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## HHR BILL REPORTED FAVORABLY OUT OF KY SENATE COMMITTEE



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by T.D. Thornton

The bill that attempts to legalize historical horse race (HHR) gaming in Kentucky by inserting a one-paragraph definition of "pari-mutuel wagering" into an existing state statute advanced with a favorable recommendation out of the Senate Licensing and Occupations Committee Feb. 4.

SB120 will now be scheduled for a hearing before the full Kentucky Senate.

Proponents testified that Kentucky's racing industry is in danger of economic devastation without the support of HHR to bolster purses, and that defining "pari-mutuel" for the first time within state laws is the appropriate way to make sure the \$2.2-billion handle generated from that form of gaming is compliant with the state's constitution.

Opponents testified that the proposed legislative fix remains unconstitutional, that it is harmful to Kentucky culturally and economically, and would actually erode the state's Thoroughbred industry over time because HHR licensees might be inclined to phase out live horse racing in favor of cheaper-to-operate electronic gaming.

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## U.S. HANDLE UP 9.5% IN JANUARY

by Bill Finley

With \$959,602,269 wagered, total all-sources handle for the sport rose by 9.57% in January, according to figures released Thursday by Equibase.

The January numbers reflected a fairly seamless comparison between January 2021 and January 2020 because the racing schedules for both months were not impacted by the coronavirus. There were 2,211 races run this year, only a slight drop from the 2020 number of 2,352. Based on the amount wagered per race day, the industry saw an increase of 21.6%.

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*Champion female sprinter Gamine (Into Mischief) has officially been disqualified from her third-place run in the GI Kentucky Oaks after testing positive for betamethasone.*

**PA GOV LOOKS TO RAID RACE HORSE FUND AGAIN**

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*After an unsuccessful attempt to raid \$200 million from Pennsylvania's Race Horse Development Fund last year, Governor Tom Wolf is attempting the gambit once more.*

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**HHR Bill Advances in Kentucky Senate cont. from p1**



**Senator John Schickel, who introduced SB 120 into the Kentucky Senate | Kentucky General Assembly**

The two sides sparred in polite but sometimes barbed fashion for nearly an hour, and when the vote was finally called, Senator Tom Buford presaged the highly likely eventuality of a continued court fight over HHR: “I think we are in certainly a gray area, and I do believe we will see this resolved in the courtroom at some moment in time,” he said prior to casting an “aye” vote.

The setting for Thursday’s HHR bill’s hearing certainly seemed friendly to supporters: Senator John Schickel, who introduced SB 120 on Tuesday, also chairs the committee that had the authority to report it favorably. The measure also has the backing of Senate President Robert Stivers, and Senate Majority Leader Damon Thayer was in attendance to lend support to those who testified in favor of the bill. That team included Kentucky-based trainer Tom Drury and attorney William Lear, Jr., who is a Keeneland Association trustee and former state legislator.

In fact, representatives of the anti-gambling opposition group The Family Foundation (TFF) acknowledged right off the bat that they were fighting an uphill battle. Martin Cothran, senior policy analyst for TFF, began his testimony by thanking Schickel for being a “good sport” and allowing them to speak out against the measure even though TFF knew the bill had the chairman’s obvious support.

But Cothran then launched into a concise deconstruction of why everyone was gathered for the hearing in the first place--because the Supreme Court of Kentucky had twice within the past five months affirmed that HHR gaming did not meet the required legal definition of pari-mutuel wagering, and how five of the state’s six HHR licensees were “thumb[ing] their noses at the court” by continuing to operate HHR in spite of that ruling.

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“That alone should have doomed their efforts here in Frankfort, where laws are made with the expectation that they are to be followed,” Cothran said.

Cothran also pointed out that it was not--as he said is often misrepresented--TFF that initially challenged the legality of HHR in Kentucky. He noted that back in 2010, it was the racing interests themselves who first petitioned Franklin Circuit Court asking for a declaration that HHR was legal. He said TFF only entered the fray when the group realized there was no other opposition to that initiative.

“[The HHR licensees] were the ones who asked the courts whether what they were doing was on the up-and-up. Well now we have an answer to that question, and they are ignoring it,” Cothran said, adding that the racetracks and the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission are now “pretending that these machines somehow constitute

pari-mutuel horse wagering.”

Cothran continued: “Depending on your perspective, that was either very ingenious or preposterous that someone could invent a machine that showed live racing with dead horses.

Count us as skeptics on this. And count us as skeptics too that you can assert in an equally preposterous way that you can simply declare, as this bill does, that what is not pari-mutuel wagering by any other definition you can find is, in fact, pari-mutuel wagering.

“Rather than the horse tracks and their allies on the horse racing commission changing their actions to bring them into alignment with the law, we are being asked in this bill to bring the law into alignment with the actions of the tracks—and in doing so making a mockery of

the constitution,” Cothran said.



Kentucky Senate Majority Leader Damon Thayer

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Cothran added that the proper way to make HHR legal is to amend the state's constitution, which currently stipulates that the only permissible forms of gaming are pari-mutuel horse racing, the Kentucky Lottery, and charitable gaming.

But Lear pointed out that a 1931 Kentucky Court of Appeals ruling (*Commonwealth v. Kentucky Jockey Club*) already exempted the pari-mutuel system of betting on horse races from anti-gambling laws.

Lear then explained that in 2020, when the Supreme Court ruled HHR was not considered legally pari-mutuel, "it extended what you might call an engraved invitation to the Kentucky General Assembly to deal with it," which he said was exactly what SB 120 would accomplish by including "previously run" races within the newly proposed definition of "pari-mutuel."

Lear said constitutionally speaking, the bill "applies because it's the first time there's been a statutory definition of pari-mutuel wagering. It has to cover both everything we're doing in live racing today, as well as HHR, and that's what it does. It deals with the issue raised by the Supreme Court of different people betting on different races. It deals with the issue of seed pools, which are really just a pre-funded minus pool.

"There is no way a constitutional amendment would be required to do this kind of gaming," Lear summed up.

Stan Cave, an attorney who has led TFF's efforts against HHR, disagreed.

"As you look at the bill you're about to vote on, compare the language of that bill to what the Supreme Court said pari-mutuel wagering was," Cave said. "And then ask yourself the question 'Does the language in the bill satisfy, or is it consistent with the definition of pari-mutuel wagering explained by the Kentucky Supreme Court?' If it's not, it's unconstitutional. It's no giant leap of logic. A six-year-old could do the exercise. The language in the bill does not compare, at all, remotely, in the slightest, with the language that the Supreme Court said constituted pari-mutuel wagering. Thus, this bill is unconstitutional."

Thayer took umbrage with the way Cothran and Cave framed their arguments.

"I was sworn in [to the Senate] 18 years ago today," Thayer said. "And I've never seen testimony that insulted an entire industry more than what I've heard here today. This testimony was overtly specious. By that I mean superficially plausible but actually wrong."

At this point Thayer asked Lear to be granted the floor for a rebuttal. Lear reiterated his points about the 1931 court precedent and then went off on a tangent about how HHR is not a game of chance like a lottery, because HHR incorporates elements of handicapping skill on the part of players.

Schickel politely cut the attorney short when Lear began to list off the various handicapping skill features of HHR before giving Cave a last word prior to the vote. **Cont. p6**

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Following the *Times* story in October, Baffert's attorney Craig Robertson said the filly had been administered the drug Aug. 17 by her veterinarian. The Oaks was held 18 days later. Robertson's statement said Gamine's test revealed 27 picograms of betamethasone and that Kentucky's threshold for the medication is 10 picograms.

Gamine was also disqualified from an allowance victory at Oaklawn Park May 2 after testing positive for lidocaine. Her stablemate **Charlatan (Speightstown)** was disqualified from his win in the GI Arkansas Derby the same day for the same drug. Baffert continues to appeal both disqualifications.

Gamine went on to win the GI Longines Acorn S. and GI Longines Test S. and capped 2020 year with a win in the GI Breeders' Cup F/M Sprint. She was named last year's champion female sprinter.

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## PENNSYLVANIA GOVERNOR AGAIN SEEKS TO RAID RACE HORSE DEVELOPMENT FUND

by Bill Finley

Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf unveiled a budget plan on Wednesday that called for moving \$199 million from the state's Race Horse Development Trust Fund into a program to help Pennsylvania students pay for colleges. Should Wolf succeed, purses at the Pennsylvania tracks would have to undergo dramatic cuts and to a degree that would decimate the state's racing and breeding industries.

"This proposal would result in the end of horse racing, which supports 20,000 jobs, delivers an annual \$1.6-billion economic impact, and preserves hundreds of thousands of acres of open space," said Pete Peterson, spokesperson for the Pennsylvania Equine Coalition.

The development fund receives its money from a share of slot machine revenue at state casinos. The total fund adds up to about \$230 million a year that goes to purses and breeding funds.

Wolf unveiled a similar proposal last year, but it never gained needed support. It may have stalled because the focus in the state government turned almost exclusively to the coronavirus. It's also likely that it stalled because a number of political leaders in the House of Representatives and the Senate, particularly those in the Republican Party who represent rural areas, made it clear they were not on board.

"Last year, this was proposed and there was, basically, no traction at all," said Brian Sanfratello, the executive secretary of the Pennsylvania Horse Breeders Association. "It was not only the Republicans. There was a lot of bipartisan agreement not to do this. We feel confident that the Race Horse Development Trust Fund language will hold up again. We're going to do everything we can to spread the word in the legislature."

Wolf is looking to develop a scholarship program, which he has dubbed the Nellie Bly Scholarship Program, that would allow Pennsylvania residents to attend state colleges at a reduced price. Annual scholarships would cover as many as 20,000 students with as much as \$5,700 going toward their tuition.

"Let's bet on our kids instead of bankrolling racehorse owners," Wolf said when announcing his budget proposal in 2020.

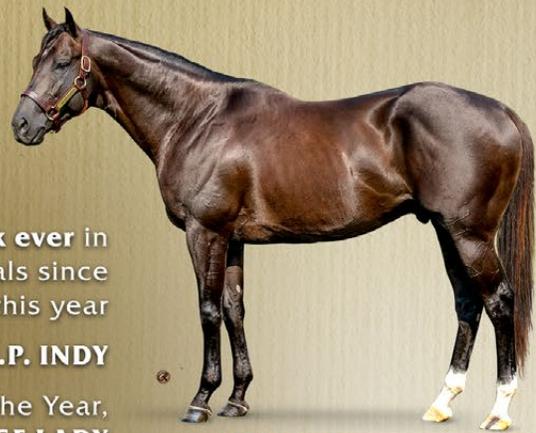
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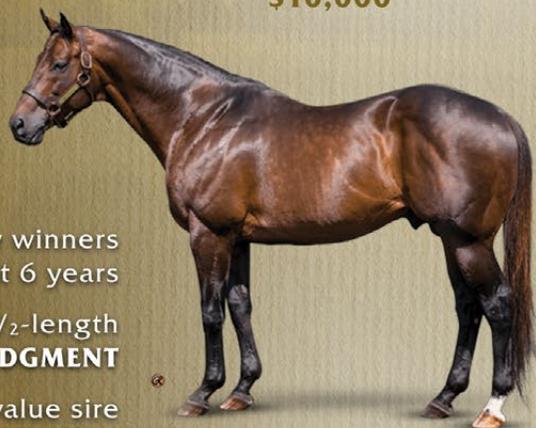


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“While the racing industry is important to Pennsylvania, it is time for the industry to support itself and continue to build upon the unprecedented generous economic investment made by the commonwealth to this single industry,” Elizabeth Rementer, a spokesperson for Wolf, told the *Philadelphia Inquirer*. “The industry survived long before the subsidy began and it has had 16 years and \$3 billion to develop what, by now, should be a self-sustaining industry.”

Sanfratello said the focus should be on the number of jobs that would be lost if Wolf succeeds in emptying the fund.

“We understand that education is important, but you don’t fund education by putting 20,000 of their parents out of work,” he said. “Why Governor Wolf thinks this is a good idea is beyond me.”



Racing at Parx | Sarah Andrew

While confident that the money will not leave the fund, Sanfratello pointed out that Wolf’s proposal will affect the state’s breeders this year. It may be difficult to convince people to breed in Pennsylvania when a possibility exists that the industry might soon have to deal with what would be a devastating blow.

“The breeding farms will be the ones hurt the most by this.” he said. “Whether this goes through or not, and we don’t think that it will, the people who are getting ready to breed want to make sure that the money will be there when it’s time to run. I am very, very confident that we are up for the task and will beat this. But it’s a shame that the breeders have to go through this again.”

The Pennsylvania Equine Coalition and others will also be making the argument that taking the money away from racing would be illegal. In 2017, the General Assembly voted to put the development fund money into a trust. Wolf signed the measure into law. Placing the money into a trust appeared to guarantee that the money did not belong to the state and could not be used for anything other than programs that supported racing and breeding in the state.

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## OVER THE 'MOON' FOR SATURDAY'S LAS VIRGENES



Moonlight d'Oro | Benoit

by Steve Sherack

With Horse of the Year **Authentic** (**Into Mischief**) off to the breeding shed to stand alongside his superstar sire at Spendthrift Farm, how do you follow up on a 2020 season that included wins in the GI Kentucky Derby and GI Breeders' Cup Classic?

For **Michael Behrens's** budding MyRacehorse microshare partnership and B. Wayne Hughes's Spendthrift Farm, having a promising filly on the GI Kentucky Oaks trail is certainly a good place to begin.

**Moonlight d'Oro** (**Medaglia d'Oro**), a visually impressive maiden winner for Hall of Famer Richard Mandella in her two-turn debut going a mile at Los Alamitos Dec. 13 (**video**), kicks off her sophomore campaign versus four rivals in Saturday's GIII Las Virgenes S. at Santa Anita. **Cont. p9**



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“It’s a tough act to follow,” MyRacehorse’s Racing Operations and Owner Experience Manager Joe Mishak said. “We always want to provide the shareholders with exciting times to look forward to. You want to be on the Classic trail, and to have a filly like this, makes it exciting.”

Moonlight d’Oro first caught the eye splitting horses in deep stretch after getting outsprinted early to finish an educational second as the 3-5 chalk on debut last summer at Del Mar Aug. 2 (**Second Chances**). She ran well in defeat once again second out, completing the trifecta going six furlongs at Del Mar Nov. 7.

Her stalk-and-ponce, three-length maiden victory--good for a very strong 87 Beyer Speed Figure--was further flattered when distant third-place finisher that day Moraz (Empire Maker) resurfaced with a blowout maiden win of her own in Arcadia Jan. 8. Moraz re-opposes in the Las Virgenes.

“We’re really excited,” Mishak said. “She definitely executed the two sprints to a route perfectly. It all came together in that third race where she was forwardly placed and was push button when Flavien [Prat] asked her on the far turn. We’ve had this one circled on the calendar for a while now. Obviously, we’re all highly anticipating her stakes debut.”

Bred in Kentucky by Stonehaven Steadings, the \$620,000 Keeneland September yearling purchase is a half-sister to the juvenile graded stakes-placed Olive Branch (**Speightstown**). Moonlight d’Oro’s winning dam Venetian Sonata (**Bernardini**) is a full-sister to GSW Wilburn and SW & GSP La Appassionata and a half-sister to GSW Beethoven (**Sky Mesa**).

Moonlight d’Oro’s worktab--highlighted by a five-furlong move in 1:00.40 (2/32) Jan. 20 and a six-furlong bullet in 1:12.60 (1/6) Jan. 27--includes some in company experience with the three-time, graded stakes-placed 6-year-old mare and 'TDN Rising Star' Amuse (**Medaglia d’Oro**).

“She’s trained superb,” Mishak said. “Everything that Team Mandella has thrown at her, she’s passed with flying colors. She’s super eager in her training. He gave her a little bit of time off after that maiden win--just a few weeks to decompress and get a little breather--and she picked up right where she left off. With the eyes on the prize, hopefully, we have a long spring campaign ahead of us.”

In addition to co-owners Madaket Stables and Starlight Racing, no fewer than 5,314 shareholders were in on **Authentic**. The ownership experience with MyRacehorse is also designed to be an educational one, per Mishak.

“The cool thing about Moonlight d’Oro and her shareholders is that we packaged her in a group of four fillies to teach about diversification and show why that strategy is so important,” he said. “If you own one horse, and hey, it turns out to be

**Authentic**, great. You really hit a home run. But in all probability, you’re going to run into some difficulties that come along with horse ownership. The three other fillies in the group had some minor 2-year-old hiccups and we had to send them to the farm. Moonlight’s been the bright spot of the bunch and has been getting people excited, and now those other fillies are making their comebacks as well.”

Along with the continued support of the high-powered Spendthrift operation, MyRacehorse re-loaded at the yearling sales last fall, purchasing 14 head (\$3.355 million total) at Keeneland September, led by a \$600,000 **Into Mischief** colt. MyRacehorse also spread out another \$850,000 on three yearlings at the Fasig-Tipton Showcase, with a \$450,000 **Into Mischief** colt at the forefront.

MyRacehorse and Spendthrift Farm also campaign MGSP 4-year-old **Tizamagician** (Tiznow), runner-up in last weekend’s GI San Pasqual S.

“We had 17 yearlings that we purchased right off the heels of **Authentic** and it was met with so much enthusiasm where it was sold out very quickly within the matter of days,” Mishak said. “There’s still a very big appetite and demand for shares in horses and getting into ownership.”

Mishak concluded with a laugh, “I think the shareholders are literally over the moon, pun intended.”

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## KENTUCKY SIRES FOR 2021: FIFTH-CROP STALLIONS

by *Chris McGrath*

Today we come to a final group of stallions whose development we’re treating separately, before wrapping up our series with a look at those survivors who made it across the highwire and can be grouped together as “Established Sires.” (After which we’ll also be taking a tour of regional stallions.)

In the last couple of instalments, we’ve observed the Kentucky talent pool in each intake rapidly drying up, so that our review of third- and fourth-crop options respectively encompassed 18 and just six stallions. And we are left with a similar rump among those about to launch a fifth crop of juveniles, with only seven still advertising a fee in Kentucky.

No need, by this stage, to reprise yet again the familiar traps of the commercial model. Suffice to turn back the clock to 2016, not so long ago, when **Orb** (**Malibu Moon**--Lady Liberty, by Unbridled)--a Kentucky Derby winner from the family of Ruffian, standing for \$25,000 on an exemplary, historic farm; one sagely resistant to the inundation of the market by more industrial rivals--dominated this group with a \$148,318 average for his first yearlings.

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Unusually, moreover, he actually managed to elevate his second crop to a still higher yield at \$184,006, when selling no fewer than 66 of 77 into the ring. The world was at his feet. In 2021 **Orb** is still clinging on at Claiborne, but listed as "private" after receiving a grand total of seven mares last spring. Nobody's fault, and there are parallels on every farm. Conceivably **Orb** could yet pull a champion out of his hat. But such is the terrifying commercial vortex that consumes a young stallion who does not make an adequately purposeful start.

Nor, on the other hand, does even the briskest of beginnings guarantee lasting momentum. The champion freshman of this group was Overanalyze, whose 2018 book at WinStar promptly soared to 195. The following season, however, he had plummeted to 43 mares and last spring he was exported to Korea. Shanghai Bobby was on his way to Japan within the year of finishing third in the freshmen championship—despite having meanwhile produced a Royal Ascot winner from his second crop, which also turned out to include elite sprinter Shancelot. A year later Japan would also summon Animal Kingdom, who had finished fourth in the freshman table.

Yet this is also the intake that includes New Year's Day. Having been reduced to a couple of dozen mares at \$5,000 in 2018, he was sold to Brazil four months before an upgraded claiming horse named **Maximum Security** gave him a first graded stakes success. The rest is history, and New Year's Day has since been given a fresh start in Japan. What a chaotic environment, then, shaped more by luck than judgement, has been heroically negotiated by the handful in this class who have established a viable niche in the Kentucky market. As it happens, far and away their most consistent achiever has been a horse who was worn down in the GII Fountain of Youth S., which turned out to be his final start, by none other than **Orb**. Their fortunes have diverged in their new careers, with **Violence** (Medaglia d'Oro—Violent

Beauty, by Gone West) at Hill 'n' Dale dominating on cumulative results by virtually all indices. He only missed Overanalyze by cents as a freshman, and has since maintained output for 21 black-type winners.

True, he had a quieter year in 2019, prompting an immediate reversal—back to \$25,000 from \$40,000—of the fee hike he had earned with his across-the-board second-crop championship, on the back of which he had sold his yearlings (conceived at \$15,000) for a knockout average of \$133,600. But his 2020 campaign has the look of a turning point, crowned not just by a first domestic Grade I winner but by three of them, from consecutive crops: **Volatile** in the Alfred G. Vanderbilt H., No Parole in the Woody Stephens, and Dr. Schivel in the Del Mar Futurity. Behind **Speightstown**'s four elite scorers, only **Into Mischief**, **More Than Ready** and **War Front** shared this distinction in 2020.



**Violence** | Sarah Andrew

The focus on speed in his elite trio is an interesting development. **Violence**'s own sire, though by an avowed turf influence in El Prado (Ire), operated on dirt and has divided his impact, at stud, not only between surfaces but also between disciplines. And an aristocratic maternal family features a series of crossover influences: second dam by Storm Cat out of Hall of Famer Sky Beauty (Blushing Groom {Fr}); third a half-sister to the flying Dayjur (Danzig); fourth by Nijinsky II out of champion sprinter Gold Beauty (Mr. Prospector).

There will be no break in the traffic for **Violence**, whose sales performance reflects something of his own exceptional physique. The group of juveniles he is about to launch, indeed, graduate from a book of 214 mares and he only lost momentum after that quiet 2019, with 86 mares last year. You can bet that numbers will be back up now. **Cont. p11**

After sliding to a yearling average of \$44,649 with his 2019 blip, this time round **Violence** rallied to \$72,128 for 66 yearlings sold of 88 offered--an especially good performance, of course, in the teeth of the pandemic economy.

I love that **Violence**'s first two dams are both by sires, in Gone West and Storm Cat, out of daughters of Secretariat--whose half-brother Sir Gaylord is responsible for the damsire of El Prado. One way or another, **Violence** now has all bases covered and can keep consolidating.



**Paynter** | WinStar

If **Violence** has always seemed regal, his nearest pursuer in this group has seemed more like the plucky fellow fighting to earn his stripes. Doubtless that partly reflects the grave health challenges overcome by **Paynter** (Awesome Again--Tizso, by Cee's Tizzy) before he could resume at a high level as an older horse. But we should remind ourselves that he actually started out at WinStar off a higher fee (\$25,000) than **Violence**.

For 2021, he has taken his fourth fee cut to just \$7,500--pretty astonishing, really, when he had just been saluted as sire of the fastest miler in Keeneland's history. Now, of course, Knicks Go has followed up his GI Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile track record in the GI Pegasus World Cup, reiterating his ability to kick again from the front. But this dazzling renewal for the Brad Cox barn is actually the second time that Maryland-bred Knicks Go, whose family is seeded by some pretty exotic names, has demanded a fresh look at his sire. With three-figure books across his first four seasons, **Paynter** had been given a solid base and his first yearlings were well supported. They made a fairly quiet start on the track the following year, however, reducing his next book to just 34 mares at half his opening fee. Neither **Paynter** himself nor his sire had raced at two, so it's hard to know quite what breeders were expecting. But then Knicks Go emerged from his second crop, first as shock winner of the GI Breeders' Futurity

and then beating all bar **Game Winner (Candy Ride {Arg})** in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile. That revived momentum for **Paynter**, who received 97 and 71 mares in the two years since, and the second coming of Knicks Go will surely repeat the dose at such a low fee. Because actually **Paynter** has a solid spread of talent behind his flagship. Knicks Go, remember, sat out most of 2020 and his \$608,440 earnings represented only 10 cents in every dollar banked by **Paynter** in overhauling even **Violence**, with his three Grade I winners, to top the fourth-crop sires table.

Though we've seen that only a handful of elite stallions could match the icing on **Violence**'s cake, their performance otherwise was very similar: **Paynter** had 222 starters, **Violence** 225; he had nine black-type winners, against eight for **Violence**; 18 black-type performers played 15; each had three graded stakes winners and six graded stakes horses; and they respectively notched 115 and 116 winners overall.

The gap between them, of course, remains the one that divides Knicks Go from the rest of **Paynter**'s best stock. Graded stakes winner Harpers First Ride is doing his best, 10-for-18 overall after finishing tailed off in the Pegasus, but **Paynter** doesn't want Knicks Go to seem so freakish as to become as much of a burden as a benefit. That's why we should respect the breadth of his output, putting him in some pretty august company in the general sires list (among the top 20 active stallions last year).

**Paynter**'s fee cut looks a sensible response to his virtual disappearance as a commercial force with his latest yearlings, processing a handful for a four-figure average. But he can turn that round, too, as people absorb the supporting cast behind his headline act. Either way he certainly looks attractively priced for anyone who might want to breed a runner. And remember his deeds all have an obvious genetic base: he's out of a full-sister to his farm's pensioned legend Tiznow. **Cont. p12**



**Take Charge Indy** | Louise Reinagel

This group contains one stallion who has actually managed to reverse the usual tide, **Take Charge Indy** (A.P. Indy--Take Charge Lady, by Dehere) having last year returned to WinStar after a three-year stint in Korea. He had been exported after a tepid reception for his first yearlings in 2016, leggy and immature as they often were, an average of \$40,422 representing a limited yield for a rookie who had started out at \$20,000.

The three crops he left behind, however, turned out to include the likes of GII Rebel S. winner Long Range Toddy, GII Louisiana Derby winner Noble Indy and GI Preakness S. runner-up Everfast. In 2018, **Take Charge Indy** finished runner-up in the second-crop table; and the following year he edged out **Paynter** to top the third-crop championship with five black-type winners. He only mustered one of those last year, but obviously had no juvenile input in play.

He was welcomed back by 144 mares last spring, at \$17,500, and a mild trim to \$15,000 suggests confidence that breeders will be following through on a pedigree that unites a breed-shaping stallion with a top-class runner who has since become a Broodmare of the Year (also responsible, of course, for Three Chimneys sire **Will Take Charge**). As with **Violence**, we get a double dose of Secretariat's daughters through Weekend Surprise, the dam of A.P. Indy, and Sister Dot, who gave us Take Charge Lady's sire Dehere. Indeed, the whole page is saturated with Classic influences and, if his GI Florida Derby success could not disguise the reality that he raced one peg below the very best, then **Take Charge Indy** could well become one of those whose genes make him eligible to produce runners still better than himself.

That remains to be seen. Strictly, **Take Charge Indy** still needs his big horse--but the bottom line is that his black-type winners and performers have come at a clip slightly better than both **Violence** and **Paynter**. Obviously he has a problem in that there will be few if any headlines coming off the track for a couple years now, so he may need the market to invest his relaunch with something of the glamour generally reserved for total newcomers. But he should be treated with more respect than those, having already demonstrated his competence in the role. And the Classic complexion of his overall pedigree should especially appeal to anyone prepared to retain a filly.

Another nugget of old-fashioned virtue, and who happens to be even more closely related to a rival in this intake, is **Oxbow** (Awesome Again--Tizamazing, by Cee's Tizzy) at Calumet. He is by the same sire as **Paynter** and his dam, like **Paynter**, is another sister to the great Tiznow. Both horses, moreover, finished second in the GI Belmont S. But **Oxbow** did so after winning the GI Preakness and running sixth in the Derby, and earlier won the GIII Lecomte S. by 11 1/2 lengths. Unfortunately he derailed in his next start, but he had left no doubt as to his throwback,

speed-carrying capacities and you'd be confident that his stock will mature effectively. That's important, because his sophomores this year represent a book of 187--and they include none other than Hot Rod Charlie, 94-1 runner-up in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile. So these might just keep him in the game after he was reduced to a very small book last year, duly trimmed to \$7,500 (opened at \$20,000). His percentages are unexciting and he appears to have rather shot his bolt as a commercial sire, but that won't stop him producing another Coach Rocks (GII Gulfstream Oaks) or two.



**Oxbow** | *ThoroStride*

**Jimmy Creed** (**Distorted Humor**--Hookedonthefeelin, by Citidancer) represents a very different firm, in Spendthrift. But actually he has so far had nothing like the kind of industrial output sometimes associated with that farm, while having quietly established himself as a most consistent operator at \$10,000, temptingly down from \$15,000. In fact, his lifetime ratio of black-type winners and performers to named foals (5.2% and 11.5% respectively) is ahead of all these, even **Violence** (4.5% and 8.7%). That makes him a really interesting proposition, as a lively start with his first juveniles (20 winners from 44 starters) turned round his book from 67 in 2017 to 165 in 2018. That gives him a big team of juveniles for the year ahead, including yearlings that sold for as much as \$500,000 and an average \$46,125, while he had another 253 covers across the next two years to keep the pipeline full. In other words, foals conceived now can hope to ride renewed headlines on the track, where he has already produced four graded stakes winners/four Grade I horses. It's all perfectly feasible of a GI Malibu winner whose dam and half-sister Pussycat Doll (Real Quiet) both won the GI La Brea S.

**Cont. p13**



**Jimmy Creed** | *Spendthrift*

Another by the same sire, **Alternation** (*Distorted Humor--Alternate*, by Seattle Slew) resembles **Paynter** with Knicks Go in needing to show that it is not all about GI Kentucky Oaks winner Serengeti Empress. Yes, he only has one other graded stakes winner to this point, but eight black-type scorers overall is a respectable percentage of only 199 named foals.

By this stage he's not really pretending to be a commercial sire but the 40 mares he entertained at Pin Oak last year were sent in the knowledge that his half-brother **Higher Power** (*Medaglia d'Oro*) has now earned a place at Darby Dan as a runaway winner of the GI Pacific Classic.

Their dam is a half-sister to Canadian Horse of the Year Peaks and Valleys (Mt. Livermore) and it's a regal family all round. **Alternation** has done it once and, given the chance, there's no reason why he shouldn't do it again.

The only other stallion apparently advertising a fee in Kentucky from this group is **Raison d'Etat** (A.P. Indy--Sightseek, by Distant View) at Calumet, off the bargain peg of \$2,500. He is trading primarily on his genes, rather than the limited use he made of them on the track, but has vindicated the theory to a modest degree with a couple of stakes winners so far.

Bottom line is that some of these survivors may have a lean and hungry look, but they're a deserving bunch overall and much better value than almost all the unproven stallions who dominate the market. Here's hoping they consolidate and can earn a place, next time round, in our concluding look at Established Sires.

**CHRIS McGRATH'S VALUE PODIUM: Fourth- & Fifth-Crop Sires**

**Gold:** **Paynter** (\$7,500, WinStar)

*Good base behind his headline act, yet cost shrinking*

**Silver:** **Cairo Prince** (\$15,000, Airdrie)

*Star of his class now a tempting fee*

**Bronze:** **Jimmy Creed** (\$10,000, Spendthrift)

*Pipeline is loaded*

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## ESSENTIAL QUALITY TOPS 326 EARLY TRIPLE CROWN NOMINATIONS

Led by 2-year-old champion and two-time Grade I winner **Essential Quality** (**Tapit**), a total of 326 3-year-olds were made eligible to compete in this year's Triple Crown during the early nomination phase, which closed Jan. 23. Each of the 326 horses from the 2018 foal crop were made eligible through a \$600 payment to compete in any leg of the Triple Crown series. The 2021 Triple Crown opens Saturday, May 1 with the 147th running of the GI Kentucky Derby at Churchill, continues with the 146th GI Preakness S. at Pimlico May 15 and closes with the 153rd running of the GI Belmont S. Saturday, June 5.

Essential Quality, owned by Godolphin, is scheduled to make his 3-year-old debut in the GIII Southwest S. Feb. 15 at Oaklawn, according to his trainer Brad Cox. The champion 2-year-old of 2020 was one of 14 horses Cox nominated to this year's Triple Crown series. Todd Pletcher led all conditioners with 45 horses nominated to the Triple Crown followed by Bob Baffert (23), Steve Asmussen (22) and Chad Brown (18). Godolphin led all individual owners with 11 horses nominated followed by Brad Kelley's Calumet Farm with 10. A total of 42 stakes winners were nominated as well as 13 fillies, led by champion Vequist (**Nyquist**). **Into Mischief** topped all sires with 20 nominees, followed by **Curlin** (14), **Uncle Mo** (14) and **Constitution** (13).

Horses not nominated during the early phase can be made eligible until Monday, Mar. 29 with a \$6,000 payment. Any horse not nominated during the early or late phases can become Triple Crown eligible through payment of a supplemental nomination fee due at the time of entry for each Triple Crown race: the Kentucky Derby (\$200,000), Preakness (\$100,000) and Belmont (\$50,000).

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## AFTERCARE, SLAUGHTER-BAN BILL PASSES NY SENATE



N.Y. State Senator Joseph Addabbo | courtesy of Sen. Addabbo

by Diana Pikulski

A bill relating to the aftercare of retired racehorses passed the New York State Senate Wednesday with bi-partisan support and is expected to pass the N.Y. State Assembly in this legislative session. The bill, Senate Bill 1442, sponsored by State Senator Joseph P. Addabbo, Jr., prohibits the slaughter of race horses and breeding stock or transfer of horses intended for slaughtered or the transfer of horses where one knows or who should have known that the horse would be slaughtered. Violators will be denied Gaming Commission licenses and be barred from receiving breeding awards. The bill mandates that all racehorses be microchipped, requires breeding organizations to have a dedicated fund set-aside for aftercare programs, and provides that monies generated by enforcement will be dedicated to the cost of aftercare.

The bill will also increase Gaming Commission insight into transfers of horses and ownership, as all microchipping information will go to the Gaming Commission as well as to The Jockey Club. Finally, the bill establishes a tax check-off on individual and corporate franchise tax returns that will bring awareness and more funding for the ongoing care of retired race horses.

"The reason why I love this bill is that it came from the industry itself and we flushed out the details," said Addabbo. "We worked with the breeders and the horsemen. They were all a part of the initial draft of the bill. All around the industry, we found support and those in the animal rights groups all support it as well."

On the bill's chances in the New York State Assembly, Addabbo said he sees no roadblocks.

"I can't imagine who can be against the ban of horse slaughter

and more funds to care for the retired horses," said Addabbo. "Importantly, there is no cost to the state involved."

The bill goes beyond other what other states have passed on the same issue.

"In doing our due diligence, we did find this was quite unique and somewhat ground-breaking which did entice the animal advocates to embrace it," said Addabbo. "Maybe we do become the model for other states. I'm only hopeful. The aftercare of our horses is essential so maybe we do pave the way for others."

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#### Governor's budget proposal could 'destroy' Pa. horse racing, but reduce student debt

Gov. Tom Wolf is doubling down on a plan to divert millions of dollars that prop up Pennsylvania's anemic horse racing industry in order to spend the money on a major new college tuition program. In his new budget plan, Wolf has proposed to shift \$199 million flowing from a special racing fund to pay for the educational assistance. **Sam Wood, The Philadelphia Inquirer**

#### Furniture store owner Jim 'Mattress Mack' McIngvale bets \$3.46M on underdog Tampa Bay Buccaneers to cover 3.5-point Super Bowl spread

McIngvale flew into Colorado Springs on Wednesday, logged on to the DraftKings mobile betting app from the airport and placed one of the largest bets ever on the Super Bowl. After paying a little extra in juice (-127) to get the Bucs at +3.5, McIngvale would win \$2.72 million if Tampa Bay covers the spread. **David Purdum, ESPN**

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Thoroughbred Charities of America's Erin Crady accepts WAHI donation | Courtesy of WAHI

The We Are Here Initiative (WAHI), formed last year to assist Thoroughbreds retired from racing due to the financial strain of sustained track closures from the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, has dispersed its resources. WAHI helped move several horses from tracks in Pennsylvania, West Virginia, New York, and Louisiana to aftercare organizations in addition to assisting owners and trainers who were affected by the pandemic, but the expected surge of Thoroughbreds needing immediate new homes was lower than anticipated.

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## Leading Turf Sires by YTD Earnings

for stallions standing in North America through Wednesday, February 3

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Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	<b>Medaglia d'Oro</b> (1999) by El Prado (Ire) Crops: 14	1	1	1	1	1	1	40	7	897,669	1,140,449
										Golden Sixty (Aus)	
2	<b>Liam's Map</b> (2011) by Unbridled's Song Crops: 3	1	1	1	1	1	1	14	2	549,000	598,210
										Colonel Liam	
3	<b>Into Mischief</b> (2005) by Harlan's Holiday Crops: 10	1	2	--	1	--	1	43	10	183,000	532,749
										Largent	
4	<b>English Channel</b> (2002) by Smart Strike Crops: 11	2	3	2	3	--	1	41	8	111,600	485,397
										Spooky Channel	
5	<b>First Samurai</b> (2003) by Giant's Causeway Crops: 12	1	1	1	1	--	--	10	1	378,586	396,976
										Shivaji	
6	<b>The Factor</b> (2008) by War Front Crops: 6	1	1	1	1	--	--	45	7	73,514	367,615
										New Future (Aus)	
7	<b>Speightstown</b> (1998) by Gone West Crops: 14	--	1	--	1	--	--	25	1	220,404	277,552
										Detroit Tesoro	
8	<b>Munnings</b> (2006) by Speightstown Crops: 8	--	--	--	--	--	--	27	5	57,600	235,535
										Constantia	
9	<b>More Than Ready</b> (1997) by Southern Halo Crops: 18	--	2	--	--	--	--	35	2	110,161	230,817
										Holy Mongolempere (NZ)	
10	<b>Scat Daddy</b> (2004) by Johannesburg Crops: 8	1	1	1	1	--	--	19	5	120,000	221,372
										Anotherwistafate	
11	<b>Candy Ride (Arg)</b> (1999) by Ride the Rails Crops: 14	2	2	2	2	--	--	20	5	60,140	215,810
										White Frost	
12	<b>City Zip</b> (1998) by Carson City Crops: 15	1	2	--	--	--	--	36	3	60,400	209,712
										Fast Boat	
13	<b>Street Boss</b> (2004) by Street Cry (Ire) Crops: 10	1	1	--	--	--	--	22	5	45,750	200,501
										Social Paranoia	
14	<b>Hard Spun</b> (2004) by Danzig Crops: 11	--	1	--	1	--	--	41	5	37,200	200,139
										Ajourneytofreedom	
15	<b>Lookin At Lucky</b> (2007) by Smart Strike Crops: 8	--	--	--	--	--	--	23	5	110,272	198,675
										El Picaro (Chi)	

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**Saturday, Santa Anita, post time: 4:30 p.m. EST**

**SAN MARCOS S.-GII, \$200,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/4mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Cleopatra's Strike	Smart Strike	Atreides, LLC	Hess, Jr.	Hernandez	120
2	Masteroffoxhounds	War Front	Rockingham Ranch	Baltas	Rosario	120
3	Starting Over	Liam's Map	Nice Guys Stables	Falcone, Jr.	Van Dyke	120
4	Acclimate	Acclamation	The Ellwood Johnston Trust, Timmy Time Racing & Ken Tevelde	D'Amato	Baze	120
5	Salvator Mundi 🍀	Artie Schiller	Agave Racing Stbl & Rockin Robin Racing Stables	D'Amato	Prat	120
6	Oscar Dominguez (Ire)	Zoffany (Ire)	Messineo, Nancy and Sands, Bruce	Baltas	Rispoli	120

**Breeders:** 1-Sam-Son Farm, 2-Orpendale/Chelston/Wynatt, 3-George Strawbridge Jr., 4-Old English Rancho, Sal & Patsy Berumen, 5-Conquest Stables, LLC, 6-Whisperview Trading Ltd

**Saturday, Santa Anita, post time: 6:00 p.m. EST**

**SAN VICENTE S.-GII, \$200,000, 3yo, 7f**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Freedom Fighter 🍀	Violence	SF Racing, Starlight Racing, Madaket Stables, Golconda Stables, Siena Farm & Robert Masterson	Baffert	Van Dyke	120
2	The Chosen Vron	Vronsky	J. Eric Kruljac, Robert Fetkin, John Sondereker & Richard Thornburgh	Kruljac	Smith	120
3	Mr. Impossible	Munnings	Alice Bamford & Michael B. Tabor	Callaghan	Rispoli	120
4	Uncle Boogie	Ride On Curlin	Eric Homme	Lerner	Cedillo	120
5	Found My Ball	Square Eddie	Reddam Racing LLC	O'Neill	Gutierrez	120
6	Concert Tour	Street Sense	Gary & Mary West	Baffert	Rosario	120

**Breeders:** 1-Mr. & Mrs. Troy Reed, 2-Tiz Molly Partners, 3-Alice Bamford, 4-Pinky Mendoza, 5-Reddam Racing, LLC, 6-Gary & Mary West Stables Inc.

**Saturday, Aqueduct, post time: 4:25 p.m. EST**

**WITHERS S.-GIII, \$250,000, 3yo, 1 1/8m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Shackqueenking 🍀	Shackleford	Jon Madden	Capuano	McCarthy	120
2	Royal Number	Palace Malice	R. Larry Johnson, R. D. M. Racing Stable & Michael J. Trombetta	Trombetta	Morales	118
3	Capo Kane 🍀	Street Sense	Bing Cherry Racing, Inc. & Leonard Liberto	Wyner	Davis	120
4	Mr. Doda	Uptowncharlybrown	Perez Stables LLC	Soto	Rdrgez Castro	118
5	Risk Taking 🍀	Medaglia d'Oro	Klaravich Stables, Inc.	Brown	Cancel	118
6	Overtook 🍀	Curlin	Repole Stable, St. Elias Stable, Michael B. Tabor, Mrs. John Magnier & Derrick Smith	Pletcher	Franco	118
7	Donegal Bay 🍀	Uncle Mo	Donegal Racing	Pletcher	Carmouche	118
8	Civil War 🍀	Bodemeister	Mark T. Anderson	Albertrani	Hernandez	118
9	Eagle Orb	Orb	E.V. Racing Stable	Rodriguez	Vargas, Jr.	118

**Breeders:** 1-Ledgelands LLC & Andrew C. Ritter, 2-Fitzhugh, LLC, 3-Rising Star Farm LLC, 4-Monmouth Stud, 5-G. Watts Humphrey Jr., 6-Hill 'N' Dale Equine Holdings, Inc. & Philip J. Steinberg, 7-Juddmonte Farms Inc, 8-Dell Ridge Farm, LLC, 9-Barry R. Ostrager

**Saturday, Tampa Bay Downs, post time: 5:02 p.m. EST****SAM F. DAVIS S.-GIII, \$250,000, 3yo, 1 1/16m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Hidden Stash 🐾	Constitution	BBN Racing, LLC	Oliver	Diaz, Jr.	118
2	Joe Man Joe 🐾	Uncle Mo	Lucky Seven Stable	Fisher	Villa-Gomez	118
3	Known Agenda	Curlin	St. Elias Stable	Pletcher	Velazquez	118
4	Millean 🐾	Blame	Donegal Racing	Pletcher	Alvarado, Jr.	118
5	Smiley Sobotka	Brody's Cause	Albaugh Family Stables LLC	Romans	Centeno	118
6	Runway Magic	Runhappy	Hill 'n' Dale Equine Holdings, Inc. & Bruce Lunsford	Arnold, II	Leparoux	118
7	Boca Boy	Prospective	Kenneth E. Fishbein	Winebaugh	Gallardo	122
8	Nova Rags 🐾	Union Rags	Michael P. Shanley	Mott	Camacho	118
9	Candy Man Rocket 🐾	Candy Ride (Arg)	Frank Fletcher Racing Operations, Inc.	Mott	Alvarado	118
10	Ricochet	Tapiture	Whiskey Hollow Thoroughbreds, LLC	Danner	Castanon	118
11	Lucky Law (Ire)	No Nay Never	Sanford Bacon, Mrs. Paul Shanahan, Horse France America & Patrick L. Biancone Racing LLC	Biancone	Albarado	118
12	Last Investment	Social Inclusion	Beth & Milton Hendry	Hendry	Santos	118
13	Tiz Tact Toe 🐾	Tourist	David A. Bernsen, LLC	Hess, Jr.	Quinonez	118

**Breeders:** 1-Rhineshire Farm LLC, 2-Mike Abraham, 3-St. Elias Stables, LLC, 4-Sierra Farm, 5-Track West Racing Inc., 6-W. Bruce Lunsford & Hill 'n' Dale Farm, 7-Carol Hershe, 8-Michael Shanley, 9-R. S. Evans, 10-Whiskey Hollow Thoroughbreds LLC, 11-The Musically Syndicate, 12-Milton, Beth & Norman Hendry, 13-Don Alberto Corporation

**Saturday, Santa Anita, post time: 4:00 p.m. EST****LAS VIRGENES S.-GIII, \$200,000, 3yo, f, 1m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Moraz	Empire Maker	Don Alberto Stable	McCarthy	Rispoli	120
2	Kalypso	Brody's Cause	David Bernsen, Rockingham Rnch & Chad Littlefield	Baffert	Rosario	120
3	Moonlight d'Oro 🐾	Medaglia d'Oro	MyRacehorse and Spendthrift Farm LLC	Mandella	Prat	120
4	Honor America	Into Mischief	Ruis Racing LLC	Ruis	Hernandez	120
5	Brilliant Cut 🐾	Speightstown	ERJ Racing LLC, David Kenney, William Strauss & Doug & Dennis O'Neill	O'Neill	Gonzalez	120

**Breeders:** 1-Don Alberto Corporation, 2-Spendthrift Farm LLC, 3-Stonehaven Steadings, 4-Craig Wheeler Thoroughbreds, 5-McCauley Farm & Speightstown Syndicate

**Saturday, Tampa Bay Downs, post time: 3:30 p.m. EST****TAMPA BAY S.-GIII, \$175,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/16mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Atone	Into Mischief	Godolphin, LLC	Harty	Mejia	117
2	Admission Office	Point of Entry	Amerman Racing LLC	Lynch	Leparoux	119
3	Get Smokin	Get Stormy	Mary Abeel Sullivan Revocable Trust	Bush	Alvarado	121
4	Talk Or Listen (Ire)	Alhebayeb (Ire)	Lael Stables	Delacour	Centeno	117
5	Delaware (GB) 🐾	Frankel (GB)	Michael Dubb, Nice Guys StbIs & Bethlehem StbIs	Brown	Gallardo	117
6	Proven Strategies	Sky Mesa	Leonard & Jonathan Green & Empire Racing Club	Casse	Ferrer	117
7	By Your Side 🐾	Constitution	Paradise Farms Corp. & David Staudacher	Maker	Castanon	117
8	Eons 🐾	Giant's Causeway	Mark B. Grier	Delacour	Camacho	119
9	Sole Volante 🐾	Karakontie (Jpn)	Reeves Thoroughbred Racing & Andie Biancone	Biancone	Albarado	119
10	Fancy Liquor	Lookin At Lucky	Skychai Racing LLC and Sand Dollar Stable LLC	Maker	Diaz, Jr.	121
11	Armistice Day	Declaration of War	Bruce Lunsford & Lansdon B. Robbins.	Minshall	Alvarado, Jr.	117
12	Greys Creek	Pioneerof the Nile	OXO Equine LLC	Brown	Velazquez	117

**Breeders:** 1-Godolphin, 2-Mrs. Jerry Amerman, 3-Hurstland Farm, Inc. & James Greene Jr., 4-Tom Darcy & Vincent McCarthy, 5-Juddmonte Farms Ltd, 6-A. Francis Vanlangendonck, Barbara H.Vanlangendonck & Etarip Stables, Inc., 7-Columbiana Farm LLC, 8-Camas Park Stud, 9-Flaxman Holdings Limited, 10-Hot Pink Stable & Skychai Racing LLC, 11-Glenvale Stud, 12-LNJ Foxwoods

**Saturday, Tampa Bay Downs, post time: 4:32 p.m. EST****LAMBHOLM SOUTH ENDEAVOUR S.-GIII, \$175,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Margaret's Joy 🍀	English Channel	Circle 8	Nihei	Allen, Jr.	117
2	Logic N Reason	Declaration of War	The Elkstone Group, LLC	Clement	Camacho	117
3	No Mercy Percy	Put It Back	Endsley Oaks Farm, Inc.	Schistl	Santos	117
4	Eres Tu	Malibu Moon	Edward A. Seltzer & Beverly S. Anderson	Delacour	Camacho	117
5	Counterparty Risk (Ire)	Australia (GB)	Klaravich Stables, Inc.	Brown	Velazquez	117
6	New York Girl (Ire)	New Approach (Ire)	R Unicorn Stable	Mott	Alvarado	117
7	Kelsey's Cross	Anthony's Cross	Sanford Bacon & Patrick L. Biancone Racing, LLC	Biancone	Albarado	117
8	Irony of Reality	Animal Kingdom	The Elkstone Group, LLC	Potts	Villa-Gomez	117

**Breeders:** 1-Calumet Farm, 2-The Elkstone Group LLC, 3-Endsley Oaks Farm, Inc, 4-Edward A. Seltzer & Beverly Anderson, 5-Grangecon Holdings Ltd, 6-P. F. Kelly & Peter Kelly, 7-T. Wynn Jolley & Mary Jolley, 8-The Elkstone Group LLC

**Saturday, Gulfstream, post time: 2:40 p.m. EST****SUWANNEE RIVER S.-GIII, \$100,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Makeme Dream 🍀	Quality Road	Lea Farms, LLC	Engler	Panici	118
2	Great Island 🍀	Scat Daddy	Alpha Delta Stables	Brown	Ortiz, Jr.	118
3	La Signare (Fr)	Siyouni (Fr)	Madaket Stables LLC, Tim & Anna Cambron & Bradley Thoroughbreds	Walsh	Gaffalione	118
4	Logic N Reason	Declaration of War	The Elkstone Group, LLC	Clement	Saez	118
5	Loving Moment 🍀	Uncle Mo	Jerry Jamgotchian	Reed	Prado	118
6	Mylastfirstkiss 🍀	Flatter	Ron Paolucci Racing, LLC & Leigh Anderson-Butler	Quartarolo	Saez	118
7	Tiltingatwindmills 🍀	Kitten's Joy	Jerry Jamgotchian	Reed	Lanerie	118
8	Drop a Hint 🍀	Into Mischief	Sam Wilensky	Wilensky	Zayas	118

**Breeders:** 1-Moyglare Stud Farm, Ltd., 2-Ben P. Walden, Jr. & Larry Taylor, 3-Moussa Mbacke, 4-The Elkstone Group LLC, 5-Mr. & Mrs. John Liviakis, 6-Builder's Mart, Inc., 7-Kenneth L. Ramsey & Sarah K. Ramsey, 8-Clarkland Farm

**Saturday, Santa Anita, post time: 6:30 p.m. EST****THUNDER ROAD S.-GIII, \$100,000, 4yo/up, 1mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Sombeyay 🍀	Into Mischief	Swiftly Farms	Miller	Hernandez	122
2	Hit the Road 🍀	More Than Ready	D K Racing, LLC, Radley Equine, Inc., Taste of Victory Stables, Rick Gold & Dave Odmark	Blacker	Rispoli	122
3	Restrainedvengeance 🍀	Hold Me Back	Kelly Brinkerhoff & Bob Grayson, Jr.	Brinkerhoff	Fuentes	124
4	Border Town 🍀	War Front	Perry R. Bass II & Ramona S. Bass	Mandella	Prat	122
5	Campaign 🍀	Curlin	Woodford Racing, LLC	Sadler	Baze	122
6	Award Winner	Ghostzapper	Amerman Racing LLC	Hofmans	Cedillo	120
7	Bob and Jackie 🍀	Twirling Candy	Calvin Nguyen & Joey Tran	Baltas	Figueroa	122
8	Hembree 🍀	Proud Citizen	Tom Kagele	Miller	Rosario	120

**Breeders:** 1-J. D. Stuart & Mueller Farms, Inc., 2-Fred W. Hertrich III, 3-Westwind Farms, 4-Mrs. E. Stockwell, 5-Alexander-Groves Thoroughbreds, 6-Mrs. Jerry Amerman, 7-Zayat Stables LLC, 8-Derby Lane Farm, LLC



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Friday, Santa Anita, post time: 6:45 p.m. ET

**BAFFLE S.**, \$75,000, 3yo, 6 1/2fT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1	Gator Shining	Noble Mission (GB)	Gonzalez	Baltas	8-1
2	Earls Rock (Ire)	Fascinating Rock (Ire)	Prat	D'Amato	3-1
3	Weston	<b>Hit It a Bomb</b>	T Baze	Hanson	12-1
4	Mac Daddy Too	<b>Maclean's Music</b>	Cedillo	O'Neill	8-1
5	Sword Zorro (Ire)	Zoffany (Ire)	Rosario	Sadler	6-1
6	Commander Khai	<b>Twirling Candy</b>	Rispoli	Baltas	7-2
7	Exhaling	Chitu	Maldonado	O'Neill	6-1
8	Harlan Estate	<b>Kantharos</b>	Fuentes	Eurton	20-1
9	Beer Can Man	Can the Man	Hernandez	Glatt	4-1



**Beer Can Man** | *Benoit*



## IN ORDER OF PURSE:

**7th-Oaklawn, \$88,000, Alw (NW1RY+X)/Opt. Clm (\$80,000)**, 2-4, 4yo/up, 1m, 1:38.47, ft, 1 length.

**SNAPPER SINCLAIR (h, 6, City Zip--True Addiction {GSP, \$115,510}, by Yes It's True)**, winless from nine tries with plenty of stakes placings in 2020, ended the year on a positive note with a second-place finish at 13-1 in the GI Cigar Mile H. at the Big A Dec. 5. The versatile two-time stakes winner and even-money favorite tracked the leaders on the inside in fourth here, made his move three deep at the top of the stretch and showed his class down the lane to defeat Plainsman (**Flatter**) by a length. The chestnut's most recent trip to the winner's circle was a victory in the grassy 2019 **Tourist** Mile S. at Kentucky Downs. Sales history: \$30,000 Ylg '16 KEESSEP; \$180,000 2yo '17 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: MSW & GISP, 30-6-7-4, \$1,491,060. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O-Bloom Racing Stable LLC (Jeffrey Bloom); B-K & G Stables (KY); T-Steven M. Asmussen.



LANE'S END SALES GRADUATE



**5th-Aqueduct, \$82,450, Alw (C)/Opt. Clm (\$80,000)**, 2-4, 4yo/up, 1m, 1:36.65, gd, 3 3/4 lengths.

**TATWEEJ (h, 5, Tapit--Tiz Miz Sue {GISW, \$1,129,709}, by Tiznow)** rattled off three straight wins for Todd Pletcher at Gulfstream last term, including a pair of optional claimers Aug. 22 and Sept. 25. The bay disappointed, however, in his most recent trip to the post, finishing a distant sixth at a well-backed 5-2 in the GIII Harlan's Holiday S. in Hallandale Dec. 12.

The 2-1 second-choice tracked the early leaders on the outside from third, began to make his move approaching the quarter pole and powered by favored Dreams Untold (Smarty Jones) in the stretch to win going away by 3 3/4 lengths.

Purchased by Shadwell for \$2.5 million as a KEESSEP yearling--the third-highest price of the sale--Tatweej was acquired privately by these connections following his maiden win last summer. He is a half-brother to Serein (**Uncle Mo**), GSP-UAE, \$321,522. Progeny in the pipeline for the winner's GISW dam--a half-sister to Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf Sprint winner Bulletin (City Zip)--include: the unraced 3-year-old colt Tiz Life (**American Pharoah**), a 2-year-old colt by **Curlin** and a yearling filly by **Into Mischief**. She was bred to **Uncle Mo** for 2021. Lifetime Record: 6-4-0-1, \$124,750. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO,**

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**6th-Gulfstream, \$40,000, Alw (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$75,000),** 2-4, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:11.63, ft, 1 1/2 lengths.

**SHOP GIRL (f, 3, Constitution--Flaming Slew {GISP, \$188,630}, by Slew City Slew),** a debut winner as the 9-5 chalk in an off-the-turfer at Aqueduct Nov. 27, gave a good account of herself with a second-place finish after setting the pace in the Glitter Woman S. Jan. 2. Favored at 6-5 to clear her first condition here, she was hustled to the front by Luis Saez, raced under pressure through an opening quarter in :22.77, began to shake clear at the top of the stretch and had 1 1/2 lengths over favored Pens Street (**Street Sense**) at the wire. A **Nyquist** colt of 2019 is Flaming Slew's most recent produce. Sales history: \$55,000 Wlg '18 KEENOV; \$70,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP; \$85,000 RNA 2yo '20 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: SP, 3-2-1-0, \$82,850. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Kinsman Stable; B-Dennis O'Neill (KY); T-Christophe Clement.

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**8th-Aqueduct, \$70,000, (S), Msw, 2-4, 3yo, 1m, 1:40.28, gd,** 1 1/4 lengths.

**BINGO JOHN (c, 3, Oxbow--A. P. Petal, by A.P. Indy),** third on debut going six furlongs in the Aqueduct slop Dec. 31, delivered as the 9-5 favorite with some added distance and first-time Lasix here. He kept the early leaders within his scope in third, revved up three deep on the far turn and came with a sustained rally in the stretch to score by 1 1/4 lengths over My Brother Neil (**Exaggerator**). The winner is a half to Pony Up (Aikenite), MGSP, \$158,659; Coco Channel (**English Channel**), GSP, \$189,763; and S'maverlous (Tiz Wonderful), GSW, \$685,591. A. P. Petal had a colt by Bustin Stones in 2020 and was bred back to that sire. Sales history: \$37,000 2yo '20 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$46,900. **Click Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Frank Mancari, Pat Greco & Michael P. Cloonan; B-Dr. Jerry Bilinski & Kenny Toye (NY); T-Brad H. Cox.

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**7th-Fair Grounds, \$55,000, Msw, 2-4, 3yo, 6f, 1:11.07, ft, 1 1/2** lengths.

**MOUNT ATHOS (c, 3, Sky Mesa--High Priestess, by Mt.**

**Livermore)** was pinched at the start and reported home fifth in his unveiling in a \$150,000 seller at Churchill Downs Nov. 19. Adding Lasix for this second go, the 5-2 shot was sent to the front, increased his advantage around the far turn and kept on finding in the stretch to graduate by 1 1/2 lengths over a green Molto Vivace (**Maclean's Music**). Favored firster Find New Roads (**Quality Road**), a \$950,000 KEESEP yearling, could do no better than sixth after hopping in the air at the start. After producing a colt by **Lord Nelson** last year, the winner's dam was bred back to that same stallion for 2021. Sales history: \$32,000 RNA Ylg '19 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$34,350. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O/B-Monticule (KY); T-Norm W. Casse.



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**8th-Fair Grounds, \$50,000, Msw, 2-4, 3yo, f, 1 1/8mT, 1:55.59,** fm, 1 3/4 lengths.

**POSTNUP (f, 3, Declaration of War--I'm Engaged, by Broken**

**Vow),** a troubled seventh on debut going two turns over the Keeneland lawn Oct. 15, took a nice step forward with a second-place finish over this course Jan. 2. The 3-2 favorite in this scratched-down field of five chased in third through fractions of :24.09 and :50.65, made her move while three wide on the far turn and kicked home a 1 3/4-length winner over Jungle Cat (Animal Kingdom). I'm Engaged, also represented by a **Munnings** colt of 2020, is booked back to **Collected** this spring. This is the extended female family of champions Flanders and Surfside. Sales history: \$58,000 Ylg '19 EASOCT. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$39,159. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Belladonna Racing, LLC; B-Greenspring Mares LLC (MD); T-Cherie DeVaux.



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**4th-Gulfstream, \$40,700, Msw, 2-4, 4yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:36.85,** ft, 2 1/2 lengths.

**FAVORITE SIN (f, 4, Awesome Again--On Fire Baby {MGISW, \$1,090,190}, by Smoke Glacken),** off the board in three straight while kicking off her career on grass, improved a ton switching

to dirt, finishing a close third sprinting at Churchill Nov. 27 and second over course and distance last time Jan. 7. Sent to the front by Corey Lanerie with first-time blinkers here, the 6-5 favorite let it out a notch three furlongs from home and wasn't for catching in the stretch, scoring by 2 1/2 lengths over Emma Rose (**Bernardini**). Two-time GISW On Fire Baby had a filly by **Ghostzapper** and was bred back to **Constitution** for the 2021 season. Lifetime Record: 6-1-1-1, \$44,480. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O-Anita Ebert Racing LLC; B-Anita Cauley Breeding LLC (KY); T-Ian R. Wilkes.

**1st-Gulfstream, \$40,000, (S), Msw, 2-4, 3yo, 7 1/2fT, 1:30.34, fm, 1 length.**

**COMEDY TOWN (c, 3, Speightstown--Unbridled Humor {GSW, \$278,620}, by Distorted Humor)** reported home third with some



**Comedy Town** | *Lauren King*

trouble in his unveiling versus open company going five furlongs over the Gulfstream lawn Jan. 16. Stretching to two turns versus Florida-breds here, the 2-1 shot cleared the field from his wide draw heading into the clubhouse turn and made every pole a winning one, reporting home one length clear over favored Officiating (**Blame**). The winner is a half to Wild Medagliad'oro (**Medaglia d'Oro**), SP, \$160,963. Unbridled Humor, also represented by the 2-year-old filly Winning Laugh (**Ghostzapper**), had a colt by **Into Mischief** this year. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$29,400. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Live Oak Plantation; B-Live Oak Stud (FL); T-Michael J. Trombetta.



**SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5**  
*2021 Stud Fees Listed*

**Belardo (Ire)** (Lope de Vega {Ire}), Kildangan Stud, \$10,000  
159 foals of racing age/16 winners/4 black-type winners  
1-Santa Anita, Msw 6fT, Mahaamel (Ire), 6-1  
135,000gns TAT OCT yrl; 70,000gns TAT AHI 2yo

**Coulsty (Ire)** (Kodiac {GB}), Rathasker Stud, \$4,000  
57 foals of racing age/10 winners/3 black-type winners  
1-Santa Anita, Msw 6fT, Coulthard (Ire), 5-2  
€2,000 RNA TIR SEP yrl; 25,715gns TTI GOR 2yo; 90,000gns TAT AHI 2yo

**Exaggerator (Curlin)**, WinStar Farm, \$15,000  
249 foals of racing age/20 winners/0 black-type winners  
6-Fair Grounds, Aoc 1mT, Xtrema, 9-2  
\$55,000 KEE SEP yrl

**Fascinating Rock (Ire)** (**Fastnet Rock** {Aus}), Ballylinch Stud, \$5,000  
102 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners  
7-Santa Anita, \$75K Baffle S., 6 1/2fT, Earls Rock (Ire), 3-1  
€8,000 GOA UTY yrl

**Frosted (Tapit)**, Darley, \$25,000  
238 foals of racing age/18 winners/1 black-type winner  
2-Santa Anita, Msw 1m, Frosteria, 6-5

**Hit It a Bomb (War Front)**, Spendthrift Farm, \$5,000  
62 foals of racing age/5 winners/1 black-type winner  
7-Santa Anita, \$75K Baffle S., 6 1/2fT, Weston, 12-1  
\$7,000 KEE JAN wnl; \$7,000 KEE SEP yrl

**Mosler (War Front)**, Country Life Farm, \$4,000  
111 foals of racing age/12 winners/2 black-type winners  
5-Turfway, Msw 1 1/16m, Fort Moultrie, 10-1

**Not This Time** (Giant's Causeway), Taylor Made Farm, \$40,000  
203 foals of racing age/29 winners/4 black-type winners  
2-Santa Anita, Msw 1m, Donna Bella, 2-1  
\$250,000 OBS MAR 2yo



**Protonico** (Giant's Causeway), Castleton Lyons, \$5,000  
 49 foals of racing age/3 winners/1 black-type winner  
 5-Turfway, Msw 1 1/16m, Mountain Bear, 5-1

**Speightster** (Speightstown), WinStar Farm, \$10,000  
 228 foals of racing age/20 winners/2 black-type winners  
 8-Gulfstream, Alw 5 1/2f, Ampersand, 3-1  
 \$26,000 OBS OCT yrl; \$34,000 OBS APR 2yo

**Street Strategy** (Street Sense), Lake Hamilton Equine Center,  
 \$1,000  
 43 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners  
 7-Oaklawn, Alw 6f, Aspen Club, 3-1

**Tamarando** (Bertrando), Harris Farms, \$2,500  
 33 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners  
 3-Golden Gate Fields, Msw 1m, Mosby, 12-1

**Upstart** (Flatter), Airdrie Stud, \$10,000  
 167 foals of racing age/21 winners/0 black-type winners  
 5-Turfway, Msw 1 1/16m, Pa Ma's Amos, 12-1  
 \$45,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; \$20,000 EAS OCT yrl; \$75,000 OBS  
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**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

**8th-Oaklawn, \$88,000**, Opt. Clm (\$80,000), 2-4, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f,  
 1:10.55, ft, 3 1/2 lengths.

**FRENCH EMPIRE (m, 6, Street Sense--Aquitaine {GSP,  
 \$112,231}, by Empire Maker)** Lifetime Record: 15-6-2-3,  
 \$238,400. O-Contreras Stable Inc. & Victory Stables, LLC;  
 B-Ramona S. Bass, LLC (KY); T-Cipriano Contreras. \*\$190,000 Ylg  
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**7th-Aqueduct, \$82,000**, 2-4, (NW1\$X), 4yo/up, 6f, 1:10.82, gd,  
 3/4 length.

**JEMOGRAPHY (g, 5, Big Brown--Liza Lu, by Menifee)** Lifetime  
 Record: 24-8-8-2, \$275,780. O-Windylea Farm, LLC; B-Golden  
 Goose Enterprise (NY); T-Mark A. Hennig. \*\$22,000 Ylg '17  
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**9th-Fair Grounds, \$56,000**, (S), 2-4, (NW1X), 4yo/up, 6f,  
 1:11.16, ft, 1/2 length.

**GUITAR SLIM (g, 4, Star Guitar--Zaafira, by A.P. Indy)** Lifetime  
 Record: 4-2-1-0, \$72,000. O/B-Brittlyn, Inc. (LA); T-Jose M.  
 Camejo. \*1/2 to Safari Calamari (Half Ours), MSP, \$243,230.

**6th-Delta Downs, \$36,000**, (S), 2-4, (NW2L), 3yo, 6 1/2f,  
 1:21.28, ft, 7 3/4 lengths.

**WRONGWAYHIGHWAY (c, 3, Highway to Fame--  
 Proudtoeprado {SP}, by El Prado {Ire})** Lifetime Record:  
 2-2-0-0, \$30,000. O/B-Anthony J. Foyt, Jr. & Lana Vaughan (LA);  
 T-Scott Gelner.

**7th-Charles Town, \$32,000**, (S), Opt. Clm (\$20,000), 2-3,  
 4yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:20.62, ft, nose.

**MEAN BEAN (g, 9, Garnered--Distinctly Spring, by Distinctive  
 Pro)** Lifetime Record: SP, 40-11-12-7, \$274,873. O/T-Glenn N.  
 Harrison; B-Jessica Loy (WV).

**8th-Delta Downs, \$31,000**, 2-4, (NW1X), 4yo/up, 7f, 1:27.61, ft,  
 1 1/4 lengths.

**HATTIES JEWEL (g, 8, El Caballo--Hatties Confession, by  
 Congaree)** Lifetime Record: 56-11-9-11, \$189,269. O-End Zone  
 Athletics, Inc.; B-LeRoy Bowman (MN); T-Karl Broberg. \*\$6,700

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**5th-Penn National, \$29,536, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 2-3, 4yo/up, 1m 70y, 1:42.96, gd, 3/4 length.**

**IYWAAN (h, 6, Candy Ride {Arg}--Safarjal {Ire}, by Marju {Ire})** Lifetime Record: 22-7-4-3, \$109,498. O-Jeffrey W. Parthemore; B-Shadwell Farm, LLC (KY); T-Mark V. Salvaggio. \*\$15,000 4yo '19 KEEJAN; \$22,000 RNA 4yo '19 FTKHRA. \*\*1/2 to Karama (Kitten's Joy), SW, \$117,900.

**6th-Charles Town, \$28,000, 2-3, (NW2LX), 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:20.92, ft, 3/4 length.**

**MALIBU SPLASH (f, 4, Nicanor--Malibu Kitten, by Parker's Storm Cat)** Lifetime Record: 17-4-5-2, \$91,945. O-Grams Racing Stable LLC; B-Timothy C & Judith A Grams (WV); T-Timothy C. Grams. \*1/2 to Moonlit Song (Fiber Sonde), MSW, \$404,840.

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**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Len Lo Lady, f, 3, Speightstown--Prettypriceygirl (SW, \$231,030), by Scat Daddy. Gulfstream, 2-4, (C), 1m, 1:37.09. B-Spruce Lane, Grand Crue, Copper Beech, Lynn, Quickel, Robbins, Ward (KY). \*\$30,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP.**

**Not Phar Now, g, 4, American Pharoah--Kibosh (SP, \$204,184), by Discreet Cat. Aqueduct, 2-4, (S), (C), 7f, 1:26.05. B-Chester & Mary R. Broman (NY). \*\$185,000 RNA Ylg '18 KEESEP; \$190,000 RNA 2yo '19 OBSMAR. \*\*1/2 to Out of Orbit (Malibu Moon), SW, \$319,328.**

**Fancy Princess, f, 4, Buffum--Prom Queen, by Discreet Cat. Laurel, 2-4, (WC), 7f, 1:25.78. B-Kevin P Morgan (MD). \*\$2,700 Wlg '17 EASDEC.**



**Valued Notion, g, 4, Great Notion--What Am I Gonna Do, by Partner's Hero. Laurel, 2-4, (WC), 6f, 1:10.88. B-Steven & Jane Long (PA). \*\$120,000 Ylg '18 EASOCT. \*\*Full to Great Soul, MSW, \$336,220.**

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### 2021 Leading Fourth-Crop Sires

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Rank	Stallion <small>2021 Locations &amp; Fee (sorts to original order)</small>	BTW [% of starters]	BTH [% of starters]	GSW [% of starters]	GSH [% of starters]	G1SW [% of starters]	G1SH [% of starters]	Wrs Starters	Highest Earner	Earnings [per starter]	Earnings
1	<b>Will Take Charge</b> (2010) by Unbridled's Song FYR: 2016 Stands: Three Chimneys Farm KY (Fee \$5,000) Named Foals: 333 Starters: 64	2 [3.13]	3 [4.69]	--	1 [1.56]	--	--	94	\$120,000 Will's Secret AWD Lifetime: 7.13	\$7,363	\$471,216
2	<b>Goldencents</b> (2010) by Into Mischief FYR: 2016 Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY (Fee \$15,000) Named Foals: 398 Starters: 94	1 [1.06]	2 [2.13]	1 [1.06]	1 [1.06]	--	--	94	\$110,000 AWD 1 TD: 6.61	\$7,363	\$414,062
3	<b>Cairo Prince</b> (2010) by Unbridled's Song FYR: 2016 Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY (Fee \$15,000) Named Foals: 392 Starters: 77	1 [1.06]	2 [2.13]	1 [1.06]	1 [1.06]	--	--	94	\$110,000 AWD 1 TD: 6.61	\$7,363	\$414,062
4	<b>Mucho Macho Man</b> (2008) by Macho Uno FYR: 2016 Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY (Fee \$15,000) Named Foals: 392 Starters: 77	1 [1.06]	2 [2.13]	1 [1.06]	1 [1.06]	--	--	94	\$110,000 AWD 1 TD: 6.61	\$7,363	\$414,062



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**AMERICAN PHAROAH**, Not Phar Now, g, 4, o/o Kibosh, by Discreet Cat. MCL, 2-4, Aqueduct

**AWESOME AGAIN**, Favorite Sin, f, 4, o/o On Fire Baby, by Smoke Glacken. MSW, 2-4, Gulfstream

**BIG BROWN**, Jemography, g, 5, o/o Liza Lu, by Menifee. ALW, 2-4, Aqueduct

**BUFFUM**, Fancy Princess, f, 4, o/o Prom Queen, by Discreet Cat. WMC, 2-4, Laurel

**CANDY RIDE (ARG)**, Iywaan, h, 6, o/o Safarjal (Ire), by Marju (Ire). AOC, 2-3, Penn National

**CITY ZIP**, Snapper Sinclair, h, 6, o/o True Addiction, by Yes It's True. AOC, 2-4, Oaklawn

**COMMISSIONER**, French Charm, f, 4, o/o Woman Smiling (Ire), by Mr. Greeley. WCL, 2-4, Oaklawn

**CONSTITUTION**, Shop Girl, f, 3, o/o Flaming Slew, by Slew City Slew. AOC, 2-4, Gulfstream

**DECLARATION OF WAR**, Postnup, f, 3, o/o I'm Engaged, by **Broken Vow**. MSW, 2-4, Fair Grounds

**EL CABALLO**, Hatties Jewel, g, 8, o/o Hatties Confession, by Congaree. ALW, 2-4, Delta Downs

**GARNERED**, Mean Bean, g, 9, o/o Distinctly Spring, by Distinctive Pro. AOC, 2-3, Charles Town

**GREAT NOTION**, Valued Notion, g, 4, o/o What Am I Gonna Do, by Partner's Hero. WMC, 2-4, Laurel

**HIGHWAY TO FAME**, Wrongwayhighway, c, 3, o/o Proudto beaprado, by El Prado (Ire). ALW, 2-4, Delta Downs

**NICANOR**, Malibu Splash, f, 4, o/o Malibu Kitten, by Parker's Storm Cat. ALW, 2-3, Charles Town

**OXBOW**, Bingo John, c, 3, o/o A. P. Petal, by A.P. Indy. MSW, 2-4, Aqueduct

**SHACKLEFORD**, Niles Channel, c, 4, o/o Sugar Babe, by **Candy Ride (Arg)**. WMC, 2-4, Oaklawn

**SKY MESA**, Mount Athos, c, 3, o/o High Priestess, by Mt. Livermore. MSW, 2-4, Fair Grounds

**SPEIGHTSTOWN**, Comedy Town, c, 3, o/o Unbridled Humor, by **Distorted Humor**. MSW, 2-4, Gulfstream

**SPEIGHTSTOWN**, Len Lo Lady, f, 3, o/o Prettypriceygirl, by Scat Daddy. MCL, 2-4, Gulfstream

**STAR GUITAR**, Guitar Slim, g, 4, o/o Zaafira, by A.P. Indy. ALW, 2-4, Fair Grounds

**STREET SENSE**, French Empire, m, 6, o/o Aquitaine, by Empire Maker. AOC, 2-4, Oaklawn

**TAPIT**, Tatweej, h, 5, o/o Tiz Miz Sue, by Tiznow. AOC, 2-4, Aqu

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# SHAMARDAL FILLIES LEAD TATTS FEBRUARY



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By Emma Berry

With the wildcard bumper winner Noble Yeats (Ire) (Yeats {Ire}) failing to make his 300,000gns reserve, the first session of the Tattersalls February Sale had a more regular top lot in the breeding prospect **Beautiful Illusion (Ire)** (Shamardal), who was the sole horse to break the six-figure barrier during the first day at 120,000gns.

Sold by her breeder Godolphin as **lot 194**, the well-bred 4-year-old was initially trained by Charlie Appleby to win at Wolverhampton and Chelmsford last year. The daughter of G3 Sweet Solera S. winner Long Lashes (Rock Hard Ten), herself a half-sister to GI Santa Anita H. winner Combatant (Scat Daddy), was bought by Mark McStay of Avenue Bloodstock on behalf of an undisclosed client.

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# FORMER JOCKEY, RACING ADMINISTRATOR PAT BUCKLEY DIES *By John Berry*

The racing world has lost one of its most popular and respected characters with the passing at the age of 77 of former Grand National-winning jockey Pat Buckley, who ranks as one of the most influential administrators in the history of racing in the United Arab Emirates.

Born and raised in Ireland, Pat Buckley spent his entire riding career based in the north of England in the Middleham stable of Captain Neville Crump, who was then one of the country's leading National Hunt trainers and to whom Buckley worked firstly as an apprentice (between November 1957 and July '62) and subsequently as stable jockey.

Having ridden his first winner aged 17 on Blue Moth in the prestigious Hearts of Oak Chase at Manchester in 1961, Buckley cemented his place in the top tier of Britain's National Hunt jockeys merely two years later when he enjoyed a stunning spell of success in the spring of 1963. Firstly he picked up an outside ride on the Keith Piggott-trained 66/1 chance Ayala in the greatest race of all, the Grand National at Aintree, and guided the lightly-weighted 9-year-old to a famous victory, beating Carrickbeg and John Lawrence (later Lord Oaksey) by three quarters of a length. A month later he won another of Britain's premier steeplechases, taking the Whitbread Gold Cup at Sandown on the Crump-trained Hoodwinked.

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## IN TDN AMERICA TODAY

### KENTUCKY SIRES FOR '21: FIFTH CROP STALLIONS

Chris McGrath takes a deep dive into the leading fifth crop Kentucky roster including value pick, Paynter. **Click or tap here to go straight to TDN America.**

# WORLD'S BEST 3YO'S

The 62 three-year-olds in the 2020 World's Best Racehorses are by 47 different sires. Only five active sires in Europe had more than one, and three of those stand at Coolmore!

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<b>GALILEO</b>	5
<b>AUSTRALIA</b>	3
Shamardal	3
Adlerflug	3
<b>CAMELOT</b>	2
Kingman	2
Into Mischief	2

**Tattersalls February cont. from p1**

"She is the daughter of a very good racemare, whom I remember from my time at Godolphin, and she is by a world-class sire in Shamardal. She had ability herself and achieved a good rating of 89," said McStay. "I saw her ten days ago at Moulton Paddocks; Godolphin kindly facilitated a visit. She is a good-walking filly, and she was a standout today on paper and physically."

Ninety withdrawals for the first day of the sale, which was held online owing to the continued lockdown in Britain, meant that 167 lots came under the hammer, albeit from afar. A respectable halfway aggregate of 1,163,600gns was accrued from the 118 sold for a clearance rate of 71%. The average dropped by 22% to 9,861gns but the median improved by 15% to 5,750gns.

The Godolphin draft accounted for five of the top ten lots of the day, with the second highest-priced filly of the sale, also by Shamardal, about to head to Tally-Ho Stud in Ireland after being bought by Tony O'Callaghan for 65,000gns.

**Symbol Of Love (lot 185)** is a 4-year-old half-sister to listed winner Firebird Song (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) and she will be covered for the first time by Kodiak (GB), emulating the cross represented by dual Group 1-winning sprinter Hello Youmzain (Fr).

O'Callaghan said, "Bidding was easy online, but that was the only bid we had. She is for Kodiak; she is by Shamardal and they go well together. She has a good page and looks a nice filly."



Mark McStay | Sarah Farnsworth

Symbol Of Love shares her Group 3-winning grandam Magna Graecia (Ire) (Warning {GB}) with Darley stallion Territories (Ire) and is inbred 3x4 to Helen Street (GB) (Troy {GB}), the dam of Street Cry (Ire) and grandam of Shamardal.

Three lots later, O'Callaghan added a daughter of Territories to the day's purchases when going to 35,000gns for **French Braid (GB) (lot 188)**, also from Godolphin. The unraced 3-year-old is a half-sister to dual Group 3 winner Breathtaking Look (GB) (**Bated Breath {GB}**), who sold for 400,000gns to Katsumi Yoshida of Northern Farm at the most recent Tattersalls December sale. Leading the in-foal mares was **lot 153**, the Lordship Stud-bred **Swiss Kiss (GB)** (Dansili {GB}), who was sold carrying to Acclamation (GB), by whom she has already produced the winner Continental (GB), for 48,000gns.

The 10-year-old mare, who was covered on May 22, was bought by Canice Farrell of Knockatrina Stud. She said, "I'm chuffed. It's a good pedigree, she is a good-walking mare, she has a commercial cover and the only negative is that she is a bit late. I hope to send her to either Invincible Spirit or Kodiak."

Peter Swann's Cool Silk Partnership bought three mares to visit his former group-winning representatives Sands Of Mali (Fr) and Prince Of Lir (Ire) at Ballyhane Stud. They included the 6-year-old **Jumeirah Street** (Street Cry {Ire}), who has a Brazen Beau (Aus) yearling filly and was sold in foal to Harry Angel (Ire) for 28,000gns.

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## IN TDN AUS/NZ TODAY

TE AKAU SHARK, SILENT ACHIEVER DIE  
 A pair of New Zealand champions, Te Akau Shark and Silent Achiever, pass away on Thursday. [Click or tap here to go straight to TDN Aus/NZ.](#)

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"The bidding has been easy--it's trying to keep the children entertained that is difficult," said agent Matt Coleman on the telephone from his home after buying **lot 71** on the owner's behalf. "Peter Swann has some breeding rights in the stallions so these mares have been bought for them."

Also among the leading purchasers of the day was Julie Wood, a long-time successful owner with Richard Hannon who bought three yearlings under her Woodstock banner. All three were consigned by Hazelwood Bloodstock and the trio was comprised of a colt and a filly from the first crop of Cracksman (GB) as well as a filly by Golden Horn (GB). The latter (**lot 122**), bought for 25,000gns, is a daughter of the listed winner Lady Heidi (GB) (High Chaparral {Ire}), who has already produced a treble winner by another son of Cape Cross (Ire) in Sea The Stars (Ire).



Matt Coleman | Alayna Cullen

The Cracksman colt (**lot 99**) is out of the Australian Group 2 winner Tamaanee (Aus) (Teofilo {Ire}), whose dam is a half-sister to leading sire I Am Invincible (Aus). He was bought for 20,000gns and the filly, the second foal of listed winner Mademoiselle Marie (Fr) (Evasive {GB}) (**lot 123**), for 26,000gns.

"I have been thinking about this all week and it was strange this morning sitting at home getting nervous before bidding," said Wood. "But you look into the screen and it feels just like you are in the ring. It is exciting now I have bought them, we can make plans."

She continued, "They have all been bought to race and will go to Charlock Stud now and then into training with Richard Hannon."

The second and final session of the February Sale gets underway on Friday at 10 a.m.

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# SESSION TOPPERS

## THURSDAY'S TOP LOTS

LOT	NAME	PRICE (gns)
194	<b>Beautiful Illusion (Ire)</b> <i>(f, 4, Shamardal--Long Lashes, by Rock Hard Ten)</i> Breeder: Godolphin (Ire) Consignor: Godolphin Purchaser: Avenue Bloodstock	120,000
185	<b>Symbol of Love (GB)</b> <i>(f, 4, Shamardal--Policoro {Ire}, by Pivotal {GB})</i> Breeder: Godolphin (GB) Consignor: Godolphin Purchaser: Tally-Ho Stud	65,000
153	<b>Swiss Kiss (GB)</b> <i>(m, 10, Dansili {GB}--Swiss Lake, by Indian Ridge {Ire})</i> Breeder: Lordship Stud (GB) Consignor: New England Stud Purchaser: Pegasus	48,000

## Pat Buckley Dies cont. from p1



Pat Buckley winning the 1963 Grand National aboard Ayala | Getty Images

Buckley went on to spend over a decade as one of the leading jockeys in what was a golden age for National Hunt racing in the north of England and Scotland, one of a select band of dominant Irish riders alongside the likes of his compatriots Ron Barry, Tommy Stack, Paddy Broderick, Barry Brogan and, towards the end of that time, Jonjo O'Neill. He rode the winners of many other great races including when he and Crump won 'the Whitbread' again the following year courtesy of Dormant lowering the colours of the great Mill House (in circumstances which are unlikely to be repeated as the winner was receiving three stone from the runner-up, Dormant carrying 9 stone 7lb and Mill House 12 stone 7lb). Other notable victories came in the Scottish Grand National at Ayr (in 1968 on the Crump-trained Arcturus), the Mildmay Memorial Steeplechase at Sandown (on Dormant in 1964), the Liverpool Hurdle, the Coronation Hurdle and the Eider Chase. Having made a dream Grand National start by winning the great race at the first attempt while still a teenager, Buckley rode in it a further six times, including when fourth on Rutherford's in 1968.



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### TATTERSALLS FEBRUARY SALE

SESSION TOTALS	2021	2020
• Catalogued	257	204
• Number Offered	167	166
• Number Sold	118	138
• Not Sold	49	28
• Clearance Rate	71%	83%
• High Price	120,000gns	20,000gns
• Gross	1,163,600gns	1,754,300gns
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Retiring from race-riding in his early 30s, Buckley set up as a trainer in the North Yorkshire village of Spennithorne, a few miles from Middleham, but soon discovered the difficulties of balancing the books when one only has a small string. He then worked as assistant trainer to John Hill in Barnstaple in Devon and as head lad to Nicky Vigors in Lambourn before accepting an offer in the late 1970s from the Sultan of Oman to help him to establish a major racing operation in Oman.

Once that project was up and running, Buckley was hired by Sheikh Mohammed to assist in the task of establishing Dubai as a world-leading racing centre. A key figure in the creation of the racecourses at Nad al Sheba and then Meydan, Buckley played a major part in the inauguration of the Dubai World Cup in 1996 and the subsequent consolidation of its position as one of the landmark events in the international racing calendar. He continued to work in the administration of racing in the UAE until his retirement, actively involved over the years in nearly every aspect of the sport's governance, with his experience, integrity and unvarying good humour making him not only one of the most respected but also one of the most popular members of the racing community.

A loving and beloved husband of Joyce (who predeceased him), proud father of Kevin (Coolmore's representative in Great Britain) and Helen, and doting grandfather, Pat Buckley will be remembered as one of the high-achievers of the racing world and also as one of its most likeable characters. We offer our deepest condolences to his family and friends.

The news of Buckley's death reached Meydan in the midst of its Thursday evening carnival card, and the jockeys wore black armbands in his honor for the last two races. The winning riders of the last two races paid tribute to Buckley; Richie Mullen said after winning the Meydan Classic Trial: "I would just like to dedicate that win to Pat Buckley--the whole of the UAE has lost a great man. I've been here for 22 years and counting and Pat has been a big part of racing here and a big part of my life. He's been a great friend over the years and he hasn't been well and we received the sad news this evening. The UAE will be a quiet place without him. We can only send our condolences to his family here in the UAE and back home in Newmarket.

"His Highness Sheikh Zayed brought him over and he set up Abu Dhabi Racing and was an integral part of the original World Cup here. As an apprentice I came here and he mentored us over the years and I have had a lot of trip with Pat over the years. He has been a great friend and it's a huge loss. Like I said the world is a smaller place without him."

William Buick said after winning the Listed Dubai Sprint: "I am very sorry hear of Pat Buckley's passing, and my condolences to all of his family and friends. He was always very friendly and the ultimate professional. A very sad day for horse racing, not just in the UAE but around the world."

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## EUROPEAN NEWS

### CHANTILLY DOUBLE FOR POWERSTOWN BREEZERS *By Emma Berry*

As Covid travel restrictions prompted delays and relocations, last season's breeze-up sales were anything but plain sailing for many consignors. Some consolation was found on Thursday at Chantilly for Tom Whitehead of Powerstown Stud, who celebrated two first-time-out winners with Keeneland yearling purchases.

The first race of the day, the Prix du Rond du Manege, went to **Bellharbour Music**, a May-foaled colt from the first crop of **Mshawish**, bought in September 2019 from Brookdale Sales for \$30,000. Now trained in Chantilly by Alessandro and Giuseppe Botti, Bellharbour Music is still in Whitehead's ownership having picked up a small injury prior to his intended appearance at the Arqana Breeze-up, which last year was held at Doncaster in July. He is the first runner and winner in France for his second-crop sire, who was himself a breeze-up graduate from the Arqana sale having been bought in Kentucky by Whitehead's friend and colleague Johnny Collins for just \$10,000. A profitable pinhook, **Mshawish** was then resold at two to Nicolas de Watrigant on behalf of Al Shaqab Racing for \$170,000 and went on to win a listed race in Deauville before becoming a dual Grade I winner in America.

After his victory in the GI Donn H., **Mshawish** closed out his career by running sixth to California Chrome in the G1 Dubai World Cup of 2016 and both stallions then retired to Taylor Made Farm in Kentucky the following year. [Cont. p6](#)



Tom Whitehead with Bellharbour Music at Keeneland | Nancy Sexton

Their names were linked again at Chantilly when, two hours after Bellharbour Music's win, California Chrome's 3-year-old daughter **Injera** made a similarly impressive debut. The filly, trained by another French-based Italian, Gianluca Bietolini, triumphed in the Prix de la Croix Vaillant to become the first European winner for her sire, who is now at Arrow Stud in Japan.

"The colt just had a minor setback and he couldn't go to the sale. I sold the filly privately when we didn't know if the sales were going to go ahead," explained Whitehead, who is based in Co Kilkenny, Ireland. "I sent them both over to France around Christmastime so they've been there around six weeks. They weren't worked hard at home but by jockey bookings and betting they were both fancied so they must have been doing some nice work. I know it's only February but it's never easy winning in Chantilly."

Whitehead is a regular at Keeneland and works the yearling sales in tandem with Nancy Sexton. He bought last season's GII Fountain of Youth S. winner Ete Indien (**Summer Front**) at the September Sale for \$80,000 before reselling him at Arqana to Patrick Biancone for €240,000.

Casting his mind back to the purchase of Bellharbour Music, he said, "I knew the stallion **Mshawish** when Johnny sold him at the breeze-ups and I followed him through his racing career. When the first crop came up for sale in America I knew he was a good horse and I thought why not buy one. He won on dirt and turf and he was tough, racing until he was six."



**This colt, born at Conduit Stud, is from the first crop of G3 Jersey S. winner Le Brivido and is a half-brother to G1 Dubai World Cup winner Prince Bishop (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}). Overbury Stud Manager Simon Sweeting described two Le Brividos born this week as "cracking foals, with a real look of their sire about them: both strongly made, both a lovely bright bay, and both with great heads and forward-going attitudes, bold and interested. Le Brivido has done us proud and if they're all like this everyone is going to want one.'**

Whitehead's Powerstown Stud will have a team of 25 juveniles to offer at the forthcoming breeze-up sales. He added, "We're happy enough for now but the next month or two will tell. They are roughly half and half American and European horses. Now we just need lockdown to end and to get people back racing."

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## NEW HOTEL PLANNED AT GOFFS



Eimear Mulhern | Goffs

Goffs has received planning permission to build a 50-bed equine-themed hotel on land adjacent to its sales complex in Co Kildare, Ireland. The project is being developed by Goffs in partnership with Kildare Hotel Opportunities, owned by hoteliers Eoin Doyle and Ray Byrne.

Goffs chairman Eimear Mulhern said, "We are delighted that Kildare Hotel Opportunities will develop this exciting new facility at Goffs. This development will enhance the world-class facilities at Kildare Paddocks and will be of enormous benefit to national and international Goffs clients, enabling them to avail of the facilities and reside on site for our extensive sales programmes."

The Goffs sales complex is situated within a short drive of The Curragh, Naas and Punchestown racecourses.

Mulhern continued, "We believe the proposed equine theme for the hotel will prove very popular with racegoers attending the three Kildare race tracks and visitors to the many equine and retail attractions in the county."

Eoin Doyle added, "We are very excited with the opportunity to create a 4-star contemporary boutique hotel in a peaceful paddock setting, beside the iconic Goffs, just off the N7. For those doing business locally, in the Millennium Park or shopping at Kildare Village or seeking to stay close to Dublin, we believe this will add significantly to the county's tourism and hospitality infrastructure."

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## FORMER CHELTENHAM CHAIRMAN LORD VESTEY DIES



The Princess Royal and Lord Vestey | PA Media

Former Cheltenham racecourse chairman Lord Vestey has died at the age of 79. Samuel Vestey, 3rd Baron Vestey, whose wife Celia, the sister of Gold Cup-winning trainer Henrietta Knight, died last year, aged 71, had a long association with the sport. Sporting his familiar blue silks, his runners enjoyed success over jumps and on the Flat.

Jamie Osborne, now a successful trainer, was in the irons when the Knight-trained Karshi (GB) (Persian Bold {Ire}) delivered one of Vestey's biggest wins.

Owned and bred by Vestey himself, he won the 1997 Stayers' Hurdle at 20-1.

"Both Lord and Lady Vestey were an absolute pleasure to have anything to do with," said Osborne. "They were wonderful people to ride for and wonderful people to be around.

"It's a very sad day, and my thoughts go out to his family. He was a wonderful man."

Also paying tribute to Vestey, Ian Renton, regional managing director for Cheltenham's owners, Jockey Club Racecourses, said, "We are very saddened to hear of the passing of friend and former Cheltenham chairman, Lord Vestey. He was a true gentleman and genuinely lovely man who did so much for our sport, and played a huge role in creating the Cheltenham racecourse that we know today. He will be sorely missed by us all at The Jockey Club, and our thoughts go out to his family and friends."

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## THE CURRAGH HONOURS ALPHA CENTAURI

The Curragh announced that the Niarchos Family will sponsor the Aug. 22 G2 Debutante S. to acknowledge the racing career of Niarchos homebred Alpha Centauri (Ire) (**Mastercraftsman {Ire}**), who was named Cartier champion 3-year-old filly and Irish Horse of the Year in 2018. During her racing career, she won six of 10 starts, including the G1 Tattersalls Irish 1000 Guineas, G1 Coronation S., G1 Falmouth S. and G1 Prix du Haras de Fresnay-le-Buffard.

"The Niarchos family are synonymous with racing at the Curragh with their name associated with numerous high-quality winners over many years," Evan Arkwright, Racing and Sponsorship Manager, The Curragh commented. "We are delighted that they have agreed to honour Alpha Centauri by adding her name to a race that consistently attracts the very best juvenile fillies."

In 2019, the Jessica Harrington-trained Alpine Star (Ire) (Sea The Moon {Ger}), a half-sister to Alpha Centauri, also owned and bred by the Niarchos family, won under Shane Foley before going on to a Group 1 success in the 2020 G1 Coronation S. She was the highest-rated 3yo filly in the Longines World Rankings over one mile in 2020.

Maria Niarchos-Gouaze said, "Racing in Ireland has been very good to my family and we are pleased to be able to support the Curragh through the sponsorship of such a prestigious race that has been won by many brilliant fillies, including Alpine Star."

Alpha Centauri, who retired from racing in 2018, produced a colt by Galileo last season.

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Alpha Centauri and her Galileo colt last year | Coolmore

## IFAR SERIES PLANNED FOR APRIL

The International Forum for the Aftercare of Racehorses (IFAR) will host its fifth forum as a virtual series on each Tuesday during the month of April. The sessions, which will include a combination of prerecorded content and live discussions, will be held Apr. 6, 13, 20, and 27 at 12 p.m. GMT and will each last approximately one hour. Recordings of the events will also be made available on the IFAR website.

Expected topics to be covered during these sessions include owner and trainer responsibility, traceability, the use of racehorses in equine-assisted therapy, case studies for aftercare progress in different racing jurisdictions, and the effect of the COVID-19 pandemic on racehorse aftercare. The full list of topics and speakers, which will include representatives from around the world, will be announced at a later date.

“Although the continuing effects of COVID-19 have prevented us from being able to host a traditional live IFAR conference, we are looking forward to being able to reach an even wider global audience to discuss aftercare and its importance to the racing industry,” said Di Arbutnot, chair of IFAR.

The past two years, IFAR was held in conjunction with the Asian Racing Conference in Cape Town, South Africa and the European & Mediterranean Horseracing Federation’s General Assembly in Oslo, Norway.

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## AMBITION FULFILLS FIREBREAK MISSION

By Kelsey Riley

**Secret Ambition (GB)** (Exceed and Excel {Aus}), who was riding a string of five placed efforts and who had been second in the last two runnings of the G3 Firebreak S. at Meydan, led gate to wire for a deserved victory in the latest edition of that mile dirt contest on Thursday. Having last won when taking the 2019 edition of the Listed Dubai Creek Mile, Secret Ambition--a stalwart for trainer Satish Seemar at the carnival since 2017--was placed in this race last year as well as the G2 Al Maktoum Challenge Round 1 and the G3 Burj Nahaar over the same mile distance. He warmed up for the 2021 carnival with a second in the latest edition of the Dubai Creek Mile on Dec. 17 and was most recently second in the G3 Jebel Ali Mile on Jan. 22.



**Secret Ambition** | Dubai Racing Club

Wrangling the lead from **Matterhorn (Ire)** (Raven’s Pass) after a brief tussle out of the gates, Secret Ambition and Tadhg O’Shea led the compact field down the backstretch and into the bend. The bay kicked away at the top of the stretch to win by 3 3/4 lengths in race record time from **Hypothetical (Ire)** (Lope De Vega {Ire}), who overtook **Kimbear (Temple City)** in the dying strides. The race was marred by the breakdown of last year’s G1 Al Maktoum Challenge Round 3 winner Matterhorn on the turn. Winning jockey O’Shea said post-race, “There were a couple that might have wanted to make the running but when this fellow breaks well he does not like to be settled in, so I was happy to go on and be positive. This horse has danced every dance and is so tough and consistent so he deserved another victory. He did that very well this evening.”

Seemar added, “I don’t think any horse deserves a win more than Secret Ambition. He just runs the hardest and is the most honest in every race. I must say full credit goes to Tadhg O’Shea this evening. Right out of the gates he made a smart move, and put him on the right spot and gave full confidence to Secret Ambition. Secret Ambition is that kind of horse, once he has his way, there no way of coming close to him. We will discuss [plans] with the connections whether we will go straight to the big day [Dubai World Cup Day]--Godolphin Mile or maybe try a different distance. He has had two or three second-placed finishes and a third, but he needed this win to get the confidence of the people too and the connections. So a win is very important, it gives us a lot of confidence.”

### Pedigree Notes

Secret Ambition is the first foal out of his dam Inner Secret (Singspiel {Ire}), who has proven an excellent producer with three stakes winners from her first four foals. After Secret

Ambition came the French listed-winning Crystal River (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}), and following the winning but ill-fated Midnight Meeting (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}) was the 2018 G1 Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere scorer Royal Marine (Ire) (Raven’s Pass). Inner Secret has an as-yet unnamed 2-year-old colt by Dubawi (Ire). She is herself a half-sister to the G1 Prix Jacques le Marois and G1 Prix du Moulin scorer and sire Librettist (Danzig), G1 Queen Anne S. winner and sire Dubai

Destination and G2 Bosphorus Cup and G3 Cumberland Lodge S. winner Secret Number (GB) (Raven’s Pass).

Inner Secret is also a half to the dam of the G2 Sandown Guineas winner and G1 Randwick and G1 Rosehill Guineas third Tatra (Aus) (Hussonet). A plethora of stakes winners under the third dam include the G1 July Cup and G1 Prix de l'Abbaye victor Agnes World (Danzig).

**Thursday, Meydan, Dubai**

**FIREBREAK S. SPONSORED BY DP WORLD UAE REGION-G3,** \$130,000, Meydan, 2-4, NH4yo/up & SH 3yo/up, 8f, 1:36.12, fs. 1--**SECRET AMBITION (GB), 126, h, 8, by Exceed and Excel (Aus)**

**1st Dam: Inner Secret, by Singspiel (Ire)**

**2nd Dam: Mysterial, by Alleged**

**3rd Dam: Mysteries, by Seattle Slew**

O-Nasir Askar; B-Darley (GB); T-Satish Seemar; J-Tadhg O'Shea. \$78,000. Lifetime Record: 40-10-11-2, \$725,693. \*1/2 to Crystal River (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}), SW-Fr; and Royal Marine (Ire) (Raven's Pass), G1SW-Fr, \$263,370. **Werk Nick Rating: A+++ \*Triple Plus\***. [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#)

2--**Hypothetical (Ire), 126, c, 4, Lope de Vega (Ire)--Peut Etre (Ire), by Whipper.** (550,000gns Ylg '18 TAOCT). O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed Al Maktoum; B-Knocktoran Stud (IRE); T-Salem bin Ghadayer. \$26,000.

3--**Kimbear, 126, h, 7, Temple City--Sky Dreamer, by Sky Mesa.** (\$30,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP). O-RRR Racing; B-John C. Oxley (KY); T-Doug Watson. \$13,000.

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Margins: 3 3/4, 1 3/4, 5 3/4. Also Ran: Trancaferro (Uru), Oasis Charm (GB). Also Ran (DNF): Matterhorn (Ire).

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**FLATTER COLT UP LATE FOR GUINEAS SCORE**

*By Kelsey Riley*

**Mouheeb (Flatter)** was a \$400,000 selection at last June's OBS Spring Sale of Two-Year-Olds In Training, and started out with plenty of expectation riding on his shoulders being a full-brother to the GII Swale S. scorer and GI Champagne S. and GI Malibu S.-placed Favorable Outcome (**Flatter**), and a half-brother to the listed-winning and multiple graded placed Bellamentary (Bellamy Road). Mouheeb got off the mark on debut on Dec. 18 in a Jebel Ali maiden before finishing a head second to Godolphin's dual winner Rebel's Romance (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}) in the UAE 2000 Guineas Trial on Jan. 14, and went one better in his stakes debut in Thursday's G3 UAE 2000 Guineas.



**Mouheeb | Dubai Racing Club**

content to let **Meshakel (Ire)** (Shamardal) set the tempo, with Godolphin's top-rated **Naval Crown (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}) splitting them. About three lengths separated the trio as they ran into the bend, with Mouheeb poised three wide upon straightening. Mouheeb came with a sustained rally under a drive down the middle of the course, and though he may have given his backers a few anxious moments, he reeled in a game Meshakel in the dying strides to win by a neck. Naval Crown stuck on for third, 6 3/4 lengths clear of the remainder of the field.

Curatolo, who was riding his first winner at Meydan, said, "This win means everything to me, I want to thank god, and the connections. The horse proved that he was the best today. He is a very talented horse, and last time we almost got there. He is a bit inexperienced, but he is getting better with time. The trainer did a very good job with him and his rider in the morning did a good job as well, because he can be quite difficult. Today he was more relaxed before the race, and that was good. This is a super special moment for me tonight, I am very pleased for the people who gave me the opportunity, and hopefully I can maintain that. I think this horse can go a bit longer, and his trainer will see what is best for him."

**Pedigree Notes**

Mouheeb is the sixth foal out of the Listed Finger Lakes Juvenile Fillies S. winner Shananies Song (Eltish), who had previously produced the aforementioned Favorable Outcome and Bellamentary, and who has a 2-year-old filly by **Gun Runner** and a yearling son of **Candy Ride (Arg)**.

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Breaking on the rail under Ryan Curatolo, Mouheeb was

**Thursday, Meydan, Dubai**

**UAE 2000 GUINEAS SPONSORED BY HAMDAN BIN MOHAMMED CRUISE TERMINAL-G3, \$125,000, Meydan, 2-4, 3yo, 8f, 1:36.46, fs.**

**1--MOUHEEB, 126, c, 3, by Flatter**

**1st Dam: Shananies Song (SW-US, \$158,270), by Eltish**

**2nd Dam: Shananies Presence, by Shananie**

**3rd Dam: Presenting, by President (Fr)**

**1ST STAKES WIN.** (\$400,000 2yo '20 OBSJUN). O-Sheikh Ahmed bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Charles T. Matses (KY); T-Nicholas Bachalard; J-Ryan Curatolo. \$75,000. Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, \$96,805. \*Full to Favorable Outcome, GSW & MG1SP-US, \$215,059; 1/2 to Bellamentary (Bellamy Road), SW & MGSP-US, \$216,200. **Werk Nick Rating: A+.** [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#)

**2--Meshakel (Ire), 126, c, 3, Shamardal--Mehronissa (GB) by Iffraaj (GB).** (500,000gns Ylg '19 TAOCT). O/T-Salem Rashid Ghadayer; B-Rabbah Bloodstock Ltd (IRE). \$25,000.

**3--Naval Crown (GB), 126, c, 3, Dubawi (Ire)--Come Alive (GB), by Dansili (GB).** O/B-Godolphin (GB); T-Charlie Appleby. \$12,500.

Margins: NK, 3 3/4, 6 3/4. Also Ran: Grand Dubai (Ire), Zhou Storm (GB), Uncle Hamed.

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# FRANCE

**Thursday's Results:**

**1st-Chantilly, €25,000, Debutantes, 2-4, 3yo, 8f (AWT), 1:39.28, st.**

**BELLHARBOUR MUSIC (c, 3, Mshawish--Al Khazaaliya, by Blame),** sent off at 5-1, overcame a tardy start to race under cover in mid-pack throughout the early stages. Wearing down Complication (Fr) (**No Nay Never**) inside the final 50 metres, the dark bay asserted to score by half a length. The winner, the first runner in France for his second-crop sire, is the first foal out of a daughter of the Grade III-placed Erhu (Tactical Cat) who in turn produced the GII Forward Gal S. and GII Davona Dale S. scorer Onlyforyou (**Malibu Moon**) and stakes winner Dress the Part (**Malibu Moon**). Bred back to **Mshawish** in 2020, she produced another colt and this year visited **Outwork**. Sales history: \$30,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €12,500.

**Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Thomas Whitehead; B-Al Shaqab Racing (KY); T-Alessandro and Giuseppe Botti.



**2nd-Chantilly, €25,000, Mdn, 2-4, 3yo, c/g, 9 1/2f (AWT), 1:58.20, st.**

**GAGARIN'S MOON (FR) (c, 3, Sea the Moon {Ger}--Gagarina {Ire}, by Galileo {Ire}),** the 21-10 favourite despite making his debut here, was free early before being found cover behind the leading group. Shuffled back on the home turn, the bay had to employ another gear to catch Gordian (Fr) (Triple Threat {Fr}) but was able to and upstage that rival close home for a head success. The dam, whose 2-year-old and yearling fillies are by De Treville (GB), is a half to the GII San Clemente H. and GII Honeymoon Breeders' Cup H. winner Attima (GB) (Zafonic) and to the G3 Prix des Chenes runner-up San Domenico (GB) (Zamindar). Sales history: €90,000 RNA Ylg '19 AROCT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €12,500. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O/B-Rashit Shaykhutdinov (FR); T-Fabrice Chappet.

# BRITAIN

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Electric Blue (GB), f, 3, Gleneagles (Ire)--Blue Geranium (Ire), by Dansili (GB).** Chelmsford City, 2-4, 5f (AWT), :59.64. B-Miss K J Keir (GB). \*32,000gns Wlg '18 TATFOA; 32,000gns Ylg '19 TAOCT.

**Jacattack (Ire), g, 3, Anjaal (GB)--Onomatomania, by Mr. Greeley.** Southwell, 2-4, 4f 214y (AWT), :59.16. B-Rathasker Stud (IRE). \*58,000gns Ylg '19 TAOCT; 12,000gns 2yo '20 TATAHI. \*\*1/2 to Que Amoro (Ire) (Es Que Love {Ire}), SW & G1SP-Eng, \$195,383.



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**5th-Chantilly**, €25,000, Mdn, 2-4, 3yo, f, 9 1/2f (AWT), 1:57.42, st.

**INJERA (f, 3, California Chrome--Snooki, by Empire Maker)**, sent off the 33-10 second favourite, travelled strongly behind the leading trio early. Launched on the front end with 300 metres remaining, the bay was pushed out to beat Norrey (Fr) (Le Havre {Ire}) by 3/4 of a length. The winner, who becomes the first in Europe for her sire, is a half to Valdermoro (Declaration of War) who captured the G3 Acomb S. Their unraced dam is a half-sister to the stakes winner Coup De Coeur (Exchange Rate), who in turn threw the GII Honeymoon S. runner-up Animosity (Animal Kingdom) and is a granddaughter of the GI Santa Margarita Invitational H. heroine Lovlier Linda (Vigors). Linked therefore to the multiple graded-stakes-winning sire Old Trieste (A.P. Indy), she was bred to **Lord Nelson** last year and visits **Blame** this time around. Sales history: \$80,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €12,500. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Marco Bozzi; B-CESA Farm & Laberinto Farm & Racing Stables Corp (FL); T-Gianluca Bietolini.

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**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:**

**Hootton (Fr)**, g, 4, **Wootton Bassett (GB)**--Hot Marmalade (Fr), by Duke of Marmalade (Ire). Chantilly, 2-4, 8f (AWT), 1:37.61. B-Mme Y Seydoux De Clausonne (FR). \*€12,000 RNA Ylg '18 ARAUG.

## DUBAI

Friday, **Jebel Ali**, post time: 3:15 p.m.

**JEBEL ALI SPRINT SPONSORED BY SHADWELL**, AED500,000, NH/SH

3yo/up, 1000m

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	4	Al Tariq (Fr)	<b>Oasis Dream (GB)</b>	Dobbs	Watson	125
2	7	Alkaraama	<b>War Front</b>	Crowley	Al Mheiri	125
3	5	Dark Silver (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Jara	bin Harmash	125
4	8	Fanaar (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)	O'Neill	Watson	125
5	3	Habub	<b>War Front</b>	Cosgrave	Al Mheiri	125
6	2	Leading Spirit (Ire)	Excd & Excel (Aus)	O'Shea	Seemar	125
7	6	Raakezz	<b>Street Boss</b>	Curatolo	Bachalard	125
8	1	Shanaghay City	Shanghai Bobby	Veron	Bouresly	125



Injera, a \$80,000 Keeneland September yearling, becomes the first winner in Europe for California Chrome | Scoop Dyga

**Friday, Jebel Ali, post time: 4:15 p.m.**

**JEBEL ALI S., AED500,000, NH4yo/up & SH3yo/up, 1950m**

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	7	Eqiraan (Ire)	Helmet (Aus)	Crowley	Al Rayhi	125
2	2	Firnas (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Ffrench	bin Ghadayer	125
3	11	Just a Penny (Ire)	Kodiak (GB)	Dobbs	Watson	125
4	12	Lucius Tiberius (Ire)	<b>Camelot (GB)</b>	Curatolo	Hussain	125
5	4	Mondain (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	de Vries	Al Rayhi	125
6	10	Poet's Prince (GB)	Poet's Voice (GB)	Jara	bin Harmash	125
7	6	Saltarin Dubai (Arg)	E Dubai	Mullen	Seemar	125
8	5	Tailor's Row	Street Cry (Ire)	Santiago	bin Ghadayer	125
9	3	Zorion (GB)	Smart Strike	Crouch	Alalawi	125
10	8	Mazagran (GB)	<b>War Front</b>	O'Shea	Seemar	124
11	1	Mkfancy (Fr)	Makfi (GB)	Ziani	bin Ghadayer	124
12	9	Sanad Libya	<b>Tapiture</b>	Cosgrave	Seemar	124

**Thursday's Results:**

**MEYDAN CUP SPONSORED BY P & O MARINAS-Listed, \$88,000, Meydan, 2-4, NH4yo/up & SH 3yo/up, 2810mT, 2:54.90, gd.**

- 1--**DUBAI FUTURE (GB)**, 129, g, 5, Dubawi (Ire)--Anjaz (GSW-US, \$195,378), by Street Cry (Ire). **1ST STAKES WIN.** O/B-Godolphin (GB); T-Saeed bin Suroor; J-Frankie Dettori. \$52,800. Lifetime Record: GSP-UAE, 12-4-4-0, \$281,069.
- 2--**Volcanic Sky (GB)**, 126, g, 6, Street Cry (Ire)--Short Skirt (GB) by Diktat (GB). O/B-Godolphin (GB); T-Saeed bin Suroor. \$17,600.
- 3--**Global Heat (Ire)**, 121, g, 5, Toronado (Ire)--Raskutani (GB), by Dansili (GB). (190,000gns Wlg '16 TATFOA; 325,000gns Ylg '17 TAOCT). O-Godolphin; B-Wellsummers Farm (IRE); T-Saeed bin Suroor. \$8,800.

Margins: 1HF, 1, 4HF. Also Ran: Ispolini (GB), Ghostwatch (Ire), Chouain (Fr), Halimi (Ire), Communique (Ire), Moonlight Spirit (Ire), Desert Fire (Ire).

**Click for the [Racing Post result](#). [VIDEO](#).**

Dubai Future displayed an affinity for the Meydan turf at last year's carnival, winning a 2400 metre handicap first up as a lightly raced 4-year-old before closing out his local campaign when finishing second in the G3 Nad Al Sheba Trophy over this trip on Feb. 27. After failing to make an impression in three starts in Britain last summer, Dubai Future was gelded and returned in the fall to finish second in a mile and a half Newbury handicap on Sept. 18. He filled the same slot in the Jan. 21 Listed Dubai Racing Club Classic, and went one better on Thursday to earn his first black-type rosette. Away on top from gate four, Dubai Future had dropped back to race in a joint third on the rail by the time the field reached the first turn.

Biding his time under Frankie Dettori as the front runners stretched their lead down the backstretch, Dubai Future swung three-wide for room coming off the final bend and set his sights on the lead. The bay reeled in the late leader Volcanic Sky at the furlong marker and pulled away for a straightforward score.

"As you expect Frankie has given him a very good ride and was always in the right place," said trainer Saeed bin Suroor. "It is great to have him back riding for us regularly. This horse stays well and will stick to this type of race, but will probably step up in class."

Dubai Future is the second foal out of the dual graded stakes winner Anjaz, herself a daughter of the Group 1-winning Playful Act (Ire) (Sadler's Wells). Playful Act is a sister to G1 Irish Oaks winner Great Heavens (GB) (**Galileo {Ire}**) and G1 King George VI and Queen Elizabeth S. scorer and sire Nathaniel (Ire) (**Galileo {Ire}**), as well as the group winners Percussionist (Ire) (Sadler's Wells), Changing Skies (Ire) (Sadler's Wells) and Echoes In Eternity (Ire) (Spinning World). Anjaz is a half-sister to Giants Play (Giant's Causeway), winner of the GII New York S. and the dam of G3 Deutsches St Leger and G3 Nad Al Sheba Trophy victor Ispolini (GB) (Dubawi {Ire})--who was back in fourth here--and a full-sister to the listed-winning Tearless (GB) (Street Cry {Ire}). Anjaz's 3-year-old Final Thought (Ire) (Sea The Stars {Ire}) was a winner at Wolverhampton last autumn for trainer Saeed bin Suroor and has run twice at this season's Dubai carnival. The mare has a 2-year-old filly by Shamardal and a yearling daughter of Invincible Spirit (Ire).

**Dubai Results cont. p13**



**Dubai Future** | Dubai Racing Club

**DUBAI SPRINT SPONSORED BY JAFZA-Listed**, \$88,000, Meydan, 2-4, NH4yo/up & SH 3yo/up, 6fT, 1:09.26, gd.

1--**MAN OF PROMISE, 121, g, 4, Into Mischief--Involved, by Speightstown.** (\$170,000 Ylg '18 KEESep). **1ST STAKES WIN.** O-Godolphin; B-Betz/Magers/CoCo Equine/Kidder/Lamantial/Davidson (KY); T-Charlie Appleby; J-William Buick. \$52,800. Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-1, \$62,326.

2--**Final Song (Ire)**, 130, f, 4, Dark Angel (Ire)--Rahiyah, by Rahy. O/B-Godolphin (IRE); T-Saeed bin Suroor. \$17,600.

3--**Fleeting Prince (Ire)**, 126, c, 4, **No Nay Never--My Sweet Georgia (Ire)**, by Royal Applause (GB). (€70,000 Wlg '17 GOFNOV; £70,000 Ylg '18 DBSPRM). O-Susan Roy; B-Edgeridge Ltd (IRE); T-Charles Hills. \$8,800.

Margins: 3, 1 1/4, 3/4.

Also Ran: Could Be King (GB), Es Raco (Ire), Ekhtiyaar (GB), Yaalail (Ire), Kilfrush Memories (Fr), Alfareeq (Ire), Vale of Kent (Ire), King Ragnar (GB), Wings of Time (GB), Dream Today (Ire), Ottoman Court (GB). Scratched: Moraawed (GB), Motafaawit (Ire), Silver Line (Ire), Verboten (Ire). **Click for the Racing Post result. VIDEO.**

Man Of Promise lived further up to his name on Thursday with a first black-type score in Meydan's Listed Dubai Sprint. Third on debut at Ascot in July of 2019 behind the talented pair of Mums Tipple (Ire) (**Footstepsinthesand {GB}**) and Molatham (GB) (Night Of Thunder {Ire}), Man Of Promise was not seen for almost a year until he resurfaced at Yarmouth to win a seven-furlong maiden last June. He finished second in a six-furlong Newmarket handicap last August before being gelded and was making his first start since that operation here. Exiting the extreme outside gate 14, Man Of Promise led the stands' side group through the opening skirmishes. Put to a drive by William Buick approaching the 300 metre mark, Man Of Promise stretched late for a smooth three-length score over Final Song. "He is a neat horse and he showed a little more speed today than what I expected," said Buick. "He travelled beautifully, and it was a nice performance and he can only get better".



Man Of Promise | Dubai Racing Club

The first winner in the UAE for his champion American-based sire **Into Mischief** from six starters there, Man Of Promise is out of the winning **Speightstown** mare Involved, who is a half-sister to stakes winners Skip To The Stone (Skip Trial) and My Heavenly Sign (Forest Camp). Involved has a 2-year-old colt by **Runhappy** and produced a filly by **Into Mischief's** half-brother **Mendelssohn** last year.

**4th-Meydan, Hcp**, \$68,000, NH4yo/up & SH 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10.44, fs.

**CANVASSED (IRE) (g, 6, Shamardal--Painter's Pride {Fr}, by Dansili {GB})** Sales history: 350,000gns Ylg '16 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 7-3-0-2, \$71,639. O-Sheikh Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum; B-Dayton Investments (Breeding) Ltd; T-Doug Watson. **Click for the Racing Post result. VIDEO.**

**5th-Meydan, Cond**, \$50,000, 3yo, 7fT, 1:24.21, gd.

**TOPPER BILL (FR) (g, 3, Intrinsic {GB}--Alyaa {Ire}, by Iffraaj {GB})** Sales history: €1,000 RNA Ylg '19 ARQFEB. Lifetime Record: 6-3-0-0, \$64,515. O-Ali Al Shafar & Abdulla Al Shafar; B-Malih Al Basti (FR); T-Satish Seemar. **Click for the Racing Post result. VIDEO.**



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## TE AKAU SHARK, SILENT ACHIEVER PASS AWAY



Te Akau Shark and Kolding battle to the wire | Bronwen Healy

by Bren O'Brien

New Zealand has lost two equine champions on the same day, with confirmation that dual Group 1 winner **Te Akau Shark (NZ)** (Rip Van Winkle {Ire}) and four-time Group 1 heroine **Silent Achiever (NZ)** (O'Reilly {NZ}) have both died.

Te Akau Racing confirmed on Thursday that G1 BCD Sprint and G1 Chipping Norton S. winner, Te Akau Shark, had lost his battle with ill health, having been retired late last year due to an eye infection which had progressed into blindness.

The 6-year-old gelding, known as Darryl around the stable, had a special place within the heart of Te Akau Racing supremo David Ellis, who raced him with a large syndicate of owners, including Cronulla Sharks NRL legend Paul Gallen.

"It is with immense pain and sadness that we announce that our beloved Te Akau Shark has lost his brave health battle," the Te Akau statement read.

"A true warrior, Darryl your heart and courage, your determination and kindness, lit up the lives of everyone privileged to know you--as well as those who admired you from afar. You made us laugh, you made us proud, you brought so much joy--we fell in love with you over and over again, every single day, with your quirky personality. Your owners, our team, the racing world.

"You changed lives and left your indelible hoof prints stamped all over our hearts. Our grief has no words.

"Rest in peace our beautiful boy at Te Akau Stud, forever to gallop across our vast, green pastures. We are shattered by your loss and will be eternally grateful to have had you, our great, red giant, in our lives. We miss you terribly.

"You will be with us always, and forever."

### *A Silent Farewell*

Valachi Downs also confirmed on Thursday that Silent Achiever, the winner of the G1 New Zealand Derby, as well as the G1 The BMW, Ranvet S. and New Zealand S., had passed away aged 12.

"We are saddened to share the news of the loss of our Champion mare Silent Achiever, who delivered us so many memorable performances during her exceptional racing career," said breeder and owner Kevin Hickman. "She was a special mare who raced with heart and gave her all to every race."

Silent Achiever, a daughter of O'Reilly (NZ), was trained by Roger James and after breaking her maiden at Ellerslie in December 2011, would go on to win the G2 Championship S., the G3 Waikato Guineas and G2 Avondale Guineas before becoming the first filly since 1993 to win the New Zealand Derby.

She would run third in the G1 AJC Oaks, and the following spring recorded her first win in Australia, when victorious in the G2 Waterford Crystal Mile. She would contest many of Australasia's best staying races over the next 18 months but wouldn't win at the elite level again until March 2014, when claiming the New Zealand S. at Ellerslie.



Silent Achiever | TDNAusNZ

At her next start, the then 5-year-old mare won the G1 Ranvet S. and followed that up with success in the G1 The BMW, beating another New Zealand champion in (It's A) Dundee (NZ).

The highlight of her 6-year-old campaign was her third placing in the 2014 G1 Cox Plate.

She was crowned Champion New Zealand 3-year-old in 2011-12 and Champion New Zealand Stayer in 2013-14.

Upon her retirement James described Silent Achiever as the ultimate fighter, saying: "She's the kind of mare that will bust her guts for you every time. She would run her heart out. I was privileged to train her."

She would finish her career with 10 wins from 36 starts and over NZ\$3.6 million in prizemoney.

"As a young horse she was just an average horse, pretty small, nothing that would stand out from the crowd. You'd never dream that she would one day turn into the racehorse she did. It's a tough day for us as we reflect on her wonderful career, but we're so thankful to have experienced breeding and owning a mare like her," Hickman said.

Silent Achiever was sent to Europe to embark on her breeding career, but none of her progeny have yet made it to the track. Lady Faustina (GB), a daughter of **Frankel (GB)**, is starting out on a breeding career of her own. There is a 3-year-old colt by **Frankel**, a 2-year-old colt by **Galileo (Ire)** and a yearling colt by **Kingman (GB)**, all of whom are with Valachi Racing.

She is one of five winners from the mare Winning Spree (NZ) (Zabeel {NZ}), who also produced the stakes-placed Anotherchancetaken (NZ) (No Excuse Needed {GB}).

### ***From Passed-in Yearling to Group 1 Star***

Bred by Waikato breeder Darrel Hollinshead, Te Akau Shark was initially offered at the 2016 New Zealand Bloodstock National Yearling Sale, where he passed in short of his NZ\$70,000. Offered by Lyndhurst Farm at the NZB Ready to Run Sale after that year, Ellis picked him up for NZ\$230,000.

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He debuted for Jamie Richards, then working in partnership with Steven Autridge, with a win at Te Rapa in September 2017 and followed that up with a win at Matamata the following month. At his third start, he placed fourth in a G1 2000 Guineas at Riccarton. He didn't return until he was a 4-year-old, winning a benchmark race at Hastings on the same day his illustrious stable companion, Melody Belle (NZ) (Commands), won her second Group 1 race in the Tazino Trophy.

The following month, Te Akau Shark won his first stakes race, the G3 Red Badge Spring Sprint, and then became quite the boom horse when winning the G2 Coupland Bakeries Mile by 6l.

Ongoing soundness proved a challenge and again, he missed the autumn, not returning until the following August, where he was beaten narrowly in the G2 Foxbridge Plate.

He then headed to Australia where he ran placings in the G2 Tramway, the G1 Epsom H. and then the G1 Cox Plate at just his 10th start.

He broke his Group 1 drought in the BCD Sprint at Te Rapa last February in brilliant fashion and headed back to Australia where he won the G1 Chipping Norton S. beating star Kiwi-bred mare Verry Elleegant (NZ) (Zed {NZ}).

He would round off his career with a third in the G1 George Ryder S. and a fifth in the G1 Queen Elizabeth S.

It was during this trip to Australia that Te Akau Shark picked up an infection which would end his career, and unfortunately lead to the complications by which he lost his life.

His 14-start career featured seven wins and over \$1.5 million in prizemoney.

Te Akau Shark was out of G2 Waikato Gold Cup winner Bak de Chief (NZ) (Chief Bearheart {Can}), who has produced five winners in total. Among them is his younger full brother Baby Shark (NZ), who is owned by Te Akau, while there is a yearling full brother as well as a 2-year-old half-brother by Redwood (GB), called Gambu (NZ), which is in training with Chris Waller.



**Prime Star** earlier this year | *Ashlea Brennan*