

ROBINSON GETS 18 MONTHS IN PRISON IN FIRST SENTENCING FROM 2020 INDICTMENTS



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by Bill Finley

One year to the day that the bombshell indictments against 27 individuals allegedly involved in a scheme to use performance-enhancing drugs on racehorses were announced, Scott Robinson became the first of those involved in the scandal to be sentenced to prison. In a decision handed down Tuesday by Judge J. Paul Oetken in U. S. District Court in Lower Manhattan, Robinson was sentenced to 18 months in federal prison plus an additional three years of supervised release. Robinson is required to surrender himself to authorities on Sept. 7, 2021.

Robinson, a drug manufacturer and distributor, had pled guilty to one count of drug adulteration and misbranding. The maximum sentence for that offense is five years.

According to the sentencing memo filed by the U.S. Department of Justice by the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, the drugs Robinson distributed "included anabolic steroids and performance-enhancing drugs ('PEDs') marketed to racehorse trainers, veterinarians, and others. These drugs were not manufactured in sanitary, government-approved facilities."

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LAUREL LOCKS DOWN OVER EHV-1; KENTUCKY URGES CAUTION ON SHIP-INS

by T.D. Thornton

Four barns at Laurel Park were placed under quarantine and shipping out was barred for horses stabled at Maryland's two Thoroughbred tracks Mar. 9 after a symptomatic horse at Laurel tested positive for equine herpesvirus type 1 (EHV-1) and was removed to a veterinary facility.

On a national scale, active cases of the highly contagious respiratory disease are being monitored in several states right now, including in Florida at the World Equestrian Center in Ocala.

On Mar. 7, the Kentucky Department of Agriculture state veterinarian's office issued written guidance related to this recent spate of EHV-1. **Cont. p4**

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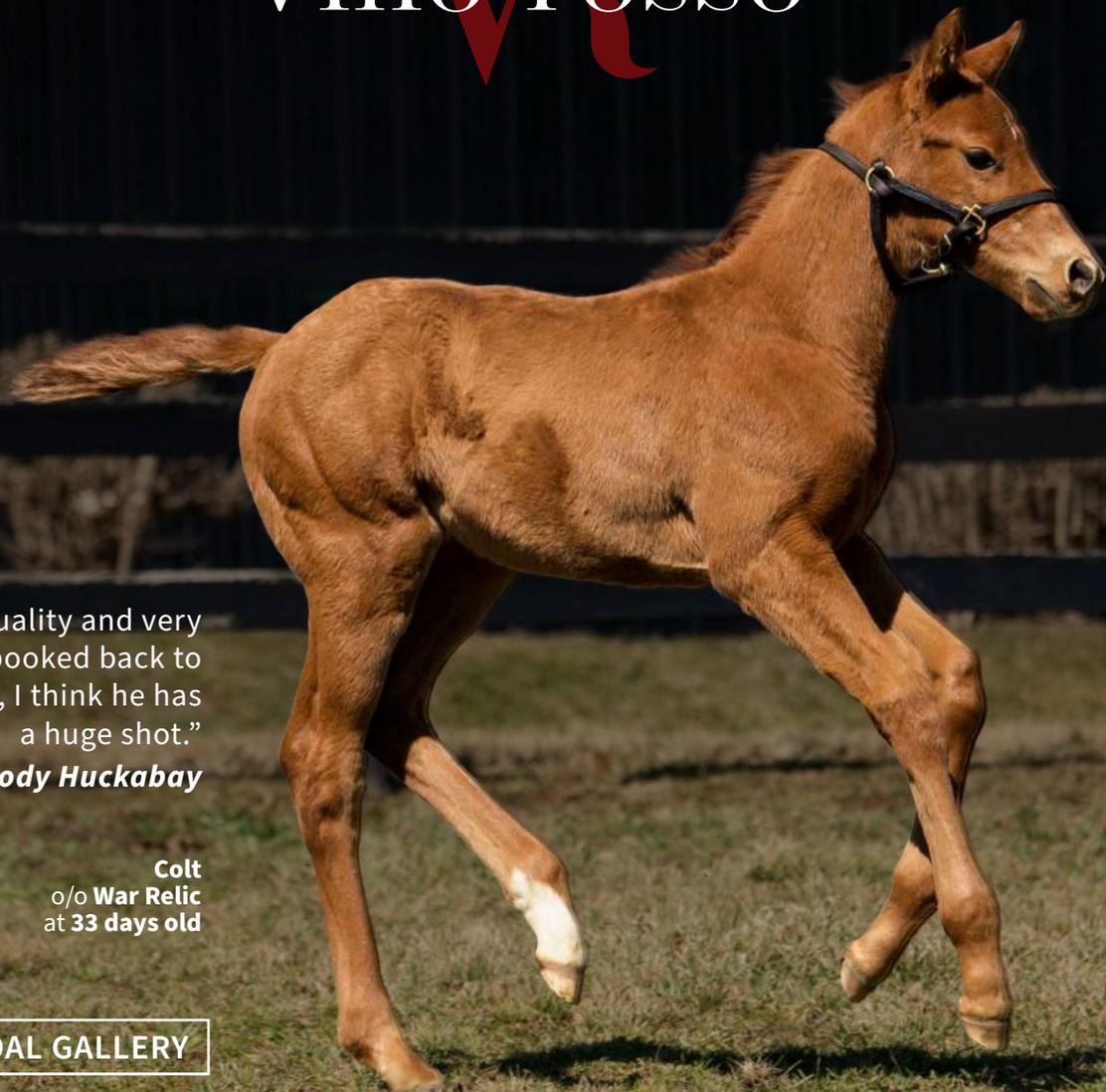
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T.D. Thornton talks to leading trainer Karl Broberg, who says the Louisiana State Racing Commission refused to hair-test one of his mares who originally tested positive for a banned substance and later tested clean through a split sample.

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“[The drugs] had not been tested and approved for use in humans or animals by the Food and Drug Administration ('FDA'); they were not distributed pursuant to lawful prescriptions; nor were they properly labeled,” the sentencing memo continued.

The judgment against Robinson also included a forfeiture of \$3,832,318.90, which he must pay to the government. The total represents the value of the drugs he illegally sold.

The government also charged that Robinson was dishonorably discharged from the Navy for selling steroids.

“I want to apologize to the horse racing industry,” Robinson said when given a chance to address the court. “Horse racing is the only thing in my life that I have ever truly loved. From the first time I went to the racetrack, I fell in deep love with horse racing and this negative attention is not what I am about, and I sincerely apologize for that. For the last 15 years plus, I have promoted horse racing and tried to increase its popularity. I take full responsibility for the actions I have taken.”

Sarah Mortazavi, the attorney representing the government, argued for a harsh sentence.

“Unfortunately, his conduct up to this point illustrates that he is not contrite or remorseful and that he viewed his conduct as, really, no big deal and believed that no consequences would follow,” she said. “We ask the court to send a different message,

both to Mr. Robinson and members of the community, that this type of conduct can lead to ill effects, that this type of conduct will not be tolerated and that it is taken seriously by the government and the court.”

Before announcing his sentence, Oetken said he took into consideration the fact that Robinson had no prior record and the many letters he received in support of the defendant, but in the end concluded that a prison sentence was warranted.

Robinson’s attorney, William Butler, asked the court to issue a non-custodial sentence that would not include any prison time “The criminal conduct here was serious, the defendant engaged in a scheme to market and sell misbranded and adulterated drugs across the country, including performance-enhancing drugs to racehorse trainers and others,” Oetken said.

He continued: “I do conclude that this is a sufficiently serious crime extended over a lengthy period of time such that serious punishment is warranted...I don't think a five-year sentence is needed to serve the purposes that I have mentioned. I also think that a 36-month sentence is greater than necessary to serve those purposes. Weighing everything I have mentioned, I believe that a sentence of 18 months imprisonment is an appropriate sentence and is sufficient to meet the characteristics while taking into account the positive factors that I have mentioned.” **Cont. p4**

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During Tuesday's proceedings, it remained unclear whether or not Robinson had in fact made a deal to cooperate.

The original indictment included 27 individuals, most notably trainers Jason Servis and Jorge Navarro. Robinson was indicted along with his former business partner, Scott Mangini. The government charged that Robinson and Mangini engaged in a scheme to "create, manufacture, sell and ship adulterated and misbranded PEDs intended to be secretly administered to racehorses for the purpose of improving those horse's race performance..."

The only other person involved in the case to enter a plea is Sarah Izhaki, who has also been charged with illegally distributing adulterated and misbranded drugs." She is set to be sentenced May 19.

Tuesday's hearing was conducted via Skype and Robinson was in Florida. His attorney asked that he be sent to a prison near his home in the Tampa area. There are four minimum-security federal prisons in the state.

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Laurel Locks Down Over EHV-1 cont. from p1

"In the past seven days we have learned of multiple occurrences of EHV-1 impacting equine events throughout the world," Rusty Ford, the equine operations consultant for the Kentucky state's veterinarian, said in that statement.

"Additionally, as we are coming to the time of year that we historically see an increase in movement of equine exhibition and racing stock into Kentucky, I want to remind all associated parties that mitigating risk of disease introduction is a shared responsibility that requires commitment from each individual exhibitor, trainer, event managers, facility operators, veterinarians, and animal health officials," Ford said.

That statement urged stabling facilities in Kentucky to review biosecurity protocols and elevate their responses to minimize direct contact between horses via shared water, feed supplies and equipment.

Speaking during a Tuesday informational videoconference, Steve Koch, the senior vice president of racing for The Stronach Group, whose tracks include Laurel Park and Pimlico Race Course in Maryland, detailed the plan of action at both venues.

Horses will be allowed to ship into both Laurel and Pimlico and can travel between those two tracks to train and race, but can't exit for another jurisdiction until the quarantine has lifted, Koch said. **Cont. p5**



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"Chances are--and this is me speculating, and maybe I shouldn't," Koch said, "but chances are, you're going to run out of places to go anyhow, because no one on the East Coast racing is going to want our horses shipping into their facilities."



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Koch said the EHV-1 protocols were initiated "on Saturday, [when] there was a horse showing some symptoms [at Laurel]. By Sunday, this horse [had] been tested for herpesvirus.... That horse had contact in both barns 10 and 4.... Upon further analysis, it was quickly evident that both barns 11 and 1 also has some fairly close contact with these horses and the respective shed rows. So currently barns 1, 4, 10 and 11 are on a lockdown situation."

Koch said Laurel training was "set aside" on Tuesday, but starting Wednesday, "we will look for a way to give [horses in the locked-down barns] some training hours."

Koch added that "It's more complicated than just extending training hours. The track crew has to know; there's complications with when we get to the race days on Friday how that will work. But we are cooking up a plan, and you'll hear that from day to day as we get in together."

Horses in Laurel's quarantined barns, however, will not be allowed to race.

"The quarantine we're currently looking at, assuming there's no further symptoms; no further positive horses, it's a 14-day quarantine," Koch summed up. "And then we can lift the veil. The trick is we have to be super-diligent throughout those 14 days...and all horses need to be asymptomatic throughout that period."

The highly contagious EHV-1 can spread during any time of the year, but winter typically brings a spike in cases nationwide.

The winters in the years 2016-18 saw a sharp increase in reported EHV-1 cases. But during those outbreaks several agricultural regulators told *TDN* it was unclear if those statistics represented actual spikes in EHV-1 cases or if veterinarians and

testing methods are just getting better at detecting and reporting them.

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LOUISIANA COMMISSION STONEWALLS BROBERG, EVEN AFTER FALSE-POSITIVE EXONERATION

by T.D. Thornton

One day after learning he had been exonerated by split-sample test results that negated an original "ridiculous" finding of three serious drug violations in a single mare who won a Nov. 24 race at Delta Downs, trainer Karl Broberg told *TDN* that Louisiana State Racing Commission (LSRC) officials turned down his offer to have the mare's hair tested while the case was being adjudicated to prove that no Class 1 and 2 drugs were in the system of Tiz One Fee (Tiz the One).

Broberg also said the LSRC has thus far been uncooperative about engaging in any substantial dialogue about how the potentially career-ending false positives might have been triggered, and that regulators have stonewalled his efforts to obtain a copy of the testing contract between the commission and the lab it employs, which is run by the Louisiana State University School of Veterinary Medicine.



Karl Broberg | Coady

Broberg, who is currently second on the continent in training wins for 2021 and led North America in victories every year between 2014 and 2019, said that one of the most maddening aspects of the months-long ordeal was the time he spent trying to figure out if someone had intentionally spiked the food of a mare he knew had not been medicated with the alleged substances--oxycodone (a Class 1 drug, the most severe category according to Association of Racing Commissioners International standards), plus levamisole and citalopram (both Class 2). **Cont. p6**

"The anguish I went through for the two months waiting for the split to come back, thinking that it could essentially be the end of my training career, speaks for itself. It was [expletive] horrible," Broberg said.

"My initial reaction was that somebody got me," Broberg said. "That somebody had done something intentionally, and most likely put it in the feed tub or something like that. So you're going through all of these scenarios wondering who could possibly hate you enough and be a sorry enough human being to do something like that to an animal."

The *Paulick Report* first broke the story of the false positives Mar. 8, detailing Broberg's account of how after being notified of the initial results Dec. 28, Broberg sent a check for \$3,750 Jan. 12 to the testing laboratory at the Kenneth L. Maddy Equine Analytical Chemistry Laboratory at the University of California at Davis to have the split samples tested for confirmatory purposes.

Broberg said that in addition to being out the cost of testing the split sample, the false positives cost him an opportunity to run Tiz One Fee in the \$50,000 Premier Lady Starter S. at Delta Downs Feb. 10, a race in which Broberg said she would have been heavily favored to win.

"No explanation. No apology," Broberg told *TDN*. "I wasn't able to run the horse during that two-month time frame. I went to the stewards to offer to have hair pulled and sent off for testing to show that there's nothing in the horse. [They said] that was not an option, that the horse would not run until a ruling had been issued.

"I mean, I've never even heard of a horse testing positive for three different drugs," Broberg continued. "More than anything, I'm just curious as to how something like this gets to that point."

Charles Gardiner, the executive director of the LSRC, did not reply to a request from *TDN* to explain the commission's side of the story prior to deadline for this article.

"I think the laboratory needs to be looked at," Broberg said. "When they come up with these ridiculous results to begin with, do they immediately send [the findings] off like that, or does common sense come into play? [As in] 'Hey. We should probably run this [test] again.'"

Broberg said he has requested the details of the LSRC/LSU testing contract, "but you would think I'm asking for top-secret information, because there's not much interest in sharing that with me at this point."

Andrew Mollica, a New York-based attorney, in 2014 helped Hall-of-Fame trainer Bill Mott fight an alleged drug overage case against the New York State Racing Commission on the basis that regulators failed to provide Mott with a split sample he could test. Mollica told *TDN* Tuesday that Broberg's ordeal underscores not only the need for trainers to be guaranteed the

right to split samples, but that commissions need explicit rules that mandate such cases get thrown out when the independent tests come back clean. Mollica said that is still not the case in at least two states that he knows of, New York and New Jersey.

Mollica said even though Mott dropped his civil lawsuit against the New York commission in 2018 and served a negotiated seven-day suspension, the challenges that Mott presented in court helped bring about a protocol change in November 2017 that now gives New York horsemen the option of sending a "referee sample" to an independent lab.

"Broberg's case exemplifies why split samples are essential for due process," Mollica said. "The denial of split samples is a denial of due process. Broberg didn't do it. The test proves it. The reality is that jurisdictions, like New York, didn't [provide split samples] for years. And the fact that we were able to at least initiate them now shows that we're on the right track.

"But we're not there yet," Mollica continued. "The regulation in New York doesn't mandate that you can be exonerated by a split sample. They don't even acknowledge that. New York wants to continue to litigate, even if you prove the [original] test was no good. And New Jersey's even worse. New Jersey goes as far to say in threshold matters, if your threshold comes back under [the allowable amount], the mere fact that we found it, you're guilty."

Broberg said it was unclear whether he would pursue some sort of remedy in the court system.

"I really don't know at this point," Broberg told *TDN*. "A simple apology from someone would be a nice start, instead of being treated like you're a crook and [told] you should just be thankful the split came back clean and you should just shut up and go on."

Asked if he had a message for other trainers based on what he just went through, Broberg said this: "That there's got to be easier ways to make a living in another endeavor."

After a long pause, he added, "I'm disgusted by the entire thing, if you can't tell."

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by T.D. Thornton

After alleging last month that a disagreement over advance-deposit wagering (ADW) hub rate fees was so egregious that it amounted to a “shakedown” that needed to be fought in federal court, a subsidiary of the gaming corporation Churchill Downs, Inc., dropped its lawsuit against Thoroughbred Owners of California (TOC) Mar. 8.

According to a “notice of voluntary dismissal” filed Monday in United States District Court (Central District, California, Western Division) by Churchill Downs Technology Initiatives Company (CDTIC), an agreement between the parties was reached Mar. 5 that apparently settles the matter “without prejudice.”

But the details of that agreement were not disclosed in court filings. And when given the opportunity on Tuesday by *TDN* to explain what led to the apparent resolution, neither TOC president/CEO Greg Avioli nor Scott Edelman, the CDTIC’s attorney, responded to email queries.

In a spat that centered on which entity should benefit from the pandemic-related boom in at-home betting, CDTIC filed a Feb. 2 complaint asking a judge to rule that TOC couldn’t use a state law to force CDI into either accepting lower rates, abandoning its recently signed agreement with Santa Anita Park, or entering into arbitration to settle the dispute. (Santa Anita itself was not a defendant in the suit.)

According to CDTIC’s complaint for declaratory and injunctive relief, the dispute arose Oct. 28, 2020, when Avioli allegedly asked CDI’s then-executive director of racing, Mike Ziegler, to “voluntarily return the equivalent of 1% of the total amount generated from California residents wagering on those platforms in 2020.”

In addition, according to the complaint, “Mr. Avioli proposed that all ADW providers agree to a 3% hub fee for the 2021-2022 term—a rate CDT has never agreed to in its history of operating in California.”

CDTIC had not wanted to disclose details of those hub fees in court documents, and had even been granted permission from the judge overseeing the case Feb. 9 to instead file those financial details as sealed documents that the public couldn’t view. Hub fees are generally not disclosed by industry entities because such figures are deemed competitive secrets.

According to the original complaint, “TOC threatened that if CDT did not comply with its ‘voluntary’ request, it would demand arbitration pursuant to [a California law]. Contrary to Mr. Avioli’s false characterization, the revenue ADW providers earned in 2020 was not a ‘windfall,’ but the result of increased demand for online wagering.”

COMPLEXITY HYPE CARRIES ON TO STUD CAREER



by Katie Ritz

“He was one of those horses that there was a buzz about before he ever stepped foot on a racetrack,” Airdrie Stud’s Bret Jones said of their new addition, Grade I-winning **‘TDN Rising Star’ Complexity** (Maclean’s Music--Goldfield, Yes It’s True).

A Stonestreet-bred half-brother to a Breeders’ Cup runner-up and a \$375,000 KEESEP yearling purchase by Mike Ryan, **Complexity** was the talk of the Saratoga backstretch in the summer of his juvenile season. Horseplayers anticipated the Chad Brown pupil’s unveiling after a stretch of speedy breezes, including a five-furlong move in 1:00 2/5 work Aug. 26, but they had to wait until closing day at the Spa for the colt to reach the starting gate.

Sent off as the heavy favorite, the bay took the lead early over a salty maiden field that included eventual graded winner Harvey Wallbanger (**Congrats**) and dual stakes winner King for a Day (**Uncle Mo**). He coasted home to win by over four lengths, becoming the third ‘Rising Star’ of the 2018 Saratoga meet for Klaravich Stables and Chad Brown.

Complexity returned to the starting gate again as the favorite in the GI Champagne S. at Belmont and didn’t disappoint as he passed the wire three lengths ahead of Code of Honor (Noble Mission {GB}).

“Honestly, we would put the Champagne up against any race there is when you’re talking about what can make a potential stallion,” Jones said. “He went in 1:34 and change. You look at the honor roll of Champagne winners, it’s incredible. It shows what a precocious horse you are and can do it going a mile, which I think is a great indicator of talent.”

The colt failed to fire in the GI Breeders’ Cup Juvenile and was sidelined until the summer of his 3-year-old season due to a quarter crack. But he eventually bounced back with a 7 1/4-length win over older horses in November of his sophomore year, earning a three on the Ragozin sheets.

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In his next start, he bested MGISW Code of Honor in the one-mile GII Kelso H.

"He beats an exceptionally-talented horse in Code of Honor and really does it the right way, wins it going away," Jones noted. "He does it in 1:33 and change. There aren't many exceptional 2-year-olds that can come back and be a top 4-year-old, but that's what this horse did. He ran one of the highest Beyers of any horse last year, running a 110."



Complexity wins the GII Kelso H. | Sarah Andrew

After a fourth-place finish in the 2020 GI Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile, **Complexity** took up stud duty at Airdrie.

"I'm very grateful that we got the opportunity to stay on this horse because everybody who watched the Champagne, I think, was very interested in him as a stallion," Jones said. "We're very, very grateful to Chad [Brown] and Seth Klarman for giving us the chance. We just always thought he was special and we're going to try hard to make sure he's a special name in this business for a long time."

Jones said many breeders have been sold on the new stallion prospect upon seeing him in person.

"One of the obvious attractions of **Complexity** is just how beautiful of a horse he is," he said. "That's very evident in the price tag and the purchaser. We'd put Mike Ryan's eye above just about anybody who has every looked at a horse. So that was very attractive commercially. \$375,000 was the highest price of any Maclean's Music of that crop and he looks every bit the part."

He continued, "When you combine that with the race record, you have not only what we think is a very commercial sire, we actually have a stallion prospect that we think can get fast

horses, which at the end of the day is a lot more important than anything else."

Complexity joins fellow Klaravich Stables Grade I winner **Cloud Computing**--who stands at Spendthrift Farm--as the first two sons of Maclean's Music at stud. The Hill 'n' Dale sire entered stud in 2013 with a \$6,500 stud fee and has quietly made his way up the general sire's list to earn a nearly quadrupled fee.

"You have to love the start he's gotten off to," Jones said of Maclean's Music. "He's really making his own way from a humble stud fee to really one of the more exciting young stallions in the industry. So to have a really talented son of his is certainly something that attracted us to him."

Complexity is out of the three-time stakes-producing mare Goldfield (Yes It's True) and is a half-brother to Stonestreet homebred Valadorna (**Curlin**), who was runner up in the 2016 GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies and winner of the 2018 GIII Doubledogdare S. at Keeneland.

"It's really brilliance on brilliance," Jones said of the pedigree. "And with a Stonestreet family, we know the kind of quality they have. It's the type of talent, both top and bottom, that makes you feel really good about putting him in the barn."

Jones added that with his breeding, **Complexity** is an easy match for many mares.

"He really goes so well with so many of the important sire lines that you'd like to get as a young stallion," he said. "He crosses beautifully with A.P. Indy, Storm Cat and so many of the Deputy Minister horses. So he's a very easy horse to breed and we're doing what we really think is important and that's giving him every chance by supporting him."

Jones reported that 24 Airdrie mares are slated to visit the new addition including Grade I producers Don't Trick Her (Mazel Trick) and Kittery Point (**Include**), as well as two-time champion producer Ms. Cornstalk (Indian Charlie).

Complexity kicks off his stud career at Airdrie fully booked off a \$12,500 initial fee.

"Everything is in place to have a very successful horse," Jones said. "He's been exceptionally popular. He was booked full almost immediately. He's got every opportunity and I think we've got him priced to where he'll still get those mares in the next couples years. Then after that, it's up to him."

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OAKLAWN RAISES PURSES 15%, TOP ALLOWANCES NOW WORTH \$110K

Over the final eight weeks of its 2021 season, Oaklawn will boost purses by 15%, a total of \$2.5 million, into overnight races, including increasing top allowance races to \$110,000. The across the board increase also takes maiden special weights to \$93,000 and raises the bottom purse to \$27,000, and represents the largest in-season purse hike in the track's history.

"It's been an interesting year to say the least, but it is very gratifying to announce this purse increase nearly a year after shutting the race meet and casino down to fans because of the COVID-19 pandemic," Oaklawn President Louis Cella said. "I wasn't sure we'd get here a couple weeks ago with all the bad winter weather, but our horsemen and fans are resilient. February ended with a tremendous weekend of racing and it was exciting to see fans back in the infield last week. I have no doubt the final eight weeks of racing are going to be exciting, especially with some of our marquee races still to come."

Saturday's 12-race card at the Hot Springs oval will be highlighted by the \$1-million GII Rebel S. for 3-year-olds as well as the \$500,000 Essex H., \$350,000 GII Azeri S., \$200,000 Hot Springs S., and \$150,000 Temperence Hill S. First post is 12 noon.

"Rebel Stakes weekend has grown to be almost as big as Arkansas Derby Day and we're excited to be able to welcome more fans back just in time for the richest racing in our history," General Manager Wayne Smith said. "Weather permitting, the infield will be open every Saturday throughout the end of the meet. The infield is truly a rite of spring and it was certainly missed last year."

Oaklawn's 2021 live meet continues through Saturday, May 1.

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MISTER D STAKES, FORMERLY ARLINGTON MILLION, TO BE WORTH \$600K

The GI Mister D. S., formerly known as the Arlington Million, will be run with a purse of \$600,000 Aug. 14 at Arlington Park, in what is likely to be the final year of racing at the Chicago-area plant. The Million, along with the rest of its traditional accompanying stakes, was scrapped last year due to the uncertainty surrounding racing dates and purses at the track.

Renamed for longtime Arlington owner Dick Duchossois, the Mister D. will be the centerpiece of an eight-stakes card that also includes the 1 3/16-mile GI Beverly D. S. for fillies and mares and the renamed GI Bruce D. S., formerly the GI Secretariat S., for 3-year-olds at a mile.

Churchill Downs Incorporated, the current owner of Arlington, **announced plans** to sell the track to a commercial real estate firm Feb. 23. The 2021 race meet at Arlington opens Friday, Apr. 30 and will run for a total of 68 live racing days before concluding Saturday, Sept. 25.

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FIRST MARE IN FOAL TO HONOR A. P.

Grade I winner **Honor A. P.** (**Honor Code**--Hollywood Story, by A.P. Indy) has his first mare confirmed in foal, Lane's End announced Tuesday.

The first mare scanned in foal is stakes winner and graded stakes-placed Omaticaya (Ire) (Bernstein), owned by Dell Ridge Farm, LLC. She is from the female family of Grade I winner Muhtarram (Alleged), champion St. Hilarion (Sir Ivor), and graded stakes winners Ballet de France (Northern Dancer) and Profit Column (Private Account).

An \$850,000 Fasig-Tipton Saratoga yearling purchase, **Honor A. P.** broke his maiden as a 2-year-old by over five lengths with a 91 Beyer and bested eventual Horse of the Year **Authentic (Into Mischief)**, one of only two horses to do so, in his GI Santa Anita Derby victory as a 3-year-old by 2 3/4 lengths with a 102 Beyer.

Honor A. P. stands for \$15,000. For more information, contact Jill McCully at jillmac@lanesend.com or Chris Knehr at cknehr@lanesend.com.

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Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	Tapit (2001) by Pulpit FYR: 2006 Crops: 14 Stands: Gainesway Farm KY Fee: \$185,000	139	273	87	171	27	56	1185	880	4,791,677 Testa Matta	165,794,798
2	Distorted Humor (1993) by Forty Niner FYR: 2000 Crops: 20 Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: Private	153	270	65	123	17	36	1348	1020	3,728,170 Drosselmeyer	141,031,284
3	Malibu Moon (1997) by A.P. Indy FYR: 2001 Crops: 19 Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY Fee: \$35,000	124	234	50	109	17	37	1539	1121	2,612,516 Orb	130,758,235
4	Medaglia d'Oro (1999) by El Prado (Ire) FYR: 2006 Crops: 14 Stands: Darley KY Fee: \$150,000	125	204	63	120	22	46	1116	720	8,386,121 Golden Sixty (AUS)	129,880,391
5	More Than Ready (1997) by Southern Halo FYR: 2002 Crops: 18 Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$65,000	123	236	48	102	12	30	1505	1090	3,139,765 Roy H	126,503,029
6	Speightstown (1998) by Gone West FYR: 2006 Crops: 14 Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$90,000	120	191	58	101	19	41	984	755	3,747,200 Charlatan	122,921,081
7	Tale of the Cat (1994) by Storm Cat FYR: 2000 Crops: 20 Stands: Ashford Stud KY Fee: \$12,500	81	184	29	66	7	21	1541	1161	6,169,800 Gio Ponti	119,980,863
8	Candy Ride (Arg) (1999) by Ride the Rails FYR: 2006 Crops: 14 Stands: Lane's End Farm KY Fee: \$75,000	95	156	48	88	16	35	1074	765	15,988,500 Gun Runner	116,549,945
9	Kitten's Joy (2001) by El Prado (Ire) FYR: 2007 Crops: 13 Stands: Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa KY Fee: \$60,000	103	186	50	97	14	33	1246	886	4,777,480 Hawkbill	115,401,162
10	Stormy Atlantic (1994) by Storm Cat FYR: 2000 Crops: 20 Stands: Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa KY Fee: \$10,000	103	175	42	71	7	20	1280	929	2,212,580 Stormy Liberal	97,244,979
11	Curlin (2004) by Smart Strike FYR: 2010 Crops: 10 Stands: Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa KY Fee: \$175,000	75	137	37	85	12	27	704	515	4,803,125 Vino Rosso	91,466,058
12	Into Mischief (2005) by Harlan's Holiday FYR: 2010 Crops: 10 Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY Fee: \$225,000	90	161	37	79	8	23	795	570	7,201,200 Authentic	87,969,012
13	Ghostzapper (2000) by Awesome Again FYR: 2007 Crops: 13 Stands: Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa KY Fee: \$85,000	82	132	43	71	12	23	780	580	3,859,311 Shaman Ghost	86,884,568
14	Hard Spun (2004) by Danzig FYR: 2009 Crops: 11 Stands: Darley KY Fee: \$35,000	63	130	31	67	10	16	909	621	1,994,460 Wicked Strong	84,638,530
15	Broken Vow (1997) by Unbridled FYR: 2003 Crops: 17 Stands: Pin Oak Stud KY Fee: \$20,000	78	154	26	50	5	13	1068	831	1,909,823 Unbridled Belle	77,766,016

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REBEL S.-GII, \$1,000,000, 3yo, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Caddo River	Hard Spun	Shortleaf Stable, Inc.	Cox	Geroux	122
2	Big Lake 🌿	American Pharoah	Mike G. Rutherford	Asmussen	Santana, Jr.	117
3	Hozier	Pioneerof the Nile	SF Racing, Starlight Racing, Madaket Stables, R Masterson Stonestreet Stables LLC, Golconda Stable, Siena Farm LLC	Baffert	Garcia	117
4	Get Her Number	Dialed In	Gary Barber	Miller	Castellano	119
5	Twilight Blue 🌿	Air Force Blue	Carl R. Moore Management LLC	Sharp	Hernandez, Jr.	119
6	Keepmeinmind	Laoban	Cypress Creek Equine, Bennewith, A & Spendthrift Farm LLC	Diodoro	Cohen	119
7	Concert Tour	Street Sense	West, Gary and West, Mary	Baffert	Rosario	117
8	Super Stock 🌿	Dialed In	Woolsey, Erv and Asmussen, Keith	Asmussen	Talamo	117

Breeders: 1-Shortleaf Stable, 2-Mike G. Rutherford, 3-WinStar Farm, LLC, 4-Philip Robertson & Brenda Robertson, 5-Knowles Bloodstock, Inc., 6-Southern Equine Stables, LLC, 7-Gary & Mary West Stables Inc., 8-Pedro Gonzalez & P. J. Gonzalez

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AZERI S.-GII, \$350,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Envoutante 🌿	Uncle Mo	Walking L Thoroughbreds, LLC and Three Chimneys Farm	McPeck	Hernandez, Jr.	121
2	Motion Emotion 🌿	Take Charge Indy	My Racehorse Stable and Spendthrift Farm LLC	Asmussen	Santana, Jr.	117
3	Letruska	Super Saver	St. George Stable LLC	Gutierrez	Rosario	124
4	Getridofwhatailesu	Ghostzapper	The Elkstone Group, LLC	Cox	Castellano	121
5	Shedaresthedevil 🌿	Daredevil	Flurry Racing Stables, Qatar Racing Ltd and Big Aut Farms	Cox	Geroux	119

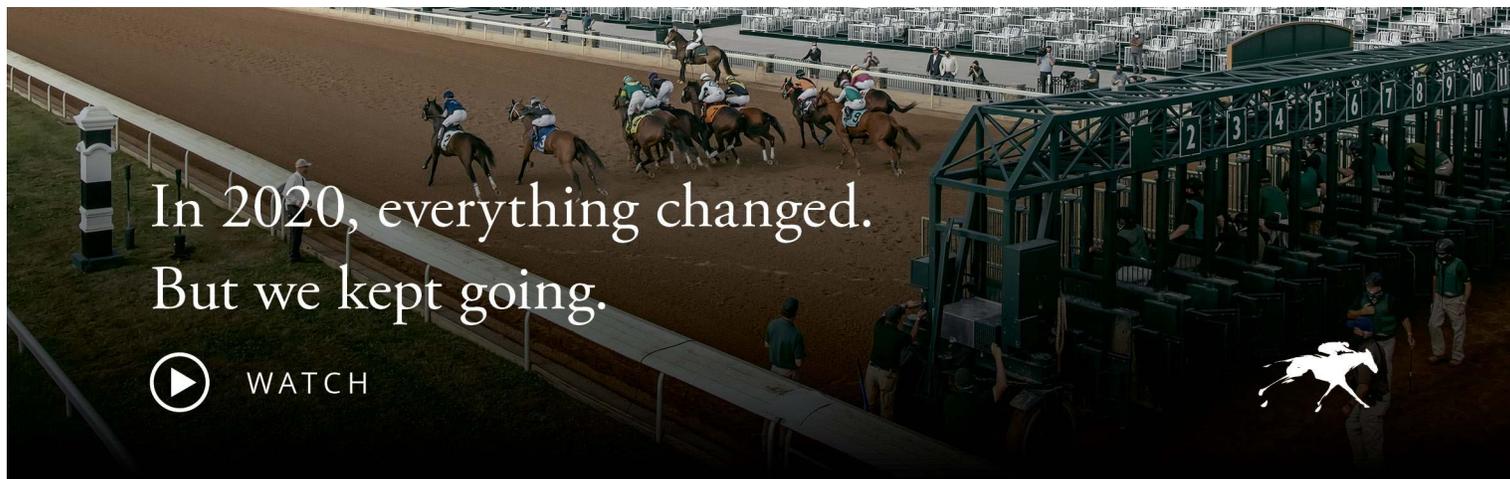
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IN ORDER OF PURSE:

8th-Parx Racing, \$42,260, Msw, 3-9, 3yo, 6f, 1:11.18, ft, 9 1/4 lengths.

DR B (f, 3, Liam's Map--Boleyn {GSP, \$123,886}, by Proud Citizen) was third in her career bow over this course and distance Dec. 30 and was given a 3-1 chance following a swift four-furlong work in :47 3/5 over this surface Feb. 26. Quickly to the front, the half to Hi Holiday (Harlan's Holiday), SW, \$112,563, extended her lead exiting the backstretch, was comfortably clear as Frankie Pennington took a look back at the quarter pole and again midstretch, and continued to dominate late, scoring by 9 1/4 lengths over Principino (**Cairo Prince**). Grade II placed Boleyn, a granddaughter of Grade I winner Magnificent Lindy, dropped her latest foal in 2019, a **Practical Joke** filly. She was most recently bred to **Uncle Mo**. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$28,400. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Cash is King LLC and LC Racing; B-Eico Ventures (KY); T-Robert E. Reid, Jr.

5th-Delta Downs, \$37,000, Msw, 3-9, 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:21.53, ft, head.

GREATEST LOVE (f, 3, Speightster--Bronze Route, by Mud Route), installed the 7-5 choice for this unveiling, went to the front, maintained her advantage at every call and outlasted 8-5 second choice Hallajoori (**Bayern**) by a head at the wire. The winner is a half to Bronzed (Fed Biz), SW, \$124,327; and Top Seed (Grand Slam), SW, \$117,583. The winner's dam, Bronze Route, is a half-sister to dual Grade I-winning Golden Ballet, who brought \$1.6 million at Keeneland in November of 2001 and \$1.4 million at that venue nine years later. The daughter of Moscow Ballet is responsible for GI Belmont S. and GI Breeders' Cup Classic winner Drosselmeyer in addition to stakes winning and Grade I placed Stage Luck, who also realized \$1.6 million in the Keeneland sales ring, selling as a yearling in 2005. The latter most recently sold in foal to **Frosted** for \$40,000 last November. Sales history: \$130,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$22,200. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Maggi Moss; B-Burleson Farm (KY).

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4th-Mahoning Valley, \$27,500, (S), Msw, 3-9, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:13.77, ft, 5 1/4 lengths.

TIVIS (f, 3, Tale of Ekati--Preseli's Pulpit, by Pulpit), off a step slow at the start, was settled in wide fourth through an opening quarter mile in :23.17. Easily moving into contention approaching the quarter pole, 2-1 second choice swept past pacesetter 6-5 Highly Explosive (Medal Count) midstretch and drew off to graduate by 5 1/4 lengths. The favorite finished second, 15 lengths ahead of her closest pursuer. Preseli's Pulpit, a half-sister to European Highweight Filly at 2 and Irish Highweight Filly at 2 and 3 Preseli (Ire) (Caerleon), has an unraced juvenile filly by City Weekend named Out for Fun and was bred back to **Copper Bullet** on her most recent cover. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$16,500. **Click for the Equibase.com chart.**

O/B-Hillburn Racing Stable LLC (OH); T-Robert M. Gorham.



SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: Wednesday, Mar. 10
2021 Stud Fees Listed

Outwork (Uncle Mo), WinStar Farm, \$15,000
209 foals of racing age/23 winners/2 black-type winners
9-Gulfstream, Aoc 1 1/8mT, Traffic Lane, 2-1
\$25,000 RNA KEE NOV wnl; \$95,000 KEE SEP yrl

Speightster (Speightstown), WinStar Farm, \$10,000
228 foals of racing age/25 winners/2 black-type winners
4-Sam Houston Race, Msw 1m, Texas Tideland, 10-1
\$15,000 RNA FTK OCT yrl

Uncle Lino (Uncle Mo), Northview Stallion Station, \$4,000
132 foals of racing age/10 winners/0 black-type winners
7-Charles Town, Alw 4 1/2f, Golden Key, 6-1



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S. [G3], Arlington Matron H. [G3], Dogwood S. [G3], Ntra Great State Chal Inv Distaff S. 2nd Kentucky Oaks [G1], Apple Blossom H. [G1], Ogden Phipps H. [G1], Gazelle H. [G1], Delaware H. [G2], Falls City H. [G2], Golden Rod S. [G2]. Dam of 6 foals to race, 5 winners--
WILL TAKE CHARGE (c, by Unbridled's Song). **Champion 3YO Colt**. 7 wins at 2, 3, and 4, \$3,924,648, Travers S. [G1], Clark H. [G1], Pennsylvania Derby [G2], Oaklawn H. [G2], Rebel S. [G2], Smarty Jones S. 2nd BC [G1], etc.
TAKE CHARGE INDY (c, by A.P. Indy). Won Florida Derby [G1], Alysheba S. [G2], 2nd Kentucky Oaks [G1], Skip Away S. [G3], 3rd Donn H. [G1], etc.
TAKE CHARGE BRANDI (f, by Giant's Causeway). **Champion 2-year-old filly in US**. Won Florida Derby [G1], Alysheba S. [G2], 2nd Kentucky Oaks [G1], Skip Away S. [G3], 3rd Donn H. [G1], etc.
Charming (f, by Seeking the Gold). Winner of Kentucky Oaks [G1], etc.
ELAROSE (f, by El Gran Senor). 2nd Kentucky Oaks [G1], etc.



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GRAND BONHEUR by Blushing Groom
Northern Tryst (c, by Northern Dancer)
Zarbyev (c, by Nureyev). Winner of
 Memorial H. At J. Sent to GB.
Cornilfo (f, by Compliance). 11 wins
Mi Louisa (f, by Mi Selecto). 6
MADONNA LILY (f, by El Gran Senor)
 Producer.
Are You Home (f, by El Gran Senor)
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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

6th-Delta Downs, \$39,700, 3-9, (NW3L), 4yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:21.53, ft, 1/2 length.

GREEN MONSTER (f, 4, Bayern--Contrition, by Pulpit) Lifetime Record: 11-3-1-2, \$75,015. O-Wayne T. Davis; B-Animal Science Dept / U of K (KY); T-Shane Wilson. *\$20,000 Ylg '18 FTKFEB; \$80,000 Ylg '18 OBSOCT.

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6th-Mahoning Valley, \$21,200, 3-9, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 1m 70y, 1:45.45, ft, 12 3/4 lengths.

ANANROAD (g, 4, Quality Road--Ananda, by Scat Daddy) Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-0, \$47,710. O-Jamen Davidovich; B-Jeff Treadway (KY); T-Jamen Davidovich. *\$400,000 Ylg '18 FTSAUG; \$23,000 4yo '21 FTKFEB.

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Ragtime Dolly, f, 3, **Union Rags**--Glamalert, by Vindication. Mahoning Valley, 3-9, 1m, 1:42.77. B-Ocala Stud & Centaur Farms, Inc. (FL).



BAYERN, Green Monster, f, 4, o/o Contrition, by Pulpit. ALW, 3-9, Delta Downs

LIAM'S MAP, Dr B, f, 3, o/o Boleyn, by Proud Citizen. MSW, 3-9, Parx Racing

QUALITY ROAD, Ananroad, g, 4, o/o Ananda, by Scat Daddy. ALW, 3-9, Mahoning Valley

SPEIGHTSTER, Greatest Love, f, 3, o/o Bronze Route, by Mud Route. MSW, 3-9, Delta Downs

TALE OF EKATI, Tivis, f, 3, o/o Preseli's Pulpit, by Pulpit. MSW, 3-9, Mahoning Valley

UNION RAGS, Ragtime Dolly, f, 3, o/o Glamalert, by Vindication. MSW, 3-9, Mahoning Valley



Speightster gets a new winner at Parx on Tuesday | Sarah Andrew

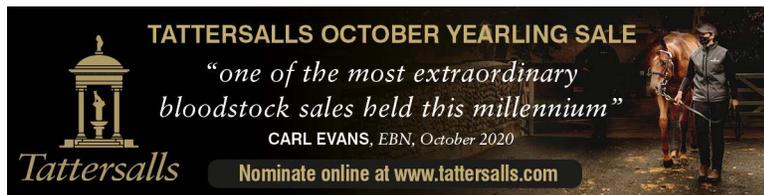
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BETHELL'S TOUR EARNS PROMOTION AT HOME



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by Chris McGrath

Putting the success into succession is a familiar challenge in the British training profession. In contrast with America, with its racetrack communes, burdens of infrastructure and overheads often make a private yard in Britain resemble a farm: a family concern, to be passed down between one generation and the next. The dilemma is how to dovetail inherited advantages—in terms of reputation, clientele and facilities—with the imperative of putting your own stamp on a progressive enterprise.

Latest to attempt this balancing act is Ed Bethell, who has just taken on Thorngill Stables in Middleham from his father James. Though just 27, he is actually four years older than was his father when taking over from Arthur Budgett, soon after assisting in the preparation of 1973 Derby winner Morston. Bethell Sr. became a highly respected figure on the Yorkshire Turf: though dealing with limited bloodstock, in both quantity and quality, he built an especially remarkable record in historic, notoriously competitive handicap stampedes like the Lincoln and Hunt Cup. Incredibly, he not only won the Bunbury Cup three times but did so with the same horse, Mine (Ire) (Primo Dominie {GB}).

Critically, however, Bethell has prepared for the transition not just by accompanying his father up and down the High Moor gallops. **Cont. p2**

£6-MILLION IN PRIZEMONEY AT ROYAL ASCOT

Prizemoney for Royal Ascot in 2021—set for June 15 to 19—will be £6-million, a 66% increase on 2020. Ascot Racecourse also revealed on Tuesday that the G1 King George VI and Queen Elizabeth S. in July will be worth £875,000, up from £400,000 in 2020 when purses took a massive hit in the midst of the pandemic.

Guy Henderson, chief executive officer at Ascot Racecourse, said, “In 2020 we had hoped to offer record prize money of more than £8-million at the Royal Meeting. In the event the pandemic made that impossible and we have now spent nearly a year racing behind closed doors with trading income down 80%. This year’s prizemoney of £6-million represents 75% of what we had originally planned for 2020. **Cont. p5**

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ROBINSON GETS 18 MONTHS IN PRISON IN FIRST SENTENCING FROM 2020 INDICTMENTS

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Ed Bethell Cont. from p1

True, he has done that sufficiently to glean precious, homespun tenets of horsemanship; and he is hugely grateful for the fidelity of his patrons, and a flagship as accomplished as Group 1-placed sprinter Moss Gill (Ire) (**No Nay Never**). But he is no less appreciative also to have been dispatched far afield—from Kentucky to Australia—to observe diverse racing cultures and absorb different ways of doing things.

That reflects creditably on his parents, whose willingness that Bethell should be his own man was underlined by resisting the option, only recently available in Britain, of a shared licence.

"To keep a business going 45 or 46 years is pretty impressive in any walk of life," Bethell says. "So I hugely admire Dad, and also my mother, for doing that. I did suggest that we should have a joint-licence, because I didn't want him to give up fully, but he thought it better that I do it on my own. Although he's still very much involved, I think he quite likes the idea of taking a bit of a back seat. He was 69 last week, and it's a seven-days-a-week business.

"But he has established a brand, which is something I'm incredibly fortunate to be taking on, instead of setting up on my own with five horses. At the same time I do feel very lucky to have gone around the world and seen other ways of training, other ways of marketing and selling yourself. So I'd like to think I

can bring some fresh ideas that might help the business grow." Certainly a stint with Gai Waterhouse was literally a world away. A similar experience plainly served Hugo Palmer well, and Bethell was especially inspired by the dynamism and reach of Waterhouse's public relations.

"I could jump in a taxi in Sydney and the guy would go, 'Oh, you're from England. What do you do?'" he recalls. "And when I said I worked for Gai Waterhouse, his jaw would drop to the floor. She's a total celebrity out there. And she made every single one of owners, whether they had 1% of a horse or a \$2-million yearling from Magic Millions, feel like the most important person in the world. That's probably just a very natural thing, but she was very good to me and taught me a lot. Certainly her technique with 2-year-olds is something I would definitely be interested in adapting here."

Another to teach him as much about handling people as horses was Terence Collier, who took Bethell under his wing during an internship at Fasig-Tipton.

"Terence is another amazing 'people person'," Bethell says. "Fasig-Tipton was fantastic: I just saw a very different way of dealing with bloodstock, and dealing with clients. I was able to see how they set about enticing those big mares for their 'Night Of The Stars' in November: it was the year Havre De Grace (Saint Liam) sold for \$10 million." **Cont. p3**

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FASTNET ROCK COLT SETS RECORD IN ADELAIDE

A new record for a yearling was set in South Australia by a A\$525,000 Fastnet Rock (Aus) colt. [Click or tap here to go straight to TDN Aus/NZ.](#)

Ed Bethell Cont.

He adds, "Seeing things like that is mind-boggling; but it was also about seeing how the little things, the finer details, can make a big difference."

Bethell was fascinated to tour the Bluegrass farms and see how weanlings and yearlings were allocated to their optimal auctions. But then one of his first mentors had been James Delahooke, a buyer of champions whose expertise extends through the market and has duly managed, over the years, to find inexpensive ammunition for Thorngill.

"James is incredibly thorough," Bethell says. "He was quite strict, and never minced his words—I don't know whether that was a good thing or not. But I loved the way he looked at a horse and I still ring him quite often: he's such an interesting man, with amazing knowledge of the game. James had a big part to play in buying Penhill (GB) (Mount Nelson {GB}) for just 24,000gns."



James Bethell | [Racingfotos.com](#)

Penhill would return to Tattersalls a couple of years later to realise 230,000gns as a horse-in-training, and subsequently won twice over hurdles at the Cheltenham Festival for Willie Mullins.

But for all the diversity of Bethell's apprenticeship, perhaps none of his grounding was more relevant than a spell as assistant to Charlie Hills. For one thing, after all those experiences overseas, here was a yard steeped in the influence of a great English horseman of the old school in the trainer's father, Barry. And, with such a sagacious influence still in the background, Bethell could observe and think about the kind of dynamic awaiting him at home. After all, it's impossible to avoid sporadic differences of opinion when the headquarters of the business is also a family's kitchen table: whether between father and son, trainer and assistant, or eventually trainer and retired trainer. [Cont. p4](#)

Ed Bethell Cont.

"Working for Charlie was a great learning curve as well," Bethell reflects. "First and foremost, because I got to work with such well-bred horses. But while I would of course be reporting to Charlie, the 'guvnor'—I still call Barry that—was around passing his eye over things. And when he came out with certain things, you would stand up and listen."

"Did it open my eyes, for how Dad and I should work? I don't know. I couldn't talk about Charlie and Barry's relationship. Obviously, at the end of the day, Dad created this business and now we've just got to find the happy medium. Of course, there are opinions, and there will be arguments every now and then, but I think that's probably just part and parcel of life."

The most obvious nexus of the handover is a longstanding relationship with so many patrons, many of whom will have seen Bethell growing from boy to man. Some, indeed, had to see him absorb the harrowing and abrupt loss to meningitis of his sister Jessica, whose memory is honoured by a [charitable foundation](#). It is this extended family that has enabled Bethell to land running: his first winner, at Newcastle last month, was a 7-year-old aptly carrying the familiar silks of stable syndicate Clarendon Thoroughbreds; while Moss Gill himself, now five, has been in the yard throughout his career.

"I've known Mr. Van Cutsem a long time and he has been a great supporter of Dad's," Bethell says.

"It's heartwarming to have these people Dad has brought together, over the years, continuing to support me. But we also have some new owners, which is even better. I'd like to think the yard is thriving: we have quite a few horses now, and hopefully we can be successful for owners old and new."

Moss Gill, third in the G1 Nunthorpe S. last summer, made an excellent resumption at Lingfield on Feb. 27 when beaten just a neck by the thriving Lord Riddiford (Ire) (Zebedee {GB}) in a listed sprint. If he was not to win, in fact, he shaped as well as could be hoped, finishing well after seeming ill at ease round that singular track.

"I feel incredibly lucky to be starting with a horse like this, I pinch myself every morning," Bethell says. "He didn't handle the hill or the bend very well on [last] Saturday, and otherwise it might just have been a different story. The winner's definitely improving, and was of course race-fit, but the way Moss Gill quickened in the final 250 metres was just what we wanted to

see. P.J. [McDonald, jockey] was extremely happy. He said the horse still had all the fire in his belly, which we knew."

"We might think about stepping up to six at some point. He was just half a stride behind the bridle all the way, and five-furlong opportunities in England before May are few and far between. France would be great, but getting there and back would obviously be tricky at the moment. We're still thinking about Dubai, and then there's the Cammidge Trophy at Doncaster, though soft ground would probably be an issue there. I wouldn't want to go back to the [G3] Palace House, because of the Dip at Newmarket, but if we want to try six anywhere the [G2] Duke Of York might be perfect: we know he loves the place, and you'd hope you might get nice ground by then."

Among the younger horses, Bethell is excited by **Rich Dream (Ire)** (Make Believe {GB}), who made an eye-catching debut in what is always a key maiden at York and duly won his only

subsequent start at Haydock.

"He's a lovely big horse and we've gelded him over the winter," Bethell reports. "He's just in steady work, we'll build up and I would have thought we'll probably see him on the track around April."

A maturing talent is **Idoapologise (GB)** (Havana Gold {Ire}). "He only had a few runs last year, but he's been accident-prone rather than injury-prone and with a clear run hopefully he might make a nice

horse for those big handicaps," Bethell says. "If I can get him high enough, there's a fast-run seven furlongs on the July Course that might be right up his street."

Those three Bunbury Cups were a tribute to the way his father maintained the form of Mine, who made 66 starts in all.

"Dad was always very patient with horses," Bethell says. "And he got the best out of them, whatever their level. He's a fantastic horseman. Watching him break in yearlings, you see how well he understands horses; and how he did as well as he did without ever getting the cream of the crop. But probably the most important thing of all, he is always honest. Everything that happens has always been told to the owners immediately."

Of course, not every horse can be a star and Bethell understands that the priority, with each project, is to make sure that the whole process as enjoyable as possible. In this regard, he has one especially magnificent and historic asset: Middleham Moor. [Cont. p5](#)



Moss Gill | [Racingfotos.com](#)

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Ed Bethell Cont.

"A couple of jockeys who came to ride out the other day were saying, 'I bet you can't wait to get owners up here'," he enthuses. "I'm very fortunate that my parents have built up this business in such a beautiful area, and the stables themselves are also a massive selling point. There's no better place than the High Moor gallop first thing on a summer morning.

"It's a lot quieter than Newmarket. We can all get on and do our own thing, yet we've something like 30 racetracks within a couple of hours. What would have been my unique selling point in Newmarket, where I would have been renting a yard for a fortune? I think the North-South divide is closing hugely now. If you look at the success of people like Mark Johnston and Karl Burke, you can see that we have the proven facilities here to realise the potential of any horse."

Bethell acknowledges that the timing of the handover, at the height of a pandemic, concentrates the mind somewhat.

"The way we looked at it, as a family, was that at least things can only get better," says Bethell with a laugh. "With the prizemoney here, there's probably never a right time to start training. But I'm actually hoping that maybe Covid might just juggle a few things: the model might change a bit, and things might eventually improve as a result. We're very lucky to have such supportive owners, and I do have belief.

"Having spent time with other trainers, and bloodstock agents, and at the sales, you learn that actually there's no real rhyme or reason to a horse. You don't need crazy money to buy a very nice horse. I mean, of course I'd love an owner to come in and spend the big bucks, and hopefully that might happen someday.

"But we do have a wonderful way of life and I consider myself very fortunate to wake up at five every morning to go out and work with the animal I love, rather than sit in an office all day. Mum and Dad have been fantastic, and I'm incredibly grateful to them both. Obviously not a day goes by that we don't remember

Jessica. But probably that has only made me work harder. Because she was taken so young, you do realise that life is short. So I just hope that the business will continue to grow and thrive, and that maybe one day she'd be proud of what we have done here."

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EUROPEAN NEWS

£6 Million in Prizemoney at Royal Ascot Cont. from p1

"With restricted attendances in 2021 and pandemic insurance cover no longer available, the business will need to absorb a significant loss this year in order to deliver our wish to support the industry with the most prize money that we can prudently afford. Whilst Covid-19 has knocked back our long term financial trajectory by several years, our aim is to make the largest steps we can towards getting prize money levels back on track as soon as possible.

The parade ring at Royal Ascot | *Horsephotos*

"Without owners we would have no racing. We are very grateful for their commitment and thank them for their support. We look forward to being able to increase prize money further as soon as it is possible for us to do so. We are also very grateful to our official partners, QIPCO and Longines, as well as our official suppliers, sponsors, broadcast partners and betting media partners. All of their support is deeply appreciated. We at Ascot much look forward to being able to welcome back our racegoers in June and delivering a special week of racing, both for those who are able to be with us on site and the many millions who will be with us in spirit through our broadcast and digital channels."

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FISHER NAMED EXECUTIVE VICE CHAIRMAN OF CITY RACING

Paul Fisher has been named executive vice chairman of City Racing, an organization spearheaded by The Queen’s grandson Peter Phillips that aims to stage horse races on iconic city streets on removable track surfaces. Fisher was chief executive of Jockey Club Racecourses when that organization became a founding shareholder in City Racing, and he served Jockey Club Racecourses for 19 years. He takes on his new role alongside his role as chief executive officer of GVS.

“I was involved in the formation of City Racing during my time at The Jockey Club, where we backed the venture alongside an outstanding group of shareholders like Andrews Bowen, New World Capital Advisors, Peter Phillips and JSC Communications. I am passionate about the horse racing industry and I strongly believe the exciting and vibrant fundamentals of City Racing will bring much needed innovation, diversity and inclusion to the world of horse racing. I am looking forward to working more closely with Peter Phillips and the excellent team and continuing to develop all the opportunities City Racing has to offer for the modern fan.”

Phillips added, “Paul has always been instrumental and supportive in the build out of City Racing. We are delighted to have appointed Paul as executive vice chairman ahead of a demanding year in preparing for our inaugural event and the development of other locations as part of City Racing’s Global Series.”

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DE SOUSA RETURNS FROM THREE-MONTH ABSENCE



Silvestre de Sousa | [PA Media](#)

Former champion jockey Silvestre de Sousa will be back in the saddle on Wednesday when he rides the Richard Hannon-trained Always Fearless (Ire) (Camacho {GB}) for his retained owner King Power Racing in a Lingfield handicap. De Sousa hasn’t been seen on raceday for three months—a planned shoulder operation in December was delayed after the Brazilian contracted Covid-19.

“I’m really looking forward to getting back at it—it’s been a while,” De Sousa said. “At the time I was supposed to have my operation I caught Covid, and by the time I was better, they then couldn’t do it for a few more weeks. Basically I missed my whole winter, so it was frustrating. I was planning to rehab and then go to Hong Kong and Dubai before the season starts here.

“On the other side I’ve spent a lot more time with my family than I would usually, so that has been nice. It’s been different, but good to spend the winter at home for a change. I can build myself back up to full fitness before the season really begins. Last season I was in a bit of pain most days—now I should be back to normal.”

De Sousa said King Power’s 4-year-old Art Power (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}) is among the horses he is looking forward to this season. The grey won the Palace Of Holyroodhouse H. at Royal Ascot and the G3 Lacken S. last summer before finishing fourth in both the G1 Sprint Cup and G1 British Champions Sprint S.

“When you look at the races he ran last year when he was just a 3-year-old, being beaten just a length on Champions Day, you’d have to think he can improve again,” De Sousa said.

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CONDITIONS RESULTS:

5th-Wolverhampton, £4,300, Cond, 3-8, 4yo/up, 5f 21y (AWT), 1:01.23, st.

JEANS MAITE (GB) (m, 5, Burwaaz {GB}--Misu's Maite {GB}, by Misu Bond {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 16-3-2-4, \$17,460. O/B/T-Roy Bowring (GB).

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Blissful Song (Ire), f, 3, Mehmas (Ire)--Kummel Excess (Ire), by Exceed and Excel (Aus). Southwell, 3-9, 4f 214y (AWT), 1:00.90. B-Hyde Park Stud (IRE). *£44,000 2yo '20 TTIGOR.

FRANCE

Tuesday's Results:

PRIX MAURICE CAILLAULT-Listed, €55,000, Chantilly, 3-9, 3yo, 9f (AWT), 1:51.66, st.

1--**FORT PAYNE (FR), 125, c, 3, by Rio de la Plata**

1st Dam: Lady Verde (Fr), by Meshaher

2nd Dam: Alba Verde (Fr), by Midyan

3rd Dam: Caer Mecene (Fr), by Caerwent (Ire)

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. O-Alain Jathiere, Mme Philippe Demercastel & Nicolas Caullery; B-Mme Philippe Demercastel (FR); T-Nicolas Caullery; J-Thomas Trullier. €27,500. Lifetime Record: 4-2-2-0, €56,220.

 Purchased by Mandore Agency's Nicolas de Watrigant 

2--**Tokyo Gold (Fr), 125, c, 3, Kendargent (Fr)--Biancarosa (Ire),** by Dalakhani (Ire). O/B-Teruya Yoshida (FR); T-Satoshi Kobayashi. €11,000.

3--**The Laureate (Fr), 125, c, 3, Soldier Hollow (GB)--Gonwana (Ger),** by Lando (Ger). (€35,000 Ylg '19 AROCT). O-Mme Isabelle Corbani & Ecurie Pandora Racing; B-Rashit Shaykhutdinov (FR); T-Mauricio Delcher Sanchez. €8,250.

MAB | Purchased by MAB Agency (M-A Berghgracht) Margins: 5, 3/4, SNK. Odds: 2.40, 10.00, 0.70.

Also Ran: Nubia, Wilkie (GB), Aspirante (Fr), Wildwood (Fr).

Fort Payne, who registered a Dec. 12 debut score at Deauville, ran second in a Jan. 18 Cagnes-sur-Mer conditions test and lined up for this coming off a second in the Feb. 14 Listed Prix de la Californie back at the latter venue last time. Employing patient tactics at the tail of the field until making eye-catching headway out wide in the straight, he quickened in style to seize control passing the furlong marker and powered clear to claim a career high in impressive fashion.

"It started as a partnership with the breeders and now Alain Jathiere has joined us and I send my congratulations to everyone," said winning trainer Nicolas Caullery. "He is the best horse I have trained and it's great to see him win as he did. I was a little concerned during the race as it was not the plan to travel at the back, but it was very pleasing to see him make that nice move on the outside and win so impressively. It was such a promising performance and maybe we can now dream a little. It's always been in the back of our minds he could be a horse for the [G1 Prix du] Jockey Club, but they have to prove they can climb the steps as it's a long way between dream and reality. He has been on the go, without a break, since December and now it's time for one. He will tell us when he's ready to make the next step and, hopefully, that will be towards the first Sunday in June."

Fort Payne is the third of three foals, all winners, and leading performer produced by a granddaughter of the unraced Caer Mecene (Fr) (Caerwent {Ire}), herself a half-sister to MG1SW sire Kendor (Fr) (Kenmare {Fr}). Caer Mecene is also kin to the unraced dam of MGSW sires Hightori (Fr) (Vettori {Ire}) and Vatori (Fr) (Vettori {Ire}). **Click for the [Racing Post result](#). [Video](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**



Fort Payne | Scoop Dyga

3rd-Chantilly, €28,000, Cond, 3-9, 3yo, 8f (AWT), 1:39.87, st. PIMENTO (GB) (c, 3, Iffraaj {GB}--Chili Dip {GB}, by Alhaarth {Ire}), who shed maiden status over course and distance in his second start last November, was steadied to race in fifth after the initial strides of this sophomore return. Nudged along off the home turn, the 9-10 chalk was ridden to challenge entering the final furlong and kept on strongly to assert by 3/4-of-a-length from Dahiya (Fr) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}). One of five scorers produced by a full-sister to Listed Lingfield Oaks Trial victrix Birdie (GB) (Alhaarth {Ire}), he is full to a 2-year-old colt and a half to the dual stakes-placed White Bullet (GB) (Exceed and Excel {Aus}). **Cont. p8**

3rd-Chantilly Cont.

Descendants of the February-foaled bay's unraced second dam Fade (GB) (Persepolis {Fr}) include MG1SW sire **Camelot (GB)** (Montjeu {Ire}) and MG1SW distaffer Wonderful Tonight (Fr) (Le Havre {Ire}). Sales history: 22,000gns Wlg '18 TATFOA; 115,000gns Ylg '19 TAOCT. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, €26,400.

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O-Godolphin SNC; B-Alan Parker & New England Stud Farm Ltd (GB); T-Andre Fabre.

4th-Chantilly, €27,000, Mdn, 3-9, unraced 3yo, c/g, 9 1/2f (AWT), 2:00.22, st.

SAIYDABAD (c, 3, Blame--Sarkiyla {Fr} {GSW & MG1SP-Fr, \$398,608}, by Oasis Dream {GB}) recovered from a sluggish exit to occupy a midfield slot in sixth after the initial exchanges of this first go. Making smooth headway in the straight, the 6-5 favourite quickened smartly to challenge approaching the eighth pole and was pushed out late to easily account for Gabello (Fr) (Galiway {GB}) by a length. Kin to a 2-year-old filly by **Distorted Humor** and a yearling colt by Siyouni (Fr), he is the fifth of six foals and becomes the first winner for G1 Prix du Moulin and G1 Prix Jean Romanet placegetter Sarkiyla (Fr) (**Oasis Dream {GB}**). Sarkiyla is a half-sister to the dam of G2 Prix Greffulhe victor and G1 Juddmonte Grand Prix de Paris runner-up Gold Trip (Fr) (Outstrip {GB}) and the dual stakes-placed Got Wind (GB) (Olympic Glory {Ire}). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €13,500. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

1ST-TIME STARTER. O-H H The Aga Khan; B-H H The Aga Khan's Studs SC (KY); T-Jean-Claude Rouget.



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2nd-Chantilly, €27,000, Mdn, 3-9, unraced 3yo, f, 9 1/2f (AWT), 1:58.61, st.

BEAUTIFUL ASPEN (FR) (f, 3, Dabirsim {Fr}--Aspen Darlin {Ire} {GSW & G1SP-Eng, \$252,813}, by Indian Haven {GB}) tracked

the leaders in a handy fourth for most of this debutantes' heat. Last to come off the bridle in the straight, the 21-1 chance was shaken up to launch her challenge approaching the final furlong and kept on well under continued urging in the latter stages to prevail by 1 1/4 lengths from Rivaport (Fr) (Le Havre {Ire}). Wildfeder (GB) (**Galileo {Ire}**), a full-sister to MG1SW G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe hero Waldgeist (GB), made late inroads after a sluggish start and finished fifth. From a family featuring MG1SW sire Grand Lodge (Chief's Crown), the April-foaled dark bay is the fifth of six foals and first scorer produced by G3 Firth of Clyde S. winner and G1 Cheveley Park S. runner-up Aspen Darlin (Ire) (Grand Lodge). She is half to a 2-year-old filly by Recorder (GB). Sales history: €38,000 Ylg '19 BBAGS; €31,000 RNA 2yo '20 OSAMAY. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €13,500.

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1ST-TIME STARTER. O-Philippe Lemoine-Boucaud & Mme Eric Libaud; B-I.G.E.P. (FR); T-Eric Libaud.

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

6th-Chantilly, €28,000, Cond, 3-9, 4yo, 7f (AWT), 1:24.50, st.

ROCK BLANC (FR) (g, 4, Youmzain {Ire}--Rock Harmonie {Fr} {GSP-Fr}, by Rock of Gibraltar {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 11-4-2-1, €78,515. O-Mme Micheline Leurson & Mme Christiane Head; B-Mme Micheline Leurson (FR); T-Roman Le Dren Doleuze.

WORLDWIDE NEWS

NATIONAL YEARLING SALE CATALOGUE ONLINE

The catalogue for Bloodstock South Africa's National Yearling Sale, which takes place at the TBA complex in Germiston on Apr. 15 and 16, is **online**. The catalogue includes half-siblings to a pair of Horses of the Year who were also National Sale graduates in Do It Again (SAf) (Twice Over {GB}) and Legal Eagle (SAf) (Greys Inn). Stallions represented by their first yearlings in the country include a few familiar names in Europe in Canford Cliffs (Ire), Erupt (GB) and Wings Of Desire (GB). Colts by **Oasis Dream (GB)** and Myboycharlie (Ire) are also on offer. The sale likewise includes a plethora of yearlings out of Group 1-winning mares, and siblings to Group 1 winners.

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FASTNET ROCK COLT SETS RECORD IN ADELAIDE



Lot 22, a record-breaking colt by **Fastnet Rock** | *Magic Millions*

by Paul Vettise

Goldin Farms' decision to offer its star youngster at the Magic Millions Adelaide Yearling Sale was rewarded in stunning style on Day 1 when the **Fastnet Rock** colt, Lot 22, was knocked down for a South Australian record of \$525,000.

At A Glance:

- History was made at the Sale when Goldin Farms' son of **Fastnet Rock**, Lot 22, sold to Tony Fung Investments and Annabel Neasham Racing for a South Australian record of \$525,000.
- In all local action, Morphettville trainer Ryan Balfour outlaid \$370,000 for Lot 79, a daughter of Palentino offered by Willow Grove Stud.
- A grey Merchant Navy filly, Lot 110, also offered by Goldin was the subject of spirited bidding before Boomer Bloodstock had the final say at \$360,000.
- Across the day, over \$9 million was spent on 164 lots sold at an average price of over \$55,000, up 40% on Day 1 last year.
- The clearance rate is 84%, up from 76%, and the median rose by over 30%.
- The leading vendor by aggregate and average, for three or more sold, was Goldin Farms with seven lots sold for \$1,199,000 at an average of \$171,286.

- The leading sire by average, for three or more sold, was Palentino with three lots realising \$445,000 at an average of \$148,333.

Local Stance Vindicated

The handsome son of **Fastnet Rock** wouldn't have been out of place at any venue in the country, but Goldin Farms was determined to showcase him at Morphettville and it paid off in spades on Monday when the hot ticket item went to Tony Fung Investments and Annabel Neasham.

The only yearling by the Coolmore stallion in the catalogue, he attracted an opening bid of \$200,000 and quickly escalated to its \$525,000 end point to justify Goldin Principal Pam Sutong's commitment to sell his top-quality colt at the Adelaide Sale.

The South Australian nursery enjoyed an outstanding day, as the session-topper aside it also sold a grey filly by Merchant Navy, Lot 110, for \$360,000 and a pair of Akeed Mofeed (GB) colts, Lots 3 and 105, for \$120,000 apiece.

Goldin's Bloodstock Manager Jeff Gordon told *TDN AusNZ* there had been a lot of talk about where its **Fastnet Rock** colt would be offered before it was decided to keep him in his comfort zone.

"We're very happy with the sale and we trade in percentages. It's like a good piece of real estate or an antique, people will find it and this proves it," he said. "We were very, very confident and very happy with the price. He's a cracking colt with a beautiful head. He's very athletic and looks a very speedy type. In all fairness, we had a lot of discussions on where to offer him.

"He's highly commercial and we couldn't afford the risk of any injury that may come by uplifting him and taking him to another place. I've been in this game a long, long time and if you walk into a stable complex in the morning and a horse has hurt itself overnight it will be the good one, it's never the bad one."

Manager Proves His Worth

Warwick Farm trainer Neasham had been unable to inspect the yearling in person and was guided by her Bloodstock Manager Brian McGuire.

"I haven't seen him in the flesh, but Brian had, and he will be raced by Tony Fung Investments and he looks a very exciting colt," she said. "I've known Brian for a long time and he's been working hard doing all the pre-sale inspections. At this time of the year it's pretty hard for me to get away. I left it up to him and he's a good judge."

Neasham expected to have to dig deep to land a colt of such quality and breeding.

“Brian felt he was the best horse on the complex and when you get those stand-out horses in a sale you have to be prepared to put your hand in your pocket,” she said.

“The sales have been strong all season and good horses are making good money. This was no different.”

The **Fastnet Rock** colt is a brother to this season’s R. Listed Inglis Banner and Golden Gift winner Sneaky Five and the Listed Jungle Dawn Classic winner Beautiful Mind (So You Think {NZ}).

They are out of the G1 Schweppes Oaks and Listed Adelaide Guineas winner Small Minds (Canny Lad), who set an Inglis Digital record in November when she was sold in foal to Grunt (NZ) for \$410,000 to Sandhurst Bloodstock on behalf of Rosemont Stud.

“He’s got a stallion’s pedigree, and a current one, and he wasn’t missed. All the good judges down there I’m sure were on him and I feel very lucky we were able to secure him,” Neasham said.

Neasham and McGuire also went to \$95,000 for Lot 40, a son of Pariah out of Baramul Stud’s draft. He is from the family of the G1 Golden Slipper S. winner and sire Vancouver and the G1 Robert Sangster S. winner Juste Momente (Giant’s Causeway {USA}).

Another son of the Arrowfield Stud stallion Pariah, Lot 74, was secured for \$130,000 out of Baramul’s lineup by Caulfield trainers Mick Price and Michael Kent, Jr. His pedigree features the Group 1-winning siblings Bonanova (NZ) (Star Way {GB}), Fraternity (NZ) and Telesto (NZ).

Day to Remember

Magic Millions Managing Director Barry Bowditch was rapt with the Day 1 results and was particularly delighted with the response from the local market.

A total of 164 lots were sold for \$9,149,500 at an average of \$55,790 and median of \$40,000 while 12 months ago 180 lots grossed \$7,131,000 at an average of \$39,617, a median of \$30,000 and the clearance rate rose to 84% from 76%.

“We had a great lot of horses here and the ones that were perceived as being very, very good sold unbelievably well,” he said. “There was great depth and diversity both among the horses that were making a lot of money and also from the buyers.

“It was fantastic to see the local market getting behind the sale. The positivity in this state is strong, and it should be, and it gives breeders a lot of confidence going forward that this is a great industry to be part of and a great sale to sell at.”

Bowditch was also particularly pleased to see Goldin Farms decision to sell the session-topping **Fastnet Rock** colt realise \$525,000.

“He would have sold well anywhere and for JJ Gordon and Goldin Farms to leave that horse here, and he was obviously very well-admired and very well-bred, and achieve that result was great,” he said. “It was very competitive bidding and to go to one of the great judges and great racing teams in Australia is a great result for the sale.

“We are delighted as a team with the results and we selected pretty hard this year to ensure we had a good, strong catalogue to give the market confidence to play and we’re very proud of the results of the sale. What it does is gives the state a lot of

confidence in that it’s in great shape going and forward and obviously plenty to build on tomorrow.”



Brian McGuire | *Magic Millions*

Palentino’s Daughter Delivers

Willow Grove Stud’s Palentino filly, lot 79, exceeded all expectations when she was sold for \$370,000 to Morrinsville conditioner Ryan Balfour.

“We put \$100,000 as a reserve on her and thought she might make \$150,000 with a bit of luck so to get that was a fantastic

result,” Willow Grove’s Ralph Satchell said.

“We only ever sell at the Adelaide Sale, we bring our whole draft here and I think the market knows that. It’s great to get rewarded for a nice filly, that’s for sure, and she’s staying local.

“I think the Racing Rewards and Racing SA putting up the prizemoney is so positive and everything is on the up here. To see our filly bought by a local racing stable is fantastic.”

The filly is a daughter of the Testa Rossa mare Wings Of Alice, whose four foals to race have all been successful and includes Malaysian listed winner Violet (Mint Lane) and the Balfour-trained Outlaws Revenge (Reward For Effort), the winner of three of his four starts.

“When I came to the sale, I just said we weren’t going to leave without her,” Balfour said. “We were hoping to get her a little cheaper, but at the same time I think Outlaws Revenge is going to be a top group-class horse.



Craig Rounsefell with lot 110 | *Magic Millions*

"She absolutely replicates him (Outlaws Revenge)--she's athletic, I love her and I didn't want to go home without her.

"When I first saw her I thought wow, she just looks like him, and that's an important part, when the mare stamps them like that."

Filly Fitted the Bill

Goldin's Merchant Navy filly, Lot 110, caught the attention of breeder Peter Murray and Boomer Bloodstock Principal Craig Rounsefell was on hand at Morphetville to seal the deal for a slightly higher than anticipated \$360,000.

"He has been a long-time client of mine and he loved the filly on pedigree and picked her out a couple of weeks ago," Rounsefell said.

"He had her vetted and she checked out so I got on a plane and got here this morning to have a good look at her. I thought she was outstanding and the best Merchant Navy I have seen this year."

The grey youngster is a half-sister to the G3 Hawkesbury Crown winner Sweet Scandal (Sepoy) with their dam Bacchanal Woman (Encosta De Lago), whose racing record featured nine wins including the Listed National Sprint.

"Her female line is very strong and she is off one of the best-producing farms in South Australia. She's a really well put together filly that we'll have fun with on the racetrack and add to Peter's broodmare band in the future," Rounsefell said.

He was pushed to secure the filly, but the final purchase price wasn't surprising.

"We stretched a little bit, but that seems to be the market at the moment. You put your values on the nice types and then have to add a little bit more," he said.

"It's just the way of the market right now, all the sales are up. There is a huge demand for quality stock and this filly obviously fitted in to that bracket."

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