

ELECTION MAY BE OVER, BUT STEVE KORNACKI ISN'T DONE ANALYZING RACES



Steve Kornacki | Getty Images

by Bill Finley

This Saturday, Steve Kornacki, a national political correspondent for NBC News, will compile and study reams of data and make informed decisions. But he won't be trying to figure out if the numbers say that Joe Biden Jr. will beat Donald Trump in Pennsylvania or anything else politically related. His main concern will be who is going to win the feature at Gulfstream Park.

Kornacki is well known to NBC and MSNBC viewers and political junkies. For hours before and after each election, stationed in front of an electoral map, he's the one making sense of the numbers, trends and voting patterns. Able to continue on for days at a time without sleep, Kornacki has been called a national treasure. That doesn't leave Kornacki with a lot of free time, but he still manages to carve out a few hours every weekend to enjoy one of his favorite hobbies, betting the races. He normally has Saturdays off, so that's when he takes a deep dive into the past performances and bets on the major tracks running that day.

Like many, Kornacki, 41, was introduced to racing by a relative. He had an uncle who owned a business in Maine and would take his young nephew to the harness races at Scarborough Downs.

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FASIG-TIPTON WINTER MIXED SALE STARTS MONDAY by Jessica Martini

The Fasig-Tipton Winter Mixed Sale, ideally positioned just ahead of next week's start of the breeding season, opens for its two-day run Monday morning at Newtown Paddocks. Hips one through 324, a collection of racing and breeding prospects and short yearlings, will be offered Monday and will be followed Tuesday by hips 325 through 673. Bidding begins each day at 10 a.m.

"I've always really liked this sale because of its timing," said consignor Zach Madden, whose Buckland Sales brings a 13-horse consignment into the auction. "There is a little bit of an urgency, a little bit of a, 'Hey this is my last chance to pick up a mare to breed something this year.' I definitely think there is an urgency to get stuff done."

Brendan Gallagher, whose Frankfort Park Farm has a 10-horse offering at the sale, agreed. **Cont. p4**

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MARSHALL CASSIDY PASSES AWAY

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Marshall Cassidy, announcer at the New York tracks from 1979 through 1990, passed away Sunday at his home in Saratoga Springs, NY.



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Kornacki Not Done Analyzing Races

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"I was pretty young when I got into it," he said. "My uncle owns a beach store in Southern Maine and when I was six or seven years old, he took me one night during the summer to Scarborough Downs. This was the late eighties, so there was no simulcasting or anything. It was just the trotters. I picked five straight winners that night. He still talks about that and he didn't bet any of them. I don't think I've had a night like that since."

It was that same uncle who taught him a system, the 13 system. Kornacki acknowledges that it may be a silly way to play the races, but he still incorporates it into his handicapping.

"It might be the stupidest system you've ever heard of, but we swear by it," he said. "It's called the 13 system. My uncle got it from a guy who was a jockey agent back at Suffolk Downs in the sixties. It's very simple. The last three finishes, if they add up to a 13 you bet the horse. It's the first thing I look for now when I get a program. I go through every race and circle them. Last Saturday at Aqueduct, in the second to last race, the winner was 19-1 and he was a 13 horse. It forces you to take a horse you otherwise would never take. When they come in, you can hit a big payout."

Kornacki grew up in Groton, Massachusetts, a short distance from Suffolk Downs and Rockingham Park, and would spend

many a day or night at those tracks while in high school or later at college at Boston University. Starting with Alysheba in 1987, he began following the Triple Crown races closely every year.

Someone with an analytical mind, he's moved on from picking names and numbers and relying solely on the 13 system. Kornacki enjoys trying to solve the handicapping puzzle and though he says he's not very good at it, there have been some memorable hits along the way.

"The biggest payout I ever got when I really handicapped a race would have been the 2002 Pacific Classic," he said. "My horse was Came Home. War Emblem was running and all the money was on War Emblem. I believed in Came Home, loaded up on him, and he won."

Politics and horse racing don't exactly go together, but Kornacki finds that he often uses racing terms when analyzing an election. With 90% of the precincts reporting, Kornacki might say that election is coming "down the stretch." On the night of the New Hampshire primary, he mentioned Rockingham Park when going over the vote totals for Rockingham County.

"What everybody seems to notice is when I use the terminology," he said. "Unconsciously, I use so much of the language of horse racing because it applies to a political race and to election returns. I've definitely done that a lot on the air."

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"I was sitting in for Brian Williams and we did a Kentucky Derby preview," Kornacki said. "I told them at the outset that my track record was not that impressive. They ran a banner at the bottom of the screen that said 'Steve is really bad at picking horses.' I definitely didn't have the winner."

After the 2020 election, NBC decided to let Kornacki branch out and he was used on NFL broadcasts. Using the same style he uses for political races, Kornacki broke down the NFL playoff picture.

"I loved doing that," he said. "I was so psyched to get that opportunity. I am an NFL fan, so I didn't think, in terms of the subject that it would be a reach for me. My concern when they first reached out to me was that I didn't want it to become gimmicky. We did playoff probabilities, which was the perfect way in. The minute we put the graphics together I could see that it was a logical extension of what I've been doing. I hope it didn't come across as a gimmick at all because it was real information and the spotting of trends."

With NBC having the rights to the Triple Crown races and the Breeders' Cup, perhaps there is a way to include Kornacki and what he does on racing broadcasts. He's not quite sure how that

would work, but says if it ever came up he would be interested., even if he's not the best handicapper out there.

"From my standpoint, I'd love to see if there is something possible with the racing shows," he said. "They have Eddie O (Olczyk) to do the handicapping. My friends and family have said don't let them talk you into doing the handicapping because you'll embarrass yourself. That's probably right. So we probably will have to come up with something else for me to do."

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Fasig-Tipton Winter Sale Starts Monday

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"It's the last opportunity to invest before the stud season for people that want to buy mares to breed to certain stallions and shareholders," Gallagher said. "It's always been a decent sale for quality. So that's going to be the same old story."

But consignors are still expecting to see the common polarization in the marketplace, with high demand for the perceived quality offerings and lesser demand at lower ends of the market.

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All of the Classic Empires that I have are very professional and extremely athletic on the track. All indications at this time are that they look quick and early." **Mark Casse**



“exceptional”

I have three Classic Empires and they are all exceptionally well minded, great training, precocious looking horses. I really like them and am expecting big things from them. The colt out of Enchante in particular is exceptional and could really ring a bell in Miami." **Clovis Crane**



“really good”

I have two Classic Empires and I love the way they train. The colt out of Just Parker is good in the gate, fearless and everything I ask him to do he does it with ease. He is going to Miami and he looks like he could be a breakout at that sale if he gallops the way he trains. A really good colt." **Barry Eisaman**



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Gallagher continued, “But the good ones will sell well, which I suppose we can live with. The day when we have the good horses and we don’t have trade, well then we’re all in trouble. So that’s the way it is and it’s going to be the same.”

The Winter Mixed sale is the third major auction of the year, following the Keeneland January Horses of All Ages Sale and the Ocala Breeders’ Sales Company’s Winter Mixed Sale. Both of those previous sales proved there is still demand in the marketplace which has shown its resiliency as buyers and sellers adjust to the new normal in the wake of the global pandemic.

“I would just say from looking at the other sales that the good individuals will still sell well,”

said Ron Blake, whose Blake-Albina Thoroughbred Services has 19 horses on offer at Fasig-Tipton this week. “I think there is probably less demand for horses that are not at that top level. Of course that’s the way it’s been for a while, but during the

pandemic, I think it’s even more stressed. If you make it into that top 10% or 20% of the horses, you can still get very good money, but if you fall below that, it can be a crap shoot depending on how far below that you fall. I think if you still have a good horse, there is plenty of money for it.”

Despite the swirling uncertainties caused by the ongoing pandemic, Madden and Gallagher both see reasons to be optimistic about the state of the market.

“I had friends and clients that sold at OBS, and obviously we were over at Keeneland in January, and the good news, I think, is you really didn’t have that doom and gloom and people with their chins down,” Madden said. “It seemed like when we were first getting the sales back going, people were just wondering

what was happening. But people know the reality now. So I feel like that whole doom-and-gloom aspect is out of it. And at the end of the day, most of us are eternal optimists.

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Madden continued, “I do think people still want quality and they are very tough on vetting and all of that other stuff, but I just feel like the worst--knock on wood--is over. We are all battle tested now, so while we still have things to overcome, I think we can still see the light at the end of the tunnel.”



Zach Madden | Fasig-Tipton photo

With Gulfstream Park and Sam Houston Race Park among the most recent tracks to announce record handle figures, Gallagher thinks demand for racehorses will only get higher.

“I know the number of foals being bred is reducing and I know that the margins for the breeders--the market for foals is down 27% or something since 2017 and that’s a hard nut to crack--but in saying that, the handle at racecourses is going up--we had another record handle there last week with the [GIII] Holy Bull [S. at Gulfstream]. So racing as a sport stands out even a bit at the moment, so if the handle is going up it will have to turn around. And if you have a smaller market because the numbers are going down, I believe that it will come back. I honestly believe that. Demand will go up.”

He continued, “We sell a lot of foals, we’ll foal 43 here this year, so for us with that 27% drop since 2017, that’s a tough one for a farm like ours. If I was hearing that betting was going down or that people weren’t interested in racing anymore, then it might be time to do something else. But at the moment, you have to be upbeat about it because I think it’s got to come back.”

Comparing the uncertainties of the 2020/2021 market to the crash of 2008 and its aftermath, Gallagher thinks the top of the market will remain strong.

“The difference from 12 years ago, with the market, the wealthy people took a real hammering,” he said. “I don’t think that’s happened with the pandemic this time, in general. Yes there is fear there, but it’s not as if the bottom has fallen out of financial markets in the world. It hasn’t. The top is still there.”

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FORMER NYRA ANNOUNCER MARSHALL CASSIDY PASSES AWAY AT 75 *by Bill Finley*

Marshall Cassidy, the announcer at the New York tracks from 1979 through 1990, passed away Sunday at his home in Saratoga Springs, NY. He was 75.

According to friends of Cassidy, he died in his sleep. The cause of death was not immediately known.

Cassidy began his announcing career as the backup caller to Dave Johnson and then Chic Anderson. After Anderson passed away in 1979, Cassidy was promoted to the job of head announcer. In 1990, after the Saratoga meet concluded, he was replaced by Tom Durkin.

Over his years at NYRA, his calls could also be heard on WCBS radio, ABC, NBC, CBS and ESPN.

“He was my assistant for about five years,” Johnson said. “It was a real pressure cooker job because we were also doing the TV show on WOR at the time. In all that time, there was never a cross word between us. He was such a pro and such a good man.”



Marshall Cassidy | *Tod Marks*

After leaving the announcers job, Cassidy worked on and off for NYRA as a racing official during the Saratoga meets. On Sept. 1, 2008, he ventured back into the booth and called a race at Saratoga.



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Cassidy’s calls were usually straightforward, but when it came to Easy Goer, he showed some provincial pride. He was not “Easy Goer” but “New York’s Easy Goer.” He wound down his call of the 1989 GI Belmont S., with the following words: “It’s New York’s Easy Goer in front.”

“I grew up listening to Marshall’s calls and was always a big fan,” said Larry Collmus, who took the NYRA announcing job after Durkin left. “He had a classic and classy delivery that was so pleasant to the ear. When I became the NYRA announcer, Marshall and I developed a friendship that I’m so glad we had. He would visit me in the booth at Saratoga and would share so many great stories. Every summer Marshall and I would have dinner with Sonny Taylor [longtime NYRA racing official] and hearing their tales of the past was something special. I will miss Marshall and am so grateful to have had him as both an idol and a friend.”

“This is very sad news,” said Fair Grounds announcer John Dooley, who was an up-and-coming backup announcer at NYRA in the late eighties. “When I worked for the New York Racing Association, he really took me under his wing when I was starting off as a race caller. He was such a kind man, a great person. He took the time to help me, a wannabee announcer. It was because of him that I was eventually able to call races in New York. I owe him a real debt of gratitude.”

Cassidy came from one of the most prominent families in New York racing. His grandfather, Marshall Whiting Cassidy, worked as a head starter, a steward and as the executive secretary of The Jockey Club. He is credited with inventing the modern starting gate. Cassidy’s great-grandfather, Mars Cassidy, was also a longtime starter at the NYRA tracks, as was Cassidy’s great uncle, George Cassidy.

“I’m immediately stereotyped as a bright boy with a silver spoon in his mouth,” Cassidy said in 1974. “I have to overcome this image by proving myself with hard work. As many people loved my grandfather as many hated him. I don’t want people to judge me off my grandfather, but for myself.”

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SPENDTHRIFT ACQUIRES INTEREST IN KEEPMEINMIND

B. Wayne Hughes's Spendthrift Farm has acquired a 50% ownership interest in graded stakes winner **Keepmeinmind** (**Laoban**). The 3-year-old colt was second behind Essential Quality (**Tapit**) in the GI Claiborne Breeders' Futurity and third behind that subsequent champion in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile before concluding his 2-year-old campaign with a win in the GII Kentucky Jockey Club S. He currently sits second on the GI Kentucky Derby leaderboard with 18 points.

“We are delighted to be a part of such an exciting young racehorse as Keepmeinmind, and thankful to Cypress Creek and Arnold Bennewith for the opportunity to join the team,” said Ned Toffey, Spendthrift general manager. “We believe Keepmeinmind is poised for a big 3-year-old year. He demonstrated tremendous talent as a 2-year-old, placing twice in Grade Is, including the Breeders’ Cup Juvenile and finishing up the year in style with a convincing win in the Kentucky Jockey Club S. at Churchill.”

Campaigned by Cypress Creek LLC and Arnold Bennewith, Keepmeinmind is entered in next Saturday's GII Risen Star S. at Fair Grounds and will make his seasonal debut either there or in the Feb. 15 GIII Southwest S. at Oaklawn Park.

Trained by Robertino Diodoro, the bay colt is expected to work at Oaklawn Monday morning before a decision is made on his next start.

“There’s a couple of variables,” Diodoro told the Oaklawn communications department on a decision between the two races. “I think we’re going to wait and see the next 72 hours. The short field here is a little bit of a concern with his running style. If you’ve got a speed horse, like a couple of guys do in the race, perfect having five, six horses. But when you have a come from behind, that’s not the most ideal thing.”

Keepmeinmind recently breezed a bullet five furlongs in :59 flat (1/17) Feb. 2 at Oaklawn.

Autrey Bloodstock brokered the deal for Spendthrift to join the current ownership group.

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Jonathan D. Cohen, *The Washington Post*

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Foal born Feb. 1, a filly by **Quality Road**.

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Saturday, Fair Grounds, post time: 7:18 p.m. EST

RISEN STAR S. PRESENTED BY LAMARQUE FORD-GII, \$400,000, 3yo, 1 1/8m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Starrininmydreams	Super Saver	Stewart Racing Stable and WinStar Farm LLC	Stewart	Hernandez, Jr.	122
2	Proxy	Tapit	Godolphin, LLC	Stidham	Velazquez	122
3	Beep Beep	Tapizar	Marylou Whitney Stables	Casse	Mena	122
4	Carillo 🦟	Union Rags	Tramontin, Greg, Politi, Joel, Brittlyn Stable, Inc. and Asaro Enterprises Inc.	Amoss	Graham	122
5	Senor Buscador	Mineshaft	Joe R. Peacock, Jr.	Fincher	Quinonez	122
6	Midnight Bourbon 🦟	Tiznow	Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC	Asmussen	Talamo	122
7	O Besos	Orb	Bernard, L. Barrett, Tagg Team Racing and West Point Thoroughbreds	Foley	Pedroza	122
8	Sermononthemount	Tale of Ekati	Kevin Shane Porter	Dixon	Carroll	122
9	Defeater 🦟	Union Rags	Nice Guys Stables, Manganaro Bloodstock and Hornstock, Steve	Amoss	Saenz	122
10	Santa Cruiser	Dialed In	Calumet Farm	Desormeaux	Beschizza	122
11	Mandaloun	Into Mischief	Juddmonte Farms, Inc.	Cox	Geroux	122
12	Keepmeinmind	Laoban	Cypress Creek Equine, Bennewith, Arnold and Spendthrift Farm LLC	Diodoro	Cohen	122
13	Rightandjust	Awesome Again	Wayne T. Davis	Wilson	Murrill	122

Breeders: 1-Dallas Stewart & WinStar Farm, LLC, 2-Godolphin, 3-Marylou Whitney Stables LLC, 4-Paul Pompa Jr., 5-Joe R Peacock Sr. & Joe R Peacock Jr., 6-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC, 7-L. Barrett Bernard, 8-Charles Fipke, 9-Royal Oak Farm & Chadds Ford Stables, 10-Calumet Farm, 11-Juddmonte Farms Inc, 12-Southern Equine Stables, LLC, 13-Gary & Mary West Stables Inc.

Saturday, Fair Grounds, post time: 6:47 p.m. EST

RACHEL ALEXANDRA S. PRESENTED BY FASIG-TIPTON-GII, \$300,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Clairiere	Curlin	Stonestreet Stables LLC	Asmussen	Talamo	122
2	Souper Sensational	Curlin	Live Oak Plantation	Casse	Carroll	122
3	Moon Swag 🦟	Malibu Moon	King, Brad, Cone, Jim, Bryant, Scott, Kirby, Stan and Kirby, Suzanne	Walsh	Beschizza	122
4	Off We Go	Air Force Blue	B.C.W.T. Ltd.	Amoss	Murrill	122
5	Becca's Rocket 🦟	Orb	Norman, Mark and Norman Stables LLC	Gelner	Pedroza	122
6	Zoom Up 🦟	Upstart	Cosmic Racing, LLC	Amoss	Graham	122
7	Littlestitious 🦟	Ghostzapper	Joel Politi	Amoss	Hernandez	122
8	Travel Column	Frosted	OXO Equine LLC	Cox	Geroux	122
9	Charlie's Penny	Race Day	Lothenbach Stables, Inc.	Block	Hernandez, Jr.	122

Breeders: 1-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC, 2-Newtownanner Stud, 3-Spendthrift Farm LLC, 4-Pippa's Hurricane LLC, 5-Machmer Hall, 6-Lantern Hill Farm LLC, 7-Mercedes Stables LLC, 8-Mr. & Mrs. Bayne Welker Jr. & Denali Stud, 9-Lothenbach Stables Inc

Saturday, Oaklawn, post time: 6:10 p.m. EST**RAZORBACK H.-GIII, \$600,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Owendale 🌿	Into Mischief	Rupp Racing	Cox	Rosario	120
2	Silver Prospector 🌿	Declaration of War	Orr, Ed and Orr, Susie	Asmussen	Santana, Jr.	117
3	Mystic Guide	Ghostzapper	Godolphin, LLC	Stidham	Saez	121
4	Mr Freeze 🌿	To Honor and Serve	Bakke, Jim and Isbister, Gerald	Romans	Cohen	119
5	Long Range Toddy	Take Charge Indy	Willis Horton Racing LLC	Stewart	Court	116
6	Wells Bayou 🌿	Lookin At Lucky	Gasaway, Clint, Gasaway, Lance, Madaket Stables LLC and Wonder Stables	Cox	Garcia	118
7	Coastal Defense 🌿	Curlin	Albaugh Family Stables LLC and Helen K. Groves Revocable Trust	Romans	Cabrera	115

Breeders: 1-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings, LLC, 2-Hargus Sexton, Sandra Sexton & Silver Fern Farm, LLC, 3-Godolphin, 4-Siena Farms LLC, 5-Willis Horton Racing LLC, 6-Knowles Bloodstock, Inc., 7-Helen K. Groves Revocable Trust

Saturday, Fair Grounds, post time: 5:44 p.m. EST**MINESHAFT S.-GIII, \$200,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Enforceable 🌿	Tapit	John C. Oxley	Casse	Beschizza	118
2	Wells Bayou 🌿	Lookin At Lucky	Gasaway, Clint, Gasaway, Lance, Madaket Stables LLC and Wonder Stables	Cox	Velazquez	118
3	Chess Chief	Into Mischief	Estate of James J. Coleman, Jr.	Stewart	Graham	118
4	Maxfield	Street Sense	Godolphin, LLC	Walsh	Geroux	122
5	Dinar 🌿	Union Rags	Al Rashid Stables, LLC	DeVaux	Bridgmohan	118
6	Sonneman 🌿	Curlin	Courtlandt Farms	Asmussen	Talamo	118
7	Blackberry Wine	Oxbow	Calumet Farm	Sharp	Saez	118

Breeders: 1-Clearsky Farms, 2-Knowles Bloodstock, Inc., 3-Morgan's Ford Farm, 4-Godolphin, 5-Royal Oak Farm, LLC, 6-Arnold Zetcher LLC, 7-Calumet Farm

Saturday, Fair Grounds, post time: 6:16 p.m. EST**FAIR GROUNDS S.-GIII, \$150,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/8mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Blackberry Wine	Oxbow	Calumet Farm	Sharp	Saez	118
2	Set Piece (GB)	Dansili (GB)	Juddmonte Farms, Inc.	Cox	Geroux	118
3	Artie's Rumor	Artie Schiller	Paradise Farms Corp. and Staudacher, David	Maker	Hernandez, Jr.	118
4	Danceteria (Fr)	Redoute's Choice (Aus)	Australian Bloodstock	Motion	Velazquez	118
5	Midnight Tea Time	Midnight Lute	Bella Cavello Stables	Sharp	Talamo	118
6	Logical Myth 🌿	Data Link	JPS Racing	Sharp	Beschizza	122
7	Dontblamerocket	Blame	AJ Suited Racing Stable, LLC	Casse	Mena	118
8	Factor This 🌿	The Factor	Gaining Ground Racing LLC	Cox	Bridgmohan	124
9	Peace Achieved 🌿	Declaration of War	JSM Equine LLC	Casse	Carroll	118
10	Captivating Moon	Malibu Moon	Lothenbach Stables, Inc.	Block	Pedroza	118
11	Spectacular Gem 🌿	Can the Man	Candie A. Baker	Baker	Graham	118

Breeders: 1-Calumet Farm, 2-Juddmonte Farms (East) Ltd, 3-River Ridge Ranch, 4-Berend Van Dalfsen, 5-Alex G. Campbell, Jr. Thoroughbreds, LLC, 6-Glendaleough LLC, 7-Whitham Thoroughbreds, LLC, 8-Maccabee Farm, 9-Rhinestone Bloodstock, 10-Lothenbach Stables Inc, 11-Ledgeland, LLC & Andrew Ritter

TWIRLING CANDY COLT RALLIES TO RISING STARDOM AS BEZOS FAILS TO DELIVER

Dream Shake (**Twirling Candy**), completely ignored at 20-1 while facing an extremely tough-looking group of Santa Anita sophomores led by Bob Baffert hype horse **Bezos** (Empire Maker), whipped around the turn and ran up the score to snag **'TDN Rising Star'** honors. The dark bay, who was a \$32,000 KEESSEP yearling turned \$75,000 OBSAPR buy off a **:10.1 breeze**, sported an unassuming worktab on paper capped by a 1:01 flat (11/64) spin a week earlier (**XBTV video**) for a typically patient barn.

Away well from his outside draw, Dream Shake was outsprinted by almost all of them early as Baffert's other runner Tivoli Twirl (**Twirling Candy**) showed the way with **Bezos** not far behind. He began to inch closer while four deep around the turn, and had caught up to the leaders as a :46.19 half was posted. The early pacesetters came up empty in the lane, but Dream Shake continued to kick on powerfully, scampering away 4 3/4 lengths to the good of second timer Harbored Memories (Harbor the Gold). **Bezos** checked in seventh, two spots ahead of Tivoli Twirl in last.

“The things that he did in his first half miles were quite impressive, but we never really tested him, we’ve always worked him against mediocrity most of the time and he’s done that pretty easily, so we were all optimistic about him, but you really don’t know until you put ‘em in the gate against the quality [competition] that we had today,” said winning trainer Peter Eurton. “Against a field of this stature today, I would’ve been happy with anything fourth and above. Now that he’s done this, it’s just a question of how he comes back. I think anything further, seven furlongs to a mile, would be very good. We’ll just try to enjoy this for now, but trust me, we’ll probably be looking for a race before the evening has ended.”

Dream Shake is a grandson of GSW Brownie Points (Forest Wildcat), who also produced MGSW near millionaire Synchrony (**Tapit**) and GSW Chocolate Kisses (**Candy Ride {Arg}**). Dam Even Song (Street Cry {Ire}) has a 2-year-old filly by **Astern (Aus)**.

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5th-Santa Anita, \$63,000, Msw, 2-7, 3yo, 6 1/2f, 1:17.34, ft, 4 3/4 lengths.

DREAM SHAKE, c, 3, Twirling Candy

1st Dam: Even Song, by Street Cry (Ire)

2nd Dam: Brownie Points, by Forest Wildcat

3rd Dam: Stylish Society, by Forty Niner

Sales history: \$32,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP; \$75,000 2yo '20 OBSAPR.

Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$36,600. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton. Click for the free Equine.com catalog-style pedigree.**

O-Exline-Border Racing LLC, SAF Racing & Richard Hausman; B-Dunwoody Farm (KY); T-Peter Eurton.

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1st-AQU, \$80K, Msw, 3yo, 7f, 1:20 p.m. ET

Jonathan Thomas sends out \$1-million Fasig-Tipton Saratoga grad **Will E Sutton (Curlin)** for Robert V. LaPenta, Stonestreet Stables and Bridlewood Farm on this card that was pushed back a day due to winter weather. The son of debut winner and stakes-placed juvenile Yes Liz (Yes It's True) sports an upbeat tab over the Belmont training track. **TJCIS PPs**

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Monday, Aqueduct, post time: 2:23 p.m. ET

RUTHLESS S., \$100,000, 3yo, f, 7f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1	Miss Brazil	Palace Malice	Cancel	Dutrow	1-1
2	Dealing Justice	Commissioner	Davis	Handal	4-1
3	It Can	Goldencents	Vargas Jr.	Rohena	30-1
4	Little Huntress	Frosted	Carmouche	Russell	7-2
5	Gulf Coast	Union Rags	Franco	Brisset	2-1



IN ORDER OF PURSE:

7th-Santa Anita, \$65,390, Alw (C)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 2-7, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:09.16, ft, 3 lengths.

EDGEWAY (f, 4, Competitive Edge--Magical Solution {SW}, by Stormin Fever), a front-running debut winner at Oaklawn last February, was third behind 'TDN Rising Star' and subsequently group placed Kimari (**Munnings**) and future multiple graded stakes winner Frank's Rockette (**Into Mischief**) in the Purple Martin S. in Arkansas last April. Winner of an optional claimer at that track Apr. 26, the filly had not been seen since finishing second in the Gill Dogwood S. at Churchill last June. The 1-2 favorite shadowed the pacesetters down the backstretch while racing three wide through an opening quarter in :21.93. She rolled up to challenge pacesetting Acting Out (**Blame**) after a half in :44.99, powered to the lead in upper stretch and strode clear to an easy three-length victory.

7th-SA cont.

Acting Out was second. Edgeway was a \$35,000 KEENOV weanling and a \$275,000 OBSAPR juvenile. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

Lifetime Record: GSP, 5-3-1-1, \$157,200.

O-Hronis Racing LLC; B-Pope McLean, Valerie & David Blethen (KY); T-John W. Sadler.



7th-Gulfstream, \$40,000, Alw (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$75,000), 2-7, 3yo, f, 1 1/16mT, 1:42.56, gd, 1 3/4 lengths.

JOUSTER (f, 3, Noble Mission {GB}--Playtime, by Street Cry {Ire}), named a **'TDN Rising Star'** on the back of her Jan. 10 local maiden win on the grass, made it consecutive victories Sunday. Pounded down to 10 cents on the dollar, the regally bred chalk charged straight to the head of affairs and enjoyed an open-length lead through splits of :25.02, :48.07 and 1:10.99. Her advantage grew to six lengths with 2 1/2 furlongs to travel, but she stayed on her incorrect lead in the stretch and began to tire. A determined rally by 33-1 longshot Gladys (**Medaglia d'Oro**) cut the final margin down to 1 3/4 lengths. "I was a little concerned running on soft ground today because she handled the firm ground so well last time. But she dug in and found a little more

when she had to despite going quick internal fractions," trainer Todd Pletcher said. "She got the job done. She's two-for-two now on the grass, so we'll try again." Runner-up when unveiled in the slop at Saratoga in August, the Starlight Racing colorbearer faded to fifth running a mile at Belmont Sept. 26. Playtime foaled a filly by **West Coast** last year. The 'Rising Star' is a granddaughter of champion juvenile filly Storm Flag Flying (Storm Cat), herself out of fellow GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies heroine My Flag (Easy Goer), a four-time Grade I winner. Juster's fourth dam was the incomparable Personal Ensign (Private Account). Sales history: \$360,000 Ylg '19 FTSAUG. Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-0, \$64,920. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Starlight Racing; B-St. Elias Stables, LLC (KY); T-Todd A. Pletcher.



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IN ORDER OF PURSE:

7th-Oaklawn, \$82,000, Msw, 2-7, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10.94, my, 3/4 length.

ALOHA WEST (c, 4, Hard Spun--Island Bound {GSP, \$277,790}, by Speightstown), let go at 9-1, was away slowly and trailed the field early. The dark bay colt made rapid progress on the turn and was rolled up four wide to challenge for the lead at the top of the lane. He splashed past Mighty Mischief (Into Mischief) in the final strides to graduate by 3/4 lengths. Aloha West was a \$160,000 KEESEP yearling. He has a yearling half-sister by Good Samaritan and Island Bound was bred to Divining Rod last year. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$49,200.

O-Gary & Mary West; B-Robert Manfuso & Katharine M. Voss (MD); T-Wayne M. Catalano.



Aloha West | Coady Photo

2nd-Santa Anita, \$64,000, Msw, 2-7, 3yo, f, 6fT, 1:09.66, fm, 2 3/4 lengths.

BLEU BALLON (f, 3, Air Force Blue--Entrechat {GSP, \$170,730}, by Giant's Causeway) was a solid second on debut here over course and distance Jan. 2, and was backed at 9-5 to go one better this time. Straight to the lead, the homebred doled out splits of :23.20 and :46.23 and never looked back en route to a 2 3/4-length tally. Firster Lady Macarena (Uncle Mo) nosed out

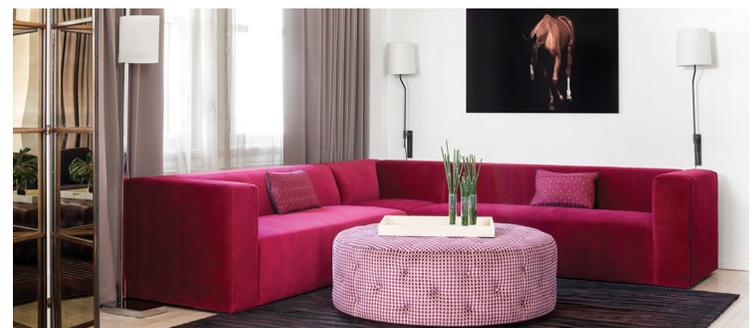
favorite and \$875,000 purchase Velvet (American Pharoah) for second. Stepside Farm acquired the winner's dam for \$280,000 as a Keeneland September yearling--she was a narrow in the 2015 GIII Providencia S. over nine panels on the local lawn and Blue Ballon is her first foal. The daughter of French SW and MGSP Ballet Pacifica (Minardi) has a 2-year-old colt by Practical Joke. She visited Oscar Performance for 2021. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$48,800. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O/B-Stepside Farm LLC (KY); T-Sean McCarthy.

6th-Laurel, \$52,160, Msw, 2-7, 3yo, f, 6 1/2f, 1:19.62, sy, 4 1/4 lengths.

GRAVITY'S RAINBOW (f, 3, Distorted Humor--Lady of Gold {GSP-Can, GSP-USA, \$254,598}, by Medaglia d'Oro), favored at 8-5 in this racecourse bow, pressed from second through an opening quarter in :22.80. Given some rein, she cruised up to even terms on the bend before starting to kick away. Swinging wider into the lane, the bay splashed clear, a 4 1/4-length winner. Asbuilt (Golden Lad) closed to take second. The second produce and winner from GIII Maple Leaf S. and GIII Red Carpet H. runner-up Lady of Gold, Gravity's Rainbow is from the extended family of Eclipse Champion Older Horse Lawyer Ron (Langfuhr), who won the GI Woodward S. and GI Whitney H. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$29,640. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

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3rd-Fair Grounds, \$51,000, Msw, 2-7, 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2ft, 1:06.01, gd, 1 length.

CAROLINE'S STORY (f, 4, Pioneerof the Nile--Baffle Me {MSW, \$531,696}, by First Samurai), a \$300,000 KEESEP yearling, overcame a troubled trip and closed to miss by just a neck when second over this course and trip Dec. 17. The 7-2 shot sat just off the early leaders. She inched closer turning for home and surged to the lead between foes with a furlong to run before holding sway over Ghosting Kim (**Ghostzapper**) to win by a length. Baffle Me produced colts by **More Than Ready** in 2019 and 2020 and was bred back to **Yoshida (Jpn)**. Her 2019 foal RNA'd for \$130,000 at last year's Keeneland September sale. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-0, \$38,710.

O-Gary Broad; B-WinStar Farm, LLC (KY); T-Christopher Davis.



6th-Gulfstream, \$40,000, Msw, 2-7, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:11.68, ft, 3 lengths.

BOSTON POST ROAD (f, 3, Quality Road--Lemon Bay, by Bernardini), whose one breeze available to view on XBTv was enough to conclude that she possessed some ability (4f, :50.60, 13/18, **Video**), was given a 3-1 chance facing a particularly well bred group of sophomore fillies Sunday. Away on top, the dark bay allowed a foe to take command but she kept that one honest through an opening quarter of :22.68 before poking a head in front into a :46.72 half. Pilot Paco Lopez gave several of his patented peeks back heading into the lane, and Boston Post Road responded willingly to his encouragement to hold off Mischiefful (**Into Mischief**) by three lengths. Bred just like these connections' GISW Dunbar Road (**Quality Road**), a Gulfstream debut romper herself, Boston Post Road is a full to Top Quality, SW & GSP-Can, MSW-USA, \$139,704. She has a 2-year-old half-brother by Tiznow and dam Lemon Bay was bred back to **Quality Road** last term. The winner's second dam is GSW Sweet Fervor (Seeking the Gold), a half to MGSW Concerto (Chief's Crown), et al. Sales history: \$525,000 Ylg '19 FTSAUG. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$24,000. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Peter M. Brant; B-Newtownanner Stud (KY); T-Chad C. Brown.



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9th-Gulfstream, \$40,000, Msw, 2-7, 3yo, f, 1m, 1:37.46, ft, 2 1/2 lengths.

OBLIGATORY (f, 3, Curlin--Uno Duo {SW, \$171,300}, by Macho Uno) settled for fourth after a rough start and being trapped behind a slow pace sprinting at Belmont Oct. 18. She was installed the 8-5 chalk to take to the added real estate here, with fellow Juddmonte colorbearer Precipitate (Pioneerof the Nile) her chief market rival. Away towards the back from her rail draw, the grey moved up a bit in between horses leaving the backside, but was shuffled back in traffic along the bend. She rallied resolutely heading for home, kept on kicking into the lane and ran down pacesetter Front Street (**Street Sense**) inside the sixteenth pole. Precipitate was third. Speedy dam Uno Duo, campaigned by the same connections, is a half to GISW and graded stakes producer Etoile Montante (Miswaki). This is the family of Juddmonte's 2020 GII Fair Grounds Oaks heroine Bonny South (**Munnings**). Uno Duo produced a filly and colt respectively by Arrogate in 2019 and 2020 and was bred to **Into Mischief** for 2021. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$28,800. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O/B-Juddmonte Farms Inc (KY); T-William I. Mott.

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6th-Sam Houston Race, \$36,000, Msw, 2-6, 3yo, f, 7f, 1:26.80, ft, 4 lengths.

LEILANA (f, 3, **Curlin--Potesta {GSW, \$192,400}, by Macho Uno)**, a distant fourth at Fair Grounds Jan. 16, sat off the pace and grinded her way to the front in midstretch before widening her advantage late as the 9-5 favorite. Cross Boss Lady (**Cross Traffic**) was second best. The winner has a 2-year-old half-sister by **Ghostzapper** and a yearling half-brother by **Good Magic**. Her talented dam was bred to **Kantharos** for 2021. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$24,480. **Click for the Equibase.com chart.**

O-Stonestreet Stables LLC; B-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC (KY); T-Steven M. Asmussen.

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8th-Tampa Bay Downs, \$22,500, Msw, 2-7, 3yo, f, 1m 40y, 1:42.43, ft, 7 1/4 lengths.

CORE VALUES (f, 3, **Honor Code--Sweet Awakening, by Street Cry {Ire})**, eighth while sprinting six furlongs over the main track at Churchill Downs in her Nov. 28 debut, was sixth while trying nine furlongs of the Tampa lawn last time out Jan. 17. Adding blinkers for this third start, the 5-2 shot was caught four wide around the first turn and rushed up to prompt the pace three wide down the backstretch. She surged to the lead after a quarter-mile in :48.92 and bound clear down the lane for a 7 1/4-length victory. Baby Gundin (Oxbow) was second. Core Values, a \$230,000 KEESEP yearling, is a half-sister to Are You Kidding Me (Run Away and Hide), 2x Ch. Older Horse-Can, MGSW-Can, GSW-USA, \$1,318,993. Sweet Awakening produced a colt by Arrogate in 2019. She was bred to **Omaha Beach** last year. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$14,612.

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3-Aqueduct, \$100K Ruthless S., 7f, Little Huntress, 7-2
\$100,000 KEE SEP yrl

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214 foals of racing age/23 winners/2 black-type winners
4-Aqueduct, Msw 1m, Mo Desserts, 6-5
\$300,000 FTS AUG yrl

Speightster (Speightstown), WinStar Farm, \$10,000
228 foals of racing age/20 winners/2 black-type winners
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8th-Oaklawn, \$85,000, (C)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 2-7, 4yo/up, 1m, 1:38.29, my, nose.

DEFENDER (h, 5, **Ghostzapper--Twice the Lady {SW & MGSP, \$312,204}, by Quiet American)** Lifetime Record: 25-5-4-3, \$144,660. O-Muddy Waters Stables LLC; B-WinStar Farm, LLC (KY); T-Ingred Mason.



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4th-Santa Anita, \$74,840, 2-7, (NW1\$X), 4yo/up, f/m, 6ft, 1:10.54, fm, 1/2 length.

SAPPHIRE KID (m, 6, Richard's Kid--Sensitive Soul, by Bernstein) Lifetime Record: SP, 30-6-3-4, \$275,739. O-Beerman Family Trust & Sayjay Racing LLC; B-Dahlberg Farms Llc (CA); T-Steve Knapp. *\$60,000 Ylg '16 BAROCT. *1/2 to Minister of Soul (Ministers Wild Cat), SW, \$225,112; 1/2 to Raised a Secret (Songandaprayer), SW & GSP, \$492,130.

7th-Laurel, \$57,645, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$35,000), 2-7, 4yo/up, 7f, 1:24.28, my, 3/4 length.

OXIDE (g, 4, Golden Lad--Silver Ashlee, by Red Bullet) Lifetime Record: 13-5-0-2, \$147,929. O-Now Or Never Stable; B-Dark Hollow Farm (MD); T-Lacey Gaudet. *\$50,000 Ylg '18 EASOCT; \$120,000 2yo '19 EASMAY.

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HYDRA (m, 5, Kantharos--Lava Lady, by Slew City Slew) Lifetime Record: 15-3-4-5, \$97,920. O-Gene Gould, Jr.; B-Bulldog Racing (FL); T-John J. Robb. *\$20,000 Ylg '17 OBSWIN; \$130,000 2yo '18 OBSMAR.

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8th-Golden Gate Fields, \$41,200, 2-6, (NW1\$X), 4yo/up, f/m, 6f (AWT), 1:10.12, ft, 1 1/4 lengths.

SQUARE PEGGY (m, 5, Square Eddie--Puff Pastry, by Momentum) Lifetime Record: SP, 28-8-2-2, \$267,929. O-Boardshorts Stables, LLC; B-Reddam Racing, LLC (CA); T-Quinn Howey. *\$160,000 2yo '18 BARAPR.

7th-Golden Gate Fields, \$40,798, 2-7, (NW1\$X), 4yo/up, 6f (AWT), 1:10.08, ft, 3/4 length.

READY FOR A FIGHT (g, 4, Boisterous--Irish Tart, by Giant's Causeway) Lifetime Record: 9-4-1-1, \$99,786. O/B-Gary Barber (CA); T-Steven Miyadi.

7th-Turfway, \$35,000, (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 2-6, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m (AWT), 1:43.37, ft, 2 1/2 lengths.

BURNING BRIGHT (g, 4, Empire Maker--Forever Together {Ch. Grass Mare, MGISW-USA, MGSP-Can, \$2,957,639}, by Belong to Me) Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-0, \$37,400. O/B-Augustin Stable (KY); T-Jonathan Thomas. *1/2 to Truly Together (Smart Strike), GSP, \$119,760.

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ROCKET APPEAL (g, 4, Officer Rocket {GB}--Little Miss Kisses, by B L's Appeal) Lifetime Record: 6-3-2-0, \$63,175. O-Lester Thornton, Jr.; B-Bybee Road Farm (WV); T-Marshall T. Campbell.

2nd-Charles Town, \$28,000, (S), 2-6, (NW2L), 4yo/up, 4 1/2f, :53.24, ft, 1 length.

RIVER CROSSROAD RVF (g, 4, Fiber Sonde--Mama Jon, by Real Quiet) Lifetime Record: 7-2-0-0, \$36,113. O-Rolling Hills Racing Stable LLC; B-RVF Riverview Farms LLC (WV); T-Jeff C. Runco.

5th-Tampa Bay Downs, \$22,625, 2-7, (NW1X), 4yo/up, 1m 40y (off turf), 1:42.25, ft, 2 1/4 lengths.

TOUPHA (g, 6, Hat Trick {Jpn}--Foxy Cleo, by Whywhywhy) Lifetime Record: 34-5-4-8, \$132,337. O-Michael Almenas; B-Rakesh S & Kumud S Sikand (KY); T-Saul Matos. *\$6,500 RNA Ylg '16 KEEJAN; \$47,000 RNA 2yo '17 OBSAPR.

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Agreetodisagree, f, 3, **Runhappy--Tiz the Argument** (MSW, \$195,067), by Closing Argument. Santa Anita, 2-6, (C), 6ft, 1:10.50. B-Charles S. Giles & Patrick H. Payne (KY). *\$120,000 Wlg '18 KEENOV; \$155,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP.

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Granny Jewell, f, 4, **Chitoz--Gold N Glamore** (MSP), by Artie Schiller. Sam Houston Race, 2-6, (S), 6 1/2f, 1:21.25. B-Eureka Thoroughbred Farm (TX). *\$3,400 Ylg '18 OKCYRL.

Galilean Moon, g, 5, **Malibu Moon--Best Present Ever** (SW & GISP, \$247,624), by Unusual Heat. Laurel, 2-7, (WC), 1 1/16m, 1:47.70. B-Candyland Farm (MD). *\$125,000 Ylg '17 EASOCT.

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Lovely Lou, m, 5, **Two Step Salsa--Flatterific** (MSP, \$105,300), by **Flatter**. Oaklawn, 2-7, (S), 6f, 1:12.52. B-Circle Bar H (AR).

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BOLD CHIEFTAIN, Seattle Bold, c, 3, o/o Roman Wild, by Roman Ruler. MSW, 2-7, Golden Gate

CHITTOZ, Granny Jewell, f, 4, o/o Gold N Glamore, by Artie Schiller. MSW, 2-6, Sam Houston

COMPETITIVE EDGE, Edgeway, f, 4, o/o Magical Solution, by Stormin Fever. AOC, 2-7, Santa Anita

CURLIN, Leilana, f, 3, o/o Potesta, by Macho Uno. MSW, 2-6, Sam Houston

CURLIN, Obligatory, f, 3, o/o Uno Duo, by Macho Uno. MSW, 2-7, Gulfstream

DISTORTED HUMOR, Gravity's Rainbow, f, 3, o/o Lady of Gold, by **Medaglia d'Oro**. MSW, 2-7, Laurel

EMPIRE MAKER, Burning Bright, g, 4, o/o Forever Together, by Belong to Me. AOC, 2-6, Turfway

FIBER SONDE, River Crosroad Rvf, g, 4, o/o Mama Jon, by Real Quiet. ALW, 2-6, Charles Town

GHOSTZAPPER, Defender, h, 5, o/o Twice the Lady, by Quiet American. AOC, 2-7, Oaklawn

GOLDEN LAD, Oxide, g, 4, o/o Silver Ashlee, by Red Bullet. AOC, 2-7, Laurel

HARD SPUN, Aloha West, c, 4, o/o Island Bound, by **Speightstown**. MSW, 2-7, Oaklawn

HAT TRICK (JPN), Toupha, g, 6, o/o Foxy Cleo, by Whywhywhy. ALW, 2-7, Tampa Bay

HONOR CODE, Core Values, f, 3, o/o Sweet Awakening, by Street Cry (Ire). MSW, 2-7, Tampa Bay

KANTHAROS, Hydra, m, 5, o/o Lava Lady, by Slew City Slew.

ALW, 2-7, Laurel

MALIBU MOON, Galilean Moon, g, 5, o/o Best Present Ever, by Unusual Heat. WMC, 2-7, Laurel

NOBLE MISSION (GB), Joustler, f, 3, o/o Playtime, by Street Cry (Ire). AOC, 2-7, Gulfstream

OFFICER ROCKET (GB), Rocket Appeal, g, 4, o/o Little Miss Kisses, by B L's Appeal. ALW, 2-6, Charles Town

PIONEER OF THE NILE, Caroline's Story, f, 4, o/o Baffle Me, by **First Samurai**. MSW, 2-7, Fair Grounds

QUALITY ROAD, Boston Post Road, f, 3, o/o Lemon Bay, by **Bernardini**. MSW, 2-7, Gulfstream

RICHARD'S KID, Sapphire Kid, m, 6, o/o Sensitive Soul, by Bernstein. ALW, 2-7, Santa Anita

RUNHAPPY, Agreeetodisagree, f, 3, o/o Tiz the Argument, by Closing Argument. MCL, 2-6, Santa Anita

SQUARE EDDIE, Square Peggy, m, 5, o/o Puff Pastry, by Momentum. ALW, 2-6, Golden Gate

TWIRLING CANDY, Dream Shake, c, 3, o/o Even Song, by Street Cry (Ire). MSW, 2-7, Santa Anita

TWO STEP SALSA, Lovely Lou, m, 5, o/o Flatterific, by **Flatter**. MSW, 2-7, Oaklawn



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The first yearlings by Almanzor have been popular at the sales Down Under | Haras d'Etreham

By Kelsey Riley

Breeders and buyers anticipating the upcoming first 2-year-olds by **Almanzor (Fr) (Wootton Bassett {GB})** in Europe were provided a boost in recent weeks at the sales in Australia and New Zealand, where the triple Group 1 winner's first Southern Hemisphere yearlings were warmly received. After his three yearlings sold at Magic Millions averaged A\$506,666 with a top price of A\$800,000, Almanzor went on to be leading first-season sire at Karaka Book 1 with 43 sold for an average of NZ\$190,698.

Almanzor, who is based at his birthplace Haras d'Etreham in France, stands Southern Hemisphere time at Cambridge Stud in New Zealand, where he stood for NZ\$30,000 last season. Cambridge Chief Executive Officer Henry Plumptre noted that Almanzor's fortunes have been on a rising tide ever since his stud deal was secured, beginning with a nod of approval from one of the greatest stallion masters there has ever been.

"Almanzor is a great physical type," Plumptre said. "It's very hard to look at him and find fault with his conformation. The first person we put him in front of when he arrived in New Zealand at the back end of 2018 was Sir Patrick Hogan. Patrick looked at him for five or 10 minutes without saying a word, until he said, 'he's absolutely perfect.' He talked about bone below the knee, substance, forearm, shoulder; and the horse has all those attributes."

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After receiving high grades from the man who cultivated the stud careers of the great Sir Tristram and his son Zabeel, Almanzor went on to post promising results with his first European crop at the foal sales in 2019 and again at last year's yearling sales. His 14 first-crop foals sold averaged £84,522/€96,461, while his 53 yearlings sold at auction last year built on that solid foundation with an average of £87,023/€99,323. In the meantime his sire, **Wootton Bassett**, was continuing to go from strength to strength.

"At the time [that the breeding rights deal was done for Almanzor] **Wootton Bassett** was a bit of an unknown quantity," Plumptre recalled. "We were nervous about that, but having been to Normandy to look at the horse and having talked to Nicolas [de Chambure] about **Wootton Bassett** and what he had coming through--he was very confident that **Wootton Bassett** would have a good year in France that year and he was subsequently proven right, because he had two or three Group 1 performers. [Cont. p2](#)

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He added, “The following year of course he really went to another level and his service fee rose from €6,000 to €20,000, and €20,000 to €40,000. That was a ringing endorsement of **Wootton Bassett** in Europe, which helped us enormously with Almanzor.”

The **Wootton Bassett** saga has, of course, continued, with the 13-year-old stallion adding two new Group 1 winners—Wooded (Fr) and Audarya (Fr)—to his roll of honor last year in the wake of his sale to Coolmore, where he stands this year for €100,000. Meanwhile, a select handful of yearlings was sent across the Tasman last month to get the word out early about Almanzor at Magic Millions.

“One of the things that really helped us with Almanzor was that there were three or four yearlings by him that were strategically placed at Magic Millions,” Plumtre said. “That market was very strong this year and he had a huge sale at Magic Millions. We sent one filly and our clients sent three others. Almanzor managed to get an A\$800,000 colt that is going to be trained by Danny O’Brien in Melbourne, and we sold our filly for A\$380,000, and we had a very good client from the South Island who sold her colt for A\$340,000.

“So it was a very good story before we even got to Karaka, and it got people talking. There was a lot of feedback in Australia from Magic Millions about Almanzor, and I think by the time we opened on the first day at Karaka, most of the buying bench—whether it was online or through an agent or trainer—wanted to get their hands on one of them.”

Almanzor’s Karaka yearlings were led by a NZ\$560,000 colt headed to Chris Waller, and a colt and a filly were each bought for NZ\$420,000, by Bruce Perry and The Oaks Stud and trainer Tony Pike. **Cont. p3**



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Cambridge and Etreham teamed to buy a filly who is a half-sister to two stakes winners from Curraghmore for NZ\$380,000. Cambridge and Etreham also bought three Almanzor yearlings in partnership in the North last year: a colt from Tattersalls who will go into training with Kevin Ryan, as well as a colt and a filly in Deauville who will go to Almanzor's trainer Jean-Claude Rouget. Plumptre said they will likely look to add one more in Australia before the sales season is over.

"I think everyone down there was surprised by how well Almanzor was received," said Nicolas de Chambure. "With any shuttle stallion, there is always a bit of a fear that the market down there isn't going to understand or respect them. There is always a bit of a mystery there. The reports we were getting were that he was throwing very good types as he had in Europe, and it was just a question of how people down there were going to value them."

Plumptre confirmed that Almanzor has been throwing his good looks across the board.

"Everyone knows that stallions can be gorgeous and not for whatever reason throw stock at that level," he said. "We were very lucky that Almanzor's first crop had a high percentage of yearlings and foals that looked like him, had that substance and bone below the knee."

De Chambure said he thinks a warming to middle-distance sires in the Australian market has also helped Almanzor's cause.

"Talking to people down there, it sounds like there's a bit of a switch in the market where buyers and syndicators and trainers have a bit more time and budget for the later types and horses that look like they'll be 3-year-old milers or 10-furlong horses," he said. "People realize how much money there is there and sometimes there is less competition than for the early 2-year-old races. I think it's great to see that those stallions can have a great chance and can be popular at the sales as well."

Plumptre floated the idea that New Zealand could once again establish itself as the key source of middle-distance horses for Australia. [Cont. p4](#)

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“I applaud the fact that they [Australia] see themselves as the best producers of sprinting horses in the world,” he said. “But 60% of the racing system in Australia is at a mile and above. So there is still a lot of prizemoney available if you have the right horse at a mile, mile and a quarter, mile and a half or two miles. Traditionally the supply chain for those horses was always New Zealand. It would be fair to say that the depth of stallions in New Zealand has dropped in the past 25 years. There is no doubt that stallions like Zabeel and his son Savabeel, and Tavistock, had all been great influences but there were only two or three of them. In the old days in New Zealand in the 1970s and 80s there were a dozen stallions producing these high-class middle-distance horses.

“There was a time too when the attention of the Australian buyer turned to Europe. The exchange rate was very good and

there was a thought process that we could go and buy racehorses with a certain Timeform rating and bring them back to Australia and they would perform at that elite level, and it was cheaper to do that and better value because the European stayer was generally seen as better. I’ve got no problem with that, but I think it’s an expensive way of doing it if we can produce the right thing over here in New Zealand.”

Almanzor could quite possibly be the right thing for New Zealand, and Plumptre and de Chambure each credited one another with their role in establishing the young sire to date.

“You can’t underestimate the importance of our relationship with Etreham and Nicolas,” said Plumptre. “There is a very strong bond there which we think is

fantastic for the Cambridge brand going forward. Nicolas is making a name for himself at a very famous French nursery, and it’s so far been an amazing attachment for us.” **Cont. p5**



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He added, “We’re racing a couple of Almanzors with Nicolas here in Australia and New Zealand and we’re racing a couple Almanzors in Europe. We’ve got a lot to look forward to.”

“The folks at Cambridge have done a great job marketing this horse and getting breeders to support him,” de Chambure added. “They took a risk with this horse and it’s great to see them doing well with him down there. It was a great result for everyone involved to see the Almanzors selling so well.”

The Cambridge Stud/Haras d’Etreham connection will have another shot to continue its good fortune later this year when dual Group 1-winning sprinter **Hello Youmzain (Ire)**

shuttles South after completing his first season at Etreham. Cambridge and Etreham partnered in the autumn of 2019 to

purchase Hello Youmzain after he had won the G1 Sprint Cup, and the bay rewarded the gamble to keep him in training at four with a win in the G1 Diamond Jubilee S. at Royal Ascot last year. As was the case with Almanzor and **Wootton Bassett**, Hello

Youmzain’s sire Kodiac has reached another stratosphere since that transaction was completed.

“At the time [of the deal] Kodiac was a good stallion, but last year he had a phenomenal year in Europe with his 2- and 3-year-olds, and Hello Youmzain winning the Diamond Jubilee at Ascot,” Plumptre said. “He went to another level as well, which again helps when you’re launching a stallion like that. I think there’s enough depth in Hello Youmzain’s pedigree as well to suggest he will get milers eventually, and as a type he has

scope and length which suggests he will get milers. I don’t think he’s going to be an out-and-out speed horse.” **Cont. p6**



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Plumptre said the interest in Hello Youmzain has been encouraging ahead of the horse's arrival in New Zealand.

"We've got a very good group of people around him, a very good group of breeders supporting the horse," he said. "The pedigree is very interesting to people here, it's Danehill with a bit of Invincible Spirit in there through his dam. It's all pretty positive stuff; those are the two lines the Australia market wants. Nicolas is very particular about the type of horse he buys into and I have no reason to believe that Hello Youmzain isn't every bit as good a type as Almanzor, and New Zealand breeders are very big on conformation as they're predominantly commercial sellers, so it's important to put a horse in front of him that has that conformation, scope and substance."

"Our broodmare band at Cambridge is probably 25 to 30% European, so we have some nice pedigrees to cross with him and we have some very good local pedigrees to cross with him," Plumptre added of Hello Youmzain. "It'll be enjoyable to see his first foals in a year's time and see what he throws."

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CONDITIONS RESULTS:

2nd-Southwell, £5,300, 2-7, 3yo/up, 4f 214y (AWT), 1:02.08, st. THE HULK (GB) (g, 3, Due Diligence--Flighty Clarets {Ire}, by Bahamian Bounty {GB}) Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-1, \$10,041. O-Amo Racing Limited; B-Whitsbury Manor Stud (GB); T-George Boughey. *2,000gns RNA Wlg '18 TATFOA; £65,000 Ylg '19 GOFFPR.

6th-Southwell, £5,300, 2-7, 3yo, 6f 16y (AWT), 1:17.13, st. DOUBLE DEALING (IRE) (c, 3, Estidhkaar {Ire}--Deal {Ire} {SP-Eng}, by Invincible Spirit {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-1, \$9,285. O-Run For Your Money; B-Mrs M. M. Mangan (IRE); T-Richard Fahey. *€19,000 Wlg '18 GOFNOV; 20,000gns Ylg '19 TATOCT.



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Good Tidings (Fr), g, 5, Teofilo (Ire)--Nouvelle Bonne (Fr), by Desert Style (Ire). Abu Dhabi, 2-7, Hcp. (AED100k), 2400mT, 2:31.46. O-Abdulmagid Elkout. B-David Powell (Fr). T-Musabbeh Al Mheiri. *€115,000 Ylg '17 ARQOCT.



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Sunday, Tokyo, Japan

TOKYO SHIMBUN HAI-G3, ¥75,420,000

(US\$715,704/£521,068/€594,037), Tokyo, 2-7, 4yo/ up, 1600mT, 1:32.40, fm.

1--**KARATE (JPN)**, 123, h, 5, **To the Glory (Jpn)**

1st Dam: Lady no Punch (Jpn), by French Deputy

2nd Dam: Ray Sash (Jpn), by Paradise Creek

3rd Dam: Golden Sash (Jpn), by Dictus (Fr)

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. 1ST GROUP WIN. O-Hikaru Odagiri;

B-Yasuhiro Nakachi (Jpn); T-Yoshiyasu Takahashi; J-Akira

Sugawara. ¥39,574,000. Lifetime Record: 23-5-0-0. **Werk Nick**

Rating: A++. [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#)

2--**Catedral (Jpn)**, 123, h, 5, **Heart's Cry (Jpn)**--**Abyla (GB)**, by **Rock of Gibraltar (Ire)**. O-Carrot Farm; B-Northern Farm (Jpn); ¥16,164,000.

3--**Shadow Diva (Jpn)**, 119, m, 5, **Heart's Cry (Jpn)**--**Diamond Diva (GB)**, by **Dansili (GB)**. (¥72,000,000 Ylg '17 JRHAJUL).

O-Three H Racing; B-Northern Farm (Jpn); ¥9,882,000.

Margins: HD, 1 1/4, HF. Odds: 10.60, 33.20, 6.20.

Also Ran: **Vin de Garde (Jpn)**, **Trine (Jpn)**, **Satono Impresa (Jpn)**,

Triple Ace (Ire), **Satono Wizard (Jpn)**, **Prodigal Son (Jpn)**,

Entscheiden (Jpn), **Lord My Way (Jpn)**, **Nishino Daisy (Jpn)**,

Daiwa Cagney (Jpn), **Shonan Rise (Jpn)**, **Emeral Fight (Jpn)**.

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Sunday, Chukyo, Japan

KISARAGI SHO-G3, ¥72,570,000

(US\$688,659/£501,378/€571,589), Chukyo, 2-7, 3yo, 2000mT, 2:01.00, fm.

1--**LAGOM (JPN)**, 123, c, 3, **Orfevre (Jpn)**

1st Dam: Sugar Shock (GSW-US, \$475,619),

by Candy Ride (Arg)

2nd Dam: Enthusiastically, by Distorted Humor

3rd Dam: Unbridled Hope, by Unbridled

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. 1ST GROUP WIN. (¥47,000,000 Ylg '19

JRHAJUL). O-Masamichi Hayashi; B-Northern Farm (Jpn);

T-Takashi Saito; J-Yuichi Kitamura. ¥38,399,000. Lifetime

Record: 4-2-2-0. **Werk Nick Rating: C.** [Click for the](#)

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2--**Yoho Lake (Jpn)**, 123, c, 3, **Deep Impact (Jpn)**--**Crow Canyon**

(Jpn), by **French Deputy**. O-Makoto Kaneko Holdings;

B-Northern Farm (Jpn); ¥15,114,000.

3--**Land of Liberty (Jpn)**, 123, c, 3, **Deep Impact (Jpn)**--**Dubawi**

Heights (GB), by **Dubawi (Ire)**. O-Teruya **Yoshida**; B-Shadai

Farm (Jpn); ¥9,557,000.

Margins: NK, 3HF, 2HF. Odds: 3.70, 2.40, 1.70.

Also Ran: **Tagano Kai (Jpn)**, **Arundel (Jpn)**, **Shonan Ares (Jpn)**,

Danon General (Jpn), **Tosen Climber (Jpn)**, **Giancaldo (Jpn)**, **Dura**

Mondo (Jpn), **Accel (Jpn)**.

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CAPITALIST COLT BREAKS CLASSIC RECORD



Lot 182 is a colt by Capitalist | Inglis

by Bren O'Brien

A record-breaking first day at the Inglis Classic Yearling Sale saw James Harron go to an unprecedented \$600,000 for a colt by Capitalist as the average price surged to over \$106,000, up nearly \$20,000 on last year's Book 1 mark.

At A Glance:

- Harron's desire to secure yearlings from the second crop of Newgate's Capitalist saw him spend over a \$1 million on three of his yearlings, including a new record of \$600,000 for Lot 182, from the draft of Davali Thoroughbreds.
- Progeny of young stallions were particularly popular, with a colt by Almanzor (Fr) selling for \$400,000 to Cambridge Stud/Haras d'Etream and a colt by Invader selling for \$375,000 to George Moore Bloodstock.
- I Am Invincible had the top filly, with Lot 233 purchased by Star Thoroughbreds for \$325,000, while Capitalist also had a filly, Lot 13, sell for \$300,000.
- The sale average sits at \$106,030 after Day 1, up from \$91,881 after Day 1 last year.
- The clearance rate of 86%, is up from 78% after Day 1 last year.
- The median has risen to \$90,000, up from \$80,000 in Book 1 last year.

- The Day 1 aggregate of \$21.418 million is a new daily record for the Classic Sale.

Johnsons Revisit Success

A desire for the Johnson family to re-connect with the family of Polar Success (Success Express {USA}), who gave them one of their greatest thrills in racing when she won the 2003 G1 Golden Slipper S., has yielded a terrific return with her great-grandson, by Capitalist, selling for a record \$600,000 on the first day of the Inglis Classic Sale.

James Harron purchased the Capitalist colt, Lot 182, from the draft of Davali Thoroughbreds who offered him on behalf of Bruce Johnson and his daughter Kate. Bruce and his father Stan had raced Polar Success, who is the grandam of the Capitalist colt's dam, Mystical Tale (Encosta De Lago), who the Johnsons paid \$90,000 for as a broodmare back in 2018.

She has proven an excellent investment, with her **No Nay Never** (USA) colt selling for \$200,000 at the Classic Sale last year and her son by Newgate's in-form stallion Capitalist selling for \$600,000 eclipsing the previous Classic Sale record set of a colt by Brazen Beau in 2019.

"It's an amazing feeling, I still can't believe it, you can't expect that," Kate Johnson told *TDN AusNZ*. "I guess there was a lot of interest in him, so it wasn't a total surprise. He's just had a beautiful nature and he's well put together. He was a beautiful colt."

It was an emotional result for the Johnsons, who bred a host of champions through their Twin Palms Stud.



The Davali Thoroughbreds team with lot 182 | Inglis

"It makes all the effort worthwhile. My grandfather started working in this business and I have a huge passion for this industry," Kate said. "We bought the mare through (agent) Andrew Williams, because of the connection with Polar Success. My grandfather and my dad bought her (Polar Success), and we lost her only a couple of years ago, it was nice to have a bit of the family."

A source of pride for the Johnsons was the brand the colt wore on his shoulder, 'SJF' standing for Stanley Frederick Johnson, the same brand carrier by many Twin Palms champions.

Harron Seizes on Capitalists

It was Harron's own connection to the colt, as the man who purchased Capitalist as a yearling, which made him the perfect suitor. He saw off determined competition from those looking to secure a high-end colt prospect to win out.

"He is a lovely horse with a great attitude, which Capitalist also had and he's a similar colour.

He's quite strong and quite a tall horse with a lot of substance. He was a cracking colt and Capitalist is doing a great job, so I was very excited to get him," he said.

"He's very mature, has great size and strength and substance to him and a good page, it's a good family."

The colt was one of three Capitalists that Harron purchased on the day, having parted with \$260,000, in partnership with the Freedman Brothers, for Lot 154, a filly from the draft of Kitchwin Hills, and \$180,000 for Lot 206, a colt offered by Carramar Park.

The dominant performance of Capitalist's first-crop colt, Profiteer, in Saturday's R. Listed Inglis Millennium, put the Newgate stallion firmly in the spotlight on Sunday and Harron was keen to be involved.

"It's amazing to watch him in his stud career. He gave us all such a great ride. It looks like there is still a long way to go. We follow them all very closely and as yearlings they seem to get more expensive. So we need to get as many as we can, as soon as we can," he said.

Capitalist ended the day as the leading sire on aggregate with \$2.175 million, across 11 lots, while his average of \$197,727, was behind only I Am Invincible on \$226,667.

Inglis Reflects on Historic Day

Inglis' General Manager, Bloodstock Sales and Marketing, Sebastian Hutch, described the day's action as completely beyond expectation.

"We were cautiously optimistic coming into today. We had done the work. We were very pleased with the calibre of horses here, there was strong representation from buyers domestically and we worked hard to get international buyers involved," he said.

"I don't think any of us could have reasonably expected today to have gone as well as it's gone. As we sit here today to have cleared 86%, for the average to be up something like \$20,000 on last year, it's almost incomprehensible at his stage."

Hutch said he felt the results were a reward for the hard work of vendors and the balance achieved across the catalogue.

"It's not easy putting three somewhat simultaneous catalogues together in Classic, Premier and Easter, but it's something that I feel our team does really well," he said.

"We put a lot of effort into it, working with vendors to identify suitable horses for each of the sales, so to get here on a day like today, and for the results to be as they are, is a great reflection of the calibre of work that the guys in the Inglis team have done. It's just really satisfying."



Andrew Williams | Inglis

Freshmen in Hot Demand

The desire for the progeny of young stallions was a clear pattern on the opening day and it was two freshman stallions, Almanzor and Invader, who had

the next two highest lots, in Lot 224 and Lot 41.

Lot 224 was a colt by Cambridge Stud's Almanzor and was secured for \$400,000 by agent Jim Clarke on behalf of the home base of his shuttle stallion, Haras d'Etreham and Cambridge Stud.

The colt, bred by Jamieson Park, and offered by Lime Country Thoroughbreds on its behalf, is out of the Dubawi (Ire) mare Perfect Offering, a three-time winning half-sister of Listed winner My Country (Poet's Voice {GB}).

Cambridge Stud CEO Henry Plumtre had seen the colt back at Jamieson Park in New Zealand and asked Clarke to give his opinion and bid on their behalf.

"They share in the ownership of the stallion and Henry (Plumtre) spoke to me and said that they'd seen this horse on the farm in New Zealand a number of times and they really liked him," Clarke said.



A colt by Almanzor, lot 224 | Inglis

"I saw him on the farm (Lime Country) a few weeks ago and Henry asked for my thoughts and he was a lovely colt and I saw him again here and I thought he was one of the nicest physicals in the Sale.

"He is a big, strong-bodied horse but he is very athletic for a big horse. He has got a lovely temperament and I saw him walk around the back ring here and he is a really laidback customer, so he's got all the credentials to be a really nice horse.

"He looks like he's got some precocity to get up and run early enough for a European-bred horse and he certainly has the scope to improve into his classic year and beyond."

The colt will stay in Australia and be trained by Ciaran Maher and David Eustace.

It continues an amazing start to the yearling sales season for Almanzor, who was the leading first-season sire at both the Magic Millions Gold Coast and New Zealand Bloodstock National Yearling Sale at Karaka.

"The stallion is very, very exciting and I was lucky enough to watch him race when I was in Europe and he was one of the standout performers of that decade. The stallion has been very well received so far and he's one of the nicest horses I have seen by him this year," Clarke said.

It was a great result for Lime Country, who sold eight yearlings on the day for a total of \$1.27 million, second to only Arrowfield Stud (18 for \$2.28 million), in terms of vendor aggregate.

Lime Country's Jo Griffin said it was no surprise that the Almanzor colt topped its first day offering.

"He was beautifully balanced, gorgeous head, good bone and good muscle. He was not too big and well balanced. He was such a pro, beautiful big hip on him, natural rolling energy and just a really great walk," she said.

"I knew he was going to be popular. He was probably our most inspected horse, X-ray hits back that up. He had a lot of

admirers, which is hard with a first-season sire, especially one that's standing in New Zealand, to make an impact like that. I think everybody recognised his (Almanzor's) international form and everybody who saw the horse in Europe said he was sensational."

Invader Colt Ready for Moores

A colt by Aquis Farm's Invader made a huge splash, with Lot 41 from Bell River Thoroughbreds, secured by George Moore Bloodstock/Team Moore for \$375,000.

Out of Hussidora (Hussonet {USA}), he is a half-brother to stakes-placed pair Schilldora (Artie Schiller {USA}) and Dreams Of Platinum (Dream Ahead {USA}).

George Moore purchased the colt to race in Australia for his father John and uncle Gary on behalf of Hong Kong owner Patrick Kwok.

"I thought we were going to get him cheap at \$200,000 but James Harron was in front of me and he started bidding and once that happens it is a bit of a bidding war. I had \$300,000 for one of my clients, so now we might have to syndicate him," Moore said.

"Right now, at this sale, we are looking for early speed, the 2-year-olds we can race in Australia, rather than buying scopier horses for Hong Kong. This horse will be raced in Australia and then he will probably be shipped to Hong Kong, depending on how well he does.

"I was trying to get him for Beauty Generation's owner, so I am going to have to ask if he still wants the horse given we went over budget. He had a great hip on him, he looks early, short canons, a good mover. It's a little bit of a risk being by Invader, an unproven first-season sire, but at this sale you have to buy on type--and even at the big sales you buy on type. He is a nice, lovely horse."



Jim Clarke | Inglis

The result highlighted a good day for Bell River Thoroughbreds, with the Ferguson family topping the sale average to this point for all vendors (three or more sold) on \$235,000 with three sales.

"It's an unreal result. I knew he was a good colt at home. He's one of the soundest, toughest, most genuine horses we have ever bred or had anything to do with. He's a quality colt. We weren't expecting that result. But two good judges were on him and it's amazing to see him come here and get the result," James Ferguson said.

"When we came back into play, we have been buying some mares and we bought the mare for \$60,000 with him inside her. To get that return is unreal first go. It's great for the farm."

Hutch said the popularity of the younger sires was not a surprise to Inglis.

"What this sale does do is represent an opportunity for some of those younger stallions to make their mark and get their share in the limelight, horses like the Almanzor colt, the Capitalist colt, the Invader colt of Bell River's, they can come to a Sale like this and really stand out among the best physical specimens," he said.

Market Takes a Shine to Vinnie, Capitalist Fillies

Star Thoroughbreds secured the top price filly of the day, Lot 233, by I Am Invincible out of a mare it raced, Pioneering (Sebring), for \$320,000 from the draft of Yarraman Park.

The other filly to sell for more than \$300,000 was a filly by Capitalist, snapped up by BK Racing, whose representative Ben Vassallo was up early on a Sunday, getting the business done and paying \$300,000 for Lot 13, from the draft of Highgrove Stud.

The impressive victory of Profiteer in the \$2 million R. Listed Inglis Millennium on Saturday certainly put a premium on the progeny of Capitalist, and this filly out of Gone To Paris (Duporth), was keenly sought after and will end up in the stables of Joe Pride.

"What happened yesterday backs up that the sire is doing well. She's a cracking filly who will go to Joe Pride," Vassallo said.

"This is on behalf of BK Racing, who I have had the opportunity to work for, for many years now. Joe has done a great job for us in the past and it's nice to have a filly with a blank canvas, who is

by a great sire."

The filly's dam is a half to stakes-performed Aristocratic Miss (Foxwedge), out of the stakes-winning Gold Brose mare, Golden Pedigree. Vassallo said, Pride had identified the filly as an excellent prospect in the build-up to the Sale.

"Joe has done a number of inspections for me, so it's the first day I've been out here, and the first time I have seen her in the flesh, I take a lot of confidence in Joe's experience," he said.

"Joe felt she was the standout filly of the sale. We thought we would have to come into the ring and go up against those big guys and that is exactly what has happened.

"These are sales where people pick a dozen or so classy ones out and you have to come in and fight for them. Yesterday's result probably didn't help us much. But to get a horse by Capitalist into Joe's barn is a good thing."

The \$300,000 pricetag was a terrific outcome for Highgrove Stud, selling the filly on behalf of principal Ron Gilbert's

daughter Vicki Lourigan, and her husband Liam.

"It was a great result because our daughter and her husband own the filly, so I am happy that the family got a good result," Gilbert said.

"I have been strong on Capitalist because of the first foals we had in his first season. We have supported him strongly and this filly is a good example of what he can throw, so hopefully she can go on and match motors with horses who are already

coming out by Capitalist."

"When Magic Millions increased the catalogue to 1200 lots, we reassessed our draft thinking the market wouldn't be as strong as it is--and it is so strong. She could have gone to the Magic Millions but I decided to spread them out and we brought her here because she was a standout filly and she has shown that by the price she made."

Gone To Paris had been purchased by the Lourigans through Sheamus Mills Bloodstock for \$230,000 at the 2018 Magic Millions National Broodmare Sale, they got \$105,000 for her **Astern** filly at this Sale 12 months ago.

Vassallo's shopping for the day was done with the early purchase, with family commitments for the rest of Sunday.

"To be perfectly honest, I had my heart set on that horse and now that I got her, I'll be taking my kids to the zoo for the afternoon," he said.



Team Moore with James Ferguson | Inglis



IN SINGAPORE:

Sacred Rebel, g, 6, **Sepoy**--Pandoro de Lago (Ire), by Encosta de Lago. Kranji, 2-7, Hcp. (\$83k), 1100m (AWT), 1:04.16. B-Goldin Australia Pty Ltd (SA). *1/2 to Poised To Strike (Akeed Mofeed {GB}), GSP-Aus, US\$184,574. **\$100,000 Ylg '16 MMGCYS.

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IN SINGAPORE:

Grand Fighter, g, 4, **Per Incanto (USA)**--Flying Therese (Aus), by Flying Spur. Kranji, 2-7, Maiden (NZ\$21k), 1200m (AWT), 1:12.53. *1ST-TIME STARTER. B-G B Fell MNZM & Estate of the Late R S Fell. **VIDEO**

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