

KENTUCKY SIRES FOR 2021: THIRD-CROP SIRES, PART II



Tonalist | Lane's End

by Chris McGrath

This is the second half of the latest instalment in our ongoing series examining stallion options for the new breeding season, featuring sires about to launch their third crop of juveniles. The first part, dealing with the likes of American Pharoah and Constitution, can be read here.

We wrapped up Tuesday with the first two of three horses retired to Lane's End after filling the frame in an epic race for the GI Whitney S. in 2015. The third, **Tonalist** (**Tapit**--**Settling Mist**, by Pleasant Colony), has somehow always seemed to be working against the gradient, taking a series of fee cuts. But he actually had a very solid 2020 on the track, and has already fired out eight winners (including one at stakes level) in 2021. I am adamant that his maturing stock will keep consolidating, and evidently would not be alone in that view: his fifth book rallied conspicuously to 122 mares from 63 the previous year.

His latest fee trim, from \$15,000 to \$12,500, reflected the widespread troubles experienced by this lot with their third crop of yearlings (41 sold of 52 at \$19,170, down from \$51,394). As we noted yesterday, this is always a tricky moment for young stallions and this group were additionally broadsided by a pandemic economy. But I'd say that **Tonalist** now looks just about the best value around for getting into **Tapit**.

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BOYD BROWNING ON THE RETURN OF THE FRESHMAN SIRE SHOWCASE

Tuesday, Fasig-Tipton announced the [return of the Freshman Sire Showcase](#) (see page 12 for news). TDN Publisher Sue Finley talked to Fasig's President, Boyd Browning, about the return of this segment of their July Sale, which offers a first look at progeny of new yearling sires.

TDN: Why did you put the Freshman Sire Showcase on hold these past 10 years?

BB: I think when the New Sire Showcase was discontinued, it was a time in the marketplace when there was a flight to 'proven.' And I think that trend from new to proven was taking place in the real estate market, in the stock market, and also in the Thoroughbred industry. **Cont. p10**

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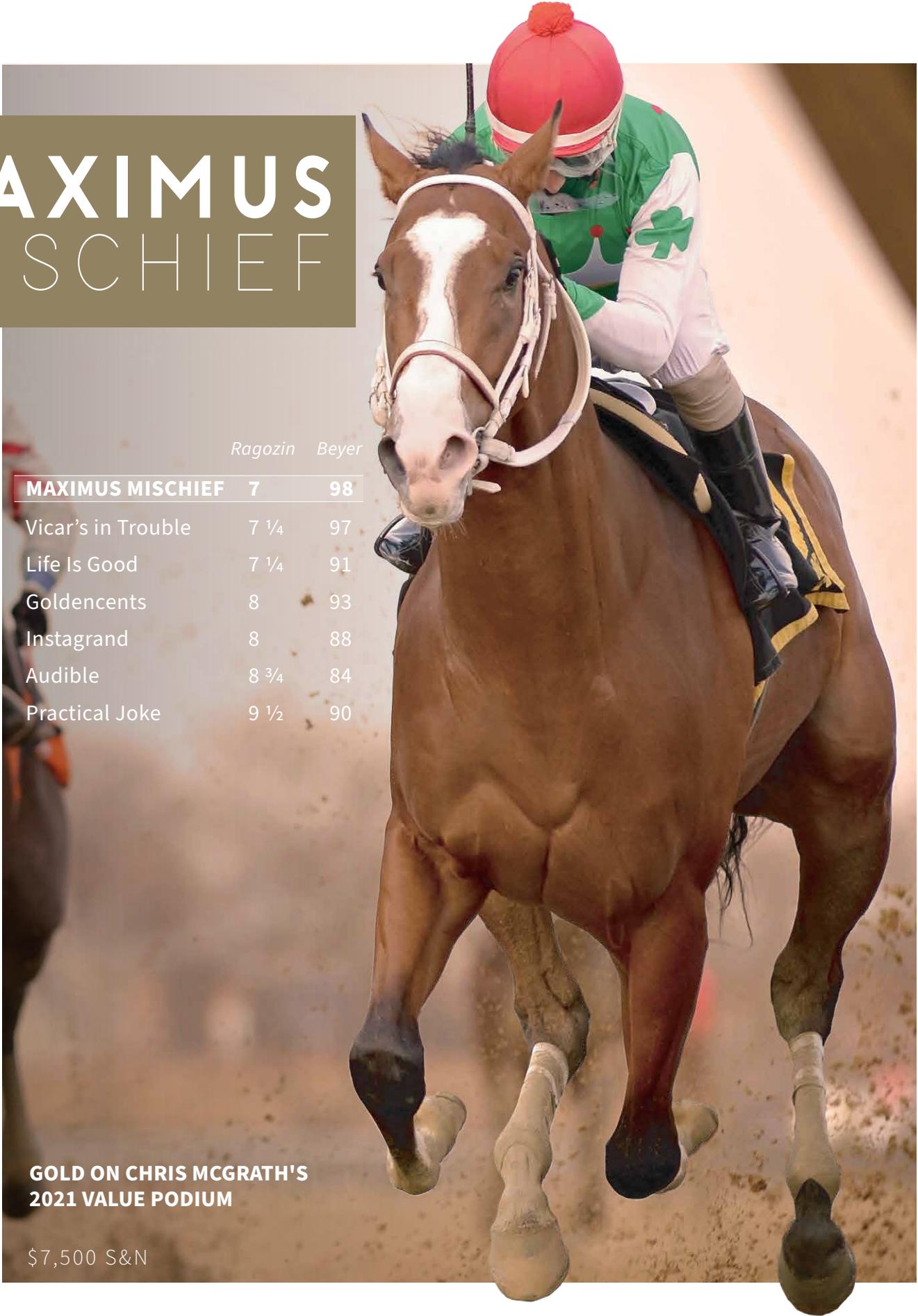
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Harry Brant, the son of racehorse owner Peter Brant and model Stephanie Seymour, died Sunday from an accidental overdose of prescription drugs, according to a statement from the family given to the New York Times. He was 24.

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His is such a copper-bottomed, old-school package of performance (11 triple-digit Beyers in banking \$3.6 million, applying that raking stride to meet challenges as diverse as the GI Belmont S. and GI Cigar Mile) and pedigree (like Havre de Grace {Saint Liam}, he takes the Toll Booth route to fourth dam Missy Baba). First three dams by Pleasant Colony, Topsider and Buckpasser, Classic influences top to bottom--and I'm duly seeing some big-hearted animals fighting his corner, notably

graded stakes-winning sophomores **Tonalist**'s Shape and Country Grammer.

Tonalist, who himself reached his racing peak at four, is only just getting started. Yet his five graded stakes performers in 2020 arrived at a ratio more or less in step with **Constitution**, the pair behind only American Pharoah and comfortably ahead of every other stallion in the intake bar one.

That exception is **Karakontie (Jpn)** (Bernstein--Sun Is Up {Jpn}), by Sunday Silence, who is quietly becoming quite a story at Gainesway.

We actually awarded him gold on our "value podium" for this group last year, succeeding **Liam's Map** whose fee had climbed from \$20,000 to \$35,000 in the meantime. Nobody could expect **Karakontie** to elevate his own fee in the same way, given the commercial disdain for turf stallions, and he will again stand at \$10,000 in 2021. But there's no doubting his broader momentum.

His first three books comprised 113, 75 and 43. So far, so familiar. But he then inched back up to 69 and last year received 88 mares as merits continued to accumulate. Okay, so third place in the yearling averages this time round was rather flattering--the result of a relatively small footprint, combined with the deep impression made by a \$500,000 session-topping colt at Keeneland. Generally speaking, he has predictably

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struggled for traction at the sales--but that sooner reflects the market's inane terror of turf than any inherent deficiency.

And after an encouraging start with his first juvenile runners (a dozen winners, three at stakes level), **Karakontie** collected his five black-type winners in 2020 as 7% of starters--a superior clip even to American Pharoah and **Constitution**, never mind the rest of their intake.

These included a Grade II winner on dirt in Princess Grace, while Sole Volante earned a Derby gate as one of the most talented dirt sophomores of the Florida spring. **Karakontie** has also made an impression in Europe, again from small numbers, Group winner Kenzai Warrior similarly earning a crack at the G1 2,000 Guineas. There can't be many stallions at this kind of money who have managed a Classic starter on both sides of the ocean at the first attempt. Actually Noble Mission (GB) (Galileo {Ire}) did precisely that, in the previous intake, but Sole Volante and Kenzai Warrior both cost just \$6,000 as yearlings.

So **Karakontie** has already proved himself adaptable as well as able to recycle some of the very best genes in the Stud Book. His third dam is Miesque herself, his granddam duly a three-parts sister to Kingmambo; and in his racing career **Karakontie** reiterated how this family has always straddled the ocean: in his homeland he was a Group 1 winner at two, and then a Classic winner before shipping to post a 110 Beyer in the GI Breeders' Cup Mile.

While commercial breeders continue to choke on grass, anyone whose first priority is to decorate a family with actual winners must surely think about **Karakontie**.

From the same barn as Sole Volante, another to put his young sire straight on the Classic trail was Ete Indien, whose runaway success in the GII Fountain of Youth similarly confounded any assumption that the genes of **Summer Front** (**War Front**--Rose of Summer, by El Prado {Ire}) would necessarily confine him to

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The Airdrie sire did have a Grade II winner on grass, Speaktomeofsummer, and his turf earnings for the year were only surpassed among this group by American Pharoah himself. But both sire and damsire are more versatile influences than is sometimes allowed, and **Summer Front**'s dam--responsible for a Grade I juvenile scorer on synthetics in Laragh (**Tapit**)--is a half-sister to a Grade I winner on dirt in Siphonic (Siphon {Brz}).

What a \$10,000 cover can give you, regardless, is something cut from the same beautiful cloth: **Summer Front** made \$475,000 as a yearling when **War Front** was himself still only a \$15,000 cover. Sure enough, he achieved something quite exceptional in this market by actually advancing the value of his third crop of yearlings: 24 of 37 sold for \$41,335, up from \$36,106 the previous year. Bearing in mind that his first crop had weighed in at \$52,645, he has maintained a remarkably resilient yield for his supporters. No wonder he was also able to welcome 83 mares last spring, back up from 59 the previous year.

Having had three-figure books to that point, he will maintain the traffic in the meantime; while the stock already out there will surely keep progressing, too. Though an undefeated stakes winner at two, **Summer Front** proceeded to graded stakes success in each of the next three seasons, and was placed for



Bayern | Sarah Andrew

the fifth time at Grade I level at six. All told, he is moving forward at a time when so many of these are in reverse.

Another I liked all along is **Bayern** (Offlee Wild--Alittlebitearly, by Thunder Gulch); his fourth book was down to 48 (following 350 across his first three) and then he had just a handful of mares to keep him in the game last year. Yet he has actually made a prolific start on the track: no fewer than 23 of his 54 juvenile starters reached the winner's circle in 2019, while his

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overall tally last year was 57 from 99 into the gate. He has made a lively start to 2021, too, with three stakes performers already including Leggs Galore, who won her fourth straight in the Sunshine Millions Filly & Mare Turf Sprint at Santa Anita last weekend.

Bayern has admittedly lacked a headliner or two, with a solitary Grade III winner to this point, but remains entitled to put that right as he draws on the fabulous pedigree (third dam is Courtly Dee!) that sustained the sophomore brilliance to win the GI Breeders' Cup Classic (broke two minutes) after a seven-length sprint romp in the GII Woody Stephens.

His sire is admittedly 'offee' offbeat, at least to those who forget he was champion freshman before his hasty export; and **Bayern** doubtless paid also for persevering into an unproductive campaign at four. But he did manage an impressive sales debut and it has been mystifying to see him go so cold so quickly. He steadied the ship at \$29,059 for 18 sold of 25 this time round, and Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa have halved him to \$7,500 in the hope of a revival. Looking at some of the timeless names entwined in his pedigree, I would urge keeping the faith.

After all, he did have eight stakes performers in 2020, which is one more than **Carpe Diem** (Giant's Causeway--Rebridled Dreams, by Unbridled's Song) from a rather more industrial output. WinStar have similarly halved this fellow to \$7,500, as he awaits a first graded stakes success. He has the volume, for sure, having originally traded at \$25,000 and herded 569 mares across his first four years. And if he was another to fall right off in his fifth book, the slump in his third crop of yearlings (from \$60,969 to \$21,747, for 41 sold of 53 offered) is another that needs placing in due context.

As we're seeing, that's proving a pretty standard experience-tricky stage, tricky market--and he may yet rally. In the span of a bright but brief career he managed Grade Is at two and three, beaten only by Texas Red (**Afleet Alex**) at the Breeders' Cup before derailing in the Derby. As a \$1.6-million sale-topping juvenile who wired a sprint maiden at Saratoga, he was unusually precocious by the standards of Giant's Causeway and was also his only elite scorer on dirt. But he may need to summon some of his sire's slower-burning genes if he is to kick-start things now.

It has been a somewhat chastening year for **Palace Malice** (**Curlin**--Palace Rumor, by Royal Anthem), who slipped from third in the freshmen's championship to 13th in the second-crop table. But there will be no panic at Three Chimneys, because a Breeders' Cup success at the first attempt (through Structor in the Juvenile Turf) drove his fifth book up to a giddy 207 at \$25,000. A mild trim to \$20,000 should help him ride out any faltering now; his earlier books have been a little up and down--158, 117, 65, 91--while he was yet another to share the big

The MO Factor

Super sire **UNCLE MO** is off to an incredible start as a sire of sires, with 3 of his sons finishing in the top 4 of the Leading Freshman Sires of 2020.

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MO TOWN (\$7,500)	6	\$54,750	7.3
Laoban (\$25,000)	2	\$95,000	3.8
Outwork (\$15,000)	4	\$31,500	2.1
Nyquist (\$75,000)	6	\$83,500	1.1

At Keeneland November, **MO TOWN** had two session topping weanlings including the **\$185,000** colt out of Mybrokenhome, purchased by Davant Latham and bred by Erv Woolsey & Ralph Kinder.

“ Obviously **Uncle Mo** is on a roll as a sire of sires... **Mo Town** resembles his soaring sire rather more closely in appearance than fee. ”

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slide with his latest yearlings, down to \$32,083 (for 18 sold of 23) from \$73,899.

On the track he had a very similar profile to **Tonalist**, winning the Belmont before dropping back to win a Grade I mile at four and racking up eight consecutive triple-digit Beyers. So he, too, is entitled to hope for some progressive stock to redress his misfortune in losing the services first of his flagship Structor; and then of the sophomore who stepped into the breach, Mr.

Monomoy, who likewise disappeared after winning the GII Risen Star S. After all, **Palace Malice** is from the first crop of **Curlin**, who recycles the Smart Strike trademark of thriving with maturity.

On the same roster **Fast Anna** (**Medaglia d'Oro**--**Dreaming of Anna**, by **Rahy**) had a rather tepid second year on the track, with a single black-type winner, but while he is experiencing the same kind of drag as so many others in this group--third crop down to \$18,470 from \$40,500 for 11 sales of 17--he represents a cross that might permit him to develop any number of ways.

As a brisk and natural runner himself, collared in the GI King's Bishop on only his third start having been unraced at two, his career attests to the flexibility of his sire line and his second dam is a half-sister to one of its greatest scions in **Kitten's Joy**. These diverse influences are complemented by the celebrity of his dam as a champion 2-year-old filly.

Fast Anna had actually made a decent start as a freshman, with three of his 11 winners scoring at black-type level, earning a hike to \$10,000 from \$7,500. But he's now been helped with a trim to \$5,000, his opening book of 120 mares having meanwhile dwindled by around half.

The El Prado (Ire) line has obviously been a game-changer for Ramsey Farms and they have another representative in **We Miss Artie** (**Artie Schiller**--**Athena's Gift**, by **Fusaichi Pegasus**). He's not

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getting anything like the numbers required to emulate Kitten's Joy, so did especially well to pull a homebred as talented as Artie's Princess out of his hat from just a couple of dozen starters in 2020. She took her record to five-for-seven in winning the GII Bessarabian S. on a surface much like the Keeneland synthetic on which her sire won the GI Breeders' Futurity.

Halfed to the same \$5,000 fee at Lane's End we find **Mr Speaker** (Pulpit–Salute, by Unbridled). Pretty tempting, surely, about a young stallion who could produce GI Ashland S. winner Speech from a \$7,500 mare. True, it was a quiet year otherwise, but he had nothing like the volume of most of these on the track and a healthier strike rate too.

I feel really sorry for this guy, who was always wading against the tide after being stranded for a year in Chile, his yearlings largely ignored this time round (19 of 22 processed at \$16,026) after their absence the previous year. We know that owning a Grade I on turf will also have unnerved some commercial breeders, but even the most myopic can surely notice that his



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dam was a GII Demoiselle S. runner-up out of Personal Ensign herself. He will have to ride out a bumpy road, few having kept the faith last spring, but he deserves a break having already parlayed those genes into a Grade I winner from cheap material. Hang in there, dude.

Another who promises versatility is **Lea** (*First Samurai*-Greenery, by Galileo {Ire}) at Claiborne. It feels like quite a while since he was one of the buzz sale rookies, showcasing a \$650,000 colt from a first crop conceived at \$12,500. He experienced the same travails as most of these with his latest yearlings (\$15,417 for 26 sold of 31), and mustered a tiny fifth book, but remains a valid option for those who might want to tap into his damsire, a rare privilege over here, along with the hardiness and versatility he showed on the track.

Not many horses could be collared only late in the GI Woodmine Mile on turf before chasing home Liam's Map in the GI Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile next time. His durability (better than ever in his fourth season) gives him a chance to consolidate on three black-type winners from 68 starters in 2020--actually in a much better ratio than most of these.

We're now in territory where nothing instructive can be gained by dredging yearling averages and book sizes. But we love the Crestwood roster and those healthy enough not to share the commercial allergy to chlorophyll will want to think about **Jack**

Milton (*War Front*--*Preserver*, by Forty Niner) at \$6,500 after he produced a couple of smart ones from his small second crop.

Unfortunately one of these disappeared after following up a '**TDN Rising Star**' debut with a Saratoga stakes success, but the other gave Jack Milton a first graded stakes and, from this farm, we know to expect horses that thrive with maturity. Sure enough, Jack Milton was a graded stakes winner at three, four and five (when he won his Grade I). No less typically, for this farm, he extends an aristocratic family tracing to the Claiborne matriarch Bourtai.

Even at the very bottom rung of the ladder, at \$2,500, lurks lingering potential. **Sky Kingdom** (*Empire Maker*--*Sky Beam*, by Kingmambo) couldn't convert his regal genes (dam out of Classic-placed half-sister to A.P. Indy) into success beyond Grade III level, but he held his form through five seasons and has produced a couple of good ones from a very small pool.

Even before doing so he had scored a couple of hits at the sales, with a \$185,000 yearling filly and a \$875,000 2-year-old. The latter turned out to be Wrecking Crew, placed in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile, and already since the turn of the year **Sky Kingdom** has advanced a flagship for his second crop: Australasia won the Louisiana Jewel S. by daylight at Delta Downs last week.

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much bigger fees who could really do with a couple of early talents like these. So let's not be complacent that any of these sires--whether for better or worse--are necessarily in the right tier of the marketplace.

CHRIS McGRATH'S VALUE PODIUM

Gold: **Tonalist** (\$12,500, Lane's End)

Nobody ever talked him up in the sales pavilion bar but now he's quietly starting to make his own case where it counts most.

Silver: **Summer Front** (\$10,000, Airdrie)

Has proved exceptionally resilient in the sales ring and the type to keep building on an equally solid start on the track, including on dirt.

Bronze: **Karakontie (Jpn)** (\$10,000, Gainesway)

Market prejudice against turf makes it hard to retain the top step but already clear that he's recycling those regal genes.

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BOYD BROWNING Q&A cont. from p1



Inspection at the Fasig-Tipton July Yearling Sale | *Fasig-Tipton*

BB: When the market got difficult and the contraction took place, people responded by retracting and going toward proven stallions, proven mares--proven, proven, proven. And arguably, in the 10 years since we had it, we've seen the re-emergence and the popularity of young stallions, the demand for their offspring, the demand in the breeding shed, due in part because of the success that those young horses have had on the racetrack. So, we feel like it was appropriate this year to bring back the Freshman Sire Showcase. It's a really strong group and a diverse group of new stallions that will sell their first crop in 2021. We thought the time was right.



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TDN: Talk about this year's group.

BB: We have literally identified as many as 20 stallions that we thought would have progeny that given the right combination of physical and pedigree would be able to have yearlings in the Freshman Sire Showcase, and so when you start talking about a population that large, it's really encouraging and shows you the depth of this crop of new stallions.

TDN: Why is this sale and this opportunity important to stallion owners?

BB: I think it gives them an opportunity to highlight the quality of offspring that their stallions are producing. It gives you the opportunity to concentrate some of the better individuals in a unique marketplace. We all know we live in a world of first impressions--particularly at horse sales--and it gives you the opportunity to create a positive atmosphere, positive feeling, positive karma for your stallion and that will help literally all the breeders who have supported the stallion in the relevant years and in the future.

TDN: What kind of stallion excels at this sale, and does it give some earlier-type stallions their own time, carved out in the marketplace? Is there a particular type you're looking for when you're recruiting for the sale?

BB: When we're making our selections for the July sale, it's all about the physical individual. It's not so much about the pedigree of the stallion, per se. We're looking for precocious, we're looking for athletic, we're looking for mature yearlings. And I think that what we've traditionally done, and hopefully, part of what we've built our reputation on at Fasig-Tipton, is identifying horses--and in many instances, horses with modest stud fees--that are really, really good individuals that will have a real appeal to the marketplace. Those horses have tended to succeed on the racetrack as noted by the performance of July sale graduates over the years.

TDN: You recently released a [video](#) about looking forward at the coming year. What are your predictions?

BB: This is what we're going to see, honestly, in 2021, and I'll be very surprised if it's not this way: we are going to see strong demand for what are perceived to be the better offerings. We're all going to sound like broken records. There is going to be significant demand for good individuals with acceptable pedigrees. And the market is going to continue to be less than we would have hoped for for those horses who might have

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minor conformational flaws or what are perceived to be minor veterinary issues that will probably result in those horses being penalized more extremely than they should be. So I think we'll see continued strong demand for a segment of the marketplace. It won't be as broad and it won't be as deep that we all hope it would be. And at the end of the day, we've all got to figure out ways to broaden the participation level of our sport in all aspects.

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FRESHMAN SIRE SHOWCASE RETURNS TO FASIG-TIPTON JULY SALE

Fasig-Tipton will reintroduce the "Freshman Sire Showcase" as part of the company's 2021 July Selected Yearlings Sale, which will be held July 13 and 14 at the company's headquarters in Lexington, Kentucky.

Fasig-Tipton will devote a section of the catalogue exclusively to yearlings by stallions with their first crop of yearlings in 2021. Last held in 2010, the new sire showcase was a highly successful element of the July Sale for many years.

"We believe that 2021 is the ideal time to bring back the Freshman Sire Showcase," said Fasig-Tipton President Boyd Browning. "The market has cycled back to a point where

progeny of first-crop sires are in high demand once again, and this year's class of freshman sires is an exciting group from top to bottom.

"For many years, sellers had great success showcasing individuals by first-crop yearling sires in July when we offered a new sire showcase," continued Browning. "This concept enables sellers to separate and showcase quality individuals by freshman sires at the first yearling sale of the year, and also provides opportunities for stud farms to market and promote their young stallions."

The July Selected Yearlings Sale will once again be preceded by the July Selected Horses of Racing Age Sale July 12. First held in 2013, the popular H.O.R.A. sale has benefitted the yearling sale, attracting a higher number of end-users and trainers to the sales grounds.

Nominations are now open for Fasig-Tipton's three summer selected yearling sales: the July Sale, the 100th Saratoga Sale, and the New York-bred Yearlings Sale.

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HARRY BRANT, SON OF PETER, DIES AT 24



Harry Brant with his parents in 2013 | Getty Images

Harry Brant, the son of racehorse owner Peter Brant and model Stephanie Seymour, died Sunday from an accidental overdose of prescription drugs, according to a statement from the family given to the *New York Times*. He was 24.

"We will forever be saddened that his life was cut short by this devastating disease," his family said in a statement. "He achieved a lot in his 24 years, but we will never get the chance to see how much more Harry could have done."

He had reportedly struggled with addiction for several years.

"Harry was not just our son," the statement continued. "He was also a wonderful brother, loving grandson, favorite uncle and a caring friend. He was a creative, loving and powerful soul that brought light into so many people's hearts. He was truly a beautiful person inside and out."

In addition to his parents, he is survived by his brother Peter; his younger sister, Lily; and five half siblings from his parents' previous marriages. He was the youngest of Brant's sons.

Harry attended Bard College, worked as a model, and founded a unisex make-up line with his brother Peter in 2015.

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NEW YORK STATE COVID-19 VACCINATION SITE OPENS AT AQUEDUCT

The New York Racing Association, Inc. (NYRA) opened the first floor of Aqueduct Racetrack on Monday to serve as a New York state run COVID-19 vaccination distribution center.

In doing so, Aqueduct has joined NYRA's other downstate

track, Belmont Park, which is home to a vaccination distribution center operated by Northwell Health that opened earlier this month.

Over seven million New Yorkers--including doctors, nurses and health care workers, people age 65 and over, first responders, teachers, public transit workers, grocery store workers and public safety workers-- are currently eligible for the vaccine.

New York State Senator Joseph P. Addabbo, Jr., a lifelong resident of Ozone Park who has represented the 15th Senate District since 2008, expressed his appreciation to New York state and to NYRA for selecting Aqueduct as a new distribution site, which is operating seven days a week.

"Aqueduct Racetrack is a landmark and an institution that is universally known to the constituents that I represent," said Addabbo. "New York state selected a perfect location for this COVID-19 vaccination site and I applaud them for moving so quickly to transform a racetrack into a vaccination center. This is not the first time the men and women of the New York Racing Association have stepped up to support the community and I also thank them for their efforts to protect and support New Yorkers throughout the pandemic."

Last spring, New York state officials identified Aqueduct as an appropriate location for an overflow hospital to serve the residents of Queens in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Fortunately, the overflow hospital was not needed then or now.

"NYRA is pleased to be able to contribute to the mass vaccination effort underway across the state," said NYRA President and CEO Dave O'Rourke. "New York state has led the way through this unprecedented public health crisis and we will continue to do our part to support this effort."

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LIFE IS GOOD FAVERED IN POOL 2 OF KY DERBY FUTURE WAGER

Undefeated 'TDN Rising Star' Life Is Good (*Into Mischief*) was made the 6-1 individual morning-line favorite in Pool 2 of the Kentucky Derby Future Wager ("KDFW") but the pari-mutuel field of "All Other 3-Year-Olds" is expected to be the overall choice in the three-day wager that begins Friday.

While Life Is Good was made the individual favorite in Pool 2 of the KDFW, veteran oddsmaker Mike Battaglia tabbed "All Other 3-Year-Olds" as the overall 9-5 morning-line favorite in the field of 24 betting interests.

The pool will open Friday at noon and close Sunday at 6 p.m. ET. Wagers can be placed online at www.TwinSpires.com, as well as racetracks and simulcast centers throughout the country.

The complete field for Pool 2 of the KDFW (with trainer and morning line odds): #1 Bezos (Bob Baffert, 20-1); #2 Caddo River (Brad Cox, 30-1); #3 Capo Kane (Harold Wyner, 30-1); #4

Concert Tour (Baffert, 15-1); #5 Essential Quality (Cox, 8-1); #6 Fire At Will (Mike Maker, 30-1); #7 Greatest Honour (Shug McGaughey III, 50-1); #8 Highly Motivated (Chad Brown, 20-1); #9 Hot Rod Charlie (Doug O'Neill, 30-1); #10 Jackie's Warrior (Steve Asmussen, 20-1); #11 Keepmeinmind (Robertino Diodoro, 20-1); #12 Life Is Good (Baffert, 6-1); #13 Mandaloun (Cox, 20-1); #14 Medina Spirit (Baffert, 12-1); #15 Midnight Bourbon (Steve Asmussen, 30-1); #16 Mutasaabeq (Todd Pletcher, 30-1); #17 Olympiad (Bill Mott, 50-1); #18 Prate (Cox, 30-1); #19 Prime Factor (Todd Pletcher, 30-1); #20 Proxy (Mike Stidham, 50-1); #21 Senor Buscador (Todd Fincher, 20-1); #22 Spielberg (Baffert, 30-1); #23 Wipe the Slate (O'Neill, 50-1); and #24 "All Other 3-Year-Olds" (9-5).

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KY DERBY MUSEUM OFFERS DREAMING OF DERBY DEAL

Every Friday and Saturday now through February, Kentucky Derby Museum is offering a bundled package of \$25 per person which includes Museum entrance, choice between a free lunch or a complimentary Mint Julep, a tour of Churchill Downs, full access to all exhibits, viewing of the Museum's signature movie The Greatest Race, a free gift from the Kentucky Derby Museum Gift Shop plus 15% off all regular-priced merchandise.

"We've all been looking forward to better days ahead and celebrating the grandeur of the Kentucky Derby once again," said Patrick Armstrong, President & CEO of the Kentucky Derby Museum. "We are open for business, and the travel reviews for our cleanliness and COVID safety practices are outstanding. So many people have been dreaming of a Derby that includes the traditional celebrations, pageantry, food and fashion, and this deal is the perfect way to fill that Derby void during the winter months! We invite hometown tourists and out of town visitors to get in the Derby spirit with us as we count down to 'The Greatest Race' in the world."

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TAKE CHARGE INDY REPRESENTED BY FIRST FOALS SINCE RETURNING TO WINSTAR

The first two foals by **Take Charge Indy** have been born since he returned home to stand the 2020 breeding season at WinStar Farm. The first foal born was a colt out of the multiple stakes-placed mare Northern Smile foaled in Kentucky Jan. 4 and bred by Jim Ballinger. The second foal was born at WinStar Jan. 17. Bred by Bob Baron, the colt is produced from the Tiznow mare Tiz Cecile. **Take Charge Indy** bred 144 mares in 2020 in his first year back at WinStar and he will stand the upcoming breeding season for \$15,000 S&N.

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T.I.P. ANNOUNCES SHOWS AND AWARDS

The Jockey Club Thoroughbred Incentive Program (T.I.P.) has approved more than 7,000 awards and classes at more than 1,500 shows in 42 states, Puerto Rico, and six Canadian provinces in 2021.

Awards are available for multiple disciplines, including eventing, dressage, Western and English pleasure, hunter/jumper, endurance, Western performance, games, and polocrosse. Awards are again available at some events for Thoroughbreds within their first two years of showing or for Thoroughbreds within two years of their last start.

A full calendar of shows offering awards is available at tjctip.com/CalendarOfEvents.

In addition, T.I.P. will be offering year-end or championship awards in association with the American Endurance Ride Conference; Equine Trail Sports; United States Eventing Association; United States Pony Club; and United States Dressage Federation. Furthermore, T.I.P. will offer awards at selected polo tournaments in conjunction with the United States Polo Association.

T.I.P. also announced its youth ambassadors for the 2021 T.I.P. Youth Ambassador Program.

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2021 Leading Cumulative Third-Crop Sires

for stallions standing in North America through Monday, January 18

Earnings represent North American and European figures, stud fees listed are 2021 fees.

Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	Constitution	10	24	5	12	1	3	141	72	2,735,300	8,780,642
	(2011) by Tapit FYR: 2017									Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$85,000	Tiz the Law
2	American Pharoah	14	25	8	18	2	7	169	78	741,529	7,337,309
	(2012) by Pioneerof the Nile FYR: 2017									Stands: Ashford Stud KY Fee: \$100,000	Harvey's Lil Goil
3	Tapiture	7	20	1	4	--	1	175	101	518,540	6,003,733
	(2011) by Tapit FYR: 2017									Stands: Darby Dan Farm KY Fee: \$10,000	Jesus' Team
4	Liam's Map	7	13	3	5	2	4	130	62	702,500	5,487,513
	(2011) by Unbridled's Song FYR: 2017									Stands: Lane's End Farm KY Fee: \$30,000	Basin
5	Daredevil	4	6	2	3	2	3	90	42	1,842,980	4,963,843
	(2012) by More Than Ready FYR: 2017									Stands: Lane's End Farm KY Fee: \$25,000	Swiss Skydiver
6	Khozan	6	17	--	2	--	--	93	57	434,300	4,903,206
	(2012) by Distorted Humor FYR: 2017									Stands: Journeyman Stud FL Fee: \$10,000	Princess Secret
7	Bayern	3	12	1	3	--	--	102	72	290,120	4,343,064
	(2011) by Offlee Wild FYR: 2017									Stands: Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa KY Fee: \$7,500	Biddy Duke
8	Palace Malice	5	8	3	5	1	1	127	62	709,500	4,330,176
	(2010) by Curlin FYR: 2017									Stands: Three Chimneys Farm KY Fee: \$20,000	Structor
9	Tonalist	3	12	2	5	--	--	100	56	390,245	4,073,422
	(2011) by Tapit FYR: 2017									Stands: Lane's End Farm KY Fee: \$12,500	Tonalist's Shape
10	Competitive Edge	5	11	--	2	--	--	104	59	241,680	3,801,183
	(2012) by Super Saver FYR: 2017									Stands: Valor Farm TX Fee: \$5,000	Fierce Lady
11	Honor Code	2	7	2	3	1	2	122	45	532,200	3,684,038
	(2011) by A.P. Indy FYR: 2017									Stands: Lane's End Farm KY Fee: \$20,000	Honor A. P.
12	Wicked Strong	3	10	1	1	--	--	153	73	259,224	3,679,554
	(2011) by Hard Spun FYR: 2017									Stands: Pin Oak Lane Farm PA Fee: \$3,500	Evil Lyn
13	Summer Front	5	9	3	4	--	1	110	54	407,406	3,655,656
	(2009) by War Front FYR: 2017									Stands: Airdrie Stud KY Fee: \$10,000	Ete Indien
14	Carpe Diem	4	8	--	1	--	--	136	62	257,613	3,636,289
	(2012) by Giant's Causeway FYR: 2017									Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$7,500	Monforte
15	Race Day	5	8	--	--	--	--	83	47	205,477	2,581,764
	(2011) by Tapit FYR: 2017									Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY Fee: \$7,500	Consultora

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

9th-Parx Racing, \$43,804, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$35,000), 1-19, 4yo/up, 1m 70y, 1:44.28, ft, 1 length.

BIRD KING (g, 4, Tiznow--Bird Legacy, by Mineshaft) Lifetime Record: 10-3-5-0, \$111,010. O-Gregory Carlevale; B-Marylou Whitney Stables LLC (KY); T-Michael V. Pino.

Broken and Trained by Randy Bradshaw

7th-Delta Downs, \$37,370, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$15,000), 1-19, 4yo/up, f/m, 5f, :58.56, ft, 4 3/4 lengths.

SOUTHERN BEAUTY (f, 4, Calibrachoa--Isn't She Gorgeous, by Yes It's True) Lifetime Record: 7-4-0-2, \$83,024. O-Allied Racing Stable, LLC; B-J. Adcock & Montgomery Equine Center (LA); T-W Bret Calhoun. *\$2,000 Wlg '17 ESLMIX; \$45,000 2yo '19 EQL2YO. **1/2 to Yes Gorgeous (Mass Media), SW, \$312,775.

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Tiz Independence, f, 3, Constitution--Tiz Briska, by Tiznow.

Mahoning Valley, 1-19, 5 1/2f, 1:09.97. B-William Humphries & Altair Farms, LLC (KY). *\$32,000 RNA Ylg '19 KEEJAN; \$14,000 RNA Ylg '19 KEESEP; \$14,000 2yo '20 OBSAPR.

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Goldini, c, 3, Goldencents--Caradini, by Bernardini. Santa Anita, 1-18, (C), 1mT, 1:36.38. B-W C Racing (KY). *\$32,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP.

Last Appeal, g, 4, Half Ours--Appeal, by Dehere. Delta Downs, 1-19, (S), 5f, 1:00.11. B-David H Menard (LA).

Most Sandisfactory, g, 4, The Factor--Pearl In The Sand (Ire) (SP-Ire), by Footstepsinthesand (GB). Mahoning Valley, 1-19, 1m, 1:44.48. B-Summerhill Farm (KY). *\$20,000 Ylg '18 KEEJAN; \$9,000 RNA Ylg '18 KEESEP; \$19,000 3yo '20 EASDEC.

Smiling Spirit, m, 6, Smiling Tiger--Spiritwalker, by Bertrando. Golden Gate Fields, 1-18, 5 1/2f (AWT), 1:05.20. B-Dennis Gellerman, Mersad Metanovic & Trevor Lottes (CA). *\$2,200 Ylg '16 BARJAN.

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SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20

2020 Stud Fees Listed

Big Blue Kitten (Kitten's Joy), Calumet Farm, \$5,000
73 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
8-Tampa Bay Downs, Msw 1mT, BLUE CAT, 8-1

Flintshire (GB) (Dansili {GB}), Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa, \$10,000
158 foals of racing age/7 winners/0 black-type winners
8-Tampa Bay Downs, Msw 1mT, DEFERRED TAXES, 5-2
\$160,000 KEE SEP yrl

Frosted (Tapit), Darley, \$25,000
238 foals of racing age/17 winners/1 black-type winner
8-Tampa Bay Downs, Msw 1mT, LOWCOUNTRY, 6-1

Jess's Dream (Curlin), Ocala Stud, \$4,000
130 foals of racing age/8 winners/0 black-type winners
4-Gulfstream, Msw 1m, PROUD CONTENDER, 4-1

Social Inclusion (Pioneerof the Nile), Diamond B Farm
61 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners
4-Gulfstream, Msw 1m, SOCIAL EQUALITY, 15-1

Speightster (Speightstown), WinStar Farm, \$10,000
228 foals of racing age/19 winners/2 black-type winners
4-Gulfstream, Msw 1m, SOSOSUBTLE, 15-1

Uncle Lino (Uncle Mo), Northview PA
132 foals of racing age/7 winners/0 black-type winners
5-Parx Racing, Msw 7f, MARVALOUS MIKE, 3-1

Upstart (Flatter), Airdrie Stud, \$10,000
167 foals of racing age/21 winners/0 black-type winners
4-Gulfstream, Msw 1m, SWING LOW, 5-2
\$3,000 FTK OCT yrl





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CALIBRACHOA, Southern Beauty, f, 4, o/o Isn't She Gorgeous, by Yes It's True. AOC, 1-19, Delta Downs

CONSTITUTION, Tiz Independence, f, 3, o/o Tiz Briska, by Tiznow. MSW, 1-19, Mahoning Valley

GOLDENCENTS, Goldini, c, 3, o/o Caradini, by **Bernardini**. MCL, 1-18, Santa Anita

HALF OURS, Last Appeal, g, 4, o/o Appeal, by Dehere. MSW, 1-19, Delta Downs

SMILING TIGER, Smiling Spirit, m, 6, o/o Spiritwalker, by Bertrando. MSW, 1-18, Golden Gate

THE FACTOR, Most Sandisfactory, g, 4, o/o Pearl In The Sand (Ire), by Footstepsinthesand (GB). MSW, 1-19, Mahoning Valley

TIZNOW, Bird King, g, 4, o/o Bird Legacy, by **Mineshaft**. AOC, 1-19, Parx Racing

UPCOMING MAJOR NORTH AMERICAN STAKES

Date	Race	Track
Jan. 23	GI Pegasus World Cup	Gulfstream
	GI Pegasus World Cup Turf	Gulfstream
	GII Inside Information S.	Gulfstream
	GIII La Prevoyante S.	Gulfstream
	GIII W. L. McKnight S.	Gulfstream
	GIII Fred W. Hooper S.	Gulfstream
	GIII Palos Verdes S.	Santa Anita
	GII San Marcos S.	Santa Anita
Jan. 30	GII San Pasqual S.	Santa Anita
	GIII Robert B. Lewis S.	Santa Anita
	GIII Holy Bull S.	Gulfstream
	GIII Swale S.	Gulfstream
	GIII Forward Gal S.	Gulfstream
	GIII Kitten's Joy S.	Gulfstream
	GIII Sweetest Chant S.	Gulfstream
	GIII Toboggan S.	Aqueduct
	GIII Houston Ladies' Classic S.	Sam Houston
	GIII John B. Connally Turf Cup	Sam Houston
Feb. 6	GIII Sam F. Davis S.	Tampa Bay
	GIII Tampa Bay S.	Tampa Bay
	GIII Hillsborough S.	Tampa Bay
	GIII Las Virgenes S.	Santa Anita
	GIII Thunder Road S.	Santa Anita
	GIII Withers S.	Aqueduct
	GIII Suwannee River S.	Gulfstream

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SUSSEX HERO A NEW RECRUIT FOR NUNNERY



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By Alayna Cullen

The 2020 G1 Sussex S. was arguably one of the best races of last year's flat season and the victor, **Mohaather (GB)** (Showcasing {GB}), won it in such a fashion that he quickly became a talking horse for the year. Mohaather was one of a team of horses who helped his owner Sheikh Hamdan become champion owner in Britain for 2020 and he is now taking up stud duties at Shadwell's Nunnery Stud. TDN's Alayna Cullen caught up with Nominations and Marketing Manager Tom Pennington.

AC: Tom, I think it's fair to say that Mohaather won a vintage renewal of the Sussex S., but his racing career on the whole is pretty impressive. Can you tell us more about what he did?

TP: He was an exceptional talent, trained brilliantly by Marcus Tregoning. He started off at Newbury as a 2-year-old, finishing second on debut before winning at Nottingham. He went back to Newbury for the G3 Horris Hill S. and duly won. I think that win caught a few of us by surprise as he was quite a big price. After that race we went into the winter thinking, "we've got a pretty nice horse on our hands."

Marcus was keen to treat him as a Guineas horse, so he went back to Newbury and put up a very good performance in the G3 Greenham S., where we really got a first look at that phenomenal turn of foot.

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FIGHTING IRISH RETIRES TO STUD WITH BONUS INCENTIVE

Fighting Irish (Ire) (Camelot {GB}) has been retired to Niccolo and Vita Riva's Haras d'Annebault in Normandy for the 2021 covering season, where he will stand for a fee of €3,000.

To support his stud launch, owners Daniel Macauliffe and Anoj Don, who are standing the 6-year-old in association with Haras d'Annebault, are offering a €50,000 bonus for the breeder of the first group-race winner in the UK, Ireland or France from his first crop of foals. The duo also plans to support Fighting Irish with mares at stud and through purchasing his young stock at the sales.

Trained by Harry Dunlop, Fighting Irish became the first group winner for his sire Camelot when landing the G2 Criterium de Maisons-Laffitte in 2017. Across four seasons in training he raced 22 times for three wins and he was also placed in the G2 Mehl-Muhens-Rennen (German 2000 Guineas). [Cont. p4](#)

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KENTUCKY SIRES FOR 2021: THIRD-CROP SIRES, PART II

Chris McGrath continues his analysis of Kentucky sires with their third crops of juveniles in 2021. [Click or tap here to go straight to TDN America.](#)

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He beat some very good horses in that race too, including Hello Youmzain (Fr) (Kodiak {GB}). Unfortunately after that he had a setback, which is a great shame and looking at that Guineas now he would have gone very close I'd say.

At four he started back at Ascot in the G1 Queen Anne S. and he got caught in all that traffic. But he traveled like the best in that race. He went back to Ascot for the G2 Summer Mile and I think that is where we saw the horse he really was; he showed that turn of foot twice and to do that was very impressive. He still needed a Group 1 victory and so he went to the Sussex S. at Goodwood, which was arguably the strongest mile race of the year

anywhere in Europe. There were two Guineas winners in there, Kameko (Kitten's Joy) and Siskin (First Defence) as well as Circus Maximus (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}). He got caught in a pocket and Jim [Crowley] had to pull him out, take him wide, and that's where

that turn of foot came into play again. In that race he showed what we always thought he had and that was pure class.

AC: In any year the Sussex S. seems to be a race that plays importance in a stallion prospect's racing career. Why do you think that is?



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TP: You just have to look at the horses that have won it in the past. I think the way Mohaather won it was actually pretty reminiscent of the way Kingman (GB) did with that devastating turn of foot. I also think that's what breeders want now, a quality miler with a turn of foot.

AC: For me as a racing fan, Mohaather was always on my radar but for you, as a nominations person, when do

you start looking at the colts within Shadwell and think, 'I might be selling nominations for this horse in a few years?'

Kingman
2011 b h Invincible Spirit - Zenda (Zamindar)

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Lot 322

b c **Kingman** - Florentina (Redoute's Choice)
Sold for **A\$1.8 million**
to Tom Magnier
Bred by Fairway Thoroughbreds

Lot 686

b f **Kingman** - Rayaa (Virtual)
Sold for **A\$425,000**
to Ciaron Maher Bloodstock
Bred by Yulong Investments



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Mohaather cont.

TP: All the time. You are always looking at it with rose-tinted glasses a little bit, because you really believe in them. As soon as they are running in their maiden or novice race, you start to think 'this could be the horse.' With a horse like Mohaather, he definitely hit our radar after his win in the Horris Hill. It took a couple of years to get there but he came to fruition.

AC: He's had time to settle in at Nunnery Stud now, what is he like physically?

TP: Physically, he is all there, he is full of quality. He stands just over 16 hands and is beautifully balanced. He's blown people away when he moves, just a super athletic walk and he has a great hindquarter and gaskin. You can see where he got his acceleration from. He's got that great length to his hip and a lovely head and eye. If you produce a foal that looks anything like him, you'll be away.



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AC: How is his book looking for his first season?

TP: His book is looking very good. We had a target to get to 100 mares by Christmas and we surpassed that, so we are flying along. With lockdowns and Covid things have been tricky but we were fortunate to be able to show him at Beech House and it was great for people to get their eyes on him because no one was able to see him in the flesh on the racecourse [last year]. Everyone who saw him there was blown away by him so we were able to get a lot of business done at that time. It was a great help and testament to the team here who had him ready to show that week.

Mohaather cont.

AC: Although we had a truncated season it was a good season for the Shadwell horses with Sheikh Hamdan being crowned champion owner in Britain. Watching the winners through the year must have given some respite to the team?

TP: It was a huge year with the likes of Battaash (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}) who comes back year after year and always delivers at the top table. We had a fantastic Royal Ascot which was great for the team, it kept us all very enthused and helped raise the spirits. But it didn't stop there, it went through the entire season with York and so on so it was a nice tonic to a tricky year. Obviously it was slightly tinged with a bit of sadness because you're watching the races thinking 'I wish I was there,' and I'm sure for Sheikh Hamdan it was probably the same because that is why he buys horses, to have them compete on the biggest stage. Hopefully with the roll out of the vaccine, although we are back in lockdown, we will be able to get owners and spectators back to the racecourse and all being well we will be welcoming Sheikh Hamdan back in the summer.

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Niccolo Riva said, "We were very keen to stand such a fast son of Camelot and regard Fighting Irish as an excellent addition to our stallion roster. He is a wonderful specimen and we and our clients will be supporting him with a strong team of broodmares."

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SIRE'S FIRST FOAL

ADVERTISE

- A colt, born on Jan. 19 at Luca and Sara Cumani's Fittocks Stud out of Volcanique (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), a 130,000gns purchase from last year's Tattersalls December Mares Sale who is a three-quarter sister to 2020 Royal Ascot winner Highland Chief (Ire) (Gleneagles {Ire}).



Advertise's first foal, a colt born at Fittocks Stud | Melanie Sauer

- Sara Cumani said of the foal, "We are delighted with our colt. This is our first foal of the year, the mare's first foal and Advertise's first foal as well. He weighed 52kg and is a lovely bay colt with a stripe down his face. He is strong, attractive and well put together, and we couldn't have hoped for any more. If all Advertise's foals look like this he is a stallion to be excited about. We purchased the mare in December as it is a

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Advertise's First Foal cont.

family we have had a lot of luck with and thought Advertise was an exciting cover."

- Tim Lane, managing director of the National Stud, said, "We are delighted that the first foal by Advertise has been born at Fittocks Stud. He has received a glowing report from Mrs. Cumani and we are very excited. He covered a book of exceptional quality last year and this year's book is shaping up to be very similar."
- Advertise, a three-time Group 1-winning sprinter, stands for £25,000 in 2021.

INVINCIBLE ARMY

- A colt, born on Jan. 19 at Grange Hill Stud out of Red Romance (GB) (Dutch Art {GB}), a half-sister to the stakes-placed Isabeau (Ire) (Cable Bay {Ire}).
- Invincible Army won the G2 Duke of York Clipper Logistics S. as well as three Group 3s over six furlongs at two, three and four and was third in the G1 Flying Five S. He stands for €7,500 at Yeomanstown Stud in 2021.

WALDGEIST

- A filly, born at Stephanie Von Schilcher's Carrigbeg Stud in

Co. Wexford out of Not Misbegotten (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), a half-sister to Group 1 winner Nahoodh (Ire) (Clodovil {Ire}).

- The G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe and four-time Group 1 winner Waldgeist stands for €17,500 at Ballylinch Stud in 2021.
- Ballylinch managing director John O'Connor said, "Ballylinch have a long and successful working relationship with Carrigbeg Stud and we are delighted that Stephanie has bred the first Waldgeist. The filly is from a family that we know very well here at Ballylinch, as we bred Not Misbegotten, who is a sister to Group 1 winner Nahoodh."

BRITAIN

CONDITIONS RESULT:

2nd-Southwell, £5,300, 1-19, 4yo/up, 12f 14y (AWT), 2:36.17, st.

ALPHA THETA (GB) (f, 4, Archipenko--Alumna {GSP-Fr}, by Mr. Greeley) Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$9,217. O/B-Miss K Rausing (GB); T-Mark Johnston.

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Tuesday's Result:

4th-Cagnes-sur-Mer, €23,000, Mdn, 1-19, 3yo, c/g, 10f (AWT), 2:04.41, st.

PRETTY TIGER (IRE) (c, 3, Sea The Moon {Ger}--Fast And Pretty {Ire}, by Zamindar), fourth on debut on the Polytrack at Deauville in November, travelled strongly under cover early behind the leading pair. Moved to the front with over two furlongs to race, the 13-10 favourite readily drew clear before being eased late to score by 4 1/2 lengths from Lavandier (GB) (Zoffany {Ire}). The dam, whose first foal was the G3 Prix Thomas Bryon runner-up Pretty Boy (Ire) (Siyouni {Fr}), is a daughter of the smart Tres Rapide (Ire) (Anabaa Blue {GB}) who was placed four times at pattern level including a runner-up spot in the G2 Prix de Royallieu. Also connected to the triple group winner and G1 Prix du Cadran runner-up Tres Rock Danon (Fr) (Rock of Gibraltar {Ire}) and the G2 Grand Prix de Deauville scorer and G1 Deutsches Derby runner-up Tres Blue (Ire) (Anabaa Blue {GB}), her 2-year-old colt Pretty Blue (Ire) (Camelot {GB}) was bought for €95,000 by Kerri Radcliffe at the Arqana Deauville October Yearling Sale. Sales history: €105,000 Ylg '19 ARAUG. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, €13,700. [Video](#), [sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O-Bernard Giraudon; B-Chevotel De La Hauquerie & Ecuries Serge Stempniak (IRE); T-Fabrice Vermeulen.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:

Heaven's Fair Lady (Fr), f, 3, Pedro The Great--Help From Heaven (Ire) (SP-Fr), by Titus Livius (Fr). Cagnes-sur-Mer, 1-19, 10f (AWT), 2:06.28. B-Haras Des Trois Chapelles (FR). *€3,500 Wlg '18 ARDEC; €10,000 Ylg '19 AROCT.

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SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	13	Communique (Ire)	Casamento (Ire)	Barzalona	bin Ghadayer	132
2	9	Ispolini (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Doyle	Appleby	130
3	4	Desert Fire (Ire)	Cape Cross (Ire)	Dettori	bin Suroor	129
4	7	Walton Street (GB)	Cape Cross (Ire)	Buick	Appleby	127
5	14	Away He Goes (Ire)	Farhh (GB)	Fresu	Mohammed	122
6	12	Dubai Future (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Crouch	bin Suroor	122
7	8	Lucius Tiberius (Ire)	Camelot (GB)	O'Shea	Hussain	121
8	5	Volcanic Sky (GB)	Street Cry (Ire)	Cosgrave	bin Suroor	121
9	1	Halimi (Ire)	Teofilo (Ire)	Bentley	Crisford	120
10	6	American Graffiti (Fr)	Pivotal (GB)	Mullen	Appleby	117
11	2	Dublin Pharaoh	American Pharaoh	Atzeni	Varian	117
12	3	Golden Wood (Fr)	Gold Away (Ire)	Veron	Caullery	117
13	10	Mondain (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Paiva	Al Rayhi	117
14	11	Zaman (GB)	Dutch Art (GB)	Jara	bin Harmash	117

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SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	8	Ekhtyaar (GB)	Bated Breath (GB)	O'Neill	Watson	132
2	13	Equilateral (GB)	Equiano (Fr)	Dettori	Hills	132
3	9	Lazuli (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	Buick	C Appleby	132
4	10	Caspian Prince (Ire)	Dylan Thomas (Ire)	Beasley	M Appleby	121
5	14	Acclaim The Nation (Ire)	Acclamation (GB)	Mullen	Attwater	118
6	11	Fanaar (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Hitchcott	Watson	118
7	12	Kilfrush Memories (Fr)	Shakespearean (Ire)	Lecoeuvre	Charpy	118
8	3	Dream Today (Ire)	Dream Ahead	Bentley	McGuinness	117
9	1	Drummore (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	Curatolo	Alalawi	117
10	4	Eshaasy (GB)	Oasis Dream (GB)	Paiva	Al Rayhi	117
11	15	King Ragnar (GB)	Hot Streak (Ire)	Veron	de Kock	117
12	6	Mutaraffa (Ire)	Acclamation (GB)	Lebouc	Al Mheiri	117
13	2	Riflescope (Ire)	Raven's Pass	O'Shea	Seemar	117
14	5	Roussel (Ire)	Kodiac (GB)	Chaves	Hussain	117
15	7	Speed Chance (Ire)	Born To Sea (Ire)	Jara	bin Harmash	117

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DUBAWI S. SPONSORED BY PARK AVENUE BY AZIZI-G3, \$130,000, 3yo/up, 1200m

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	4	Alkaraama	War Front	O'Neill	Al Mheiri	127
2	9	Bochart (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Mullen	Seemar	127
3	3	Gladiator King	Curlin	Barzalona	Seemar	127
4	6	Good Effort (Ire)	Shamardal	Fresu	Mohammed	127
5	1	Leading Spirit (Ire)	Exceed and Excel (Aus)	Cosgrave	Seemar	127
6	7	Rodaini	Exchange Rate	Buick	Seemar	127
7	8	Switzerland	Speightstown	O'Shea	Seemar	127
8	2	Waady (Ire)	Approve (Ire)	Dobbs	Watson	127
9	5	Upper Class (Brz)	Tiger Heart	Leal	Cintra	122

Thursday, Meydan, Dubai, post time: 8:15 p.m.

SINGSPIEL S. SPONSORED BY RIVIERA BY AZIZI-G2, \$163,000, NH 4yo/up & SH3yo/up, 1800mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	4	Art Du Val (GB)	No Nay Never	Doyle	Appleby	125
2	7	Bless Him (Ire)	Sea The Stars (Ire)	Atzeni	Simcock	125
3	8	Dream Castle (GB)	Frankel (GB)	Cosgrave	bin Suroor	125
4	1	Eqtiraan (Ire)	Helmet (Aus)	O'Neill	Al Rayhi	125
5	3	For The Top (Arg)	Equal Stripes (Arg)	Barzalona	bin Ghadayer	125
6	9	Lord Glitters (Fr)	Whipper	de Vries	O'Meara	125
7	10	Mythical Magic (Ire)	Iffraaj (GB)	Mullen	Appleby	125
8	2	Oasis Charm (GB)	Oasis Dream (GB)	Fresu	Hussain	125
9	6	Zakouski (GB)	Shamardal	Buick	Appleby	125
10	5	Kinross (GB)	Kingman (GB)	Kingscote	Beckett	124
11	11	Military March (GB)	New Approach (Ire)	Dettori	bin Suroor	124

Thursday, Meydan, Dubai, post time: 8:50 p.m.

AL MAKTOUM CHALLENGE R1 SPONSORED BY MINA BY AZIZI-G2, \$228,000, NH 4yo/up & SH3yo/up, 1600m

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	9	Ajuste Fiscal (Uru)	loya Bigtime	Leal	Cintra	125
2	10	Capezzano	Bernardini	Barzalona	bin Ghadayer	125
3	5	Emblem Storm	English Channel	Buick	Seemar	125
4	3	Gifts Of Gold (Ire)	Invincible Spirit (Ire)	Dettori	bin Suroor	125
5	8	Kimbear	Temple City	Dobbs	Watson	125
6	6	Mark Of Approval	Lemon Drop Kid	Curatolo	Hussain	125
7	2	Military Law (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Fresu	Al Mheiri	125
8	7	Quip	Distorted Humor	Mullen	Seemar	125
9	4	Roman Rosso (Arg)	Roman Ruler	O'Shea	Seemar	125
10	1	Salute The Soldier (Ger)	Sepoy (Aus)	de Vries	Nass	125
11	11	Thegreatcollection	Saint Anddan	Cosgrave	Watson	125



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Thursday, Meydan, Dubai, post time: 9:25 p.m.

AL FAHIDI FORT SPONSORED BY CREEK VIEWS BY AZIZI-G2, \$163,000, NH 4yo/up & SH3yo/up, 1400mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	5	Almoradi (Brz)	Top Hat (Brz)	Leal	Cintra	125
2	6	Could Be King (GB)	Bated Breath (GB)	Atzeni	Condon	125
3	8	D'Bai (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	Doyle	Appleby	125
4	1	Enjazaat (GB)	Acclamation (GB)	O'Neill	Al Rayhi	125
5	3	Glorious Journey (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Buick	Appleby	125
6	2	Land Of Legends (Ire)	Iffraaj (GB)	Dettori	bin Suroor	125
7	10	Medahim (Ire)	Kodiac (GB)	Mullen	Seemar	125
8	4	Silver Line (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Bentley	bin Suroor	125
9	7	Velorum (Ire)	Sea The Stars (Ire)	Barzalona	Appleby	125
10	9	Final Song (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Cosgrave	bin Suroor	125

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KEEPING UP WITH GAI



Bruce Slade, Sam Fairgray and Adrian and Jessica Bott | *Magic Millions*

by Bren O'Brien

If Bruce Slade learned one thing from a frantic 2021 Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale, it is that in the five years since he last worked with Gai Waterhouse, the 'first lady of racing' has not slowed down.

Slade's Kestrel Thoroughbreds teamed up with Waterhouse and co-trainer Adrian Bott for the first time on the Gold Coast, and, on numbers of yearlings purchased alone, it proved a major success.

Waterhouse and Bott bolstered their stable by well over 40, with 35 purchased in partnership with Kestrel.

Slade also continued his successful partnership buying for Gold Coast locals, Toby and Trent Edmonds in a market that was extremely competitive for buyers, and that required a fair bit of strategic planning to secure a winning bid.

"I thought it was a very good catalogue, a really high-class catalogue across the board. Pedigree-aside, just on types and racehorses, I thought there were plenty of good-running horses there, which of course Magic Millions has built its reputation and brand on," Slade said.

"There were lots of nice choices and it was just a matter of trying to get them bought. We just felt our way around it, did a lot of vetting and sat and waited for the ones that fell within our value ranges.

"Gai and Adrian have come away with close to 40 out of the Sale, which is more than they have for a few years and Toby and Trent had a record haul of 20-odd horses. It was really pleasing, it's just great to get some good-quality horses into the stable, get them educated, get them into the system and hopefully polish a few diamonds."

Waterhouse was rapt to have Slade back on board helping her select yearlings on the Gold Coast.

"It is great to have Bruce. I plucked him, so to speak, from New Zealand when he was bid-spotting many years ago. He worked with me, then he went on to work at Newgate Farm and he's come back more mature and a lot more experienced and he's a huge help to us," she said during the Sale.

For Slade, the phenomenal energy Waterhouse brings to her job, at an age where many are already in retirement, still amazes him.

"She said she thought I'd matured a lot, which I thought was interesting. I suppose we all mature and age and organically grow!" he said. "Gai has bought a lot of horses in her life, so it's always educational and it's just incredible when you think I first started working with her a decade ago, just her energy and her enthusiasm and the way she never stops.

"Even though the business is Adrian's day-to-day, she treats it as her own and she hasn't lost any of her passion, vigour or work ethic. It was good fun, and when she's out in front, leading as she does, you just follow. That ties in quite nicely to the way she likes her horses to race, it's just trying to keep up, but it's good to have a bunny to chase."

Bott's growing influence as a co-trainer is the major change Slade has seen since he last worked with Waterhouse Racing in 2015, and he sees the pair as a great foil for one another.

"He's an incredible person, he really is. The way he and Gai work in together, it's impossible for you to always see eye-to-eye, but they bounce off each other and let each other have their wins here and there," Slade said. "Gai's trained for a long time, and of everyone who has been through the gates there, he is the one that has been able to take over the mantle, and so that's a huge credit to him."

No Doubt over the standout

Of all the purchases made by the team at Magic Millions, it was Lot 705, the filly by Not A Single Doubt out of Rhodamine (Success Express {USA}), offered by Silverdale Farm, that Slade is most excited about. At \$750,000, she was the most expensive buy of the Sale for Waterhouse, Bott and Kestrel Thoroughbreds.

"We are just ecstatic to land her. You go in there hoping, and we had been beaten on a couple of other fillies we really liked. She was a top three physical in the Sale for us, filly or colt. What made her stand out was just her mentality," he said. "When you go back to see her the eighth, ninth and tenth time, and it's getting closer to the Sale and little things can upset them, but every time she came out of the box, it was business as usual. I love seeing that, when fillies are able to cope with pressure."



Lot 705, Not A Single Doubt filly | Magic Millions

The most exciting colt purchase in Slade's eye, was lot 665, by Pierro out of Princess Mia (Fastnet Rock) from the draft of Bott's father Tony's Evergreen Stud Farm. He cost \$475,000.

"He's a beautiful horse. Obviously his second dam is Princess Coup, who was a champion horse. He's just that horse that has got the physicality and strength to be up and going as an autumn 2-year-old like his dad, but he's also got that scope and size," he said. "You can see him leading out big weight-for-age, mile and sprint races in time. He's an exciting colt."

Edmonds Racing's record haul

Slade was also rapt with the horses he was able to secure for Edmonds Racing, who were the first clients in his new business at this Sale last year.

The pick of the bunch from 2021 was Lot 283, a filly by I Am Invincible out of Extra Olives from Coolmore which cost \$360,000.

"We have had so much luck with I Am Invincible, through Houtzen and I think four or five other stakes winners as well. Toby selected I Am Invincible as a yearling and purchased him and initially trained him for the Gall family. He's a sire very close to our heart," he said. "This filly is from a very fast family, her third dam is Alinghi and it's a quick family. She looks like she could get up and take on black type before Christmas this year and hopefully she is in the race next year."

Slade was also pleased with the purchase of Lot 40, a colt by Nicconi out of Amansara (Not A Single Doubt), which Edmonds Racing and Kestrel Thoroughbreds were able to buy for \$250,000.

Lessons learned

Working for two major clients presented its challenges for Slade on the Gold Coast but having got through a very busy start to the year, he has probably learned that he may need some help keeping up with his clients moving forward, particularly with Gai.

"It's just full on the whole time, full pace. Especially working for the two. It's the only Sale where both of them are really active. At other sales, it will generally be one or the other," he said. "Going into it, I wasn't sure how it was going to work. You just have to have very open communication lines and be very honest and where they come together on the same horse, they bid against one another as they normally would."

"I could definitely do it better for them both and that probably means I just need some help going forward in that regard. There are some things I could be doing, which I just can't physically do by myself. I probably just need an extra set of hands that can be there helping me add further value to them."

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