

## MORE CLAIRIERE VS. TRAVEL COLUMN RIVALRIES, PLEASE



Clairiere (outside) & Travel Column  
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*The Week in Review, by T.D. Thornton*

Turn the clock back a dozen years and recall when a fledgling filly parlayed a November win in the GII Golden Rod S. into a torrid nine-stakes win streak that culminated in Horse of the Year honors.

That filly, of course, was Rachel Alexandra.

Now it's 2021, and the Fair Grounds annually honors Rachel Alexandra's brief (one win, one second) tenure in New Orleans with a Grade II stakes race in mid-February. **Saturday's edition** just so happened to feature the one-two fillies from the Nov. 28 **Golden Rod S.** at Churchill Downs, a race that stood out as the most visually impressive two-turn stakes of 2020 in the juvenile fillies division.

Three months ago, **'TDN Rising Star' Travel Column (Frosted)** overcame a slow start and multiple logjams in the stretch to bull past fast-finishing **Clairiere (Curlin)** in the shadow of the wire. The final clocking of that 1 1/16 miles stakes was .54 seconds faster than Triple Crown-aspiring males ran one race later in the GII Kentucky Jockey Club S., signaling both fillies (separated by only a length) might be worth watching down the road.

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## MEHMAS FILLY FLIES HOME IN SWEET LIFE

The Phil D'Amato barn continued its hot streak with European imports in turf sprints as **Going Global (Ire)** (Mehmas {Ire}) uncorked a powerful rally to take Sunday's GIII Sweet Life S. at Santa Anita. Fourth in her best of three turf tries for Mick Halford in her native country, the bay broke through over seven furlongs of all-weather at Dundalk Nov. 11 before being acquired privately. She was let go at 8-1 in a full and competitive field despite her trainer's excellent numbers with European acquisitions, including four wins from his last four starts in the category. Finding a foothold at the fence and off the pace as **Five Pics Please (Cinco Charlie)** sped clear, Going Global made her move into a :44.16 half. She still had work to do as the frontrunner threatened to complete her theft, but Flavien Prat got her out in the clear with a sixteenth to race and she zoomed home to get up in the shadow of the wire. **Nimbostratus (Fr)** (**Wootton Bassett {GB}**) filled out the trifecta for some of the same owners as the winner. **Cont. p4**

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*Clairiere, winner of Saturday's GII Rachel Alexandra S., is pictured above as a foal in the Spring of 2018 at Stonestreet Farm in Lexington, KY. | Mathea Kelley/Stonestreet*

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*Katie Ritz offers an update on the initiatives of the Louisville-based Project to Preserve African American Turf History (PPAATH).*

**RUNHAPPY COLT DOMINATES IN GANDER**

**RR**

*Bob LaPenta's **Nicky the Vest** (**Runhappy**) absolutely dominated his rivals in Sunday's Gander S. for New York-bred sophomores, becoming the stallion's first black-type winner.*

**RISING STAR MAKES SUCCESSFUL RETURN AT SA**

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*Baoma Corporation's \$800,000 KEESEP buy **Happier** (**Street Sense**), off since a 'TDN Rising Star' worthy debut at Del Mar in July, picked up where she left off Sunday in Arcadia.*

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**Week in Review cont. from p1**

Not surprisingly, Travel Column was backed to even-money favoritism in the 3-year-old debut for both rivals in the Rachel Alexandra, while Clairiere went off as the 2-1 second choice. Travel Column, a poised speedstress, broke running from her outside stall and asserted herself near the head of the field with a three-wide bid into the clubhouse turn. Clairiere, comfortable rating from a touch farther off the pace than in previous starts, broke inward from the one hole and hit the gate, so jockey Joe Talamo allowed the bay to settle into stride by her lonesome, eighth and last at the fence.



Clairiere overtakes Travel Column Late | Hodges Photography

Travel Column led the main body of the pack while sitting second down the backstretch, six lengths behind a 25-1 breakaway pacemaker who would eventually fade to last. The favorite appeared primed to pounce while getting a gift of a trip, but nemesis Clairiere more arrestingly caught the eye as she began building a wave of momentum five furlongs out with a well-measured uncoiling from the back of the pack that belied her two races of experience.

Rail-running Clairiere inhaled half the field by the time the pack tightened up at the half-mile pole, but Talamo had to tap the brakes a touch over the next furlong because she was momentarily hemmed in. When he cued Clairiere to quicken three-eighths out, her response was instant, and the two shot up the reopened rail on the prowl after Travel Column, who by the midway point on the turn had seized first run on the wilting speed and was obviously the filly to beat.

Turning for home, Talamo expertly vacated the rail and split foes to avoid getting trapped behind the caving pacemaker, then switched back to the fence in upper stretch to keep from running up on the heels of Travel Column. Initially, the body language of the two fillies and the actions of their riders appeared to favor Travel Column, because the even-striding gray had yet to be fully set down by Florent Geroux while Talamo was already imploring Clairiere for more after she had already given plenty.

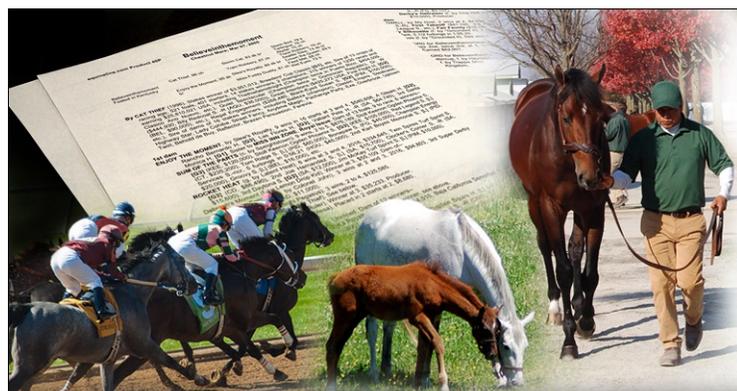
In fact, Talamo's decision to switch to Clairiere to the outside of Travel Column at the eighth pole initially had a "one lateral move too many" look to it. But when Clairiere clearly saw her target and took off in determined pursuit, it amounted to a fourth distinct move over the course of a prolonged five-furlong

drive, a remarkable in-race tactical progression that is unusual for a newly turned 3-year-old filly to accomplish so deftly. And it wasn't like Clairiere was reeling in a tired filly, either. Both finished well, but Clairiere finished better. Her winning margin of a neck was augmented by a confident gallop-out that kept her rival at bay well past the wire.

Clairiere's final time for 1 1/16 miles was 1:45.34. She was initially assigned a provisional 83 Beyer Speed Figure (same number as her Golden Rod second), but by Sunday that Beyer got adjusted upward to an 85. Interestingly, the final eighth for the Rachel Alexandra clocked in at 6.28 seconds, slightly faster than the 6.36 final furlong that undefeated older male Maxfield (*Street Sense*) ran in the same-distance GIII *Mineshaft* S. two races earlier on the card.

Clairiere is owned and bred by Stonestreet Stables and trained by Steve Asmussen, the same connections who acquired Rachel Alexandra after her 20 1/4-length dismantling of the 2009 GI Kentucky Oaks field. She then, in succession, won the GI Preakness S., GI Mother Goose S., GI Haskell Invitational S. and GI Woodward S.

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**Week in Review cont.**

Clairiere is now on a path that could very well lead to an Oaks berth. She's certainly bred to cover a distance of ground--both her sire, **Curlin**, and damsire, **Bernardini**, were Preakness victors (among other multiple Grade I stakes they won up to 10 furlongs), and her dam, Cavorting, was a MGISW up to nine furlongs for Stonestreet.



Rachel Alexandra | *Susie Raisher*

Clairiere shouldn't be saddled with expectations of turning into another Rachel Alexandra. But right now she and Travel Column are supplying the sport with something sorely lacking across almost every division--a competitive, evenly matched rivalry that is fun to watch play out from race to race. The 1-2-3 finishers from last November's GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies have yet to start as 3-year-olds, but these two have already hooked up twice in that interim, delivering a spectacular show on both occasions. Here's rooting for another rematch in the near future.

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**Sunday, Santa Anita Park**

**SWEET LIFE S.-GIII**, \$103,500, Santa Anita, 2-14, 3yo, f, 6fT, 1:07.68, fm.

1--**GOING GLOBAL (IRE)**, 122, f, 3, by Mehmas (Ire)

1st Dam: **Wrood**, by Invasor (Arg)

2nd Dam: **Ras Shaikh**, by Sheikh Albadou (GB)

3rd Dam: **Aneesati (GB)**, by Kris (GB)

**1ST BLACK- TYPE WIN, 1ST GRADED STAKES WIN.** (€15,500 Ylg '19 GOFSP). O-CYBT, Saul Gevertz, Michael Nentwig & Ray Pagano; B-N. Hartery (IRE); T-Philip D'Amato; J-Flavien Prat. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-0, \$68,792. **Werk Nick Rating: D+.** [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#)

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2--**Five Pics Please**, 122, f, 3, **Cinco Charlie**--No Pictures Please, by **Congrats**. O-Desert Sun Stables; B-Larry L. Caudill DVM (KY); T-John W. Sadler. \$20,000.

3--**Nimbostratus (Fr)**, 122, f, 3, **Wootton Bassett (GB)**--Bahama Spirit (Ire), by Invincible Spirit (Ire). (£65,000 Ylg '19 GOFFPR). O-Altamira Racing Stable, CYBT, Marc Lantzman & Michael Nentwig; B-Laundry Cottage Stud (FR); T-Peter Miller. \$12,000. Margins: HF, 3/4, 2HF. Odds: 8.90, 9.70, 6.40.

Also Ran: Majestic Steps (Ire), Squared Shady, I'm So Anna, Plum Sexy, Freedom Flyer, Royal Address (Ire), Magical Thought, Go Greta (GB), Pizzazz. [Click for the Equibase.com chart, the TJCS.com PPs or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.](#) **VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

"I watched her last race and you could see she could run," Prat offered. "Phil talked to me this morning and said they really like her. She's a little tough, likes to do things her way, but she was very professional."

"She trained very well," said D'Amato, who won last week's Baffle S. for the boys with Earls Rock (Ire) (Fascinating Rock {Ire}) and the Clocker's Corner S. Jan. 24 with Gregorian Chant (GB) (Gregorian {Ire}) for another partnership that includes Michael Nentwig. "We were trying to point for an allowance race for the last couple weeks and it didn't come. It was just one of those things. She trained well enough to where I thought she merited a chance in here. So, either run or wait a while until the allowance goes. Luckily, we were able to get Flavien here and a beautiful trip. I think the sky is the limit for this filly."

D'Amato added that, with Prat telling him that she should stretch out, his team would look at upcoming two-turn stakes for Going Global. **Cont. p5**



Going Global | *Benoit Photo*

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## “super fast”

We loved him at the yearling sales, he wasn't a great big horse but he looked early and precocious and that's exactly what he is. He is super smart and super fast." **Susan Montayne** (on her colt ex Bold Quality)



## “racy”

I have four Classic Empires and have been very impressed by all of them. They are excellent movers, very racy, refined individuals. They are incredibly well-balanced horses who look like they are going to be precocious." **Dave Scanlon**



## “gifted”

I really like the Classic Empire colt that I have. He is very precocious and will be going to the Fasig-Tipton Miami sale, he has all of the right tools to be gifted!" **Randy Bradshaw** (on his colt ex Myria)



## “quick and early”

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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Nentwig was on hand to celebrate the win, and said: “Any time you step out and you pay a decent amount of money for a horse from Europe that you’ve only seen run on tape, you kind of put yourself out there and I have to kind of convince the partners that it’s the right thing to do. Phil was very confident in the filly over there. I want to thank Niall [Dalton]. Without him, we wouldn’t have the filly. I’m thrilled for everyone...it’s a great win for the team.”

**Pedigree Notes:**

Tally-Ho Stud's Mehmas dominated among last year's crop of European freshman ([Click for more](#)), and is now responsible for six stakes winners (three group or graded), including G1 Newmarket Middle Park S. hero Supremacy (Ire) and Quattroelle (Ire), winner of this venue's one-mile Blue Norther S. here on New Year's Eve. Another Mehmas filly was beaten a neck in October's Surfer Girl S. here.

Going Global is the second graded winner and fourth stakes winner out of a mare by Hall of Famer Invasor (Arg), who now stands in Uruguay after limited Stateside success.

The winner's dam Wwood, also conditioned by Halford, was a two-time winner over 10 panels of Lingfield Polytrack. The half to GSW Racer Forever (Rahy) has a 2-year-old colt by Profitable (Ire) and a yearling filly by [U S Navy Flag](#).

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2	Candy Man Rocket ( <a href="#">Candy Ride {Arg}</a> )	20-1	35-1
3	Concert Tour ( <a href="#">Street Sense</a> )	20-1	17-1
4	Dream Shake ( <a href="#">Twirling Candy</a> )	20-1	28-1
5	Essential Quality ( <a href="#">Tapit</a> )	8-1	8-1
6	Fire at Will (Declaration of War)	50-1	30-1
7	Freedom Fighter ( <a href="#">Violence</a> )	20-1	52-1
8	Greatest Honour ( <a href="#">Tapit</a> )	15-1	9-1
9	Highly Motivated ( <a href="#">Into Mischief</a> )	20-1	37-1
10	Hot Rod Charlie (Oxbow)	20-1	35-1
11	Jackie's Warrior ( <a href="#">Maclean's Music</a> )	30-1	26-1
12	Keepmeinmind ( <a href="#">Laoban</a> )	20-1	25-1
13	Life Is Good ( <a href="#">Into Mischief</a> )	8-1	7-1
14	Mandaloun ( <a href="#">Into Mischief</a> )	30-1	16-1
15	Medina Spirit (Protonico)	20-1	25-1
16	Midnight Bourbon (Tiznow)	30-1	41-1
17	Nova Rags ( <a href="#">Union Rags</a> )	30-1	91-1
18	Prevalence ( <a href="#">Medaglia d'Oro</a> )	20-1	14-1
19	Risk Taking ( <a href="#">Medaglia d'Oro</a> )	15-1	25-1
20	Roman Centurian (Empire Maker)	30-1	41-1
21	Senor Buscador ( <a href="#">Mineshaft</a> )	30-1	39-1
22	Swiftsure ( <a href="#">Uncle Mo</a> )	30-1	74-1
23	The Great One ( <a href="#">Nyquist</a> )	20-1	38-1
24	All Other 3-Year-Olds	9-5	3-1

**CATCHING UP WITH PPAATH**



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by *Katie Ritz*

Last summer, the *TDN* was first introduced to the Project to Preserve African American Turf History (PPAATH), a Louisville-based group that promotes the education of African American contributions to racing throughout history. In [‘The First Steps Towards Inclusiveness in Racing,’](#) we spoke with CEO and Founder Leon Nichols on the inception of their organization and how they hope to change the sport of racing for the better.

A few months after our meeting, the group was featured on NBC’s coverage of the 146th Running of the Kentucky Derby in a lead-up story on Necker Island ([Hard Spun](#)), the first African American-owned Derby horse in the last 13 years.

Since we last met, PPAATH has created several key partnerships that have allowed them to broaden their outreach.

“Since July, it’s been a fabulous growth period for us,” said Nichols. “It takes a community, but this history deserves no less and I think it’s all about driving a narrative of diversity and inclusion. To see the evolvment of all this and see the commitment from business leaders and the educational community has been beyond our wildest dream.”

We sat down with PPAATH and their partnership leaders as they shared what they’ve been up to recently.

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*Going Global (Ire) (Mehmas {Ire}) impresses in first Stateside start.*

### ***The Black Jockey Lounge***

Tawana Bain, the CEO of New Age Communications, did not grow up in Louisville, but the award-winning businesswoman said she will never forget her first Kentucky Derby experience.

“When I first moved to Louisville, I had never seen anything so segregated as Derby week,” she said.

“Depending on what social circle you traveled in, if you were a Black professional you were literally zig-zagging across 9th Street because the parties were so separate,” she continued, citing what is known as ‘the 9th Street divide’ in Louisville, an invisible racial line that separates the east and west side of the city.

She decided to work to change that four years ago when she created the Derby Diversity Business Summit (DDBS), an event that precedes the Kentucky Derby and helps promote the utilization of diverse business leaders while educating participants on the Kentucky Derby and the sport of horse racing.

“The Summit’s various events are designed to draw a community that has been left out of the Derby and attract them back to the Thoroughbred industry in general,” she said.

Last year, Bain connected with PPAATH to help with a virtual DDBS experience on the history of Black jockeys. The event was held on the rooftop of Encore on 4th, a restaurant Bain has owned since 2018.



**Tawana Bain hopes her transformed restaurant will create a much-needed niche in Louisville | photo courtesy Tawana Bain**

The evening was such a success that they were inspired to give the concept a more permanent structure by transforming Encore into a restaurant and entertainment venue geared towards celebrating the history of Black jockeys.

They re-named the restaurant ‘The Black Jockey Lounge.’

“Prior to COVID, our venue was a destination venue,” Bain said. “It was an experience—the music, the food, the people you

knew you would expect to see. We are no longer the only venue that caters to Black professionals who want to do something at night, which is a good thing, but we needed something to set us apart. This concept is unique. It’s historic.”

The Black Jockey Lounge, located on 630 S. Fourth Street in Louisville, officially opened this past weekend with live music from the KMF Band. PPAATH brings history to the re-designed space with artwork they have collected of some of the winningest jockeys in history. The menu has also been updated with racing-inspired items.

Calvin Davis, PPAATH’s President and Co-Founder, said that the restaurant’s location makes it all the more unique.

“This is a historical community being just across from The Palace Theatre and down the street from The Brown Hotel,” he said. “When Jimmy Winkfield [the last African American jockey to ride a Kentucky Derby winner in 1902] went to attend a luncheon held in his honor in 1961 at the Brown Hotel, he was not allowed into his own luncheon. A bellhop didn’t recognize Mr. Winkfield and they didn’t allow him in to receive his award.”

Even 60 years later, Bain said their location is still an important site for the civil rights movement in the city.

“During the civil unrest last year while we were boarded up, we were one of the stopping places for a lot of protesters of every race and age,” she said. “There’s a history there with what we’ve experienced and who we cater to, and now it’s a historical place for tourists who want to know the history and have great food. We really created a niche that I think this city needs and I think we’ve got something that can revitalize downtown.”

“We think it’s going to be something really unique,” Davis added. “It will be a fun place for all people to come get some really good, upscale food, but at the same time, leave with a nugget of history because these stories will just blow you away when you hear the accomplishments of these jockeys.”

### ***Peerless Craft Bourbon Commemorative Bottle***

James Natsis serves as PPAATH’S Vice President of Global Affairs and is also a writer for various publications around Louisville.

In 2019, Natsis wrote a feature on the re-opening of Kentucky Peerless Distilling Company, a Louisville-based bourbon distillery that was revived that year after a 102-year hiatus.

Recently, Natsis had the idea for PPAATH to join forces with the distillery.

“They’re a family-run business established in the 1880s, so I thought they would be perfect for us,” he said. “When I wrote them, I heard from their marketing person immediately. He was excited to meet with us and now we are making arrangements to launch the first-ever commemorative bottle of bourbon that pays tribute to Black jockeys.” **Cont. p7**

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“They’re going to pay a percentage of the sales back to our organization and that will go to help PPAATH create those products and services that will help draw the dollar back to our community,” Davis said.

The new bourbon edition is set to launch in mid-April in the weeks leading up to the Kentucky Derby.

**Race to Greatness**

**The first Race to Greatness event was held at the Kentucky Derby Museum at Churchill Downs.** | *photo courtesy Von Purdy*

Von Purdy is the Director of Community Engagement and Development Officer at Simmons College of Kentucky, the only historically Black college in Louisville.

Purdy had no prior connection to the racing industry when she noticed pictures of Black jockeys at Shirley May’s Cafe, a historical soul food restaurant in Louisville’s Smoketown district. She was shocked to learn the jockeys’ stories.

“I had no idea,” she said. “I don’t think this town does a good job of highlighting the history of the Black jockeys, especially to people who aren’t from here. I thought to myself, ‘Why is Simmons not involved with this history since we’re a place of education?’”

Purdy was inspired to create ‘Race to Greatness: A Celebration of the Black Jockeys of the Kentucky Derby.’ The event is held annually as a brunch following Thunder Over Louisville, the annual kickoff to the Kentucky Derby Festival.

To provide historical context for the event, Purdy enlisted the help of the PPAATH team to provide artwork and educational pieces for participants to learn from.

The first Race to Greatness celebration was held in 2018, brought in 150 people and raised \$45,000. The following year, it raised \$145,000.

While the event was cancelled last year due to COVID, Purdy said they have plans to bring it back this April. The first two functions were held at the Kentucky Derby Museum, but this year it will take place at Millionaire’s Row at Churchill Downs.

The venue can hold up to 800 people, but Purdy plans to limit the guest list to 300 to engage in proper social distancing.

“We want to educate our students and the public and are using this event to do so,” she said. “We want to move the message to help highlight these jockeys.”

**Moving Forward**

PPAATH has several other projects on the horizon in the coming months.

The Kentucky Derby Museum recently launched a newly expanded exhibit that showcases the impact African Americans have had on racing throughout history.

PPAATH is working with the museum to provide colored prints for visitors to purchase and take home.

“The museum has a visual history from their archives, but we’re trying to develop a partnership where we can get artwork available for sale in the retail store so people can take these prints home,” said PPAATH’s Vice President and Co-Founder Jerry Fife. “I think a combination of what we’ve been doing has made them realize the value of pulling this information out, literally out of the basement, and getting it in front of people.”

In addition, PPAATH has partnered with Brown-Forman Corporation, one of the largest American-owned wine and spirits companies that manufactures, among others, Jack Daniel’s and Woodford Reserve, to create a Black History Month Fireside Chat event for internal educational use within Brown-Forman’s organization.

Nichols said that this first collaboration has already created additional projects with Brown-Forman still in the early stages of development.

Nichols said that he and his team are grateful for the media attention their group has received in the past few months that has allowed them to broaden their outreach to a wider audience.

“The opportunities are endless and with the launch of the first bricks-and-mortar dedication with The Black Jockey Lounge, it’s really gotten national attention with media waiting until it all comes together,” he said. “It’s really not just a community or a state-wide initiation. The media has given some national legs to it.”

Nichols said that now, more than ever, their mission is essential for the betterment of the racing community.

“I always tell people it’s eerily similar as far as the pulse of the nation in 2021 and what was the pulse of the nation in 1896,” he said. “The parallels are strikingly similar. As we know, coming out of the Jim Crow era on into the 20th century, it wasn’t just the expulsion of talent, it was the expulsion of a consumer base that had been with horse racing for the last 200 years. Over time, the impact of that on the industry is still being felt today. Now we’re in a space where the Kentucky Derby and horse racing in general can take the lead in being an ambassador to drive social change around this nation.”



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### SAM HOUSTON RAISES PURSES

Sam Houston Race Park announced Sunday that it will raise its overnight purses for the remainder of the 2021 Thoroughbred meet. The increases will go into effect starting Wednesday, Feb. 17 and will continue through closing day, Apr. 3. All main track purses will be increased by \$7,000, while turf purses will see a \$2,000 bump. The track cited strong handle figures, which are up 40% year over year including a record-setting handle of \$5.3 million on the Houston Racing Festival card Jan. 31, as the reason for the changes. Sam Houston offers some of the nation's lowest takeout rates, with an industry-low 12% on multi-race wagers.

"This increase would not be possible without the ongoing support from our horsemen," said Frank Hopf, Senior Director of Racing Operations. "We welcomed back a solid number of barns and received stall applications from many new outfits this year. Additionally, we had tremendous interest from nationally prominent trainers for our six Houston Racing Festival stakes. Racing fans continue to respond to our racing product and comprehensive wagering menu."

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### LAUREL CANCELS SUNDAY

Laurel Park was forced to cancel racing Sunday for a second straight day due to winter weather. On Saturday it pushed back its Winter Sprintfest program, featuring the GIII **Runhappy** Barbara Fritchie S. and GIII General George S., until next Saturday, Feb. 20. Racing is currently scheduled to be held on Monday, Presidents Day, with a first post of 12:25 p.m.

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### TAMPA PUSHES BACK TURF SPRINT STAKES

Tampa Bay Downs has pushed back its pair of \$100,000 five-furlong turf sprints, the Turf Dash S. for older males and Lightning City S. for fillies and mares, from next Saturday to Sunday, Feb. 21. The pair of events are the centerpieces of the track's annual Turf Sprint Showcase Day. "The turf course has taken in excess of two inches of rain the last two days, with more rain forecast during the week," Tampa Bay Downs Vice President-General Manager Peter Berube said. "By switching the races to Sunday now, horsemen planning to enter either race will have sufficient time to adjust their training schedules. Our hope is that the turf course will be in its usual excellent condition by next Sunday." Entries for Sunday's card will be taken Thursday.

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# NORTH AMERICAN RACING



## IN ORDER OF PURSE:

**GANDER S.**, \$100,000, Aqueduct, 2-14, (S), 3yo, 1m, 1:37.94, ft.

1--**NICKY THE VEST, 118, c, 3, by Runhappy**

1st Dam: Tazarine, by Cat Thief

2nd Dam: Doppio Espresso, by Java Gold

3rd Dam: Eastern Dawn, by Damascus

**1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN.** (\$110,000 Ylg '19 OBSOCT). O-Robert V. LaPenta; B-Highclere (NY); T-Jonathan Thomas; J-Kendrick Carmouche. \$55,000. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$93,500.

\*1/2 to Moms Choice (Kitten's Joy), SP, \$269,234. \*\*First SW for sophomore sire (by Super Saver).

 Another Yearling Graduate from Stuart Morris, Agent

 **NBS SUCCESS** 

2--**Lobsta, 118, c, 3, Emcee--Salty Little Sis, by Chief Seattle.**

O-Eddie F's Racing; B-Fedwell Farms (NY); T-Gary Sciacca. \$20,000.

3--**Perfect Munnings, 123, c, 3, Munnings--Our Perfect Ten, by Medaglia d'Oro.** (\$50,000 Ylg '19 SARAUG). O-JP Racing Stable; B-Tammy & Robert Klimasewski (NY); T-Todd A. Pletcher. \$12,000.

 **VINERY SALES GRADUATE** 

Margins: 11 3/4, HF, NO. Odds: 1.15, 5.90, 2.65.

Also Ran: Dancing Buck, Horn of Plenty, Uno, Re Created.

Nicky the Vest, an impressive debut winner in December at Aqueduct, proved that no effort was no fluke with an authoritative romp in the New York-bred Gander S. Sunday at the Big A, becoming the first black-type winner for Claiborne Farm's **Runhappy** in the process.

Unveiled as an 11-2 proposition against Empire-bred foes over track and trip Dec. 18, the \$110,000 OBS October grad shook off some early pace pressure and kicked away to a 3 1/4-length score. Hammered late to go off as the clear favorite here, the bay badgered frontrunning Lobsta through splits of :23.61 and :47.17 and poked his head in front passing the three-furlong pole. Creeping clear approaching the lane, he made a break for it three-sixteenths out and never faced an anxious moment from there, cruising home under wraps as a much-the-best winner.

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**Nicky the Vest** | *Coglianese*

Lobsta, a full-brother to 2020 Gander winner Chowda, did well to hold the place in a three-way photo.

“We were very pleased with him. He trained that way leading up to it and it’s always nice to see what you’re seeing in the morning replicated in the afternoon,” said winning trainer Jonathan Thomas. “We felt we needed to get him out of there. His stamina is a key strength of his and we didn’t want to get him in behind horses and have him take dirt. That’s an unknown variable with him. We didn’t want to do that today, so we planned on being aggressive.”

Asked about a potential start in the GIII Gotham S. Mar. 6 at Aqueduct, Thomas added, “Because we gave him 60 days between his maiden win and this start, I’d feel comfortable we could contemplate that. But we’ll leave that up to the team.”

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#### IN ORDER OF PURSE:

**9th-Santa Anita, \$66,500, Alw (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500),** 2-13, 4yo/up, 1mT, 1:34.15, fm, 1/2 length.

**SCARTO (g, 4, [Paynter](#)--[Eagle Putt](#), by [Pioneering](#))** picked up back-to-back wins last summer on the Del Mar lawn, first against starter allowance company then against optional claiming foes, and stepped up with aplomb when running second in the GII Twilight Derby here Oct. 18. Sixth in the GI Hollywood Derby back by the coast Nov. 28, he was last seen running fifth in the local GII Mathis Brothers Mile S. on opening day Dec. 26. Sent off as a narrow 19-10 favorite in this Saturday finale, the gelding was caught a bit wide going into the clubhouse turn before settling in sixth behind a :23.51 quarter. Improving a spot past a :47.03 half, the dark bay swung five wide straightening for home and finished full of run to nail pacesetter Award Winner ([Ghostzapper](#)) in the shadow of the wire for a half-length score. The winner has an unraced 3-year-old full-sister named Lovemesomeme. Sales History: \$7,000 Ylg '18 KEESSEP. Lifetime Record: GSP, 11-5-2-0, \$202,788. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)**

O-Little Red Feather Racing & Marsha Naify; B-Halleywood Farm LLC (KY); T-Mike Puype.

**2nd-Santa Anita, \$64,134, Alw (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000),** 2-14, 4yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:16.01, ft, 2 lengths.

**HAPPIER (f, 4, [Street Sense](#)--[On My Way](#), by [Giant's Causeway](#))** earned a '[TDN Rising Star](#)' badge for her 3 1/4-length debut triumph July 31 at Del Mar and was made the 9-10 chalk to stay unbeaten off the bench here. Bobbling a bit at the start, the \$800,000 Keeneland September buy quickly established command and dictated terms through a :22.27 quarter. Taken on by longshot Miss Fia ([Maclean's Music](#)) past a :45.13 half, the bay discarded that rival soon after turning into the lane and held sway from second choice Pharoah's Heart ([American Pharoah](#)) to post a two-length victory. The winner is a half to King Zachary ([Curlin](#)), GSW, \$366,120. Her dam, who sold for \$145,000 to Manganaro Bloodstock at Keeneland November last fall, has a juvenile [Frosted](#) colt and produced a colt by [Vino Rosso](#) Jan. 29. Sales History: \$800,000 Ylg '18 KEESSEP. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$70,800. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)**

O-Baoma Corporation; B-Waymore, LLC (KY); T-Bob Baffert.

**5th-Gulfstream, \$44,000, (S), Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$16,000),** 2-14, 4yo/up, 5fT, :55.25, fm, 1/2 length.

**LONTANO (c, 4, [Street Boss](#)--[Woodland Park](#), by [Bernardini](#)),** a \$535,000 OBS April purchase by Stonestreet Stables two springs ago, graduated at second asking sprinting on the Fair Grounds turf last March, but was a no-factor eighth in a mile Churchill allowance June 18 before fading to fourth over the Woodbine Tapeta July 30. Back on track with a runner-up effort when adding blinkers in the King Corrie S. going this distance north of the border Sept. 12, he resold for \$50,000 at Keeneland November and was transferred from the Mark Casse barn since. Resurfacing as a 17-10 chalk here, the dark bay broke last, but recovered well to travel in a clear third behind a torrid :20.95 quarter. Advancing strongly nearing the lane, he was carried into the center of the course by the drifting pacesetter turning for home, drew alongside Macho Blue (Crown of Thorns) at the sixteenth pole and edged away late to best that rival by a half-length. The winner's dam, who sold to Ocala Stud with him in utero for \$55,000 at KEENOV in 2016, is a daughter of MGSW Forest Heiress (Forest Wildcat). She is responsible for a juvenile Uncaptured filly and foaled a colt by Girvin last term before visiting Awesome Slew. Sales History: \$535,000 2yo '19 OBSAPR; \$50,000 3yo '20 KEENOV. Lifetime Record: SP, 6-2-2-0, \$77,508. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)**

O-DARRS, Inc.; B-Ocala Stud (FL); T-Brendan P. Walsh.



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**10th-Gulfstream, \$44,000, Alw (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000),** 2-14, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:41.86, fm, nose.

**KILKEA (f, 4, Blame--Miz Topgallant, by Mizzen Mast)** graduated in her fifth start and second try on turf against New York-breds last August at Saratoga and, after a pair of runner-up finishes in first-level Empire-bred allowances, went wire to wire for a five-length score in that condition when last seen Nov. 22 at Aqueduct. Supported to 26-5 in this seasonal debut and first attempt in open company, the gray went on with it early and showed the way through modest splits of :24.48 and :48.95. Headed by Osaka Girl (**First Samurai**) going by three-quarters in 1:12.50, Kilkea retook the lead outside the furlong grounds and dug in resolutely through the final sixteenth to deny Enjoyitwhilewecan (**Quality Road**) by a nose. The victress has a juvenile Noble Mission (GB) half-brother named Your Mission. Sales History: \$65,000 2yo '19 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 9-3-4-0, \$149,360. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Windylea Farm, LLC; B-Eden Farm (NY); T-Mark A. Hennig.

THINK INDIAN CREEK



#### IN ORDER OF PURSE:

**1st-Gulfstream, \$40,000, Msw, 2-14, 3yo, f, 1 1/16mT, 1:42.89,** fm, 1/2 length.

**FOREVER BOSS (f, 3, Tapiture--Calma Prado, by El Prado {Ire})** just missed when second by a nose debuting at 14-1 on the local grass Jan. 13 and drilled a best-of-51 bullet five furlongs in 1:00 flat here Feb. 6. Given a 23-5 chance after drawing in off the also-eligible list, the chestnut broke a bit outwardly and posted up in a three-wide fourth through fractions of :23.62 and :48.72. Drawing on even terms passing the eighth pole, the \$23,000 OBS Spring buy was fought off by pacesetter favored firster Tracy Flick (**War Front**), falling a half-length short. That one, however, came out into the path of third finisher Champagne Ivy (Shackleford) near the wire, causing her to clip heels, and was subsequently disqualified by the stewards, elevating Forever Boss into the victory. The winner's dam produced a filly by **Mor Spirit** last season before returning to that sire. Sales History: \$11,000 RNA Ylg '19 OBSOCT; \$23,000 2yo '20 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$32,000. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Stephen R. Baker, David A. Bernsen, LLC & Magdalena Racing; B-Gil Masters (KY); T-Kenneth G. McPeck.

**6th-Gulfstream, \$40,000, Msw, 2-14, 4yo/up, 1m, 1:36.15, ft,** 1/2 length.

**BOLD AGENDA (c, 4, Candy Ride {Arg}--Agatha, by Distorted Humor)** finished third behind promising stablemate Nocturnal (**Palace Malice**) when hammered down to 6-5 in his track-and-trip unveiling Jan. 15 and was knocked down to 9-10 to go two better here. Away in good order, the blaze-faced chestnut tracked from second through splits of :23.60 and :45.82, left the pacesetter behind by the three-sixteenths pole and held off Ghostlore (**Ghostzapper**) several paths to his inside through the final furlong for a half-length graduation. The victor, a half to Salt Bae (**Paynter**), SP, \$187,465, is out of an unraced half-sister to MG1SW Agnes Gold (Danzig) who produced a colt by **West Coast** last term before being bred to **Uncle Mo**. Sales History: \$700,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$28,400. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Repole Stable & St. Elias Stable; B-Fred W. Hertrich III & John D. Fielding (KY); T-Todd A. Pletcher.



Dam purchased by SCHUMER BLOODSTOCK



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**11th-Gulfstream, \$40,000, Msw, 2-14, 3yo, f, 1 1/16mT,** 1:41.77, fm, 1 1/4 lengths.

**ALWAYZ LATE (f, 3, Animal Kingdom--The Sense Angel, by Mineshaft),** third when unveiled for trainer Tracey Glover and TOLO Thoroughbreds going a mile at Kentucky Downs Sept. 12, ran fifth when wheeled back Oct. 15 at Keeneland for these new connections. Third again, this time at Churchill Downs after sitting closer to the pace Nov. 5, the bay was 27-10 to get off the mark Sunday in her first Florida appearance. Not the quickest into stride, Always Late rated in midpack while glued to the fence into the clubhouse turn. She began to creep closer approaching the far bend and made a strong four-wide move nearing the lane to reach contention. Seizing command inside the final furlong, the Bill Mott trainee prevailed by 1 1/4 lengths at the line. Fellow closer and 6-5 crowd's pick Cadencia (**Mshawish**) ran second. The winner is a half to Analyze the Odds (Overanalyze), MSW, \$451,090; as well as a yearling filly by Overanalyze. Her winning dam, a half-sister to GIII Dixiana Bourbon S. hero Peace Achieved (Declaration of War), was covered by **Omaha Beach** last spring. The third dam is a full-sister to champion English/Irish juveniles and successful sires El Gran Senor and Try My Best, both by Northern Dancer. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-2, \$43,600. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Wachtel Stable, Pantofel Stable, LLC & TOLO Thoroughbreds, Inc.; B-Tolo Thoroughbreds & Michael A. Spirito (KY); T-William I. Mott.



**SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15**

2021 Stud Fees Listed

**Effinex (Mineshaft)**, Questroyal North

61 foals of racing age/6 winners/0 black-type winners

5-Aqueduct, Msw 6f, Dramatic Twist, 6-1

**Exaggerator (Curlin)**, WinStar Farm, \$15,000

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

5-Golden Gate Fields, Msw 1 1/16m, A Real Hero, 6-5

\$150,000 RNA FTS AUG yrl; \$100,000 FTK OCT yrl

6-Santa Anita, Msw 1 1/16m, Exalted Joy, 15-1

\$400,000 KEE SEP yrl

**Gabriel Charles (Street Hero)**, Toreador Equine, \$3,500

8 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners

5-Santa Anita, Msw 6fT, Catfish Charlie, 15-1

**Mshawish (Medaglia d'Oro)**, Taylor Made Farm, \$7,500

133 foals of racing age/18 winners/0 black-type winners

2-Santa Anita, Msw 7f, Ferrariano, 5-1

\$95,000 FTC AYR yrl

**Not This Time (Giant's Causeway)**, Taylor Made Farm, \$40,000

203 foals of racing age/29 winners/4 black-type winners

3-Mahoning Valley, Msw 5 1/2f, Cue the Band, 5-2

\$4,500 FTK OCT yrl

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

7 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners

3-Mahoning Valley, Msw 5 1/2f, Normas Hopefulgirl, 15-1

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**IN HONG KONG:**

**Super Football (NZ)**, g, 4, **More Than Ready**. See 'TDNAusNZ Insert.'



**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

**6th-Sam Houston Race Park, \$37,000, (S), 2-13, (NW1X), 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12.79, my, 2 1/4 lengths.**

**UPTOWNBLINGITHOME (f, 4, Too Much Bling--Island Artist, by Artie Schiller)** Lifetime Record: 7-2-2-1, \$49,292. O/B-Jon Henningsgard & Dr. Marcus Hudka DVM (TX); T-Carlos A Padilla.

**3rd-Charles Town, \$29,000, 2-13, (NW3LX), 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:19.76, my, neck.**

**FINAL SAY (g, 5, Violence--Holy Princess, by Holy Bull)** Lifetime Record: 17-5-3-3, \$131,220. O-James C. Wolf; B-Nancy L. Terhune & Ernest C. Frohboese (WV); T-Anthony Farrior. \*\$90,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP; \$470,000 2yo '18 OBSMAR. \*\*1/2 to Aspenglow (Lion Hearted), MSW & GSP, \$465,698; and Silver Heart (Lion Hearted), MSW, \$596,824.

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**7th-Charles Town, \$28,000, (S), 2-13, (NW1X), 4yo/up, 7f, 1:28.77, gd, 1 1/2 lengths.**

**BOP MARLEY (g, 4, Swiss Yodeler--Little Bop Peep, by Bop)**

Lifetime Record: 11-2-2-0, \$46,363. O/T-Javier Contreras; B-O'Sullivan Farms LLC & Funkhouser Associates, Inc. (WV).

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Royal Blend, f, 3, Into Mischief--Love Quote, by Tapit.** Santa Anita, 2-14, (C), 6f, 1:13.41. B-Pam & Martin Wygod (KY).

**Sweet Baby Raelynn, f, 3, Kantharos--Isle Get Ready, by More Than Ready.** Gulfstream, 2-14, (C), 6f, 1:11.85. B-Dede McGehee (KY). \*\$15,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP; \$27,000 RNA 2yo '20 OBSAPR.

**Vallarand, f, 3, Maclean's Music--Over Forli (Chi) (SW), by Milt's Overture.** Aqueduct, 2-14, (S), 1m, 1:40.47. B-The New Hill Farm LLC & Cricket Slope Farm (NY). \*\$40,000 Wlg '18 FTNMIX; \$55,000 RNA Ylg '19 SARAUG.

**Mulholland Highway (Ire)**, g, 4, **Dragon Pulse (Ire)**--Alnawiyah (GB), by Dalakhani (Ire). Golden Gate Fields, 2-14, 1 1/16m (AWT), 1:46.60. B-D. & J. Dwan (IRE). \*\$6,500gns Wlg '17 TATFOA; £25,000 RNA Ylg '18 GOUKPR; €35,000 Ylg '18 GOYRL.

**HAPPY** ❤️❤️ Day to owner Alice Bamford & trainer Neil Drysdale. This one's for Maude, and that fabulous mare in the sky ❤️❤️

**Absolute Unit**, c, 4, **Will Take Charge**--Rutledge Ballado (GSP, \$108,176), by Saint Ballado. Santa Anita, 2-14, 1mT, 1:35.63. B-Three Chimneys Farm, LLC (KY). \*\$150,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP. \*\*1/2 to Morgan's Guerrilla (**Ghostzapper**), MGSP, \$271,002; 1/2 to Silent Bird (Summer Bird), GSW, \$316,800.

**Yearling recommendation by Marette Farrell**



Kilkea (**Blame**) prevails in a fierce stretch battle | Ryan Thompson

**MACLEAN'S MUSIC**, Vallarand, f, 3, o/o Over Forli (Chi), by Milt's Overture. MSW, 2-14, Aqueduct

**MEHMAS (IRE)**, Going Global (Ire), f, 3, o/o Wwood, by Invasor (Arg). GIII Sweet Life S., 2-14, Santa Anita

**PAYNTER**, Scarto, g, 4, o/o Eagle Putt, by Pioneering. AOC, 2-13, Santa Anita

**RUNHAPPY**, Nicky the Vest, c, 3, o/o Tazarine, by Cat Thief. Gander S., 2-14, Aqueduct

**STREET BOSS**, Lontano, c, 4, o/o Woodland Park, by **Bernardini**. AOC, 2-14, Gulfstream

**STREET SENSE**, Happier, f, 4, o/o On My Way, by Giant's Causeway. AOC, 2-14, Santa Anita

**SWISS YODELER**, Bop Marley, g, 4, o/o Little Bop Peep, by Bop. ALW, 2-13, Charles Town

**TAPITURE**, Forever Boss, f, 3, o/o Calma Prado, by El Prado (Ire). MSW, 2-14, Gulfstream

**TOO MUCH BLING**, Uptownblingithome, f, 4, o/o Island Artist, by Artie Schiller. ALW, 2-13, Sam Houston

**VIOLENCE**, Final Say, g, 5, o/o Holy Princess, by Holy Bull. ALW, 2-13, Charles Town

**WILL TAKE CHARGE**, Absolute Unit, c, 4, o/o Rutledge Ballado, by Saint Ballado. MSW, 2-14, Santa Anita



Sunday Cancellations

LAUREL



**ANIMAL KINGDOM**, Always Late, f, 3, o/o The Sense Angel, by **Mineshaft**. MSW, 2-14, Gulfstream

**BLAME**, Kilkea, f, 4, o/o Miz Topgallant, by **Mizzen Mast**. AOC, 2-14, Gulfstream

**CANDY RIDE (ARG)**, Bold Agenda, c, 4, o/o Agatha, by **Distorted Humor**. MSW, 2-14, Gulfstream

**DRAGON PULSE (IRE)**, Mulholland Highway (Ire), g, 4, o/o Alnawiyah (GB), by Dalakhani (Ire). MSW, 2-14, Golden Gate

**INTO MISCHIEF**, Royal Blend, f, 3, o/o Love Quote, by **Tapit**. MCL, 2-14, Santa Anita

**KANTHAROS**, Sweet Baby Raelynn, f, 3, o/o Isle Get Ready, by **More Than Ready**. MCL, 2-14, Gulfstream



**Candy Ride's** highly-regarded Bold Agenda breaks his maiden at odds-on | Lauren King

## ARQANA FEBRUARY BEGINS ON MONDAY



The multiple winner and stakes-placed Jet Setteuse will be offered at Arqana | Scoop Dyga

Following online trade at Tattersalls and Goffs during the past fortnight, winter mixed sale trade moves to Deauville on Monday and Tuesday, where horses in training, broodmares, fillies, 2-year-olds and short yearlings will be offered at a physical Arqana February sale with strict COVID safety protocols in place.

The catalogue includes offerings from the reduction of Haras du Mont-dit-Mont, and the dispersal of the late Fabrice Petit. Mont-dit-Mont brings 13 lots, including **Akemi (Ire)** (Footstepsinthesand {GB}) (lot 232), an 11-year-old listed winner who is the dam of the winning **Mastercraftsman (Ire)** colt Hurricane Bill (Ire) and who is in foal to **Bated Breath (GB)**; and **Riptide Wave (Ire)** (Pivotal {GB}) (lot 328), a daughter of the stakes-winning Rock Me Baby (GB) (Rock Of Gibraltar {Ire}) in foal to Belardo (Ire). The 18 horses that Marc Pimbonnet will offer for the Petit reduction, meanwhile, include a 2-year-old colt from the first crop of **Al Wukair (Ire)** out of the listed-winning Medolina (Aragorn {Ire}) (lot 55).

Maiden fillies are always a popular attraction at Arqana's breeding stock sales, and the February sale boasts some intriguing prospects.

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## ARCHIE WATSON RUNNERS OUT FOR TWO WEEKS FOLLOWING DISEASE POSITIVE

Trainer Archie Watson's runners will not compete at racecourses for at least two weeks after a horse was found to be positive for Equine Viral Arteritis (EVA) antibodies before an intended trip to France.

Watson withdrew a trio of UK runners from races on Saturday and another runner from Southwell on Sunday. Horses infected with the virus are typically asymptomatic, but can display a fever, and conjunctivitis among other symptoms.

"We recently had a horse undergo routine testing for transit to France as part of the new export testing protocols," Watson said in a statement released on Sunday. "One of these tests revealed the presence of antibodies to EVA (Equine Viral Arteritis). As a result, the relevant bodies, including the BHA, were contacted immediately and we have been taking advice from them."

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## IN TDN AMERICA TODAY

### MORE CLAIRIERE VS. TRAVEL COLUMN RIVALRIES

T. D. Thornton calls for more rivalries like **Clairiere** (Curlin) versus **Travel Column** (Frosted) in the GII Rachel Alexandra S. on Saturday [Click or tap here to go straight to TDN America.](#)

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**Arqana February Preview Cont. from p1**

They include the 7-year-old **Lady Paname (Fr)** (Soldier Of Fortune {Ire}) (lot 160), who was a winner and multiple group placed in France for Elie Lellouche before being sold for €400,000 at Arqana December in 2017 and joining Chad Brown in the U.S., where she won the GIII Long Island S. the following autumn. Lady Paname was offered at Keeneland November last year but was bought back for \$100,000.

The 5-year-old **Jet Setteuse (Fr)** (Makfi {GB}) (lot 315) was a dual winner at two and was three times stakes-placed in the subsequent two seasons, including a third behind subsequent Group 1 winner Watch Me (Fr) (Olympic Glory {Ire}) in the G3 Prix Imprudence. Jet Setteuse was last seen winning a seven furlongs conditions race at Dax last June.

The catalogue likewise features some attractive in-foal mares.

Those include Quesnay's **Oh Beautiful (GB)** (Galileo {Ire}) (lot 148), a 12-year-old listed winner who has produced three winners and is in foal to Shalaa (Ire). Oh Beautiful is a

granddaughter of Rahaam, whose legacy includes Halfway To Heaven (GB) (Pivotal {GB}) and her Group 1-winning daughters Magical (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) and Rhododendron (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), as well as multiple Grade I winner Photo Call (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) and her Group 2-winning half-brother Land Force (Ire) (No Nay Never), a young sire, and G1 Melbourne Cup winner Cross Counter (Ire) (Teofilo {Ire}).

The winning 11-year-old mare **Ingot Of Gold (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}) (lot 165) is offered in foal to Almanzor (Fr), while **Leaf**

**Blower** (Hat Trick {Jpn}) (lot 238), a full-sister to multiple Grade III winner Tricky Escape, is carrying to another young stallion with his first runners this year, **Caravaggio**. **Cont. p3**



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The winning **Pebbles Place (GB)** (**Oasis Dream {GB}**) (**lot 258**), an 8-year-old full-sister to G2 Superlative S. third Maxi Boy (GB) (**Oasis Dream {GB}**) from the family of Group 1 winners Mandeau (GB) (Manduro {Ger}), Wavering (GB) (Refuse To Bend {Ire}) and Earthlight (Ire) (Shamardal), is offered in foal to Phoenix Of Spain (Ire). **Princess Isla (GB)** (**Frankel {GB}**) (**lot 309**) is also carrying to a sire with his first foals due in 2021, the multiple Group 1-winning sprinter **Ten Sovereigns (Ire)**. Princess Isla is a winning 5-year-old daughter of the multiple group placed Peinture Abstraite (GB) (**Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}**), a half-sister to the G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, G1 Prix du Jockey Club and G1 Grand Prix de Paris scorer and sire Peintre Celebre (Nureyev) and his three stakes-winning siblings.

Another popular fixture of Arqana sales is the wildcards section, and this time around that features five offerings. The 3-year-old filly **Otambura (Ire)** (**Kingman {GB}**) (**lot 150**) is offered from the yard of trainer Christophe Ferland. Owned by Haras du Saubouas and Haras de Montaigu, Otambura has finished third in a pair of starts at Pau, going 1400 metres on Dec. 20 and going a mile on Jan. 30. She is out of the stakes-winning and G3 Prix Miesque second Kambura (Fr) (Literato {Fr}).

The progressive chaser **Laskalin (Fr)** (Martaline {Fr}) (**lot 70**) should be among the popular National Hunt offerings, the 6-year-old having been added to the sale last week. Laskalin's 2021 form includes a win in the Listed Prix Bernard de Dufau over fences at Pau.

A share in Haras de la Tuilerie stallion **Masked Marvel (GB)** was also added to the sale last week as **lot 170**. Masked Marvel, the winner of the 2011 G1 St Leger, has made a favourable start to his stud career, his first crop including the Grade 2-placed hurdler Gars En Noir (Fr) and the black-type performer Pacha Senam (Fr).

The catalogue also includes nearly 100 horses in training on the flat and over jumps, as well as 69 yearlings and 28 2-year-olds by sires like Almanzor, Iffraaj (GB), Kendargent (Fr), Le Havre (Ire), Shalaa and **Sioux Nation**.

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# EUROPEAN NEWS

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He added, "The yard is attended daily by our veterinary team and at no point have there been any clinical signs of the disease. Whilst we continue to investigate, the most sensible course of action to safeguard the British racing industry was to stop the movement of horses from my yards as further testing takes place over the next two weeks.

"I would like to thank my staff, veterinarians, and James Given at the BHA for their professionalism and efficiency in managing the situation, and my owners for their understanding and continued support."

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## BILLESDON BROOK TO VISIT DUBAWI



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Classic heroine and MG1SW **Billesdon Brook (GB)** (Champs Elysees {GB}-Coplowl {GB}, by Manduro {Ger}) will visit Darley stallion Dubawi (Ire), *Racing Post* reported on Sunday. Retired after her eighth-place finish in defense of her G1 Kingdom of Bahrain Sun Chariot S. in October, the Richard Hannon trainee was named an English highweight at seven to 9 1/2 furlongs in 2019.

"Billesdon Brook is going to Dubawi, I know it's expensive but I think she deserves it, so I'm just waiting for her to be ready to go off to Newmarket," owner Jeanette McCreery told *Racing Post* of the 2018 G1 1000 Guineas heroine. "I'd always thought I'd send her to Dubawi, I think he's a wonderful stallion so I thought 'why not', she deserves the best. She hurt herself in the last race she ran in, it was very wet in the Sun Chariot. She's been home, had box rest, now she's out in the paddock and is fine, so we've something to look forward to in a couple of years anyway." **Cont. p5**

“I have said it before... I love Magna Grecia, one of the best looking horses to retire to stud in recent years, he has the walk & conformation to match.

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**Billesdon Brook Booked to Dubawi Cont.**

A winner of seven of her 26 starts with 10 more placed runs and earnings of \$982,087, the chestnut also scored in a trio of Group 3s.

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# BRITAIN

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:**

**Prince Ali (GB)**, g, 3, **Twilight Son (GB)**--Desert Liaison (GB), by Dansili (GB). Southwell, 2-14, 7f 14y (AWT), 1:35.58. B-Hungerford Park Stud (GB). \*30,000gns Wlg '18 TATFOA; £33,000 Ylg '19 GOFFPR.

# FRANCE

**Sunday's Results:**

**GRAND PRIX DE LA RIVIERA COTE D'AZUR - JACQUES BOUCHARA**-Listed, €60,000, Cagnes-sur-Mer, 2-14, 4yo/up, 10f

(AWT), 2:00.48, st.

1--**FANTASTIC SPIRIT (FR)**, 125, c, 4, **Charm Spirit (Ire)**--**Fantastic Cuix (Fr)**, by **Fantastic Light**. (€25,000 Wlg '17 ARQDEC; €50,000 2yo '19 ARQMAY). O-Ecurie Antonio Caro; B-Larissa Kneip, Jeremie Bossert & Mme Valerie Haendler (FR); T-Jean-Claude Rouget; J-Hugo Journiac. €30,000. Lifetime Record: 11-5-1-2, €119,720.

2--**American Bridge (GB)**, 121, f, 4, **Kodiac (GB)**--More Than Sotka (Fr), by **Dutch Art (GB)**. (€280,000 Ylg '18 ARAUG). O-White Birch Farm; B-Z Bifov (GB); T-Jean-Claude Rouget. €12,000.

3--**Kenway (Fr)**, 129, c, 4, **Galiway (GB)**--**Kendam (Fr)**, by **Kendargent (Fr)**. (€56,000 Ylg '18 ARAUG). O-Le Haras de la Gousserie; B-Guy Pariente Holding (FR); T-Frederic Rossi. €9,000.

Margins: 3/4, 3/4, 1. Odds: 2.50, 4.50, 1.20.

Also Ran: Siyouzone (Ire), Monty (Fr), Roc Angel (Fr), Diamond Vendome (Fr), Piet (Fr), Poldi's Liebling (Ger).

Tried in the G1 Prix du Jockey Club following his win in the Listed Derby du Midi over 9 1/2 furlongs on soft ground at Bordeaux le Bouscat last May, Fantastic Spirit was far from disgraced coming off a moderate pace to be just over four-lengths eighth behind Mishriff (Ire) (Make Believe {GB}) in that Chantilly Classic. [Cont. p6](#)

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### Listed Grand Prix De La Riviera Cote D'azur Cont.

Subsequently successful in a 10-furlong Deauville handicap again on testing ground in August, the bay was fifth in the G3 Prix du Prince d'Orange over that trip at ParisLongchamp in September before being turned over by the 10-year-old Allez Henri (Ire) ([Footstepsinthesand {GB}](#)) over this course and distance on his return Jan. 25. Reserved behind the early leaders on the rail, the bay was gradually angled for his challenge from the 300-metre marker and duly swept to the front with over half a furlong remaining before readily asserting.

The dam is a granddaughter of the G3 Prix de Lutece winner and G1 Prix Royal-Oak runner-up Floripedes (Fr) (Top Ville {Ire}), whose claim to immortality was achieved when producing the six-times Group 1-winning champion and leading sire Montjeu (Ire). She is also the ancestress of the G1 King's Stand S. and G1 Prix de l'Abbaye winner Goldream (GB) ([Oasis Dream {GB}](#)), the G1 2000 Guineas and G1 St James's Palace S. hero Galileo Gold (GB) (Paco Boy {Ire}), the G1 Prix de la Foret winner Aclaim (Ire) (Acclamation {GB}), G1 Irish 1000 Guineas heroine Again (Ire) (Danhill Dancer {Ire}) and her dual Group 1-placed daughter Delphinia (Ire) ([Galileo {Ire}](#)). Fantastic Cuix's 2-year-old filly by Great Pretender (Ire) is named And We Danced (Fr). [Click for the Racing Post result. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

**PRIX DE LA CALIFORNIE-Listed**, €55,000, Cagnes-sur-Mer, 2-14, 3yo, 8f (AWT), 1:36.24, st.

1--**KING SHALAA (FR)**, 125, c, 3, by **Shalaa (Ire)**

1st Dam: **Baki (Fr)**, by **Turtle Bowl (Ire)**

2nd Dam: **Benzolina (Ire)**, by **Second Empire (Ire)**

3rd Dam: **Balouchina (Ire)**, by **Rainbow Quest**

**1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN.** (€110,000 Ylg '19 AROCT). O-Sheikh Abdullah bin Khalifa Al Thani; B/T-Francois Rohaut (FR); J-Pierre-Charles Boudot. €27,500. Lifetime Record: 3-3-0-0, €48,350. \*1/2 to Waltham (Fr) ([Wootton Bassett {GB}](#)), SW-Fr, \$138,548.

2--**Fort Payne (Fr)**, 125, c, 3, Rio De La Plata--Lady Verde (Fr), by Meshaher. O-Mme Philippe Demercastel & Nicolas Caullery; B-Mme P Demercastel (FR); T-Nicolas Caullery. €11,000.

3--**Summitter (Ire)**, 125, c, 3, [Bated Breath \(GB\)](#)--Hurbling (Ire), by Hurricane Run (Ire). O-Prime Equestrian SARL; B-Haras Du Mont Dit Mont (IRE); T-Christophe Ferland. €8,250.

Margins: HF, HD, 2. Odds: 3.50, 7.30, 0.60.

Also Ran: Gold Family (Fr), Ursuly (Ire), Libertine (Ire), Michel (Fr), Shantisara (Ire).

Registering a brace of turf wins over this trip at La Teste De Buch in August and at Lyon-Parilly the following month, King Shalaa had been kept away from black-type company in the interim but the form of his latter success received a sizeable boost when the third-placed Rougir (Fr) (Territories {Ire})

finished in that same spot in the G1 Prix Marcel Boussac before taking the G3 Prix des Reservoirs. Up to lead after the initial strides, the homebred saw off the attentions of Fort Payne in game fashion in the straight to extend his perfect sequence.

King Shalaa is the second foal out of the dam, with the first being last year's Listed Prix Maurice Caillault scorer Waltham (Fr) ([Wootton Bassett {GB}](#)) who was sold to race in Hong Kong. She is a half-sister to three black-type winners headed by Baine (Fr) (Country Reel), who was runner-up in the G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches before producing the G3 Premio Parioli (Italian 2000 Guineas) runner-up Qatar Dream (Ire) (Makfi {GB}). This is the family of the G1 Prix Robert Papin scorer Balbonella (Fr) (Gay Mecene), who produced the star performers and successful sires Anabaa and Key of Luck. Baki's 2-year-old colt by The Grey Gatsby (Ire) was purchased by Anastasia Wattel for €130,000 at the Arqana October Sale. [Click for the Racing Post result. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

#### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:

**Rooster (GB)**, c, 3, **Showcasing (GB)**--Slatey Hen (Ire), by Acclamation (GB). Cagnes-sur-Mer, 2-14, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:16.67. B-Fittocks Stud (GB). \*78,000gns Ylg '19 TAOCT; 7,000gns HRA '20 TAAUT.



#### IN HONG KONG:

**Dandy Years (Ire)**, g, 4, **Dandy Man (Ire)**--Talitha Kum (Ire), by Chineur (Fr). Sha Tin, 2-14, Hcp. (C4) (£93k/€106k), 1400mT, 1:22.50. B-Tom & Hazel Russell. \*Formerly Littman (Ire). \*\*€30,000 Wlg '17 GOFNOV; €50,000 Ylg '18 GOFSP. [VIDEO](#)

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**Beauty Smile (Ire)**, g, 4, **Free Eagle (Ire)**--Pale Orchid (Ire), by Invincible Spirit (Ire). Sha Tin, 2-14, Hcp. (C1) (£261k/€298k), 1400mT, 1:21.34. B-Tally-Ho Stud. \*Formerly Justifier (Ire). \*\*SW & GSP-Ire. \*\*\*€60,000 Ylg '18 GOFORB. [VIDEO](#)

#### IN UAE:

**Law of Peace (GB)**, g, 4, **Shamardal**--Certify (Hwt. 2yo Filly-Eur & Eng, G1SW-Eng, GSW-UAE, \$394,738), by Elusive Quality. Abu Dhabi, 2-14, Mdn. (AED80k), 1600mT, 1:37.54. B-Godolphin (GB).



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# WORLDWIDE NEWS

## LOVES ONLY YOU STRIKES IN KYOTO KINEN

**Loves Only You (Jpn)** (Deep Impact {Jpn}) conquered all her rivals in the G2 Kyoto Kinen on Valentine's Day at Hanshin.

Wearing a full hood, the 4-5 crowd's pick found a good spot in a tracking fourth one off the fence as **Happy Grin (Jpn)** (Lohengrin {Jpn}) threw down splits of :23.10 for the quarter and :47.20 for the half-mile. The field was well strung out due to the demanding pace, but pilot Yuga Kawada was calm aboard the 2019 G1 Japanese Oaks winner. After seven panels in 1:23.20, Happy Grin relinquished the lead to the stalking **Stay Foolish (Jpn)** (Stay Gold {Jpn}) and Loves Only You was poised three deep to pounce. Asked at the head of the lane, she rallied in tandem with **Danburite (Jpn)** (Rulership {Jpn}) before making her own way to the front and winning by 1 1/4 lengths with ears pricked. Stay Foolish was a half-length to the good of Danburite at the line.

Loves Only You was undefeated in her first four starts culminating in her Oaks tally, and was third in the G1 Queen Elizabeth II Cup in November of 2019. Winless in 2020 from five appearances, she was third two back in the Queen Elizabeth II Cup again last fall and was 10th in the G1 Arima Kinen on Dec. 27. Her next intended start is the G1 Dubai Sheema Classic at Meydan on Mar. 27.



Loves Only You earlier in her career | JRA

### Pedigree Notes

The much missed Deep Impact has 47 Group 1 winners, Loves Only You among them. In addition, his total number of group winners is 135 and his mark of overall black-type winners stands

at 169 worldwide. Storm Cat has sired the dams of 291 black-type winners, 143 at group level, with 43 Group 1 winners. Loves Only Me is one of eight top-level winners by Deep Impact out of a Storm Cat mare.

Loves Only You is one of three black-type winners and the second Group 1 winner after UAE highweight and G1 Dubai Turf hero Real Steel (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}) from her unraced dam. She is also a full-sister to SW & MGSP Prodigal Son (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}) and the SP Langley (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}). Since foaling the winner, Loves Only Me has the winning 4-year-old filly Love You Live (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}), a 2-year-old colt by Deep Impact (Jpn) and a yearling colt by Duramente (Jpn). Loves Only Me, a half-sister to European highweighted juvenile filly Rumpelstiltskin (Ire) (Danehill) and Group 3 winner I Am Beautiful (Ire) (Rip Van Winkle {Ire}), was covered by Heart's Cry (Jpn) last spring. Loves Only You's third dam is the outstanding runner and blue hen Miesque (Nureyev).

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### Sunday, Hanshin, Japan

#### KYOTO KINEN-G2, ¥119,620,000

(US\$1,139,690/£823,274/€940,306), Hanshin, 2-14, 4yo/up, 2200mT, 2:10.40, fm.

#### 1--LOVES ONLY YOU (JPN), 119, m, 5, by Deep Impact (Jpn)

**1st Dam: Loves Only Me, by Storm Cat**

**2nd Dam: Monevassia, by Mr. Prospector**

**3rd Dam: Miesque, by Nureyev**

(¥160,000,000 Ylg '17 JRHAJUL). O-DMM Dream Club; B-Northern Farm (Jpn); T-Yoshito Yahagi; J-Yuga Kawada. ¥62,784,000. Lifetime Record: G1SW-Jpn, 11-5-1-2. \*Full to Langley (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}), SP-Jpn, \$1,173,360; Real Steel (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}), Hwt. Older Horse-UAE at 7-9 1/2f, G1SW-UAE, MGSW & MG1SP-Jpn, \$7,508,769; and Prodigal Son (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}), SW & MGSP-Jpn, \$1,564,219. **Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.**

**Werk Nick Rating: B+.**

2--**Stay Foolish (Jpn)**, 123, h, 6, Stay Gold (Jpn)--Kauai Lane (Jpn), by King Kamehameha (Jpn). O-Shadai Race Horse; B-Shiraoi Farm (Jpn); ¥25,224,000.

3--**Danburite (Jpn)**, 123, g, 7, Rulership (Jpn)--Tanzanite (Jpn), by Sunday Silence. O-Sunday Racing; B-Northern Farm (Jpn); ¥16,112,000.

Margins: 1 1/4, HF, 3/4. Odds: 0.80, 6.00, 10.10.

Also Ran: Jinambo (Jpn), Wagnerian (Jpn), Dance Delight (Jpn), Satono Lux (Jpn), Mozu Bello (Jpn), Leyenda (Jpn), Best Approach (GB), Happy Grin (Jpn).

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## EFFORIA SUBLIME IN TOKYO

Tabbed the 5-1 fourth choice, **Efforia (Jpn)** (Epiphaneia {Jpn}) entered the Japanese Classic picture with a bang in the G3 Kyodo News Hai at Tokyo on Sunday.

Rank from the stalls, the bay was full of energy before relaxing into fourth as early pacesetter **Deep Rich (Jpn)** (Deep Brillante {Jpn}) was overcome by **Heart of a City (Jpn)** (Heart's Cry). Shifted out to the center of the course for the stretch drive, he was given a right-handed reminder and strode away to win by 2 1/2 good-looking lengths. **Victipharus (Jpn)** (Heart's Cry {Jpn}) closed to take second, a head in front of second favourite **Shahryar (Jpn)** (Deep Impact {Jpn}).

Efforia donned cap and gown at first asking in a 2000-metre newcomer event last August before claiming another 2000-metre race—this time at Tokyo on Nov. 8.

### Pedigree Notes

Young stallion Epiphaneia, sire of last year's Japanese Fillies' Triple Crown heroine Daring Tact (Jpn), notched his third group winner and fourth black-type winner with Efforia (Jpn)'s win on Sunday. The second foal and first winner for his three-time winning dam, Efforia has a juvenile half-brother by Harbinger (GB), and a yearling filly by Maurice (Jpn). Katies Heart was covered by Satono Crown (Jpn) in 2020.

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### Sunday, Tokyo, Japan

**KYODO NEWS SERVICE HAI-G3**, ¥72,610,000 (US\$691,798/£499,732/€570,771), Tokyo, 2-14, 3yo, 1800mT, 1:47.60, fm.

1--**EFFORIA (JPN)**, 123, c, 3, Epiphaneia (Jpn)

1st Dam: **Katies Heart (Jpn)**, by Heart's Cry (Jpn)

2nd Dam: **Katies First**, by Kris (GB)

3rd Dam: **Katies (Ire)**, by Nonoalco

**1STBLACK-TYPE WIN. 1ST GROUP WIN.** O-Carrot Farm; B-Northern Farm (Jpn); T-Yuichi Shikato; J-Takeshi Yokoyama. ¥38,427,000. Lifetime Record: 3-3-0-0. **Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree. Werk Nick Rating: A+++.\*Triple Plus\*.**

2--**Victipharus (Jpn)**, 123, c, 3, Heart's Cry (Jpn)--Virginia (Jpn), by **Galileo (Ire)**. O-G1 Racing; B-Northern Farm (Jpn); ¥15,122,000.

3--**Shahryar (Jpn)**, 123, c, 3, Deep Impact (Jpn)--Dubai Majesty, by Essence of Dubai. O-Sunday Racing; B-Northern Farm (Jpn); ¥9,561,000.

Margins: 2HF, HD, NK. Odds: 5.80, 40.90, 3.90.

Also Ran: Kingston Boy (Jpn), Stella Veloce (Jpn), Kaiser Nova (Jpn), Platina Treasure (Jpn), Deep Rich (Jpn), Leftovers (Jpn), Heart of a City (Jpn), Dios Valiente (Jpn), Taiso (Jpn).

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## DOUBLE THE SATURDAY FUN FOR TORONADO



Toronado | Haras de Bouquetot

by Bren O'Brien

Saturday's second stakes-winning double in the space of three months is set to prove a timely boost for Swettenham Stud's **Toronado (Ire)**, who has 25 yearlings scheduled to go through the ring at the Inglis Melbourne Premier Sale.

The Team Hawkes-trained **Masked Crusader**, who has loomed as Toronado's most promising galloper for some time, broke his stakes duck in the G3 Southern Cross S. at Randwick, before the Darren McAuliffe-prepared **Solaia** got a deserved first black-type win in the Listed Challenge S. at Ascot.

The dual success follows Toronado's big day on the final day of the Melbourne Cup Carnival at Flemington in November when Shelby Cobra and Affair To Remember both won stakes races.

"He has had five individual stakes winners in Australia and two of them have been doubles, so it seems when it rains it pours," Sam Matthews, Swettenham's Sales and Nominations Manager, said.

Masked Crusader's impressive pair of wins at Bendigo and then Randwick last autumn had him as one of the boom horses in the country in the autumn last year, but things didn't quite progress as planned through the spring.

In the typical manner of the Hawkes family, the Gilgai Farm product, who was purchased by Hawkes Racing and Cameron Cooke Bloodstock for \$340,000 at the Inglis Melbourne Premier Sale back in 2018, has been given time to develop, and they are now set to be rewarded after successfully elevating him to stakes company for the first time.

He unleashed a powerful finish to win the Group 3 contest by a widening 2l and is set up for a big autumn.

"He's always been the one that has been on people's radar and a horse that people have talked about. He has shown his true colours," Matthews said.

"Last prep he had a few excuses, but on Saturday, his true ability came through. He's going to be a very good horse and I even think he'd be better suited on a drier track. He's potentially up to Group 1 level on the drier track. It's fantastic for Rick (Jamieson) and for Rupert (Legh) and all the owners to see him break through."

Solaia is a homebred 3-year-old filly who has been placed in stakes company in Western Australia before and looks to have taken substantial improvement, after recording a comfortable win in the Challenge S. over 1500 metres at her 12th start.

"She is an interesting one, she was one of the first we had heard of that was going pretty good over there," Matthews said.

"I know Darren McAuliffe always had a pretty high opinion of her. She has always been up and around the mark, but to win and win emphatically just topped off the day."

Solaia is out of Isola Blu (Blackfriars), the metropolitan-winning half-sister to Group 2 winner Goon Serpent (Reset) and a direct descendant from the G1 WA Derby winner Capricious Lass (Carry A Smile), who is her third dam.

### *All over the Map*

A measure of Toronado's broad impact as a sire to date is the geographical spread of his winners. As well as Ascot and Randwick, he also had winners at Hong Kong, Singapore and at Colac over the weekend. Having produced 118 winners from three crops to the track in the Northern Hemisphere, including five stakes winners, he has had 90 winners from his time at Swettenham Stud, again with five stakes winners.

Overall, he has had 51 winners in Australia this season, while he is building a strong reputation in Hong Kong as well, where he has had four winners from five starters, including Master Montaro, who won at Sha Tin on Sunday for David Hayes.

"I think that spread of winners is also reflective of the diversity of breeders. Last year, probably less than 50% of mares that came to him were from Victoria. We've had an increasing numbers of New South Wales mares but also WA, South Australian, Queensland as well as Tassie mares. He's got the most geographically diverse range of mares going through," Matthews said.



Sam Matthews (right) | TDN AusNZ

"Everyone knows he can get good horses, but to have a few stars coming through on top of that, those people that have been able to get into him last year have got a pretty valuable pregnancy now and those with foals on the ground and yearlings to come will reap the benefits of them.

"Trainers can still afford them, but people who have bred them can get a good result. There is a huge market for them in Hong Kong. He's a valuable commodity as a trade prospect as well as getting good results in Australia."

Demand for Toronado at stud has soared in the past two seasons, with books of 197 in 2019 and then 210 in 2020. Matthews said that surge is backed up by a higher quality of mares.

"Each year has been better and better and unfortunately last year we had to knock back a few such was the demand. We did select the best-quality mares and the best pedigrees. He would have covered two or three times the stakes-winning and stakes-producing mares than he would have in any other season," he said.

Among the mares to visit Toronado in 2020 was She's Got Gears (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), the dam of Masked Crusader.



#### IN HONG KONG:

**Fantastic Treasure**, g, 3, **Written Tycoon**--Brambling, by Redoute's Choice. Sha Tin, 2-14, Hcp. (C4) (\$166k), 1200m,

1:10.19. B-Woodside Park Stud Pty Ltd (Vic). \*1ST-TIME STARTER. \*\*Formerly Hellpoint. \*\*\*\$45,000 Ylg '19 INGMAR; \$90,000 RNA Ylg '19 MMJUN. **VIDEO**

**Decisive Twelve**, g, 4, **All Too Hard**--Kamarla Rose, by Nadeem. Sha Tin, 2-14, Hcp. (C4) (\$166k), 1200m, 1:09.73. B-J Allis (Vic). \*\$100,000 Ylg '18 INGMAR; \$260,000 2yo '18 INGRTR.

#### VIDEO

**Wellington**, g, 4, **All Too Hard**--Mihiri (GSP-Aus, \$146,450), by **More Than Ready** (USA). Sha Tin, 2-14, Hcp. (C2) (\$366k), 1200m, 1:08.56. B-Kia Ora Stud Pty Ltd, David Paradise, Steve McCann (NSW). \*\$70,000 Ylg '18 MMGCYS. **VIDEO**

**Master Montaro**, g, 4, **Toronado (Ire)**--Circus Polka, by Stravinsky (USA). Sha Tin, 2-14, Hcp. (\$249k), 1400m, 1:21.86. B-A Sangster (Vic). \*1/2 to Modoc (Haradasun), GSP-Aus, \$169,050. \*\*\$80,000 Ylg '18 INGMAR; NZ\$300,000 2yo '18 INGRTR. **VIDEO**



#### IN HONG KONG:

**Super Football**, g, 4, **More Than Ready (USA)**--Raziyya of Sydney (Aus), by Redoute's Choice (Aus). Sha Tin, 2-14, Hcp. (C3) (NZ\$268k), 1600m, 1:34.73. B-Trelawney Thoroughbred Ltd. \*Formerly Holy Mongolemperor. \*\*NZ\$100,000 Ylg '18 NZBJAN; NZ\$240,000 2yo '18 NZBRTR. **VIDEO**

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