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THE CALIFORNIA SERIES: JOHN SHIRREFFS



John Shirreffs | Horsephotos

By Dan Ross

In a new TDN series, we curvy lessons and wise counsel from veteran Californian figures who, like gold nuggets panned from the Tuolumne River in the High Sierras, have unearthed career riches on arguably the toughest circuit in the States. We begin this series with John Shirreffs.

Born at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, Shirreffs was raised around horses on his family farm, and was deployed to Vietnam with the Marine Corps before embarking on a career in racing, using a 10-year stint at the Loma Rica Horse Ranch in Northern California as a springboard to a training career that would see him sift one of the rarest jewels of all.

Part I

Amid the tall spiking pines and jutting mountain cathedrals of Northern California's Grass Valley back when the sprawling Loma Rica Horse Ranch still hummed with activity and where the transatlantic phenom Noor would later be interred--to haunt the barns, some say--one stubborn son-of-a-gun yearling colt gave a young John Shirreffs an abject lesson in obstinance.

"He's in the stall rearing up and striking and I can't get the bridle on him," said Shirreffs, remembering the scene from the safe hindsight of some five decades. The memory remains sharp, however.

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OP/ED FEEDBACK: WHY IS LEGALITY CONSIDERED OPTIONAL? By Peter Ecabert

Bill Finley, in his Mar. 17 *TDN opinion piece* on the National HBPA challenging the legality of the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act, wrote: "It's hard to imagine that there is one horseman anywhere who cares one bit whether or not HISA is unconstitutional or not."

To Mr. Finley, it doesn't matter if this legislation, ramrodded through to passage with no Senate Committee discussion or debate as a little-known add-on to December's COVID relief bill, is legal or not. Who cares about the law's legality? he asks. The National HBPA cares.

We believe thousands of horsemen and horsewomen, including HBPA members and those in other racing jurisdictions, care, but many are afraid to say aloud that the emperor has no clothes. If they don't care today, we are confident they will down the road when the harmful consequences of HISA are put into effect. **Cont. p7**

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From the Horsephotos vault: Steve Cauthen signs autographs for fans at Saratoga in early August, 1978, an up-and-down month for the 18-year-old jockey. Cauthen had won the Triple Crown on Affirmed just two months earlier, and rode him to a victory in his return as well, the Jim Dandy at Saratoga. But on August 9, he was injured in a spill and would have to give up the mount aboard the colt for the Travers to Laffit Pincay, who impeded Alydar and was disqualified. Cauthen would ride Affirmed four more times, but never to victory, and lost the mount for good to Pincay in early 1979.

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Chris McGrath takes an in-depth look at the rich pedigree of GI Santa Anita H. hero Idol ([Curlin](#)).

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Officials at Santa Anita Park announced late Thursday that a limited number of fans will be able to attend the races live beginning Friday, Apr. 2. The track stages the GI [Runhappy](#) Santa Anita Derby the following afternoon.

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Rolling up his sleeves, the young Shirreffs sniffed a challenge, which quickly turned from a wily game of wits into a war of muscle. He jumped on the colt bareback. He grabbed his ears. "We're having this Battle Royale."

After a fashion, though, Shirreffs waved the white flag and with ego deflated turned to Henry Freitas, the farm's storied manager, for pointers on a less adversarial approach.

"Henry said, 'John, just stop all the B.S. Just go down the stall and put the bridle on the horse and quit all that crap you're doing.'"

Shirreffs was unimpressed. "I'm walking down the shedrow thinking to myself, 'what kind of help was that?'" Still, the relationship between pupil and master was one of deference to experience--decades worth, in the case of Freitas--and so, Shirreffs dutifully obliged.



Shirreffs with Royal Mo | Coady photo

"I went in the stall, put the bridle on the horse--the horse never moved. It was over."

And what was the main takeaway? "The value of a timeout with horses," he replied. "When you're caught up in the moment and things aren't working out, the best thing to do is just stop and give yourself and the horse a chance to have a moment of thought to recover."

Shirreffs imparted the story one recent morning in his office at Santa Anita, the nearby San Gabriel Mountains draped in a cold, grey drizzle like a soggy blanket, as the veteran trainer reflected on a 45-year career looped into which is a Kentucky Derby win and multiple Breeders' Cups and the sort of horse in Zenyatta (Street Cry {Ire}) that comes along about as often as Halley's Comet. **Cont. p4**

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This nugget of barn-spun wisdom also provides a useful barometer of the trainer's evolution as a horseman, familiar sounding to anyone long enough in the tooth to know that any career with racehorses is akin to a college course without end.

"When I was younger, I could dominate a horse, right? I could handle them pretty well through strength. But as I got older, horses started getting a lot stronger than I was. Most of them were starting to outsmart me. So, I learned over the years what a mental game it is."

Indeed, from a world in which the economics of high-level competition has sprouted large military-run outfits--those where routine and repetition are bywords for necessity and thrift--the Shirreffs barn offers a refreshing alternative, where morning training is approached with the same certitude of an explorer setting foot on virgin terrain.

But while Cook and Columbus had in the North Star their guiding light, Shirreffs has for his something altogether more fluid and transactional.

"It's always about building the bond," said Shirreffs, focusing in on what appears a central conceit of his.

"You have to build a bond between the horse and the person. I have to find a way where that horse has trust in whoever's handling him or doing something with them. So, it's always about the bond, because if that horse trusts the groom or trusts the person with them, then they will behave much better than if all they're thinking about is being nervous, being anxious about what's coming next."

"Big range of emotions"

Wander down any shedrow and you'll hear horse behavior equated with everything from wayward teens to recalcitrant spouses to loving sweethearts. This isn't new--the instinct to anthropomorphize is as ancient as civilization itself.

What's unusual is to hear any trainer--especially those operating within the upper echelons of a sport where a business degree can sometimes feel like the most instructive qualification--talk of the complex emotional bandwidth of a racehorse, as Shirreffs does.

The foundations of this clearly stem from those early days

under Freitas at Loma Rica Ranch, a 600-acre university for horsemanship, home as it was to stallion and mare, yearling and breaker, lay-up and foal.

"I think somebody should spend an hour in the stall with a stud, just to understand the range of emotion that an animal can have," he said. "Sometimes, the thing that amazes me about horses is how much they are willing to communicate and how much they're studying us."

He added, "You have to realize that they are trying to make their environment as good as they can. And we are the biggest thing

in their environment that they have to control. Right?" he added. "We're the ones that could endanger them. So, obviously they're studying what type of a relationship they're going to have with us."

Like all relationships, the means define the ends. Of course, when it comes to understanding quirks and foibles, there are few substitutes for patience. "It's a matter of getting to know your horse," he said. **Cont. p5**



A happy Shirreffs with Zenyatta and Mike Smith after the Breeders' Cup Distaff | Sarah K. Andrew

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"It's fun to watch the horses to pick up on their habits--I have the time to do that, when the work gets done and everyone's gone to lunch, I have that opportunity, when it's quiet, to watch the horses and see how they're behaving, see what's different about one or the other."

This, he says, is particularly instructive to the early diagnosis of injury--arguably the biggest culprit of sleepless nights among insomniac license-holders.

"Horses are very stoic, right? You don't have an obvious sense of what's bothering them in the beginning [of injury], before there's any heat or any inflammation or anything like that," he explained. "But how he eats is a good indication of how he's feeling, not only emotionally but also physically.

"Even then, by the time you notice that something's going on, he's probably been dealing with pain for probably quite some time."

Such close scrutiny of behavior feeds into what he terms the "bio-rhythm" of a horse--the idea that a racehorse can be brought to peak performance only when, like a maestro vigilant of each section of the orchestra, they're mentally, physically and emotionally in balance.

"You have to figure out how to get things flowing together," Shirreffs explained. "So, when they're physically at their peak they might not be mentally at their peak because you've trained them really hard, but mentally they're tired or emotionally they're off--you know, upset about being pushed so hard.

He continued, "So, you're going to have to lose a little bit of conditioning maybe to bring them up mentally and emotionally, right? It's always: How close you can get everything?

"That's the one great thing about campaigning a horse, because when they're campaigning they're conditioning--they're physically staying at a pretty high level. And as they campaign, and as they get used to the rigors of racing and training, mentally they're getting stronger, too. And then, if there's some sort of pleasure involved--some sort of reward for the horse--then they're emotionally getting better.

"So, it's all a question of balancing these three different things."

"The real pleasure a trainer gets"

In those early days at Loma Rica Horse Ranch, Freitas came down with a nasty bout of flu, giving Shirreffs an early glimpse into the peculiar juggling act that operating a barn necessitates. Though perhaps baptism of fire would be more apropos.

"I knew the routine, right? I knew how everything ran. So, I was fine for about two or three days because I knew exactly what Henry would do.

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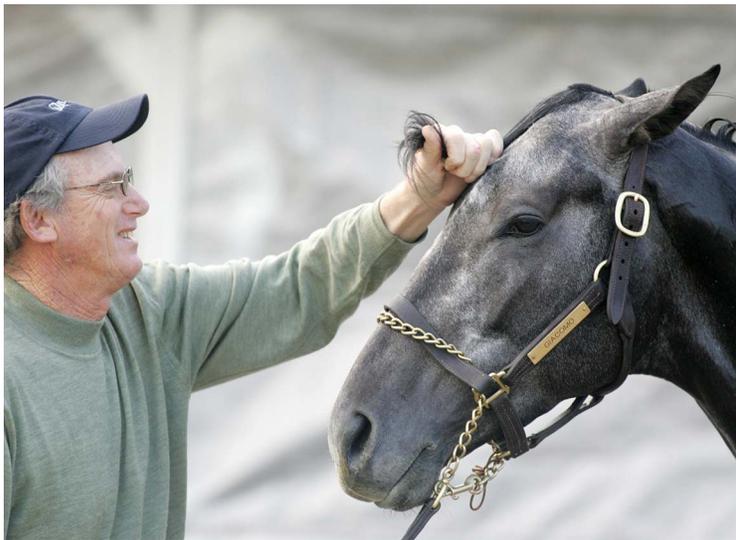
"But suddenly, after about three or four days, I had to make new decisions based on ones I made a couple of days ago. That's when I got into trouble because I didn't have Henry to ask."

Now, many an analogy befits a well-run stable, all shaped around a certain triangular hierarchy--an ant colony, for example, of an aforementioned branch of the military.

It's instructive then to hear Shirreffs explain the roles he's carved out for him and staff.

"I don't really need to know veterinary medicine, right? I don't need to know the name of drugs, all that kind of stuff," he said. "[Veterinarians], they go to school, they know that. But I can learn what the shoer does, right? I can watch what they do.

"I can feel legs, and the difference between one leg and another and study those things. I can watch the horse and see if he's acting colicky or a little upset because of something else going on. So, I thought in the beginning that was where I would best spend my time to become a better trainer."



With Giacomo in 2005 | Horsephotos

Part of that process of self-evaluation has involved holding a mirror to his own failings--his own Achilles heels--as typified, for example, in the way he has, at times, placed individuals in charge of identifying soft tissue injuries.

"As a trainer, you go in and you're checking behind the saddle, but I'm always thinking it doesn't feel too bad because I want to train that horse, right? I have to have somebody put the brakes on. I have to have my own sort of checks and balances."

At the same time, "You can't put demands on people, right? Because I think a certain way, and I react a certain way, I can't demand that other person be like me and react the way I would react.

"Let's take the exercise rider or jockey or whatever, you have to understand where they are [ability wise], what are their strong points and how you can best use them to accomplish what you need to accomplish with the horse." **Cont. p7**

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In an industry that often calibrates professional achievement and pleasure through the narrow aperture of race-day honors, it's refreshing, then, to hear someone no stranger to laurel wreath and garland talk of their other important metrics of success.

"It's so difficult to win a race--in California, especially. So somewhere along the way, if you're going to be in this business, you have to derive some pleasure from somewhere else, right?"

"So, the real pleasure a trainer gets is seeing the growth in the horse. Or having somebody, like a rider, start to develop and understand his relationship with the horse, see what impact that person can make on how that horse is going to handle the stresses of racing.

"It's really a pleasure when you suddenly see a guy realize that if he didn't pull on this horse so hard and just kind of released the reins a little bit, the horse starts to relax. He realizes, 'Oh, it's not all muscle, it's a little bit of a finesse.'

"I think those are really fun things."

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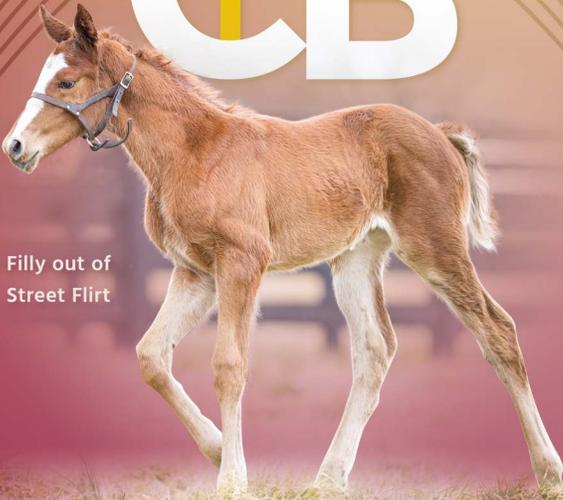
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Peter Ecabert | *Courtesy National HBPA*

No reasonable person should take issue with the National HBPA, North America's largest Thoroughbred horsemen's association, doing its due diligence to make sure that any such fundamental change to the running of horse racing has a solid legal foundation. It's the due diligence that should have been done in the first place by the well-funded power-brokers pushing this legislation that raises more questions than answers.

Let's be perfectly clear, the National HBPA is and has remained in favor of uniformity. We demanded safety protocols be the norm, not a half-hearted attempt to service public perception.

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We have never spoken against USADA (United States Anti-Doping Agency) as a contracted entity to aid in enforcement, and we have never stood in favor of the protection of proven cheaters. To label any horsemen's group with that is misinformed and has no basis in fact. However, we have stood for due process and the protection of horsemen and horsewomen's rights. Rest assured we will continue to call for such protection.

What does it matter if the underpinning of what would oversee medication policy, testing, enforcement and safety measures isn't legal? Here's what: those cheaters Mr. Finley believes that HISA will eliminate will have a get-out-of-jail-free card if the law that set up the process for their sanctions is found to violate the U.S. **Constitution**.

Mr. Finley writes because no one cares about legality (which is what constitutionality comes down to): "Instead, one is left to connect the dots and after doing so, it wouldn't be hard to reach the conclusion that the only reason to have HISA overturned would be that they prefer the status quo over a new system under the control of USADA." The fact is, there are no dots here--and that's the problem with HISA. It's illegal and open-ended with more questions than answers.

We believe horse owners and horseplayers likely will be forced, with no say-so, to pick up the cost of HISA's unfunded mandate to create a new bureaucracy.

We also believe thousands of horsemen and horsewomen in the trenches want answers to the many questions before putting their livelihood under control by a group which almost certainly will be indirectly selected by and unduly influenced by the elites (i.e., The Jockey Club, whose largely homogeneous membership of approximately 150 is by invitation only).

For those wanting to portray the National HBPA as being obstructionists for demanding due diligence rather than blind faith, we in turn ask: is it really clear how HISA provides integrity, other than establishing an authority with a vague mission and unchecked power? It's like people are reading the bill title, thinking that's all this is to it and all problems are solved.

The National HBPA along with the Liberty Justice Center went beyond the good-feeling title and read the fine print. That's why we're in court.

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IDOL HAS FOUNDATIONS TO KEEP BELIEVING by *Chris McGrath*



Idol | Benoit photo

The old school has found a new **Idol**. The son of **Curlin** made his breakthrough a couple of weekends ago in a race cherished by traditionalists, and did so with genes of which much the same might be said. Indeed, if the GI Santa Anita H. winner can go on from here--and he has still only made six starts--to lead the older-horse division, then we'll be looking at one of the most eligible stud prospects on the scene.

Even traditionalists, of course, must accept that the world moves on. Or, at least, that the world changes. The two mares who stand opposite each other in the family tree of Marion Ravenwood, the dam of Idol, would possibly no longer be registered with names that have obtained a somewhat different

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resonance over the couple of generations since. To breeders, however, Gay Hostess and Gay Missile are just two of the timeless brands pegging down a pedigree that preserves pretty seamlessly the kind of quality you used to be able to lock in, simply because books were so small that only eligible mares could reach top-class stallions.

Gay Hostess is Marion Ravenwood's fourth dam; while Gay Missile, of course, is third dam of her sire A.P. Indy. Apart from the random connection of :gaiety," their real bond is that each consolidated in the American breed a concentration of Classic influences from the Old World, notably by duplicating one apiece of the most important European mares of the interwar era.

In the case of Gay Missile, it was Lavendula (Fr), whose pedigree combined virtually all the foundation mares assembled by the 17th Earl of Derby in creating arguably the most important stud in the breed's history. Two of Lavendula's daughters had produced Turn-To (Ire) and My Babu (Fr) to become grandsire and damsire, respectively, of Gay Missile.

Gay Hostess, for her part, replicated Mumtaz Mahal (GB)-- whose daughters had produced dual Classic winner Sun Princess (GB) and the breed-shaper Mahmoud (Fr). The former became the dam of Royal Charger (GB), sire of Gay Hostess; while the latter sired her granddam. Gay Hostess was out of Your Hostess (Alibhai {GB}), a sister to Kelso's sire, Your Host, and half-sister to the dam of Flower Bowl (who was herself by Alibhai, and gave us both Graustark and His Majesty). And Gay Hostess herself became a Classic icon: dam of Hall of Famer Majestic Prince (Raise A Native); second dam of French Derby winner Caracolero (himself by Graustark, and so highly inbred); and third dam of Epsom Derby winner Secreto (Northern Dancer).

I know, I know. So far as Idol himself is concerned, for many people these are just parchments of scroll. But blue-hens like Gay Hostess and Gay Missile don't just fall out of the sky. And, because of his family's exemplary stewardship since its arrival in America, Idol is now extending the legacy of Gay Hostess exactly a century since the foaling of Mumtaz Mahal in 1921.

Marion Ravenwood's third dam Meadow Blue was a full sister to Majestic Prince, i.e. by Raise A Native out of Gay Hostess. Though unraced, like Gay Hostess herself, she produced some significant daughters from just half a dozen named foals. Two were only modest winners on the track but proved a sound conduit of her genetic quality: Mangala (Sharpen Up {GB}) produced G2 Queen Anne S. winner Allied Forces (Miswaki); and Really Blue (Believe It) became the dam of none other than Real Quiet (Quiet American), who matched Majestic Prince as a Kentucky Derby and Preakness winner. (Really Blue is also the second dam of Grade II winner/GI Kentucky Oaks runner-up Real Cozy (Cozzene). **Cont. p10**



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Unbridled's Song - Miss Macy Sue, by Trippi

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Two other daughters of Meadow Blue, meanwhile, were group-placed on the track: one went on to produce a Listed winner at Newmarket (over two miles); the other was Nureyev's Best (Nureyev), who won a listed race and finished third in a Group 3 in France.

Nureyev's Best had not achieved a great deal in her second career, however, by the time Narvick International bought her at Keeneland November as a 12-year-old for \$170,000. Unfortunately, the obvious mating, with Real Quiet's sire Quiet American, produced a filly that brought her Tuscany-based breeders no more than €32,000 as a Deauville yearling. As Andujar, she showed only glimpses of ability for Carlos Laffon-Parias as a 3-year-old but then, astutely imported to California by Paul Reddam and Mark Schlesinger, progressed extremely rapidly for Doug O'Neill: she quickly broke her maiden, followed up in an allowance, and then won the GII Milady H. by seven lengths before finishing off with two Grade I podiums. Offered at Fasig-Tipton the following November, she made no less than \$2.5 million from My Meadowview Farm.



Idol's connections following the Big 'Cap, including owner Calvin Nguyen (fourth from left), jockey Joel Rosario and trainer Richard Baltas | *Benoit*

Marion Ravenwood is Andujar's first foal. She showed a fair level of ability for Graham Motion, racing as a homebred in the My Meadowview silks, winning four of 10 starts, including a stakes over a mile on dirt at Aqueduct. But while she was given every opportunity, in her coverings, Andujar only really came up with one, fleeting excitement in third foal Abstraction (Pulpit), who won the Federico Tesio S. at Pimlico but disappeared after then running third in the GIII Matt Winn S. **Cont. p11**



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Unbridled's Song - Miss Macy Sue, by Trippi

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Overall, it seems, the family was not quite doing enough to prevent Marion Ravenwood being culled, with a Pioneerof the Nile cover, to Ashview Farm for \$400,000 at Keeneland November in 2017.

She left behind a weanling colt by **Curlin**, who was sold through Denali in the same ring the following September, for \$375,000 to John S. Holmes--and this, of course, has turned out to be Idol. His blossoming since, for Calvin Nguyen and trainer Richard Baltas, duly makes the Lyster family's purchase of the mare look very smart business.

They had already been drawn to the pedigree, buying Marion Ravenwood's half-sister Judy Legend (**Medaglia d'Oro**) out of the same ring two years previously for \$180,000 as a 4-year-old maiden. (She had been unable to break her maiden in seven starts, but we've seen the depth of the family tree.) Gray Lyster of Ashview Farm remembers asking Joe Miller and Lincoln Collins, representing Len Riggio of My Meadowview, about Marion Ravenwood's **Curlin** weanling.



Photo courtesy Gray Lyster

"I'm good friends with Joe and Lincoln and they were very high in their reports," Lyster says. "You know, sometimes the market really can slaughter those mares that are getting traded when they've had two or three foals without something obvious on the page. But they were very positive on the **Curlin**, so we were kind of lucky. We knew already that her half-sister was really nice-looking, and it turned out that this was just a gorgeous A.P. Indy mare."

Ashview got a first dividend on their investment when selling the Pioneerof the Nile colt, acquired in utero and co-bred with Colts Neck Stables, for \$250,000 as a weanling. And they were wise enough, too, to send Marion Ravenwood back to **Curlin**: last September the resulting filly made \$350,000 from Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners and Repole Stable, just days after Idol had run a promising second on debut.



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"I was trying to tell people looking at her about the full-brother that had just run second on debut," Lyster says. "But I know how people will roll their eyes and say: 'A fall 3-year-old, second? Okay, great, sell your magic beans somewhere else.' To the point that with people you didn't know, you didn't even tell them, because they don't want those B.S. updates! But I had watched the race and thought: 'Oh my gosh, this horse came flying.' That was only six furlongs, remember."

Marion Ravenwood has a yearling colt by **Violence** and has been covered by **Quality Road** this time around. "The **Violence** is beautiful and will likely be pointing towards Keeneland September," Lyster says. "The mare was empty on one try to City Of Light, very late last year, so we got her a good early cover this time. Judy Legend, who has a **Runhappy** yearling on the farm, was the same: took last year off on a very late cover, and is in foal early to **Frosted** now."



Idol set a Churchill track record for a mile and three-sixteenths last November | *Coady*

Turning up a Grade I mare at this farm comes as no surprise, Ashview being widely respected as one of the very best operations of its size. (Graduates include champions **Runhappy** (Super Saver) and Johannesburg (Hennessy). And you have to like the mates chosen for her, too: **Violence** brings in three extra strands of Somethingroyal (plus one extra to her sire Princequillo); and **Quality Road** has two apiece of Somethingroyal and Princequillo.

This drills down into a genetic seam that means Marion Ravenwood doesn't depend solely on that aristocratic bottom line. Her sire A.P. Indy continues posthumously to develop his reputation as a top-class broodmare sire, and that has always seemed, to me, to be rooted in the 2x4 replication of Somethingroyal behind his dam Weekend Surprise: as dam of both Weekend Surprise's sire Secretariat and of Gay Missile's sire Sir Gaylord. (Basically anything to do with Somethingroyal translates into distaff gold.)

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SUNDAY AFFAIR, by A.P. Indy. Unraced. Sister to **MILLION SELLER**. Dam of 7 registered foals, 6 of racing age, 6 to race, 5 winners, including--
YORKTON (c. by Speightstown). Black-type winner, see record.

WEYBURN (c. by Pioneer of the Nile), 2 wins in 4 starts at 2 and 3, 2021, || \$227,520, Gotham S. [G3] (AQU, \$165,000).

Nipigon (g. by Niggon), 5 wins, 2 to 5, \$418,706, in Canada, 2nd Coronation Futurity-R (WO, \$50,000), Bunty Lawless S.-R (WO, \$25,000), 3rd Steady Growth S.-R (WO, \$13,750); 2 wins, \$50,334, in N.A./U.S. (Total: \$384,329).

2nd dam

MILLION GIFT (JPN), by Sunday Silence. Unplaced in 2 starts in Japan. Dam of--
MILLION SELLER (f. by A.P. Indy). 4 wins at 3 and 4, \$164,012, Rosenna S. (DEL, \$30,000). Producer.

3rd dam

MAPLEJINSKY, by Nijinsky II. 5 wins in 9 starts at 3, \$293,196, Alabama S. [G1], Monmouth Oaks [G1], 4th Gazelle H. [G1]. Half-sister to **DAYJUR** [G1] (Total: \$750,777, horse of the year in England). Dam of 5 winners, incl--

SKY BEAUTY, 15 wins in 21 starts, 2 to 5, \$1,336,000, champion older mare, Filly Triple Crown, Coaching Club American Oaks [G1], Mother Goose S. [G1], Acorn S. [G1], Alabama S. [G1], Ruffian H. [G1], etc. Dam of **HURRICANE CAT** [G3] (Total: \$73,640), Granddam of **GROWL** [L] (Total: \$502,558), Great-granddam of **VIOLENCE** [G1] (\$623,000, sire), etc., **Crimson Maple**, 2 wins at 4, \$37,660. Dam of **GOLDWOOD** (\$410,130).

Ajayib, Winner, £10,720, in England. (Total: \$16,966). Dam of **Harb** (Total: \$29,649, 2nd Betfair.com Ripon Champion Two-Year-Old Trophy [L]), **Silence Beauty** (JPN). Placed at 2 in Ireland. Dam of **TALE OF EKATI** (5 wins, \$1,182,992, Wood Memorial S. [G1] (AQU, \$450,000), etc., sire), **TALE OF SILENCE** [G3] (3 wins, \$539,532), Granddam of **Stormy Perfection** [G1] (Total: \$90,114), **Perfection Cat** [L] (Total: \$110,237).

Our Country Place, Unraced. Dam of **PLEASANT HOME** [G1] (\$1,378,070, dam of **Pleasant Orb** [G1], at 3, 2020, \$111,825; **Hereditary**, \$246,589; granddam of **GUARANA** [G1], to 4, 2020, \$1,078,268; **MAGIC DANCE** [L], to 4, 2021, \$191,083; **Tale of S'avall**, \$364,517; **Pleasant Tales**, \$216,818; **HighTech** [L], \$93,974; etc.), **COUNTRY HIDEAWAY** [G2] (\$762,568, dam of **BOCA GRANDE** [G2], \$515,570; **VACATION** [G3], Total: \$340,019; granddam of **Barrier Island**, \$92,765), Granddam of **POINT OF ENTRY** [G1] (\$2,494,490, sire), **PINE ISLAND** [G1] (\$666,800), **BIRDIE BIRDIE** [G3] (Total: \$2,891,471), **BOKEELIA ISLAND** (7 wins, \$268,240), **Sail Ahoy** [G2] (\$182,059), **Chili Cat** (\$96,361, dam of **CAT'S CLAW** [L], \$189,502).

RACE RECORD: In Canada, At 2, one win, once 3rd; at 3, three wins (Charlie Barley S. (WO, \$72,000), King Corrie S. (WO, \$72,000), Queenston S.-R (WO, \$75,000)), once 3rd (Woodstock S. [L] (WO, \$12,000)); at 4, two wins (Bold Venture S. [G3] (WO, \$90,000)), twice 2nd (Nearctic S. [G2] (WO, \$60,000), Vigil S. [G3] (WO, \$30,000)); at 5, one win (Bold Venture S. [G3] (WO, \$90,000)). Totals: 7 wins, twice 2nd, twice 3rd. Earned \$654,716. In N.A./U.S. At 3, unplaced; at 4, unplaced in 1 start; at 5, unplaced; at 6, 2020, twice 2nd (Sir Shackleton S. (GP, \$14,250)), once 3rd (True North S. [G2] (BEL, \$18,000)). Earned \$45,330. (Total: \$546,332).



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And Somethingroyal's sire is also drawn in twice by Marion Westwood's damsire Quiet American. The fact that both Quiet American himself and his sire Fappiano are out of daughters of Dr. Fager is so exotic that it tends to distract from the fact that both these Dr. Fager mares are out of daughters of the matriarch Cequillo—who was, of course, by Princequillo.

Quiet American's grandsire Mr. Prospector also doubles up Raise A Native who, as noted already, sired Marion Ravenwood's third dam. And the mating that produced Idol himself obviously gives us another line of Mr. Prospector, **Curlin** being by Smart Strike.

Smart Strike has been a significant contributor to the diversification of the Mr. Prospector legacy. Not just through **Curlin**, but also through **Lookin At Lucky** and **English Channel**, his influence has been branded by tough two-turn horses that thrive with maturity. (**Tom's d'Etat** certainly enhanced that reputation on the track, and will hopefully now do the same at WinStar).

In that context, you would have to think that Idol is only just getting started. For a horse with this kind of pedigree to be winning a Grade I barely five months after breaking his maiden must be auspicious; moreover the Big 'Cap looked much worthier of its heritage than has sometimes been the case since being squeezed by gaudy new prizes elsewhere. Runner-up Express Train (**Union Rags**) appears to be repaying a typically artful grounding by his trainer, while this was a first defeat for the next home, hot favorite Maxfield (**Street Sense**).

Exciting times, then, at Ashview. The farm is also co-breeder of the 3-year-old Untreated (**Nyquist**), who recently broke his maiden by 8 3/4 lengths at Tampa Bay on the local Derby undercard. "He was really impressive," Lyster said. "We've been hearing good things about him for a while and I believe Todd Pletcher and Team Valor have some pretty high hopes."

And it does feel as though Idol, though a year older, is himself only just getting going. "After his first couple of races, I began to think that this was going to become a serious older horse," Lyster says. "I don't know whether it was the rider change [to Joel Rosario in the Big 'Cap] or just learning more about the horse. But he looks like a big horse that takes a little while to get going, and when he hit that eighth pole, he laid his head down like he hasn't done before. He was really motoring. And there are a couple of big races in California this year, at that distance, so we'll see--fingers crossed!"

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POSSIBLE SUITORS FOR ARLINGTON PARK, BUT WILL CHURCHILL SELL TO A RACETRACK OPERATOR? *By Bill Finley*



Arlington Park | Coady

With the track having been put up for sale and with parent company Churchill Downs Inc. failing to commit to a meet after this year's season, Arlington Park's days may be numbered. But there may be a flicker of hope. Mike Campbell, the president of the Illinois Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association, told the *TDN* that he knows of a number of companies and individuals interested in buying the track and keep it open for racing.

"There is interest, for sure, from different parties that wish to keep it just as a racetrack," Campbell said. "They're interested in developing part of the property and keeping the rest of it for live racing. There has been interest from multiple parties."

Campbell declined to disclose just who was interested in buying the track.

The picture for Arlington became bleak when Churchill failed to apply for a casino license in 2019, saying in a release that it would be "financially untenable" to have a casino at the track. It is widely believed that Churchill does not want a casino at Arlington because it would siphon away business from its successful casino in nearby Des Plaines, Illinois. In February, the track took another step toward extinction when Churchill announced that it was putting the property on the market.

Campbell said those interested in buying the track have only begun the process.

"It hasn't evolved past the point of conversations, discussions," he said. "There has been nothing in depth."

At deadline for this story, Arlington General Manager and Senior Vice President Tony Petrillo had not returned a call seeking comment.

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Though Campbell said he was a bit more optimistic about Arlington's future than he was before hearing from potential buyers, he said he is afraid that Churchill will not sell the property to anyone wishing to keep racing there. When asked why he had come to that conclusion, he pointed to recent comments made by CDI's CEO Bill Carstanjen. In a recent conference call with shareholders, Carstanjen said: "We will conduct racing in 2021 at Arlington while moving forward with the transaction to sell this highly desirable land for other non-horse racing mixed used options."

One individual, who asked to remain anonymous, said his group had reached out to Churchill in hopes that they could begin negotiations to buy the track, only to be rebuffed.

"We reached out to them as a group of horsemen to see if they would allow us to pursue buying the track for pari-mutuel racing only and were told that Churchill had no interest in talking to us," the source said.

When announcing that the track was being put up for sale, Carstanjen made no mention of it possibly remaining as a racetrack.

Arlington Park cont.

“Arlington’s ideal location in Chicago’s northwest suburbs, together with direct access to downtown Chicago via an on-site Metra rail station, presents a unique redevelopment opportunity. We expect to see robust interest in the site and look forward to working with potential buyers,” Carstanjen said in a statement.

Campbell estimated that the property, which sits on 326 acres 30 miles northwest of downtown Chicago, was worth about \$125 million. “It’s worth a lot less than people have been led to believe,” Campbell said.

Campbell said he could not speculate why Churchill might refuse to sell the track to anyone wishing to keep it open and running for horse racing, but he remained pessimistic that the property would be sold to anyone committed to racing.

“It would do them no harm and it would not put them at a competitive disadvantage if there continued to be racing at Arlington Park beyond 2021,” he said. “There would be no competition for their casino. Gamblers who gamble on slot machines and table games, they are a different breed from horseplayers. The frustrating part for those of us who want to save this historical, iconic racetrack is the fact that everything you can glean from this speaks to Churchill wanting to not allow even racing there. That’s baffling to me.”

The 2021 meet is scheduled to end Sept. 25.

Churchill management has released statements that raise the possibility that they will want to keep a racing license in the possibility that they could open a racino somewhere else in the state. Campbell said he was not optimistic that a new track would be built.

If Churchill goes ahead with its current plans, racing in the Chicago area would be down to just one track, Hawthorne. Hawthorne is obligated to also hold a harness racing meet, which means the opportunity to run Thoroughbreds there is limited.

“Arlington Park is a wonderful institution that’s been part of our society for almost 100 years and I’m afraid they’re going to run a bulldozer through it,” Campbell said.

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SANTA ANITA TO REOPEN AT LIMITED CAPACITY APR. 2

Beginning Friday, Apr. 2 and in keeping with the State of California's guidelines for large sporting event venues, Santa Anita Park will open to a limited number of fans. The opening is one day prior to the running of the GI **Runhappy** Santa Anita Derby.

All tickets, which include an assigned seat, must be pre-purchased. For the time being, there will be no walk-up admissions, but that could be changed should COVID-19 numbers improve in Los Angeles County. To receive notifications on ticket sales as soon as they become available, fans are encouraged to sign up for [Santa Anita's Newsletter](#).



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Tickets will include a seat, program, and parking. All fans must follow stringent guidelines and protocols, including mandatory wearing of cloth face coverings and maintaining social distancing at all times. Box seats, tables and individual seats will be spaced out and sold to maximize social distancing.

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CEZANNE WORKING TOWARDS COMEBACK

by Jessica Martini

Cezanne (**Curlin**), who topped the 2019 Fasig-Tipton Gulfstream Sale when bringing a final bid of \$3.65 million from M.V. Magnier, is training steadily for his return to the races, most recently working five furlongs in 1:00.00 (4/21) Thursday at Santa Anita for trainer Bob Baffert.

“He’s doing well,” Baffert reported following the work Thursday. “We just freshened him up.”



Cezanne | Benoit

Racing for Susan Magnier, Derrick Smith, and Michael Tabor, as well as co-breeder St. Elias Stable, Cezanne opened his career with a 2 1/4-length victory going 6 1/2 furlongs last June at Santa Anita. He followed up with a one-mile allowance victory at Los Alamitos in July, but suffered his first loss when fourth behind **Thousand Words** (Pioneerof the Nile) in the Aug. 1 Shared Belief S. at Del Mar.

Thursday’s work was Cezanne’s third of the month. The 4-year-old worked a bullet five furlongs from the gate in 1:00.00 (1/29) at Santa Anita Mar. 3 and went five furlongs in :59.80 (2/19) Mar. 9.

While no specific spot has been picked out for the colt’s return, Baffert said, “He’s getting close to a race soon.”

Cezanne worked a furlong in :10 flat before his sale-topping turn at the Gulfstream sale two years ago. Bred by Hill ‘n’ Dale Equine Holdings and St. Elias Stables, he is out of Achieving (**Bernardini**), a half-sister to Grade I winner Streaming (Smart Strike). His third dam is blue hen mare Better Than Honour (Deputy Minister).

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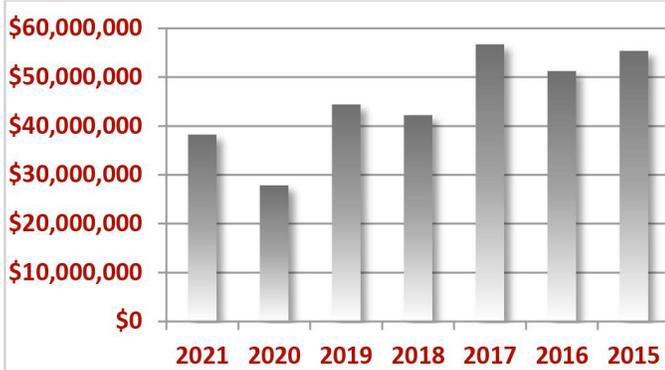
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- Steve Sherack

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2019	577	409	309	29.1%	75.6%	53.6%	\$44,422,500	\$143,762
2018	573	363	257	26.7%	70.8%	44.6%	\$42,275,000	\$164,494
2017	677	414	304	38.8%	73.4%	44.9%	\$56,765,000	\$186,727
2016	613	434	320	29.2%	73.7%	52.2%	\$51,288,000	\$160,275
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CLASS 4 DRUG COMPLAINT ISSUED AGAINST MILLER AFTER GRADE II WIN

By T.D. Thornton

Trainer Peter Miller, currently tied for first in wins in the Santa Anita Park standings, has been summoned to a hearing with the track's stewards to answer a California Horse Racing Board (CHRB) complaint for a Class 4, Penalty Category C drug violation after isoflupredone was confirmed via split-sample testing his trainee, Hembree (Proud Citizen), when the 7-year-old won the GII Joe Hernandez S. at 5-1 odds Jan. 1.

Isoflupredone is an injectable steroid primarily administered for anti-inflammatory effects. The drug's 4C categorization is on the less-severe side of the scale of the Uniform Classification Guidelines for Foreign Substances list published by the Association of Racing Commissioners International.

According to the CHRB rule book, a trainer's first violation within a 365-day period for a Category C drug violation can result in a minimum fine of \$500 to a maximum fine of \$1,000 (absent mitigating circumstances).

In April 2017, Miller was previously fined \$1,000 by the CHRB for an isoflupredone overage.

Hembree, owned by Tom Kagele, subsequently raced Feb. 6 when fifth in the GIII Thunder Road S. at Santa Anita.

No date for the hearing was entered on the Mar. 11 complaint, which was digitally signed by the CHRB's equine medical director, Rick Arthur, DVM.

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KEEPMEINMIND LIKELY FOR ARKANSAS DERBY

Though he has an option for the \$800,000 GII Toyota Blue Grass S. Apr. 3, **Keepmeinmind** (**Laoban**) is more likely to remain at trainer Robertino Diodoro's Oaklawn base and await the \$1-million GI Arkansas Derby Apr. 10, the conditioner told the Oaklawn notes team Thursday.

"It could change, but right now I'm pointing towards the Arkansas Derby," Diodoro said. "Just being here, not having to ship."

Second in the GI Claiborne Breeders' Futurity last October and third in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile as a maiden, Keepmeinmind rallied from last to graduate in the GII Kentucky Jockey Club S. at Churchill in late November. Stabled in Hot Springs since December, the colt was to have made his sophomore debut in the GIII Southwest S., but when that race was pushed back by nearly two weeks due to extreme winter weather, Diodoro elected to wait for the GII Rebel S. Mar. 13. Keepmeinmind finished sixth, beaten eight lengths, behind undefeated **'TDN Rising Star'** Concert Tour (**Street Sense**).

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Keepmeinmind schooling at Oaklawn Mar. 12 | Coady

KEENELAND CATALOGS 23 HORSES FOR MARCH DIGITAL SALE

Keeneland has unveiled a catalog of 23 horse for its March Digital Sale, to be held Tuesday, Mar. 23 as part of Keeneland's Digital Sales Ring Platform. The catalog may be viewed at Keenelanddigital.com.

Buyers are encouraged to register for an account in the Digital Sales Ring prior to the day of the sale. The **Keeneland Sales Portal** may be used to register or log in to an existing account.

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For further information on the March Sale, contact **Dean Roethemeier**, **Kyle Wilson** or **Chip McGaughey**.

A total of seven mixed sales are scheduled for 2021. They will continue in May, June, July, August, October and December.

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PARKER WINS WOOLF AWARD



Deshawn Parker | Coady

Jockey DeShawn Parker, who in 2010 became the first African American rider since 1895 to lead all American jockeys in races won, has been selected by a vote of jockeys nationwide as the winner of the 2021 George Woolf Memorial Jockey Award.

Presented annually by Santa Anita since 1950, the Woolf Award can only be won once. It recognizes those riders whose careers and personal character garner esteem for the individual and the sport of Thoroughbred racing.

A Cincinnati, Ohio native, Parker, 50, outpolled four other Woolf finalists, Alex Birzer, Jorge Martin Bourdieu, Kendrick Carmouche and Aaron Gryder. The 2021 Woolf Award win comes on the heels of the passing of Parker’s mentor and father, Daryl Parker. A longtime highly respected Ohio racing steward, Parker passed away from cancer Mar. 4.

“My idol, my best friend and a great father,” Parker tweeted Mar. 5. “He meant so much to my life and my career. I can only hope to be as great as he was. I’m going to miss my Dad so much, but I know he’s in a better place with no pain and living his life to the fullest up there, hanging with friends and family and talking up a storm!”

Despite being 5’10”, Parker was America’s leading rider in 2010 with 377 wins. He came back to lead all jockeys again in 2011 with 400 trips to the Winner’s Circle. Parker was a perennial leading rider at Mountaineer, as well as Indiana Grand and Sam Houston.

Due to uncertainty surrounding COVID-19 restrictions, the 2021 Woolf Award ceremony will be conducted at a date to-be-determined.

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KY DERBY MUSEUM SEEKING BEST DERBY STORIES

The Kentucky Derby Museum is launching the “Best Kentucky Derby Stories” Contest. Contestants from anywhere in the world can submit their story along with photos or videos on derbymuseum.org.

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5	Hot Rod Charlie	Oxbow	Roadrunner Racing, Boat Racing, LLC and Strauss, William	Mora	Rosario	122
6	Mandaloun	Into Mischief	Juddmonte Farms, Inc.	Cox	Geroux	122
7	Midnight Bourbon 🌿	Tiznow	Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC	Asmussen	Talamo	122
8	O Besos	Orb	Bernard Racing, Tagg Team Racing & West Point Tbred	Foley	Pedroza	122

Breeders: 1-Dallas Stewart & WinStar Farm, LLC, 2-Gary & Mary West Stables Inc., 3-Millennium Farms, 4-Godolphin, 5-Edward A. Cox Jr., 6-Juddmonte Farms Inc, 7-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC, 8-L. Barrett Bernard

Saturday, Fair Grounds, post time: 5:12 p.m. EDT

NEW ORLEANS CLASSIC S.-GII, \$400,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/8m

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	Zaajel	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

Saturday, Gulfstream, post time: 4:48 p.m. EDT**THE 22ND RUNNING OF THE HURRICANE BERTIE S.-GIII, \$100,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Saguaro Row	Union Rags	Greenville Stable	Sweezey	Lopez	120
2	Royal Meghan	Uncaptured	Lowwood Farm, LLC and Abreu, Fernando	Abreu	Castellano	118
3	Reluctant Bride 🌿	Speightstown	D P Racing LLC and Patrick L. Biancone Racing LLC	Biancone	Bravo	118
4	Pacific Gale 🌿	Flat Out	Holly Hill Stable	Kimmel	Alvarado	124
5	Cory Gal	Corfu Paradise Farms Corp.		Walder	Lanerie	118
6	Sonar	Brethren	Arindel	David	Jaramillo	118
7	Sound Machine 🌿	Into Mischief	e Five Racing Thoroughbreds	Joseph, Jr.	Gaffalione	118
8	Slam Dunk 🌿	Into Mischief	Magic Cap Stables	McGaughey III	Leparoux	118

Breeders: 1-Mark Breen, 2-Ocala Stud, 3-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC, 4-Bally Breeders, 5-Eric J. Wirth, 6-Arindel, 7-Farm III, 8-Jay Goodwin, Meredith Krupp, IndianCreek & Rick Smith

Saturday, Santa Anita, post time: 7:00 p.m. EDT**SAN LUIS REY S.-GIII, \$100,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/2mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Acclimate	Acclamation	The Ellwood Johnston Trust, Timmy Time Racing & K. Tevelde	D'Amato	Baze	120
2	Masteroffoxhounds	War Front	Rockingham Ranch	Baltas	Rispoli	124
3	United 🌿	Giant's Causeway	LNJ Foxwoods	Mandella	Prat	124
4	Say the Word	More Than Ready	Agave Racing Stable and Sam-Son Farm	D'Amato	Smith	124
5	Multiplier 🌿	The Factor	Bigleague Racing, LLC	Lerner	Cedillo	120

Breeders: 1-Old English Rancho, Sal Berumen & PatsyBerumen, 2-Orpendale/Chelston/Wynatt, 3-Rosemont Farm LLC, 4-Sam-Son Farm, 5-Mark Stansell



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1	Into Mischief (2005) by Harlan's Holiday Crops: 10	9	19	4	7	--	--	152	37	260,000	2,747,462
										Mandaloun	
2	Street Sense (2004) by Street Cry (Ire) Crops: 11	6	7	3	4	--	1	89	27	756,600	2,036,134
										Concert Tour	
3	Munnings (2006) by Speightstown Crops: 8	5	8	--	3	--	--	98	28	132,000	1,390,137
										Boldor	
4	Curlin (2004) by Smart Strike Crops: 10	4	12	2	6	1	1	99	25	264,000	1,835,867
										Idol	
5	Ghostzapper (2000) by Awesome Again Crops: 13	4	4	2	3	--	--	73	20	360,000	1,292,087
										Mystic Guide	
6	Medaglia d'Oro (1999) by El Prado (Ire) Crops: 14	4	5	3	3	--	--	45	12	137,500	672,630
										Risk Taking	
7	Tapit (2001) by Pulpit Crops: 14	3	7	2	4	--	--	74	24	450,000	1,798,083
										Essential Quality	
8	Candy Ride (Arg) (1999) by Ride the Rails Crops: 14	3	4	2	3	--	--	85	30	194,000	1,294,082
										Share the Ride	
9	Union Rags (2009) by Dixie Union Crops: 6	3	6	1	3	--	1	92	22	200,000	1,193,185
										Express Train	
10	Flat Out (2006) by Flatter Crops: 5	3	3	2	3	--	--	102	36	156,200	1,118,064
										Chateau	
11	American Pharoah (2012) by Pioneerof the Nile Crops: 3	3	6	2	4	1	2	52	11	166,000	854,430
										Big Lake	
12	Speightstown (1998) by Gone West Crops: 14	3	9	3	5	--	--	63	19	94,975	842,452
										Performer	
13	Flatter (1999) by A.P. Indy Crops: 15	3	4	1	1	--	--	69	18	161,500	761,608
										Search Results	
14	Paynter (2009) by Awesome Again Crops: 5	2	4	1	1	1	1	83	31	1,740,000	2,680,470
										Knicks Go	
15	Hard Spun (2004) by Danzig Crops: 11	2	4	--	2	--	--	88	25	390,000	1,238,617
										Silver State	

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IN ORDER OF PURSE:

8th-Oaklawn, \$106,000, Alw (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 3-18, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10.50, ft, 3/4 length.

OCEAN BREEZE (f, 4, Curlin--Oceanwave {MGSP, \$245,449}, by Harlan's Holiday), third in last year's GIII Iowa Oaks and second in the Runhappy Audubon Oaks, returned from a three-month freshening to win a track-and-trip allowance Feb. 5. Sent off at 7-2, the dark bay filly settled well off the pace of returning 'TDN Rising Star' Auberge (Palace) who took the field through an opening quarter-mile in :22.37. She began picking off foes on the turn, rolled up five wide into the lane and was finding her best stride as the pacesetting favorite began to falter along the rail. Wildwood's Beauty (Kantharos) was first to overtake Auberge, but her advantage was short lived as Ocean Breeze closed stoutly to win going away by 3/4 lengths.

Auberge tired to fourth. The winner's second dam, Tamboz (Tapit), is a full-sister to GI Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile winner Tapizar. Her dam Oceanwave was second in the 2015 GIII Fantasy S. and GIII Honeybee S. and third in the GII Indiana Oaks for these same connections. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** Lifetime Record: GSP, 9-3-3-2, \$233,100.

O-Gary & Mary West; B-Gary & Mary West Stables Inc. (KY); T-Wayne M. Catalano.

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7th-Oaklawn, \$102,900, Alw, 3-18, (NW1\$X), 4yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:05.18, ft, 1/2 length.

HENRYS DEAL (f, 4, Race Day--Fast Deal {SW, \$273,058}, by Grand Slam) graduated by 5 1/2 lengths in her 5 1/2-furlong bow at Lone Star Park last June and had not been seen since finishing a well-beaten seventh going 6 1/2 furlongs at Saratoga Aug. 9. The 7-2 shot was outfooted early and was last in a compact field. She progressed along the rail on the turn, snuck through and darted to the lead in upper stretch before holding off the late-closing Break Curfew (**Into Mischief**) to win by a half-length. Henrys Deal was a \$30,000 FTKJUL yearling and a \$65,000 OBSAPR juvenile. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$83,715.

O-Flying P Stable; B-Spendthrift Farm LLC (KY); T-Robertino Diodoro.

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IN ORDER OF PURSE:

6th-Gulfstream, \$44,000, (S), Msw, 3-18, 3yo, 6 1/2f, 1:16.06, ft, 3 3/4 lengths.

UPHOLD THE LAW (c, 3, Upstart--Scribbling Sarah, by Freud), a half-brother to last year's GI Central Bank Ashland S. winner Speech (**Mr Speaker**, GISW, \$519,490) was sent off at 5-2 in this unveiling. The bay colt sat just in behind pacesetting favorite Twice Too Many (**The Big Beast**) through an opening quarter in :22.48. Waiting for racing room along the rail approaching the stretch, he tipped out three wide after a half in :45.33, surged to the lead inside the final furlong and powered clear to graduate by 3 3/4 lengths. Twice Too Many held second. Sales history: \$35,000 Ylg '19 OBSWIN; \$27,000 RNA Ylg '19 KESEP; \$48,000 Ylg '19 OBSOCT. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$26,400. O-Niall Brennan & Susan Moulton; B-Gail Rice (FL); T-M Stidham.

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6th-Turfway, \$31,912, Msw, 3-17, 3yo/up, 1m (AWT), 1:37.30, ft, 3 1/2 lengths.

EDITOR IN CHIEF (c, 3, Curlin--Tapas, by Tapit), a \$650,000 FTSAUG yearling, opened his career on the **West Coast** with trainer Bob Baffert, finishing second going one mile at Del Mar and fifth going 1 1/16 miles at Santa Anita Jan. 3. The gray colt set the pace before tiring to fifth in his first outing on Turfway's synthetic surface for Rodolphe Brisset Feb. 5. The 9-5 second choice zipped out to the early lead and was in control through fractions of :25.46 and :48.96. He turned back 3-5 favorite Nineelevanturbo (**More Than Ready**) in upper stretch and drew clear inside the final furlong to graduate by 3 1/2 lengths. The unraced Tapas, who sold for \$1.3 million at the 2016 Fasig-Tipton November sale, is a half-sister to Justwhistledixie (Dixie Union), dam of GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile winner New Year's Day (Street Cry {Ire}), multiple graded stakes winner Mohaymen (**Tapit**), and graded winners Enforceable (**Tapit**) and Kingly (**Tapit**). The 10-year-old mare produced a filly by Pioneerof the Nile in 2020 and a filly by **Vino Rosso** this year. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-0, \$32,316.

O-WinStar Farm LLC and CHC INC.; B-China Horse Club International Limited (KY); T-Rodolphe Brisset.



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 running at Chukyo and Hanshin Racecourses:

Saturday, March 20, 2021

1st-CKO, ¥9,680,000 (\$89k), Maiden, 3yo, 1800m

NEFERTARI (JPN) (f, 3, American Pharoah--What a Spot, by Arch) finished a close third on career debut going this trip at Hanshin Nov. 22 ([video](#), gate 8) and was a midfield eighth when last seen over that track and distance Dec. 20. The late April foal is out of a winning half-sister to GISWs Coil (Point Given) and Chiropractor ([Kitten's Joy](#)); MGSP Decorating ([Galileo {Ire}](#)); and MSP Ellyb (Pioneer of the Nile) and was acquired in utero for \$225K at the 2017 Keeneland November sale. The filly's third dam produced champion Possibly Perfect (Northern Baby). Christophe Lemaire has the call. *B-Hattori Bokujo*

11th-HSN, Wakaba S.-Listed, ¥38m (\$349k), 3yo, 2000mT

AMERICAN MACH (c, 3, Kitten's Joy--Cat On a Tin Roof, by Catienus) failed to handle the local dirt track in a pair of starts at this venue late last year, but has--not surprisingly--gone much better on the grass, including a near-miss second over the course and distance Feb. 28 ([video](#), gate 10), enough to earn a green light for this test as a four-start maiden. The \$310K KEESEP acquisition is a full-brother to SW Sniper Kitten and is out of a full-sister to MSW and English G1SP Cannonball. The female family includes GSW/GISP Emotional Kitten ([Kitten's Joy](#)) and MSW & GISP Unspoken Word (Catienus). *B-Kenneth & Sarah Ramsey (KY)*

Sunday, March 21, 2021

3rd-HSN, ¥9,680,000 (\$89k), Maiden, 3yo, 1800m

ROSE EMPEROR (c, 3, Medaglia d'Oro--Arch Support, by Arch) has one previous start to his credit, a strong runner-up effort over this track and distance on debut Feb. 14 ([video](#), gate 10). A \$220K KEESEP RNA turned \$350K OBS March breezer (:10 1/5), the dark bay colt is out of this breeder's Arch Support, runner-up to the exceptional Winter Memories (El Prado {Ire}) in the 2010 GIII Miss Grillo S. on the Belmont Park turf course. Yutaka Take sees fit to ride. *B-Lee Pokoik (KY)*



SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: FRIDAY, MARCH 19

2021 Stud Fees Listed

Barbados (Speightstown), Shamrock Farm, \$2,500
12 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
8-Laurel, Aoc 6f, Insightful, 15-1
\$4,500 EAS OCT yrl

Box Score (Dynaformer), Milky Way Farm, \$1,000
15 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
1-Santa Anita, Msw 1mT, Hail Freedom, 3-1

Flintshire (GB) (Dansili {GB}), Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa, \$10,000
158 foals of racing age/10 winners/0 black-type winners
8-Santa Anita, Msw 1mT, Big Flint, 3-1

Frosted (Tapit), Darley, \$25,000
238 foals of racing age/23 winners/1 black-type winner
5-Fair Grounds, Aoc 6f, Euphoric, 7-5
\$50,000 OBS APR 2yo
8-Laurel, Aoc 6f, Little Huntress, 3-1
\$100,000 KEE SEP yrl
8-Laurel, Aoc 6f, Paradise Song, 7-2
\$180,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$240,000 RNA OBS APR 2yo; \$250,000 EAS MAY 2yo

Gabriel Charles (Street Hero), Toreador Equine, \$3,500
9 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
1-Santa Anita, Msw 1mT, Catfish Charlie, 30-1

Mosler (War Front), Country Life Farm, \$4,000
112 foals of racing age/15 winners/2 black-type winners
7-Laurel, Msw 6f, Monster Rising, 12-1

Mshawish (Medaglia d'Oro), Taylor Made Farm, \$7,500
133 foals of racing age/19 winners/0 black-type winners
6-Tampa Bay Downs, Aoc 6f, Dannyhill, 8-1
\$17,000 KEE SEP yrl

Not This Time (Giant's Causeway), Taylor Made Farm, \$40,000
204 foals of racing age/35 winners/5 black-type winners
5-Oaklawn, Msw 6f, Time Is Yours, 6-1
\$130,000 FTS AUG yrl

Outwork (Uncle Mo), WinStar Farm, \$15,000
 209 foals of racing age/23 winners/2 black-type winners
 5-Fair Grounds, Aoc 6f, Malloy, 9-2
 \$130,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$175,000 FTS AUG yrl
 7-Oaklawn, Wcl 1 1/16m, My Boy Gus, 15-1
 \$7,000 FTK OCT yrl
 5-Santa Anita, Msw 6 1/2f, Sharapova, 8-1
 \$67,000 FTK OCT yrl; \$130,000 OBS OPN 2yo

Runhappy (Super Saver), Claiborne Farm, \$10,000
 199 foals of racing age/19 winners/1 black-type winner
 7-Laurel, Msw 6f, Runners Dream, 5-1
 \$60,000 FTK FEB wnl; \$70,000 FTK OCT yrl; \$70,000 OBS OPN 2yo

Tekton (Bernardini), McDowell Farm
 10 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
 9-Oaklawn, Msw 6f, Dover Lights, 8-1
 9-Oaklawn, Msw 6f, Downtown Boy, 20-1

Uncle Lino (Uncle Mo), Northview Stallion Station, \$4,000
 132 foals of racing age/10 winners/0 black-type winners
 8-Laurel, Aoc 6f, Hipnotizada, 5-1
 \$5,200 EAS DEC wnl; \$40,000 EAS OCT yrl
 6-Penn National, Alw 6f, Life Master Cathy, 5-2

Upstart (Flatter), Airdrie Stud, \$10,000
 167 foals of racing age/27 winners/1 black-type winner
 7-Laurel, Msw 6f, No Chance Given, 12-1

Vancouver (Aus) (Medaglia d'Oro), Coolmore Australia
 146 foals of racing age/20 winners/1 black-type winner
 7-Laurel, Msw 6f, Stir Crazy, 7-2
 \$20,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$5,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$35,000 OBS OPN 2yo



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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

7th-Fair Grounds, \$62,000, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 3-18, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:42.87, ft, 1 1/2 lengths.

COWBOY DIPLOMACY (g, 5, Tapizar--Drumette, by Henny Hughes) Lifetime Record: 10-3-3-1, \$136,800. O-Pocket Aces Racing LLC & Madaket Stables LLC; B-FPF LLC & Highfield Ranch (KY); T-Brad H. Cox. *\$175,000 Ylg '17 FTKOCT. **Full to Monomoy Girl, Ch. 3yo Filly, Ch. Older Dirt Female, MGISW, \$4,576,818; 1/2 to Mr. Monomoy (**Palace Malice**), GSW, \$327,162.

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3rd-Fair Grounds, \$61,000, (S), 3-18, (NW2L), 3yo, 6f, 1:10.63, ft, 3/4 length.

NO PEDIGREE (c, 3, Half Ours--All About Ju Ju, by Into Mischief) Lifetime Record: SP, 5-2-0-1, \$83,740. O-Marc Detampel, Bottle Rocket Stable & Walsh Racing LLC; B-Summer Hill Farm (LA); T-Brendan P. Walsh. *\$8,000 Ylg '19 OBSOCT; \$185,000 2yo '20 OBSOPN.

5th-Fair Grounds, \$61,000, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$17,500), 3-18, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:09.60, ft, 8 1/2 lengths.

TIPSY GAL (f, 4, Majesticperfection--Topsy At Midnight, by Midnight Lute) Lifetime Record: 13-2-2-2, \$143,354. O/B-Rock Ridge Thoroughbreds, LLC (KY); T-Dallas Stewart.

8th-Fair Grounds, \$54,320, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$17,500), 3-18, 4yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f (off turf), 1:03.91, ft, 5 1/4 lengths.

LADY ANNA (f, 4, Into Mischief--Race Hunter, by Dixie Union) Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-0, \$74,340. O-Backstretch Farms, Inc.; B-Albaugh Family Stables LLC (KY); T-Cherie DeVaux. *\$150,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP.

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8th-Delta Downs, \$41,000, (S), 3-18, (NW1X), 4yo/up, 1m, 1:42.09, ft, 1/2 length.

UNWANTED INTRUDER (g, 4, Lone Star Special--Guest, by Deputy Commander) Lifetime Record: 11-4-1-1, \$69,546. O-End Zone Athletics, Inc.; B-Tigertail Ranch (LA); T-Karl Broberg.

5th-Penn National, \$30,692, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 3-17, 4yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:37.42, ft, 2 lengths.

SCATRATTLEANDROLL (m, 5, Scat Daddy--Haley's Lolipop {GSP, \$105,300}, by Cuvee) Lifetime Record: 17-3-2-3, \$100,991. O-Runnymoore Racing, LLC; B-Tom Durant (KY); T-A. Lands Trites.

7th-Charles Town, \$29,000, 3-17, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:48.97, ft, 7 1/2 lengths.

FOLLY (m, 5, Super Saver--Treasured, by Arch) Lifetime Record: 21-4-3-2, \$100,994. O-Todd & Mary Crow; B-Leverett S. & Linda B. Miller (KY); T-Troy Newton.

6th-Penn National, \$28,000, 3-17, (NW1X), 4yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:04.40, ft, 3/4 length.

BARBARA'S BANK (f, 4, Bank Heist--Barbara's Beauty, by Bandini) Lifetime Record: 9-3-2-1, \$55,928. O-Peter Kazamias; B-Kaz Hill Farm (NY); T-Dimitrios K. Synnefiias.

3rd-Turf Paradise, \$22,000, (C)/Opt. Clm (\$15,000-\$20,000), 3-18, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:09.86, ft, head.

IT MAKES SENSE (g, 6, Majestic Warrior--Sensibly Chic {GSW, \$511,227}, by Distorted Humor) Lifetime Record: SP, 18-6-3-2, \$119,367. O-Shawn H. Davis; B-McKenzie Bloodstock (KY); T-Shawn H. Davis. *\$40,000 Ylg '16 FTKOCT; \$25,000 RNA 2yo '17 BARMAR.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

King Cairo, c, 3, **Cairo Prince**--Anniebear, by **Tale of the Cat**. Gulfstream, 3-18, (C), 7f, 1:23.93. B-Frederick C. Wieting (KY). *\$7,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP.

The Illusionist, g, 3, **Forty Tales**--Magic Fillsthe Air, by **More Than Ready**. Charles Town, 3-17, (S), 4 1/2f, :53.41. B-Ronney Brown & Nicole Freeland (WV). *1ST-TIME STARTER.

Amaterasu, f, 3, **Karakontie (Jpn)**--Courage and Intent, by Pleasantly Perfect. Penn National, 3-17, (S), 1m, 1:40.24. B-Horseshoe Valley Equine Center, LLC (PA).

Moss Boss, g, 3, **Lea**--Twice Told Tale, by **Tale of the Cat**. Charles Town, 3-17, 4 1/2f, :52.81. B-Cherry Valley Farm, LLC (KY).

Dinner At Crumpies, g, 4, **Daaher**--Paillette, by Polish Numbers. Oaklawn, 3-18, (S), 1 1/16m, 1:47.16. B-William J. Prichard (AR).

Pharme's Phaith, g, 4, **Early Flyer**--Window to the Soul, by Naevus. Sam Houston Race, 3-17, (S), 1 1/16mT, 1:46.04. B-Pharme Racing Ltd (TX).

Schmoozin, g, 4, **Flatter**--Dance With Ron, by **More Than Ready**. Fair Grounds, 3-18, 5 1/2f (off turf), 1:04.08. B-Pin Oak Stud, LLC & Brookfield Stud (KY). *\$140,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP.

Eagles Cry, g, 4, **Golddigger's Boy**--Cartier Lady, by Point Given. Penn National, 3-17, 6f, 1:10.44. B-Luana Johnson (PA).

Ugottago, m, 5, **Greeley's Galaxy**--Bayou Girl, by Busterwaggley. Delta Downs, 3-18, (S), 5f, 1:01.47. B-Brad Rasberry (LA).

Searing Chase, g, 5, **Uncle Mo**--Joyfully, by **Mineshaft**. Turfway, 3-17, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:16.66. B-Copper Water Thoroughbred Company, LTD. (KY). *\$370,000 Ylg '17 KEEJAN; \$700,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP.

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Bank Heist, Barbara's Bank, f, 4, o/o Barbara's Beauty, by Bandini. ALW, 3-17, Penn National

Cairo Prince, King Cairo, c, 3, o/o Anniebear, by **Tale of the Cat**. MCL, 3-18, Gulfstream

Curlin, Editor in Chief, c, 3, o/o Tapas, by **Tapit**. MSW, 3-17, Turfway

Curlin, Ocean Breeze, f, 4, o/o Oceanwave, by Harlan's Holiday. AOC, 3-18, Oaklawn

Daaher, Dinner At Crumpies, g, 4, o/o Paillette, by Polish Numbers. MSW, 3-18, Oaklawn

Early Flyer, Pharme's Phaith, g, 4, o/o Window to the Soul, by Naevus. MSW, 3-17, Sam Houston

Flatter, Schmoozin, g, 4, o/o Dance With Ron, by **More Than Ready**. MSW, 3-18, Fair Grounds

Forty Tales, The Illusionist, g, 3, o/o Magic Fillsthe Air, by **More Than Ready**. MSW, 3-17, Charles Town

Golddigger's Boy, Eagles Cry, g, 4, o/o Cartier Lady, by Point Given. MSW, 3-17, Penn National

Greeley's Galaxy, Ugottago, m, 5, o/o Bayou Girl, by Busterwaggley. MSW, 3-18, Delta Downs

Half Ours, No Pedigree, c, 3, o/o All About Ju Ju, by **Into Mischief**. ALW, 3-18, Fair Grounds

Into Mischief, Lady Anna, f, 4, o/o Race Hunter, by Dixie Union. AOC, 3-18, Fair Grounds

Karakontie (Jpn), Amaterasu, f, 3, o/o Courage and Intent, by Pleasantly Perfect. MSW, 3-17, Penn National

Lea, Moss Boss, g, 3, o/o Twice Told Tale, by **Tale of the Cat**. MSW, 3-17, Charles Town

Lone Star Special, Unwanted Intruder, g, 4, o/o Guest, by Deputy Commander. ALW, 3-18, Delta Downs

Majestic Warrior, It Makes Sense, g, 6, o/o Sensibly Chic, by **Distorted Humor**. AOC, 3-18, Turf Paradise

Majesticperfection, Topsy Gal, f, 4, o/o Topsy At Midnight, by **Midnight Lute**. AOC, 3-18, Fair Grounds
Race Day, Henrys Deal, f, 4, o/o Fast Deal, by Grand Slam. ALW, 3-18, Oaklawn
Scat Daddy, Scatrattleandroll, m, 5, o/o Haley's Lolipop, by Cuvee. AOC, 3-17, Penn National
Super Saver, Folly, m, 5, o/o Treasured, by Arch. ALW, 3-17, Charles Town
Tapizar, Cowboy Diplomacy, g, 5, o/o Drumette, by Henny Hughes. AOC, 3-18, Fair Grounds
Uncle Mo, Searing Chase, g, 5, o/o Joyfully, by **Mineshaft**. MSW, 3-17, Turfway
Upstart, Uphold the Law, c, 3, o/o Scribbling Sarah, by **Freud**. MSW, 3-18, Gulfstream

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FOALING NEWS

SHOPPERS RETURN, 15, Put It Back--Shop Here, by Dehere
 Foal born Feb. 22, a colt by **Frosted**.
 Will be bred back to **Quality Road**.
 Owned by Breeze Easy LLC.
 Boarded at Seclusive Farm.
 Accomplishments: Dam of Warranty (Artie Schiller), SP, \$201,505; Imprimis (**Broken Vow**), MGSW, \$817,523.

STREET MATE, 13, Street Cry (Ire)--Day Mate, by Dayjur
 Foal born Feb. 22, a filly by **Collected**.
 Will be bred back to **Not This Time**.
 Owned by Brereton C. Jones.
 Boarded at Airdrie Stud.
 Accomplishments: Dam of Running Mate (**Creative Cause**), SP; Bell's the One (Majesticperfection), GISW, \$880,040.



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RACHAEL REIGNS OVER CHELTENHAM



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By Emma Berry

“Out of this world,” was how Rachael Blackmore described her week at Cheltenham so far, but it is becoming increasingly clear that the top echelon of National Hunt racing is very much her world.

The 31-year-old now leads the jockeys' table with five Festival winners in the last three days, with Jack Kennedy her closest pursuer on three. Two of her triumphs have come on horses owned by Cheveley Park Stud, which has now celebrated two winners at each of the last three Cheltenham Festivals. Wednesday's victory of Sir Gerhard (Ire) (Jeremy) in the G1 Weatherbys Champion Bumper was followed 24 hours later by the emphatic G1 Ryanair Chase triumph of Allaho (Fr) (No Risk At All {Fr}). The link between the two, apart from the owner and trainer Willie Mullins, was the brilliant, dominant riding of Blackmore, who on each horse dictated the race from the front, running her rivals ragged.

In the case of Allaho, his relentless pace started to force errors from those in pursuit of the 7-year-old, whose near-flawless jumping bought him lengths at each fence. Having dispatched his stable-mate and last year's Ryanair winner Min (Fr) (Walk In The Park {Ire}), who was eventually pulled up, he kicked into another gear for his final thrust up the hill, leaving the Joseph O'Brien-trained runner-up Fakir d'Oudairies (Fr) (Kapgarde {Fr}) 12 lengths adrift as he sailed across the line.

Add the Cheveley Park Stud brace to Blackmore's historic Champion Hurdle success aboard Kenny Alexander's Honeysuckle (GB) (Sulamani {Ire}) on the opening day, the victory of Bob Olinger (Ire) (Sholokhov {Ire}) in the G1 Ballymore Novices' Hurdle on Wednesday and, later on Thursday the daring late run on Telmesomethinggirl (Ire) (Stowaway {Ire}) to clinch another victory for owner Alexander and trainer Henry de Bromhead in the G2 Parnell Properties Mares' Hurdle. With one day to go and some enticing rides on Friday which include another Cheveley Park Stud runner A Plus Tard (Fr) (Kapgarde {Fr}) in the G1 Well Child Cheltenham Gold Cup, it seems likely that Blackmore will end the week on top.

While she rightly dislikes references to her being a female jockey, the fact remains that her outstanding achievements will ease the way for other women following in her wake.

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IDOL HAS FOUNDATIONS TO KEEP BELIEVING

Chris McGrath takes a closer look at the pedigree of GI Santa Anita H. winner Idol. [Click or tap here to go straight to TDN America.](#)

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It is not unthinkable that Blackmore will become champion jockey in Ireland--she is currently battling it out with Paul Townend--and the same goes for Hollie Doyle on the Flat in Britain this coming season. Such an idea, that two women would be so dominant in the jockey ranks, could not have been entertained even five years ago.

Typically, though, Blackmore deflects the praise to the horses who have carried her to her lofty position. Commenting on the 7-year-old Allaho, she said, "For a jockey, when you're getting legged-up on these kind of horses for Willie Mullins and Henry de Bromhead, they just know their job, it's fantastic.

"He was just jumping and travelling. He's just a real galloper and that's how I rode him. It was either going to work, or it wasn't, and look, it worked. It was only when I came back in and people were saying that we went some gallop, but he felt in his comfort zone everywhere. It was fantastic."

The last few months have brought a mixture of sadness and angst for those connected to Cheveley Park Stud. On Dec. 29, the organisation lost its patriarch David Thompson, who acquired the historic stud with his wife Patricia back in 1975. Though more readily associated with the Flat over more than four decades, it was Thompson's particular love of jumpers that prompted a rash of high-profile purchases in recent seasons and, though expensively procured, they have also been incredibly well selected.

The horse that was perhaps the most widely expected to secure his third successive Cheltenham Festival victory coming into this week was Envoi Allen (Fr) (Muhtathir {GB}), who was sent off as 4/9 on for the G1 Marsh Novices' Chase but fell at the fourth fence under Jack Kennedy. The 7-year-old was one of eight horses moved by Cheveley Park Stud in the wake of the publication of the controversial Gordon Elliott photograph, as was Sir Gerhard. Such a decision, with just two weeks to those horses' main targets of the season, would not have been an easy one to make and will undoubtedly have caused much consternation for the owners, who also have the unbeaten Quilixios (GB) (Maxios {GB}) as second-favourite for Friday's G1 JCB Triumph Hurdle.

Reflecting on her association with Cheveley Park Stud, Blackmore said, "It was a disappointing start to the day for [the Thompson family], but look Envoi Allen is up and he is okay, and so is Jack, and that's the main thing. They will live to fight another day. I'm very grateful to them for being so supportive of me and giving me the opportunities on their horses." Willie Mullins, who also trains last year's winner Min, added, "Allaho did everything right. The first thing I did when Rachael come back in was lift her number cloth to see if the lead bag was in there as it looked like Allaho was just carrying Rachael around there! He was just awesome.

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His galloping and his jumping, if you put it together I was hoping he could do that over three miles, but if he is only a two-and-a-half mile horse that will do me."

He continued, "Watching him at home, all the time everyone has felt he is a galloper and a jumper and that you don't need to hold him up. I was sort of as gobsmacked as anyone else watching it as I fully expected the two horses in front to probably collapse coming to the third last and if they did you would have said they have gone too fast and took each other on, but that is their style of racing and that was the plan from the start and we just had to hope one of them would be good enough."

Cromwell Floored By Success

While Willie Mullins and Henry de Bromhead been prominent this week with four winners apiece, the 17 victories for Irish-trained horses from 21 races have also been spread out among their compatriots. Gordon Elliott's stable, now under the care of Denise 'Sneezy' Foster, has had a winner each day, while Noel Meade, Paul Nolan and Paul Hennessy have also enjoyed winners. One of the most impressive performances, from another front-running ride, was that of Flooring Porter (Ire) (Yeats {Ire}), who made all, jumping exuberantly, to land the G1 Paddy Power Stayers' Hurdle.



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The 6-year-old's trainer Gavin Cromwell first came to wider prominence when Espoir d'Allen (Fr) won the Champion Hurdle two years ago, the spring after his Princess Yaiza (Ire) (Casamento {Ire}) provided him with a major Flat win on Arc weekend in the G2 Qatar Prix de Royallieu. Tragically, Espoir d'Allen died just months after Cheltenham following an injury to his shoulder during training. Deservedly, the softly spoken Cromwell, who started out in the racing business as a farrier, now has another exciting young hurdler on his hands. Admitting that it was a "fairytale" to win another of the Festival's championship races, he said, "We won a Champion Hurdle a couple of years ago and it was massive. I didn't think I'd ever win a race in Cheltenham, and to come back and win a second one is fantastic."

He added of Flooring Porter, who was unsold at €5,500 when offered for sale as a 3-year-old and is owned by a syndicate led by carpet shop owner Ned Hogarty, "We came across this fella by accident. He was a very cheap store and progressed right through the ranks. It's a bit of a fairytale, really, and just goes to show that it is possible with a cheap one. He wasn't bought expecting him to be a Grade 1 horse."

There was a sting in the tale for jockey Jonathan Moore, who has partnered Flooring Porter in 11 of his 15 starts but stood himself down on Thursday morning having failed to recover sufficiently from a race fall on Sunday. Danny Mullins instead took the ride and recorded his first win at the Festival. Cromwell added, "Danny gave him a smashing ride. It's very unfortunate for Johnny Moore that he couldn't ride him. Thankfully, and rightfully so, he stood himself down, and he suggested Danny would be well suited to the horse. Johnny has ridden him all along and brought him all the way to here, and it is very unfortunate for him. Hats off to Johnny, it was so unselfish and I'm very grateful to him."

Flooring Porter completed a Grade 1 double on the day for the four-time Ascot Gold Cup winner and Castle Hyde Stud resident Yeats following the win of JP McManus's Chantry House (Ire) in the March Novices' Chase. Yeats has also been represented this week by two impressive handicap-winning mares, Heaven Help Us (Ire) and Mount Ida (Ire).

The late Whytemount Stud resident Stowaway (Ire) has also had a good week, his four winners including the Grade 1 scorers Monkfish (Ire) and Put The Kettle On (Ire), as well as Telmesomethinggirl (Ire) and The Shunter (Ire), while Kilcruit was runner-up in the G1 Weatherbys Champion Bumper and Fiddlerontheroof (Ire) was second to Monkfish.

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A FRESH LOOK

WITH GHISLAIN BOZO

Continuing our series featuring feedback on the European stallion with first runners this year, bloodstock agent Ghislain Bozo of Meridian International shares his view with a particular focus on the French scene.



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He said, "Generally speaking it is always tough to get a strong idea of the first-season sires at this stage but of course we are always keeping our ears open. I'm always a little but careful when the talk is too hot but this time there has been no strong word like we might have had in the past.

"I am involved in a couple of stallions myself so I am trying to be objective but I hear a lot about the 2-year-olds by **Almanzor (Fr)**. People seem to like them and a lot of them are very nice looking but they are probably going to take a bit of time.

"I like the stock of **Ribchester (Ire)** and obviously that is the same Iffraaj (GB) line, and again they may take a bit of time. We have some by **Churchill (Ire)** who are very nice but not early types."

Bozo also highlighted a young son of Dark Angel (Ire) at stud in France. He added, "We also have some 2-year-olds by **Birchwood (Ire)**. They look racy and I think the trainers like them, and they are going to be probably the most precocious ones. They seem consistent, very good in their heads and straightforward horses, which is a very good sign.

"Another stallion I like is Al Shaqab's **Al Wukair (Ire)** and I think there is a positive word about his stock. The same can be said for **Zarak (Fr)**. There have been a lot of good comments from trainers and breeders about his stock.

"I don't have a strong feeling for one horse in particular but I will be following these stallions with particular interest as the season progresses."

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Pollyana is the dam of Polling Day | Scoop Dyga

SON OF POLLYANA STARTS OUT AT LINGFIELD

3.55 Lingfield, Novice, £5,300, 3yo, 10f (AWT)

POLLING DAY (IRE) (Sea the Stars {Ire}) is one of two John Gosden-trained newcomers in the Godolphin silks and is the apparent first string with Robert Havlin on board. A 625,000gns purchase at the 2019 Tattersalls October Sale Book 1, the February-foaled bay is a son of the G2 Prix Daniel Wildenstein winner Pollyana (Ire) (Whipper) who was also third in the G1 Prix d'Ispahan.

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FRANCE

Thursday's Results:

PRIX RONDE DE NUIT-Listed, €55,000, Chantilly, 3-18, 3yo, 5 1/2fT, 1.10.53, hy.

- 1--**HASTALAVISTABABY (FR)**, 122, f, 3, by **Dandy Man (Ire)**
 1st Dam: **Mia Divina (GB)**, by **Exceed and Excel (Aus)**
 2nd Dam: **Maschera d'Oro (GB)**, by **Mtoto (GB)**
 3rd Dam: **La Maschera (Fr)**, by **Belmez**

1ST BLACK TYPE WIN. O-Theresa Marnane; B-Con Marnane (FR); T-Florian Guyader; J-Marie Velon. €27,500. Lifetime Record: 7-1-1-0, €36,640.

2--**Ideal Beauty (Ire)**, 122, f, 3, **Invincible Spirit (Ire)**--Discernable (GB), by **Elusive Quality**. O/B-Godolphin (IRE); T-Andre Fabre. €11,000.

3--**Kalahara (GB)**, 127, f, 3, **Frankel (GB)**--Desertiste (GB), by **Green Desert**. O/B-Wertheimer & Frere (GB); T-Christophe Ferland. €8,250.

Margins: NK, SHD, 2. Odds: 68.00, 9.00, 1.60.

Also Ran: **Izumi (Ire)**, **Ludo (Fr)**, **Entei (Ire)**, **Azov (Fr)**, **Total Knockout (Fr)**, **Electrifying (GB)**, **Silent Queen (Ire)**, **Identified (GB)**. **Click for the Racing Post result. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

Unplaced in two maidens for the Aidan Fogarty yard in Ireland last year, Hastalavistababy had been campaigned on the all-weather at Cagnes-sur-Mer over the past two months with only one second placing in four 6 1/2-furlong starts to boast of entering this test. Unsurprisingly overlooked by the betting public, the bay homebred nevertheless was able to turn around her fortunes switched to heavy turf in a race dominated by the fillies. Outpaced in the middle part of the contest, she came on strong inside the last furlong and overwhelmed the Godolphin and Wertheimer representatives Ideal Beauty and Kalahara 100 metres from the finish. The winner is the last known foal out of the unraced dam, a half-sister to the G3 Premio Regina Elena (Italian 1000 Guineas) Winner **Mi Raccomando (GB)** (Poet's Voice {GB}) and to the listed-winning dam of **Poeta Diletto (GB)** (Poet's Voice {GB}) who captured another Italian Classic in the G3 Premio Parioli (2000 Guineas). **Mia Divina's** previous best was the Listed **Blenheim S.** third **Mia Mento (Ire)** (Casamento {Ire}).

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PRIX MONTENICA-Listed, €55,000, Chantilly, 3-18, 3yo, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1.17.24, st.

1--**URGENT APPEAL (IRE)**, 128, c, 3, by **Showcasing (GB)**

1st Dam: Zayanida (Ire), by King's Best

2nd Dam: Zayana (Ire), by Darshaan (GB)

3rd Dam: Zaydiya (Ire), by Shernazar (Ire)

1ST BLACK TYPE WIN. (€300,000 Ylg '19 AROCT). O-Godolphin SNC; B-Deveron Ltd & Framont Ltd (IRE); T-Andre Fabre; J-Mickaël Barzalona. €27,500. Lifetime Record: 4-3-0-0, €60,200. *1/2 to Ziyarid (Ire) (Desert Style {Ire}), GSW-Fr & GISP-US, \$338,583.

2--**Chocoya (GB)**, 125, f, 3, Sepoy (Aus)--Silver Games (Ire), by Verglas (Ire). O-Christopher Wright; B-Stratford Place Stud (GB); T-Hugo Palmer. €11,000.

3--**Sotora (Fr)**, 128, c, 3, Toronado (Ire)--Sotunza (Fr), by Astronomer Royal. (€30,000 RNA Wlg '18 ARDEC; €40,000 RNA Ylg '19 OSASEP). O-Ecurie Castillon Bloodstock & AGV Karwin Stud; B-Ecurie de Castillon & SCEA Des Prairies (FR); T-Edouard Monfort. €8,250.

Margins: 3/4, 1HF, 3/4. Odds: 1.50, 5.20, 8.20.

Also Ran: Fast Raaj (Fr), Sky Angel (Ire), Madouss (Fr), More Joy (Fr), Frontgate, Stardevote (Ire), Hidden Breeze (GB), Brazil Boy (Fr). **Click for the [Racing Post result](#). [Video](#), sponsored by [Fasig-Tipton](#).**

Successful over this course, distance and surface in November and on his 3-year-old bow Feb. 19, Urgent Appeal was truly in his comfort zone here as he extended his sequence on his first black-type test. Always ideally-placed in second, the chestnut was in front 300 metres from the finish and was never seriously threatened by the British raider Chocoya from there. "He's a lovely horse who hasn't stopped improving," Godolphin's Lisa-Jane Graffard said. "On his first start, the ground was against him and since then Mr Fabre has done well not to run again on that heavy surface and he's been perfect on the all-weather.



Urgent Appeal | Scoop Dyga

She added, "He has a lot of speed and will probably be running again over this trip or six in the future, but Mr Fabre will pick a race for him. Maybe later, with more experience, he will stay farther but for now this looks his trip."

The winner's dam was successful over middle distances for The Aga Khan before being sold for €47,000 at the 2015 Arqana December Mares Sale. Her son Ziyarid (Ire) (Desert Style {Ire}) took the G3 Prix Daphnis and was runner-up in the GI Secretariat S., while she also threw the listed scorer Zayva (Fr) (Raven's Pass). Related to G1 Criterium International winner and G1 2000 Guineas runner-up French Fifteen (Fr) (Turtle Bowl {Ire}), her 2-year-old colt is by Raven's Pass.

3rd-Chantilly, €27,000, Mdn, 3-18, 3yo, c/g, 10 1/2f (AWT), 2:13.09, st.

BAHA MAR (FR) (c, 3, Siyouni {Fr}--Indiana Wells {Fr}, by Sadler's Wells), third on debut over 9 1/2 furlongs here Feb. 19, tracked the leading duo early against the rail. Finding the gap to gain the advantage with a furlong remaining, the 9-1 shot asserted to score by 1 1/4 lengths from Theoreme (Fr) (Doctor Dino {Fr}). The dam, whose 2019 colt is also by Siyouni, is responsible for the listed-placed Ellerslie Lace (Fr) by that same sire. She is a half-sister to the owner-breeder's star performer Turtle Bowl (Ire) (Dyhim Diamond {Ire}), winner of the G1 Prix Jean Prat, and to G2 Prix d'Astarte scorer and GI Flower Bowl Invitational runner-up Turtle Bow (Fr) (Turtle Island {Ire}) as well as to G3 Lingfield Derby Trial scorer and G1 Grand Prix de Paris and G1 Ascot Gold Cup runner-up Age of Aquarius (Ire) by Sadler's Wells' famed son **Galileo (Ire)**. Sales history: 160,000gns RNA Ylg '19 TADEC. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, €17,250. **Video**, sponsored by [Fasig-Tipton](#).

O/B-Berend Van Daltsen (FR); T-Mikel Delzangles.

4th-Chantilly, €27,000, Mdn, 3-18, 3yo, f, 10 1/2f (AWT), 2:15.23, st.

ROMAN BAMB (FR) (f, 3, Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}--Bambara {GB}, by High Chaparral {Ire}), third last time over 10 furlongs at Cagnes-sur-Mer Feb. 20, tracked the leader travelling strongly throughout the early stages. Committed passing the two-furlong pole, the 7-1 shot drew away to win comfortably by 1 3/4 lengths from Shifting Wind (GB) (Intello {Ger}). Magic Hour (Ire) (**Galileo {Ire}**), the €2.2million Goffs Orby full-sister to Alice Springs (Ire), made some progress from behind to be another 1 1/2 lengths in fourth. The winner is out of an unraced half to two black-type performers headed by the Listed Pinnacle S. scorer Ferdoos (GB) (Dansili {GB}), the dam of G1 Pretty Polly S. heroine Nezwaah (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}). Her 2-year-old is the filly Bambita (Ire) (De Treville {GB}). Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, €4,800. **Video**, sponsored by [Fasig-Tipton](#).

O/B-Rashit Shaykhutdinov (FR); T-Georgios Alimpinisis.

BRITAIN

Thursday's Results:

7th-Chelmsford City, £5,800, Novice, 3-18, 3yo/up, f, 7f (AWT), 1:27.78, st.

BELLISSIME (IRE) (f, 3, **No Nay Never--Dancing On Air {Ire}**, by **Fastnet Rock {Aus}**), thrown in at the deep end when sixth on debut in the G2 Lowther S. at York in August before finishing second at Newcastle the following month, was delivered straight on to the front end. Pressed by Qurtajana (Fr) (Shalaa {Ire}) from over a furlong out, the 6-5 favourite asserted to score by a length. The winner is the first foal out of a relative of the star-studded trio of Royal Applause (GB) (Waajib {Ire}), Lyric Fantasy (Ire) (Tate Gallery) and in Command (Ire) (c. Sadler's Wells). Her 2-year-old colt by Ribchester (Ire) was bought by Grove Stud for £55,000 at the Goffs Orby Yearling Sale, while she also has a yearling filly by **Saxon Warrior (Jpn)**. Sales history: €70,000 Ylg '19 GOFSP; £150,000 2yo '20 GOFARQ. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$8,186.

O-Mrs R G Hillen and Partner; B-Sir E J Loder (IRE); T-Kevin Ryan.



IN AUSTRALIA:

Steinem (GB), f, 3, **Frankel (GB)**--Thai Noon (Ire), by Dansili (GB). Pakenham, 3-18, Maiden Plate (£20k/€23k), 1400mT, 1:26.07. B-Australian Thoroughbred Bloodstock. *1ST-TIME STARTER. **Bred to Southern Hemisphere time. **A\$400,000 Ylg '19 INGEAS.

IN QATAR:

U S Cliff (Ire), c, 3, **Footstepsinthesand (GB)**--Challow Hills, by Woodman. Al Rayyan, 3-18, Plate Race, 2000mT, 2:06.09. B-Joe O'Leary. *€10,000 Ylg '19 GOFFEB; £37,000 Ylg '19 TAASEP. **VIDEO**

Pom Malpic (Fr), f, 3, **Pomellato (Ger)**--Havanna Lady (GB), by Cape Cross (Ire). Al Rayyan, 3-18, Novice Plate, 1500mT, 1:31.54. B-Pierre Pasquet. *SP-Fr. **€11,000 Ylg '19 OSASEP; 65,000gns HRA '20 TATAUG. **VIDEO**

Jimmy Sparks (Ire), c, 3, **Zoffany (Ire)**--Gale Song (GB), by Invincible Spirit (Ire). Al Rayyan, 3-18, Plate Race, 1200mT, 1:12.41. B-Summerhill. *£60,000 Ylg '19 GOF AUG; 90,000gns HRA '20 TATAUT. **VIDEO**

WORLDWIDE NEWS

LUCK OF HONG KONG DERBY DRAW

FAVOURS RUSSIAN EMPEROR by Alan Carasso

After finishing a barnstorming second from gate 11 in a slowly run renewal of the Hong Kong Classic Cup (1800m) four weeks back, last year's G3 Hampton Court S. scorer **Russian Emperor (Ire)** (**Galileo {Ire}**) was assigned barrier five Thursday for the HK\$24 million BMW Hong Kong Derby (2000m) Sunday at Sha Tin Racecourse. The former Aidan O'Brien galloper was no factor and well beaten in his first two local appearances, including a ninth to **Excellent Proposal (Aus)** (Exceed and Excel {Aus}) in the Hong Kong Classic Mile in January. But trainer Douglas Whyte added blinkers for the Classic Cup and Russian Emperor hit the line hard to miss by a neck to **Healthy Happy (Aus)** (Zoustar {Aus}), who enjoyed a very soft time of it in front. "He'll get the trip and plus, so he's going to have every answer--that's the beauty of being drawn where he is," the 'Durban Demon' said. "[Jockey] Karis [Teetan] can now use the draw and ride a race." If *that* version of Russian Emperor shows up, they may all be running for second, but three-time Derby-winning conditioner John Size will try to make his presence felt with a trio of entrants. The highest-rated of them is Excellent Proposal, who returned a colossal \$23 (22-1) in the Classic Mile and was one of several inconvenienced by the lack of pace in the Classic Cup. He has gate eight for Blake Shinn, who nearly pulled the upset in last year's Derby with 289-1 Playa Del Puente (Ire) (Elzaam {Aus}). "I'm pretty comfortable with barrier eight, it's a middle of the line draw, he'll have all the main chances around us--I'm happy," Shinn said. David Hayes is in the Derby in his first season back in Hong Kong, having saddled the filly Elegant Fashion (Aus) (Danewin {Aus}) in 2003. The more likely of his two runners appears to be the classy **Shadow Hero (Aus)** (Pierro {Aus}), who rallied from midpack to be third in the Classic Cup. While he drew nicely in seven, stablemate **Conqueror (Aus)** (**Fastnet Rock {Aus}**) was less fortunate to land 13. **Sky Darci (NZ)** (Darci Brahma {NZ}) carries the highest local rating of 103 into the Derby, and while Sunday's 10-furlong trip looms a bit of a question, his chances to stay were enhanced when he and leading rider Joao Moreira pulled gate two Thursday.

"I'm very pleased with that draw--he needs a soft gate and I'm very happy, it's going to give him his chance," said trainer Caspar Fownes, whose Super Satin (NZ) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}) was piloted by Whyte when taking out the Derby back in 2010. Our special BMW Hong Kong Derby cheat sheet will appear in Saturday's *TDN* Europe/International edition.

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BMW HONG KONG DERBY-LR, HK\$24,000,000 (£2,221,667/€2,593,350/A\$3,975,501/US\$3,090,927), NH/SH4yo, 2000mT (PPs)

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	2	Sky Darci (NZ)	Darci Brahma (NZ)	Moreira	Size	126
2	8	Excellent Proposal (Aus)	Exceed and Excel (Aus)	Shinn	Size	126
3	3	Healthy Happy (Aus)	Zoustar (Aus)	Badel	Lor	126
4	7	Shadow Hero (Aus)	Pierro (Aus)	Purton	Hayes	126
5	11	Tourbillon Diamond (Aus)	Olympic Glory (Ire)	Ho	Shum	126
6	9	Lucky Express (Aus)	Toronado (Ire)	Hamelin	Size	126
7	5	Russian Emperor (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Teetan	Whyte	126
8	12	Panfield (Chi)	Lookin At Lucky	Schofield	Millard	126
9	14	Congratulation 🏆	American Pharoah	Piccone	Whyte	126
10	1	Silver Express (Aus)	Canford Cliffs (Ire)	Chadwick	Size	126
11	10	Delightful Laos (Ire)	Baltic King (GB)	Leung	Cruz	126
12	13	Conqueror (Aus)	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Yeung	Hayes	126
13	4	Maximus (Ger)	Ivawood (Ire)	Poon	Millard	126
14	6	Packing Waltham (Fr)	Wootton Bassett (GB)	Callan	Cruz	126
Emergencies						
		Flagship Glory (GB)	Australia (GB)	No Rider	Lor	126
		Berlin Tango (GB)	Dansili (GB)	No Rider	Cruz	126

Breeders: 1-M W Freeman & D G Price; 2-Holloway Equine Pty Ltd (Vic); 3-Lachlan River Bloodstock (Vic); 4-Lightning Thoroughbreds, Mrs D Kolivos (NSW); 5-Arrowfield Group Pty Ltd, Jungle Pocket Pty Ltd (NSW); 6-C Jackson (Vic); 7-Coolmore, Lauri Macri & Partners; 8-Agricola Taomina Ltda; 9-RanJan Racing Inc (KY); 10-K Heffernan (Vic); 11-George S O'Malley; 12-China Horse Club Racing Pty Ltd (NSW); 13-Scuderia Waldeck SNC; 14-Francois Rohaut; E1-Saleh Al Homaizi & Imad Al Sagar; E2-George Strawbridge



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FARNAN AND RUSSIAN CAMELOT RETIRED



Farnan | Bronwen Healy

by Bren O'Brien

Group 1-winning pair **Farnan** (Not A Single Doubt) and **Russian Camelot (Ire)** (**Camelot {GB}**) have both been retired from the racetrack, with Farnan to head up Kia Ora Stud's renewed stallion operation, while Russian **Camelot's** stud future is yet to be determined. Farnan, the brilliant winner of the G1 Golden Slipper S. for trainers Gai Waterhouse and Adrian Bott, was being aimed at feature sprints this autumn, but ongoing injuries have forced him into retirement after a brilliant eight-start career which yielded five wins.

"Niggling problems have interrupted our progress towards his big autumn targets, which were the G1 The Galaxy and the TJ Smith, with a possible tilt at a Royal Ascot campaign. Unfortunately, we have now run out of time," Bott said in a statement.

"Farnan's record as a 2-year-old speaks for itself and his work at home and at the trials this preparation showed that he has retained all of his superior speed as a 3-year-old. Gai and I are certain that he will be a huge success at stud, and we look forward to supporting his progeny in due course."

A fee for Farnan in his first season at Kia Ora will be determined after the upcoming Inglis Australian Easter Yearling Sale, but Kia Ora said in a statement it would 'be in line with those commanded by other Golden Slipper winners in their first season at stud'.

Purchased from the Vinery Stud draft at the 2019 Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale for \$550,000 to a consortium involving both Aquis Farm and his breeders at Phoenix Thoroughbreds, Farnan won on debut for Waterhouse and Bott at a Canberra 2-year-old race in November 2019.

He would win the R. Listed Wyong Magic Millions 2YO Classic at his second start, and while beaten in the R. Listed Magic Millions 2YO Classic on the Gold Coast, he rebounded to win the G2 Silver Slipper S. and then the G2 Todman S.

His crowning glory came in the Golden Slipper S. where, ridden by Hugh Bowman, he led all the way to beat star filly Away Game (Snitzel) by 1.8l.

"Farnan's a very special colt. I've been lucky enough to ride some really good horses over my career, but I've never ridden a better 2-year-old," Bowman said.

He was subsequently crowned Australian Champion 2-year-old and his Golden Slipper win earned him a Timeform Rating of 122.

Kia Ora purchased into the colt ahead of his 3-year-old campaign, announcing its intention to restart its stallion division, while Aquis and Phoenix remained in the ownership.

While he was able to show his continued brilliance in his trials as a 3-year-old, he wasn't able to show his best on the track. There were ambitions to run him in the Sydney autumn and even Royal Ascot, but he will now head to stud.

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Russian Camelot | Bronwen Healy

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"Farnan has won all his trials as a 3-year-old, and in brilliant fashion," Kia Ora Stud Manager, Shane Wright, said. "We were looking forward to him reclaiming his position as the leader of his generation. But he's a fabulous stallion prospect and we're confident he will uphold the tradition of success of Golden Slipper winners at stud. The likes of Capitalist, Pierro and Sebring show that the Slipper is the race that best demonstrates the qualities required to excel as a sire."

He is retired as the highest-rating colt of the 14 Golden Slipper winners descended from Danehill (USA). He is just the second Group 1-winning son of Not A Single Doubt to retire to stud in Australia.

His dam, Tallow (Street Cry {Ire}) was a Group 3 winner herself and also produced the stakes winner Sandbar (Snitzel).

End of the Road for Russian Camelot



Jeremy Brummitt | Tattersalls

The Farnan announcement came just 15 minutes before trainer Danny O'Brien confirmed that multiple Group 1 winner Russian Camelot would also be retired with immediate effect.

The 4-year-old, a winner of four of his 11 starts, including the G1 South Australian Derby and the G1 Underwood S., was found to have a tear in his near fore tendon after his brave second in last Saturday's All-Star Mile.

"Today is an extremely disappointing day for us all, however we will be forever indebted to such a magnificent horse who gave us all the most exhilarating experience that we will never forget," managing owner, John Wheeler, said.

O'Brien had sourced the Irish-bred colt out of the 2019 Tattersalls October Yearling Sale, paying 120,000 gns (AU\$224,280) for him through agent Jeremy Brummitt. He created history as the first Northern Hemisphere-bred winner of

a G1 Derby in Australia and proved himself one of the most talented weight-for-age performers in the country, finishing third in the G1 Cox Plate before contesting the G1 Melbourne Cup, where he ran eighth.

"From the moment we bought him at the Tattersalls Sale in Newmarket, he has been a standout colt. Although we only saw him race 11 times, he made a significant impact on the Australian racing scene winning a Derby and at weight-for-age in the spring as a Northern Hemisphere-bred 3-year-old," O'Brien said.

"He's a horse that turned up in any weather and under any conditions, gave his all and never let anyone down. He was just an outstanding racehorse.

"It's a shame his career ends prematurely as I felt his best racing was ahead of him up in Sydney this autumn and into next spring and beyond, however I have no doubt he will have a significant impact on our industry for years to come through his stud career."

While a stud destination has yet to be finalised, he shapes as a very intriguing prospect in the Australian market, given there are no sons of Camelot (GB) currently at stud in Australia or New Zealand, let alone one with his impressive race record.



IN QATAR:

Off He Goes (Aus), g, 7, Casino Prince--Perfectly Stunning (NZ), by Perfectly Ready. Al Rayyan, 3-18, Cond., 3200m, 3:30.26. B-P J Cranitch (Qld). *Hwt. Older Horse-Qat at 14f+. **\$26,000 Ylg '16 MGMMAR; \$55,000 RNA 2yo '16 MMOCT. **VIDEO**

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