

CANDY MAN PUTTING THE 'ROCKET' INTO LITTLE ROCK



Frank Fletcher and the current Rocket | courtesy Frank Fletcher

by Chris McGrath

It's a philosophy that sustains a stable of Rockets--but it's not rocket science. Anything but, according to Frank Fletcher. "First, you really want to work hard," he says. "Number two, you got to have a stroke of luck. And, number three, when you get lucky and start being successful, you need to surround yourself with people a lot smarter than you are."

Let's deal with those in reverse order. Because Fletcher says that the horse we want to discuss is all about the third rule; about the excellence of his help.

Fletcher has owned racehorses through three decades--almost all registered as a Rocket (or Rockette, for the fillies) of some kind, even if the branding can't always extend to their powers of acceleration. Rocket Time (Tiz Wonderful), C Z Rocket (City Zip), There Goes Rocket (Valid Expectations) and so on. So he has been in the game long enough not to be getting carried away by the 10 GI Kentucky Derby starting points earned by **Candy Man Rocket (Candy Ride {Arg})** in the GIII Sam F. Davis S. last Saturday.

As a proud son of Little Rock, however, Fletcher is daring to wonder whether this colt, whose fourth dam is the matriarch Courtly Dee (Never Bend), might at least have a shot at the GI Arkansas Derby. Up to now he has only ever had one good enough to try, a colt who chased home **Curlin (Smart Strike)** in the GII Rebel S. but got no closer when following him to the big one. **Cont. p3**

HHR PASSES KENTUCKY SENATE 22-15

by T.D. Thornton

The "emergency" bill to legalize historical horse race (HHR) gaming by defining "pari-mutuel wagering" to include previously run races passed the Kentucky State Senate late Tuesday afternoon 22-15, with one senator not casting a vote.

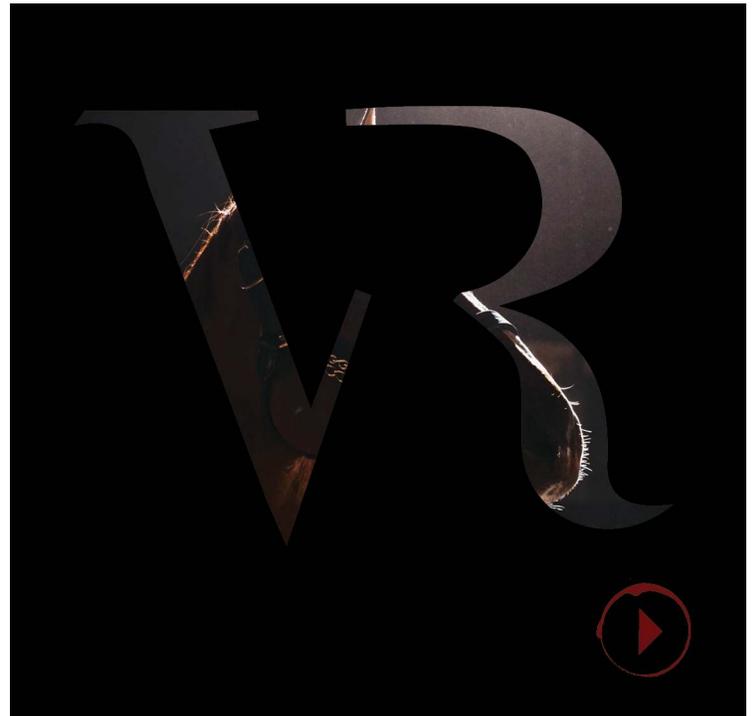
Proponents of the bill are aiming to align HHR in a way that they believe will make the slots-like form of gaming constitutionally legal so the machines can keep generating \$2.2 billion in annual handle. The Kentucky Thoroughbred Development Fund's purse-money cut from HHR is three-quarters of 1% of that handle.

Senators speaking Feb. 9 in favor of SB 120 focused their arguments primarily on the economic advantages of maintaining HHR, whose operation has fueled what they described as a Kentucky Thoroughbred "renaissance" over the past decade. According to the state's constitution, only pari-mutuel wagering, the Kentucky Lottery, and charity-related gambling are considered legal. **Cont. p7**

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Candy Man Putting the 'Rocket' Into Little Rock *(cont. from p1)*

That horse was trained by the man who got Fletcher started in racing, the late Oaklawn icon Bob Holthus. They had dinner together down in Shreveport in 1989. "I don't have enough money to buy a horse!" protested Fletcher. Oh yes you do, Frank: Holthus found him a \$5,500 claimer, booked Jerry Bailey to wear the new silks and, bingo, a winner's circle photo at the first attempt. That was it: Fletcher was hooked.

There have since been over 100 variations on the Rocket theme, actually a tribute to three cherished German Shepherds who have consecutively carried that name during the same span of years. The numbers have never got out of hand--the stable, managed by ex-jockey Kathleen Moore Howard, currently comprises eight horses--but their orbit seems to be expanding. Last year, Frank's Rockette (*Into Mischief*) ran up a graded-stakes treble and now here's Candy Man Rocket exploding onto the sophomore scene.

And that's all about rule three. "You just have to surround yourself with, really, the best people," Fletcher reiterates. "I have three great trainers, and Donato Lanni is more than just a buyer. He's a wonderful friend, who's really tried to educate me."



Rita Riccelli, Fletcher, Bob Baffert and Lanni at OBS | Photos by Z

Lanni has been prospecting sales for Fletcher for around 15 years. Last summer, at the postponed Spring 2-Year-Old Sale, the agent called from OBS. There was a *Candy Ride* colt right at the start of the auction. He'd worked a quarter in :21 flat but it was a nervous market, in the circumstances, and Lanni thought people would "sit on their hands" early. In fact, five of the first six hips were scratched and the colt--who had failed to meet his reserve both as a weanling and yearling, at \$190,000 and \$70,000 respectively--was next into the ring from Six K's Training & Sales.



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So a new Rocket entered the Fletcher arsenal. After prep with Eddie Woods, as usual, Candy Man Rocket was sent up to Bill Mott's Kentucky division. Before his debut at Churchill in November, Fletcher received a call from Mott's assistant there, Kenny McCarthy. The weather had been terrible, and on the works he had managed, the colt would probably run out of gas after half a mile. But he needed to learn about the gate, about the hustle and bustle of racing, and the experience would do him good.

Sure enough, Candy Man Rocket broke alertly and raced handily until fading away in the stretch. Shipped down to Payson Park, he lined up for a Jan. 9 sprint maiden at Gulfstream and was a revelation, winning by nine lengths. "At the three-eighths pole, he looked like he'd been shot out a rocket," marvels Fletcher. "He just galloped that race."

Even so, it was something else again to stretch out last weekend from six furlongs for a race that might put Candy Man Rocket on the Classic trail. Fletcher asked Mott his thinking.



Candy Man Rocket in the Sam Davis | SV Photography

"Frank," Mott replied. "He trains well. He looks like he's just full of himself. We have to decide whether we have a sprinter here, or a two-turn horse. The only way to know is to put him in there and see. Because if he is a two-turn horse, now's the time to find out."

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So Saturday was only his second meaningful race and, sitting home in Arkansas, his owner didn't know what to expect.

"We just had no idea," he says. "I mean, we knew he'd come out of the gate good and told Junior [Alvarado] not to let him get out in the front. During the warm-up, Junior had to have quite a fight with him. He said the horse was just ready to take off right then."

"After the race, people called and said, 'I'm afraid that horse bled.' But it was just a small cut on his tongue, from when Junior was trying to keep him from getting away from him. He did a great job, and in the race he shot out of there like a cannon again."

Yet Candy Man Rocket also saw the race out well. Mott, who also saddled runner-up Nova Rags (Union Rags), is expecting to run one of the pair back in the GII Lambholm South Tampa Bay Derby Mar. 6, but sooner or later this horse will have to try another small stretch.

"We believe he can go any reasonable distance now," Fletcher says. "We're not scared anymore, because he had plenty of horse at the end. He can feel the horse coming up on him. I don't know what the trainer wants to do, but ultimately I want to work my way up to the Arkansas Derby because that's where I live. But I'm not doing any dreaming, not going crazy at all. I've been asked all kinds of questions but I just want to give him his best opportunity, and we'll see where that takes us."

That temperate approach will, of course, be matched by the trainer--a man, says Fletcher approvingly, who takes his time with horses and people alike. "Bill Mott is very calm, very deliberate, and thinks things through before he makes a decision," he says. "And he has a lot of patience with people like myself that don't know much. Some trainers are too busy to talk. He likes to give horses time between races, and it's just so nice working with him because he won't chase a big deal if he doesn't think it's time for the horse."

Now, rule two: that lucky break. Fletcher has built up a portfolio of successful businesses. These days he's known principally for his car dealerships but he's also a realtor, hotelier, restaurateur. There was a time, however, when he was trying to make his way like so many young Americans before and since. His wife Judy was teaching school; Fletcher, after serving in the army, was a bank clerk working evenings in a pizza joint. Then he got a job selling paint for DuPont, and in 1966 made a sales call to a store in Sherwood. It was the second shop opened by a guy named Sam Walton.

Fletcher walked in and said, "I want to sell you 300 gallons of DuPont paint."

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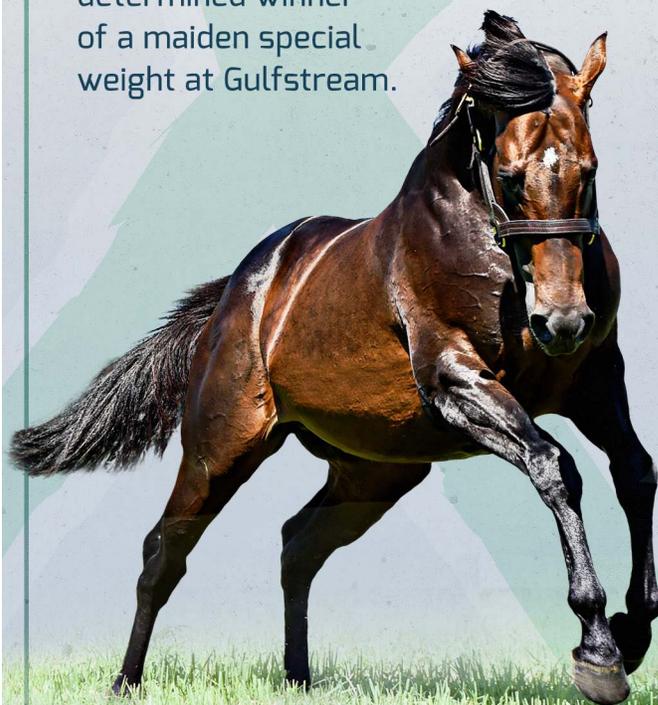
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When Walton was up to around his 20th store, he called Fletcher and asked him to quit DuPont and buy merchandise for Walmart on commission.

"So that was when luck came in," muses Fletcher. "How lucky can you be, as someone adopted and brought up, not in California or New York, but on a farm in a small state? And who do you meet when you start off your career? I had no idea Sam Walton was going to become the richest man in America."

Eventually Walmart grew so big that Fletcher's role became redundant. That day was a nasty shock, but he had shown enough over the eight years for Walton to encourage him: Fletcher should open a workshop, and if he came up with a product as good as he expected it would be, he could count on Walmart as a client.

Fletcher rented a garage and started making lamps. By the time he sold that business, in 2010, he was manufacturing in Taiwan and China and turning over \$100 million every year. As for the auto sales, those began in 1989 from a mobile home with an awning. There are now dealerships in a dozen brands around Arkansas and Missouri.

But all this goes back to rule one: a work ethic nourished by a disciplined but loving rural upbringing in the years after the war.

"Back then, I think they just came to the hospital and looked through the glass and picked out somebody!" says Fletcher. "I got adopted by some great parents when I was a baby [in 1943]. I enjoyed that life on the farm. Early awake, and early to bed, but a good place to be brought up. I had that all drilled into me and I'm thankful for it.

"Because the sad thing is, I have a lot of friends that just hate work. They go to work because they have to make a living. You're blessed if you can do something that makes your heart beat fast. I don't have any hobbies--don't play golf, don't fish. I work pretty hard, but I do it because I love it. I enjoy getting out of bed, getting my pants on and going to my office--six days a week, at least. I mean, I'm sitting here right now looking at 100-something trade-ins from this weekend. What are we going to do with this car? Wholesale it? Rebuild it? I make a decision on every one that comes in."

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The single hobby he does permit himself, then, represents something of a release valve. And the racetrack, he says with a laugh, is "a good way to get rid of any money that you make."



Frank's Rockette wins the Gallant Bloom | Sarah Andrew

He rode horses round the farm as a youngster, and actually in rodeos as a beanpole adolescent. (He was also an all-state basketball player in Junior High.) But his love of animals starts with the German Shepherds.

"I love all dogs, but these are very protective and just wonderful companions," he says. "When the first Rocket died at age 11, he had cancer, I thought I would never want another one because it hurt so bad. But then about two weeks later, the veterinarian that had tried to keep him alive brought another German Shepherd. I said, 'I don't want that dog. Take him away.' He said, 'Keep him overnight and see.' Next day, of course, I loved him. And then he lived 11 years, and now I'm on Rocket number three, who's seven."

So friends always know that a horse with Rocket in his name is likely part of his stable, and there will be no mistaking the hometown hope if Candy Man Rocket can make the Arkansas Derby. The same card, meanwhile, is already on the agenda for Frank's Rockette, whom Mott is targeting at the Carousel S. She's actually homebred, out of graded stakes winner Rocket Twentyone (Indian Charlie).

Frank's Rockette disappointed in the GI Breeders' Cup Sprint, but she has already resumed her progress with another stakes success in the American Beauty at Fletcher's local track a few days ago.

"I made a mistake when I put her in with the colts at the Breeders' Cup," Fletcher says. "That was the only race in her life that she never tried. She got intimidated, I guess. It was a bad call, but there were some terrific sprinters in the filly division and she had run the times. But I learned a lesson. Otherwise she's never finished less than second in her whole career."

One way or another, then, Arkansas Derby Day at their home track in April promises much for Fletcher, his family and friends--and all talk of the Twin Spires can be deferred until then.

"We're still a very small operation," Fletcher stresses. "We're nowhere near the people I'm competing with. We've been lucky a few times, and we have Frank's Rockette. But we haven't had a colt in a long time. So it's very, very exciting. We're not used to this."

But go back to his opening premise. Hard work: check. Good luck: check. "And then I figured out right quick that I wasn't very smart," Fletcher says. "So I hired a great crew around me. Every day, I lean on people who are smarter than I am. And so yes, if you can do that, the little guy can compete."

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HHR Passes Kentucky Senate 22-15

(cont. from p1)

Proponents also framed part of the debate as "class warfare," and said keeping Kentucky's 3,625 HHR machines operational would be the commonwealth's best bet to protect its signature Thoroughbred racing and breeding industry.

Another "pro" argument was that keeping HHR legal and limited only to racetrack-related licensees would avoid any infiltration of big casinos in a state known for conservative opposition to expanding gambling.

Senate Majority Leader Damon Thayer (R-Georgetown) even made the dire prediction that "three or four" Kentucky racetracks could close within the next fiscal year if senators didn't advance the HHR bill.

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Opponents hit repeatedly on what they described as the non-constitutionality of HHR, the perceived moral ills of gambling, and how the state’s racing industry knew 10 years ago it was engaging in a dicey business gamble by building an HHR industry atop a murky legal premise that has repeatedly been questioned in the courts.

HHR was put into peril Jan. 21, when the Supreme Court of Kentucky denied a petition for rehearing an earlier judgment that called into question the legality of HHR because it didn’t amount to “pari-mutuel wagering.” The question over that legal definition, led by anti-gambling activists, has worked its way through the court system ever since HHR was first allowed by the state in 2012.

Senator John Schickel (R-Union), who introduced SB 120 on Feb. 2 and also chairs the Senate Licensing and Occupations Committee that reported it favorably Feb. 4, championed his measure on the grounds that “what this bill does, is simply clarify [the pari-mutuel definition] issue once and for all” so that Kentucky can remain “the horse capital of the world.”

But when the Senate opened up its floor to questions, Schickel surprisingly couldn’t come up with even basic answers when Sen. Whitney Westerfield (R-Crofton) asked him how many HHR machines currently operate in Kentucky and how much money they generate.

At a later point in the nearly 90 minutes of debate, Schickel returned to the floor armed with what he said were his favorite racetrack indulgences--a sugary Kentucky-made confection known as a MoonPie and a “stinky cigar”--in a difficult-to-follow attempt to illustrate “the role of virtue and vice in our society.” Schickel then asked rhetorically, “Is it really our role to tell poor people that we need to protect them from themselves?”

Westerfield spoke first among the opposition, launching into detailed arguments centering on what he believed was the non-constitutionality of HHR. He then segued into a soliloquy based around his moral perceptions of gambling, during which he lamented how some “white trash” consumers disproportionately bear Kentucky’s societal costs related to gambling.

Westerfield wrapped up his remarks by terming SB120 as a “bailout” to the racing industry, whose tracks over the past decade invested “hundreds of millions of dollars in HHR-related expansions” even as the very legality of the machines was being appealed all the way up to the Supreme Court.

Westerfield continued, “The surest bet [the tracks] ever made was that if they were ever called out on the legality or the illegality of these machines, that they’d be quickly able to claim the very real economic harm from suddenly having to close.... This legal defeat was not some out-of-the-blue ruling by a rogue judge. This wasn’t an unexpected risk that couldn’t be planned for and mitigated. The tracks knowingly built their houses on quicksand.”

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Speaking next, Thayer lambasted the opposition’s attempts to derail HHR as being laden with “all kinds of ruses and red herrings and smokescreens to try and divert our attention from the matter at hand.”

That matter, Thayer said, “is simply [that] the signature industry of Kentucky, the home of the [GI] Kentucky Derby, the home of the market-leading horse-breeding business that exports our stock around the world...is under threat.”

Thayer continued, “I respect people who are morally and religiously opposed to gambling. But I’m not going to stand idly by while pejoratives are made about people who participate in this sport,” alluding to Westerfield’s remarks.

Even senators who expressed neutrality on embracing the new pari-mutuel definition of HHR had strong opinions related to the measure.

Urging fellow lawmakers to “vote your conscience” on HHR, Sen. Stephen Meredith (R-Leitchfield) said what bothers him is Kentucky’s trend of bills being presented to legislators under the premise that if they don’t vote in favor, they’ll be responsible “for killing so many jobs” in the commonwealth.

“I know this is their signature industry. I know it’s important to us,” Meredith said. “But I feel like I’m almost being blackmailed, [as in] ‘We need money in this state, and if we kill this industry we’re going to lose all this money.’ We spend a lot of time

treating the symptoms of this state, but never curing the disease.”

Sen. Morgan McGarvey (D-Louisville) argued that judging “constitutionally” is not the job of senators. The judicial branch of government gets to decide that, he said, “and what the Supreme Court has said in this instance is that they are going to allow HHR if we make some legislative changes.”

McGarvey continued, “And when we talk about what’s going to happen if we allow HHR, let’s reframe this debate. We’ve had HHR for 10 years. We have not seen the problems that have been forecast here on the floor. We’re not deciding whether we want HHR in Kentucky. It’s here. We’re deciding whether we want to keep HHR in Kentucky, and all of the jobs, and all of the help in the industry that goes along with it.”

That said, McGarvey added that even though he supports this particular bill, he “doesn’t think the tax structure is fair” and will be seeking ways “to generate more revenue from it than is currently being generated.”

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by Christie DeBernardis

After a quiet opening session Monday, the Fasig-Tipton Winter Mixed Sale picked up quite a bit of steam during its second and final session Tuesday, which was topped by the \$510,000 mare **Beloveda** (**Ghostzapper**) (**Hip 328**).

Gainesway Farm, Brian Graves and Michael Hernon purchased the mare for \$205,000 at this sale in 2013 and bred her to their flagship stallion **Tapit**. The resulting colt sold for \$420,000 at Keeneland November. Her 2016 foal, a filly by Scat Daddy, summoned \$1 million at Keeneland September and her 2019 **Quality Road** filly brought the same seven-figure sum at last term's Keeneland September sale. Gainesway bought out the partnership on Beloveda, who is in foal to **Street Sense**.

"We have owned her for quite a few years and she has had an impeccable produce record for us," said Graves, who is General Manager of Gainesway. "She's had two million-dollar yearlings for us and doesn't owe us anything. This was a dissolution of a partnership. She has a good chance with a **Quality Road** filly who will be a 2-year-old in Bob Baffert's hands, so hopefully we can get an update with that. She is going to **Nyquist** next."

Gainesway also went to \$310,000 to acquire GSW **Lady's Island** (Greatness) (**Hip 524**), who sold as a racing or broodmare prospect.

"The other mare we bought for **Tapit**," Graves said. "She is an absolutely gorgeous physical specimen, which is what attracted us to her."

The second highest-priced offering of the day was stakes winner and GSP **Saguaro Row** (**Union Rags**), who brought \$500,000 from bloodstock agent Catherine Hudsons. **Hip 675** was part of the supplemental catalogue.

"Obviously, the sale was dominated by the highlights later in the sale, but we had quality horses throughout the sale," said Fasig-Tipton's President Boyd Browning. "It's the same story over and over, quality sells. The demand for quality offerings is tremendous. Two things that were most encouraging [Tuesday] were the breadth of bidders on the quality offerings--there was activity all over the house on many horses--and it was also nice to see a couple new names on the sheets that have not been traditional buyers at this sale. It's encouraging. We've got to continue to grow and introduce new buyers to the game. Anyone would have to be thrilled to see the increases over a year-to-year basis."



Saguaro Row | Fasig-Tipton

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A total of 218 horses sold Tuesday for \$8,550,400 with an average of \$39,222 and a median of \$11,000. Forty-two head left the ring unsold. During the equivalent session last year, 188 Thoroughbreds summoned \$6,407,900 with an average of \$34,085 and a median of \$10,000. There were 49 RNAs.

Overall, 425 head changed hands for \$12,506,700 during the two-day sale. The average was \$29,428 with a median of \$10,000 and 99 horses failed to meet their reserves. In 2020, 368 horses grossed \$9,777,100 with an average of \$26,568 and a median of \$8,500. There were 122 RNAs.

“I caution that the quality of the catalogue does change from year to year for a mixed sale, so it’s virtually impossible to compare those results,” Browning said. “But, clearly there was healthy trade and commerce that took place on these sales grounds. There was enthusiastic bidding and participation. There was also depth to the marketplace which results in a low overall RNA rate. I think it gave sellers confidence that they can bring a horse to the February sale and be rewarded. We all know in the sales world that being a bigger fish in a smaller pond can be a very effective marketing and sales tool. Folks were well rewarded for bringing quality horses to these sales grounds.”

Saguaro Row Was Last, But Not Least

The final horse through the ring at the Fasig February Sale as part of the supplemental catalogue, **Saguaro Row (Union Rags)** certainly made her presence known, bringing \$500,000 from bloodstock agent Catherine Hudson. The horsewoman was acting on behalf of an undisclosed client, but indicated the 6-year-old mare would return to training.

“He is hoping to put the filly straight back into training, plus she had broodmare potential,” Hudson said. “She was a queen and we loved her. She is drop-dead gorgeous and a real professional race filly. She was well taken care of in an excellent program. She was in very good condition.”

Consigned by Blake-Albina Thoroughbred Services, **Hip 675** captured the Pumpkin Pie S. and was second in the GIII Go for Wand H. for owners Newtown Anner Stud Farm and breeder Mark Breen and trainer Michael Stidham. The bay has won five of 16 races so far for earnings of \$342,354.

St. Elias Stays Busy at Fasig



Whoa Nellie | Fasig-Tipton

Vinnie Viola's St. Elias Stables was quite active buying at Fasig Tuesday, acquiring several mares to support their various stallions, such as Grade I winners **Liam's Map** and **Army Mule**. Rory Babich and John Sparkman assisted with selecting the St. Elias mares, which were all purchased over the internet. Over the two-day auction, St. Elias scooped up a total of 15 mares for \$1.725-million.

“We were very pleased with the selection at Fasig-Tipton,” Sparkman said. “They did a very good job putting the sale together. We have several young stallions we are supporting, particularly **Liam's Map**, **Army Mule** and a horse in Florida named Battalion Runner. We were buying some mares to add to their books.”



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FASIG-TIPTON WINTER MIXED SALE

SESSION TOTALS	2021	2020
• Catalogued	350	326
• No. Offered	260	237
• No. Sold	218	188
• RNAs	42	49
• % RNAs	16.2%	20.7%
• No. \$200K+	8	6
• High Price	\$510,000	\$570,000
• Gross	\$8,550,400	\$6,407,900
• Average (% change)	\$39,222 (+15.1%)	\$34,085
• Median (% change)	\$11,000 (+10%)	\$10,000

CUMULATIVE	2021	2020
• Catalogued	675	651
• No. Offered	524	490
• No. Sold	425	368
• RNAs	99	122
• % RNAs	18.9%	24.9%
• No. \$200K+	8	6
• High Price	\$510,000	\$570,000
• Gross	\$12,506,700	\$9,777,100
• Average (% change)	\$29,428 (+10.8%)	\$26,568
• Median (% change)	\$10,000 (+17.6%)	\$8,500

St. Elias's top two acquisitions Tuesday were MSW & MGSP **Whoa Nellie (Orb) (Hip 625)**, who summoned \$450,000, and SP **Fiftyshays of Green (Bernardini) (Hip 640)**, a \$400,000 purchase.

"They are both quality runners, which is always what we are looking for first," Sparkman said. "Then, of course, comes their price. They both have very attractive pedigrees, especially for particular stallions like **Liam's Map**. We haven't made an official decision, but it is a possibility. They fit our program and, like everybody else, we are trying to breed good horses."

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SESSION TOPPERS

FASIG-TIPTON WINTER MIXED SALE TUESDAY'S TOP BROODMARES

HIP	NAME	STATUS	PRICE (\$)
328	Beloveda (13, Ghostzapper -- Mysterious Angel , by Saint Ballado)	i/f to Street Sense	510,000
Consigned by Gainesway, Agent VI Purchased by Gainesway			
675	Saguaro Row (6, Union Rags -- Charlie Girl , by Indian Charlie)	Racing/B'mare prospect	500,000
Consigned by Blake-Albina Thoroughbred Services, LLC, Agent VII Purchased by Catherine Hudson, Agent			
625	Whoa Nellie (5, Orb -- Allegheny Angel , by Medaglia d'Oro)	B'mare prospect	450,000
Consigned by Taylor Made Sales Agency, Agent for Fox Hill Farms, Inc. Purchased by St. Elias Stables, LLC			
671	Gold Standard (5, Medaglia d'Oro -- Mi Vida , by Distorted Humor)	B'mare prospect	435,000
Consigned by Gainesway Agent for Stonestreet & LNJ Foxwoods Purchased by Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings, LLC			

TUESDAY'S TOP YEARLINGS

HIP	SEX	SIRE DAM	PRICE (\$)
480	colt	Nyquist -- Honey Chile <i>B-James F. Miller (WV)</i>	170,000
Consigned by Bill Reightler, Agent Purchased by Machmer Hall			
357	filly	Nyquist -- Catsadiva <i>B-Frankfort Park Farm (Ky)</i>	140,000
Consigned by Frankfort Park Farm, Agent Purchased by McMahon & Hill Bloodstock, LLC			
635	filly	Munnings -- Freddie Anne <i>B-Fergus Galvin, Marc Detampel, Jayne Johnson & Adrian Wallace (NY)</i>	130,000
Consigned by Hunter Valley Farm, Agent Purchased by Cherry Knoll Farm			

HONEST MISCHIEF BRINGS BLUE-BLOODED SPEED TO NY



[Click here to see our visit with Honest Mischief, New York's only son of Into Mischief](#)

by Diana Pikulski

Honest Mischief (**Into Mischief**--Honest Lady, by Seattle Slew) is the first son of the record-setting leading sire **Into Mischief** to stand in New York. He also hails from the blue-blooded Juddmonte family that produced Empire Maker, who died at age 20 in January of 2020, leaving a void in the Thoroughbred breeding industry. Raced by Juddmonte and trained by Chad Brown, Honest Mischief now begins his stud career at Becky Thomas's Sequel New York. He will stand for \$6,500 LFSN.

Honest Mischief broke his maiden his second time out as a sophomore at Keeneland by eight lengths and was tabbed a 'TDN Rising Star' by virtue of that win. In just his fourth career start, he was third behind Shancelot (Shanghai Bobby) in the Gil Amsterdam S. at Saratoga. He was also a runner-up to **Volatile (Violence)** in 2020 at Churchill Downs in the Aristides S. He retired with a record of 9-4-3-1 and earnings of \$287,464.

"Honest Mischief showed a lot of early potential as a dirt horse, especially in being rated very highly by TDN as a Rising Star when he broke his maiden by eight lengths," said Charl Van Der Weshuizen, Stallion Consultant at Sequel. "That race actually gave him a Ragozin rating of two, which is phenomenal in any young horse."

Van Der Weshuizen said he feels that Honest Mischief has inherited many of the same traits as his sire.

"I do think Honest Mischief has a lot of the same qualities as his sire, **Into Mischief**," said Van Der Weshuizen. "If you actually look at the conformation of Honest Mischief, you see the similarities. He's got a nice deep girth. Personally, I like the fact that he's slightly longer in the back, and he has actually got a shorter cannon, which I like in conformation. He has a really good hip to him as well."

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"Honest Mischief has a really fluent walk," he continued. "I think he has a good overstep, which is a good sign he is a really good, smooth walker. That compliments his whole conformation setup. A horse that walks quite relaxed, with his head down, does well as a racehorse. Especially with the overstep that they have, they possess the ability for a little bit of extra reach, which always comes in handy. I think giving him the right mare, you will breed a lot of speed. Honest Mischief was a speed horse and he hails from a real Classic speed family."

Honest Mischief is from the signature Juddmonte family of Toussaud (El Gran Senor). The Grade I-winning mare produced Classic winner and top sire Empire Maker (Unbridled), as well as GISW and sire Chester House (Mr. Prospector), GISW Chiselling (Woodman), MGSW, GISP and sire Decarchy (Distant View), and GISW Honest Lady (Seattle Slew), Honest Mischief's dam. Honest Mischief is one of four black-type winners out of Honest Lady.

With his pristine pedigree and speed on the dirt, Honest Mischief's connections said they were anticipating wide support from breeders across the country, many of whom are new to the New York breeding program.



Honest Mischief earned 'TDN Rising Star' status with his eight-length maiden-breaking victory. | Coady

"Honest Mischief has more people outside of New York as shareholders than any other horse we have stood," said Becky Thomas, owner of Sequel New York. "For these out-of-state people to contact me and say we want to be involved in this horse really means something. Juddmonte retained a number of breeding rights and they'll be sending mares to him. This is the first time that they've utilized the New York program."

"An **Into Mischief** who ran as fast as Honest Mischief did, comes from a rock-solid family and has a support team under him is remarkable," added Thomas. "I could only sell 20 shares and I have a waiting list."

Honest Mischief arrived at the sprawling Columbia County, New York farm about two and a half months ago. Of the 89 mares on the farm, a good number have shipped in to breed to Honest Mischief.

"The interest in Honest Mischief has been really phenomenal," said Van Der Weshuizen. "You know, just by looking at the number of views he has had and people inquiring about him, it's a very good sign. We've had mares that were bought at the Keeneland Sale and then shipped here to foal and are booked to Honest Mischief. So it's very exciting."

"I have to say he's been really, really good settling into his new home," he added. "At first, we had him in a smaller paddock. I was hand-walking him a few times a day for a couple of weeks, just to actually get him acclimated into the stud life. Then after that, he moved into his big paddock and he's actually been a pleasure and settled in quite nicely."

In November 2020, **Into Mischief** set a new Northern Hemisphere record for single-season earnings by a sire, upending the reign of **Tapit** as his son **Authentic** was crowned 2020 Horse of the Year. The Sequel team said that getting the first son of **Into Mischief** to stand in the state, and at a reasonable price, was an attention getter, particularly when combined with his dam's royal breeding and her success as a broodmare.

Juddmonte's Garrett O'Rourke told the *TDN* in November of last year, "Honest Mischief was pegged as a real talent by our exercise riders from the very beginning. He had raw speed, he was sound, and he had desire. He placed behind stars like Shancelot and **Volatile** at the top of their games and when he won, he won like a Grade I horse. Honest Mischief has such a genetic concentration of classic talent, on top and bottom of his pedigree, that expectation of his success at stud is just a given."

"Honest Mischief was bred and raced by Juddmonte Farms, which by itself is an extraordinary thing," said Van Der Weshuizen. "They are globally renowned for their racehorses. To be able to do business with them, and actually have the opportunity that they picked us basically to venture into Honest Mischief with them in New York, is a big accomplishment. It will be great for Sequel, and I hope for the New York breeding program."

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GRADED STAKES NOTE: The GIII Suwannee River S., originally scheduled to be run over the Gulfstream Park turf, was automatically downgraded to Listed status when it was taken off the turf Feb. 6. The American Graded Stakes Committee has reviewed the off-the-turf renewal and has determined that the original GIII status will be not reinstated for this renewal.

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KATHY WALSH PENALIZED \$3,000 AND 30 DAYS FOR 'ACE' POSITIVE *by T.D. Thornton*

Longtime trainer Kathy Walsh, who currently has no horses actively racing according to Equibase, was fined \$3,000 and suspended 30 days stemming from a June 28, 2020, acepromazine metabolite positive at Los Alamitos Race Course.

But Walsh, who has been a licensed trainer since 1970 and an assistant since 1962, will pay only \$1,500 and serve seven days through Feb. 13, 2021. The remainder of the penalty will be stayed pending a one-year probation without any Class 3 or lower violations because Walsh entered into a "settlement agreement and mutual release" over the matter, according to a Feb. 5 ruling issued by the California Horse Racing Board.

Acepromazine is a Class 3 Penalty Category B sedative.

The horse that triggered the positive was the 0-for-16 gelding Git On Your Pulpit (Lucky Pulpit), who ran second, beaten half a length, at 3-1 odds in a \$20,000 maiden claimer. He was disqualified and placed last for co-owners Walsh and Marietta Gelalich.

That start was Walsh's last recorded entry on Equibase, although Git On Your Pulpit has made three mixed-meet starts at Los Al this year, winning a 1,000-yard maiden race Jan. 21.

Walsh, a MGSW conditioner from a family that was prominent for decades in racing in the Pacific Northwest, has 1,231 lifetime wins and is a member of the Washington Racing Hall of Fame.

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TEXAS SUMMER YEARLING SALE SET FOR AUG. 30

The Texas Summer Yearling Sale will be held Monday, Aug. 30 at Lone Star Park, the Texas Thoroughbred Association and Lone Star announced Tuesday. Entries are now being accepted with a deadline of June 21.

Despite the pandemic, last year's Texas Summer Yearling Sale resulted in an increase in gross sale receipts of more than 166% with approximately twice the number of horses consigned compared to the previous year. Even with the larger catalog, last year's sale posted an increase in average and median as buyers reacted positively to rising purses and breeders awards in Texas thanks to new legislation.

"Last year's sale showed how strong the Southwest market is with Texas on the rise and Oklahoma and Louisiana continuing to have solid racing and breeding programs," said Tim Boyce, sales director of the TTA. "We fully expect that upward trend to continue with our upcoming 2-year-olds in training sale followed by this yearling sale."

Last year, the TTA introduced a consignor rebate program that rebates up to 50% of the consignment fee using funding from the passage of HB 2463, and that offer will again be in effect for this sale.

As previously announced, the TTA and Lone Star Park will hold the Texas 2-Year-Olds in Training Sale Apr. 7. The breeze show will be held Apr. 5.

For more information, go to www.ttasales.com.

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FIRST FOALS FOR WORLD OF TROUBLE

Multiple Grade I winner **World of Trouble** (Kantharos) was represented by his first foal when a colt out of the unraced Sparkling Beauty (Flat Out) was born Jan. 12 at McKathan Farm.

World of Trouble's breeder, Daryl Clark of Darsan, Inc., welcomed one of the stallion's first foals when stakes-producing Lizzie K (High Fly) foaled a filly Jan. 30.

"The foal bears a strong resemblance to her sire," Clark said. "She looks like she will be very fast. I am very pleased with what I see."

World of Trouble won the 2019 GI Carter H. and GI Jaipur Invitational. He stands at Hill 'n' Dale for a fee of \$15,000.

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GULFSTREAM TO HOST CANTER FOR THE CAUSE

Gulfstream Park will offer owners and fans the chance to walk trot or canter their horses across the track when it hosts its second Canter for the Cause Mar. 15. All participants will have a chance to have their pictures taken in the winner's circle by Gulfstream Park. Registration is \$50 and all proceeds from the event will go to Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance (TAA), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that inspects and awards grants to approved aftercare organizations to retrain, retire, and rehome Thoroughbreds using industry-wide funding.

"This was such a well-received event last year for all the participants and volunteers that we wanted to hold it again within state and local health protocols, as well as our own," said Mike Lakow, Vice President of Racing at Gulfstream. "Canter for the Cause is a great way to raise awareness for Thoroughbred aftercare. We know this year's event will be a memorable one."

Registration closes Mar. 8 at 5 p.m. To register, visit www.eventbrite.com/e/canter-for-the-cause-tickets-140415286903.

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2021 Kentucky Derby Future Wager Pool 3 Friday, Feb. 12-Sunday, Feb. 14

#	Horse	ML
1	Caddo River (Hard Spun)	12-1
2	Candy Man Rocket (Candy Ride {Arg})	20-1
3	Concert Tour (Street Sense)	20-1
4	Dream Shake (Twirling Candy)	20-1
5	Essential Quality (Tapit)	8-1
6	Fire at Will (Declaration of War)	50-1
7	Freedom Fighter (Violence)	20-1
8	Greatest Honour (Tapit)	15-1
9	Highly Motivated (Into Mischief)	20-1
10	Hot Rod Charlie (Oxbow)	20-1
11	Jackie's Warrior (Maclean's Music)	30-1
12	Keepmeinmind (Laoban)	20-1
13	Life Is Good (Into Mischief)	8-1
14	Mandaloun (Into Mischief)	30-1
15	Medina Spirit (Protonico)	20-1
16	Midnight Bourbon (Tiznow)	30-1
17	Nova Rags (Union Rags)	30-1
18	Prevalence (Medaglia d'Oro)	20-1
19	Risk Taking (Medaglia d'Oro)	15-1
20	Roman Centurian (Empire Maker)	30-1
21	Senor Buscador (Mineshaft)	30-1
22	Swiftsure (Uncle Mo)	30-1
23	The Great One (Nyquist)	20-1
24	All Other 3-Year-Olds	9-5



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Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	Into Mischief (2005) by Harlan's Holiday	2	6	1	2	--	--	65	14	60,000	718,094
	Crops: 10			Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY				Fee: \$225,000		Life Is Good	
2	Street Sense (2004) by Street Cry (Ire)	3	3	2	3	--	--	24	6	156,600	483,549
	Crops: 11			Stands: Darley KY				Fee: \$60,000		Concert Tour	
3	Candy Ride (Arg) (1999) by Ride the Rails	2	2	2	2	--	--	28	9	144,000	427,188
	Crops: 14			Stands: Lane's End Farm KY				Fee: \$75,000		Candy Man Rocket	
4	Medaglia d'Oro (1999) by El Prado (Ire)	2	2	2	2	--	--	21	4	137,500	389,930
	Crops: 14			Stands: Darley KY				Fee: \$150,000		Risk Taking	
5	Union Rags (2009) by Dixie Union	2	2	--	1	--	--	34	6	70,000	374,874
	Crops: 6			Stands: Lane's End Farm KY				Fee: \$30,000		Nova Rags	
6	Tapit (2001) by Pulpit	1	4	1	2	--	--	25	6	119,040	358,001
	Crops: 14			Stands: Gainesway Farm KY				Fee: \$185,000		Greatest Honour	
7	Munnings (2006) by Speightstown	1	1	--	--	--	--	32	10	55,000	355,490
	Crops: 8			Stands: Ashford Stud KY				Fee: \$40,000		Perfect Munnings	
8	Curlin (2004) by Smart Strike	1	4	--	1	--	--	23	3	84,000	327,008
	Crops: 10			Stands: Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa KY				Fee: \$175,000		Curlin's Catch	
9	Constitution (2011) by Tapit	--	3	--	2	--	--	32	7	44,000	317,726
	Crops: 3			Stands: WinStar Farm KY				Fee: \$85,000		Just Read It	
10	Maclean's Music (2008) by Distorted Humor	1	2	1	1	--	--	25	6	106,950	307,127
	Crops: 6			Stands: Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa KY				Fee: \$25,000		Drain the Clock	
11	Tapiture (2011) by Tapit	--	1	--	--	--	--	43	9	54,120	294,929
	Crops: 3			Stands: Darby Dan Farm KY				Fee: \$10,000		Heated Argument	
12	Quality Road (2006) by Elusive Quality	--	4	--	4	--	--	31	6	44,400	284,223
	Crops: 8			Stands: Lane's End Farm KY				Fee: \$150,000		Atlantic Road	
13	I'll Have Another (2009) by Flower Alley	--	--	--	--	--	--	26	5	57,820	280,175
	Crops: 6			Stands: Ocean Breeze Ranch CA				Fee: \$10,000		Meisho Kushinada (Jpn)	
14	Hard Spun (2004) by Danzig	1	1	--	--	--	--	38	7	90,000	277,161
	Crops: 11			Stands: Darley KY				Fee: \$35,000		Caddo River	
15	Orb (2010) by Malibu Moon	--	1	--	--	--	--	34	7	40,000	272,403
	Crops: 5			Stands: Claiborne Farm KY				Fee: Private		Eagle Orb	

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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, Laurel, post time: 3:23 p.m. EST**RUNHAPPY BARBARA FRITCHIE S.-GIII, \$250,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 7f**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Sharp Starr	Munnings	Barry K. Schwartz	DePaz	Cintron	120
2	Club Car 🌿	Malibu Moon	Ball, Michael and Katherine G.	Colebrook	Carrasco	120
3	Dontletsweetfoolya 🌿	Stay Thirsty	Five Hellions Farm	Gaudet	Toledo	120
4	Estilo Talentoso	Maclean's Music	Juan Arriagada	Arriagada	Crispin	120
5	Suggestive Honor (Arg)	Suggestive Boy (Arg)	Juan Oscar Llobell	Salazar	Ruiz	120
6	Hibiscus Punch	Into Mischief	Seltzer, Edward A. and Anderson, Beverly S.	Nixon	Karamanos	120
7	Needs Supervision 🌿	Paynter	Howling Pigeon Farms, LLC, Barber, Gary, Wachtel Stable and Madaket Stables LLC	O'Dwyer	Russell	120
8	Hello Beautiful	Golden Lad	Madaket Stables LLC, Frassetto, Albert, Parkinson, Mark, K-Mac Stable and Magic City Stables, LLC	Russell	Russell	120

Breeders: 1-Stonewall Farm, 2-Brett A. Brinkman & P. Dale Ladner, 3-BHMFR, LLC, 4-Mile High Bloodstock LLC, 5-La Esperanza, 6-Edward A. Seltzer & Beverly Anderson, 7-Mike Abraham, 8-Hillwood Stables, LCC

Saturday, Laurel, post time: 3:53 p.m. EST**GENERAL'S S.-GIII, \$250,000, 4yo/up, 7f**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Laki	Cuba Hillside Equestrian Meadows		Dilodovico	Karamanos	122
2	Funny Guy	Big Brown	Gatsas Stables, R. A. Hill Stable and Swick Stable	Terranova II	Russell	120
3	Lebda	Raison d'Etat	Euro Stable	Gonzalez	Cintron	120
4	Majestic Dunhill 🌿	Majesticperfection	R. A. Hill Stable	Weaver	Lynch	120
5	Fortunate Friends	J P's Gusto	William D. McCarty	Morrow	Toledo	120
6	Share the Ride 🌿	Candy Ride (Arg)	Silvino Ramirez	Penaloza	Carrasco	120
7	Informative 🌿	Bodemeister	Trin-Brook Stables, Inc.	St. Lewis	Chirinos	120
8	Arthur's Hope 🌿	Smart Bid	Raul DelValle	Salazar	Cortez	120
9	Chilly in Charge	Take Charge Indy	Newtown Anner Stud Farm	Vera	Acosta	120
10	Tattooed	Etched	Holt, Kenneth C., Montuori, Theodore R. and Palumbo Racing Stable	Keefe	Cruz	120

Breeders: 1-Tom Michaels & Lorna Baker, 2-Hibiscus Stables, 3-Calumet Farm, 4-Hargus Sexton, Sandra Sexton & Silver Fern Farm, LLC, 5-Nicholas J. Downes, 6-Dixiana Farms LLC, 7-Rose Hill Farm & John Trumbulovic, 8-Monhill Farm, LLC, 9-Horseshoe Valley Equine Center LLC, 10-Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Holt, TheodoreMontuori & Mr. & Mrs. Richard Palumbo

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 Dalisen, 5-Alex G. Campbell, Jr. Thoroughbreds, LLC, 6-Glendalough LLC, 7-Whitham Thoroughbreds, LLC, 8-Maccabee Farm, 9-Rhinestone Bloodstock, 10-Lothenbach Stables Inc, 11-Ledglands, LLC & Andrew Ritter



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Wednesday, Delta Downs, post time: 4:22 p.m. ET

LA BRED PREMIER SPRINT S., \$100,000, (S), 4yo/up, 5f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1	Mr. Production	Run Production	Broussard	Broberg	15-1
2	Laughingsaintsong	Songandaprayer	Stokes	Landry	6-1
3	X Clown	Jimmy Creed	Melancon	Delhomme	12-1
4	Prizeless	Langfuhr	Birzer	Hall	10-1
5	Bertie's Galaxy	Greeley's Galaxy	Dominguez	Faucheux	10-1
6	Hooray Austin	Half Ours	Pompell	White	20-1
7	Double Barrel Man	Musket Man	Thornton	Broberg	8-1
8	No Parole	Violence	Saenz	Amoss	3-5



SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: WEDNESDAY, FEB. 10

2021 Stud Fees Listed

Air Force Blue (War Front), Ashford Stud, \$10,000

178 foals of racing age/21 winners/0 black-type winners

8-Tampa Bay Downs, Aoc 1mT, Major Frontier, 6-1

\$45,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$55,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; \$34,000 OBS

APR 2yo

Anchor Down (Tapit), Gainesway Farm, \$5,000

90 foals of racing age/11 winners/0 black-type winners

5-Delta Downs, \$100K LA Bred Premier Prince S., 1m, Wise

Anchor, 5-1

\$45,000 FTK JUL yrl; \$5,000 OBS MAR 2yo



GISW & 'TDN Rising Star' No Parole headlines Wednesday's Louisiana Premier Day at Delta Downs | Adam Coglianese

Second-Crop Starters cont.

California Chrome (Lucky Pulpit), Arrow Stud
 196 foals of racing age/17 winners/0 black-type winners
 3-Delta Downs, \$100K LA Bred Premier Starlet S., 1m, Cilla, 7-5
 \$120,000 RNA KEE JAN wnl

Jess's Dream (Curlin), Ocala Stud, \$4,000
 131 foals of racing age/9 winners/1 black-type winner
 3-Delta Downs, \$100K LA Bred Premier Starlet S., 1m, Eileen
 Alexandra, 6-1
 2-Mahoning Valley, Alw 6f, Empress Alexandra, 7-2
 \$7,000 OBS WIN wnl; \$14,000 RNA OBS OCT yrl; \$12,000 OBS
 OPN 2yo

Outwork (Uncle Mo), WinStar Farm, \$15,000
 209 foals of racing age/22 winners/2 black-type winners
 5-Delta Downs, \$100K LA Bred Premier Prince S., 1m,
 Drewhustle, 6-1
 \$45,000 ESL YRL yrl
 2-Mahoning Valley, Alw 6f, Qui, 10-1
 \$4,500 KEE JAN wnl
 5-Parx Racing, Msw 6f, Ruffy, 15-1
 \$47,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; \$12,000 EAS MAY 2yo

Slumber (GB) (Cacique {Ire}), Rockridge Stud, private
 20 foals of racing age/2 winners/1 black-type winner
 8-Tampa Bay Downs, Aoc 1mT, Jimmy P, 8-1

Tourist (Tiznow), WinStar Farm, \$5,000
 156 foals of racing age/18 winners/0 black-type winners
 2-Mahoning Valley, Alw 6f, Jane's Gold Tour, 10-1
 \$3,000 KEE SEP yrl

Uncle Lino (Uncle Mo), Northview Stallion Station, \$4,000
 132 foals of racing age/7 winners/0 black-type winners
 5-Parx Racing, Msw 6f, Marvalous Mike, 4-1



ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

8th-Delta Downs, \$36,000, (S), 2-9, (NW1X), 4yo/up, 5f, :59.57,
 ft, 1/2 length.

**REACH THE CIRCLE (g, 4, Secret Circle--Sky Reach, by
 Glitterman)** Lifetime Record: 22-5-3-5, \$110,725. O-End Zone
 Athletics, Inc.; B-Ronald P. Webb (LA); T-Karl Broberg.

5th-Mahoning Valley, \$30,500, (S), 2-9, (NW2X), 3yo/up, f/m,
 1m, 1:41.23, ft, 1 3/4 lengths.

**GIFT FROM MOM (m, 6, Kentucky Dane--Picture of Mom, by
 Cat Power)** Lifetime Record: 43-4-2-6, \$83,748. O/T-Ivan
 Vazquez Racing Stable; B-Raymond E. Donald (OH).

6th-Mahoning Valley, \$29,000, (S), 2-9, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m,
 6f, 1:12.60, ft, 3 lengths.

TAP THE TOWN (f, 3, Cowtown Cat--Dynatop, by Tapit) Lifetime
 Record: 12-2-2-1, \$51,118. O-Penny S. Lauer; B-Gary J. & Cindy
 Falter (OH); T-Michael E. Lauer. *\$3,200 Wlg '18 KEENOV.



3rd-Mahoning Valley, \$29,000, (S), 2-9, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m,
 6f, 1:12.84, ft, 1 1/4 lengths.

MERRIE MUSIC (f, 3, Music City--Merrie's Pride, by Grindstone)
 Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-1, \$36,940. O-Richard L. Alderson; B-Dick
 Alderson (OH); T-Larry E. Smith.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Happilea, c, 3, **Lea**--Woodford Tea, by **Street Sense**. Mahoning
 Valley, 2-9, 6f, 1:12.42. B-H & H Farms (NY). *\$37,000 RNA Ylg
 '19 SARAUG; \$9,000 RNA 2yo '20 OBSMAR.



Diamond Patriot, c, 3, **You Luckie Mann**--Sorta Sassy, by Cashel
 Castle. Mahoning Valley, 2-9, 6f, 1:12.01. B-George T Gurrola
 (FL).

Kiss Me Cowgirl, g, 5, **Vaquero**--Kiss Me Darlin, by With
 Distinction. Mahoning Valley, 2-9, (S), 6f, 1:15.80. B-Roger S.
 Braugh (OH).

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- LEA**, Happilea, c, 3, o/o Woodford Tea, by **Street Sense**. MSW, 2-9, Mahoning Valley
- MUSIC CITY**, Merrie Music, f, 3, o/o Merrie's Pride, by Grindstone. ALW, 2-9, Mahoning Valley
- SECRET CIRCLE**, Reach the Circle, g, 4, o/o Sky Reach, by Glitterman. ALW, 2-9, Delta Downs
- VAQUERO**, Kiss Me Cowgirl, g, 5, o/o Kiss Me Darlin, by With Distinction. MSW, 2-9, Mahoning Valley
- YOU LUCKIE MANN**, Diamond Patriot, c, 3, o/o Sorta Sassy, by Cashel Castle. MSW, 2-9, Mahoning Valley

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	GII Rachel Alexandra S.	Fair Grounds
	GII Santa Monica S.	Santa Anita
	GIII Fair Grounds S.	Fair Grounds
	GIII Mineshaft S.	Fair Grounds
	GIII Runhappy Barbara Fritchie S.	Laurel
	GIII General's S.	Laurel
	GIII Gulfstream Park Sprint	Gulfstream
	GIII Gulfstream Park Turf Sprint	Gulfstream
	GIII Razorback H.	Oaklawn
Feb. 15	GIII Southwest S.	Oaklawn
	GIII Bayakoa S.	Oaklawn
Feb. 20	GII Buena Vista S.	Santa Anita
	GIII Royal Delta S.	Gulfstream
Feb. 27	GII Fountain of Youth S.	Gulfstream
	GII Davona Dale S.	Gulfstream
	GII Mac Diarmida S.	Gulfstream
	GII Gulfstream Park Mile	Gulfstream
	GIII Canadian Turf S.	Gulfstream
	GIII Herecomesthebride S.	Gulfstream
	GIII Honey Fox S.	Gulfstream
	GIII The Very One S.	Gulfstream

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A LEGACY OF EXCELLENCE, AND STILL IN THE MAKING



Exceed and Excel shuttled for 16 consecutive seasons | *Darley*

By Kelsey Riley

There are few horses—or humans, for that matter—that have logged as many air miles as **Exceed and Excel (Aus)**. The 21-year-old stallion can claim some 338,000, having shuttled for 16 consecutive seasons from his base at Darley Australia's Kelvinside Stud to Sheikh Mohammed's Dalham Hall or Kildangan Stud in Europe. Continued good results as both a sire and broodmare sire in both hemispheres mean that Exceed and Excel is a very notable absentee from the European stallion ranks in 2021, with Darley having called time on the bay's Northern Hemisphere stud career late last year, citing simply the desire to reward him for a career done well.

Exceed and Excel is not the most traveled horse of the modern shuttle era—that honour belongs to WinStar Farm/Vinery Stud's **More Than Ready**, who in 2019 completed his 18th consecutive year shuttling between Australia and the U.S. But it seems fair to bestow upon Exceed and Excel the honour of being the sire that revolutionized the shuttle route from Australia to Europe.

Exceed and Excel's sire Danehill (who shuttled for 14 consecutive seasons) died at the tail end of the 2003 breeding season in Ireland, and it didn't take long for an heir apparent to emerge, a horse that, like his sire, had near-equal effect on both sides of the globe—an incredibly rare feat indeed, something that even the great Galileo or Dubawi couldn't quite pull off.

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DRISH VENTURE TOPS GOFFS OPENER

In 2020, the bloodstock agency Kerr & Co celebrated its 100th anniversary and it has ventured into new territory in its 101st year with a first online purchase at the Goffs February Sale.

Bert Kerr, whose uncle of the same name was the founder of the business, bought the top lot of the first day of the online auction, the 3-year-old **Drish Venture (Ire)** (Mehmas {Ire}), for €50,000.

Sold through Baroda Stud as **lot 92A**, the gelding has had a successful winter for his owner/trainer Donal Commins, winning at Dundalk in December and January over five and six furlongs, as well as placing twice, most recently on Feb. 5.

"He will be racing abroad," Kerr said. "I do a lot of business in central Europe and that's where he will be going, for a long established client. I've been tracking him since Dec. 2 when he won his first race and I just thought he ticked all the boxes, he was a proper horse."

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Raced initially by Alan Osburg and Nick Moraitis, Exceed and Excel won the G2 Todman S. at two for trainer Tim Martin before blossoming into a Group 1-winning 3-year-old when taking the G1 Dubai Racing Club Cup over seven furlongs and the G1 Newmarket H. over six. Sheikh Mohammed purchased Exceed and Excel thereafter for a reported A\$22-million--a record for an Australian homebred at the time--and shipped him to Newmarket with the intention of running in the Golden Jubilee at Royal Ascot, but plans went awry when the colt was forced to sit out the Royal meeting with unsatisfactory bloodwork. A reroute to the G1 July Cup provided a disappointing result, with Exceed and Excel beating just one horse home in the field of 20.

While Sheikh Mohammed's big buy may have yielded underwhelming results in the short term, a glimpse back over a near 20-year stud career reveals him to be an inspired purchase indeed. He was fast from the gates with his first crops Down Under after starting out at A\$55,000, with 17 stakes winners across his first two headed by the G1 Blue Diamond S. scorer Reward For Effort (Aus). Exceed and Excel stood at Kildangan Stud in 2005 and 2007 for €10,000, bookending a season at Dalham Stud in 2006 where he stood for £7,500. He covered 300 mares cumulatively his first three seasons in Europe.

Exceed and Excel marked himself as a youngster to watch in 2008 with four stakes winners in his first season with runners in Europe, headed by the G2 Lowther S. scorer Infamous Angel (Ire) and the Listed Windsor Castle S. victor Flashman's Papers (Ire). The bay's first two crops would additionally go on to yield the G2 King George S. winner Masamah (Ire), the G3 Winter Derby scorer Nideeb (Ire) and the GIII Seniorita S. victress Mrs Kipling (Ire), but Exceed and Excel's true breakout came with his 2018 crop, which produced the 2011 G1 Nunthorpe S. winner Margot Did (Ire) and the 2012 G1 Prix Jacques le Marois and G1 Queen Elizabeth II S. victor Excelebration (Ire), who suffered the misfortune of being a standout miler in the same era as **Frankel (GB)**. By the time Exceed and Excel notched his first North American Grade I winner, the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf victor Outstrip (GB) in 2013, his credibility had soared too Down Under, with standout juveniles Guelph (Aus), Helmet (Aus) and Overreach joining his



Exceed and Excel | Darley

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honour roll. Earthquake (Aus) became his second Blue Diamond winner in 2014, and in 2019 Microphone (Aus) gave his sire a first winner of the G1 Sires' Produce S. and a clean sweep of the country's elite 2-year-old races.

If there is a trend of sires becoming less prolific with age, Exceed and Excel has well and truly bucked it. In Australia alone he provided 14 individual stakes winners during the 2019/20 season, his second-highest number ever in a year. He has provided back-to-back winners of the G1 Coolmore Stud S. in Exceedance (Aus) and September Run (Aus), and Godolphin homebred Bivouac (Aus) has marked himself out as an heir apparent with wins in the G1 Golden Rose S., G1 Newmarket H. and G1 Sprint Classic--excellent credentials with which to go to stud, perhaps in a dual hemisphere capacity? While Exceed and Excel's shuttle days are over, his career as a sire seems to keep finding another gear.



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He stood for a career-high A\$132,000 during the recently completed Australian season--a remarkable accomplishment at age 20 when even the top-tier sires are often seeing their popularity dwindle in favour of the flashy youngsters.

Exceed and Excel's Northern career followed a similar trajectory. After starting out at €10,000 and £7,500 his first three seasons, Exceed and Excel's fee didn't dip for 13 years, rising to €50,000 in 2019, 2018 and 2019 before being trimmed to €40,000 in 2020.



Excelebration was a top-class miler and Group 1 sire | Coolmore

While Exceed and Excel has carved out a reputation as a source of top-class 2-year-olds--he was the first stallion in the world to reach 500 juvenile winners--he has also had a knack for siring tough-as-teak horses that train on, like the dual G1 Hong Kong Sprint winner and G1 Chairman's Sprint Prize victor Mr. Stunning (Aus), who ran up until the age of seven last year; G1 Al Quoz Sprint winner Amber Sky (Aus), who ran until the age of eight; Heavy Metal (GB), who won the G2 Coventry S. and G2 Richmond S. at two, won three group races at the Dubai carnival at eight and was still running up to last year at age 10; Championship (Ire), who won a pair of Group 2s at the Dubai carnival in 2017 aged six; and Secret Ambition (GB), who won last week's G3 Firebreak S. at age eight.

With two crops still to hit the racetracks in the North, Exceed and Excel has left behind 144 stakes winners, 64 of which are group winners, and 815 overall winners--and he has a few sire sons coming up through the ranks that could yet build on his legacy. While Excelebration has since moved on from Coolmore his stud career has not been without merit, he having thrown the classy Group 1 winner Barney Roy (GB) and the evergreen group-winning sprinter Speak In Colours (GB). Helmet provided the first-ever dual winner of the G1 Dubai World Cup, Thunder Snow (Ire).

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“I was very taken with Circus Maximus when I inspected him. He has size, substance, a fantastic action and has a lot of class about him. I’ve already recommended him to several of my clients.” Michael Donohue, BBA Ireland

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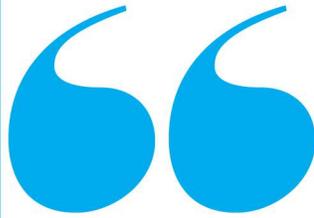
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Sara Cumani
Darley

Buratino (Ire) showed some promise with his first 2-year-olds last year, while among those yet to have runners are Cotai Glory (GB) and James Garfield (Ire). Or perhaps it will be the aforementioned Bivouac or Microphone who eventually follow their sire's well-trodden path down to Europe.

If there is any need to put further proof to the abundance of class that Exceed and Excel has spread, it is there for all to see in his broodmare daughters. During a golden summer in 2019, Anthony Van Dyck (Ire) (**Galileo {Ire}**) won the G1 Epsom Derby just weeks before **Ten Sovereigns (Ire) (No Nay Never)** added a win in the G1 July Cup to a victory at two in the G1 Middle Park S. Margot Did has made a flying start at stud, with G2 Prix de Sandringham winner Mission Impassible (Ire) (**Galileo {Ire}**) and G3 Prix Vanteaux and G1 Belmont Oaks Invitational scorer Magic Attitude (GB) (**Galileo {Ire}**) her first two foals. Interestingly, a handful of Exceed and Excel's daughters have already thrown multiple big-race winners: Anthony Van Dyck's dam Believe'N'Succeed (Aus) is also responsible for the G1 Railway S. winner Bounding (Aus), while Darley's excellent mare Essaouira (Aus) has provided Group 1 winners Alizee (Aus) and **Astern (Aus)**. Exceed and Excel's daughters have thus far been responsible for 49 stakes winners, 29 of those group winners and nine Group 1 winners.

It cannot be overlooked, either, the doors that Exceed and Excel opened for Australian shuttlers in the Northern Hemisphere. His success could only have been encouragement for breeders to back another Group 1-winning son of Danehill, **Fastnet Rock**

(Aus), when he shuttled for the first time as a proven sire in 2011, and he has been a rousing success in Europe with the likes of One Master (GB), Fascinating Rock (Ire), Qualify (Ire), Zhukova (Ire) and Diamondsandrubies (Ire) to his credit.

Though no longer shuttling, Pride Of Dubai (Aus) caught the eye with five stakes winners from his first European crop last year, and yearling buyers will this year have the chance to get their hands on members of the first European-breds by G1 Coolmore Stud S. winner Zoustar (Aus), who has made such an exciting start Down Under.

Exceed and Excel's legacy will continue for generations to come through a multitude of channels, and it is very plausible that the best could be yet to come.

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Drish Venture Tops Goffs Opener cont. from p1

Kerr continued, "The order was for a sprinter and he'll be carrying Ireland's flag next season."

He added, "Our company was 100 years old last year and now we are stepping into a brave new world because today was our first ever online purchase. It's great to know that the sales can continue through this. If it had been 20 years ago that this had happened we would all be keeping the horses in the boxes and not being able to go to the sales. But now, with all the technology, you get all the vet reports and the only other thing you need, if you can't see the



Progressive 3-year-old Drish Venture | Goffs

horses yourself, you can get someone you know and trust to have a look. We're adapting and business is carrying on."

Goffs cont.

Drish Venture, who was bred by Mark Commins, is out of Flashing Blade (GB), an Inchinor (GB) half-sister to the Group 3-winning sprinter and stallion Needwood Blade (GB) (Pivotal {GB}).

Chris Timmons signed for two horses from the draft of the Aga Khan Studs, the 3-year-old geldings **Razdan (Ire)** (Zoffany {Ire}) and **Kasansay (Ire)** (Fast Company {Ire}). The former (lot 104) has a rating of 76 after finishing runner-up twice in four starts for Michael Halford and was knocked down at €32,000.

Three-year-old geldings were very much the order of the day and British-based trainer Roger Fell placed the successful bid on the third-top lot of the session, **Ginato (Ire)** (**Footstepsinthesand {GB}**) (lot 95), who was consigned by Friarstown Stables. Previously trained by Kevin Prendergast, the 70-rated Ginato is out of a full-sister to the prolific Fayr Jag (Ire) (Fayruz {Ire}), whose 11 wins included the G1 Golden Jubilee S at Royal Ascot. He changed hands for €25,000.

A high number of withdrawals since the switch to the online format meant that only 82 lots were offered during the first of two sessions. Forty-five horses were sold for a total of €398,700 and average of €8,860. The sale concludes on Wednesday with the final session starting at midday.

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EUROPEAN NEWS

PROGRESSIVE CHASER LASKALIN ADDED TO ARQANA FEBRUARY

A further two wild cards have been added to the first day of the Arqana February Sale which takes place on Monday, Feb. 15.

The 6-year-old gelding **Laskalin (Fr)** (Martaline {GB}), whose form since the new year includes victory in the Listed Prix Bernard de Dufau ever fences at Pau, will be offered by trainer Mikael Mescam as lot 70. The sibling to black-type jumps winners Laskaline (Fr), who is also by Martaline, and Kinglaska (Fr) (Kingsalsa {Fr}) has won five of his 13 starts over the last two seasons. Later in the session a share in the Haras de la Tuilerie stallion **Masked Marvel (GB)** will be auctioned as lot 170.

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• Not Sold	38
• Clearance Rate	53.6%
• High Price	€50,000
• Gross	€379,700
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The winner of the 2011 St Leger for Bjorn Neilsen retired to stud in France in 2015 and among the leading performers of his first crop of 5-year-olds are the Grade 2-placed hurdler Gars En Noir (Fr), who is now in training in Ireland with Willie Mullins, and the Francois Nicolle-trained black-type performer Pacha Senam (Fr).

These two additional lots follow the **three wildcards for the sale** which were announced last week.

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GODOLPHIN STUD AND STABLE STAFF AWARDS TO BE SHOWN LIVE FEB. 22

The 2021 Godolphin Stud and Stable Staff Awards will be broadcast live and free-to-air on RacingTV Monday, Feb. 22. Hosted by ITV Racing’s Ed Chamberlin, the show will begin at 6:30pm. This year’s virtual awards ceremony celebrates 18 finalists, drawn from the stud and stable staff who are vital to the racing industry.

Following two rounds of judging, three finalists have been selected in each of the six award categories: David Nicholson Newcomer Award, Leadership Award, Rider/Groom Award, Stud Staff Award, Dedication Award and Community Award (In recognition of the wonderful work Rory MacDonald achieved at The British Racing School).

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The winner of each category will be announced during the virtual awards ceremony. The 2021 Employee of the Year will be selected from four of the award winners and will take home £10,000, match funded with £10,000 to the winner's yard/stud.

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:

Cole Chop (Fr), c, 3, Vale of York (Ire)--Chopinette (Fr), by Sin Kiang (Fr). Lyon La Soie, 2-9, 9f (AWT), 1:50.40. B-Alain Chopard (FR).

WORLDWIDE NEWS

MOUHEEB TO BYPASS SAUDI DERBY

Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum's **Mouheeb (Flatter)**, who extended his record to two wins from three starts when taking last week's G3 UAE 2000 Guineas by a neck, will decline an invitation to the \$1.5-million Saudi Derby on Feb. 20 and train up to the G2 UAE Derby, worth \$750,000, at Meydan on Dubai World Cup night on Mar. 27.

"He will head directly to the UAE Derby and miss the Saudi Derby," Mohamed Saeed Al Shahi, racing manager for Sheikh Ahmed, told *Tamarkuz Media*. "He came out of the race well, but His Highness, myself and [trainer] Nicholas [Bachalard] felt he had two tough races and we need to give him a bit more time with the UAE Derby being his main target."

Mouheeb broke his maiden at first asking at Jebel Ali on Dec. 18 before missing by a head when second to Rebel's Romance (Ire) (Dubawi (Ire)) in the UAE 2000 Guineas Trial on Jan. 14.

Bachalard added, "We thought he had room to progress between his races and he did. I wasn't sure how much, but he definitely has improved with every run. We think he can handle the added distance in the Derby. We were strongly considering the Saudi Derby, but we just felt that the race took too much out of him and we'll wait."

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ZOUSTAR FILLY TOPS INGLIS CLASSIC



A filly by Zoustar realizes the record price for a filly at the Inglis Classic Yearling Sale | *Inglis*

by Bren O'Brien

The record-breaking Inglis Classic Yearling Sale has been hailed as a significant success, with the final day at Riverside Stables marked by a new record price for a filly after Bruce MacKenzie paid \$450,000 for a daughter of Zoustar.

At A Glance:

- Inglis has attributed the terrific record of graduates from the Classic Sale to a substantial surge in average, aggregate and median across the past three days.
- The Zoustar filly, Lot 591, was the lone offering from Clarke and Croft Bloodstock and is headed to Port Stephens owner Bruce MacKenzie.
- Cambridge Stud's Almanzor (Fr) again had a marquee result with the \$360,000 paid for a colt from the draft of Sledmere Stud powering him to the top of the Book 1 averages for all sires.
- Another first-season sire, Hellbent, got his best result for the week when Star Thoroughbreds paid \$300,000 for one of his fillies.
- The Book 1 average surged to \$102,546, up from \$86,980 in 2020.

- The Book 1 aggregate surged past \$50 million (\$51.3 million) for the first time, up from \$41.2 million last year.
- The clearance rate for Book 1 hit 91 per cent, up from last year's mark of 86 per cent.
- The Book 1 median ended at \$80,000, up from \$75,000 in 2020.
- The Highway Session also boasted record results with a colt by Maurice (Jpn) securing the top price of \$200,000 and the average jumping by nearly \$12,000.

Graduates Drive Classic Revival

Inglis Managing Director Mark Webster has attributed the substantial success of the 2021 Inglis Classic Sale to the ongoing confidence star graduates from the Sale has given buyers willing to invest.

The Sale reached high water marks in terms of top price, average, aggregate and clearance rate as the bullish nature of the Australian bloodstock market continued on its upward trend.

Webster feels that while there is no doubt a rising tide of confidence in buyers investing in thoroughbreds in Australia, the racetrack success of the recent graduates drove considerable growth.

"I think the results reflect the way the graduates have been performing for the last couple of years more than anything else," he said.



Bruce MacKenzie goes to \$450,000 for Lot 591 | *Inglis*

"It's a Sale that when we moved it from Randwick out to Riverside, we ran an incredible strong sale off the back of a host of horses that had recently run well for us, including a recent Slipper winner. Book 1 averaged \$93,000 that first year and then it dropped back a little for the next two years.

"I'm just delighted that we are back to delivering on the potential we think the Sale has. Since then, we've had an Everest winner in Classique Legend and we have also had a graduate win the Melbourne Cup (Vow And Declare).

"They are really performing well in Hong Kong as well and we had a Group 1 winner the other day with Hot King Prawn. I think the results now reflect the quality that came out of it, and it's on a growth cycle."

Mackenzie Shoots for Star Filly

On a week where records were set every day, the new benchmark achieved on Day 3 was the highest-ever price for a filly at the Classic Sale, when Bruce MacKenzie paid \$450,000 for Lot 591, by Zoustar. The filly, the sole member of the draft from Clarke and Croft Bloodstock, is out of the five-time winner Empress Zakyntos (**Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}**), the sister to Hong Kong stakes winner Divine Ten, out of the multiple stakes-placed mare Zakyntos Star (Dehere {USA}). The sales ring battle for the filly featured Port Stephens-based MacKenzie and Denise Martin of Star Thoroughbreds, with MacKenzie seeing off the competition when he jumped the bidding straight from \$400,000 to the final price of \$450,000.

"Everyone wanted her, she was a magnificent filly. She's well-built and her temperament is amazing. I would go down every night and look at her. Her gate was open and I would pat her for 10 minutes and scratch her head. I'd tell her I was going to take her home," MacKenzie said.

"I have only bid on three but she was the one I wanted. You only have to look at her."

MacKenzie said he is in no rush to decide whether the filly goes to the stables of Damien Lane or Kristen Buchanan.

It was a game-changing result for Sam Croft of Uralla-based Clarke and Croft, who had also sold the filly's dam as a yearling, before buying her back as a broodmare.

"We are so happy, I really thought she deserved a fair bit of

money, but that is fantastic," she said. "Our previous best result was \$150,000. So this is by far the best horse I have ever sold."

"I think she will be a juvenile sprinter, but she should go on."

Empress Zakyntos has already delivered Croft a return of \$140,000 on a Star Turn colt at this Sale 12 months ago, and is currently in foal to Pierata. The filly was the most expensive of the 14 Zoustars sold in Book 1, with an aggregate of \$2.035 million and an average of \$145,357 for the Widden Stud stallion. It was a pair of Newgate stallions which topped the aggregate sales by stallions, with Capitalist enjoying a remarkable week, with the top two lots, and over \$3.5 million in sales across 17 lots. Deep Field's progeny raised a total of \$3.27 million with 30 sales.

Another Outstanding Almanzor Result

It was another remarkable Sale for Cambridge Stud's Almanzor, who led all stallions on average (three or more sold) on \$221,667 across six lots, clear of I Am Invincible (\$220,000) and Written Tycoon (\$207,500). What got Almanzor over the line in that regard was another of his highlight colts, Lot 617, which reached the day's second highest price of \$360,000 to

Zhongli Thoroughbreds from the draft of Sledmere Stud.

"We waited two days for this colt. We spotted him early. The Sale has been really good to Zhongli. We purchased Hit The Shot here, so we were trying to go down that avenue in finding a nice, athletic horse that will be a nice miler-stayer," Quinton Cassidy of Zhongli Thoroughbreds said.

"I was actually quite surprised. All the good judges have been on the Almanzors, so that gives you a good indication of how they are



Almanzor (left), leading all stallions by average at Inglis | ScoopDyga

going to sell and they are doing so."

A trainer for the colt is yet to be decided.

Royston Murphy of Sledmere Stud said the strong result was a great reward for Little Avondale Stud who decided to send the Almanzor colt to the Classic Sale.

"It's a great result for Little Avondale, Sam and Cat (Williams, Little Avondale proprietors) send these horses over and our job is quite easy as they always send really nice horses over. He was the star colt for them and as everybody says, these horses have been so busy this week. To go and get that result with our last horse is great," he said.

This week at Riverside Stables, Almanzor has had a colt, Lot 224, sell for \$400,000 on Sunday, and then two colts sell for \$360,000. That follows on from the popularity of his progeny at the Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale, where he was the leading first-season sire on average, and at the New Zealand Bloodstock National Yearling Sale at Karaka, where he was leading sire on aggregate overall.

"I think he's a great coup for New Zealand. Every one I have seen are such lovely, athletic horses. They are free-moving horses with a lot of scope and presence about them," Murphy said.

"It's good to see a new horse like that come into the fray. A lot of the time we are concentrating on these short and sharp horses, but I think he's going to be a big horse for the future.

"It's nice to see people that have invested in him and get the just rewards. We all try to pick the right stallions and those people have done well out of him. I'm sure we will see him hit the track over the next few years and succeed for the guys over there."

Martin Hellbent on Yarraman Freshman

Another first-season sire to do particularly well this week has been Yarraman Park's Hellbent, who has had 24 of his first crop sell for a total of \$2.5 million and an average of \$104,167.

His highest-priced yearling of the week was the Lot 555, the filly out of Crystal Rock (**Fastnet Rock**), offered by Middlebrook Valley Lodge, which was purchased by Star Thoroughbreds and Randwick Bloodstock for \$300,000.

That result was a great one for Middlebrook Valley's Verna Metcalfe, who bred the filly herself from a mare from the family of Not A Single Doubt. Crystal Rock has already produced the stakes-placed Big Parade (Deep Field).

"I own her, I bred her with my husband, of course, and she is an absolute queen. I couldn't be more rapt to have Denise Martin buy her as she will go to a good trainer (Chris Waller) and be well looked after," she said.

"I haven't had a foal out of the mare for two years. She's a very difficult mare to get in foal. I had her in foal this year but she decided not to carry it.

"Big Parade was an absolute star as well, but this filly is a touch more sensible than Big Parade could be. She is a lovely, athletic filly and Hellbent is going to make a great sire."

Star Thoroughbreds' Martin took a particular shine to the filly and wasn't going to leave without her.

"I thought she was special. We loved her from the moment we saw her and buying from a great farm like Verna's is always an endorsement of a quality yearling, so I thought I was going to have to take deep breaths several times over and we thought that would be about the mark," Martin said.

"I would say she will be a late 2-year-old and she will suit Chris' stable ideally, allowing her to mature."

Martin has made no secret of her love for Hellbent, buying a filly of his at the Gold Coast for \$170,000 and then striking twice within a matter of minutes to secure

the above-mentioned filly and then Lot 563, a colt out of Defrock (Canny Lad), making him a half-brother to the Group 3-winning Godolphin sprinter Deprive (Denman), for \$260,000.

"From what we have seen on the Gold Coast and here, they look very much like I Am Invincible horses. They have got a wonderful way about them. They have got strength and have good attitudes. They are quality types. We have bought three and we might not have finished yet," she said.

Star Thoroughbreds was the fourth highest spender of the Sale, investing \$1.315 million across six lots. Martin said she would have been keen to spend more, but found it hard in what was a hot market.

"When you come to a Sale with quality horses, many people see the same horses, so there are experienced buyers trying to buy the same horses," she said.

"It is wonderful for Inglis, it's wonderful for all facets of the industry, for the broodmare sales, the weanling sales. It's so buoyant and people are still engaged in racing and are buying quality horses. We had hoped to go home with six or seven and we might go home with five."



Lot 555, a daughter of first-season sire Hellbent | Inglis

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Middlebrook Valley's Verna Metcalfe | *Inglis*

Bigger Buyers' Bench Fuels Hot Competition

George Moore Bloodstock/Team Moore ended as the biggest buyers of Book 1 with \$1.44 million spent across five horses, while Melbourne-based Kavanagh Racing, purchased 13 horses, more than anyone else, and spent \$1.43 million.

The clear trend for the week was the desire for multiple buyers to get involved at all ends of the market. Despite over \$51 million changing hands in Book 1, not one buyer spent more than \$1.5 million.

Also notable was the participation of the major colt buyers, in seeking stallion prospects, something that Inglis is particularly proud of.

"Talking to the major buyers, and using James Harron as an example, who is a colt buyer with his stallion fund, they have done their own work with their stats in terms of the performance of the graduates and realised that it is a Sale they can't afford to overlook and they should be investing in," Webster said.

"This Sale is producing stallions and it is not as if it is happening overnight. I Am Invincible is a great example. He came through this Sale and made \$60,000, and is now having sons like Brazen Beau and Hellbent, who came out of this little Sale here and have now got progeny going through themselves.

"The Sale has produced stallions for some time but I think it is now at a point where they are just doing it more regularly and that's helping with the growth."

Webster said the balance of the catalogue, with 620 horses offered in Book 1 and another 183 as part of the Highway Session, also seemed to have helped achieve the desired result.

"The model of 800 horses which is basically our stabling capacity, works, rather than trying to shuffle in new horses at the last minute that don't have the opportunity to be fully inspected," he said.

Newgate Farm ended as the leading Book 1 vendor on aggregate, realising \$4.14 million for its 29 sales, clear of Arrowfield Stud, with \$3.565 million, across 30 sales.

Woodside Park ended as the leading vendor on average with four sales at \$220,000 apiece, clear of Davali Thoroughbreds on \$187,500.

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