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TDN KENTUCKY DERBY TOP 12 FOR JAN. 26

Essential Quality | *Breeders' Cup/Eclipse Sportswire*

by T.D. Thornton

Two new shooters debut on the Top 12 this week and there was a large leap forward from the previously ranked No. 10 contender all the way up to the No. 2 spot. Four qualifying races on the Road to the GI Kentucky Derby points series are on the docket for the next two weekends.

1) ESSENTIAL QUALITY (c, Tapit--Delightful Quality, by Elusive Quality) O/B-Godolphin (Ky); T-Brad Cox. Lifetime Record: GISW, 3-3-0-0, $1,335,144. Last Start: 1st GI TVG Breeders' Cup Juvenile, KEE, Nov. 6
Accomplishments Include: 1st GI Claiborne Breeders' Futurity, **'TDN Rising Star'**
Next Start: GII Risen Star S., FG, Feb. 13 or GIII Southwest S., OP, Feb. 15
Equineline PPs. Ky Derby Points: 30.

'TDN Rising Star' Essential Quality will likely add an Eclipse Award to his resume Thursday as this undefeated colt preps for either the GII Risen Star S. Feb. 13 at Fair Grounds or the GIII Southwest S. Feb. 15 at Oaklawn. Remaining where he is stabled at Fair Grounds means this Godolphin homebred by Tapit doesn't have to ship while competing for five times more Derby qualifying points (50-20-10-5) than what are up for grabs at Oaklawn (10-4-2-1). But the Risen Star is a more arduous nine furlongs as opposed to the Southwest's 1 1/16 miles. ***Cont. p10***

TIZ JUST THE BEGINNING

by Katie Ritz

There were just 56 days between **Tiz the Law**'s (Constitution) dazzling sophomore debut in the GIII Holy Bull S. on the first day of February to his next start in the GI Florida Derby. How much could change in that time?

As it turned out, just about everything.

So maybe that's why, during a dark time, this bay colt with the bright, white-blazed face was so easy to cheer for. During uncertain circumstances, the Sackatoga silks with the familiar connections brought a piece of near normalcy to the starting gate.

Even now, as he takes up stud duty at Ashford Stud, Tiz the Law's campaign will long be remembered as one piece of an unforgettable year in racing.

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INTERNATIONAL CAST FOR QATAR'S MAJOR FESTIVAL

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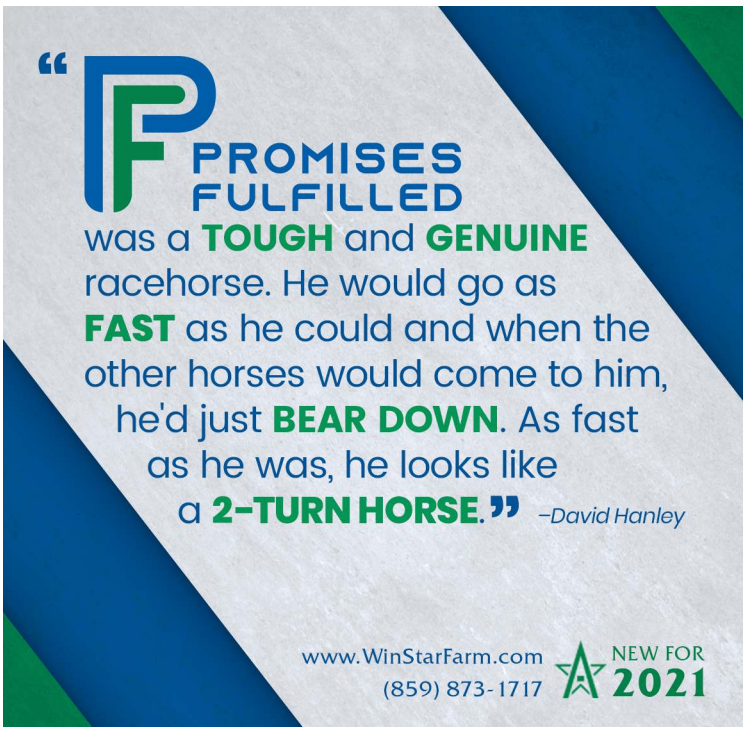

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The 2020 #LonginesWorldRacingAwards ceremony will be held virtually Tuesday at 14:00 GMT/9:00 EST. Francesca Cumani will host the online show from the National Horse Racing Museum in Newmarket, England. The awards will be streamed on the TDN homepage.

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"No one is ever going to forget 2020," said Ashford's Adrian Wallace. "It was a year in which everyone had been touched in some way or another by the pandemic, by loss. A horse like Tiz the Law, to have gone from the Holy Bull to the Florida Derby to the Belmont S., and then who is ever going to forget the Travers and him running a gallant second in a Kentucky Derby in September? No one is ever going to forget this campaign because of how different it was."

Click here to see Tiz the Law, New York's four-time Grade I winner, at Ashford Stud.

The fact that this horse was owned by a syndicate of racing fans, Wallace said, made his success all the more meaningful.

"Being owned by a syndicate, he was able to touch so many more people," he said. "We've seen it when some of his previous owners have come to the farm to visit him. He generated a huge amount of excitement and a huge following. Even though they couldn't go to the races and watch him, [fans] will never forget watching the owners celebrate the Travers win at Saratoga."

Bred by Twin Creeks Farm, Tiz the Law was a $110,000 yearling purchase for Sackatoga's Jack Knowlton at the 2018 Fasig-Tipton Saratoga New York-bred Sale.

After a winning debut and easy four-length romp in the GI Champagne S., the son of Constitution had already caught Ashford's attention.

"Tiz the Law stamped himself as a very exciting prospect early in his 2-year-old season," Wallace said. "The Champagne is a race that, year after year, stamps itself as a stallion-making race. We know first-hand with the likes of Uncle Mo, Scat Daddy and Practical Joke all having won the Champagne. It separates the wheat from the chaff, so any horse that wins in New York at that time of year, we're certainly looking at."

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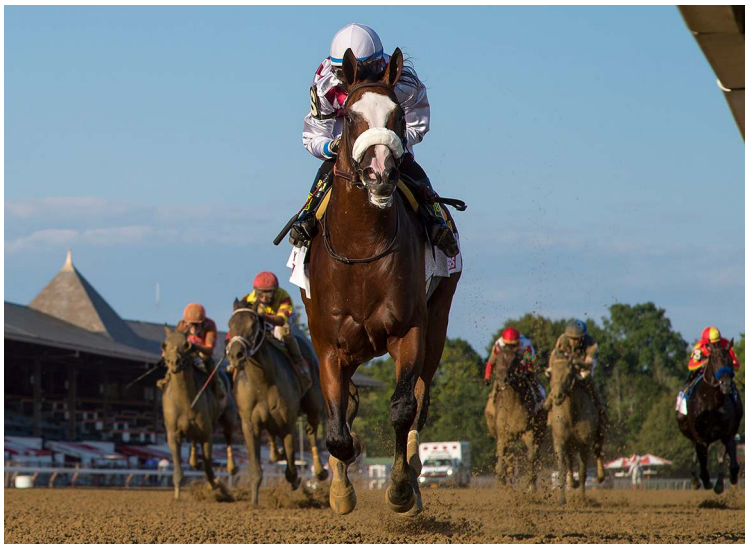
Following his definitive wins in the GIII Holy Bull S. and GI Florida Derby, Tiz the Law followed an odd Triple Crown trail as he took on the first leg of the series in a nine-furlong GI Belmont S. When jockey Manny Franco cued him while heading into the long Belmont stretch, the bay shifted gears to blow by his foes and become the first New York-bred to win the Belmont since 1882.

Then came the GI Runhappy Travers S., which was slated to run exactly one year after his winning debut at the Spa in 2019. Sent off as the 1-2 favorite, Tiz the Law raced three wide before pouncing on his tiring rivals at the far turn and geared down in the stretch to win by 5 1/2 lengths to John Imbriale's call of, "Here he is, Saratoga's hometown hero, Tiz the Law."

"Only one horse has gone faster since 1990, and that was Arrogate (Unbridled's Song) five years ago," Wallace noted of the Travers victory. "It just shows how much ability the horse had--how much raw, natural talent. What made Tiz the Law so great was his huge ability to quicken off a high cruising speed. The Travers was one example of that and the Belmont was another. I think that's the key to any great horse, and it was the key to him."

Arguments arose as to whether the Barclay Tagg trainee would be considered a true Triple Crown champion if he were to win the next two legs of the series. But the controversy died when Tiz the Law had to settle for second against Bob Baffert's eventual GI Breeders' Cup Classic champion Authentic (Into Mischief) in the Run for the Roses.



Tiz the Law records the second-fastest Travers S. win since 1990 | *Sarah Andrew*

After a sixth-place finish in the Classic, Tiz the Law's connections were ready for a comeback in the GI Pegasus World Cup Invitational S. But after an X-ray revealed bone bruising, the decision was made for him to retire.

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The four-time Grade I winner arrived at Ashford with earnings of over $2.7 million, finishing in the money in all but one of his career starts.

"For a very long period of time, he was right at the top of his generation," Wallace said. "He was New York's home-bred hero and he really captured the hearts and minds of a lot of people in New York in a very troubling year. That's one of the reasons that, as a four-time Grade I winner, he really resonates with a lot of breeders and a lot of fans."

Tiz the Law now gives breeders a unique opportunity as the first son of rising young sire Constitution (Tapit) to enter stud.

"It's no secret that Constitution is probably regarded as one of the most promising new sires in the business at the moment," Wallace said. "Worldwide, he has already sired four Grade I winners, including three from Chile, and Tiz the Law is obviously his marquee horse here. Tiz the Law is a great embodiment of what Constitution has to offer."

Tiz the Law is out of the Tiznow mare Tizfiz, winner of the 2009 GII San Gorgonio H. and a full-sister to Grade III winner and Grade I-placed Fury Kapcori. Her granddam is a half-sister to Favorite Trick (Phone Trick), who won Horse of the Year honors as a juvenile in 1997.

"It's a family replete with 2-year-old success," Wallace noted. "Obviously Tiz the Law himself was a very good 2-year-old, so I think it's a pedigree that will offer people a lot of precocity and it will suit a wide array of broodmares here in this country."

Wallace said the Coolmore team has kept busy since the 4-year-old's arrival as breeders have been out to see the new prospect, who will stand his first season for a $40,000 fee.

"Physically he's all about balance," he said. "He's an exceptional mover, lots of quality and a lovely nature. A lovely hip and shoulder on him as well. The breeders who have come to see him over the last couple of weeks have been blown away."

Tiz the Law joins the growing list of fan favorites at Ashford Stud alongside Triple Crown winners American Pharoah and Justify.

"What makes any horse special is the amount of people that they can bring into the sport," Wallace said. "This sport, like any sport, needs heroes. We need storylines. Barclay Tagg has been around for a long time and we'll never forget his role with Sackatoga Stables and Funny Cide (Distorted Humor). To come back with the same owner-trainer combination with a New York-bred, I think that really drew people into the sport. He's a stunning individual and we couldn't be prouder to stand him here."

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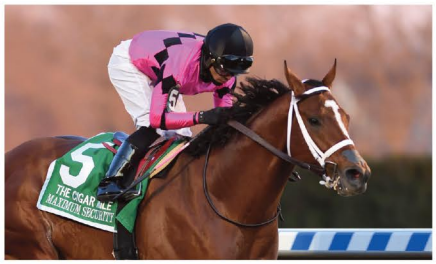

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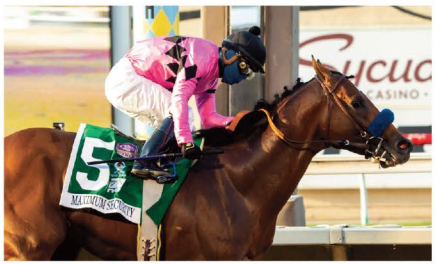

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OBS WINTER MIXED SALE KICKS OFF TUESDAY

The Ocala Breeders' Sales Company kicks off their 2021 season Tuesday with the two-day OBS Winter Mixed Sale. Tuesday's session starts with a 183-head consignor-preferred session which will be immediately followed by a 120-head Horses of Racing Age session. Wednesday's open session consists of 354 horses and is a mix of broodmares and short yearlings. Both sessions start at 10:30 a.m.

Those numbers include late supplements. The supplemental catalogues will be available on the grounds and those additional horses will sell immediately following the original catalogue.

"We are cautiously optimistic," OBS's Tod Wojciechowski said. "We have a good book of yearlings and mares, as well as some nice racing age options. We saw some bright spots in [Keeneland] January and hopefully some of those bright spots carry down here."

OBS sales grounds | *Photos by Z*

Covering stallions include Enticed, Collected, Speightster and Tapit, as well as Florida-based stallions, such as St. Patrick's Day, Khozan and Girvin. Short yearlings on offer include the offspring of such stallions as Accelerate, Always Dreaming, Bolt d'Oro, Constitution, Into Mischief and Mendelssohn.

During Monday's under-tack preview of the auction, a pair of colts shared the fastest three-furlong work of :32 2/5.

Load to Fire (More Than Ready), hip 306, an unraced 4-year-old colt, worked his :32 2/5 three furlongs for consignor Woodard Sales. Hip 315, an unraced 3-year-old colt by Distorted Humor, worked in :32 2/5 for consignor Oscar Brown Stables.

Four horses enter the Winter sales ring off recent wins on the racetrack.

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Pledge (Candy Ride {Arg}) (hip 360) broke her maiden by 6 1/2 lengths at Turfway Park Jan. 2; **Kramden** (Kitten's Joy) (hip 362) won at Tampa Bay Downs Sunday; **Bear Brian** (Tiznow) (hip 368) broke his maiden on debut at Sam Houston Race Park Jan. 9; and **Lower for Longer (Ire)** (Tamayuz {GB}) (hip 370) broke her maiden at Tampa Bay Downs Sunday.

OBS will continue to implement COVID-19 safety protocols and provide online bidding.

"We are still committed to trying to provide the safest environment possible," Wojciechowski said "We will continue with the COVID protocols we initiated last year. In addition, there will be a mask mandate for inside the building and the back walking ring. It is obviously something we have to deal with. That is one reason the online bidding was implemented, so buyers unable or unwilling to travel can still shop."

The 2020 renewal of this auction generated $4,957,800 of turnover from 359 transactions with an average of $13,810 and median of $7,000. The sales-topper was a $165,000 yearling colt by Union Rags, who was purchased by Blue Sky Stables.

The sale will be streamed on the TDN homepage. Click here for the full catalog.

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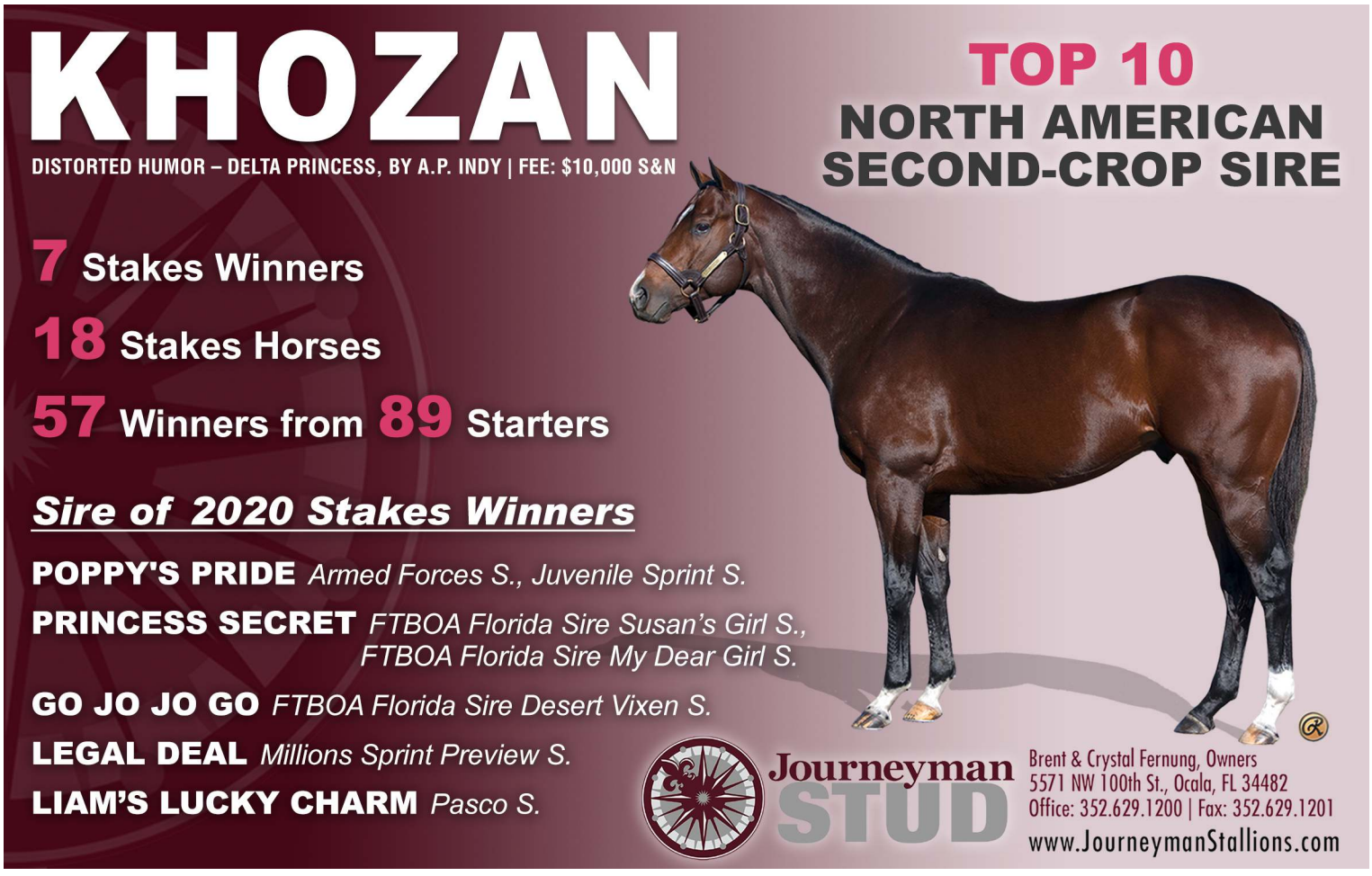
JUDDMONTE ANNOUNCES '21 U.S. MATING PLANS *by Jessica Martini*

Eclipse champion **Close Hatches** (First Defence), dam of multiple graded stakes winner Tacitus (Tapit), will be visiting WinStar Farm stallion Constitution this year, highlighting a list of high-profile U.S.-based mares whose 2021 mating plans were released Monday by Juddmonte Farm. The 11-year-old mare, who has a yearling filly by Constitution's sire Tapit and was bred to that Gainesway stallion last year, is one of several Juddmonte mares expected to be bred to Constitution this year. The list also includes 2012 Canadian 2-year-old filly champion and GI Darley Alcibiades S. winner **Spring in the Air** (Spring at Last).

"We are breeding quite a few mares to Constitution," Juddmonte's Leif Aaron said. "His early results speak for themselves and he is able to get a Classic-type of horse which is what we are after. He is capable of siring graded stakes-caliber horses at a very impressive frequency. He seems to fit nicely with many of our mares for a variety of reasons."

Juddmonte Farm has eight mares booked to Into Mischief in 2021.

"He is such a strong influence of speed and determination and he matches well with our Classic mares," Aaron said of the Spendthrift stallion.



Among the Juddmonte mares visiting Into Mischief this year are four-time Grade I winner **Emollient** (Empire Maker)--who was repatraited to the U.S. after producing foals by the farm's English superstar Frankel (GB) the last three years--and **Hachita** (Gone West), dam of Grade I winner Announce (GB) (Selkirk).

Close Hatches | *Horsephotos*

Of what he expects from progeny of Into Mischief, Aaron said, "Without sounding like a broken record, it really is their speed, soundness and determination that makes his offspring so successful. He really stamps his offspring. When an Into Mischief walks out of the barn, you usually have a pretty good idea of who the sire is."

Juddmonte has been represented by a trio of homebred 'TDN Rising Stars' from the barn of trainer Brad Cox in the last few months, two of whom--Mandaloun and Prate--are by Into Mischief.

"Those two colts reinforce that Into Mischief is a sire that is consistently getting winners," Aaron said.

Mandaloun, tabbed a 'TDN Rising Star' following a debut win at Keeneland in October, was third as the beaten favorite in the Jan. 16 GIII Lecomte S. in his sophomore debut.

"Mandaloun is scheduled to make his next start in the [Feb. 13 GII] Risen Star S.," Aaron said. "He is still a little green, so we are going to add blinkers for his next start in hopes of getting him to focus a little more."

Prate was named a 'TDN Rising Star' following a debut win at Fair Grounds Dec. 19. The gray colt worked four furlongs in :50.00 (52/133) in New Orleans Sunday.

"We are taking our time with Prate and trying to find the right spot for him," Aaron said. "Both colts are doing great."

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Shoppers at the recent Keeneland January Horses of All Ages Sale nearly had a chance to buy into the families of both 'Rising Stars,' with Prate's half-sister by Kantharos catalogued as hip 106 and a half-sister by Arrogate to Mandaloun's dam Brooch (Empire Maker) catalogued as hip 207, but both were withdrawn from the auction.

Emollient | *Horsephotos*

"Both of those short yearlings that were entered are fillies and their relatives made it an easy decision for us to hold on to them for now," Aaron said. "At the moment we are going to let them grow up a little and reevaluate from there."

Juddmonte's trio of 'Rising Stars' is completed by the filly **Sun Path** (Munnings) and her sire will also be covering Juddmonte mares in 2021.

"Munnings is a horse that has done it the hard way and continued to grind his way to the top," Aaron said. "With Sun Path, we were a little disappointed in her last race, [fourth in the Jan. 16 Silverbulletday S.], but everyone has a bad day now and then. We will wait for Brad's advice on how she is doing and where to go with her next."

Among the other Juddmonte matings announced Monday, **Soothing Touch** (Touch Gold), dam of Emollient, will visit Curlin and Grade I winner **Antonoe** (First Defence) will visit Speightstown. Multiple Grade I winner **Paulassilverlining** (Ghostzapper) and **Rising Tornado** (Storm Cat), dam of Close Hatches, will both be bred to Tapit.

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BACKSIDE LEARNING CENTER BOURBON RAFFLE TO FUND COVID EFFORTS

The Backside Learning Center (BLC) will be hosting a Bourbon Bonanza Raffle Feb. 11. All proceeds will help fund efforts toward COVID-19 vaccine education, access and promotion for backside workers and their families at Churchill Downs.

The drawing will take place at 4 p.m. and the deadline for entry is Feb. 10 at 10:59 p.m. Participants will enter to win one of two eight-bottle baskets, with values ranging from $1,000 to $3,000.

The first basket, called Cupid's Collection, features Pappy Van Winkle 12-year-old Lot B, Kentucky Par, Blanton's and more. The second basket, the Valentine's Bundle, includes three variations of Wild Turkey, two types of Basil Hayden, 10-year-old Kentucky Owl Rye Whiskey and more.

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"Proceeds from the Bourbon Bonanza will help fund our extensive efforts towards COVID-19 vaccine education, access and promotion for backside workers and their families," said the BLC's Executive Director Sherry Stanley. "It is very important to us that our clients can make informed decisions that affect the health of their families and the entire community. The BLC is a trusted source of information and support, therefore it is vital that we are well-informed and presenting up-to-the-minute information in order to protect the well-being of the entire equine community of workers and families."

The Backside Learning Center is a non-profit organization that works to promote community and enrich the lives of equine workers and their families at Churchill Downs. Since the onset of the pandemic, the BLC has provided emergency food relief, created a digital inclusion project to overcome the challenges of virtual learning, provided computers to 20 backside families, offered virtual English classes and more.

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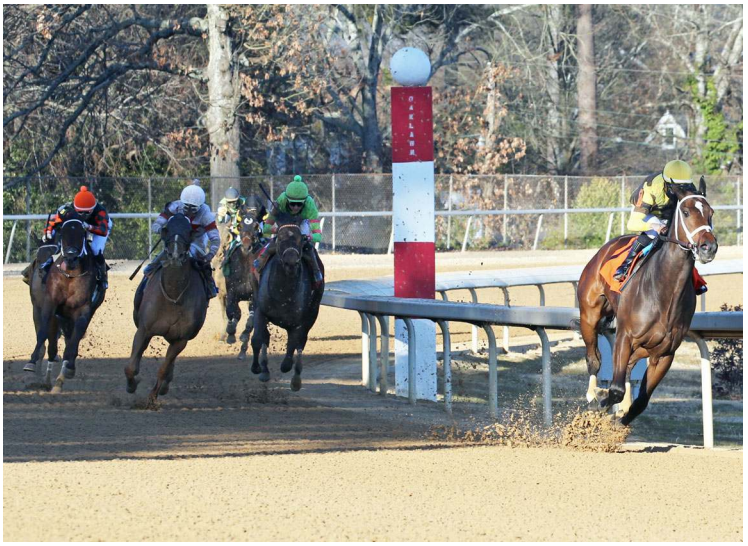
TDN Derby 12 *(cont. from p1)*

Beyond the choice for Essential Quality's 2021 debut, trainer Brad Cox said earlier this month that the GII Louisiana Derby at 1 3/16 miles would be "in play" Mar. 20. At age two, this colt looked comfortable settling into authoritative stalk mode for all three of his victories. But in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile, he did benefit immensely from a speed setup--the Juvenile's fastest opening quarter mile since 2014 and its fastest half-mile split since 2003. Essential Quality must overcome the historical burden of only two Juvenile winners in 36 years (Nyquist and Street Sense) parlaying a Breeders' Cup win into a blanket of roses on the first Saturday in May.

2) CADDO RIVER (c, Hard Spun--Pangburn, by Congrats)
O/B-Shortleaf Stable (Ky). T-Brad Cox. Lifetime Record: 4-2-2-0, $166,092. Last Start: 1st Smarty Jones S., OP, Jan. 22.
Accomplishments: **'TDN Rising Star'**
Next Start: Uncommitted.
Equineline PPs. Ky Derby Points: 10.

I normally wouldn't get too excited about a recent maiden-breaker who looked dominant on paper wiring an ungraded stakes field. In fact, well-bet, wire-to-wire horses have won each of the previous three editions of the Smarty Jones S., but none made an impact as Derby contenders. Caddo River resonates differently, though. This **'TDN Rising Star'**s 10 1/4-length crushing of the competition on opening day at Oaklawn (92 Beyer Speed Figure) represents the third race in a row this Hard Spun homebred for Shortleaf Stable set or forced the issue while looking relaxed, torqueing out effectively and leaving the impression there was untapped power in reserve. Caddo River broke fluidly, then was subtly cued to quicken from the outermost seven post to make sure he cleared the field and put a length or two of cushion between him and a hard-to-handle 57-1 shot. He loped down the backstretch, then was nudged for more entering the far turn (even though his lead was not in danger). He cruised into a higher gear under light coaxing and was hand-ridden for a solo drive to the wire.

Caddo River's emphatic double-digit winning margin came over a short-stretch configuration, meaning he didn't have an extra sixteenth of straightaway late in the race to pad that margin. Owned, bred (and named after) Arkansas connections, Caddo River almost certainly will remain on the Oaklawn prep path to Louisville.



Caddo River all alone turning for home in the Smarty Jones | *Coady*

3) LIKEABLE (c, Frosted--Dashing Debby, by Medaglia d'Oro)
O-Repole Stable, St. Elias Stable & Stonestreet Stables LLC.
B-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings, LLC (Ky). T-Todd Pletcher.
Sales history: $350,000 yrl '19 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, $49,050.
Last Start: 13th GI TVG Breeders' Cup Juvenile, KEE, Nov. 6
Accomplishments: Mdn win, Belmont, Sept. 19
Next Start: Uncommitted
Equineline PPs. Ky Derby Points: 0.

Bred and Raised by STONESTREET
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Likeable celebrates his foaling-date birthday Jan. 26 and appears ready to hit the entries now more than a month into his winter training at Palm Beach Downs. This $350,000 KEESEP Frosted colt's race progression so far includes a very useful debut at Saratoga when second despite trip woes.

In a freewheeling one-turn mile MSW at Belmont, Likeable wired by 8 1/2 lengths, and in what amounts to a thrown-to-the-wolves 13th in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile, he got hooked four wide into the first turn, then contributed to an unsustainably torrid pace that cooked him by the time the field hit the far turn. He's the type of horse who projects to run well at Gulfstream, either in a one-turn mile or at 1 1/16 miles around two, because both configurations favor outright speed.

4) PRIME FACTOR (c, Quality Road--Haylie Brae, by Bernardini)
O-CHC Inc. & WinStar Farm LLC. B-Two Hearts Farm LLC (Ky). T-Todd Pletcher. Sales history: $900,000 yrl '19 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $24,000.
Last Start: Mdn win, Gulfstream, Dec. 12
Accomplishments: **'TDN Rising Star'**
Next Start: Uncommitted.
Equineline PPs. Ky Derby Points: 0.

LEGACY *Bloodstock* SALES GRAD

'TDN Rising Star' Prime Factor closed at 21-1 odds in last weekend's Pool 2 of the Kentucky Derby Future Wager. It's likely that his prep path toward the Derby will look similar to that of his sire, Quality Road, who used victories in both the GII Fasig-Tipton Fountain of Youth S. and the GI Florida Derby to propel him toward Kentucky Derby favoritism before quarter cracks derailed his chances of starting in the Triple Crown. I wrote in the last installment of the Top 12 how this $900,000 KEESEP colt's MSW romp Dec. 12 at Gulfstream was the most authoritative maiden win among the Derby candidates, but Saturday's wowza performance by Prevalence (Medaglia d'Oro) has given Prime Factor a run for the money for that distinction (read more below at No. 7). Still, let's not allow any form of recency bias to erase how convincingly this Todd Pletcher trainee widened under wraps to blast home by 8 3/4 lengths in an 85 Beyer effort that clocked 0.08 seconds faster than the GIII Sugar Swirl S. for established older distaffers on the same card.

5) JACKIE'S WARRIOR (c, Maclean's Music--Unicorn Girl, by A. P. Five Hundred)
O-J Kirk & Judy Robison. B-J & J Stables (Ky). T-Steve Asmussen. Sales history: $95,000 yrl '19 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: MGISW, 5-4-0-0, $502,564.
Last Start: 4th GI TVG Breeders' Cup Juvenile, KEE, Nov. 6
Accomplishments: 1st GII Saratoga Special, 1st GI Runhappy Hopeful S., 1st GI Champagne S.
Next Start: Possible for GIII Southwest S., OP, Feb. 15.
Equineline PPs. Ky Derby Points: 12.

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Although I'm sure the connections of Jackie's Warrior would have much rather finished first in the Juvenile to cap what would have been a five-for-five season, the fact that this $95,000 KEESEP Maclean's Music colt was only 3 1/4 lengths behind Essential Quality in the most important race of the year for 2-year-olds now means "Jackie" doesn't have to prep for his 2021 debut under a figurative microscope. The pressure of being an undefeated champ comes with the difficult task of being a target for the rest of the division, and for some developing colts, that's too much. Right now, Jackie is projected to start in the Southwest S., raising the tantalizing possibility of an early-season rematch with Essential Quality (who has not committed either way). Speculating which colt might have the upper hand is a fun mental exercise three weeks out from that race. Right now, I'd give the head-to-head edge to Jackie, based on his dominant ability to control the pace. But that assessment might not hold for longer races deeper into the spring, when stamina questions are likely to swirl.

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6) LIFE IS GOOD (c, Into Mischief--Beach Walk, by Distorted Humor)
O-CHC Inc & WinStar Farm LLC. B-Gary & Mary West Stable (Ky). T-Bob Baffert. Sales history: $525,000 yrl '19 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: GSW, 2-2-0-0, $94,200.
Last Start: 1st GIII Sham S., SA, Jan. 2
Next Start: Possible for GII San Felipe S., SA, Mar. 6
Accomplishments: **'TDN Rising Star'**
Equineline PPs. Ky Derby Points: 10.

Congratulations to all the connections from Paramount Sales

This $525,000 KEESEP Into Mischief bay is on a similar prep-race trajectory as trainer Bob Baffert's 2020 Derby winner Authentic, who used the GIII Sham S. and GII San Felipe S. as his early-season springboard until the Derby got rescheduled for September. Baffert has noted similarities between the two colts, who, beyond sharing a sire, are hallmarked by a speed-centric, headstrong, aggressive way of going. **'TDN Rising Star'** Life Is Good won the Jan. 2 Sham in wire-to-wire fashion, racking up an eye-catching 101 Beyer in the process (Authentic earned a 90 Beyer for his Sham). But, like Authentic in January last year, Life Is Good still comes across as more of a raw-talent work in progress, and it's difficult to gauge just how sharp a crew Life Is Good roughed up in that strung-out five-horse stakes.

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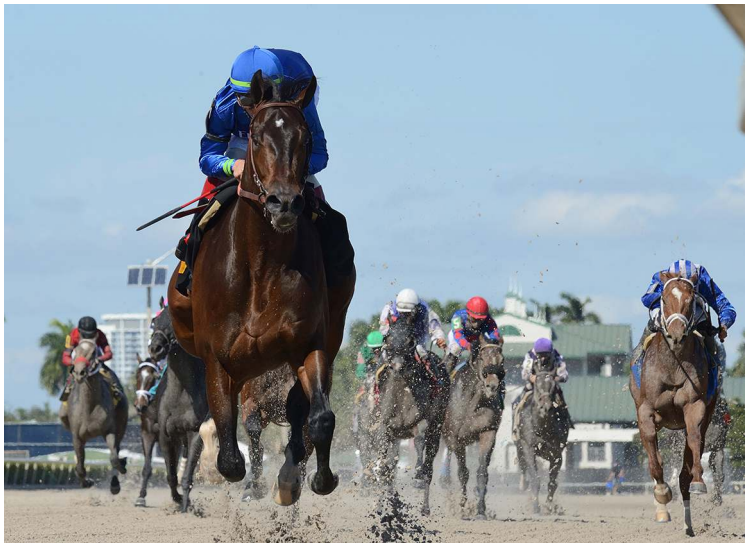
Baffert has now won seven editions of the Sham, but Authentic was the only one of his six Derby champs to have won that prep race. In fact, Baffert's only other Sham winner to even run in the Derby was Bob and John (17th in 2006).

7) PREVALENCE (c, Medaglia d'Oro--Enrichment, by Ghostzapper)
O/B-Godolphin (KY); T-Brendan Walsh. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $25,800.
Last Start: 1st GP maiden, Jan. 23
Next Start: Uncommitted
Accomplishments: '**TDN Rising Star**'
Equineline PPs. Ky Derby points: 0.

The seven-furlong MSW on the Pegasus undercard at Gulfstream Saturday had the look of a "loaded" race as soon as the overnight was drawn, and the only real surprise was that one of the talented colts would manage to win it by 8 1/2 geared-down lengths. Prevalence broke inward and brushed with a rival, then righted himself to prowl through the pack and secure the rail in a spirited five-way fight for the lead. One by one his rivals peeled away, and at the entrance to the turn Prevalence had wrested a half-length lead under pressure. He opened up incrementally while still hand-ridden, and by the head of the lane was as good as gone while some pretty nice colts behind him were under full-out drives. Left in his wake were the runner-up Stage Raider (Pioneerof the Nile), a half-brother to 2018 Triple Crown champ Justify (Scat Daddy), and third-place Ghazaaly (Curlin), a $1.05-million KEESEP buy. The 89-Beyer performance earned Prevalence **'TDN Rising Star'** status while also giving Godolphin no fewer than three homebreds (for three different trainers) in the current Top 12.



Prevalence | *Coglianese*

8) MIDNIGHT BOURBON (c, Tiznow--Catch the Moon, by Malibu Moon)
O-Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC; B-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC (KY); T-Steve Asmussen. Sales history: $525,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-2, $221,420.
Last Start: 1st GIII Lecomte S., FG, Jan. 16
Next Start: Aiming for GII Risen Star S., FG, Feb. 13
Accomplishments: 3rd GI Champagne S., 2nd GIII Iroquois S.
Equineline PPs. Ky Derby points: 16.

Bred and Raised by STONESTREET

Midnight Bourbon, who hit his third birthdate Jan. 25, made a positive impression with a wire-to-wire win in the GIII Lecomte S. The question he'll need to answer is how much he relied on an ideal pace scenario to propel him to that victory. The Lecomte drew flush with early speed, but after three scratches and a stutter-step start by the remaining main pace threat in the race, this $525,000 KEESEP colt was handed the lead from post one, and was allowed to dictate a moderate enough tempo (:24.68 and :48.99) that left him with plenty of energy to flick away two far-turn bids from the Nos. 9 and 11 contenders on this list. But Midnight Bourbon did finish up professionally while being kept to task, and his 91 Beyer for the effort is respectable for a 3-year-old who hadn't raced since Oct. 10. Seeing two-time GI Breeders' Cup Classic champ Tiznow anchor the top line in this colt's pedigree is heartening from a stamina standpoint, and trainer Steve Asmussen confirmed he would be pointed toward the GII Risen Star S. and GII Louisiana Derby.

9) PROXY (c, Tapit--Panty Raid, by Include)
O/B-Godolphin (Ky). T-Michael Stidham. Lifetime Record: 4-2-2-0, $107,700.
Last Start: 2nd GIII Lecomte S., FG, Jan. 16
Next Start: Possible for GII Risen Star S., FG, Feb. 13
Equineline PPs. Ky Derby Points: 4.

Proxy got first run at Midnight Bourbon in the Lecomte S., and although this Tapit homebred for Godolphin couldn't seal the deal to reel in that solo pacemaker, he did glean a useful lesson in how to claw back his position when headed in the stretch by 4-5 favorite and **'TDN Rising Star'** Mandaloun as they battled for second. Although the soft internal splits worked to the advantage of Midnight Bourbon, Proxy was only a length behind at the wire, and the 1:44.41 final time for 1 1/16 miles was only 0.14 seconds shy of the same-distance clocking set by older horses in the GIII Louisiana S. earlier on the card. The Lecomte also marked Proxy's return to Lasix-free racing (he's now won twice on it and finished second twice without it), which is a must this year for sophomores competing on the Lasix-free Triple Crown trail. "The way he dug in and held off the favorite in the end, and was getting to the winner, I couldn't have been happier," said trainer Michael Stidham. "I think the farther the better."

10) HIGHLY MOTIVATED (c, Into Mischief--Strong Incentive, by Warrior's Reward)
O/B-Klaravich Stables, Inc (Ky). T-Chad Brown. Sales history: $240,000 wnlg '18 KEENOV. Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, $124,050.
Last Start: 1st Nyquist S., Kee, Nov. 6
Next Start: Uncommitted.
Equineline PPs. Ky Derby Points: 0.

LANE'S END SALES GRADUATE

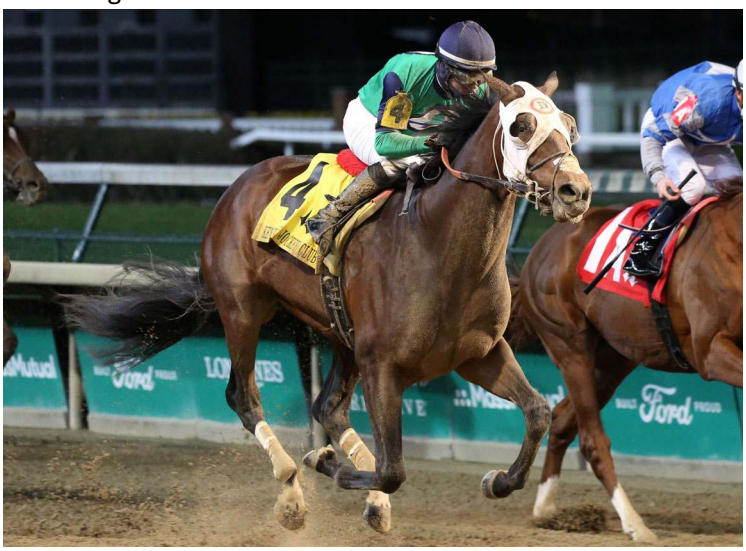
Highly Motivated is now two half-mile breezes into his Palm Meadows training for a 2021 debut, meaning the GII Fasig-Tipton Fountain of Youth S. (FOY) could be in play. Thus far he's a 2-for-3 sprint specialist, but this $240,000 KEENOV Into Mischief colt's stalking 6 1/2-furlong Nyquist S. score was a track-record-setting key race that kicked off the Breeders' Cup undercard, having produced three next-out winners (in the Sugar Bowl S. at Fair Grounds, a Churchill open allowance, and a Louisiana-bred stakes at Fair Grounds). Jockey Javier Castellano, who has been out since after the Breeders' Cup to heal from scheduled hip surgery, made it a point earlier this winter to say he'd like to be back in time for the FOY, which is key for this colt, because he was Highly Motivated's rider every time out last season.

11) MANDALOUN (c, Into Mischief--Brooch, by Empire Maker)
O/B-Juddmonte Farms Inc. (Ky). T-Brad Cox. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, $91,252.
Last Start: 3rd GIII Lecomte S., FG, Jan. 16
Next Start: Possible for GII Risen Star S., FG, Feb. 13
Accomplishments: **'TDN Rising Star'**
Equineline PPs. Ky Derby Points: 2.

'TDN Rising Star' Mandaloun was tactically disadvantaged by being three wide on both turns behind a tepid pace in the Lecomte S., and this Juddmonte homebred by Into Mischief also lost the race within the race by letting Proxy come back to beat him for second after Mandaloun looked him in the eye but couldn't clear him. Still, in the larger picture, one subpar effort in January shouldn't derail this colt from Derby aspirations. He bulled through heavy traffic to break his maiden and then convincingly won an allowance, both at Churchill, and his 89 Beyer in the Lecomte still represents an upward arc in Mandaloun's numbers progression. "I think we are going to add blinkers," Cox said the day after the Lecomte. "I talked it over with the Juddmonte team and Florent [jockey Geroux]. We kind of thought that ever since his first race."

12) KEEPMEINMIND (c, Laoban--Inclination, by Victory Gallop)
O-Cypress Creek LLC & Arnold Bennewith. B-Southern Equine Stables, LLC (Ky). T-Robertino Diodoro. Lifetime Record: GSW & MGISP, 4-1-2-1, $394,320.
Last Start: 1st GII Kentucky Jockey Club S.
Accomplishments: 2nd GI Claiborne Breeders' Futurity, 3rd GI TVG Breeders' Cup Juvenile
Next Start: Aiming for the GIII Southwest S., OP, Feb. 15.
Equineline PPs. Ky Derby Points: 18.

Although Keepmeinmind didn't break his maiden until he won the Nov. 29 GII Kentucky Jockey Club S., jockey David Cohen said it was the deep closer's first career start Sept. 2 that stamped him as a Classic-caliber colt. "When we made that first start at a mile, which is very hard the first time out, we came out of the [second-outermost post], and he made it down to the rail, squeezed through a tight spot, had a tough time for a first start. But he showed a lot of heart," Cohen told the Northwest Arkansas *Democrat Gazette* last week. As an off-the-pace specialist, the Laoban colt might be against the grain of both the 1 1/16-miles distance and the speed-rewarding nature of the Oaklawn surface in the Southwest S. But so long as Keepmeinmind continues to accumulate qualifying points, the more sneaky-good his Derby chances look. This probably isn't the type of colt who will get to the first Saturday in May by racking up multiple wins in prep races. But as a maternal grandson of Victory Gallop, he'd be tough to leave out of Derby exotics with a running style that suggests he's capable of passing multiple horses in the stretch of a 20-horse race over 10 furlongs.



Keepmeinmind | *Coady*

On the Bubble (in alphabetical order):

Bezos (Empire Maker): Baffert trainee closed at 26-1 in Pool 2 of the Derby Future Wager on Sunday-a remarkable price because this $190,000 KEENOV and $400,000 KEESEP colt has yet to start in a race.

Hot Rod Charlie (Oxbow): Half to 2019 sprint champ Mitole makes 2021 debut in Saturday's GIII Robert B. Lewis S. at Santa Anita. This two-time Fasig-Tipton sales grad ($17,000 FTKFEB; $110,000 FTKOCT) was a 94-1 second in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile.

King Fury (Curlin): This $950,000 FTSAUG colt was previously ranked at No. 12 on this list, but workout inactivity so far this year has caused him to be leapfrogged by others who are a bit farther along the Derby trail.

Nova Rags (Union Rags): Favored Bill Mott-trained colt looped group five-sixteenths out and was kept to task despite no challengers late in 75-Beyer Pasco S. tally at Tampa Jan. 16.

Santa Cruiser (Dialed In): Figured as main pace threat in Lecomte off tenacious MSW mile win but got shuffled to last at the break and really never ran his race. Closed well enough from far back to manage a better-than-looks fourth.

Speaker's Corner (Street Sense): Formerly rated at No. 7, this Godolphin homebred trained by Mott owns a key-race MSW win at Belmont back on Oct. 11, but workout inactivity this year has triggered relegation out of the Top 12.

The Great One (Nyquist): Runner-up as a maiden in the Dec. 19 GII Los Alamitos Futurity returned on Saturday to win a Santa Anita MSW by 14 1/2 lengths in a four-horse field. Trainer Doug O'Neill said the San Felipe S. is the next logical spot.

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Sire (Sire's Sire)	#SWs	#GSWs (GISWs)
Broken Vow (Unbridled)	78	27
(The Grass Is Blue--Busanda S.)		
English Channel (Smart Strike)	*55*	*29*
(Tide of the Sea--GIII W. L. McKnight S.)		
Ghostzapper (Awesome Again)	*80*	43
(Getridofwhatailesyou--Pippin S.)		
Hard Spun (Danzig)	*83*	41
(Caddo River--Smarty Jones S.; Silver State--Fifth Season S.)		
Liam's Map (Unbridled's Song)	7	*4 (3)*
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SAVE HHR AND THE HEALTH OF KY RACING & BREEDING

by Elisabeth Jensen and Doug Cauthen

We believe and assume that most people reading this letter know that Historical Horse Racing (HHR) has been in the news a lot lately. But to quickly summarize, just last week, the Kentucky Supreme Court officially ruled that it would not rehear the case where it ruled, in principle, that at least certain HHR machines could not continue UNLESS the Kentucky Legislature provides legislation to allow HHR to qualify as pari-mutuel racing per the definition they alone can provide. This is an urgent issue, as HHR has helped make Kentucky a premier year-round racing circuit and has helped add further to the significant economic impact racing and breeding have for the state of Kentucky. This urgency became even more apparent when Keeneland and the Red Mile halted operations at their HHR facilities yesterday due to the recent ruling.

Again as a quick summary of the facts: HHR's impact on the Kentucky industry has allowed Kentucky to compete with neighboring state tracks that were padding their purses with casino money, and eventually set Kentucky apart from competing states by creating a magnet that is drawing horse operations from around the country to the Commonwealth, and allows those already established here to remain economically feasible. HHR alone contributed $36 million to racing purses in 2019 alone, and it is growing annually. Direct taxes to the Kentucky general fund total over $52 million to date, and are growing annually, if HHR is permitted to continue. HHR facilities directly employ 1,400 people and pay $45 million in annualized direct payroll and benefits alone. Additionally, the racetracks pay $100 million in state and local taxes each year.

HHR has contributed millions of dollars annually to Thoroughbred and Standardbred breeders and non-race breeds, as well as other state programs like the University of Louisville Equine program, the Higher Education Fund and the Drug Research Fund. With incentive structures in Kentucky that benefit breeders, trainers and owners who keep their horses in Kentucky, HHR is responsible for the positive growth in the health of the industry and in part the industry's relatively healthy $5.2-billion economic impact on the Commonwealth, and employment of nearly 60,000 people, *all* of whom also pay taxes. Furthermore, Kentucky racing associations have made investments of nearly $1 billion, which again employs more people.

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A successful racing circuit in Kentucky has a trickle-down effect far beyond the racetrack, and benefits breeders, feed and bedding suppliers, tack and equipment dealers, van companies, veterinarians, farm staff, blacksmiths, owners, trainers and so many others in communities throughout Kentucky, particularly those in the hospitality industry which relies heavily on visitors to the state.

We will lose the economic support and all the investment that has occurred to date if the Kentucky State legislature does not address this issue to clearly permit HHR, as the KY Supreme Court has advised. So please spend three minutes and use the following link to find your legislator in Kentucky and tell them to support HHR and support the economy of Kentucky.

It is extremely easy--just hit the link horseswork.com and it will take you to the KEEP website, and you will see the red highlighted box that says "send a message to your legislator." Click on that, and then the subsequent dark shaded box to get to the message page for your legislators. Write your personal message, insert your zip code and Kentucky home address, and the program will auto-fill your specific legislators. The last thing you do is push the "Send Message" button at the bottom right, and in less than three minutes you have helped and done your part in support of this important cause. If you also care to call your legislator, especially if you know them personally, please do that as well. If you don't have their personal number you can call 1-800-372-7181 to leave them a voicemail. But the email alone will be evidence of your support of HHR. The last thing we would ask you to do is to send the horseswork.com link to anyone who you know supports the horse industry and would send the same message to their legislator. We need thousands of messages to be sent to all legislators across the state, and need particular support in rural areas outside of Central Kentucky, so please recruit support of your family and friends.

It is critical that our legislators hear directly from all of you this week, as they prepare to come back in session next week. Please help!

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MAJESTICPERFECTION SUCCUMBS TO LAMINITIS IN URUGUAY

Majesticperfection (Harlan's Holiday--Act So Noble, by Wavering Monarch), a Grade I-winning sprinter and sire of 2015 GI Kentucky Oaks victress Lovely Maria, succumbed to laminitis recently at Haras Rapetti in Uruguay, Turf Diario reports. He was 15 years of age.

A $25,000 Fasig-Tipton Kentucky buyback as a yearling, Majesticperfection was purchased by Satish Sanan's Padua Stables for $370,000 at OBS April in 2008 and was trained by Steve Asmussen to five victories from six starts, including a track record-setting performance in the 2010 Iowa Sprint H. (six furlongs in 1:07.24) and a 2 3/4-length defeat of the recently deceased Big Drama (Montbrook) in the GI A. G. Vanderbilt H. at Saratoga.

Retired to Brereton C. Jones's Airdrie Stud 2011, Majesticperfection has sired 21 black-type winners to date among his 234 total winners, eight of which have scored at the graded level, including Jones's Lovely Maria as well as Bell's the One, winner of the 2020 GI Derby City Distaff and third in the GI Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Sprint.

Purchased to continue his career at Rapetti, north of Montevideo, Majesticperfection will be represented by his first 2-year-olds later this year. According to the Uruguyan Stud Book, he covered 39 mares in his first season, 58 in 2019 and 79 in 2020.

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BODEXPRESS TO BARTON THOROUGHBREDS

Bodexpress (Bodemeister--Pied a Terre, by City Zip) will begin his stud career next month at Barton Thoroughbreds in Santa Ynez, California. The 5-year-old won the GI Clark S. in the final race of his career last November at Churchill Downs. He was also second in the 2019 GI Xpressbet Florida Derby and third in the 2020 GIII Hal's Hope S. and 2019 GIII Harlan's Holiday S.

On the board in 11 of 17 starts, he retired with four wins and earnings of $694,600.

Bodexpress will stand the 2021 season for $5,000 LFSN.

Julio Rada of Platinum Bloodstock brokered the deal and was critical in the securing of the new stallion for Barton Thoroughbreds.

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SURF CAT RELOCATING TO RANCHO SAN MIGUEL

Surf Cat (Sir Cat--Trust Greta, by Centrust), the sire of graded winner and 2017 California Horse of the Year Sircat Sally and GSW San Onofre, will stand the 2021 breeding season at Rancho San Miguel in San Miguel, CA. He will command a fee of $2,500, live foal guarantee.

A graded winner on dirt and synthetic, short and long, and placed in Grade I company for the late Bruce Headley, Surf Cat has sired 57 winners to date, including the additional stakes horses Tule Fog, K Thirty Eight and Surfing Star.

"I am thrilled to have Surf Cat back; he was one of my favorite racehorses," said owner Marsha Naify, who campaigned Surf Cat with Headley's wife, Aase. "Bruce did such a wonderful job training him. He has never been promoted very heavily as a stallion, but he has had some good runners, and I want to make the most of his remaining breeding years."

"We are thrilled to have Surf Cat come to Rancho San Miguel," said farm owner/manager Tom Clark. "He has an amazingly strong produce record from his small crops to date. We look forward to working with Marsha to help Surf Cat reach his full potential as a sire."

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Souper Jackpot (c. by Ghostzapper). Winner at 2 in 2018, 2nd Gulfstream Park Smooth Air S.

2nd Dam

BORODISLEW, by Seattle Slew. 10 wins, 1 at 2, from 1300m to 1700m, 424,000fr., $597,560, Del Mar Chula Vista H. (**G2**), Hollywood Park Hawthorne H. (**G2**), Longchamp Prix de la Porte Maillot (**G3**), Santa Anita Lady's Secret H. (**G3**), 3rd Del Mar Chula Vista H. (**G2**), Longchamp Prix des Reservoirs (**G3**), etc. Halfsister to **BREATH OF LOVE** (Dam of **BEAUTY OF LOVE**, **BOCAIUVA**, etc.) **Arabian Sky**, **Bene Erit**. Dam of 9 named foals, 7 to race, all winners, incl. –

CANADIAN FRONTIER (c. Gone West). 6 wins at 6f, 7f, $251,142, 7,700Dhs, Belmont Bold Ruler H. (**G3**), Monmouth Teddy Drone S., Longfellow S., etc. Sire.

SEEKING SLEW (c. Seeking the Gold). 2 wins at 1m, 9f, $327,265, Delaware Park Kent S. (**G3**).

3rd Dam

BREATH TAKING, by Nureyev. 3 wins, 2 at 2, at 1000m, 1300m, Saint-Cloud Prix Eclipse (**G3**), Deauville Prix de Meautry (**G3**), 2nd Longchamp Prix d'Arenberg (**G3**), 3rd Longchamp Prix de la Foret (**G1**), etc. Half-sister to **SIAGNE**, **French Current**. Dam of 9 named foals, all raced, 5 winners, incl. –

BORODISLEW (f. Seattle Slew). See above.

BREATH OF LOVE (f. Mutakddim). Champion Older Female Miler in Italy. **5 wins** from 1400m to 1750m, €110,496, Milan Premio Chiusura (**G3**), etc. Dam of **BEAUTY OF LOVE**, **BOCAIUVA**, **Blast Echo**.

- Millionaire and MGSW son of **AWESOME AGAIN**.
- Won Graded stakes sprinting and routing, including the **Smarty Jones S. (G3)**, **Commonwealth S. (G3)** and **Ack Ack S. (G3)**.
- Earned **$1,223,310** winning or placing in 13 Graded stakes.

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FOALING NEWS

DREAM TREE, 6, Uncle Mo--Afleet Maggi, by Afleet Alex
Foal born Jan. 26, a filly by Curlin.
Will be bred back to Into Mischief.
Owned by Phoenix Thoroughbreds.
Boarded at Denali Stud, KY.
Accomplishments: GISW, $529,845.

"She has a lot of quality and a real pretty head," said Denali Stud Vice President Conrad Bandoroff. "She is well-balanced and has a good shoulder and leg. All in all, she has all the attributes of a very nice filly and an excellent first foal for the mare."
Courtesy Phoenix Thoroughbreds

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

by Andrea Branchini

The name of brilliant Jan. 21 Aqueduct winner **A LONGLONGTIMEAGO (c, 3, Maclean's Music--Carried Away, by Dixie Union)** is another direct quotation from Don McLean's 1971 legendary song "American Pie"--just like DAY THE MUSIC DIED, another winning horse by Maclean's Music commented upon in this column. In the case of the name of this brave colt, the line in question is the very first, and magic, verse:

A long, long time ago
I can still remember how that music
Used to make me smile
And I knew if I had my chance
That I could make those people dance
And maybe they'd be happy for a while

The song is supposedly about the plane crash in 1959 that killed early rock-and-roll performers Buddy Holly, The Big Bopper, and Ritchie Valens.

A Longlongtimeago | *Coglianese*

There is so much limelight in the pedigree and name of Jan. 23 Fair Grounds never-say-die winner **MOLIERE (c, 4, Curlin--Comedy, by Theatrical {Ire})**. The real Moliere (1622-1673) was veritably the king of theatre and the sovereign of comedy in the France of the Sun King Louis XIV (an indulgent admirer). In a way, Moliere, who performed as an actor too, rose above his time and his native country. His plays are still performed, all over the world, and his influence on classic theatre and the French language is simply immense.

Moliere | *Hodges Photography*

Great name for this tenacious performer. "Five wide for an assault on the leaders," states the race report--prose that is almost poetry. The historical Moliere, who famously appreciated the distinction between prose and poetry, is probably twice pleased.

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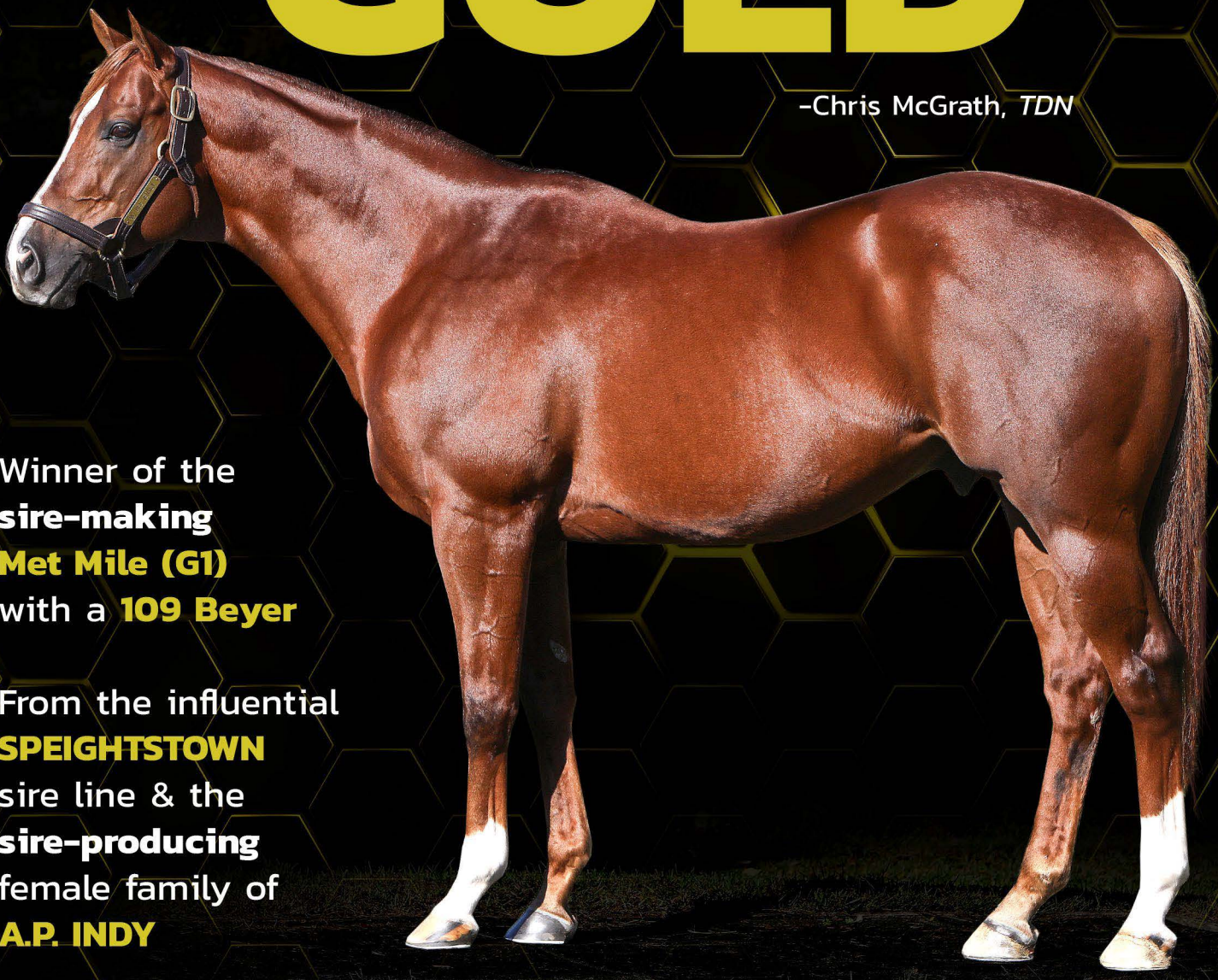

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Sunday, Sam Houston Race Park, post time: 6:32 p.m. EST

HOUSTON LADIES CLASSIC S.-GIII, $300,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Motion Emotion	Take Charge Indy	MyRacehorse.com and Spendthrift Farm LLC	Asmussen	Mena	116
2	Jeweled Princess	Cairo Prince	Walking L Thoroughbreds, LLC	McPeek	Gutierrez	118
3	Ujjayi	Smarty Jones	T. L. Wise	Maker	Hernandez	116
4	Lady Apple	Curlin	Phoenix Thoroughbred III, Ltd.	Asmussen	Elliott	120
5	Figure It Out	Paynter	Joel Politi	Amoss	Luzzi	123
6	Shes Our Fastest	Oratory	Norman, Mark and Norman Stables LLC	Gelner	Eikleberry	118
7	Letruska	Super Saver	St. George Stable LLC	Gutierrez	Castanon	123

Breeders: 1-WinStar Farm, LLC, 2-Mary Reynolds, 3-T L Wise, 4-KatieRich Farms, 5-Alex Lieblong & JoAnn Lieblong, 6-Euerka Thoroughbred Farm, 7-St George Stables

Sunday, Sam Houston Race Park, post time: 7:07 p.m. EST

JOHN B. CONNALLY TURF CUP S.-GIII, $200,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/2mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Celerity	City Zip	Cundiff Racing, LLC	Cundiff	Diego	116
2	Signalman	General Quarters	Lewis, Tommie M., Crabtree, Steve, Demaree, Dean, David A. Bernsen, LLC and Chambers, Jim	McPeek	Gutierrez	120
3	Ajourneytofreedom	Hard Spun	Paradise Farms Corp. and Staudacher, David	Maker	Castanon	118
4	Tenfold	Curlin	Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC	Asmussen	Elliott	116
5	Conviction Trade	Exchange Rate	Paradise Farms Corp. and Staudacher, David	Maker	Hernandez	118
6	Marzo	Medaglia d'Oro	Three Diamonds Farm	Maker	Jimenez	116
7	Tut's Revenge	Eskendereya	Claim To Fame Stable	Stuart	Eikleberry	120
8	Changi	Giant Oak	Jeanne Marie Dolan	Dolan	Hamilton	116
9	Vettori Kin (Brz)	Vettori (Ire)	Alistar Fyfe	Stidham	Mena	116
10	Spooky Channel	English Channel	Terry Hamilton	Lynch	Leparoux	120
11	Strong Tide	English Channel	Penny S. Lauer	Lauer	Doyle	123
12	Henley's Joy	Kitten's Joy	Bloom Racing Stable LLC	Asmussen	Carroll	116

Breeders: 1-Winfield Farm, 2-Monticule, 3-Pursuit of Success LLC, 4-Winchell Thoroughbreds, LLC, 5-John D. Gunther, 6-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC, 7-Lane Thoroughbreds LLC, 8-Al Ulwelling & Bill Ulwelling, 9-Haras Old Friends LTDA, 10-Calumet Farm, 11-Michael E. Lauer & Penny S. Lauer, 12-Kenneth L. Ramsey & Sarah K. Ramsey

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ALLOWANCES

IN ORDER OF PURSE:

8th-Parx Racing, $44,780, Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm ($50,000), 1-25, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:13.12, ft, 6 lengths.

SALT PLAGE (f, 3, Quality Road--French Satin {GSW, $165,894}, by French Deputy), a sharp track-and-trip debut winner despite a troubled journey Nov. 23, was knocked down to 9-10 to repeat here and broke alertly. Setting up shop in fifth, the homebred started to advance along the rail past a :22.4 quarter, awaited room on the turn and swung into the clear four deep approaching the lane. Quickly blowing by the leaders after straightening, she slammed the door a furlong out and was wrapped up for the final sixteenth of a six-length triumph. Leader of the Band (Bandbox) completed the exacta. The victress is a full-sister to Alpha Delta's Long Haul Bay, GSW, $303,840; and a half to Midnight Transfer (Hard Spun), SW & GSP, $266,980; and Scilly Cay (Fed Biz), SW, $150,690. Her Grade III-winning dam, a $400,000 Keeneland November pickup in 2008 and half-sister to MGISW Lion Heart (Tale of the Cat), has a juvenile colt by Fed Biz. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, $48,600. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O/B-Alpha Delta Stables (KY); T-Linda Rice.

2nd-Mahoning Valley, $30,500, (S), Alw, 1-25, (NW3L), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:14.18, ft, 4 1/4 lengths.

SALLY STRONG (f, 4, Strong Mandate--Tantamount, by Lemon Drop Kid) rallied to graduate on debut for William Cowans over track and trip last March and repeated by six lengths in a local Ohio-bred allowance upon return for Michael Rone Nov. 28. Dueled into her first defeat when runner-up in the slop here Dec. 22, the homebred was made a 6-5 second choice in this spot and led narrowly through a :23.85 quarter. Challenged on either side by both halves of the favored entry past a :48.26 half, the dark bay repelled those foes inside the three-sixteenths pole and remained in charge from there despite jumping back to her left lead late, hitting the wire 4 1/4 lengths to the good. Somuchsugar (Texas Red) was second, ahead of entrymate Gonnabegood (Macho Uno). The winner's second dam is a half-sister to Kalookan Queen (Lost Code), who annexed the GI Santa Monica H. and defeated males in the GI Ancient Title Breeders' Cup H. as a 6-year-old in 2002. Tantamount, a $35,000 buy at Keeneland November in 2014, is responsible for an unraced 3-year-old Midshipman colt named Commander Chachi. Lifetime Record: 4-3-1-0, $59,560. **Click for the Equibase.com chart.** O/B-John J. Sugar (OH); T-Penny Rone.

AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS ABROAD

IN JAPAN:

American Seed, c, 4, **Tapit**. See '*US-Bred & -Sired Winners in Japan.*'

Corral Nocturne, c, 4, **Emcee**--Cowgirl Lucky, by Stephen Got Even. Chukyo, 1-24, Allowance *($138k)*, 1800m, 1:51.8. Lifetime Record: 6-2-0-3, $191,731. O-Green Fields Inc; B-Harris Training Center LLC (KY); T-Hideaki Fujiwara. *1/2 to Calgary Caper (El Corredor), GSW-Can, $335,895. **$90,00 2yo '19 OBSAPR.

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Pingxiang, c, 4, **Speightstown**--Beauty and Light, by Unbridled's Song. Chukyo, 1-23, Allowance *($202k)*, 1400m, 1:23.6. Lifetime Record: 10-3-2-1, $213,750. O-Naoya Fujii; B-Dream With Me Stables Inc (KY); T-Hideyuki Mori. *$100,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP.

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U.S. BRED & SIRED WINNERS IN JAPAN

Sunday's Results:

10th-Nakayama, ¥35,020,000 *($337,297)*, Allowance, 1800m, 1:51.1, sy.

AMERICAN SEED (c, 4, Tapit--Sweet Talker {GISW, $1,098,723}, by Stormin Fever) was listed placed and 12th to future Triple Crown winner Contrail (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}) in the 2020 G1 Satsuki Sho (Japanese 2000 Guineas), but has been reborn with a switch to the dirt. A seven-length allowance winner trying the surface for the first time at Kyoto Oct. 24, the $825,000 Keeneland September yearling made it two straight with a five-length score at Chukyo Dec. 12. Favored at 1-5 to continue the streak Sunday, the, shot straight to the front over the rain-affected strip, galloped along at a high cruising speed and finished full of run yet again, scoring by five easy lengths. The final time was the fastest of the afternoon's four races at the distance by 2.5 seconds. Don Adam's Courtlandt Farm acquired American Seed's dam for $1.15 million at the 2005 Keeneland November sale a handful of weeks after she captured the GI Queen Elizabeth II Challenge Cup for Eliah and Lisa Kahn and trainer Helen Pitts. For Courtlandt, Sweet Talker has also accounted for American Seed's half-brother Perregaux (Distorted Humor), MGSP, $143,529; and full-brother Sweet Tapper, SW & GSP, $183,231. Sweet Talker is a half-sister to MGSW Silver Medallion (Badge of Silver) and also hails from the female family of GISW Sam's Sister (Brother Derek). Sales history: $825,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: SP-Jpn, 9-4-2-1, $592,692. **VIDEO**

O-Yoshizawa Holdings; B-Courtlandt Farm (KY); T-Kenichi Fujioka.

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SECOND-CROP RUNNERS

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SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: TUESDAY, JANUARY 26

2020 Stud Fees Listed

California Chrome (Lucky Pulpit), Arrow Stud
196 foals of racing age/15 winners/0 black-type winners
5-Mahoning Valley, Msw 1m, California Martini, 4-1
$55,000 KEE NOV wnl; $37,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl

Mshawish (Medaglia d'Oro), Taylor Made Farm, $7,500
133 foals of racing age/16 winners/0 black-type winners
5-Mahoning Valley, Msw 1m, Indiana Red, 10-1
$8,000 RNA FTK OCT yrl; $7,000 OBS OPN 2yo

Outwork (Uncle Mo), WinStar Farm, $15,000
209 foals of racing age/22 winners/2 black-type winners
3-Delta Downs, Msw 6 1/2f, G Victory, 6-1
$27,000 KEE NOV wnl; $42,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; $42,000 RNA OBS APR 2yo; $20,000 OBS OPN 2yo

State Line (Tiznow), Breakway Farm
1 foal of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
3-Mahoning Valley, Msw 1m, Mymonstersforreal, 4-5

Tourist (Tiznow), WinStar Farm, $5,000
156 foals of racing age/17 winners/0 black-type winners
5-Mahoning Valley, Msw 1m, Parrot Head, 7-2

Upstart (Flatter), Airdrie Stud, $10,000
167 foals of racing age/21 winners/0 black-type winners
5-Mahoning Valley, Msw 1m, Just U and Me Kid, 8-1
$21,000 RNA FTK OCT yrl; $11,000 EAS MAY 2yo

ADDITIONAL RACING

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

9th-Parx Racing, $61,880, 1-25, 4yo/up, 5f, :57.60, ft, 8 3/4 lengths.

ADMIRAL ABE (g, 5, Midshipman--Precious Penny, by Harlan's Holiday) Lifetime Record: 19-6-2-3, $220,470. O-Stefcon Racing; B-White Diamond Inc. & Five Ring Stables (PA); T-Robert Mosco.

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**8th-Golden Gate Fields, $42,100,** 1-24, (NW1$X), 4yo/up, 1m (AWT), 1:37.16, ft, nose.
CLAIM OF PASSION (g, 5, Acclamation--Passionate, by Vronsky) Lifetime Record: 16-3-2-2, $126,603. O-The Ellwood Johnston Trust & Michelle & Odes Thompson; B-Old English Rancho (CA); T-Andy Mathis.

2nd-Delta Downs, $34,610, (C)/Opt. Clm ($25,000), 1-25, 4yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:20.29, sy, 2 lengths.
EXTIRPATOR (g, 6, Gemologist--True Breeze, by Yes It's True) Lifetime Record: MSP, 26-8-5-0, $210,575. O-Marshall Stewart & Jack Turner; B-William Hardin & WinStar Farm, LLC (KY); T-Patti Turner. *$10,000 Ylg '16 KEEJAN.

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3rd-Mahoning Valley, $29,000, (S), 1-25, (NW2L), 3yo, f, 6f, 1:15.55, ft, 1 1/4 lengths.
ROCK STAR LADY (f, 3, Vertiformer--Ready to Rock {SW}, by Max's Pal) Lifetime Record: 7-2-1-1, $44,504. O/T-Kris Nemann; B-Fred A. & Kris Nemann (OH).

6th-Mahoning Valley, $25,700, 1-25, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1m 70y, 1:47.60, ft, 2 1/2 lengths.
BLUE STEEL (g, 5, Will Take Charge--Co Cola {GSP}, by Candy Ride {Arg}) Lifetime Record: 27-4-4-2, $104,299. O-James C. Woodruff; B-Machmer Hall (KY); T-Jeff A. Hiles. *$100,000 Wlg '16 KEENOV; $270,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP.

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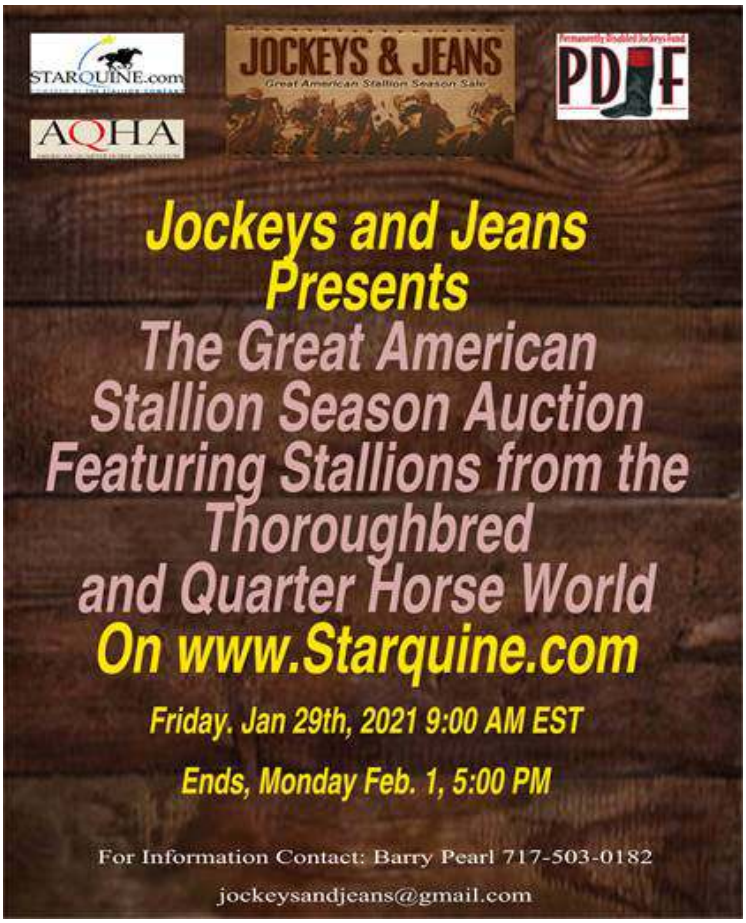
ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:
Cause of Love, m, 5, **Giant Oak**--Love First Sight, by Alke. Mahoning Valley, 1-25, (S), 1m, 1:45.75. B-Linda Friess & Donald Bookman (OH).

ACCLAMATION, Claim of Passion, g, 5, o/o Passionate, by Vronsky. ALW, 1-24, Golden Gate
GEMOLOGIST, Extirpator, g, 6, o/o True Breeze, by Yes It's True. AOC, 1-25, Delta Downs
GIANT OAK, Cause of Love, m, 5, o/o Love First Sight, by Alke. MSW, 1-25, Mahoning Valley
MIDSHIPMAN, Admiral Abe, g, 5, o/o Precious Penny, by Harlan's Holiday. ALW, 1-25, Parx Racing



QUALITY ROAD, Salt Plage, f, 3, o/o French Satin, by French Deputy. AOC, 1-25, Parx Racing
STRONG MANDATE, Sally Strong, f, 4, o/o Tantamount, by Lemon Drop Kid. ALW, 1-25, Mahoning Valley
VERTIFORMER, Rock Star Lady, f, 3, o/o Ready to Rock, by Max's Pal. ALW, 1-25, Mahoning Valley
WILL TAKE CHARGE, Blue Steel, g, 5, o/o Co Cola, by Candy Ride (Arg). ALW, 1-25, Mahoning Valley

UPCOMING MAJOR NORTH AMERICAN STAKES

Date	Race	Track
Jan. 30	GII San Marcos S.	Santa Anita
	GII San Pasqual S.	Santa Anita
	GIII Robert B. Lewis S.	Santa Anita
	GIII Holy Bull S.	Gulfstream
	GIII Swale S.	Gulfstream
	GIII Forward Gal S.	Gulfstream
	GIII Kitten's Joy S.	Gulfstream
	GIII Sweetest Chant S.	Gulfstream
	GIII Toboggan S.	Aqueduct
Jan. 31	GIII Houston Ladies' Classic S.	Sam Houston
	GIII John B. Connally Turf Cup	Sam Houston

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TDN EUROPE
TUESDAY, 26 JANUARY 2021

INTERNATIONAL CAST FOR QATAR'S MAJOR FESTIVAL

Fabrice Chappet and Christophe Soumillon were among the winners at last year's festival | *QREC*

Three European Group 1 winners feature among a cast of 75 international entries for Qatar's biggest racing fixture, the HH The Amir Sword Festival.

Last week's G2 Singspiel S. winner **Lord Glitters (Fr)** (Whipper) has been entered for the $1-million HH The Amir Trophy, the Longines-sponsored feature race for Thoroughbreds on Feb. 20 at Al Rayyan Racecourse in Doha, along with **Aspetar (Fr)** (Al Kazeem {GB}), who is owned by Qatar's HH Sheikh Mohammed Bin Khalifa Al Thani, and 6-year-old **Intellogent (Ire)** (Intello {Ger}). The latter has raced in America, Bahrain and Saudi Arabia in recent seasons for trainer Fabrice Chappet, who was successful at last year's festival when Al Malhouf (GB) (Dutch Art {GB}) won the HH The Amir Shalfa.

Intellogent is one of five French entries for the race along with **Royal Julius (Ire)** (Royal Applause {GB}), another globetrotter who will be making his third consecutive appearance in Doha for Jerome Reynier, having finished runner-up in the HH The Amir Trophy in 2019 and fifth last year. Last season's St Leger runner-up **Berkshire Rocco (GB)** (Sir Percy {GB}) has also been given an entry for the mile-and-a-half contest by trainer Andrew Balding, who also has King Power Racing's six-time winner **Johnny Drama (Ire)** (Lilbourne Lad {Ire}) entered. **Cont. p2**

LOPE DE VEGA FILLY FOR OAKS WINNER ANAPURNA

Meon Valley Stud's foaling season has got off to the best possible start with the arrival of the first foal for the 2019 Oaks winner **Anapurna (GB)**. The daughter of Frankel (GB) produced a chestnut filly by Lope De Vega (Ire) at the Hampshire farm early on Monday morning.

"As you can imagine we're absolutely delighted," said Meon Valley Stud owner Mark Weinfeld. "You never know what's going to happen, so to have a filly as her first foal is fantastic. She arrived at six o'clock this morning and she's a very nice first foal."

A fifth generation homebred for the stud, Anapurna traces back to one of Meon Valley's three foundation mares, the 1979 1000 Guineas winner One In A Million (Ire) (Rarity {GB}).

Cont. p3

IN TDN AMERICA TODAY

THE TDN KY DERBY TOP 12 FOR JAN. 26

The latest edition of the TDN Kentucky Derby Top 12 by T. D. Thornton is on tap in Tuesday's *TDN*. **Click or tap here to go straight to TDN America.**

International Cast for Qatar's Major Festival Cont. from p1

The 5-year-old **Felix (GB)** (Lope De Vega {Ire}) has won four or his five starts since joining Marco Botti's stable and he is another with a Trophy entry along with his Newmarket neighbour, **Red Verdon** (Lemon Drop Kid), who has now won nine of his 41 starts for Ed Dunlop and the Hon. Ronnie Arculli.

Among the local entries for the domestic Group 1 contest is a Qatari favourite, **The Blue Eye (GB)**. Now nine, the son of Dubawi (Ire) has won 20 of his 37 races at Al Rayyan and has contested the last five runnings of HH The Amir Trophy, winning in partnership with Harry Bentley in 2016 and 2018.

Lord Glitters | *Horsephotos*

With a total prize fund of $4.34 million (£3.26 million), the three--day festival features five international races on Saturday, Feb. 20--three for Thoroughbreds and two for purebred Arabians--with the Thoroughbred turf races completed by the six-furlong Breeders' Cup-sponsored Dukhan Sprint and the Al Biddah Mile for 3-year-olds.

Last season's Stewards' Cup winner **Summerghand (Ire)** (Lope De Vega {Ire}) is one of two entries for the David O'Meara stable in the Dukhan Sprint, which has also attracted Corine Barande-Barbe's G3 Prix du Petit Couvert winner **Air De Valse (Fr)** (Mesnil Des Aigles {Fr}) and the Listed Roses S. victor **Acklam Express (Ire)** (Mehmas {Ire}). Another French challenger in Qatar could be the 3-year-old **Homeryan (Fr)** (Sea The Stars {Ire}), trained by Francis Graffard for Steve Burggraf's Ecurie de Montlahuc. Last seen in public finishing runner-up in the G3 Prix Thomas Bryon in October, the colt is an entrant in the Al Biddah Mile along with Andrew Balding's recent Wolverhampton winner **Wallem (GB)** (Sea The Moon {Ger}).

The international contest on the Friday of the festival is the $200,000 Irish Thoroughbred Marketing Cup, run over a mile for 4-year-olds and up with an entry list of 59 horses from seven different countries. **Cont. p3**

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IN TDN AUS/NZ TODAY

TE AKAU SCOOPS UP TAVISTOCK COLT

Te Akau secured the top lot, a Tavistock (NZ) colt, from Monday's session of the NZB National Yearling Sale. **Click or tap here to go straight to TDN Aus/NZ.**

International Cast for Qatar's Major Festival Cont.

Ireland's Adrian McGuinness trains three of the entries, led by the 7-year-old **Saltonstall (GB)** (Pivotal {GB}), who has won his three most recent starts, including the Listed Glencairn S. at Naas. Frederic Rossi, who had a breakthrough season in 2020 with Group 1 winners Dream And Do (Ire) and Sealiway (Fr), has entered the consistent **Kenway (Fr)** (Kendargent {Fr}), whose five wins include victory over subsequent Group 1 winner Wooded (Fr) in the G3 Prix la Rochette.

The six international races have attracted 29 horses from Britain, 23 from France, 15 from Oman, three from Ireland, two from Bahrain, and one each from Spain, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates.

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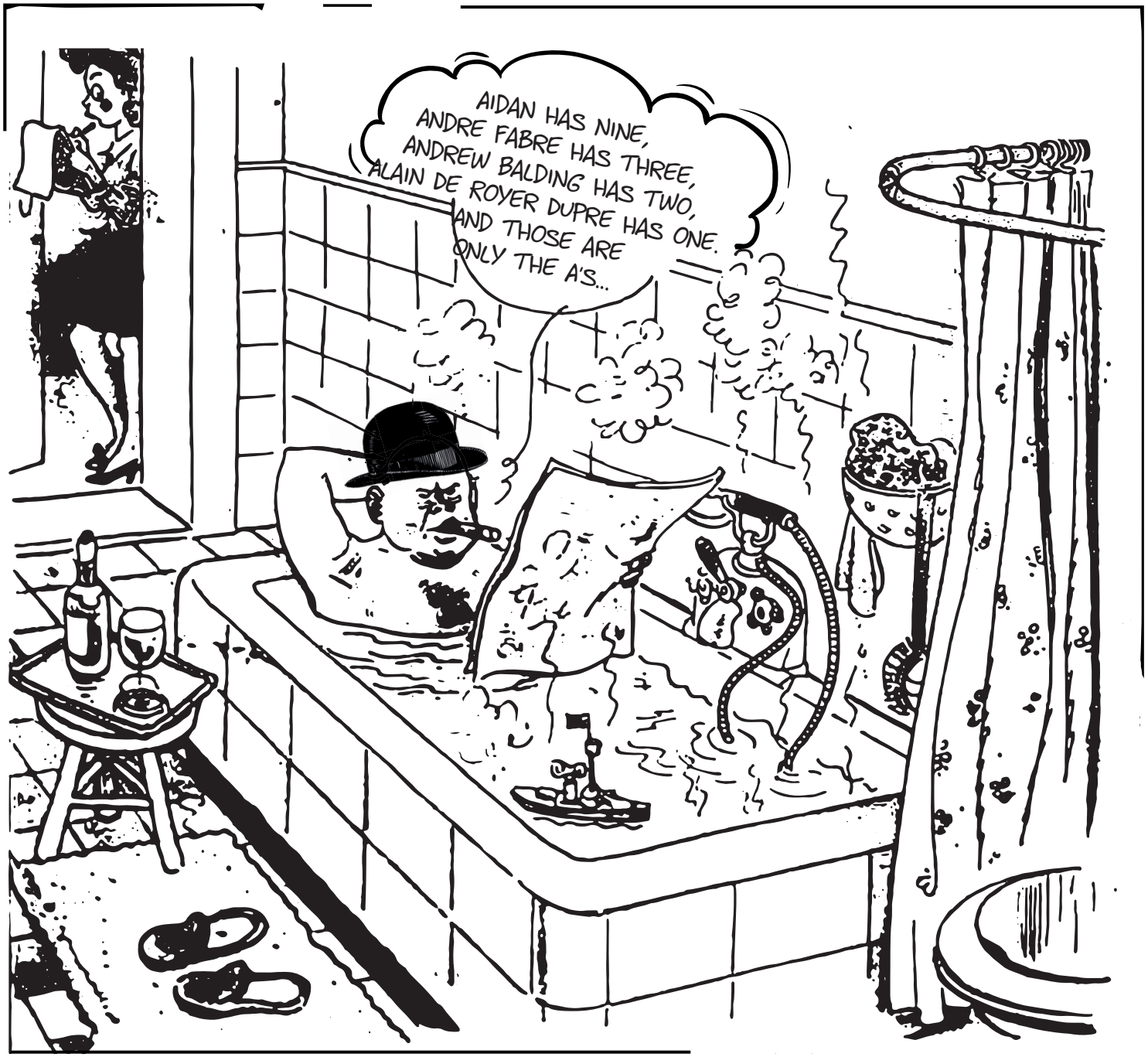
Anapurna's First Foal Cont. from p1

Trained by John Gosden, Anapurna became the first British Classic winner for Frankel at Epsom following her win in the Lingfield Oaks Trial. Later that season she won the G1 Qatar Prix de Royallieu on Arc weekend. The 5-year-old mare is booked to visit Dubawi (Ire) at Dalham Hall Stud this season.

Anapurna's foal is the first of 22 expected at Meon Valley Stud this season and the team will be anxiously awaiting the arrival of a full-sibling to the Classic heroine in March. Since delivering Anapurna, **Dash To The Top (GB)** (Montjeu {Ire}) has not produced a foal in the intervening years but she is currently in foal to Frankel on a Mar. 5 cover. **Cont. p4**

Anapurna's Lope de Vega filly | *Meon Valley Stud*



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Anapurna's First Foal Cont.

Weinfeld said, "We've had some tricky moments with Dash To The Top and we're just hoping she will go full term. She normally runs late so we are estimating that she will foal in the first week of March."

While no decision has yet been reached for Dash To The Top's 2021 mating, a trip to Frankel is on the cards for dual Group 1 winner **Izzi Top (GB)** Pivotal {GB}), who is in foal to Invincible Spirit (Ire). Izzi Top's Group 2-winning half-sister **Jazzi Top (GB)** (Danehill Dancer {Ire}) is in foal to Dubawi and will visit Sea The Moon (Ger) at Lanwades Stud this year.

Oaks runner-up **Shirocco Star (GB)** (Shirocco {Ger}), the dam of G2 Dante S. winner and new Haras du Mesnil stallion Telecaster (GB) (New Approach {GB}), is currently in foal to Dubawi, with whom she has already produced the listed winner and Group 3 runner-up Al Suhail. She will visit Kingman (GB) next.

The first-season sires Kameko, Pinatubo (Ire) and Mohaather (GB) will each be sent a mare from Meon Valley Stud in 2021.

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PAUL D'ARCY TO RETIRE ON JAN. 27

Paul D'Arcy, who trained **Indian Haven (GB)** (Indian Ridge {Ire}) to win the G1 Irish 2000 Guineas in 2003, will saddle his final runner at Kempton on Wednesday. The soon-to-be 65-year-old will leg up John Egan on **Knight of Kings (GB)** (New Approach {Ire}) in the first race, a seven-furlong maiden over the all-weather. Egan was also aboard Indian Haven for his Classic score. A jockey prior to turning his hand to training, D'Arcy began training in 1993.

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Paul D'Arcy | *Racingfotos.com*

Paul D'Arcy Cont.

"I've no regrets, I turn 65 in February and always planned to step away then," said D'Arcy. "The licence comes up for renewal on Feb. 1, so I don't see any point in renewing it for two weeks. We've been winding down for a while so we're down to five horses now. Those will now be going to John Butler, but I'll still be involved in a small way."

Knight of Kings will be making his second start at Kempton after an eighth on debut at Wolverhampton on Dec. 27.

"There's no significance in me booking John for the last one, he rode that horse last time," D'Arcy added. "Indian Haven was a very talented horse, he won the European Free Handicap and the Irish Guineas, but I still think he should have won the English Guineas.

Indian Haven winning the Irish 2000 Guineas with John Egan in the irons | *Racingfotos.com*

"He was drawn on the fence at Newmarket when they decided to put the stalls against the rail. He just had nowhere to go. We never saw the best of him, he had a cecal dysfunction [form of colic] which was why he retired.

"We also had **Edinburgh Knight (Ire)** (Selkirk) who won the apprentice handicap on Champions Day, he was very talented, and of course there was **Spring Loaded (Ire)** (Zebedee {GB}) who was very good on his day. There's been lots of highlights.

"As we never had that many horses we got to know the horses personally, I can look back with pride. Whether we'll leave with a winner I don't know, It would be a dream if he did, but dreams don't tend to come true--I'm a realist. But racing is about dreams."

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'VERY GOOD VALUE'

"Another horse I think that is very good value is **Footstepsinthesand**, and always has been. He's a great horse to start off a mare, he's a great horse to get a racehorse from, he gets equally good colts and fillies and he's a great outcross for Danzig which I think is sometimes hard to find at that price level." ***Cathy Grassick's Value Sires*** on ITM's Irish Stallion Show 2021

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EQUILATERAL TO REMAIN IN DUBAI

Trainer Charlie Hills was very pleased with the recent performance of G1SP **Equilateral (GB)** (Equiano {Fr}) in the Listed Dubai Dash last Thursday, and the 6-year-old gelding will remain in Dubai for another tilt at the G2 Meydan Sprint on Feb. 18. In 2020, Equilateral ran second in the Sprint.

"I was really delighted with him," said Hills. "Frankie [Dettori] gave him a great ride and it looked like he was always going to win the race. It's nice to have won the race twice now and he was 5lb worse off than last year. He seems to have come out of the race in great order and we'll train him for the Group 2."

Equilateral winning his second Dubai Dash | *Racingfotos.com*

Another of Hills's pupils, the evergreen stable star **Battaash (Ire)** (Dark Angel {Ire}), is wintering well and currently enjoying a holiday. The MG1SW is likely to make his first start in the G1 King's Stand S. at Royal Ascot in June. Last term, the bay landed the King's Stand with Equilateral second.

"Battaash is still on his winter break," he said. "He doesn't normally come in until the beginning of March. They all seem very happy with him. He's enjoying his hols at the moment.

"Last year he would probably have gone to Haydock [for the Temple S.] had that race been on. He's won first time out every year, so I think we'll just save him for Royal Ascot."

Group 3 winner **Tilsit** (First Defence) is also being aimed at a Middle Eastern target, in his case the $20-million Saudi Cup on dirt and the Middle Distance Turf Cup both in Riyadh on Feb. 20.

"He's in those two races and we're looking at it," he said. "Hopefully we'll run him. We'll see how he is in a couple of weeks."

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NEWMARKET PONY ACADEMY TO LAUNCH IN APRIL

The Newmarket Pony Academy (NPA), where young people can enjoy close contact with horses and ponies, will begin in April. Based at the British Racing School (BRS), the NPA is supported by The Sir Peter O'Sullevan Charitable Trust and Godolphin and has been working closely with local schools and the West Suffolk Council. The NPA will operate a range of programmes to meet the needs of different groups of young people. Some of the programmes offered are as follows:

- One-week courses for Year 6 pupils from local primary schools which will introduce them to ponies whilst making use of a different learning environment to engage them in core subjects. These courses will build on the curriculum, which students are studying, whilst also building confidence and resilience.
- Breakfast, afterschool and holiday clubs for local young people identified by teachers and social workers as at risk of being drawn into criminality or likely to face challenges as they move from primary to secondary school. It is hoped that engaging with the NPA regularly will give these young people a positive constant in their lives.
- One day per week course for students from The Newmarket Academy Polaris centre. The centre provides bespoke and individual education for young people in Years 7 to 11 with communication and interaction needs. It is well established that interaction with horses and ponies is of great benefit to this group of young people. You can find out more about the Polaris centre here. Cont. p7

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Newmarket Pony Academy Cont.

- Working in partnership with existing urban riding clubs such as the Urban Equestrian Academy in Leicester and the Ebony Horse Club in Brixton, the NPA will provide their members with an opportunity to attend residential weeks at the BRS to learn about racehorses and the wider racing industry.
- The NPA will also provide the opportunity to re-establish a Newmarket Riding For the Disabled (RDA) group.

Andrew Braithwaite, British Racing School Finance Director, said, "The case for racing becoming more open and inclusive is clear and the NPA will allow us and the wider industry to give young people a real insight into horseracing regardless of their background and, for those bitten by the bug, a route into the industry. I would like to extend a huge thank you to the Sir Peter O'Sullevan Trust for their generous support of this project and to the team at Godolphin for their vision and drive."

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BRITAIN

CONDITIONS RESULT:

5th-Kempton, £**19,000**, 1-25, 3yo, 6f (AWT), 1:11.82, st/sl. **MIGHTY GURKHA (IRE) (c, 3, Sepoy {Aus}--Royal Debt {GB}, by Royal Applause {GB})** Lifetime Record: GSW-Eng, 9-3-2-0, $66,913. O-Mr Mohammed Rashid; B-Rabbah Bloodstock Limited (IRE); T-Archie Watson. *14,000gns RNA Ylg '19 TAOCT.

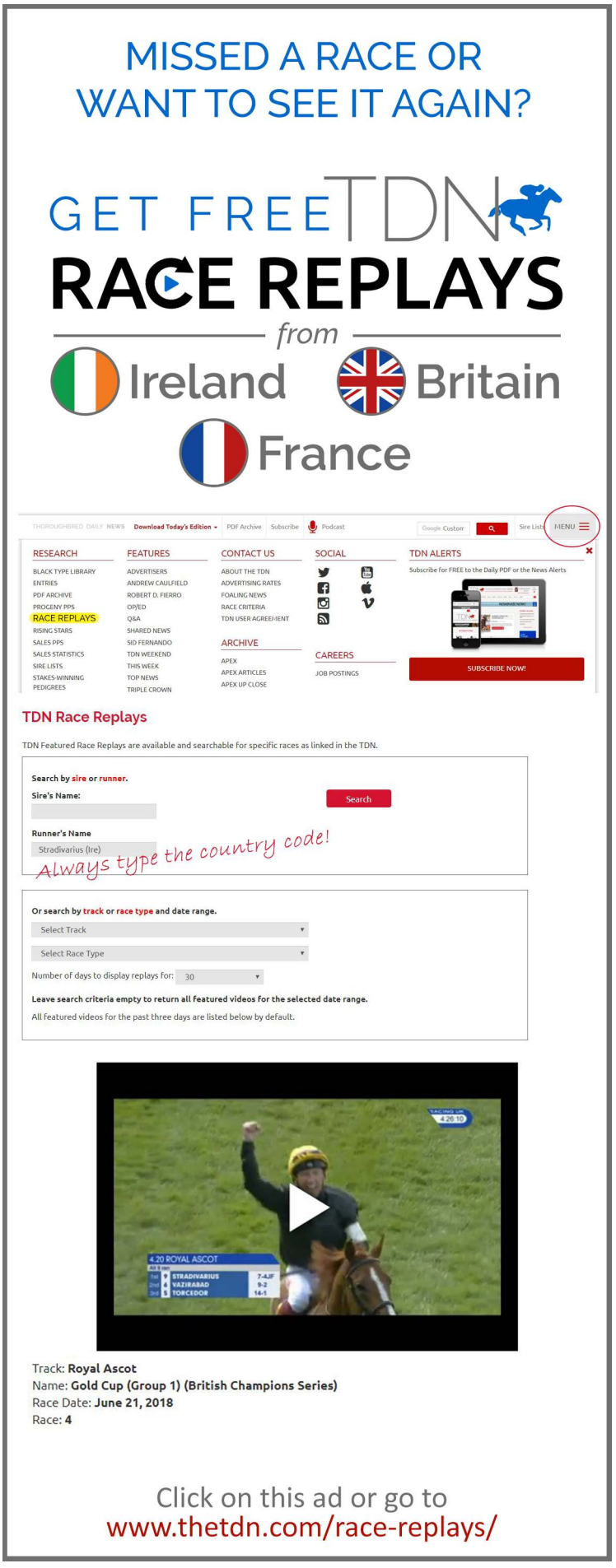
ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:

Glen Again (Ire), c, 3, **Gleneagles (Ire)**--Four Eleven, by Arch. Chelmsford City, 1-25, 10f (AWT), 2:06.96. B-Knockainey Stud (IRE). *42,000gns Ylg '19 TATOCT.

EUROPEAN-BRED WINNERS

IN JAPAN:

Schwarz Kaiser (Ire), c, 3, **Dark Angel (Ire)**--Fashionable (GB) (SW-Eng), by Nashwan. Nakayama, 1-23, Maiden *(£68k/€77k)*, 1600mT, 1:36.2. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, $55,769. O-Godolphin; B-Ross Moorhead; T-Masahiro Otake. *1/2 to Jack Naylor (GB) (Champs Elysees {GB}), MGSW & G1SP-Ire, G1SP-Fr, $315,916. **€250,000 Wlg '18 GOFNOV.



Leading Sires of 2-Year-Olds by 2020 Black-Type Horses

for stallions standing in Europe through Thursday, Dec. 31

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

Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	**Kodiac (GB)**	9	18	4	12	1	3	119	49	137,734	1,195,770
	(2001) by Danehill Crops: 11			*Stands: Tally-Ho Stud Ire Fee: 65,000*						*Campanelle (Ire)*	
2	**Mehmas (Ire)**	5	12	2	6	1	2	101	55	157,258	1,047,484
	(2014) by Acclamation (GB) Crops: 1			*Stands: Tally-Ho Stud Ire Fee: 25,000*						*Supremacy (Ire)*	
3	**Frankel (GB)**	2	9	2	6	1	1	70	24	52,646	345,344
	(2008) by Galileo (Ire) Crops: 5			*Stands: Banstead Manor Stud Eng Fee: 175,000*						*Kalahara (GB)*	
4	**Galileo (Ire)**	4	8	4	8	1	2	64	28	190,704	816,532
	(1998) by Sadler's Wells Crops: 16			*Stands: Coolmore Stud Ire Fee: Private*						*Shale (Ire)*	
5	**Acclamation (GB)**	2	8	1	5	--	--	60	20	53,224	343,910
	(1999) by Royal Applause (GB) Crops: 14			*Stands: Rathbarry Stud Ire Fee: 27,500*						*Ventura Tormenta (Ire)*	
6	**Zoffany (Ire)**	4	7	3	5	1	3	90	36	191,280	767,174
	(2008) by Dansili (GB) Crops: 6			*Stands: Coolmore Stud EUR (Dead/Ret)*						*Thunder Moon (Ire)*	
7	**Dandy Man (Ire)**	4	7	2	3	--	--	75	20	207,286	598,436
	(2003) by Mozart (Ire) Crops: 8			*Stands: Ballyhane Stud Ire Fee: 15,000*						*Happy Romance (Ire)*	
8	**Lope de Vega (Ire)**	5	7	4	6	2	2	64	12	180,411	495,027
	(2007) by Shamardal Crops: 7			*Stands: Ballylinch Stud Ire Fee: 125,000*						*Lucky Vega (Ire)*	
9	**Territories (Ire)**	2	7	1	2	--	1	64	19	52,692	405,193
	(2012) by Invincible Spirit (Ire) Crops: 1			*Stands: Dalham Hall Stud Eng Fee: 10,000*						*Rougir (Fr)*	
10	**Dark Angel (Ire)**	2	7	--	3	--	1	81	29	35,682	381,270
	(2005) by Acclamation (GB) Crops: 10			*Stands: Yeomanstown Stud Ire Fee: 60,000*						*Libertine (Ire)*	
11	**Siyouni (Fr)**	3	6	2	4	1	1	67	24	278,221	745,739
	(2007) by Pivotal (GB) Crops: 7			*Stands: Haras de Bonneval Fr Fee: 140,000*						*St Mark's Basilica (Fr)*	
12	**Dubawi (Ire)**	4	6	3	5	--	2	72	27	124,166	507,035
	(2002) by Dubai Millennium (GB) Crops: 12			*Stands: Dalham Hall Stud Eng Fee: 250,000*						*Indigo Girl (GB)*	
13	**Night of Thunder (Ire)**	1	6	--	1	--	--	32	13	43,607	250,120
	(2011) by Dubawi (Ire) Crops: 2			*Stands: Kildangan Stud Ire Fee: 75,000*						*Zamaani (Ire)*	
14	**Showcasing (GB)**	2	5	1	2	--	--	66	26	61,163	395,196
	(2007) by Oasis Dream (GB) Crops: 7			*Stands: Whitsbury Manor Stud Eng Fee: 45,000*						*Sweet Gardenia (GB)*	
15	**Belardo (Ire)**	4	5	3	3	--	--	51	13	93,140	372,792
	(2012) by Lope de Vega (Ire) Crops: 1			*Stands: Kildangan Stud Ire Fee: 10,000*						*Lullaby Moon (GB)*	

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TE AKAU SCOOPS UP TAVISTOCK COLT

Lot 367, a colt by Tavistock | *NZ Bloodstock*

by Paul Vettise

There was a certain air of inevitability about Te Akau securing the headline act on Day 2 of New Zealand Bloodstock's National Yearling Sale when it paid NZ$520,000 for a Tavistock (NZ) colt, Lot 367, from Pencarrow Stud's draft.

At A Glance:

• Te Akau goes to NZ$520,000 for session-topping Tavistock (NZ) colt, Lot 367, purchased out of Pencarrow Stud's draft.
• Pencarrow Stud also sold a Savabeel colt, Lot 254, for NZ$450,000 with fellow breeder Greg Tomlinson, of Nearco Stud, having the final bid.
• After two days of trade, 390 lots have sold for NZ$34,711,000 at an average of NZ$124,860 and the clearance rate jumped from 73% on Sunday to end Day 2 at 80%.
• The leading sire by aggregate through two days of Book 1 is newcomer Almanzor (Fr) with 29 lots sold for NZ$4,660,000 and a top price of NZ$320,000.
• The leading sire by average for three or more lots sold is Savabeel with 19 sold for NZ$3,725,000 at an average of NZ$196,052 and a top price of NZ$450,000.
• The leading vendor by average on Day 2 was Trelawney Stud, who sold eight lots for an average of NZ$246,875.

Inside Knowledge in Play

Te Akau's David Ellis has enjoyed immense success with the session-topper's family having bought Darci Brahma (NZ) from Pencarrow in 2004 for NZ$1.1 million and he went on to multiple Group 1 victories before a successful career at The Oaks Stud.

Ellis also purchased half-brother Burgundy (NZ) in 2010 for NZ$1.3 million and he was a Group 3 winner and Group 1 placegetter before retiring to Cambridge Stud where he was sadly euthanized in 2019 after an acute case of laminitis.

The only thing missing when the Tavistock colt entered the ring on Tuesday was Ellis with Head Trainer Jamie Richards taking on bidding honours.

"We just loved him, he's a sharper looking Tavistock. We thought he had enough precocity about him to be racing in the autumn as a 2-year-old and develop into a top-class G1 2000 Guineas colt as a 3-year-old," he said.

"If he does it on the track then he can go to stud, he's from a great Pencarrow family."

The colt is a son of Echezeaux (NZ) (Encosta De Lago), who won on four occasions, and she is a half-sister to Darci Brahma and Burgundy and also the family of the mighty mare Ethereal (NZ) (Rhythm {USA}).

Richards admitted he was running low in ammunition when the gavel came down in his favour.

"We were getting a bit short, but David wants these top horses to race for our stable so we kept going and glad to get the colt," he said.

Worth the Wait

Sir Peter Vela's Pencarrow Stud was also handsomely rewarded earlier in the day when a long-term plan came to fruition with the sale of Lot 254 to fellow breeder Greg Tomlinson, of Nearco Stud, for NZ$450,000.

The Savabeel filly is a daughter of Asama Blue (Ire) (Fastnet Rock), who was raced by the farm and won on two occasions and finished runner-up in the G3 Anniversary S.

"It's nice to have brought the mare all the way through and this is a lovely filly," Farm Manager Leon Casey said. "She's by a champion local sire and has a lovely international pedigree.

"She was on the market before the final bid so it was good money. We're happy and I'm happy for Nearco. There seems to be good money around for quality horses."

David Ellis | *TDN AusNZ*

Asama Blue is a daughter of the winning Sadler's Wells (USA) mare Butterfly Blue (Ire) and she is a sister to the dam of the four-time Group 1 winner Peeping Fawn (USA) (Danehill {USA}) and the G1 Criterium International winner and sire Thewayyouare (USA). The former champion American filly and multiple Group 1 winner Rags To Riches (USA) (A.P. Indy {USA}) and the dual Group 1 winner and sire Jazil (USA) are other distinguished members of this family.

"Asama Blue has also had a Tavistock colt who unfortunately had to be withdrawn from the sales and we'll take him through to the trials," Casey said. "She's got a U S Navy Flag filly on the ground and is in foal to Ten Sovereigns."

Tomlinson said it was a combination of pedigree and type that attracted him to the filly.

"It's a strong American family and an international family and I am familiar with the dam Asama Blue," Tomlinson said. "She was one of a number of horses that I looked at over the past few days and is certainly one of my top picks."

Clearance Rate Soars

Momentum continued on Day 2 of Book 1 at Karaka, with the clearance rate up significantly on Sunday rising to a healthy 80%. New Zealand Bloodstock Sales Manager Danny Rolston was in a buoyant mood at the close of selling.

"Climbing from a 73% clearance to 80% is no mean feat in one days selling," he said. "This strong result is a testament to our vendors who were willing to meet the market, as well as buyers' involvement both locally and internationally, who are keen to invest in the New Zealand thoroughbred."

Current and former New Zealand-based stallions were in high demand throughout the second session, represented by eight of the top 10 highest-priced lots.

Tavistock, Savabeel, Ocean Park (NZ) and Iffraaj (GB) were responsible for the day's four highest-priced lots with the Pencarrow Stud selling the top two. Several vendors enjoyed a solid day of trading, highlighted by leading seller Trelawney Stud by average on Day 2 with eight lots sold for an average of NZ$246,875. Hallmark Stud and Woburn Farm followed a similar trend, selling 11 and 12 lots for an overall average of NZ$175,455 and NZ$175,417 respectively.

Online Success

A relative of Valachi Downs' resident stallion Savile Row (NZ) offered by the Matamata farm as Lot 311 was the subject of spirited bidding before Chris Waller Racing and agent Guy Mulcaster got in the final online blow. He bought the well-related son of Ocean Park and the unraced O'Reilly (NZ) mare Charmeuse (NZ) for NZ$380,000.

The colt is a brother to Arrogant (NZ), who was narrowly beaten by The Autumn Sun in the G1 Rosehill Guineas, and their dam is a half-sister to Savile Row, who won he Listed Newmarket H. and was a three-time Group 1 runner-up.

The family also received a recent pedigree update when the Valachi-bred and raced Needle And Thread (NZ) (Makfi {GB}) posted a runaway success in the G2 Eight Carat Classic at Ellerslie.

There is also a strong international presence in the family through the dual Group 1 winner and sire The Gurkha (Ire) and the G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe winner Solemia (Ire) (Poliglote {GB}).

Fung Makes Impact

Tony Fung made its presence felt at Karaka when it secured a son of Fastnet Rock, Lot 233, from the draft of Trelawney Stud for NZ$350,000. Cambridge horseman Todd Pollard successfully landed the closing bid on behalf of Tony Fung to land the popular youngster.

Danny Rolston | *NZ Bloodstock*

Lot 233, a colt by Fastnet Rock | *NZ Bloodstock*

"He's a lovely colt and comes from a great nursery in Trelawney, Brent and Cherry (Taylor, owners of Trelawney) are great pals and we're delighted to have secured him," Aquis Managing Director, Shane McGrath, said. "He's by a champion stallion so on pedigree he looked a great buy. He was within budget and we'll get him over here as soon as we can."

The colt is out of Addison (NZ) (Jimmy Choux {NZ}), who was successful three times, and she is a half-sister to the two-time Group 1 winner and sire Grunt (NZ) and also the family of Ocean Park, successful five times at the elite level before embarking on a successful stud career.

"We don't expect him to go early, but we'll get him broken in and assess it from there," McGrath said.

Boys Pay up

Racing enthusiasts Boys Get Paid, a group boasting 20,000 members, are the proud owners of a daughter of Iffraaj purchased on their behalf by Te Akau's David Ellis.

"The members will have first rights to shares in the horse, which will race in the Boys Get Paid colours and be trained by Jamie Richards at Matamata," founding member, Luke Kemeys, said.

"The plan was to have David buy a horse to follow for the next year and beyond, as a group, and providing the interest is strong we may look to buy a couple of horses the following year at the sales and maybe introduce a wider group of owners."

Lot 199 was bought on Monday out of Koru Thoroughbreds' draft for NZ$125,000 and is out of Vernal (Bernardini {USA}), a half-sister to the G1 Epsom H. winner Hauraki (Reset) and the G1 South Australian Derby winner Kidnapped (Viscount).

"After agonising for 24 hours, the Te Akau team have recommended that Boys Get Paid take the Iffraaj filly," Ellis said. "We are very proud to have a horse in the stable that will be owned by Boys Get Paid.

"They are a terrific group and what they are doing for racing is incredible and I'm delighted that many of these top young people are getting into racing.

"The mare has had a couple of performers as 2-year-olds and she looks a real Karaka Million sort of filly. She's a good type, walked well and obviously we've had a fair bit of success with the progeny of Iffraaj.

"She took our eye with a real presence about her and often that is enough and makes the difference in us trying to secure them at auction."

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