



## KENTUCKY SIRES FOR 2021: FOURTH-CROP STALLIONS



**Goldcents** | *Spendthrift*

by *Chris McGrath*

What a tough game this is. You only get to show the first card in your hand before virtually the whole pile of chips is distributed. One or two players gather up their winnings, whooping triumphantly, and suddenly your own hopes of staying in the game--your hopes of a viable stud career in Kentucky--depend exorbitantly on the next card. Generally speaking, it doesn't matter if you turn out to have had a whole sheaf of aces farther into your hand. By the time you can turn those over, there will be nothing left on the table but empty glasses and a full ashtray.

We noted in the previous instalment that a third crop of juveniles, alongside a first crop of 4-year-olds, typically represents a final chance. Sure enough, compared with 18 Bluegrass stallions approaching that crossroads, we find just six left to review today from the preceding intake.

But whatever sympathy we feel for those meanwhile driven into regional or overseas programs, the nature of the business today means that they have actually delivered as legible and legitimate a sample of their work as we are ever going to get.

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## DECISION TO CLOSE HHR HAS BROUGHT 'URGENCY EVEN MORE TO THE FOREFRONT'

by *T.D. Thornton*

Two days after Keeneland Association and Red Mile announced they would be shutting their joint historical horse racing (HHR) venture at the Lexington harness racino while imploring the Kentucky legislature to provide "more clarity" regarding the disputed legal status of HHR, Vince Gabbert, Keeneland's vice president and chief operating officer, was called upon during the Jan. 26 Kentucky Thoroughbred Development Fund (KTDF) teleconference to explain why that decision was made in the absence of any formal order from state officials to cease HHR, which is ongoing at other licensed locations despite an apparent dead-end to the case in the courts.

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## IN TDN EUROPE TODAY

### GHAIYYATH CROWNED WORLD'S BEST RACEHORSE

Godolphin's Ghaiyyath, the winner of three Group 1 races in 2020, has been named Longines World's Best Racehorse.

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Silver on Chris McGrath's 2021 Value Podium

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**SPENDTHRIFT**

*Into Mischief's*



## AUTHENTIC

*Horse of the Year, Three-Year-Old Male*

Owner: MyRacehorse, Madaket, Starlight & Spendthrift  
Breeder: Peter Blum

*Into Mischief's*



## DAY OUT OF THE OFFICE

*Two-Year-Old Filly*

Owner: Blazing Meadows Farm & Siena Farm  
Breeder: Siena Farm

*Into Mischief's*



## GAMINE

*Three-Year-Old Filly, Female Sprinter*

Owner: Michael Lund Petersen  
Breeder: Grace Thoroughbred Holdings



## JACKIE'S WARRIOR

*Two-Year-Old Male*

Owner: Kirk & Judy Robison



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*Authentic* was named the second highest rated horse in the world at the Longines World's Best Racehorse ceremony Tuesday. Godolphin's Ghaiyyath (Ire) took top spot at 130. *Authentic*'s rating makes him the highest rated dirt horse in the world for 2020 as well as the highest rated 3-year-old. See TDN Europe for more. *Breeders' Cup/Eclipse Sportswire*

**SANTA ANITA CANCELS FRIDAY CARD 10**

*With strong rains predicted to hit So. Cal over the next few days, Santa Anita has decided to cancel its Friday card.*

**TIZNOW COLT TOPS OBS WINTER MIXED OPENER 11**

*Sophomore Bear Brian topped the opening session of the OBS Winter Mixed sale.*

**SHARP HANDED SUSPENSION, WILL APPEAL 13**

*Trainer Joe Sharp received a 30-day suspension and fined \$2,500 by the KHRC after five horses he trained tested positive for levamisole in 2019.*



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**Ky Sires of 2021: Fourth Season Sires cont from p1**

So many stallions nowadays cover 500 mares across their first three seasons, only to find themselves reduced to a dozen or two within a couple of years. If anything, then, their embarrassment now should prompt us to revisit the vogue they enjoyed when first going to market--and perhaps the contrast might even make us hesitate before rushing to the next lot of rookies off the carousel.

In this group, however, there are a couple who have done something beyond almost all young stallions and created a sustainable niche in the market. Having made a brisk start with his first juveniles in 2018, in fact,

**GOLDENCENTS (Into Mischief--**

Golden Works, by Banker's Gold) entertained no fewer than 239 mares at Spendthrift the following spring and another 204 last year--taking him to an aggregate 1,133 through his first six years.

And he will presumably maintain the traffic, his farm having taken such a purposeful lead on fee cuts in the pandemic marketplace: for 2021 he's back down to his original fee of \$15,000, from \$25,000 last year.

**Goldencents** topped the third-crop championship in 2020 by nearly all indices, having previously been champion freshman by winners (second to studmate **Cross Traffic** by prize money) and then headed the second-crop table. Given his fairly industrial output, however, he is nothing like so dominant in percentage terms. It would be pushing things, certainly, to describe nine black-type winners and three graded stakes winners from 255 starters as a wildly exciting yield.

But then **Goldencents**, having been one of the first to demonstrate his sire's capacity to upgrade mares, has also been in the vanguard in terms of testing whether that prowess will be recycled by his sons. He was just a \$5,500 yearling, remember, out of a \$7,000 mare by a stallion who ended up in Cyprus. The family did bring hardiness (next two dams respectively 18-for-45 and 13-for-46), but somehow **Into Mischief** ignited a spark of quality in **Goldencents** that burned up consecutive editions of the GI Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile. And while his sire was still available at \$35,000 when **Goldencents** joined him at Spendthrift, his relative affordability has obviously been at a growing premium ever since.



By My Standards has been a standard-bearer for **Goldencents** | Coady

**Goldencents** was blessed that his own first crop produced a couple who did much the same service in promoting their sire as he had himself performed for **Into Mischief**. In fact, By My Standards and Mr. Money remain far and away his biggest

earners to date. And while neither has quite broken the Grade I ice, By My Standards certainly neared the top of the handicap division in his third season and has helped to keep his sire's names in lights all the way through.

It's arguably about time **Goldencents** produced a new star, but that's precisely what he can hope to do after getting that reboot from his prolific first crop. In the meantime, he admittedly has been treading water somewhat at the sales: while one daughter did bring

\$300,000, he averaged a steady \$29,069 with his 2020 yearlings, for 52 sold of 68 offered.

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Why? **OSCAR PERFORMANCE**

**2020 Top Ten Leading Turf Sires**  
North America, December 31, 2020

TDN THOROUGHBRED DAILY NEWS **SIRE LISTS**

Rank	Stallion	AGE	FEE
1	English Channel	19	\$27.5k
2	Kitten's Joy	20	\$60k
3	More Than Ready	24	\$65k
4	War Front	19	\$150k
5	Uncle Mo	13	\$175k
6	Into Mischief	16	\$225k
7	The Factor	13	\$17.5k
8	City Zip	23	(Dead/Ret)
9	American Pharoah	9	\$100k
10	Speightstown	23	\$90k

That yield, and all the rest cited here, must of course be placed in the context of an exceptionally challenging market. Be that as it may, we will pretty soon have to cease doing what we're doing today--comparing these survivors against other stallions at the same stage of their career--and instead start measuring them against all those established operators who, having shed the commercial allure of novelty, have already chiseled a lasting foothold in the market.

Sticking to this group, however, you couldn't ask for a more instructive foil to **Goldencents** than **CAIRO PRINCE** (Pioneer of the Nile--Holy Bubbette, by Holy Bull). They have reached this point absolutely in tandem: **Goldencents** has 384 named foals, **Cairo Prince** 380; **Goldencents** has had 256 starters, **Cairo Prince** 249; **Goldencents** has 158 winners, **Cairo Prince** 156; they both, moreover, have 26 black-type horses. Sure enough, they stand for the same fee. But it's the Airdrie stallion who has a slight but consistent edge at the top end: by stakes winners (13 versus nine), graded stakes winners (five versus three) and graded stakes horses (10 versus seven).

Moreover, **Cairo Prince** is one of those rare stallions whose initial market reception was way out of line with the ranking implied by his opening fee. We've seen, throughout this series, how that seldom guarantees anything--whether for better or worse. In this case, however, it has turned out that **Cairo Prince** was quite rightly "found" as a \$10,000 start-up.

His stock was received with such enthusiasm that he actually earned two fee hikes before he had a single runner, an extremely rare accolade. And if he, too, has now required a trim from \$25,000, then the buzz he generated with his sales debut in 2017--when he achieved a staggering average yield of 15 times his fee--will only now start to tell in the improved quality of his mares.

True, commercial opportunism tends to be finite wherever it occurs in the cycle, and **Cairo Prince** dropped to 87 mares last spring after being basically fully subscribed to that point. But it's a confident bet that the juveniles heading to the track this year, conceived after that remarkable sales debut, will give fresh commercial kudos to the foals he breeds this time around.

In the meantime, **Cairo Prince** continues to impress with his sales stock, averaging \$47,601 for 57 sold of 78 offered in 2020, confirming him as far and away the most resilient and



**Cairo Prince** | Sarah Andrew

# OPPORTUNITY

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with **aging** Turf Sires



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productive sales sire in this group. He just needs his big horse now, but he's having an excellent winter on the track (three new stakes winners over the past month) and, nationally, only **Into Mischief**, **Tapiture**, **Not This Time** and **American Pharoah** had

more juvenile winners last year. And it certainly does no harm that he now has another productive young stallion so close up, his Grade I-placed half-sister having gained new celebrity as dam of WinStar's thriving rookie **Outwork** (**Uncle Mo**).

In 2020, however, the star turn in this group was **MUCHO MACHO MAN** (Macho Uno--Ponche de Leona, by Ponche), who inserted himself between **Goldencents** and **Cairo Prince** in the third-crop prize money

table with two Grade I winners. In previous years, of course, Mucho Gusto's success in the Pegasus World Cup would have been still more lucrative.

# OUT IN FRONT

**UNCLE MO**'s Best-Bred G1 Son at Stud

**#1 SECOND-CROP SIRE** of 2021  
by earnings & BTHs—**3**

**WINNERS** this year, including  
undefeated filly **ABROGATE**, easy  
winner of an allowance race at  
Oaklawn on Sunday



## OUTWORK

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**WINSTAR**

Uncle Mo – Nonna Mia, by Empire Maker  
Fee: \$15,000 S&N

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Moreover that horse was unfortunate to be sidelined after his trip to the desert and only resurfaced when fourth behind **Cairo**

**Prince's** latest graded stakes winner, Kiss Today Goodbye, in the GII San Antonio S. Dec. 26.

Anyhow, his sire followed through with an elite success on turf, as well, Rodeo Drive S. winner Mucho Unusual having meanwhile added another two graded stakes even since Christmas. In fact, with a total of 51 winners from just 77 starters in 2020, **Mucho Macho Man** topped the national field last year in earnings-per-foal--and, importantly, we know that his stock is just going to keep thriving. Though precocious enough to contest all three legs of the Triple Crown before his third birthday, he kept filling that great rangy frame of his to win the GI Breeders' Cup Classic at five.



**Mucho Macho Man** | EquiSport Photos

These results are barely filtering through to the commercial market, as he averaged \$24,883 for 21 yearling sales of 28 offered, but then he only stands for \$7,500. And he goes well at the juvenile sales (Mucho Gusto made no less than \$625,000!) just as we should expect of a stallion who relies on deeds not hype. He's a mad outcross but is quietly earning his stripes and hopefully people are beginning to pay attention. His third book had dwindled to just 35, but he has since welcomed 96, 86 and 77 guests to Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa. Lot of horse for the

money, in every way.

The rival **Mucho Macho Man** nosed out for his greatest success was a barely less imposing creature, but now finds himself on a rather less encouraging tangent.



# ENGLISH CHANNEL

*Smart Strike - Belva, by Theatrical*  
STUD FEE: \$27,500 LFSN



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**9 (G1) WINNERS,**  
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**AND 54 STAKES WINNERS**

**AVERAGE EARNINGS PER STARTER \$91,119**  
(FROM A LIFETIME TOTAL OF 600 STARTERS)

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It seems a long time, certainly, since **WILL TAKE CHARGE** (Unbridled's Song--Take Charge Lady, by Dehere) set out at \$30,000 and duly dominated this lot in their sales debut with a \$169,190 average. This time around, he cashed out 37 of 41 for just \$13,712, and he's down to a bargain \$5,000 at Three Chimneys after being reduced to a very small book last spring.

**Will Take Charge** has mustered a handful of stakes winners, notably Grade I-placed sprinter Manny Wah, and maybe he will just prove a slow burner, as will sometimes happen with such a scopey horse. His was an especially fine constitution by the standards of his sire, highlighted by an 11-start sophomore campaign that started in January and ended, 26 days after his huge run at the Breeders' Cup, with success in the GI Clark H. His maternal family, meanwhile, has only become more aristocratic with the rise of **Omaha Beach** (**War Front**). Everything seemed to be in place so it would be a mystery, as well as a pity, if he can't turn things round.



**Will Take Charge** | Louise Reinagel

**CROSS TRAFFIC** (Unbridled's Song--Stop Traffic, by Cure the Blues) is by the same sire and made a stronger start in contesting the succession, helped to the freshman's title by Breeders' Cup champion Jaywalk but also topping the class by overall stakes winners/performers.

He has not quite maintained that flying start and Spendthrift, who briefly rewarded his freshman title with a hike to \$25,000, will be hoping for a reset after halving him from \$15,000 to \$7,500 this time around. But there are solid grounds for optimism.

For a start, **Cross Traffic** is no longer dining out simply on Jaywalk. Among his second crop, Ny Traffic carried his standard very valiantly--never more conspicuously than when running **Authentic** (**Into Mischief**) himself to a head in the GI Haskell, while he was previously only beaten a length by Maxfield in the GIII Matt Winn S.



## REAL SOLUTION

*Kitten's Joy - Reachfortheheavens, by Pulpit*  
STUD FEE: \$5,000 LFSN



LIFETIME 75% WINNERS / STARTERS  
SIRE OF STAKES WINNER **RAMSEY SOLUTION**  
EARNINGS OVER \$375,000  
SIRE OF (G2) PLACED **QUEEN'S EMBRACE**  
(6) WINS IN 2020  
SIRE OF (G3) PLACED **SISTER PEACOCK**  
EARNINGS OVER \$225,000

## HIGHTAIL

*Mineshaft - Stormy Renee, by Storm Cat*  
STUD FEE: \$4,000 LFSN



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*Awesome Again - Tiz o' Gold, by Cee's Tizzy*  
**STUD FEE: \$6,000 LFSN**



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**6-TIME (G1) PLACED**  
**AN HONEST RACEHORSE THAT DANCED EVERY DANCE**

## KEEN ICE

*Curlin - Medomak, by Awesome Again*  
**STUD FEE: \$9,500 LFSN**



**MULTIPLE GRADED STAKES WINNER**  
**(G1) TRAVERS STAKES WINNER DEFEATING AMERICAN PHAROAH**  
**FIRST CROP 2YO IN 2021**  
**BRED 296 MARES IN FIRST THREE YEARS**

## OXBOW

*Awesome Again - Tizamazing, by Cee's Tizzy*  
**STUD FEE: \$7,500 LFSN**



**(G1) PREAKNESS STAKES WINNER**  
**SIRE OF GSP COUNTY FINAL**  
- SOLD AS 2YO FOR \$475,000  
**SIRE OF (G1) PLACED HOT ROD CHARLIE**  
- 2ND AS 2YO IN BREEDERS' CUP JUVENILE  
**SIRE OF (G2) WINNER COACH ROCKS**  
- EARNINGS OVER \$550K

## RANSOM THE MOON

*Malibu Moon - Count to Three, by Red Ransom*  
**STUD FEE: \$7,500 LFSN**



**2-TIME (G1) SPRINT WINNER IN CALIFORNIA**  
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**Cross Traffic** | Sarah Andrew

And **Cross Traffic** can soon expect a healthy spike in the graph, with his post-freshman, 2019 book having soared to 188 mares from 60. True, he promptly sank to 59 last year, but that's how fecklessly the commercial market works nowadays. The thing to remember now is that he will have that big crop of juveniles next year, so he's another who can hope that foals conceived this spring may ride fresh headlines on the track.

True, **Cross Traffic** stands in need of that revival after averaging just \$11,630 for the 16 yearlings of 17 sent into the pandemic market, but at least he has exactly that chance brewing. Let's not forget how naturally talented he was, nailed only on the line in the stallion-making GI Met Mile just four months after his debut (got his Grade I next time).

As noted, many stallions in this group have been sold to regional programs or exported, and we're particularly sorry that Fed Biz (great work, Highfield Farm of Alberta!) and Noble Mission (GB) weren't able to get adequate traction. One or two others, however, appear to have slipped off Kentucky rosters with zero announcements on their relocation. I know the farms in question will have applied impeccable standards in deciding their future but it would be a concern if due candor about their "failure," after so brief an opportunity, is being viewed as too instructive of the flimsiness of the commercial model.

The only other member of this intake apparently still operating in the Bluegrass on a commercial basis is **REAL SOLUTION** (Kitten's Joy--Reachfortheheavens, by Pulpit). Actually, he has reversed the standard procedure, having returned to Calumet after a couple of years in Louisiana early on. But he certainly fits the bill for this farm as a dual Grade I winner on turf, with venerable Classic influences seeding his family: his third dam is a Northern Dancer half-sister to champion Slew o' Gold (Seattle Slew) and Classic winner Coastal (Majestic Prince), as well as to the dam of Aptitude (A.P. Indy).



**Real Solution** | ThoroStride

Real Solution covered just 27 mares last spring and his handful of yearlings couldn't work even a \$5,000 fee, but he's had a \$675,000 2-year-old and, bottom line, he's there to breed runners. That's just what he produced (thanks to the breeders who made his sire) in Ramsey Solution, who is five-for-nine including a \$300,000 stakes at Kentucky Downs last September.

In fact, Real Solution has had 33 winners from just 44 starters overall, including three at the black-type level; while \$10,000 yearling and six-time winner Queens Embrace earned a Grade II placing at Saratoga last summer. That shows what can be done if your priorities are right, and Real Solution could appeal to enlightened breeders as being well named.

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In the long term, after all, the breed will suffer badly if people can only afford to use fast-buck commercial sires who are expelled from the Bluegrass the moment their first yearlings leave the sales ring. With so few stallions surviving in this intake, however, we'll combine them with the preceding class for a composite "value podium" next time.

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#### Closure of HHR cont. from p1

"We did, as you can imagine, some significant research and going back and forth to ensure that we were making the right decision as it relates to our joint entities between us and Red Mile," Gabbard said. "I will tell you that we feel like we took a very conservative approach.

"But I think in every way possible we've seen the measures that we took over the weekend have helped bring the urgency even more to the forefront than what we had so that the legislature understands the impact that not only racing, but HHR has on the economy in the commonwealth," Gabbert continued. "And hopefully, we will see a legislative remedy in the next couple of weeks."

The KTDF, which is funded by three-quarters of 1% of all money wagered on both live Thoroughbred races and HHR gaming, plus 2% of all money wagered on Thoroughbred races

via inter-track wagering and whole-card simulcasting, has had a rough go of trying to supplement purses at Kentucky's five Thoroughbred racetracks over the past year.

The COVID-19 pandemic first wreaked havoc with Kentucky's ability to generate purses derived from gaming revenue last March, and the effects are still causing major ripples because of spectator-free race meets and capacity limitations at gaming facilities.

Then last week, on Jan. 21, the Kentucky Supreme Court denied a petition for rehearing its 7-0 Sept. 24 judgment that told a lower court to re-examine the legality of historical horse race (HHR) gaming in the commonwealth.

Although the Supreme Court case only involves HHR machines made by Exacta Systems, whose machines are approved for use at Red Mile, Kentucky Downs and Ellis Park, the gaming systems operate in broadly the same manner throughout Kentucky, meaning that a precedent established for one version is likely to affect all forms of HHR gaming.

The racing industry's urgent focus is now on Kentucky lawmakers to legalize HHR, but roadblocks loom in the form of conservative resistance to the expansion of gambling in the state and the fact that the legislature only meets for 30 days in odd-numbered years, with the 2021 session scheduled to end Mar. 30.

## The **LESS**, the merrier...

Only four active stallions have sired more Graded Stakes winners on dirt since 2015 than Bernardini. **They all stand for at least \$175k. Whereas he stands for \$35k.**

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- ★ **Won or placed in five of seven  
Graded stakes, earning \$1,624,392**
- ★ **His half-brother MIDNIGHT BOURBON  
was an impressive winner of the Jan. 16  
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The articulation of Keeneland's position and the political leverage it could possibly generate came several hours after a dire Tuesday morning announcement by Ellis Park that its racino could go out of business without the legalization of HHR.

"Without the revenue associated with HHR, there is no realistic path forward for Ellis Park," Ellis general manager Jeffery Inman said in a statement released to Kentucky's Eyewitness News. "Were we to rely only on racing and simulcast revenue, we could not even keep this 99-year-old facility maintained, let alone provide the financial investment necessary to prepare for and conduct a world-class live race meet. Without HHR support, purses would drop dramatically, resulting in a greatly diminished live racing product. In short, the loss of HHR revenue at Ellis Park would likely threaten the very survival of one of Kentucky's iconic racing venues."

It's also been nearly four months now since Churchill Downs Inc., (CDI), the gaming corporation that owns the tracks and HHR licenses associated with Churchill Downs Racetrack and Turfway Park, has already halted reconstruction on its demolished Turfway grandstand, vowing not to continue the planned rebuild until HHR's legality gets sorted out.

As Bill Landes III, the chairman of the KTDF advisory committee, glumly put it during Tuesday's meeting, "As if we all don't know, we could use some remediation of HHR."

But outside of writing letters seeking help to elected and appointed officials in Kentucky (which the KTDF board voted unanimously to do), there were no other concrete ideas proposed to put HHR back on firmer legal footing.

KTDF board member J. David Richardson suggested emphasizing in those letters that "our perspective is a bit unique in that we actually delve into what [HHR revenue] means to Kentucky racing, probably more deeply than virtually any group, I think."

Richardson said it was important "to let people know that the stewardship of these monies are very closely monitored by this committee and by our staff and are really appropriately used.

"This isn't 'funny money,'" Richardson summed up. "I think it's important to reiterate every now and then how closely we follow every dime."

To that end, the KTDF voted unanimously to forward approval recommendations to the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission for \$2,061,900 in KTDF funds for Keeneland's spring meet and a range of \$4.3 to \$4.9 million for the Churchill Downs meet that spans April-June.

Gabbert said that Keeneland's "goal, from an overall purse standpoint, would be to be on par with where we were in spring of 2019." He did not cite specific dollar amounts.

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# WEST COAST

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Pennsylvania Derby (G1)	<b>107</b>
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Ben Huffman, who serves in the dual capacities of racing secretary at Keeneland and the director of racing at Churchill, said that for Keeneland, "I'm kind of putting on the finishing touches of the condition book; actually may go to the printer with it in about 10 days or so. But the maiden special weights will be \$79,000. And the 'non-winners of two' allowance race will be \$81,000 at Keeneland this spring."

As for Churchill's levels, Huffman said, "we haven't even met here collectively about spring purses yet," but that he expects those figures to be available by mid-February.

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"The models are showing us three straight days of rain, with the heaviest hitting around noon on Friday," said Nate Newby, Santa Anita Senior Vice President and General Manager. "We've discussed it with our stakeholders and cancelling Friday in advance provides horsemen, fans and employees the best scenario to plan accordingly."

Santa Anita will schedule extra races throughout the next racing week to make up for those that were originally scheduled for this Friday. With entries scheduled to be taken Wednesday, Jan. 27, racing will resume at Santa Anita this Saturday, Jan. 30.

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### SANTA ANITA CANCELS FRIDAY CARD

With strong rains predicted to hit Southern California over the next several days, Santa Anita Park has made the decision to cancel its Friday card. Friday's entries were originally scheduled to close this past Sunday, but track management opted to wait until Tuesday in order to better evaluate the weather forecast.

In addition to Friday's cancellation, given the amount of rain predicted over the next few days, two turf stakes, the GII San Marcos set for Saturday and the Baffle scheduled for Sunday, will now be shifted to next week. The Baffle will be run Feb. 5, and the San Marcos is now set for Feb. 6.



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## TIZNOW COLT TOPS OBS WINTER MIXED

**OPENER** by Jessica Martini

Three-year-old **Bear Brian** (Tiznow), a winner in his only trip to the post so far, topped Tuesday's opening session of the Ocala Breeders' Sales Company's Winter Mixed Sale when bringing a final bid of \$150,000 from Canadian-born trainer Kerri Raven during the day's racehorses in training section. A colt by **Practical Joke** was the session's top-priced short yearling when selling to Clark Shepherd of Shepherd Equine Advisors for \$130,000. Both were consigned by Francis and Barbara Vanlangendonck's Summerfield.

"The only thing that limits you here is the quality of the horse," Francis Vanlangendonck said of the strength of the market in Ocala Tuesday. "I think there was plenty of money to buy anything that was here. I was pleasantly

surprised that we were able to sell almost everything--all but one horse--today, and there were multiple bidders on each one. So I was thrilled, actually, with the action we had. I don't think anybody is going into a sale at any time in the last eight months not worried, but it is holding up."



**Bear Brian** | Judit Seipert

During Tuesday's consignor preferred session, 98 head grossed \$1,893,300 for an average of \$19,319 and a median of \$10,050. The buy-back rate was 31.0%. The 2021 figures were down slightly from last year's session, which saw 85 horses sell for \$1,912,300 for an average of \$22,498 and a median of \$13,000.

A total of 73 head sold during Tuesday's horses of racing age section for a gross of \$1,676,500. The average was \$22,966 and the median was \$13,000. A year ago, 70

racehorses grossed \$1,366,900. The average was \$19,527 and the median was \$11,000.

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“The racehorses sold really well,” Vanlangendonck said. “I mean, really well. Again, there were multiple people on almost every one of them.”

Bear Brian (**hip 368**), purchased for \$300,000 as a weanling at the 2018 Keeneland November sale, rallied late to get his head in front on the wire in his six-furlong unveiling at Sam Houston Race Park Jan. 9 for Stonestreet Stables and trainer Steve Asmussen.

“There were five or six people on him,” Vanlangendonck said after watching the newly turned sophomore top Tuesday’s session when selling for \$150,000. “He is a beautiful colt and showed some form. This horse vetted really well, looked good, he’s a beautiful horse and he looked good on the track when we galloped. I think everybody was looking at him and saying, ‘He won first time out and that’s hard to do no matter where you do it.’ The fact that he is sound and pretty helped a lot.”

Bear Brian is out of stakes-winner Lil Super Bear (Super Saver).

Raven purchased three horses during the horses of racing age section Tuesday, going to \$90,000 to acquire an unraced 3-year-old colt by **Distorted Humor** (**hip 315**) and to \$60,000 to purchase the 5-year-old **Jungle Fighter** (Animal Kingdom) (**hip 257**). A colt by **Practical Joke** (**hip 182**) was the top-priced offering during the consignor preferred section of the Winter Mixed Sale when selling for \$130,000 to Shepherd’s on-line bid. Shepherd was acting on behalf of Highlander Training Center owner Larry Hirsch, who plans on racing the short yearling.

“He fit the mold of most of the good Practical Jokes that I’ve seen,” Shepherd said of the colt. “They all have a great walk and this colt was no different. He has a great body on him. And from a pedigree standpoint, I think **Practical Joke** works with a lot of mares. Every time that I see that happen in the very beginning, when they work with a broad base of mares, that dictates a racehorse sire. And they sure look the part.”

A three-time Grade I winner, **Practical Joke**’s first foals are 2-year-olds this year. His 74 yearlings sold in 2020 averaged \$120,243 with a high price of \$575,000. Asked if he had been impressed by **Practical Joke**’s progeny, Shepherd said, “From day one. Even his first year standing, I recommended him to a lot of people for a lot of mares. When you go to the sales and start seeing his weanlings, you just have to like the package you see and then they start developing into quality yearlings. And word on the street is that the pinhookers are loving theirs.”

Consigned by Summerfield, the short yearling is the first foal out of **Mobeautiful** (**Uncle Mo**). He was bred by Hartley/DeRenzo Thoroughbreds.

“Practical Joke has been pretty popular,” Vanlangendonck said when asked about the yearling’s appeal. “He is kind of the buzz stallion down here with the training guys. A lot of them are talking about the ones they are training. So that helped. And he’s out of an **Uncle Mo** mare and he has an **Uncle Mo** look to him with some leg. So between the combination of the two, there were seven or eight of the better eyes here on the grounds that were on him. He was that kind of horse.”

Randy Hartley and Dean DeRenzo purchased Mobeautiful’s dam Switchboard (**Bernardini**) for \$160,000 at the 2011 Keeneland September

Yearling Sale with the intention of pinhooking her the following spring. An injury ended those plans and the Ocala horsemen added her to their broodmare band. Her first foal was Mobeautiful, who likewise missed the sales. Mobeautiful won two of four starts for Hartley in 2018. The 6-year-old mare was bred to Bolt d’Oro last year.

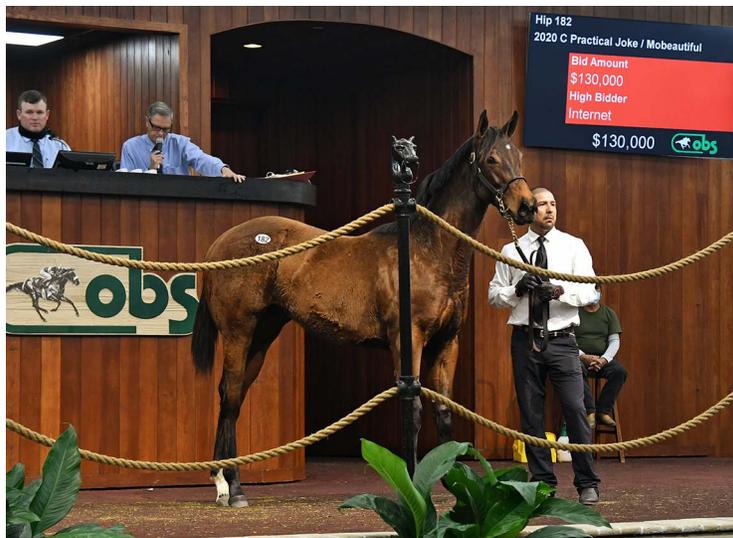
The Winter Mixed sale marks the fourth OBS auction to offer buyers the option to bid online. Shepherd took advantage of that opportunity Tuesday and was pleased with the result.

“This was kind of a last minute deal, so I wasn’t even there,” he said. “I had people doing some things for me, sending back videos and pictures, and I had the vets doing some work for me. And I bid online. I didn’t have the warm fuzzy feeling about it as being there myself, but we put a good team together.”

Of the experience of bidding online, Shepherd said, “I had no idea what to expect. Of course, I got on there yesterday and I was like a kid just trying to surf it and make sure I knew my way around. I was saying to myself, ‘Well, surely it’s not this simple.’ But it was.”

Asked if he planned on doing more bidding online, Shepherd admitted, “Only if I have to. I would rather have my feet on the ground and see what I see. You can buy with more confidence that way. But we adapted on this one and obviously landed on a good horse and had to fight for him.”

The Winter Mixed sale continues with an open session beginning at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday.



**Hip 182** | *Judit Seipert*

# SESSION TOPPERS

## OBS WINTER MIXED SALE

### TUESDAY'S TOP SHORT YEARLINGS

<u>HIP</u>	<u>SEX</u>	<u>SIRE   DAM</u>	<u>PRICE (\$)</u>
<b>182</b>	<b>colt</b>	<b>Practical Joke--Mobeautiful</b>	<b>130,000</b>
<i>Breeder: Hartley/DeRenzo Thoroughbreds (Ky)</i>			
<i>Consignor: Summerfield</i>			
<i>(Francis &amp; Barbara Vanlangendonck)</i>			
<i>Purchaser: Shepherd Equine Advisors</i>			
<b>025</b>	<b>filly</b>	<b>Mendelssohn--Simply Confection</b>	<b>95,000</b>
<i>Breeder: France &amp; Irwin Weiner (FL)</i>			
<i>Consignor: Stuart Morris, Agent VII</i>			
<i>Purchaser: Democracy Bloodstock</i>			
<b>117</b>	<b>filly</b>	<b>Malibu Moon--Fortunia</b>	<b>95,000</b>
<i>Breeder: Janeen Oliver, Glenridge Farm LLC &amp; Spendthrift Stallions, LLC (FL)</i>			
<i>Consignor: Kerri Szegi, Agent</i>			
<i>Purchaser: Windylea Farm - NY LLC</i>			

## TUESDAY'S TOP RACING PROSPECTS

<u>HIP</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>PRICE (\$)</u>
<b>368</b>	<b>Bear Brian</b>	<b>150,000</b>
<i>(c, 3, Tiznow--Lil Super Bear, by Super Saver)</i>		
<i>Consigned by Summerfield</i>		
<i>(Francis &amp; Barbara Vanlangendonck), agent</i>		
<i>Purchased by Kerri Raven</i>		
<b>321</b>	<b>Polterer</b>	<b>110,000</b>
<i>(c, 3, Ghostzapper--Honey Hues, by Henny Hughes)</i>		
<i>Consigned by Kaizen Sales (Richard Kent), Agent XV</i>		
<i>Purchased by Danny W Brown</i>		
<b>360</b>	<b>Pledge</b>	<b>100,000</b>
<i>(f, 3, Candy Ride {Arg}--Faithful, by Vindication)</i>		
<i>Consigned by Six K's Training &amp; Sales LLC, agent</i>		
<i>Purchased by D J Stable LLC</i>		

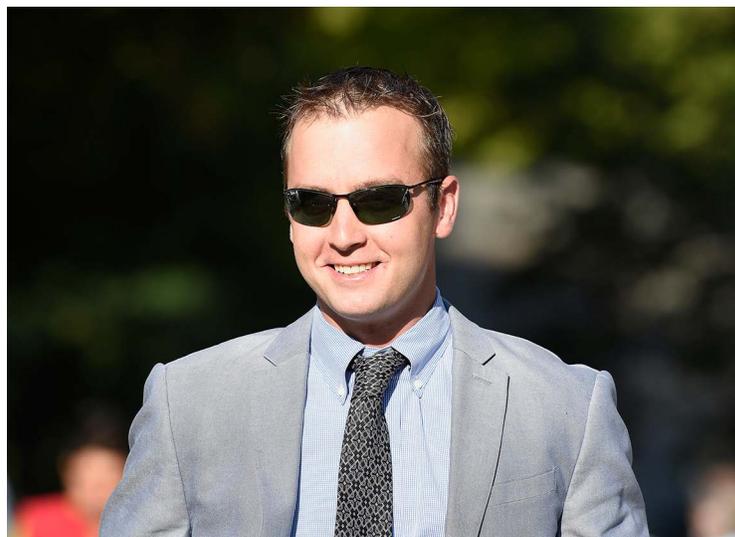
## JOE SHARP HANDED 30-DAY SUSPENSION FOR LEVAMISOLE POSITIVES, WILL APPEAL

by Bill Finley

Trainer Joe Sharp has been hit with a 30-day suspension and fined \$2,500 by the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission (KHRC) after five horses he trained tested positive for the medication levamisole during a 16-day period at Churchill Downs in November, 2019.

Sharp has said that the levamisole was found in an over-the-counter dewormer he purchased and used to treat his horses. He said he consulted with veterinarians before using the product and was told that it complied with pertinent racing and medication regulations.

In addition to the Kentucky positives, eight Sharp-trained horses tested positive at the Fair Grounds around the same time. For the Louisiana violations, Sharp was not suspended, but did have to pay a \$1,000 fine for each horse. **Cont. p14**



Joe Sharp | Sarah Andrew



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#### OBS WINTER MIXED SALE

<b>SELECT SESSION</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>*2020</b>
• Catalogued	183	186
• No. Offered	142	137
• No. Sold	98	85
• RNAs	44	52
• % RNAs	31.0%	38.0%
• High Price	\$130,000	\$165,000
• No. Over \$100k	1	3
• Gross	\$1,893,300	\$1,912,300
• Average	\$19,319	\$22,498
• Median	\$10,050	\$13,000

<b>HORSES OF RACING AGE</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>*2020</b>
• Catalogued	120	151
• No. Offered	83	79
• No. Sold	73	70
• RNAs	10	9
• % RNAs	12.0%	11.4%
• High Price	\$150,000	\$125,000
• Gross	\$1,676,500	\$1,366,900
• Average	\$22,966	\$19,527
• Median	\$13,000	\$11,000

\*2020 Figures include post-sale transactions.

**Cont.**

The Kentucky commission could have suspended Sharp 150 days, or 30 days for each positive, but decided not to do so because Sharp was not notified of the initial positive before the others occurred.

Sharp's suspension is scheduled to run from Feb. 12 through Mar. 13. However, his attorney, Clark Brewster said that an appeal will be filed and he expects to get a stay of the suspension before Feb. 12.

According to the Association of Racing Commissioners International (ARCI) website, levamisole is a Class 2 drug and carries a B penalty. With Class B medication violations, the minimum penalty suggested by the ACRI is a 15-day suspension and a \$500 fine for the first violation.

Brewster's defense will rest on his contention that levamisole itself is not a banned substance in Kentucky. Brewster said that levamisole is only prohibited when it metabolizes into a more serious drug, aminorex, which, he said, did not happen in the case of Sharp's horses. Aminorex is a stimulant and, under ARCI classifications is a Class 1 drug.

Brewster also cited a 2015 cause in which the KHRC suspended trainer Daniel Werre for a full year after a levamisole positive. The suspension was reversed by the Franklin Circuit Court, which cited its finding that the KHRC had improperly classified the drug at the time. Werre was eventually given a seven-day suspension.

"The stewards sent out this notice saying [levamisole] is a class B drug," Brewster said. "Not only is it not a class B, it's not listed at all. They held a hearing where I strongly urged them to dismiss this and they got real quiet. Then they returned a suspension of 30 days and fines. It was truly astonishing. We expect public servants to apply the law based on what is set forth."

Brewster continued, "He was initially denied stalls at the Fair Grounds and owners pulled horses from him. That's all because the stewards issued a notice of positives on him and didn't even understand what was and was not on their list. Once they took that course, they weren't courageous enough to look back and make the right call."

The five Sharp-trained horses who tested positive in Kentucky are Street Dazzle (**Street Sense**), Blackberry Wine (Oxbow), Chitto (**Into Mischief**), Zero Gravity (**Orb**) and Art Collector (**Bernardini**). All five have been disqualified. Blackberry Wine and Art Collector won the races in questions, Art Collector was later taken away from Sharp and turned over to Tom Drury. He went on to win the GII Blue Grass S. and the Ellis Park Derby.

**GISW SHARING RETIRED**

**Sharing** | *Coady*

**Sharing** (**Speightstown**--Shared Account, by Pleasantly Perfect), winner of the 2019 GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf, has been retired from racing after suffering an injury in a paddock mishap, according to an Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners release. Bred by Sagamore Farm, the 4-year-old is out of 2010 GI Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf heroine Shared Account and was purchased as a yearling by Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners for \$350,000 at the 2018 Fasig-Tipton Select Sale in Saratoga. Campaigned by Eclipse and Gainesway Farm, she was trained by Graham Motion throughout her career.

Eclipse President, Aron Wellman, said, "Sharing was a special filly in every sense of the word. She was bred to be special being by a Breeders' Cup winner and out of a Breeders' Cup winner. Even her dam's sire was a Breeders' Cup winner. She was special when we bought her as a yearling and she trained like she was special from the moment she had a saddle put on her at Stonestreet Farm. When Graham [Motion] got her, she exhibited special ability and she proved it with a Championship win as a 2 year-old."

At age two, Sharing earned 'TDN Rising Star' status when breaking her maiden going seven furlongs on the Saratoga dirt before using a win in the grassy Selima S. to propel her to a Breeders' Cup victory.

Motion said, "Sharing is a special filly who will go down as one of the best I trained. Breeders' Cup wins don't come too easily."

An Eclipse Award finalist, she was named Maryland-Bred Horse of the Year. The following season, Sharing captured Churchill's Tepin S. before finishing second in the G1 Coronation S. at Royal Ascot. Later that summer, she took the GII Edgewood S., came home a narrow fourth against older rivals in the GI Matriarch S. at Del Mar and in her final career start, was third in Santa Anita's GI American Oaks.

In nine career starts, the chestnut won five times, placed second once and was third twice, amassing just shy of \$1.1 million.

“Sharing battled through foot issues all throughout her 3-year-old season, but still managed to win major races, travel the country and represent our partnership at Royal Ascot with a brilliant second in a Group 1,” added Wellman. “We had designs on a blockbuster campaign this coming season. We’re devastated we won’t be able to enjoy her racing any more, but she is destined to produce special foals for many years to come. She is as classy as they come.”

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## ZENYATTA LOSES 2021 FOAL



Zenyatta with her 2020 **Candy Ride** filly | Alys Emson/Lane's End

Hall of famer **Zenyatta** (Street Cry {Ire}--Vertigineux, by Kris S.) has lost her 2021 foal, a **Candy Ride** (Arg) filly. The news was reported on Zenyatta’s official website Tuesday.

“We at Team Zenyatta and Lane’s End Farm are deeply saddened to share that Zenyatta lost her 2021 foal early this year,” the website read. “She had been carrying a second **Candy Ride** filly, and we grieve the loss of this precious life. Thankfully, Zenyatta remains in excellent health and is doing very well.”

Zenyatta’s first two foals, the 9-year-old Cozmic One (**Bernardini**) and 8-year-old Ziconic (**Tapit**), both raced, but never won and are now retired, enjoying new careers as show horses. Her 2014 **War Front** filly died and she was not bred back for 2015. The four-time Eclipse winner’s 2016 **War Front** colt also died and her 2017 filly Zelda (Medaglia d’Oro) has yet to make the races. Zenyatta aborted her 2018 **Into Mischief** foal, but produced a **Candy Ride** (Arg) filly named Zilkha May 17 of last year.

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## NYSGC PASSES 1-YEAR MARK ON WHIP REFORM TALK WITHOUT ACTION



Horsephotos

by T.D. Thornton

The New York State Gaming Commission (NYSGC) Jan. 26 once again elected not to propose or vote upon any changes to whip use that would be more humane to Thoroughbreds, making it now more than a year since that agency first began discussing how it might address one of the sport’s hot-button equine welfare issues the way regulators in other racing states have long since done.

“We have a report that just arrived to us in the last 24 hours on the use of the crop. And staff will be spending time with that report--and the commissioners will be spending time with that report--and hope to address the issues at our next meeting,” NYSGC chairman Barry Sample said at the tail end of Tuesday’s teleconference, which included only two other rule-making items: The licensure of veterinary technicians and regulating home-delivery sales of lottery tickets.

Back in December 2019, NYSGC staffers were first directed to discuss crop use among industry stakeholders and report back at a future commission meeting. Despite that directive, whip use did not get brought up the next time the NYSGC met Feb. 10, 2020, for a meeting that lasted only six minutes (By contrast, most state racing and gaming commission meetings last an hour or more, and it is not uncommon for some to stretch to four or five hours). At NYSGC’s May 19 meeting, commissioner Peter Moschetti cited “the length of today’s agenda” (32 minutes) as the reason the topic of whip rule reform had to be pushed off until the summer.

When the board next met July 27 for a meeting that lasted 14 minutes, Moschetti cited the need for the board to review a “lengthy memorandum” that commissioners had just received from its staff on whip use before the NYSGC could deliberate any proposed changes.

When the NYSGC again met for another 14-minute meeting Sept. 21, Sample said, "I think we all agree that [whip reform] is a matter that needs to be brought to closure sooner rather than later. Some of us contend that it's been out there too long."

Moschetti agreed, adding, "I think the time has come. We want to do this. We've talked about doing this. Staff has done their work."

By that time, paradigm-shifting whip reform changes had either already been implemented or were in the process of being codified in California, Kentucky, New Jersey, Maryland, Delaware and Ontario. With the exception of California, whose racing commission had started its reform process several years ago, all of the other jurisdictions had taken up the topic around the same time New York first proposed doing so late in 2019.

While New Jersey eventually banned whipping outright starting in 2021, the other jurisdictions generally carved out new rules based on strike limits, and/or the manner (underhanded or overhanded) in which a jockey can whip.

During the Oct. 19 NYSGC meeting, the board heard 2 1/4 hours of pro and con testimony from industry stakeholders about whip reform. But no new regulations were proposed at that time, nor were any measures floated when the board next met Nov. 30 and proposed or passed more than a dozen other racing-related rules.

If the NYSGC decides to advance whip-related rule proposals at its next (yet-to-be-scheduled) meeting, any proposed measures would (assuming passage) have to be published in the New York State Register and get sent out for a general public comment period. Then commissioners would then have to come back for a final vote, pushing the effective date for any whip-related reforms in New York into mid-2021 at the earliest.

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## COVID-19 SAFETY PROTOCOLS SET FOR FASIG FEBRUARY SALE

In advance of the upcoming Kentucky Winter Mixed Sale, Fasig-Tipton has put in place the following COVID-19 protocols in accordance with Kentucky regulations:

- Screening measures, including temperature checks and health screening questions, will be in place to gain admittance to the sales grounds for all staff, participants and attendees
- Cloth face coverings are required in accordance with U.S. CDC recommendations
- Participants will not be allowed to congregate. At least six feet of distance must be maintained between people
- Limited seating capacity in the sales pavilion
- Valet parking will not be available

- Increased cleaning and disinfection procedures will be implemented with regular sanitation of high-touch surfaces at least every two hours

- Frequent hand washing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds is recommended for all attendees

Voluntary drive-thru COVID-19 testing will be available Feb. 5 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in advance of the Kentucky Winter Mixed sale. Results will be available within 24 hours. COVID-19 testing is not a requirement for attendance at the sale.

The Kentucky Winter Mixed Sale will be held Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 8-9 with sessions beginning at 10 a.m.

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## TURFWAY OPERATOR ERROR LED TO PAVEMENT CHUNKS IN NEW TAPETA TRACK

by T.D. Thornton

Human error on the part of a heavy equipment operator at Turfway Park has been identified as the cause of several chunks of pavement being discovered in the recently installed Tapeta Footings synthetic track at Turfway Park that just opened for racing in December.

During the Jan. 26 Kentucky Thoroughbred Development Fund (KTDF) advisory board meeting, Tyler Picklesimer, Turfway's director of racing and racing secretary, was asked to update the board on how the new Tapeta surface was performing.

Picklesimer told the board members via teleconference that, "We've had no complaints. Everybody's been happy with the surface. It's performed well within the cold, actually better than the Polytrack did in severe cold weather. But no, so far so good--everybody's happy."

Bill Landes III, the chairman of the KTDF advisory committee, then asked Marty Maline, the executive director of the Kentucky Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association (KHBPA), if that assessment squared with the general consensus of his organization's membership.

Maline responded, "The horsemen are just elated with the surface [and] its drainage. It's running really true to form."

He then added: "We had a little hiccup about a week or so ago. A horseman actually brought a couple of rocks [from the racing surface] in to the office, and it, of course, started a panic of sorts. But right away the [Turfway] track man explained that when they were actually getting the surface into the front-loader [when installing it], they actually had chopped off a couple of pieces of blacktop," Maline said. "And so it was a very limited situation."

Maline said that right after the discovery, KHBPA board member Bill Connelly walked the circumference of the one-mile oval to inspect it, adding, "at about 15 F degrees, [he's] a stronger man than I am."

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Maline said after that inspection, "there was about two or three of these pieces of blacktop, and they were taken care of. [Tapeta Footings executives Michael Dickinson and Joan Wakefield] came in and reviewed it, and explained it wasn't the bottom, because the bottom is all [a different type of uniform-sized] rocks. And so everything died down. There wasn't any real problem with it."

Maline closed out the subject by reiterating his overall positive impression that the Tapeta track has "been a godsend, really. It's a great surface."

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**ECLIPSE AWARDS TO AIR ON TVG, RTN, TDN & MORE**

The 50th Annual Eclipse Awards, presented by Spendthrift Farm, will air live on TVG and Racetrack Television Network Thursday, Jan. 28, beginning at 8 p.m. ET., and also streamed on other outlets and platforms.

This year's ceremony will be a virtual telecast. NBC Sports' Kenny Rice will anchor the program from Lexington, and will be joined by many fellow Eclipse Awards' masters of ceremonies and presenters from the past 20 years. Britney Eurton and Jeannine Edwards will present from historic Spendthrift Farm, home to some of racing's greatest champions. Acacia Courtney and Gabby Gaudet will present from Gulfstream Park in Florida; Gary Stevens and *Daily Racing Form* National Correspondent Jay Privman from Santa Anita Park in California, and Kenny Mayne from ESPN Studios.

In addition to TVG and RTN, the Eclipse Awards ceremony will be shown live on the following outlets: NTRA.com; America's Best Racing Facebook page and Twitter feed; XBTv Facebook page; DRF.com; Bloodhorse.com; ThoroughbredDailyNews.com; Equibase.com; Breeders' Cup Facebook page and YouTube channel; MyRacehorse Facebook page and YouTube channel; and TOBA.org.

In keeping with the 50th anniversary theme, results from the NTRA Eclipse 50 Contest, a vote by fans of their 10 favorite Eclipse Award-champion horses and their favorite champion trainer and jockey from the past 50 years, will also be revealed throughout the show.

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**FIRST FOAL ARRIVES IN NY FOR SOLOMINI**

**First foal by Solomini born at Hidden Lake Farm in New York**  
*McMahon Thoroughbreds*

McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds announced the arrival of the first foal from the first crop of MGISP **Solomini** (Curlin--Surf Song, by Storm Cat). The filly, out of track record setter and stakes-placed Another Level (Emcee), arrived at Hidden Lake Farm in Stillwater, NY Jan. 15. The mare's first foal is from the immediate family of Grade I-winning millionaire Octave (Unbridled's Song), winner of the GI Coaching Club American Oaks S. and GI Mother Goose S.

"Solomini's first foal out of Another Level is a lovely filly with a lot of body and very nice frame," said Chris Bernard of Hidden Lake Farm. "3C Stables and Hidden Lake Farm bred 20 mares to Solomini and are committed to his success."

Solomini, who finished second in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile and GI Front Runner S. in 2017, crossed the wire in first in the GI Los Alamitos Futurity only to be demoted to third via disqualification. He also hit the board in a trio of starts at three, including the GI Arkansas Derby.

The chestnut, who covered 123 mares standing at McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds last season, will stand the 2021 season for \$5,000 live foal.

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**HAWTHORNE OPENS SPORTSBOK WITH POINTSBET**

Hawthorne Race Course and PointsBet have been approved by the Illinois Gaming Board to open the state's first off-track and non-casino sportsbook beginning Jan. 27. The newly-remodeled Club Hawthorne in suburban Crestwood is part of Hawthorne's off-tracking betting (OTB) network, and is the first of three such OTB locations that will open under Illinois's sports betting law.

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locations, so this is an opportunity on which we focused a lot of energy and investment,” said Tim Carey, president and CEO of Hawthorne Race Course. “We completely remodeled the space to create the best sports viewing and sports betting destination in the State.”

The PointsBet Sportsbook at Club Hawthorne will also feature exclusive retail-only betting promotions and sweepstakes. Current health safety protocols provide for limited seating capacity which will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis; however bet-and-go services for cash wagering are available. The sportsbook will open from 12 p.m. to 10 p.m. on weekdays and 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on weekends.

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### ITA HOSTS BROODMARE NUTRITION WEBINAR

The Indiana Thoroughbred Alliance (ITA), in conjunction with Kentucky Equine Research, will be hosting a free webinar focusing on broodmare nutrition Feb. 4, starting at 7 p.m. EST.

The webinar will focus on proper nutrition practices for breeders and farm managers for all stages of the broodmare’s reproductive cycle. The information will be presented by Peter Huntington BVSc, MACVSc, an external lecturer and examiner at the University of Melbourne Veterinary Science program and Director of Equine Nutrition for Kentucky Equine Research Australasia.

The webinar is open to anyone looking to continue their education and provide the best care for their broodmares. Pre-registration is required for access to the Zoom webinar or the livestream on ITA’s Facebook page. You can RSVP for the webinar by emailing [Indythoroughbred.social@gmail.com](mailto:Indythoroughbred.social@gmail.com) or by clicking on the event on the ITA Facebook page.

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### NHC QUALIFIER ON HORSEPLAYERS.COM OFFERS SEATS TO NHC2021 AND NHC2022

With the National Horseplayers Championship postponed from its traditional February dates due to COVID-19 and re-scheduled for August, the NTRA today announced that a Last Chance/First Chance qualifier has been added to the calendar Feb. 13. The contest will provide an opportunity for players to qualify to either the Aug. 27-29, 2021 NHC or the Jan. 28-30, 2022 NHC.

The Last Chance/First Chance qualifier will be held on HorsePlayers.com, and the entry fee will be \$500. Two NHC seats will be guaranteed to NHC 2021 plus travel and hotel accommodations. The qualifier will offer a maximum of two seats to the 2022 NHC. Only individuals who have already won two qualifying seats into NHC 2021 may compete for a seat in NHC 2022. One additional qualifying seat to the 2021 NHC will

be awarded for every 20 entries over the first 80 entries. The NHC seats include travel and hotel accommodations. NHC 2021 Tour points will be awarded.

Traditionally the National Horseplayers Championship (NHC) presented by Racetrack Television Network, Caesars Entertainment and Bally’s would be held in Las Vegas the weekend after the Super Bowl. Due to the pandemic, the 2021 NHC has been moved to the last weekend in August in Las Vegas. The traditional onsite ‘Last Chance First Chance’ contest will still be held at Bally’s on the eve of the NHC.

A player must be a 2021 NHC Tour member to be eligible to win a 2022 seat and receive 2021 NHC Tour points.

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### WELDER OKLAHOMA ALL-BREEDS HOTY--AGAIN

For the third year in a row, **Welder** (Visualiser--Dance Softly, by Tiznow), a millionaire Oklahoma-bred Thoroughbred, earned Oklahoma’s 2020 All-Breeds Horse of the Year, presented by the Oklahoma Horse Racing Commission. The 8-year-old, owned by Ra-Max Farms (Clayton Rash) of Claremore, Oklahoma, trained by Teri Luneack and ridden by three-time Remington Park champion David Cabrera, is the only Thoroughbred to have ever won the award more than once. His \$40,795 in Oklahoma-bred earnings were about \$6,000 more than runner-up Eagles Fly Higher, a Quarter Horse, who had \$34,800. Welder also became the only Thoroughbred horse in Remington Park history to win Horse of the Meet honors three years in a row.

The Oklahoma All-Breeds Horse of the Year award encompasses Oklahoma-bred Thoroughbreds, Quarter Horses, Paints and Appaloosas and is based on annual Oklahoma-bred money earned by any horse on the racetrack among any of those breeds for the year.

In 2020, Welder won the Remington Park Turf Sprint, Oklahoma Classics Sprint and Silver Goblin S. at Remington Park. He also was the easy winner in the TRAO Classics Sprint at Will Rogers Downs for the fifth consecutive year. Welder has won 26-of-38 starts for \$1,204,042.

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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-AI 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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Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	<b>Into Mischief</b> (2005) by Harlan's Holiday	6	15	2	5	1	2	95	37	556,500	3,192,329
	Crops: 9	Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY		Fee: \$225,000		Dayoutoftheoffice					
2	<b>Tapit</b> (2001) by Pulpit	3	5	2	3	1	2	44	17	1,335,144	2,461,535
	Crops: 13	Stands: Gainesway Farm KY		Fee: \$185,000		Essential Quality					
3	<b>Nyquist</b> (2013) by Uncle Mo	2	5	2	5	2	4	45	17	1,235,500	2,424,083
	Crops: 1	Stands: Darley KY		Fee: \$75,000		Vequist					
4	<b>Uncle Mo</b> (2008) by Indian Charlie	4	6	2	4	--	1	49	13	593,056	1,712,965
	Crops: 6	Stands: Ashford Stud KY		Fee: \$175,000		Golden Pal					
5	<b>Laoban</b> (2013) by Uncle Mo	3	5	2	3	1	2	36	13	414,200	1,559,748
	Crops: 1	Stands: WinStar Farm KY		Fee: \$25,000		Simply Ravishing					
6	<b>Not This Time</b> (2014) by Giant's Causeway	3	5	1	2	1	1	54	28	363,500	1,537,138
	Crops: 1	Stands: Taylor Made Farm KY		Fee: \$40,000		Princess Noor					
7	<b>American Pharoah</b> (2012) by Pioneer of the Nile	1	3	1	2	1	1	62	23	172,441	1,400,743
	Crops: 2	Stands: Ashford Stud KY		Fee: \$100,000		Reframe					
8	<b>Maclean's Music</b> (2008) by Distorted Humor	2	7	1	2	1	1	47	21	502,564	1,351,172
	Crops: 5	Stands: Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa KY		Fee: \$25,000		Jackie's Warrior					
9	<b>Khozan</b> (2012) by Distorted Humor	3	5	--	--	--	--	32	11	434,300	1,342,145
	Crops: 2	Stands: Journeyman Stud FL		Fee: \$10,000		Princess Secret					
10	<b>Kantharos</b> (2008) by Lion Heart	1	5	--	1	--	--	42	21	335,877	1,290,304
	Crops: 7	Stands: Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa KY		Fee: \$30,000		Cowan					
11	<b>Outwork</b> (2013) by Uncle Mo	2	2	--	1	--	1	48	19	430,100	1,260,790
	Crops: 1	Stands: WinStar Farm KY		Fee: \$15,000		Outadore					
12	<b>Curlin</b> (2004) by Smart Strike	4	9	1	5	--	--	36	12	172,150	1,234,214
	Crops: 9	Stands: Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa KY		Fee: \$175,000		Malathaat					
13	<b>Munnings</b> (2006) by Speightstown	2	4	--	1	--	1	56	22	126,283	1,229,982
	Crops: 7	Stands: Ashford Stud KY		Fee: \$40,000		Alda					
14	<b>Constitution</b> (2011) by Tapit	3	9	--	2	--	--	48	15	199,160	1,161,469
	Crops: 2	Stands: WinStar Farm KY		Fee: \$85,000		Alexandria					
15	<b>Dialed In</b> (2008) by Mineshaft	2	2	1	2	1	2	68	20	219,000	1,155,954
	Crops: 5	Stands: Darby Dan Farm KY		Fee: \$15,000		Get Her Number					

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## IN ORDER OF PURSE:

**3rd-Delta Downs, \$30,770, Msw, 1-26, 3yo, 6 1/2f, 1:22.19, ft, 5 3/4 lengths.**

**RATHER PRECOCIOUS (c, 3, Fed Biz--Beautiful Treasure {SP}, by Unbridled),** a good second on debut in the Delta slop Dec. 2, was given a 2-1 chance to go one better here. He forced the issue widest of all while they stacked up three across the track, made his move to hit the front on the far turn and opened it up from there to graduate by 5 3/4 lengths over favored Bluegrass Pharoah (**American Pharoah**). The winner is a half to Flying Private (Fusaichi Pegasus), MGSP, \$346,203. Beautiful Treasure is also represented by a **Mo Town** colt of 2020; she was bred back to **Practical Joke**. Sales history: \$6,500 Ylg '19 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$24,000. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Chris Hebert; B-Mulholland Springs LLC (KY); T-Doris Hebert.





## SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: WEDNESDAY, JAN. 27

2020 Stud Fees Listed

**Barbados (Speightstown),** Shamrock Farm, \$2,500  
12 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners  
1-Tampa Bay Downs, Aoc 5fT, Insightful, 9-2  
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## **Jac's Fact** (Kentucky Dane)

2 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners  
2-Mahoning Valley, Msw 6f, I'm Jac'd, 6-5

## **Quick Change** (Awesome Again), Raimonde Farms

7 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners  
2-Mahoning Valley, Msw 6f, Normas Hopefulgirl, 10-1

## **Ride On Curlin** (Curlin), Pleasant Acres Stallions, \$5,000

42 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners  
1-Tampa Bay Downs, Aoc 5fT, Sophisticurl, 6-1

## **Uncle Lino** (Uncle Mo), Northview Stallion Station, \$4,000

132 foals of racing age/7 winners/0 black-type winners  
5-Charles Town, Msw 4 1/2f, Golden Key, 5-1



## ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

**8th-Delta Downs, \$36,000, (S), 1-26, (NW1X), 4yo/up, 5f, :59.80, ft, 1 3/4 lengths.**

**ALLURING ACTOR (g, 6, Mass Media--Imanactress, by Leestown)** Lifetime Record: 22-5-8-2, \$93,484. O-BMS Racing Stable (Sarah Delany) & 4 G Racing, LLC; B-Maxie Wayne Kitchings Jr. (LA); T-Sarah Delany.

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**AWESOME SLEW** (c. by Awesome Again). Subject stallion.

**HE'S BANKABLE** (g. by Arch). 3 wins, 1 at 2 at 1m, 8½f to 2020, \$177,720, Gulfstream Park English Channel S., Tampa Bay Downs Sophomore Turf S.

**Souper Lucky** (g. by Giant's Causeway). 7 wins from 7f to 8½f, \$305,876, 2<sup>nd</sup> Laurel John B Campbell S., 3<sup>rd</sup> Belmont Westchester S. (G3), Monmouth Majestic Light S., Laurel Harrison E Johnson Memorial S., etc.

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

*2<sup>nd</sup> 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), 3<sup>rd</sup> Del Mar Chula Vista H. (G2), Longchamp Prix des Reservoirs (G3), etc. Half-sister 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).

*3<sup>rd</sup> Dam*

**BREATH TAKING**, by Nureyev. 3 wins, 2 at 2, at 1000m, 1300m, Saint-Cloud Prix Eclipse (G3), Deauville Prix de Meautry (G3), 2<sup>nd</sup> Longchamp Prix d'Arenberg (G3), 3<sup>rd</sup> 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**.
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**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Adano**, g, 3, **Tonalist**--Bella Medaglia (MSW & GSP, \$355,776), by **Medaglia d'Oro**. Mahoning Valley, 1-26, 1m, 1:46.50. B-Connie & Richard Snyder (KY). \*\$47,000 RNA Ylg '19 KEESEP. **Bred & Raised by Cove Springs Farm, Richard & Connie Snyder**

**Big Performer**, g, 4, **Vertiformer**--Carson's Pearl, by Carson City. Mahoning Valley, 1-26, (S), 1m, 1:49.74. B-Robin L. Murphy (OH). \*\$2,900 Ylg '18 OHIOCT.



**FED BIZ**, Rather Precocious, c, 3, o/o Beautiful Treasure, by Unbridled. MSW, 1-26, Delta Downs

**MASS MEDIA**, Alluring Actor, g, 6, o/o Imanactress, by Leestown. ALW, 1-26, Delta Downs

**TONALIST**, Adano, g, 3, o/o Bella Medaglia, by **Medaglia d'Oro**. MSW, 1-26, Mahoning Valley

**VERTIFORMER**, Big Performer, g, 4, o/o Carson's Pearl, by Carson City. MSW, 1-26, Mahoning Valley

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## GHAIYYATH CROWNED LONGINES WORLD'S BEST RACEHORSE



Ghaiyyath winning the Juddmonte International over Group 1 winners Magical, Lord North and Kameko | [racingfotos.com](http://racingfotos.com)

By Emma Berry

Godolphin's **Ghaiyyath (Ire)** (Dubawi {Ire}) was officially named Longines World's Best Racehorse on Tuesday having been assessed to have posted the top two performances of 2020. His high mark of 130 was gained in the G1 Juddmonte International S. at York, which was also named Longines World's Best Horserace for the first time. The former Charlie Appleby trainee also recorded a mark of 127 in the G1 Hurworth Bloodstock Coronation Cup which, in a pandemic-disrupted season, was moved from Epsom to Newmarket.

Bred by the Weld family's Springbank Way Stud from the 2006 G1 Irish 1000 Guineas winner Nighttime (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), Ghaiyyath won his first four starts in 2020, starting out with a facile victory in the G3 Dubai Millennium S. at Meydan in track record time. Returning to the UK, the 5-year-old beat the previous season's Derby winner Anthony Van Dyck (Ire) in the Coronation Cup before claiming an even bigger scalp with his victory over Enable (GB) in the G1 Coral-Eclipse. His championship performance came with his three-length strike in the International, in which fellow Group 1 winners Magical (Ire), Lord North (Ire) and Kameko filled the minor places. **Cont. p2**

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## DETTORI SCOOPS LONGINES AWARD FOR FOURTH TIME

Frankie Dettori turned 50 at the end of 2020 and it was yet another memorable year for the jockey on the racecourse, during which he earned his third consecutive Longines World's Best Jockey Award. He first won the award in 2015.

"Whoever thought at my age I could still do it?" Said Dettori from his home in Newmarket as he joined the Longines Racing Awards via a video link.

The most successful horses with which the Italian-born jockey was associated in 2020 were the European champion 3-year-old colt, Palace Pier (GB) (**Kingman {GB}**), champion stayer Stradivarius (Ire) (**Sea The Stars {Ire}**) and the recently retired Enable (GB) (**Nathaniel {Ire}**), who recorded an historic hat-trick in the G1 King George VI and Queen Elizabeth S. at Ascot. All three were trained in Newmarket by John Gosden.

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**Ghaiyyath Crowned Longines World's Best Racehorse cont. from p1**

Ghaiyyath has now retired to his owner Sheikh Mohammed Al Maktoum's Kildangan Stud in Ireland.

"In some ways Ghaiyyath was the perfect racehorse; he had so many positive attributes," said Joe Osborne, managing director of Godolphin Ireland. "He campaigned internationally and he was at that age to have reached his peak form. He was the kind of brand ambassador that Godolphin has been famous for down the years. His high cruising speed and his ability to find acceleration at the end of his races was what really set him apart."

Charlie Appleby added, "It was a great privilege to be involved with a horse like Ghaiyyath. Right from the start he was one of the horses we were very fond of and to train a horse like this for His Highness Sheikh Mohammed

and for Godolphin was a great honour.

"The most pleasing victory in 2020 was the Juddmonte International. I felt it just confirmed what we had seen in the Eclipse when he beat Enable."



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The ongoing Covid-19 restrictions meant that for the first time the awards, organised for the eighth year in tandem by Longines and the International Federation of Horseracing Authorities (IFHA), were presented in an online ceremony hosted by Francesca Cumani at Newmarket's National Horseracing Museum instead of in London.

A stellar season for the Bob Baffert-trained **Authentic (Into Mischief)** saw him win the GI Kentucky Derby and GI Haskell S. but it was his 2 1/4-length victory in the GI Breeders' Cup

Classic which was judged to be his standout performance of the year on 126.

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### Longines World's Best Racehorse cont.

This placed him second overall in the rankings and made him the world's best 3-year-old and highest-rated dirt horse.

**Authentic** is now at stud at Spendthrift Farm, which comprised one part of his large syndicate of owners during his racing days. The group included Myracehorse Stable, with members in every state in America and from more than 20 countries around the world.

"I used to love looking forward to making that trip to London even though it was always freezing," said Baffert via video link from his home in California. The trainer was also responsible for Triple Crown and Breeders' Cup Classic winner **American Pharoah**, who was the Longines World's Best Racehorse of 2015, as well as Arrogate, the world's top-rated horse of 2016 and 2017.

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**Bob Baffert**

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He continued, "**Authentic** was just getting better and better and better. He had a lot of speed and he could carry it a mile and a quarter effortlessly. It takes a really good horse to win the Derby and the Breeders' Cup Classic. It's just an honour to be involved in this. Racing is all about bragging rights so to have a horse as good as this is what it's all about."

There was a seven-way tie for third between horses trained in Britain, France, America and Australia on a ranking of 125. **Addeybb (Ire)** (Pivotal {GB}) won three Group 1 races in two different hemispheres for the William Haggas stable in 2020 but it was his season-closing victory in the G1 QIPCO British Champion S. for which he gained top marks, alongside fellow Newmarket resident **Palace Pier (GB)** (**Kingman** {GB}). The latter was the top-rated European 3-year-old, gaining his mark for his run in the G1 Prix du Haras Fresnay-le-Buffard Jacques le Marois at Deauville. Juddmonte's **Kingman** is also the sire of **Persian King (Ire)**, ranked equal to Palace Pier on 125 after winning the G1 Prix du Moulin de Longchamp, while Palace Pier's stablemate **Stradivarius (Ire)** (Sea The Stars {Ire}) is again the top stayer in

## IN TDN AUS/NZ TODAY

HKJC LANDS ON SAVABEEL COLT

A NZ\$720,000 colt by Savabeel led the third session of New Zealand Bloodstock's National Yearling Sale. [Click or tap here to go straight to TDN Aus/NZ.](#)

# 2020 LONGINES WORLD'S BEST RACEHORSE



**GHAIYYATH**  
RATING: 130



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**Longines World's Best Racehorse cont.**

the world having run to 125 when winning the G1 Gold Cup for the third time at Royal Ascot.

The Barclay Tagg-trained **Tiz The Law (Constitution)** was also awarded 125 for his G1 **Runhappy** Travers S. victory, and that mark was also achieved by Australian sprinters **Bivouac (Aus)** (Exceed And Excel {Aus}) and **Classique Legend (Aus)** (Not A Single Doubt {Aus}) in the G1 Darley Sprint Classic and The TAB Everest, respectively.

Japan's recently retired Horse of the Year **Almond Eye (Jpn)** (Lord Kanaloa {Jpn}), trained by Sakae Kunieda, was judged to have run to a mark of 124 on two occasions, when winning the G1 Victoria Mile and G1 Longines Japan Cup for the second time. That same mark was awarded to her compatriot, the Triple Crown winner **Contrail (Jpn)** (Deep Impact {Jpn}), whose first taste of defeat came when finishing runner-up to Almond Eye in the Japan Cup.

Also in equal-tenth place on 124 was Hong Kong star **Golden Sixty (Aus)** (**Medaglia d'Oro**), now the winner of 15 of his 16 races and gaining his top mark in the G1 Longines Hong Kong Mile. The impressive victory of **Mohaather (GB)** (Showcasing {GB}) in the G1 Qatar Sussex S. and of **Nature Strip (Aus)** (Nicconi {Aus}) in the G1 TJ Smith S. also gained marks of 124.

The Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe winner **Sottsass (Fr)** (Siyouni {Fr}) headed a quintet in joint-15th place on 123. They included Sheikh Hamdan Al Maktoum's crack sprinter **Battaash (Ire)** (Dark Angel {Ire}), G1 Prince of Wales's S. winner **Lord North (Ire)**

(Dubawi {Ire}), and the Japanese duo of G1 Tenno Sho runner-up **Fierement (Jpn)** (Deep Impact {Jpn}) and **Glory Vase (Jpn)** (Deep Impact {Jpn}).

Breeders' Cup Classic runner-up **Improbable** (City Zip) was another to reach 123, a mark he gained twice, in the G1 Whitney S. and G1 Awesome Again S.

The best performance of 2020 for Juddmonte superstar **Enable (GB)** (Nathaniel {Ire}) was her record third victory in the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth S, for which she was awarded a mark of 122. This same rating was given to **Love (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) for her victories in the Oaks and Yorkshire Oaks, as



Almond Eye achieved a mark of 124 twice | Horsephotos

well as 2000 Guineas winner **Kameko** (Kitten's Joy) for his G2 Shadwell Joel S. success, and to the previous season's European champion 2-year-old **Pinatubo (Ire)** (Shamardal). Also on 122 were **Maximum Security** (New Year's Day), **Anthony Van Dyck (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}), **Beauty Generation (NZ)** (Road To Rock {Aus}), **Gamine (Into Mischief)**, **In Swoop (Ire)** (Adlerflug {Ger}), **Magical (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}), **Tarnawa (Ire)** (Shamardal), **Swiss Skydiver**

(**Daredevil**) and **Tom's d'Etat** (Smart Strike).

Of the 56 horses in the world with a rating of 120 or more in 2020, 14 were trained in Britain, 11 in America, 10 in Ireland, and seven in Japan, while France, Australia and Hong Kong accounted for four apiece, and two were trained in South Africa.

**Frankel (GB)** (Galileo {Ire}), who was the Longines World's Best Racehorse of 2011 and 2012, achieved the highest-ever rating of 140.

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**Dettori Scoops Longines Award For Fourth Time cont. from p1**

"It goes without saying that she is the horse I've loved most in my life," said Dettori of Enable, who was the joint-best horse in the world in 2019 along with Crystal Ocean (GB) (Sea The Stars {Ire}) and Waldgeist (GB) (Galileo {Ire}).

"We tried to win three Arcs and we couldn't make it but she won three King Georges, which was a record. I do miss her a lot. She gave racing and the public so much joy and she has really helped me to win this Longines World's Best Jockey."

While Enable is now at Juddmonte's Banstead Manor Stud awaiting her first cover by **Kingman**, both Palace Pier and Stradivarius have remained in training at Gosden's Clarehaven Stables. Now seven and still an entire, Stradivarius is being primed for a fourth Gold Cup at Ascot, the racecourse at which Dettori completed his infamous 'Magnificent Seven' in September 1996.

He added, "I think this has been a great initiative by Longines to start this World's Best Jockey championship from the results of the 100 best races around the world. It's great for us to be recognised around the world and for me to win it four times now is a great honour."

Only three jockeys have won the award since it was founded in 2014. Ryan Moore was the inaugural winner and took the title again in 2016. Australia's Hugh Bowman, best known for his

association with Winx (Aus), was the Longines World's Best Jockey in 2017.

The award is based upon performances in the 100 highest-rated Group 1 and Grade I races throughout the year, with jockeys given 12 points for a winning ride, six points for finishing second, and four points for third.

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## YORK ON TOP OF THE WORLD

York's G1 Juddmonte International S. didn't just provide the world's best 130-rated performance of 2020 for Ghaiyyath (Ire) but, with its stellar back-up cast of seven-time Group 1 winner Magical (Ire), the G1 St James's Palace S. winner Lord North (Ire) and 2000 Guineas hero Kameko, the race was also judged to be the Longines World's Best Horse Race last year on ratings.

Along with announcing the World's Best Racehorse Rankings on Tuesday, Longines and the International Federation of Horseracing Authorities (IFHA) also published the list of top 100 Group 1 and Grade I races of the year. It is the first time that the Juddmonte International has achieved this accolade and its rating of 125.25 was derived from the average rating of the first four finishers in the race.



Ghaiyyath and connections after winning the Juddmonte International | [racingfotos.com](https://www.racingfotos.com)

William Derby, chief executive and clerk of the course at York Racecourse, said, "This is a huge honour and a thrill. It's what we're all about at York Racecourse in terms of trying to attract the very best horses and jockeys to race on the Knavesmire. We're thrilled to be named number one against all the wonderful races around the global sport of horseracing."

He continued, "We're incredibly grateful to Longines and the IFHA for compiling these ratings, ranking every [Group/Grade 1] race around the world based on the first four horses home. To come top of that pile is a huge honour. We're delighted and grateful for their support, and that of the connections of every horse, and Juddmonte Farms, without whom we wouldn't be able to stage such a magnificent race for everyone to enjoy."

The QIPCO Irish Champion S. at Leopardstown, in which Magical turned the tables on Ghaiyyath, was the second highest-rated race in the world last year on 124.75, with Armory

(Ire) and subsequent Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe winner **Sottsass (Fr)** completing the first four.

With Japan's darling of the racecourse, Almond Eye (Jpn) set to make her swansong, the Japan Cup of 2020 was always going to be special, not least because the field also featured the two best 3-year-olds in the country, Triple Crown winner Contrail (Jpn) and Triple Tiara winner Daring Tact (Jpn) (Epiphaneia {Jpn}). The star trio crossed the line in that order in Tokyo, with Curren Bouquetd'or (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}) in fourth to make the Japan Cup the third top race of the year on 124.50.

Japan had two races in the top five, the other being the Tenno Sho (Autumn), which was joint-fourth with the Breeders' Cup Turf at Keeneland on 123.75. Also making the top 10 were the Coral-Eclipse at Sandown, Tokyo's Yasuda Kinen, the Prix Jacques le Marois at Deauville, the QIPCO Champion S. at Ascot, and the Arima Kinen, run at Nakayama.

Churchill Downs staged both the highest-rated race in the world for fillies only, the Kentucky Oaks (119.25), won by Shedaresthedevil (**Daredevil**), and the highest-rated race reserved for 3-year-olds, the Kentucky Derby (121.25), won by subsequent Breeders' Cup Classic hero **Authentic**.

Among the 11 countries in the list of top Group/Grade 1 races run at 40 different racecourses, Australia, with 25, was the world leader, followed by Britain (18), Japan (14), America (13), France (9), Hong Kong (9), South Africa (6), Ireland (4), Germany (3), Argentina (1), and New Zealand (1). The 2020 list of top races stretches to 103 contests owing to a six-way tie for the 98th spot.

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## EUROPEAN NEWS

### HOLLYMOUNT TOPS GOFFS UK JANUARY SALE

Debut bumper winner **Hollymount (Ire)** (Jet Away {GB}) (**lot 52**) commanded the top price of £300,000 during the Goffs UK January Sale timed online auction on Tuesday when sold to Bective Stud. The 5-year-old Hollymount is a half-sister to Grade 2-placed winners Windsor Avenue (Ire) (Winged Love {Ire}) and Ravenhill Road (Ire) (Exit To Nowhere).

Hollymount was sold on behalf of Peter and Alan Buchanan who said after the sale, "it was a nerve-wracking and exhilarating experience watching the auction countdown, we were kept on the edge of our seats as the bids kept coming in. Goffs did a great job, they have proven their online system can sell these elite horses and we are delighted with the result."

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**Goffs UK January Sale cont.**

“We wish the Morans and Gordon the best of luck on the racecourse and hope that she helps to further enhance the pedigree before enjoying a long career in the breeding shed with Apple’s Jade.”

The sale saw three horses sold for six figures, with 36 horses (51%) selling altogether for £1,138,100.

Goffs UK Managing Director Tim Kent said after Goffs’s first timed online auction, “This was very much about breaking new ground for Goffs and we were delighted with the first attempt. Having to sell online was obviously not our first choice but given the current circumstances we had no other options and we felt it was worth offering an outlet for their horses. We were thrilled with the support that we received from our vendors and we are delighted with the outcome.

“A top price of £300,000 is fantastic for any sale and three six-figure prices is a great advert for these online sales. We are not going to pretend that trade was strong at all levels of the market but that reflects the current market and there is every chance that we would have seen the same outcome if these horses were sold in a traditional format. We will now review the sale and get feedback from vendors and purchasers. There are always improvements that can be made with any sale and whilst lockdowns continue in the UK and Ireland, we will look at other options for the Goffs Online platform in the coming months.”

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## BRITAIN

**Tuesday’s Result:**

**4th-Wolverhampton, £5,300, Novice, 1-26, 3yo/up, f, 9f 104y (AWT), 2:02.61, st.**

**TECHNIQUE (GB) (f, 3, Mastercraftsman {Ire}--Lifting Me Higher {Ire}, by Sea The Stars {Ire}),** a 10-1 chance on this debut, was in front initially before accepting a lead heading to the first turn.

Always travelling smoothly, the bay was sent past New Exceed (Ire) (New Approach {Ire}) to seize the advantage approaching the furlong pole before readily asserting for a half-length success. The dam, whose 2-year-old colt is by **Bated Breath (GB)**, is out of a full-sister to the G1 Phoenix S. and G1 Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere-winning leading sire **Holy Roman Emperor (Ire)** from the family of the champions Medaille D’Or, L’Enjoleur and La Voyageuse. Sales history: 24,000gns RNA Wlg ‘18 TATFOA; 40,000gns Ylg ‘19 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$4,689.

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O-Mantonbury Stud; B-The Pockock Family (GB); T-Martyn Meade.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:**

**Aradous (Ire), c, 3, Iffraaj (GB)--Nullarbor Sky (Ire), by Aussie Rules. Southwell, 1-26, 8f 13y (AWT), 1:47.18. B-Al Mohamediya Breeding (IRE).**

## FRANCE

**CONDITIONS RESULTS:**

**4th-Cagnes-sur-Mer, €26,000, 1-26, 4yo/up, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:17.25, st.**

**LE BRONN (FR) (g, 4, Rio De La Plata--Ladoga {GB}, by Exceed and Excel {Aus})** Lifetime Record: 16-7-3-1, €73,730. O-Olivier Ulmann & Charley Rossi; B-V Bukhtoyarov & E Kappushev (FR); T-Charley Rossi.

**2nd-Cagnes-sur-Mer, €19,000, 1-26, 4yo, 12f (AWT), 2:34.00, st.**

**AMERICAN BRIDGE (GB) (f, 4, Kodiak {GB}--More Than Sotka {Fr} {SW-Fr, \$145,217}, by Dutch Art {GB})** Lifetime Record: 9-3-1-0, €32,640. O-White Birch Farm; B-Z Bifov (GB); T-Jean-Claude Rouget. \*€280,000 Ylg ‘18 ARAUG.

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1	9	Althiqa (GB)	Dark Angel (Ire)	J Doyle	Appleby	125
2	6	Dubai Love (GB)	Night Of Thunder (Ire)	Cosgrave	bin Suroor	125
3	2	Last Look (Ire)	Pivotal (GB)	Bentley	bin Suroor	125
4	7	Perfect Inch (GB)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Barzalona	Fellowes	125
5	8	Quiet Times (Ger)	Reliable Man (GB)	Guyon	Brandt	125
6	3	Silent Night (Swe)	Night Of Thunder (Ire)	Chaves	Wahl	125
7	4	Stunning Beauty (Ire)	Shamardal	Dettori	bin Suroor	125
8	5	Stylistique (GB)	Dansili (GB)	Atzeni	Varian	125
9	1	Summer Romance (Ire)	<b>Kingman (GB)</b>	Buick	Appleby	125

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## HKJC LANDS ON SAVABEEL COLT



Lot 520, the NZ\$720,000 Savabeel colt | Cambridge Stud

by Paul Vettise

Bruce Harvey had hands-on experience with the family of a Savabeel colt, Lot 520, from Cambridge Stud and went to NZ\$720,000 to land the highest-priced youngster on Day 3 of New Zealand Bloodstock's National Yearling Sale.

### At A Glance:

- Bruce Harvey lands the session-topping Savabeel colt, Lot 520, for NZ\$720,000 from the Cambridge Stud draft on behalf of the Hong Kong Jockey Club.

- Agent Bruce Perry is a fan of Almanzor (Fr) and went to NZ\$560,000 for a colt, Lot 578, offered by Hallmark Stud.

- Turnover reached NZ\$50,998,000 for 414 lots sold, representing an average of NZ\$123,184 for 414 horses sold. The median closed at NZ\$95,000, with the clearance rate climbing to an impressive 81 per cent.

- In 2020, 484 horses sold for NZ\$67,130,000 at an average of NZ\$138,698, a median of NZ\$107,500 and a clearance rate of 79 per cent.

- Almanzor earned first-season sire honours with 42 lots sold for NZ\$8,130,000 at an average of NZ\$193,751 and a top price of NZ\$560,000.

- There were 596 unique online bids and 38 per cent of yearlings offered were bid on by offshore buyers using New Zealand Bloodstock's online bidding platform.

### HKJC secures prize lot

Harvey, who operates Ascot Farm with wife Maureen, was bidding on behalf of the Hong Kong Jockey Club and working in association with its Australian-based agent Craig Rounsefell, of Boomer Bloodstock.

Bidding for the son of Savabeel turned in to a two-party battle toward the end with Harvey outlasting Cambridge trainer Roger James.

"The underbidder is a good judge so we're thrilled to have got him. When I first saw him on the farm I loved him, he's a gorgeous animal," Harvey said.

The colt is a son of Lovetessa (NZ) (O'Reilly {NZ}), who won twice and placed in the G3 Eulogy S. and both of her foals to race have been successful.

The dam is a half-sister to the G2 Lowland S. winner Queen Of Diamonds (NZ) (Savabeel) and their grandam Tristalove (NZ) (Sir Tristram {Ire}) was a two-time Group 1 winner and well-known to Harvey.

"It's ironic really, I broke in Tristalove as a yearling and she was one of my favourite horses. This is a quality colt and our top pick of the Sale."

That view was shared by Rounsefell, who was unable to attend the auction, but was in constant contact with Harvey.

"The Hong Kong Jockey Club wants quality horses, that's their standard and Boomer loved him as well. The colt has all the quality and I had a little bit more, not a lot, to make sure we got him," Harvey said.

### Happy Managing Director

New Zealand Bloodstock's Managing Director Andrew Seabrook was heartened by the strong clearance rate, buyer participation and vendors willingness to meet the market.

The turnover reached NZ\$50,998,000, representing an average of NZ\$123,184 for 414 horses sold. The median closed at NZ\$95,000, with the clearance rate climbing to an impressive 81 per cent.

“Going into this we were certainly navigating uncharted territories and it was amazing how our buyers stepped up,” Seabrook said. “Online bidding was massive, as well as all the work that the New Zealand-based trainers and agents did on the ground, it was great to see their support and willingness to help us out.

“We were hoping coming into the Sale that the Kiwis would step up, there was that air of confidence, not just in the local economy but the domestic racing scene in general.

“Last year the Kiwis were responsible for 38 per cent of the Book 1 turnover, this year their overall spend reached 56 per cent, so they have really stepped up and it’s been incredible. That success, coupled with the online bidding has made it a successful Sale.”



**Andrew Seabrook** | *New Zealand Bloodstock*

Seabrook was also thankful for the vendors, who actively made Karaka 2021 the most open Sale ever held at Karaka.

“I think the big winner in this whole digital online space is New Zealand. We’re the most remote country in the bloodstock world and I think going forward we will benefit more than any other country and it’s exciting,” he said.

“I would like to thank the vendors for the information they provided which enabled overseas buyers to be active in the most transparent sale ever held in New Zealand. “We have three hundred horses to go on Wednesday and Thursday and there are plenty of nice horses still to be sold in Book 2.

“I think we can all be very encouraged by the success over the last three days and I’m really looking forward to the future.”

***Almanzor admirer strikes***

Bruce Perry is a major fan of first-season sire Almanzor and has backed his judgement by securing seven youngsters by the Cambridge Stud shuttle stallion through Book 1 at Karaka.

Almanzor earned first-season sire honours with 42 lots sold for NZ\$8,130,000 at an average of NZ\$193,751 and a top price of NZ\$560,000 for Lot 578 bought by the Masterton-based Perry from the Hallmark Stud consignment.

The colt is a half-brother to the G2 Golden Pendant winner Subpoenaed (NZ) (Rip Van Winkle {Ire}) with their dam Notice Received (NZ) (O’Reilly {NZ}) and the family of the G3 Swettenham Stud S. winner Apple Danish (Danehill {USA}).

“I was acting for Brae Sokolski, who is one of the main owners in the colt’s half-sister Subpoenaed and Chris Waller,” Perry said. “I was doing the work for them, so I had a look at him and just loved him.

“They were very strong on him, as it was a good fight to secure him, but I had Brae on the phone talking with me the whole way. I really just hope the Almanzors can run now.



**Almanzor** | *Scoop Dyga*

“I knew this horse would be a NZ\$500,000-plus buy as he was a lovely type and mover, so the mare has done a good job,” he said. “Brae and Chris had him on their radar, so I just did the legwork for them.”

The colt was sold through the Hallmark draft on behalf of Cambridge couple Wayne and Vicki Pike, parents of successful trainer Tony.

“The colt is the perfect specimen. The way he handled the pressure, right from when we got him all the way to ring, was incredible,” Hallmark’s Mark Baker said. “We are grateful to be chosen to prepare him for Wayne and Vicki Pike. It really was a pleasure.”

Perry had earlier seen off challenges from trainer Stephen Marsh and Te Akau for Lot 416 from Waikato Stud’s draft for NZ\$420,000.

Perry manages the bloodstock interests of Wellington businessman Lib Petagna and bought the Almanzor colt for the

**JML Bloodstock Principal.**

“I saw him a while ago in the paddock at Waikato Stud and he’ll be staying in New Zealand, but we haven’t got a trainer yet,” Perry said. “He’s a beautiful horse with a lovely temperament and thought he would sell around the NZ\$400,000 mark.”

The colt is out of the Savabeel mare Genius (NZ), who was successful four times up to 1600 metres and her only foal to race is Breeze Of Spring (NZ) (Pins), a winner in Hong Kong.

“There is a lot of Savabeel about this colt and the best of Almanzor’s traits. I’m thrilled to have got him,” Perry said.

The family also features the South African Group winners Hancock Park (NZ) (Pompeii Court {USA}) and her daughter Park Lane (SAF) (Elliodor {Fr}) and the G1 CF Orr S. winner Manuel (Commands).



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***Bound for England***

The future of a Tavistock (NZ) colt, Lot 487, lies on the other side of the world after he was bought by Henrietta, the Dowager Duchess of Bedford, for NZ\$440,000 on her behalf by Beri Schroder out of Woburn Farm’s draft.

She bred and sold Tavistock who went on to multiple Group 1 success and established himself as a leading sire at Cambridge Stud before his tragic passing in 2019.

“It has been Henrietta’s dream to buy a Tavistock from Sir Patrick that could go to England to race to complete the circle for her,” Schroder said. “If the planes are going, he will be sent over to the Northern Hemisphere in either June or July. While he will be six months older than his competition he will race in open races as a maiden, as an autumn 2-year-old.

“We looked at every Tavistock in the catalogue this year as we wanted to select the one that would be best suited to that plan and this one fits the bill.

“It was a great battle in the ring and I wasn’t confident we had him until the gavel went down.

“We had heard that there were at least four people on him and I think it was Roger James who was the underbidder.”

The colt is out of the Zabeel (NZ) mare La Belle Beel, a half-sister to the Singapore black-type winner Intercept (NZ) (Zerpour {Ire}) and the family of the dual Group 1 winner Second Coming (NZ) (Oak Ridge {Ire}).



**Lot 487, a Tavistock colt** | *New Zealand Bloodstock*

***Pike gets his filly***

Cambridge trainer Tony Pike has an intimate knowledge of the family Lot 474 and, on behalf of The Oaks Stud Principal Dick Karreman, landed the last blow at NZ\$420,000 to secure the daughter of first-season sire sensation Almanzor.

Pike has enjoyed Group 1 success with the filly’s half-brother The Bostonian (NZ) (Jimmy Choux {NZ}) and is hoping the physical similarities between the pair will also stretch to shared racetrack ability.

“Dick has been looking for high-class fillies and we had a few on the list and missed out on a couple on Monday,” he said. “She is very similar to her half-brother on type and is a lovely-walking filly with a great temperament. I thought she may have made a bit more so it’s a fantastic result and I’m very grateful to Dick.

“It’s been a strong Sale for the right horses and they are still very hard to buy. The clearance rate has held up so it’s been a pretty good Sale.”

The filly is out of Keepa Cheval (NZ) (Keeper) and she is a half-sister to the 10-time Group 1 winner and two-time New Zealand Horse of the Year Mufhasa (NZ) (Pentire {GB}).

The Bostonian has won the Canterbury S., Doomben 10,000 and Kingsford-Smith Cup at the elite-level and Pike is hoping the gelding can add to that record.

“He’s got an arthritic fetlock so we have to manage him and that’s why he only has a couple of starts or so each preparation,” he said. “We will be x-raying him again and could perhaps have another look at Queensland with him.”

### *Satono springs surprise*

Rich Hill Stud’s John Thompson was over the moon after surprise packet, Lot 451, left the ring with a NZ\$360,000 price tag around his neck.

The first-crop son of Group 1 winner Satono Aladdin (Jpn) was knocked down to Pam Gerard, who was on the phone through bidding with her Flemington-based training partner Michael Moroney and his brother Paul.

“There was a lot of interest in him and he was out for 45 minutes on Monday without going back in his box,” Thompson said. “I would be lying if I said I thought he would make that price, I reckoned between NZ\$200,000 and NZ\$250,000 so it’s a fantastic result. He had scoped and x-rayed well and had that physical presence.

“It has been a really good Sale, without the visitors here it has been a bit patchy, but good overall. The way the second crop of Vadamos have sold has been another highlight for us.”

The Satono Aladdin colt is a son of the unraced O’Reilly (NZ) mare Inthespotlight (NZ) and the family of the G3 Up & Coming S. winner and G1 Golden Rose S. runner-up North Pacific (Brazen Beau).

“He’s very similar to his sire and we had a good look at him and Mike and Paul (Moroney) know their families backwards,” Gerard said.

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