

THE TDN DERBY TOP 12 FOR MARCH 2



Greatest Honour | Ryan Thompson

by T.D. Thornton

We're now past the unofficial "Justify cutoff" of Feb. 18, which represents the latest maiden-breaking date of any GI Kentucky Derby winner. That means it's extremely likely we've already seen the 2021 winner in action, but it doesn't necessarily mean the Derby winner is ranked within this edition of the Top 12. This list represents the top of the crop while leaving speculation open to longshot Derby dreamers inside the 10-week mark to the first Saturday in May.

1) GREATEST HONOUR (c, Tapit--Tiffany's Honour, by Street Cry {Ire})

O/B-Courtlandt Farms (KY). T-Claude R. McGaughey III. Lifetime Record: MGSW, 6-3-1-2, \$351,940.

Last Start: 1st **GII Fasig-Tipton Fountain of Youth S.**, GP, Feb. 27

Accomplishments: 1st **GIII Holy Bull S.**

Next Start: **GI Curlin Florida Derby**, GP, Mar. 27

Equineline PPs. KY Derby Points: 60.



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March opens with a new kingpin atop the sophomore totem pole. Greatest Honour edged out fellow **Tapit**-sired Essential Quality based on the visually arresting nature of his **GII Fasig-Tipton Fountain of Youth** score, which left the impression this long-striding colt has the potential to be scary good at Classic distances. **Cont. p8**

LOPEZ AFTER FIGHT WITH ORTIZ: 'I DON'T WANT ANY TROUBLE GOING FORWARD'

by Bill Finley

After scuffling Friday at Gulfstream Park with Irad Ortiz, Jr., which caused him to be put on probation for the remainder of the meet, Paco Lopez told the *TDN* Monday he is ready to move on.

That there was a fight between Ortiz and Lopez was first reported by the *Daily Racing Form's* Mike Welsch. The fight was captured on a video that shows Ortiz landing at least three punches on Lopez following the fourth race Friday at Gulfstream. Lopez did not fight back.

"For me, it's over. I don't want any trouble going forward," Lopez said. **Cont. p3**

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Since her purchase at the 2017 Keeneland November Sale for \$2.3 million by the partnership of Bridlewood Farm and Don Alberto, 2016 Kentucky Oaks heroine Cathryn Sophia has produced a Pioneer of the Nile filly, Mezcal, purchased for \$625,000 by Bobby Flay at Keeneland September; a 2019 Medaglia d'Oro filly and an *Into Mischief* colt last year. She is in foal to *Curlin* this year, and will be given a year off from breeding after she foals. For more on her and other top mares, see page 4. | Coady

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Lopez Responds to Fight With Ortiz cont. from p1

Ortiz was fined \$1,000 and both riders were put on probation. According to the *Racing Form*, probation means that any future altercation between the two riders would result in “fines and/or suspension and possible expulsion from the grounds.”

The *TDN* tried to reach Ortiz through his agent Steve Rushing but Rushing did not return a phone call.

The altercation occurred after Ortiz guided Known Agenda (**Curlin**) to a win over Lopez’s mount, Top Gun Tommy (**Mineshaft**) in the allowance race. Known Agenda won by 11 lengths.

Coming out of the far turn, Known Agenda came over a path and appeared to bother Top Gun Tommy before pulling away from his rival. Lopez lodged an objection but the stewards let the result stand as is.

“If I had fought him back, I’d have a fine, too,” Lopez said. “But I was just sitting down in the chair, waiting for the result at the

same time as him. I didn’t want to provoke him.”

Lopez has run afoul of the Gulfstream stewards in the past. In 2019, he received a 30-day suspension for careless riding, followed later on in the meet by a 60-day suspension for “continuous careless riding.” He said that was in the back of his mind when the fight was taking place.

“The stewards there are very tough on me,” he said. “They had given me 30 and then 60 days. I know that if I had done to him what he did to me I would have been ruled off from the track.”

Lopez said he doesn’t know why Ortiz was so mad at him.

“I was just doing my job,” Lopez said. “I called the stewards. He started screaming at me. I’m not jealous of him. I had a problem. He

would have done the same thing.”

Ortiz is the leading rider at the meet with 107 wins. Lopez is in a tie for third with Tyler Gaffalione. Both have 71 winners.



Paco Lopez | Ryan Thompson

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by Katie Ritz

The fireworks at the annual Keeneland and Fasig-Tipton November sales are always a highlight of the year as seven-figure bids abound on some of racing's top broodmares and broodmare prospects. But after the dust settles, it can be years before words get out on the breeding careers of the sales' top offerings. We catch up with the connections of a few of these most recent million-dollar broodmares and learn of their mating plans for 2021 in our ongoing 'Million-Dollar Matings' series.

CONSTELLATION (Bellamy Road–For Royalty, by Not For Love)

Sale: 2018 Fasig-Tipton November Sale

Purchaser/Owner: Don Alberto Corporation

Produce Record: 2019 **Curlin** colt, 2021 **Into Mischief** filly

2021 Booking: **Quality Road**

Offered carrying her first foal by **Curlin**, Grade I winner and 'TDN Rising Star' Constellation was purchased for \$3.15 million by the Don Alberto Corporation at the 2018 Fasig-Tipton

November Sale.

Her **Curlin** colt would go on to sell for \$250,000 to Repole Stables and St. Elias Stables at last year's Keeneland September Sale.

After visiting **Into Mischief** but failing to produce a foal in her first year with Don Alberto, she was bred back to the Spendthrift sire last year. **Cont. p5**



Grade I winner Constellation brings \$3.15 million at the Fasig-Tipton November 'Night of the Stars' Sale | Fasig-Tipton

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Don Alberto's former Executive Director Fabricio Buffolo reported that Constellation foaled her Into Mischief filly Jan. 31. "We are extremely happy that she had a nice, robust filly," he said. "She has been developing well. You can tell that she has all the parts there to turn into a nice filly as she grows."

Buffolo said that Constellation will be bred to Quality Road this year.

"It will be interesting to see how she will produce with a horse like him with more scope and size," he noted. "It's all about getting to know the mares and how they produce and it's a mating that has some contrasts on the physical aspect, which sometimes can be rewarding. Bellamy Road has only three blacktype winners as a broodmares sire and all three are from Mr. Prospector-line stallions."

After a 'Rising Star'-worthy debut win as a juvenile for LNJ Foxwoods, Constellation ran in the money in her next two graded starts before capping off her 2-year-old season with a win in the Furlough S. As a sophomore, she added two more stakes wins before taking the GI La Brea S. At four, the chestnut ran second in four straight graded races including the GI Madison S. at Keeneland.

CALEDONIA ROAD (Quality Road–Come A Callin, by Dixie Union)

Sale: 2018 Fasig-Tipton November Sale
Purchaser/Owner: Narvick International
Produce Record: 2020 Justify filly, 2021 Justify colt
2021 Booking: Kizuna (Jpn)

Eclipse Champion Caledonia Road was purchased by agent Emmanuel de Seroux of Narvick International for \$2.3 million at the 2018 Fasig-Tipton November Sale.

The million-dollar earner was bred to Justify as a maiden and produced a filly in January last year. De Seroux reported that the filly is "doing great" at the Ito family's Grand Farm in Japan, where Caledonia Road also resides.

The mare was bred back to Justify and foaled a colt on Jan. 27 this year.

"He's reported to be a very good foal," de Seroux said.

This year, Caledonia Road will visit champion Kizuna, a son of the late influential Japanese sire Deep Impact and the leading Japanese freshman sire in 2019.

Trained by Ralph Nicks, Caledonia Road won on debut and ran second in the GI Frizette S. before taking the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies to win Eclipse honors for Champion 2-Year-Old Filly in 2017. She is a half-sister to stakes winner One of a Kind (Lemon Drop Kid) and hails from the family of Grade I winners Data Link (War Front) and Hymn Book (Arch). **Cont. p6**

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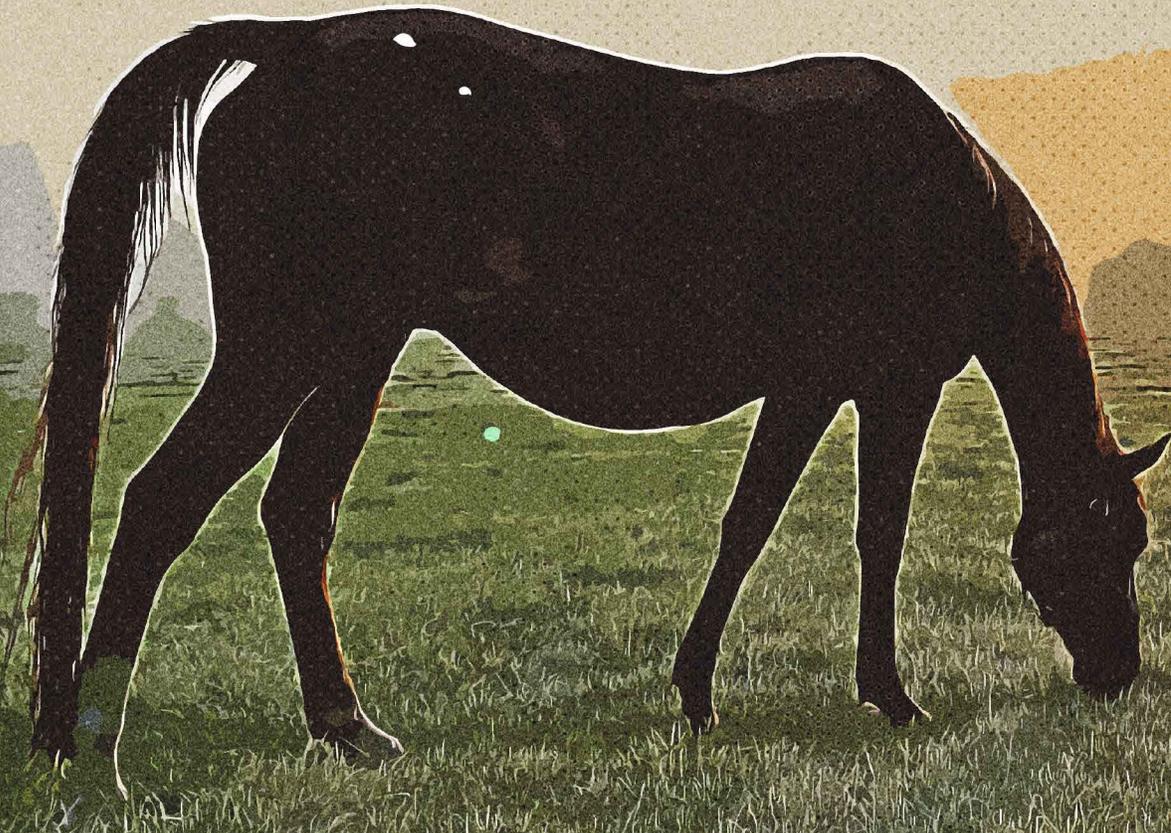
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Cathryn Sophia scores in the 2016 GI Kentucky Oaks. | Coady

CATHRYN SOPHIA (Street Boss-Sheave, by Mineshaft)

Sale: 2017 Keeneland November Sale

Purchaser/Owner: Bridlewood Farm and Don Alberto

Produce Record: 2018 Pioneerof the Nile filly, 2019 Medaglia d’Oro filly, 2020 Into Mischief colt. In foal to Curlin.

2021 Booking: None

One year after Bridlewood Farm and Don Alberto partnered up to buy a sales-topping Baffled (Distorted Humor) for \$3.5 million, the same duo went to \$2.3 million at the 2017 Keeneland November Sale to purchase ‘TDN Rising Star’ Cathryn Sophia. The 2016 Oaks heroine was carrying her first foal by Pioneerof the Nile.

The Pioneerof the Nile filly, now named Mezcal, was purchased for \$625,000 at the 2019 Keeneland September Sale by Bobby Flay, but does not yet have any recorded works or starts.

Cathryn Sophia produced a Medaglia d’Oro filly in 2019 and last year, foaled an Into Mischief colt in May.

“He is a late foal that has developed so well over the last few months,” said Fabricio Buffolo. “He is a strong individual and typical of what you expect of the sire.”

Buffolo reported that this year, Cathryn Sophia is in foal to Curlin. A similar mating proved successful when the Hill ‘n’ Dale sire produced champion and young sire Vino Rosso with a Street Cry (Ire) mare.

Because Cathryn Sophia’s Curlin foal is expected to arrive late, Buffolo said that she will take a year off this year.

Purchased as a yearling by Cash Is King LLC and trained by John Servis, Cathryn Sophia broke her maiden on debut by 12 3/4 lengths before crushing the competition in the Gin Talking S. by 16 1/4 lengths in her next start.

Cont. p7



CONNECT

Curlin - Bullville Belle, by Holy Bull

DEBUT TWO-YEAR-OLDS THIS YEAR

“That’s what I was looking for going out buying these horses to try and buy a two-turn type of frame but hopefully they have the speed like daddy and that’s what this filly’s showing to us, that she has that speed.”

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She won her sophomore debut in the GII Forward Gal S. and maintained the undefeated streak in the GII Davona Dale S. After a third-place finish in the GI Ashland S., the Maryland-bred scored a victory in the GI Kentucky Oaks. In the later half of her sophomore season, she ran third in both the GI Acorn S. and GI Cotillion S. and caught a win in the Princess of Sylmar S.

Cathryn Sophia was offered at the 2016 Fasig-Tipton November Sale as a broodmare or racing prospect and sold to SF Bloodstock for \$1.4 million. It was announced a month later that she would retire from racing, and she returned to the sales ring a year later in foal to Pioneerof the Nile.

GALILEO GAL (Galileo (Ire)–Alpha Lupi (Ire), by Rahy)

Sale: 2018 Fasig-Tipton November Sale

Purchaser/Owner: Craig Bernick

Produce Record: 2020 **Kingman (GB)** filly. In foal to Lope de Vega (Ire).

2021 Booking: **Kingman (GB)**

The regally-bred Galileo Gal was offered at the 2018 Fasig-Tipton November Sale. Watch our feature leading up to the sale [here](#). She was purchased by Craig Bernick for \$1.4 million.

She was sent to Norelands Stud in Ireland and was first bred to Juddmonte’s hot young sire **Kingman**.

That mating produced a filly that is now a yearling. “We are happy with [her],” Bernick said. “Our plan is to put her into training with Jessica Harrington next year.”

Galileo Gal was next bred to Ballylinch Stud’s Lope de Vega (Ire) and Bernick reported that she is expected to foal any day now. She will return to **Kingman** later this year.

Bred by the Niarchos family, Galileo Gal was purchased by Gary Barber as a yearling and brought to race in North America, where she was a winner at three and four. The chestnut is a half-sister to champion and four-time Group 1 winner Alpha Centauri (Ire) (**Mastercraftsman {Ire}**), as well a second G1 Coronation S. winner in Alpine Star (Ire) (Sea the Moon {Ger}) and stakes winner Tenth Star (Ire) (Dansili {GB}). Her family includes several other champions in Miesque (Nureyev), East of the Moon (Private Account) and Rumpelstiltskin (Ire) (Danehill), as well as Group 1 winners and sires Kingmambo (Mr. Prospector) and **Karakontie (Jpn)** (Bernstein).

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After losing all momentum on the far turn when his back end clipped with an outside horse, this Courtlandt Farms homebred uncorked a devastating late run despite a 1 1/16-mile configuration at Gulfstream that does not favor off-the-tailgate tactics. Greatest Honour also got pelted with kickback while pinned down on the rail for most of the race, yet finished up with authority even though he was a good five lengths behind with a furlong left.

“He didn’t get anything perfect [trip-wise] and he came back and won,” trainer Shug McGaughey said Sunday, underscoring the GI **Curlin** Florida Derby is next. “He was doing something he didn’t want to do--to run 1 1/16 miles over this racetrack with the short pole. I’m just glad I don’t have to do that anymore... Now we have longer races in front of us.”

There are some “con” points about Greatest Honour’s “pro” performance that merit consideration: The pacemaker he reeled in was definitely tiring, and no one else was truly firing. And the 89 Beyer Speed Figure he earned was the same as in his last win a month ago, so no uptick there. Plus, it’s always dangerous to fall in love with a closer for the Derby, because large-framed horses who make one sustained run from the back frequently need to get lucky trip-wise in a bulky 20-horse field.

2) **ESSENTIAL QUALITY** (c, **Tapit--Delightful Quality**, by **Elusive Quality**)

O/B-Godolphin (KY). T-Brad Cox. Lifetime Record: Ch. 2yo Colt & MGISW, 4-4-0-0, \$1,785,144.

Last Start: 1st **GIII Southwest S.**, OP, Feb. 27

Accomplishments: '**TDN Rising Star**', 1st GI Claiborne Breeders' Futurity, 1st GI TVG Breeders' Cup Juvenile

Next Start: Uncommitted.

Equineline PPs. KY Derby Points: 40.

After being delayed two weeks because of adverse weather, the 3-year-old debut of the undefeated juvenile champ ended up being worth the wait. This **Tapit**-sired 'TDN Rising Star' continues to march forward on the progression arc, and his 4 1/4-length GIII Southwest S. smackdown in the Oaklawn slop showcased the high-caliber stalking skills this homebred for

Godolphin flashed last autumn en route to a GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile victory. When second favorite Jackie's Warrior (Maclean's Music) slowed down the half-mile split to :48.11, it was apparent that favored “EQ” would have to earn his win. The into-the-bit champ wanted to pull down the backstretch, but jockey Luis Saez instead schooled EQ to edge forward incrementally. You could tell this colt was “getting it” by how EQ attained and released each target before zeroing in on the distance-challenged pacemaker. He then swatted away a fresh stretch challenge in the form of late-striding Spielberg (**Union Rags**). Still, EQ is going to have to overcome one daunting historical obstacle: The forebodingly low 2-for-36 strike rate of Juvenile winners in the Derby. And while EQ earned a 96 Beyer for his Southwest win, that's only a one-point progression off his best 2-year-old race. In fact, 10 horses have now run back out of the Juvenile, and EQ is the only one of the top nine finishers to (barely) post an improved next-out Beyer. With the exception of the 12th- and 13th-place finishers, everyone else he beat back in November regressed, numbers-wise, signaling that race's field might not be as strong as it first seemed. The GII Toyota Blue Grass S. and the GI Arkansas Derby are next-start considerations.



Caddo River | *Coady Photography*

3) CADDO RIVER (c, Hard Spun--Pangburn, by Congrats)
 O/B-Shortleaf Stable (KY). T-Brad Cox. Lifetime Record: SW, 4-2-2-0, \$166,092. Last Start: 1st **Smarty Jones S.**, OP, Jan. 22.
 Accomplishments: **'TDN Rising Star'**
 Next Start: GII Rebel S., OP, Mar. 13
Equineline PPs. KY Derby Points: 10.

Usually you hear about horses traveling to Oaklawn to avoid nasty winter weather and not the other way around, but 'TDN Rising Star' Caddo River is the exception. With divisions at multiple tracks, trainer Brad Cox had the flexibility to ship this **Hard Spun** homebred for Shortleaf Stable from Hot Springs to New Orleans Feb. 11 to avoid the freeze that cost Oaklawn 11 days of training. Cox said Sunday this front-running force will remain at Fair Grounds to train up to the Mar. 13 GII Rebel S. at Oaklawn, a race in which he figures to go off favored (with no other Top 12 contenders committed as of this writing). The ability to nimbly reach a high cruising speed and withstand legit pace pressure are this colt's twin strengths. But Cox indicated Sunday he's already thinking a bit further ahead in terms of how many Derby qualifying points this 2-for-4 winner (by a combined 19 1/2 lengths) might need to be certain of a spot in the field.

"Caddo River's the one that's going to have to step up in a points race and pick off some points," Cox said.

Right now he's ranked 18th with 10 points; the Rebel offers 85 (50-20-10-5).

4) LIFE IS GOOD (c, Into Mischief--Beach Walk, by Distorted Humor)
 O-CHC Inc & WinStar Farm LLC. B-Gary & Mary West Stable (KY). T-Bob Baffert. Sales History: \$525,000 yrl '19 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: GSW, 2-2-0-0, \$94,200.

Last Start: 1st **GIII Sham S.**, SA, Jan. 2
 Next Start: GII San Felipe S., SA, Mar. 6
 Accomplishments: **'TDN Rising Star'**
Equineline PPs. KY Derby Points: 10.

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'TDN Rising Star' Life Is Good will be heavily favored to win Saturday's GII San Felipe S. (entries Wednesday), a race that has reliably produced at least one Kentucky Derby starter from each of its last 12 runnings and in an ultra-impressive 31 of the last 32. During that time, eight San Felipe participants went on to win the Derby (Alysheba, Sunday Silence, Silver Charm, Real Quiet, Fusaichi Pegasus, Giacomo, California Chrome and **Authentic**), and nine others ran second or third in Louisville.

This \$525,000 KEESEP **Into Mischief** bay has flaunted nothing but "1s" in the past performances of his two wire-to-wire lifetime wins, and the 101 Beyer Speed Figure this 'TDN Rising Star' earned in the Jan. 2 GIII Sham S. remains the only triple-digit number posted by a 3-year-old to this point in the season.

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Life is Good worked six furlongs handily Sunday at Santa Anita in 1:12.20 (1/3).

“He went well,” trainer Bob Baffert said after the drill. “I’m happy. We’re all set.”

5) MANDALOUN (c, Into Mischief--Brooch, by Empire Maker)

O/B-Juddmonte Farms Inc. (KY). T-Brad Cox. Lifetime Record: GSW, 4-2-0-1, \$351,252.

Last Start: 1st **GII Risen Star S.**, FG, Feb. 13

Next Start: GII Louisiana Derby, FG, Mar. 20

Accomplishments: 'TDN Rising Star', 3rd **GIII Lecomte S.**

Equineline PPs. KY Derby Points: 52.

Mandaloun’s Beyer Speed Figure leapt forward to a 98 with the addition of a one-inch blinker cup when winning the GII Risen Star S. at Fair Grounds (initially that represented a nine-point jump, but his GIII Lecomte S. Beyer has since been readjusted upward from an 89 to a 91).

Trainer Brad Cox is now aiming this **Into Mischief**-sired Juddmonte homebred for the GII Louisiana Derby, and if Mandaloun retains his newfound focus, he looms as a legit favorite. He was into the bit early and three wide on both bends in the Risen Star, then went on the prowl 7/16ths out and held sway in a prolonged stretch drive that featured a four-horse fight. This ‘TDN Rising Star’ needed assertive handling in the late stages of his races at age two, but part of the maturing process on the Derby trail involves teaching A-level colts to fire before all-out urging is required to finish the task.

6) PROXY (c, Tapit--Panty Raid, by Include)

O/B-Godolphin (KY). T-Michael Stidham. Lifetime Record: MGSP, 5-2-3-0, \$187,700.

Last Start: 2nd **GII Risen Star S.**, FG, Feb. 13

Next Start: GII Louisiana Derby, FG, Mar. 20

Accomplishments: 2nd **GIII Lecomte S.**

Equineline PPs. KY Derby Points: 24.

In this space one month ago, Proxy was flagged as the type of colt who doesn’t jump out at you as an obvious top-tier contender. Even after his running-in-spots second-place try in the Risen Star, I stand by that assessment. Because based on his breeding (by **Tapit** out of an **Include** mare) and his patient connections (homebred by Godolphin and trained by Michael Stidham), Proxy has all the makings of a horse who quietly accrues qualifying points without an exclamation-point race, but then suddenly looks like a “live” wiseguy play as he rounds into peak form during Derby week.

Stidham said after the Risen Star he’d be experimenting with blinkers, and in Proxy’s first work back since his last race, he bullet-breezed a half mile Friday at Fair Grounds in :47 flat (1/40).

Check out the surface versatility in Proxy’s immediate pedigree: In 2007, his dam, Panty Raid, won the GI American Oaks Invitational S. at 10 furlongs on the turf, the GI Spinster S. at nine furlongs on a synthetic track, and the GII Black-Eyed Susan S. at nine furlongs on dirt.



Medina Spirit | Benoit

7) MEDINA SPIRIT (c, Protonico--Mongolian Changa, by Brilliant Speed)

O-Zedan Racing Stables. B-Gail Rice (FL). T-Bob Baffert. Sales History: \$1,000 ylg '19 OBSWIN; \$35,000 2yo '20 OBSOPN.

Lifetime Record: GSW, 3-2-1-0, \$105,200.

Last Start: 1st **GIII Robert B. Lewis S.**, SA, Jan. 30

Next Start: GII San Felipe S., SA, Mar. 6

Accomplishments: 2nd **GIII Sham S.**

Equineline PPs. KY Derby Points: 14.

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A GARY YOUNG 2YO-IN-TRAINING SALES RECOMMENDATION

Overachiever Medina Spirit, a Protonico colt who sold for \$1,000 at OBSWIN and \$35,000 OBSOPN, was greenlighted to start in Saturday’s San Felipe S. by trainer Bob Baffert. And the big news (unless you’re jockey Abel Cedillo, who did an admirable job with this colt for his first three races) is that John Velazquez has committed to the mount after partnering with Baffert and **Authentic** to win the 2020 Derby.

Medina Spirit initially outworked more expensive and better-bred horses when he first arrived at the Baffert barn, and even though highly ranked Life Is Good bested him as expected in several morning moves, Medina Spirit was not disgraced, and even rallied to finish just three-quarters of a length behind that 1-5 favored stablemate in the GIII Sham S.

Medina Spirit rebounded off that try to win a length-of-stretch brawl in the GIII Robert B. Lewis S. after taking heat on the front end and prevailing by a neck in a three-way photo. **Cont. p11**

The effort prompted Baffert to quip, “That reminded me a little bit of Silver Charm,” Baffert’s 1997 Derby winner who similarly was not an overly expensive OBS-sold colt (\$16,500 OBSAUG yearling, \$100,000 OBSAPR).

8) CANDY MAN ROCKET (c, Candy Ride {Arg}--Kenny Lane, by Forestry)

O-Frank Fletcher Racing Operations Inc; B-R S Evans (KY). T-Bill Mott. Sales History: \$190,000 RNA wlg '18 KEENOV; \$70,000 RNA yrl '19 KEESEP; \$250,000 2yo '20 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: GSW, 3-2-0-0, \$144,824.

Last Start: 1st **GIII Sam F. Davis S.**, TAM, Feb. 6

Next Start: GII Tampa Bay Derby, Tam, Mar. 6

Equine PPs. KY Derby Points: 10.

§ SIX K's TRAINING & SALES GRADUATE

Candy Man Rocket will headline the GII Tampa Bay Derby for trainer Bill Mott based on the colt’s 85-Beyer win in the GIII Sam F. Davis S. Feb. 6. This three-time auction entrant--RNA’d for \$190,000 (KEENOV) and \$70,000 (KEESEP) prior to hammering for \$250,000 (OBSAPR)--breezed a bullet half mile at Payson Park Sunday in :48.60 (1/36).

“He was on his own, he went well and I’m very pleased with him. He looked as smooth as silk,” Mott said. “He is a good work horse anyway, but I liked the way he did it. The [Tampa Bay Derby] has been on our minds since he won the Sam F. Davis. Any time you get a horse that runs well over that racetrack, you have to give it consideration.”

But an affinity for Tampa’s sandy, banked-turn surface does not always translate to success in Louisville. In the 40-year history of the track’s signature race, the only horse to parlay the Tampa/Kentucky Derby double was **Street Sense** in 2007; Super Saver, third in 2010, was the only other Tampa Bay Derby starter to win the Kentucky Derby.



Spielberg | Horsephotos

9) SPIELBERG (c, Union Rags--Miss Squeal, by Smart Strike)

O-SF Racing LLC, Starlight Racing, Madaket Stables LLC, Golconda Stables, Siena Farm LLC, & Robert Masterson. B-G Watts Humphrey Jr (Ky). T-Bob Baffert. Sales history: \$1,000,000 yrl '19 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: GSW & MGISP, 8-2-3-1, \$413,200.

Last Start: 2nd **GIII Southwest S.**, OP, Feb. 27

Next Start: Uncommitted.

Accomplishments: 1st GII Los Alamitos Futurity, 2nd GI **Runhappy** Del Mar Futurity, 3rd GI **American Pharoah S. Equine PPs.** KY Derby Points: 17.



LANE'S END SALES GRADUATE



Spielberg’s second at 7-1 behind champ Essential Quality in the GIII Southwest S. was a decent-enough effort to give him some momentum and confidence going into the nine-furlong territory of the Derby trail. This \$1-million KEESEP colt by **Union Rags** was unprepared and ducked out at the break, then got nudged four wide on the clubhouse bend while relegated to last.

“I put him in the race [and] just followed the winner every step. When I asked him, he went, but the winner was already being asked. I think my horse will be better at 1 1/8 miles,” said jockey Martin Garcia.

Spielberg had been an enigma prior to the Southwest, alternating wins and fourth-place finishes since Nov. 1. His long drive won the GII Los Alamitos Futurity by a nose, but he was all out to reel in a tiring 33-1 maiden. He subsequently finished 11 lengths behind the stretch-battling trio that photo’d for the win in the GIII Robert B. Lewis S. Still, this colt now has eight races of experience under his girth and stands a shot at moving up on Baffert’s depth chart depending on how the barn’s three other Top 12-ranked contenders fare in this Saturday’s stakes.

10) PREVALENCE (c, Medaglia d’Oro--Enrichment, by Ghostzapper)

O/B-Godolphin (KY); T-Brendan Walsh. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$25,800.

Last Start: 1st **Maiden Special Weight**, GP, Jan. 23

Next Start: Uncommitted.

Accomplishments: ‘**TDN Rising Star**’

Equine PPs. KY Derby Points: 0.

Prevalence missed some February training after spiking a fever, but was back on the work tab Saturday, breezing a half-mile in :48.40 at Palm Meadows (5/73). This Medaglia d’Oro-sired ‘TDN Rising Star’ won his Jan. 23 Gulfstream debut by 8 1/2 geared-down lengths after sparring through a five-way fight for the lead in a “loaded” seven-furlong MSW, but he’s now a touch under the gun in terms of Derby preparedness after missing his shot at either an allowance race or a start in the GII Fasig-Tipton Fountain of Youth S. **Cont. p12**

This Godolphin homebred will also have to come off of Lasix if he is to enter a Derby-qualifying stakes after racing on it in his 89-Beyer debut. How have Derby aspirants coming off of Lasix fared so far in 2021 under the new system prohibiting that drug's use in points-eligible sophomore stakes? Through 13 prep races since Jan. 1, horses giving up Lasix after using it in their most recent start are a collective 3-for-30 (with three other runners finishing second).

11) FREEDOM FIGHTER (c, Violence--Canadian Ballet, by City Zip)

O-SF Racing LLC, Starlight Racing, Madaket Stables LLC, Golconda Stables, Siena Farm LLC, and Robert Masterson. B-Mr & Mrs Troy Reed (Ky). T-Bob Baffert. Sales History: \$120,000 yrl '19 KESEEP. Lifetime Record: GSP, 2-1-1-0, \$73,000.

Last Start: 2nd **Gil San Vicente S.**, SA, Feb. 6

Next Start: GIII Gotham S., AQU, Mar. 6

EquineLine PPs. KY Derby Points: 0.

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The final two horses within the Top 12 share similarities in that neither has raced beyond one turn and both will meet in Saturday's GIII Gotham S. Mar. 6 at Aqueduct, which is another one-turn affair (mile). This **Violence** colt out of a City Zip mare (\$120,000 KESEEP), really caught the eye when running a better race than winning 2-5 stablemate and 'TDN Rising Star' Concert Tour (**Street Sense**) in the Gil San Vicente S. He blitzed out of the gate, withstood early pressure, then wouldn't quit in the stretch run of his first race since a debut win Aug. 1 at Del Mar. Separated by half a length, the top two both earned 94 Beyers.

Over the past five years, trainer Bob Baffert has sent five shippers to Aqueduct, compiling a 1-2-1 record.



Highly Motivated | Sarah Andrew

12) HIGHLY MOTIVATED (c, Into Mischief--Strong Incentive, by Warrior's Reward)

O/B-Klaravich Stables, Inc (KY). T-Chad Brown. Sales History: \$240,000 wlg '18 KEENOV. Lifetime Record: SW, 3-2-1-0, \$124,050.

Last Start: 1st **Nyquist S.**, KEE, Nov. 6

Next Start: GIII Gotham S., AQU, Mar. 6

EquineLine PPs. KY Derby Points: 0.

LANE'S END SALES GRADUATE

A track-record-setting and key-race winner when last seen on the Breeders' Cup undercard at Keeneland, this \$240,000 KEENOV **Into Mischief** colt will vie with Freedom Fighter for favoritism in Saturday's GIII Gotham S. at Aqueduct.

Klaravich Stable bred Highly Motivated after racing his dam (likewise trained by Chad Brown), the seven-furlong black-type stakes winner Strong Incentive. But this colt ended up going through the auction ring because Klaravich was buying out a partner who co-owned the weanling.

Authentic's powerhouse wins in the Derby and GI Breeders' Cup Classic last season shored up questions about the ability for **Into Mischief's** progeny to carry aggressive speed up to 10 furlongs. But this colt's dam-sire, Warrior's Reward, made his mark as a sprinter, registering his lone stakes win at seven furlongs in the 2010 GI Carter H.

On the Bubble (in alphabetical order):

Concert Tour (Street Sense): 'TDN Rising Star' will ship to Oaklawn to contest the GII Rebel S., a race that his trainer, Bob Baffert, has won seven times in the previous 12 runnings (including split divisions in 2019). But prior to Nadal's win in 2020, Baffert had saddled the beaten fave in four straight runnings.

Jackie's Warrior (Maclean's Music): After starting his career 4-for-4 with commanding displays of speed in one-turn races, this colt has now tasted defeat in two route tries despite advantageous trips in both. He slowed down the pace on the front end of Saturday's GIII Southwest S., but called it a day by the quarter pole, relegating him outside the Top 12.

Keepmeinmind (Laoban): After going back and forth several times over which February prep race to enter, this colt's connections eventually decided to skip races at both Oaklawn and Fair Grounds and instead wait for the GII Rebel S. This deep closer (formerly ranked No. 12) won the GII Kentucky Jockey Club S. with a tepid 80 Beyer, but he'd probably enjoy a tactical advantage if a speed duel percolates on the front end of the Rebel.

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Known Agenda (Curlin): Big rebound race on Friday, winning by 11 lengths in a nine-furlong allowance-optional claimer at Gulfstream after a blah fifth in the Feb. 6 GIII Sam F. Davis S. at Tampa. Trainer Todd Pletcher now says the Florida Derby is “definitely in play.”

Midnight Bourbon (Tiznow): Could be the GII Louisiana Derby sleeper. His winning Beyer in the Lecomte S. has subsequently been revised upward from 91 to 93. And did you notice that he galloped out longer and stronger than everyone else after battling to hold third in the Risen Star?

Risk Taking (Medaglia d’Oro): Trainer Chad Brown has a colt who’s already won twice over nine furlongs at Aqueduct and remains stabled in New York. He sees no reason to mess with that formula, so this \$250,000 KEESEP grad will aim for the 1 1/8-miles Apr. 3 GII Wood Memorial S.

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THE SAFE ACT AND SLAUGHTER: Q & A WITH CHRIS HEYDE *by Diana Pikulski*



A horse in a feedlot at an auction frequented by slaughter buyers | Sarah Andrew photo

Chris Heyde is the founder of Blue Marble Strategy, LLC, a government affairs firm in Washington, D.C., which is the country's leading animal protection lobbyist. Heyde has been working towards passing a ban on horse slaughter in the United States for almost 20 years, serving as head of government and legal affairs for 17 years for the Animal Welfare Institute, the nation's oldest federal animal protection legislation program. Before entering the animal protection field, Chris was vice president of a Washington, D.C., lobbying firm that represented clients from health care, education and defense. Prior to that, he worked on the staff of former Republican U.S. Senators Chuck Hagel of Nebraska and Connie Mack of Florida, covering issue

areas that included animal protection and the environment, veterans' affairs and small business.

We caught up with Heyde as news and social media posts of Thoroughbred racehorses being exported for slaughter continue to plague the racing industry.

TDN: What is the status of horse slaughter right now in the United States?

CH: Certain states have a ban on the slaughter of horses. There is no federal ban on horse slaughter or the transportation of horses for slaughter. Horses are not being slaughtered legally anywhere in the U.S. right now because every year we push congress to de-fund the USDA inspectors that are necessary to operate slaughterhouses. It's risky because there is never a guarantee that the de-fund is going to happen, and we must pass it each year.

TDN: What is the current pending legislation and how would it stop the transport of horses over the borders for slaughter in Canada, Europe, Asia and Mexico?

CH: The bill is called the Safeguard American Food Exports (SAFE) Act. It took years for us to get to this version. It deals completely with food safety. Horses in the course of their lives are given drugs and treatments that are not allowed to be used in animals intended to be food. Even a prevalent medicine like Bute is banned in livestock to be eaten by humans. And Bute never leaves a horse's body. That is just one small example of the many things that horses are regularly given that are banned by the USDA. So, the SAFE Act says it is illegal to export horses that are intended for food.

TDN: How would the SAFE Act work at the border?

CH: Now, when someone has a truckload of horses that are heading for slaughter, they have a minimal amount of paperwork to produce when they cross. After the act is passed, no horse could get through the border without a valid health certificate, identification, proof of plans for quarantine, and all of the other paperwork necessary for owning, breeding and showing. It would make no sense economically for killer buyers to do this and to forge papers would have more of a penalty that a killer buyer would likely risk. It would cost more than they would make on the sale of the horses.

TDN: Does the SAFE Act ban the slaughter of horses within the U.S. as well as the export of horses?

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CH: The SAFE Act considers horsemeat to be toxic and prohibits it for human consumption. It couldn't get USDA approval which is needed for meat that is consumed by humans.

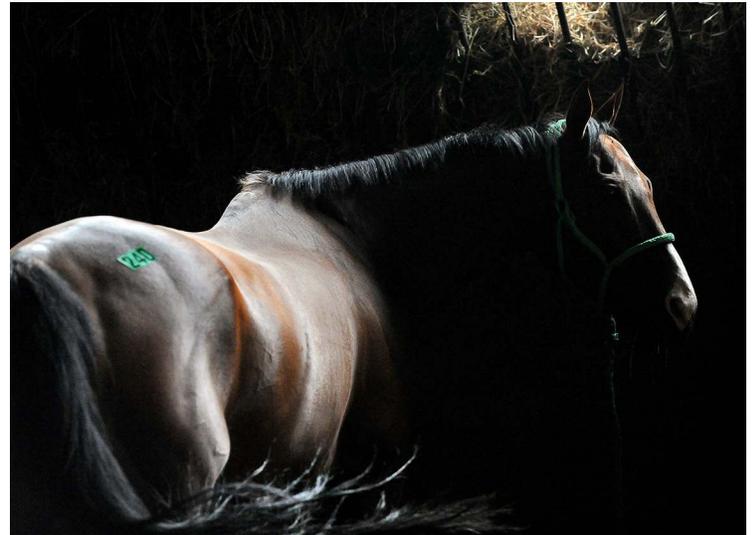
TDN: You are pushing for the racing business to become active in pressing for the federal ban on horse slaughter. You have been working on this since John Hettinger took on the cause almost 20 years ago. Why is 2021 the right time to be moving forward in Washington for the federal ban on horse slaughter?

CH: One reason is that we have a new administration and President Biden was one of the original co-sponsors when he was a senator. He supported the effort when he was a vice president and there is every reason to think he will support it now. More than ever before, no one reputable is in the business of transporting horses for slaughter and there is no real economic engine to the practice. It is just these killer buyers making a few bucks on this gruesome death for American horses.

One of the opposing arguments was that there would be too many unwanted horses to care for if they were not slaughtered. That was always a red herring, but now it is completely illogical. Since the numbers of horses going to slaughter has diminished from almost 400,000 a year to just 30,000 or so, there has been no increase in the number of horses being found neglected or abandoned. Plus, 20 years ago, except for the Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation, there was no real discussion about retirement, rehoming, re-training, responsible breeding, accreditation or funding for aftercare. But within all of that time until now, the landscape has changed dramatically and in so many ways. To name a few, the Homes for Horses Coalition was formed, there are hundreds more horse rescues, there are grants available for people to expand their horse rescue capacity and horses that are not rideable have become therapy horses. Probably, most important is how the Thoroughbred industry took the lead and completely transformed its way of thinking about aftercare. Tracks have taken action to prevent slaughter and find homes for the horses on track grounds, the TAA was formed and funded, and Thoroughbreds are successfully being promoted in all different disciplines and it is mostly coming from the industry itself.

If the transport of horses over the borders stopped right now, the horses that would otherwise go to slaughter would not even be noticed. Remember, because it is a business, horses are being sought out by kill buyers for slaughter. If or when the law passes, only 1,000 or so horses in the pipeline would have to be dealt with.

TDN: If no one reputable is doing it and it has no economic engine, why hasn't this passed already and what do we need to do differently?



Sarah K. Andrew photo

CH: It lost momentum after John Hettinger died. Even though the opposition has weakened and the facts are more in favor of a ban, there is no longer energy on the offensive. There are a few activists still screaming about horse slaughter, but until horse owners and, hopefully, the Thoroughbred industry stands up and tells their members of Congress that this is the priority, when push comes to shove, it will keep getting placed on the back burner.

The public and the people with power have to make it clear to their legislators that just co-sponsoring a bill and saying you support the ban is not enough, they have to make it a priority and see it through to passage--just like they did in January with the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act. There comes that time when senators or representatives are negotiating on what actually passes and what slides. Recently, there is no funding and no one with clout to push this and make it a priority. Consequently, no legislator feels that his or her constituents are going to vote this issue.

TDN: What are the steps?

CH: First, we have to find members of the racing industry--major horse owners and business owners willing to speak to their representatives and demand action. Elected officials need to believe that they will be held accountable in the voting booth and in campaign contributions. Otherwise, they won't focus on it.

TDN: Is there a grass-roots marketing effort as well?

CH: Yes, particularly in major media outlets, and the Thoroughbred industry can take the lead on this so that the story will be how they are leading the fight as opposed to looking the other way while thoroughbreds still get slaughtered.

TDN: Who are the current co-sponsors of the Safe Act?

CH: Rep. Jan Schakowsky of Illinois, Rep. Vern Buchanan of Florida, Sen. Bob Menendez of New Jersey, and Sen. Lindsey Graham of South Carolina.

TDN: Is there a need to raise money?

CH: Yes, we need the lobbying aspect and we need some public relations and marketing. But it is not a long campaign and as I said, it can all be positive for the Thoroughbred industry.

TDN: How do state bills like the one that recently passed the New York Senate help?

CH: It helps a ton. If New York bans transportation for slaughter on its roadways, that is great because it closes one of the routes to Canada. But, even generally, the more states that are on board, the easier it is to pass a federal bill. The federal bill is essential if we are going to stop the horses from crossing the border.

TDN: Where can people go to read more?

CH: You can visit www.horsesinourhands.org. There you will find a detailed fact sheet on the issue of horse slaughter along with ways to contact your legislators.

TDN: How can people contact you to get involved in taking advantage of this perfect storm and get this law passed?

CH: They can send me an email to cheyde@bluemarblestrategy.com and I will be happy to answer any questions. We need all Americans to stand up and demand passage of this humane and long overdue bill.

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GENERAZIOS, BONGARD, CANNIZZO TO BE HONORED BY NYTB



Disco Partner and Purse Sensation | Sarah Andrew

Prominent regional owner/breeders Patricia and the late Frank Generazio and the recently deceased Ellen Bongard will receive a Lifetime Achievement Award for excellence in the New York-bred program, officials at the New York Thoroughbred Breeders (NYTB) announced Monday. Former NYTB Executive Director Jeffrey Cannizzo will also receive a special award for his exemplary service to the organization.

“On behalf of our Board of Directors, we are proud to honor each of these noteworthy individuals for their contributions and service to the New York racing and breeding industry,” said NYTB President Tom Gallo. “Each one of them has made significant efforts as owners, breeders and administratively helping to make New York the best and most lucrative state-bred program in the country.”

The honorees will be recognized at the NYTB's annual awards event, to be held virtually Monday, Apr. 5, at www.NYTBawards.com. New York-bred divisional champion and the state-bred Horse of the Year will also be announced at the ceremonies.

Patricia and Frank Generazio, who passed away at the age of 91 last November, have campaigned the likes of **Disco Partner**, **Discreet Marq**, **Pure Sensation** and **Presious Passion**, to name a few of their standouts.

“We’ve always been big supporters of the New York-bred program and will continue to breed in New York year-round,” said Patricia Generazio. “Frank always selected our breedings, and he loved the New York-bred program. I’m very thankful and appreciative to receive this award on behalf of both of us. His loss still hurts and our stable will be reduced substantially, but we already have many **Disco Partner** babies and we will continue to have a presence in New York.” **Cont. p16**

Disco Partner stands at Rockridge Stud in Hudson, NY.

Bongard, who died last December at the age of 77, was the daughter of the late attorney Bertram F. Bongard, who played a key role in the formation of the New York State Thoroughbred Breeding and Development Fund and New York Thoroughbred Breeders, Inc. Bongard and her sister Barbara owned Rojan Farms in Pine Plains, NY, before moving to Northumberland near Saratoga Springs.

“She would definitely appreciate this,” said Barbara Bongard. “She’s certainly done a lot for the New York-bred program. I like to say our father started our family’s influential success in the industry and Ellen took the reins and continued on. We’re thankful she’s receiving this recognition.”

Cannizzo served as the NYTB executive director for nearly 13 years before leaving that position to join the New York Racing Association.

“New York’s breeding industry has flourished in recent times and I feel very fortunate to have played a small role in that success story,” said Cannizzo. “I’d like to thank the NYTB Board of Directors for their commitment to those working every single day on the 250 farms throughout New York. The success of the state-bred program comes with the tireless efforts of so many stakeholders.”

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KEENELAND ANNOUNCES SPRING MEET TICKETING PLANS

Keeneland has released plans to offer fans a limited number of ticket packages for dining, Reserved Grandstand seating and General Admission for the 2021 Spring Meet, to be held Apr. 2-23. All ticket packages were designed in accordance with COVID-19 safety protocols and will be pre-sold online in two phases. Fans are encouraged to visit [Keeneland.com/tickets](https://www.keeneland.com/tickets) for information on Spring Meet ticket options and the process to purchase.

“Keeneland is eager to welcome fans, although fewer in number, back this spring for what promises to be an exciting race meet,” Keeneland President and CEO Shannon Arvin said. “We have missed our fans as much as they’ve missed Keeneland, particularly at this time of year as we shake off winter to celebrate the return of spring. While we are still limited in capacity, our team is hard at work creating unique touches that will deliver the exceptional and safe race-day experience our guests expect from Keeneland. And for those fans who can’t attend in person, Keeneland will provide ways for you to enjoy your race-day traditions from the comfort of your home.”

Beginning Monday, Mar. 8, fans may apply for the opportunity to purchase a table for six in the fourth-floor

Lexington/Kentucky Room or Phoenix Room or up to six Reserved Grandstand seat ticket packages on specific race days.

Fans may purchase General Admission ticket packages online on a first-come, first-served basis starting Wednesday, Mar. 24. A maximum of six tickets may be purchased per order. Reserved Grandstand and General Admission ticket packages will include admission, a race-day program and a concession allowance. Dining ticket packages will include admission, a race-day program and a prix fixe three-course meal.

Keeneland will continue to enforce COVID-19 protocols during the Spring Meet and implement new initiatives with regard to mobile ticketing and cashless payment to further create a safe environment for all guests.

All forms of seating at Keeneland, including dining tables, outdoor boxes, pods of tickets in the Reserved Grandstand area and Grandstand benches, will be kept at a social distance. All individuals will be required to wear a face mask and maintain proper social distancing while on the grounds. Health screenings and temperature checks will resume at all entrance gates for the race meet.

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NEW MEXICO RACING SEASON TO START APR. 23 AT SUNRAY

With the Feb. 25 announcement that restrictions regarding gaming in the state of New Mexico would be loosened, the New Mexico Racing Commission announced Monday that its season is slated to start Apr. 23 at SunRay Park in Farmington, NM.

“We are very excited to get live horse racing going again in the state of New Mexico,” said newly-named Chairman of the New Mexico Racing Commission, Sam Bregman. “We look forward to getting the industry back on track.”

The New Mexico Racing Commission intends to make decisions regarding the SunRay Park purse schedule, condition book, post times, racing officials, and wagering format at its upcoming monthly meeting on Mar. 18.

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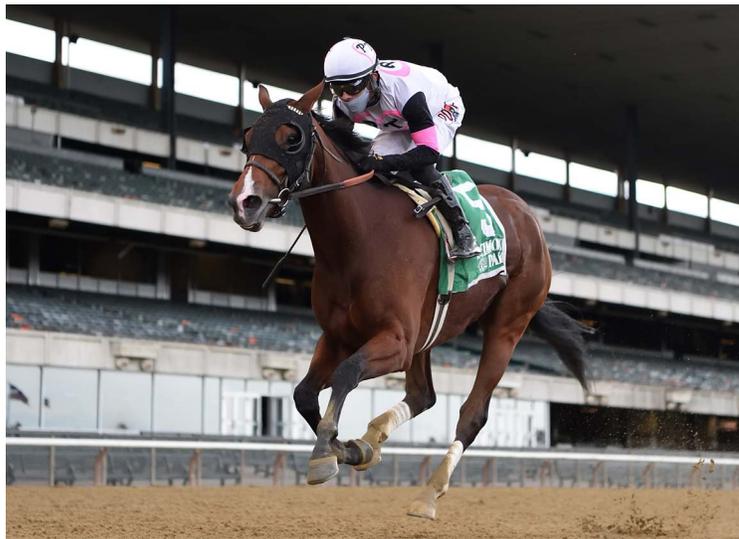
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HOROLOGIST NAMED NEW JERSEY-BRED HOTY



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There's A Chance Stable, Medallion Racing, Abbondanza Racing LLC, Parkland Thoroughbreds, Paradise Farm Corp. and David Staudacher's **Horologist** (Gemologist) has been crowned the Horse of the Year and champion older female by the Thoroughbred Breeders' Association of New Jersey.

Bred by Holly Crest Farm, Horologist began her 4-year-old campaign in California under the care of Richard Baltas, but was ultimately turned over to Bill Mott, for whom she posted a two-length victory in the GIII Molly Pitcher S. The 2019 GIII Monmouth Oaks heroine would go on to finish third to champion Monomoy Girl (Tapizar) in the GI La Troienne S. in September before posting her most important career victory to date in the GII Beldame S. at Belmont Park, her first black-type success beyond the borders of the Garden State.

John Bowers, Jr. was the breeder of two divisional champions. His homebred **Royal Urn** (Kantharos) was named champion sprinter and top older male in a campaign that featured a trio of stakes victories, while **Pickin' Time** (Stay Thirsty) was champion 2-year-old on the strength of scores in the Smoke Glacken S. at Monmouth and in the GIII Nashua S. at Aqueduct. Both Royal Urn and Pickin' Time are sons of Bowers, Jr.'s mare **Born To Royalty** (King of Kings {Ire}), who was named Broodmare of the Year for 2020. She is the dam of a yearling New Jersey-bred colt by **Tonalist**.

The other New Jersey-bred champions included: **Pianzi** (Shanghai Bobby), champion 3-year-old; **Bramble Bay** (Bullet Train {GB}), champion turf runner; **Hey Chub** (Carson City), stallion of the year.

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FIRST MARE IN FOAL TO COUNTRY HOUSE

Darby Dan Farm's **Country House** (**Lookin At Lucky**), winner of the 2019 GI Kentucky Derby, has had his first mare confirmed in foal, the farm announced today.

He was bred to the **Ghostzapper** mare More Everything Feb. 10, and the half-sister to stakes winner and Grade III-placed Bishop's Pond (**Curlin**) and stakes-placed Black Oak (Forestry) has been scanned in foal for owner Watershed Bloodstock, LLC.

Country House broke his maiden with a 'TDN Rising Star' performance at Gulfstream Park, finished a fast-closing second to eventual Classic winner **War of Will** (**War Front**) in the GII Risen Star S. at Fair Grounds before running fourth in the GII Louisiana Derby and third behind **Omaha Beach** (**War Front**) and **Improbable** (City Zip) in the GI Arkansas Derby.

A half-brother to graded stakes winner Mitchell Road (English Channe), **Country House** is by multiple Champion and Classic winner **Lookin At Lucky** out of the winning War Chant mare Quake Lake, a half-sister to graded stakes winner and multiple graded stakes-placed Breaking Lucky (**Lookin At Lucky**).

For more information on **Country House**, contact Ryan Norton at (859) 254-0424 or ryan@darbydan.com, or visit DarbyDan.com.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

There is no simple answer to the question of whether or not it is in the interests of breeders in the United States to limit the number of mares any stallion can cover. However, we can be certain that none of the relevant arguments should be concerned with questions of free markets. Not even the most dogmatic of believers in the efficiency of free markets would, after a moment's reflection, consider the market for stallion seasons to have the appropriate characteristics.

A free market is one in which no one player, on either the supply or demand side, holds a dominant position, and it is also one in which all the relevant information is available freely to both buyers and sellers. In the stallion market, there are of course players who hold a dominant position and these and others have always resisted attempts to create a more open market where everybody is aware of changes in prices and supply. More often than not, when you sign the contract for a stallion season, you are not entirely sure of either how many mares the stallion in question will cover, nor the exact price paid by other breeders using the same horse. This is not a criticism; it is simply the way markets function without regulation.

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The players in any market will of course try to maximize their rent or return without considering the interests of all the other participants. For a market to be and to remain free there have to be rules.

Once it became technically and physically possible for stallions to cover successfully anything up to and beyond 200 mares during the spring covering season it was inevitable that many stallion owners would choose to do so. Particularly as almost as immediately it became clear that the demand for seasons to successful and popular stallions is inelastic to both price and supply. The market for stallion seasons is not at all similar to those for ordinary agricultural products, where you expect demand to fall when the price rises and for prices to fall if there is an expansion of supply. We have seen many examples in both the United States and Europe showing that when a stallion is commercially hot, demand for seasons is almost limitless, whatever the price and the number of mares due to be covered.

The market for stallion seasons resembles those for luxury goods. To begin to understand the way it works you have to think about top of the range handbags rather than grain or potatoes.

Once a handbag acquires the status of a symbol, the more expensive it is, the most desirable it becomes and the more often it appears on the shoulders of the right people, the more others want to have it on theirs. The peak satisfaction comes at the moment of purchase, the instant when you join the club of those who have it. The thrill lingers on, but in many cases, it will not be quite so exquisite in the future. For every product, there will probably be a price and a supply which is just too much, but in both cases, experience has taught that it is higher and bigger than anyone would have thought possible viewing through the prism of utility or efficiency.



Jocelyn de Moubray | Scoop Dyga

In the early days, many thought that big stallion books would be a passing phase. Commercial breeders would soon realize that it was not in their interests to pay a lot of money for a season only to go to the sales to compete with anything up to 100 other yearlings by the same sire. This again was a misconception as breeders, as much as those who buy yearlings, are searching for a dream. Most breeders sign the contract avidly, aware of the competition ahead, but confident that their mating will produce one of the best by the sire who will shine in the sales ring and on the track afterwards.

Given the nature of the market, does it make sense to restrict the number of seasons offered to any stallion? After all, few would suggest that Hermes should be allowed to make only a certain number of its most sought after handbags, even if the number any customer is allowed to buy is limited. There are probably two sides to any attempt to answer. The proposed limitation will surely open up the market to a wider range of both horses and people who stand them. Some of the mares covered in the past by the most popular sires will instead be covered by others. The business will not be lost, but will be spread over more sires with different owners. The bloodstock market consistently fails to select the best stallions when they first go to stud. From [Tapit](#), [Into Mischief](#) or [War Front](#) to Dubawi, Galileo and Siyouni in Europe, the best sires are rarely rated at the top of their generation when they start out on their stud career. For this reason alone, any regulation which forces breeders to try a wider selection of new stallions will probably be beneficial for everybody in the medium run. And then by lowering the barriers to entry and the advantages of the established farms, it will also encourage new stallion owners and farms to enter the business.

The second part of the argument concerns the long or medium term effect of concentrating breeding on an ever smaller selection of elite sires. No genetic test is ever going to resolve this conundrum as nobody knows for sure exactly which physical and mental characteristics allow one horse to run faster than another. In some ways breeding has its own built in adjustments as the future will never be a repeat of the recent past. The success of one super-sire will on its own change the type of mare likely to be successful in the future. As the breed itself is continually changing, and so are the type of sire and mare most likely to succeed.

However, anybody who has worked on matings knows there is already a problem of inbreeding with Thoroughbreds, particularly in Europe, and this is a one which is going to get worse as books of 150+ mares have only become common relatively recently.

A look at the Thoroughbreds' past suggests that excessive inbreeding will throw up a few superior individuals, but will also create weaknesses and failures of both physical and mental characteristics. Successful breeders are always thinking about future generations and if the market is pushing in one direction nudging breeders towards prudence and variety will probably help everybody in the medium term.

One possible compromise would be to restrict the number of mares any stallion can cover during its first five seasons at stud, while allowing the handful of sires who are still popular and sought after at this point in their careers to cover more. This way, you could push breeders to try a broader selection of sires, while allowing the owners of those who prove to be the best to maximize their return.

No organization is in a position to contemplate imposing similar restrictions in Europe. If The Jockey Club succeeds in doing so, breeders from all over the world will of course, be following the experiment.

Jocelyn de Moubray

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Rock Your World became the latest black-type winner for Lane's End's **Candy Ride** in the Pasadena S. | *Benoit photo*

Hard Spun (Danzig) <i>(Antoniette--GIII The Very One S.)</i>	63	31
Street Sense (Street Cry {Ire}) <i>(Windmill--Dixie Belle S.)</i>	66	28

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Cairo Prince (Pioneerof the Nile) <i>(Royal Prince--Black Gold S.)</i>	14	5
Candy Ride (Arg) (Ride the Rails) <i>(Rock Your World--Pasadena S.)</i>	94	47
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Carpe Diem (Giant's Causeway) <i>(Wait For Nairobi--Cincinnati Trophy S.)</i>	5	---
Constitution (Tapit) <i>(Venezuelan Hug--GIII Canadian Turf S.; Annex--Palm Beach S.)</i>	11	6
Creative Cause (Giant's Causeway) <i>(Hush of a Storm--John Battaglia Memorial S.)</i>	18	5
Ghostzapper (Awesome Again) <i>(Fearless--WinStar Gulfstream Park Mile S.)</i>	80	42
Goldencents (Into Mischief) <i>(Phantom Currency--GII Mac Diarmida S.)</i>	10	4

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VIRTUAL OWNER CONFERENCE BEGINS TUESDAY

The seventh Thoroughbred Owner Conference will kick off Tuesday, Mar. 2, at 2 p.m. ET as the first of a series of 10 panels, each to be held virtually, on the first Tuesday of each month for the remainder of the year.

The first panel, “The Economics of Racehorse Ownership,” is sponsored by Keeneland and will delve into accounting, tax, legal, and insurance considerations associated with racehorse ownership. It will also include information on the costs of ownership, the fundamentals of running a racing stable, and owner responsibility for aftercare.

Moderated by horse racing television analyst Caton Bredar, the panel will consist of owners George Bolton and Maggi Moss; Sarah Reeves, attorney and member, Stoll Keenon Ogden; and Jen Shah, tax director, Dean Dorton.

“With more than 650 guests already registered for the virtual Thoroughbred Owner Conference series, we are excited to kick it off with an expert group of panelists that will provide invaluable information for new and veteran owners alike,” said Gary Falter, project manager for OwnerView. “While we will be posting replays of every session, we encourage those interested in the series to register in advance to get the best experience and to be able to ask questions in real time that will be addressed at the end of each panel.”

There is no fee to register for either the live or recorded sessions, but registration remains open and is required. The 2021 conference series is hosted by The Jockey Club and the Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association and presented by Bessemer Trust, Dean Dorton Equine, Stoll Keenon Ogden, and Stonestreet Farm.

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1	Tabor Hall	Candy Ride (Arg)	Lee Pokoik	McPeek	Cohen	117
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IN SOUTH KOREA:

Mighty Pop, c, 3, **Super Saver**--Show Me the Roses, by Storm Cat. Seoul, 2-28, Hcp., 1200m. B-Fedai Kahraman (KY).

*\$13,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP; \$45,000 2yo '20 OBSMAR.

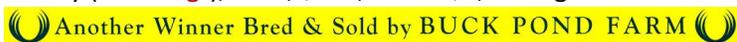
Mighty Boom, f, 4, **Adios Charlie**--K K's Kitty, by Yes It's True.

Seoul, 2-28, Hcp., 1400m. B-Ocala Stud, Stanley M Hough & Alan Brodsky (FL). *Full to Sky Bay, Ch. 3yo Filly-Kor.

**\$16,000 2yo '19 OBSJUN.

Jangsan Forever, g, 4, **Conveyance**--The Schvagen, by Matty G.

Seoul, 2-28, Hcp., 1800m. B-Buck Pond Farm Inc (KY). *1/2 to Will **Munnings** (**Munnings**), SW, \$259,358; and Fancy Dress Party (**Munnings**), GSW, \$267,405. **\$2,000 Ylg '18 FTKOCT.



Hunch, g, 4, **To Honor and Serve**--Sergeant O'Rourke (SP), by

Forestry. Busan, 2-27, Hcp., 1800m. B-Gainesway

Thoroughbreds Ltd. *Won by five lengths to score for the fifth time in nine career outings. **\$6,000 Wlg '17 KEENOV.



Jangsan Dokki, g, 5, **Lookin At Lucky**--Ubelongtomemissy, by

Belong to Me. Busan, 2-27, Hcp., 1400m. B-Greenwood Lodge Farm Inc (KY). *\$40,000 Wlg '16 KEENOV; \$55,000 RNA Ylg '17 KEESEP.

Top Brain, g, 6, **Uncle Mo**--Waynetta, by **Medaglia d'Oro**. Seoul,

2-28, Hcp., 1800m. B-Kevin Reynolds, Kellie Holland & Tim

Holland (KY). *\$95,000 Wlg '15 FTKNOV.



IN PANAMA:

Unmissable, c, 3, **Honor Code**--Dancinginthestreet, by **Street**

Boss. Presidente Remon, 2-25, Maiden, 1100m. B-Blackstone Farm LLC (PA). *\$12,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP. **VIDEO**

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IN JAPAN:

Slap Shot (Jpn), c, 3, **Air Force Blue**. See 'US-Bred & -Sired Winners in Japan'

Danon City (Jpn), h, 5, **Medaglia d'Oro**--City to City (MGSW, \$729,726), by City Zip. Kokura, 2-27, Allowance (\$135k), 1200mT, 1:09.2. Lifetime Record: 18-2-2-1, \$219,906. O-Danox Inc; B-K I Farm; T-Shinsuke Hashiguchi. *\$775,000 in utero '15 KEENOV.

IN SOUTH KOREA:

Wonderful Joy (Kor), g, 3, **Kitten's Joy**--Double Ante, by Purim. Seoul, 2-28, Hcp., 1400m. B-Kim Ki Jong. *\$75,000 in utero '17 KEENOV.

Tough Man (Kor), c, 3, **Take Charge Indy**--Patti's Sweet Song, by Unbridled's Song. Seoul, 2-28, Hcp., 1200m. B-Kim Jung Cheol.

Great Boss (Kor), g, 4, **Midnight Lute**--Mocella, by

Johannesburg. Busan, 2-27, Hcp., 1200m. B-Bae Byung Jae.

*Winner of five of seven career starts. **1/2 to Midnight Cello

(**Midnight Lute**), GSW, \$447,890. ***\$16,000 in utero '16

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Clean Up Happy (Kor), g, 4, **Paynter**--Dream Delight, by

Unbridled's Song. Seoul, 2-27, Hcp., 1200m. B-Lee Yong Dae.

*\$27,000 in utero '16 KEENOV.



Saturday's Results:

3rd-Nakayama, ¥9,680,000 (\$90,751), Maiden, 3yo, 1200m, 1:12.9, ft.

SLAP SHOT (JPN) (c, 3, **Air Force Blue**--Laxfield Road {SP}, by **Quality Road**) just missed in his 1400-meter debut at Tokyo Feb. 14 and was the 8-5 second choice to go one better while shortening up a bit in distance. The North Hills runner showed good gate speed to lead linking up with the dirt track before settling three deep through the middle stages.

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Asked to pick up with a quarter-mile to run, Slap Shot boxed on gamely from between rivals, poked a head in front with less than 100 meters to race and found the line a nose better than Grandis (Jpn) (Free Eagle {Ire}) to become the second Japanese winner from as many runners for his young sire. Slap Shot's stakes-placed dam, a half-sister to GISP Zatter (**Midnight Lute**), was acquired for \$200,000 carrying this colt at the 2018 Keeneland January Sale. Slap Shot covered that ticket when fetching ¥32,940,000 (\$305,354) at the Hokkaido Selection Yearling Sale. Laxfield Road was empty in her last two trips to the breeding shed and most recently visited GI Maker's 46 Mile S. hero American Patriot (**War Front**) at Darley Japan. Sales history: ¥32,940,000 Ylg '19 HOKSUM. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$70,755.

O-North Hills; B-Sakurai Farm; T-Masahiro Otake.



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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

8th-Golden Gate Fields, \$43,000, 2-28, (NW1\$X), 4yo/up, 5 1/2f (AWT), 1:02.79, ft, 1/2 length.

IN OUR A (g, 5, Idiot Proof--Onefonsonofagun, by Decarchy)

Lifetime Record: 6-3-3-0, \$79,780. O/B-Victory Rose Thoroughbreds & KMN Racing (CA); T-Ellen L. Jackson. *Full to Bulletproof One, MSW, \$361,162; 1/2 to I Came to Party (Bold Chieftain), MSP, \$261,931.

5th-Delta Downs, \$41,800, (NW26M)/Opt. Clm (\$30,000), 3-1, 4yo/up, 5f, :59.35, ft, 2 3/4 lengths.

WILD BERT (g, 7, Time Bandit--Wild Bertie, by Wild Rush)

Lifetime Record: 31-7-9-7, \$257,610. O-Gerald L. Averett, Jr.; B-Margie Averett (LA); T-Ronnie Averett. *1/2 to Bertie's Galaxy (Greeley's Galaxy), MSP, \$183,750.

2nd-Delta Downs, \$38,000, (S), 3-1, (NW2L), 4yo/up, 1m, 1:41.76, ft, 2 lengths.

BRITTS A CLOSER (g, 4, Closing Argument--Brittany's Tuition, by Osidy) Lifetime Record: 16-2-5-1, \$67,520. O/B-Thomas L. Holyfield (LA); T-David C. Gomez.

1st-Mahoning Valley, \$29,000, (S), 3-1, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:43.42, my, neck.

MILWAUKEE CAT (f, 3, Cowtown Cat--Milwaukee Queen, by Milwaukee Brew) Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-1, \$37,475. O-Ryan Wolking; B-Mapleton Thoroughbred Farm (OH); T-Thomas H. Feebeck. *\$5,700 2yo '20 OTBOMX.

2nd-Mahoning Valley, \$21,800, 3-1, (NW2X), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11.50, my, 4 lengths.

SAVAGE NATION (g, 6, Two Step Salsa--Tacky Image, by Halo's Image) Lifetime Record: 38-6-6-5, \$143,575. O/T-Jamen Davidovich; B-Get Away Farm (FL). *\$9,500 RNA Ylg '16 OBSWIN.

6th-Mahoning Valley, \$21,800, 3-1, (NW2X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12.39, my, 4 1/4 lengths.

ARCELOR (m, 7, Telling--Bouvet, by Touch Gold) Lifetime Record: 45-9-6-11, \$192,119. O/T-Elliot Sullivan; B-Norman G Houston (FL). *\$11,500 Ylg '15 FTKOCT.

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

- Can I Go Too**, f, 3, **Include**--Mrs. Boyd, by Proud Citizen. Mahoning Valley, 3-1, (S), 6f, 1:16.08. B-KC Breeding Venture, LLC (OH). *\$4,500 Wlg '18 KEENOV; \$10,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP. **1ST-TIME STARTER.
- Malibu Hannah**, f, 3, **Malibu Moon**--Take Charge, by **Hard Spun**. Santa Anita, 2-28, (C), 1mT, 1:37.09. B-Breffni Farm & Marula Park Stud (KY). *\$45,000 2yo '20 OBSAPR.
- Mymonstersforreal**, g, 3, **State Line**--Hebrew Song, by Dixie Union. Mahoning Valley, 3-1, (S), 1m, 1:44.80. B-Bosharon Stables (OH).
- Double Doink**, f, 4, **Ghostzapper**--Villette (SW, \$278,110), by Petionville. Parx Racing, 3-1, (WC), 7f, 1:27.94. B-Jon Marshall (PA). *\$150,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP.
- Meet Kevin**, h, 6, **Closing Argument**--Mary's Way, by Gold Tribute. Delta Downs, 3-1, (S), 5f, 1:01.23. B-Johnny Joseph Romero (LA).



- CLOSING ARGUMENT**, Britts a Closer, g, 4, o/o Brittany's Tuition, by Osidy. ALW, 3-1, Delta Downs
- CLOSING ARGUMENT**, Meet Kevin, h, 6, o/o Mary's Way, by Gold Tribute. MSW, 3-1, Delta Downs
- COWTOWN CAT**, Milwaukee Cat, f, 3, o/o Milwaukee Queen, by Milwaukee Brew. ALW, 3-1, Mahoning Valley
- GHOSTZAPPER**, Double Doink, f, 4, o/o Villette, by Petionville. WMC, 3-1, Parx Racing
- IDIOT PROOF**, In Our A, g, 5, o/o Onefunsonofagun, by Decarchy. ALW, 2-28, Golden Gate
- INCLUDE**, Can I Go Too, f, 3, o/o Mrs. Boyd, by Proud Citizen. MSW, 3-1, Mahoning Valley
- MALIBU MOON**, Malibu Hannah, f, 3, o/o Take Charge, by **Hard Spun**. MCL, 2-28, Santa Anita
- STATE LINE**, Mymonstersforreal, g, 3, o/o Hebrew Song, by Dixie Union. MSW, 3-1, Mahoning Valley
- TELLING**, Arcelor, m, 7, o/o Bouvet, by Touch Gold. ALW, 3-1, Mahoning Valley
- TIME BANDIT**, Wild Bert, g, 7, o/o Wild Bertie, by Wild Rush. AOC, 3-1, Delta Downs
- TWO STEP SALSA**, Savage Nation, g, 6, o/o Tacky Image, by Halo's Image. ALW, 3-1, Mahoning Valley

FOALING NEWS

ENCHANTED GHOST, 6, **Ghostzapper**--Uniformly Yours, by Grand Slam
 Foal born Feb. 6, a filly by **Tapit**
 Will be bred back to **Into Mischief**
 Owned by Aaron and Marie Jones LLC
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 Accomplishments: MSW of \$271,182.



Tapit--Enchanted Ghost filly

CANDY STORE (IRE), 7, Lope de Vega (Ire)--March Madness (GB), by Noverre
 Foal born Feb. 8, a filly by **Collected**
 Will be bred back to **Collected**
 Owned by Speedway Stables LLC.
 Boarded at Taylor Made Farm.
 Accomplishments: GSW-Ity, \$237,200.



Collected--Candy Store filly

BHA MOVES TO STOP ELLIOTT HAVING RUNNERS IN BRITAIN



Gordon Elliott | Racingfotos.com

As the Irish Horseracing Regulatory Board (IHRB) investigates the case of the photograph of Gordon Elliott sitting astride a dead horse on his gallops, racing authorities in Ireland and Britain expressed their dismay at the distressing image.

A statement released by Horseracing Ireland on Monday afternoon read, "Horse Racing Ireland unreservedly condemns the disturbing photograph that appeared on social media at the weekend.

"This image does not reflect the care, attention and respect that racehorses receive, and does a disservice to the thousands of people who look after their horses on a daily basis. Horse Racing Ireland notes and supports the IHRB investigation into the circumstances around the photograph.

"From a disciplinary perspective, the matter is in process, so any further comment on the matter or the detail of the case at this time would not be appropriate."

The British Horseracing Authority (BHA) went a step further in preventing Elliott from having runners in Britain as an "interim decision" pending the outcome of the IHRB investigation.

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CHAMPION ENABLE SCANNED IN FOAL TO KINGMAN

Champion and dual G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe heroine **Enable (GB)** (Nathaniel {Ire}) was scanned in foal to **Kingman (GB)** (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), Juddmonte announced via Twitter on Monday. The 7-year-old was **retired in October** last year after ending her career with a sixth in the Arc earlier that month. She was covered by the fellow Juddmonte homebred 15 days ago.

"Fifteen days after cover, champion Enable was this morning successfully scanned in foal to **Kingman**," Juddmonte tweeted. "Hopefully an exciting new chapter in this remarkable mare's story."

One of the greatest racehorses owned and bred by the **late Prince Khalid bin Abdullah**, Enable graced the racecourse for five seasons with 11 Group 1 wins from 19 starts including the Oaks, Irish Oaks, the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe twice and three victories in the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth S. Her earnings stand at £10.7 million.

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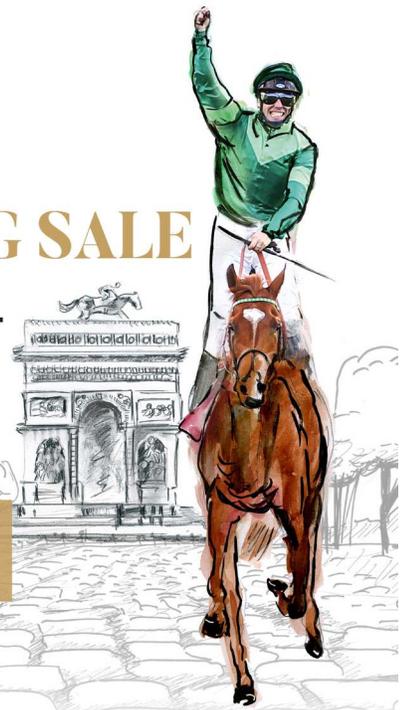
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BHA Move to Stop Elliott Having Runners in Britain Cont. from p1

A statement released late on Monday afternoon read: "The BHA, which regulates racing in Britain, will use powers under its own rules to refuse to allow horses trained by Mr. Elliott to race in Britain pending consideration of the outcome of the Irish investigation. The action taken by the BHA recognises that Mr. Elliott is licensed in Ireland, whose regulatory body, the IHRB, is carrying out its own investigation. However, Mr Elliott has entered horses to race in Britain, from which point the British rules of racing apply to him."

Gordon Elliott, who turns 43 on Tuesday, has trained more winners than any other trainer in Ireland this jumps season, his tally of 152 putting him 17 clear of 13-time Irish champion National Hunt trainer Willie Mullins.

Among the horses in his Cullentra House stable in County Meath are a number of leading fancies for the forthcoming Cheltenham Festival, which begins on Mar. 16. These include the Cheveley Park Stud-owned duo of Envoi Allen (Fr) (Muhtathir {GB}) and Quilixios (GB) (Maxios {GB}), and Champion Bumper second-favourite Sir Gerhard (Ire) (Jeremy). Elliott is also the trainer of the widely popular dual Grand National winner Tiger Roll (Ire) (Authorized {Ire}).

Cheveley Park Stud, which has a string of high-profile jumpers in training in Ireland, including at least nine horses with Elliott, released a statement via its Twitter account on Monday which read, "We are truly horrified and dismayed by the photograph doing the rounds on social media, however, we will await the official outcome of the investigation by the IHRB, which we trust will be swift, before making any further comment/decisions."

Meanwhile, Michael O'Leary of Gigginstown House Stud, owner of Tiger Roll and the dead horse in the photograph subsequently identified as four-time winner Morgan (Ire) (Big Bad Bob {Ire}), pledged to stand by the trainer.



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He said via an official statement, "Eddie and I were deeply disappointed by the unacceptable photo which appeared on social media over the weekend. The care and welfare of all our animals comes first with all our trainers. Sadly, from time to time, our horses suffer injuries and/or fatalities and we expect all such cases to be treated with the care and attention they deserve."

O'Leary continued, "We have always found that animal welfare comes first, second and third at Cullentra. From the facilities, to the brilliant team of people led by Gordon, our horses are trained with no expense spared for their development, welfare and care.

"We accept that this photograph was a grievous but momentary lapse of judgement by Gordon, and not in keeping with our 15-year experience of his concern for and attention to the welfare of our horses. We all make mistakes, and what is important is that we learn from them and ensure we do not repeat them. We accept Gordon's sincere, profound and unreserved apology and we will continue to support him and his team at Cullentra, as they work to recover from this deeply regrettable incident."

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It was the Grand National which first brought Elliott's name to wider prominence when, in 2007, at the age of 29, he became the youngest trainer to win the race, with Silver Birch (Ire) (Clearly Bust {GB}), in just his second season with a training licence. Tiger Roll, who is also a four-time winner at the Cheltenham Festival, won the Grand National in 2018 and 2019 and was prevented from his attempt at equalling Red Rum's record of three wins when the Aintree meeting was cancelled in the early stages of the pandemic last April.

The British Horseracing Authority (BHA) had earlier in the day echoed its Irish counterpart with an initial statement which read, "The BHA is appalled by the image that appeared this weekend. We expect all those in our sport to demonstrate respect for horses, on the racecourse, in the training yard, on the gallops, and wherever they have horses in their care. People who work in our industry believe their values—of caring for and respecting our horses—have been deeply undermined by this behaviour. On their behalf, and on behalf of all horse-lovers, we say loudly that British horseracing finds this totally unacceptable."

While an announcement is awaited from the IHRB regarding potential disciplinary measures to be taken against the trainer, the BHA also hinted that it is considering its position regarding possible runners from the Elliott stable in Britain. The Cheltenham Festival, which annually attracts some 250,000 racegoers, was subsequently the subject of some criticism in the media last year as the pandemic took hold, despite the fact that it took place ten days before Britain went into national lockdown.

The statement continued, "The BHA is considering its own regulatory options, recognising that the Irish authorities licence Mr Elliott and are carrying out their own investigation."

The photo has also affected Elliott from a commercial perspective, with Betfair announcing on Monday morning that they would discontinue their association with the trainer.

"While we recognise that Gordon deeply regrets and apologised unreservedly for his poor judgement his actions are completely at odds with the values of the Betfair brand and that of our employees," the statement read. "With that in mind, we have decided to discontinue our association with Gordon with immediate effect."

The UK's National Trainers Federation also released a statement condemning the image. It read, "From yesterday evening through today, the National Trainers Federation has been contacted by its members expressing outrage and disgust at the image of Gordon Elliott circulating on social media.

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COOLMORE & MAHER TEAM UP FOR TOP COLT

Coolmore and Ciaran Maher Racing jointly purchased Monday's Inglis session topper, a colt by Lord Kanaloa (Jpn) for A\$900,000. [Click or tap here to go straight to TDN Aus/NZ.](#)

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BHA Move to Stop Elliott Having Runners in Britain Cont.

"Although Mr. Elliott is based in Ireland, the NTF, which represents trainers based in Great Britain, wishes the public to be in no doubt that its members distance themselves from the behaviour on display in that image, and want to emphasise their deeply felt values of care, respect and love for the racehorse. These values underpin the public's confidence in the sport, and are indispensable to the future prosperity of all who work in horseracing."

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O p / E D by Emma Berry



THE INCALCULABLE HARM OF ONE CALLOUS IMAGE

When the news came last week that award-winning racing journalist Chris Cook was moving on from *The Guardian* as the newspaper continued to reduce its staff, thoughts turned to a comment piece on how

horseracing coverage in the mainstream media is continuing to slide. Come Monday morning, however, racing was all over the national news in Britain and Ireland, and not in a good way.

The distressing photograph of one of Ireland's leading National Hunt trainers apparently astride a dead horse had been widely circulated on Saturday evening and, like most racing fans, I had hoped initially that this was a cleverly photoshopped but vile hoax. Gordon Elliott's subsequent acknowledgement of the image's veracity and his **bizarre apology** on Sunday evening dashed any such hopes.

That Elliott has come in for much criticism is neither surprising nor unjustified, and the person who took the photo and added a crass Snapchat caption is equally culpable.

All of us involved with breeding, owning, training and caring for racehorses, as well as the sport's many fans and media commentators, are well aware of the fragility of these magnificent animals. The elements of the sport that bewitch us—the speed, courage, heart of the Thoroughbred—are also those that, in one wrong step or awkward landing, can end a horse's life and bring us to the depths of despair.

Almost the only justification we have in defending racing to an outside world increasingly alienated from dealing with livestock is that horses are treated with kindness and respect throughout their lives. It would never have occurred to me that a trainer who is fortunate enough to train a large string of some of the best jumpers in the world would not extend that respect to a horse whose life has recently ended in tragic circumstances during a routine morning exercise. **Cont. p5**

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The six years younger Mastercraftsman is following a similar trajectory; in fact, he has an average of 9.6 SWs per crop, versus 8.7 for Oasis Dream. From eight crops of racing age, the grey has supplied 77 SWs (6.3% of starters) and he gets winners at a rate of 62.3% (of starters). Mastercraftsman has 15 G1 winners, just two off Oasis Dream, and he likewise gets them at the highest level: **Alpha Centauri** was champion 3-year-old filly and won the Coronation S., Falmouth S., Irish 1000 Guineas and Prix Jacques le Marois; **The Grey Gatsby** took the G1 Prix du Jockey Club and G1 Irish Champion S., and **Amazing Maria** and **A Raving Beauty** each won a pair of G1s apiece.

Mastercraftsman's 2021 fee of **€15,000** is his lowest since 2013, and his crop bred off the back of Alpha Centauri's championship season will be 3-year-olds when his 2022 crop are going to the yearling sales. **TDN, 31/01/21**



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It is also worth considering the fact that racing yards are largely populated by young people who take their cue in how to behave around horses from their boss, the trainer.

Do I think Gordon Elliott mistreats the horses in his care? I do not. He is a trainer whose relatively rapid climb to the top of his profession speaks volumes as to his horsemanship, skill and ambition. His horses would not perform as they do without an exemplary level of care from the trainer and his staff. But that is not enough.

An individual who is licensed under the rules of racing in any jurisdiction in the world must accept the responsibility that comes with that privilege, not just to their horses and their staff, but to the sport itself. Perception, particularly in the days of trial by social media, is the over-riding factor when it comes to racing's future.

While this image is clearly grim, in some ways, however, it is no more detrimental than news of horses failing drug tests. That is abuse, this photograph is abhorrent in its disrespect: both are unacceptable if racing is to continue to enjoy the backing of the public and sponsors.



Gordon Elliott with Grand National winner Tiger Roll and Irish Grand National winner General Principle. | Racingfotos.com

The callous image may have been released as a deliberate ploy to harm the trainer's reputation but the real damage has been done by Elliott's inexplicable actions in the immediate aftermath of a horse's death. The repercussions from this incident provide grist to the mill for those who seek to ban racing under the supposed cloak of animal welfare: now, no matter how many times we point to the deluxe level of care and attention afforded to racehorses, we can expect to have this photograph waved in

our faces.

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Gordon Elliott will almost certainly pay for a dreadful but momentary lapse of judgement with a suspension or ban. He has certainly lost the collective respect of the majority of racing's participants and fans in the course of doing the sport incalculable harm.

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2021 SHADWELL MATING PLANS ANNOUNCED

The mating plans for the high-quality Shadwell broodmare band were announced by the stud on Monday. Nunnery Stud's four stallions, led by new recruit **Mohaather (GB)** (Showcasing {GB}), will all be well supported by Shadwell.

Several top-flight winners are booked to the 2020 G1 Sussex S. victor, among them dual Group 1 winners **Nazeef (GB)** (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), **Ghanaati** (Giant's Causeway) and South African multiple Grade 1 winner **Majmu (Aus)** (Redoute's Choice {Aus}). They are joined by Ghanaati's Rahy half-sister, the stakes winner and G1 Oaks third **Rumoush**, who already has foaled a trio of black-type scorers; two-time Grade 2 winner and multiple Grade 1-placed **Nafaayes (Aus)** (Exceed And Excel {Aus}); and the stakes-placed **Asheerah (GB)** (Shamardal), the dam of Classic hero and young stallion Awtaad (Ire) (Cape Cross {Ire}).

Eqtidaar (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) landed his best prize in Royal Ascot's G1 Commonwealth Cup and his first foals are hitting the ground this season. Shadwell is sending him the

stakes-placed **Tamadhore (Ire)** (Arcano {Ire}) from the family of G2 Cherry Hinton S. victress Memory (Ire) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}). **Mudaaraah (GB)** (Cape Cross {Ire}), who struck at listed level, placed in the G3 Prestige S. and is out of a half-sister to outstanding European highweight Bahri (Riverman), will be bred to **Tasleet (GB)** (Showcasing {GB}). The three-time Group 1 runner-up's first foals are yearlings of 2021. Rounding out the quartet of Nunnery Stud stallions, champion sprinter Muhaarar (GB) (**Oasis Dream {GB}**) is the beau of choice for stakes winner **Etaab** (Street Cry {Ire})—also from the family of Bahri—and is just one of several mares headed to the sire of nine black-type performers.

Other Group 1 winners and producers from Shadwell's paddocks will go farther afield for their mates. G1 Prix Saint-Alary winner **Tawkeel (GB)** (Teofilo {Ire}) and Ghanaati's

daughter **Alandalos (GB)** (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) are both headed to Darley sire Dubawi (Ire). G1 Oaks and G1 King George VI and Queen Elizabeth S. victress **Taghrooda (GB)** (Sea The Stars {Ire}) is booked to Lope de Vega (Ire). She is not the only mare to visit the Ballylinch supremo, with Group 3 striker and Group 1 placed **Thawaany (Ire)** (Tamayuz {GB}), who is a half-sister to Classic winner Kew Gardens (Ire) (**Galileo {Ire}**), also on Lope de Vega's dance card; as is stakes winner **Mutebah**

(Ire) (Marju {Ire}), the dam of G2 Champagne S. runner-up Albasheer (Ire) (Shamardal).

A quintet of Shadwell mares will visit Juddmonte's **Kingman (GB)** at Banstead Manor Stud, with the recently retired five-time Group 2 winner and G1 Royallieu third **Enbihaar (Ire)** (Redoute's Choice {Aus}) leading the way. [Cont. p7](#)



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The other four mares are rounded out by G3 Sweet Solera S. heroine **Tajaanus (Ire)** (Arcano {Ire}); multiple group winner **Tantheem (GB)** (Teofilo {Ire}); G2 Blandford S. scorer **Tarfasha (Ire)** (Sea The Stars {Ire}); and Nazeef's dam **Handassa (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}).

Kingman's barnmate **Frankel (GB)** will also be patronised by some Shadwell mares including **Tatweej (GB)** (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), herself a half-sister to champion 3-year-old Palace Pier (GB) (**Kingman (GB)**); and Group 3 producer **Rayaheen (GB)** (Nayef), a daughter of G1 1000 Guineas heroine Natagora (Fr) (Divine Light {Jpn}).



Tawkeel will visit Dubawi | Scoop Dyga

A mare bound for the court of Sea The Stars (Ire) is **Garmoosha** (Kingmambo). A daughter of Oaks winner Eswarah (GB) (Unfuwain), she has already produced the highly progressive Group 3 winner Raabihah to the cover of the Gilltown Stud-based stallion. The other five mares to also visit Sea The Stars, include the Awtaad's half-sister **Alghabrah (Ire)** (Tamayuz {GB}), listed winner **Maqsad (Fr)** (Siyouni {Fr}), and Tamayuz's half-sisters--**Ettisaal (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}) and **Muhawalrah (Ire)** (Nayef). **Mubhirah (GB)** (Raven's Pass), a half-sister to Classic heroine Taghrooda, will also visit the Aga Khan stallion.

Dark Angel (Ire) will once again welcome G1 Cheveley Park S. third **Maqaasid (GB)** (Green Desert), who already has a juvenile colt and yearling filly by the son of Acclamation (GB).

In Ireland, Derrinstown Stud residents **Tamayuz (GB)** (Nayef), **Awtaad**, and incoming sire **King of Change (GB)** (Farhh {GB}) are also being supported by Sheikh Hamdan's broodmare band. Roster veteran Tamayuz welcomes **Safwa (Ire)** (Green Desert), who has already produced G1 Lockinge S. winner Mustashry (GB) (Tamayuz {GB}) on this same mating and the group-placed Munaaser (GB) (New Approach {Ire}), as well as her daughter

Rabaabah (Ire) (Shamardal). Tamayuz, the sire of 22 black-type winners, will also cover G1 Irish 1000 Guineas heroine **Bethrah (Ire)** (Marju {Ire}) and the stakes producer **Masaafat (GB)** (Act One {GB}), both of whom visited the 16-year-old last term.

Awtaad, the winner of the G1 Irish 2000 Guineas and whose oldest foals are 3-year-olds, will cover Group 3 winner **Rawaaq (GB)** (Invincible Spirit {Ire}). King of Change, the G1 Queen Elizabeth II S. hero and G1 2000 Guineas runner-up, will be sent the winning **Qaadira** (Mr. Greeley), who hails from the extended family of prolific blue hen Height of Fashion (Fr) (Bustino {GB}).

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EUROPEAN NEWS

ITALIAN STAKES SCHEDULE RELEASED

The Italian black-type calendar was released by the Italian MIPAAF on Monday. Rome starts its turf season on Mar. 5. with Milan and San Siro each beginning on Mar. 14. Regarding the Italian Classics, the G3 Premio Parioli (Italian 2000 Guineas) and the G3 Premio Regina Elena (Italian 1000 Guineas), will both be held in Rome on Apr. 25 and each carries a purse of €138,600. The €633,600 G2 Derby Italiano, the richest Group 2 race in Europe, is scheduled for Rome on May 23. Milan plays host to the G2 Oaks d'Italia, worth €366,300 this season, on June 6.

In the fall, some of the important group races are the Oct. 10 €231,550 G2 Premio Vittorio di Capua scheduled at Milan, as are the €244,200 G2 Premio Dormello and €244,200 G2 Gran Criterium, both on Oct. 24. The final day of group action in Italy is Nov. 7, with a quintet of group races on tap in Rome anchored by the €277,200 G2 Premio Lydia Tesio.

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OUTBREAK OF EHV1 REPORTED IN SPAIN

An outbreak of the neurological form of equine herpesvirus 1 (EHV1) has been reported in Valencia, Spain, the Irish Equine Centre (IEC) announced via a statement on Twitter Monday. The virus was discovered at an FEI competition, and the FEI Veterinary Department is collaborating with the Spanish authorities. Additional veterinarians have been brought in to assist with the 160 horses quarantined on site.

The IEC statement read in part, "Currently 84 horses are showing clinical signs, 11 are being treated in external clinics and four have died. Horses that left the venue before movement restrictions were implemented appear to have spread the virus to France, Germany and Belgium where additional cases have been reported." [Cont. p8](#)

EHV1 Outbreak Cont.

The statement continued, "It is understood that to date, no Irish riders affected have travelled from the event in Valencia to Ireland. However, anyone receiving horses particularly competition horses, from the continent should seek veterinary advice concerning isolation and EHV1 testing by PCR. Similarly, competitors planning to travel with their horses to events in Spain should see veterinary advice."

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HALF-SISTER TO G1SW LEFT HAND SET FOR CHANTILLY DEBUT

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Alain and Gerard Wertheimer's **NOHAND (GB) (Dansili {GB})** is the eighth of nine foals produced by G2 Prix de Royallieu winner Balladeuse (Fr) (Singspiel {Ire}), herself a half-sister to G1 Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud heroine and MG1SP G1 Prix de Diane third Plumania (GB) (Anabaa). The Andre Fabre trainee is thus full to G1 Prix Jean Romanet third Romanciere (Ire) and kin to G1 Prix Vermeille scorer Left Hand (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}). Her eight rivals include Haras de la Perelle homebred **Rispetta (GB) (No Nay Never)**, who is a Stephane Wattel-trained granddaughter of GI E.P. Taylor S. victrix Reggane (GB) (Red Ransom).

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BRITAIN

Monday's Results:

3rd-Wolverhampton, £5,300, Nov, 3-1, 3yo/up, 6f 20y (AWT), 1:13.49, st.

DRAGON SYMBOL (GB) (c, 3, Cable Bay {Ire}--Arcamist {GB}, by Arcano {Ire}) duelled for the lead from the outset of this debut. Gaining outright control rounding the home turn, the 2-1 second choice was ridden along approaching the eighth pole and surged

further clear under continued coaxing in the closing stages to easily account for Twilight Secret (GB) (Twilight Son {GB}) by 3 1/2 lengths. Half-brother to a 2-year-old filly by Postponed (Ire) and a yearling colt by Adaay (Ire), he is the first of three foals produced by a winning half-sister to the stakes-winning duo Smart Enough (GB) (Cadeaux Genereux {GB}) and Oasis Dancer (GB) (**Oasis Dream {GB}**). The April-foaled grey's second dam is G1 Prix Saint-Alary third Good Enough (Fr) (Mukaddamah). Sales history: 67,000gns Ylg '19 TAOCT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$4,780. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** 1ST-TIME STARTER. O-Yoshiro Kubota; B-Whitsbury Manor Stud (GB); T-Archie Watson.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Autonomy (GB), g, 5, Dansili (GB)--Funsie (Fr), by Saumarez (GB). Wolverhampton, 3-1, 12f 51y (AWT), 2:41.78. B-Newsells Park Stud (GB). *75,000gns Ylg '17 TATOCT; £3,000 3yo '19 GOFSP. **1/2 to Authorized (Itr) (Montjeu {Ire}), Ch. 3yo Colt-Eur, Hwt. 3yo-Eng at 9.5-11f, Hwt. 3yo-Eng at 11-14f, MG1SW-Eng, \$2,545,390.

FRANCE

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

6th-Lyon La Soie, €15,000, Cond, 2-28, 4yo, 9f (AWT), 1:36.20, st.

LIGHT BREEZE (FR) (f, 4, Kodiak {GB}--Passiflore {Fr} {SP-Fr}, by Siyouni {Fr}) Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, €18,000. O-Haras du Logis Saint Germain, Bernard Giraudon & Fabrice Vermeulen; B-Ecurie Loick Fouchet (FR); T-Fabrice Vermeulen. *€150,000 Ylg '18 AROCT.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Creedmoor (GB), f, 3, Invincible Spirit (Ire)--Vorda (Fr) (Hwt. 2yo Filly-Fr, G1SW-Eng, GSW & G1SP-Fr, \$498,143), by Orpen. Mont-de-Marsan, 3-1, 7 1/2fT, 1:28.30. B-Al Shahania Stud (GB). *1/2 to Saiga (Ire) (Teofilo {Ire}), SW-Fr.

Dream of Stars (Ire), f, 4, Sea the Stars (Ire)--Drops (Ire), by Kingmambo. Mont-de-Marsan, 3-1, 12 1/4fT, 2:41.50. B-Al Asayl Bloodstock Ltd (IRE).

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1	Galileo (Ire) <i>(1998) by Sadler's Wells Crops: 13</i>	3	8	2	5	--	--	244	40	250,000	2,099,852
				<i>Stands: Coolmore Stud Ire Fee: Private</i>						<i>Secret Advisor (Fr)</i>	
2	Dansili (GB) <i>(1996) by Danehill Crops: 14</i>	2	6	--	5	--	--	172	38	243,844	1,658,170
				<i>Stands: Banstead Manor Stud Eng Fee: Pspd</i>						<i>Mikki Brillante (Jpn)</i>	
3	Singspiel (Ire) <i>(1992) by In the Wings (GB) Crops: 17</i>	2	6	2	3	--	--	155	27	130,277	1,239,495
				<i>Stands: Dalham Hall Stud EUR (Dead/Ret)</i>						<i>Charity Grace (NZ)</i>	
4	Montjeu (Ire) <i>(1996) by Sadler's Wells Crops: 14</i>	2	4	--	--	--	--	152	29	208,942	1,332,647
				<i>Stands: Coolmore Stud EUR (Dead/Ret)</i>						<i>Eric The Eel (Aus)</i>	
5	Shamardal <i>(2002) by Giant's Causeway Crops: 9</i>	2	4	1	1	--	--	132	30	114,100	1,045,184
				<i>Stands: Kildangan Stud EUR (Dead/Ret)</i>						<i>Althiaq (GB)</i>	
6	Dubawi (Ire) <i>(2002) by Dubai Millennium (GB) Crops: 9</i>	--	4	--	3	--	--	94	10	132,002	671,495
				<i>Stands: Dalham Hall Stud Eng Fee: £250,000</i>						<i>Hellenistique (Fr)</i>	
7	Rock of Gibraltar (Ire) <i>(1999) by Danehill Crops: 12</i>	1	3	1	3	--	--	156	31	224,907	1,667,493
				<i>Stands: Coolmore Stud Ire Fee: €5,000</i>						<i>Leggiero (Jpn)</i>	
8	Oasis Dream (GB) <i>(2000) by Green Desert Crops: 11</i>	1	3	1	2	--	--	199	36	277,800	936,157
				<i>Stands: Banstead Manor Stud Eng Fee: £20,000</i>						<i>Equilateral (GB)</i>	
9	Verglas (Ire) <i>(1994) by Highest Honor (Fr) Crops: 13</i>	1	3	1	3	--	--	66	7	204,138	445,824
				<i>Stands: EUR (Dead/Ret)</i>						<i>Neufbosc (Fr)</i>	
10	Danehill Dancer (Ire) <i>(1993) by Danehill Crops: 16</i>	1	2	1	2	1	1	168	24	970,447	2,134,966
				<i>Stands: Coolmore Stud EUR (Dead/Ret)</i>						<i>Waikuku (Ire)</i>	
11	Redoute's Choice (Aus) <i>(1996) by Danehill Crops: 12</i>	1	2	1	2	--	1	48	9	392,423	1,886,520
				<i>Stands: Haras de Bonneval EUR (Dead/Ret)</i>						<i>Furore (NZ)</i>	
12	Sadler's Wells <i>(1981) by Northern Dancer Crops: 31</i>	--	2	--	2	--	--	174	22	156,682	1,103,759
				<i>Stands: Coolmore Stud EUR (Dead/Ret)</i>						<i>Handsome Bo Bo (Aus)</i>	
13	Danehill <i>(1986) by Danzig Crops: 25</i>	1	2	--	--	--	--	123	20	177,280	1,009,749
				<i>Stands: Coolmore Stud EUR (Dead/Ret)</i>						<i>Meisho Karin (Jpn)</i>	
14	Cape Cross (Ire) <i>(1994) by Green Desert Crops: 15</i>	--	2	--	1	--	--	135	26	220,533	902,806
				<i>Stands: Kildangan Stud EUR (Dead/Ret)</i>						<i>Solar Wai Wai (Aus)</i>	
15	Mark of Esteem (Ire) <i>(1993) by Darshaan (GB) Crops: 18</i>	1	2	--	1	--	1	59	9	277,307	419,212
				<i>Stands: Dalham Hall Stud EUR (Dead/Ret)</i>						<i>Exultant (Ire)</i>	

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COOLMORE & MAHER TEAM UP FOR TOP COLT



Lot 504, a colt by Lord Kanaloa | Inglis

by Bren O'Brien

Coolmore and Ciaron Maher Racing struck late on Day 2 of the Inglis Premier Yearling Sale to pay \$900,000 for a colt by Lord Kanaloa (Jpn), as the Sale at Oaklands Junction maintained an unprecedented pace.

At A Glance:

- With the Premier Session to conclude with a short session on Tuesday, the Sale average is at an all-time high of \$143,195, up from the final 2020 average of \$127,259.
- The Sale clearance rate is also very positive, standing at 86%, up from 83% at the end of last year's Premier Session.
- The median of \$110,000 is equivalent to last year.
- There has been close to \$57 million of sales across the first two days, with 398 yearlings finding new homes.
- Lot 504, the Kulani Park-offered son of Lord Kanaloa (Jpn), secured the day's top price when two of the Australian buying bench's most powerful buyers combined to pay \$900,000.
- Trent Busuttin and Natalie Young strengthened their stable with the acquisition of Lot 287, a colt by I Am Invincible offered by Vinery Stud.

- Trainer Lindsey Smith, in partnership with Boomer Bloodstock, and vendor Caithness Breeding went to a new level for Lot 492, with the Capitalist colt headed to Smith's Warrnambool stables after selling for \$600,000.

Arrowfield Colt Snapped Up by Coolmore and Maher

Arrowfield sent a quality draft to Melbourne for Kulani Park to prepare and consign and was rewarded with a huge result with Lot 504, the colt by Lord Kanaloa out of Believe Yourself (Sebring), who sold for the second-highest price of the sale to date, \$900,000.

Believe Yourself was a G2 Sweet Embrace S. winner before racing with success in Singapore and her first foal had kept Kulani Park very busy all week, with an amazing 220 parades.

After an opening bid of \$300,000, several bidders were onto the colt, keeping auctioneer Chris Russell and his bidder-spotter-in chief, Jonathan D'Arcy very busy. In the end, it was the partnership of Maher and Coolmore who prevailed in an early evening showdown at Oaklands Junction.

"He is a great physical. There's not many Lord Kanaloas out here and he is out of a sharp, early running mare. I thought he was probably the colt of the sale, and he had the price tag to match. We've seen the likes of Tagaloa and horses like that and hopefully he can be the next one," Maher said.

"I saw the horse up at Kulani and they do a great job preparing horses for the sale and he presented beautifully. He has got a beautiful temperament. There was a horse playing up out the back next to him and he just went about his business.

"That is something that is very important in colts. You want them to go on and be stallions and I think he's got the necessary characteristics to do that."

It is not the first time that Coolmore and Maher have come together, and Maher said it was great to rekindle the partnership.

"It was great to purchase another colt like with this with Coolmore. We've had the likes of Merchant Navy and some other really nice horses through the stable. We've got Loving Gaby's sister as well out of Magic Millions, so they are great to race with and hopefully we can find the next Coolmore or Royal Ascot winner," he said.

"It was pretty early on in the sale when we thought he was an obvious colt and they (Coolmore) indicated that they were keen to have a chat."

Kulani Park Basking in Outstanding Result

Rhys Smith, of Kulani Park, was delighted with a result which vindicated the faith Arrowfield had shown in the Goulburn Weir-based operation.

"It was a great result and a privilege to sell for Arrowfield. \$900,000 is a lot of money, so we are very pleased," he said.

"He's a great colt, a really early horse, good muscle and did everything right and looked a treat. He did over 220 parades, which is a lot of parading."

Smith was also pleased with who ended up purchasing him, knowing his future is in good hands.

"I was really interested in seeing who was bidding. There was probably three or four of them from \$500,000 upwards," he said.

"Coolmore has bought him, so obviously they'll look to win an early race and get him to stud. He's going to get every chance. I think Ciaron is the right trainer for him. Whether it be in Melbourne or Sydney I'm sure he'll be in those early 2-year-old races."

Believe Yourself foaled a colt by The Autumn Sun last spring and is back in foal to that stallion again.

Stunning Colt Highlights Another Big Day for Inglis

As the third-highest priced lot ever sold in Victoria, it was the highlight of a day which continued to rewrite record books in many ways.

The sale average continues to be very strong at \$143,195, and with a high clearance rate of 86 per cent, things are on track for record numbers when the sale concludes on Tuesday, with the finale of the Premier Session followed by the Showcase Session.

"It's been a sterling two days. We knew there some good horses right the way through the catalogue, and there are some good horses to come tomorrow, but the nature of the competition on the really sought after horses was fantastic," Inglis General Manager Bloodstock Sales and Marketing, Sebastian Hutch, said.

"The Lord Kanaloa colt, anyone that saw him was particularly taken aback by him. He was a beautiful colt by a fabulous stallion which has already bred a Blue Diamond winner out of a mare that had elite ability as a 2-year-old.

"It was exciting to get him into the catalogue and then for him to measure up the way he did was great and the competition on him was ferocious."

Maher, who trains with David Eustace, is the leading buyer of the sale with 13 purchases in his own name, totalling \$3.27 million as well as three other yearlings in partnership.

The top vendor on aggregate at the moment is Blue Gum Farm on aggregate (\$4.925 million), while Glentree Thoroughbreds tops the average price on \$330,000 across six lots sold.

Vinery's Vinnie Colt Off to Cranbourne

Earlier in the day, Trent Busuttin held his nerve to land another marquee colt of the Sale, Lot 287, who was by I Am Invincible and was offered by Vinery Stud, for \$700,000.

The colt is the first foal from Group 1 winning mare Risque (NZ) (Darci Brahma {NZ}) and was bred in partnership by Neil Werrett and Darren Thomas.

"They purchased the mare over in New Zealand after she won the 1000 Guineas and raced her over here with some success, so she's a lovely mare. To send her to a stallion like I Am Invincible

and get a really athletic, forward-looking colt like he was, is always a terrific result and he sold accordingly, so we are over the moon," Vinery Stud Bloodstock Manager, Adam White, said.

White said Vinery thought it would target this colt at the Victorian sale, looking to give him some clear air, and that tactic certainly appeared to have worked.

"We knew there'd be a lot of I Am Invincibles up at Inglis Easter

and we really wanted a headline horse here for our Premier draft. We've always had a successful Premier Sale and we always wanted to bring a really nice colt to help the draft overall and he was obviously very popular," he said.

"He is a very good-looking and great-moving horse, so I think he did his job for what we wanted him to do. To see him sell well and to go into a good Group 1-producing 2-year-old stable is tremendous for the mare going forward."

Busuttin, who trains at Cranbourne with his wife Natalie Young, said the colt shaped as a logical purchase.

"He's by the right stallion and he's a nice type of colt. He looks like a runner and he looks like a 2-year-old. He's got all the attributes that everyone wants and he's out of a Group 1-winning mare, so he was never going to be cheap," he said.

"He's compact and he looks like he will be running at two and hopefully he can be. It's the old saying, but he ticks all the boxes. We paid enough for him but they don't miss them."



Colm Santry, Rhys Smith & Ciaron Maher | Inglis

Since foaling this colt, Risque has produced a **More Than Ready** (USA) filly and then visited Written Tycoon.

I Am Invincible is the leading sire on average on \$325,000, with six sales, while Written Tycoon leads on aggregate with \$3.6 million across 14 sales, including the current sale topper, Lot 70, a colt which James Harron Bloodstock paid \$1.1 million for on Sunday.

'Handlebars Down' for Smith

Lindsey Smith was forced to elevate to another level when coming together with his usual partner, Craig Rounsefell of Boomer Bloodstock, to pay \$600,000 for Lot 492, the Capitalist colt offered by Caithness Breeding.

Smith had purchased a Capitalist at the recent Magic Millions Perth Yearling Sale, but had to reach a whole new price bracket to get the half-brother to stakes-placed Alshibaa (Street Cry {Ire}), out of the Redoute's Choice mare, Asheerah, the daughter of Group 1 winner Rewaaya (NZ) (Singspiel {Ire}).

"It's 'handlebars down' for me now. If you want to play the game, you have to have some skin in it, so that's what we've done," Smith said.

"He's the best colt I have seen at the sale. We thought we'd get in while we could, we went in hard early and that didn't work. I was just about to give up. I got very nervous, I have never bought a horse that expensive before but he's the nicest colt I have seen here."

Smith put in an audacious first bid of \$300,000, only to see others join in with almost as much enthusiasm.

"When you have got no money, you have to try something. It was a bit of a bluff, but it backfired on me. I moved to Melbourne and have to change my model and get some up-and-coming young horses. I always say you buy the one you like," he said.



Lot 492, a colt by Capitalist | *Inglis*



Lindsey Smith | *Inglis*

It was also a record result for Caithness Breeding, with Sean Dingwall reflecting on the significance of the occasion for the entire family.

"We breed a few mares and for him to make that sort of money is outstanding and by far our greatest result. We had our best result here last year with a Kermadec colt who made \$230,000, so to have a horse to make \$600,000 was amazing. I am thrilled," he said.

"The mare is a Redoute's mare and there's a lot of Redoute's in that colt and there's a bit more scope than a lot of Capitalists, from what people tell us. Ultimately, he has amazing temperament and that is what sold him."

Asheerah, who since missed to Flying Artie and is now in foal to Toronado (Ire), was an \$80,000 purchase from the 2018 Inglis Australian Broodmare Sale.

"She is a Shadwell mare and we bought her off Yarraman a few years ago. We took a Brazen Beau out of her and then put her in foal to Capitalist. She was a foal share, so we have got to thank Newgate as well for their support but ultimately we had an unbelievable specimen." Dingwell said.

O'Shea Falls for Dundee Colt

John O'Shea and Suman Hedge Bloodstock came together in a partnership with Arrowfield to pay \$550,000 for Lot 299, a Dundee (NZ) colt offered by Glentree Thoroughbreds.

"I am really enamoured with the progeny of Dundee. He's probably the best colt I have seen by him and he has the pedigree to match it. He comes off just a wonderful farm, Bruce Wilson has put together a great collection of broodmares, and this is a reflection of the quality of horses that Glentree is producing," O'Shea said.

"We are really enthused by the horse, and it's a syndicate headed by Australia's premier breeding barn in Arrowfield. They understand the stallion better than anyone and consequently they were kind enough to join us in the syndicate.



John O'Shea | Inglis

"He made a bit more than we thought, but Jon Freyer, we were seeking his guidance while we were bidding, he kept saying, it's a Group 1 horse, just buy it. Hopefully, he is right. He is a quality animal. We love to get a horse of his quality in the yard."

His dam, Ruby Falls (Flying Spur), is a half-sister to Group 1 winner Irish Lights (**Fastnet Rock**), and Glentree is set to get more from her in the near future.

"We've got full-sister on the ground now, by Dundeel and she's currently not in foal. It's great to have that full-sister," Glentree's Luke Simpson said.

"It was a testament to his temperament and he held that right the way through the whole week. He did fantastically well, and he was a very busy boy. It all resulted to that.

"We are absolutely delighted and it certainly exceeded our expectations."

It has been sale dominated by colts, who are represented by 12 of the top 13 prices lot over the first two days.

Rosemont Strikes for Sebring Filly

The equal top-priced filly on Monday was Lot 321, a chestnut filly by Sebring out of Group 3 winner Shamalia (Shamardal {USA}), offered by Blue Gum Farm and purchased by Rosemount Stud for \$450,000.

"There's a bit of Brooklyn Hustle about her and they're not making any more of the Sebrings and she was, for us, the filly of the sale," Rosemont's Anthony Mithen said.

"She's out of a Shamardal mare, she's an out-cross filly and she's off a farm that do a magnificent job and they continue to produce great results at Blue Gum and we were more than happy to be pretty strong on her.

"I had to be a little stronger than what I wanted to be, but you come here to buy the ones you want, rather than the ones that are left, as the auctioneers often tell you.

"When you're a breeding farm, you've got to keep on replenishing with those fillies and we like to think that we breed a nice filly, but we don't shut our eyes to what other people are producing and there's plenty of people doing a good job breeding some nice horses, so we're happy to share love by buying a nice horse as well as breeding them."

The Victorian Alliance colts' fund, led by Rosemont, paid \$520,000 for Lot 524, a Siyouni (Fr) colt from the draft of Yulong, late in the day in partnership with Suman Hedge Bloodstock and David Redvers Bloodstock.

The other filly to go for \$450,000 was the Lot 317, by So You Think (NZ) out Senro Kasaki (Daneshill Dancer {Ire}), which was purchased by David Pfeiffer Racing from the draft of Edinburgh Park.



Lot 524, a Siyouni colt | Inglis

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