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Greatest Honour | Ryan Thompson

The Week in Review, by T.D. Thornton

Birthdays with a zero on the end are supposed to be momentous occasions, and 20-year-old **Tapit** sure knows how to celebrate in style.

On Saturday, the Gainesway stallion even supplied the party favors for a double-barreled bash in his honor on the GI Kentucky Derby trail.

Exactly two decades after **Tapit**'s Feb. 27, 2001, foaling date, two of his sons delivered sky's-the-limit performances as winning favorites in key 3-year-old prep stakes that firmly established both atop of the current crop of aspirants to wear a blanket of roses on the first Saturday in May.

The near-term debate will now center on which colt--Essential Quality or Greatest Honour--deserves kingpin billing on the sophomore totem pole.

An equally intriguing subplot involves whether either can deliver a first Derby win for the sire who has evolved into the most influential stallion of the 21st Century. **Tapit** has produced eight divisional champions, six Breeders' Cup winners and three GI Belmont S. victors. But siring a Derby winner has thus far eluded the now-whitened gray, just as the Derby itself did in 2004 when **Tapit** splashed home ninth as one of the favorites.

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MONOMOY GIRL BACK IN STYLE

Monomoy Girl (Tapizar), who was last seen on the racetrack capping her second championship campaign with a win in the GI Longines Breeders' Cup Distaff, returned to the races with an easy two-length victory in the Gill Bayakoa S. at Oaklawn Park Sunday. The 6-year-old mare, who has now won 14 races from 16 starts--10 in graded company--sold for \$9.5 million at the Fasig-Tipton November sale just a day after her second Distaff triumph last November and was making her first start for new owners Spendthrift Farm, My Racehorse.com Stable and Madaket Stables.

"It's kind of a relief to get it over with," admitted Brad Cox, who continues to train the mare for her new connections. "She ran big. It means a lot. I'm very proud of what she accomplished today. Very, very pleased with what she was able to accomplish and bringing her to Hot Springs means a lot. It's a great racing town. The Saratoga of the South, I guess you could call it. There were a lot of fans here and I think they appreciate our team bringing her here." **Cont. p5**

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The Week in Review *(cont. from p1)*

Undefeated 'Quality'

Essential Quality had his 3-year-old debut delayed by two weeks because winter weather thrice forced the rescheduling of the GIII Southwest S. at Oaklawn. Yet Mother Nature still managed to intercede by imposing a sloppy (sealed) racing surface Saturday.

The undefeated juvenile champ and 'TDN Rising Star' broke fluidly and responded to a cue to rate from rider Luis Saez, settling fifth into the clubhouse turn while vacating the rail and opting for a three-wide berth (in the goeey going, every jockey in the race avoided the rail like it was strung with barbed wire).



Essential Quality | Coady Photography

The big matchup in the Southwest was supposed to be the tear-away speed of 6-5 second favorite Jackie's Warrior (Maclean's Music) versus the high-cruise stalking skills of 9-to-10 choice Essential Quality, and the race unfolded as scripted in the early stages with "Jackie" leading the charge through a :23.52 opening quarter that jockey Joel Rosario then milked to a :48.11 breather of a half mile.

"EQ" took firm hold of the bit and wanted to pull, but Saez harnessed that keenness effectively and got the champ to edge forward incrementally while outside and in the clear for the backstretch run. Against the hazy blur of fog, the gray made headway at a metronomic rate of one position per furlong, attaining and releasing each target in a measured manner before focusing adeptly on the next.

EQ had given up real estate on both turns, but was full of momentum coming over the top at the quarter pole, getting second run on the caving Jackie (whose Derby stock slipped considerably after a second failed try at two turns). But Essential Quality had to brace for a fresh challenge in the form of Spielberg (**Union Rags**), who was unwinding from last and finishing fast after getting off to a stutter-step start.

The champ was up to the task. Essential Quality switched leads and took off when Saez asked, widening to the wire to win by 4 1/4 lengths in 1:45.48 for 1 1/16 miles, which translated to a 96 Beyer Speed Figure, an improvement of one point over his Juvenile win back in November. (The other same-distance races on the card were the GIII Razorback H., run 90 minutes earlier for older males, which clocked :01.15 faster, and an allowance-optional claimer nightcap for older males one race after the Southwest that went :0.75 slower.)

The Apr. 3 GII Toyota Blue Grass S. at Keeneland (where Essential Quality is 2-for-2) or the Apr. 10 GI Arkansas Derby at Oaklawn are reportedly under consideration as final Derby tune-ups by trainer Brad Cox.

'Greatest' Without Ease

While Essential Quality's Southwest S. win stamped him as a Derby contender who is fluidly polishing his prowess, the even-money favored win by Greatest Honour in Gulfstream's GII Fasig-Tipton Fountain of Youth S. (FOY) resonated more like an unleashing of brute force by a deep closer who ate a lot of kickback, totally lost his momentum on the far turn, then stormed home relentlessly despite a short-stretch configuration that does not play to off-the-tailgate tactics.

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The raw power demonstrated by Greatest Honour in winning three 1 1/16 miles races this winter at Gulfstream has to be considered within the context that races at that distance at that track start very close to the first turn and end at the sixteenth pole. This often tilts the advantage to speed-centric runners, and the FOY in particular has been a house of horrors for well-backed “headline” horses. Prior to Saturday, FOY faves had lost the last four runnings and 13 of the previous 15 editions.

Jockey Jose Ortiz guided Greatest Honour to his customary spot near the back of the bunch in the FOY. Settling inside, the rugged bay wasn't crazy about being pelted with dirt, but he was hemmed in at the fence until the far turn. When Ortiz tried to edge out, Greatest Honour's back end got bumped by an outside rival, and the favorite appeared for a moment as if he was going to plummet back through the pack.

When a long-striding horse gets stopped like that, it can be difficult to get him back into rhythm. By the three-eighths pole (which is 2 1/2 furlongs from the wire on this configuration), Greatest Honour was still nine lengths adrift. He sparked back into stride when Ortiz switched him outside, but at the top of the lane, one furlong from the short-stretch finish, the colt was still five lengths off the action and under the whip.

Once in the clear on the straightaway though, Greatest Honour fully uncoiled. Granted, he ran down a tiring leader to win by 1 1/4 lengths in 1:44.02 (89 Beyer). But the visual impression he made carries more weight than any speed number. Watching him gobble up ground so voraciously led to automatic thoughts about what havoc a monster like this might be able to wreak given a longer stretch over extended distances.

Trainer Shug McGaughey indicated the Mar. 27 GI Florida Derby was likely next. “I'm glad we don't have to run a mile and a sixteenth anymore,” he added. “When they're going farther, I think we might see a little better horse.”

Both Essential Quality (Godolphin) and Greatest Honour (Courtlandt Farms) are homebreds.

But for Courtlandt's Donald Adam, the connection to **Tapit** is gratifying on a different level.

“I bought the mare [Tiffany's Honour] in foal to a **Tapit** colt, and that colt hit the ground and was killed in a paddock accident,” Adam said post-race. “So, I bred her back to **Tapit** and got [Greatest Honour].”

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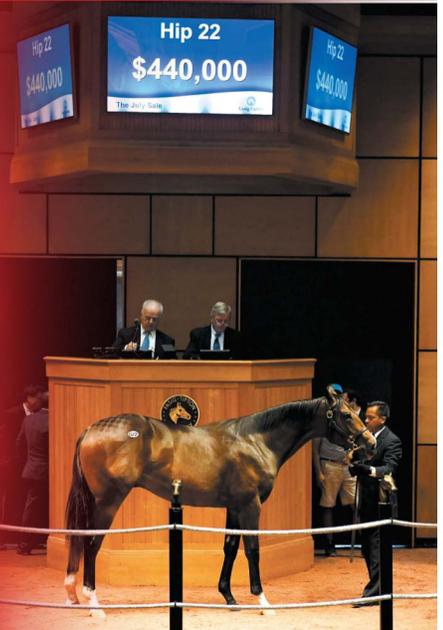
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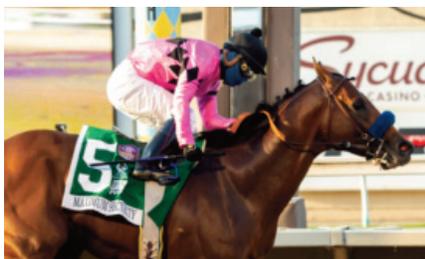
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Monomoy Girl Back in Style *(cont. from p1)*

Sent off at 1-5 and breaking from the outside in a field of six, Monomoy Girl was floated to the middle of the track heading into the first turn as the jockeys steered clear of the rail of the rain-soaked surface. She raced keenly while three wide and was always within striking distance of pacesetter **Finite** (**Munnings**), who took the field through a quarter in :24.60 and a half in :49.41. Niggled at by jockey Florent Geroux nearing the lane, it took the champ a few strides to get going over the sloppy going, but once she kicked into gear, Monomoy Girl produced a powerful surge to take the lead with a furlong to run and sailed clear of the competition in a matter of strides before gliding under the wire unchallenged.

“It was a great trip,” Geroux said. “It set up great from the start with the outside post and short field. I let the horse in front of me do the dirty work and I just tucked in behind, on the outside, which was the smart thing today with the track condition. When I asked her turning for home, she gave me what she has all the time. She always delivers, so it’s easy to appreciate a champion. I’m the luckiest jockey in the world right now.”

Named champion 3-year-old filly following a once-beaten season that culminated in a GI Longines Breeders' Cup Distaff conquest, the chestnut famously lost her entire 2019 season due to a variety of setbacks and returned no worse for the wear with a four-for-four 2020 campaign that again finished with a Distaff victory and an Eclipse statuette, this time for champion older female.



Monomoy Girl | Coady Photography

PEDIGREE NOTES:

Drumette, with the future champion in utero, sold for \$75,000 at the 2014 Keeneland November sale. In foal to **Mastery**, she sold to Bridlewood Farm for \$1.85 million at the 2018 Fasig-Tipton November sale. Superman Shaq, her colt by Shackleford, sold for \$550,000 at last year’s OBS June sale and

was tabbed a **'TDN Rising Star'** following a maiden win at Del Mar last September. The mare has also been represented by **'TDN Rising Star'** Mr. Monomoy (**Palace Malice**), who captured the 2020 GII Risen Star S.

Drumette produced a filly by **Mastery** in 2019 and a colt by **Tapit** last year.

Monomoy Girl's sire Tapizar (**Tapit**--Winning Call, by Deputy Minister), who was set to be shipped to Japan to stand stud at Yushun Stallion Station for the 2021 season, was euthanized after an accident in his stall last December.

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1--**MONOMOY GIRL**, 119, m, 6, by Tapizar



1st Dam: Drumette, by Henny Hughes

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POWELL GOES BACK TO THE FUTURE

by Chris McGrath



Richard Powell | C. Taniere photography

At a time when travel and nostalgia have become poignantly conflated, there is something especially striking about the way Richard Powell is seeking to promote his Normandy farm overseas. You may have noticed a series of pastel evocations in *TDN*, in the mold of those vintage posters that prompted generations past to book a steamer cabin across the pond. The images are allowed to speak for themselves, accompanied by no more than a video link. Click that, however, and you see that no artifice is necessary to present Haras du Lieu des Champs as an Old World enclave: literally a place in the fields, its 222 green and shady acres innocent of all modern disfigurement.

Like everyone, Powell hopes that it will become easier to board a plane in the months ahead; few, however, can have a more innate sense of the vitalities suspended by the incarceration of our entire species. For Powell himself represents a highly cosmopolitan package: French-American by breeding, he was privileged to receive an apprenticeship at every point of the Turf compass.

His time in the United States included stints with Neil Drysdale, Walmac and Denali, and he has a brother and half-brother, respectively, training on either coast in Leonard Powell and Arnaud Delacour. And, knowing this market so well, he feels that now is the perfect time to offer his farm--a full-service facility embracing breeding, sales preparation and consignment--as a bridge to transatlantic opportunity.

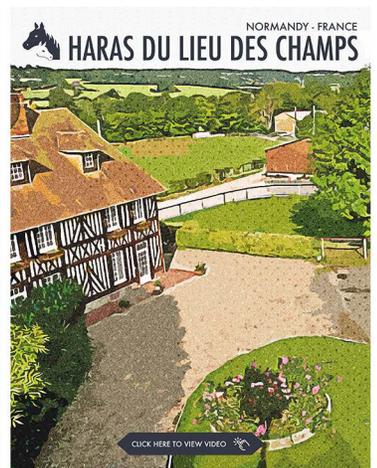
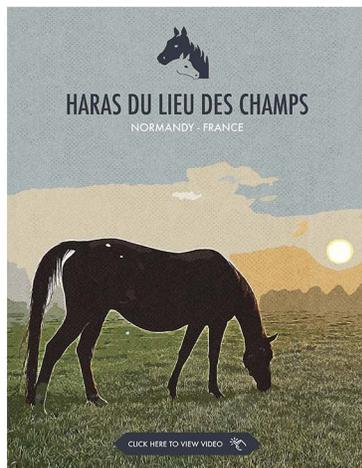
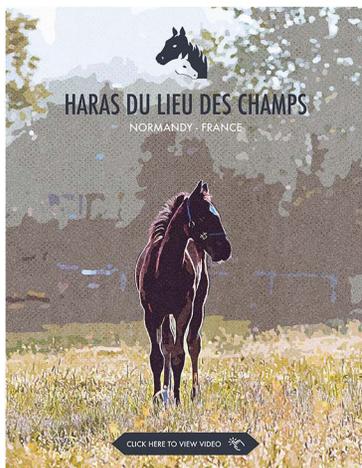
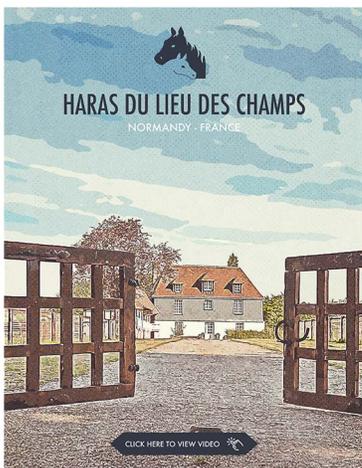
He predicts growing business opportunities for American investors in France, and we'll address those shortly. But he feels these can dovetail uniquely with the ambient fascination of Normandy: from its gastronomy to the D-Day beaches and cemeteries, such a critical conjunction between its own long history and that of the New World. After all, it is only in being deprived of the stimulations of travel and cultural exchange that we have learned not to take them for granted.

Powell has a number of American clients already, albeit they have lately been denied the kind of benefits incidental to their primary purpose as investors.

"It has been sad for everyone," Powell says. "But the world has to move forward. Remember the Jamiroquai album, *Travelling Without Moving*. Even if we can't move, we can still travel in our minds: like when we watch a documentary in the evening, about somewhere on the other side of the world. So we did these illustrations just in a spirit of sharing with people everywhere what we have here--because we know how very fortunate we are, to have it for ourselves."

Powell credits the inspiration to his wife, Helene. She reasoned that many people--themselves included--like to hang up these old posters, maybe advertising spas or seaside resorts: Bath or Brighton, in England; San Sebastian in Spain; or, just up the road, Deauville itself. So this could be something that was familiar, as a genre, while also being novel.

"Some of these big studs are investing millions in marketing every year, which of course people like us cannot afford," Powell explains. "But you can be a precursor, try things before anyone has thought of them. This was something different."



Powell continued, "The idea was not to tell too much, really to do no more than catch the eye with a proper image of what we have here, with our typical, half-timbered buildings. The atmosphere is just beautiful, when it's sunny and even when it's raining. When you breed in Normandy, there is a whole lifestyle. The sea is next door. Paris is two hours away. As our clients often tell us, we live in a little paradise. I have traveled a great deal, but when I decided to come back to my home region, it was not just because I happen to be from here. It was about *'l'art de vivre.'*"



David and Richard Powell at Auteuil | Scoop-Dyga

But his transatlantic pitch it is not confined merely to Calvados and langoustines, cathedrals and boutiques. Powell also urges overseas prospectors that the odds here, in terms of the business, are moving in their favor. That applies not just to American breeders, seeking to access European turf quality, but also to British and Irish breeders needing a third way between the Galileo dynasty and all those cheap commercial sprinters. Because stallion options in France, even since Powell bought the farm from his father in 2013, have been explosively transformed.

"You can see from the results how French-breds are excelling all over the world," Powell says. "Australia, Japan, England and Ireland, the United States, everywhere. Unfortunately this year, after Brexit, we've had quite a few cancellations of mares who were coming over. But we're so lucky that we are 2 km from the Aga Khan Studs, so Siyouni (Fr) is just next door. The French industry has changed so impressively in the last 10 years. The faces are much younger. And all the French farms have been like a team. We all want to go forward, we're buying mares abroad, trying to put France at the center of racing's world map."

And Powell believes that this momentum is bound to be sustained by growing awareness, in the U.S., of welfare issues.

Not only have local bloodlines been rigorously policed, in terms of medication; they also cater to a U.S. turf program

expanding in value and prestige. Even within Europe, moreover, the force is with France: Powell predicts that more and more British owners--and, indeed, trainers--will be crossing the Channel to exploit French premiums.

As it happens, some of the farm's most celebrated graduates, have already carried American silks: those of Magalen O. Bryant, associated with some of the most accomplished French steeplechasers of recent times. (They have also gained distinction on the Flat, of course, through the likes of GI Travers S. winner V.E. Day {**English Channel**}.)

"We've been working for a long time with Mrs. Bryant," Powell says. "And some of the horses she has bred have been named after great French people who came to the States, like Lafayette (Fr) (Kaggarde {Fr}). We've also been lucky here to breed horses that have run very well in the States, for instance [British Group winner] Dr Simpson (Fr) (Dandy Man (Ire) who ran fifth in the [GI] Breeder's Cup Juvenile Turf a couple of years ago."

But the defining American connection, of course, remains Powell's father David--who bought the farm in 1980, the year of Powell's birth, after emigrating to France in the early 1970s. The dynasty of horsemen he started here, as already noted, extends its footprint far beyond this farm, not just to the American racetrack but to Arqana, where another son, Freddy, is executive director.

Having made such an impact on the whole industry, his father has naturally been a profound influence on Powell himself.

"Always to give your best," Powell says, asked to condense that influence. "And always to search for solutions, to find answers. Even today, I still have questions for him--and he gives me, I wouldn't say the pleasure but the *'envie'* to seek the right thing for the right horse. Because you have to work on them all individually, to find the right balance for each one."

Powell recalls each of the brothers already mapping out his future with their Lego presents at Christmas: one would devise a miniature auction ring, another a track, and he made a farm. "Right from the start," Powell says. "No hesitation. I mean, I did work for some trainers when I was younger and lighter, because I love riding. But I always knew that, in the end, my aim in my life was to be a breeder."

Powell absorbed the examples of great commercial breeders, like John Gaines and Robert Sangster, and towering French horsemen such as Alec Head and Jean-Pierre Dubois. "But besides learning from what others have done in the past, I try to do things my own way as well," he adds. "That's why it's so important to search for answers yourself, to have your own ideas. You can't just follow older fashion. Because there's no perfect system. The one you make for yourself will combine your own learning environment and what they horses tell you, because they speak for themselves as well."

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Looking at his siblings, and the air of destiny governing their lives, Powell has an obvious context in which to ponder the purpose and scope of our interventions in the development of young horses. Pedigree, he says, will determine the discipline in which a horse can find fulfillment; your job is to facilitate its genetic potential.

"If you have two children, and one wants to be a lawyer and the other a doctor, you're not going to feed them differently," he reasons. "And it's always better to be the best baker than the worst doctor. So you just feed them as well as you can, do your best until they leave, and then you just have to hope they have a good teacher when they go to uni. If they win, you can only take credit because you didn't mess up that horse when it was in your hands. There's such a long chain, from the breeder to the trainer to the jockey in the race, so it's always teamwork. But when you're breeding, every year brings new questions and you are always just trying to find the potential in every horse. Whether it turns out to be a claimer or a group horse, National Hunt or Flat, you want breed a winner."

Powell makes one remark, in what is after all his second language, that captures the enigma of his calling in strangely apt fashion. In breeding, he says, "there's nothing to understand sometimes." It's an instructive expression, and the corollary is that everyone has a chance. If that were not the case, indeed, Powell says he would do something else for a living.

As it is, the unpredictability of the Thoroughbred makes it legitimate to dream big for every foal. Most horses, by definition, won't grow up to be champions. But that's why there is no excuse for neglecting any opportunity to make the process rewarding in other ways. Hence Powell's zeal to share an environment that not only opens new horizons for breeders, but also happens to be quite charming.

"When all this is over, and people can travel again, I want them to call and say, 'Hey, we loved those illustrations, can we just come and visit?'" he says. "It's always a pleasure to have people here. People come with their grandchildren, they see the fountains and sheep and goats, they can give the horses carrots, they can share our passion. Because what we do, it's all about the dream. You can have a **Frankel** out of a group mare and it can turn out to be a donkey. But it happens the other way round, as well. And that's why you keep the faith, why you always tell yourself you can breed a good horse if you put your heart into it."

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BILL LANDES, General Manager Hermitage Farm and a successor KTA President to Lavin

"Oh, Gosh!" Not only was that Doc's favorite expression, but my response when asked for memories of him.

When I began at Hermitage on Nov. 1, 1977, the first person Warner Jones insisted I meet was Doc. Thank goodness for that advice for that led to a lifetime of Doc's counsel, information and friendship.

So many afternoons from 1977 to 1992, Doc returned from his Churchill vet practice to spend time in Mr. Jones's Hermitage office. He always brought with him a *Racing Form* for Jones, gossip and news from the Churchill Downs' backside, and usually some advice as to what changes were needed at Churchill. Sometimes Mr. Jones would heed that advice.

I know Doc identified Shug McGaughey as a young trainer to watch. Jones did heed that advice and he eventually forged a long professional and personal relationship with Shug.

A memorable day was the afternoon when Doc proudly told Mr. Jones he had bought neighboring Lasater Farm and was renaming it Longfield. I'll never forget Mr. Jones's response "Doc, now that we're neighbors, remember, 'Neither a borrower (Jones pronounced it borryer) nor lender be!'"

Life lessons I gleaned from Doc were: Despite a perceived 502/606 (Louisville/Lexington) rivalry, cultivate close relationships with Lexington competitors and friends. It served him well and has done the same for me. He also created mutually respectful friendships with both the small and the mighty. He got on with everyone.

A better example of a husband, father, grandfather, and friend can not be identified. I'll miss him.

PATRICK COOPER of BBA Ireland

'One horse wins and the rest should've.' Dr. A Gary Lavin's withering assessment of turf racing in the 1990s. Slow forward to 2017--Dockie didn't do fast--and I get a call from Kevin. Doc wants to buy a share in this new syndicate you have set up. 'Kevin, there is no dirt racing here in Ireland.' So began three years of reconnecting to a true gentleman.

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NEWS From Darley

Derby colts lead golden crop

WITH the 2021 Run for the Roses a little over two months away, all eyes are on the Derby prep as the nation's three-year-olds try to stamp their ticket to Churchill Downs. In this bunch are two colts by Medaglia d'Oro, Graded winner Risk Taking and newcomer Prevalence.

Risk Taking, trained by Chad Brown and owned by Klaravich Stables, has won two races at one and one-eighth miles, including the G3 Withers last time out. The Keeneland sales grad appears to be headed to the G2 Wood Memorial next on April 3.

The Godolphin homebred and Triple Crown nominee **Prevalence** put in an early 2021 'wow' moment in his first start at Gulfstream Park on January 23, defeating a tough field of maidens on debut by eight-and-a-half lengths. Trained by Brendan Walsh, the sophomore registered an 89 Beyer Speed Figure for his strong effort.

Medaglia d'Oro also has a nice three-year-old filly in **Moonlight d'Oro** who took the one-mile G3 Las Virgenes Stakes in also her first start following her maiden victory. Trained by Richard Mandella and owned by MyRacehorse.com & Spendthrift Farm, the filly brought \$620,000 at Keeneland as a yearling in 2019.



On Sunday, **Medaglia d'Oro's son Golden Sixty** confirmed his position high among the world's leading racehorses with a third consecutive G1 win – and his 16th from 17 starts – in the Hong Kong Gold Cup. His Timeform rating, a mighty 129, is now just one pound behind Medaglia d'Oro's best ever, the 130-rated Rachel Alexandra.

Unbelievably, there are better crops coming

GOOD as it is, Medaglia d'Oro's crop of three-year-olds is likely to be upstaged by his 2021 crop of juveniles: with a Comparable Index (CI) of 4.90, they reckon to be his best-bred group from 15 crops of racing age.

His juveniles include 15 out of G1 winners – among them, Breeders' Cup Distaff winner **Forever Unbridled**, Kentucky Oaks winner **Cathryn Sophia**, and Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies winner **My Miss Aurelia**. Thirteen are half-siblings to G1 winners and there are full siblings to Breeders' Cup winners **Songbird** and **Bar of Gold**. They were duly well received at the yearling sales: Medaglia d'Oro was the nation's leading yearling sire by average last year.

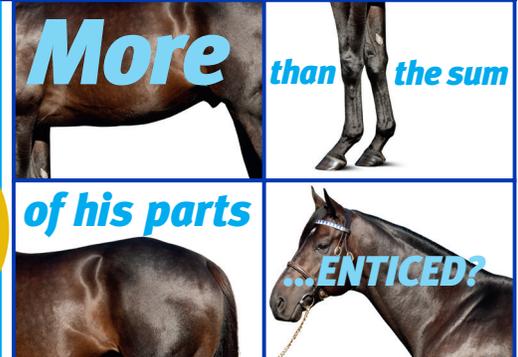
And he has an even better crop of foals now being born. He bred his best book of mares ever by CI in 2020 – they score a whopping 7.73, the best for any stallion since Storm Cat in 2007.

DARLEY'S GOLDEN BOYS

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This **Astern** filly is very similar to **Vequist**
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A born raconteur, his stories didn't really need a beginning or end, just an audience. Time spent with the Doc was just one of life's great pleasures. We had what proved a final lunch in the sunshine on the banks of the Ohio last November. Three hours with Gary and Family Lavin talking horses and nonsense. To Betsy, Allan and Kevin, keep the table. We might not be able to talk to him any more, but we sure as hell can talk about him.

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MAXFIELD HEADED TO BIG 'CAP

by Bill Finley

Undefeated and widely considered among the top horses in training, **Maxfield** ([Street Sense](#)) will make his next start in Saturday's GI Santa Anita H.

The news was first reported by TVG's Christina Blacker.

"He'll head out there tomorrow," trainer Brendan Walsh said. "We're looking forward to it. The race has been on our radar for a while. At 1 1/4 miles, it's a nice race for him and the timing is good. It gives us a chance to win a Grade I. The race makes sense."



Maxfield | Hodges Photography

With Maxfield being owned by Godolphin, the Mar. 27 G1 Dubai World Cup seemed like a logical spot for Maxfield, but Walsh said the connections wanted to keep him closer to home.

"We kind of wanted to keep the horse in this country," he said. "He's still a lightly enough raced horse. We wanted to keep him here, try to make progress and get a solid year's racing out of him. We want to get a good body of racing into the horse."

Maxfield showed his talent at the outset, winning a maiden race before capturing the GI Claiborne Breeders' Futurity as a 2-year-old. But he missed out on the 2019 GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile, the 2020 Triple Crown races and the 2020 GI Breeders' Cup Classic due to some minor setbacks.

In December, Maxfield returned to win the Tenacious S. at the Fair Grounds and then the GIII [Mineshaft](#) S. It was the first time in his career he was able to run in back-to-back races without a long break in between.

"It's been great," Walsh said. "We always thought that the horse was super talented. That's been there for everyone to see. We came to New Orleans this winter and I thought it was great we were able to get those couple of runs into him. No disrespect to the horses he ran against down there, but we didn't have to face the very top horses in the country. That was a super important stepping stone for him for us to go ahead and take a step like he is going to take next Saturday. This will be a good test for him and a good experience for him to have to travel out to California."

Walsh also provided an update on another star in his stable, **Prevalence** (Medaglia d'Oro). After he broke his maiden by 8 1/2 lengths, he was considered a possible starter in the GII Fasig-Tipton Fountain of Youth S., but had to miss the race after coming down with a temperature. He returned to the work tab Saturday, breezing a half-mile in :48.40 at Palm Meadows.

"It was a nice work and we were really happy with him," the trainer said. "We'll probably try to find an allowance race at Gulfstream for him in the next book and go from there. We missed working him last week, so that eliminated any chance we might have had in running him in the Fountain of Youth. At the end of the day, he's only run one time, so it would have been a big ask to go against those horses. He's a lovely horse and I think he is progressing. He's going the right way."

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COLLABORATE EARNS FLORIDA DERBY SHOT

Three Chimneys Farm and e Five Racing's **Collaborate** ([Into Mischief](#)), tabbed a '[TDN Rising Star](#)' following his impressive maiden score at Gulfstream Park Saturday, has put himself on track for the Mar. 27 GI [Curlin](#) Florida Derby, trainer Saffie Joseph confirmed Sunday.

"The Florida Derby is at home and he just has to walk out of his stall," Joseph said. "I talked to the owners briefly yesterday and it will probably be between the Florida Derby, the [GII] Wood [at Aqueduct Apr. 3] or the [GII Toyota] Blue Grass [at Keeneland Apr. 3], but the Florida Derby will be the front-runner. Off [Saturday's] race, we're probably going to take a chance somewhere. We feel like he's a Derby horse. I know we're a little behind schedule, but with the ability he has, he can probably overcome it."

Collaborate was sixth as the beaten favorite in his troubled six-furlong debut in Hallandale Feb. 6. Going one mile Saturday, the colt broke sharply and set a measured pace under jockey Tyler Gaffalione before beginning to edge away from his 10 rivals.

Collaborate hit the stretch six lengths in front and kept rolling to win by 12 1/2 and completing the mile in 1:36.35 over a fast main track ([video](#)).

“We weren’t surprised. That’s hard to say with a horse winning like that, but that’s the horse we thought he was,” Joseph said. “The first time out, we got him beat. It hurt to get him beat first time out, because we thought he was that good, but you always have to look at the positive in each scenario and the first time I thought he gained valuable experience.”



Collaborate | *Coglianese*

While Collaborate has joined the Triple Crown trail, stablemate **Drain the Clock** (*Maclean's Music*) will cut back in distance following his runner-up effort in Saturday's GII Fasig-Tipton Fountain of Youth S.

“Talking to the owners briefly after the race, initially I think we’re going to step back and keep him at one turn. We tried it and I think he handled the mile and a sixteenth, but I don’t think we’re going to try to push it,” Joseph said. “I think we have a really good horse. I feel like we have a Grade I horse and he’s probably going to be best at one turn, so most likely we’re going to stick to one turn.”

Trainer Butch Reid reported last year's champion juvenile filly **Vequist** (*Nyquist*) was doing well following her ninth-place effort in Saturday's GII Davona Dale S.

“We did scope her after the race and she was a little dirty,” Reid said. “She had some mucus in there and stuff that we can work with, and I think it definitely affected her performance a little bit. But, soundness-wise, she’s great and is happy.”

Vequist got bumped at the start of the Davona Dale and was in range of the leaders racing in mid-pack, but never threatened and was eased to the finish by jockey Irad Ortiz, Jr.

“I’m glad Irad took care of her the last part of it when she was hopelessly beaten, so she came back great,” Reid said. “Irada did a great job. He saw that she wasn’t really getting there. He gave

her a little eighth of a mile to run, but I know she’s better than that. We’re going to keep looking at her and keep working her and fall back and regrop a little bit, that’s all.”

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What a history it's been for Arlington International Racecourse

A sad day is coming for Arlington Heights. When it arrives -- and Arlington International Racecourse is sold -- it will likely mark the end of thoroughbred racing in the village. **John Dietz**, *Daily Herald*

Couple finds success with Thoroughbred farm

The daytime temperature was 19 degrees on Wednesday and snow surrounded Eric and Brooklyn Foster’s barn with 17 thoroughbreds that were waiting their turn for their daily workout. “With the weather like it is, we’ve been lucky to be able to jog the horses,” Eric Foster said. “...The horses can hardly handle more than a day or two of not doing anything. They’re such an athlete they want to be moving all the time.” **Don Wilkins**, *Bowling Green Daily News*



APP UPDATE

For those subscribers who have been having problems opening the TDN in the app, there is now an update in the App Store. Please update your app, which will fix the bug.

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BODENHEIMER NAMED WASHINGTON HOY

Kristin Boice and Marylou Holden's **Bodenheimer** (Atta Boy Roy), winner of the Indian Summer S. as a 2-year-old last season at Keeneland, was named Washington's Horse of the Year during the state's annual awards celebration held via Zoom Saturday evening. The dark bay colt was also named champion turf horse and shared co-champion 2-year-old honors with undefeated **Dutton** (Noosito).



Bodenheimer | *Coady Photography*

Also during Saturday's ceremony, **Time For Gold** (Harbor the Gold) was named champion 2-year-old filly and her owners, Chad Christensen and Josh McKee, were the state's leading owners of Washington-breds. **Baja Sur** (Smiling Tiger) was named champion older horse or gelding and champion sprinter and **Alittlestalk** (Demon Warlock) was named champion older female. **Unmachable** (Macho Uno) was the state's champion 3-year-old. His trainer, Jack McCartney, was also honored with a special training achievement award.

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Glen Todd-owned and -trained **Miss Prospector** gave her sire Harbor the Gold his 24th state champion runner when she took champion sophomore filly honors.

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FOALING NEWS

INDIAN MISS, 11, Indian Charlie--Glacken's Gal, by Smoke Glacken

Foal born Jan. 21, a colt by **Into Mischief**

Will be bred back to **Instagrand**.

Owned by OXO Equine LLC.

Boarded at Taylor Made Farm.

Accomplishments: Dam of **Mitole** (Eskendereya), Ch. Male Sprinter, MGISW, \$3,104,910; Hot Rod Charlie (Oxbow), GISP, \$395,700.



Into Mischief--Indian Miss colt

COLERFUL BRIDE, 9, **Munnings**--Appealing Bride, by Unbridled's Song

Foal born Jan. 24, a colt by **Not This Time**.

Will be bred back to **Tom's d'Etat**.

Owned by **Not This Time** Mare Package.

Boarded at Taylor Made Farm.

Accomplishments: SW.

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HONEYBEE S.-GIII, \$300,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m

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1	Tabor Hall	Candy Ride (Arg)	Lee Pokoik	McPeek	Cohen	117
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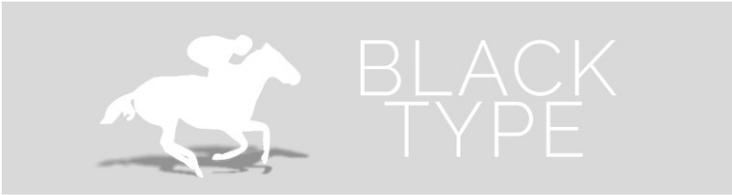


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IN ORDER OF PURSE:

DIXIE BELLE S., \$150,000, Oaklawn, 2-28, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:11.14, sy.
 1--**WINDMILL**, 117, f, 3, by **Street Sense**

1st Dam: Zaharias, by Grand Slam

2nd Dam: Scarlet Tango, by French Deputy

3rd Dam: Silver Tango, by Silver Badge

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. (\$330,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP). O-Fox Hill Farms, Inc.; B-Nesco II Limited (KY); T-J. Larry Jones; J-Joseph Talamo. \$90,000. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$139,200.

 **Lynwood Stable Graduate** 

2--**Goin' Good**, 117, f, 3, **Congrats**--Good Deed, by **Broken Vow**.
 O/B-Klein Racing (KY); T-Brad H. Cox. \$30,000.

 **Foaled & Raised at Clarkland Farm for Klein Racing** 

3--**Abrogate**, 119, f, 3, **Outwork**--Hot Coffee, by Burning Roma.
 (\$75,000 Wlg '18 KEENOV; \$270,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP).

O-Alex & JoAnn Lieblong; B-Sandra Sexton & Silver Fern Farm (KY); T-Steven M. Asmussen. \$15,000.

Dam purchase by ARCH BLOODSTOCK, LLC

Consigned by Hill 'n' Dale Sales Agency

Margins: 1, 1, 5 1/4. Odds: 2.00, 5.60, 1.70.

Also Ran: Big Time, Mariah's Princess, Miss Twenty. Scratched: Heart Full of Soul, Someone Said So.

Windmill, an impressive wire-to-wire debut winner in January at Oaklawn, showed her rating ability and remained unbeaten with a stalk-and-pounce score in the Dixie Belle S. Sunday in Hot Springs.

Breaking on top and never looking back in a four-length victory at 12-1 Jan. 23, the \$330,000 Keeneland September buy was made the narrow second choice in this six-horse group and again left the stalls smartly. Taken in hand by Joe Talamo, the bay tracked from the three path in a close-up third as Goin' Good led narrowly through a :22.72 quarter. Pushed on to pick up past the five-sixteenths pole, Windmill poked her head in front of a three-way stretch duel with the frontrunner and favored Abrogate at the furlong grounds and edged away from there to prevail. **Cont. p2**



Windmill (red cap) | Coady Photo



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Goin' Good turned back Abrogate for second money.

With the victory, Windmill becomes the 78th stakes winner for Darley's **Street Sense**. She is the first black-type performer out of Zaharias, a full-sister to GISW Visionaire and half-sister to GISW Tara's Tango (Unbridled's Song), GSW/MGISP Scarlet Strike (Smart Strike) and GSW Madison's Luna (**Tapit**). Selling to Nesco II for \$270,000 at Keeneland November in 2014, Zaharias is responsible for a juvenile **Nyquist** colt named Ignitis and returned to that stallion last spring. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

TIZNOW S., \$100,000, Santa Anita, 2-28, (S), 4yo/up, 1m, 1:37.14, ft.

1--**FASHIONABLY FAST, 124, g, 6, Lucky Pulpit--Fall Fashion (SW & GSP, \$106,995), by Forestry.** O-Harris Farms, Inc., Per Antonsen & John A. Nicoletti; B-Harris Farms (CA); T-Dean Pederson; J-Tiago Josue Pereira. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: 20-8-4-3, \$568,245.

2--**Desmond Doss, 120, h, 5, Grazen--Malley Girl, by Malek (Chi).** O/B-Nicholas B. Alexander (CA); T-Sтивен Miyadi. \$20,000.

3--**Brandothbartender, 122, g, 8, Tribal Rule--Fryslan, by Stravinsky.** O-Flawless Racing, Brian Flanagan & Michael Jarvis; B-John R. Haagsma & Wesley Ward (CA); T-Craig Dollase. \$12,000.

Margins: HD, HD, 12. Odds: 0.90, 2.60, 5.00.

Also Ran: Margot's Boy, Surfing Star.

Fashionably Fast, who put together a six-race winning streak through the second half in 2019 and early part of 2020 that culminated in a conquest of the California-bred Tiznow S., scored a game victory despite a wide trip in the same event Sunday at Santa Anita.

Triumphing just once in his first 10 starts, the chestnut started his run with a dominant state-bred optional claiming tally when removing blinkers at Del Mar in July of 2019 and annexed the restricted Harris Farms S., Cary Grant S. and California Cup Sprint S. before his Tiznow heroics. Showing well when second to **McKinzie (Street Sense)** stepping into open waters in the GII Triple Bend S., he was sixth after contesting a fast pace in the GI Bing Crosby S. and headed to the bench before returning with a third while defending his title in the Cal Cup Sprint here Jan. 16.

Made an odds-on chalk in just his fourth two-turn try, Fashionably Fast was hung four wide around the clubhouse bend as Desmond Doss bulled through at the rail after a slow start to show the way. Tracking that one from third through fractions of :23.07 and :46.42, the favorite hooked up with the pacesetter at the top of the lane as tripped-out Brandothbartender swung off the rail with dead aim on the top pair. Those three came past the sixteenth pole nearly inseparable, and Fashionably Fast tenaciously stuck his neck out between his foes in the shadow of the wire to earn the decision.

Desmond Doss was another head in front of Brandothbartender for the place. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

**IN ORDER OF PURSE:**

7th-Oaklawn, \$88,000, Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 2-28, 3yo, 6f, 1:11.59, sy, 3/4 length.

WHISKEY DOUBLE (c, 3, Into Mischief--Lake Sebago {MSW, \$243,225}, by Munnings) scored first out at Churchill last June, but was shelved thereafter until resurfacing to finish third in a Fair Grounds allowance Jan. 17. Sixth back in NOLA when stretched to two turns Feb. 13, the \$875,000 KESEEP yearling was 5-1 on the cutback here while enjoying the advantage of being the only horse in the field who hadn't been training at Oaklawn and therefore was not forced to miss the better part of two weeks of training due to record snowfall that shut down the track. Outfooted a bit early as they scrambled for early position, the bay traveled well off the fence under a driving rain. He began to pick off foes down the center heading for home, and ran down a pair of foes to prevail by a widening 3/4 of a length. Causeway Jones (**Creative Cause**) took second. The winner has a 2-year-old half-sister by **Ghostzapper** and a yearling full sister. His dam, a multiple stakes winner sprinting on the Maryland circuit, most recently visited **Uncle Mo**. Sales history: \$875,000 Ylg '19 KESEEP. Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-1, \$103,474. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC; B-Buck Pond Farm, Inc. & Richard M. Seale (KY); T-Sтивен M. Asmussen.

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Whiskey Double | *Coady Photo*

**IN ORDER OF PURSE:**

1st-Aqueduct, \$77,600, Msw, 2-28, 3yo, f, 1m, 1:39.89, my, 4 lengths.

IAINTFRAIDANOGHOST (f, 3, Ghostzapper--A Story of Revenge {SP, \$104,330}, by Tale of the Cat), eighth on debut last July at Saratoga, faded to third after setting the pace Sept. 27 at Belmont and filled the same slot at 14-1 over track and trip Jan. 15. Given a 14-5 chance here, the \$190,000 OBS March grad broke sharply and dueled through a :23.44 quarter. Poking her head in front past a :46.92 half, the bay shook off challengers on both sides outside the three-sixteenths pole and splashed clear from there to a four-length score. Strong Point (Outwork) closed from last to get up for second. The winner's dam, a half to GISW I Want Revenge (Stephen Got Even) who RNA'ed for \$975,000 at the 2010 Barretts March 2-Year-Old Sale, was bred to both Accelerate and Tiznow last term. Sales History: \$170,000 RNA Ylg '19 KEESEP; \$190,000 2yo '20 OBSMAR. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-2, \$61,592. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O-Jeff Drown & Don Rachel; B-David J Lanzman Racing Inc (KY); T-Jeremiah C. Englehart.

3rd-Santa Anita, \$61,000, Msw, 2-28, 3yo, f, 1mT, 1:36.51, fm, 2 3/4 lengths.

SWEETEST ANGEL (f, 3, Candy Ride {Arg}--Black Valentine, by Cindago) had been knocking on the door for a while, having finished a close third in Golden Gate's Pike Place Dancer S. on Halloween and most recently checking in second over nine local furlongs Feb. 6. Installed the narrow second choice at 19-10, the homebred broke well from the rail but was unhurried to sit third along the fence in a field of five. She took the first turn keenly, but settled down the backside just inside of market rival Cider Apple (GB) (Charm Spirit {Ire}). Sweetest Angel against threw her head around while struggling to corner for home, but she managed to figure it out at the top of the lane and kicked on nicely to notch a belated first win. Cider Apple held on to take a three-way photo for second. The winner is half to Dr. Troutman (Vronsky), SP, \$202,641; and Roo's Valentine (Vronsky), SW, \$302,193. She has a 2-year-old half-sister by Gun Runner and a yearling half-brother by American Pharoah. Her dam, who is a half to MGSW Evening Jewel (Northern Afleet) and to the dam of local GISW Denman's Call (Northern Afleet), was bred back to Gun Runner. Lifetime Record: SP, 8-1-1-3, \$78,190. **Click for the**

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6th-Golden Gate Fields, \$40,350, (S), Msw, 2-28, 3yo, 5 1/2f (AWT), 1:04.54, ft, 1/2 length.

ASHLEY'S VALENTINE (g, 3, Vronsky--Ashley's Folly, by Urgent Request {Ire}), given a 28-5 chance in this unveiling, stalked from a pocketed third through a :22.34 quarter, switched off the fence inside the three-sixteenths marker and gamely out-kicked favored Gallant Guy (Gallant Son) in deep stretch to earn a half-length graduation. The victor is a half to Ashleyluvssugar (Game Plan), MGSW, \$1,488,083; and Ashley's Sassy (Decarchy), MSP, \$209,610. His dam is responsible for a juvenile Tom's Tribute filly named Ashley's Rainbow. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$23,400. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Bran Jam Stable & Ciaglia Racing LLC; B-Sharon Alesia, BranJam Stables & Ciaglia Racing, LLC (CA); T-Andy Mathis.

3rd-Gulfstream, \$40,000, Msw, 2-28, 3yo, 6f, 1:10.40, ft, 3 1/2 lengths.

AMERICAN PRINCE (c, 3, Liam's Map--Precious Soul, by Distorted Humor), off at 5-1 for a sneaky debut barn, went straight to the front and took token pressure through splits of :22.61 and :45.46. He showed no signs of slowing entering the stretch, and poured it on from there to don cap and gown by 2 1/2 lengths. Harvard (Pioneerof the Nile), the full-brother to champion and freshman sire Classic Empire, finished up well to be second. The winner's dam is half to MGSW Society Selection (Coronado's Quest). Her last registered produce is a 2-year-old filly by Twirling Candy. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$24,000.

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O/B-Irving Cowan (KY); T-Ralph E. Nicks.

4th-Gulfstream, \$40,000, Msw, 2-28, 3yo, f, 5fT, :56.15, fm, 2 1/2 lengths.

ZIA'S SONG (f, 3, Kitten's Joy--Awesome Flower {MSW & MGSP, \$556,593}, by Flower Alley), fifth sprinting at Gulfstream Park West in November, was sixth beaten less than three lengths going 7 1/2 panels here Dec. 30. She was most recently eighth, again not beaten all that far, in a mile heat Jan. 24 won by Saturday's GIII Herecomesthebride S. runner-up Joy of Painting (Munnings). Dismissed at 16-1 for a hot barn, the white-faced chestnut showed increased gate speed to press from second. She took over easily straightening for home, and strode out well from there to defeat favorite Candy Jar (Candy Ride {Arg}) by 2 1/2 lengths. The winner has a 2-year-old half-brother by Gun Runner and a yearling half-brother by Tapit. **Cont. p4**

4th-GP cont.

She hails from the extended female family of highest-level winners Well Armed and American Patriot. Sales history: \$45,000 RNA Ylg '19 KEESEP; \$92,000 2yo '20 OBSMAR. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-0, \$25,160. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Stefania Farms, LLC; B-Kenneth L. & Sarah K. Ramsey (KY); T-Saffie A. Joseph, Jr.



8th-Gulfstream, \$40,000, Msw, 2-28, 3yo, 1 1/16mT, 1:41.76, fm, neck.

AVIANO (c, 3, Medaglia d'Oro--Bryan's Jewel {GSW, \$484,878}, by Rockport Harbor) found a seam late to get up and cap a nearly \$3-million top two for his sire. The \$775,000 Fasig-Tipton Saratoga grad was second from far back over yielding Aqueduct sod in November, but settled for third at odds-on going nine furlongs at Tampa on New Year's Day. He was most recently second beaten a neck here Jan. 31, and was the tepid 2-1 choice to go one better while cutting back a sixteenth of a mile. Not off particularly well from the outside draw, Aviano was taken back and guided to the rail into the first turn. He began to rev up as they left the home bend, but still had some work to do and needed to find running room. Irad Ortiz, Jr. threaded the needle, and he just outkicked Alexander Valley (Medaglia d'Oro--Tara's Tango) by a neck.



Aviano (inside) gets up | Coglianesse Photo

The runner-up was the fifth-priciest purchase at the 2019 Keeneland September sale when he went for \$2.15 million. Aviano's co-owner Eclipse Thoroughbreds--which celebrated a four-win day Saturday--was part of the group that acquired Alexander Valley's now 2-year-old half-brother by Tapit for a sale-topping \$2 million at last year's September sale. Aviano, meanwhile, has a 2-year-old Speightstown half-sister by Speightstown (\$150,000 KEESEP) and dam Bryan's Jewel--winner

of the 2013 GIII Obeah S.--produced a **Constitution** filly Feb. 10. Sales history: \$775,000 Ylg '19 FTSAUG. Lifetime Record: 4-1-2-1, \$50,550. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners, William T. Freeman & Michael Valdes; B-Timber Town Stable LLC & Jane Winegardner (KY); T-Todd A. Pletcher.

6th-Gulfstream, \$40,000, Msw, 2-28, 3yo, 1 1/16mT, 1:42.21, fm, 1 1/4 lengths.

CELLIST (c, 3, Big Blue Kitten--Cello, by English Channel) made a middle move and found traffic trouble to be fifth at 49-1 on debut here Jan. 15, and was let go at 7-1 to work out a cleaner trip here. The wide-drawn bay was able to get to a pressing spot in second in the two path hitting the first turn as Spotters Hill (Iffraaj {GB}) showed the way. Traveling well behind splits of :23.92 and :48.45, he cranked up the pressure to challenge for command after six panels in 1:12.66. Spotters Hill dug in stubbornly to midstretch, but Cellist found a bit more late and pulled clear. Southern District (**Union Rags**) finished up strongly to round out the trifecta. The winner has a 2-year-old half-brother by Bal a Bali (Brz) and a yearling half-sister by Producer (GB). His dam, who is a full to near millionaire Optimizer, was bred back to Real Solution for 2021. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$24,400. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O/B-Calumet Farm (KY); T-George R. Arnold, II.



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IN ITALY:

Mawsoof, h, 5, **Distorted Humor**–Tafaneen, by Dynaformer. Siracusa, 2-28, Vdr. (€4.4k), 1800mT. O-Antonio Nicolosi. B-Shadwell Farm, LLC (KY). T-Giuseppe Brancato. *£1,400 HRA '19 GOFSEP.

Big Rope, c, 4, **Verrazano**–Hope Chant, by War Chant. Siracusa, 2-28, Cond. (€11k), 2100mT. O-Grazia Bosco Domenica. B-Tony Holmes (KY). T-Carmelo Bottone. *\$100,000 Wlg '17 KEENOV; \$17,000 RNA Ylg '18 KEESEP; €15,000 2yo '19 TATMAY.

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STAKES RESULTS:

DOWNTHE DUSTY ROAD BREEDERS' S., (NB) \$150,000, Oaklawn, 2-28, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12.28, sy.

1--**THE MARY ROSE, 123, f, 4, Macho Uno**--Wood Rose, by **Tiznow**. O/B-Shortleaf Stable (AR); T-Brad H. Cox; J-Martin Garcia. \$90,000. Lifetime Record: SP, 9-3-2-0, \$234,734.

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 2--**Matapan, 120, m, 5, Majesticperfection**--Kombat Lake, by Meadowlake. (\$37,000 Ylg '17 KEEJAN; \$70,000 Ylg '17 FTKJUL; \$170,000 RNA 2yo '18 OBSMAR). O-Adriel Gonzalez; B-McDowell Farm (AR); T-Isai V. Gonzalez. \$30,000.

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3--**Miss Antioch, 123, f, 4, Jonesboro**--Dancingwithpassion, by Dancing Crown. O/B-Gerald Prince (AR); T-Allen Milligan. \$15,000.

Margins: HF, 1HF, HF. Odds: 3.50, 9.60, 17.20.

MISS BLUEBONNET TURF S., \$75,000, Sam Houston Race, 2-27, (S), 4yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:38.04, fm.

1--**IMA DISCREET LADY, 120, m, 5, Discreet Cat**--Ima Three Blinger (MSP), by **Too Much Bling**. (\$38,000 2yo '18 TTAAPR). O-Raymond Todd White & Duane Coker; B-Larry S Huntsinger (TX); T-Karl Broberg; J-Ry Eikleberry. \$40,800. Lifetime Record: 23-8-6-4, \$299,915.

2--**Miss Perfecta, 118, m, 5, Run Away and Hide**--Perfect Meadow, by Touch Tone. O-Tyree J. Wolessensky & Jose Silva, Jr.; B-Tom Durant (TX); T-Jose Silva, Jr. \$13,600.

3--**No Mas Tequila, 117, f, 4, Northern Afleet**--Foxy Boss, by **Street Boss**. (\$29,000 RNA Ylg '18 TTAMIX; \$21,000 2yo '19 TTAAPR). O-James Sills & Ronald A. Ellerbee; B-Ronald & Margaret Ellerbee (TX); T-Karen E. Jacks. \$7,480.

Margins: 4HF, 3/4, 1. Odds: 3.60, 1.50, 14.10.

H-TOWN S., \$75,000, Sam Houston Race, 2-27, (S), 4yo/up, 7f, 1:23.76, ft.

1--**DIRECT DIAL, 118, h, 6, Too Much Bling**--Fast Find, by **Mineshaft**. (\$105,000 Ylg '16 TTAMIX). O/B-W. S. Farish (TX); T-Steven M. Asmussen; J-Stewart Elliott. \$43,800. Lifetime Record: 26-9-4-7, \$430,237. *Full to Scooter's Choice, SW, \$113,006; Full to Shaded, SW, \$133,405.

2--**Gunnerscelesticman, 118, h, 5, Celestic Night**--Lady Hi Teck, by Hi Teck Man. O/B-Layem' Down Racing II (TX); T-Teofilo Garcia, Jr. \$14,600.

3--**Algebra, 118, g, 4, Algorithms**--Lithe, by **Lookin At Lucky**. O-Blackhorse Farm LLC (Sutton); B-Joseph W. Sutton (TX); T-Danny Pish. \$8,030.

Margins: 4, 3HF, 2 1/4. Odds: 0.50, 37.10, 12.90.

TWO ALTAZANO S., (NB) \$75,000, Sam Houston Race, 2-27, (C), 3yo, f, 6f, 1:11.55, ft.

1--**STAR OF THE NORTH, 122, f, 3, The Hunk**--Always A Star (Ire), by **Danehill**. O-Michael Grossman; B-Eureka Thoroughbred Farm (MN); T-Francisco Bravo; J-Ry Eikleberry. \$44,550. Lifetime Record: 5-4-0-1, \$169,900.

2--**Wink Texas, 118, f, 3, Too Much Bling**--Dixie Miner, by **Mineshaft**. (\$9,500 Ylg '19 TTAMIX). O-Racing To The Cross LLC; B-Stephen Baker (TX); T-Jason H. Meaux. \$14,850.

3--**Thatsalotofbling, 117, f, 3, Too Much Bling**--Benny's Bombshell, by Benny the Bull. O-Michael J. & Linda Mazoch; B-GFB Racing LLC (TX); T-Austin Gustafson. \$8,168.

Margins: 7 1/4, NK, 10. Odds: 0.40, 3.90, 6.10.

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JIM'S ORBIT S., (NB) \$75,000, Sam Houston Race, 2-27, (C), 3yo, c/g, 6f, 1:12.15, ft.

1--**STONE CAFE, 118, g, 3, by Stonesider--Santacafe (MSP), by Early Flyer.** O/B-Douglas Scharbauer (TX); T-W. Bret Calhoun; J-Lindsey Wade. \$44,100. Lifetime Record: 7-2-2-0, \$78,732.

2--**Dust Em, 120, g, 3, Too Much Bling--Dixie Dust, by Dixieland Heat.** O/B-Douglas Scharbauer (TX); T-W. Bret Calhoun. \$14,700.

3--**Island Sun, 122, g, 3, Too Much Bling--Pacific Sunrise, by Belong to Me.** O/B-W. S. Farish (TX); T-Steven M. Asmussen. \$8,085.

Margins: 1, 1 3/4, 1 3/4. Odds: 2.50, 6.70, 10.80.

HOUSTON TURF S., (NB) \$75,000, Sam Houston Race, 2-27, (S), 4yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:44.77, fm.

1--**MOOJAB JR, 118, g, 7, Moojab--Ticket, by Cryptoclearance.** O-John L. Pierce, II; B-Jose Luis Espinoza (TX); T-Paul Duhon; J-Iram Vargas Diego. \$43,800. Lifetime Record: 34-8-5-6, \$203,001.

2--**Sunlit Song, 123, g, 6, My Golden Song--Fly So True, by Early Flyer.** O-Carolyn Barnett & Becky Harding; B-Carolyn R. Barnett (TX); T-Mindy J. Willis. \$14,600.

3--**Kenai Bob, 120, g, 5, Shackleford--Blue Ivy, by Distorted Humor.** O-Michael Grossman; B-Eureka Thoroughbred Farm (TX); T-Francisco Bravo. \$8,030.

Margins: HD, 2 1/4, 1 1/4. Odds: 10.90, 0.90, 1.90.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

10th-Oaklawn, \$88,000, 2-28, (NW1\$X), 4yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:40.80, sy, 1 1/2 lengths.

JOSIE (f, 4, Race Day--Spirited Away {SW, \$133,683}, by Awesome Again) Lifetime Record: 11-2-4-2, \$185,107. O-Steve Landers Racing LLC; B-Spendthrift Farm LLC (KY); T-Brad H. Cox. *\$80,000 Ylg '18 FTKJUL; \$170,000 2yo '19 OBSMAR. **1/2 to Prospective (**Malibu Moon**), MGSW-USA, GSW-Can, \$719,130.

7th-Aqueduct, \$88,000, (NW3\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$80,000), 2-28, 4yo/up, 7f, 1:24.51, sy, 2 1/2 lengths.

WICKED TRICK (g, 6, Hat Trick {Jpn}--Classic Chic, by Sky Classic) Lifetime Record: 26-7-5-5, \$339,355. O-Linda Rice & Stephen G. Cooper; B-Corrigan Racing Stable, Inc. (KY); T-Linda Rice.

5th-Aqueduct, \$82,000, 2-28, (NW1\$X), 4yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:24.64, my, 1 1/2 lengths.

INVALUABLE (f, 4, Include--Overvalued {MSW, \$247,213}, by Forest Grove) Lifetime Record: 10-4-3-1, \$153,300. O-Richard Alfred & Roddy J. Valente; B-Brereton C. Jones (KY); T-Patrick L. Reynolds. *\$50,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP.

9th-Laurel, \$56,154, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 2-28, 3yo, 5 1/2f, 1:04.88, sy, 1 1/4 lengths.

THE WOLFMAN (r, 3, Bandbox--Dicey D J {SW, \$122,935}, by Milwaukee Brew) Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-0, \$73,041. O-Charles J. Reed & Kingdom Bloodstock, Inc.; B-Charles McGinnes (MD); T-Phil Schoenthal. *\$22,000 Ylg '19 EASOCT.

6th-Fair Grounds, \$52,000, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 2-28, 4yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2fT, 1:04.36, fm, 3/4 length.

YES IT'S GINGER (m, 5, Yes It's True--Ginger Light, by Colony Light) Lifetime Record: 13-3-4-0, \$132,966. O-Brilliant Racing, LLC & Tagg Team Racing; B-Angel & Penny Lopez & Kathie Maybee (KY); T-Gregory D. Foley. *\$11,000 Wlg '16 KEENOV; \$22,000 Ylg '17 EASOCT; \$40,000 2yo '18 OBSAPR.

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7th-Laurel, \$49,266, 2-28, (NW1X), 4yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:46.68, sy, 1 1/2 lengths.

GENTLEMAN JOE (g, 5, Sky Mesa--Whatabootie, by Storm Boot) Lifetime Record: 19-2-8-2, \$109,195. O-Mary Jo Kuehn; B-Mary Jo Kuehn & John Bell IV (KY); T-Hamilton A. Smith.

9th-Gulfstream, \$48,000, (C)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 2-28, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10.55, ft, 1/2 length.

SONAR (f, 4, Brethren--Silent Sighs {GISW, \$442,700}, by Benchmark) Lifetime Record: 11-4-0-3, \$149,675. O/B-Arindel (FL); T-Carlos A. David. *1/2 to Clear Attempt (A.P. Indy), GSW, \$205,617.

11th-Gulfstream, \$44,000, (S), 2-28, (NW1X), 3yo, f, 6 1/2f, 1:17.99, ft, 1 length.

PSYCHIC ABILITY (f, 3, Adios Charlie--Future Story, by Tale of the Cat) Lifetime Record: 6-2-0-2, \$64,150. O/B-Red Oak Stable (FL); T-Gregory D. Sacco.

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11th-Sam Houston Race, \$44,000, 2-27, (NW1X), 4yo/up, 5f, :58.96, ft, 1 3/4 lengths.

GOOD JUDGMENT (c, 4, Too Much Bling--Libbies Mission, by Global Mission) Lifetime Record: 8-5-2-0, \$130,270. O-Michael P. Lyons, Clark O. Brewster & Montgomery Lair; B-Larry S. Huntsinger (TX); T-Steven M. Asmussen. *\$22,000 2yo '19 TTAAPR.

7th-Golden Gate Fields, \$40,084, 2-27, (NW1\$X), 4yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f (AWT), 1:04.75, ft, 1 3/4 lengths.

ANA LISA (m, 6, Cyclotron--G. I. Betty, by One Man Army) Lifetime Record: 21-7-5-4, \$95,696. O-Lizbeth Medina; B-Bruce Headley (CA); T-Milton G. Pineda.

5th-Sam Houston Race, \$39,000, 2-27, (NW1X), 4yo/up, f/m, 5ft, :57.31, fm, 1/2 length.

SUMMER SANGRIA (f, 4, Maclean's Music--Light the Dynamite, by Into Mischief) Lifetime Record: 7-3-2-0, \$79,852. O-Bloom Racing Stable LLC (Jeffrey Bloom); B-McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds, LLC & Spruce Lane Farm (NY); T-Steven M. Asmussen. *\$25,000 Ylg '18 OBSWIN; \$7,000 RNA Ylg '18 SARAUG; \$10,000 Ylg '18 OBSOCT; \$25,000 2yo '19 EASMAY.

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7th-Turfway, \$37,363, (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 2-27, 3yo/up, 1m (AWT), 1:38.58, ft, head.

SUPER SOL (h, 6, Awesome Again--Kiss the Lady {MSP}, by Quiet American) Lifetime Record: 15-4-1-4, \$132,103. O-Nathan Sea; B-Town & Country Horse Farms, LLC (KY); T-Juan M. Cano. *\$400,000 Ylg '16 FTSAUG; \$30,000 5yo '20 FTKHRA.

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5th-Tampa Bay Downs, \$25,000, 2-28, (NW1X), 4yo/up, 1 1/8mT, 1:47.71, fm, 3 1/2 lengths.

DON BOURBON (g, 4, Tiznow--Juanita {MGSW, \$509,005}, by Mineshaft) Lifetime Record: 12-2-3-2, \$94,447. O-Bourbon Lane Stable (J. Hill, M. McMahon); B-Aaron & Marie Jones LLC (KY); T-Ian R. Wilkes. *\$210,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP; \$205,000 RNA 2yo '19 FTFMAR; \$210,000 2yo '19 OBSOPN.

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Martinized, g, 3, **Astrology**--Heatseeker Sharon (SW, \$214,680), by Heatseeker (Ire). Fair Grounds, 2-28, (S), 1m 70y, 1:44.22. B-Keith & Earl Hernandez & John Duvieilh (LA).

Spanglish, g, 3, **Fiber Sonde**--Acala, by Cherokee Run. Charles Town, 2-27, (S), 6 1/2f, 1:21.68. B-Elizabeth Meehan (WV).

Chargina, f, 3, **Fed Biz**--Stormin Wendy (SP, \$183,556), by Ecclesiastic. Laurel, 2-28, 5 1/2f, 1:06.27. B-Thomas L. Teal (MD). *\$25,000 Wlg '18 KEENOV; \$21,000 RNA Ylg '19 KEESEP; \$80,000 2yo '20 EASMAY.

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Smart Spending, f, 3, **Flintshire (GB)**--Smart Cash, by Awesome Again. Gulfstream, 2-28, (C), 1 1/16mT, 1:42.43. B-Emerald Q Partners Inc & TCR Ranch (KY). *\$13,000 Wlg '18 KEENOV. **1/2 to Queens Embrace (Real Solution), GSP, \$171,476.

VINERY SALES GRADUATE

Gabby Hayes, c, 3, **Grazen**--Hail Mary (MSP, \$254,188), by Old Topper. Santa Anita, 2-28, (S), (C), 1m, 1:40.94. B-Nick Alexander (CA).

Boca Guy, c, 3, **Shackleford**--Our Julia, by Value Plus. Tampa Bay

Downs, 2-28, 1 1/16mT, 1:41.74. B-Emilie Gerlinde Fojan (KY). *\$17,000 RNA Ylg '19 FTKOCT.

Creative Legacy, f, 4, **Creative Cause**--Sealaunch, by Unbridled's Song. Oaklawn, 2-28, (WC), 1 1/16m, 1:48.57. B-Tim Thornton, Robert Watt & Doug Glass (KY). *\$60,000 RNA Ylg '18 FTKOCT. **1/2 to Shivermetimbers (Shanghai Bobby), MSP, \$192,946.

My First Grammy, r, 4, **Curlin**--Tabulation, by Giant's Causeway. Aqueduct, 2-28, (C), 1m, 1:38.84. B-Mt. Brilliant Partners, LLC (KY). *\$57,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP.

Our Mardi Gras, f, 4, **Half Ours**--Jacally (MSW, \$248,209), by Bold Executive. Fair Grounds, 2-28, (S), 6f, 1:12.34. B-Farm d'Allie Racing Stable (LA).

The Little H Man, g, 4, **Richard's Kid**--Vincenza (SP, \$123,367), by Gotham City. Golden Gate Fields, 2-27, 6f (AWT), 1:11.03. B-Vincent Augello (CA).

This Is the One, f, 4, **Smiling Tiger**--Sienna Sky, by **Sky Mesa**. Golden Gate Fields, 2-28, 5 1/2f (AWT), 1:04.27. B-Joe Stiglich & Lloyd Grant (CA).

Capo Mafioso, g, 4, **Street Boss**--Tiz an Addiction, by Tiznow. Santa Anita, 2-28, (C), 6 1/2ft, 1:15.43. B-Pamela C. Ziebarth (KY).

Reigning Spirit, g, 4, **War Front**--Upperline (MGSW & GISP-USA, SW-Can, \$772,988), by Maria's Mon. Fair Grounds, 2-28, 1 1/16mT, 1:46.46. B-Town & Country Horse Farms, LLC (KY). *\$425,000 RNA Ylg '18 KEESEP; \$145,000 RNA 3yo '20 FTKHRA.



ADIOS CHARLIE, Psychic Ability, f, 3, o/o Future Story, by **Tale of the Cat**. ALW, 2-28, Gulfstream

ASTROLOGY, Martinized, g, 3, o/o Heatseeker Sharon, by Heatseeker (Ire). MSW, 2-28, Fair Grounds

AWESOME AGAIN, Super Sol, h, 6, o/o Kiss the Lady, by Quiet American. AOC, 2-27, Turfway

BANDBOX, The Wolfman, r, 3, o/o Dicey D J, by Milwaukee Brew. AOC, 2-28, Laurel

BIG BLUE KITTEN, Cellist, c, 3, o/o Cello, by **English Channel**. MSW, 2-28, Gulfstream

BRETHREN, Sonar, f, 4, o/o Silent Sighs, by Benchmark. AOC, 2-28, Gulfstream

CANDY RIDE (ARG), Sweetest Angel, f, 3, o/o Black Valentine, by Cindago. MSW, 2-28, Santa Anita

CREATIVE CAUSE, Creative Legacy, f, 4, o/o Sealaunch, by Unbridled's Song. WMC, 2-28, Oaklawn

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CURLIN, My First Grammy, r, 4, o/o Tabulation, by Giant's Causeway. MCL, 2-28, Aqueduct

CYCLOTRON, Ana Lisa, m, 6, o/o G. I. Betty, by One Man Army. ALW, 2-27, Golden Gate

DISCREET CAT, Ima Discreet Lady, m, 5, o/o Ima Three Blinger, by Too Much Bling. Miss Bluebonnet Turf S., 2-27, Sam Houston

FED BIZ, Chargina, f, 3, o/o Stormin Wendy, by Ecclesiastic. MSW, 2-28, Laurel

FIBER SONDE, Spanglish, g, 3, o/o Acala, by Cherokee Run. MSW, 2-27, Charles Town

FLINTSHIRE (GB), Smart Spending, f, 3, o/o Smart Cash, by Awesome Again. MCL, 2-28, Gulfstream

GHOSTZAPPER, Iaintfraidanoghost, f, 3, o/o A Story of Revenge, by **Tale of the Cat**. MSW, 2-28, Aqueduct

GRAZEN, Gabby Hayes, c, 3, o/o Hail Mary, by Old Topper. MCL, 2-28, Santa Anita

HALF OURS, Our Mardi Gras, f, 4, o/o Jacally, by Bold Executive. MSW, 2-28, Fair Grounds

HAT TRICK (JPN), Wicked Trick, g, 6, o/o Classic Chic, by Sky Classic. AOC, 2-28, Aqueduct

INCLUDE, Invaluable, f, 4, o/o Overvalued, by Forest Grove. ALW, 2-28, Aqueduct

INTO MISCHIEF, Whiskey Double, c, 3, o/o Lake Sebago, by **Munnings**. AOC, 2-28, Oaklawn

KITTEN'S JOY, Zia's Song, f, 3, o/o Awesome Flower, by Flower Alley. MSW, 2-28, Gulfstream

LIAM'S MAP, American Prince, c, 3, o/o Precious Soul, by **Distorted Humor**. MSW, 2-28, Gulfstream

LUCKY PULPIT, Fashionably Fast, g, 6, o/o Fall Fashion, by Forestry. Tiznow S., 2-28, Santa Anita

MACHO UNO, The Mary Rose, f, 4, o/o Wood Rose, by Tiznow. Downthedustyroad Breeders' S., 2-28, Oaklawn

MACLEAN'S MUSIC, Summer Sangria, f, 4, o/o Light the Dynamite, by **Into Mischief**. ALW, 2-27, Sam Houston

MEDAGLIA D'ORO, Aviano, c, 3, o/o Bryan's Jewel, by Rockport Harbor. MSW, 2-28, Gulfstream

MOOJAB, Moojab Jr, g, 7, o/o Ticket, by Cryptoclearance. Houston Turf S., 2-27, Sam Houston

RACE DAY, Josie, f, 4, o/o Spirited Away, by Awesome Again. ALW, 2-28, Oaklawn

RICHARD'S KID, The Little H Man, g, 4, o/o Vincenza, by Gotham City. MSW, 2-27, Golden Gate

SHACKLEFORD, Boca Guy, c, 3, o/o Our Julia, by Value Plus. MSW, 2-28, Tampa Bay

SKY MESA, Gentleman Joe, g, 5, o/o Whatabootie, by Storm Boot. ALW, 2-28, Laurel

SMILING TIGER, This Is the One, f, 4, o/o Sienna Sky, by **Sky Mesa**. MSW, 2-28, Golden Gate

STONESIDER, Stone Cafe, g, 3, o/o Santacafe, by Early Flyer. Jim's Orbit S., 2-27, Sam Houston

STREET BOSS, Capo Mafioso, g, 4, o/o Tiz an Addiction, by Tiznow. MCL, 2-28, Santa Anita

STREET SENSE, Windmill, f, 3, o/o Zaharias, by Grand Slam. Dixie Belle S., 2-28, Oaklawn

TAPIZAR, Monomoy Girl, m, 6, o/o Drumette, by Henny Hughes. Gill Bayakoa S., 2-28, Oaklawn

THE HUNK, Star of the North, f, 3, o/o Always A Star (Ire), by Danehill. Two Altazano S., 2-27, Sam Houston

TIZNOW, Don Bourbon, g, 4, o/o Juanita, by **Mineshaft**. ALW, 2-28, Tampa Bay

TOO MUCH BLING, Direct Dial, h, 6, o/o Fast Find, by **Mineshaft**. H-Town S., 2-27, Sam Houston

TOO MUCH BLING, Good Judgment, c, 4, o/o Libbies Mission, by Global Mission. ALW, 2-27, Sam Houston

VRONSKY, Ashley's Valentine, g, 3, o/o Ashley's Folly, by Urgent Request (Ire). MSW, 2-28, Golden Gate

WAR FRONT, Reigning Spirit, g, 4, o/o Upperline, by Maria's Mon. MSW, 2-28, Fair Grounds

YES IT'S TRUE, Yes It's Ginger, m, 5, o/o Ginger Light, by Colony Light. AOC, 2-28, Fair Grounds



Tiznow S. winner Fashionably Fast (green and white)
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JACKSONS STAY LOYAL TO THE RACING GAME



Roy and Gretchen Jackson with One Master after winning the 2019 Prix de la Foret | *Scoop Dyga*

By *Kelsey Riley*

When Roy and Gretchen Jackson purchased their 190-acre property in Chester County, Pennsylvania, in 1978, they christened it Lael Farm, the Gaelic word for loyalty. Today, more than 40 years into the couples' transatlantic forays in the world of breeding and racing Thoroughbreds, that name could hardly be more appropriate.

The Jacksons, both lifelong horse people, became household names in the sport and beyond in 2006 during their months-long attempt to save the life of their GI Kentucky Derby winner Barbaro (Dynaformer) after the colt suffered what was ultimately a fatal injury shortly out of the gates in the GI Preakness S. That wasn't the first time the Jacksons had worn their loves of their horses on their sleeves, and it was far from the last: today, Barbaro's dam, the 25-year-old La Ville Rouge, is enjoying her retirement in a paddock within eyesight of the Jacksons' home on Lael Farm. Her paddock mate is the 23-year-old Superstar Leo (Ire) (College Chapel {GB}), who has provided the Jacksons with so many happy days on the European racing circuits, particularly thanks to her granddaughter, the triple G1 Prix de la Foret winner One Master (GB) (*Fastnet Rock* {Aus}).

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ELLIOTT ADMITS PHOTO ON DEAD HORSE IS HIM

Leading National Hunt trainer Gordon Elliott, the subject of a firestorm this weekend after a photo of him sitting on a dead horse was circulated over the weekend, admitted that the photo was genuine.

Hours after saying he would cooperate with investigators without specifically addressing the validity of the photo, he relented and said that the photo was real.

The photo shows Elliott sitting astride a stricken horse on the ground. In it, the trainer is making a peace sign. Some versions circulated have the caption "New work rider."

His statement reads:

"I would like to address the speculation and rumours that have been rife since an old photo of me began circulating on social media yesterday afternoon." [Cont. p6](#)

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Superstar Leo was the first horse the Jacksons purchased in Europe—a venture that would also include breeding the champion 2-year-old and 2000 Guineas winner George Washington (Ire) (*Galileo {Ire}*), who in an amazing feat won his Classic on the same day as Barbaro’s Derby. After Superstar Leo was weaned from her last foal, a now 2-year-old colt by Havana Gold (Ire), the Jacksons repatriated her to Pennsylvania to enjoy her in retirement.

Even amidst breeding and campaigning Classic winners on both sides of the Atlantic, Gretchen Jackson said the experience with One Master has been “pretty up there.”

“We’re really proud of her,” she said. “We have Superstar Leo in Pennsylvania now with all our retired broodmares, and to just visit her daily, and what she’s accomplished with One Master, it just makes us glow inside. We love her.”

“We brought her over here to live out her life and she’s turned out in a field right in front of the house here with Barbaro’s dam and a filly that was very good to us named Belle Cherie, who was running around the same time as Superstar Leo,” Roy Jackson added. “They’re out here enjoying life.”



One Master winning the 2018 Prix de la Foret | *Scoop Dyga*

Bred by legendary jockey Lester Piggott and Tony Hirschfeld, Superstar Leo was the ninth foal out of the placed Council Rock, whose family was somewhat ordinary at the time but which later blossomed to produce a plethora of black-type winners including Classic winners *Footstepsinthesand (GB)* and *Power (GB)* in addition to One Master. Superstar Leo was bought back by Piggott’s daughter Maureen Haggas for 3,400gns at Tattersalls October as a yearling in 1999 and put into training with Haggas’s husband William. After finishing second at first-asking in May of her 2-year-old campaign, Superstar Leo won a pair of races at Catterick before beating the boys at Royal Ascot in the G3 Norfolk S. **Cont. p3**

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It was that victory that caught the eye of Gretchen Jackson all the way over in Pennsylvania.

"I had read about her winning a race in England in the *TDN*," she recalled. "The name Superstar Leo struck me, and I inquired about her and she was for sale. It took some negotiating with Lester Piggott and her other owner, Tony Hirschfeld, but we got her and she was a delight. She won the Cartier award for us just a few months later. We've gotten so much pleasure from her offspring and her granddaughter, One Master."

As Jackson alluded to, Superstar Leo added victories over the colts in the G2 Flying Childers S. in the summer of 2000 and the Weatherbys Super Sprint. She was second in the G1 Phoenix S. and against elders in the G1 Prix de l'Abbaye on the Longchamp card that her granddaughter One Master would make her own between 2018 and 2020.

Just as significant as Superstar Leo's victories was the relationship she solidified between the Jacksons and the Haggases. William Haggas today trains most of the Jackson runners in Europe, and was responsible for both One Master and her stakes-winning dam Enticing (Ire) (Pivotal {GB}).

"He's a great person and a great trainer, and his wife [Maureen] enters into it wholeheartedly," Gretchen said. "She's very talented too."



Roy and Gretchen Jackson at Aqueduct in New York | Sarah Andrew

Superstar Leo was retired to stud in 2002 and her second foal was Enticing, who emulated her dam by becoming a stakes-winning 2-year-old with a victory in the G3 Molecomb S. in 2006, just months after Barbaro and George Washington had won their respective Classics. Enticing would add the Listed Lansdown Fillies' S. at three and finish second in the G3 King George S. before going one better in that Glorious Goodwood feature for Haggas at four. [Cont. p4](#)

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One Master resides alongside her dam and five other Lael broodmares at New England Stud in Newmarket. Roy Jackson noted that New England's Peter Stanley has been just as pivotal in the Jacksons' enjoyment of the European industry as the Haggases have been, and after discussing options with him for One Master they decided to simply "breed her to the best."

One Master and Prompting were among three winners last year for Enticing—her now 3-year-old filly Arousing (GB) (Kodiac {GB}) won at Yarmouth at first asking in September in the Lael silks, and Roy noted that Haggas holds her in high regard. Soon after the turn of the new year, 4-year-old gelding Craved (GB) (Kodiac {GB}) became Enticing's sixth winner, firing off victories at Newcastle on Jan. 23 and Southwell on Feb. 9. Enticing's latest produce is a yearling full-brother to One Master, and she will unfortunately not have a foal for 2021 after slipping another foal by **Fastnet Rock**. A mating plan for this year has not yet been set in stone.

In addition to Enticing, the Jacksons have three other daughters of Superstar Leo in their broodmare band. The Listed Fleur de Lys Fillies' S. winner and G3 Jersey S. second Sentaril (GB) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}) has bred two winners for Lael and has a 2-year-old colt by Dabirsim (Fr) this year, and her full-sister Cloud Line (GB) is the dam of a winner and has a 2-year-old colt by Showcasing (GB). The 7-year-old Yarak (GB) (**Frankel {GB}**), meanwhile, has joined the Jacksons' 21-strong American broodmare band in Kentucky and has already foaled a filly by **Hard Spun** this year.

The Jacksons also have a half-sister to George Washington, the 10-year-old Sea The Stars (Ire) mare Wonderstruck (Ire), at New England Stud, and her 3-year-old filly Ready To Venture (GB) (**Kingman {GB}**) was a winner in the Lael blue, green and white at second asking in September at Yarmouth for Haggas. Roy Jackson said Wonderstruck "is producing good, sound horses."

The story of the Jacksons and George Washington is almost as serendipitous as that of Superstar Leo. The Jacksons bought into George Washington's half-brother Grandera (Ire) (Grand Lodge) and raced him with Viv Shelton during a 3-year-old campaign in which he won the Listed Dubai Arc Trial and was placed in the G1 Prix du Jockey Club, G1 Eclipse S. and G1 Juddmonte International for trainer James Fanshawe. Shelton and the

Jacksons sold Grandera privately when they got a big offer from Godolphin, for whom he went on to win three Group 1s at four, and the Jacksons used part of their proceeds to purchase his dam, the Wildenstein-bred Bordighera (Alysheba), privately. The second foal she produced for the Jacksons was George Washington, who they sold to Coolmore for 1.15-million gns as a yearling. Roy said it was a tough decision to let George Washington go, but that they had decided to do so if the price was right.

"Over the years we've kept many and tried to race them, but it just made business sense," he said. "We got a very big offer and we felt that it was time to recoup some of the money and do some other things in racing with the money. We thought it made business sense to do it."

George Washington would, of course, go on to win the G1 Phoenix S. and G1 National S. at two and the G1 2000 Guineas and G1 Queen Elizabeth II S. at three and finish second in the G1

Irish 2000 Guineas. Fertility issues meant that he sired just one live foal in 2006, the winning and stakes-producing Date With Destiny (Ire), and he was sadly lost during the running of the 2007 GI Breeders' Cup Classic at Monmouth Park.

The Jacksons have, in more recent years, continued to apply the same formula that led to such great success with Superstar Leo and La Ville Rouge: purchasing top-class fillies in training. They bought

Hawksmoor (Ire) (Azamour {Ire}) in 2016 from Chris Humber after she had won the G3 Prestige S. at two and placed in the G1 Fillies' Mile and G1 Prix Saint Alary for trainer Hugo Palmer, and she went on to win the G2 German 1000 Guineas in the Lael colours before transferring to American-based trainer Arnaud Delacour, for whom she won three Grade IIIs and placed in two Grade IIs. Hawksmoor is in foal for the first time to **Palace Malice**, a Classic-winning son of **Curlin**.

The Jacksons went back to Humber and Palmer the following spring to buy the listed placed Architecture (Ire) (Zoffany {Ire}), and she went on to place in the Epsom, Irish and German Oaks before being bought by Katsumi **Yoshida** for 600,000gns at Tattersalls December in 2019. Last spring, the Jacksons purchased the G3 Prix Vanteaux winner Magic Attitude (Ire) (**Galileo {Ire}**) from Haras du Saubouas ahead of her second-place finish in the G1 Prix Saint Alary. **Cont. p6**



Roy and Gretchen Jackson bred the champion 2-year-old and Guineas winner George Washington | racingfotos.com

Roy and Gretchen Jackson Cont.

Switched to Delacour from Fabrice Chappet, Magic Attitude won the GI Belmont Oaks and was third in the GI Queen Elizabeth II Challenge Cup, and is currently tuning up for a 4-year-old campaign.

“We’ve tried to do a bit of that, I guess somewhat related to our age too,” said Roy. He and Gretchen are both 84. “If something has a foal now, by the time it’s going to run it’s going to be some years down the road, so we’re always looking to see whether there’s something coming along that’s going to run that we’ll pick up.”

Speaking with Roy and Gretchen Jackson, one gets a sense that there is no measuring the pride they feel and the joy they have derived from their transatlantic racing and breeding programme. Both are lifelong horse people—Gretchen as a foxhunter and Roy as the son of a foxhunter whose mother later dabbled in racehorses—and thus understand the extreme ups and downs of the game, which they have themselves withstood as much as anyone. They both grew up somewhat locally to Chester County—Roy just 10 miles away in Edgemont and Gretchen in Philadelphia—and thus can boast a deep appreciation for the land on which Superstar Leo and La Ville Rouge now graze, and where legendary steeplechase conditioner Jonathan Sheppard once trained just a stone’s throw away. Roy Jackson spent six years as a stockbroker before pursuing his passion of baseball, eventually owning a few professional teams and also working with minor league teams before helping to found Convest, a management firm for professional athletes in the mid 1980s. Jackson eventually sold his share in Convest to focus full-time on horse racing, and the labours of he and Gretchen’s love in that realm have been a gift to fans of racing on both sides of the Atlantic.

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The statement continues: “Firstly, I apologise profoundly for any offence that this photo has caused and can categorically state that the welfare of each and every horse under my care is paramount and has been central to the success that we have enjoyed here at Cullentra.

“The photo in question was taken some time ago and occurred after a horse had died of an apparent heart attack on the gallops. I appreciate that an initial viewing of this photo suggests it is a callous and staged photo but nothing could be further from the truth.

“At what was a sad time, which it is when any horse under my care passes away, my initial reaction was to get the body removed from where it was positioned.

“I was standing over the horse waiting to help with the removal of the body, in the course of which, to my memory I received a call and, without thinking, I sat down to take it. Hearing a shout from one of my team, I gestured to wait until I was finished.

“Such background information may seem trivial at this time and will not allay the concerns of many people both within and outside the world of horse racing.

“However, I feel it is important to provide people with some context surrounding this photo. To the racing community, to anyone who has worked with and loves horses and to anyone offended by this image I cannot apologise enough.

“Horse welfare and the care and attention to detail involved is absolutely at the core of everything we do here and both myself and all of my team pride ourselves on those standards.

“Again I apologise for any offence caused and ask people to consider this statement as opposed to the various falsehoods and misinformation being circulated on social media.

“At this time I would like to stress that I continue to extend my full cooperation with the ongoing IHRB investigation.”

Previously, on Saturday evening, the three-time Grand National winning trainer tweeted, “I’m aware of a photo circulating on social media. The IHRB have been in contact with me regarding this photo and I will be cooperating fully with their investigation.”

An IHRB spokesman added on Sunday, “The investigation is ongoing and will be dealt with as quickly as possible.”

The British Horseracing Authority has been made aware of the situation and is also in contact with the Irish authorities.

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Gordon Elliott | [Racingfotos.com](#)

Gordon Elliott Cont.

Said a BHA spokesperson, “We hope the Irish authorities will quickly confirm how this shocking picture originated. Respect for horses is a fundamental value of our sport, contrary to the impression in this picture. The IHRB have assured us that the investigation will be carried out as quickly as possible and that they will keep us informed as more information becomes available.”

Elliott is currently readying a strong squad of horses to contest the upcoming Cheltenham Festival. Among his stable is two-time Grand National winner Tiger Roll (Ire) (Authorized {Ire}) who is targeting the Cross-Country Chase there before a potential record-equaling third National at Aintree in April.

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BERKSHIRE ROCCO POSSIBLE FOR SHEEMA

The G1 Dubai Sheema Classic is a potential March target for G1 St Leger second **Berkshire Rocco (Fr)** (Sir Percy {GB}) according to trainer Andrew Balding. Since taking the Listed Noel Murless S. in October, the colt returned to be the runner-up in the H H the Amir Trophy in Qatar on Feb. 20.

“He ran a smashing race,” said Balding. “It was his first run for a while, and he’s entitled to come on for that. All being well, he might head towards Meydan for the Sheema Classic. He’s effective at a mile and a half and further, and is just a great horse to have in the yard.”

Stablemate **Spanish Mission** (Noble Mission {GB}) is also a possible candidate for the Dubai World Cup meeting on Mar. 27. the 2020 G2 Doncaster Cup S. winner was last seen running second in the Red Sea Turf H. at Riyadh.



Berkshire Rocco | Racingfotos.com

“He ran with great credit and he too might end up going to Dubai for the [G2] Dubai Gold Cup,” said Balding.

The third Balding trainee, **Bangkok (Ire)** (Australia {GB}) a Group 3 winner earlier in his career and a winner of the Listed Winter Derby Trial S. two back, was eighth in the Feb. 20 \$20-

million Saudi Cup. The bay is set for start in the Apr. 2 All-Weather Championship Finals at Lingfield.

“He’s probably not quite as good as the others, which is obvious, but he won some really good prize-money and is back here and bouncing,” said Balding. “There were great rewards up for grabs, and that was the main reason we ran. The rewards were there as long as he could finish in the first 10, and he did that and has done us proud. He will more than likely head to Lingfield for Good Friday.”

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Khatm (GB), g, 4, **Dubawi (Ire)**--Hawaafez (GB) (GSW-Eng, \$111,512), by Nayef. Chelmsford City, 2-27, 10f (AWT), 2:06.60. B-Shadwell Estate Company Ltd (GB). *8,000gns 3yo '20 TATAHI.

FRANCE

Sunday’s Results:

4th-Bordeaux-le-Bouscat, €22,000, Cond, 2-28, 3yo, 9 1/2fT, 2:20.91, vsf.

DIVERTISSEMENT (IRE) (f, 3, **Shalaa (Ire)**--**Truth (Ire)**, by **Galileo (Ire)**), who graduated over 7 1/2 furlongs at Cagnes-sur-Mer in her Jan. 18 debut last time, was under heavy restraint in fourth through the early stages here. Shaken up and hugging the far-side rail off the home turn, the 7-10 favourite was ridden to go second entering the final furlong and kept on resolutely under continued rousing to deny Morwene (Fr) (Kendargent {Fr}) by a neck in the dying strides. She is the second of two foals and lone scorer produced by a full-sister to G1 MacKinnon S. victrix Magic Wand (Ire) (**Galileo (Ire)**). Her dam Truth (Ire) (**Galileo (Ire)**) is also half to G1 Irish Oaks heroine Chicquita (Ire) (Montjeu {Ire}). Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, €22,500. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Mahabala (Fr), f, 3, **Maxios (GB)**--Madonna (Ger) (SP-Ger), by Lando (Ger). Lyon La Soie, 2-28, 10 3/4f (AWT), 2:15.60. B-Elevage du Sarai, Suc. Jean-Luc Laval & Mme Chantal Terrenegre-Laval (FR). *€14,000 RNA 2yo '20 OSAMAY. **1½ to Manoucheer (Ger) (Adlerflug {Ger}), SP-Fr.

Morton (Fr), c, 3, **New Bay (GB)**--Parade Music, by Giant's Causeway. Lyon La Soie, 2-28, 10 3/4f (AWT), 2:16.20. B-Jean-Claude Seroul (FR).

Enzo (Fr), c, 3, **Zoffany (Ire)**--Extention, by Hat Trick (Jpn). Nimes, 2-28, 9 1/2fT, 2:06.49. B-Jean-Pierre-Joseph-Dubois (FR). *1ST-TIME STARTER.



IN HONG KONG:

Zone D (GB), g, 4, **Holy Roman Emperor (Ire)**--Marasima (Ire), by Barathea (Ire). Sha Tin, 2-28, Hcp. (C4) (£93k/€107k), 1400mT, 1:22.13. B-Petches Farm Ltd. *1/2 to Markazi (Fr) (Dark Angel {Ire}), SW-Fr, \$176,614. **36,000gns Wlg '17 TATDEF; 120,000gns Ylg '18 TATOCT. **VIDEO**



CHAMPION CESARIO PASSES AT 19

Cesario (Jpn) (Special Week {Jpn})--Kirov Premiere {GB}, by Sadler's Wells), named Japanese Champion 3-Year-Old Filly in 2005, passed away due to a uterine hemorrhage at Northern Farm on Feb. 27, *Netkeiba* reported on Sunday. An increasingly influential broodmare with three

sons at stud--Epiphaneia (Jpn) (Symboli Kris S.), Leontes (Jpn) (King Kamehameha {Jpn}) and Saturnalia (Jpn) (Lord Kanaloa {Jpn})--she was 19.

"I was just surprised by the suddenness of it and I felt that my chest tightened," said Northern Farm's Katsumi **Yoshida** to *Netkeiba*.

He added, "In addition to the brilliant track record of winning the U.S./Japan Oaks, but [she] also [was] the brilliant broodmare who produced three sires--Epiphaneia (Jpn) who produced the fillies' triple crown winner [Daring Tact (Jpn)], Leontes (Jpn) whose son [Pink Kamehameha (Jpn)] won the

Saudi Derby recently, and Saturnalia (Jpn) who entered the stud this year. I'm very sorry that Cesario, who laid the foundation for the ranch, has passed away, but now I want her to rest in peace."

Bred by Northern Farm, the dark bay raced for U. Carrot Farm and trainer Katsuhiko Sumii. She won a one-mile race when unveiled at Hanshin in December of 2004 and followed up in the Kanchiku Sho in January of 2005. Another win, in the Flower Cup that March was followed by a runner-up effort in the Japanese 1000 Guineas a month later. Cesario captured the Japanese Oaks in her final start in her native land, and then traveled Stateside to salute in the GI American Oak at Hollywood Park. It was the first Grade I win in the United States by a horse bred in Japan and her final racecourse appearance. She retired with a mark of 6-5-1-0- and \$2,578,568 in earnings.

As a broodmare, Cesario has excelled, leaving two champions and two Classic winners among her three Group 1 winners. She first visited the late King Kamehameha (Jpn) for her first two season (2006/07) which resulted in the winning colt Twelfth Night (Jpn) and the unraced mare Viola (Jpn). Barren in 2009, she produced G1 Japanese St Leger and G1 Japan Cup winner Epiphaneia (Jpn) (Symboli Kris S.) that next year, who was also runner-up in both the G1 Japanese 2000 Guineas and G1 Japanese Derby. As a sire, his best progeny has been 2020 Japanese Filly Triple Crown heroine Daring Tact (Jpn) to date. He's currently a resident of Shadai Stallion Station and commands a fee of ¥10,000,000.

Her placed filly of 2011, Rosalind (Jpn) (Symboli Kris S.), is already the dam of dual Japanese Group 2 winner Authority (Jpn) (Orfevre {Jpn}). Next was the winning Harbinger (GB) gelding Claudio (Jpn) and he was followed by one of Cesario's

champion sons--G1 Asahi Hai Futurity S. victor Leontes (Jpn) (King Kamehameha {Jpn}), named the Japanese Champion 2-Year-Old Colt of 2015 and now a stallion at the Breeders' Stallion Station. Two full-siblings to Leontes follow--the G2 Hopeful S. third Globe Theatre (Jpn) and the winning filly Celia (Jpn) (King Kamehameha {Jpn}) in 2014 and 2015, respectively.

Having already thrown a Classic winner and a champion, Cesario's third black-type winner is Saturnalia (Jpn), by King



Cesario winning the American Oaks | Benoit photo

Kamehameha's best son Lord Kanaloa (Jpn). **Cont. p9**

Cesario Cont.

The 5-year-old, who won the G1 Hopeful S. at two, added the Japanese 2000 Guineas in 2019 and was second in the G1 Arima Kinen before retiring to Shadai Stallion Station for 2021 at a fee of ¥6,000,000.

The 4-year-old filly First Folio (Jpn) (King Kamehameha {Jpn}) and Cesario's 2018 colt Lupercalia (Jpn) (Maurice {Jpn}) have both saluted the judge, the latter on Jan. 30 at Chukyo. Her final foal is a yearling filly by Lord Kanaloa (Jpn), and she was carrying to that sire at the time of her passing.

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Sunday, Hanshin, Japan

HANKYU HAI-G3, ¥78,150,000

(US\$733,235/£526,057/€607,408), Hanshin, 2-28, 4yo/up, 1400mT, *1:19.20(NCR), fm.

1--**RESISTENCIA (JPN)**, 119, f, 4, Daiwa Major (Jpn)

1st Dam: Malacostumbrada (Arg) (G1SW-Arg, \$114,550), by Lizard Island

2nd Dam: Mapul Wells (Arg), by Poliglote (GB)

3rd Dam: Pulma (Arg), by New Dandy (Arg)

O-Carrot Farm; B-Northern Farm (Jpn); T-Takeshi Matsushita; J-Yuichi Kitamura. ¥41,595,000. Lifetime Record: Ch. 2yo Filly-Jpn, G1SW-Jpn, 8-4-2-1. *1/2 to Gratiyas (Jpn) (Heart's Cry {Jpn}), GSW-Jpn, \$437,534. **Werk Nick Rating: A++.** [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#)

2--**Mikki Brillante (Jpn)**, 123, h, 5, Deep Brillante (Jpn)--Epic

Love (Ire), by Dansili (GB). (¥52,000,000 Wlg '16 JRHAJUL). O-Mizuki Noda; B-Northern Farm (Jpn); ¥16,170,000.

3--**Gendarme**, 123, h, 6, Kitten's Joy Believe (Jpn), by Sunday

Silence. O-Koji Maeda; B-North Hills Co. Limited (KY). ¥10,085,000.

Margins: 2, HF, NO. Odds: 1.40, 61.34, 24.40.

Also Ran: Indy Champ (Jpn), Danon Fantasy (Jpn), Meisho Titan (Jpn), Lord Aqua (Jpn), Seizinger (Jpn), Kurino Gaudi (Jpn), Tamamo Meito (Jpn), Compounder (Jpn), Meikei Die Hard (Jpn), Black Moon (Jpn), Meisho Kyoji (Jpn), Katsuji (Jpn), Best Actor (Jpn), Trine (Jpn).

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Winless since her victory in the G1 Hanshin Juvenile Fillies in December of 2019, Resistencia returned to the winner's circle in the G3 Hankyu Hai at Hanshin on Sunday.

Favoured at 7-5 in her 4-year-old bow, the daughter of Argentinean Group 1 winner Malacostumbrada headed straight to the head of affairs and cut out splits of :22.80 for the opening quarter and :45.40 for the half-mile. Still hugging the rail, she quickened nicely at the beginning of the stretch and strode away

to win by daylight in a new course record for the 1400 metres. Mikki Brillante was two lengths back in second and a half-length to the good of Gendarme in third.

Third in the G2 Tulip Sho last March, the 2019 champion juvenile filly ran second in the G1 Oka Sho and G1 NHK Mile Cup in April and May of 2020, respectively. She returned with an eighth in the G1 Mile Championship at Hanshin on Nov. 22.

Pedigree Notes

A half-sister to winner Mikki Black (Jpn) (Black Tide {Jpn}) and G3 Keisei Hai victor Gratiyas (Jpn) (Heart's Cry {Jpn}), Resistencia also has a juvenile half-brother named Spider Barows (Jpn) (Heart's Cry {Jpn}) and a yearling half-brother by Kitasan Black (Jpn). Malacostumbrada was covered by Daiwa Major (Jpn) last spring.

Sunday, Nakayama, Japan

NAKAYAMA KINEN-G2, ¥129,260,000

(US\$1,212,770/£870,098/€1,004,652), Nakayama, 2-28, 4yo/up, 1800mT, 1:44.90, fm.

1--**HISHI IGUAZU (JPN)**, 123, h, 5, Heart's Cry (Jpn)

1st Dam: La Liz (Arg) (MGSW & G1SP-Arg), by Bernstein

2nd Dam: La Marlene (Arg), by Rainbow Corner (GB)

3rd Dam: La Cardinale (Arg), by Southern Halo

(¥97,000,000 Wlg '16 JRHAJUL). O-Masahide Abe; B-Northern Farm (Jpn); T-Noriyuki Hori; J-Kohei Matsuyama. ¥68,092,000 Lifetime Record: 11-6-3-0. **Werk Nick Rating: B+.** [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#)

2--**Cadence Call (Jpn)**, 126, h, 5, Lord Kanaloa (Jpn)--Inductee (Jpn), by Heart's Cry (Jpn) O-Sunday Racing; B-Northern Farm (Jpn); ¥27,312,000.

3--**Win Exceed (Jpn)**, 123, h, 7, Manhattan Café (Jpn)--Excuse (Jpn), by Boston Harbor. O-Win Inc.; B-Cosmo View Farm (Jpn); ¥17,156,000.

Margins: NK, HF, 2HF. Odds: 1.50, 14.80, 23.90.

Go for the Summit (Jpn), Tosen Surya (Jpn), Cosmo Calendula (Jpn), Panthalassa (Jpn), Sun Appleton (Jpn), Courageux Guerrier (Jpn), Franz (Jpn), Shonan Rise (Jpn), Noble Mars (Jpn), Meiner Honey (Jpn), Babbitt (Jpn).

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HARRON PAYS \$1.1 MILLION FOR COLT



Sunday's sale topper, Lot 70, a Written Tycoon colt | Inglis

by Bren O'Brien

Buyers set a record pace on the opening day of the Inglis Premier Yearling Sale, with the highlight a Written Tycoon colt purchased by James Harron that became just the second seven-figure yearling to be sold at Oaklands Junction.

At A Glance:

- The average increased on Day 1 last year to \$144,189 from \$138,500 after Day 1 in 2020.
- The daily aggregate surged to \$27.8 million, a new daily record and well clear of the \$23.3 million spent at the close of the opening day last year.
- The median was slightly down at \$110,000 compared to \$120,000 on the opening day in 2020.
- The clearance rate was 83%, compared to 75% last year.
- Harron saw off stern competition from Coolmore for Lot 70, the Written Tycoon colt from the draft of Blue Gum Farm, to pay \$1.1 million, the second highest price in the history of the Sale.
- Matt Laurie spent \$2.02 million across four yearlings in partnership with Bahen Bloodstock, including \$700,000 for a colt by Shalaa.
- Ciaron Maher Racing was the day's most prolific spender, acquiring 10 horses for a total of \$2.16 million.

Blue Gum Delight as Harron Goes to \$1.1 Million

In 40 years of offering horses at Melbourne, Blue Gum Farm has achieved nearly everything a vendor could hope for, but until Sunday, it hadn't sold a million-dollar lot.

That all changed when James Harron saw off his rivals, including Coolmore and Ciaron Maher, to secure the much-desired Lot 70, the colt by Written Tycoon out of multiple listed winner Gybe (**Fastnet Rock**), for \$1.1 million.

In terms of the Premier Sale, that price was second only to the \$1.4 million paid for Octane (I Am Invincible) at the 2017 edition, while it broke all records for Blue Gum, whose principal Philip Campbell was quite emotional after the result, especially for the colt's breeders, Robert and Sylvie Crabtree of Dorrington Farm.

"He's obviously the highest-priced yearling we have ever sold and we have been lucky enough to sell some high-priced ones over the years. We knew he was popular and I'd hate to think of how many inspections he has had. He has weathered the storm unbelievably well," Campbell said.

"The horse has got a constitution and that's going to stand him in great stead as a racehorse. He has got a page which hopefully beyond his racing days, will stand him in great stead as a stallion. James bought Capitalist, took him through the ranks, and have a look at what he is doing at stud."

Gybe has produced two winners already and is a half-sister to Group 1 winner Anabandana (Anabaa {USA}). Campbell said the Written Tycoon yearling colt had always stood out.

"He just had a quality look. He was correct, his X-rays were good and his scope was good. He was a very correct horse, but he just had quality. For me, these people have got to see yearlings come out of the box and fill their eye. That's what this bloke did, and not just for one person, he filled the eye of many. He had the physical prowess, he has got the page, he was by the right stallion at the right time and he was just the perfect storm," he said.

The colt will remain in Victoria and go to the stables of Anthony and Sam Freedman, with Harron saying that the price was what he expected to pay for a yearling of that quality.

"I thought he was a million-dollar horse from what we've seen so far this year. I thought he was going to command a lot of attention. It is very difficult to breed that kind of horse," he said.

"He is a top, top-quality colt, bred by one of the best breeders here in Victoria in Rob Crabtree. He is a very, very nice colt and he handled the sale nicely.

James Herron | *Inglis*

"Obviously, his mother Gybe was very good. I remember her racing and winning a Gimcrack and she was very talented and this guy is by Written Tycoon who is doing an amazing job and now with Capitalist at stud he looks like being a real sire of sires.

"He has to do it on the track, obviously, but he is a beautiful individual. He was a very late October foal, so there's still a bit of development and improving to do. He is a very classy colt and he would have stacked up very well at any sale this year in my opinion and I'm glad to get him."

Shortly before, Harron also spent \$340,000 on Lot 63 a colt by Capitalist out of Grand Gesture (**Starspangledbanner**) offered by Northmore Thoroughbreds. The dam is a half-sister to the dam of last season's champion New Zealand 2-year-old Cool Aza Beel (NZ) (Savabeel).

"We've got a few Capitalists and he is obviously doing an incredible job at stud and I think everybody's quite excited about him. He's got some of the best colts in the country competing against the whole stallion pool," Harron said.

"He was very forward, very strong and he had a really good mind on him."

Local Trainers Dominate Buyers' Bench

While he spent \$1.44 million across the two colts, Harron was not the day's leading spender, with the Victorian trainers to the fore, headed by Ciaran Maher Racing and Matt Laurie.

Laurie recently got his second career Group 1 when Portland Sky (Deep Field) dead-heated in the G1 Oakleigh Plate, and he stepped up with four purchases on Sunday totalling over \$2 million.

His biggest purchase was Lot 226, a colt by Arrowfield shuttle stallion Shalaa (Ire), offered by Yulong and purchased for \$700,000. The colt is the first foal out of Miss Daisy (Commands), who hails from the family of Listen Here (Elusive Quality {USA}), the dam of Shooting To Win and Deep Field.

"It was hard to find a fault with him. He was a wonderful looking colt. Obviously, Shalaa is going really well. I'm all about type and he fitted everything, I'm just pleased to have got him," Laurie said.

"He just confirmed what we saw of him on the farm on the sales complex. He has a wonderful temperament and is just a faultless specimen. Physically he was just a great type. He's everything I look for.

"He is the style of horse that is just going to continue to furnish and progress. We've got a handful of Shalaas at home that we really like, and we are looking forward to getting them to the track, but I thought this was a special, special colt."

Yulong Chief Operating Officer Sam Fairgray said the colt had been very popular and he was rapt with the result and who was able to buy him.

"We're really pleased for him to go in the ring and be sold to one of Victoria's leading young trainers in Matt Laurie," Fairgray said.

"Matt has some horses for us and he does a fantastic job with his attention to detail, and so forth, so it is great that a colt like this is going into his stable.

"Heading into the sale, we probably thought he was high \$200,000s, but we knew as the parade days went on there was lots of talk that he was one of the better colts here."

Unsurprisingly one of Deep Field's progeny also took Laurie's eye and he and Bahen Bloodstock paid \$440,000 for one of his fillies, Lot 90, a pinhook for Suman Hedge, offered by Silverdale Farm.

"She was just an outstanding looking horse. She was a nice size, beautifully-balanced and everything about her really stood out. Obviously, we have had some nice Deep Fields through the stable and we really wanted her," he said.

Lot 226, a colt by Shalaa | *Inglis*



Sebastian Hutch | Inglis

The filly was out of Iceland Turf Belle (Duporth), the half-sister to listed winner Vinland (Sebring) out of stakes-placed Viking Turf Belle (Elusive Quality {USA}). Laurie said the filly may require a bit of time.

"With the Deep Fields, they show enough as 2-year-olds, but I've found they can't cop the work fully to race as 2-year-olds. They are better as 3-year-olds. We will just treat her as such and there will be no rush or pressure on her. She'll tell us," he said.

Laurie also spent \$460,000 on Lot 73, a colt by Lonhro out of Hanging' Tough (Exceed And Excel), the three-quarter sister to Group 1 winner Helmet, who was offered by Merricks Station, while he parted with \$420,000 for a filly by **Frosted** (USA), offered by Springmount.

Inglis Takes Many Positives out of Opening Day

Inglis General Manager Bloodstock Sales and Marketing, Sebastian Hutch said it was a very positive sign to see the likes of Laurie heavily involved in the Sale.

"Victorians get here and support the sale with real enthusiasm which is conducive to a good set of outcomes," he said.

"It's nice to see a guy like Matt Laurie who we all recognise as someone who will take a prominent rank in the leading trainers in this country for a long time, getting the support that a trainer like him deserves.

"He deserves to be training top-class horses and he has bought top-class yearlings today. I don't suppose any of us will be surprised if we are feting the stock he has bought today as top-class race horses in the next 12 or 24 months."

Hutch said the tone of the opening day was extremely positive, reflecting the pre-sale expectation.

"Simon (Vivian - Victorian Bloodstock Manager) was particularly bullish about the quality of the stock in the catalogue he had seen. He, Will Stott and Mark Dodemaide had seen a lot of stock during the spring. We also knew that there

were some nice horses to come from interstate," Hutch said.

"The enthusiasm for the horses has been really fantastic and it was an enjoyable day. It took a bit of time for the sale to find its rhythm, but as the day progressed it seemed to get stronger and stronger. The appetite for nice horses that vetted well and were without fault was almost insatiable. It's reasonable to think it should continue tomorrow."

Maher buys 10

Ciaron Maher Racing was the busiest buyer on the day with 10 purchases totalling \$2.16 million. His highest-priced purchase for the day was Lot 118, a colt by Written Tycoon out of La Haraka (Wicked Style {USA}), for \$480,000 from Springmount.

The colt boasts an excellent page, with his dam a half-sister to stakes winner Nina Haraka (Fraar {USA}), who is the dam of stakes winner Extension Of Time (Dash For Cash). Group 1 winner Snitzerland (Snitzel) and Kitchwin Hills stallion Sooboo also features on the page.

"I reckon we stole him actually. He is a ripper colt with a big pedigree. Written Tycoon is obviously flying and has our best 2-year-old in Enthaar. He's the horse you would buy to be a stallion of the future," Maher said.

"He has got the pedigree, he's got the physical strength and he's got the temperament. He ticked all the boxes for us. Temperament is something that can hold a 2-year-old back, as well as his physical attributes. Hopefully we can see him lining up in a Slipper as well."

Another Humma for McArdle

The highest-priced filly of the day was Lot 87, the Zoustar half-sister to stakes-winning fillies Tycoon Humma (Capitalist) and Humma Humma (Denman), offered by Flinders Park Stud.



Lot 87, a filly by Zoustar | Inglis

It was no surprise, given John McArdle trains both of those fillies that it was the Mornington-based trainer's hand up when the hammer fell on Lot 87.

It was a great result for Flinders Park Stud, which has sold the progeny of Humma Mumma (Bel Esprit) to McArdle's Redgum Racing for \$120,000, \$80,000, \$100,000 and \$240,000 in the past four Premier Sales.

"John had seen the filly multiple times when the horse was at the weanling stage. I'm not sure whether he looked at all of them to be polite, because he certainly looks to target one family," Flinders Park Stud Manager, Michael Cumming, said.

"He pretty much told me a couple of days ago that she is going home with him. I said to him, you are going to have a bit of competition this time, Johnny, and he spent \$240,000 on Tycoon Humma, and this one is the next level. He still wasn't fazed by what I said to him."

Cumming said the increased value of the filly when compared to her sibling was not just a reflection of the increasing strength of the pedigree page of the family.

"She was more athletic, and with the same attitude as the mare. They can be pretty fiery when they race, they just love to race. That's what comes through them. She gives them a fair bit of attitude," he said.

"It was great, she was always very popular and she was out pretty much all day, every day. I knew she would make some money. She had a reasonably hefty reserve, but it was great where it ended up.

"For our farm, we are a petite farm, who do eight per year, we get plenty of winners, but to get a result like that, for the breeders especially, Darren and Brian Coyle, it was terrific."

Blue Gum Farm ended the day as the leading vendor on aggregate, at \$3.04 million across 13 sales, while the leading vendor on average went to Glentree, who secured \$990,000 for three yearlings.

Written Tycoon, who had six yearlings sell for an average of \$405,000 and a total of \$2.43 million he was the dominant stallion the opening day.



IN HONG KONG:

Winner Method, g, 3, **Deep Field**--Magical Belle, by Blackfriars. Sha Tin, 2-28, Hcp. (C3) (\$251k), 1000m, :55.98. B-C B Atwell (WA). *1/2 to Mystic Maid (Patronize), MGSP-Aus, \$278,000; and Enchanted Dream (Patronize), SW-Aus, \$139,484.

Formerly Muruntau. *\$150,000 Ylg '19 MMGCYS. **VIDEO**
Summit Cheers, g, 3, **Zoustar**--Saffie Darling, by Catrail (USA). Sha Tin, 2-28, Hcp. (C4) (\$167k), 1000m, :56.68. B-Mrs J Brown (Qld). *1ST-TIME STARTER. **Formerly Super Shiek. ***\$230,000 Wlg '18 MGLMAY; \$500,000 Ylg '19 INGMAR.

VIDEO

Silver Express, g, 4, **Canford Cliffs (Ire)**--Rechichi, by Elvstroem. Sha Tin, 2-28, Hcp. (C3) (\$251k), 1400m, 1:21.18. B-K Heffernan (Vic). *Formerly Jolly Sailor. **VIDEO**

Simply Spectacular, g, 5, **I Am Invincible**--Speedy Bell (SW-Aus), by Brocco (USA). Sha Tin, 2-28, Hcp. (C4) (\$167k), 1200m, 1:09.55. B-A D Mitchell & E & J Rea (NSW). *1/2 to Speedy Natalie (Al Maher), GSW-Aus, \$212,555; Silverstream (Al Maher), MGSW-Aus, \$709,400; and Calanda (Snitzel), MSW & MGSP-Aus, \$583,825. **\$320,000 Ylg '17 INGEAS; HK\$3,900,000 HRA '19 HKMAR. **VIDEO**



IN HONG KONG:

Fantastic Way, g, 3, **Swiss Ace (Aus)**--Funhouse, by Mossman (Aus). Sha Tin, 2-28, Hcp. (C3) (NZ\$267k), 1200m, 1:09.22. B-G Harvey. *NZ\$100,000 Ylg '19 NZBJAN. **VIDEO**

Highly Proactive, g, 5, **Coats Choice**--Blue Blond, by Stravinsky (USA). Sha Tin, 2-28, Hcp. (C2) (NZ\$392k), 1400m, 1:21.12. B-M G Houlahan. *Formerly The Last Won. **VIDEO**

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