



FROM OBS MARCH JUVENILE 'INTO' LEADING SIRE



Into Mischief | David Doyle

by Steve Sherack

The buying team at Spendthrift Farm had it down to two different 2-year-old colts from the first crop of the late Harlan's Holiday at the 2007 OBS March Sale. Did they ever pick the right one.

Into Mischief (Harlan's Holiday--Leslie's Lady, by Tricky Creek), winner of the GI CashCall Futurity and the back-to-back reigning champion general sire, got the final nod of the pair, bringing \$180,000 from B. Wayne Hughes's operation following a :10 2/5 breeze.

The striking blaze-faced bay--standing the 2021 season for \$225,000 at Spendthrift Farm--graces the cover of this year's OBS March catalog ahead of the two-day sale, slated for next Tuesday and Wednesday in Ocala with sessions beginning daily at 11 a.m.

"I can't remember who had the other Harlan's Holiday [13 were entered], but the last day we looked, we literally went from one to the other, just to compare them directly," Spendthrift Yearling Manager Seth Semkin said.

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THE PARTING GIFT OF DON BERNARDO

by Chris McGrath

So just what are those Derby gods up to now? What seeds of comfort, of commemoration, did they sow in the grief of last summer?

Bernardo Alvarez Calderon was not just patriarch of a large and loving family, but something of a godfather for the entire Thoroughbred racing and breeding community of Peru. Its esteem was palpable after his loss last August, aged 78, following a fall. The president of the national breeders' association described him as "a horseman par excellence, whose contribution to our breed will last forever; an example for us all, both in his knowledge and his passion." Another leading breeder suggested the ultimate tribute lay in their own hands: "Someday, I hope, we can all arrive at his type of horse; can all do things the way Don Bernardo did them."

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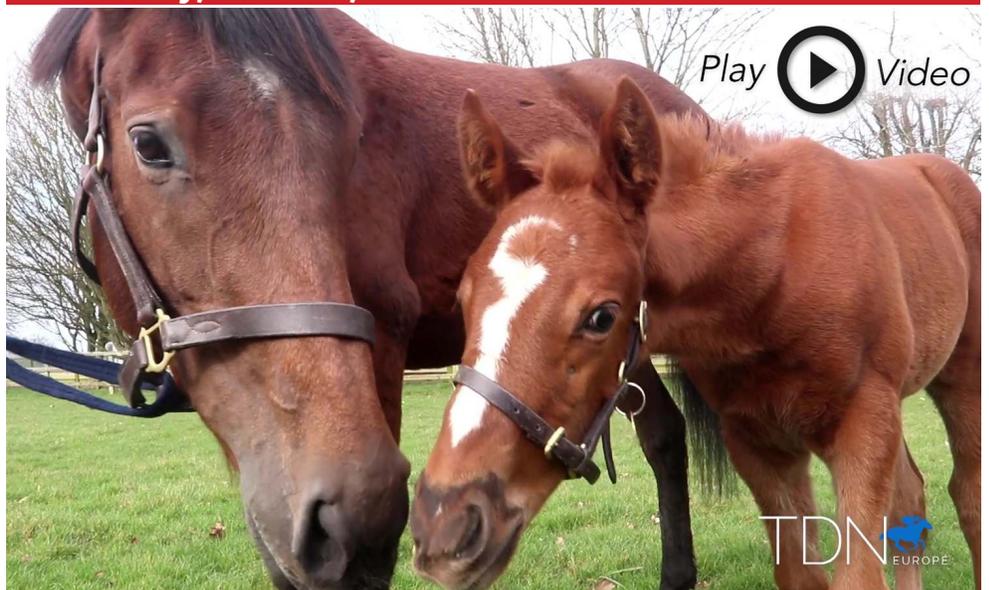
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Anapurna (GB) (Frankel {GB}) won the G1 Investec Oaks and G1 Qatar Prix de Royallieu in 2019 for her owner/breeder Meon Valley Stud. Check out her first foal by Ballylinch Stud's Lope De Vega (Ire).

TAKING STOCK: WEST-BREDS TOP BAFFERT BARN 10

Gary and Mary West have had their fair share of success over the last several years, campaigning the likes of champions *Game Winner*, *West Coast* and *Maximum Security*. A pair of colts bred by the couple, 'TDN Rising Stars' *Life Is Good (Into Mischief)* and *Concert Tour (Street Sense)*, are making noise along this year's Triple Crown trail. Sid Fernando examines in another installment of Taking Stock.

UNIFIED COLT FASTEST AT OBS 12

A Wavertree Stables--consigned colt from the first crop of former 'TDN Rising Star' *Unified (Candy Ride {Arg})* covered a quarter-mile in a sharp :20 2/5 during Thursday's first of three breeze shows ahead of next week's OBS March Sale in Ocala. Fully 16 juveniles shared the bullet for a furlong in :9 4/5.

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“They were actually very similar looking. Harlan's Holiday stamped them quite a bit as far as how they looked. At the time, Richard Mandella was coming to the sales with us. *Into Mischief* was over in the knee a little bit, but those were the kinds of things that were Richard's call, and it didn't bother him. We went and looked at the videos again, and at the end of that little process, thankfully, we decided on *Into Mischief*.”

Five juveniles shared the :10 flat bullet--two ticks faster than *Into Mischief*'s breeze--for an eighth of a mile over the former dirt surface at OBS. The sale was topped by \$900,000 Darley Stable-purchase Forest Echoes (Forest Wildcat), one of three 2-year-olds to bring half a million or higher. The topper won four of 34 career starts and posted \$106,281 in earnings.

“*Into Mischief* was a great value and he breezed beautifully,” Spendthrift General Manager Ned Toffey said. “I don't think any of us realized what we had when we first got him. Other than just thinking he was a nice horse.”



Into Mischief captures the 2007 CashCall Futurity | Horsephotos

Hughes was the sale's leading buyer, purchasing four head for a total of \$1.05 million. The quartet also included the following year's GII Robert B. Lewis winner Crown of Thorns (Repent) (\$300,000 OBS March 2yo), who came within a nose of upsetting the 2009 GI Breeders' Cup Sprint. *Into Mischief* was the least expensive acquisition of the group.

“It was a strong work,” Semkin said of *Into Mischief*'s breeze. “When it was still dirt there, it was very sandy and it depended on where you were in the set and what the track was like at the time you worked. It was an impressive work. He was a hard trier even when he breezed there.

“We also bought Crown of Thorns that year,” he continued.

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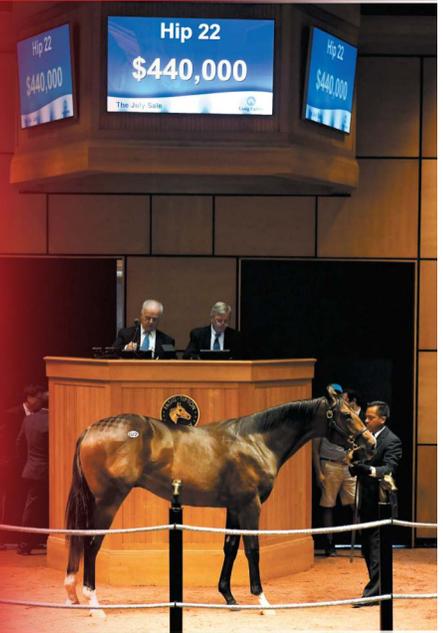
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Into Mischief cont.

“That was the horse that we *really* wanted out of that sale and we ended up paying a lot more for him than we did for **Into Mischief**. All the credit goes to Mr. Hughes. He was game enough to do it and trusted us and allowed us the freedom to go to those sales. It goes to his desire to get racehorses and his willingness to bid the way he does.”

Into Mischief was no worse than second during his six-race career for the aforementioned Hall of Fame trainer carrying Hughes's famed orange-and-purple colors. His resume also included a win over subsequent GI Breeders' Cup Sprint upsetter Dancing in Silks (Black Minnaloushe) in the Damascus S. at three and a second-place finish in his career finale in the GI Malibu S. at Santa Anita.

Into Mischief was sidelined following a runner-up finish as the favorite in the GII San Vicente S. and was forced to sit out the

spring Classics. His CashCall win over Colonel John was his lone career attempt around two turns.

“He was underrated, even as a Grade I winner,” Toffey said. “He was underappreciated as a racehorse. Richard would be forthright with you that the horse got into some foot problems that were really not what you would label as 'unsoundness.'”

That really kept him off the Derby trail and out of the majority of his 3-year-old year and he had a fairly abbreviated career. If you looked at his race record, you might assume he was unsound, but he absolutely was not. He was a very talented and very honest racehorse.”

Bred in Kentucky by James T. Hines, Jr., **Into Mischief** first brought \$80,000 from the late, great bloodstock agent Buzz Chace as a Fasig-Tipton Kentucky Fall yearling. He was consigned as

Hip 22 to OBS March as a

pinhooking prospect by David McKathan's former nom-de-course M&H Training and Sales. **Cont. p5**



Into Mischief | Sarah Andrew

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Into Mischief cont.

Along with Jody Mihalic, McKathan currently operates under the Grassroots Training and Sales banner.

“Buzz bought him as a yearling and he was pinhooking him,” McKathan said. “That’s how I came to have him. Obviously, he was a pretty nice horse. And back then, that was good money. He came to me and I broke him and we took him over to March. I was always proud of Buzz for buying the horse. He loved him. I was with Buzz when he bought him up there. The reality of it, the horse walked dead at ‘ya, but he had a lot of action in his walk. I remember commenting to Buzz, ‘That doesn’t bother you?’ He said, ‘Nah, he’ll move good.’ Buzz had a great eye for a horse.”

McKathan added with a laugh, “I know I started to buy them when they walked like that from then on.”

Hines campaigned **Into Mischief**’s dam Leslie’s Lady (Tricky Creek), a \$27,000 Keeneland September yearling purchase, to five wins from 28 starts, led by a win in the 1998 Hoosier Debutante S. and runner-up finish in the following year’s Martha Washington S. at Oaklawn.

After Hines’s passing in February 2006, Leslie’s Lady, in foal to Orientate, realized \$100,000 from Clarkland Farm at that fall’s Keeneland November Sale, a year after producing **Into Mischief**. Hines was best known for breeding and racing champion older horse Lawyer Ron (Langfuhr).

Leslie’s Lady, of course, has since gone on to also produce the brilliant four-time champion Beholder (Henny Hughes) (\$180,000 yrl ‘11 KEESEP purchase by Spendthrift Farm) and GI Breeders’ Cup Juvenile Turf winner **Mendelssohn** (Scat Daddy) (\$3 million yrl ‘16 KEESEP purchase by M.V. Magnier). She was named the 2016 Broodmare of the Year.

Her unraced **American Pharoah** 3-year-old filly America’s Joy was a record \$8.2-million purchase by Whisper Hill Farm as a Keeneland September yearling.



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Into Mischief cont.

"I often think if Beholder had come ahead of **Into Mischief**, you might have had to add a zero to that \$180,000 [for **Into Mischief** at OBS March]," Toffey said. "Ironically, Beholder was the same price, so that's been a good number for us. They are two of the least expensive horses that we've bought over the years."

With Horse of the Year **Authentic** and champion female sprinter and 'TDN Rising Star' Gamine leading the way, **Into Mischief** established the all-time single-season record for a sire in North America with \$22,506,085 in progeny earnings in 2020. He is the only stallion ever to eclipse \$20 million in earnings in a year.

Into Mischief, already the sire of 90 stakes/38 graded/eight Grade I winners, has 11 juveniles--Hips **10, 85, 224, 275, 291, 296, 315, 399, 453, 456, 497**--consigned to this year's OBS March Sale.

"Share the Upside was one of the programs we started to try to convince breeders to breed to him," Toffey concluded. "It just shows you, as Mr. Hughes likes to say, 'Nobody really knows.' We weren't quite sure what we had until he proved it to all of us. We're glad he's on our team."

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Don Bernardo/Helium cont. from p1



Don Bernardo's family with Stella Thayer and the Tampa Bay Derby garland | Courtesy of Gabriela Alvarez Calderon

Nor should that ambition be confined to his countrymen. Don Bernardo--who excelled in show jumping in his younger days, but whose goatee and spectacles ultimately gave him rather a professorial air--was also much respected in the U.S. It was here that Teneri Stable, a small satellite of his Haras La Qallana, produced no less a horse than GI Pegasus World Cup winner Mucho Gusto (**Mucho Macho Man**).

And now his family and friends, approaching a first spring without Don Bernardo, find themselves wondering whether the first flowers of consolation, in the garland draped over the Gil Tampa Bay Derby winner last Saturday, could yet bloom into a blanket of roses on the first Saturday in May. For Helium (**Ironicus**), now unbeaten in three starts, traces four generations to Don Bernardo's very first American purchase, a pregnant mare named Redwing Blackbird acquired for \$9,600 at Fasig-Tipton in January 1986.

In gratefully accepting the Tampa Bay garland, on behalf of Helium's owners D.J. Stable, Don Bernardo's daughter Gabriela could not help sensing that the colt's GI Kentucky Derby candidature has a unique benediction. On the way home she rang Jon Green, manager of D.J. Stable. "I just want to let you know that my dad is looking down on us and smiling," she said. "I really appreciate the fact that you've allowed me and my family to stay involved in this horse, because he belongs to the last group that my dad actually bred."

She told Green that she had been holding back tears in the winner's circle. "Because she knew it was all about her father," Green explains. "It was her father that had gone against conventional wisdom, breeding to this \$5,000 stallion."

"It was so special," assents Gabriela. "I don't even have words for it. I was there with my brother and his children, and we just feel like we're receiving so many incredible gifts. My father was a genius with horses. When he started breeding, he came up with a [Peruvian] Triple Crown winner within four years. He breathed, dreamed, talked of nothing but horses. And such a horseman: he could get on anything and a minute later it would be like he had been riding that horse all his life. And when he planned a mating, he would already be thinking ahead to three generations on." **Cont. p7**



Helium after Saturday's Tampa Bay Derby | SV Photography

Don Bernardo cont.

Don Bernardo had a sixth sense for horses. At Keeneland November in 2006, for instance, he bought a Rahy mare for \$16,000 and a daughter of Sadler's Wells for \$60,000. The foals they had respectively delivered the previous year turned out to be dual Grade I winner Life At Ten (**Malibu Moon**) and four-time Group 1 winner Campanologist (Kingmambo). In the same ring, a couple of months previously, he had bought a Touch Gold yearling for \$7,000. The following year her half-sister Ginger Punch (Awesome Again) won the GI Breeders' Cup Distaff.

It tells you everything about the wholesome nature of Don Bernardo's bequest to the breed that he named Teneri for the example of Federico Tesio and his iconic champions, Nearco (Ity) and Ribot (GB). (Each donated the first two



Don Bernardo with Emilia's Moon, Helium's half-sister
 Courtesy of Gabriela Alvarez Calderon

choice of Shawhan Place as nursery for his U.S. stock--where their supervision includes two sons of that doyen of Kentucky horsemen, Gus Koch--attested to his faith in the best principles of the old school. (How typical of this up-and-down business that the Shawhan team, derailed from the Derby trail by a setback for graduate Senor Buscador (**Mineshaft**), should find

themselves back with a rooting interest just days later.)

As such, it's not hard to imagine what appealed to Don Bernardo about Redwing Blackbird. Her sire Bold Favorite was admittedly not one of Bold Ruler's significant sons, but represented a fine Argentinian family. More importantly, her own maternal line brought into play trademark Tesio influences and, in turn, the stud of the 17th Earl of Derby--itself so key to the Italian's work. (Redwing Blackbird's second dam was by Bold Ruler's sire Nasrullah, duly securing a 3x3

foothold to this great conduit of Nearco). **Cont. p8**

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Don Bernardo cont.

Redwing Blackbird was carrying a Proud Appeal filly, who became the graded stakes-placed Proud Emilia. Bred to Saint Ballado a couple of times before being sent to her owner's homeland, she produced a Peruvian champion miler, Domingo, who eventually stood at Haras La Qallana; and Saint Emilia (Per), a local Grade III winner/Grade I runner-up who made the reverse migration for her own breeding career, joining the Teneri broodmare band. (This has never exceeded nine mares, compared with around 40 on the Peruvian farm.)

"She was only 440, 460 kilos but beat the colts many times," Gabriela says. "When people at the sales said her foals were little, I would tell them that this was a family of small horses that could run big." Four of Saint Emilia's daughters have duly become stakes producers, mostly in Peru though the most accomplished, Thundering Emilia, did transfer to the U.S. to win an 8 1/2-furlong turf stake for Michael Matz.

Helium is Thundering Emilia's fourth foal. A couple of her previous ones have already excelled: Emilia's Moon (**Malibu Moon**), as a Peruvian Classic winner; and graded-stakes placed Mighty Scarlett (Scat Daddy). Despite their contributions to his page,

Helium was by a sire struggling for commercial traction and the \$55,000 given by Cool Hill Farm at Fasig-Tipton October made him the most expensive yearling of that debut crop.

"Matt Koch at Shawhan had said that he was an incredible colt from the moment he was born," Gabriela remembers. "We were there with Dad, at the sale, and those **Ironicus** babies weren't selling. So we said we would keep him if he didn't make more than \$50,000. Unfortunately he did, just!"

Helium had been bought as a pinhooking project for Bo Hunt, but fell into the juvenile auction cycle that was so disrupted by the onset of the pandemic last year.

"My parents are in their 80s, it wasn't on the cards to travel down there to the sales," Green recalls. "But we've known Bo for 15, 20 years, and knew we could trust him enough to ask: 'Out of the 70-something you have, who are your top three or four candidates?'"

Hunt came up with a shortlist, and trainer Mark Casse went over to see them gallop. He didn't take to one; they couldn't quite agree on a price for another, who turned out to be Miss

Brazil (**Palace Malice**), an excellent second in the Busher S. last weekend; and two that D.J. Stable did buy. One of those was Helium.

Though he won on debut at Woodbine in late September and then followed up in a stake over the same seven furlongs of Tapeta, things then started to conspire against the colt. Woodbine suspended first for snow; then for the pandemic. Shipped to Fair Grounds, Helium was nearing a return when he wrenched an ankle. In the circumstances, then, nobody should underestimate the talent underpinning a pretty extraordinary performance last weekend.

This was Helium's first start in nearly five months; and his first ever on dirt, or round a second turn. The idea had been that if



Helium ran to a 4 1/4-length triumph in Woodbine's Display S. last year | *Michael Burns*

he was going to experiment on the surface, he might as well stay local to Palm Meadows; and they could get a seasoned reading from Jose Ferrer, who actually won a race in these silks as long ago as 1987. They told him simply to keep out of the kickback, and not to punish him if the wheels were spinning. Sure enough, Helium raced wide the whole way until sweeping round the field on the far turn and grabbing the rail into the stretch. Understandably, that big move seemed to tell, and he was headed around the eighth pole.

Outrageously, however, he then rallied to win going away.

"He literally had a half a dozen excuses not to hit the wire first," Green says. "We were asking him to do so many things that were out of his wheelhouse. But when Jose asked him, he just exploded. And then to see him put the other horse away, that's what got us really excited. We would have been very satisfied to run second, and have something to build upon. The fact that he had something left in the tank, and also had the interest to continue to run, is frankly mind-boggling."

Training up to the Derby is obviously a bold move, but Helium has himself a gate and has shown that he excels when fresh. The other obvious reservation, to conventional thinking, will be his pedigree. We've already seen how Don Bernardo rooted this family in Classic influences, but Helium remains one of just four winners to this point by his young sire.

These, however, remain the earliest of days for a stallion certain to advance his stock with maturity; and one who simply doesn't have the numbers behind him to permit standard commercial comparisons. **Cont. p9**



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Don Bernardo cont.

Ironicus was homebred by Claiborne's longstanding client, Stuart S. Janney III, and returned to his native farm after maturing at four and five into one of the better turf runners in North America, just missing his Grade I by a head in the Shadwell Turf Mile. The son of **Distorted Humor** had the page, for sure: four siblings had won graded stakes (divided between turf and dirt), while his third dam is second dam of **Flutter** (A.P. Indy) (therefore also the family of Sea Hero, Roar, **Congrats**, etc).



Len and Jon Green | Fasig-Tipton photo

Sadly the commercial market's puerile terror of slower-maturing/turf horses means that **Ironicus** covered only a couple of dozen mares last spring--but he's absolutely entitled to breed a Classic racehorse, on any surface, granted the support of breeders as far-sighted as Don Bernardo. It goes without saying that he is on the right farm for that, so perhaps Helium is about to reward those who persevered through a phase of his sire's career that was always going to require patience.

"I guess people will say it's a question mark on Helium's resume, that he's not by **Tapit** or **Into Mischief**," Green acknowledges. "But if you look at his pedigree and race record, **Ironicus** checks a lot of boxes; while the female family brings in very respected broodmare sires."

D.J. Stable has duly doubled down on those genes. Helium's half-sister Mighty Scarlett, now a 6-year-old, was acquired for \$240,000 at the Keeneland November Sale and sent to **Uncle Mo**, while a foal-sharing agreement has been negotiated on Helium's dam Thundering Emilia, with an **American Pharoah** covering. (Teneri, by the way, offered the dam of Mucho Gusto at the same November Sale but retained her at \$500,000. She has since delivered a **Medaglia d'Oro** filly at Shawhan, and was this week covered by **Uncle Mo**.)

"My dad has an accounting firm that has 750-something Thoroughbred-related clients, so we're able to drill down on a lot of questions with people that have even more experience than we do," Green says. "And this is something I noticed that Darby Dan would do, years ago, and Claiborne: collect family members when they felt like they had a good runner. That way, a positive change in a family would appear on three or four or five different assets. We've tried to replicate that."

Whatever Helium can still do for the pedigree, the one guarantee is that the whole team will enjoy the ride.

"My dad said to me this morning: 'There are only a couple of things that got me more excited than this race--and those were meeting your mother, and when your sisters were born!'" says Green with a chuckle. "So yeah, this is a highlight in our 40 years in the business. We've been very fortunate: we've won a Breeders' Cup, we campaigned a champion, bred a champion. Years ago we even ran a horse in the Kentucky Derby, Songandaprayer [Unbridled's Song]. So we've had a great run in this wonderful business. But this is the first time I can remember having a horse that just checks all the boxes."

One of those, of course, is a Hall of Fame trainer--something that heightens confidence in the unorthodoxy of the strategy now. Green knew not to expect big speed figures out of Saturday: the performance was all about context, and the eyeball test. "I honestly don't know if he's good enough to beat Life Is Good [**Into Mischief**] or those other top horses," he says. "But I know that we're giving him the best chance possible."

And it's not just his own family's long commitment to the game that could be consummated here. Another lifetime of study, patience and skill is dovetailing with their own cause. The Greens are delighted, then, to be sharing with his family this posthumous flourish from Don Bernardo. **Cont. p10**



Mighty Scarlett | Sarah Andrew

Don Bernardo cont.

"Gabriela is such a wonderful, kind individual," Green says. "She's modest and humble, and just feels that this horse is carrying the banner for her late father, and for his family's love for him. So we just feel like everything's falling into place. It's a tremendous gift that we have, with this horse. So yes, maybe there are some racing gods smiling on us."

"I really feel that with all these incredible things happening, it's one of those things in life that makes sense," Gabriela says. "I feel Dad knows; I feel he's close to us. I know the passion he had, all his life, and this is the reward for that dedication."

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TAKING STOCK: WEST-BRED LIFE IS GOOD AND CONCERT TOUR TOP BAFFERT BARN

By Sid Fernando



Life Is Good was equipped with a figure-8 bridle for last Saturday's GII San Felipe S. | Benoit

Gary and Mary West bred last weekend's hugely impressive GII San Felipe S. winner **Life Is Good** (*Into Mischief*) and Saturday's leading GII Rebel S. contender **Concert Tour** (*Street Sense*), both 'TDN Rising Stars', both trained by Bob Baffert and probably the two leading Classics aspirants in his barn, with five wins, three graded triumphs and no losses between them. That's quite a feat for the Wests and their racing manager Ben Glass--clients of Werk Thoroughbred Consultants--because the Baffert barn is loaded with expensive and well-bred auction purchases for a number of big-time outfits, including the "Avengers" group that raced GI Kentucky Derby and Breeders' Cup Classic winner **Authentic** (*Into Mischief*) last year, and their former partners in Triple Crown winner **Justify** (*Scat Daddy*), WinStar and CHC, which races Life Is Good. **Cont. p11**

TAKING STOCK

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The Wests don't race in partnerships, going it exclusively alone--a rarity these days. They mostly buy yearling colts at Keeneland with a focus on Classic types with the aim of developing stallions, and their nascent breeding operation is mostly based around supporting their young horses at stud, including champions **Game Winner (Candy Ride {Arg})**, **West Coast (Flatter)** and **Maximum Security (New Year's Day)**, plus **American Freedom (Pulpit)**. That they've raced three Eclipse Award-winning colts in the last four years tells you all you need to know about their program, but Life is Good and Concert Tour, plus the promising 3-year-old homebred filly and **'TDN Rising Star' Slumber Party (Malibu Moon)**, are now showcasing the power of their broodmare band, too. Eventually, the plan for the Wests is to sell yearlings commercially, and selling a top colt like Life Is Good, which WinStar and CHC purchased for \$525,000 at Keeneland, is good business to that end.

But did the Wests sell or keep a potential Derby winner? Much can happen between now and then, but if Concert Tour and Life Is Good were to meet in the Derby, it would test that question and add some drama to the race for the Wests--not that they need any more drama in Louisville after getting disqualified from first in the Derby with **Maximum Security** in 2019.

At the moment, Life Is Good, who is out of the **Distorted Humor** mare Beach Walk, is widely considered the most exciting and talented colt of his class, and that he won the San Felipe by open lengths with a massive 107 Beyer Speed Figure in early March makes him look like a man among boys.



Concert Tour | Benoit

"Based on what I saw today, Life Is Good is by far the best 3-year-old right now," Gary West told me after the race. "But he will not make an uncontested lead in the Derby. Pace makes the race."

He's right, of course, because there are questions about the colt's ability to see out 10 furlongs at Churchill Downs, certainly based on the speed he shows early in races. One of the reasons Life Is Good was sold and Concert Tour, who's from the **Tapit** mare Purse Strings, was retained is that the former is by **Into Mischief**, a horse who a few years ago was mostly known as the sire of outstanding sprinter/milers, while the latter is by a Kentucky Derby winner.

Perceptions about **Into Mischief** have changed since Ben Glass sent us an email in late 2016 that said, "Mr. West has put **Into Mischief** on his list this year [for stallions to use]." The stallion's fee had been rising steadily since it hit a low of \$7,500 in 2012, and it was bumped to \$75,000 for 2017 from \$45,000 the year before. Nevertheless, **Into Mischief** was represented by only two Grade I winners at that time, **Goldencents** and **Practical Joke**. The former had established himself as a premier miler and the latter, from a **Distorted Humor** mare like Life Is Good, was a 2-year-old of 2016 that had accounted for two Grade I races at seven furlongs and a mile, the Hopeful and the Champagne, respectively. By the time Life Is Good was foaled in 2018, **Practical Joke** had reverted to sprinting after a fifth-place finish in the Derby and won the GI H. Allen Jerkens over 7 furlongs, but **Audible** had won the GI Florida Derby in early 2018 and would go on to finish third in the Derby, hinting at what **Into Mischief** could accomplish under the right conditions.

In the August 23, 2019, column "**Into Mischief's Changing Profile**," I foreshadowed the arrival of horses like **Authentic** when I wrote: "With the better mares he's being bred to, it's easy to project that his Grade I output at 1 1/8 miles and up will increase in the coming years. When that happens, his progeny earnings should rise that much more, which means that his rivals on the General Sire list are in for a greater tussle in the ensuing years. The latest chapter of this impressive stallion's book is just being written. Stay tuned."

To date, **Into Mischief** is the sire of eight Grade I winners, and he led the General Sire list for the second consecutive year in 2020 with \$22,507,940 in progeny earnings, almost \$10 million more than runner-up Medaglia d'Oro. The year before, he'd led the list with earnings of \$19,179,389, a little more than \$3.5 million ahead of **Curlin**.

Taking Stock cont.

The Wests, however, decided to sell Life Is Good in 2019 because he was bred on the same cross as sprinter/miler **Practical Joke**, but they were only prepared to let him go at their price. They got it--\$525,000--from WinStar and CHC, who'd raced **Into Mischief's** son **Audible**, and it was a no-brainer for the partners to send him to Baffert after their success with **Justify** and Baffert's handling of **Authentic** and the outstanding speed filly Gamine (**Into Mischief**) last year.

The Figure-8 and Baffert

In Gamine, the \$1.8 million Fasig-Tipton Midlantic 2-year-old sales topper in 2019; and **Authentic**, a \$350,000 Keeneland September yearling, Baffert had a bird's-eye view of the best of **Into Mischief**--and the stallion's limitations and potential as well. Both Gamine and **Authentic** were fast, but the filly, a champion sprinter, had distance limitations at nine furlongs like many past top Into Mischiefs while the colt proved he could carry his speed 10 furlongs against the best, surprising many in the process.

Both Gamine and **Authentic** are lighter and more elegant physicals, whereas Life Is Good is a more robust and masculine model. Like the other two, speed is his game, but how far he can carry it remains the question. In his second start, you'll recall, Life Is Good was cruising easily on the lead and building a sizeable margin in the stretch of the GIII Sham S. before Baffert's Medina Spirit (Protonico), a \$35,000 OBS July 2-year-old, took a substantial bite out of that lead at the finish.

As Baffert was preparing Life Is Good for the San Felipe, I noticed he'd called an audible for the colt's last work before the San Felipe and fitted him with a Figure-8 noseband, which is used for control and for encouraging proper breathing through the nostrils by keeping the colt's mouth shut. I texted Baffert last Friday, before the San Felipe, inquiring in text-speak: "Noticed you put fig8 on Life Is Good for 2/28 work and have galloped him in it since. Rare for you. Should help his air, right?"

Baffert replied: "Put it on more for control. Slow him down. His air is great."

The move proved both inspired and effective, because Life Is Good had eight lengths on Medina Spirit at the end of 1 1/16 miles whereas he'd held the same colt to a 3/4-length margin in the Sham at a mile. As Gary West pointed out, however, Life Is Good had it easy on the lead in the San Felipe with Medina Spirit hard held early to give his stablemate breathing room and the others not wanting to tangle early, but that triple-digit Beyer and the manner in which he won, even with the drifting to the middle of the track, was undeniably impressive and a move in the right direction if 10 furlongs is the goal.

Triple-Digit Beyers

The Twitter persona known as @o_crunk--if you're not following him, you should, because he's the master of stats--tweeted after the race that since Jan. 1, 2010, there have been 132 3-year-olds that have earned Beyers of 100 or more from January through April, with Baffert training 32 of them and Todd Pletcher 27 in second place. In a follow-up tweet, @o_crunk put this in context, noting that Baffert and Pletcher also get the most expensive auction purchases to work with, and he included an old blog post titled "**The Toddster in context**" that backs up this hypothesis with auction numbers.

Note, too, that over the same time span Baffert has trained six of the past 11 champion 3-year-old colts, the cheapest of which was **Authentic** at \$350,000 if you don't count homebred **American Pharoah's** \$300,000 "sale" as a yearling. **Justify** was a \$500,000 yearling, **West Coast** was a \$425,000 yearling, Arrogate cost \$560,000 as a yearling, and **Lookin At Lucky** was a \$475,000 2-year-old.

There's a reason why folks pay good money for yearlings and 2-year-olds at auction, and why they send them to Baffert, too. **Sid Fernando is president and CEO of Werk Thoroughbred Consultants, Inc., originator of the Werk Nick Rating and eNicks.**

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UNIFIED COLT CLOCKS QUICKEST QUARTER AT OBS UNDER-TACK OPENER



Bullet-breezer hip 163 | Photos by Z

A colt from the first crop of former 'TDN Rising Star' **Unified (Candy Ride {Arg})** breezed a quarter-mile in a slick :20 2/5 to post the fastest work at the distance at Thursday's first of three under-tack sessions ahead of next week's OBS March Sale in Ocala. **Cont. p13**



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OBS Under-Tack Show cont.

The February foal is being consigned to the March sale by Ciaran Dunne's Wavertree Stable Inc., agent, and is out of the stakes-winning Promise Me a Cat (D'wildcat). **Hip 163** is bred by Gatewood Bell, who paid \$35,000 for the colt's dam carrying this foal in utero at Keeneland November in 2018. The dark bay fetched \$77,000 when offered as a weanling at Keeneland the following November and was subsequently purchased by Redwings for \$190,000 at last year's Keeneland September sale, the joint-second priciest of 62 **Unified** yearlings reported as sold in 2020. The cross of **Candy Ride** over Storm Cat-line dams has been a productive one, yielding the likes of Horse of the Year **Gun Runner** and champion Shared Belief, to name a few.

No fewer than 16 juveniles shared the furlong bullet with a clocking of :9 4/5. **Hip 10 (video)**, a filly by **Into Mischief**, consigned by de Meric Sales, agent; **hip 18 (video)**, a **Frosted** filly from the draft of Top Line Sales LLC, agent; **hip 27 (video)**, a colt by Pioneerof the Nile from Sequel Bloodstock, agent; **hip 36 (video)**, a colt by **Carpe Diem** consigned by 30-30 Ranch; **hip 41 (video)**, an **American Freedom** filly from the RiceHorse Stable consignment; **hip 48 (video)**, a colt by **Violence** being offered by Kirkwood Stables, agent; **hip 50 (video)**, a Mohaymen filly from Paul Sharp, agent; **hip 72 (video)**, an Ocean Knight colt from de Meric Sales; **hip 85 (video)**, an **Into Mischief** colt consigned by Top Line; **hip 86 (video)**, a colt by **Practical Joke** prepped by Kings Equine, agent; **hip 89 (video)**, a filly by the late Fast Anna from Havens Bloodstock Agency, agent; **hip 92 (video)**, a McKathan Bros.-consigned daughter of **Cupid**; **hip 110 (video)**, a **Unified** colt from Dark Star Thoroughbreds; **hip 127 (video)**, a **Daredevil** filly consigned by Gayle Woods, agent; **hip 161 (video)**, a son of **Kantharos** from the consignment of Julie Davies LLC, agent; and **hip 188 (video)**, a colt by **Cairo Prince** from Harris Training Center LLC, agent.

The under-tack show continues Friday morning at 8 a.m. ET, with hips 189-376 scheduled to breeze. The show may be viewed in real time at the [TDN homepage](#).

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PREAKNESS ANCHORS \$3.25M STAKES SCHEDULE AT PIMLICO



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The \$1-million GI Preakness S. returns to its normal position as the second leg of racing's Triple Crown and is the marquee event of a \$3.25-million stakes schedule at Pimlico Race Course this spring.

The Preakness, repositioned as the last of the three Triple Crown events due to the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, was won by Swiss Skydiver (**Daredevil**), who became just the sixth filly in history to win the race. She defeated GI Kentucky Derby winner **Authentic (Into Mischief)**, who would return to win the GI Breeders' Cup Classic en route to champion 3-year-old and Horse of the Year honors.

Each of the 16 black-type races--10 of which carry graded status--takes place over Preakness weekend May 14 and 15. Preakness Day features 10 stakes races, a half-dozen of which are graded, including the \$250,000 GII Dinner Party S. (formerly Dixie S.) for older turf males; the \$200,000 GIII Chick Lang S. for sophomore sprinters on the main track; the \$150,000 GIII Gallorette S. for turf fillies and mares; and the return of the \$150,000 GIII Maryland Sprint S. for older male sprinters.

Three-year-olds not quite up to the Preakness have an alternative in the form of the \$100,000 Sir Barton S., while turf sophomores are featured in the \$100,000 James W. Murphy S. at a grassy mile. The Preakness Day stakes schedule is rounded out by the \$100,000 Jim McKay Turf Sprint at five-eighths of a mile; and the \$100,000 Skipat S. for sprinting fillies and mares on the main track.

After occupying a spot on the Preakness undercard last fall, the \$250,000 GII Black-Eyed Susan S. returns as the highlight of the May 14 program. It is joined by the \$250,000 GIII Pimlico Special S. for older handicap males; the \$150,000 GIII Miss Preakness S. for 3-year-old filly sprinters; and the \$150,000 GIII Allaire du Pont S. The \$100,000 Hilltop S. for 3-year-old



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fillies on the turf; and the \$100,000 The Very One S. for distaff turf sprinters round out the Friday card.

Pimlico opens its doors Friday, May 7 and concludes with a special Memorial Day program Monday, May 31.

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Colonial will award approximately \$500,000 in daily purses with more than \$2.75 million devoted to the stakes schedule. Opening week will see over \$400,000 dispersed to Virginia-bred and restricted stakes races. Closing week offers over \$1.2 million in stakes, including the Virginia Derby and Virginia Oaks, both to be held Tuesday, Aug. 31.

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Saturday, Santa Anita, post time: 7:00 p.m. EST

BEHOLDER MILE S.-GI, \$300,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Swiss Skydiver 🌿	Daredevil	Peter J. Callahan	McPeek	Albarado	124
2	Golden Principal 🌿	Constitution	Watson, Karl, Pegram, Michael & Weitman, Paul	Baffert	Hernandez	120
3	Harvest Moon	Uncle Mo	Bamford, Alice and Tabor, Michael B.	Callaghan	Prat	122
4	Sanenus (Chi)	Scat Daddy	Matriarca	McCarthy	Rispoli	122
5	Miss Stormy D 🌿	Tapizar	Keith Brackpool	Gaines	Baze	120
6	As Time Goes By	American Pharoah	Tabor, Michael B., Magnier, Mrs. John, and Smith, Derrick	Baffert	Smith	120
7	This Tea 🌿	Curlin	Kretz Racing LLC	Papaprodromou	Cedillo	120
8	Clockstrkestwelve 🌿	New Year's Day	Michael Rosenmayer	Wong	Pereira	120

Breeders: 1-WinStar Farm, LLC, 2-CESA Farm, 3-Alice Bamford, 4-Haras Matriarca, 5-Lantern Hill Farm LLC, Phil Needham & Judy Needham, 6-Orpendale & Chelston, 7-My Meadowview LLC, 8-Gary & Mary West Stables Inc.

Saturday, Oaklawn, post time: 6:16 p.m. EST

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

Saturday, Oaklawn, post time: 3:03 p.m. EST

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	McPeek	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

Breeders: 1-Jumping Jack Racing LLC, 2-WinStar Farm, LLC, 3-St George Stables, 4-Calumet Farm, 5-WinStar Farm, LLC

Saturday, Santa Anita, post time: 6:30 p.m. EST

SAN SIMEON S.-GIII, \$100,000, 4yo/up, 6FT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Barristan The Bold (GB)	Excelebration (Ire)	Red Baron's Barn LLC and Rancho Temescal LLC	Glatt	Cedillo	120
2	Gregorian Chant (GB)	Gregorian (Ire)	Old Bones Racing Stable, LLC, Slam Dunk Racing and Nentwig, Michael	D'Amato	Hernandez	122
3	Bob and Jackie 🦄	Twirling Candy	Nguyen, Calvin and Tran, Joey	Baltas	Van Dyke	122
4	Sombeyay 🦄	Into Mischief	Swiftly Farms	Miller	Prat	120
5	Cistron 🦄	The Factor	Hronis Racing LLC	Sadler	Rispoli	122
6	Shashashakemeup 🦄	Shackleford	Tom Kagele	Miller	Gonzalez	120
7	Jolie Olimpica (Brz)	Drosselmeyer	Fox Hill Farms, Inc.	Mandella	Smith	117
8	Sparky Ville 🦄	Candy Ride (Arg)	Radley Equine, Inc. and Iavarone, Michael	Blacker	Fuentes	120

Breeders: 1-Chasemore Farm, 2-Clarendon Farm, 3-Zayat Stables LLC, 4-J. D. Stuart & Mueller Farms, Inc., 5-St. George Farm, LLC, 6-Larkspur Thoroughbreds & Darby Dan, 7-Stud T N T, 8-Aaron & Marie Jones LLC



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1	Tapit (2001) by Pulpit FYR: 2006 Crops: 14	139	273	87	171	27	56	1185	880	4,791,677	165,800,652
										Testa Matta	
2	Distorted Humor (1993) by Forty Niner FYR: 2000 Crops: 20	153	270	65	123	17	36	1348	1020	3,728,170	141,044,617
										Drosselmeyer	
3	Malibu Moon (1997) by A.P. Indy FYR: 2001 Crops: 19	124	234	50	109	17	37	1539	1121	2,612,516	130,767,039
										Orb	
4	Medaglia d'Oro (1999) by El Prado (Ire) FYR: 2006 Crops: 14	125	204	63	120	22	46	1116	720	8,386,121	129,879,387
										Golden Sixty (AUS)	
5	More Than Ready (1997) by Southern Halo FYR: 2002 Crops: 18	123	236	48	102	12	30	1505	1090	3,139,765	126,529,539
										Roy H	
6	Speightstown (1998) by Gone West FYR: 2006 Crops: 14	120	191	58	101	19	41	984	755	3,747,200	122,928,011
										Charlatan	
7	Tale of the Cat (1994) by Storm Cat FYR: 2000 Crops: 20	81	184	29	66	7	21	1541	1161	6,169,800	119,994,319
										Gio Ponti	
8	Candy Ride (Arg) (1999) by Ride the Rails FYR: 2006 Crops: 14	95	156	48	88	16	35	1075	765	15,988,500	116,559,570
										Gun Runner	
9	Kitten's Joy (2001) by El Prado (Ire) FYR: 2007 Crops: 13	103	186	50	97	14	33	1246	886	4,777,480	115,422,670
										Hawkbill	
10	Stormy Atlantic (1994) by Storm Cat FYR: 2000 Crops: 20	103	175	42	71	7	20	1280	929	2,212,580	97,245,140
										Stormy Liberal	
11	Curlin (2004) by Smart Strike FYR: 2010 Crops: 10	75	137	37	85	12	27	704	515	4,803,125	91,466,058
										Vino Rosso	
12	Into Mischief (2005) by Harlan's Holiday FYR: 2010 Crops: 10	90	161	37	79	8	23	795	571	7,201,200	87,984,972
										Authentic	
13	Ghostzapper (2000) by Awesome Again FYR: 2007 Crops: 13	82	132	43	71	12	23	780	580	3,859,311	86,934,788
										Shaman Ghost	
14	Hard Spun (2004) by Danzig FYR: 2009 Crops: 11	63	130	31	67	10	16	909	621	1,994,460	84,643,888
										Wicked Strong	
15	Broken Vow (1997) by Unbridled FYR: 2003 Crops: 17	78	154	26	50	5	13	1068	831	1,909,823	77,793,626
										Unbridled Belle	

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4th-SA, \$61K, Msw, 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 5:08 p.m. ET

MISSY P. (Into **Mischief**), a full-sister to GISW millionaire and 'TDN Rising Star' Mia Mischief, opens her account in this Friday sprint for Spendthrift Farm and Richard Mandella. The lone 3-year-old in a field of seven, the bay shows a half-dozen strong works over the local main track, including a three-furlong bullet from the gate in :34 4/5 (1/47) Jan. 27 and a six-panel move in 1:11 2/5 (2/6) Feb. 26. Drawn outside, the homebred is the first foal since Mia Mischief to race out of Greer Lynn (**Speightstown**), who hammered to Summer Wind Equine for \$750,000 at Keeneland November last fall. **TJCS PPs** --@JBiancaTDN

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8th-Oaklawn, \$90,000, Alw (C)/Opt. Clm (\$100,000), 3-11, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:08.91, ft, 3 1/2 lengths.

STRIKE POWER (h, 6, **Speightstown**--**Gold d'Oro {GSP, \$232,989}**), by **Medaglia d'Oro**), a 'TDN Rising Star' and victor of the GIII Swale S. back in 2018, had gone winless since an allowance/optional claiming success in April 2019 at Gulfstream and was last seen running fifth in the local King Cotton S. Feb. 6. Made a 5-1 proposition here, the homebred sparred through a :21.91 quarter, was overtaken past a :44.81 half, but found new life in the final furlong and suddenly burst clear to a 3 1/2-length

success over pace rival Hollis (**Street Sense**). The winner's dam is responsible for a juvenile **Frosted** filly and returned to the winner's sire last season. Sales History: \$300,000 RNA Ylg '16 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: GSW, 15-4-3-0, \$426,610. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O/B-Courtlandt Farms (KY); T-Steven M. Asmussen.



6th-Oaklawn, \$88,000, Alw (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 3-11, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m, 1:44.46, ft, 3 lengths.

SYLVIA Q (f, 3, **Violence**--**Princess of China**, by **Unbridled's Song**), a close second after setting the pace going a grassy mile in her career bow Nov. 5 at Churchill, graduated there 23 days later going this trip when switched to dirt and a was a nose runner-up in a Fair Grounds off-the-turfer on New Year's Eve. Retreating to fourth after dueling on the lead in the Martha Washington S. here last out Jan. 30, the \$80,000 Keeneland September buy was made a 12-5 second favorite in this spot and tracked even-money chalk Sister Annie (**Carpe Diem**) from second through splits of :24.09 and :48.59. Overhauling that rival three-sixteenths from home, the dark bay skipped clear past the furlong grounds and stayed in charge from there for a three-length triumph. Battle Bling (Vancouver {Aus}) edged Sister Annie for the place. Sales History: \$80,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 5-2-2-0, \$136,524. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O-Rigney Racing, LLC; B-Castleton Lyons & Kilboy Estate (KY); T-Philip A. Bauer.

6th-Fair Grounds, \$61,000, Alw, 3-11, (NW2L), 3yo, 6f, 1:10.03, ft, 2 lengths.

BLAMEWORTHY (c, 3, **Blame**--**Roman Chestnut {SW}**), by **Roman Ruler**) graduated at third asking over track and trip Jan. 16 before stopping badly when ninth making his two turn debut here Feb. 13. Given a 4-1 chance to rebound in this spot, the homebred broke a half-step slowly before recovering to lead narrowly through a blistering :21.27 quarter. Headed past a scorching :44.35 half, the bay shook off his pace challenger going by the eighth pole and held gamely to best odds-on favorite He's in Charge (**Candy Ride {Arg}**), who raced a bit greenly in deep stretch, by two lengths. The winner, a full-brother to Put Da **Blame** On Me, GSP, \$204,771, has a juvenile **Connect** half-sister named Roman **Connect** and a yearling half-sister by **Carpe Diem**. His dam was bred to **Take Charge Indy** last spring. Sales History: \$60,000 RNA Ylg '19 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 5-2-2-0, \$86,000. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O/B-Two Hearts Farm, LLC (KY); T-Christopher Davis.



8th-Gulfstream, \$45,000, Alw (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$75,000),
3-11, 3yo, 1m, 1:35.82, ft, 3 lengths.

PREVALENCE (c, 3, Medaglia d'Oro--Enrichment, by Ghostzapper), arguably the flashiest debut winner of 2021 thus far, backed up his huge first-out victory with a more workmanlike allowance tally Thursday at Gulfstream in what could serve as a springboard to an April GI Kentucky Derby prep for the Godolphin homebred. Unveiled as a 34-5 proposition in a loaded-looking maiden race going seven panels here Jan. 23, the bay survived a host of pace pressers and burst away in the lane to a devastating, wrapped-up 8 1/2-length score, easily good enough for 'TDN Rising Star' honors. Considered for a run in the Feb. 27 GII Fasig-Tipton Fountain of Youth S., he was forced to pass on the race after missing a breeze with a fever. Quickly recovering to post two sharp works at Palm Meadows, Prevalence was pounded down to 1-10 against five overmatched-on-paper rivals here and broke a bit outwardly at the start. Tracking the speed in the clear from second through a modest :23.90 quarter, he turned up the pressure past a swifter :46.35 half and rolled by three-quarters on even terms in 1:10.74 under confident handling. Shaken up by Tyler Gaffalione outside the furlong pole, he scampered clear soon after and didn't face a serious danger from there, hitting the wire three

lengths to the good of 32-1 longshot Southern Passage (Super Saver).

"It was probably not as flashy as his first race, but I think we're going to get a lot more out of this race today," Gaffalione said. "He was definitely more green. He was looking up at the grandstand down the lane. He kind of got lost by himself. I just had to remind him to keep to his task. He has a really bright future. I'm really looking forward to getting to the bottom of him. He didn't disappoint at all today, if anything, I'm even more excited about him because I know, if it comes to it, he will give me some fight."

The winner is a half to Estihdaaf (Arch), GSW-UAE, \$183,491; and Libreta (Girolamo), SW, \$128,660. His dam, a full-sister to MGISW Better Lucky (Ghostzapper), has a juvenile Quality Road colt named Emirates Road and foaled a colt by Frosted last term before visiting Uncle Mo. Second dam Sahara Gold (Seeking the Gold) is a GSW daughter of 1995 GI Breeders' Cup Sprint heroine Desert Stormer (Storm Cat). Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$52,800. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O/B-Godolphin (KY); T-Brendan P. Walsh.

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SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: FRIDAY, MARCH 12

2021 Stud Fees Listed

Air Force Blue (War Front), Ashford Stud, \$10,000

178 foals of racing age/25 winners/0 black-type winners
6-Turfway, Aoc 1m, Choctaw Bingo, 15-1

Anchor Down (Tapit), Gainesway Farm, \$5,000

90 foals of racing age/12 winners/0 black-type winners
4-Golden Gate Fields, Msw 1m, Tesoro, 2-1
\$25,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$75,000 OBS APR 2yo

Big Blue Kitten (Kitten's Joy), Calumet Farm, \$5,000

73 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners
7-Santa Anita, Msw 1 1/4mT, In the Wind, 20-1
\$130,000 FTK OCT yrl

California Chrome (Lucky Pulpit), Arrow Stud, private

196 foals of racing age/21 winners/0 black-type winners
10-Tampa Bay Downs, Msw 5fT, Beachside Bunny, 20-1
\$35,000 OBS APR 2yo
6-Turfway, Aoc 1m, California Lily, 7-2
\$80,000 FTK JUL yrl; \$87,000 OBS MAR 2yo; \$35,000 OBS OPN 2yo

Cinco Charlie (Indian Charlie), Spendthrift Farm, \$5,000

101 foals of racing age/16 winners/1 black-type winner
8-Turf Paradise, \$50K Turf Paradise Derby, 1 1/16m,
Freerunning, 12-1
\$30,000 FTK OCT yrl; \$80,000 RNA OBS MAR 2yo

Exaggerator (Curlin), WinStar Farm, \$15,000

249 foals of racing age/25 winners/0 black-type winners
6-Turf Paradise, \$50K Arizona Oaks, 1m, A Real Hero, 9-2
\$150,000 RNA FTS AUG yrl; \$100,000 FTK OCT yrl
4-Golden Gate Fields, Msw 1m, Exalted Joy, 7-5
\$400,000 KEE SEP yrl

Frosted (Tapit), Darley, \$25,000

238 foals of racing age/22 winners/1 black-type winner
10-Tampa Bay Downs, Msw 5fT, Quick Conversation, 3-1
\$75,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$135,000 OBS OPN 2yo
10-Tampa Bay Downs, Msw 5fT, Thawed, 10-1

Laoban (Uncle Mo), WinStar Farm, \$25,000

138 foals of racing age/18 winners/3 black-type winners
7-Aqueduct, Aoc 6f, Breakfastatbonnies, 1-1
\$80,000 EAS MAY 2yo
7-Aqueduct, Aoc 6f, Bustinmygroove, 15-1
\$12,000 EAS MAY 2yo

Nyquist (Uncle Mo), Darley, \$75,000

214 foals of racing age/26 winners/2 black-type winners
7-Fair Grounds, Aoc 1 1/16m, Minute Waltz, 7-2
\$425,000 KEE SEP yrl

Outwork (Uncle Mo), WinStar Farm, \$15,000

209 foals of racing age/23 winners/2 black-type winners
4-Golden Gate Fields, Msw 1m, Command Sgt Major, 10-1
\$35,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$50,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl
7-Aqueduct, Aoc 6f, Out First, 8-1
\$50,000 RNA KEE NOV wnl; \$22,500 SAR AUG yrl; \$20,000 OBS
APR 2yo

Runhappy (Super Saver), Claiborne Farm, \$10,000

199 foals of racing age/19 winners/1 black-type winner
7-Aqueduct, Aoc 6f, My Alluring Lady, 1-1
\$300,000 SAR AUG yrl

Tourist (Tiznow), WinStar Farm, \$5,000

156 foals of racing age/20 winners/0 black-type winners
7-Golden Gate Fields, Aoc 6f, Cristiano's Dream, 5-1

Upstart (Flatter), Airdrie Stud, \$10,000

167 foals of racing age/26 winners/1 black-type winner
1-Gulfstream, Msw 5fT, Baby Mo, 6-1
\$65,000 OBS OCT yrl
7-Fair Grounds, Aoc 1 1/16m, Zoom Up, 9-5
\$25,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$75,000 OBS APR 2yo

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Major Cinnamon, g, 4, **Tapiture**--Champagne Ending (SW & GSP-US, \$177,023), by Precise End. Meydan, 3-11, Mdn. (AED82.5k), 1200m, 1:11.29. O-Marwan Abdul Rahman Mohd Sharif Al Baidhaei. B-Calabria Farms, LLC (OK). T-Mujeeb Rahman. *\$45,000 Wlg '17 KEENOV; \$120,000 RNA Ylg '18 KEESEP; \$100,000 2yo '19 OBSAPR.

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U.S.-BRED/SIRED RUNNERS IN JAPAN



In this continuing series, Alan Carasso takes a look ahead at US-bred and/or conceived runners entered for the upcoming weekend at the tracks on the Japan Racing Association circuit, with a focus on pedigree and/or performance in the sales ring. Here are the horses of interest for this weekend, with all the focus on Chukyo Racecourse:

Saturday, March 13, 2021

6th-CKO, ¥14,360,000 (\$132k), Allowance, 4yo/up, 1400m

VALKYRJA (JPN) (f, 4, **Tapit--Peace and War, by **War Front**)** makes her first appearance in 13 months, having broken her maiden in her lone trip to the post going this trip at Kyoto last February. The bay is the first foal from her dam, upset winner of the 2014 GI Darley Alcibiades S., who was sold with this filly in utero for \$1.45 million at the 2016 Keeneland November Sale. Peace and War is a half-sister to the dam of 2020 GIII Pat Day Mile hero Rushie ([Liam's Map](#)). B-Northern Racing

10th-CKO, ¥34,600,000 (\$319k), Allowance, 3yo, 1400m

SATONO MUSTANG (c, 3, **Mineshaft--Mare and Cher, by **Old Fashioned**)**, a half-brother to SW Cruise and Danze (Danza), carries a two-race winning streak into this test, including a very game allowance score at Tokyo Feb. 7 ([video](#), gate 6). The \$25K KEESEP yearling turned \$150K OBS March breezer, whose dam is a half-sister to SW & GSP Fight On ([Into Mischief](#)), bypassed the Listed Hyacinth S. Feb. 21 and looks to continue his winning ways here. B-Haymarket Farm LLC (KY)

IRISH SENSE (c, 3, **Quality Road--Miss Singhsix {Ire}, by **Singspiel {Ire}**)**, a \$125K KEESEP acquisition, just missed on Kyoto debut last Nov. 1 and makes his first start since graduating narrowly going this distance at Hanshin Dec. 13 ([video](#), gate 10). Miss Singhsix, winner of the GIII Obeah S. during her racing days, is a half-sister to SW & GSP Silver Lord (Unbridled's Song). B-Normandy Farm LLC (KY)

Sunday, March 14, 2021

6th-CKO, ¥13,830,000 (\$127k), Allowance, 3yo, 1800m

COSMIC MIND (c, 3, **Into Mischief--Mystical Star, by **Ghostzapper**)** overcame a hellacious trip to take his career debut going this distance at Nakayama Jan. 17 ([video](#), gate 4) and is exiting a close fifth facing winners for the first time going the one-turn mile at Tokyo Feb. 14. The \$280K KEESEP purchase is one of two winners from as many to race for his dam, winner of the GII New York S. and third in the GI Flower Bowl Invitational S. on the grass and second in a Polytrack renewal of the GI Juddmonte Spinster S. B-Candy Meadows LLC (KY)

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

4th-Oaklawn, \$88,000, (S), 3-11, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:45.62, ft, 3/4 length.

TOO PRETTY (f, 4, **Alternation--Pretty Toni, by **Bold Anthony**)** Lifetime Record: 8-2-1-2, \$122,182. O-Richard B. Christian & J J Thoroughbreds; B-Five Star Racing (AR); T-Daniel C. Peitz.

6th-Sam Houston Race Park, \$45,000, 3-10, (NW3L), 4yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:39.16, ft, 7 3/4 lengths.

OUR IRIS ROSE (f, 4, **Ghostzapper--Rose's Desert {MSW, \$626,035}, by **Desert God**)** Lifetime Record: 11-3-4-2, \$97,619. O-Joe R. Peacock, Jr.; B-Joe R Peacock (KY); T-Todd W. Fincher. *Full to Runaway Ghost, GSW, \$783,509; 1/2 to Sheriff Brown ([Curlin](#)), SW, \$166,431; and Senor Buscador ([Mineshaft](#)), SW, \$145,247.

4th-Delta Downs, \$39,000, (S), 3-11, (NW2L), 3yo, 6 1/2f, 1:21.29, ft, 1 3/4 lengths.

SARAH'S VISION (g, 3, **Court Vision--My Holy Belle, by **Holy Bull**)** Lifetime Record: 9-2-2-1, \$66,575. O/B-Perform Stables, Inc. (LA); T-Allen Landry. *1/2 to Sarah's Passion (Songandaprayer), SW, \$148,340.

8th-Sam Houston Race Park, \$39,000, 3-10, (NW1X), 4yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:44.38, fm, 5 1/4 lengths.

TIZONA (r, 6, Tiznow--Battaleys, by Speightstown) Lifetime Record: 30-5-9-7, \$114,115. O-Laurence Jones; B-Calumet Farm (KY); T-Kevin G. Scholl.

7th-Turfway, \$35,991, (C)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 3-10, 3yo/up, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:16.27, ft, head.

VISITANT (h, 5, Ghostzapper--Peppermint Lounge {SP, \$136,720}, by Distorted Humor) Lifetime Record: SW & GSP, 10-5-1-2, \$166,475. O/B-Williamson Racing LLC (KY); T-W Morey.

6th-Turfway, \$32,560, 3-10, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m (AWT), 1:38.91, ft, 1 length.

EDGE ANGEL (f, 4, Competitive Edge--Restless Angel, by Fusaichi Pegasus) Lifetime Record: 13-2-1-4, \$91,083. O-Dorothy Self, Zack Simms & Jay A. Morgeson; B-Stillmeadow Farm LLC (KY); T-Garry W. Simms. *\$47,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP.

5th-Penn National, \$31,976, 3-10, (NW1X), 4yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:43.91, ft, head.

KNOWN QUANTITY (h, 5, Petionville--Chance Dance {MSW & GSP, \$339,395}, by American Chance) Lifetime Record: 30-4-3-12, \$143,962. O-Tom Coulter; B-Arrowwood Farm, Inc. (PA); T-Rodrigo Madrigal, Sr. *1/2 to Gotachancetodance (**English Channel**), GSP, \$188,720.

1st-Penn National, \$31,600, (S), (NW2BX)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 3-10, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10.96, ft, neck.

AMIGOS TUNE (m, 6, Orientate--Mint's Spirit, by Eastern Daydream) Lifetime Record: 15-5-3-3, \$111,851. O-Sylmar Farm; B-Elizabeth R. Houghton (PA); T-T. Bernard Houghton.

7th-Charles Town, \$28,000, (S), 3-10, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 4 1/2f, :52.04, ft, 3 3/4 lengths.

GOLDEN KEY (g, 3, Uncle Lino--Golden Debutante {SP}, by Malibu Moon) Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, \$38,025. O/T-Ronney W. Brown; B-Francis W. Daniel III & Ronney W. Brown (WV).

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Jubella, f, 3, **Mineshaft**--Pretty Valentine, by Macho Uno. Sam Houston Race, 3-10, 1m, 1:41.29. B-BG Stables & Selman Shaby (KY). *\$40,000 RNA Ylg '19 KEESEP. *1/2 to D R C's Pretty Sky (**Sky Mesa**), MSW, \$250,159; and Just Be Kind (**Sky Mesa**), MSW, \$200,827.

Mucho Macho Momma, f, 3, **Mucho Macho Man**--Tacit Approval, by **Tapit**. Fair Grounds, 3-11, 1 1/16m, 1:44.64. B-Dream Team Racing (KY).

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Twilight Curfew, f, 3, **Twirling Candy**--Code Book, by Giant's Causeway. Sam Houston Race Park, 3-10, (C), 1mT, 1:40.00. B-Center Hills Farm (OK). *\$17,000 RNA Wlg '18 KEENOV; \$12,000 RNA Ylg '19 FTKOCT.

Future Victory, c, 3, **Twirling Candy**--Day of Victory (MSP, \$159,912), by Victory Gallop. Gulfstream, 3-11, (C), 1mT, 1:36.90. B-Lakland Farm (KY). *\$270,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP. **Full to Finley'sluckycharm, GISW, \$928,068.

Lovey Dovey, f, 4, **Flashback**--Daring Delilah, by Dehere. Sam Houston Race Park, 3-11, 5 1/2f, 1:05.89. B-Ben Barnow (IL). *\$7,500 Ylg '18 KEESEP.

Too Sexy, f, 4, **Quality Road**--Cake Baby (SP), by **Stormy Atlantic**. Gulfstream, 3-11, 5fT, :55.92. B-Burleson Farm & McKenzie Bloodstock (KY). *\$270,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP.

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ALTERNATION, Too Pretty, f, 4, o/o Pretty Toni, by Bold Anthony. ALW, 3-11, Oaklawn

BLAME, Blameworthy, c, 3, o/o Roman Chestnut, by Roman Ruler. ALW, 3-11, Fair Grounds

COMPETITIVE EDGE, Edgee Angel, f, 4, o/o Restless Angel, by Fusaichi Pegasus. ALW, 3-10, Turfway

COURT VISION, Sarah's Vision, g, 3, o/o My Holy Belle, by Holy Bull. ALW, 3-11, Delta Downs

FLASHBACK, Lovey Dovey, f, 4, o/o Daring Delilah, by Dehere. MSW, 3-11, Sam Houston

GHOSTZAPPER, Our Iris Rose, f, 4, o/o Rose's Desert, by Desert God. ALW, 3-10, Sam Houston

GHOSTZAPPER, Visitant, h, 5, o/o Peppermint Lounge, by **Distorted Humor**. AOC, 3-10, Turfway

MEDAGLIA D'ORO, Prevalence, c, 3, o/o Enrichment, by **Ghostzapper**. AOC, 3-11, Gulfstream

MINESHAFT, Jubella, f, 3, o/o Pretty Valentine, by Macho Uno. MSW, 3-10, Sam Houston

MUCHO MACHO MAN, Mucho Macho Momma, f, 3, o/o Tacit Approval, by **Tapit**. MSW, 3-11, Fair Grounds

ORIENTATE, Amigos Tune, m, 6, o/o Mint's Spirit, by Eastern Daydream. AOC, 3-10, Penn National

PETIONVILLE, Known Quantity, h, 5, o/o Chance Dance, by American Chance. ALW, 3-10, Penn National

QUALITY ROAD, Too Sexy, f, 4, o/o Cake Baby, by **Stormy Atlantic**. MSW, 3-11, Gulfstream

SPEIGHTSTOWN, Strike Power, h, 6, o/o Gold d'Oro, by **Medaglia d'Oro**. AOC, 3-11, Oaklawn



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TIZNOW, Tizona, r, 6, o/o Battaleys, by **Speightstown**. ALW, 3-10, Sam Houston
TWIRLING CANDY, Future Victory, c, 3, o/o Day of Victory, by Victory Gallop. MCL, 3-11, Gulfstream
TWIRLING CANDY, Twilight Curfew, f, 3, o/o Code Book, by Giant's Causeway. MCL, 3-10, Sam Houston
UNCLE LINO, Golden Key, g, 3, o/o Golden Debutante, by **Malibu Moon**. ALW, 3-10, Charles Town
VIOLENCE, Sylvia Q, f, 3, o/o Princess of China, by Unbridled's Song. AOC, 3-11, Oaklawn

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'TDN Rising Star' Prevalence (Medaglia d'Oro) stays undefeated with an allowance score at Gulfstream



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Now 6-year-old Strike Power (**Speightstown**), winner of the Gill Swale S. as a sophomore, picked up his first win in nearly two years with a sharp allowance/optional claiming victory at Oaklawn, stopping the clock in a sizzling 1:08.91 for six furlongs | *Coady Photography*



DUBAI WORLD CUP BEHIND CLOSED DOORS



Thunder Snow winning the Dubai World Cup when it was last held in 2019 | racingfotos.com

With the exception of limited horse connections, racing official, accredited media and sponsors, the Dubai World Cup card at Meydan on Mar. 27 will be staged without spectators. A release from the Dubai Racing Club on Thursday also reiterated that the Dubai World Cup will take place under strict health and safety measures “including full sanitisation, thermal screening of attendees and social distancing.”

“Dubai Racing Club will host the race meeting, without spectators and tickets will not be sold,” the release continued. “All races will be contested and regulated in a standard fashion and results will be recorded in an official capacity.”

The Dubai World Cup, which celebrates its 25th renewal in 2021, was an early victim of the COVID-19 pandemic last year, with the 2020 renewal cancelled altogether six days out.

The meeting’s flagship race, the G1 Dubai World Cup, is this year again worth \$12 million. The supporting features include the \$5 million G1 Longines Dubai Sheema Classic over 2400 metres on the turf, set to feature Saudi Cup winner Mishriff (Ire) (Make Believe {GB}), and the \$4-million G1 Dubai Turf over 1800 metres.

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GOFFS FEBRUARY SALE CONCLUDES ONLINE AS LOCKDOWN CONTINUES

The delayed Goffs February Sale concluded on Thursday with Part 2, a session of 84 short yearlings. The difficulties presented by offering young stock in an online format were highlighted by a large number of withdrawals from the original catalogue of 228, and a clearance rate of 42%.

The 35 horses to have found a buyer returned an average price of €10,311 and median of €8,000, and they added €360,900 to the overall tally for the sale which had to undergo both date and format changes.

“Selling weanlings in March without proper viewings was never going to be ideal but circumstances dictated that was the only option if we were to hold the sale,” said Goffs group chief executive Henry Beeby.

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IN TDN AMERICA TODAY

FROM OBS MARCH JUVENILE ‘INTO’ LEADING SIRE

Steve Sherack investigates the rise of **Into Mischief** (Harlan’s Holiday), from an OBS March breeder to a dual champion sire.

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From the first crop of **Middle Park Stakes-Gr.1** and **July Cup-Gr.1** winner **TEN SOVEREIGNS** this filly, bred by **Allevamento LeGi** and pictured at **Ballinasla Stud** at 6 weeks, is out of **Dweezil**, a winning half-sister to **Derby Italiano-Gr.1** winner **De Sica**



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Thursday's sale topper, lot 506 | Goffs

Goffs February Sale Part II Cont. from p1

"When we were forced to further delay it by the latest Level 5 lockdown being extended we considered simply cancelling and directing the entries to the yearling sales in the autumn. However, several vendors made contact to implore us to give them an outlet so we staged today as a service to those who wished to present their weanlings to the market."

The five bestsellers represented both codes at the opposite end of the distance spectrum. Ballinroone Stud's colt by popular National Hunt sire Walk In The Park (Ire) (lot 506) led the way at €35,000. The son of the unraced Presenting (GB) mare Charming Present (Ire) is a half-brother to four multiple bumper and hurdle winners and was signed for in the name of Thursday Bloodstock.

Two colts from the first crop of Ascot Gold Cup winner Order Of St George (Ire) were also among the table-toppers, sold for €20,000 apiece to trainer Philip Kirby (lot 367) and to Peter Molony of Rathmore Stud (lot 471).

Among the most in-demand of the Flat-bred stock of the session were fillies by Australian sprinters Exceed And Excel (Aus) and Zoustar (Aus). The former, lot 374, was sold by Mark and Elaine Clarke's Wardstown Stud for €26,000 to BC Bloodstock and is a half-sister to the Chester listed winner Copper Knight (Ire) (Sir Prancealot {Ire}).

The filly from the first European crop of Tweenhills stallion Zoustar (lot 453) hails from a family which has been very much in the news in recent seasons. Her winning dam Tschierschen (Ire) (Acclamation {GB}) is a half-sister to new Shadwell resident and G1 Sussex S. winner Mohaather (GB) (Showcasing {GB}), whose half-sister Roodle (GB) (Xaar {GB}) produced the G1 Queen Anne S. winner Accidental Agent (GB) (Delegator {GB})

for owner/breeder Gaie Johnson Houghton. She was bought from Baroda Stud for €25,000 by Italian trainer Bruno Grizzetti, who also purchased lot 406, a colt by Cotai Glory (GB).

Beeby concluded, "The results are predictably mixed with a clearance rate that speaks volumes but there was some spirited bidding for those that stood out and we are sure that several will be shown to have been value when they are reoffered in a normal yearling sale later in the year. Once again, Goffs Online proved its worth with bids from around the world.

"We now turn our attention to our Timed Online Sale on Mar. 24, after which our fervent hope is that the vaccination programmes in Ireland and the UK will allow a return to some normality as the year progresses and we look forward to welcoming horses and people back to Kildare Paddocks for the Land Rover Sale in June. Following that we are working towards a full programme of Goffs sales throughout the rest of the year on their scheduled dates and in their usual location, here in Kildare."

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SESSION TOTALS	2021
• Catalogued	228
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• Clearance Rate	42%
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• Gross	€360,900
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• Median (% change)	€8,000

EUROPEAN NEWS

CLASSIC HERO MISHRIFF ON TOP OF LONGINES WBRR

Saudi Cup hero and MG1SW **Mishriff (Ire)** (Make Believe {GB}) stands on top of the Longines World's Best Racehorse Rankings, which were released by the International Federation of Horseracing Authorities on Thursday. The John Gosden trainee and French Classic winner was rated 122, two better than Saudi Cup runner-up **Charlatan (Speightstown)** at 120. **Cont. p3**



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Longines WBRR Cont.

Australian sprinter **Nature Strip (Aus)** (Nicconi {Aus}) sits second on the list at 121 after winning the G1 Lightning S. in February.

Rated equal to Charlatan are the Hong Kong-based duo of **Exultant (Ire)** (Teofilo {Ire}) and **Golden Sixty (Aus)** (Medaglia d'Oro). Already a winner of the G1 Stewards' Cup over **Southern Legend (Aus)** (Not A Single Doubt {Aus}) (118) and **Ka Ying Star (GB)** (Cityscape {GB}) (117) in January, Golden Sixty then defeated **Furore (NZ)** (Pierro {Aus}) (117) and Exultant in the G1 Citi Hong Kong Gold Cup in February.

Several horses are ranked a co-sixth, among them GI Pegasus World Cup winner **Knicks Go (Paynter)** at 119 and GII San Felipe S. hero **Life Is Good (Into Mischief)**. The G1 Cape Town Met presented by Cape Racing victor **Rainbow Bridge (SAf)** (Ideal World) is also at a mark of 119.

For the full list of the Longines World's Best Racehorse Rankings, please visit www.ifhaonline.org.

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Mishriff defeats Charlatan | Racingfotos.com

FIRST MARES IN FOAL TO WITHOUT PAROLE

Group 1 winner **Without Parole (GB)** (Frankel {GB}) has had his first mares scanned in foal, Newsells Park Stud announced on Thursday. The John and Tanya Gunther-owned mare **Church On Time (Honor Code)**, herself a half-sister to GI American Oaks heroine Competitionofideas (**Speightstown**), as well as German listed victress **Skrei (Ire)** (Approve {Ire}) and the black-type winner **Atomic Blonde** (Scat Daddy) were all found to be in foal to the G1 Saint James's Palace S. hero. Placed in an additional three Group 1 races, Without Parole stands for £10,000 at Newsells Park this season.

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ROSE PATERSON HONOURED DURING RANDOX GRAND NATIONAL FESTIVAL

The Hon. Rose Paterson will be remembered on the first day of the 2021 Randox Grand National Festival, Randox Liverpool's NHS Day on Thursday, Apr. 8, The Jockey Club announced on Thursday. Chairman of Aintree Racecourse since 2014, Paterson will be honoured with the day's fifth race--the Rose Paterson Randox Foxhunters' Chase over the Grand National fences over a distance of two miles and five furlongs. Paterson passed away last June, but she was first involved with Aintree Racecourse as Racecourse Committee Director in 2005. She was also appointed a Steward of The Jockey Club in 2019.

Nicholas Wrigley, Chairman of Aintree Racecourse, commented, "It is still hard to believe that Rose will not be joining us for the Randox Grand National Festival this year and it only seems right that she is remembered with her name attached to one of the races over the Grand National fences.

"Rose had a true love and passion for everything related to Aintree, with her Chairmanship involving the securing of Randox as title sponsor and the development of the Grand Women's Summit and the award winning Aintree Community Programme. When combined with her love of the grassroots of the sports and her own accomplished riding skills, the Foxhunters' Chase was the natural race to put her name to. We hope this gesture will go a small way to preserving Rose's memory and recognising the huge amount she gave to Aintree Racecourse and the Randox Grand National."

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Nominations are now open for the 2021 Irish Godolphin Stud and Stable Staff Awards, and close at 5 p.m. local time on Monday, Apr. 19. The Irish GSSAs are held in association with the Irish Stablestaff Association, the Irish Thoroughbred Breeders' Association, *Racing Post* and Horse Racing Ireland. The 10 award categories offer combined prizemoney of over €85,000. Besides prizemoney allocated for the winner, the two finalists and their employers, €100 will be set aside to the short-listed candidates in eight of the award categories. Sandra Hughes, Godolphin's Irish Stud and Stable Staff Awards Ambassador, will be available to assist anyone who wishes to nominate their staff and teammates. The awards show will be broadcast free-to-air on Racing TV on Wednesday, June 30. To nominate, please visit www.studandstablestaffawards.ie.

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A FRESH LOOK

WITH ROSS DOYLE

It's that time of year: with just weeks to go to the start of the turf season, thoughts are turning to which of this year's freshman sires will be making a splash with their first runners. With 26 European first-crop stallions to consider, we have asked the views of those who have seen a good range of young stock at the sales. First in the hot seat is bloodstock agent Ross Doyle.

He says, "We have a system where we see every single horse at the foal sales and the yearling sales amongst our team, so we get a very good overview on what stallions are throwing, and types and temperaments." [Cont. p5](#)



LONGINES

WORLD RANKINGS

Measuring Racing Greatness THE LONGINES WORLD'S BEST RACEHORSE RANKINGS

for 3yos and upward that raced between 1st January 2021 and 7th March 2021

RANK	RATING	HORSE	TRAINED IN
1	122	Mishriff (IRE)	GB
2	121	Nature Strip (AUS)	AUS
3	120	Charlatan (USA)	USA
3	120	Exultant (IRE)	HK
3	120	Golden Sixty (AUS)	HK
6	119	Knicks Go (USA)	USA
6	119	Life Is Good (USA)	USA
6	119	Rainbow Bridge (SAF)	SAF



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Ross Doyle | Tattersalls

A Fresh Look With Ross Doyle Cont.

He added, "Obviously we buy for other people but when we're buying for Richard Hannon, we're often buying horses on spec, so our budget is limited to a point.

"So we are able to take a bit of a gamble on a physical by a stallion that we like the look of, where other agents might be tied down a bit to instructions, or an owner wanting a specific established stallion. And we've been lucky over the years with first-season sires--and don't get me wrong, it's a big gamble--but Mehmas's sire Acclamation (GB) is a good example. From the first crop of Acclamation I think we bought seven yearlings. Thinking back, at the time, they weren't expensive horses--[dual listed winner and Group 3-placed] Cake (Ire) was £13,000, and that's the way we roll, we have to take a punt on certain horses every year.

"We bought close to 100 yearlings last year and that includes four by **Ribchester (Ire)**, four by **Profitable (Ire)**, three or four by **Ardad (Ire)**, a couple by **Aclaim (Ire)**, and a couple by **Churchill (Ire)**. As far as physicals go, all those horses were stamping their stock in their own way, and in the way you'd like them to. They are all getting a consistent type of horses that we liked.

"I see there are an awful lot of Ardads in the breeze-ups, which is interesting. The breeze-up men must have liked the look of them. As a racehorse, he was hard-knocking all year long at a very good level, and he's a good-looking horse with a good pedigree, by one of the outstanding sires in Europe in many years. It would also be no surprise if Aclaim did well--he's by Acclamation with a very good pedigree, from Montjeu's family. He got a very nice type and I really liked the way the Aclaims improved with time, even from the foal sales to yearlings. I think that's a great sign in young stock. They were grand types as foals but they really came back as very good yearlings.

"It's the first time in a good couple of years that we have really seen five or six horses that potentially have a solid chance on the types they are getting or on how they're bred. That makes it an extremely competitive first-season sire list. If I was to tip one, I think Ribchester has a good chance on the types he got, and I know the feedback coming from Hannon's and other places that have them is that they've got lovely temperaments and they carry themselves well. They seem to be showing all the right signs. Churchill is probably going to be a slower burner but we liked his stock as well."

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BRITAIN

Thursday's Results:

3rd-Newcastle, £5,300, Nov, 3-11, 3yo/up, 6f (AWT), 1:14.07, st/sl.

DRAGON SYMBOL (GB) (c, 3, Cable Bay {Ire}--Arcamist {GB}, by Arcano {Ire}), who surged to an impressive 3 1/2-length triumph going a shade over six furlongs at Wolverhampton in his Mar. 1 debut last time, broke sharply and led from the outset of this straight test. Claiming the stands' side rail approaching the half-mile marker, the 1-4 lock was allowed an inch of rein passing the two pole and powered clear under mild coaxing in the closing stages to hit the line four lengths ahead of Dajraan (GB) (**Frankel {GB}**). Half-brother to a 2-year-old filly by Postponed (Ire) and a yearling colt by Adaay (Ire), he is the first of three foals produced by a winning half-sister to the stakes-winning duo Smart Enough (GB) (Cadeaux Genereux {GB}) and Oasis Dancer (GB) (**Oasis Dream {GB}**). The April-foaled grey's second dam is G1 Prix Saint-Alary third Good Enough (Fr) (Mukaddamah). Sales history: 67,000gns Ylg '19 TAOCT. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$9,559. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Yoshiro Kubota; B-Whitsbury Manor Stud (GB); T-Archie Watson.

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

1st-Southwell, £4,300, Cond, 3-11, 4yo/up, 12f 14y (AWT), 2:40.80, st.

SEZINA (GB) (f, 4, Cityscape {GB}--Sorcellerie {GB}, by Sir Percy {GB}) Lifetime Record: 9-2-1-1, \$10,240. O/B-Kristian Strangeway (GB); T-Brian Ellison. *£1,200 RNA Ylg '18 GOHITY.

4th-Southwell, £4,300, Cond, 3-11, 3yo/up, 6f 16y (AWT), 1:17.58, st.

CATAPULT (GB) (g, 6, Equiano {Fr}--Alectrona {Fr}, by Invincible Spirit {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 51-4-4-6, \$33,684. O/T-Shaun Keightley; B-Owen O'Brien (GB).



Anasia (right) | Scoop Dyga

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Secret Glow (Ire), c, 3, **Sepoy (Aus)**--Moon Sister (Ire) (SP-Eng), by Cadeaux Genereux (GB). Southwell, 3-11, 8f 13y (AWT), 1:45.04. B-Rabbah Bloodstock Ltd (IRE).

FRANCE

Thursday's Results:

PRIX ROSE DE MAI-Listed, €55,000, Saint-Cloud, 3-11, 3yo, f, 10fT, 2:14.68, vsf.

1--**ANASIA (GB)**, 125, f, 3, by **Intello (Ger)**

1st Dam: **Sosia (Ger) (SP-Fr)**, by **Shamardal**

2nd Dam: **Sahel (Ger)**, by **Monsun (Ger)**

3rd Dam: **Sacarina (GB)**, by **Old Vic (GB)**

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. O/B-Wertheimer & Frere (GB); T-Andre Fabre; J-Maxime Guyon. €27,500. Lifetime Record: GSP-Fr, 5-2-1-0, €58,800.

2--**Mystery Angel (Ire)**, 125, f, 3, Kodi Bear (Ire)--Angel Grace (Ire), by Dark Angel (Ire). (£13,000 Ylg '19 GOFFPR; 22,000gns 2yo '20 TATBRE). O-Nick Bradley Racing 27 & Partner; B-Mrs Noelle Walsh (IRE); T-George Boughey. €11,000

3--**Thunder Drum (Ire)**, 125, f, 3, Dubawi (Ire)--Great Heavens (GB), by **Galileo (Ire)**. O-Lady Bamford; B-Kincorth Investments

Inc (IRE); T-Jerome Reynier. €8,250.

Margins: NK, 1, 3/4. Odds: 3.30, 1.30, 10.00.

Also Ran: Stormy Pouss (Fr), Lingerin Dream (GB), Al Hawra (Fr). Scratched: Injera.

Anasia followed up an Aug. 23 breakthrough score, going one mile at Deauville, with a second in Chantilly's nine-furlong Sept. 28 G3 Prix de Conde and posted a close-up fourth in the Oct. 20 G3 Prix des Reservoirs back over one mile at Deauville when last seen. Breaking alertly from the inside box and setting the tone after the early stages, she was nudged along when threatened passing the quarter-mile marker and came under sterner urging inside the final furlong to hold the late bid of Mystery Angel for a career high.

Anasia is the second of four foals and lone winner out of Listed Prix Coronation placegetter Sosia (Ger) (Shamardal), herself kin to G1 Premio Lydia Tesio heroine Sortilege (Ire) (Tiger Hill {Ire}) and G3 Prix du Prince d'Orange victrix Soudania (GB) (Sea the Stars {Ire}). The homebred bay, half-sister to a 2-year-old filly by Iffraaj (GB) and a yearling colt by New Approach (Ire), hails from a family featuring G1 Deutsches Derby winners Schiaparelli (Ger) (Monsun {Ger}), Samum (Ger) (Monsun {Ger}) and Sea the Moon (Ger) (Sea the Stars {Ire}). **Click for the [Racing Post result](#). Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

PRIX ALTIPAN-Listed, €52,000, Saint-Cloud, 3-11, 4yo/up, 8fT, 1:43.26, vsf.

1--**PADRON (IRE)**, 126, c, 4, **Gris de Gris (Ire)--Marianabaa (Fr)**, by **Anabaa**. 1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. O/B-Jean-Claude Seroul (IRE); T-Jerome Reynier; J-Gerald Mosse. €26,000. Lifetime Record: 8-4-0-1, €70,872. *1/2 to Marianafoot (Fr) (**Footstepsinthesand {GB}**), MSW & GSP-Fr, \$321,391.

2--**Celestin (Fr)**, 129, g, 4, Dabirsim (Fr)--Celesteville (Ire), by Elusive City. (€10,000 RNA Ylg '18 AROCT). O/B-Ecurie Normandie Pur Sang (FR); T-Fabrice Chappet. €10,400.

3--**Alpen Rose (Ire)**, 126, f, 4, Sea the Stars (Ire)--Valais Girl (GB), by **Holy Roman Emperor (Ire)**. (€750,000 Ylg '18 GOFOR). O-Godolphin; B-Sunderland Holdings Inc (IRE); T-Henri-Alex Pantall. €7,800.

Margins: 1 1/4, 1 1/4, 2HF. Odds: 16.20, 7.70, 13.00.

Also Ran: Amica Nostra (Ire), Rajani (Fr), Alexander James (Ire), Mrs Upjohn (Fr), Prince Hamlet (Fr), Impulsif (GB), Morsan (Ire).

Padron, who finished fourth in last term's G3 Prix Daphnis at Deauville, closed his 3-year-old campaign with a Nov. 7 win in a Bordeaux conditions heat and opened this year with a Feb. 15 fourth at Toulouse last time. Employing patient tactics in rear from the outset of this second black-type start, he weaved a passage into contention with 300 metres remaining and kept on well under final-furlong urging to secure a first stakes rosette in ultimately snug fashion.

"He has a tendency to edge right in his races, but today he had to move between horses and didn't hang so his turn of foot was more efficient," explained trainer Jerome Reynier. "He'd run once this season so we knew he was fit and came here hoping for some black type. He is a specialist in this [very soft] ground, everything worked out well for him and to win is a nice surprise. He's entered in a German Group 3 race over a mile next month [Apr. 11 G3 Kalkmann Fruhjahrs-Meile at Dusseldorf] and I think we'll probably go there."

Padron is one of four scorers from as many foals of racing age produced by a dual-winning daughter of stakes-winning G3 Prix Chloe second Maria Gabriella (Ire) (**Rock of Gibraltar {Ire}**). The February-foaled homebred bay is a half-brother to dual Listed Prix Luthier victor and G3 Prix de la Porte Maillot runner-up Marianafoot (Fr) (**Footstepsinthesand {GB}**) and the hitherto unraced 2-year-old colt Marianachic (Ire) (Authorized {Ire}).

Click for the **Racing Post result**. **Video**, sponsored by **Fasig-Tipton**.

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

2nd-Saint-Cloud, €28,000, Cond, 3-11, 4yo, 10fT, 2:10.73, vsf.

UGOTTHELOOK (IRE) (c, 4, **Uncle Mo--Louve des Reves {Ire}** {SP-Fr, \$100,134}, by **Sadler's Wells**) Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-0, €18,479. O-Nils-Petter Gill; B-The Allen Stable (IRE); T-Pia &

Joakim Brandt. *€180,000 Ylg '18 AROCT. **1/2 to Omar Bradley (**War Front**), GSP-Fr & SP-Den.

6th-Saint-Cloud, €18,000, Cond, 3-11, 4yo/up, 15 1/2fT, 3:30.34, vsf.

THEATRO (IRE) (m, 5, **Camelot {GB}**--**Bogside Theatre {Ire}**, by **Fruits of Love**) Lifetime Record: 14-3-1-4, €24,078. O-Sandra Turnbull; B-Elwick Stud (IRE); T-Paul de Chevigny. *1/2 to Lord Yeats (Ire) (Yeats {Ire}), SW-Eng & GSP-Ire, \$141,445.



IN UAE:

Remorse (Ire), g, 4, **Dubawi (Ire)**--Jealous Again (GSP-US, GSW-Eng, \$133,032), by Trippi. Meydan, 3-11, Hcp. (AED102.5k), 2000m, 2:03.46. O-Al Rashid Stables, LLC. B-Godolphin (Ire). T-Satish Seemar. *70,000gns HRA '20 TATOCT. **1/2 to Sceptical (GB) (Exceed And Excel {Aus}), Hwt. Older Horse-Ire at 5-7f, SW-Ire, MG1SP-Eng, \$158,548; and to Queen of Sicily (Cape Cross {Ire}), GSP-Ire.

Al Mureib (Ire), g, 5, **Dubawi (Ire)**--Lava Flow (Ire), by Dalakhani (Ire). Meydan, 3-11, Mdn, (AED82.5k), 1900m, 1:57.96. O-Harmash Racing. B-Godolphin (Ire). T-Ahmad bin Harmash. *1/2 to Pinatubo (Ire) (Shamardal), Hwt. 2yo Colt-Eur/Eng/Ire, Hwt. 3yo-Fr, at 5-7f, G1SW-Eng/Ire/Fr, \$1,251,789.

Sharamm (Ire), g, 6, **Shamardal**--Oojooba (GB) (MSP-Eng), by Monsun (Ger). Meydan, 3-11, Hcp. (AEDk), 1400m, 1:23.63. O-Sheikh Ahmed bin Rashid Al Maktoum. B-Godolphin (Ire). T-Satish Seemar.

IN QATAR:

Make A Wish (Ire), m, 5, **No Nay Never**--Saturn Girl (Ire), by Danehill Dancer (Ire). Al Uqda, 3-11, Cond., 1200mT, 1:12.65. B-Chelston Ireland. *160,000gns HRA '19 TATJUL. **VIDEO**

Aspetar (Fr), g, 6, **Al Kazeem (GB)**--Bella Qatara (Ire), by Dansili (GB). Al Uqda, 3-11, Cond., 2100mT, 2:12.53. B-HH Sheikh Mohammed Bin Khalifa Al Thani. *G1SW-Ger, GSW-Eng.

VIDEO

Zyzyva (Fr), g, 6, **Siyouni (Fr)**--Zanatiya (Fr), by Sinndar (Ire). Al Uqda, 3-11, Cond., 1200mT, 1:12.49. B-SCPA Fertilia. *GSP-Fr. **€37,000 Wlg '15 ARQDEC; €105,000 Ylg '16

ARQAUG; €210,000 RNA 2yo '17 ARQMAY; €40,000 HRA '19 ARQJUL. **VIDEO**

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Thursday's Results:

5th-Meydan, AED95,000, Hcp., 3-11, 1600m, x, ft.

DESERT PEACE (130, g, 4, Curlin–Stoweshoe {SW-US}, by Flatter), a winner of a Kempton novice in October of 2019, returned that November to take third at a similar level at Chelmsford. Shelved for the next 232 days, the colt returned to take a Kempton synthetic handicap in June of 2020, but was then gelded and given the better part of another year on the bench. Back in action in the Listed **Curlin S.** locally on Feb. 18, Desert Peace ran seventh and was a bit sweated up in the preliminaries on Thursday. Away in good order, he raced in between horses just behind the first flight through the early stages. One off the fence heading into the turn, he appeared to lose his way a bit and dropped farther back, but found more inside the final quarter mile. Weaving his way through runners, he made a last desperate lunge and got up in the final stride to win by a short head over Homespin (**Speightstown**).

“He jumped ok and the pace was on,” said pilot William Buick. “He wasn’t in his comfort zone. He had to navigate his way through and had a lot to do. Hopefully he could be a nicer horse for next season.”

The first foal from his dam, the gelding is followed by the winning sophomore filly Cantata (Medaglia d’Oro), an unraced 2-year-old filly named Blinkie (**American Pharoah**) and a yearling full-brother to Blinkie. Stoweshoe, a full-sister to GI Humana Distaff heroine Taris (**Flatter**), returned to the court of **Curlin** last spring. Sales history: \$1,300,000 Ylg ‘18 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 5-3-0-1, \$26,863. **Click for the Racing Post result or the video.**

O-Godolphin. B-Doug & Felicia Brenham. T-Charlie Appleby.



Desert Peace | Erika Rasmussen/DRC

4th-Meydan, AED120,000, Cond., 3-11, 1600m, 1:36.39, ft. MESHAKEL (IRE), (129, c, 3, Shamardal–Mehronissa {GB} {SW & GSP-Eng, \$130,032}, by Iffraaj {GB}), runner-up in the G3 UAE 2000 Guineas on Feb. 4, reported home 10th in the lucrative Saudi Derby at Riyadh on Feb. 20.



Meshakel | DRC/Erika Rasmussen

Gunned immediately to the lead, the dark bay raced under minimal pressure and was already a length ahead through a first quarter in :24.84. On cruise control for the remainder, he edged away on the far turn and streaked home a 7 3/4-length winner. Zhou Storm (GB) (Due Diligence) ran second. “He showed he’s a classy horse and he showed we’re going to have a lot of fun with him next season,” said bin Ghadayer. “He’s a young horse and started his career in England so he’s had a lot of runs and he deserves his rest.” Meshakel is the first foal of his dam—a half-sister to Grade II winner and GI Matriarch S. and GI Del Mar Oaks runner-up Three Degrees (Ire) (Singspiel {Ire})—and he also has a yearling half-sister by Invincible Spirit (Ire). Sales history: 500,000gns Ylg ‘19 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: GSP-UAE, 8-2-2-2, \$62,775. **Click for the Racing Post result or the video.** O-Salem Rashid Ghadayer. B-Rabbah Bloodstock, Ltd. (Ire). T-Salem bin Ghadayer.

WORLDWIDE NEWS

CHAMPION BOSTON HARBOR DIES IN JAPAN

American champion juvenile colt **Boston Harbor** (Capote–Harbor Springs, by Vice Regent) passed away from the infirmities of old age on Mar. 9, Japan Bloodhorse Breeders Association’s Shigeki Yusa announced via Twitter on Thursday. The pensioned stallion was 27. **Cont. p9**

Boston Harbor Cont.

“Boston Harbor passed away from old age on March 9,” Yusa said in a tweet. “We are truly saddened to lose him and are grateful for all the support from his fans over the years.”

Bred by Overbrook Farm in Kentucky, the homebred was trained by Hall of Famer D. Wayne Lukas. A Churchill Downs maiden winner at first asking in May of 1996, he added the GIII Bashford Manor S. a month later and ran second in muddy going in the GIII Sanford S. at Saratoga on July 26. Back on top in the Ellis Park Juvenile S. in September, the son of Harbor Springs won the GIII Kentucky Cup Juvenile S. at Turfway Park later that month. Wheeled back in Keeneland’s GII Breeders’ Futurity, Boston Harbor scored again, and ended his season with another victory–this time in the GI Breeders’ Cup Juvenile at Woodbine en route to champion juvenile colt honours. Tried only once as a sophomore, he was fourth in the Santa Catalina S. in February and retired after injuring himself in work with a mark of 8-6-1-0 and \$1,934,605 in earnings.

Originally a resident of Overbrook Farm, Boston Harbor moved to Japan to stand under the JBBA banner beginning in 2002. Overall, he sired 21 black-type winners, four at the group level including GI Santa Margarita Invitational S. heroine Healthy Addiction.

His daughters have already bettered his sire record, with 35 stakes-winning progeny, 11 group winners and three at the highest level. Boston Harbor’s Group 1 winners as a broodmare sire include GI Mother Goose S. heroine Off The Tracks (**Curlin**), GI Madison S. victress Shotgun Gulch (Thunder Gulch) and GI Vanity S. winner My Sweet Addiction (Tiznow).

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Date	Race	Track
Mar. 12	G3 Kembla Grange Classic	Kembla Grange
	G2 Alister Clark S.	Moonee Valley
Mar. 13	G1 Coolmore Classic	Rosehill
	G2 Ajax S.	Rosehill
	G3 Sky High S.	Rosehill
	G3 Magic Night S.	Rosehill
	G3 Pago Pago S.	Rosehill
	G3 Maurice McCarten S.	Rosehill
Mar. 19	G1 William Reid S.	Moonee Valley
	G2 Sunline S.	Moonee Valley
	G3 Alexandra S.	Moonee Valley



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AQUIS STALLIONS MOVE TO QUEENSLAND



Pierata | Bronwen Healy

by Bren O'Brien

Aquis Farm is set to ramp up its footprint on the Queensland breeding scene, with 15 stallions set to feature on the 2021 roster for its Canungra base, after the decision to bring its New South Wales contingent, headed by **Pierata**, to the Sunshine State.

The consolidation of Aquis's three-state operation into a single base for 2021 has seen it exit the New South Wales and Victorian market and opt to put the focus of all its stallions in the state where the business started in 2015, and where it first stood stallions five years ago.

It means that Aquis's headline stallion Pierata, who served 168 mares in his debut season at a price of \$44,000 (inc GST), highlighted by 25 black-type performers, including Group 1 winner Loving Gaby (I Am Invincible), will relocate for 2021.

The son of Pierro remains at his first-season price, making him the equal with Spirit Of Boom as the top-priced stallion on service fee in Queensland, assuming the Eureka Stud-based stallion remains at \$44,000 (inc GST).

Invader, the G1 Sires' Produce S.-winning son of Snitzel, also moves to Queensland after three seasons in New South Wales where he served books of 156, 111 and 117. He will stand at the same service fee as 2020, \$22,000 (inc GST).

Invader has had 40 of his first crop go through the yearling sales so far in 2021, and they have averaged a respectable \$105,353, highlighted by the \$550,000 Ciaron Maher Bloodstock

paid for one of his colts at the Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale.

Divine Prophet, whose first crop have hit the racetracks this season, highlighted by stakes-placed Fortunate Kiss and the winner Bleriot, also moves from New South Wales and stands for \$16,500 (inc GST). His first two crops at the yearling sales have sold up to \$375,000 with an average \$67,400.

Brave Smash (Jpn) also heads north and also stands at \$16,500 (inc GST), having served 83 mares at a slightly higher fee in 2020. The dual Group 1 winner's first foals hit the ground last spring.

Santos, the Group 2-winning son of I Am Invincible, also enters his third season having served books of 137 and 59 in New South Wales. He will stand at \$13,200 (inc GST).

Spieth (NZ), whose first yearling crop have averaged \$46,342 so far in 2021, moves to Canungra after three seasons and stands at \$8800 (inc GST), as does **Jukebox**, whose first yearlings have averaged \$32,333 through the ring.

Bellevue Hill, who debuted last year with a book of 39, is the eighth Aquis stallion to relocate, and will stand at \$6600 (inc GST).

Dubious heads the list of previous Canungra residents to retain a spot on the Aquis roster, having been the busiest first-season sire in Queensland last year with 162 covers. He stands at \$13,200 (inc GST).

The Mission (\$8800 inc GST), **Husson (Arg)** (\$4400 inc GST), **Duporth** (\$4400 inc GST), **Kobayashi** (\$3300 inc GST), **Kiss And Make Up** (\$8800 inc GST) and **Performer** (\$6600 inc GST) complete the roster.

It means that with 15 on the roster Aquis's stallions will make up nearly 25% of sires standing in Queensland in 2021.



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Aquis Farm President, Justin Fung, described the roster as the envy of some of the biggest stud farms in the Southern Hemisphere and said the decision to focus on its Canungra base was a reflection of Aquis’s confidence in the future of the Queensland racing industry.

“Pierata was one of the most exciting first-season stallions to stand at stud in the Hunter Valley last year. He covered an astonishing 168 mares, of which 65 were stakes performers, including Loving Gaby,” Mr. Fung said.

“It is only fitting that he, and the rest of our stallions, find their way to our historical home at Canungra.

“We have always had confidence in the Queensland breeding and racing industry, the QTIS prizemoney and the strength of the racing calendar dictated that we have a bigger presence in Queensland.”

The Queensland breeding team will be headed up by Director of Sales, Jonathan Davies.

“Jonathan has built a strong team around him that is the backbone of this operation. I am immensely proud of what he and his team have been able to achieve,” Fung said.

“Good fertility results and excellent horsemanship are a testament to how knowledgeable and dedicated they are to the Aquis philosophy of ‘Success is achieved by teamwork, innovation and supporting their clients and the industry at all levels’.”

The decision also puts to rest speculation that Aquis was set for an immediate exit to its stallion interests in Australia.

Aquis's change in strategy became apparent when it and major partner Phoenix Thoroughbreds did stallion deals on several promising colts in 2020, selling a stake in G1 Golden Slipper S. winner **Farnan** (Not A Single Doubt) and selling **Prague** (Redoute's Choice) outright. Both deals involved Kia Ora Stud, which is set to re-enter the stallion market in 2021. It also sold **Anders** (Not A Single Doubt), to a consortium headed by Widden Stud.

Aquis also ended its Victorian operation after two seasons at the end of 2020, with residents **Lean Mean Machine** and **Royal Meeting (Ire)** remaining on the property under the guidance of new leaseholder Leneva Park.

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