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SIX K'S STANDING STRONG HEADING INTO SECOND SALES SEASON



Scott Kintz | Photos by Z

by Brian DiDonato

Scott Kintz's Six K's Training and Sales has a strong foundation to build on after surviving its first 2-year-old sales season, of all years, in 2020. The veteran horseman has enjoyed some strong advertisements on the track in the interim as he and his crew bring their first group of 2021 juvenile offerings to market at this week's OBS March sale.

"Obviously, it has not been fun or easy," Kintz said earlier this week of the added difficulties of building a new business in the middle of the COVID pandemic. "I was just talking to [fellow consignor] Tristan de Meric and we were going back and forth about all the things that were happening at this time last year--first there were the [indictments](#), and then the pandemic. Every single day when we were at the sale, you hear all the rumors that things are going to start shutting down. At the last day of the breeze show, things were really heating up. Every big city's shutting down, and we're wondering if we're even going to make it through this. Then you're showing horses to people and they're on their phones and you see them talking to people and saying things like, 'Louisville just shut down all their restaurants' or 'Lexington just shut down everything.' Every day it was just another kick in the shins." *Cont. p3*

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PREVALENCE ON TARGET FOR DERBY PREP

Godolphin's **Prevalence** ([Medaglia d'Oro](#)), who followed a '[TDN Rising Star](#)'-worthy debut going seven furlongs at Gulfstream Jan. 23 with a one-mile allowance tally in Hallandale last Thursday, could make his next start in a GI Kentucky Derby prep, with the Apr. 3 GII Wood Memorial at Aqueduct, GII Toyota Blue Grass S. at Keeneland the same day, and the Apr. 10 GI Arkansas Derby at Oaklawn Park all in play.

"His maiden win told us something, his allowance win told us even more and his next race will decide where we go from there. Each race is its own entity," Jimmy Bell, President of Godolphin's North American division, told the NYRA notes team. "We'll all be curious to see what his best distance is. He showed a nice step up from seven-eighths to a mile."

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From the Horsephotos Archives: Icons in an idyllic time. Jockey Mike Venezia in the famous Rokeby Stables silks confers with the outfit's trainer, Mackenzie "Mack" Miller in the Saratoga paddock in 1977. Miller took over the training duties earlier that year from Hall of Famer Elliott Burch, and would go on to win the Kentucky Derby for them with Sea Hero in 1993 before retiring after 20 years on the job. Eleven years after this photo was taken, Venezia was tragically killed in an accident at Belmont Park. | Horsephotos

BROOKLYN STRONG WORKS FOR WOOD

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Trainer Daniel Velazquez is pointing last year's GII Remsen S. winner Brooklyn Strong (Wicked Strong) to the Apr. 3 GII Wood Memorial.

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Six K's Standing Strong (*cont. from p1*)

Kintz continued, "I commend OBS for doing what they did--we were there, the horses were there and they did everything they could do. I think they did really well by us as consignors to keep the show going."

Kintz hails from a family of horse people. Both his grandfather and father were trainers, and his brother Matt is a multiple graded stakes-winning conditioner himself. Scott Kintz started his own training career as an assistant for Bill Helmbrecht before training on his own throughout the first half of the '90s at tracks like River Downs, Turfway and Thistledown.

"I got married and my wife got pregnant," Kintz said of what made him eventually change his career path. "It's a tough way to make a living, and tough on a family, so I called Frank Taylor [at Taylor Made]. Frank gave me a job, and I worked my way up to farm manager there."

After 10 years at Taylor Made, Kintz spent another five as general manager at Woodford Thoroughbreds in Florida. His wife Kim remains Woodford's office manager.

"Once I got down to Florida, and got to be around the training horses and this and that, it was inevitable that I fell back in to training horses," he said.

After a stint managing Mandy Pope's Whisper Hill Farm, Kintz took the plunge and opened up his own operation in the summer of 2019. Six K's is based at the Ocala Jockey Club.

Kintz called on his past relationships, particularly those forged at Taylor Made, to help him navigate treacherous waters early on.

"Mark Taylor called me and he said, 'Just survive. If you can survive, you're going to be better off when it's all over. Just do what you've got to do survive this.' And that's all we did--we just worked harder to make it work," said Kintz, whose team includes his son Nick and his aforementioned brother. "This year things are better, and we've got the opportunity to start climbing out of it now. For me, being the new guy, it wasn't easy, but it might have been a little easier on me because I didn't have the infrastructure that the bigger guys have. We were able to just tighten down our belts. We were broke going into it, so we were broke coming out of it."

Kintz got a major boost that first year when prominent owner/breeder Robert "Shel" Evans sent him a group of horses.

"We had all of Mr. Evans's mares at Taylor Made when I was there," Kintz noted. "Shared Interest, who was [Evans-bred GISW and sire] Forestry's mother, had some real problems when I was there, and needed extra care. Because of who she was, being Forestry's mother and [GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies winner] Cash Run's mother, she always got a little extra. Mr. Evans, I think, really appreciated that, so he and I got to be pretty close. When I went on my own, I ran into him at Saratoga and I said I'd love the opportunity to train some for him, so that's how it happened... I can't thank him enough."

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Among the group of youngsters Kintz got from Evans was a **Candy Ride (Arg)** colt out of a mare by none other than Forestry. Bought back for \$190,000 as a KEENOV weanling and \$70,000 as a KEESEP yearling, the dark bay breezed in :21 flat at the pushed-back OBS Spring sale.

Acquired by **Frank Fletcher Racing Operations** for \$250,000, he was named **Candy Man Rocket** and turned over to Bill Mott. After a 9 1/4-length second-out romp at Gulfstream Jan. 9, the colt annexed the Feb. 6 GIII Sam F. Davis S.



Candy Man Rocket | SV Photography

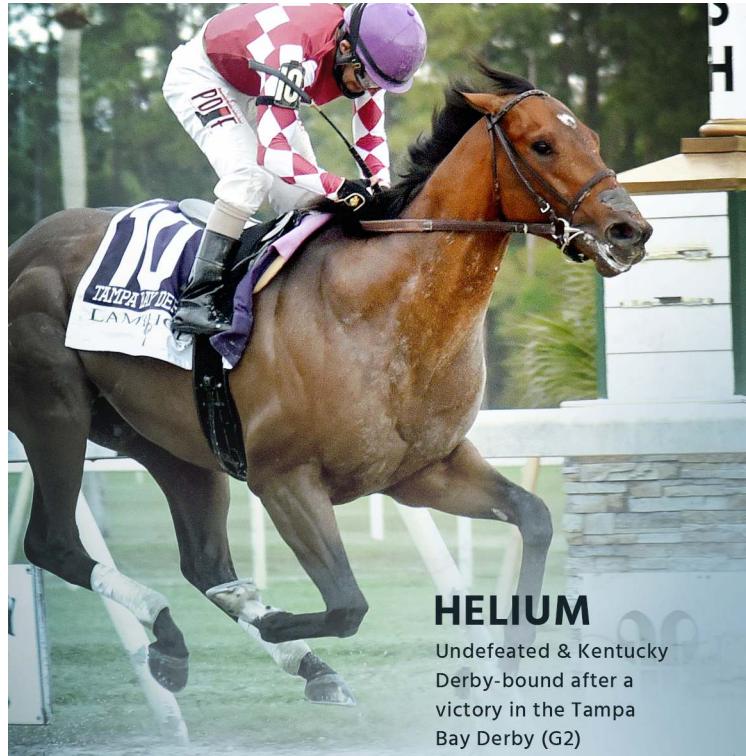
"I loved that horse. I know it's easy to say now, but he was the best horse I had last year by a lot," Kintz said. "The pandemic probably helped him. He was in the April sale, so pushing things back to June for him, as a **Candy Ride** and a big, strong horse, he needed that little bit of extra time. The first time we breezed him, he galloped out in :35, and I told the rider when he came back to never do that again. And the rider said, 'I didn't expect to do it then. I smooched to him one time and he was gone.' He was a superstar from the start, and a real laid-back, easy to get along with horse at the barn... But when you asked him, he was there."

Candy Man Rocket was 11th as the favorite in the Mar. 6 GII Lambholm South Tampa Bay Derby.

"I was obviously a little disappointed with the way he ran the other day, but I know he's in the right hands--there's no better person to have him than Bill Mott, and he'll figure out what happened and he'll come back to be the horse we thought he was a month ago," Kintz said.

Evans had never before targeted the 2-year-old sales with his produce, and won't again this year--Kintz said last year was a function of a number of Evans's horses being bought back as yearlings. At the 2020 yearling sales, Evans was able to get most, if not all, of his horses sold.

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Six K's 2020 crop of juveniles also included Broadway ([Quality Road](#)), a \$500,000 Fasig Saratoga buy by Evans who RNA'd last March for \$485,000. Now with trainer Christophe Clement, the well-bred colt broke his maiden in January at Tampa Bay Downs.

In addition to quality first graduates like Candy Man Rocket, perhaps an even bigger endorsement for the Six K's program is how many from last year's sales have made it to the races. Kintz consigned a total of 15 head at last year's OBS auctions, and no fewer than 12 have already made the races by March of their sophomore season.

"We're very hands-on," Kintz said when asked about his training approach. "I see and touch every horse every day. My brother and my son are very good at being hands-on as well. We have a great crew, and we just take our time. There's no pushing them through things..."

That's my biggest thing. Obviously, I want to sell and I want to be profitable selling, but if I push every horse through a sale and

get them all sold, but they don't become racehorses and they don't become decent racehorses, eventually I'm not going to sell them for long anyway. So I'd rather take my time, and maybe not get the absolute last dime I can get out of them. Then they'll be good for me down the road. They're going to go on and be good, sound horses who make it to the races and become as good as they can become, and then those buyers come back and see me again."

While Six K's current crop may not possess the pedigree power that last year's did, Kintz believes this group makes up for it and then some on raw talent and physicality.

"I think this is a better crop than the one I had last year," he said. "I don't think I have the pedigree that I had last year, but I think my horses physically and talent wise are better. The four I have here in March are very solid, sound

horses. I think they're going to go right on and be fine."

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"Last year, I had Candy Rides and Into Mischiefs and Quality Roads, and they were superior pedigrees, and pretty good physicals and pretty good talent wise," Kintz said. "But the ones I have this year have half the pedigree, but I think they're twice as talented, I really do."

When asked to single out members of his March consignment, Kintz said, "I think my **Summer Front colt (hip 215)** of Dr. Hansen's is a standout--he's really fast and very precocious. The one who I think may turn out to be the best racehorse of the bunch is the **First Samurai filly (hip 278)**. At every sale you go to, there's a horse who gets better as you get to the sale, and she's that one. Every day she's here she's a better horse. Some horses just thrive on the action and starting to crank things up a bit and that's her. I'm really looking forward to her. She doesn't have a ton of pedigree, but she's got a ton of talent."

Hip 215 is out of a mare by Dr. Kendall Hansen's champion juvenile Hansen. His dam is a half to MSW/GSP Thirtyfirststreet (Good Journey). The Feb. 23 foal went in :10 flat during the under-tack preview.

Hip 278 was an \$18,000 KEENOV weanling and \$19,000 KEESEP RNA. Her third dam produced 2012 Canadian champion 2-year-old filly Spring in the Air as well as the stakes-placed dam of GISW juvenile Sweet Loretta. She breezed in :10.3.

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While there's still plenty of uncertainty surrounding the market heading into another sales season, Kintz remains optimistic.

"I sure feel like racing is going to help us," he said. "Oaklawn just bumped their purses up huge; Belmont's going to have record purses; Churchill and Keeneland's purses, with getting the historical horse racing back, those purses are going to get crazy. All that has to help us; it can't be hurting us. The one thing hurting us some still is the uncertainty of the pandemic. Even though it's kind of winding down, I just feel like owners aren't as emotionally attached when there's uncertainty about whether or not they'll be able to go to Saratoga this summer or be able to go watch their horses run. I think that's going to hold us back a little bit, but to me, racing seems to me to be thriving through the pandemic. It's almost been a shot in the arm we've kind of needed to make people realize that we're here. We're always here, and we're never going away, so hopefully that's what helps us."

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Prevalence on Target for Derby Prep

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Of the colt's possible next start, Bell added, "It becomes a question of where his energy level is and it comes down to a timing thing. His past races gave him some good experiences and when asked, he responded professionally."

Godolphin's **Lake Avenue** (**Tapit**), winner of last week's Heavenly Prize S., could return to Aqueduct for the Apr. 2 GIII Distaff S., according to Bell. The 4-year-old filly won the 2019 GII Demoiselle S., but was winless in four starts last season. She is now two-for-two in 2021 and has impressed connections with a new ability to settle off the pace.

"In her last two races she showed different dimensions where she can break, settle and monitor the situation from off the pace. She got in a good position in both races and when the jockey said, 'Go,' she responded," Bell said. "Her last two races really gave us a lot of confidence moving forward. We were a little uncertain with her, but she just gave us two really good performances."

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BROOKLYN STRONG WORKS FOR WOOD

Mark Schwartz's **Brooklyn Strong** (Wicked Strong), off since winning the GII Remsen S. last December, tuned up for a start in the Apr. 3 GII Wood Memorial with a five-furlong work in 1:01.13 (3/13) at Parx Saturday.

"He went by himself from the pole. Hopefully, we can hit one work a week up to the Wood," said trainer Daniel Velazquez, who wasn't on hand for the drill after being hospitalized with a lacerated liver and torn bicep suffered during a training accident earlier Saturday morning.



Brooklyn Strong | Sarah Andrew

Velazquez had hoped to start Brooklyn Strong in last Saturday's GIII Gotham S., but missed the race after a minor illness and lack of works due to inclement weather.

His win in the nine-furlong Remsen last year earned Brooklyn Strong 10 qualifying points to the GI Kentucky Derby and the Wood Memorial offers an additional 100-40-20-10 qualifying points.

"We know he can get the nine furlongs, I just want to make sure that he's ready," said Velazquez. "We have another three weeks before the Wood and if we can get all the works in without interruption, I know we'll be ready."

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COLLABORATE DRILLS FOR FLORIDA DERBY

Three Chimneys Farm and e Five Racing Thoroughbreds' **Collaborate** (*Into Mischief*), last seen with a '[TDN Rising Star](#)' graduation at Gulfstream Feb. 27, tuned up for an expected start in the Mar. 27 GI *Curlin* Florida Derby with a sharp four-furlong work in :47.05 (1/51) at the Hallandale oval Sunday. He worked in company with Sound Machine (*Into Mischief*), a 4-year-old stakes-winning filly.

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"He showed great progression today. He's always been a good work horse," trainer Saffie Joseph, Jr. said. "He worked with Sound Machine. She was a little keen early on. She was on the outside and was leading and they finished head-and-head and he galloped out stronger than her."

Collaborate graduated by a geared-down 12 1/2 lengths on the GII Fasig-Tipton Fountain of Youth S. undercard after completing a one-turn mile in 1:36.35.

"He has the looks physically; he's big, tall. Few are comparable to him in looks. As big as he is, he's very athletic, very fluid, very efficient mover," Joseph said. "Watching him work today, you don't even know he's working that quick. He came the last quarter in :22 4/5 and galloped out. You don't think he's going that fast, but when you look at the clock, he is."

Collaborate will be making just the third start of his career in the Florida Derby.

"I think he's a special horse," Joseph said. "Obviously, we're asking a lot of him to make his third start in the Florida Derby and have to face a horse like Greatest Honour and a few others that will be more seasoned. I feel like he's a horse who has the ability to overcome [lack of] seasoning."

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PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Roadster	Quality Road	Speedway Stable LLC	Stidham	Velazquez	118
2	Owendale	Into Mischief	Rupp Racing	Cox	Geroux	118
3	Olliemyboy	Union Rags	JMJ Racing Stables LLC	Casse	Ortiz, Jr.	118
4	Captivating Moon	Malibu Moon	Lothenbach Stables, Inc.	Block	Pedroza	122
5	Enforceable	Tapit	John C. Oxley	Casse	Beschizza	118
6	Chess Chief	Into Mischief	Estate of James J. Coleman, Jr.	Stewart	Saez	118
7	Mocito Rojo	Mutadda	Wayne T. Davis	Wilson	Graham	118
8	Sonneman	Curlin	Courtlandt Farms	Asmussen	Talamo	118

Breeders: 1-Stone Farm, 2-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings, LLC, 3-James Everatt, Janeane Everatt & Arika Everatt-Meeuse, 4-Lothenbach Stables Inc, 5-Clearsky Farms, 6-Morgan's Ford Farm, 7-Paul Van Doren & Andrena Van Doren, 8-Arnold Zetcher LLC

Saturday, Fair Grounds, post time: 6:14 p.m. EDT
TWINSPIRES.COM FAIR GROUNDS OAKS-GII, \$400,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Zaaejel	Street Sense	Shadwell Stable	Pletcher	Ortiz, Jr.	122
2	Moon Swag	Malibu Moon	King, Brad, Cone, Jim, Bryant, Scott, Kirby, Stan & Suzanne	Walsh	Beschizza	122
3	Souper Sensational	Curlin	Live Oak Plantation	Casse	Velazquez	122
4	Li'l Tootsie	Tapiture	Joel Politi	Amoss	Saez	122
5	Obligatory	Curlin	Juddmonte Farms, Inc.	Mott	Ortiz	122
6	Clairiere	Curlin	Stonestreet Stables LLC	Asmussen	Talamo	122
7	Il Malocchio	Souper Speedy	Franco S. Meli	McPeek	Hernandez, Jr.	122
8	Travel Column	Frosted	OXO Equine LLC	Cox	Geroux	122

Breeders: 1-Shadwell Farm, LLC, 2-Spendthrift Farm LLC, 3-Newtownanner Stud, 4-Davant Latham, 5-Juddmonte Farms Inc, 6-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC, 7-Franco Meli, 8-Mr. & Mrs. Bayne Welker Jr. & Denali Stud

Saturday, Fair Grounds, post time: 5:43 p.m. EDT

MUNIZ MEMORIAL CLASSIC S.-GII, \$300,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/8mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Factor This	The Factor	Gaining Ground Racing LLC	Cox	Bridgmohan	124
2	Ninety One Assault	Artie Schiller	Morley, Thomas and Braverman, Paul	Morley	Murrill	118
3	Captivating Moon	Malibu Moon	Lothenbach Stables, Inc.	Block	Pedroza	122
4	Cross Border	English Channel	Three Diamonds Farm	Maker	Ortiz	118
5	Colonel Liam	Liam's Map	Low, Lawana L. and Robert E.	Pletcher	Ortiz, Jr.	124
6	Logical Myth	Data Link	JPS Racing	Sharp	Beschizza	122
7	Two Emmys	English Channel	Wolfe Racing LLC and Robertson, Hugh H.	Robertson	Graham	118
8	Spooky Channel	English Channel	Terry Hamilton	Lynch	Geroux	122
9	Conviction Trade	Exchange Rate	Paradise Farms Corp. and Staudacher, David	Maker	Rosario	118
10	Peace Achieved	Declaration of War	JSM Equine LLC	Casse	Carroll	118
11	Olympic Runner	Gio Ponti	Gary Barber	Casse	Velazquez	118
12	Pixelate	City Zip	Godolphin, LLC	Stidham	Saez	122

Breeders: 1-Maccabee Farm, 2-Richey & Strode Stables LLC, 3-Lothenbach Stables Inc, 4-Berkshire Stud & B. D. Gibbs, 5-Phillips Racing Partnership, 6-Glendalough LLC, 7-Tottenwood Thoroughbreds, Inc., 8-Calumet Farm, 9-John D. Gunther, 10-Rhinestone Bloodstock, 11-Eutrophia Farm LTD, 12-Godolphin



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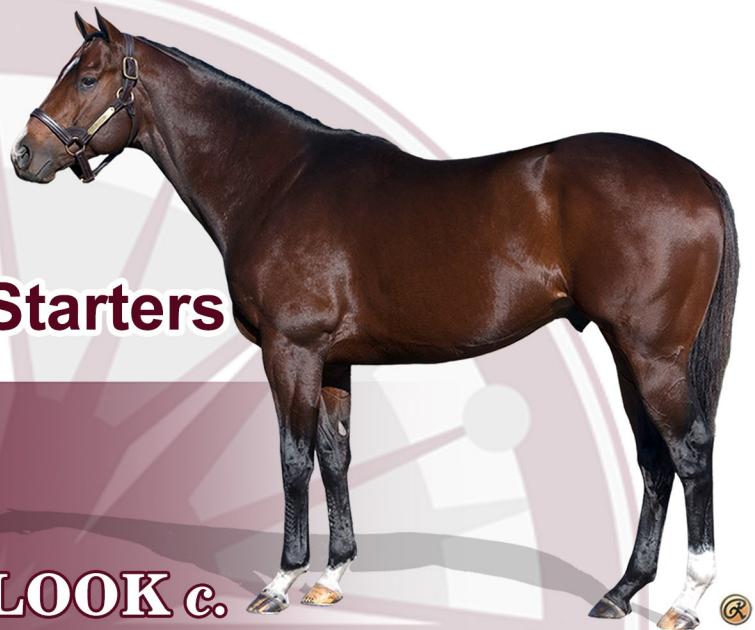
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IN ORDER OF PURSE:

IRISH O'BRIEN S., \$101,000, Santa Anita, 3-14, (S), 4yo/up, f/m, 6fT, 1:08.17, fm.

1--LEGGS GALORE, 124, f, 4, Bayern--Cashing Tickets, by Indian Charlie. O/B-William J Sims (CA); T-Philip D'Amato; J-Ricardo Gonzalez. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: 7-5-0-0, \$262,208.
2--Bella Vita, 124, f, 4, Bayern--Queenie Cat, by Storm Cat. (\$75,000 Ylg '18 FTKOCT; \$400,000 2yo '19 OBSAPR). O-Kaleem Shah, Inc.; B-Hill 'n' Dale Equine Holdings, Inc (CA); T-Simon Callaghan. \$20,000.

Hill 'n' Dale Bred, Raised and Sold

3--Sadie Bluegrass, 122, f, 4, Bluegrass Cat--Sadie Clare, by Grazen. O-Madden Racing, Hon Cheung Kum & Hsiu Mei Tsai; B-Nick Alexander (CA); T-Jonathan Wong. \$12,000.

Margins: 2 1/4, 2 1/4, HD. Odds: 1.30, 1.70, 5.80.

Also Ran: Nardini, Pulpit Rider, Sapphire Kid, Scarlet Heat.

Scratched: Cassie Belle.

Leggs Galore was in a race of her own Sunday, streaking from box to wire to earn her fifth-straight victory since switching to turf. Beaten by more than 30 lengths combined in her first two outings on the dirt at Oaklawn, the grey scored twice in a span of 14 days at Del Mar last August before defeating open allowance foes going a sixteenth shorter here Oct. 10. She resurfaced Jan. 16 to easily annex the Sunshine Millions Filly and Mare Turf Sprint S. over course and distance, and looked to have her stiffest challenge this time coming from another daughter of **Bayern** in Bella Vita, who had broken her maiden by a bunch on the local lawn last year but most recently took the Spring Fever S. on the main track Feb. 21.

Blasting out of the gate from her outside post, Leggs Galore sped away to a four or five-length early advantage through splits of :21.94 and :44:34. She showed no signs of slowing, and cruised under the wire completely unchallenged.

The winner has a yearling half-sister by **Into Mischief**. Her dam, a half to MGSW Conveyance (Indian Charlie), was bred back to **Good Magic**. Click for the [Equibase.com chart or VIDEO](#), sponsored by **Fasig-Tipton**.

DAMON RUNYON S., \$100,000, Aqueduct, 3-14, (S), 3yo, 7f, 1:28.02, ft.

1--EXCELLENT TIMING, 118, c, 3, by Not This Time

1st Dam: Explicable, by Pioneerof the Nile

2nd Dam: Mythomania, by Nureyev

3rd Dam: Mythographer, by Secretariat

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. O-Michael Dubb, Madaket Stables LLC & Wonder Stables; B-Sequel Stallions New York, LLC & Lakland Farm (NY); T-Chad C. Brown; J-Manuel Franco. \$55,000. Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, \$107,500.

Sequel New York graduate

2--Perfect Munnings, 122, c, 3, Munnings--Our Perfect Ten, by Medaglia d'Oro. (\$50,000 Ylg '19 SARAUG). O-JP Racing Stable; B-Tammy & Robert Klimasewski (NY); T-Todd A. Pletcher. \$20,000.

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3--It's Gravy, 118, g, 3, Freud--It's Macaroni, by City Zip. O/B-Mr. Amore Stables, LLC (NY); T-Kelly J. Breen. \$12,000.

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Margins: 6 3/4, 5, 1 1/4. Odds: 0.65, 3.00, 13.60.

Also Ran: It's a Gamble, A Longlongtimeago, Echoes of Destiny, Reggae Music Man, The King Cheek. Scratched: Eagle **Orb**.

Excellent Timing rewarded his new connections with a dominant front-running score in the Damon Runyon S. for New York-breds Sunday. Second on debut at Belmont as the chalk Oct. 18, the dark bay ran up the score to 7 1/4 lengths and earned an 81 Beyer Speed Figure going a sixteenth shorter here Dec. 10 for Happy Face Racing Stable and Charlton Baker. He subsequently changed hands privately, and was heavily favored to handle the next test.

Right to the front, Excellent Timing doled out soft splits of :24.49 and :49.19 while always seeming to be in complete control. Already far in front as he straightened for home, the colt cruised to the wire unchallenged and was geared down late to become the fifth black-type winner for his well-regarded now second-crop sire (by Giant's Causeway).

"The horse ran huge," said Dan Stupp, assistant to trainer Chad Brown. "The team down at Payson [Park in Florida] did a good job preparing him this winter. He came up in great shape; he put on some weight and his coat looks great. Manny [Franco] did a great job allowing him to show his natural cruising speed and getting him to relax and settle. The horse did the rest from there."

"Off the layoff, you aren't 100% percent sure what to expect. He had put in some good works down in Florida. We worked him a nice half-mile here at Belmont last week (:48 3/5 over the training track Mar. 7) and it went great. We knew he would run well, but you never know off the bench. The track is a little deep and tiring, but we're happy with the performance."



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Co-owner Michael Dubb said, "We had open company on our mind, but this time of year, everyone throws 3-year-olds to the wolves. This horse could have a nice and long career, so we wanted to develop the horse the right way and not get him where he loses interest. We want to get him used to winning. Hopefully, once we do that, we can go to open company. It's the right thing to do with the horse."

"The fact that it's a **Not This Time** [colt] gave us the idea that he could stretch out and we do expect the horse will stretch out. We'll go from there."

The winner has a 2-year-old half-sister by **Union Jackson** and a yearling half-sister by **Unified**. His dam, a half to GSW Inexplicable (Miswaki) from an old and deep Tartan Farms family, most recently visited **Maximus Mischief**. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

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IN ORDER OF PURSE:

8th-Oaklawn, \$106,000, Alw (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 3-14, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:44.19, ft, neck.

JILTED BRIDE (f, 4, Wicked Strong--Cry At My Wedding, by Street Cry {Ire}), on the board in every one of her now nine outings, graduated at third asking sprinting at Churchill in December of 2019. She came close but could not clear her next condition as a sophomore, and resurfaced over track and trip Jan. 31 to break through. Off as the 9-5 narrow favorite, the bay caboodled the field early, tucked in behind stablemate Alta's Award (**Tonalist**). The Steve Asmussen-trained duo began to inch ominously closer heading for home, as Alta's Award swung out wide and Jilted Bride split rivals. Jilted Bride bounced off of horses and had to muscle her way through a seam, but the ground she saved proved the difference maker as she narrowly defeated Alta's Award. The winner is half to Quinnkat (D'wildcat), MSP, \$192,222. The winner has a yearling half-brother by Uncaptured. Her dam most recently visited Khozan. Sales history: \$37,000 RNA Wlg '17 KEENOV; \$32,000 RNA Ylg '18 OBSOCT; \$150,000 2yo '19 OBSMAR. Lifetime Record: 9-3-3-3, \$208,242. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Bradley Thoroughbreds, Tim & Anna Cambron & Brady & Zane Carruth; B-Bobby Jones Equine, LLC (FL); T-Steven M. Asmussen.

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5th-Aqueduct, \$82,000, Alw, 3-14, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, 1 1/8m, 1:53.67, ft, 2 lengths.

MYSTIC NIGHT (g, 4, Into Mischief--Secret Jewel, by Bernardini) was fifth in two Kentucky starts to open his account last fall before rallying from last to first to graduate going away over a local mile Jan. 30. Drilling a best-of-96 bullet in :47 2/5 on the Belmont training track Mar. 7, the \$500,000 Keeneland September buy was made a 33-10 proposition in this two-turn debut and traveled in a distant fourth through splits of :24.18 and :48.89. Creeping a bit closer past three-quarters in 1:14.12, the bay started to close in on pacesetting favorite Yankee Division (**Midnight Lute**) at the furlong grounds and swept past that one late for a two-length success. The winner's dam, a half-sister to GI Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf heroine Shared Account (Pleasantly Perfect), sold for \$1.2 million as a KEESEP yearling. She produced colts by Three Chimneys' **Gun Runner** each of the last two seasons before being bred to **Street Sense**. Sales History: \$500,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-0, \$93,750. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Peter M. Brant & Three Chimneys Farm; B-Three Chimneys Farm, LLC (KY); T-Chad C. Brown.

7th-Aqueduct, \$74,000, (S), Alw (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 3-14, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:41.54, ft, 2 1/4 lengths.

WUDDA U THINK NOW (g, 4, Fast Anna--Unbridled Grace {MSP}, by Unbridled Jet), graduated at second asking in a muddy off-the-turf spot here Nov. 12 and was runner-up in a local allowance Dec. 10 before annexing a similar spot Jan. 8. Disappointing when finishing a well-beaten fourth as the favorite Feb. 13, the blaze-faced bay was made a fractional 2-1 favorite to rebound and tracked from second at the rail through a :24.43 quarter. **Cont. p3**

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O-The Elkstone Group, LLC (Stuart Grant); B-Mina Equivest LLC (NY); T-Rudy R. Rodriguez.

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IN ORDER OF PURSE:

4th-Aqueduct, \$80,000, Msw, 3-14, 3yo/up, 7f, 1:25.29, ft, 2 1/2 lengths.

HOMETOWN (c, 4, Constitution--Home Court {GSP}, by Storm Cat) ran fifth behind subsequent MGSW Yaupon (**Uncle Mo**) debuting at six furlongs last June at Churchill and was a neck runner-up when stretched out to 1 1/8 miles July 29. Hammering for \$65,000 at Keeneland November and transferred from Rodolphe Brisset to this barn since, the chestnut was knocked down to a nickel below even-money in this return and broke a bit flat-footed. Finding a good spot tracking dueling leaders from third through a :23.37 quarter, he drew closer past a :47.21 half, took command at the furlong pole and edged clear to a 2 1/2-length score over Mandatory (**American Pharaoh**). The winner is a half to Dancing Rags (**Union Rags**), GISW, \$296,985; and Coup de Grace (**Tapit**), MGSW & GISP, \$494,160. His dam, a daughter of 1996's Champion Older Mare Jewel Princess (Key to the Mint), has a juvenile **Union Rags** colt named Proud Union and foaled a filly by the same sire named Serena's Court last season. Sales History: \$170,000 Wlg '17 KEENOV; \$65,000 3yo '20 KEENOV. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$60,720. [Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Michael Dubb, Nice Guys Stables & Bethlehem Stables LLC; B-David DiPietro (KY); T-Chad C. Brown.

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3rd-Laurel, \$53,760, Msw, 3-14, 3yo, 1m, 1:38.32, ft, 3/4 length. **DREAM BIG DREAMS (c, 3, Bandbox--Buffgirl, by Quiet American)**, a breakout seller for his sire at \$115,000 off a :10 2/5 breeze at last year's Fasig-Tipton Midlantic sale, was second as the favorite to a runaway winner over track and trip Dec. 12. He failed to fire when shipped to Aqueduct Feb. 8, and was 3-1 to bounce back this time. Taken far back off the pace early, the grey was given his cue heading for home and picked off foes down the center of the lane to collar Aloysius Luck (**Mosler**) late and post a 3/4-length victory. The winner is half to Laddie Liam (Golden Lad), SW, \$131,856. His dam visited Golden Lad again last season. Sales history: \$35,000 Ylg '19 EASOCT; \$115,000 2yo '20 EASMAY. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$42,960. [Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Cash is King LLC & LC Racing LLC; B-Hillwood Stables, LLC (MD); T-Brittany T. Russell.

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6th-Gulfstream, \$45,000, Msw, 3-14, 3yo, f, 1m, 1:36.06, ft, 3 1/2 lengths.

ICED LATTE (f, 3, Pioneerof the Nile--Malibu Prayer {GISW, \$618,026}, by Malibu Moon) did next to no running as the 2-1 favorite against a seemingly strong group sprinting here Feb. 7, and was 5-2 this time to show more with the added ground. She immediately showed more to break on top before grabbing a foothold at the rail to press Surrealist (**Paynter**) through splits of :23.24 and :46.15. Taking over at the top of the lane, Iced Latte had more to give late and pulled away from her pace foe by a widening 3 1/2 lengths. Zuri (**Union Rags**), the \$1-million half to GISW Wicked Whisper (**Liam's Map**), rallied into fourth from far back. The winner's dam took the 2010 GI Ruffian Invitational H. over nine furlongs before bringing \$2 million from Besilu Stables while in foal to Smart Strike at the follow year's Keeneland November sale as part of the blockbuster Ned Evans dispersal. Malibu Prayer produced **Gun Runner** colts in both 2019 and 2021. Sales history: \$250,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$27,400. [Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Repole Stable; B-Three Chimneys Farm, LLC (KY); T-Todd A. Pletcher.

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6th-Sam Houston Race Park, \$43,000, Msw, 3-13, 3yo, 6f, 1:12.45, ft, 2 1/2 lengths.
HOLLAND (c, 3, Into Mischief--Miss Arrangement, by Mr. Greeley), off the board in two much tougher races at Churchill and Saratoga last summer, dueled with odds-on Vegas Guy (**Dominus**) before putting 2 1/2 lengths on that rival at the line. The winner has a 2-year-old half-brother by **Frosted** and a yearling half-sister by **West Coast**. His dam was most recently bred back to **Into Mischief**. Sales History: \$400,000 Ylg '19 FTSAUG. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$29,446. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#).

O-WinStar Farm LLC & CHC INC.; B-Buck Pond Farm, Inc. (KY); T-Steven M. Asmussen.

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1st-Tampa Bay Downs, \$25,100, Msw, 3-14, 4yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:40.72, fm, 1 1/4 lengths.

RAASED (h, 5, Tapit--Emtyazat {GB}, by Gone West) closed to get up for second making his belated debut at 18-1 over a local six furlongs Feb. 26 and drilled a sharp half-mile in :48 1/5 (3/83) in the interim here Mar. 7. Given a 13-5 chance stretching out to two turns and moving to turf, the gray tracked from a pocketed third through splits of :22.26 and :46.24. Bottled up for much of the far turn run, he found daylight in the three path straightening for home, swept past favored Caveat Emptor (**Blame**) at the sixteenth pole and kicked clear to best that rival by 1 1/4 lengths. The winner's dam, an \$850,000 Keeneland September yearling in 2002, is a half-sister to GSW and sire Corinthian (Pulpit). She has an unraced 3-year-old **Frosted** colt named Motawaafeq and a juvenile filly by Mohaymen. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$20,000. [Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O-Manuel Esquivel; B-Shadwell Farm, LLC (KY); T-Alison Escobar.

9th-Tampa Bay Downs, \$25,000, Msw, 3-14, 3yo, f, 1 1/8mT, 1:49.52, fm, 1/2 length.

RAVIR (f, 3, Uncle Mo--Rejoicing, by Forestry) ran a good second debuting at a mile on the local turf Dec. 30 and was made the 9-5 favorite to go one better here. Settling in fifth at the rail behind fractions of :23.52 and :48.26, the \$300,000 Keeneland September grad drew into contention passing the three-eighths pole, switched into the clear three deep in mid-stretch and swept to the lead under mild urging late to prevail by a measured half-length. Baffle 'Em (**Quality Road**) completed the exacta. The victress, a full-sister to Auntie Joy, GSW, \$201,872; and a half to Divine Oath (**Broken Vow**), MGSW, \$518,330, has a yearling half-brother by **Frosted**. Her dam returned to **Uncle Mo** last spring. Sales History: \$300,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$19,050. [Click for the](#)

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O-Green Lantern Stables LLC; B-Sanford R. Robertson (KY); T-Christophe Clement.

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3rd-Aqueduct, \$72,000, (S), 3-14, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:21.37, ft, 4 lengths.

WAILIN JOSIE (m, 5, Central Banker--Elusive Jozi, by Johannesburg) Lifetime Record: 26-3-3-4, \$175,740.
O/B-Seacoast Thoroughbreds of New England (NY); T-Steven T. Jerkens.

9th-Santa Anita, \$65,500, (S), 3-13, (NW1\$X), 4yo/up, 6fT, 1:09.54, gd, 1 1/4 lengths.
BENCH JUDGE (g, 5, Acclamation--Caitie's Secret {SP, \$117,196}, by Benchmark) Lifetime Record: 9-3-2-1, \$114,260. O-Altamira Racing Stable, Slam Dunk Racing & Michael Nentwig; B-Hronis Racing, LLC (CA); T-Peter Miller.

4th-Santa Anita, \$64,000, (S), (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 3-14, 3yo, 6fT, 1:09.77, fm, neck.

HOT BOX (g, 3, Heat Shield--Heat Exposure, by Street Cry {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 7-3-0-0, \$75,790. O-Jeff Ganje; B-Kristin Mulhall (CA); T-Brian J. Koriner.

8th-Fair Grounds, \$61,000, (S), 3-14, (NW2L), 3yo, f, 6f, 1:10.99, ft, 1/2 length.

PLATINUM SKY (f, 3, Sky Mesa--Platinum Lady {SW, \$171,102}, by Half Ours) Lifetime Record: 6-2-0-2, \$74,879. O/B-Valene Farms, LLC (LA); T-Dallas Stewart. *\$65,000 RNA Ylg '19 ESLYRL.

9th-Fair Grounds, \$57,000, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 3-14, 4yo/up, 5 1/2ft, 1:04.96, fm, 3/4 length.

BAD BEAT BRIAN (g, 4, Jack Milton--Ultimate Class {MSP, \$283,253}, by During) Lifetime Record: 13-5-1-1, \$130,420. O-Paradise Farms Corp. & David Staudacher; B-Pope & Marc McLean, Pope McLean Jr. & Phil Hager (KY); T-Michael J. Maker. *\$22,000 RNA Wlg '17 KEENOV; \$16,000 RNA Ylg '18 KEESEP; \$115,000 2yo '19 EASMAY.

8th-Laurel, \$49,185, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$28,000-\$35,000), 3-14, 4yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:04.43, ft, 1/2 length.

HYDRA (m, 5, Kantharos--Lava Lady, by Slew City Slew) Lifetime Record: 16-4-4-5, \$123,570. O-Gene Gould, Jr.; B-Bulldog Racing (FL); T-John J. Robb. *\$20,000 Ylg '17 OBSWIN; \$130,000 2yo '18 OBSMAR.

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8th-Gulfstream, \$48,000, (S), (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$12,500), 3-14, 4yo/up, 1m, 1:35.25, ft, neck.

PRO QUALITY (g, 4, Exclusive Quality--Arabella's Tune, by Concorde's Tune) Lifetime Record: 7-2-1-2, \$73,440. O/B-R. G. Lundock (FL); T-Ralph J. Catanese.

9th-Gulfstream, \$46,400, (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 3-14, 4yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:35.95, fm, 1 length.

LA BABIA (f, 4, Bayern--La Laja, by El Prado {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 11-2-3-1, \$83,570. O/B-Helen K. Groves Revocable Trust (KY); T-Michael R. Matz.

7th-Gulfstream, \$45,000, (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$75,000), 3-14, 3yo, 1 1/8mT, 1:48.70, fm, 3 lengths.
RAISON D'AIR (g, 3, Raison d'Etat--Our Deb On Air, by Smart Strike) Lifetime Record: 6-2-0-0, \$60,350. O-Reeves Thoroughbred Racing; B-Calumet Farm (KY); T-Katherine Ritvo. *\$6,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP.

5th-Sam Houston Race Park, \$44,000, (S), 3-13, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 5fT, :57.57, fm, head.

LET'S GO ALAMO (c, 4, My Golden Song--Forever Since {SW, \$131,770}, by Supreme Cat) Lifetime Record: 9-2-2-0, \$53,680. O/B-Richard Chandler (TX); T-Mindy J. Willis.

6th-Charles Town, \$32,000, (S), (C)/Opt. Clm (\$20,000), 3-13, 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:20.03, ft, 1 length.

FIBER AND EMILY (g, 6, Fiber Sonde--Crafty Emily, by Crafty Friend) Lifetime Record: 27-6-4-8, \$159,063. O/B/T-William Earl Atkins (WV).

6th-Turfway, \$30,330, (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 3-13, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m (AWT), 1:38.55, ft, 1/2 length.

TILTINGATWINDMILLS (m, 5, Kitten's Joy--Silver Holiday, by Purim) Lifetime Record: 9-3-2-1, \$89,470. O-Jerry Jamgotchian; B-Kenneth L. & Sarah K. Ramsey (ON); T-Eric R. Reed. *\$22,000 Ylg '17 FTKOCT; \$25,000 4yo '20 KEENOV.

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7th-Charles Town, \$28,000, (S), 3-13, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 4 1/2f, :53.01, ft, 1 1/4 lengths.

TALENT EXPECTED (f, 3, Prospective--Talent N Passion, by City Place) Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-0, \$39,950. O/B-Dennis Paul Finger (WV); T-Timothy C. Grams.

2nd-Tampa Bay Downs, \$27,250, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$32,000), 3-14, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10.80, ft, 3/4 length.

POSEIDON'S PASSION (f, 4, Poseidon's Warrior--Dani Nikki, by Wildcat Heir) Lifetime Record: SP, 12-5-1-1, \$104,885. O-Jeanne Martin; B-Jim Gulick (FL); T-James M. Gulick.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

American Gentleman, g, 3, American Pharaoh--Makison, by Mineshaft. Aqueduct, 3-14, (C), 6f, 1:12.63. B-Stonehedge LLC (FL). *\$240,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP.

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Trumpet Lilly, f, 3, Carpe Diem--Two Quarters, by Mr. John. Oaklawn, 3-14, 1m, 1:38.13. B-T. F. & L. B. VanMeter (KY). *\$40,000 RNA Ylg '19 FTKJUL.

Up Seventyfour, f, 3, Gio Ponti--Crystal Kris, by Kissin Kris. Aqueduct, 3-14, (C), 6f, 1:15.08. B-Mat Monaco (KY).

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Edinburgh Express, c, 3, **Goldencents**--Tuesdays With P, by **Ghostzapper**. Golden Gate Fields, 3-14, 6f (AWT), 1:11.13.

B-Cole Ranch (KY). *\$1,000 RNA Ylg '19 FTCAYR.

K P Kan Do, f, 3, **Kanthalos**--It's Not Over, by **Sky Mesa**. Santa Anita, 3-14, (C), 6f, 1:12.24. B-McCauley Farm, LLC (KY).

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Manhattan Legacy, f, 3, **Northern Afleet**--Lefty's Legacy, by Chicago Six. Hawthorne, 3-14, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:05.33. B-Andrew Malik & Dan Walters (IL).

Starship Chewbacca, g, 4, **U S Ranger**--Visual Treat, by Bertrando. Santa Anita, 3-14, (S), (C), 6f, 1:11.45. B-Liberty Road Stables (CA). *\$24,000 Ylg '18 BAROCT. **1/2 to Native Treasure (Tribal Rule), SW, \$410,593.

Catch the Devil, m, 5, **Light Up the Score**--Devil in the Night, by Mr. Nightlinger. Sam Houston Race Park, 3-13, (S), 1 1/16mT, 1:46.85. B-Michael Ray Neatherlin & Kevin Paul Knuckley (TX).



ACCLAMATION, Bench Judge, g, 5, o/o Caitie's Secret, by Benchmark. ALW, 3-13, Santa Anita

AMERICAN PHARAOH, American Gentleman, g, 3, o/o Makison, by **Mineshaft**. MCL, 3-14, Aqueduct

BANDBOX, Dream Big Dreams, c, 3, o/o Buffgirl, by Quiet American. MSW, 3-14, Laurel

BAYERN, La Babia, f, 4, o/o La Laja, by El Prado (Ire). AOC, 3-14, Gulfstream

BAYERN, Leggs Galore, f, 4, o/o Cashing Tickets, by Indian Charlie. Irish O'Brien S., 3-14, Santa Anita

CARPE DIEM, Trumpet Lilly, f, 3, o/o Two Quarters, by Mr. John. MSW, 3-14, Oaklawn

CENTRAL BANKER, Wailin Josie, m, 5, o/o Elusive Jozi, by Johannesburg. ALW, 3-14, Aqueduct

CONSTITUTION, Hometown, c, 4, o/o Home Court, by Storm Cat. MSW, 3-14, Aqueduct

EXCLUSIVE QUALITY, Pro Quality, g, 4, o/o Arabella's Tune, by Concorde's Tune. AOC, 3-14, Gulfstream

FAST ANNA, Wudda U Think Now, g, 4, o/o Unbridled Grace, by Unbridled Jet. AOC, 3-14, Aqueduct

FIBER SONDE, Fiber and Emily, g, 6, o/o Crafty Emily, by Crafty Friend. AOC, 3-13, Charles Town

GIO PONTI, Up Seventyfour, f, 3, o/o Crystal Kris, by Kissin Kris. MCL, 3-14, Aqueduct

GOLDENCENTS, Edinburgh Express, c, 3, o/o Tuesdays With P, by **Ghostzapper**. MSW, 3-14, Golden Gate

HEAT SHIELD, Hot Box, g, 3, o/o Heat Exposure, by Street Cry (Ire). AOC, 3-14, Santa Anita

INTO MISCHIEF, Holland, c, 3, o/o Miss Arrangement, by Mr. Greeley. MSW, 3-13, Sam Houston

INTO MISCHIEF, Mystic Night, g, 4, o/o Secret Jewel, by **Bernardini**. ALW, 3-14, Aqueduct

JACK MILTON, Bad Beat Brian, g, 4, o/o Ultimate Class, by During. AOC, 3-14, Fair Grounds

KANTHAROS, Hydra, m, 5, o/o Lava Lady, by Slew City Slew. AOC, 3-14, Laurel

KANTHAROS, K P Kan Do, f, 3, o/o It's Not Over, by **Sky Mesa**. MCL, 3-14, Santa Anita

KITTEN'S JOY, Tiltingatwindmills, m, 5, o/o Silver Holiday, by Purim. AOC, 3-13, Turfway

LIGHT UP THE SCORE, Catch the Devil, m, 5, o/o Devil in the Night, by Mr. Nightlinger. MSW, 3-13, Sam Houston

MY GOLDEN SONG, Let's Go Alamo, c, 4, o/o Forever Since, by Supreme Cat. ALW, 3-13, Sam Houston

NORTHERN AFLEET, Manhattan Legacy, f, 3, o/o Lefty's Legacy, by Chicago Six. MSW, 3-14, Hawthorne

NOT THIS TIME, Excellent Timing, c, 3, o/o Explicable, by Pioneerof the Nile. Damon Runyon S., 3-14, Aqueduct

PIONEEROFTHE NILE, Iced Latte, f, 3, o/o Malibu Prayer, by **Malibu Moon**. MSW, 3-14, Gulfstream

POSEIDON'S WARRIOR, Poseidon's Passion, f, 4, o/o Dani Nikki, by Wildcat Heir. AOC, 3-14, Tampa Bay

PROSPECTIVE, Talent Expected, f, 3, o/o Talent N Passion, by City Place. ALW, 3-13, Charles Town

RAISON D'ETAT, Raison d'Air, g, 3, o/o Our Deb On Air, by Smart Strike. AOC, 3-14, Gulfstream

SKY MESA, Platinum Sky, f, 3, o/o Platinum Lady, by Half Ours. ALW, 3-14, Fair Grounds

TAPIT, Raased, h, 5, o/o Emtyazat (GB), by Gone West. MSW, 3-14, Tampa Bay

U S RANGER, Starship Chewbacca, g, 4, o/o Visual Treat, by Bertrando. MCL, 3-14, Santa Anita

UNCLE MO, Ravir, f, 3, o/o Rejoicing, by Forestry. MSW, 3-14, Tampa Bay

WICKED STRONG, Jilted Bride, f, 4, o/o Cry At My Wedding, by Street Cry (Ire). AOC, 3-14, Oaklawn

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By Kelsey Riley

One year on from the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic, each and every individual in the racing and bloodstock realms has been faced with decisions they never wanted to, or dreamed they would have to, make. Those sentiments certainly ring true for the board and management team at Goffs. Faced with enduring national lockdowns and quarantine measures far more strict than those experienced by its competitors and clientele across borders, the Irish auction house found itself constantly returning to the drawing board throughout 2020 and into 2021. A measure of the immense challenges Goffs faced is borne out in the reality that, since the pandemic hit on the heels of its 2020 February Sale, the company has held just one sale as planned, on its original date at its Co. Kildare headquarters.

“Exactly this time last year, the pandemic was just starting but the Cheltenham Festival hadn’t happened yet and there was no restriction on moving,” recalled Henry Beeby, chief executive of Goffs Group, which also encompasses Goffs UK headquartered in Doncaster. “We understood it was serious, but I don’t think any of us understood how serious it was and how far-reaching its effects would be.”

Beeby said the first revision the company was forced to make was with regards to its annual budget.



“Our financial year is April to March,” he said. “So around this time of year we’re signing off on budgets for the next financial year. We had prepared a budget for Goffs for the next year and when the pandemic really hit--so about two or three weeks from now [a year ago]—we said, ‘forget that, this is going to be a very different year.’ None of us, though, believed it would be as challenging, as difficult, as long-lasting, as far-reaching and as deep as it has proved to be. And it’s obviously still not over.

“When we realized that it was serious I essentially took the view, and the Goffs board took the view, that this was a year for surviving, and our primary goal was to survive the 12 months without recourse to outside assistance from shareholders or banks. We set about a rationalization program and a cost-cutting exercise to protect the business as much as we could.”

“The keyword there was survival. The second keyword was adaptability,” Beeby continued. “It was to never say never to anything. To rule nothing in and nothing out.” [Cont. p2](#)

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He added, "And the usual rules of engagement, whereby we knew we were having a sale on a certain date, it quickly became obvious that wasn't the case for the time being. The Irish government took a very conservative and cautious approach and I've said to many people I don't think it's for any of us in any country to criticize their approach. You elect your leaders and your leaders make their decisions hopefully by having more information than we have. And being a small island, it was imperative that the Irish government protected the population of Ireland as much as they could."



Henry Beeby | Goffs

Survival and Adaptability

One of the first steps of adaptability for survival for Goffs was putting competition to the side and working for the greater benefit of vendors and purchasers with its key rivals, Arqana and Tattersalls.

"The first sales we had were the breeze-up sales," Beeby said. "We worked with Arqana and we identified quickly that with most of the breeze-up vendors being based in Ireland, we thought we might have to move the Doncaster breeze-up to Ireland. That wasn't then necessary, but we realized it was going to be virtually impossible for Arqana to hold their breeze-up. So I made contact with Eric Hoyeau and we offered to host their sale in Doncaster, which we did. That suited them and it definitely helped us as well because it meant people could come to one place for two very different sales in the same category but two very good sales with strong selling points. I think we both benefitted from that."

"At the same time we were coordinating everything with Tattersalls and I was in contact with Edmond Mahony as my opposite number on a very regular basis." **Cont. p3**

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He said, "In a normal year we would liaise properly two or three times a year on things like sales dates and veterinary matters or anything that might pop up. But in the last 12 months I've spoken with Edmond far more than I normally would. We're very competitive and we think that's good for the market, but we decided very quickly that our usual rivalries should be put to one side. We obviously wanted to do the best for our own organizations, but we recognized that a collaborative approach to a very difficult situation was absolutely in the best interest of not just Goffs and Tattersalls but of the entire British and Irish bloodstock industry."

In August, Goffs was at last able to hold a live sale at Kill Paddocks when it staged its Land Rover sale, delayed from June. Beeby paid credit to Horse Racing Ireland's Brian Kavanagh for his role in making that happen.

"We got enormous help from Horse Racing Ireland, and Brian Kavanagh in particular who had a direct link into the department of health and agriculture," he explained. "HRI have enormous credibility with government, and that's why we work so closely with HRI. We sought to mirror the protocols that are in place at Irish racecourses at our sales. We took a lot of guidance from HRI and Brian and his team on that and they were very helpful."

"We were able to hold the [Land Rover] sale in a safe and compliant way and it actually exceeded expectations," Beeby continued. "It was very disappointing that we couldn't have any UK buyers in for that sale but still they engaged online and that's been one of the positives out of the last year, the advent of Goffs Online, which has become an excellent platform. The most credit in the Goffs team goes to Michael Orton, because he did all the technical work on it and was assisted by the likes of Nick Nugent and Joey Cullen. But Michael did a great job and produced a platform that has been universally praised for its ease of use. We've sold over €8-million worth of horses on the platform either via specific timed or live online sales or online where people haven't been able to attend live sales. That's business that otherwise wouldn't have been attainable."

"It Didn't Work. It Was Disappointing"

The Goffs team, unfortunately, wasn't able to bask in the relief of a successful sale for long before it was faced with some difficult decisions regarding its flagship Orby Yearling Sale. Strict quarantine protocols for visitors to Ireland threatened to throw a wrench into the jam-packed international yearling sale calendar, and when speaking with Beeby about the company's choice to move the Orby—and the Sportsman's Yearling Sale—to Doncaster, one is left with no doubt that it wasn't only a complicated business decision, but an excruciating personal one.

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"The Orby Sale's traditional title is the Irish National Yearling Sale," Beeby said. "It's a huge event in the bloodstock world, a major European yearling sale, but to the country of Ireland and Irish bloodstock it's our flagship event. For Goffs, it's our most high-profile and highest-earning sale, and it was a very difficult decision to move it. There were suggestions from some that we should move it to Newmarket and Tattersalls, and Edmond [Mahony] very kindly said he would accommodate the two-day Orby sale—he wouldn't be able to accommodate the Sportsman's Sale in Newmarket, and there were some people who thought we should have taken that option. I think, with the benefit of

hindsight, there is no doubt there were some people who thought we made a mistake by not going to Newmarket when we couldn't hold it in Ireland. We'll never know. I know some people felt that was an error, and I'm sorry people felt let

down."

After seven consecutive years with an average of €100,000-plus and a seven-figure top lot, the 2021 Orby Sale at Doncaster—which also suffered the blow of a few high-profile

withdrawals—returned an average of £67,981 (down 35% from 2019) and a median of £47,000 (-18%) from 311 yearlings sold, with a top price of £450,000. The aggregate, at £21,142,000, was down 44%.

"History tells us the Orby Sale was not a success," Beeby said. "Irrelative to previous very vibrant renewals of the Orby Sale, it didn't return the trade that we're used to. Some vendors were very disappointed and upset and I completely understand that. It was a very hard time for everybody and it was very

upsetting primarily for the vendors but also for us. On a personal basis, it broke my heart. In our world, we take it very seriously--when someone gives us a quality horse they're placing a lot of trust in us and they're relying on us to do a good job." **Cont. p5**



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Joseph O'Brien on his two Highland Reels



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Beeby said, "And there was no doubt that the results were not up to par. I think as well the Orby catalogue suffered from Covid because some people took the decision when they were entering and the sale was still going to be in Ireland, to sell in England instead. So maybe our catalogue wasn't quite what it normally was, and some buyers told us that."

"It was an imperfect storm and the Orby sale was the one major catastrophic disappointment for us. I've rarely been as distraught at a sale as I was at that one and I think I was only bearing the feelings of a lot of our vendors."

As always, Beeby wore his love for Goffs and the bloodstock industry on his sleeve.

"I am passionate about it," he said. "This is my entire life. I always laugh when I tell people I'm the most boring man in the world. I do two things: I spend time with my family and I work. And I'm very lucky that I have a job that isn't a job, it's a way of life and I adore it and I care about it deeply. Normally there are far more good days than bad days. Of course I like to sell a horse that makes a top price and of course I like to attract a Galileo yearling that makes €3-million. But there's a huge sense of pride in getting €100,000 for a horse that the vendor thought might get €60,000 or €70,000. And there's equal pride in getting €10,000 for a horse that somebody thinks might have

made €5,000. I still get a buzz from it, I still care about it. I'd be lying if I said I take everything and just roll and nothing gets to me. It does get to me. I think about it all the time."

"Where I'm very lucky is that I work with very good people. I'm supported by a very good board chaired by Eimear Mulhern, and senior colleagues like Nick Nugent and Rae Lawless and across in the UK Tim Kent and the team there. They're good people and we're all working towards a common goal."

Lessons Learned

So, with the benefit of hindsight, what would Beeby change about the way decisions were made around the 2020 Orby Sale, or the way it was conducted?

"Probably I would have liaised more closely with more people," he said. "I think there was a feeling that we ploughed on regardless of what some people thought and that's unfortunate. It saddens me; that wasn't the case. We did what we did because we thought it was the right thing to do. There are polarized opinions; some people say, 'you did the best you could, that was just the way it was and it wouldn't have made a difference.' Some people are of the view that we should have taken different decisions. And they could be right, but they might not be. We'll never know. I hope we're not ever placed in the same position." [Cont. p6](#)



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

Ralph Beckett

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



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

Johnny Hassett

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He added, "But I think some people felt we didn't listen and I hate that people think that. I don't think that is the case, but the fact that people think that demonstrates that we were giving that vibe and it therefore behooves me and us going forward to ensure that people feel better engaged."

"Goffs has 600 shareholders, and when the modern-day Goffs moved from Dublin to Kildare in 1975 a lot of Irish breeders bought shares in the company, and there is still that sense that Goffs is there entirely to serve the Irish breeder, which it is. So I think if there was any feeling that we hadn't listened, that was very unfortunate and it's something we are addressing. Would it have changed anything? I don't know. But it might have brought more people with us and helped them understand better."

Beeby continued, "We are everybody's servant and nobody's

master. Auction houses exist to serve the industry. We work for both vendor and purchaser and we have to deliver for both of them. When they're happy, we're happy. When they're upset, which was the case with a number of people at the Orby Sale, there is nothing good in it for me. We don't look back and think, 'well, we're alright, we hit a turnover target.' It doesn't work like that. If there is a vendor that's unhappy, I'm unhappy, because I work for them."

A top priority for team Goffs in 2021 is to restore the lustre of the Orby, and that will include zeroing in on the quality that buyers at such a sale deserve and demand.

"I think we're looking to tighten the numbers and take a very strong view on selection with vendors," Beeby said. "If I come to Kentucky and talk to a trainer and say, 'you really need to come to the Orby Sale,' we need to be able to make it worth their while and say there will be two days of real quality there." [Cont. p7](#)

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He added, "It isn't about us telling the vendors what to do, it's about us persuading breeders, vendors, pinhookers and consignors to let us have a share of their quality. I think we'll tighten numbers, and it'll be about selecting each horse on its merits."

Fortunately for Goffs, vendors and purchasers alike, there was some good news following the Orby: the Goffs Autumn Yearling and Horses-In-Training Sales both returned vibrant trade despite being forced to a strictly online format due to lockdown measures. The December National Hunt Sale was staged live and on its original date and saw figures consolidated from the year prior. The November Foal and Breeding Stock Sales—moved to mid-December to accommodate those needing to serve quarantine—saw minor declines in trade but returned results in line with expectations in an unprecedented year.

The challenges for Goffs and Irish vendors continue into 2021. Goffs just last week conducted the foal (short yearling) session of its February Sale; it was delayed in hopes of staging it live, but ultimately it was forced online. Owners of 84 foals opted to offer them online rather than prevail until the yearling sales—to which Goffs offered to re-direct them free of charge—and the virtual format facilitated sales for 35 of them.

Rebuilding

Now, with the most tumultuous year in its history behind it, Goffs is back in the position of planning for its next fiscal year. If the plans for 2020 became survival and adaptability, what are the goals for 2021?

"I'm hoping it's to rebuild," Beeby said. "It might not happen in a hurry; we're still feeling quite cautious. We have to see this go the right way and we have to get to May and June and see things really start to open up again, not just in Ireland but in Britain and the United States and across the world."

"The watch words would of course be survival with a bit of caution, but we are looking to grow and adapt and try to rebuild, particularly with the Orby Sale. We accept last year didn't go well. I'm not shying away from that. My modus operandi is normally to spin everything as positive as possible. I'm not going to do that with last year's Orby sale. It didn't work, it was disappointing, and I'd be certainly naive and probably a bit stupid to try to say it was fine. It wasn't good, but there were reasons for that, largely because of Covid. But if you look back at Orby, every year since 2012 or 2013 we'd had a six-figure average and a seven-figure top price and clearance rates of a minimum 84% and up to 89%. That's what the Orby is all about: consigning a concise, two-day catalogue of quality, well-bred, good-looking potential racehorses of note. That's what our goal is for this year alongside all our other sales. That's the sale we have to rebuild the most, because it was the one that was most disappointing. We have to get the faith and trust back of the breeders that felt let down last year that didn't have a successful sale, and we have to persuade as lightly and gently but as eloquently as we can that there were reasons for last year. Give us a chance, put your trust in us and we will deliver for you."

"So the watchwords for 2021 would be a bit of survival and certainly some adaptability again, and then adding a third word, which is rebuilding."

With level five lockdown restrictions in Ireland recently extended through Easter, it would be understandable should the bloodstock community be feeling anxious. Beeby said he can assure his team is doing everything in their power to get the sales back to Kill Paddocks.

"We'll be working hand-in-glove with Brian Kavanagh and all the people at HRI and ITM and everybody in Goffs and everybody we can to ensure sales will be held in Kildare this year," he said. "We have protocols that are ready to be enhanced, evolved and developed to ensure that we can bring in overseas buyers in a safe and compliant way. [Cont. p8](#)



"We have to get the faith and trust back of the breeders that felt let down last year" - Henry Beeby | Goffs

Goffs Looks to Rebuild in 2021 Cont.

He added, "We were able for our November Foal and Breeding Stock Sales [held in December] and our December National Hunt Sale to bring in some buyers from overseas—primarily the UK in a strictly controlled way; they had to stay in one place, they had to use certain transport. And I think it went well. There were no issues with it. As long as the vaccination program continues to [progress] and this current lockdown has the desired effect, we are strongly of the belief that we can evolve those protocols and improve them so that we can invite people from overseas to come to the sales—primarily the Land Rover sale in June, so we can have British buyers in, and then looking forward to the Orby Sale, buyers from places like the U.S., Australasia and across Europe and Britain. That's why it's been important to work with Brian and HRI. We're not going to take any risks on that. Brian has been an enormous help and I cannot stress enough how much it's helped to have HRI working with us and the contacts and credibility they have with government. We've found government completely understand; they have to balance risk with economic factors and we've found them to be helpful, understanding, and proactive."

"If I had to give a message to people in the business, I'd just say I'm grateful that people continue to support us," Beeby said. "We're grateful for the fact that people have accepted we're doing our best. We had a lot of decisions to make last year and we got most of them right. I accept we probably got some of them wrong. I'm sorry for the mistakes we made but I'm grateful for the support and for the fact that people continue to believe in us. I hope we can continue to rely on their support and their belief. My line is always, 'we're nothing without the horses.' So we'd just say to Irish breeders, 'give us your horses, we'll give you everything we've got.' We have a good track record and normally we prove your trust was well-placed and we hope we can rely on it going forward."

When at last live sales do return to Kildare with international participants in place, there will be possibly no one happier than Beeby.

"There was a journalist about 25 years ago, I think her name was Judith Oliver, and she said she had a nickname for me once," he recalled. "I asked, 'what is it?' She said, 'it's 'Thrilled', because Henry Beeby is always 'thrilled.'" We were going through a good run and every time I said I was thrilled with the sale. That's what I want to get back to, is being thrilled, because if we're happy it means all our clients are happy.

"I want to be back in the ring and looking people in the eye and seeing them thinking about it and listening to the horse walking around and people craning to see who is bidding. I can't wait to get back to that. That's what I live for."

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A FRESH LOOK

WITH OLIVER ST LAWRENCE

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. Today we speak with Oliver St Lawrence.



Oliver St Lawrence | Tattersalls

"I loved the **Almanzors** at the yearling sales last year," St Lawrence said. "I think he'll be the stallion of this generation. We bought two Almanzors, a colt and a filly [lots 158 and 185 at Arqana's Deauville Select Sale]. There is a colt out of Minakshi (Fr) (**Footstepsinthesand** {GB}) who is with Ger Lyons; he's our first horse in Ireland. He is a lovely colt and I know Ger is very happy with him. He's not going to be early but he looks a nice type."

"For [leading] first-season sire, I'm going to go with **Ribchester** (GB). I thought they were nice types. I don't think they'll be early early, but I'd like to think they'll be out in July in time to make an impact. We bought one and we have a homebred out of Shummoos (**Distorted Humor**), who was second in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Sprint."

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EUROPEAN NEWS

I WANT THE WINNER LAUNCHED

I Want The Winner, a new digital platform for buying and selling racehorses online, was launched on Monday. The service is completely secure and transparent for both buyers and sellers. Geared toward the high-end of the bloodstock industry, I Want The Winner will offer horses-in-training, breeding stock, the syndication process, covering fees and stallion shares.

The 2017 concept is the brainchild of Christophe German, the founder of Le Centaure, a horse racing insurance brokerage which went on to become Markel France. German's partners in I Want The Winner are Michel Gasselin, Mehdi Mohammed and Dimitri Gallier. The trio were already involved in the setting up of Club Elevage—an online site which trades in the covering fees and shares of trotting stallions. German is also working with Valentin Adam, who has spent nearly three years at Arqana, and the company has representatives in France, Britain, Ireland (Billy Jackson-Stops), Germany (Tina Rau) and Australia (Louis Le Metayer).

"I witnessed the success of Club Elevage in a sphere, namely that of the trotting, where trading volume is far less than that of the world of flat racing," said German. "I quickly became convinced that the Flat sector would benefit from a well thought out online sales platform, and one sharing the same values as those that govern Markel France, namely transparency, integrity and clarity. The design of such a platform required a lot of thought and, to bring it to fruition, I was able to draw on the expertise of my three established partners whose Club Elevage website is a proven success story. We are now proceeding towards the activation phase."

"I Want The Winner has already received the support of renowned professionals such as Francois Nicolle and Francis-Henri Graffard who, like us, believe in the project and which have understood why it's of interest. This type of sale is also a logical step from an animal welfare and also from an economic point of view as there is less travel. A number of developments are in the pipeline for the next few weeks, including online bidding for certain lots."

Offerings already on I Want The Winner include: the broodmare **Suama (Fr)** (Monsun {Ger}) with her Goliath du Berlais (Fr) filly at foot, nominations to **Le Havre (Ire)**, **Almanzor (Fr)**, **King Edward (Fr)**, **Threat (Ire)** and **Born To Sea (Ire)** and stallion shares in Threat and King Edward.

For more information on I Want The Winner, please view www.iwantthewinner.com or email Valentin Adam at

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BRITAIN

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

5th-Lingfield, £6,100, Nov, 3-14, 3yo/up, 5f 6y (AWT), :57.91, st.
COPINET (GB) (f, 3, Mehmas {Ire})--Dominatrix {GB}, by Whipper Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, \$11,311. O-A Cantillon & R Ryan; B-Plumton Hall Stud & Fernham Farm (GB); T-James Ferguson. *800gns RNA Wlg '18 TATFOA; 2,200gns RNA Ylg '19 TATOCT.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Shymay (GB), f, 4, **Mayson (GB)**--Coconut Shy (GB), by Bahamian Bounty (GB). Lingfield, 3-14, 7f 1y (AWT), 1:25.66. B-F Butler (GB).

FRANCE

Sunday's Results:

2nd-Toulouse, €16,000, Mdn, 3-14, unraced 3yo, 10 1/2fT, 2:24.50, sf.

TOURNESOL (FR) (c, 3, Invincible Spirit {Ire})--Fleur de Cactus {Ire}, by Montjeu {Ire} was steadied to race off the tempo in sixth after an alert getaway. Coming under pressure to close on the clear leader once into the home straight, the 4-1 third choice went second approaching the final furlong and kept on well in the closing stages to prevail by a half-length from Taskheer (Ire) (Golden Horn {GB}). Becoming the third scorer produced by a daughter of Listed Ben Marshall S. third Desert Beauty (Ire) (Green Desert), the April-foaled homebred bay is kin to G3 Newbury Arc Trial runner-up Pivoine (Ire) (Redoute's Choice {Aus}) and the unraced 2-year-old filly Soldanelle (Ire) (Siyouni {Fr}). Descendants of his G1 Yorkshire Oaks-winning third dam Hellenic (Ire) (Darshaan {GB}) include MG1SW G1 Melbourne Cup-winning sire Fiorente (Ire) (Monsun {Ger}), MG1SW US champion Islington (Ire) (Sadler's Wells) and G1SW sires Greek Dance (Ire) (Sadler's Wells) and Mountain High (Ire) (Danehill). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €8,000. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

1ST-TIME STARTER. O-H H Sheikh Mohammed bin Khalifa Al Thani; B-Al Shahania Stud (FR); T-Philippe Sogorb.

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CONDITIONS RESULTS:

7th-Toulouse, €22,000, Cond, 3-14, 3yo, 10 1/2fT, 2:24.80, sf.
GREGOLIMO (FR) (c, 3, Galiway {GB}--Kendannemarie {Fr}, by Kendargent {Fr}) Lifetime Record: 5-2-2-0, €26,625. O-Mme Meryl de Watrigant; B-Guy Pariente Holding (FR); T-Simone Brogi. *€23,000 Ylg '19 ARAUG.

5th-Compiegne, €18,000, Cond, 3-14, 4yo, 8fT, 1:46.20, vhy.
ZAVARO (GER) (c, 3, Areion {Ger}--Zavaala {Ire}, by Rock of Gibraltar {Ire}) Lifetime Record: MGSP-Ger, 10-2-3-3, €65,300. O-Christoph Holschbach & Johannes Wrede; B-Gestut Brummerhof (GER); T-Henk Grewe. *€14,000 Ylg '18 AROCT.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Super Belle (Fr), f, 3, Martinborough (Jpn)--Supergirl, by Woodman. Machecoul, 3-14, 11 3/4fT, 2:33.57. B-Jean-Pierre-Joseph Dubois (FR). *1/2 to Super Celebre (Fr) (Peintre Celebre), GSW & MG1SP-Fr, \$410,656; Super Lina (Fr) (Linamix {Fr}) GSP-Fr; and Superman (Fr) (Bigstone {Ire}), MSP-Fr, \$228,225
Morteg (Fr), c, 3, Morandi (Fr)--Tegan (Ire), by Cape Cross (Ire). Saint-Brieuc, 3-14, 8 1/2fT, 1:51.17. B-Derek Clee (FR).
Kahouna (Fr), f, 3, Red Dubawi (Ire)--Miss Oversea (Fr), by Royal Academy. Angouleme, 3-14, 10fT, 2:10.90. B-Olivier Triboire & Haras des Sablonnets (FR).
Adlon Rose (Ire), f, 4, Nathaniel (Ire)--Absolutly Me (Fr) (SP-Fr & Ger), by Anabaa Blue (GB). Machecoul, 3-14, 11 3/4fT, 2:32.00. B-Mme Waltraut Spanner (IRE). *1/2 to Apollo Flight (Fr) (Rock of Gibraltar {Ire}), MSP-Fr, \$134,709.

**IN UAE:**

Hakeem (GB), g, 7, Exceed And Excel (Aus)--Khazeena (GB), by Oasis Dream (GB). Abu Dhabi, 3-14, Hcp. (AED100k), 1400mT, 1:24.07. O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum. B-Shadwell Estate Co Ltd (GB). T-Ali Rashid Al Rayhi.

WINNERS BY EUROPEAN SIRES**IN INDIA:**

Own Legacy (Ind), f, 3, Footstepsinthesand (GB)--Miss Quality, by Elusive Quality. Bangalore, 3-13, Maiden, 1400mT. B-n/a. *1ST-TIME STARTER. **Won by 4 3/4 lengths.

WORLDWIDE NEWS**GIBEON SHOCKS KINKO SHO**

The G2 Kinko Sho was supposed to be 2020 Japanese Fillies' Triple Crown winner and heavy favourite **Daring Tact (Jpn)** (Epiphaneia {Jpn})'s coming out party, but she had to settle for second behind 226-1 Deep Impact (Jpn) horse **Gibeon (Jpn)**.

Able to set off on an uncontested lead, the 6-year-old entire was shadowed by **Satono Flag (Jpn)** (Deep Impact {Jpn}) just off his right flank. He dawdled through a half-mile in :49.50 and six furlongs in 1:13.10. Still going easily with four furlongs to go, he caught the more fancied runners sleeping and held on to win by a neck as Daring Tact just missed on the wire. **Potager (Jpn)** (Deep Impact {Jpn}) was a half-length back in third, a nose to the good of Hong Kong Group 1 winner **Glory Vase (Jpn)** (Deep Impact {Jpn}) in fourth.

The first and third across the wire are both out of mares sourced at the Fasig-Tipton November Sale—Contested was knocked down for \$2.3 million in 2012, and Ginger Punch, the dam of Potager, was purchased for \$1.6 million in 2009.

Both winless and off the board since winning the G3 Chunichi Shim bun Hai in December of 2018 two starts after a second in the G1 NHK Mile Cup in May of that year, Gibeon was most recently fifth in the Listed Shirafuji S. at Tokyo in his 6-year-old bow on Jan. 30.

Pedigree Notes

One of 170 black-type winners and 135 group winners for his late sire, Gibeon was bred by Shadai Farm and races in the colours of Shadai Race Horse.

The most decorated of GI Acorn S. and GI Test S. heroine Contested's six foals, Gibeon is also one of four winners. Contested has a Deep Impact 2-year-old colt, and she was covered by Isla Bonita (Jpn) and Lord Kanaloa (Jpn) for 2020 and 2021, respectively. Contested is a full-sister to MSW and GI Highlander S. runner-up **Mosler (War Front)**. Under the third dam is GI King's Bishop S. and GI Forego S. hero and sire Pomeroy (Boundary).

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Sunday, Chukyo, Japan

KINKO SHO-G2, ¥128,700,000, Chukyo, 3-14, 4yo/up, 2000mT, 2:01.80, sf.
1--GIBEON (JPN), 123, h, 6, Deep Impact (Jpn)
1st Dam: Contested (MGISW-US, \$633,754),
by **Ghostzapper**

2nd Dam: Gold Vault, by Arch**3rd Dam: Questress, by Seeking the Gold**

O-Shadai Race Horse; B-Shadai Farm (Jpn); T-Hideaki Fujiwara; J-Atsuya Nishimura. ¥67,700,000. Lifetime Record: G1SP-Jpn, 18-4-2-0. [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#) Werk Nick Rating: A+++. *Triple Plus*.

2--Daring Tact (Jpn), 121, f, 4, Epiphaneia (Jpn)--Daring Bird (Jpn), by King Kamehameha (Jpn). (¥12,000,000 Ylg '18 JRHAJUL). O-Normandy Thoroughbred Racing; B-Hasegawa Farm (Jpn); ¥27,200,000.

3--Potager (Jpn), 123, c, 4, Deep Impact (Jpn)--Ginger Punch, by Awesome Again. (¥190,000,000 yrl '18 JRHAJUL) O-Makoto Kaneko Holdings; B-Northern Farm (Jpn); ¥17,100,000.

Margins: NK, HF, NO. Odds: 226.30, 0.40, 18.80.

Also Ran: Glory Vase (Jpn), Kiseki (Jpn), Sanrei Pocket (Jpn), Satono Flag (Jpn), Persian Knight (Jpn), Jinambo (Jpn), Bravas (Jpn). [Click for the JRA chart & video or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.](#)

MAURICE Filly Lands HOCHI HAI FILLIES' REVUE

The G1 Japanese 1000 Guineas is on Apr. 11, and **Shigeru Pink Ruby (Jpn)** (Maurice {Jpn}) punched her ticket for that Classic affair with a neck victory in the Hochi Hai Fillies' Revue over 1400 metres on Sunday.

Sent off at 13-1, the chestnut perched in a tracking sixth as **Paul Neyron (Jpn)** (Orfevre {Jpn}) carried the field into the single bend. She faced a wall of horses to get through turning into the home straight, but she burst in between horses late and nailed new leader **Yoka Yoka (Jpn)** (Squirtly Squirt) narrowly on the line. **Minnie Isle (Jpn)** (Mikki Isle {Jpn}) rounded out the trifecta another length behind. Favoured **Opal Moon (Jpn)** (Victoire Pisa {Jpn}) was dead last for much of the race, but made up some ground late on to take ninth.



Maurice | HKJC

A Hanshin debut winner over 1400 metres, Shigeru Pink Ruby was unplaced in the G1 Hanshin Juvenile Fillies in December and Sunday was her 3-year-old bow.

Pedigree Notes

From the first crop of Maurice, Shigeru Pink Ruby is the second group winner for her young sire after G3 Nikkan Sports Sho Shinzan Kinen victor Pixie Knight (Jpn).

The winner's dam is unraced, but she has already left Shigeru Pink Dia (Jpn) (Daiwa Major {Jpn}), who ran second in the G1 Japanese 1000 Guineas and third in the G1 Shuka Sho. Moonlight Bay also foaled 2-year-old colt Shigeru Rosemary (Jpn) (Silver State {Jpn}) and a yearling filly by Daiwa Major (Jpn). The daughter of Group 3 winner Moonlight Dance (Ire) (Sinndar {Ire}) was covered by Kizuna (Jpn) last spring. Moonlight Dance is a half-sister to G1 Irish Derby hero Grey Swallow (Ire) (Daylami {Ire}).

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Sunday, Hanshin, Japan

HOCHI HAI FILLIES' REVUE-G2, ¥100,840,000, Hanshin, 3-14, 3yo, f, 1400mT, 1:20.70, gd.

1--SHIGERU PINK RUBY (JPN), 119, f, 3, Maurice (Jpn)

1st Dam: Moonlight Bay (Jpn), by High Chaparral (Ire)

2nd Dam: Moonlight Dance (Ire), by Sinndar (Ire)

3rd Dam: Style of Life, by The Minstrel

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. 1ST GROUP WIN. (€30,240,000 Ylg '19

JBAJUL). O-Shigeru Morinaka; B-Amaba Farm (Jpn); T-Kunihiko Watanabe; J-Ryuji Wada. ¥53,288,000. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0. *1/2 to Shigeru Pink Dia (Jpn) (Daiwa Major {Jpn}), MG1SP-Jpn, \$1,273,038. Werk Nick Rating: A. [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#)

2--Yoka Yoka (Jpn), 119, f, 3, Squirtle Squirt--Honey Dancer (Jpn), by Danehill Dancer (Ire). (¥3,672,000 Ylg '19 JBAJUN). O-Koji Oka; B-Tsuchitoshi Honda (Jpn); ¥21,368,000.

3--Minnie Isle (Jpn), 119, f, 3, Mikki Isle (Jpn)--Island Fashion, by Petionville. (¥31,000,000 Wlg '18 JRHAJUL). O-Tsuyoshi Ono; B-Northern Farm (Jpn); ¥13,184,000.

Margins: NK, 1, HF. Odds: 12.90, 3.90, 22.40.

Also Ran: Umbrella Date (Jpn), El Castillo (Jpn), Coup de Coeur (Jpn), Styx (Jpn), Terrine (Jpn), Opal Moon (Jpn), Love Kelly (Jpn), A Shin Hiten (Jpn), Gold Chalice (Jpn), Virtuality (Jpn), La La Christine (Jpn), Blue Bird (Jpn), Rastrillo (Jpn), Freed (Ire), Paul Neyron (Jpn). [Click for the JRA chart & video or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.](#)

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CAPE PREMIER YEARLING SALE TOPPED BY GIMMETHEGREENLIGHT FILLY

A filly by Gimmethegreenlight (Aus) out of MGSP Strawberry Ice (SAf) (Western Winter) topped the Cape Premier Yearling Sale on Sunday. Already named **Strawberry Light (SAf)** ([lot 172](#)), the filly was offered by Lammerskraal Stud and bought by Bjorn Nielsen for R1,100,000 (US\$73,776/£52,977/€61,720). She is a half-sister to Flying Ice (SAf) (Go Deputy), a winner of the G2 Gold Bracelet.

Sharing second billing at R800,000 was a What a Winter (SAf) colt named **Stratospheric (SAf)** as [lot 171](#) and a filly by Trippi ([lot 106](#)). The former, a member of the Drakenstein Stud draft and a son of G1 Empress Club S. heroine Stratos (SAf) (Jet Master {SAf}), was bought by HPJ En S Viljoen. Consigned by Klawervlei Stud, lot 106 is a half-sister to two stakes-placed horses out of the winning Larking Around (SAf) (Montjeu {Ire}) caught the eye of John Freeman.

Of the 202 yearlings catalogued, 155 sold of 174 offered (89%) and they grossed R37,710,000. The average was R243,290 and the median was R200,000. The sale was rescheduled as a result of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, which played a part in the results, with the gross down almost R20,000,000.

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MUGATOO AN INSPIRED PURCHASE BY AUSTRALIAN BLOODSTOCK



Mugatoo & Hugh Bowman | Bronwen Healy

by Bren O'Brien

When Australian Bloodstock purchased **Mugatoo (Ire)** (Henrythenavigator {USA}) off the back of a win over 3000 metres in a restricted handicap at Doncaster two years ago, few could have expected that they were sourcing the 2021 winner of the world's richest mile race.

Australian Bloodstock's Luke Murrell and Jamie Lovett have established a reputation for canny overseas purchases, utilising their own extensive data to analyse the performance of prospective acquisitions.

In Mugatoo's four starts for David Simcock in relatively low-profile races, including wins at Lingfield and Doncaster, Murrell said he had seen enough to suggest the then 4-year-old gelding by Henrythenavigator (USA) was worth pursuing.

"Our underlying philosophy is that the eye can lie, and you have to have some hard factual data to back up your impressions," Murrell told *TDN AusNZ*.

"Some of the stuff he had done in his races, not only when he won, was 'is that right?' type stuff. You go back and double and triple check. We have got a pretty extensive database of historical type sectionals and times and you see that he is a good horse. We just looked at what we needed to do to get him."

"They are the ones that I get most excited about. They aren't the obvious ones. They haven't won three from three or have a couple of group races under their belt. Big Duke was a bit like that and there have been a few of them."

While the Caulfield and Melbourne Cups were the races initially on the radar of Mugatoo, he showed himself more than adept across a range of distances. He arrived in Australia in October 2019 and three months later in his first start in Australia for Kris Lees, he won a race over 1600 metres. Two starts later, he claimed his first stakes success in the Listed Canberra Cup.

After the past 12 months, he has proven a brilliantly consistent horse, winning the Listed Winter Challenge, G3 Premier's Cup and G3 Newcastle Cup before finishing runner-up in the G1 Metropolitan and an excellent fourth in the G1 Cox Plate.

On Saturday, he relished the soft conditions at Moonee Valley, and aided by a perfectly timed ride from Hugh Bowman, captured The All-Star Mile in thrilling fashion. It was particularly satisfying for Murrell.

"As a scout, you are always looking for those left-field ones. To get him off some pretty standard form and do what he has done and exceed our expectations has been amazing. We knew he was a very good horse and when we bought him we thought his pedigree might say he might only be a miler. We always had that in the back of our heads, but his form was up to nearly two miles," he said.

Rich Success Shared with Owners

What made the moment all the more satisfying for Murrell is the people they were able to share the success with.

"When you are in this situation, it's more of a relief I find. To share it with the most beautiful people you could even imagine, they have all come together in this one horse, that makes it extra special," he said.

"The majority of the owners have been with us for 10 years plus. Like everything, you build relationships, rapport and trust and not every one of these horses works out. We try to get them more right than wrong."

"We all couldn't be there yesterday, but there were a couple of big parties around the country and everyone got together. There were really good scenes around the place. It's the relief and joy you see in their faces. No matter how much money you have, you can't buy that experience. It's very satisfying from my point of view."



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A Tribute to Lees

Lees has been a long-time trainer for Australian Bloodstock, a relationship forged through their connections in Newcastle, and Mugatoo has been the horse which has brought them more combined joy than any other. His win in last year's Newcastle Cup was significant as Lees's first victory in the 'hometown' race after many years of trying.

Saturday's All-Star victory, second-up over the 1600 metres, was a tribute to Lees' preparation and vision.

"We are just really pleased for Kris. I see some freakish things he's done. It might be a Class 1 horse that has had 10 starts, but he just does some amazing things and overachieves with so many horses," Murrell said.

"We have backed him for a long time now based on him being a trustworthy guy who can really train. He's had some bad luck in some massive races and to finally get a bit go your way, I'm just as happy for him and his team."

What has been the key to realising Mugatoo's potential has been the patience Lees has shown with the imported gelding. His breeding indicated he would take some time to hit his best, with his dam, Elopa (Ger) (Tiger Hill {Ire}), a multiple stakes winner at four, while Murrell also points out that the best of Henrythenavigator's progeny have been slow-maturing horses.

"You know that in the back of your mind. The way Kris has placed him, other trainers might have rushed him and thrown in the deep end more quickly, but it's a big thing to try and manage their careers, and Kris just does that so well all the time," he said.

"To take them through the grades. Perhaps that could have cost him in terms of the profile to get into The All-Star Mile, but the things he did on the clock, always told us how good he was."

Chance Plays its Part

Murrell is aware of the role chance can play in success in the racing game. Had Mugatoo not got a wildcard entry to The All-Star Mile he wouldn't have been at Moonee valley on Saturday, while had the rain not arrived in time for the race, it may have been a very different outcome.

"We had that slight couple of nerves when he initially didn't make the field. It is funny how things work out. We left the Cox Plate last year, thinking what might have been and you don't get many shots at those good races," he said.

"Yesterday, when they upgraded the track after Race 4 to a Good 3 and the leaders were kicking and leading, you felt it wasn't going to be our day. But then the rain came and you get a 10 out of 10 ride to go with it."

The G1 Queen Elizabeth S. now shapes as his likely next challenge, with a trip north for the winter for the \$1.5 million G2 Q22 at Brisbane on the agenda before seeking some redemption at Moonee Valley in the spring.

"It might be the obvious path to give him a trial and head to the Queen Elizabeth and then race for the good money in the new race in Queensland. That might flow him on to getting a bit of payback for the Cox Plate if we can," Murrell said.



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Ablest Ascend, g, 3, **Charm Spirit (Ire)**--Lucia Bella, by **Fastnet Rock**. Kranji, 3-14, Hcp. (\$48k), 1000m (AWT), :59.02. B-Qatar Bloodstock Ltd (NSW). *\$45,000 Ylg '19 INGFEB. [VIDEO](#)

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