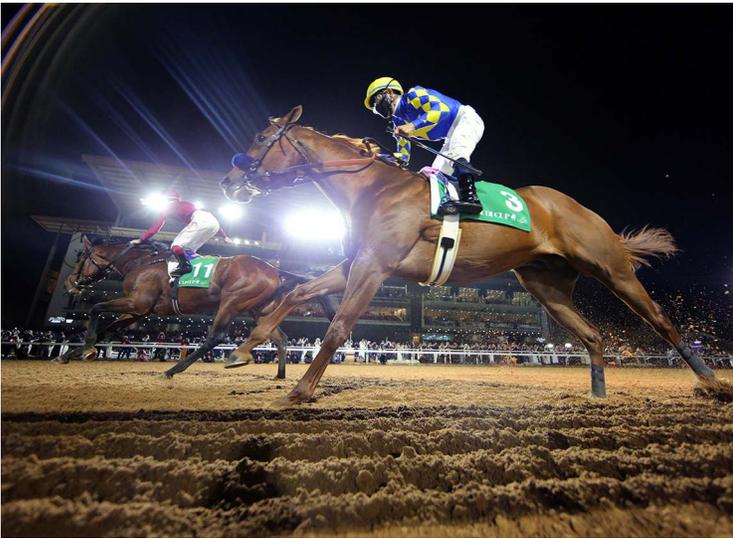




## THE WEEK IN REVIEW: CHARLATAN RAN A HUGE RACE IN SAUDI ARABIA



Charlatan gets overtaken late by Mishriff | Horsephotos

by Bill Finley

He did not win Saturday over in Saudi Arabia, but **Charlatan** (**Speightstown**) proved that he is undoubtedly the best dirt horse in America. That's how well he ran in his one-length defeat to **Mishriff (Ire)** (Make Believe {GB}) in the \$20-million race.

It was by no means a surprise that Charlatan and **Knicks Go** (**Paynter**) got caught up in a speed duel. Both are talented horses with abundant early speed and jockeys Joel Rosario (Knicks Go) and Mike Smith (Charlatan) rode aggressively, perhaps because neither rider wanted to see their rival get off to an uncontested lead in what many assumed was a two-horse race.

No official fractional times for the race are available, only a final time of 1:49.59 for the mile-and-an-eighth. But a hand timing of the race using video timing revealed that the six furlongs went in 1:10.7. Considering that there was no run up to the race, the six-furlong time would be more like 1:09 and change for a comparable race run in the U.S.

That means that Charlatan dueled with Knicks Go through a very fast three-quarters, while Mishriff got the perfect trip, stalking the two leaders from third. And he did so on a track that may have been biased toward outside closers. **Cont. p3**

## REPORT: EGAN, SMITH PENALIZED FOR SAUDI CUP RIDES

by Bill Finley

According to a report on the website HorseRacingPlanet.com, winning jockey David Egan was fined \$100,000 and suspended two days for excessive use of the whip when riding **Mishriff (Ire)** (Make Believe {GB}) to victory in the \$20-million Saudi Cup Saturday.

The Saudi stewards determined that Egan hit his mount 11 times, one more than the maximum allowed. Egan hit Mishriff several times in the stretch, starting out with his left hand before switching over to his right.

In addition, the website reported that Mike Smith was handed a two-day suspension for his ride aboard runner-up **Charlatan** (**Speightstown**) for causing interference. The stewards ruled that he interfered with fifth-place finisher **Sleepy Eyes Todd** (Paddy O'Prado). **Cont. p5**

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'TDN Rising Star' Travel Column (*Frosted*), a graded stakes winner and leading GI Kentucky Oaks contender, has been a life-changing horse for co-breeder Chris Welker. Read more in Katie Ritz's story on page 7. | Coady Photography

**TIMM NAMED DON ALBERTO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR 6**

Chance Timm, who has worked as Director of Stallion Seasons and Shares at Lane's End Farm since 2014, is moving to Carlos Heller's Don Alberto Corporation as Executive Director.

**LA PEROUSE SWOOPS TO WIN HYACINTH 9**

Nobutaka Tada's La Perouse (Jpn) (Pelusa {Jpn}) rallied to victory in Sunday's Hyacinth S., the third of four preps for the GI Kentucky Derby in Japan.

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**Week in Review cont. from p1**

Speed didn't hold up in any of the dirt races Saturday and all of the winners were well off the rail in the stretch.

Knicks Go, a very good horse, couldn't handle the pressure. He was done on the turn and wound up finishing fourth, beaten 8 1/2 lengths. Not so for Charlatan. He was still battling Mishriff with 100 meters to go in the race and didn't let the other horse get by him until a few jumps before the wire. The pace was fast, Charlatan never got a breather and then he was caught by a horse who had a perfect trip while racing on the best part of the track. This may have been his best race.

"He ran a big race," trainer Bob Baffert said Sunday morning. "He put away Knicks Go, just ran him down, turned in a gallant effort and it's too bad he got beat. That's a demanding track. The stretch is so long, and he ran hard. It was an exciting race and I would have loved to have won it, but I was afraid of a speed duel between him and Knicks Go. They locked horns after a half-mile and really picked it up the second quarter. But the way he ran, it shows what a brilliant horse he is. He put away a really good horse [in Knicks Go]."

Charlatan's Saudi Cup performance was reminiscent of the 1978 GI Jockey Club Gold Cup, in which Seattle Slew lost after a heroic effort. He dueled with Affirmed and Life's Hope through fractions of 22.60, 45.20 and 1:09.40. The pace finished Affirmed, whose saddle slipped, and Life's Hope, but not Slew. Meanwhile, Exceller had a perfect off-the-pace trip, but Seattle Slew never gave up and lost by just a nose.

That's not to say that Charlatan is another Seattle Slew. He needs to do a lot more before he can be compared to one of the sport's all-time greats. But his effort in the Saudi Cup was nothing short of terrific.

**Maximum Security: The Check Is Not in the Mail**

Prince Bandar Bin Khalid Al Faisal, the chairman of the Jockey Club of Saudi Arabia, told the audience for the Saudi Cup that he hoped there might be a resolution on the **Maximum Security** (New Year's Day) case shortly. Because of the indictment of his trainer Jason Servis and the ongoing investigation, owners Gary and Mary West and Coolmore have not received the \$10 million that goes to the winner.

Prince Bandar said that he had been informed that a decision on Servis would come in about six weeks. It was an odd position to take since the case figures to wind through the system for months to come and even the U.S. Jockey Club has received no information concerning a rapid resolution to the case. It seems highly unlikely that the Servis matter will conclude any time soon or that the Saudi authorities would have inside information related to when there will be a decision.

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The Prince has said that if U.S. authorities determine that **Maximum Security** raced on performance-enhancing drugs within six months of the 2020 Saudi Cup he will be disqualified. The FBI's investigation into the alleged doping of horses and the subsequent indictments include evidence that **Maximum Security** did receive SGF-1000 under Servis's care, administered in the hope of performance enhancement.

**Jockey Club Gold Cup Is On the Move**

As strange as it will seem to have the GI Jockey Club Gold Cup, first run in 1919, held at Saratoga, NYRA might have saved the race by moving it upstate.

The Gold Cup had been run four weeks before the Breeders' Cup Classic, which, until a few years ago, was not a problem. But with trainers more and more determined to space out their horses' races leading up to the Breeders' Cup, the Gold Cup was suffering, failing to attract a quality field over the last few years. It had gotten to the point where the Gold Cup was in jeopardy of losing its Grade I status.

It will now be run eight weeks before the Classic, which should restore it as a major prep for the Breeders' Cup.

NYRA has yet to announce the stakes schedule for the fall meet at Belmont, but it appears that the GI Woodward S., run at Saratoga since 2006, will move into the Gold Cup's old spot on the calendar. That could mean that race will struggle to get top horses. By switching the two races around, NYRA chose to protect the Gold Cup over the Woodward. Considering the history of the race, it's the right call.

**Mattress Mack Deserves to be Honored**

That Jim McIngvale has opened up his store to those seeking shelter, heat and food in the aftermath of the storms in Houston doesn't really have anything to do with horse racing. **Cont. p5**

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**Saudi Cup Jockeys Fined cont. from p1**

Charlatan cut over in front of Sleepy Eyes Todd shortly after the start, but it appeared to be a minor infraction that had no bearing on where Sleepy Eyes Todd finished.



**Mishriff and David Egan winning the Saudi Cup | Horsephotos**

It was the second straight year that Smith was penalized. In 2020, he was fined \$210,000 and suspended for breaking the whipping rules when aboard runner-up Midnight Bisou (**Midnight Lute**). He was also given a nine-day suspension.

Egan, 21, was forced to forfeit 10% of his earnings. The winning rider in the Saudi Cup earns \$1 million.

Stipendiary steward Phil Tuck told HorseRacingPlanet: "We took into account that two hits were down the shoulder in the backhand position and considered that he used his whip 11 times behind the saddle. He had 10% of his prize money deducted."

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Chance Timm has been named Executive Director of the Don Alberto Corporation, the farm announced Sunday morning. He takes over in that new role Mar. 1.

With over 100 broodmares, Don Alberto, based in Lexington, was a top 15 breeder nationally last year. Timm succeeds Fabricio Buffolo, who has been the Executive Director for the past four years. Both are graduates of the prestigious Godolphin Flying Start program.

Beginning with the purchase of the former Vinery Stud in 2013, Don Alberto has subsequently expanded its holdings in America to occupy 1,300 acres and has positioned itself as an active breeder at the top of the bloodstock market.

Originally from Murray, Utah, Chance Timm has over 14 years experience in the Thoroughbred industry. He has been with Lane's End Farm since 2014 as the Director of Stallion Seasons and Shares, where he has also had an active role in their sales consignment.

"Don Alberto has established itself as a major force in the worldwide thoroughbred industry," said Timm. "I am confident that our team will further that success in the coming years and am very grateful for the opportunity to be a part of it. I'd like to thank Bill Farish and everyone at Lane's End; it has been a privilege to work at such a distinguished farm."

Don Alberto was founded in South America in 1987, when Liliana Solari Falabella bought an estate near Los Angeles, Chile, and founded the Haras Don Alberto, a Thoroughbred breeding farm. With her sons Andrea and Carlos Heller, Falabella developed the farm as well as their Bethia brand, which includes a dairy, winery, milk transportation and trucking, and more. The company employs more than 4,500 people.

Buffolo, originally from Brazil will return to his home country to be closer to his family while continuing his career in the thoroughbred industry. "I look forward to Chance leading our progression as one of the top breeding and racing organizations in North America. Although I am sad to see Fabricio go, I am very thankful for his hard work which has led us to where we are today," said Carlos Heller on behalf of the Heller Solari family.

"I want to personally thank Carlos and Ms. Liliana for this incredible opportunity and for understanding my desire to be closer to my family. I'm very proud of what we've accomplished and have no doubt Don Alberto will continue to ascend the ranks of the industry," said Buffolo.

In addition to racing two-time Champion Unique Bella (**Tapit**) among other graded stakes winners, Don Alberto has bred and sold multiple million-dollar yearlings. In 2018, they bought Grade I winner Salty (**Quality Road**) for \$3 million at the Fasig-Tipton November Sale, who produced a **Tapit** filly in 2020.. She was bred back to **Tapit** last year. They bought Dacita (Chi) (Scat Daddy) for \$1.85 million the prior year at Fasig November, who has since produced an **Uncle Mo** colt in 2019, and a **Quality Road** filly in 2020.

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## A LIFE-CHANGING MARE FOR BREEDERS OF TRAVEL COLUMN



Welker poses with her **American Pharoah** colt before he goes through the sales ring | *Mathea Kelly*

by *Katie Ritz*

Sometimes you talk to a breeder and know instantly that each and every horse he or she raises is their pride and joy.

There might be no better example than Chris Welker.

As the co-breeder of 'TDN Rising Star' **Travel Column (Frosted)**, Welker can share dozens of stories of the youngster's time at Spring Ridge Farm. She can tell you about the many frustrating sessions they went through when Travel Column was a hard-headed yearling, but if you bring up the filly's win in last year's GII Golden Rod S., you can practically hear her beaming through the phone. Ask her to show you a photo or two of Travel Column's younger days, and she'll pull out 20.

For Chris and her husband Bayne Welker, Fasig-Tipton's Executive Vice President, Travel Column is their most accomplished horse after nearly 20 years in the business as breeders. To make her even more special to the couple, they nearly missed out on purchasing her dam.

In 2016, Welker was on the hunt for a mare for a client at the Keeneland November Sale. While stopping by the Denali Stud consignment, she asked if they had anything that might fit her farm's budget. They said they did, but that the mare was by Victory Gallop.

"I told them I didn't know if I wanted a Victory Gallop mare, but I saw her and I really liked her," Welker said. "She was very pretty, not really big. I loved the fact that a couple of her foals had sold for a lot of money."

The mare, named Swingit and in foal to Bodemeister, had produced three winners but she also had two dead foals on her record and had not produced a foal the year prior.

"She had a little bit of a spotty produce record but you could say she'd probably be worth a shot for \$50,000," Welker said, recalling her thought process. "I thought if she ends up having a good Bodemeister, she'll pay for herself."

So with a strict budget in mind, Welker watched Swingit enter the sales ring and crossed her fingers as she raised her hand for a budget-maxing \$50,000.

"Lo and behold, we got her for exactly that," she recalled. "I don't think I'd have paid any more. That's a lot of money for us."

The next day, Swingit's third foal Neolithic (Harlan's Holiday) ran second in the GIII Discovery S. in his stakes debut. He would go on to place in three Graded or Group I races and earn over \$2 million.

Welker's hopes for the Bodemeister foal came true when the colt sold for \$310,000, the highest-priced yearling for his sire in 2018.

Welker had a stallion in mind for Swingit after she foaled, but Denali's Craig Bandoroff called with a different idea. **Cont. p8**



A newborn **Travel Column** takes her first steps with dam and breeder looking on | *Chris Welker*



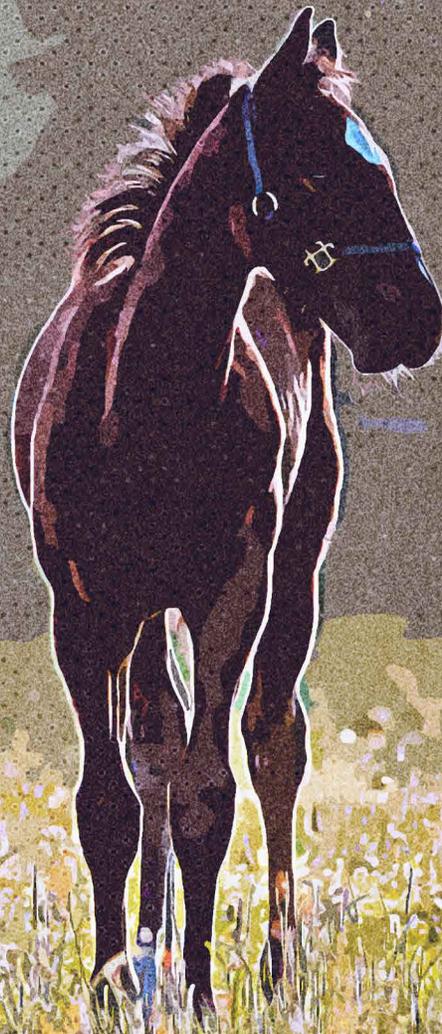
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“Craig was kicking himself for not buying the mare,” she said. “He called and said he would like to do a foal share with **Frosted**. He said we needed to breed her to something new and exciting.”

When it came time for Swingit to foal, Welker was left on her own as Bayne was off inspecting yearlings.

“The mare had a bit of a funny produce record and I was a bit nervous because I didn’t know her well,” she admitted. “Most of the mares I’ve had for a while and I know them.”

Thankfully, everything went smoothly and Travel Column made her way into the world Apr. 10, 2018.



‘TDN Rising Star’ Travel Column and dam Swingit at Spring Ridge Farm | Mathea Kelly

“The mare was perfect and it was a beautiful foal so I took pictures and sent them to everybody,” Welker said. “I’m proud of the fact that I got to foal her by myself. If I had known what she was going to be worth, it wouldn’t have been so easy, I can tell you that.”

It didn’t take long for Welker to learn this **Frosted** filly danced to the beat of her own drum.

“I thought she’d be either really good or not worth a damn because she was really tough,” Welker quipped. “She took tough to a whole new level. If she was in one of those moods, you might as well walk away and try the next day. It was her rules, not yours. I don’t care if you were six feet tall and 250 pounds, it wasn’t going to happen if it wasn’t on her terms. I hated that about her, but I also loved it about her.”

As the filly developed and the weeks closed in on the Fasig-Tipton Saratoga Select Sale, Welker knew a flight from Kentucky to New York could prove problematic for the spirited filly.

“I thought, God if we get to the airport and she gives us any trouble on the airplane, it’s not going to be good,” she said. “So I just started trailering her around. If I was going somewhere I would just load her up and take her with me a few times a week.

I took her to the grocery store with me.”

When the day came for Travel Column to ship out, she boarded the plane without a hitch or an ounce of sedative.

Welker’s goal going into the sale was for the filly to reach \$400,000, but she said her conservative husband was thinking perhaps half that amount. A few days into showing, Welker’s price point had gotten a bit higher.

“By the second-to-last day of showing, you’re starting to think crazy because you could see how popular she was and how she had absolutely taken control of that show. When they would bring her out, everybody wanted to know who she was.”

Travel Column’s \$850,000 hammer price was the most expensive sale for her first-crop sire in 2019.

But Swingit’s next foal would prove to be Welker’s favorite yet.

After foaling Travel Column, Swingit was supposed to go to an up-and-coming proven stallion with some rumored fertility issues, but Welker had bigger plans.

“Bayne really wanted to breed her to the less expensive stallion and I said ‘Bayne, I really do not have a good feeling about this. Just let me do what I need to do,’” she said. “From the time Neolithic came along, my dream was to take her to **American Pharoah** because I thought, when else would a person like me have a chance to breed to him?”

The horsewoman said she still remembers hauling the mare into Ashford Stud and clipping **American Pharoah**’s tag onto Swingit’s halter.

“I’ve got pictures of it on my phone,” she said. “I just remember standing there thinking that this foal is going to be worth a million dollars, he’s going to be a solid bay and it’s going to be a colt.” **Cont. p9**

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Aside from one small star on an otherwise bay colt, Welker's premonitions turned out to be completely correct.

Last year, Swingit's **American Pharoah** colt, now named Corton Charlemagne, sold for \$1.25 million to Speedway Stables.

"I had envisioned for so long what he would be like and he was exactly that," Welker said with emotion. "He's got the same temperament as **American Pharoah**. He knows what you're thinking. He's smart, very laid-back and self-confident. His picture is my Facebook profile. Every time I look at a picture of him or start thinking about him, I just start crying. I just want everything to be the best for him."

This year, Swingit's **City of Light** yearling colt will see the sales ring.

"We're as excited about him as we've been about any of them," Welker said. "I see a lot of the filly in him. He's a little more precocious like she was, but he's got that laid-back way like the **American Pharoah** colt."

While Swingit was barren this year, she was bred to **Uncle Mo** a few days ago.

As Welker monitors the development of Swingit's youngest foal, she keeps a close eye on Travel Column from afar.

"I think she has a really exciting future," she said. "[In the GII Golden Rod S.] we were just hoping she would hit the board. We didn't really expect her to win, but then the way she won was pretty exciting."

Travel Column made her sophomore debut in last weekend's GII Rachel Alexandra S., running second by a neck to Stonestreet homebred Clairiere (**Curlin**).

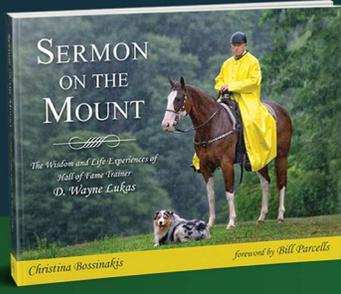
"I would not want to be around her right now after she got beat," Welker said. "I guarantee you that she's a little tougher than normal if I know her at all."

For nearly 20 years, the horsewoman has been running the Welker's 70-acre Spring Ridge Farm with the full-time help of two employees and weekend help from husband Bayne. They currently have five of their own mares, plus three client mares, seven yearlings and two geldings.

She said she tries not to think about what a win in the GI Kentucky Oaks would mean for their farm, but instead focuses on everything that has already been achieved since she purchased Swingit.

"This mare has already changed our lives," she said. "The **American Pharoah** colt is the love of my life. [An Oaks win] would be amazing but I don't even want to think about [it]. I'm just so grateful for what Travel Column has done for us already. She's the most accomplished horse for us by a landslide."

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## LA PEROUSE SWOOPS IN HYACINTH S.

by Heather Anderson

The 1600-meter Listed Hyacinth S., the third of four Japanese prep races for the GI Kentucky Derby, was captured by the late-running **La Perouse (Jpn)** (Pelusa {Jpn}). His 1 1/2-length win granted him 30 points on the Japanese Road to the Kentucky Derby, with only the Fukuryu Sho yet to be run at Nakayama Mar. 27. The Hyacinth carried 51 points total (30-12-6-3).

Second choice on the board at 5-2 after 4-5 favourite **Takeru Pegasus (Jpn)** (Dunkirk), the dark bay did not leave the gate in good order, being slowly into stride. Longshot **Probatio (Jpn)** (Transcend {Jpn}) charged up to set the pace and rattled off uncontested fractions of :23.80 for the quarter and :48.30 for the half-mile while La Perouse enjoyed a dream rail run, making up ground to sit in midpack.

He remained in tight quarters on the fence as the frontrunner covered three-quarters in 1:12.80, but Christophe Lemaire, who would win the G1 February S. with last year's Hyacinth winner Cafe Pharoah (**American Pharoah**) later on the card, began to ask La Perouse for his best effort. The response was immediate, as the winner gave generously, shifting off the rail around a tiring rival 200 meters out, before moving back to the fence and into the lead in the final 100 yards to win going away. **Cont. p10**

The 100-1 Probatio clung to second by a diminishing neck as the filly **Ladybug (Jpn)** (Hokko Tarumae {Jpn}) charged late to take show honors. Takeru Pegasus was another 1 3/4 lengths back in fourth after a mild rally.



La Perouse | JRA

Although unplaced at first asking, the Nobutaka Tada homebred saluted in the slop going six furlongs at Monbetsu Sept. 17. He dropped to second over that track and trip in the mud Oct. 6 and rebounded with a brace of wins—in a Monbetsu 1700-meter affair Oct. 22 and at Nakayama when stepped up to 1800 meters Dec. 13.

The winner is the first black-type scorer from extremely limited opportunities for the now-pensioned Sunday Silence-line horse Pelusa (Zenno Rob Roy {Jpn}), successful at the Group 2 level in his native land. A foal of 2007, the chestnut was also second and third in the 2010-11 G1 Tenno Sho (Autumn), respectively.

La Perouse is the second foal, first runner and first winner for his dam, who was bred by Dr. Naoya **Yoshida** and Bill Justice in Kentucky. The 10-year-old was named in honor of the charity donation project 'Hats Off'. The project was on behalf of the children who had lost parents in the massive earthquake in Japan a decade ago.

On the racecourse, Hat Shite Good scored over 1400 meters at two and has a juvenile filly by Symboli Kris S., a yearling full-brother to the winner and is due to Majestic Warrior. Under the third dam Naughty Notions, who won a stake at Tampa, is Canadian Champion 2-Year-Old Filly and GI Alcibiades S. heroine Negligee (Northern Afleet).

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**Sunday, Tokyo, Japan**

**HYACINTH S.-Listed**, ¥36,660,000

(US\$348,026/£348,324/€287,134), Tokyo, 2-21, 3yo, 1600m, 1:36.80, gd.

1--**LA PEROUSE (JPN)**, 123, c, 3, by Pelusa (Jpn)

1st Dam: Hat Shite Good, by Empire Maker

2nd Dam: Naughty Mambo, by Kingmambo

3rd Dam: Naughty Notions, by Relaunch

**1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN.** O/B-Nobutaka Tada (Jpn). T-Kazuo Fujisawa. J-Christophe Lemaire. ¥19,000,000. Lifetime Record: 6-4-1-0, ¥27,520,000.

2--**Probatio (Jpn)**, 123, c, 3, Transcend (Jpn)–Honor Leave (Jpn), by Dance in the Dark (Jpn). O-North Hills Co. Ltd. B-Doi Bokujo (Jpn). T-Tsuyoshi Tanaka. ¥7,600,000.

3--**Ladybug (Jpn)**, 119, f, 3, Hokko Tarumae (Jpn)–Favorite Girl (Jpn), by Dance in the Dark (Jpn). O/B-Gold Up Company Co. Ltd (Jpn). T-Yoshihito Kitade. ¥4,800,000.

Margins: 1HF, NK, 1 3/4. Odds: 2.50, 100.00, 10.30.

Also Ran: Takeru Pegasus (Jpn), Gempachi Forza (Jpn), Taisei Slugger (Jpn), Bakushin (Jpn), Lord Strom (Jpn), Zenno Ange (Jpn), Hokko Karyu (Jpn), Daishin Pisces (Jpn), Kojikun (Jpn).

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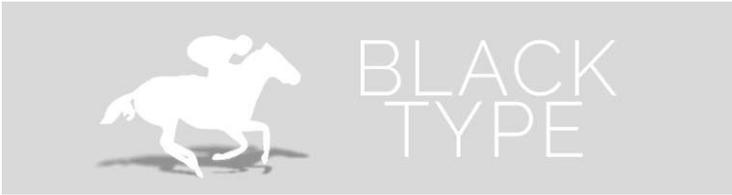


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**SPRING FEVER S.**, \$101,000, Santa Anita, 2-21, (S), 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10.33, ft.

1--**BELLA VITA, 120, f, 4, Bayern--Queenie Cat, by Storm Cat.** (\$75,000 Ylg '18 FTKOCT; \$400,000 2yo '19 OBSAPR).

**1ST BLACK TYPE WIN.** O-Kaleem Shah, Inc.; B-Hill 'n' Dale Equine Holdings, Inc (CA); T-Simon Callaghan; J-Flavien Prat. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: 5-2-2-1, \$146,996.



2--**She's a Dime, 120, m, 5, Eskendereya--Revealing, by Maria's Mon.** (\$41,000 Ylg '17 FTKOCT). O-R. Chris Larsen; B-George Krikorian (CA); T-Doug F. O'Neill. \$20,000.



3--**Dr Wysong, 120, m, 5, Cyclotron--Hi Ho Yodeler, by Swiss Yodeler.** O-Sergio A. Salguero; B-Todd Marshall & Andrew Molasky (CA); T-Isidro Tamayo. \$12,000.

Margins: 4HF, 1 3/4, 1HF. Odds: 0.30, 8.40, 22.80.

Also Ran: Cassie Belle, Hollywood Hills, Hotitude, Square Peggy.

Lightly raced but highly promising Bella Vita came through at extremely short odds to earn a first black-type victory Sunday at Santa Anita. Beaten a nose in a local turf sprint last January, the pricey OBSAPR grad (:9 4/5) aired by 5 1/4 lengths next out Feb. 16. She was third after showing speed in the open China Doll S. going a grassy mile here in March, and resurfaced to be a close second back in Cal-bred company for the track-and-trip Evening Jewel S. May 16.

Away without incident from her outside draw, the bay took up a stalking spot off the inside early. She made an explosive move entering the turn, was in front leaving the bend and poured it on from there to dominate.

Bella Vita is the fourth black-type winner for her sire, who also carried Kaleem Shah's patriotic silks. Her unraced dam was a \$1.7-million yearling and was out of GSW Strawberry Reason (Strawberry Road {Aus}), making her a half to champion 2-year-old Vindication (Seattle Slow), et al. Bella Vita was Queenie Cat's final foal. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by [Fasig-Tipton](#).**



## IN ORDER OF PURSE:

**8th-Aqueduct, \$82,000, Alw, 2-21, (NW1\$X), 4yo/up, 1m, 1:35.82, gd, 4 lengths.**

**DOUBLY BLESSED (g, 4, Empire Maker--Via Villaggio {GSW & GISP, \$373,419}, by Bernardini)**, who made the first seven starts of his career over the turf, moved to the main track to win versus \$16,000 claimers at this track and distance Jan. 2 and added a starter allowance win at that same last time out Jan. 24. Sent off at 7-2, the bay gelding raced along the rail in the second flight and moved up along the inside as pacesetting Daddy Knows (Scat Daddy) drifted out leaving the backstretch. He was brushed back as that rival moved back to the rail while completing the half in :46.43. Daddy Knows again moved off the rail approaching the lane and Doubly Blessed snuck through to take the lead in upper stretch and strode clear to score by four lengths. Malibu Star (Giant's Causeway), who contested the pace with Daddy Knows and was repeatedly drifted wide by that foe, was second. Daddy Knows was 2 1/2 lengths back in third. Doubly Blessed was a \$350,000 KESEP yearling and was purchased by these connections for \$45,000 at last year's Fasig-Tipton July Horses of Racing Age sale. The winner has a yearling half-sister by **American Pharoah**. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by [Fasig-Tipton](#).** Lifetime Record: 10-4-0-3, \$118,730.

O-Three Diamonds Farm; B-Woodford Thoroughbreds, LLC (KY); T-Michael J. Maker.

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**2nd-Aqueduct, \$69,840, (S), Alw (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$80,000),** 2-21, 3yo, 6f, 1:11.27, gd, 1/2 length.

**MARKET ALERT (g, 3, D' Funnybone--Shakaleena {SP}, by Silver Deputy)** opened his account with a victory at Belmont last June before finishing seventh behind Jackie's Warrior (**Maclean's Music**) in the Gil Saratoga Special S. in August. Fourth in the Spa's Funny Cide S. Sept. 4, he filled out the trifecta in both the Notebook S. Nov. 14 and a New York Stallion Series event over the strip Dec. 6. Given a 23-10 chance, the homebred pressed The King Cheek (**Laoban**) from the outside and eventually wore down that foe by a half-length in the lane. The winner has a 2-year-old Boys At Tosconova half-brother who was foaled in Korea. Lifetime Record: MSP, 6-2-0-2, \$120,875. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O/B-Wellspring Stables (NY); T-James T. Ryerson.

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**6th-Santa Anita, \$63,500, (S), Alw (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000),** 2-21, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:10.69, ft, neck.

**BECCA TAYLOR (f, 3, Old Topper--Lady Sax, by General Meeting)** just got her head in front on the line to graduate on debut at Los Alamitos Dec. 13 and moved to the lawn to add a state-bred allowance tally Jan. 18. Outfooted in the early strides, the 6-5 favorite pulled herself into striking distance while racing four wide down the backstretch. She spurred up to challenge for the lead entering the turn, took a narrow advantage at the top of the lane and outbattled a game Maddie's Mojita (Strong Mandate) to the wire to win by a neck. Becca Taylor is a full-sister to Hail Mary, MSP, \$254,188 **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** Lifetime Record: 3-3-0-0, \$100,800.

O/B-Nicholas B. Alexander (CA); T-Steven Miyadi..

**7th-Fair Grounds, \$56,000, (S), Alw, 2-21, (NW2L), 3yo, f, 6f,** 1:12.13, ft, 1 length.

**CILLA (f, 3, California Chrome--Sittin At the Bar {MSW & GSP, \$705,896}, by Into Mischief)** graduated at second asking at Delaware last August, and two starts later outran 29-1 odds to be third in Belmont's GI Frizette when temporarily transferred to Bentley Combs. She was back with Brett Brinkman when finishing fourth in the LA Bred Premier Starlet S. going a mile at Delta Feb. 10, and was 23-10 on the cutback while getting class relief here. Sitting south of midpack early, the bay advanced around the bend while traveling strongly. Wheeled out at the head of the lane, she responded willingly to encouragement to kick on a one-length victoress from pacesetter Half Koo Koo (Half Ours). The winner is half to Jack the Umpire (Bodemeister), SW, \$175,550; and Club Car (**Malibu Moon**), GSP, \$316,222.

The accomplished Sittin at the Bar produced a **Lord Nelson** filly last term before being bred back to **Frosted**. Sales history: \$120,000 RNA Ylg '19 KEEJAN. Lifetime Record: GISP, 6-2-0-2, \$100,000. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-P. Dale Ladner; B-Brett A. Brinkman & P. Dale Ladner (LA); T-Brett A. Brinkman.

**9th-Gulfstream, \$40,700, Alw (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000),** 2-21, 4yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:16.73, ft, head.

**SLAM DUNK (f, 4, Into Mischief--Easy Slam, by Grand Slam),** previously conditioned by Rodolphe Brissett, was third in the 2019 GI Frizette S. as a maiden before graduating by open lengths in the Churchill slop that November. She resurfaced to finish a well-beaten last in a local two-turn optional claimer last April, and was a distant last of five in the GIII Beaumont S. at Keeneland July 10. Off at 5-2 making her first start for the new barn, the bay broke running from her outside draw but allowed a foe to slip inside her and show the way. Asked for a bit more to take back over through a :45.85 half, Slam Dunk boxed out Don't Call Me Mary up the fence to hang on narrowly. The winner is half to Kitten Kaboodle (Kitten's Joy), GSW, \$129,000. Sales history: \$185,000 Wlg '17 KEENOV; \$450,000 Ylg '18 FTSAUG. Lifetime Record: GISP, 7-2-1-1, \$151,402. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Magic Cap Stables; B-Jay Goodwin, Meredith Krupp, Indian Creek & Rick Smith (KY); T-Claude R. McGaughey III.

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**8th-Gulfstream, \$40,000, Alw** (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 2-21, 4yo/up, f/m, 5fT, :55.72, fm, 1 1/2 lengths.

**GOTTA GO MO (f, 4, Uncle Mo--Hard to Stay Notgo {MSW, \$212,440}, by More Than Ready)** wired the field to break her maiden over this course and distance, but had not been seen since that effort last April. The 9-2 shot broke sharply and briefly battled three wide for the lead before settling back in third. She began inching forward again following a quarter in :21.01 and rolled into contention three wide into the lane. She took charge in upper stretch and skipped clear to win by 1 1/2 lengths. Awsum Roar (In Summation) closed to be second. Gotta Go Mo was a \$425,000 OBS March juvenile purchase. Her dam, a half-sister to multiple graded winner Fed Biz (Giant's Causeway), produced a filly by **Flatter** this year. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** Lifetime Record: 7-2-1-2, \$68,620.

O-Kristen & Matt Esler & Tobey Morton; B-Chester & Mary R. Broman (NY); T-John C. Kimmel.

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**6th-Aqueduct, \$80,000, Msw**, 2-21, 3yo, f, 6 1/2f, 1:18.26, gd, 3 3/4 lengths.

**MARACUJA (f, 3, Honor Code--Patti's Regal Song {SP}, by Unbridled's Song)** closed to miss by just a neck when second over this track and trip in her Dec. 20 unveiling and returned to be third as the 4-5 favorite going seven furlongs here Jan. 23. Favored at 4-5 again for this third go, the gray filly trailed the field behind an opening quarter in :23.54. She rushed up four wide entering the far turn and stormed to the lead at midstretch and drew clear to win by 3 3/4 lengths. Pacesetting Mun Luv (**Munnings**) was second. Maracuja was a \$200,000 FTSAUG yearling. She has a yearling half-sister by **Twirling Candy**. Patti's Regal Song, who sold while carrying that **Twirling Candy** foal for \$50,000 at the 2019 Keeneland November sale, was bred to Sir Prancealot (Ire) last year. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-1, \$69,600.

O-Beach Haven Thoroughbreds LLC; B-River Bend Farm Inc., Austin & Janie Musselman (KY); T-Rob Atras.



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**5th-Santa Anita, \$63,000, Msw**, 2-21, 3yo, 6fT, 1:08.48, fm, 1 1/2 lengths.

**AMBIVALENT (c, 3, Constitution--Screwgie, by Smart Strike)** kept stakes company while still a maiden, running third in the Del Mar Juvenile Turf S. in his lone previous appearance on the lawn last September and went to the sidelines following a third-place effort in the GIII Bob Hope S. over the main track at Del Mar last November. Adding Lasix for this seventh start, the 5-2 favorite couldn't keep pace with the early leaders and dropped well back while racing three wide down the backstretch. He ranged up four five wide into the lane, struck the lead in upper stretch and strode under the wire 1 1/2 lengths in front of Beyond Brilliant (**Twirling Candy**). Ambivalent, a \$95,000 KEESEP yearling, sold for \$550,000 following a :20 4/5 work at last year's OBS March sale. Screwgie produced a filly by **Violence** last year and was bred back to **Not This Time**. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** Lifetime Record: GSP, 7-1-2-2, \$98,100.

O-Reddam Racing; B-J Stephen McDonald (KY); T-Doug F. O'Neill.

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**7th-Golden Gate Fields, \$40,170, Msw**, 2-20, 3yo, f, 5 1/2f (AWT), 1:05.02, ft, 4 lengths.

**HOT RAGEOUS (f, 3, Idiot Proof--Iforgottobeme, by Free At Last)** finished second in the colors of her breeder here two weeks ago, and had changed hands in the interim. Straight to the front from her outside draw, the 4-5 shot ran up the score to four lengths at the wire. Firster Exquisite Legacy (Slew's Tiznow) was second. The winner has a 2-year-old half-sister named Galante Presumida (Gallant Son). Her dam was bred to Jake La Gold for 2021. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$31,200. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners, Gary Barber & Wachtel Stable; B-Remmah Racing Inc. (CA); T-Jack Steiner.

**4th-Gulfstream, \$40,000, Msw**, 2-21, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m, 1:44.31, ft, 4 1/2 lengths.

**BOW BOW GIRL (f, 3, Oxbow--Carocuore {Arg}, by Tapit)** did some late running to be fourth first out sprinting Nov. 26, and went last to third over track and trip Jan. 24. Given a 5-2 chance facing a compact group, the rail-drawn bay showed a completely different dimension here to take the early lead. Doling out splits of :24.66 and :49.11, she was headed around the turn but still had plenty left to give as she opened up in the lane by 4 1/2 lengths. Salit (**American Pharoah**) was second best. The winner has a 2-year-old half-sister by Bal a Bali (Brz) and a yearling half-sister by **English Channel**. Her dam sold for \$8,500 at last year's Keeneland November sale in foal to **English Channel**. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, \$32,250. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O/B-Calumet Farm (KY); T-Dale L. Romans.

**7th-Tampa Bay Downs, \$25,000, Msw, 2-21, 4yo/up, 1mT, 1:36.52, fm, 3/4 length.**  
**KURAMATA (IRE) (c, 4, Australia {GB})--Blue Kimono {Ire}, by Invincible Spirit {Ire}** was a close-up third for John Gosden at 33-1 in his Kempton debut in December of 2019, but he hadn't been heard from since. With an upbeat worktab on display, the Brant homebred was pounded down to 4-5 odds and got the job done. Slow to start, Kuramata raced keenly past the stands for the first time before eventually settling to draft from third. Tipped out and ridden along heading for home, he greenly battled with Newsworthy (**Tapit**--Sweet Lulu) before wearing down that foe to prevail by 3/4 of a length. The winner's dam is a half to G1SW Beauty Parlour (GB) (Deep Impact {Jpn}), MSW and GISP Blowout (GB) (Dansili {GB}) and hails from the deep female family of two-time Australian Horse of the Year Might and Power (NZ) (Zabeel {NZ}). She has an unraced 3-year-old half-brother by **Frankel (GB)**, and half-sisters by **Galileo (Ire)** born in 2019 and 2020. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$15,759. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**  
 O-Peter M. Brant; B-White Birch Farm SC (IRE); T-Chad C. Brown.



**IN HONG KONG:**  
**Panfield (Chi)**, c, 4, **Lookin At Lucky**--Esterina (Arg), by Orpen. Sha Tin, 2-21, Hcp. (C2) (\$284k), 2000mT, 2:01.55. B-Agricola Taomina Ltda. \*MG1SW-Chi. **VIDEO**  
**Golden Sixty (Aus)**, g, 5, **Medaglia d'Oro**. See 'TDN Europe--Worldwide News'  
**Silver Fig (Aus)**, g, 6, **Hard Spun**. See 'TDNAusNZ Insert.'

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**Cafe Pharoah**, c, 4, **American Pharoah**. See "Euro".

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**California Chrome** (Lucky Pulpit), Arrow Stud  
 196 foals of racing age/18 winners/0 black-type winners  
 3-Mahoning Valley, Msw 1m, California Martini, 8-1  
 \$55,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$37,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl

**Frosted (Tapit)**, Darley, \$25,000  
 238 foals of racing age/19 winners/1 black-type winner  
 4-Delta Downs, Alw 5f, **Frosted** Prayer, 3-1  
 \$70,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl

**Mshawish (Medaglia d'Oro)**, Taylor Made Farm, \$7,500  
 133 foals of racing age/18 winners/0 black-type winners  
 3-Mahoning Valley, Msw 1m, Indiana Red, 7-2  
 \$8,000 RNA FTK OCT yrl; \$7,000 OBS OPN 2yo

**Outwork (Uncle Mo)**, WinStar Farm, \$15,000  
 209 foals of racing age/22 winners/2 black-type winners  
 8-Parx Racing, Msw 7f, Outline, 6-1  
 \$27,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; \$17,000 EAS MAY 2yo

**Uncle Lino (Uncle Mo)**, Northview Stallion Station, \$4,000  
 132 foals of racing age/9 winners/0 black-type winners  
 8-Parx Racing, Msw 7f, Katesaluckygirl, 6-1

**Uncle Vinny (Uncle Mo)**, Equistar Training and Breeding Center, \$2,500  
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 3-Mahoning Valley, Msw 1m, Unclejackomo, 20-1



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**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

**9th-Santa Anita, \$82,592**, 2-20, (NW1\$X), 4yo/up, 6 1/2fT, 1:14.13, fm, 2 1/4 lengths.

**JETOVATOR (g, 5, Grazen--Jet Blue Girl {MSP, \$320,809}, by Gimmeawink)** Lifetime Record: 18-3-4-5, \$197,271. O-Ciaglia Racing LLC & SAF Racing; B-Sharon Alesia & Ciaglia Racing, LLC (CA); T-Peter Eurton.

**5th-Aqueduct, \$82,000**, 2-21, (NW1\$X), 4yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:16.94, gd, 1/2 length.

**RUNNINGWSCISSORS (g, 5, Congaree--Celesta, by Bernstein)** Lifetime Record: MSP, 26-8-7-3, \$254,373. O/T-Jeffrey S. Englehart; B-DB Dojo LLC (NY).

**8th-Fair Grounds, \$51,240**, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$17,500), 2-21, 4yo/up, 5 1/2fT, 1:04.40, gd, 1/2 length.

**BAD BEAT BRIAN (g, 4, Jack Milton--Ultimate Class {MSP, \$283,253}, by During)** Lifetime Record: 12-4-1-1, \$96,220. O-Paradise Farms Corp. & David Staudacher; B-Pope McLean, Pope McLean Jr., Marc McLean & Phil Hager (KY); T-Michael J. Maker. \*\$22,000 RNA Wlg '17 KEENOV; \$16,000 RNA Ylg '18 KEESEP; \$115,000 2yo '19 EASMAY.

**8th-Golden Gate Fields, \$41,348**, (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 2-20, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m (AWT), 1:45.00, ft, head.

**OUR SILVER OAK (g, 5, Unusual Heat--Strawberry Flash, by Alphabet Soup)** Lifetime Record: 18-4-6-3, \$312,418. O-Robert Jones, Michael Nentwig & Ray Pagano; B-M Auerbach, LLC (CA); T-Jonathan Wong. \*\$30,000 Ylg '17 BARSEL.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Jungle Cry**, c, 3, **Animal Kingdom**--Devine Aida (MSW & GSP, \$273,215), by Unbridled's Song. Golden Gate Fields, 2-21, 5 1/2f (AWT), 1:04.20. B-Adena Springs (KY). \*\$55,000 3yo '21 OBSWIN.


**Bradley Thoroughbreds Purchase**


**Fat Stacks**, g, 4, **Drosselmeyer**--Bellsblade (SW), by Mr. Broad Blade. Santa Anita, 2-21, (C), 1 1/8mT, 1:49.60. B-Matt Nelson (CA). \*1/2 to Wound Tight (Coil), SW, \$277,544.

**ANIMAL KINGDOM**, Jungle Cry, c, 3, o/o Devine Aida, by Unbridled's Song. MSW, 2-21, Golden Gate

**AUSTRALIA (GB)**, Kuramata (Ire), c, 4, o/o Blue Kimono (Ire), by Invincible Spirit (Ire). MSW, 2-21, Tampa Bay

**BAYERN**, Bella Vita, f, 4, o/o Queenie Cat, by Storm Cat. Spring Fever S., 2-21, Santa Anita

**CALIFORNIA CHROME**, Cilla, f, 3, o/o Sittin At the Bar, by **Into Mischief**. ALW, 2-21, Fair Grounds

**CONGAREE**, Runningwscissors, g, 5, o/o Celesta, by Bernstein. ALW, 2-21, Aqueduct

**CONSTITUTION**, Ambivalent, c, 3, o/o Screwgie, by Smart Strike. MSW, 2-21, Santa Anita

**D' FUNNYBONE**, Market Alert, g, 3, o/o Shakaleena, by Silver Deputy. AOC, 2-21, Aqueduct

**DROSSELMAYER**, Fat Stacks, g, 4, o/o Bellsblade, by Mr. Broad Blade. MCL, 2-21, Santa Anita

**EMPIRE MAKER**, Doubly Blessed, g, 4, o/o Via Villaggio, by **Bernardini**. ALW, 2-21, Aqueduct

**GRAZEN**, Jetovator, g, 5, o/o Jet Blue Girl, by Gimmeawink. ALW, 2-20, Santa Anita

**HONOR CODE**, Maracuja, f, 3, o/o Patti's Regal Song, by Unbridled's Song. MSW, 2-21, Aqueduct

**IDIOT PROOF**, Hot Rageous, f, 3, o/o Iforgottobeme, by Free At Last. MSW, 2-20, Golden Gate

**INTO MISCHIEF**, Slam Dunk, f, 4, o/o Easy Slam, by Grand Slam. AOC, 2-21, Gulfstream

**JACK MILTON**, Bad Beat Brian, g, 4, o/o Ultimate Class, by During. AOC, 2-21, Fair Grounds

**OLD TOPPER**, Becca Taylor, f, 3, o/o Lady Sax, by General Meeting. AOC, 2-21, Santa Anita

**OXBOW**, Bow Bow Girl, f, 3, o/o Carocuore (Arg), by **Tapit**. MSW, 2-21, Gulfstream

**UNCLE MO**, Gotta Go Mo, f, 4, o/o Hard to Stay Notgo, by **More Than Ready**. AOC, 2-21, Gulfstream

**UNUSUAL HEAT**, Our Silver Oak, g, 5, o/o Strawberry Flash, by Alphabet Soup. AOC, 2-20, Golden Gate

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## OXFORD-BORN BLACKER HITS MILESTONE



Dan Blacker inspects a yearling in 2020 | *Fasig-Tipton*

By Kelsey Riley

On Feb. 6, the Oxford-born Dan Blacker celebrated his first graded stakes win as a trainer when **Hit The Road (More Than Ready)** took Santa Anita's GIII Thunder Road S., unleashing a powerful turn of foot inside the final furlong to win by an eye-catching 3 3/4 lengths. The progressive 4-year-old now has his sights set on Grade I glory in the Frank E. Kilroe Mile over the same course and distance as the Thunder Road on Mar. 6, and a victory there would epitomize everything Blacker has been working toward since taking out his license 10 years ago.

Blacker, the son of acclaimed National Hunt jockey-turned equine sculptor Philip Blacker, dabbled in showjumping as a youngster and rode out for various trainers—including Richard Gibson, Jonathan Pease and the late steeplechase trainer Peter Monteith—while studying environmental geoscience at the University of Edinburgh. It was during this time that Blacker decided he wanted to be a trainer, but it was during his stint in America as part of Darley Flying Start, and in particular in the midst of the festivities surrounding the 2006 GI Kentucky Derby, that Blacker had a real epiphany: he wanted to be a trainer in America.

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## 'PHAROAH' FULFILLS GROUP 1 PROMISE IN FEBRUARY S. by Heather Anderson

**Café Pharoah** delivered a first win at the highest level on dirt for his sire, U.S. Horse of the Year and Triple Crown winner **American Pharoah**, in the G1 February S. going a mile over the Tokyo dirt on Sunday. His three-quarter length victory guaranteed him a spot in the starting gate in the GI Longines Breeders' Cup Classic this fall.

Favoured at 2-1, the 4-year-old entire settled in a tracking fifth, as **Wide Pharoah (Jpn)** (Henny Hughes) and **Air Almas** (Majestic Warrior) slugged it out on the front end. He emerged a clearcut third as noses pointed for home, and swung out to make his challenge 400 metres from the wire.

Conservatively handled to that point by jockey Christophe Lemaire, a trio of right-handed taps kept the Koichi Nishikawa colourbearer's mind on business with a furlong to travel as he passed Air Almas, and he held safe the late rush of 27-1 shot **Air Spinel (Jpn)** (King Kamehameha {Jpn}) to win with ears pricked.

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## IN TDN AMERICA TODAY

### EGAN/SMITH PENALISED FOR SAUDI CUP RIDES

Jockeys David Egan and Mike Smith were penalised for their rides during the \$20-million Saudi Cup. [Click or tap here to go straight to TDN America.](#)

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**Dan Blacker Cont. from p1**

“The thing about starting up in the United States is that there is a unique opportunity here for young people and young trainers,” said the 38-year-old Blacker, who took out his license in 2011 after stints as an assistant to Richard Mandella and Tom Albertrani. “Back home it’s really challenging for trainers to get started. You need a lot of financial backing. When I came to the States I just fell in love with it and loved California and the racetrack atmosphere, but there is a unique opportunity here for young trainers to get a foot in the door and get started that doesn’t exist anywhere else. Here you can start with two horses, which I did, and I think it would be so hard to do that anywhere else. I asked the racing secretary at Hollywood Park, ‘hey, can I get two stalls?’ He said, ‘sure, what are the names of the horses?’ I gave him the names he said, ‘alright, barn 52, next to [trainer Mike]



Hit The Road winning the Thunder Road S. | Benoit

Puype.’ And away you went. I borrowed a saddle and a bridle and a groom—I literally had nothing. I had no money and was just rocking and rolling from the beginning and built it up from there. I went up to three horses but had one claimed so was back down to two, then three horses, four horses—you just build it up slowly.”

Blacker credited a few loyal owners for helping him build his stable up to 28 today, and his friend and former Flying Start classmate Craig “Boomer” Rounsefell for picking out Hit The Road at Keeneland. The horse was bought privately after failing to sell in the ring at \$200,000. “He was Hip 16 of Book 1, and it’s a funny story; I typically hadn’t been to Book 1 for a few years before that, just because it’s not typically in my price range. But I was on the East Coast for [trainer] Norm Casse and [TV presenter] Gabby Gaudet’s wedding, and I thought, ‘I may as well just go for Book 1,’” Blacker recalled. [Cont. p3](#)

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### Dan Blacker Cont.

He added, "So I hooked up with Boomer and we looked at that horse a bunch. He had a great pedigree by **More Than Ready**. We really liked the horse and knew he would be a grass horse. He was a bit small as a yearling but was a lovely mover and had a really nice temperament. He didn't sell, he RNA'd, but we went back to the barn at Taylor Made and bought him back at the barn. But I give Boomer all the credit, he was really bullish about getting him and he felt really confident about the horse. We were really thrilled at the time to get him for a great group of owners, some of which have been with me from the beginning and have been really loyal."

Blacker described his first 10 years as a trainer as "hard but rewarding."

"It's building up your name, your reputation, your stable, getting better quality horses, better owners—it's been hard but it's been rewarding and I'm glad we're getting to the point where we're improving our quality of horses," he reflected. "But my path [starting with two horses], I don't think that's something you could do in other countries, and that's what I love about America. People are much more willing to give young people a chance and you can start with nothing. If you're passionate about it and you work hard, you're going to make it."

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[Dan Blacker on training in America](#)

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Blacker said another major gulf between racing in America and Europe is in the opportunities to acquire quality bloodstock.

"You look at all the horses that have won the Kentucky Derby the last 10 years--I don't know the exact numbers but the vast majority of them went through the ring," he said. "The big owners back home in Europe have all the best stock and best families, whereas in America, all the best horses go through the ring and there is a small number that are homebreds. You can have a chance to get the best horses if you have the money and you have the eye." [Cont p4](#)

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Another factor keeping trainers like Blacker on their toes in America is the higher rate of turnover of horses than one might see in Europe.

“Horses come in and out much quicker,” Blacker noted. “A yard in Newmarket might start the year with 40 or 50 horses, and at the end of the year you’d pretty much have on the whole the same 40 or 50 horses in the yard. Here, you might start the year with 25 horses and end it with 25 horses, but most of them will be different horses. We bring the horses in, get them ready, run them a few times, they might pick up something and we send them back to the farm. They have a few months off and we bring them back in and bring them up.

There’s no winter and summer season; the horses are in constant turnover. So you’re always looking for that next horse

to fill the space of the one that just left. You have to keep your foot on the gas and keep hustling and working away. When you take your foot off the gas, you might get your numbers down and get out of the limelight. You have to keep getting your name out there.”



Dan Blacker | Benoit

One way Blacker enjoys filling his stalls is with European imports.

“I love the Tattersalls horses in training sale,” he said. “It’s a fun sale but what’s really interesting is why certain horses work. There is a certain profile of European horse that when you bring it to California, it excels. It’s something to do with their pedigree, with the way we train here, their conformation; it’s not just that better horses in England will go on and be the better horses here. There is a certain type of horse that really excels,

and that’s the key, is really trying to pinpoint that type of individual.” [Cont. p5](#)

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**Dan Blacker Cont.**

Blacker said he tends to look for the progeny of sires that have already worked in America, as well as horses with good form on firm going themselves and that are of a lighter build.

“Generally the stallions that are obviously firm turf influences will do well, but I’ll look for stallions that have already had success over here,” he said. “That’s the first thing, and firm ground form really helps. Typically, I’ve found that horses tend to put on weight, put on muscle, when they come here. I look for the lighter framed ones, the smaller fillies that might, when they come here and put on weight, start looking really good. If you start with one that’s really big and bulky, a lot of times when they get here they get too big and heavy and they can’t handle training on the dirt oval every single day. Because it’s not just the racing, it’s training on the flat dirt every single day. That’s hard on horses and you need a really sound horse that’s conformed well in order to withstand that constant pounding every single day. So it’s a really unique type of individual that thrives here.”

So Blacker continues his quest to continue building the quality of his stable. He’ll also be hoping that Hit The Road continues to thrive ahead of his next big assignment.

“We’ve got the Kilroe Mile pencilled in on Mar. 6,” Blacker said. “Everyone keeps telling me that he runs well fresh so this will be a little test for him. It’s coming back in four weeks and that’s probably the shortest we’d want to come back in. But he bounced out of the race really well; he’s got good energy and all the signs are looking very favourable that he’s going to be ready for the race on Mar. 6 and run well. We know he loves the track here at Santa Anita, he loves the firm turf, so that’s the most likely scenario. After that there might be some things further afield, but we’re just pointing him to that one right now.”

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## EUROPEAN NEWS

### TREO EILE WEBSITE LAUNCHES

Treo Eile, an Irish non-profit assisting racehorse trainers and owners who wish to rehome and retrain their racehorses after racing, launched their website on Feb. 20. The programme aims to:

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## FRANCE

**CONDITIONS RESULTS:**

**2nd-Cagnes-sur-Mer, €35,000, Cond, 2-21, 3yo, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:17.34, st.**

**IDENTIFIED (GB) (g, 3, Showcasing {GB})--Corazon Canarias {Fr} {SP-Fr}, by Caradak {Ire})** Lifetime Record: 11-3-2-4, €53,263. O-White & Red Racing; B-Branton Court Stud (GB); T-Peter Schiergen. \*3,500gns 2yo '20 TATAUT.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**A Gibraltar (Fr), f, 3, Rock of Gibraltar (Ire)--Celebre (Fr) (SP-Fr, \$127,898), by Peintre Celebre.** Cagnes-sur-Mer, 2-21, 8f (AWT), 1:37.74. B-Jean-Claude Seroul (FR).

**The Charmer (Fr)**, g, 3, **Sommerabend (GB)**--Voodoo Charmer (Ire), by Sageburg (Ire). Cagnes-sur-Mer, 2-21, 8f (AWT), 1:36.73. B-Mme Sabrina Debargue (FR). \*€38,000 Ylg '19 OSASEP.



**IN HONG KONG:**

**Waikuku (Ire)**, g, 6, **Harbour Watch (Ire)**. See 'Worldwide News.'



**G1 February S. Cont. from p1**

**Wonder Lider (Jpn)** (Statue of Liberty) closed from midfield to take third, another 1 3/4 lengths behind. Second favourite **Arctos (Jpn)** (Admire Aura {Jpn}) never threatened and checked in ninth.

“His condition was super, and I had confidence already at the paddock,” said Lemaire. “We decided to use cheek pieces hoping for a more aggressive performance. His start was good, we were positioned well and he responded beautifully. The colt has such high potential. I had no doubt that he could land a Group 1 win if he gave his best. I’m happy that it all worked out today.”

A winner going 1800 metres at Nakayama in December of 2019, his only race at two, Café Pharoah added the Listed Hyacinth S. last February and June's G3 Unicorn S., both at Tokyo. Only seventh in sloppy going in the Listed Japan Dirt Derby at Oi on July 8, the bay rebounded with another victory in the G3 Sirius S. facing elders last fall. He ran sixth in the G1 Champions Cup in his final start of 2020.



Café Pharoah | JRA

**Pedigree Notes**

Bred by the late **Paul Pompa, Jr.** in Kentucky, the winner is the second at the highest level out of **American Pharoah's** first crop after G1 Queen Elizabeth II Challenge Cup victress Harvey's Lil Goil. The Ashford Stud resident has already celebrated a Group 1 winner from his second crop with G1 Criterium International scorer Van Gogh. The trio are among 14 black-type winners for the Coolmore sire, while five other progeny have placed at the highest level so far.

Selected out of the OBS March Sale for \$475,000 after breezing a quarter mile in :21.1, Café Pharoah is one of three group/graded winners for his two-time graded scoring dam and the second male after Giant's Causeway's Night Prowler. The colt is also the first Group 1 winner for Mary's Follies who was trained by the **late John Forbes** before Pompa purchased the **More Than Ready** mare. Her 2018 **Uncle Mo** colt died, while she has colts of 2019 and 2020 by **Candy Ride (Arg)** and **Connect**, respectively. A granddaughter of four-time stakes winner Wave to the Queen (Wavering Monarch), she aborted to **Curlin** for this spring.

In early January, Mary's Follies (lot 725) was knocked down for \$500,000 to BBA Ireland as part of the Pompa Dispersal during the Keeneland January Horses of All Ages Sale. Her daughter, 'TDN Rising Star' and MGSW Regal Glory (Animal Kingdom) (lot 403) sold earlier in the day for a **co-sale topping** \$925,000 to Peter Brant's White Birch Farm, which races both Stateside and in Europe and won the G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe with **Sottsass (Fr)** (Siyouni {Ire}) in October.

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**Sunday, Tokyo, Japan**

**FEBRUARY S.-G1**, ¥194,800,000

(US\$1,847,689/£1,318,449/€1,524,588), Tokyo, 2-21, 4yo/up, 1600m, 1:34.40, gd.

1--**CAFE PHAROAH, 126, c, 4**, by **American Pharoah**

**1st Dam: Mary's Follies (MGSW-US, \$338,889), by More Than Ready**

**2nd Dam: Catch the Queen, by Miswaki**

**3rd Dam: Wave to the Queen, by Wavering Monarch**

**1ST GROUP 1 WIN.** (\$475,000 2yo '19 OBSMAR). O-Koichi Nishikawa; B- Paul P.Pompa (KY); T-Noryuki Hori; J-Christophe Lemaire. ¥103,360,000. Lifetime Record: 7-5-0-0. \*1/2 to Night Prowler (Giant's Causeway), MGSW-US, \$535,682; and Regal Glory (Animal Kingdom), MGSW-US, \$773,884. **Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.** Werk Nick Rating: A++.

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# WORLDWIDE NEWS

2--**Air Spinel (Jpn)**, 126, h, 8, King Kamehameha (Jpn)--Air Messiah (Jpn), by Sunday Silence. O-Lucky Field Inc.; B-Shadai Farm (Jpn); ¥40,960,000.

3--**Wonder Lider (Jpn)**, 126, h, 8, Statue of Liberty--Astrea Peace (Jpn), by Mayano Top Gun (Jpn). O-Yoshinari Yamamoto; B-Oshima Farm (Jpn); ¥25,480,000.

Margins: 3/4, 1 3/4, HF. Odds: 2.30, 27.00, 18.30.

Also Ran: Red le Zele (Jpn), Air Almas, Inti (Jpn), Mutually (Jpn), Soliste Thunder (Jpn), Arctos (Jpn), Yamanin Imprime (Jpn), Sunrise Nova (Jpn), Smart Dandy (Jpn), Auvergne (Jpn), Wide Pharaoh (Jpn), Success Energy (Jpn), Helios (Jpn).

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the field, the dynamics squarely working against them. The opening 1200 metres were posted in a dawdling 1:15.09, better than a full second outside of standard, and Ho got to work on Golden Sixty, peeling him out and around horses at the 600 metres. Meanwhile, Joao Moreira was happy to ride Furore for luck and stuck to the fence. As Golden Sixty wound up on the grandstand side, he looked like he was going to run away, easily claiming defending champion **Exultant (Ire)** (Teofilo {Ire}) with a furlong and a half to go while wanting to shift inward. But Moreira found a split in upper stretch, shot Furore through and battled with everything he had, only to be on the short end of the bobber. Golden Sixty's final half-mile was timed in :44.48, fractionally faster than Furore's :44.57, albeit with a far inferior trip around the second turn.



Golden Sixty and Furore treated fans to a thrilling renewal of the G1 Citi Hong Kong Gold Cup Sunday | HKJC photo



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## DERBY WINNERS THROW DOWN IN HONG KONG GOLD CUP *by Alan Carasso*

**Golden Sixty (Aus)** (*Medaglia d'Oro*) and **Furore (NZ)** (Pierro {Aus}), winners of the BMW Hong Kong Derby in 2020 and 2019, respectively, treated racing fans to an epic final-furlong battle in Sunday's G1 Citi Hong Kong Gold Cup, with the undisputed current king of the hill in the jurisdiction just clawing his way past Furore to take his current winning streak to 13 and his overall record to a spectacular 16 from 17. Golden Sixty is now within four victories of the record currently held by the legendary Silent Witness (Aus) (El Moxie).

The \$1.35 (35-100) favourite was taken back to settle in the latter part of the field and switched off nicely for Vincent Ho, as **Time Warp (GB)** (Archipenko) set a very slow early tempo in advance of **Playa del Puente (Ire)** (Elzaam {Aus}), who nearly upset last year's Derby at 289-1. **Columbus County (NZ)** (Redwood {GB}) rolled forward to try to inject some pace mid-race, as Golden Sixty and Furore eyeballed one another back in

"I was quite confident that I would stay ahead of them but we fought hard--it wasn't easy, it was a bit unexpected to be that close," Ho admitted. "I was just worried about the horse to the inside of him because Golden Sixty laid in a bit, he would have won easier if he didn't do that. Once he went past Exultant he wanted to lay in--it made it difficult for me but it's still a victory."

With foreign targets off the table, the top two are expected to face a rematch in the G1 FWD QE II Cup over the same course and distance Apr. 25. From there, Golden Sixty could go for a sweep of the 'Triple Crown' in the G1 Standard Chartered Champions and Chater Cup (2400m), for which he stands to collect an HK\$10-million bonus if successful. [Cont. p8](#)

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**Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong**

**CITI HONG KONG GOLD CUP-G1**, HK\$12,000,000 (£1,107,985/€1,281,174/A\$1,994,280/US\$1,547,816), 3yo/up, 2000mT, 2:00.25, gd.

1--**GOLDEN SIXTY (AUS)**, 126, g, 5, by **Medaglia d'Oro**

1st Dam: **Gaudeamus (GSW-Ire, \$179,846)**,

by **Distorted Humor**

2nd Dam: **Leo's Lucky Lady**, by **Seattle Slew**

3rd Dam: **Konafa**, by **Damascus**

(A\$120,000 Ylg '17 MMGCYS; NZ\$300,000 2yo '18 NZBRTR). O-Stanley Chan Ka Leung; B-Asco International Pty Ltd (Qld); T-Francis Lui; J-Vincent Ho; HK\$6,840,000. Lifetime Record: Ch. 4yo-HK, 17-16-0-0, HK\$66,525,600. \*1/2 to Igitur (Aus) (Helmet {Aus}), SP-Aus. **Werk Nick Rating: A+++ \*Triple Plus\***.

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2--**Furore (NZ)**, 126, g, 6, **Pierro (Aus)**--**Stormy Choice (Aus)**, by **Redoute's Choice (Aus)**. (NZ\$210,000 Ylg '16 NZBJAN). O-Lee Sheung Chau; B-G S A Bloodstock Pty Ltd; T-Tony Cruz; J-Joao Moreira; HK\$2,640,000.

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3--**Exultant (Ire)**, 126, g, 7, **Teofilo (Ire)**--**Contrary (Ire)**, by **Mark of Esteem (Ire)**. O-Eddie Wong Ming Chak & Wong Leung Sau Hing; B-Ballygallon Stud; T-Tony Cruz; J-Zac Purton; HK\$1,200,000.

Margins: SHD, 1, 1. Odds: 35-100, 6-1, 22-5.

Also Ran: **Glorious Dragon (Ire)**, **Time Warp (GB)**, **Columbus County (NZ)**, **Playa del Puente (Ire)**. **Click for the HKJC.com chart, PPs and sectional timing. VIDEO. Click for the free Equineline.com catalog-style pedigree.**

**Waikuku Back To Best In QSJC...**

For the first time in four years, a horse not named **Beauty Generation (NZ)** (Road to Rock {Aus}) has taken out the G1 **Queen's Silver Jubilee Cup**.

**Waikuku (Ire)** (Harbour Watch {Ire}), an unlucky runner-up to **Furore** in the 2019 Derby and winner of last year's G1 **Stewards' Cup** (1600m), was given a perfect ride by **Joao Moreira**, swooped in front with about a furlong to race and came away to an easy score over a game **Southern Legend (Aus)** (Not A Single Doubt {Aus}). The victory was the 1300th in Hong Kong for trainer **John Size**, whose total is exceeded by only the retired **John Moore** (1735) and **Tony Cruz** (1329).

"It probably means I've been here a long time and I'm doing my job well," the understated **Size** said, reflecting on his move from **Sydney** to **Hong Kong** two decades ago. "Every achievement along the way in your career is meaningful. I couldn't have imagined that in my wildest dreams. Obviously, it's been a good move--very good for my career--and I hope is that I can do a good job for customers."



Waikuku brings up 1300 Hong Kong wins for John Size | HKJC photo

**Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong**

**QUEEN'S SILVER JUBILEE CUP-G1**, HK\$12,000,000 (£1,107,985/€1,281,174/A\$1,994,280/US\$1,547,816), 3yo/up, 1400mT, 1:20.78, gd.

1--**WAIKUKU (IRE)**, 126, g, 6, by **Harbour Watch (Ire)**

1st Dam: **London Plane (Ire)**, by **Danehill Dancer (Ire)**

2nd Dam: **Aunt Julia (GB)**, by **In The Wings (GB)**

3rd Dam: **Original (GB)**, by **Caerleon**

(€33,000 Ylg '16 TISEP). O-Jocelyn Siu Yang Hin Ting; B-Riversfield Stud; T-John Size; J-Joao Moreira; HK\$6,840,000. Lifetime Record: 20-8-4-2, HK\$35,843,680. **Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree. Werk Nick Rating: A+++ \*Triple Plus\***.

2--**Southern Legend (Aus)**, 126, g, 8, **Not A Single Doubt (Aus)**--**Donna's Appeal (Aus)**, by **Carnegie (Ire)**. (A\$280,000 Ylg '14 INGEAS). O-Boniface Ho Ka Kui; B-Corumbene Stud (NSW); T-Caspar Fownes; J-Karis Teetan; HK\$2,640,000.

3--**Mighty Giant (NZ)**, 126, g, 5, **Power (GB)**--**Wanderov (NZ)**, by **Ustinov (Aus)**. O-Mr & Mrs Li Ming On; B-; T-Ricky Yiu; J-Neil Callan; HK\$1,200,000.

Margins: 1 1/4, HF, NO. Odds: 11-10, 29-10, 12-1.

Also Ran: **More Than This (GB)**, **Ka Ying Star (GB)**, **Not Usual Talent (NZ)**, **Wishful Thinker (Aus)**, **Buddies (Aus)**, **Champion's Way (Aus)**. **Click for the HKJC.com chart, PPs and sectional timing. VIDEO. Click for the free Equineline.com catalog-style pedigree.**

**Classic Cup Thievery...**

When last seen finishing seventh to **Excellent Proposal (Aus)** (Exceed and Excel {Aus}) in the **Hong Kong Classic Mile** four weeks ago, **Happy Healthy (Aus)** (Zoustar {Aus}) endured a wide passage from the riverside draw and never truly reached contention. **Cont. p9**



Healthy Happy | HKJC photo

### G1 Hong Kong Classic Cup Cont.

With Alexis Badel inheriting the ride when Vincent Ho opted for hampered Classic Mile third **Tourbillon Diamond (Aus)** (Olympic Glory {Ire}), Happy Healthy was allowed a soft lead and never relinquished it en route to a 21-1 boilover.

Drawn gate eight this time, the former Peter and Paul Snowden trainee when raced as Leviathan hopped out best of all and controlled the pace through an opening 1000-metre split of 1:00.40. Still allowed to amble along on the circle, he put away pace-pressing **Lucky Patch (NZ)** (El Roca {Aus}) in upper stretch and had enough in the locker to hold off the fast-finishing outsider **Russian Emperor (Ire)** (**Galileo {Ire}**), winner for Aidan O'Brien of last year's G3 Hampton Court S. at Royal Ascot, who raced with first-time blinkers Sunday. **Shadow Hero (Aus)** (Pierro {Aus}) ran an improved race in third. Excellent Proposal was done no favours by the lack of pace and came from well back to be a sneaky-good fourth, his final 400m of :45.57 the second-fastest in the race.

"I was just happy to let my horse go because he's obviously a very big horse and I knew he was going to stay on well," said Badel. "He was also very relaxed in front. It allowed him to take a very big breath before the effort and then he kept on well."

### Pedigree Notes

Healthy Happy is the 18th black-type winner for Widden Stud's Zoustar, whose other stakes winner outside of Australia is the talented Singapore galloper Top Knight (Aus). He is the only winner to date from his multiple Australian Group 3-placed dam, a daughter of SW/GSP Dashing Granada and a half-sister to MSW & GSP Celebrity Girl (Aus) (Starcraft {NZ}), herself the dam of 2020 G2 Schweppes Thousand Guineas Prelude winner and G1 Schweppes Thousand Guineas third Instant Celebrity (Aus) (Not A Single Doubt {Aus}).

The dam of the 2-year-old colt Publicist (Aus) (Written Tycoon {Aus}), Lady Lakshmi produced a full-sister to the latter after being led out unsold on a bid of A\$300,000 at the 2019 Magic Millions Gold Coast National Broodmare Sale. She dropped a Merchant Navy (Aus) colt in 2020 and is back in foal to Russian Revolution (Aus) on a late November cover.

### Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong

**HONG KONG CLASSIC CUP-LR**, HK\$12,000,000 (£1,107,985/€1,281,174/A\$1,994,280/US\$1,547,816), NH/SH4yo, 1800mT, 1:47.21, gd.

1--**HEALTHY HAPPY (AUS)**, 126, g, 4, by **Zoustar (Aus)**

1st Dam: **Lady Lakshmi (Aus)** (MGSP-Aus, \$288,541), by **Lonhro (Aus)**

2nd Dam: **Dashing Granada (Aus)**, by **Keltrice (Aus)**

3rd Dam: **Jovan (NZ)**, by **Nassipour**

**1ST STAKES WIN.** (A\$375,000 Ylg '18 MMGCYS). O-Sin Tung Hing, Sin Yuk Lok & Sin Yuk San; B-Lachlan River Bloodstock (Vic); T-Frankie Lor; J-Alexis Badel; HK\$6,840,000. Lifetime Record: 10-5-2-1, HK\$10,749,270. \*Formerly Leviathan (Aus).

2--**Russian Emperor (Ire)**, 126, c, 4, **Galileo (Ire)**--Atlantic Jewel (Aus), by **Fastnet Rock (Aus)**. O-Mike Cheung Shun Ching; B-Coolmore, Lauri Macri & Partners; T-Douglas Whyte; J-Keith Yeung; HK\$2,640,000.

3--**Shadow Hero (Aus)**, 126, g, 4, **Pierro (Aus)**--Sookie (Aus), by **Casino Prince (Aus)**. (A\$260,000 Ylg '18 INGFE). O-Edmond Lee Man Bun; B-Lightning Thoroughbreds, Mrs D Kolivos (NSW); T-David Hayes; J-Zac Purton; HK\$1,200,000.

Margins: NK, NO, HF. Odds: 21-1, 79-1, 39-5.

Also Ran: Excellent Proposal (Aus), Tourbillon Diamond (Aus), Packing Waltham (Fr), Sky Darci (NZ), Lucky Express (Aus), Sea of Life (Aus), Arthur's Kingdom (Ire), Delightful Laos (Ire), Lucky Patch (NZ), Conqueror (Aus), Smiling Time (SAf). Scratched: Maximus (Ger). **Click for the HKJC.com chart, PPs and sectional timing. VIDEO.**

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### Sunday, Kokura, Japan

**KOKURA DAISHOTEN-G3**, ¥78,110,000

(US\$740,878/£528,665/€611,322), Kokura, 2-21, 4yo/up, 1800mT, 1:45.50, fm.

1--**TERRITORIAL (JPN)**, 125, h, 7, by **Teofilo (Ire)**

1st Dam: **Conservatoire**, by **Street Cry (Ire)**

2nd Dam: **Mezzo Soprano**, by **Darshaan (GB)**

3rd Dam: **Morn of Song**, by **Blushing Groom (Fr)**

**1ST GROUP 1 WIN.** O-Godolphin; B-Darley Japan Farm (Jpn); T-Katsuichi Nishiura; J-Yukito Ishikawa. ¥41,567,000. Lifetime Record: 32-8-5-6. **Werk Nick Rating: A. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.**

2--**Boccherini (Jpn)**, 126, h, 5, King Kamehameha (Jpn)--Popcorn Jazz (Jpn), by Dance in the Dark (Jpn). O-Makoto Kaneko Holdings; B-Northern Farm (Jpn); ¥16,162,000.

3--**Dirndl (Jpn)**, 117, m, 5, Rulership (Jpn)--Grunewald (Jpn), by Special Week (Jpn). O-Silk Racing; B-Northern Farm (Jpn); ¥10,081,000.

Margins: NO, 1HF, HD. Odds: 22.80, 1.80, 34.00.

Also Ran: R Star (Jpn), Denko Ange (Jpn), Cadenas (Jpn), Admire Justa (Jpn), Fairy Polka (Jpn), Vin Quet Domingo (Jpn), Lord Quest (Jpn), Bio Spark (Jpn), Vanladi (Jpn), Duomo (Jpn), Taurus Gemini (Jpn), Shonan Bardi (Jpn), Besten Dank (Jpn).

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Also Ran: Boerhan (GB), Ajwad (GB), Vale Of Kent (Ire), Way Of Wisdom (GB), Hakeem (GB), Yaalail (Ire), Noivado (Ire), Melicertes (GB), Laieth (GB), Cardsharp (GB), Speed Chance (Ire). [Click for the Racing Post chart](#) or [Video](#).

## PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD NOMINEES ANNOUNCED

The four nominees for the People's Choice Award, celebrating the most compelling moment in horse racing since the 2019 G1 Dubai World Cup, were announced by the Dubai Racing Club on Sunday. Jockey Hollie Doyle, 2020 G1 Prix du Cadran heroine Princess Zoe (Ger) (Jukebox Jury {Ire}), Almond Eye (Jpn) (Lord Kanaloa {Jpn})'s second G1 Japan Cup, and Messi's victory in the \$1.9-million G1 Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan Jewel Crown for Purebred Arabians were all nominated. The People's Choice Awards are part of the HH Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum Horse Racing Excellence Awards. Fans will have the opportunity to vote for their pick at [www.hhracingawards.com/vote](http://www.hhracingawards.com/vote).

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### Sunday's Result:

**HH THE PRESIDENT CUP-Listed**, AED380,000, Abu Dhabi, 2-21, NH 4yo/up & SH 3yo/up, 1400mT, 1:23.38, gd.

1--**MEDAHIM (IRE)**, 128, g, 7, **Kodiak (GB)**--**Novel Fun (Ire)**, by **Noverre**. **1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN**. (€130,000 Wlg '14 GOFNOV; 360,000gns Ylg '15 TATOCT; 35,000gns HRA '18 TATOCT). O-Sayed Hashish. B-Paul McEnery (Jpn). T-Satish Seemar. J-Richard Mullen. AED228,000. Lifetime Record: 26-4-6-1, \$189,472.

2--**Moqtarreb (GB)**, 128, g, 5, **Kingman (GB)**--Elshaadin (GB), by Dalakhani (Ire). O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum. B-Shadwell Estate Co Ltd (GB). T-Ali Rashid Al Rayhi. AED76,000.

3--**Nayslayer (Ire)**, 128, g, 5, **No Nay Never**--Elafilaak, by Gulch. (£30,000 Ylg '17 GOF AUG; 28,000gns RNA HRA '18 TATCOT). O-Bahrain Racing Team. B-Lynch Bages Ltd. & Rhinestone Bloodstock (Ire). T-Jaber Ramadhan. AED38,000.

Margins: 1HF, 1 1/4, 1.

### 2020/2021 Australian Group Races

Date	Race	Track
Feb. 24	G3 Launceston Cup	Launceston
	G3 Vamos S.	Launceston
Feb. 27	G1 Chipping Norton S.	Randwick
	G1 Surround S.	Randwick
	G2 Guy Walter S.	Randwick
	G2 Skyline S.	Randwick
	G2 Sweet Embrace S.	Randwick
	G3 Liverpool City Cup	Randwick
	G3 Lord Reims S.	Morphettville
	G1 Australian Guineas	Flemington
	G3 Shaftesbury Avenue H.	Flemington

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## A DEFINING DAY FOR NEWGATE



Artorius & Luke Currie | Bronwen Healy

by Bren O'Brien

After a day of success which has been a decade in the making, Newgate Farm is hoping the first Group 1 winners from the progeny of its young stallions **Flying Artie** and **Deep Field** can be the moment which can set it up for success for the next 20 years.

Henry Field had bold ambitions for Newgate when he set it up in 2010, and one of the milestone days he dreamed of was his young stallions producing the winners of Australia's elite races.

Blue Diamond S. Day in 2021 was no doubt one of those milestone days, as **Artorius** delivered a Group 1 result for first-season stallion Flying Artie in the feature race, the G1 Blue Diamond S., and then **Portland Sky** secured a breakthrough top level success for Deep Field when he dead-heated for first in the G1 Oakleigh Plate, one of Australia's most revered sprint races.

"It was a defining day for Newgate, to have two young stallions that we put our neck on the line to buy, believe in and support. We developed them and to turn that hard work into results on the racetrack is what you want to do," Field said.

Flying Artie's achievement to produce a winner of Victoria's richest and most prestigious 2-year-old race is something quite rare. Starcraft (NZ) was the last stallion to have done that, when his first-season crop Star Witness won the Blue Diamond S., in 2010. Prior to that, it happened in 2003, when Kusi won for his sire Desert Prince (Ire), albeit after a positive swab saw him elevated to the winning position after raceday.

"It doesn't happen very often that a stallion produces a Blue Diamond winner in their first crop. He's had five winners already and now he's had a horse there yesterday win a Blue Diamond, it's such a massive milestone for any stallion, let alone one that has just had his 20th runner," Field said.

"Flying Artie is now the leading first-season sire by winners and he's not far away from being the leading first-season sire by prizemoney. It's a huge start for a horse."

What is even more remarkable is a significant amount of the competition for Flying Artie when it comes to the first-season Sires' race, is from his barnmates at Newgate.

Capitalist is the current leader on prizemoney, spearheaded by R. Listed Inglis Millennium winner Profiteer, one of his four winners, while Extreme Choice is currently sixth on prizemoney, with three winners, including leading G1 Golden Slipper S. chance Stay Inside.

Winning Rupert has also secured two winners and sits eighth in the freshman sires' table.

### Four-pronged Approach

Field said while launching four stallions simultaneously presented some challenges, the opportunities to source elite colts from that 2-year-old crop of 2015/16 was too good to pass up.

"Every good form judge had that crop of colts as a vintage crop. You had Flying Artie, Extreme Choice, Capitalist, **Astern**, Star Turn and Russian Revolution. It was one of those stellar crops," he said.



Capitalist | Newgate

"Before the Coolmore Stud S. in 2016, Alan Bell, who owned Star Turn, said to me, whoever wins that race will be a very important stallion given the strength of the race. When we were bidding on Flying Artie after the race, I couldn't stop thinking about his comments."

From that crop, Newgate ended up standing the Magic Millions 2YO Classic and Golden Slipper winner in Capitalist, the Blue Diamond winner Extreme Choice, as well as Flying Artie, who after being runner-up in the Blue Diamond and third in the Golden Slipper came out and knocked off the best of his crop in the Coolmore Stud S.

"Gavin Murphy and Matthew Sandblom (Newgate investors) were of the view that it was such a strong crop of horses that we should try and get as many as we could. It was almost a macro play.

"We felt it was a one-in-20-year crop of colts, so we aggressively pursued that group and looked to basically get the lot. It was Gavin and Matthew's strategy, as they were so confident in that year of horses," Field said.

"The team at Newgate have worked doubly hard to execute that. We supported the horses heavily and we marketed the horses as best we could. To see the results coming on the racetrack now, it's huge for us and our supporters."

The success for Flying Artie was also special to Field as it involved two of the supporters of Newgate from the outset in Wilf Mula and the late Paul Whelan.

"It was a great result for the Whelan family and Wilf Mula. Paul Whelan was a gentleman of the turf and bred our very first stallion, Foxwedge, along with Wilf Mula, who was one of the first shareholders in that stallion. It's a lovely story and it's been a lovely ride with the Whelan and Mula families, who still keep their mares on Newgate and retain a 50 per cent ownership in Flying Artie," he said.

### **Deep Reward**

Less than an hour after the Greg Perry-bred Artorius' Blue Diamond win, Newgate had further cause for celebration when the Matt Laurie-trained Portland Sky hung on to dead-heat with Celebrity Queen (Redoute's Choice) in the Oakleigh Plate.

As the leading second-season sire by winners, with a record 86 last season, it only seemed a matter of time before Deep Field's flood of winners would unearth a Group 1 victory.

"For Deep Field, he's done a phenomenal job under every

metric, from winners to stakes horses to stakes winners. He's been a great stallion. He's had so many horses run big races in Group 1s and he just needed that Group 1 winner. To do it in an Oakleigh Plate yesterday was sensational," Field said.

"People have to remember with Deep Field, the majority of his highest quality colts have ended up leaving the Australian system to go to Hong Kong and Asia. When you have a stallion like him, who is the hot horse in Hong Kong, you lose the majority of his best colts every year domestically, to Asia. For him to come out with one of the few top quality colts that managed to remain in Australia, and for that horse to win an Oakleigh Plate as a 3-year-old, is a sensational achievement."

Portland Sky, bred by Robert Anderson of Anita Vale Stud, was purchased by Laurie for \$85,000 from the draft of Alwyn Park Stud at the 2019 Magic Millions Perth Yearling Sale. Field said his true quality came to the fore in a very competitive Oakleigh Plate.

"The horse was very good. He went hammer and tong with the two favourites and he was the last one standing. It was tough, it was good. He's a lightly raced horse with a lot of upside," Field said. "It's a great result for Matt

Laurie too. I reckon he's a very talented young trainer with a big future. He was ultra-bullish in the horse ahead of the race, so it's credit to him."

### **Victories for the Outcross Stallions**

What also pleased Field about the result was the fact that both winners were out of Danehill (USA)-line mares, franking the decision for Newgate to go and source outcross sires over the past few years.

"Portland Sky is out of a Shrewd Rhythm mare and Deep Field is an outcross stallion. He's dynamite with Danehill-line mares and that was proven again yesterday," he said. "Artorius is out of a Redoute's Choice mare and we have that value of the outcross stallion again.

"Every studmaster is out there looking far and wide for outcross sires, given the dominance of the Danehill blood in the Australian broodmare population. To have had two come up yesterday that are outcross sires that nick so beautifully well with that pool of Australian mares is huge for our young sires and the future. Days like yesterday, they set a farm up for 20 years."



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## DEAL DONE ON STAY INSIDE WRITTEN

by Bren O'Brien

Unbeaten son of Extreme Choice, **Stay Inside**, has become the latest 2-year-old to be purchased into by a major breeding operation, with Newgate Farm taking a share in the colt with a view to his future both on the track and in the breeding barn.

Stay Inside has rocketed into \$7 second favouritism for the G1 Golden Slipper S. after an emphatic win in the Pierro Plate at Randwick earlier this month, where the Richard and Michael Freedman colt powered to a 4l win. That came off the back of an impressive 2.8l win on debut at the same track in January. Stay Inside has not only propelled himself into the sights of Golden Slipper punters, but also onto the radar of Australia's major breeding operators. Michael Freedman confirmed to *TDN AusNZ* that Newgate had purchased into Stay Inside.

"Newgate has bought an interest in the horse, to participate in his racing future and obviously with a view to hopefully standing him at stud one day, being a son of Extreme Choice," Freedman said.



### IN HONG KONG:

**Man Star**, g, 4, **Shooting To Win**--Across The Moon (SP-Aus), by Stratum. Sha Tin, 2-21, Hcp. (C3) (\$246k), 1200m (AWT), 1:08.03. B-Segenhoe Thoroughbreds Australia Pty Ltd (NSW). \*Formerly Riverside's Cash. \*\*\$100,000 Wlg '17 MGLMAY; \$200,000 Ylg '18 INGEAS. **VIDEO**

**Silver Fig**, g, 6, **Hard Spun (USA)**--Bonifacio (USA) (SW & GSP-US, \$141,874), by Even The Score (USA). Sha Tin, 2-21, Hcp. (C2)

(\$361k), 1200m (AWT), 1:08.03. B-Waratah Thoroughbreds Pty Ltd (NSW). \*\$130,000 Ylg '16 INGFEF. **VIDEO**



### IN HONG KONG:

**Tempest Express**, g, 4, **Proisir (Aus)**--Pemba Nepali (Aus), by Domesday (Aus). Sha Tin, 2-21, Hcp. (C3) (NZ\$265k), 1400m, 1:21.09. B-T Falcone. **VIDEO**

**Vukan**, g, 4, **Sacred Falls**--Mill Duckie (SW & G1SP-NZ, NZ\$233,240), by Magic Ring (Ire). Sha Tin, 2-21, Hcp. (C4) (NZ\$177k), 1400m, 1:21.99. B-Nearco Stud Limited. \*1/2 to Righteous Mate (Savabeel {Aus}), SP-NZ, US\$320,748. \*\*NZ\$80,000 RNA 2yo '18 NZBRTR. **VIDEO**

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