

## BANNER YEAR DECADES IN THE MAKING FOR WACHTEL



Adam Wachtel (right) & Junior Alvarado in paddock at Saratoga  
*Horsephotos*

By Christina Bossinakis

The 2020 racing season was fraught with many challenges, largely due to the coronavirus pandemic, and halted racing in New York for about three months, continuing to wreak havoc with on-track attendance at many of the nation's racing venues throughout the remainder of the year. And while for many it was a time of turmoil and struggle, it proved to be a banner season for Wachtel Stable, campaigning not one but two Eclipse champions in 2020--**Vequist** (**Nyquist**, Champion Juvenile Filly) and **Channel Maker** (**English Channel**, Champion Turf Male).

"Unfortunately, I never made it to one single race--I haven't been to a race in 14 months," said Adam Wachtel. "There was some time in the spring where there was no racing, and it was frustrating not knowing where to send a horse and what to do with them. There was some uncertainty, but the industry did a great job in keeping racing going. Overall, it didn't impact my decision making. I was still able to go out and find some talent, make some deals and continue with business as usual. In the end, 2020 wound up being a great for us."

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## BELL'S THE ONE GEARING UP FOR RETURN

by Alan Carasso

Lothenbach Stables' **Bell's the One** (Majesticperfection), who became the first Grade I winner for trainer Neil Pessin in last year's Derby City Distaff ahead of a third-place effort to champion 'TDN Rising Star' Gamine (**Into Mischief**) in the GI Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Sprint, breezed five furlongs in 1:00.60 (9/36) at the Fair Grounds Feb. 28. Pessin confirmed that the GI Madison S. at Keeneland Apr. 4, in which his charge was a pace-compromised third in the coronavirus-delayed 2020 renewal last July, is the jumping-off spot for the mare's 5-year-old campaign.

"She's doing very well and we are right on schedule to run at Keeneland," the affable conditioner said Monday from New Orleans.

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**Wachtel's Banner Year cont. from p1**

Highlighting the 2020 racing season, Vequist, who Wachtel campaigns in partnership with Gary Barber and the filly's breeder, Tom McGrath's Swilcan Stable, capped her juvenile campaign with a confident two-length win over Dayoutoftheoffice (*Into Mischief*) in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies at Keeneland Nov. 6. Trained by Robert 'Butch' Reid Jr., the filly also annexed the GI Spinaway S. and finished runner up to Dayoutoftheoffice in the GI Frizette S. in October.

"Win or lose, we knew after the Breeders' Cup we were going to give her some time off and point her to the GI Kentucky Oaks [in May]," explained Wachtel. "She ran so well in the Breeders' Cup that just seemed like the logical thing to do."

"Butch decided to relocate down to Florida for the winter, and I think she had a lot to do with it, because he's essentially a Philly-based trainer. We sent her down to Ocala to get a little

rest and start her back up there. She then went to South Florida to Butch."

Returning to the races for the first time in 2021, Vequist

encountered a setback in her sophomore campaign in last Saturday's GII Davona Dale S. at Gulfstream and finished ninth.

"She came out of the race sound," confirmed Wachtel. "She had mucous upon scoping her after the race. We'll get that cleaned up, regroup, and let her tell us when she's ready to race again."

Following her Breeders' Cup win, the tentative plan was for her to head to Kentucky to make her next start at

Keeneland, the site of her Breeders' Cup victory.

"We wanted to work backwards from the Oaks, so we decided we'd try and give her two races, hoping that she'd stay healthy and everything would go well leading up to the Oaks," said Wachtel. "There is no specific target at this point."



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"It took two really special European fillies--who had a big weight advantage--to run him down and he was clearly the best of the North American horses," he said.

When asked about his thoughts regarding Channel Maker earning the title over a pair of European horses who beat his horse home in the Breeders' Cup, Wachtel asserted, "I don't think it's right for a horse to come to the United States, run once and take home the Eclipse Award. Whether it was Channel Maker or another horse, I'm glad it was a North American-based horse. And I do believe he really earned it. I would have been disappointed for him and the other partners if he hadn't won it."

Ever the world traveler, Channel Maker, who missed an intended start at last year's cancelled Dubai World Cup Carnival because of the COVID-19 outbreak, kicked off 2021 with a second-place effort behind another filly--True Self (Ire) (Oscar {Ire})--in the Neom Turf Cup at King Abdulaziz Racecourse in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

"From there, Channel Maker will go to [G1] Dubai [Sheema Classic Mar. 27] and then make maybe one start at Belmont before going to Saratoga. After that, hopefully, we can point him back to the Breeders' Cup [at Del Mar]."

And, the key to the 7-year-old's longevity?

"He's been great since he's a 2-year-old," said Wachtel. "We've tried to do the right thing by him in spreading out his races. That's a big part of my philosophy that you treat them right. You run them at the right time and take care of them, and they will reward you. And he really has."

**All in the Family**

Wachtel received his earliest lessons about racing from his father, Edwin Wachtel, a prominent owner/breeder in New York dating back to the 1970s. The senior Wachtel campaigned New York-bred stalwarts Claramount and his homebred son Stalwart Member, in addition to 1997 GII Gotham S. winner Smokin Mel.

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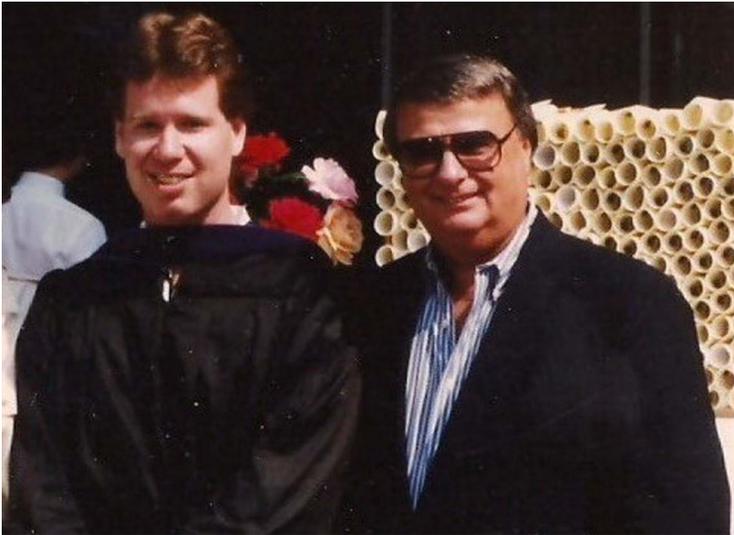
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Wachtel, who studied business and law and earned a pair of degrees from Emory University in Atlanta, decided to follow his passion for the sport following his graduation in 1988.



**Adam Wachtel, graduating from Law School, and his father, Edwin**  
*Courtesy Wachtel family*

“As a young guy, I knew that this was something I'd want to do someday. I went to college, business school and then law school, but that was something that was first a foremost on my mind, to pursue a career in racing, so I built my life around it, professionally.”

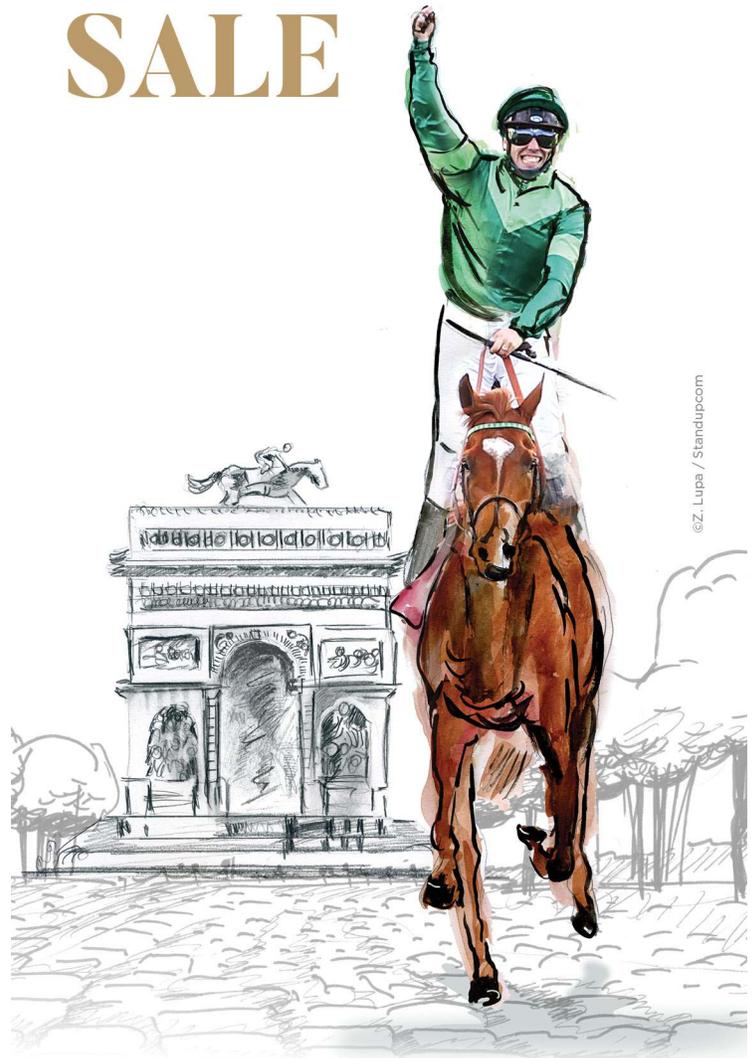
Operating in tandem for many years, the father and son team reaped the rewards of sharing a sport they we passionate about.

“My dad was there every step of the way,” said Wachtel. “I took over the stable about 15-20 years ago, but he would still come with me. Saratoga, in particular, was always a very special place for my dad and my family, so we'd go up there for the summers. I don't live that far, so we would drive back and forth, and we had some great memories there.”

“He had a great influence on my life in general, but in particular, he introduced me to this sport and I learned an awful lot with him. We learned together. He passed away some years ago but I know he would have been awfully excited and proud if he could have been here for some of the horses we've had over the last 15 years.”



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He also won the **Belmont Stakes-Gr.1** (9f.) by 3¾ lengths and **Florida Derby-Gr.1** (9f.) by 4¼ lengths (leading sires to win it include **Scat Daddy**, **Quality Road**, **Constitution** and **Nyquist**).

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Since taking over the reins of his father's racing and breeding operation, Wachtel gradually incorporated a lot of his own philosophy into the present-day version of Wachtel Stable, typically numbers about 50-60 horses.

"I wanted to treat it as more of a business than strictly as a hobby," explained Wachtel. "I wanted to be able to sell the horses just at the right time, which is a very important part of the sport if you're going to survive. And my dad and his buddies didn't really do much of that. Along the way, I have sold either all or part of some of the best horses, including Channel Maker. It's worked out really nicely for all of us."

He continued, "I've also cut back a little bit on the breeding end. My father had about 15 or 20 mares and, when I took over, I cut back to seven or 10 mares. I've focused on what I felt were better quality horses."

Along the lines of his predecessor's management style, Wachtel continues the tradition is standing at least one stallion to serve his small band.

"In the late 1970s, my dad retired [Claramount] and made a stallion out of him. Ever since, we owned a stallion in New York, so I have always had my own stallion to breed to. Right now, it's [GSW and MGISP] Al Khali [Medaglia d'Oro], who was a nice turf horse trained by Bill Mott. I pretty much breed him to my mares, and although we do get some outside interest, the intent wasn't really to make a commercial stallion out of him. He had a great pedigree and was great looking, and since I don't like to pay big stud fees, it allows me to breed to my own stallion. Conversely, one of the stallions that I retained an interest in is **Tourist** [Tiznow], who won a GI Breeders' Cup Mile for us [campaigned in partnership with WinStar Farm and Gary Barber]. He stands at WinStar. I bought mares specifically to breed to him that are in Kentucky now. But typically, I do not breed my mares to outside stallions, unless there is a compelling reason."



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In the quest for better racing stock, Wachtel has built a career of unearthing 'live' racing prospects, a diamond in the rough or a horse that has gone off-form and that may not be an obvious commodity at first glance. Case in point is multiple Grade I winner Ron the Greek (Full Mandate). Winner of the Gill Lecomte S. early in his sophomore season, Ron the Greek went on a five-race losing streak, and two trainer changes, before Wachtel—in partnership with Nils Brous—entered the fray and purchased a majority holding in 2011. Turned over to Hall of Fame trainer Bill Mott, the Florida-bred finished second in his first two starts for the new connections, before taking the GI Santa Anita H., giving Wachtel his first Grade I win. He went on to add wins in the GI Stephen Foster S., GI Jockey Club Gold Cup Invitational S. and Sunshine Millions Classic for the partnership before selling him right after his Gold Cup win.

“I bought my first horse when I was 18 with my dad, and I'm now 58, so I have been doing this a long time, and the vast majority of the horses that I've purchased over the years have been off of sheet figures,” Wachtel explained. “Some people look at Beyers and I look at Ragozin numbers. After 40 years of experience, my number one criteria in buying a 'made' horse is to buy fast horses. Ones that had the kind of sheet that suggested to me that they were still improving and were of value. We sometimes call them 'buried' horses whose sheets may suggest they might be more valuable than the public might realize.”

Fast forward to 2020, and the same principal applied to the decision to buy into Vequist off of a losing effort in her career debut last July.

“We identified her in her maiden race, where she was actually second at Parx,” he recalled. “And her [Ragozin] number made her the second fastest 2-year-old filly in North America behind a filly she ended up tangling with a couple of times after that, Dayoutoftheoffice, so I was very encouraged by that first effort.”

He continued, “When we were able to finalize the deal, I told Butch 'you're going to think I'm crazy, but I wouldn't run her in a maiden race. I think she's special and fast, so let's point her to a stakes race at Saratoga.' We did, and of course, she destroyed

the field [in the Spinaway] and that set her on a path to the Breeders' Cup.”

Another method used by Wachtel for many years to upgrade his stock while spreading the risk is partnerships, which appear to have become the norm in recent times in both racing and the sales.

“I'm always trying to buy into horses that I hope can become stakes horses,” he said. “In doing so, that's why I'll partner with one or two guys rather than buy 100% of a horse. I'd rather 25%

or 50% of an even better horse. Pretty much I won't buy unless I can have a minimum 25% stake in a horse, that's not to say that I think there is anything wrong with taking less than that. I did that with **Exaggerator** [Curlin], who won the [2016 Xpressbet.com] GI Preakness S. You won't see my name in the chart and since I'm not in it for the publicity, I didn't really care about that. But that was an exception because I thought he was something special and I



Ron the Greek winning the JC Gold Cup | Chelsea Durand

thought he had a chance to win the Kentucky Derby, a race that he finished second in. Typically, I don't want to take less than 25%. It's just my own personal preference.”

Looking back on four decades in the game, Wachtel underscores a non-negotiable factor that he has built the success and longevity of his operation on is the people he has surrounded himself with.

“I just want to be involved with reputable people,” he affirmed “I have a lot of horses with Gary Barber. And in case of Vequist where Gary and I would have bought the whole horse, the breeder and our partner Tom McGrath, decided he'd like to stay involved. So, I'm never opposed to partnering on horses, as long as it is somebody I want to be associated with.”

He continued, “A lot of my horses go to Bill Mott. Often times we give trainers a chance, like we did with Butch Reid and with Jerry O'Dwyer, who trained Shotski, who won the [GI] Remsen S., for us. We also did the same thing with Tim Keefe, another MidAtlantic trainer. There are some trainers in our sport that are controversial and you're not going to see my name in ownership with those particular trainers. It's not worth it to me. My integrity means a lot.”



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**Bell's the One Gears up for Return, cont. from p1****Bell's the One (left) | Coady**

Following the Filly & Mare Sprint, where she was beaten by the nose of Serengeti Empress (**Alternation**) for second, Bell's the One was turned out for six weeks at Chesapeake Farm in Lexington. Pessin said she arrived at the Fair Grounds in early January, galloped for about a month and has turned in four breezes since.

"She's on a weekly training schedule, just depends on the weather and the track," Pessin said. "We're pretty happy with where we are right now, so we do have some flexibility if needed. I'm not on a tight schedule. She'll be ready to rock and roll when Keeneland comes around."

The trainer has no reservations about training up to the Madison.

"Very," he said when asked about his level of confidence running in the Madison without a prep. "I have a lot of confidence in her. I'll be honest with you, if my filly runs her race--there has to be a little bit of a pace set-up for her at Keeneland--but with any sort of pace whatsoever, she ought to be tough. I don't think Gamine is coming and I'm really not worried about anything else."

Pessin has never been one to rack up big numbers, but my any metric, 2020 was a banner year, with a victory in the GIII Winning Colors S. over an insufficient six-furlong trip in addition to the Derby City Distaff, where she got just the better of Serengeti Empress following a final-furlong throwdown.

"Well, winning the Derby City Distaff was nice, especially the fashion we did it," he said. "Breeders' Cup, if we'd have been second--we had to wait a little bit turning for home and I think it cost us the nose. But with that being said, she ran a big race.

He continued, "Overall, having a horse like her in the barn is very exciting, makes you want to get up in the morning. I do wish she'd have been a finalist in the [Eclipse] balloting, because I do think she belonged on the list. We ran against Serengeti [Empress] twice, we beat her a nose and she beat us a nose. I feel we could have beaten her in the Breeders' Cup with a little more luck. I hope we get a shot to win one or two more Grade Is this year and she stays healthy and everything goes well."

As for the rest of this year, Pessin said that the team will chart a course backwards from this year's Filly & Mare Sprint at Del Mar Nov. 6 following her first two starts. From there, her future remains an open question.

"I would say it depends on how healthy she stays and how well she runs," Pessin said. "Bob breeds his own, but that doesn't necessarily mean she'll go straight to the breeding shed when this year is over.

"I want to do whatever is best for her," Pessin added. "If I think she is 100% good to go for another year, then it'd be up to Bob and [racing manager] Drew [Nardiello] whether to race her or not. But I won't race her unless she's 100%."

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**OP/ED: IT'S TIME TO CHALLENGE****MONOMOY GIRL**

by *Bill Finley*

Don't get me wrong. I respect **Monomoy Girl** (Tapizar). She's right up there among the best fillies and mares to compete in any of our lifetimes. But there was something routine about her victory in Sunday's GIII Bayakoa S. at Oaklawn Park.

It was the 16th chapter in what has essentially been the same story from the start. In 15 of her 16 races, she has crossed the wire first, always against fillies and mares while winning in a manner better described as professional rather than breathtaking. There were some decent fillies, including Grade II winner Finite (**Munnings**) in there, but there was never any doubt who would win the Bayakoa. Monomoy Girl is just a lot better than those horses. She's just a lot better than any filly in training.

The Bayakoa was a tuneup for the Apr. 27 GI Apple Blossom H. Though it's a \$1-million, Grade I race, the Apple Blossom will likely be another one-horse race.



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So far as what will come after that, her new owners haven't said. But where she goes after the Apple Blossom will tell us a lot about their intentions going forward.

Will the kid gloves come off? It's time for that to happen.

Through her 5-year-old year, Monomoy Girl was owned by the partnership of Michael Dubb, Monomoy Stables, Stuart Grant and Bethlehem Stables, and the group did a masterful job of managing her. They won the two races that matter most for a 3-year-old filly, the GI Kentucky Oaks and the GI Breeders' Cup Distaff. Due to a variety of setbacks, she missed her entire 4-year-old year and, then, the owners were understandably cautious when bringing her back last year as a 5-year-old. She didn't return until May, ran just four times and completed her year with another win in the Distaff and another Eclipse Award.

A few days after the Breeders' Cup, she was sold for \$9.5 million at the Fasig-Tipton November Sale, and her new owners, Spendthrift Farm, My Racehorse Stable and Madaket Stable, gave the sport a gift when announcing they would run her this year as a 6-year-old.

Presumably, she will be retired at the end of this year after the Breeders' Cup and will settle in at Spendthrift, where she will be among the most valuable broodmares on the planet.

That likely means that there are eight months left before she is done and eight months left to define her career.

The safe route would be to stay in her own division and run in races like the Apple Blossom, the GI La Troienne S., the GI Ogden Phipps S., the GI Personal Ensign S. and the GI Spinster S. before attempting to win the Distaff for a third time.

But what would that prove? She would be heavily favored in each race against overmatched rivals and it's unlikely that

anyone would beat her.

Even with an unprecedented third win in the Distaff, should Monomoy Girl stick to running against fillies and mares, she will have retired without an all-important race against males. And that would set her apart from the two greatest fillies of her era.

Rachel Alexandra (Medaglia d'Oro) defeated males in the GI Preakness S., the GI Haskell Invitational and in the GI Woodward S. Zenyatta (Street Cry {Ire}) won the richest race on the U.S. calendar, beating males in the GI Breeders' Cup Classic.

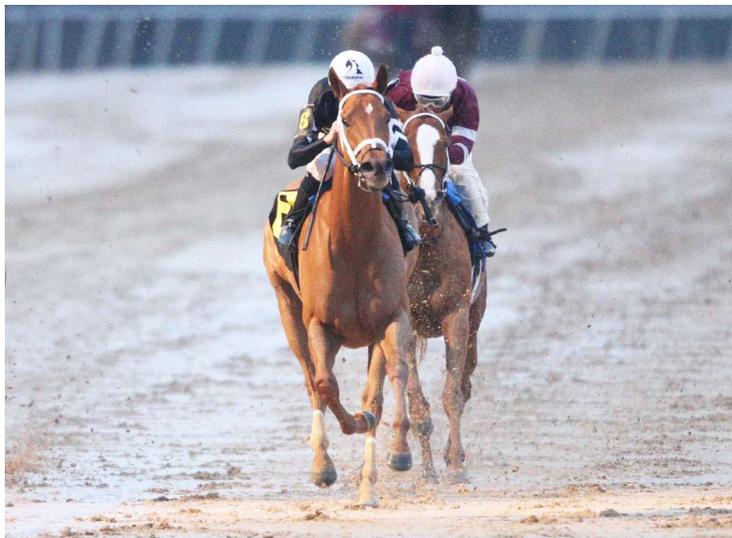
Should Monomoy Girl stay in her division and run the table, she'd earn about \$2 million on the racetrack. Considering how much they paid for her, how much she is worth as a broodmare and that Spendthrift has very deep pockets, it's

doubtful that \$2 million really matters to them one way or the other. And if they were in any hurry to retire her, at age six, they had every reason to do so rather than bringing her back to race this year.

The hope is that Spendthrift bought her and brought her back to the races this year, at least in part, so that they could enjoy what could be a terrific ride from an outstanding mare. Winning the La Troienne at 1-5 for the second straight year is not going to accomplish that. Or do anything for her legacy.

It would have been nice to see Monomoy Girl do what her rival Midnight Bisou (Midnight Lute) did when she took on males last year in the \$20-million Saudi Cup. Or they might have pointed her for the G1 Dubai World Cup. It's too late for that, but not too late to schedule a post-Apple Blossom campaign that includes races against the boys. I'd like to see her run in a bunch of them,

maybe the GI Whitney S., the GI Jockey Club Gold Cup and then the Classic. But I won't complain if they pick only the Classic. That's the race she belongs in.



**Monomoy Girl winning the Bayakoa | Coady**



**Monomoy Girl winning the 2020 Distaff Breeders' Cup/Eclipse Sportswire**

Spendthrift owner B. Wayne Hughes is a smart businessman and he has every right to try to make as much money off of Monomoy Girl as possible. But he also comes across as someone who understands the history of the sport and is a sportsman. He gave the other great mare he campaigned, Beholder (Henny Hughes), a chance against males and she came through with a dominant win in the 2015 GI Pacific Classic. Let's hope he does the same with Monomoy Girl. Win or lose, she deserves the chance to show the sport just how great she really is.

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### INDIANA GRAND ADJUSTS RACE DATES, OFF-TURF WAGERING RULES, CUTS PICK 4 TAKEOUT

Several changes for the upcoming 2021 racing season at Indiana Grand Racing & Casino were approved by the Indiana Horse Racing Commission at its Tuesday meeting regarding race dates and wagering and takeout rules. Indiana Grand was initially set to hold live racing Saturday, May 1 during GI Kentucky Derby Day. However, due to uncertainty directly related to COVID-19, a request was submitted to the IHRC to reallocate that date to Monday, Nov. 8, 2021, which will become closing day for the 19th season of Thoroughbred and Quarter Horse racing at Indiana Grand.

The IHRC also approved a rule change that dictates races taken off the turf once the wagering pools have closed for the Pick 4, Pick 5 and Pick 6 will now become "all" wagers. The Pick 6 will now become a scenario where "all" horses in that race will be considered a winner. Formerly, when a horse scratched from a race taken off the turf after the close of the wagering pools, the customer was given a substitute of the post time favorite.

Indiana Grand introduced a lower takeout for the Pick 5 in 2020 at 11.99%, which remains in effect. In addition, the IHRC approved a reduced takeout for the Pick 4 along with the Pick 6 Jackpot wagers to 15% beginning in 2021.

"We are always looking for ways to enhance our betting platforms and with the growing popularity of our multiple-race wagers, and we felt a reduced takeout on these two wagers would be very attractive to our racing customers," said Eric Halstrom, vice president and general manager of racing. "We've seen a tremendous increase in interest in these types of wagers at Indiana Grand and are excited to make them a better value for our fan base."

Live racing returns to Indiana Grand Tuesday, Apr. 13. Racing will be conducted at 2:25 p.m. ET Monday through Wednesday with first post on Thursday set at 3:25 p.m.

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#	Horse	Morning Line Odds
1	Caddo River (Hard Spun)	15-1
2	Candy Man Rocket (Candy Ride {Arg})	30-1
3	Collaborate (Into Mischief)	30-1
4	Concert Tour (Street Sense)	20-1
5	Dream Shake (Twirling Candy)	30-1
6	Essential Quality (Tapit)	7-2
7	Freedom Fighter (Violence)	30-1
8	Greatest Honour (Tapit)	6-1
9	Highly Motivated (Nyquist)	20-1
10	Hot Rod Charlie (Oxbow)	30-1
11	Hush of a Storm (Creative Cause)	50-1
12	Keepmeinmind (Laoban)	30-1
13	Life Is Good (Into Mischief)	4-1
14	Mandaloun (Into Mischief)	15-1
15	Medina Spirit (Protonico)	30-1
16	Midnight Bourbon (Tiznow)	30-1
17	Prevalence (Medaglia d'Oro)	20-1
18	Proxy (Tapit)	20-1
19	Risk Taking (Medaglia d'Oro)	30-1
20	Roman Centurian (Empire Maker)	50-1
21	Rombauer (Twirling Candy)	50-1
22	Spielberg (Union Rags)	20-1
23	The Great One (Nyquist)	50-1
24	All Other 3-Year-Olds	10-1

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## KNICKS GO NAMED MARYLAND'S 2020 HOTY



Knicks Go | Coady

Presented virtually the week of Feb. 22, the fourth annual Renaissance Awards, a collaborative effort between the Maryland Horse Breeders Association, Maryland Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association and Maryland Jockey Club, was highlighted by **Knicks Go (Paynter)** earning the title of Maryland Horse of the Year and champion older horse for the 2020 season. Owned by Korea Racing Authority and trained by Brad H. Cox, the grey capped off an impressive year with a victory in the GI Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile at Keeneland Nov. 7. He is only the fifth Maryland-bred to win a Breeders' Cup race.

### Other Divisional Champions:

#### Champion 2-year-old male: Jaxon Traveler (Munnings).

Bred by Dr. and Mrs. A. Leonard Pineau; owned by West Point Tbreeds & Marvin Delfiner; trained by Steven M. Asmussen.

#### Champion 2-year-old filly: Street Lute (Street Magician).

Bred by Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman and Dr. Brooke Bowman; owned by Lucky 7 Stables; trained by John J. Robb.

#### Champion 3-year-old male: Field Pass (Lemon Drop Kid).

Bred by Mark Brown Grier; owned by Three Diamonds Farm; trained by Michael J. Maker.

#### Ch. 3-year-old filly & ch. turf runner: Sharing (Speightstown).

Bred by Sagamore Farm; owned by Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners & Gainesway Stable (Antony Beck); trained by H. Graham Motion.

#### Champion older female: Never Enough Time (Munnings).

Bred and owned by R. Larry Johnson; trained by Michael J. Trombetta.

#### Champion sprinter: Laki (Cuba).

Bred by Tom Michaels and Lorna Baker; owned by Hillside Equestrian Meadows; trained by Damon R. Dilodovico.

Also earning an award, Angie Moore, breeder of 2020 Maryland-bred Horse of the Year and champion older male Knicks Go, was crowned the Maryland Breeder of the Year, while Sycamore Hall Thoroughbreds LLC and Hillwood Stable LLC's Love's Reason, dam of 2019 Maryland-bred champion older female Majestic Reason, won Maryland Broodmare of the Year and Northview Stallion Station's Great Notion took home the title of Maryland Stallion of the Year for the fifth consecutive year.

Other award winners for 2020 include Robert Bone, Maryland Owner of the Year; Claudio Gonzalez, Maryland Trainer of the Year; Trevor McCarthy, Maryland Jockey of the Year. Edgar Gallegos was honored as the Pimlico Backstretch Worker of the Year, while Antonio Lopez Salazar earned the title of Laurel Backstretch Employee of the Year, and jockey Victor Carrasco was recognized as the MTHA's Unsung Hero.

To watch the video announcements for each category, visit [www.MarylandThoroughbred.com](http://www.MarylandThoroughbred.com).

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## OLD FRIENDS LAUNCHES MEMORY LANE 'BRICK-BY-BRICK' CAMPAIGN

Old Friends has launched its "Memory Lane--Brick by Brick" fundraising campaign, where supporters of the non-profit organization can claim a spot in Old Friends's Nikki Bacharach Memorial Garden with a custom paver honoring a loved one, a legendary horse, a lost pet, a business, or other. Fans can contribute to Memory Lane by choosing one of two-sized bricks customized with colors, graphics, and text to create an elegant and permanent legacy for \$125 or \$225.

Bricks will be laid to form a path in the Old Friends Memorial Garden/Champion's Cemetery, which is located adjacent to the farm's Visitor Center. Here, great horses such as Kentucky Derby Winners War Emblem and Charismatic, Breeders' Cup Classic Winner Awesome Again, and Champions Hidden Lake, Noor, and Bint Marsday (Aus) have been laid to rest. The courtyard will be open to visitors. Memory Lane bricks are available now and can be ordered via [thatsmybrick.com](http://thatsmybrick.com).

Installation of the Memory Lane--Brick by Brick garden is expected to begin in June of 2021.

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## MCKINZIE, SPUN TO RUN MARES CONFIRMED IN FOAL

Gainesway freshman sires **McKinzie** (*Street Sense*) and **Spun to Run** (*Hard Spun*), winner of the 2019 GI Breeders Cup Dirt Mile, have their first mares confirmed mares in foal.

**McKinzie**, a four-time Grade I winner, won graded stakes from age two through five, including the GI Los Alamitos Futurity, GI Pennsylvania Derby, GI Whitney S. and GI Malibu S. In addition to a Breeders' Cup win, Spun to Run also annexed the GIII Smarty Jones S. and was runner up in the GI Cigar Mile and third in the GI Haskell Invitational S.

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## JOCKEYS & JEANS RAISES \$67,600 IN STALLION SEASON SALE

For the first time, the annual Jockeys and Jeans auction raised funds for the Permanently Disabled Jockeys Fund, including Quarter Horse stallions. Former nine-time Champion Jockey G.R. Carter spearheaded the effort, enlisting Quarter Horse breeders, who spent \$31,500 for breeding seasons, while Thoroughbred stallion season buyers paid \$36,100.

Powered by volunteers, Jockeys and Jeans, founded by five former riders in late 2014, has raised \$1.6 million for about 60 disabled former jockeys who receive a monthly \$1,000 stipend from the Permanently Disabled Jockeys Fund. The annual Jockeys and Jeans fundraising event is held at a separate track each year. The organization's planned event at Churchill Downs last fall had to be canceled due to the pandemic, but the group is planning an event this summer and possibly a virtual event this spring. Both will be announced at a later date.

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

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Tabor Hall	<b>Candy Ride (Arg)</b>	Lee Pokoik	McPeek	Cohen	117
2	Will's Secret	<b>Will Take Charge</b>	Willis Horton Racing LLC	Stewart	Court	122
3	Willful Woman	<b>Nyquist</b>	Lieblong, Alex and JoAnn	Asmussen	Santana, Jr.	117
4	Sun Path	<b>Munnings</b>	Juddmonte Farms, Inc.	Cox	Talamo	117
5	Pauline's Pearl	<b>Tapit</b>	Stonestreet Stables LLC	Asmussen	Arrieta	117
6	Absolute Anna 	Raison d'Etat	Hollendorfer, LLC and January, Dennis	Hollendorfer	Vazquez	117
7	Oliviaofthedesert 	<b>Bernardini</b>	Susan Moulton	McPeek	Cabrera	119
8	Coach	Commissioner	Kueber Racing, LLC	Cox	Geroux	119

**Breeders:** 1-Lee Pokoik, 2-Willis Horton Racing LLC, 3-Clearsky Farms, 4-Juddmonte Farms Inc, 5-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC, 6-Calumet Farm, 7-Timber Town Stable, LLC & JaneWinegardner, 8-Three Lyons Racing, LLC



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Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	<b>Speightstown</b> (1998) by Gone West FYR: 2006 Crops: 14	2	9	2	5	--	--	127	28	3,500,000	5,404,824
										Charlatan	
2	<b>Paynter</b> (2009) by Awesome Again FYR: 2015 Crops: 5	1	3	1	1	1	1	108	35	3,240,000	4,197,043
										Knicks Go	
3	<b>Into Mischief</b> (2005) by Harlan's Holiday FYR: 2010 Crops: 10	10	19	4	7	--	1	202	47	260,000	3,114,777
										Mandaloun	
4	<b>Medaglia d'Oro</b> (1999) by El Prado (Ire) FYR: 2006 Crops: 14	4	6	3	3	1	1	106	22	1,779,897	2,946,662
										Golden Sixty (AUS)	
5	<b>Tapit</b> (2001) by Pulpit FYR: 2006 Crops: 14	2	7	2	3	--	--	114	29	500,000	2,595,578
										Tacitus	
6	<b>I'll Have Another</b> (2009) by Flower Alley FYR: 2014 Crops: 6	1	2	--	1	--	--	134	26	303,847	2,124,315
										Meiner Yukitsubaki (JPN)	
7	<b>American Pharoah</b> (2012) by Pioneerof the Nile FYR: 2017 Crops: 3	4	5	2	2	1	1	89	21	979,239	2,046,008
										Cafe Pharoah	
8	<b>Curlin</b> (2004) by Smart Strike FYR: 2010 Crops: 10	2	11	1	6	--	--	131	28	183,000	1,697,678
										Clairiere	
9	<b>Hard Spun</b> (2004) by Danzig FYR: 2009 Crops: 11	3	5	1	3	--	--	154	37	271,903	1,550,926
										Silver Fig (AUS)	
10	<b>Munnings</b> (2006) by Speightstown FYR: 2012 Crops: 8	4	8	--	3	--	--	131	39	126,000	1,548,382
										Boldor	
11	<b>Candy Ride (Arg)</b> (1999) by Ride the Rails FYR: 2006 Crops: 14	6	7	4	5	--	--	105	35	188,000	1,516,035
										Share the Ride	
12	<b>Street Sense</b> (2004) by Street Cry (Ire) FYR: 2009 Crops: 11	6	8	3	4	--	--	119	30	156,600	1,433,892
										Concert Tour	
13	<b>Ghostzapper</b> (2000) by Awesome Again FYR: 2007 Crops: 13	4	4	2	3	--	--	96	25	360,000	1,379,640
										Mystic Guide	
14	<b>Tapiture</b> (2011) by Tapit FYR: 2017 Crops: 3	--	2	--	1	--	1	91	21	580,000	1,344,799
										Jesus' Team	
15	<b>Constitution</b> (2011) by Tapit FYR: 2017 Crops: 3	2	7	1	5	--	1	95	24	290,000	1,312,035
										Independence Hall	

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# NORTH AMERICAN RACING



## IN ORDER OF PURSE:

**10th-Parx Racing, \$35,250, (S), Alw, 3-2, (NW1BX), 4yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:04.66, ft, 10 lengths.**

**CHUB WAGON (f, 4, Hey Chub--Takin the Plunge, by Lion Heart)**, a last out first-level allowance winner over open company Dec. 28, stayed perfect in impressive fashion versus state-breds here. The 1-5 favorite broke on top and left little doubt about the outcome, strolling home a much-the-best, 10-length winner. Chub Wagon is a full-sister to Chubofftheoldblock, SP, \$175,948. After producing a filly by Hey Chub in 2020, she was bred back to that same sire for 2021. Lifetime Record: 3-3-0-0, \$67,200. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Daniel J. Lopez & George Chestnut; B-Joe-Dan Farm & George Chestnut (PA); T-Guadalupe Preciado.



## IN ORDER OF PURSE:

**5th-Parx Racing, \$34,500, (S), Msw, 3-2, 3yo, f, 7f, 1:27.30, gd, 5 1/4 lengths.**

**MIDNIGHT OBSESSION (f, 3, Overanalyze--Halo Hollie, by Halo's Image)** fired a four-furlong bullet from the gate in :47 at Parx Jan. 17 and wasn't much of a secret here at 3-2. She raced with the early leaders in an outside third, made a three-wide bid on the far turn and had complete control of the race as they straightened for home en route to a facile, 5 1/4-length win over Amaterasu (**Karakontie {Jpn}**). The winner is a half to Midnight Poker (Smarty Jones), SW, \$225,890. Halo Hollie is also represented by a 2-year-old colt Urmizzenmypoint (**Mizzen Mast**) and a yearling colt Halo d'Oro (**Bolt d'Oro**). She was bred to **Classic Empire** for 2021. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$20,400.

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O-Main Line Racing Stable; B-Four Bucks Racing (PA); T-John C. Servis.



## SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3 2021 Stud Fees Listed



**Air Force Blue** | *Coolmore*

**Air Force Blue (War Front)**, Ashford Stud, \$10,000  
178 foals of racing age/25 winners/0 black-type winners  
6-Sam Houston Race, Msw 5fT, Alimony Blues, 9-2  
\$20,000 OBS OCT yrl

**Jess's Dream (Curlin)**, Ocala Stud, \$4,000  
131 foals of racing age/11 winners/1 black-type winner  
6-Tampa Bay Downs, Msw 1m, Forbidden Dream, 6-1  
\$8,000 OBS OCT yrl; \$23,000 OBS APR 2yo

**Peace and Justice (War Front)**, Blackstone Farm, \$3,500  
62 foals of racing age/4 winners/1 black-type winner  
9-Parx Racing, Aoc 6 1/2f, Louie's Law, 6-1

**Quick Change (Awesome Again)**, Raimonde Farms  
7 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners  
8-Mahoning Valley, Alw 6f, Is She Quick, 15-1

**Speightster (Speightstown)**, WinStar Farm, \$10,000  
228 foals of racing age/22 winners/2 black-type winners  
3-Charles Town, Msw 6 1/2f, Door Buster, 15-1  
\$25,000 EAS OCT yrl  
4-Charles Town, Alw 6 1/2f, That Kenney Kid, 4-1  
\$15,000 OBS WIN wnl; \$70,000 KEE SEP yrl



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**Uncle Lino (Uncle Mo)**, Northview Stallion Station, \$4,000  
 132 foals of racing age/9 winners/0 black-type winners  
 9-Parx Racing, Aoc 6 1/2f, Just a Thought, 9-2  
 4-Penn National, Msw 6f, La Lena, 10-1



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**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

**4th-Delta Downs, \$38,000**, (S), 3-2, (NW1X), 4yo/up, f/m, 1m,  
 1:42.51, ft, 2 1/2 lengths.

**RUN NOW ESTELLA (f, 4, Nownownow--Stella Hey Stella, by Ruler's Court)** Lifetime Record: 10-2-2-3, \$65,090. O-Daniel Galvan; B-Robert E. Hewlett (LA); T-Juan A. Larrosa.

**4th-Mahoning Valley, \$35,500**, (S), 3-2, 3yo/up, 1m 70y,  
 1:43.41, ft, neck.

**TICO THUNDER (g, 8, Lightnin N Thunder--Turkoturkotico, by Gulch It)** Lifetime Record: 67-11-16-5, \$262,694. O-Murillo AAA Racing; B-Anthony B. Rizzo (OH); T-Alejandro Murillo Rodriguez.

**3rd-Turf Paradise, \$23,500**, Opt. Clm (\$30,000-\$40,000), 3-2,  
 4yo/up, 1m, 1:36.99, ft, 3 lengths.

**MR RIGHT NOW (c, 4, Mr. Big--Angel Z, by Zensational)**  
 Lifetime Record: 8-4-0-0, \$44,138. O/T-Ryan Bratcher; B-Mark Tatch (CA). \*\$4,000 Ylg '18 BARJAN; \$5,500 Ylg '18 NCAAUG.

**7th-Mahoning Valley, \$21,800**, 3-2, (NW3L), 3yo/up, 5 1/2f,  
 1:05.36, ft, 4 lengths.

**WILLISTON WAY (c, 4, Cigar Street--Distal Daughter, by Mister Phone {Arg})** Lifetime Record: SP, 14-3-4-2, \$161,120.  
 O/B-Thomas J. Young (KY); T-Billy Hardin.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

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**HEY CHUB**, Chub Wagon, f, 4, o/o Takin the Plunge, by Lion Heart. ALW, 3-2, Parx Racing

**LIGHTNIN N THUNDER**, Tico Thunder, g, 8, o/o Turkoturkotico, by Gulch It. ALW, 3-2, Mahoning Valley

**MR. BIG**, Mr Right Now, c, 4, o/o Angel Z, by Zensational. AOC, 3-2, Turf Paradise

**NOWNOWNOW**, Run Now Estella, f, 4, o/o Stella Hey Stella, by Ruler's Court. ALW, 3-2, Delta Downs

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## THE STALLION SYNDICATE TO TARGET TOP COLTS



Nick Bradley | Tattersalls

By Kelsey Riley

Increased competition from abroad in recent years has made it more difficult for independent studs in the UK to secure top-class stallion prospects. Add to that the considerable obstacles brought on by Brexit, and British breeders' challenge of accessing the continent's best sires has been amplified. That's why Nick Bradley and Sam Hoskins are spearheading an effort to keep more of the best stallion prospects in Britain with their new initiative, **The Stallion Syndicate**, which will see a number of UK breeders and stallion masters band together to target the best Group 1-winning colts.

"A lot of UK breeders this year have had the problem that a lot of the best stallions are standing outside the UK," Bradley said. "With the UK leaving Europe through Brexit it's made things a lot harder for the UK breeders. The costs have increased and accessing these stallions has gotten a lot harder. We're not allowed to use our own transport [into Ireland] unless it's been certified in Ireland, and we haven't been able to do that with Covid.

"So things are a lot harder this year, and I felt it would benefit the UK breeders if we could put something together whereby we could try to get some of the stallions off the track to stand in the UK rather than going to Ireland or France." **Cont. p2**

## CRAVEN BREEZE-UP CATALOGUE ONLINE

The catalogue for the Tattersalls Craven Breeze-Up Sale, which features 168 juveniles to breeze on the Rowley Mile on Apr. 12 before selling at Park Paddocks on Apr. 13 and 14, is online. The Craven sale has produced 49 stakes winners in the last five years, and in addition to black-type, graduates of this year's Craven sale will be chasing two bonuses: the **£250,000 Craven Royal Ascot/Group 1 Bonus**, and the **£15,000 Craven Breeze Up Bonus**. The catalogue includes 20 2-year-olds out of group or listed-winning mares including a **Frankel (GB)** colt out of G1 Prix Jean Romanet winner Ribbons (GB) (Manduro {Ger}) (**lot 79**) and a Dubawi colt out of Stellar Path (Fr) (Astronomer Royal) (**lot 95**), a Group 3 winner in France and the U.S. There are a pair of colts out of American Grade I-winning mares: a colt from the first crop of Arrogate out of American Oaks scorer Funny Moon (**Malibu Moon**) (**lot 11**), and a **Union Rags** son of Alabama S. winner Careless Jewel (**Tapit**) (**lot 145**). **Cont. p6**

## IN TDN AMERICA TODAY

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**The Stallion Syndicate To Target Top Colts Cont. from p1**

“I’ve spoken with a lot of UK breeders, and the aim is to form partnerships to go and purchase one stallion each year to stand in the UK,” Bradley continued. “We’ve almost completed [the syndicate] before the [first] horse has even been bought. The general idea is that we’ll buy a horse to stand in the UK and it’s owned by the leading UK breeders.”

Among those who have expressed interest in The Stallion Syndicate, Bradley said, are Whitsbury Manor Stud and The National Stud—with Ed Harper and Tim Lane already signed on to the management committee—as well as Newsells Park, Tweenhills, Mickley Stud, Elwick Stud, Hillwood Stud, Longview Stud and Salcey Forest Stud, while the likes of Peter Stanley, Dermot Farrington, Oliver St Lawrence and The Jockey Club have also voiced support.

The Stallion Syndicate of 2021 will include 150 shares, with each share earning the owner one nomination in each stallion each year. The profit from additional seasons sold at the advertised stud fee will be divided among the shareholders. A committee of the larger shareholders will be formed, with a minimum 65% agreement from the board required to purchase a colt. The first colt purchased will stand at The National Stud, with future locations to be decided among the committee.

Conversations with potential shareholders are continuing, and Bradley said he and Hoskins have already made a shortlist of colts.

“Myself and Sam have looked at the 2-year-olds from last year who performed well on the track in England, Ireland and France and we’ve come up with a shortlist of about eight horses,” he said. “We want something in place so that when racing starts in a month and we see the horse that goes and wins a Group 1, we’re in a position to go and buy the horse rather than reacting and trying to get something sorted. We want to be able to



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Bradley’s racing partnerships through Nick Bradley Racing have made big strides since coming onto the scene in 2015, their black-and-white silks now familiar on some of racing’s biggest stages, with group-winning fillies *Dandalla (Ire)* (*Dandy Man {Ire}*) and *Fev Rover (Ire)* (*Gutaifan {Ire}*) being flagbearers in 2020. But Bradley also operates burgeoning mares’ syndicates from his farms in North Lincolnshire under the Glebe Farm Bloodstock banner.

He has 25 mares foaling in 2021, and including the young mares entering stud can count about 45-head. Among the highlights of those is **Learned Friend (Ger)** (*Seeking The Gold*), who Bradley bought in partnership for 21,000gns at Tattersalls July in 2016. Four months later her second foal, *Inns Of Court (Ire)* (*Invincible Spirit {Ire}*), broke his maiden on debut for Andre Fabre and went on to win three Group 3s over sprint trips in addition to placings in the G1 Prix Jacques le Marois and G1 Prix de la Foret. *Inns Of Court* stands for €5,000 at Tally-Ho Stud and has his first foals arriving this year, and his dam has an **Oasis Dream** yearling filly and was scanned in foal to *Lope De Vega (Ire)* this week. **Cont. p3**



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### The Stallion Syndicate To Target Top Colts Cont.

**Bristol Fashion (GB)** (Dansili {GB}) was the very first mare that Bradley bought for 35,000gns back in 2012 in foal to Rip Van Winkle, and the filly she was carrying at the time was later named Cribbs Causeway (Ire) and won five times for Nick Bradley Racing and was twice Group 3 placed. Bristol Fashion is in foal to **Calyx (GB)** and visits Mehmas (Ire) later this season.

The stakes-producing **Mujabaha (GB)** (Redoute's Choice {Aus}) was bought by Bradley for €55,000 at Arqana December, and she has foaled a Kodiak (GB) filly and will visit Blue Point (Ire) in the coming weeks.

Another mare to foal recently at Glebe Farm was **Vandergirl (Ire)** (Dutch Art {GB}), who was herself unraced but is a half-sister to the Lope De Vega trio of black-type winners Hero Look (Ire), Manuela De Vega (Ire) and Isabella De Urbina (Ire). It didn't take a whole lot of science, then, to send Vandergirl to Lope De Vega, and she has produced a filly.

The 10-year-old Duke of Marmalade (Ire) mare **Ile Flottante (GB)** was bought by Bradley in partnership for €60,000 at Arqana December in 2016, and she enjoyed boosts in 2020 courtesy of both her 2- and 3-year-old fillies.

"She's the dam of Glitter Queen (GB) (Night Of Thunder {Ire}), who won the Qatar Oaks in December, and her 2-year-old last year was called Rising Star (GB) (Fast Company {GB})," Bradley said. "She won twice for Marco Botti and is held in high regard. She's in foal to Mehmas and we're not quite sure where she's going to go next; she's a later foaler."

Joining the Glebe Farm broodmare band this year is **Furlong Factor (GB)** (Adaay {Ire}), who was a winner and listed-placed last year for Bradley and has already been covered by Ribchester (Ire).

While the odd horse will be retained and a few may go to the sales as yearlings, the majority of the Glebe Farm crops are sold as foals. Bradley said his focus is on growing the quality of the mare syndicates. [Cont. p4](#)

## IN TDN AUS/NZ TODAY

### TORONADO COLT TOPS PREMIER

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“The way I see the market is that generally the higher end is the strongest end; it’s where we all want to be,” he said. “The cost of keeping a mare is generally the same no matter the standard of the mare, so what I try to do is find the best quality mares I can for my clients. We’re very much in our infancy; most of our mares only have one or two foals on the ground so we haven’t had a heap of runners yet. What we’ve focused on is trying to buy nicer mares for the farm.”

There will be plenty of focus, too, on the Nick Bradley 3-year-olds this season, with the likes of G3 Albany S. and G2 Duchess of Cambridge S. winner **Dandalla** and **Fev Rover**, winner of the Listed Star S. and G2 Prix du Calvados, back in training ahead of the Classics with Karl Burke and Richard Fahey, respectively.

“Fev Rover went back into training in mid-December,” Bradley confirmed. “Richard wanted to give her plenty of time. She’ll be



Fev Rover | Scoop Dyga

entered for the G3 Nell Gwyn S. at Newmarket and the idea is that she’ll go up for the trial and then she’ll go the [G1 1000] Guineas at Newmarket. She’s been entered in the French version [G1 Poule d’Essai des Pouliches] as well, but right now we’re thinking she’s going to go to Newmarket.

“Dandalla came in slightly later, but both fillies are exactly where we want them to be. She’s settled a lot better this year; she was an out-and-out sprinter last year, but Karl tells me she’s settling a lot better at home and he couldn’t be happier with her. He sends me videos every day and she’s working with a couple lead horses. She goes to the [G3] Fred Darling, which is the other 1000 Guineas trial at Newbury.

We actually put her in the Newmarket 1000 Guineas [on Tuesday]; we were contemplating not. She’s more than likely going to go to the Fred Darling and then to the French 1000 Guineas.” **Cont. p5**

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*Joseph O’Brien on his two Highland Reels*



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**The Stallion Syndicate To Target Top Colts Cont.**

Bradley is looking at international targets, too, for the George Boughhey-trained **Mystery Angel (Ire)** (Kodi Bear {Ire}). A dual winner and three times black-type placed at two last year, Mystery Angel finished second first up at Wolverhampton last Thursday after a troubled passage.

“Mystery Angel was in training in early December and our thinking was that there was a listed race at Saint-Cloud on Mar. 11, the Rose De Mai. That’s her first big target,” Bradley said. “She ran the other night at Wolverhampton and we knew she’d need the run. She didn’t get the clearest of runs but she ran very well. She was about 80% fit going into that and she’ll go to Saint-Cloud nine days from now and we’re expecting her to run a massive race.”

Mystery Angel could head further afield thereafter to the G2 UAE Derby on Mar. 27, or stay on in France.

“She’s been accepted for the UAE Derby,” Bradley said. “We aren’t sure what we’ll do, but it’s certainly an option. We’re either going to go there or leave her in France for another listed race on Mar. 21, the 10 1/2 furlong race against the colts. We’re probably going to run in France on the 11th and then make a decision.”

And there is plenty to look forward to, also, from the Nick Bradley Racing 2-year-olds.

“We have 32 2-year-olds in training,” Bradley said. “They all come to our farm after the yearling sales and then they’re dispersed in November or December. I have five at Richard Fahey’s, and there is a sister there to Accidental Agent [by Muhaarar {GB}) who has thrived since she was bought at the yearling sales. I have a Time Test filly that I named **Simply Gorgeous**; I thought she was the nicest yearling I saw at the sales last year. She had a bout of colic the day after I bought her so we slowed down her stages and she only left two weeks ago to join Richard Fahey.

“At Karl Burke’s we have 12 and he’s going to increase their work over the next couple weeks, but at the moment he’s telling me I’ve got a very smart bunch. There is a **Mastercraftsman** filly there that we like a lot who has been named **Guilded**. There is an Adaay filly called **Honey Sweet** that we bought from Book 2 who is going particularly well. We have a Lope De Vega filly at Jessica Harrington’s who is called **Lope’s Gold**, and she’s done everything well so far.”

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**“I have two by him and I like them both very much. From what I’ve seen of the first season sires, I’d be all over Highland Reel.”**

**Ralph Beckett**

*“We have a couple of Highland Reels - the half-brother to Palace Pier [who cost 320,000gns and will be trained by John Gosden] and a colt that goes to the Craven Sale. I’ve been really impressed by both of them. They have size, scope and strength, good minds and easy actions. The type of work they are doing for this stage in their careers comes easy to both of them.”* **Malcolm Bastard**



**“I didn’t have Highland Reel on my list going to the yearling sales but I was surprised by how fast they looked. I bid on quite a few but only managed to get one. She’s shown a lot of speed already. I think Highland Reel could be a sleeper sire.”**

**Johnny Hassett**

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### Craven Breeze-Up Catalogue Online cont. from p1

There are siblings to 32 group or listed winners catalogued, including Siyouni half-brothers to GI Jamaica H. winner Western Aristocrat (Mr. Greeley) (lot 135) and French listed and American Grade II winner Mrs Sippy (Blame) (lot 75). Other highlights include an Aclaim (Ire) half-brother to G1 Sussex S. winner Here Comes When (Ire) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}) (lot 73); and a half-sister to the Group 2-winning and Classic-placed Laughing Lashes by American first-season sire Mastery (lot 120).

Other leading sires represented include Camelot (GB), Dark Angel (Ire), Invincible Spirit (Ire), Kingman (GB), Kodiak (GB), Le Havre (Ire), Lope De Vega (Ire), Mehmas (Ire), No Nay Never, Oasis Dream (GB), Pivotal (GB), Sea The Stars (Ire) and Showcasing (GB). Other American sires with progeny on offer include American Pharoah, Bernardini, Distorted Humor, Empire Maker, Hard Spun, Kitten's Joy, More Than Ready, Street Boss and Street Sense.



A 2-year-old breezes for the 2020 Craven sale | Emma Berry

Sires with their first crops on offer comprise Aclaim, Almanzor (Fr), Ardad (GB), Caravaggio, Churchill (Ire), Cotai Glory (GB), Ectot (GB), El Kabeir, Galileo Gold (Ire), Highland Reel (Ire), Profitable (Ire), Recorder (GB), Ribchester (Ire), Time Test (GB) and Ulysses (GB), as well as the American-based Arrogate, Gormley, Mastery and Practical Joke.

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### IHRB LAUNCHES SECOND INVESTIGATION INTO VIDEO FOOTAGE

Following the appearance of a distressing image of Gordon Elliott sitting astride a dead horse on his gallops, a further video has emerged from a separate stable of a jockey pretending to ride what appears to be another dead horse stricken on the gallops.

The Irish Horseracing Regulatory Board (IHRB), which is already investigating the circumstances surrounding the photo showing leading National Hunt trainer Elliott, has indicated that it is now doing the same in regard to the eight-second video clip, which is believed to have been filmed at an Irish racing yard.

A tweet posted by the IHRB on Tuesday morning read, “The Irish Horseracing Regulatory Board are aware of further social media content circulating and the matter is under investigation.”

The jockey shown in the video has subsequently been identified in a story by *The Irish Field* as amateur rider Rob James.

He told the *The Irish Field*: “I have become aware of a video circulating of me on social media. I would just like of apologise for my actions which were wholly inappropriate and disrespectful to a lovely 5-year-old mare, who unfortunately suffered a sudden cardiac arrest while at exercise earlier that morning, Apr. 30, 2016.” [Cont. p7](#)



Rob James (left) | Racingfotos.com

### IHRB Launches Second Investigation Cont.

He added, "I sincerely apologise to the owners of the mare, the staff who cared for her, the horseracing industry and all followers of horseracing for my actions. To try defending my stupidity at the time would add further insult and hurt to the many loyal people that have supported me during my career. I have caused embarrassment to my employers, my family and most importantly the sport I love.

"I am heartbroken by the damage I have caused and will do my best to try and make amends to those hurt by my conduct."

The highest-profile win of James's career to date came when riding Milan Native (Ire) to victory in the Fulke Walwyn Kim Muir Challenge Cup at last year's Cheltenham Festival for trainer Gordon Elliott.

While the outcome of the Elliott investigation is pending, with the IHRB referrals committee set to hear evidence on Friday, Mar. 5, the British Horseracing Authority stated on Monday that the trainer would not be allowed to have runners in Britain. His large stable includes a number of high-profile horses who are being aimed at the Cheltenham Festival, which begins on Mar. 16. Elliott has previously been leading trainer at jump racing's showcase meeting on two occasions. In 2016, he trained the winner of the Cheltenham Gold Cup, Don Cossack (Ire), one of his 32 Festival winners. Horses currently in Elliott's Cullentra House Stables will be permitted to run at Cheltenham if moved to the care of different trainers.

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### CHEVELEY PARK STUD MOVE HORSES FROM GORDON ELLIOTT

Richard Thompson of Cheveley Park Stud has confirmed that the operation will be removing eight horses from the stable of Gordon Elliott, who is currently under investigation by the Irish Horseracing Regulatory Board (IHRB) following the publication of a disturbing photograph of the trainer sitting astride a dead horse.

Envoi Allen (Fr) (Muhtathir {GB}), unbeaten in 11 races and widely regarded as the best novice chaser in training, will switch to the stable of Henry de Bromhead, who already trains the Grade 1-winning chaser A Plus Tard (Fr) (Kapgrade {Fr}) for Cheveley Park Stud. De Bromhead will also take charge of the unbeaten juvenile hurdler Quilixios (GB) (Maxios {GB}), while one of the leading hopes for the Champion Bumper, Sir Gerhard (Ire) (Jeremy), will now be trained by Willie Mullins.

"We've made a decision this morning to move the horses from Gordon's yard. We have eight and they will go between Henry de Bromhead and Willie Mullins. We are organising it right now," said Thompson in an interview with Gina Bryce on *Sky Sports Racing* on Tuesday.



Gordon Elliott with Envoi Allen and Richard and Patricia Thompson, second and third right, at last year's Cheltenham Festival.

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"I think with trainers like Henry and Willie, and with the Cheveley team headed by Chris, we've got real professionals on the job to be able to hopefully resolve this very quickly and it should be very smooth. That is what we are hoping for."

For decades, Cheveley Park Stud has been one of Britain's leading owner/breeders on the Flat. The stud's Patricia Thompson owned the 1992 Grand National winner Party Politics (GB) and in recent seasons the family's distinctive red, white and blue silks have been seen aboard a high-class string of jumpers trained in Ireland.

At last year's Cheltenham Festival Cheveley Park Stud celebrated two Grade 1 victories, with Envoi Allen in the Ballymore Novices' Hurdle and Ferny Hollow (Ire) (Westerner {GB}) in the Champion Bumper. This followed three wins at the 2019 Festival, one from each of the Elliott, Mullins and de Bromhead stables. This National Hunt season Cheveley Park Stud has already been represented by four Grade 1 winners and has a strong hand heading into the Cheltenham Festival in a fortnight's time.

The IHRB confirmed on Tuesday morning that its referrals committee would convene on Friday, Mar. 5 to hear evidence pertaining to the Gordon Elliott investigation.

The disturbing photograph which first came to public attention on Saturday evening has caused widespread dismay throughout the racing industry worldwide. Ruby Walsh, the former multiple champion jump jockey in Ireland, aired his opinion on the subject on television on Tuesday.

"A picture paints a thousand words, but I think that picture only painted one—and that's 'indefensible'," said Walsh on *RTE*.

"When I looked at it, I felt angry, I felt embarrassed for my sport and I felt very sad."

**Cont. p8**

### Cheveley Moves Horses From Elliott Cont.

Walsh added, "I was always taught that the duty of care to the animal is as much when it is dead as it is when it is alive. That is the way I was taught to conduct myself, and it's the way I assumed most people within my sport would conduct themselves."

He added, "As a licensed trainer, jockey or an employee of a stable yard, you are representing the horse racing industry, and the onus is on you to act in a manner that is good for the image of racing."

The Irish Racehorse Trainers Association also voiced its disapproval in a statement which read, "The Irish Racehorse Trainers Association (IRTA) utterly condemns the image that emerged over the weekend. As one of our most prominent and successful members, Gordon has a duty of care to his horses and this great sport but he has let down both himself and horse racing."

"However, we acknowledge his apology and recognise what is a very difficult time for him both professionally and personally."

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### TRIO OF MARES IN FOAL TO PERSIAN KING



Persian King | Scoop Dyga

Three-time Group 1 winner **Persian King (Ire)** (Kingman {GB}) has enjoyed a good start to his initial covering season, as the first three mares he bred have been pronounced in foal, Haras d'Etream announced on Tuesday. Among the threesome are listed winner **Cap Verite (Ire)** (Cape Cross {Ire}) and **Elodie (GB)** (Dansili {GB}). The latter is a full-sister to champions We Are (Ire) and With You (GB). The son of Kingman's fee is set at €30,000 for 2021.

Limited to 140 mares, the G1 French 2000 Guineas victor will also receive Group 1 producers **Taranto (GB)** (Machiavellian), **Golden Lily (Fr)** (Dolphin Street {Fr}), **Princess Sofia (UAE)** (Pennekamp), and **Milena's Dream (Ire)** (Authorized {Ire}).

Also successful in the G1 Prix d'Ispahan and G1 Prix du Moulin, his book will feature Group 1 winners **Rosanara (Fr)** (Sinndar {Ire}) and **Waikika (Fr)** (Whipper).

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### MOHAATHER HAS FIRST MARES IN FOAL

Group 1 winner **Mohaather (GB)** (Showcasing {GB}) has the first three mares he bred in foal, Shadwell Stud announced on Tuesday. Both the listed winner **Seeharn (Ire)** (Pivotal {GB}) and **Dixie Dreamer (GB)** (Exceed And Excel {Aus}), who is a half to stakes winner Blanche Dubawi (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}), were pronounced in foal after being covered by the G1 Sussex S. hero. Mohaather commands £20,000 this term.

"It's always an exciting time of year and I was delighted to hear his first three mares had been scanned in foal," said Shadwell Stud Director Richard Lancaster. "Mohaather has been a consummate professional in his new role--incredibly straightforward and easy to manage. He has a great temperament and is particularly laid back, which is always a huge help."

"He has a fantastic **book of mares**--a big thank you to all the breeders who have supported him--and is due to cover dual Group 1 winner Nazeef (GB) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) this week. At this early stage, it appears he's a very fertile horse and we look forward to a long and successful breeding season."

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Mohaather | Shadwell Stud

### TARA STUD'S RIVER BOYNE HAS FIRST MARES IN FOAL

Grade I winner **River Boyne (Ire)** (Dandy Man {Ire}) has his first few mares scanned in foal, Tara Stud announced via Twitter on Tuesday. The GI Frank E. Kilroe Mile hero's first three mares bred were all pregnant. He stands for €5,000 this year. [Cont. p9](#)



River Boyne | Benoit Photo

### River Boyne's First Mares Are In Foal Cont.

“Excited to announce that River Boyne has his first three mares covered all scanned in foal,” the stud tweeted. “The Grade I winner has taken very well to his new career and is proving very popular with breeders.”

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## GLOBAL VIEWS *with Godolphin Flying Start*

### IDEAS TO EASE THE WORKFORCE CRISIS



**Devon Dougherty**  
Godolphin Flying Start

*In Global Views, Godolphin Flying Start trainees provide insight into practices experienced and observations taken on their worldwide travels. First-year trainee Devon Dougherty looks at ways in which the worldwide Thoroughbred industry is addressing its workforce crises.*

A dwindling labor force will suffocate the American industry if the current climate does not change. How will we continue to race and breed Thoroughbreds in America when there is no viable workforce left? This

question has long weighed on my mind. The racetrack was practically in my backyard growing up, as I lived only a mile away, and I was a weekly racegoer. However, from a young age, it was apparent to me that there was a stark contrast between myself and the others at the track. The typical fan, owner, trainer, and stable employee were easily double my age. As I

have gotten older and worked as an assistant trainer and more recently as a trainee in the Godolphin Flying Start programme, the reality has remained the same: those in the business in America are getting older, and not enough qualified horsemen are entering the game. The cry for more employees can be heard from coast to coast, from trainers to farm managers alike. Many trainers have recalled futile attempts to obtain and retain employees, and now are struggling greatly due to the increasing strain of ICE immigration laws, visa bans, and the COVID-19 pandemic. The issue is truly universal; as the sport battles other issues, this one has been worsening in plain sight across all facets of the industry.

Most farms and tracks in America rely predominantly on an immigrant workforce to satisfy its needs and to care for horses. But in recent times, non-American employees have dwindled in numbers. This population has been hindered due to new immigration laws, which have included I-9 investigations and the possibility of ICE barn raids, leading to a growing fear within this population and a struggle to employ immigrants up to standard. Moreover, the H2-B visa program began to come under pressure "when the federal government suspended all permits for foreign workers wanting jobs in the United States in June of 2020." This has made it increasingly difficult to address the staffing crisis. As the lack of willing and skilled horsemen from the American population continues to decline, it is unlikely that vacant jobs will be filled. Extreme working conditions, long hours, low wages, and the danger inherent in working with Thoroughbreds also stack up against the sport. The average day caring for horses in America starts before dawn, and the days prove to be long and taxing. The working conditions can be harsh, with no relief from inclement or extreme weather. On top of that, entry level workers may not be experienced enough to handle Thoroughbreds due to lack of access to skills training and will be overwhelmed and leave to find a lower-risk job elsewhere. Few days off and lack of holiday vacations could drive newcomers away. Finally, the hardest sell to most new hires or potential employees in the industry is the low wages, often around minimum wage, and lack of benefits offered to most workers.

Being selected for the Godolphin Flying Start course has been a great privilege and stepping stone to my educational experience in the global Thoroughbred industry. Thus far in the course I have been able to witness different industry models in Ireland and in England. Moreover, I have learned a great deal about the initiatives brought about by professionals in these countries to attempt to add breadth and depth to the global workforce. Additionally, I have gained an insight into Godolphin's charitable initiatives team and their efforts to bring issues to the forefront and to offer long-term goals and solutions for pressing industry matters. [Cont. p10](#)



Bath time on the backstretch | Sarah Andrew

## Global Views Cont.

During these trying times, perhaps the United States should seek to follow the lead of other industries that are striving and making headway to maintain employment levels. In 2020, Horse Racing Ireland released Employment Guidelines for those seeking new hires and to lessen employee turnover. Among the major points, HRI highlighted a section on "managing people and the employment relationship," which included wage guidelines, weekend working hours, holiday hours, and sick leave, among other topics. In addition, HRI implemented several new programmes to enhance employment as well. Most notably, they have launched Equiup, which is the education and training department within their corporation. They have initiated a "Work in Racing" entry level employee training program, for those needing to learn the practical skills necessary to enter an entry level position working with horses. In comparison, the American industry has worked to bring newcomers into the business through programs such as the Kentucky Equine Management Internship and the North American Riding Academy, which are both based in Kentucky, and most recently, Amplify Horse Racing.

A major turning point in the conversation of U.S. labor issues came during Godolphin's Forum for Education Discovery Day. This event took place on November 2019, in Newmarket, England, and included several leading industry nations, such as France, Ireland, Japan, and England. Global industries converged to discuss the health and well-being of our sport. Among the conversation points, the U.S. noted their challenges to include "a workforce shortage, along with industry fragmentation, a declining foal crop, and public perception." Similar workforce issues were echoed by Australia and France as well. As a result

of this forum, the U.S. representation highlighted the need for "a national equine workforce coalition," which could help to assuage the pressure put on managers and trainers to fulfill everyday duties. Like the Horse Racing Integrity and Safety Act, which will add national uniformity to the rules and regulations of horse racing from coast to coast, the workforce in American racing, breeding, and bloodstock could benefit from a similar system as well.

New solutions must come to the forefront to ensure the health of our Thoroughbred horses. Trainers and farms will be forced to downsize if the labor force cannot accommodate the scale of our sport. We are reaching our breaking point as an industry, from ICE immigration laws, travel bans during the COVID-19 pandemic, non-competitive working conditions with other American jobs, and the lack of recruitment avenues for new hires. A national body to oversee and improve working conditions is the first step to add awareness and to entice newcomers to enter our industry. A national representative body to recruit and monitor employment needs for industry entities would provide relief to those who are struggling to keep our industry thriving. The employment crisis is not going away in America, and time is of the essence to bring positive change to our employment system.

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## BRITAIN

### Tuesday's Results:

**3rd-Newcastle, £5,300, Nov, 3-2, 3yo, 10f 42y (AWT), 2:11.79, st/sl.**

**ONESMOOTHOPERATOR (c, 3, Dialed In--Sueno d'Oro, by Medaglia d'Oro)** sported a first-time hood for this debut and tracked the leaders in fourth from the break. Coaxed closer once into the home straight, the 3-1 second choice bounded to the front soon after passing the quarter-mile marker and kept on well under whipless urging thereafter to prevail by an ultimately snug 1 3/4 lengths from Kehilaan (Ire) (**Gleneagles {Ire}**). He is the latest of five foals and third scorer produced by a daughter of the stakes-placed Dream Wish (Kingmambo), herself out of an unraced half-sister to GI Santa Anita Oaks heroine Hail Atlantis (Seattle Slew). Sales history: \$5,000 Ylg '19 FTKOCT; £140,000 2yo '20 TTIGOR. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$4,775. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

1ST-TIME STARTER. O-Never Say Die Partnership; B-Triple D Partners LLC (IN); T-David Simcock.



**CRESTWOOD FARM**  **SALES GRADUATE**

## FRANCE

**Tuesday's Results:**

**5th-Chantilly, €27,000, Mdn, 3-2, unraced 3yo, f, 8f (AWT), 1:40.10, st.**

**NOHAND (GB) (f, 3, Dansili {GB}--Balladeuse {Fr} {GSW-Fr, \$168,432}, by Singspiel {Ire})** was under restraint off the tempo in sixth through halfway in this debutantes' heat. Inching closer on the bridle in the straight, the 6-5 chalk was stirred into action for her bid approaching the eighth pole and quickened smartly in the closing stages to easily outpoint Laura Mars (Ire) (Elusive Quality) by 1 3/4 lengths. The eighth of nine foals, she becomes the fifth scorer out of 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 homebred bay is thus a full-sister to G1 Prix Jean Romanet third Romanciere (Ire) and Listed Prix Charles Laffitte winner Bilissie (GB). Nohand is also a half-sister to G1 Prix Vermeille scorer Left Hand (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) and the hitherto unraced 2-year-old colt Promeneur (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €13,500. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

1ST-TIME STARTER. O/B-Wertheimer & Frere (GB); T-Andre Fabre.



Nohand | Scoop Dyga

**3rd-Chantilly, €27,000, Mdn, 3-2, unraced 3yo, c/g, 8f (AWT), 1:36.91, st.**

**WATCH HIM (FR) (c, 3, Elvstroem {Aus}--Watchful {Ire}, by Galileo {Ire})** settled several lengths off the clear leader in fourth after an alert getaway in this first go. Making smooth headway off the home turn, the 19-10 favourite was shaken up to gain a narrow advantage entering the final furlong and kept

on well under continued coaxing in the closing stages to assert by 1 1/4 lengths from Zaffonix Bay (Ire) (Zoffany {Ire}). He is the eighth of nine foals and third scorer produced by dual winner Watchful (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), herself a granddaughter of G1 Prix Vermeille victrix Sharaya (Youth). The March-foaled bay is a full-brother to the hitherto unraced 2-year-old colt Watch It (GB) and a half to G1 Coronation S. and G1 Prix Rothschild heroine Watch Me (Fr) (Olympic Glory {Ire}). Sales history: €5,000 RNA Wlg '18 ARQDEC; €100,000 Ylg '19 AROCT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €13,500. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** 1ST-TIME STARTER. O-Antoine Gilibert, Alexander Tamagni, Fabrice Chappet & SCEA Haras du Ma; B-Haras de Saint Julien (FR); T-Fabrice Chappet.

**CONDITIONS RESULTS:**

**2nd-Chantilly, €30,000, Cond, 3-2, 4yo/up, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:15.31, st.**

**DUHAIL (IRE) (g, 5, Lope de Vega {Ire}--Single {Fr} {GSP-Fr}, by Singspiel {Ire})** Lifetime Record: SP-Fr, 11-6-1-1, €117,170. O-Al Shaqab Racing; B-Lynch-Bages Ltd & Camas Park Stud (IRE); T-Andre Fabre. \*€150,000 Ylg '17 ARAUG; €300,000 2yo '18 ARQMAY.

**4th-Chantilly, €30,000, Cond, 3-2, 4yo/up, 8f (AWT), 1:39.57, st.**

**SILVER QUARTZ (GB) (g, 6, Frankel {GB}--Rosamixa {Fr}, by Linamix {Fr})** Lifetime Record: 22-6-2-2, €102,225. O-Al Asayl France; B-Al Asayl Bloodstock Ltd (GB); T-Francis-Henri Graffard. \*1/2 to Pearl Mix (Ire) (Oratorio {Ire}), SW-Eng.

**6th-Chantilly, €30,000, Cond, 3-2, 4yo/up, 9 1/2f (AWT), 1:56.07, st.**

**MAGNY COURS (g, 6, Medaglia d'Oro--Indy Five Hundred {GISW-US, \$244,510}, by A.P. Indy)** Lifetime Record: SW & GSP-Fr, SW-Eng, 8-5-2-0, €105,147. O/B-Godolphin (KY); T-Andre Fabre. \*1/2 to Albert Park (Street Sense), SW-US; and Ecliptic (Kingmambo), GSP-Eng.

## WORLDWIDE NEWS

**JUNGLE POCKET DEAD AT 23**

Japanese Horse of the Year **Jungle Pocket (Jpn)** (Tony Bin {Ire}--Dance Charmer, by Nureyev) passed away at Breeders' Stallion Station in Japan, *Tokyo-Sports* reported on Tuesday. The grandson of Gil Del Mar Debutante S. heroine Skillful Joy (Nodouble) was 23. **Cont. p12**



Tosen Jordan, one of Jungle Pocket's best runners | Horsephotos

**Jungle Pocket Cont.**

Bred by Northern Farm and campaigned by Katsumi Yoshida, the May foal won two of three starts at two including the Sapporo Sansai S. in September of 2000 before a second-place finish in the Radio Tampa Hai Sansai S. Back in the winner's circle in the Kyodo News Service Hai, he was third in the Satsuki Sho (Japanese 2000 Guineas) before rebounding to take the Tokyo Yushun (Japanese Derby) in May of 2001. Only third in the Sapporo Kinen that August and fourth in the Kikuka Sho (Japanese St Leger) that October, he claimed his Group 1 in the Japan Cup by a neck over T.M. Opera O (Jpn) (Opera House {GB}) that November. He was named Japanese Horse of the Year and Champion 3-Year-Old of 2001.

Shelved until March of his 4-year-old year, Jungle Pocket ran second in the G2 Hanshin Daishoten and filled the same spot in the Tenno Sho (Spring) in April. His final two runs were off-the-board finishes at Nakayama in the G1 Japan Cup and G1 Arima Kinen. The Katsumi Yoshida colourbearer was retired to stand at Shadai Stallion Station with a mark of 13-5-3-2 and \$5,788,198 in earnings.

Besides standing at Shadai in the Northern Hemisphere, he moved to the Breeders' Stallion Station in 2013 and also shuttled to Rich Hill Stud in New Zealand for a few seasons. He sired 29 black-type winners, 16 of them at the group level. His best progeny were Group 1 winners Tosen Jordan (Jpn), Aventura (Jpn), Queen Spumante (Jpn), Jaguar Mail (Jpn) and Jungle Rocket (NZ). As a broodmare sire, Jungle Pocket's daughters have foaled 10 black-type winners, six at the group level. Although he does not have a Group 1 winner in that sphere yet, Group 2 winner Mikki Swallow (Jpn) (Tosen Homareboshi {Jpn}) ran third in the G1 Tenno Sho (Spring) and fellow Group 2 winner Solveig (Jpn) (Daiwa Major {Jpn}) was third in the G1 Sprinters S.

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**CAPE YEARLING SALE TOPPED BY VERCINGETORIX COLT**

A yearling colt by Vercingetorix (SAf) (Silvano {Ger}) took top billing during Sunday's Bloodstock South Africa Cape Yearling Sale. Consigned by Wilgerbosdrift as lot 64, the yearling, named **Galic War (SAf)**, hammered at R375,000 to the Hollywood Syndicate. Produced by the winning Oojooba (SAf) (Dynasty {SAf}), the colt's second dam is the group-placed Salsabeel (Aus) (Elusive Quality) from the extended family of G1 Cheveley Park S. heroine Dead Certain (GB) (Absalom {GB}).

The top filly (lot 9) of the sale was by What A Winter (SAf) (Western Winter) and she was purchased by GMB Bloodstock. Consigned by Daytona Stud and named **Inner Sense (SAf)**, the filly brought R320,000.

Overall, the sale grossed R11.77 million for 141 sold (81%) from 174 offered. The average was R84,071 (+26%) and the median also rose to R65,000 (+62.5%).

For the full sale results, please visit [www.bsa.co.za](http://www.bsa.co.za).

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**PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD VOTING CLOSSES MAR. 6**

Voting for the **People's Choice Awards** closes on Mar. 6, the Dubai Racing Club announced on Tuesday. The nominees for the most compelling moment in racing since the 2019 G1 Dubai World Cup are: jockey Hollie Doyle, 2020 G1 Prix du Cadran heroine Princess Zoe (Ger) (Jukebox Jury {Ire}), Almond Eye (Jpn) (Lord Kanaloa {Jpn})'s second G1 Japan Cup, and Messi's victory in the \$1.9-million G1 Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan Jewel Crown for Purebred Arabians. Fans may visit [www.hhracingawards.com/vote](http://www.hhracingawards.com/vote) to cast their vote.

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**Saturday, Meydan, Dubai, post time: 4:00 p.m.**

**AL BASTAKIYA SPONSORED BY ARABIAN ADVENTURES, \$150,000,**

NH/SH 3yo, 1900m

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	6	El Patriota (Uru)	Ecologo (Arg)	Leal	Pereira
2	3	Effectif (Arg)	Asiatic Boy (Arg)	Veron	de Kock
3	7	Endifaa (GB)	Muhaarar (GB)	de Vries	Nass
4	4	Fire Group	<b>Not This Time</b>	Fresu	Al Mheiri
5	5	Grand Dubai (Ire)	Dawn Approach (Ire)	Paiva	Al Rayhi
6	2	Leopardo	<b>Cairo Prince</b>	Buick	Johnston
7	9	Mayehaab (GB)	New Approach (Ire)	Cosgrave	Nass
8	12	Panadol	<b>Flatter</b>	Barzalona	bin Ghadayer
9	1	Sharp Spun (GB)	<b>Hard Spun</b>	Jara	bin Harmash
10	11	Speight'spercomete	<b>Speightstown</b>	Dobbs	Fipke
11	8	Khatun (GB)	French Navy (GB)	Chaves	Danekilde
12	10	Nayefah	Super Saver	Curatolo	Bachalard

\*All carry 121lbs barring El Patriota at 131lbs and Khatun/Nayefah at 117lbs.

**Saturday, Meydan, Dubai, post time: 6:55 p.m.**

**AL MATKOUH CHALLENGE R3 SPONSORED BY EMIRATES AIRLINE-G1, \$390,000, NH 4yo/up & SH 3yo/up, 2000m**

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	2	Dubai Mirages (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	Dettori	bin Suroor	125
2	6	Firnas (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Ffrench	bin Ghadayer	125
3	8	Hypothetical (Ire)	Lope de Vega (Ire)	Barzalona	bin Ghadayer	125
4	3	New Trails	Medaglia d'Oro	Jara	bin Harmash	125
5	1	Quip	Distorted Humor	Buick	Seemar	125
6	11	Roman Rosso (Arg)	Roman Ruler	Fresu	Seemar	125
7	5	Saltarin Dubai (Arg)	E Dubai	O'Neill	Seemar	125
8	4	Salute the Soldier (Ger)	Sepoy (Aus)	de Vries	Nass	125
9	9	Secret Ambition (GB)	Exceed And Excel (Aus)	Mullen	Seemar	125
10	7	Tailor's Row	Street Cry (Ire)	Ziani	bin Ghadayer	125
11	10	Thegreatcollection	Saint Anddan	Dobbs	Watson	125

**Saturday, Meydan, Dubai, post time: 6:20 p.m.**

**JEBEL HATTA SPONSORED BY EMIRATES AIRLINE-G1, \$260,000, NH 4yo/up & SH 3yo/up, 1800mT**

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	4	Al Suhail (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Buick	Appleby	125
2	9	Ard du Val (GB)	No Nay Never	Barzalona	Appleby	125
3	5	Boerhan (GB)	Sea The Stars (Ire)	Curatolo	Bachalard	125
4	10	Court House (Ire)	Dawn Approach (Ire)	Atzeni	Crisford	125
5	7	Eqiraan (Ire)	Helmet (Aus)	Crowley	Al Rayhi	125
6	6	First Contact (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Mullen	Seemar	125
7	11	Lord Glitters (Fr)	Whipper	Tudhope	O'Meara	125
8	8	Lucius Tiberius (Ire)	Camelot (GB)	Bentley	Hussain	125
9	2	Moqtarreb (GB)	Kingman (GB)	Paiva	Al Rayhi	125
10	3	Royal Marine (Ire)	Raven's Pass	Dettori	bin Suroor	125
11	1	Zainhom	Street Cry (Ire)	O'Neill	Al Mheiri	125

**Saturday, Meydan, Dubai, post time: 4:35 p.m.**

**DUBAI CITY OF GOLD SPONSORED BY EMIRATES HOLIDAYS-G2, \$228,000, NH 4yo/up & SH 3yo/up, 2410mT**

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	5	Communique (Ire)	Casamento (Ire)	Barzalona	bin Ghadayer	125
2	7	Desert Fire (Ire)	Cape Cross (Ire)	Atzeni	bin Suroor	125
3	6	Dubai Future (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Cosgrave	bin Suroor	125
4	2	Dubai Warrior (GB)	Dansili (GB)	Dettori	Gosden	125
5	1	Red Cactus 	Hard Spun	Chaves	Olsen	125
6	3	Walton Street (GB)	Cape Cross (Ire)	Buick	Appleby	125
7	4	Brilliant Light (GB)	Sea The Stars (Ire)	Bentley	bin Suroor	123



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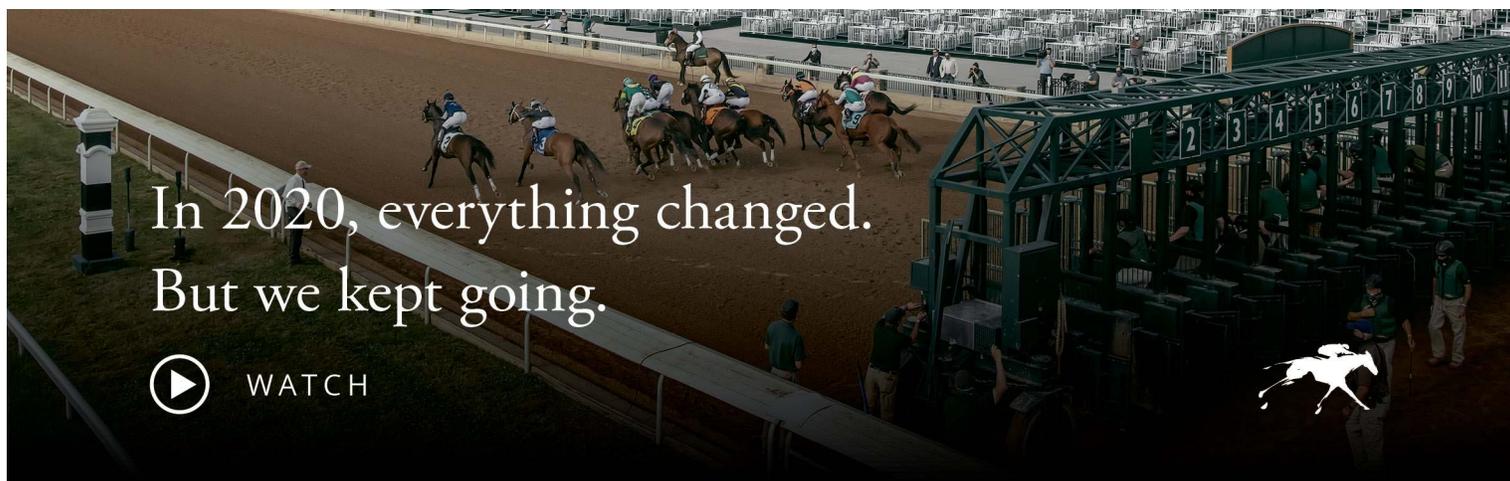
**MAHAB AL SHIMAAL SPONSORED BY EMIRATES SKYWARDS-G3**, \$228,000, NH/SH 3yo/up, 2410mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	3	Alkaraama 🐎	War Front	Crowley	Al Mheiri	125
2	11	Almoradi (Brz)	Top Hat (Brz)	Jara	Pereira	125
3	9	Behavioral Bias 🐎	Shackelford	Cosgrave	Seemar	125
4	2	Bochart (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Mullen	Seemar	125
5	12	Canvassed (Ire)	Shamardal	Dobbs	Watson	125
6	7	Enjazaat (GB)	Acclamation (GB)	O'Neill	Al Rayhi	125
7	8	Es Raco (Ire)	Holy Roman Emperor (Ire)	Chaves	Castro	125
8	10	Good Effort (Ire)	Shamardal	Dettori	Mohammed	125
9	13	Important Mission 🐎	More Than Ready	Barzalona	bin Ghadayer	125
10	6	Lavaspin (GB)	Hard Spun	Fresu	Seemar	125
11	5	Premier Star 🐎	Tapiture	Atzeni	Watson	125
12	1	Shanghai City 🐎	Shanghai Bobby	Veron	Bouresly	125
13	4	Upper Class (Brz)	Tiger Heart	Leal	Pereira	123

**Saturday, Meydan, Dubai, post time: 5:45 p.m.**

**BURJ NAHAAR SPONSORED BY EMIRATES SKYCARGO-G3**, \$228,000, NH 4yo/up & SH 3yo/up, 1600m

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	11	Blown By Wind (GB)	Invincible Spirit (Ire)	Barzalona	bin Ghadayer	125
2	10	Casey Jones (Ire)	Casamento (Ire)	Fresu	Al Mheiri	125
3	1	Chiefdom 🐎	The Factor	Ffrench	bin Ghadayer	125
4	13	Desert Doctor (Ire)	Society Rock (Ire)	Atzeni	Walker	125
5	14	Dubai Icon (GB)	New Approach (Ire)	Cosgrave	bin Suroor	125
6	8	Golden Goal (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Hitchcott	Watson	125
7	4	Kimbear 🐎	Temple City	O'Neill	Watson	125
8	7	Madkhal	Distorted Humor	de Vries	Nass	125
9	12	Midnight Sands 🐎	Speightstown	Dobbs	Watson	125
10	2	North America (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Mullen	Seemar	125
11	15	Oasis Charm (GB)	Oasis Dream (GB)	Curatolo	Hussain	125
12	6	Prompting (GB)	Bated Breath (GB)	Crowley	Nass	125
13	16	Royal Dornoch (Ire)	Gleneagles (Ire)	Pinheiro	Al Mheiri	125
14	3	Trancaferro (Uru)	Alcorano (Brz)	Leal	Pereira	125
15	5	Tuz 🐎	Oxbow	Buick	Seemar	125
16	9	Down On Da Bayou 🐎	Super Saver	Ziani	bin Ghadayer	121
Reserves:						
17	--	Bright Start	Medaglia d'Oro	No Rider	bin Suroor	125
18	--	Real World (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)	No Rider	bin Suroor	125



In 2020, everything changed.  
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Saturday, Meydan, Dubai, post time: 7:30 p.m.

NAD AL SHEBA TURF SPRINT SPONSORED BY EMIRATES.COM-G3, \$228,000, NH/SH 3yo/up, 1200mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	5	Ekhtihaar (GB)	Bated Breath (GB)	Crowley	Watson	131
2	6	Fanaar (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Hitchcott	Watson	131
3	1	Fleeting Prince (Ire)	No Nay Never	Atzeni	Hills	131
4	11	Man of Promise 🦿	Into Mischief	Barzalona	Appleby	131
5	8	Medahim (Ire)	Kodiac (GB)	Mullen	Seemar	131
6	10	Motafaawit (Ire)	Intikhab	Dobbs	Watson	131
7	3	Mutaraffa (Ire)	Acclamation (GB)	Fresu	Al Mheiri	131
8	9	Royal Crusade (GB)	Shamardal	Buick	Appleby	131
9	4	Taamol (Ire)	Helmet (Aus)	Paiva	Al Rayhi	131
10	12	Taneen 🦿	Speightstown	O'Neill	Al Mheiri	131
11	14	The Perfect Crown (Ire)	Hallowed Crown	Ffrench	bin Ghadayer	131
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## TORONADO COLT TOPS PREMIER



Lot 584, a colt by Toronado | *Inglis*

by Bren O'Brien

A quality Toronado (Ire) colt and a highly rated Choisir filly highlighted the final session of the record-breaking Inglis Melbourne Premier Sale, securing prices of \$460,000 and \$400,000 respectively.

### At A Glance:

- The Premier Session average ended on \$141,691, up from \$127,259 in 2020.
- The Premier Session grossed over \$63 million, surpassing the previous record of \$54 million.
- The clearance rate topped 87% for the main session, with 456 horses sold, compared to 83% last year when 384 horses sold.
- The sale median for the Premier session remained at \$110,000.
- Paul Moroney Bloodstock and Michael Moroney topped the final day when paying \$460,000 for Lot 584, the Toronado half-brother to G1 VRC Derby winner Extra Brut (Domesday).

- Gai Waterhouse and Adrian Bott and Kestrel Thoroughbreds were the winning bidders on Lot 560, a top-quality filly by Choisir from the draft of Gilgai Farm, paying \$400,000.

### *Mare Purchase Keeps on Giving for McDonald and Stonehouse*

The purchase of Redoute's Choice mare Dom Perion for just \$6,000 five years ago continued to pay dividends for Andrew McDonald, as her latest foal, a colt by Toronado, produced a \$460,000 return through the Stonehouse Thoroughbreds draft at the Inglis Premier Yearling Sale on Tuesday.

The mare was purchased in foal to Domesday, and the subsequent foal sold for \$52,000 as a weanling before going on to become Extra Brut, the winner of the 2018 G1 VRC Derby at Flemington.

Twelve months ago at this sale, Stonehouse offered Extra Brut's full-brother, who sold to Danny O'Brien Racing for \$380,000, while in 2021, her Toronado colt went to greater heights again, when the Moroneys paid \$460,000 for him.

"He's a beautiful type and slightly different to his brothers in the sense he has a lot of Toronado about him, and is probably more of a Guineas horse than a Derby horse," Stonehouse's Ryan Arnel said.

"I've never had a horse in our stable and on our farm that could walk like that. He has a great action and his temperament was great too. In eight days here, he went through 160 individual parades and has handled them like an absolute gentleman."



Gai Waterhouse | *Inglis*

Of particular satisfaction for Arnel, who grew the colt out and prepped him after he was foaled on McDonald's farm at Congupna in northern Victoria, was the fact he will be staying in his home state.

"When we bring horses down here, we are a Victorian farm and the market that we most want to support is the Victorian trainers. So we are always trying to present for those trainers," he said.

"For the horse to go to Ballymore to Mike Moroney for Paul Moroney Bloodstock is the perfect result for us. We couldn't think of anywhere better for that horse to be."

### ***A Perfect Fit for Moroneys***

Mike Moroney has developed an affinity for the progeny of Swettenham Stud's Toronado, and knows the family well, with his stayer Chapada (Bullet Train {GB}), having run third behind Extra Brut in the 2018 Derby.

"We've had luck with Shelby Cobra and have three or four other Toronados at home. I've even bred mares to him. I saw him win at Royal Ascot when we were there and have followed him all the way through. I just loved the colt, really thought he was a wonderful colt, a great walker and a really athletic sort of horse," he said.

"(Extra Brut) did beat us in the Derby, maybe we are trying to get back. It's obviously a very good family, and it's good to see the mare producing these types of horses."

Moroney concurred with Arnel that the colt looked a more sharper prospect than his older half-siblings, which includes the 2-year-old with fellow Flemington trainer O'Brien now named Grinzing King.

"I think he could make a late 2-year-old. He looked pretty sharp to me," Moroney said of the yearling colt. "Toronado himself was a good 2-year-old, and trained on at three. That's the sort of horse I think this colt is.

"We will put a little colts' partnership together, like we did with Alabama Express the year we bought him."

Dom Perion produced a filly by **Justify** (USA) last spring and then visited Lonhro.

### ***Gilgai Gets its Wish with Star Filly***

Gilgai Farm held Lot 560, a Choisir filly from the Group 1 winner Costa Viva (Encosta De Lago), in the highest of esteem,

with manager Kelly Skillecorn saying she was among the best three fillies that principal Rick Jamieson had ever offered in this sale.

Waterhouse and Bott Racing and Kestrel Thoroughbreds obviously measured her in a similar manner and with Bloodstock and Sales Manager Claudia Miller doing the bidding, secured her for \$400,000, the day's second top lot.

"I am just glad that she has gone to a good home and that is all I wanted to happen. She was a popular filly and two very good judges were on her. Rosemont had a real crack and Gai is obviously one of the best," Skillecorn said.

"She is a gorgeous filly. We've brought some good fillies here and I would rate her top three and I mean we've sold Black Caviar and Jameka here, so hopefully she lives up to them.

"She is as good as we have brought here. The last good horse I brought here who I was bragging about was Masked Crusader.

We sold Ole Kirk here, but with Masked Crusader, I was certain he was going to be a good horse and I am certain she is going to be a good horse.

"She has been a queen ever since she was born. She has been the leader of the mob. She's never had a sick day and she's just thrived the whole time."

### ***Miller Holds Her Nerve***

Miller admitted to some nerves as the bidding rose, but she held her focus to get the

job done and secure a filly with special qualities.

"They left me in charge, probably to their detriment, but that's all right. They were here all week and had a look through the catalogue and left me to it," she said.

"She was easily the pick of the fillies for us at this sale. Obviously Rick Jamieson is an exceptional breeder and she is out of a top-class New Zealand mare, a Group 1 winner, and that Choisir-Encosta De Lago cross is exceptional, so she was a no-brainer for us.

"We got here last Monday and Rick Jamieson's was one of the first drafts that we went to and she was on our radar from day one."

There have been six stakes winners sourced from the 43 runners by Choisir out of Encosta De Lago mares, including Group 1 winners Japonisme and Divine Prophet.



**Claudia Miller (right) | Inglis**

Miller said she felt the filly would be one which would follow in the footsteps of her dam, who won a G1 New Zealand One Thousand Guineas.

"She is a very much a Classic style of filly. Her mother was a Thousand Guineas winner, so she will probably take a little bit of time, but hopefully not too much," she said.

Costa Viva had a Choisir colt last year and has been given the year off, before a likely date with Ole Kirk in 2021.

### ***Inglis Hails Stunning Week***

Inglis Managing Director Mark Webster was delighted with how the week has progressed, continuing a remarkable 2021 yearling sales season where new heights have been reached at every sale across Australia so far. "At this stage, the Premier Session has grossed \$63 million which is a fantastic number and it certainly exceeds the previous record set in 2017 of \$54 million. Last year, it was \$48 million, so compared to last year, it is up 30% and it is up 20% on the previous record in 2017, which is quite remarkable," Webster said.

"There were a similar number of horses who were offered in both of those years, so quite clearly there's more demand and it's more at the top of the market. We're selling double the number of horses over \$300,000 compared to last year.

"The top of the market is very strong. "The (clearance rate) is up around 85, 86%. Today was a little weaker than the previous two days, but I am sure they will tidy that up.

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