccari made the winning bid.

A colt by **Laoban (hip 1053)** was the session's top-priced short yearling when selling to Rascal Bloodstock for \$70,000. Bred in Ohio by Mark Toothaker and Gigi Chiandussi, the dark bay colt was consigned by Bill Murphy.

During Wednesday's third session of the four-day auction, 255 horses sold for \$4,378,300. The average was \$17,170 and the median was \$7,000. **Cont. p10**

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**KY Sires: First Sophomores--Part II cont. from p1**

In the meantime he had also excelled in a challenging 2-year-old market, his \$104,400 average giving him virtual parity with a far more expensive pair in **Nyquist** and **Frosted**.

There's no mistaking professional enthusiasm for Upstart's stock, physically. But the key is that the speed shown by his earlier types is just a foundation; they're bred and built to stretch, too. I can't imagine that Flatter has had another juvenile clock a triple-digit Beyer, and there's a really wholesome depth and balance to his pedigree.

His dam, a half-sister to a Grade II winner, is by Touch Gold--who combines distaff legends Deputy Minister and Buckpasser. This just looks so good opposite the Secretariat-Buckpasser combination behind Weekend Surprise, mother of Flatter's sire A.P. Indy.



Speightster | PM Photos

One at the same fee who did even better in terms of holding the value of his second crop was **SPEIGHTSTER** (Speightstown-Dance Swiftly, by Danzig), no mean achievement given the sheer volume he had generated at WinStar.

Having opened up with a \$63,680 dividend, virtually identical with Upstart, for 71 yearlings sold from no fewer than 97 offered in his first crop, Speightster managed \$59,153 for 43 of 58 offered this time round. That was sufficient to secure fifth in the averages, and represents a quite remarkable vote of confidence after a solid 15 winners from 63 starters. A couple of those scored at black-type level, though perhaps nothing Speightster has done so far quite equalled the splash of his \$1.1 million son at OBS in the summer.

His profile contrasts sharply with that of Upstart, having blitzed his first three (sophomore maiden/allowance/GIII Dwyer) before derailing on only his fourth start. That may or may not have been the tip of an iceberg, but the pedigree could hardly have been more auspicious. **Cont. p5**



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What a frisson, nowadays, just to see a dam by Danzig--never mind one who is sister to Dance Smartly and half-sister to Smart Strike. This is obviously one of the great Canadian dynasties, while a physical resemblance to his farm's venerable patriarch can only aid Speightster's cause in contesting the succession. He has relentless numbers behind him, too, having opened with books of 174, 150, 124 and 152, so one way or another there's a lot of belief out there.

His buoyancy offers a curious contrast with another who prizes Danzig in the second generation. The first juveniles of **AIR FORCE BLUE** (War Front--Chatham, by Maria's Mon) performed to a very similar level--in fact more winners from fewer runners (17 from 46), albeit just couldn't crack a stakes win--but who suffered quite a slide in the value of his second crop of yearlings: his 34 sales (of 50) this time round realizing

\$46,145, down from the \$98,230 (albeit for only 44 sold of 73 into the ring) on his sales debut.

One obvious difference is that Ashford started him at \$25,000, but he has taken repeated trims and is now down to \$10,000. Another is that Air Force Blue failed to go on after a sensational juvenile career, so we'll now be looking for him to draw on his pedigree to keep his stock progressing with maturity. That's certainly possible: his second dam is full-sister to Flanders (Seeking the Gold), a champion herself and dam of another in Surfside (Seattle Slew), while copper-bottomed influences seed his entire family tree. But you suspect the biggest hesitation has been a reputation



Air Force Blue | Coolmore

made on turf, such a culpable prejudice in the commercial market.

In fact nine of his 17 winners scored on dirt, and this horse deserves a fresh chance at such a friendly fee. **Cont. p5**

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He was a genuinely top-class juvenile for Ballydoyle and it looks a really positive sign that the conveyor belt picked up again last spring when opening books of 153, 106 and 90 were followed by one of 135.

Nobody threw numbers at the track in the same volume as **EXAGGERATOR** (Curlin--Dawn Raid, by Vindication), so 14 winners from as many as 69 starters has to go down as pretty tepid. As many as five, however, managed a stakes podium. Having launched at WinStar off \$30,000, he housed 63 of 103 yearlings in his first crop for \$85,746 but it proved tough going for his 76 into the ring this time, 56 processed at just \$25,982. He has taken a third consecutive cut, to \$15,000, but will maintain the numbers after a fourth book of 104, having opened with 162, 163 and 129.

If this is the kind of industrial process that makes some of us uncomfortable, then Exaggerator did at least demonstrate some

old-school wares in banking \$3.6 million through 15 starts in 16 months, actually bookending his career in the same races as Nyquist. The pair also exchanged verdicts in the Derby and Preakness, one of three Grade I prizes won by an admirable

racehorse of good Canadian family. You'd expect Exaggerator's stock to keep thriving, then, as and when finding their stride.

The same farm launched **TOURIST** (Tiznow--Unbridled Melody, by Unbridled's Song) at \$12,500 but has had to make repeated cuts, now to \$5,000, after failing to find any commercial traction with his first two crops: the first realized \$27,996 for 41 sales (of 58 offered) and this time round he was down to \$14,533 for 16 of 23. With his books dwindling-

-134, 102, 70 and 60--he needs his stock to stick to the program, having himself improved relentlessly through four campaigns until ultimately shocking Tepin (Bernstein) in the GI Breeders' Cup Mile in a race-record 1:31.71. **Cont. p6**



Exaggerator | Sarah Andrew



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## Leading Sires of Weanlings 2020

RK	STALLION	2021 FEE	SOLD	AVERAGE	MEDIAN
1	<b>JUSTIFY</b>	\$125,000	9	\$421,737	\$400,000
2	War Front	\$150,000	2	\$325,000	\$325,000
3	Tapit	\$185,000	2	\$295,000	\$295,000
4	Into Mischief	\$225,000	9	\$281,666	\$310,000

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His in-foal mares in 2020 averaged almost **\$800,000** and included the **\$4,200,000** top-priced broodmare at Fasig-Tipton November, triple G1 winner Bast (**Uncle Mo**)

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**Flintshire** | Louise Reinagel

He laid a feasible base with 13 winners from 43 starters, and the market's distaste for turf meant that he would always be a longer-term project.

Speaking of grass, you can only despair that a horse as accomplished as **FLINTSHIRE (GB)** (Dansili {GB}--Dance Routine {GB}, by Sadler's Wells) should struggle for patronage in Kentucky. Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa now offers him at \$10,000, half his opening fee, after his fourth book sank to just 38. Nobody could be surprised, given his own template, that he mustered only half a dozen winners from his first 36 juveniles. But the fact is that anyone far-sighted enough to support him now will be able to ride the wave as his strong early support from an ownership group including Juddmonte plays out (opened with 121, 89 and 69) in his maturing stock.

It's tiresome to hear people talk so reverently about expanding turf opportunities, or the importance of soundness, when they don't seem to respect even this nugget from the Juddmonte program: by one of the best-bred stallions in Europe out of a Classic-placed mare, he became its richest-ever graduate as a five-time Grade/Group I winner of \$9.5 million (also dual Arc runner-up) whose turn of foot was measured at :44.56 for his closing half-mile in the GI Manhattan. His first crop of yearlings had fared reasonably well, clearing as many as 45 of 52 at \$46,686, but 14 of 25 this time round scraped together a yield of \$19,552. But you reap what you sow and if this industry can only make fast, precocious dirt horses pay, it will someday learn to

regret it.

Turf is only one of the strings to the bow of **MSHAWISH** (Medaglia d'Oro--Thunder Bayou, by Thunder Gulch), fourth of 19 in the G1 Prix du Jockey Club before being imported to win Grade Is, on both surfaces, at five and six. He has taken another cut at Taylor Made, now down to \$7,500 from an opening \$20,000, despite mustering a solid 13 winners from 42 starters.

That reflects the usual dwindling books (just 40 mares last spring, down from 117, 73 and 68) and a dip by his second crop of yearlings to an average \$16,515, for 14 of 19 sold, down from \$39,338 for 42 sales from 56 first time round. But he remains a very wholesome option with his seven consecutive triple-digit Beyers and average earnings of \$100,000 per start through 24 races. His versatility is not just down to his sire, with a dam inbred 3x3 to Storm Bird; while his granddam is a half-sister to the mother of champion Halfbridled (Unbridled). As a longer play, still every chance.

The Albaugh Family team, which brought us Not This Time, offers a value alternative by the same sire in **BRODY'S CAUSE** (Giant's Causeway--Sweet Breanna, by Sahm) at Spendthrift. He made quite an impression with his first juveniles: only half a dozen winners (from 29 starters) but they were good ones: two won at stakes level and four made the podium in graded stakes, notably GIII Iroquois S. winner Sittin On Go and GI Starlet S. runner-up Kalypso, who has since won the GII Santa Ynez S. on the third day of her sophomore career.

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**Mshawish** | Taylor Made



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Like Not This Time, he extends a regal bottom line: his fourth dam, indeed, is by Dr. Fager out of a Bold Ruler half-sister to Secretariat's dam Somethingroyal. His second dam was Grade I-placed and Brody's Cause himself won Grade I races at two and three and, while he didn't last the course, had established himself among the best of his generation and looks a bet to nothing now that he is down to \$5,000 from an opening \$12,500. He does have some weight of numbers, too, with initial books of 101 and 110 before dipping to 63 and 49. After a promising debut at the sales (33 sold of 51 yearlings at \$50,166), he was another to struggle with his second crop (27 sold of 34 at \$25,596) but he is definitely, definitely still in the game--and a viable sanctuary for those priced out of Not This Time.



Hit It a Bomb | Spendthrift

On the same farm, **HIT IT A BOMB** (War Front--Liscanna {Ire}, by Sadler's Wells) has given himself a squeak at the same fee--not just with GII Best Pal winner Weston among his handful of winners, but also with a startling \$330,000 colt at Fasig-Tipton in September. That boosted his second-crop average to \$47,916 for a dozen sold of 15, but even a \$23,500 median was solid after 15 in his first crop averaged \$30,153 (median \$13,000).

These are hardly the industrial numbers familiar on this farm but actually he rallied to 47 mares last spring from a third book of just 20, after opening with 48 and 49. It's all chlorophyll, obviously, but the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf winner is brother to another juvenile Group 1 scorer from a classy family.

Another down to the bottom tier at Spendthrift is **CINCO CHARLIE** (Indian Charlie--Ten Halos, by Marquetry), though he managed no fewer than 14 winners from just 31 starters, including one at stakes level. He also made quite a stir with a \$200,000 filly at the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic 2-Year-Old Sale, albeit seven second-crop yearlings (from 10 into the ring) realized just \$6,600 down from \$20,944 (for 19 of 26) first time round. *Cont. p8*

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Cinco Charlie did match his precocity (Gill Bashford Manor S. second time out) with hardiness, racking up seven black-type wins in 18 starts, so don't rule out farther progress; while his second dam is by none other than Halo.

We know to expect interesting stallions at Crestwood and **TEXAS RED** (Afleet Alex-Ramatuelle {Chi}, by Jeune Homme), rather wonderfully, has earned a hike in fee to \$10,000 from \$7,500 after pulling GII Sorrento S. winner My Girl Red out of his hat. She was among eight scorers from just 19 starters.

Texas Red will have to ride out a couple of quieter years but opening books of 81 and 67 give scope for consolidation and he was, after all, a brilliant runner. His 104 Beyer romping at the Breeders' Cup was backed up in an interrupted sophomore campaign, beating Frosted in the GII Jim Dandy besides running



**Firing Line** | Crestwood

a top-class sprinter in Lord Nelson (Pulpit) to a neck over seven furlongs. A classy South American family also makes him a very accommodating outcross.

Studmate **FIRING LINE** (Line of David--Sister Girl Blues, by Hold for Gold) works from a narrow base but had four winners from his 13 starters. He had sold 20 of 21 yearlings in his first crop, including a colt and filly that each made six figures, while one of his daughters soared to \$210,000 at OBS in June. If things were quieter for his yearlings this time round, Firing Line retains plenty of interest on performance, denied a Grade I at two only by a nose and the Derby itself only by a Triple Crown winner; and also on pedigree, his dam a Grade I-placed sibling to the mothers of two Grade I-winning milers, their line extending to matriarchs Kamar (Key to the Mint) and Square Angel (Quadrangle).

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## 2021 INVESTMENT INCENTIVE INFORMATION

Year-end federal legislation centered on COVID-19 relief and government funding also included a key provision that extends a three-year tax depreciation schedule for all racehorses through 2021.

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418	colt	Speightstown--Sansibar Jewel <i>Breeder: Moyglare Stud Farm (Ky) Consignor: Blandford Stud (Padriag Campion), Agent Purchaser: E. B. S.</i>	270,000	488	filly	Not This Time--Unusual Strike <i>Breeder: Paul Pruett &amp; Lindsay Syler (La) Consignor: Eaton Sales, agent Purchaser: Pat Neary</i>	125,000
649	colt	Uncle Mo--Heat Street <i>Breeder: Aaron Sones (Ky) Consignor: Paramount Sales, Agent IV Purchaser: Jeff Amorello</i>	235,000	627	colt	Violence--Fay Na Na <i>Breeder: Greathouse Equine &amp; Glencrest Farm (Ky) Consignor: Four Star Sales, agent Purchaser: Sallusto &amp; Albina, agents for Rock Brothers Breeding</i>	135,000
686	filly	Speightstown--Kinsey <i>Breeder: Royal Oak Farm &amp; WinStar Farm (Ky) Consignor: Royal Oak Farm (Damian &amp; Braxton Lynch), Agent Purchaser: Patrice Miller, EQB Inc., Agent</i>	230,000	696	colt	Malibu Moon--Leaveminthedust <i>Breeder: Dr Jerry Bilinski (NY) Consignor: Stuart Morris, agent Purchaser: Wallace Ave Bloodstock</i>	100,000
590	colt	City of Light--Create a Dream <i>Breeder: St. Elias Stables (Fr) Consignor: Lane's End, Agent Purchaser: West Bloodstock</i>	200,000	738	colt	Army Mule--Miss Nancy <i>Breeder: Mashnee Stables LLC (NY) Consignor: Hidden Brook, Agent XX Purchaser: Brady Bloodstock</i>	100,000



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Undefeated Grade 1 winner Army Mule winning the Carter H. (G1) by 6 1/4 widening lengths.



**KY Sires: First Sophomores--Part II cont.**

Another to give striking encouragement from a small base is **TAMARKUZ** (Speightstown--Without You Babe, by Lemon Drop Kid) at Shadwell. From just 14 runners, he had five winners including GIII Bob Hope S. winner Red Flag and, though lacking numbers (third book was highest at 57), might merit a roll of the dice at \$7,500 from an opening \$12,500.

Having bowed out beating the next two winners of the Breeders' Cup Classic in the GI Dirt Mile, Tamarkuz is out of a half-sister to two GI Belmont S. runners-up who has also produced a Group 1 miler in Without Parole (GB) (Frankel {GB}). You have to love a second dam by Storm Bird opposite his son Storm Cat as Speightstown's damsire, and the maternal line tapers to some resonant names.

Wins from two to six suggest that his stock will keep flying the flag with maturity; and he also showed versatility in terms of surface. Though his first yearlings excelled, moving on 18 of 20 yearlings at \$68,222, a handful of his second crop made no money to speak of. But one of only four hips at the 2-year-old sales made \$160,000, and Tamarkuz should definitely interest any oddballs out there who might want to breed an actual

racehorse for a small fee.

Beating Tamarkuz for the GII Kelso H. in 1:32.9 is the poster achievement for **ANCHOR DOWN** (Tapit--Successful Outlook, by Orientate), now \$5,000 from an opening \$10,000 at Gainesway. Eight winners from 18 runners was a very good start, given his small books, and he's a half-brother to GI Test S. winner Sweet Lulu (Mr. Greeley). His sale yields are pretty standard for this level, but it should be noted that his clearance rate for both crops of yearlings were extremely high and he also went down well at the 2-year-old sales, with a \$270,000 colt and \$200,000 filly. Competition is obviously tough among heirs to the farm's champion but less so at this level.

There are a handful of others in this intake whose numbers are too precarious to repay much dredging. But the likes of **BIG BLUE KITTEN** (Kitten's Joy--Spent Gold, by Unaccounted For) and **PRODUCER (GB)** (Dutch Art {GB}--River Saint, by Irish River {Fr}) at Calumet, or **V. E. DAY** (English Channel--California Sunset, by Deputy Minister) at Buck Pond Farm, were always going to be longer-term projects and so remain entitled to repay perseverance.

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Tamarkuz || Andrew Watkins/DRC



**Ironicus** | Sarah Andrew

And we should highlight a conspicuous achievement apiece by three who share the same, great damsire: \$2,500 cover **OPTIMIZER** (English Channel--Indy Pick, by A.P. Indy) at Calumet, for pulling a \$190,000 filly out of his hat at Keeneland in September; **IRONICUS** (Distorted Humor--Meghan's Joy, by A.P. Indy) for coming up with an unbeaten stakes winner from his small footprint from Claiborne at \$5,000; and **PROTONICO** (Giant's Causeway--Alpha Spirit, by A.P. Indy), at the same fee, for a potentially game-changing start to 2021.

A rootless start to his stud career can hardly have helped his cause. Yet his three winners from eight starters include Medina Spirit, a \$1,000 yearling who closed to within a length of the Derby favorite in the GIII Sham S. Protonico's second dam is Chilean Horse of the Year and Grade I winner Wild Spirit (Chi) (Hussonet), and a half-length miss in the GI Clark H. left him cents short of millionaire status. Medina Spirit is the kind of flagship that would be trumpeted from the rooftops by farms who throw 200 mares at rookie stallions, so to come up with this dude from an opening book of 34 entitles Castleton Lyons to hope that he could yet claw his way from the back lanes to the highway.

That's the kind of frayed highwire all these horses are walking now. And while many will lose their footing, the great thing is that some of them are suddenly going to break into a run.

**CHRIS McGRATH'S VALUE PODIUM**

**Gold: Frosted** (\$25,000, Darley)

*A champion at the right distance, out of a Deputy Minister mare, and no less likely to succeed now than when he was \$50,000.*

**Silver: Upstart** (\$10,000, Airdrie)

*His record and pedigree guarantee that a fine start by his juveniles is only the beginning.*

**Bronze: Speightster** (\$10,000, WinStar)

*Somehow a lot of people just seem adamant that he's about to take off.*

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**KEEJAN cont. from p1**

At the third session of the five-day 2020 January sale, 226 head sold for \$5,105,200 for an average of \$22,589 and a median of \$12,000.

Taylor Made Sales Agency was the session's leading consignor, selling 54 horses for \$1,108,800.

"It's typical Book 2 January," said Taylor Made's Mark Taylor. "You have one walk in there and it's life and death trying to get someone to raise their hand at \$1,000. Then you have another walk in that's a good-vetting foal and you'll have 10 people trying to bid and there is a good bit of action. At Book 2 of January, you get a little bit of everything. What I think is very, very apparent is that anything that is in the bottom 20% of the market, nobody that is paying the fees and the bills that it takes in Central Kentucky wants to be operating in that environment. They're fleeing to quality. Here it's about trying to find these horses a good home where they can go on and hopefully be successful in a regional market or elsewhere. That's the lay of the land and that is where we are at right now."

Baccari agreed the market was all hit or all miss.

"I think it's like anything, if you have something they are looking for, it's very competitive to get them bought," Baccari said. "If you miss the mark, you miss it completely. But if you are on the mark, you are probably going to be good to go."

Wednesday's session concluded the dispersal of Spry Family Farm. The day's second-highest offering, **Heavenly Sis** (**Hard Spun**), who sold for \$180,000 to WinStar Farm, came from the dispersal, which was handled by Hill 'n' Dale Sales Agency. A total of 41 Spry horses sold at the January sale for \$1,405,900, led by Sand Hill Stables' purchase of the Maclean's Music yearling colt Mac's Prize (**hip 275**) Monday for \$200,000.

The Keeneland January sale concludes with a final session Thursday. Bidding begins at 10 a.m.



**Heavenly Sis** | Keeneland

## Baccari in the Hood

Chris Baccari went to \$375,000 to acquire the well-related **From the Hood (Street Sense) (hip 1019)** from the Taylor Made Sales Agency consignment at Keeneland Wednesday. The 6-year-old mare, in foal to Fast Anna, is a half-sister to champion Folklore (Tiznow) and to Delightful Quality (Elusive Quality), dam of likely 2-year-old Eclipse champion Essential Quality (Tapit). Folklore is also the second dam of last year's Japanese Triple Crown winner Contrail (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}).

"The thing with her family, that female pedigree, all of those daughters are reproducing if you look down the list right now," Baccari said. "All of them are reproducing."



**From the Hood** | Keeneland photo

Baccari already has another member of the family in Miss Moon (Malibu Moon), a daughter of Folklore, whose son Savile Row (Quality Road) was a first-out winner for trainer Bob Baffert and SF Racing, Starlight Racing, Madaket Stables, Golconda Stables, Siena Farm and Robert Masterson.

"Miss Moon just throws really good-looking individuals that can run," Baccari said. "That's very hard for me, as a person who both races and sells commercially, to find. If I am selling commercially, I have to have mares that are going to throw the quality look that you need with the pedigree behind it. And she has that."

Baccari continued, "I really want to have the best mares I can get my hands on to bring them back to the farm, so people will know that we raise a good quality horse. And you have to have good mares who can get big results."

Baccari said mating plans were still undecided on From the Hood, but added, "The best thing about this mare is you can breed her to anything. She has the size, the scope, the strength, she has enough bone. There is nothing really to fix on her."

From the Hood, bred by Godolphin and a \$47,000 Keeneland September yearling purchase in 2016, made just one start for V-

Leaf Stables and trainer Michael Tomlinson.

"It's arguably the hottest pedigree going," said consignor Mark Taylor. "You could have a [Kentucky] Derby winner out of that pedigree and you have Contrail, who is a Japanese equivalent to a Triple Crown winner. The whole page has just exploded. I think it was a fair price. I had her in the \$350,000 to \$500,000 range. She's a beautiful mare and I think Chris Baccari made a good buy. I think that he's got a good shot to make money in the long run whether he keeps her or turns her over."

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### KEENELAND JANUARY SALE WEDNESDAY'S TOP MARES

HIP	NAME	STATUS	PRICE (\$)
<b>1019</b>	<b>From the Hood</b> <i>(6, Street Sense--Contrive, by Storm Cat)</i> <i>Consigned by Taylor Made Sales Agency, Agent XXXII</i> <i>Purchased by Baccari Bloodstock</i>	<b>i/f Fast Anna</b>	<b>375,000</b>
<b>1042</b>	<b>Heavenly Sis</b> <i>(5, Hard Spun--Enhancing, by Forestry)</i> <i>Consigned by Hill 'n' Dale Sales Agency,</i> <i>Agent for the Dispersal of Spry Family Farm</i> <i>Purchased by WinStar Farm</i>	<b>broodmare prospect</b>	<b>180,000</b>
<b>0808</b>	<b>Risk Model</b> <i>(4, Into Mischief--Boleyn, by Proud Citizen)</i> <i>Consigned by Elite, agent</i> <i>Purchased by Hidden Brook, agent</i>	<b>racing/b'mare prospect</b>	<b>160,000</b>
<b>0865</b>	<b>Ten Demerits</b> <i>(6, Into Mischief--Pussycat Doll, by Real Quiet)</i> <i>Consigned by Hunter Valley Farm, agent</i> <i>Purchased by Trackside Farm, agent</i>	<b>i/f Girvin</b>	<b>160,000</b>
<b>1109</b>	<b>Mo Emma</b> <i>(3, Uncle Mo--American Cleopatra, by Pioneerof the Nile)</i> <i>Consigned by Hill 'n' Dale Sales Agency,</i> <i>Agent for the Dispersal of Spry Family Farm</i> <i>Purchased by Zilli Racing</i>	<b>broodmare prospect</b>	<b>120,000</b>

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**WEDNESDAY'S TOP SHORT YEARLINGS**

HIP	SEX	SIRE   DAM	PRICE (\$)
1053	colt	Laoban--Jade	70,000
<i>Breeder: Mark Allen Toothaker &amp; Gigi Chiandussi (Oh)</i>			
<i>Consignor: Bill Murphy, Agent V</i>			
<i>Purchaser: Rascal Bloodstock</i>			
0958	colt	Shaman Ghost--Chickasaw Gal	55,000
<i>Breeder: Usquebaugh Stables (Ky)</i>			
<i>Consignor: Vinery Sales, Agent XXVIII</i>			
<i>Purchaser: Cedar Rock Ranch</i>			
1096	colt	Always Dreaming--Miminegash	55,000
<i>Breeder: SF Bloodstock</i>			
<i>Consignor: Bedouin Bloodstock, agent</i>			
<i>Purchaser: Steven W. Young, agent</i>			
0829	colt	Tapwrit--Shimmering Tale	47,000
<i>Breeder: Clifton Farm (Ia)</i>			
<i>Consignor: Clifton Farm LLC</i>			
<i>Purchaser: Chad Schumer, agent</i>			



**HERBENER EMPLOYEE DIES AT KEENELAND JANUARY SALE**

*by Bill Finley*

Ricardo Ramirez, who was working at the Keeneland January sale for consignor James Herbener, Jr., passed away Tuesday, dying of an apparent heart attack. He was 66.

Herbener said that Ramirez was about to bring a yearling into the sales ring when the incident occurred.

"Yesterday, he was walking a yearling going up to the ring," Herbener explained. "He was in the back walking ring and he just collapsed. We think it was a heart attack. The coroner called me after that and asked some questions. He had apparently had COVID in November, so there's a possibility there were underlying conditions with his heart that nobody knew about. The coroner said that he had no trauma."

Herbener expressed his frustration that Ramirez was not dealt with more quickly after collapsing.

"It's kind of a shame," he said. "The response was kind of slow, getting to him. We told them he had just collapsed, that he wasn't kicked. But they didn't want to be pushing on his chest. I don't know if he could have been saved. After the four or five seconds it took for me to get there, it looked like he was leaving us. But if he could have been saved, way too much time went by."

Herbener said that Ramirez only worked for him at the sales and drove a cab in Lexington during the rest of the year. He added that Ramirez had worked in the horse industry in Central Kentucky for more than 30 years and had previously worked at Ashford Stud.

"He had a house in Versailles and came from a really nice family," Herbener said. "I know that he had a daughter and had been married to his wife for quite some time. He's someone who had done real well for himself since he came to this country from Mexico."

He continued, "Here's someone who left for work in the morning and never made it home. You never know when you're time is going to come. It's pretty sad."

Keeneland issued a statement regarding Ramirez's death Tuesday.

"Keeneland is deeply saddened by the death of Mr. Ramirez, and we send our heartfelt condolences to his family, friends and co-workers," Keeneland President and CEO Shannon Arvin said. "The safety and welfare of everyone on Keeneland's grounds is paramount. It is for this reason that Keeneland's first response team completes regular training in the management of emergency situations. As with every incident, we are conducting a thorough after-action review and continuously strive to ensure the safest environment possible for our participants."

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SESSION TOTALS	2021	*2020
• Catalogued	407	374
• No. Offered	315	297
• No. Sold	255	226
• RNAs	60	71
• % RNAs	19.0%	23.9%
• High Price	\$375,000	\$400,000
• No. Over \$200k	1	3
• Gross	\$4,378,300	\$5,105,200
• Average	\$17,170	\$22,589
• Median	\$7,000	\$12,000

CUMULATIVE TOTALS	2021	
• Catalogued	1226	
• No. Offered	935	
• No. Sold	708	
• RNAs	227	
• % RNAs	24.3%	
• High Price	\$925,000	
• Gross	\$39,793,100	
• Average	\$56,205	
• Median	\$20,000	

\*2020 Figures include post-sale transactions.

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# TOP KENTUCKY OAKS CONTENDERS

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## THE TDN OAKS TOP 10 FOR JANUARY 14

by Bill Finley



**Vequist** | Breeders' Cup/Eclipse Sportswire

With the year having just begun, it will take a while for the picture for the GI Kentucky Oaks to come into focus. For now, the fillies who thrived last year dominate this Top 10 list, but that can, and likely will, change as the calendar works its way toward the first Friday in May and new names emerge in the major preps for the Oaks.

It is, at the very least, a solid group, headed by GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies winner Vequist, who will be named the champion 2-year-old filly of 2020. For her, and several others on the list, it will all come down to whether or not they peaked at two or if they have made a successful transition from their freshmen campaigns to their 3-year-old campaigns.

Saturday's racing will include the first 2021 Oaks prep of any kind as a field of nine will compete in the Silverbulletday S. at Fair Grounds. All eyes will be on Sun Path, a blowout winner of an allowance race in New Orleans last month. She is trained by Brad Cox, who won last year's Oaks with Shedaresthedevil (Daredevil).

### 1) VEQUIST (**Nyquist--Vero Amore**, by Mineshaft)

O-Gary Barber, Wachtel Stable & Swilcan Stable. B-Swilcan Stables (KY). T-Robert E. Reid, Jr. Sales History: \$120,000 RNA ylg '19 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: MGISW, 4-2-2-0, \$1,235,500. Last Start: 1st **GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies**, KEE, Nov. 6  
Accomplishments Include: 1st **GI Spinaway S.**, SAR, Sept. 6, 2nd **GI Frizette S.**, BEL, Oct. 10  
Next Start: GII Davona Dale S., GP, Feb. 27  
**Equiline PPs.** KY Oaks Points: 24



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With victories in the GI Spinaway S. and in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies last year, she was clearly the most accomplished 2-year-old filly of 2020. There's nothing not to like about the daughter of Nyquist, who has displayed speed, class and the ability to win around two turns and at a mile-and-a-sixteenth.

Soon to be named the champion 2-year-old filly of 2020, Vequist had her first work of 2021 Saturday when she breezed a half-mile in 49.45 at Palm Meadows.

"Right after the Breeders' Cup we sent her to Barry Eisman's place in Ocala for a little R & R," trainer Butch Reid said. "She had a nice six weeks off while there and I then brought her to Palm Meadows. She had her first breeze Saturday and went a nice half-mile in 49 and change. That served to wake her up. All systems are go."

And how has she done since her break?

"There are a couple of guys in my barn here at Palm Meadows who happened to be in our barn last summer at Saratoga and they remarked how much she had grown and how much weight she had put on since last summer," Reid said. "Sometimes, it's a little deceiving to your own eyes when you see them every day, but these guys hadn't seen her in six months and they thought she looked like a different horse. They did a sensational job with her at Ocala. She's put on weight and she's really maturing."



Sun Path | Hodges Photography

**2) SUN PATH (Munnings--Touch the Star, by Tapit)**

'TDN Rising Star' O/B-Juddmonte Farms Inc. (KY). T-Brad Cox.

Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, \$91,892.

Last Start: 1st *Alw*, Dec. 18, FG

Next Start: Silverbulletday S., FG, Jan. 16

Equineline PPs. KY Oaks Points: 0

Could be the best among the "new faces" that did not run in the Breeders' Cup. After finishing second in her debut, the 'TDN Rising Star' won a maiden at Churchill by three lengths and followed that up with a 12 3/4-length romp in an allowance on Dec. 18 at Fair Grounds. She is a full-sister to Bonny South, the winner of the 2020 GII Fair Grounds Oaks.

"At this stage of the game, she's better [than Bonny South]," Cox said. "She showed more this summer than Bonny showed as a 2-year-old. She's got a long way to go to catch up to Bonny's accomplishments, but at this stage of the game, there's more talent and speed there and she does things maybe a touch easier."

Owned by Juddmonte Farms, trained by Cox and ridden by Florent Geroux, she is certainly in capable hands. Cox has won two of the last three runnings of the Kentucky Oaks.

Her one flaw may be how she gets out of the gate. She broke through the gate prior to the start of the allowance race and she also had gate problems in her two previous starts.

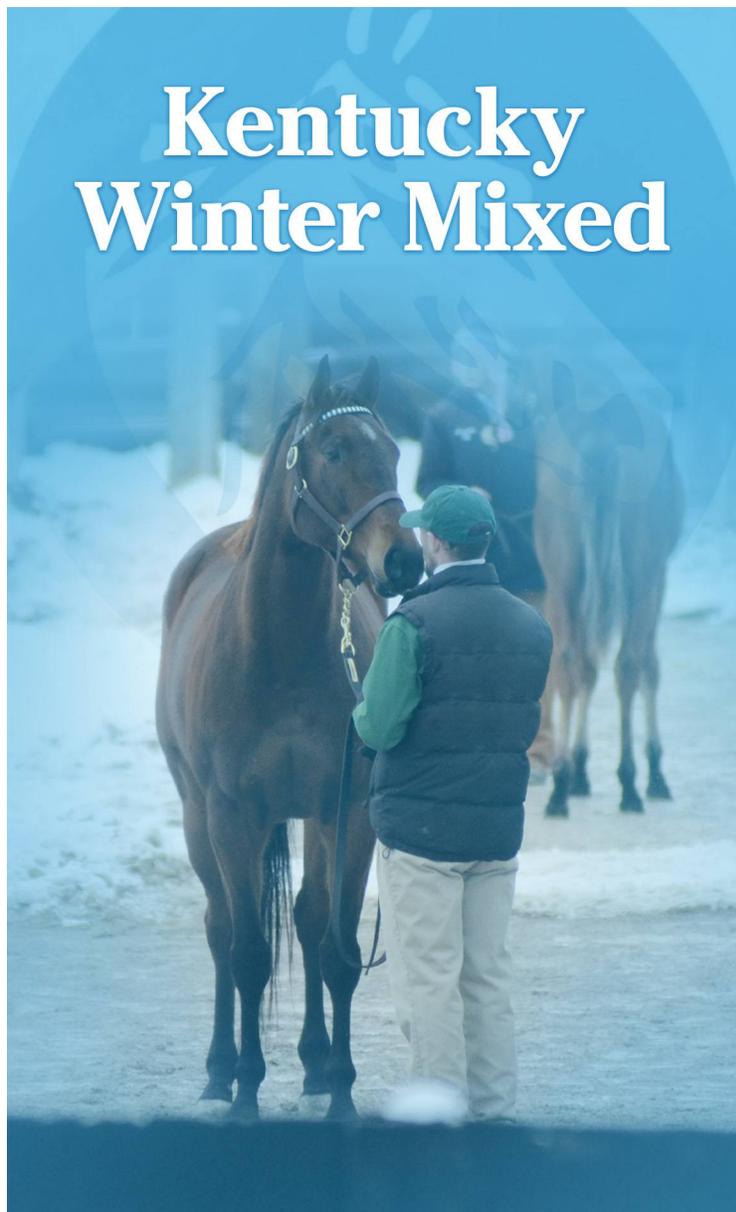
Will be in action this weekend, heading the Silverbulletday.

**3) DAYOUTOFTHEOFFICE (Into Mischief--Gottahaveadream, by Indian Charlie)**

O-Blazing Meadows Farm & Siena Farm. B-Siena Farms (KY). T-Timothy Hamm. Lifetime Record: GISW, 4-3-1-0, \$556,500.

Last Start: 2nd *GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies*, KEE, Nov. 6

Accomplishments Include: 1st *GI Frizette S.*, BEL, Oct. 10, 1st *GIII Schuylerville S.*, SAR, July 16 *Cont. p15*



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**Dayoutoftheoffice cont.**

Next Start: Undecided

Equine PPs. KY Oaks Points: 18



Like Vequist, Dayoutoftheoffice spent some time in Ocala relaxing after she finished second in the Juvenile Fillies and only recently returned to the Tampa Bay Downs barn of trainer Tim Hamm.

"She's put on some weight and she seems happy," Hamm said. "She's doing great."

The daughter of Into Mischief snuck up on a lot of people when she won the GIII Schuylerville S. at Saratoga by six lengths as a 19-1 outsider. She followed that up with a two-length win in the GI Frizette S. and was the third choice in the Juvenile Fillies at 4-1. She ran well that day to finish second, but it was a performance that raises some questions. In her first try around two turns, she led in the stretch before Vequist ran by her for the win. Could she have distance limitations? That's a question that will likely be answered early on in 2021.

Hamm said she will make her 3-year-old debut in either the Davona Dale or the GIII Honeybee S. on March 6 at Oaklawn.

**4) TRAVEL COLUMN (Frosted--Swingit, by Victory Gallop)**

 **'TDN Rising Star'** O-OXO Equine. B-Mr. & Mrs. Bayne Welker, Jr. & Denali Stud (KY). T-Brad Cox. Sales History: \$850,000 ylg '19 FTSAUG. Lifetime Record: GSW, 3-2-0-1, \$209,184.

Last Start: 1st GII Golden Rod S., CD, Nov. 28

Accomplishments Include: 3rd GI Darley Alcibiades S., KEE, Oct. 2

Next Start: GII Rachel Alexandra S. presented by Fasig-Tipton, FG, Feb. 13

Equine PPs. KY Oaks Points: 12



Another Brad Cox runner and 'TDN Rising Star' who prospered later on in the year and now has designs on the Kentucky Oaks. A \$850,000 purchase at the 2019 Fasig-Tipton Saratoga Yearling sale, she didn't run particularly well when a distant third in the GI Darley Alcibiades S., but was a much different horse when recording an impressive win in the GII Golden Rod S. at Churchill Downs. She wound up last behind moderate fractions after being knocked around at the start and had to alter course in the stretch to find running room. Still, she prevailed by a length. Daughter of Frosted looks like she can improve and should be a major player on the road to the Oaks.

**5) MALATHAAT (Curlin--Dreaming of Julia, by A.P. Indy)**

**'TDN Rising Star'** O-Shadwell Stable. B-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings (KY). T-Todd Pletcher. Sales History: \$1,050,000 ylg '19 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: GSW, 3-2-0-0, \$172,150.

Last Start: 1st GII Demoiselle S., AQU, Dec. 5

Accomplishments Include: 1st Tempted S., AQU, Nov. 6

Next Start: GII Davona Dale S., GP, Feb. 27

Equine PPs. KY Oaks Points: 10



There appears to be a lot of upside to this filly who went for seven figures at the yearling sales and now runs for Shadwell Stable. The 'TDN Rising Star' is three for three and already has a win at a mile-and-an-eighth, in the GII Demoiselle S. at Aqueduct. That she is by Curlin suggest that the best is yet to come.

In some respects, the Demoiselle was not her most impressive performance. Sent off at 2-5, she looked beaten in mid-stretch but had enough class to grind out a win by three-quarters of a length in a race run over a sloppy track.

"She was never comfortable and not running into a spot I wanted," jockey John Velazquez said afterward. "She never really put that much effort into keeping a spot. Finally, when I tipped her out heading to the quarter-pole, she started running."

While this could be the year that Malathaath blossoms, she will need to run faster. Her best Beyer number so far is the 83 she got when winning the Tempted S. She got a 76 in the Demoiselle.



Malathaath | Sarah Andrew

**6) GIRL DADDY (Uncle Mo--*Cara Marie*, by Unbridled's Song)**  
**'TDN Rising Star'** O-Albaugh Family Stables. B-China Horse Club International Ltd. (KY). T-Dale Romans. Sales History: \$500,000 ylg '19 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: GSW & GISP, 3-2-0-1, \$321,240. Last Start: 3rd *GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies*, KEE, Nov. 6  
 Accomplishments Include: 1st *GIII Pocahontas S.*, CD, Sept. 3  
 Next Start: Undecided  
 Equineline PPs. KY Oaks Points: 14



Daughter of Uncle Mo was a creditable third in the Juvenile Fillies, losing the place position by a nose, in what was her first career defeat. She earned a 90 Beyer figure that day, the best of her brief career. She had been impressive in her two earlier starts, a maiden win at Ellis Park and a two-length victory in the GIII Pocahontas at Churchill Downs. There are no serious knocks on the 'TDN Rising Star', but she may have to improve to be able to beat the likes of Vequist and some others. Will try to give trainer Dale Romans his first Oaks win.



Girl Daddy | Coady

**7) SIMPLY RAVISHING (Laoban--*Four Wishes*, by More Than Ready)**

 O-Harold Lerner, Magdalena Racing & Nehoc Stables. B-Meg Levy (NY). T-Ken McPeek. Sales History: \$50,000 ylg '19 FTKOCT. Lifetime Record: GISW, 5-3-0-0, \$414,200. Last Start: 4th *GII Golden Rod S.*, CD, Nov. 28  
 Accomplishments Include: 1st *GI Darley Alcibiades S.*, KEE, Oct. 2, 1st *P.G. Johnson S.*, SAR, Sept. 3  
 Next Start: Undecided  
 Equineline PPs. KY Oaks Points: 13



Hard to get a read on this filly. Trainer Ken McPeek, so adept at finding quality horses at the sales for modest prices, plucked this one out of the Fasig-Tipton Kentucky October Yearling sale for \$50,000. She won her first three races, including the GI Alcibiades, and it looked like she might be on her way to championship honors. Instead, she finished fourth in the Breeders' Cup and followed that up with a fourth-place finish in the Golden Rod as the 7-10 favorite. At the very least, she will need to return to the form she showed in the Alcibiades to be considered a top Oaks contender. Did she peak too early?



Simply Ravishing | Coglianesi

**8) KALYPSO (Brody's Cause--*Malibu Cove*, by Malibu Moon)**

 O-David A. Bernsen, Rockingham Ranch & Chad Littlefield. B-Spendthrift Farm (KY). T-Bob Baffert. Sales History: \$240,000 ylg '19 FTKJUL. Lifetime Record: GSW & GISP, 5-2-2-1, \$245,600. Last Start: 1st *GII Santa Ynez S.*, SA, Jan. 3  
 Accomplishments Include: 1st *Anoakia S.*, SA, Oct. 18, 2nd *GI Starlet S.*, LRC, Dec. 5  
 Next Start: *GII Las Virgenes S.*, SA, Feb. 6  
 Equineline PPs. KY Oaks Points: 14

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Early indications are that the California-based 3-year-old fillies are not a particularly strong group. The Beyer numbers for most of their races have been on the slow side. For now, Kalypso looks as good as any. A \$240,000 purchase at the Fasig-Tipton Kentucky Select Yearling Sale, she improved quite a bit to win the GII Santa Ynez S. over stablemate Frosteria (Frosted), who is still a maiden, for the Bob Baffert barn. The Santa Ynez is a seven-furlong race, so she still needs to show that she can thrive at longer distances. While this one is not worthy as of yet of cracking the top three or four, it would be a mistake to discount anything that Baffert sends out. **Cont. p17**

**9) VARDA (Distorted Humor--She'll Be Right, by Sky Mesa)**

 O-Baoma Corporation. B-Masters 2013 & Distorted Humor Syndicate (NY). T-Bob Baffert. Sales History: \$100,000 ylg '19 SARAUG; \$700,000 2yo '20 OBSAPR.

Lifetime Record: GISW, 3-2-1-0, \$254,500.

Last Start: 1st **GI Starlet S.**, LRC, Dec. 5

Accomplishments Include: 2nd **GII Chandelier S.**, SA, Sept. 26

Next Start: GII Las Virgenes S., SA, Feb. 6

**Equineline PPs.** KY Oaks Points: 14

Another horse from the Baffert stable, the good news is that she is a Grade I winner, which she accomplished in the GI Starlet S. at Los Alamitos. The bad news is that she hasn't run nearly fast enough to be considered among the best in her division. Sent off at 17-1 in the five-horse Starlet, her time for the mile-and-a-sixteenth was 1:44 2/5, good for just a 68 Beyer. That puts her 25 points behind Vequist's best. That doesn't mean she can't improve. But will need to post a significantly faster number before climbing to the top of this list.

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**Souper Sensational** | Michael Burns

**10) SOUPER SENSATIONAL (Curlin--Kateri, by Indian Charlie)**

 **'TDN Rising Star'** O-Live Oak Plantation. B-Newtownanner Stud (KY). T-Mark Casse. Sales History: \$725,000 ylg '19 FTSAUG. Lifetime Record: SW, 2-2-0-0, \$77,753.

Last Start: 1st **Glorious Song S.**, WO, Oct. 17

Next Start: Silverbulletday S., FG, Jan. 16

**Equineline PPs.** KY Oaks Points: 0

**NEWTOWNANNER STUD BRED & RAISED**

She's never run outside of Canada and has only raced on a synthetic surface, so she is a bit of an unknown as she heads into Saturday's Silverbulletday at Fair Grounds. A \$725,000 buy at the 2019 Fasig-Tipton Saratoga Yearling sale, she runs for Live Oak Plantation and trainer Mark Casse. The 'TDN Rising Star'

looked outstanding in her two career starts, winning easily in a maiden event at Woodbine before following that up with a four-length win in the Glorious Song S. Another who is by Curlin, so there's no reason why she won't keep getting better.

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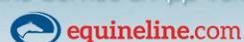
*By Dan Ross*

With many wheels of California's daily industry operations greased through wagering made at bricks and mortar venues, a pandemic-driven wholesale betting shift towards ADW platforms has thrown a sizeable wrench into the works, prompting something of a fiscal scramble to readjust.

**Just last week**, the Southern California Stabling & Vanning Racing Committee announced a set of stop-gap funding measures to grapple with a \$2-million deficit and maintain the stabling status-quo in the southern portion of the state during 2021.

On Wednesday, the **Thoroughbred Owners of California** ("TOC") announced a new "purse enhancement" program with TVG, Del Mar Thoroughbred Club, and The Stronach Group's 1/ST Racing to inject up to \$15 million into California Thoroughbred purses in 2021 and 2022.

"California racing has always been very important to TVG, and we are committed to continuing our support of the racing industry here, especially given the challenging circumstances the industry faced in 2020," said TVG CEO Kip Levin, in the press release. **Cont. p18**

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**California ADWs cont.**

"We feel the right strategy is to partner with the stakeholders to further strengthen what has always been a premier racing circuit in the United States."

In October, the **TDN reported** that during the first eight months of 2020--when compared to the same period in 2018--the number of races had declined 30%, and while the overall handle declined 18.8%, purses dropped more than 26%.

During that time, overall purses in the state dropped from about \$87 million in 2018 to around \$64 million in 2020--a near 30% decline. The press release, however, makes a number of financial projections under the new agreement.

Santa Anita Park recently announced a 10% across the board purse increase for its 2020-2021 Winter/Spring Meet, putting the daily purse average around the \$533,000 mark, making Santa Anita Park "competitive with the top circuits in the U.S. despite not receiving any casino revenues or government subsidies," the press release states.

Under the new program, the Del Mar Thoroughbred Club is projected to increase average daily purse levels to over \$600,000 in 2021.

"This is a great development for California horse racing," said Craig Fravel, The Stronach Group's CEO of Racing. "Along with our horsemen and regulators, we instituted historic safety reforms starting in 2019. We believe these reforms and the enhanced purses previously announced have created a great racing environment that has already attracted top stakes horses, trainers and riders from all over the country to our current Santa Anita Winter/Spring meet."

Del Mar's president, Josh Rubinstein, said that, "Coming off our extraordinarily successful summer and fall meets in 2020, these increased purses, coupled with the growing excitement for the 2021 Breeders' Cup World Championships, sets us up for a fantastic 2021."

According to TOC president, Greg Avioli, "This unprecedented level of partnership among California's horsemen and women, FanDuel/TVG, The Stronach Group and Del Mar is just the beginning. With sports wagering on the horizon and its potential to both add millions more to purse accounts and to create new horse players, combined with the successful safety and welfare measures instituted over the last two years by our race tracks, we are well on the way to returning California to its historic place as the country's premier racing circuit."

There is pushback, however. According to the **Paulick Report**, Churchill Downs Inc.'s ADW company, TwinSpires, does not go along with the agreement-prefaced upon ADW platforms accepting a lower fee on all wagers from California residents--and the matter will reportedly go to arbitration.

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**STARLIGHT RACING'S JACK WOLF JOINS TDN WRITERS' ROOM**

Fresh off a dominant Grade I win by his Starlight Racing's Charlatan (Speightstown) and a newly-minted 'TDN Rising Star' for his outfit, Jack Wolf joined the TDN Writers' Room **presented by Keeneland** Wednesday morning. Calling in via Zoom as the **Green Group Guest of the Week**, Wolf talked about the highs and lows of 2020 with his barn star, Thoroughbred aftercare and more.

Charlatan's 3-year-old campaign featured dazzling victories but also a disqualification for a positive drug test in the GI Arkansas Derby and a long layoff that forced him to miss the GI Kentucky Derby. Luckily for Starlight, they also owned a piece of a colt named Authentic (Into Mischief) who carried the flag to a Derby victory and presumptive Horse of the Year trophy.

"It was a roller coaster," Wolf said. "Initially we had three big horses in there of which Charlatan looked like he was probably going to be the best of the three with Eight Rings and Authentic. Then all this stuff happened. We went to Arkansas and got the disqualification there, then we had to remove a small chip [in his ankle] and that put everything up in the air. In any case, when you've got somebody like Bob Baffert adjusting to all these changes, I think we have a little bit of an advantage over everybody else. Then we had Authentic, who [because of the Derby postponement] had seven weeks between the Haskell and the Derby. I don't think Authentic would have won the Derby if it was run May 2, and it all just worked out. Crazy business."

Two weeks after Charlatan's devastating GI Malibu S. win, 3-year-old filly Joustler (Noble Mission {GB}) kept Starlight spirits high with an 8 3/4-length maiden romp Sunday at Gulfstream to earn '**Rising Star**' honors. The \$360,000 Fasig-Tipton Saratoga buy was a beaten favorite in her first two starts on dirt before relishing the turf in Sunday's graduation. **Cont. p19**

**Podcast cont.**

“I think we’ve got her on the right surface now,” Wolf said. “The field that she beat the other day, there were some pretty nice horses. I was talking to one of our partners last night and he asked if I thought we’d win the race. I was at the race. So, I’m not going to go down there without thinking we’re going to win the thing. But, in any case, I didn’t think we’d win by 8 3/4 lengths. She’ll probably run in an allowance race next and we’ll point for something like the Belmont Oaks and some of those longer turf races, in the summer.”

Elsewhere on the show, the writers reacted to the passing of Juddmonte Farms’ Khalid Abdullah, discussed the swift industry backlash to Eric Guillot in the [West Point Thoroughbreds](#) news segment and looked forward to the beginning of Derby prep season. [Click here to watch the podcast](#); [click here for the audio-only version](#).

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## GULFSTREAM BROADCASTER BLEWITT TO JOIN WEST POINT



Jason Blewitt | Courtesy of West Point Thoroughbreds

Jason Blewitt, host of Gulfstream Park’s racing broadcasts for the past four years, will join West Point Thoroughbreds in a partner account representative role. The former New York Racing Association (NYRA) broadcaster will begin his new role in February.

“Jason is a terrific addition to our team—not only he is a great communicator, but first and foremost he loves horse racing, and that shines through to anyone who has seen his work for Gulfstream or NYRA or has talked to him in person,” said Terry Finley, the founder and chief executive officer of West Point Thoroughbreds. “He is a pro, with the knowledge that comes from poring over major league racing on a daily basis for more

than two decades. He knows the players, the pedigrees, and our industry from top to bottom.”

Blewitt and his wife, Kristina, will be based in Fort Lauderdale.

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## KENTUCKY WINTER MIXED CATALOGUE NOW ONLINE

Fasig-Tipton has catalogued 580 entries for the main catalogue of its Kentucky Winter Mixed Sale, to be held Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 8 and 9, in Lexington. Sessions will begin each day at 10 am.

The sale will also feature a supplemental catalogue that will be available online and on the sales grounds. Fasig-Tipton will continue to accept supplemental entries over the next couple of weeks.

Hips 1-324 will be offered in the Monday session. Hips 325-580, followed by the supplemental catalogue, will be offered in the Tuesday session.

“The main catalogue has grown and improved once again this year, offering buyers additional opportunities at this last breeding stock sale of the season,” said Fasig-Tipton President Boyd Browning. “We have our usual strong group of racing and broodmare prospects catalogued, but also increased quality among the in-foal mares. A large group of nearly 250 ‘short’ yearlings should prove very popular, as well.”

The Kentucky Winter Mixed Sale catalogue may now be viewed [online](#). Print catalogues will be available beginning Jan. 21. The catalogue will also be available via the equine sales catalogue app.

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## ECLIPSE FINALISTS TO BE ANNOUNCED SATURDAY

TVG will televise live the announcement of the finalists for the 2020 Eclipse Award Saturday at noon ET. TVG also will televise live the 50th Eclipse Awards ceremony, presented by Spendthrift Farm, Thursday, Jan. 28 at 8 p.m. ET. The ceremony also will be streamed on additional outlets.

The Eclipse Awards, honoring excellence in Thoroughbred racing, are voted upon by NTRA, represented by member racetrack racing officials and Equibase field personnel, NTWAB and *Daily Racing Form*, and are produced by the NTRA.

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## 2020 VIRGINIA BREEDERS FUND AWARDS PAY 40%

Virginia-bred **Largent's** (Into Mischief) three stakes and two allowance wins in 2020 triggered an \$81,738 Virginia Breeders Fund bonus award for Lazy Lane Farm in Upperville, tops among any horse and breeding farm in the Commonwealth. Lazy Lane Farm in Upperville topped all breeders with \$176,385 in overall bonus earnings courtesy of 17 winners.

Virginia Breeders awards took a big step forward in 2020, averaging 40% of each winning purse at tracks across North America compared with 22% in 2019.

"I'm extremely excited that the Virginia breeders are starting to reap the rewards from the growing revenue streams we have now in Virginia," said Virginia Thoroughbred Association Executive Director Debbie Easter. "We certainly don't breed as many horses as we once did, but I have to believe that our breeders are as happy as they have ever been. What other state pays a 40% breeders bonus for a win anywhere in North America? What's even better is I expect that percentage to increase in the coming years. Right now, it really pays to breed horses in Virginia."

A total of \$50,000 in stallion awards were distributed among three owners with 15 winners and combined purse earnings of \$345,510. Horses sired by Smallwood Farms' Friend or Foe won six and took \$34,470 of the stallion reward pool. Mr. Buff led the way again with a trio of stakes scores in New York.

Between Virginia-bred and stallion awards, \$1 million in bonuses will be distributed via the Breeders Fund. The Virginia Breeders Fund is generated by 1% of every dollar wagered in Virginia on live racing and via OTB and ADW betting.

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## AMERICA'S DAY AT THE RACES RETURNS

### SATURDAY

America's Day at the Races returns Saturday in what will be the first of 22 days of the telecast to air throughout January, February and March on FOX Sports. It will air on FS1 from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. and will feature live racing from Fair Grounds, including the GIII Lecomte S. and Silverbulletday S.

Presented in 2021 by America's Best Racing and Claiborne Farm, the telecasts will feature live racing from the Aqueduct winter meet as well as partner tracks, including Fair Grounds Race Course, Oaklawn Park, Tampa Bay Downs and others. NYRA will announce the complete spring schedule for America's Day at the Races later in 2021.

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**Saturday, Fair Grounds, post time: 6:49 p.m. EST**

**LECOMTE S.-GIII, \$200,000, 3yo, 1 1/16m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Midnight Bourbon 🦄	Tiznow	Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC	Asmussen	Santana, Jr.	122
2	Arabian Prince 🦄	Mshawish	West Point Thoroughbreds and Sandbrook, William	Stewart	Hernandez, Jr.	122
3	Beep Beep	Tapizar	Marylou Whitney Stables	Casse	Talamo	122
4	Proxy	Tapit	Godolphin, LLC	Stidham	Murrill	122
5	Regular Guy	Bernardini	Coffeepot Stables	Catalano	Mena	122
6	Game Day Play	Violence	Tom R. Durant	Calhoun	Saez	122
7	Santa Cruiser	Dialed In	Calumet Farm	Desormeaux	Graham	122
8	Red N Wild 🦄	Bayern	Terry Eoff	Eoff	Carroll	122
9	Manor House	Upstart	Newtown Anner Stud Farm	Stidham	Beschizza	122
10	Mandaloun	Into Mischief	Juddmonte Farms, Inc.	Cox	Geroux	122
11	Dyn O Mite	Goldencents	Brad Allshouse	Desormeaux	Hernandez	122

**Breeders:** 1-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC, 2-M. Taylor, J. Taylor, BGT LLC, G. E. Saufley & Louis Brooks Ranch LP, 3-Marylou Whitney Stables LLC, 4-Godolphin, 5-Coffee Pot Stable, 6-Tom Durant, 7-Calumet Farm, 8-Lunsford & Sikura Racing, LLC, 9-David Berman, 10-Juddmonte Farms Inc, 11-Thoroughbred Acadiana

**Saturday, Fair Grounds, post time: 5:23 p.m. EST**

**LOUISIANA S.-GIII, \$125,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Grand Luwegee	El Corredor	Gerard Perron	Perron	Hernandez	122
2	Captivating Moon	Malibu Moon	Lothenbach Stables, Inc.	Block	Bridgmohan	118
3	Silver Prospector 🦄	Declaration of War	Orr, Ed and Orr, Susie	Asmussen	Santana, Jr.	124
4	Blackberry Wine	Oxbow	Calumet Farm	Sharp	Beschizza	118
5	Indimaaj 🦄	Tapit	Lea Farms, LLC	Engler	Talamo	118
6	Title Ready	More Than Ready	Charles E. Fipke	Stewart	Hernandez, Jr.	118
7	My Boy Jack 🦄	Creative Cause	Don't Tell My Wife Stables, Monomoy Stables, LLC and West Point Thoroughbreds	Desormeaux	Saez	118
8	Wells Bayou 🦄	Lookin At Lucky	Gasaway, Clint, Gasaway, Lance, Madaket Stables and Wonder Stables	Cox	Geroux	124
9	Sonneman 🦄	Curlin	Courtlandt Farms	Asmussen	Graham	118

**Breeders:** 1-Gerard Perron, 2-Lothenbach Stables Inc, 3-Hargus Sexton, Sandra Sexton & Silver Fern Farm, LLC, 4-Calumet Farm, 5-Shadwell Farm, LLC, 6-Charles Fipke, 7-Brereton C. Jones, 8-Knowles Bloodstock, Inc., 9-Arnold Zetcher LLC



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Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	<b>Goldencents</b> (2010) by Into Mischief FYR: 2016	6	15	3	7	--	2	217	102	1,175,720	6,653,183
										By My Standards	
2	<b>Cairo Prince</b> (2011) by Pioneerof the Nile FYR: 2016	5	14	2	5	--	--	195	98	381,296	5,004,584
										Dean Martini	
3	<b>Fed Biz</b> (2009) by Giant's Causeway FYR: 2016	3	8	1	4	--	--	156	86	269,650	3,340,393
										Inthemidstofbiz	
4	<b>Flashback</b> (2010) by Tapit FYR: 2016	1	7	--	1	--	--	126	60	97,558	2,128,798
										All West	
5	<b>Central Banker</b> (2010) by Speightstown FYR: 2016	4	6	--	1	--	--	108	50	278,850	2,625,250
										Bankit	
6	<b>Cross Traffic</b> (2009) by Unbridled's Song FYR: 2016	2	6	--	1	--	1	113	53	494,900	2,468,435
										Ny Traffic	
7	<b>Mucho Macho Man</b> (2008) by Macho Uno FYR: 2016	4	5	2	2	2	2	77	51	3,174,000	5,400,515
										Mucho Gusto	
8	<b>Will Take Charge</b> (2010) by Unbridled's Song FYR: 2016	1	5	1	2	--	--	166	83	253,141	4,113,624
										Herrschaft	
9	<b>Can the Man</b> (2011) by Into Mischief FYR: 2016	3	5	1	2	--	--	92	56	196,003	1,916,213
										Man in the Can	
10	<b>Clubhouse Ride</b> (2008) by Candy Ride (Arg) FYR: 2016	1	4	1	2	--	1	49	25	425,160	1,625,620
										Warren's Showtime	
11	<b>Souper Speedy</b> (2009) by Indian Charlie FYR: 2016	1	4	--	--	--	--	61	28	112,675	1,508,422
										Checkerboard Floor	
12	<b>Bandbox</b> (2008) by Tapit FYR: 2016	1	4	--	--	--	--	47	28	188,717	1,454,624
										Artful Splatter	
13	<b>Boisterous</b> (2007) by Distorted Humor FYR: 2016	1	3	--	1	--	1	60	27	163,860	1,120,323
										California Kook	
14	<b>Seville (Ger)</b> (2008) by Galileo (Ire) FYR: 2016	--	3	--	--	--	--	86	23	120,535	1,070,472
										O K Game On	
15	<b>Real Solution</b> (2009) by Kitten's Joy FYR: 2016	1	3	--	1	--	--	33	18	324,596	1,032,774
										Ramsey Solution	

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## MAIDENS

### IN ORDER OF PURSE:

**7th-Gulfstream, \$40,000, Msw, 1-13, 3yo, f, 7 1/2fT, 1:35.42, fm, nose.**

**MAIL ORDER (f, 3, Liam's Map--Agatha, by Distorted Humor)** showed sharp speed and faded to sixth in her debut going seven furlongs over the Gulfstream dirt Dec. 20. Switching to grass and adding Lasix here, the 4-1 shot cleared the field heading into the first turn and was rated along by Junior Alvarado. Traveling nicely at the top of the stretch, she kicked for home with a clear advantage and just held on by the narrowest of margins over Forever Boss (Tapiture) and Elle Est Forte (Flintshire {GB}) in a wild finish. Agatha, a half sister to MG1SW Agnes World (Danzig), had a colt by West Coast in 2020 and was bred back to Uncle Mo. Mail Order is a half to Salt Bae (Paynter), SP, \$187,465. Sales history: \$300,000 Ylg '19 FTSAUG. Lifetime

Record: 2-1-0-0, \$24,400. Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or **VIDEO**, sponsored by [Fasig-Tipton](#).

O-James S. Karp; B-Saintsbury Farms Inc. (ON); T-William I. Mott.

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**5th-Gulfstream, \$40,000, (S), Msw, 1-13, 3yo, 1mT, 1:36.10, fm, neck.**

**SIGILOS0 (c, 3, Khozan--Ginablu, by Bluegrass Cat)**, favored at 2-1 in his debut, reported home a well-beaten fifth sprinting on the Gulfstream dirt Dec. 10. Removing blinkers and adding Lasix for this first try on grass, the 9-1 chance trailed the field while saving ground from his rail draw, launched a four-wide sweep on the far turn, hit the front in the stretch and held off a fast-finishing Triple Jeopardy (Khozan) by a neck to lead home an exacta for his sire. Sigiloso was the top-priced 2-year-old colt by Khozan to switch hands in 2020 after bringing \$110,000 at OBS April. Ginablu is also the dam of the 2-year-old filly New Day



Mail Order | Lauren King

(Fury Kapcori). She was bred to St Patrick's Day for 2021. Sales history: \$26,000 Ylg '19 OBSOCT; \$110,000 2yo '20 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$24,400. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

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177 foals of racing age/18 winners/0 black-type winners  
3-Gulfstream, Aoc 7 1/2FT, TAKE PROFIT, 9-2  
\$70,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; \$10,000 OBS MAR 2yo

**Exaggerator** (Curlin), WinStar Farm, \$15,000  
248 foals of racing age/15 winners/0 black-type winners  
8-Fair Grounds, Msw 5 1/2FT, REVELATOR, 10-1  
7-Fair Grounds, Msw 6f, SHADES OF TRUTH, 3-1  
\$57,000 RNA OBS WIN wnl; \$45,000 KEE SEP yrl

**Texas Red** (Afleet Alex), Crestwood Farm  
95 foals of racing age/8 winners/1 black-type winner  
5-Sam Houston Race, Aoc 1mT, TEXAS BAD BOY, 20-1  
\$20,000 KEE NOV wnl

**Vancouver (Aus)** (Medaglia d'Oro), Coolmore Australia  
145 foals of racing age/15 winners/1 black-type winner  
5-Sam Houston Race, Aoc 1mT, VIM AND VIGOR, 8-1  
\$14,000 RNA KEE JAN wnl



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**8th-Gulfstream, \$46,000**, Opt. Clm (\$75,000), 1-13, 4yo/up,  
1 1/8mT, 1:54.48, fm, 3/4 length.

**PHANTOM CURRENCY** (g, 5, **Goldcents**--Phantom Rising, by Mr. Greeley) Lifetime Record: 13-4-1-0, \$194,075. O-Jim & Susan Hill; B-Sally Thomas & New Dawn Stable LLC (KY); T-Brian A. Lynch. \*\$260,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP.

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**6th-Delta Downs, \$37,000**, (S), 1-13, (NW3L), 4yo/up, 5f, :58.82,  
ft, 2 1/4 lengths.

**MR. PRODUCTION** (h, 5, Run Production--Broken Link, by Time Bandit) Lifetime Record: 13-3-2-3, \$96,750. O-End Zone Athletics, Inc.; B-Israel Flores Horse LLC (LA); T-Karl Broberg.

**8th-Delta Downs, \$36,000**, (S), 1-13, (NW2L), 4yo/up, f/m, 7f,  
1:28.19, ft, 1/2 length.

**MISS CHARLIE SIOUX** (f, 4, My Pal Charlie--Miss Dealbreaker, by Lydgate) Lifetime Record: 8-2-2-2, \$60,350. O/B-Pamela Stephenson (LA); T-Juan A. Larrosa. \*\$5,000 RNA Ylg '18 ESLYRL.

**7th-Mahoning Valley, \$29,000**, (S), 1-13, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 6f,  
1:14.41, ft, 1 1/2 lengths.

**JUDGE HEAD** (g, 3, Kiss the Kid--Daddy Said, by Five Star Day) Lifetime Record: 8-2-0-1, \$42,110. O/B/T-Joshua Faulkner (OH).

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Blue Paynt**, f, 3, **Paynter**--Storm City Blues (SP, \$123,752), by Carson City. Parx Racing, 1-13, 1m, 1:45.67. B-Stonehaven Steadings (KY). \*\$3,000 RNA Ylg '19 KEESEP.



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**Buckeye Bling**, f, 3, **Speightster**--Got Bling (MSP), by Langfuhr. Mahoning Valley, 1-13, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:08.76. B-Langsem Farm, Inc (OH). \*\$27,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP.

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**KISS THE KID**, Judge Head, g, 3, o/o Daddy Said, by Five Star Day. ALW, 1-13, Mahoning Valley

**LIAM'S MAP**, Mail Order, f, 3, o/o Agatha, by Distorted Humor. MSW, 1-13, Gulfstream

**MY PAL CHARLIE**, Miss Charlie Sioux, f, 4, o/o Miss Dealbreaker, by Lydgate. ALW, 1-13, Delta Downs

**PAYNTER**, Blue Paynt, f, 3, o/o Storm City Blues, by Carson City. MSW, 1-13, Parx Racing

**RUN PRODUCTION**, Mr. Production, h, 5, o/o Broken Link, by Time Bandit. ALW, 1-13, Delta Downs

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## IRISH STALLION TRAIL GOES VIRTUAL



Lope De Vega on show at Ballylinch Stud. Click to access virtual tours of 22 Irish stallion farms

By Daithi Harvey

In a normal year Irish stallion farms would be opening their doors this week to thousands of people traversing the Irish countryside enjoying the ITM Irish Stallion Trail. Present circumstances have put a stop to that this year, but like so many other events that have been adversely affected by Covid-19 the action has moved online. It may not be the same as the real thing, but the efforts of the Irish Thoroughbred Marketing team in capturing excellent footage of new and established stallions and the farms where they reside goes some way toward reminding us of what we can look forward to hopefully in 12 months' time.

The newly branded **ITM Irish Stallion Showcase** has been over two months in the planning, and ITM's Alex Cairns is excited to be able to open a window into the Irish stallion scene, even if it is a virtual window.

"We have video footage from over 20 studs so there will be no shortage of content to play out on our YouTube and social media channels throughout the week," Cairns said. "We started filming in November. Rathasker Stud was the first one we did and we've covered farms all over the country from the largest operations like Coolmore and Kildangan to smaller studs like Kedrah House, Knockhouse and Whytemount. The studs were very accommodating and they all had their stallions looking fantastic so it made the job easier."

"Obviously we'd love people to be able to experience the Trail in person, but that isn't a possibility so hopefully this will help spread the message about Irish stallions both new and established."

Of course the business of racing and bloodstock, like so many other industries, has had to adapt to survive. If people can glean enough information from a horse's photos and walking videos to make a purchasing decision, as has been the case with online auctions recently, then surely the size, action and conformation of a stallion can be accurately reflected virtually in a similar fashion to aid breeders with their mating decisions in these restrictive times. An advantage of the trail going virtual is the wider reach to which the information can be disseminated and, given how global the bloodstock industry has become, that surely is no bad thing.

"Video content has the potential to go around the world in a matter of minutes and is the next best thing to actually seeing stallions in the flesh," Cairns said. "The videos we have put up so far have had views in the tens of thousands, so hopefully we are doing our bit to help promote Irish stallion farms. Another great thing about video content is its lifespan. You could run a video of a young stallion in his first season and in ten years' time that video could still have a lot of relevance." **Cont. p2**

THE POWER OF THE VIDEO HAS BECOME REALLY APPARENT. IT HAS BEEN A GREAT WAY TO MARKET OUR PRODUCT NOT ONLY TO THE EXISTING AUDIENCE BUT TO ALSO REACH BEYOND THAT.

Madeline Burns

## IN TDN AMERICA TODAY

### KY SIRES FOR 2021: FIRST SOPHOMORES PART II

Chris McGrath continues his look at Kentucky sires with their first 3-year-olds in 2021, including Air Force Blue, Brody's Cause and Frosted. **Click or tap here to go straight to TDN America.**

**Irish Stallion Trail Goes Virtual cont. from p1**

“At the moment it’s all about adapting and making the best of the current situation. Hopefully post-Covid we can welcome our international friends back to Ireland to experience our great racing, Sales and stallions in person. In the meantime people can view the videos on the ITM website and follow the journey on our social media channels.”

Rathasker Stud was the first to show their wares to the ITM cameras and the stud's Madeline Burns was delighted to embrace the initiative. "The power of the video has become really apparent this year," she said. "Beginning with the sales and following the whole way through to the online ITM Stallion Showcase it has been a great

way to market our product not only to the existing audience but to also reach beyond that. The videos have been very beneficial to show what we offer here at Rathasker: four proven stallions that are prolific producers of stakes horses at a very competitive

price. We have also been able to incorporate the video advertising into all our stallion promotion. It is available on our social media channels, on our website and on our advertisements as a 'click to view' option."

Given its roster of commercial stallions and its location in the heart of the Thoroughbred County, Rathasker Stud always welcomed a steady stream of visitors on previous trails and Burns recognised the value of opening the stud's doors to both established and also potential 'would-be' breeders.

"The stallion trail has always generated a level of interest from breeders but perhaps the most important part of the trail is that it appeals to people that are interested in the concept of

breeding and that are considering investment. Anything that brings new people into the industry is a big positive," she said.

Burns has no shortage of material to use in her 2021 stallion promotion given the exploits of the farm's stallions last year



Way To Paris starts out at Coolagown Stud in 2021 | Scoop Dyga

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## IN TDN AUS/NZ TODAY

MAGNIER LANDS KINGMAN COLT FOR \$1.8 MILLION  
 A Kingman colt bred by John Camilleri led proceedings at Magic Millions on Wednesday. [Click or tap here to go straight to TDN Aus/NZ.](#)

### Irish Stallion Trail cont.

which are headed by Bungle Inthejungle (GB) who will stand this year at €8,000.

She added, "Our stallions had a banner year in 2020 and we are very proud of their achievements. Bungle Inthejungle produces speed, power and precocity in his stock. He has more than proven himself with high-profile stakes horses and with his biggest and best-bred crops to come from this year on he really is what many have described as 'a sleeping giant.'"

One farm that has been severely affected by the recent Covid-19 travel restrictions is Coolagown Stud who recently took delivery of new stallion Way To Paris (GB), a Group 1-winning son of Champs Elysees (GB). The horse only arrived at Coolagown the week before Christmas having run in Hong Kong at the end of November, and no sooner had he landed in Coolagown than the Irish Government began advising people not to make any non-essential journeys.

Coolagown owner David Stack said, "Unfortunately for me, going to see a new stallion is not classed as an essential journey so we have had to rely completely on digital promotion. Due to the restrictions, ITM couldn't do a video of the horse so we put together one of our own and like every stud at the moment we've been limited to showing him off to a few local breeders. However, we have quite a few French- and Italian-owned mares booked into him as breeders from that part of the world would be familiar with him from his racing days, so that is a big help."

As if dealing with the effects of a pandemic isn't difficult enough, the issue of travelling mares from overseas to Ireland presents a new set of headaches for Irish stallion farms. Stack added, "We still don't know how Brexit is going to impact us. I had three different clients on this morning from the UK. Each one is using a different transporter and each transporter has a different idea about what is required for the journey. It's still all so vague and it's the last thing we need right now."



Breeders were able to view Shaman at Yeomanstown Stud during the Goffs sales in December | Scoop Dyga

## The **BEST** 3YO in the world in 2019

- 1<sup>st</sup> Prix du Jockey Club-Gr.1 in **TRACK RECORD TIME**
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“he's got a lot of presence, he's got an attitude, he's very expressive, he's got a lovely head and a good colour, he's a well-balanced horse” Henri Bozo, breeder of Sottsass

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Sottsass' owner Peter Brant, who will be sending him 18 mares

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# SOTTASS

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### Irish Stallion Trail cont.

Even by racing's standards, Stack is an optimist and despite plenty of obstacles he sees no reduction in the enthusiasm from breeders in his Cork hinterland for the season ahead.

"Certainly around here people are going to plough on regardless, that's the great thing about this industry, the people involved are made of stern stuff," he said.

Another farm launching a new stallion this year is Yeomanstown Stud, but unlike Coolagown, the O'Callaghan family was able to avail of a window of opportunity during the rescheduled November Sale at Goffs just before Christmas to allow breeders to take a look at their new offering, Shaman (Ire) (Shamardal).

"We were very lucky to get that few days during Goffs and we had plenty of people calling around to see Shaman," said Gay O'Callaghan. "Everyone wants to see a new horse in the flesh and thankfully he went down very well with anyone that did get to see him. Things are at a bit of a standstill obviously at the moment, as you'd expect, but bookings in general are about on par for the year that's in it so that is encouraging. We have seen in the past that when you have a new horse it generally leads to a good bit more business for the other stallions you have but because of the lack of footfall at the moment that's the kind of traction that is missing. But there is no point getting too

depressed about it as it's out of our control and we will just have to do the best we can given the circumstances."

Hopefully by this time next year the memories of Covid-19 will be wearing thin and we will all be free to come and go as we choose, but in the meantime virtual tours are the only game in town, so sit back and enjoy the rest of the action this week.

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## EUROPEAN NEWS

### THRESHOLDS SET FOR 2-YEAR-OLD RACES

As part of a small handful of changes to its race programme unveiled by the British Horseracing Authority on Wednesday, the governing body published the auction value thresholds for its previously announced combined 2-year-old novice and maiden programme:

- Band A: auction value of £50,000 - £80,000 or, if not sold at a sale, sire's auction median of <£60,000 (35 races)
- Band B: £30,000 - £50,000 or sire's median of <£40,000 (65 races)



French G1 filly Rougir, a live Classic prospect. William Haggas's Aldaary, unbeaten and going for the Greenham. Seven 2020 Stakes juveniles. Last-time-out winners for André Fabre and Roger Varian. A Deauville double on Saturday. **Territories:** bred to be a stallion. Now proving it...

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**Thresholds Set For 2-Year-Old Races cont.**

- Band C: £15,001 - £30,000 or sire's median of <£25,000 (150 races)
- Band D: £1 - £15,000 or sire's median of <£12,500 (75 races)
- Open races (565)

Any horse running in a Band A-D restricted race will receive a two pound weight allowance for each band it runs in above that which it is qualified for.

Driven by the continuing coronavirus pandemic, amateur riders will be barred from race riding until further notice from Jan. 16 onwards. This is in line with government restrictions around the definition of elite sport and the associated suspension of grassroots sport. Hunter chases will continue to be programmed but restricted to professional and conditional riders.

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**FLYING START APPLICATIONS CLOSE FEB. 8**

Applications for the 2021 - 2023 Godolphin Flying Start class are currently open and close on Feb. 8. The online portal for application has this year been opened a month early to allow applicants more time to complete their applications in a process that is more streamlined than ever before.

David Skelly, a first-year trainee on Godolphin Flying Start, said, "I cannot recommend the course to any aspiring industry leader highly enough. The opportunities and experiences it offers are unparalleled in the Thoroughbred industry worldwide."

Caitlin Smith, a second-year trainee currently based in Australia at the Magic Millions sale, said, "There's no barrier to entry once you are willing to learn and are passionate about horseracing. The opportunity provided through the various international lenses is amazing, and the alumni network is incredible."

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**Betfair's Odds for Leading First-Season Sire of 2021**

9/4	Profitable
5/2	Cotai Glory
11/4	Caravaggio
9/2	El Kabair
8/1	Ribchester
14/1	Highland Reel
14/1	Aclaim
20/1	Galileo Gold

**SIRE'S FIRST FOAL**

**CALYX**

- A filly, born Monday night at Coolmore Stud, out of listed winner We Are Ninety (Ire) (Thewayyouare).
- Coolmore Manager Eddie Fitzpatrick described her as "a lovely dark bay with size and strength. She has a lovely head and is very correct too. Calyx is a very exciting stallion and he's off to a good start."
- G2 Coventry S. winner Calyx stands for €16,000 in 2021.



Calyx | Coolmore

**BRITAIN**

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Melody of Life (Ire)**, c, 3, **Dark Angel (Ire)**--Tamarisk (Ger), by Selkirk. Kempton, 1-13, 7f (AWT), 1:27.80. B-Yeomanstown Stud (IRE). \*425,000gns Ylg '19 TATOCT. \*\*Full to Happy Power (Ire), MGSW-Eng, \$324,624.

**Year of the Dragon (Ire)**, c, 3, **Dragon Pulse (Ire)**--Poplar Close (Ire), by Canford Cliffs (Ire). Kempton, 1-13, 7f (AWT), 1:27.39. B-Mr T J Adams (IRE). \*€9,000 Wlg '18 GOFNOV; €8,000 Ylg '19 GOFSP; £8,400 RNA 2yo '20 TATABR.

**FRANCE**

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Atalante (Fr)**, f, 3, **Anodin (Ire)**--Dyctynna (Fr), by Stormy River (Fr). Chantilly, 1-13, 9f (AWT), 1:52.81. B-J P Colomby (FR). \*€4,000 Ylg '19 ARNOV.

**Prometeo (Fr)**, c, 3, **War Command**--Winografa (GB), by Teofilo (Ire). Chantilly, 1-13, 9f (AWT), 1:51.43. B-Haras D'Haspel (FR). \*€12,000 Ylg '19 AROCT.



## MAGNIER LANDS KINGMAN COLT FOR \$1.8 MILLION



Lot 322, Kingman colt | *Magic Millions*

by Bren O'Brien

Day 2 of the Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale continued to produce fireworks, with four \$1 million-plus lots, highlighted by the \$1.8 million Tom Magnier paid for a colt by Kingman (GB).

### At A Glance:

- Coolmore's Tom Magnier would not be denied, paying \$1.8 million for a colt by Kingman (GB) offered by Segenhoe Stud.
- Breeder Michael Christian enjoyed a marquee day, selling two lots he co-bred for a combined \$1.9 million, a colt by Zoustar and a filly by I Am Invincible.
- Persistence paid off for James Harron, who swooped late to pay \$2.125 million for colts by young stallions Shalaa (Ire) and Capitalist.
- The partnership of Tony Fung Investments and Phoenix Thoroughbreds are the Sale's leading buyer, spending \$5.235 million.
- The Sale average is up when compared to the end of the second session last year, \$258,773 to \$249,632.

- The clearance rate has also lifted year-on-year from 86 per cent to 88 per cent.
- The median remains at \$180,000.

### *Segenhoe colt fit for a Kingman for Magnier*

For the second consecutive day, it was Magnier who got the bragging rights on the buyers' bench, landing the Kingman colt, Lot 322, for a session topping \$1.8 million.

The colt from Segenhoe and bred by John Camilleri, the breeder of the great Winx (Street Cry {Ire}), proved a very rare article as one of only two lots for the Juddmonte stallion and was actually foaled in England at Hazelwood Stud on Southern Hemisphere time, arriving in Australia with his dam, Florentina (Redoute's Choice), in November 2019.

Magnier saw off bloodstock agent James Harron to secure the colt, who is headed to the Chris Waller stable.

"Segenhoe always have incredible horses at this Sale, and we know what John Camilleri can breed. You know when you see that Fairway Thoroughbreds brand on the horse, you have to take it pretty seriously. He was a lovely individual," he said.

"We know everything about how well Kingman is going at the moment. We have got Calyx at the farm by Kingman, who is going well. All the boxes were ticked for us.

"This horse was born up in the Northern Hemisphere, foaled up there and brought down here. They are a clever operation, great breeders. We think a lot of Kingman. We are just delighted to be involved with this colt. We have got a great team of investors in this syndicate. He looks pretty sharp and pretty precocious."



Tom Magnier | *TDN AusNZ*

Florentina, a Group 3 winner, has already produced two stakes performers in Fasano (Lonhro) and Villa Carlotta (Street Cry {Ire}). She is a half-sister to Group 1 winner Gathering (Tale Of The Cat {USA}) and Listed winner California Turbo (Fastnet Rock).

Segenhoe General Manager Peter O'Brien was understandably chuffed with the result.

"We knew he was going to sell well. We knew every one of the big buyers liked him but you never expect them to sell that well. He was a beautiful colt by one of the best sires in the world from a very good racemare. I'm delighted he is going to Coolmore, because he'll get every chance," O'Brien said. "All credit to John Camilleri - it's a big swing to send a mare up there (to the Northern Hemisphere). She went to Dubawi first and that filly sold at Tattersalls, then she went to Kingman and came back pregnant to Kingman and he was at foot. He was born in England and came here to Australia about 12 months ago. John Camilleri is a global thinker and he's got paid for it.

"The colt is bombproof. Coolmore looked at him plenty of times and they complimented him this morning about his temperament. He is absolutely bombproof. He has a great mind and I can't wait to see him at the racetrack."

Having produced the Kingman filly, Florentina visited Yes Yes Yes last spring.

### *Sale's stellar start*

It was the highlight lot of another stellar day of trade for Magic Millions, with all key metrics either on par or improved on last year, despite pre-Sale prognostications that the global COVID-19 crisis would impact investor confidence.

"If it was solid yesterday. It was extremely solid today. The clearance rate is edging towards 88 per cent. The average hit \$260,000 and is holding just underneath that. There is buoyancy at all ends, there are buyers that are walking away thrilled with their purchases," Managing Director, Barry Bowditch, said. "Vendors are putting them on the market and once you get to the better end of the market, the colt funds and even those here to buy fillies are pinning their ears back and having a proper go."

While the market may be white hot through the first two days, Bowditch is confident everyone will get their chance in what is an extended catalogue in 2021.

"Everyone will get a turn here. It's a huge catalogue and that's the beauty of this Sale, and the beauty of Magic Millions. We have a catalogue full of quality horses that the vendors decide to send here. If you keep your lists long, and you do your work, then you are going to be rewarded in the long run. Book 1 having a catalogue of 960-odd horses will do that, and then following into Book 2," he said. "We're really pleased with where the Sale is at right now. We want to continue to keep the market intensity up. We want to continue to do the job, which gives the

vendors the deserved results that they are coming here to achieve. Thus far we are thrilled with how it is going."

### *Harron steps in for Shalaa colt*

Harron may have missed out on the day's top lot, but his determination to buy the top-end colts won out late in the day, when he was able to secure a colt by Arrowfield shuttle stallion Shalaa (Ire) for the day's second top price of \$1.15 million.

Catalogued as Lot 382 as part of the Arrowfield draft, he is out of Honesty Prevails (Redoute's Choice), who was a Group 3-winning 2-year-old.

The colt attracted a wide range of bidders, but it was Harron, sitting with the yearling's future trainers Anthony and Sam Freedman, who was able to get the job done.

"He oozed quality. I saw him at the farm and I went home that night thinking about him, and that's usually a good sign," he said. "It's a fantastic family and Honesty Prevails was a real star mare. Redoute's needs no introduction as a sire or a broodmare sire. It was a super result."

It is the first million-dollar lot by Shalaa, whose first crop have already made an impact on the track, with Shaquero, who contests Saturday's R. Listed Magic Millions 2YO Classic, winning the G3 Breeders' Plate in October.

"Having a Breeders' Plate winner early in his career is very impressive. He's a very special colt, lots of quality and comes off a great farm in Arrowfield. He was one of our must-have colts and we delighted to get him," Harron said. "I think he is probably not a super early horse. He has got a bit of size about him. He's got a lot of quality and a lot of class. We'll just put him through the system and he'll tell us."

Honesty Prevails had a Dundee (NZ) colt in 2020, before heading to Written Tycoon.



Lot 382, Shalaa colt | *Magic Millions*

### ***A Capitalist for Harron and Freedmans***

Harron's other purchase for the day was Lot 349, a colt by Capitalist, a stallion he knows so well having raced him with such success, out of juvenile Listed winner Golconda (Snitzel) from the draft of Newgate Farm. He will also go to the Freedmans.

"He was very much like his father. Very sharp, very precocious. I loved the way he handled the Sale. He had a very good attitude towards everything, His brother, Marine One, has got some ability. We've got a nice Capitalist already on the team in Forbes. That made us comfortable to have a shot in this guy," he said.

"He's well-balanced, medium-sized, lovely depth of girth, but just a really good, sharp, alert head. A very nice colt, and hopefully he can go nice and early."

Harron was happy with his shopping in what has been a very competitive market.

"We are very selective with what we are looking for. We have been waiting for the ones we really want. It's great to see a good, healthy market. Magic Millions has done a great job. It's a real credit to them that we are heaving a really good, vibrant and buoyant Sale," he said.

### ***Patience pays for new Alliance***

Like Harron, the Victorian Alliance, spearheaded by Rosemont Stud, had been heavily involved in bidding for top colts, and in partnership with Suman Hedge Bloodstock and David Redvers Bloodstock, finally landed a target in Lot 332, by Zoustar out of Fuddle Dee Duddle (Red Ransom {USA}), offered by Widden Stud.

They paid \$1 million for the colt, whose dam was Group 3 winner in Western Australia and who is a half-sister to Group 2 winner Hallowell Belle (Starcraft {NZ}) as well as the dam of recent stakes winner Bella Nipotina (Pride Of Dubai).

"It feels like it's been a long wait and we are rapt to be able to purchase this colt. He was probably number one on the radar after being in the Hunter Valley in mid-December," Rosemont Stud's General Manager of Bloodstock, Ryan McEvoy, said. "He is as nice a yearling colt that we have been able to inspect this week. Obviously I have a real affinity with Zoustar and I've seen a lot of Zoustars in my time, so I would like to think that he is what, for mine, a good Zoustar should look like.

"He is bred the right way and is bred on a similar cross to Sunlight. He looks like a horse who will cope with the work and it is a credit to Widden. At the farm I noted what a great attitude he had and all week I saw him every day and he didn't turn a hair and I think that is important for a Zoustar.

"We had to stretch as is clearly evident in this Sale. It is strong and there's no hiding. The philosophy was that we are here to buy some proper colts."

It was another terrific result for Widden Stud, who sold the existing Sale-topping colt, by Snitzel for \$1.9 million. Widden remains the Sale's leading vendor, with \$6.83 million in total sales across 16 lots, leading Coolmore (\$5.22 million) and Segenhoe (\$5.19 million).

### ***Christian's big day out***

The sale of Lot 332 was also a great result for co-breeder Michael Christian, who bred Fuddle Dee Duddle, sold her as a yearling and then bought her back in partnership with Widden Stud, breeding this colt.

She was sold once again to a client of Christian's Longwood Thoroughbred Farm for \$230,000 at last year's Inglis Chairman's Sale and has since produced a Trapeze Artist colt on the Victorian property before going back to Zoustar.

Christian had a day to remember when another yearling he co-bred, Lot 257, a filly by I Am Invincible out of Group 3 winner Eloping (Choisir), was sold by Segenhoe Stud for \$900,000 to Godolphin.



**Vin Cox | Bronwen Healy**

"You are never quite sure are you? You have all the x-rays hits and all the scope views, and you think that the horse will be well supported. There have been so many people with positive comments about the quality of the filly, but you never really know until you are in the ring and people are putting their hands up," Christian said. "I'm absolutely thrilled. I think she made her mark. I thought she was worth that sort of money. Godolphin recognised that and I'm just so thrilled Godolphin will be training her. They'll give her every possible chance. So thanks to Vin Cox."

The filly has been Godolphin's lone purchase of the Sale to date, with Managing Director Vin Cox saying she very much hit the mark for them.

"We were running on empty, so if they had have gone again, I'm not sure what we would have done. We're delighted to be getting an I Am Invincible filly out of a very, very good racemare, off an outstanding farm. We think we have bought a good horse, now we have to knock it into shape," he said. "She's just very athletic, a precocious type. She's got the pedigree. She's one of those fillies which is a rare commodity. Let's hope she ends up being a very good racehorse.

"She has a pedigree that we can add to our bloodstock portfolio and they are the ones that we want to chase, those that improve our bloodstock profile."

### *Searching for another Slipper winner*

The fourth million-dollar lot of the day went early on to Tony Fung Investments and Phoenix Thoroughbreds. Lot 221 cost \$1.1 million and was a colt by Not A Single Doubt out of stakes-placed mare Denmagic (Denman), offered by Torryburn Stud. He will head to the stables of Annabel Neasham.

Aquis Managing Director Shane McGrath, doing the bidding on behalf of the Fung family and Phoenix, who enjoyed G1 Golden Slipper success with Farnan (Not A Single Doubt) last year, said the colt very much fit the bill.



Shane McGrath | TDN AusNZ

"We are obviously unabashed fans of the sire. We were fortunate enough to secure Farnan from the same sales ring, and he was able to win the Golden Slipper. At the end of the day, that's the dream, to get him back for these big races," he said.

"He's a straightforward colt. We liked everything about him and every time we looked at him he never turned a hair. He looks like he'll be early and hopefully lightning can strike twice for us.

"Most of these world-class sires they tend to throw a type, and he was very much in that mould. He looks sharp and early. He's come off a great farm and he was extremely well presented. There is plenty of competition there, which you'd expect from a quality colt. Hopefully he goes on to make the mare for the breeder."

Torryburn Stud manager, Mel Copelin, was delighted with getting into the seven-figure range with the colt, with Denmagic having been purchased off the track for \$350,000 in 2018.

"I always thought, from the moment he was born, that he could make a million dollars but everything has to work out. He has come here and it has worked out and I am absolutely stoked," she said. "Once I saw all the vetting come through and he'd certainly had enough inspections to be a million-dollar horse. He definitely has the best temperament and everyone can see that. He hasn't turned a hair."

The Fung/Phoenix partnership are the leading buyers at the Sale to date, spending \$5.235 million across nine lots, ahead of Ciaron Maher Bloodstock with \$4.46 million and Magnier on \$4.38 million.

The Sale continues to buck expectations of a sluggish market, posting year-on-year gains in both average and clearance rate. After the second session last year, the average was \$249,032 and that has lifted to \$258,773, while the clearance rate has improved from 86 per cent to 88 per cent. The median remains the same.

Yarraman Park's I Am Invincible may not have yet to have a million-dollar lot at the Sale, but he leads all sires on both average (\$533,095) and aggregate (\$11.195 million). Not A Single Doubt is second on averages, just ahead of Snitzel (\$486,471) and their own sire Redoute's Choice (\$468,750).

Day 3 of the Sale starts at 10am (AEST) on Thursday.

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