

THIS SIDE UP: SECONDS OUT FOR THE NEXT ROUND



Hot Rod Charlie training earlier this month | Horsephotos

by Chris McGrath

No getting away from it: even 107 previous runnings, a million bucks and 170 starting points can't dress up the recent misfortunes of the GII Twinspires.com Louisiana Derby as a springboard to the first Saturday in May.

Maybe that's because it falls between stools, in terms of scheduling, the previous cycle of rehearsals having left trainers scope for one more start before the GI Kentucky Derby. Not many around, nowadays, who'd even be thinking about running again with just six weeks to go. Credit to the Fair Grounds team, then, for their initiative in stretching out all three legs of their trial series last year. If the old school liked to give these adolescent horses a deeper racetrack grounding, that was largely because of the extreme test awaiting them against 19 rivals going flat out through 10 furlongs at Churchill. **Cont. p3**

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MAIDEN WINNER WITH 'UN'-TAPPED POTENTIAL

by Steve Sherack

The GI Kentucky Derby-bound Helium (**Ironicus**) wasn't the only 3-year-old colt to impress on the GII Lambholm South Tampa Bay Derby card Mar. 6.

Untreated (**Nyquist**) put on a show earlier that day as well, graduating by a pole for Todd Pletcher at second asking with a flashy, come-from-behind maiden tally in his two-turn debut ([video](#)). He earned a very solid 86 Beyer Speed Figure.

A well-beaten sixth as the 4-5 favorite behind next out GIII Sam F. Davis S. winner Candy Man Rocket (**Candy Ride {Arg}**) going six furlongs in his unveiling for the late Paul Pompa, Jr. and trainer Chad Brown at Gulfstream Jan. 9, Untreated brought \$300,000 from bloodstock agent Steve Young on behalf of Team Valor just five days later at the Keeneland January Sale. He was previously a \$550,000 Keeneland September Yearling purchase, the most expensive of 44 yearlings from the first crop of promising young sire **Nyquist** to switch hands.

"The bottom line is, we got lucky," Team Valor head Barry Irwin said. "Everybody knew about the horse before he ran. I was prepared to go to what he cost as a yearling, \$550,000, and we got him for \$300,000. Steve Young, who I've known pretty well for years, is the one who pushed me to buy the horse." **Cont. p5**

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GSW SPIELBERG CONFIRMED FOR FLORIDA DERBY

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Grade II winner Spielberg will make his next start in the GI *Curlin* Florida Derby at Gulfstream Park Mar. 27, according to trainer Bob Baffert Friday.

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Now that the Louisiana Derby falls only a few strides short of that distance, however, trainers have the chance to draw on a deeper seam while remaining on the lighter race schedule that's now so fashionable. Following the postponement of the main event last year, of course, this will be the first test of the new bridge over the gap. As such, the opportunity is there to open out a four-cornered Derby--following a nearly mechanical sequence of spectacular auditions by Greatest Honour (**Tapit**), Essential Quality (**Tapit**), Life Is Good (**Into Mischief**) and Concert Tour (**Street Sense**)--into a pentagon.

The three local protagonists, having filled the podium in both the GIII Lecomte S. and GII Risen Star S., have left each other the door ajar for a breakout performance. True, they have a Californian shipper to deal with this time. And we've seen those wipe out the Oaklawn horses with a 1-2 in the GII Rebel S. last weekend, and also chase home Essential Quality before that.

That is exactly what **Hot Rod Charlie** (Oxbow) did at the Breeders' Cup. He was 94-1, but there was no fluke about that performance and I retain plenty of hope for the "Chuck" fairytale--he was the last horse sold by the late Edward A. Cox Jr., remember, pinhooked for \$17,000 before his half-brother became **Mitole** (Eskendereya)--even if his reappearance form has meanwhile come to appear a little porous.

In terms of the hometown horses, there's a nice symmetry: on the one hand, **Proxy** (**Tapit**) could give his sire three of the top five chances in his quest for the Derby that would crown his resume; on the other, here's **Mandaloun** (**Into Mischief**) bidding to consolidate the emergence of a no-less-remarkable stallion as a Classic influence, following **Authentic** (**Into Mischief**) last year and now Life Is Good.

Obviously this evolution, with the improvement of **Into Mischief**'s books, has long been a pretty blatant trend. The real straw in the wind was **Audible**, out of Gilded Time mare and conceived at \$20,000, when a strong-finishing third to **Justify** (Scat Daddy) in the 2018 Derby. Mandaloun obviously has a lot more to work with, in the seeding of his Juddmonte family.

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Because if **Into Mischief** is getting stock to carry their speed, that is not necessarily simply down to classy two-turn mares. The dam of **Audible**, remember, won a few sprints running for \$4,000 or \$5,000 at Mountaineer and Finger Lakes. So really, if we recognize **Into Mischief** as an extremely important horse, we also have to take on board an extremely important message--and that's to view pedigrees in the round, as a composite of diverse, entwined strands.

Where are these horses finding their stamina? Well, just in back-of-an-envelope terms, let's remind ourselves that the first three dams of **Into Mischief**'s sire Harlan's Holiday are by Affirmed, Honest Pleasure and Princequillo. The latter, obviously a welcome lynchpin in any pedigree, also surfaces behind **Into Mischief**'s dam, the celebrated Leslie's Lady (Tricky Creek): her granddam is by One For All, whose damsire was Princequillo.



Into Mischief | Sarah Andrew

(And moreover out of a very gifted mare by a monster European staying influence in Sea-Bird (Fr). And while her own sire never gets enough credit, Tricky Creek's first three dams, similarly, were by His Majesty, Nijinsky and Swaps. (The latter, moreover, enters the equation through none other than the Darby Dan foundation mare Soaring.)

Obviously, there are plenty of people who will persist in telling you that Leslie's Lady has produced **Into Mischief**, Mendelssohn (Scat Daddy) and Beholder (Henny Hughes) through some occult alchemy with the Storm Cat line. We still await a coherent explanation why we should disregard all the other illustrious names across the pedigree.

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Happily, the \$8.2 million given in 2019 for a yearling filly out of Leslie's Lady by **American Pharoah**, obviously an entirely different sire-line, confirms that Leslie's Lady--by a sire who ended up standing at \$2,500 in New Mexico, and a mare once claimed for \$5,000--is getting due credit where it counts.

The way things are going, nobody could be too surprised if **Into Mischief** were to end up someday siring a Belmont winner. For now, that remains **Tapit**'s preserve, and the pair of them meanwhile are closing on the Derby in a gripping contest of styles and status. The Louisiana Derby, then, is a skirmish within that wider battle, with **Proxy** borrowing **Mandaloun**'s **Risen Star** trick by trying blinkers. It's another round in two separate bouts: one between the leading New Orleans sophomores; the other between two of their sires.

However things play out, let's absorb the rebuke of **Into Mischief** against all simplistic systemization. Pedigrees are not interstate highways. They're complex city grids, and we can only hope to reach our destination by ensuring that all possible routes maintain the quality regardless.

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Maiden winner with 'Un'-Tapped potential cont. from p1



Untreated | SV Photography

That must have been one heck of a push considering Irwin's recent words regarding the current state of affairs for racing in this country and his plans for his longtime partnership to compete predominantly abroad going forward.

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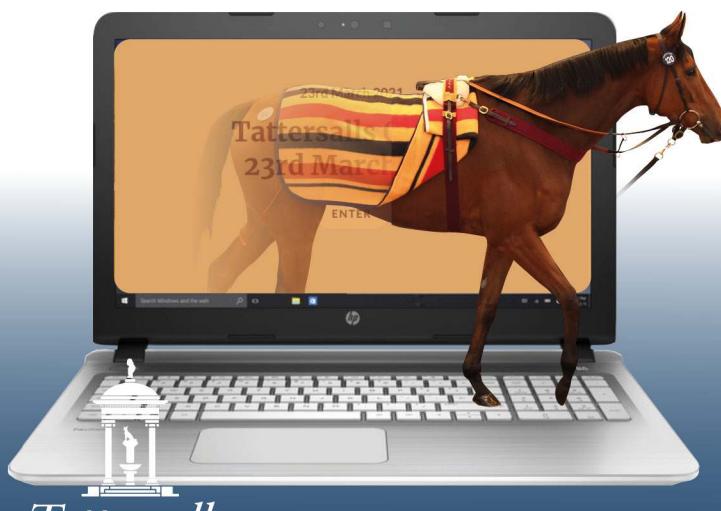
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"I do not like racing in America anymore at this time," Irwin said. "I am sick of it. The only horse I bought the previous year to stay here was [GI Claiborne Breeders' Futurity and GI Arkansas Derby second and 'TDN Rising Star'] Gouverneur Morris [by Constitution]. I can't stand this crap that's going on. But this horse was very intriguing."

Untreated came out firing once joining Pletcher's Palm Beach Downs string, highlighted by a trio of bullet workouts. He did, however, have a gap between his Jan. 30 and Feb. 20 breezes.

"His first work was a bullet work, but the guy had to tap him on the shoulder to get him to gallop out," Irwin said. "The next work, another bullet work, but he can't even gallop out a furlong this time. He gets back [to the barn] and he's got an entrapped epiglottis. Now, I would be willing to bet, based on my experience with that, that this horse was already starting to do this when Chad him, but didn't show enough evidence of it yet. So, we got lucky. We had Dr. Yarborough do the procedure in his stall."

Irwin continued, "It worked and his next two works were just unbelievable. Especially the last one. We knew we had something."

Drawn wide in post eight in his first try for Team Valor and Pletcher, Untreated was about three deep while rounding the clubhouse turn and raced near the rear heading into the backstretch. The bay traveled nicely from there and launched an eye-catching, four-wide move leaving the four-furlong marker into third. He took over with ease approaching the top of the stretch and increased his margin to the wire, scoring by 8 3/4 lengths. The final time of 1:39.17 was just a few ticks off the Tampa track record of 1:38 3/5 for a mile and 40 yards.

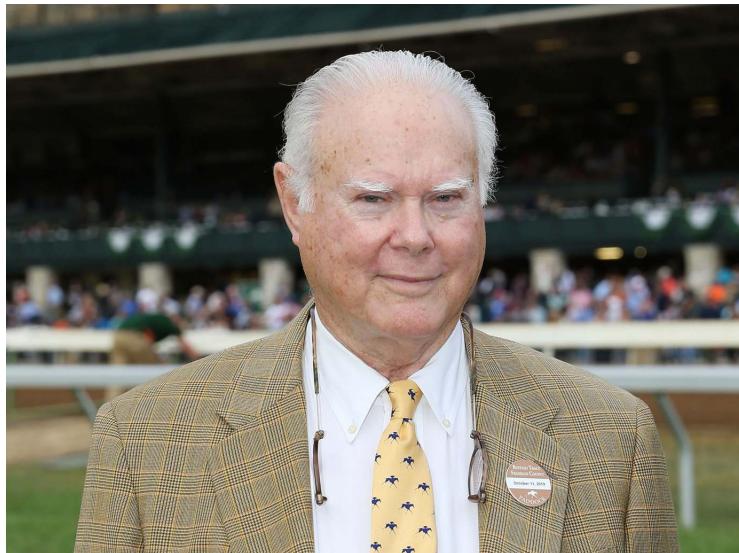
"We were thrilled to see how he did it," Irwin said.

Untreated is out of the graded-stakes placed Unbridled's Song mare Fully Living and is from the same family of champion Halfbridled (Unbridled). He was co-bred in Kentucky by Ashview Farm and Old Oak Farm.

Untreated is scheduled to return to the worktab Saturday, per Irwin.

Will we see him in a Derby prep next time out?

"I'll quote Mr. Todd Pletcher, 'We're gonna let the horse lead us to that decision,'" Irwin responded. "If we do the conservative thing, we'll look to run him in a small race somewhere. If we



Barry Irwin | Coady

want to go crazy, we'll look at either the [GII Toyota] Blue Grass [at Keeneland Apr. 3] or [GII] Wood [Memorial at Aqueduct Apr. 3]."

Irwin concluded, "The problem is, he was ready to run in a prep race for the Tampa Bay Derby. If we had gotten that prep race in, then we'd be in a nice spot. Now, we have to be Big Brown in order to pull off something like that [make the Kentucky Derby]. My clients, by in large, are all dreamers and

the Derby is the ultimate lure."

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MANDALOUN LOOKS TO SOLIDIFY CLAIM IN LOUISIANA DERBY

Juddmonte Farms' **TDN Rising Star** **Mandaloun** (*Into Mischief*) attempts to follow up on a professional last-out score in the GII Risen Star S. in Saturday's GII Twinspires.com Louisiana Derby at Fair Grounds. Earning Rising Star status first time out going six panels at Keeneland last October, the bay followed up with another solid win while adding an additional furlong in a Churchill Downs optional claimer the following month. Heavily supported for his seasonal reappearance in the Jan. 16 GIII Lecomte S. in New Orleans, he had to settle for third, beaten two lengths, behind the re-opposing **Midnight Bourbon** (*Tiznow*) and **Proxy** (*Tapit*), a length behind the winner. For his latest success in the nine-furlong Risen Star, the colt was fitted with blinkers for the first time, a move which likely helped move the colt forward, according to Brad Cox. As in the Lecomte, Proxy finished behind the winner.

"He got a lot out of the Lecomte and I think the blinkers propelled him forward as well in his second start [of the season]," explained Cox. "He got a lot out of his first two races, but the first time going two turns in the Lecomte, you can train as much as you want but there is nothing like the experience of going two turns. He also just got more experience. It was only the fourth start of his career. He is very accomplished horse with only four starts."



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Mandaloun besting Midnight Bourbon in the GII Risen Star S.
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Asked about the timeline in the run-up to the First Saturday in May, Cox said, "It was four weeks back to the Risen Star off the Lecomte. He is five weeks now to the Louisiana Derby, and if all goes well, we'll have six weeks to the [May 1] Kentucky Derby. He has continued to move forward in every start. I'm good with the six weeks in between [Louisiana and Kentucky], because he's a good work horse because he gives you what you need in the morning. At the end of the day, I think he's cut out to be a mile-and-a-half horse with the Empire Maker on the bottom side. I am very confident we can show up and do what we need to do [in the Louisiana Derby]. Hopefully, we can move forward to the Kentucky Derby."

Hoping to repeat his winning effort in the Lecomte, Midnight Bourbon, who drew one outside of Mandaloun in the seven hole, will be reunited with Joe Talamo, aboard for the Winchell Thoroughbreds runner's two latest starts, including his Risen Star third.

"In the Lecomte we had a really good trip and got out to a pretty easy lead that day and were able to wire them," recalled Talamo. "Last time, even when Mandaloun and Proxy went by, if you watch that race again, he was kind of coming on again in the gallop out. I think the added distance [of the Louisiana Derby] is only going to help him."

Asked how he expects Saturday's race to unfold, Talamo said, "The race looks like it can almost be the exact same setup as the Risen Star. Rightandjust [Awesome Again] is a quick horse and I'm sure he's going to be in front, and unless something happens and nobody goes to the front, I'll go up and take it. If not, I'll be content to just track him."

He continued, "I also really love his post because, if somebody goes out there, he is content to settle in second or third, too. Hopefully, we can just get a good trip. I think it'll be one of those

races that, whoever gets the right trip, and from the quarter-pole home, we'll see who is the best. I really think the trip is going to suit *Midnight Bourbon*."

A winner second time out going a mile at Ellis last August, the \$525,000 KEESEP yearling purchase was runner-up in Churchill's GIII Iroquois S. before rounding out 2020 with a third in the GI Champagne S. Oct. 10.

"He's a big horse, but very athletic," said Talamo. "Normally, a horse like that, it takes him a stride or two to get going. It's really amazing how good of a gate horse he is. He breaks very sharp for a horse that big. He's really smooth to ride. And he's one of those horses that you just try to be a good passenger and let him do the rest."

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CLAIRIERE AND TRAVEL COLUMN FACE OFF ONCE AGAIN IN FG OAKS

Blue-blooded *Clairiere* ([Curlin](#)) and pricey yearling purchase *Travel Column* ([Frosted](#)) boast one win each from their two prior match-ups and one will break the tie Saturday in the GII Fair Grounds Oaks.

Clairiere came out on top by a gutsy neck in their last meeting in NOLA in the GII Rachel Alexandra S. Feb. 13. Out of MGISW Cavorting ([Bernardini](#)), the Stonestreet Stables homebred won on debut going 1 1/16 miles at Churchill Downs Oct. 25 and was second to *Travel Column* next out in that track's GII Golden Rod S. Nov. 28.

"The trip worked out perfectly for us in the Rachel Alexandra," trainer Steve Asmussen told the Fair Grounds notes team. "At a mile-and-a-sixteenth, I think the fillies are competitive. It's the same distance on Saturday. We feel really good about our prospects going forward."



Clairiere (outside) & *Travel Column* | Hodges Photography

Tabbed a '**TDN Rising Star**' off her impressive career bow beneath the Twin Spires Sept. 4, Travel Column checked in third in Keeneland's GI Darley Alcibiades S. Oct. 2. Rallying from well back to take the Golden Rod, the \$850,000 FTSAUG buy stalked from second early in the Rachel Alexandra and took control on the backstretch, but was run down by Clairiere in the final strides.

"I think she should get a good stalking trip from our post," conditioner Brad Cox said. "There's no pace in the race. We're not going to sit back there and give someone the race. We didn't win [the Rachel Alexandra], but we were very, very pleased with the comeback and we expect her to move forward off that return. She's a very, very good work horse and she's been training great since that race."



ZaaJel | Ryan Thompson

Undefeated **ZaaJel** (*Street Sense*) takes on those rivals for the first time here. Charging home a 7 1/4-length winner in her seven-panel unveiling at Gulfstream Dec. 20, the Shadwell homebred scored a facile victory in seven-furlong GIII Forward Gal S. in Hallandale Jan. 30. The bay tries two turns for the first time here, but her pedigree suggests that distance should not be a problem. '**TDN Rising Star**' **Souper Sensational** (*Curlin*) takes another crack at NOLA's leading ladies here after finishing sixth behind the top two in the Rachel Alexandra. A decisive debut winner on the Woodbine synthetic in September, the \$725,000 FTSAUG purchase took the Glorious Song S. there Oct. 17 and rallied to be second when trying dirt at Fair Grounds in the Jan. 16 Silverbulletday S., but failed to fire last time after being bumped and clipping heels. Rounding out the field are Rachel Alexandra third **Moon Swag** (*Malibu Moon*); Juddmonte homebred **Obligatory** (*Curlin*), who graduated at second asking at Gulfstream Feb. 7; two-time winner **Li'l Tootsie** (*Tapiture*); and Suncoast S. third **Il Malocchio** (*Souper Speedy*).

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COLONEL LIAM HEADLINES MUNIZ



Colonel Liam | Derbe Glass

GI Pegasus World Cup Turf S. winner **Colonel Liam** ([Liam's Map](#)) looms the one to beat in Saturday's GII Mervin Muniz Memorial S. at the Fair Grounds. Breaking his maiden on dirt via DQ in his career bow at Gulfstream last April, the \$1.2-million OBS April topper was third next out in the slop there before switching to the grass, winning a Saratoga allowance in July. Fourth in the Saratoga Derby Invitational S. in August, the gray captured the Tropical Park Derby back in Hallandale Dec. 26 and followed suit with a late-rallying defeat of stablemate Largent ([Into Mischief](#)) in the Pegasus Turf last out Jan. 23.

The third-place finisher from that event **Cross Border** ([English Channel](#)) also returns here. Dominant winner of Saratoga's Lubash S. last summer, the dark bay was second in both the GII Bowling Green S. and GI Sword Dancer S. at the Spa in August. Off the board in Belmont's GI Joe Hirsch Turf Classic Invitational S. in October, he was third in the Mohawk S. there three weeks later and missed by a head to **Logical Myth** ([Data Link](#)) in the Dilberto Memorial S. Dec. 19.

Four of the top five finishers from the Feb. 13 GIII Fair Grounds S. return here, topped by winner **Captivating Moon** ([Malibu Moon](#)). Prior to that 43-1 upset, he had not seen the winner's circle since December of 2019. Logical Myth was second in the Fair Grounds with **Peace Achieved** (*Declaration of War*) in third and last year's Muniz winner **Factor This** ([The Factor](#)) in fifth.

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SF Racing LLC, Starlight Racing, Madaket Stable LLC, Golconda Stables, Siena Farm LLC and Robert Masterson's **Spielberg** ([Union Rags](#)) has been confirmed to contest the GI [Curlin](#) Florida Derby Mar. 27 at Gulfstream Park. Trained by Hall of Famer Bob Baffert, the 3-year-old is expected to face GIII Holy Bull S. and GI Fasig-Tipton Fountain of Youth S. winner Greatest Honour ([Tapit](#)) in the nine-furlong test that has produced the winners of 60 Triple Crown events.

"We'll see how he stacks up," Baffert said Friday.

Spielberg, who is scheduled to breeze at Santa Anita Sunday before shipping to South Florida, most recently finished a well-beaten second behind Eclipse champion Essential Quality ([Tapit](#)) in the Feb. 27 GIII Southwest S. at Oaklawn Park.

"He's a great-feeling horse," Baffert said about the colt's latest start. "He came out of that race in great shape."

In his 2021 debut, the \$1-million KEESEP purchase stumbled at the start of the GIII Robert B. Lewis S. at Santa Anita before finishing fourth behind Baffert-trained winner Medina Spirit ([Protonico](#)).

"He needs to get away from the gate well," said Baffert of Spielberg's chances of winning the Florida Derby.

During his juvenile campaign, Spielberg finished second in the GI Del Mar Futurity and third in the GI [American Pharaoh](#) S. at Santa Anita before breaking his maiden in his fourth start. He went on to win the GII Los Alamitos Futurity two starts later.

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WEYBURN, ROMAN CENTURIAN ON COURSE FOR WOOD

Chiefwood Stables' **Weyburn** (Pioneerof the Nile) breezed an easy half-mile in :50.93 seconds over Belmont's training track Wednesday in preparation for the Apr. 3 GII Wood Memorial at Aqueduct. A winner going seven panels in the Big A slop last December, the Ontario-bred kicked off 2021 with a nose victory in the Mar. 6 GIII Gotham S., a race in which Weyburn earned 50 qualifying points to the GI Kentucky Derby.

"He just ran hard [in the Gotham] and he's not the heaviest horse in the world, so he didn't really need anything more than what he did on Wednesday," said trainer Jimmy Jerkens of the breeze.

Weyburn was recently made the 3-1 early favorite for the \$1-million Queen's Plate Aug. 22 at Woodbine—the first jewel in the Canadian Triple Crown.

Don Alberto Stable and Qatar Racing's '[TDN Rising Star](#)' **Roman Centurian** (Empire Maker) is likely to make his next start in the nine-furlong Triple Crown prep, offering 100 Kentucky Derby qualifying points to the winner. The \$550,000 KEESEP graduate finished fourth last out to the victorious Life Is Good in the Mar. 6 GII San Felipe S. at Santa Anita Park. The dark bay breezed back for the first time at Santa Anita Thursday covering a half-mile in :50.40.

"I think there's a very good chance that we will ship to New York," said Simon Callaghan. "He breezed very well [Thursday] and we were happy. He'll breeze again next week and it's looking more likely that we'll come."

After a debut fourth sprinting in a maiden event won by Life Is Good in November at Del Mar, Roman Centurian stretched out to 1 1/16-miles for his second-out graduation Jan. 3 at Santa Anita. He exited that effort to finish a good second in the GII Robert B. Lewis S. at Santa Anita, rallying from last-of-six to miss by a neck to Medina Spirit ([Protonico](#)).

"I don't think the race set up very well for him last time," added Callaghan. "We're hoping that with another race under his belt and moving to a track that we think will be more to his liking, that we'll see a good performance to move him forward."

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WILSON APPOINTED COO OF 1/ST CONTENT



Jason Wilson | The Jockey Club

1/ST CONTENT, the operating group for all of 1/ST's media and content companies, announced the appointment of Jason Wilson as Chief Operating Officer. Wilson will work directly with Aidan Butler, President, 1/ST CONTENT, to further develop and align the company's North American and international content businesses. He will focus on innovating Thoroughbred racing content programs and building competitive customer platforms.

"I am thrilled to have Jason, a well-known and knowledgeable industry executive who shares our vision for the future of our sport, as part of the 1/ST team," said Butler. "Jason's appointment as Chief Operating Officer is an important next step for 1/ST CONTENT as we continue to harness new technologies and modernize the way racing content is produced and distributed."

Wilson added, "I look forward to working with Belinda Stronach, Craig Fravel, Aidan and the entire 1/ST team to establish the 1/ST CONTENT division as the future of content platforms for Thoroughbred racing. My own vision for the future of modern racing directly aligns with the 1/ST vision to reimagine racing as a competitive sports product for a new generation of customers and fans alike."

Wilson previously served as President and COO for Equibase Company, the Thoroughbred industry's official database of racing information and statistics and as the Vice President of Business Development for The Jockey Club and president of TJC Media Ventures. Prior to joining The Jockey Club, he spent three years as assistant general counsel for SoftNet Systems, Inc./Aerzone Corporation in San Francisco and later served as an associate of Deutsche Bank Securities and as VP in the real estate, gaming and lodging group of Banc of America Securities.

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GOLDEN GATE FIELDS FILES SUIT AGAINST ACTIVISTS *by Dan Ross*

In response to an animal rights-driven disruption to live racing earlier this month at Golden Gate Fields, the company which owns the facility has filed **suit** against the party responsible, Direct Action Everywhere, a self-described global grassroots animal rights network.

On Mar. 4, four animal rights protestors ran on to the track before the first race, lighting flairs and chaining themselves together with inter-locking pipes over their arms. The organization also flew a drone over the action, which was used to broadcast a live feed of events via Facebook.

Once police removed the protestors, Golden Gate Fields conducted the delayed card later that day.

The suit, first reported by the *San Jose Mercury-News*, was filed Mar. 9 in Alameda County Superior Court, and seeks, among other requests, a temporary restraining order against the defendants, and damages of an amount "to be proven at trial."

Also documented in the suit is the resulting disruption that day to a vaccination drive being conducted on the racetrack grounds.

"The Berkeley Public Health Division was forced to cancel approximately 200 vaccination appointments scheduled for that day," the filing states. "Defendants' misconduct therefore not only damaged the GGF business but also risked public health and safety."

The suit specifically lists four members of the animal rights organization—Omar Aicardi, Rachel Ziegler, Rocky Chau and James Crom—believed to be the ones responsible for the disruption.

The suit adds, however, that these are believed to be "fictitiously-named defendants," and that plaintiffs will seek to amend this complaint "to set forth their true names and capacities when ascertained."

In a statement, Direct Action Everywhere quotes Chau, who is named in the suit.

"The billionaires pulling the strings here have no regard for horses or workers, and they want to crush anyone who stands in their way. But money can't stop the changing tide of public sentiment. Threats and lawsuits will not stop us from working to end animal racing in the Bay Area and beyond," Chau is stated as saying.

The Bay Area racetrack has been under a fierce local spotlight lately, due largely to a significant COVID-19 outbreak within the facility at the end of last year that saw hundreds of workers contract the virus.

The prior October, Berkeley City officials wrote the California Horse Racing Board (CHRB) requesting an investigation into equine fatalities at the track.

The suit appears to try to pre-empt expected further actions from Direct Action Everywhere, which is calling for Golden Gate Fields to be shut down.

"Defendants are planning, and will continue, to engage in similar unlawful actions in the future until Defendants achieve their stated goal of shutting down the horse racing business," the suit states.

On their website, Direct Action Everywhere advertises a meetup scheduled for this weekend to discuss "disruption strategies and tools."

TDN reached out to a representative for Golden Gate Fields but has not yet received a response.

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MORE APPLICATIONS THAN STALLS AT GRANTS PASS, BUT 2 OREGON FAIRS IN LIMBO

by T. D. Thornton



Grants Pass Downs | T.D. Thornton

Two weeks away from opening its stables, and with work crews on target to complete facility upgrades at Oregon's only commercial track, Grants Pass Downs has 472 applications for 450 stalls, which racing director and chief operating officer Rod Lowe termed "a good problem to have" at the Mar. 18 Oregon Racing Commission (ORC) meeting.

But the balance of Oregon's mixed-meet summer circuit, which includes four county fair bullrings, remains in flux, with only two of those tracks committing to run this year. The other two are still trying to overcome pandemic-related logistics that might keep them from racing in 2021.

One month previously, at the Feb. 18 ORC meeting, stakeholders and regulators had articulated "cautious optimism" that all five Oregon tracks would run this year. The Eastern Oregon Livestock Show meet in Union traditionally kicks off the summer fairs circuit in June. Crooked River Roundup in Prineville, which races at night and generally attracts the largest handles and average attendances on the fairs circuit, races in July. Tillamook County Fair in Tillamook (August) and Harney County Fair in Burns (September) usually round out the circuit.

Grants Pass Downs in the rural southern tier of the state, which transitioned from a fairs track to being the lone commercial licensee in Oregon in 2020 after the closure of Portland Meadows in the more densely populated north, now races 35 days over two staggered meets, May through July and September through November.

"We're hopeful that both Tillamook and Crooked River are going to run successful four-day meets," ORC executive director Jack McGrail said during Thursday's meeting.

"Eastern Oregon is still on the fence," McGrail said. "I know [track management] wants to run. They are having some difficult discussions with [the fair's] board right now. One of the challenges is horse population, because [Sun Downs in Kennewick, Washington] is not going to run. They've officially cancelled. And traditionally, a lot of horsemen go from Kennewick right down to [Eastern Oregon]."

"Harney County is also in that state where we haven't really decided whether they're going to go or not," McGrail continued. "They're trying to move two dates in July, which would be a new thing. It would not be in conjunction with their fair, and that's always a difficult place to get horsemen to go to anyway."

Although Grants Pass has a dates allotment that does not conflict with the fairs, McGrail said there could be a brief timing crunch in July. Grants Pass is scheduled to race July 12 and 13, he explained, with racing at Crooked River to follow over the next four days.

"There are ways we can work around that," McGrail said, noting that condition books can be written so that races for the same classes of horses don't overlap. "It's not ideal, but I don't think it's going to have a terribly negative impact on horse population at Crooked River."

And, McGrail noted, if Eastern Oregon opts not to race in June, Grants Pass can keep racing during that week instead of going dark as scheduled. In exchange, Grants Pass would give up its mid-July dates so there isn't such a tight time gap between the end of its meet and Crooked River's.

"We're trying to coordinate traditional fair race dates with the Grants Pass Downs dates," McGrail said. Looking ahead, he added, "That will be an ongoing discussion for next year, because those [traditional] dates are somewhat inflexible for both Crooked River and for Eastern Oregon."

Cont.

Lowe said Grants Pass opens for stabling Apr. 2 and for training Apr. 5. Not only are stalls in demand, but so is living space at the adjacent recreational vehicle park, which currently has 39 applications for 32 spots.

Lowe said he is encouraging trainers not to ship in with 2-year-old Thoroughbreds to help ease the stall crunch a bit. Races won't be written for that group of horses until autumn, he added.

"We've tried it in the past. We've never been able to fill those kinds of races. Those are usually a better race in the fall," Lowe said.

The track's chute extension so it can accommodate 440-yard and six-furlong starts is currently at the "rough grading" stage and is expected to be usable by opening day on May 10.

New lights at the finish wire are ready to be installed, Lowe said.

Grants Pass president Randy Evers told the commission that its statewide OTB network is currently operating at a pandemic-restricted 25% capacity at nine locations. He said February's handle of "a little bit under \$1 million" was "a little disappointing" but that the projection for March was "looking better" at between \$1.4 and \$1.5 million.

April should bring increased capacities and the opening of all 11 OTB venues, and Evers said that Grants Pass is "still very interested" in expanding the OTB network to underserved areas the northeastern part of state and west of Portland. Partnerships to bring OTB to tribal casinos are also being considered.

"We're moving in the right direction. Just hopefully we can really take off and get that handle up," Evers said.

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KEEP COMMENDS SUPPORTS PASSAGE OF THE FARM WORKFORCE MODERNIZATION ACT OF 2021

The Kentucky Equine Education Project (KEEP), Kentucky's equine economic advocate, released the following statement Thursday evening regarding the U.S. House of Representatives passage of H.R. 1603, the Farm Workforce Modernization Act of 2021:

"KEEP commends the U.S. House of Representatives for its the passage of H.R. 1603, the Farm Workforce Modernization Act of 2021, which addresses the labor crisis facing many agriculture operations across the country by reforming the H-2A visa process, providing a path to legal status for farm workers, and implementing a nationwide E-Verify system."

"While this bipartisan legislation does not affect H-2B visas, which are also used by the Kentucky horse industry, it does impact H-2A visas, which are critical to horse breeding operations. KEEP calls on Congress to address the vast shortages of H-2B visas in future immigration legislation to meet the needs of Kentucky's horse industry."

"In addition to advocating in support of smart and sensible immigration reforms to address the labor shortages of Kentucky's horse industry, KEEP has invested heavily in promoting career opportunities within the industry to Kentuckians in order to create a homegrown workforce."

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MARGAUX FARM APPOINTS TILLER AS SALES, MARKETING & CLIENT LIAISON



Shanya Tiller

Margaux Farm announced the appointment of Shanya Tiller as Sales, Marketing and Client Liaison, beginning Mar. 23, 2021. Tiller, who grew up near Laurel Park, pursued a career in racing in college. After her first summer writing for the *Saratoga Special*, she served a stint foaling mares at McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds and as an exercise rider in the morning. She also interned with Fasig-Tipton before completing the Irish National Stud Breeding Course.

Following her return to America, Tiller worked the sale seasons with Bluewater Sales and Mill Ridge Farm.

According to a Margaux release, "She contributes a diverse mixture of industry experience coupled with a passion for racing that makes her a great addition to the team at Margaux Farm."

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VIRTUAL TRF SECOND CHANCES EXHIBIT PREMIERS MONDAY

The Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation (TRF), in collaboration with the Aiken Thoroughbred Racing Hall of Fame & Museum, will host a live-streaming, virtual exhibit premier on Monday, Mar. 22 from 6:00-6:30 p.m. ET to debut the "Saving Horses, Saving Lives, A Celebration--Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation Exhibit," a new addition to the museum.

"It is extremely important to tell the story of the important work that the Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation is doing not only in South Carolina, but all over the country," said Lisa Hall, the Museum Coordinator at the Aiken Thoroughbred Racing Hall of Fame & Museum. "Their programs not only give retired racehorses a second chance at life, they also give inmates the chance to participate in a vocational training program in equine care and management. Those skills will give the inmates a chance to become productive members of society once they have served their sentences. The Hall of Fame is extremely proud to be able to highlight the TRF in this exhibit."

Participants in the free livestream event will have the opportunity to "virtually visit" the historic Aiken museum, meet the team that has brought the exhibit to life and preview the exhibit itself.

The livestream will be available on TRF's [Facebook Live](#), [Twitter](#) and [YouTube](#).

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SHELBYVILLE ANIMAL SHELTER RECEIVES \$2,500 DONATION FROM INDIANA GRAND

Indiana Grand Racing & Casino recently made a \$2,500 donation to the Shelbyville-Shelby County Animal Shelter, dedicated to assisting cats and dogs in the area.

"Animal shelters in the area were hit hard in 2020 due to the pandemic and their numbers have continued to increase as a result, which has put a great strain on a lot of the facilities in the area," said Mike Rich, Senior Vice President and General Manager. "We recognized these hardships and wanted to step in to provide some monetary relief for several shelters in the area, including the facility in Shelbyville. We are proud to continue our partnership with an organization that is so committed to their mission of assisting unwanted animals."

The Shelby County Animal Shelter receive strays, getting them off the streets and send them through a spay/neuter program before setting them up for adoption into new homes. The shelter is equipped with an outdoor walking trail, in addition to a waterfall. The area provides a play area for the canine residents, ideal for interaction with potential adoption families and volunteers.

"We will use this money for much needed dog beds and cat towers," said Chris Browder, administrative assistant of the facility. "We will also use some of the funds for the exterior of our property. Spring always presents us with projects to fix. We want to beautify our facility and make it as inviting as possible, and we always welcome people in to adopt or to volunteer."

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OBS SPRING SALE CATALOG ONLINE

The catalog for the Ocala Breeders' Sales Company's 2021 Spring Sale of Sale of Two-Year-Olds in Training is now available via the OBS website at www.obssales.com. A total of 1,214 juveniles have been cataloged for the four-day sale, set for Tuesday through Friday, Apr. 20 – Apr. 23. All sessions will begin at 10:30 a.m. The online catalog's main page allows access to a sortable master index providing searchable pedigree, consignor information and updated pedigrees. Advanced search and filter capability has been added to allow shortlist creation. A link to instructions for using the new features can be found in the index header and a step by step tutorial is available in the index as well. The iPad version of the catalog can be accessed via the equineline Sales Catalog App. For more information and downloads go to: <http://www.equineline.com/SalesCatalogApp/>

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

FINLEY OFF BASE TO SUGGEST HORSEMEN SUPPORT EITHER HISPA OR CHEATING



Benard Chatters | *Coady*

**Benard Chatters, Louisiana Owner-Breeder-Trainer,
President, Louisiana HBPA**

Bill Finley, in his Mar. 17th *TDN* opinion piece--“[Horsemen’s Groups Turn Their Backs on Honest Trainers, Owners](#)”--criticizes the National HBPA for challenging the legality of a private non-governmental regulatory scheme for the horse industry, established by the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act (“HISA”). He wrote, “It’s hard to imagine that there is one horseman anywhere who cares one bit whether or not HISA is unconstitutional or not.” Well, it doesn’t require any imagination to understand why horsemen believe rules governing their livelihood and the well-being of their horses should be lawfully written and enforced by a responsible government agency.

Mr. Finley makes claims that are completely false. The statement that the “only reason to have HISA overturned would be that they prefer the status quo...that rewards cheats at the expense of the very people who make up the majority of their membership” is absolutely absurd. That particular claim is not true and it does a disservice to the thousands of honest trainers and owners represented by the National HBPA and its affiliates who are not among the 150 or so members of The Jockey Club, the principal lobbyist for HISA.

Mr. Finley, of course, is free to voice his opinion, but as someone once said, “you are entitled to your opinion, but you are not entitled to your own facts.”

Is there cheating in our industry? Yes. Is it widespread? No. Unfortunately, Finley’s fact-free opinion urging support for HISA ignores the objective evidence.

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In the past five years, hundreds of thousands of pre-race and post-race drug tests throughout the country by professional accredited testing laboratories found that less than 0.06% were positive for drugs having no business being in a horse other than cheating. That is a far cry from the rampant corruption asserted by Mr. Finley in his support of HISA.

Let me end by saying the National HBPA has always condemned cheaters and believes they should be kicked out of the industry. And we support uniform medication and safety rules along with their strict enforcement. No doubt improvements can be made to the status quo, but an unconstitutional HISA is not the answer.

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Jerry Brown, Thoro-Graph Founder

First off, let me say that I have been fighting against the use of performance-enhancers in racing longer than anyone reading this. When The Jockey Club took up the fight in 2008 I was one of the people they talked to, for that very reason. So, I'm not very happy being told that if I oppose a misguided piece of legislation, I'm somehow pro-drug ([link to Bill Finley's Mar. 17 Op Ed](#))

I disagree with Victoria Keith's Op-Ed ([link](#)) on one point--horseplayers, not owners, fund purses, which ultimately fund everything in our industry, directly or indirectly. But I do agree with a lot of what she wrote. And while I don't believe the body given authority should be strictly made up of owners, they are at least industry stakeholders. If you tried, you couldn't come up with a worse idea than having a governing body that a) is not allowed by law to contain people from the industry; b) is not elected and can't be voted out; c) but gets to decide how it gets funded.

The technical term for that last part is taxation without representation (see: Tea Party, Boston), and if there is any attempt to raise takeout to pay for this nonsense, I can promise you will see a full-scale rebellion, because I will be the guy out in front of it. But I'm not really worried about that, because I know the commercial breeders who are gung ho for this Frankenstein will be volunteering to fund it out of stud fees and yearling sales.

Owners and those of us who make a living in racing, including HPBA members, understand the relationship between handle and purses, and purses and everything else, and how our industry works as a business. The only people who want to see cheaters get away with it are the ones cheating, while the rest of us are all for good-faith, serious attempts to stop it.

A couple more points. First, the elephant in the room here is obviously Lasix, and the concern of many of us that an

unaccountable body could make an uninformed, politically correct decision that could wreak havoc on the tenuous financial well-being of the industry where we make our living. It's already clear to those of us paying attention that a higher-than-usual percentage of horses running without Lasix in graded stakes are not running their races, though without scoping and the results being made public, it's hard to establish cause and effect. But as I have pointed out in these pages before, anything that makes racing less predictable and increases the value of inside information decreases bettor confidence, which hurts us all.

Finally, this: Most of you reading this are blissfully unaware that the industry is dealing with cancer (batch betting), and is about to get run over by a bus (legal sports betting). Batch bettors with electronic access are siphoning huge amounts out of the pools, and have made an already tough game unplayable by effectively raising the takeout for everyone else. And sports betting is giving cynical, disillusioned horseplayers a very viable, easy-to-play, low-takeout alternative, on games they grew up with--there's no learning curve. If the industry doesn't get its act together quickly, those who don't understand the importance of horseplayers to our financial health are about to learn a hard, and probably irreversible, lesson. The last thing we need is to make things worse.

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Can We Learn Anything From Horses

The 11 acres of Thunderbird Ridge: the Equus Experiential Discovery and Learning Campus were virtually empty. Raven, a horse, had been paid--or more correctly, her gentle caretakers had been paid--over \$1,000, including New Mexico state sales tax, on the understanding that she would lift the veil on my mortal existence and thus improve it in some way. Two hours had been allotted for this purpose. Time was running thin.

Cait Weaver, The New York Times

Saturday, Fair Grounds, post time: 6:44 p.m. EDT
TWINSPIRES.COM LOUISIANA DERBY-GII, \$1,000,000, 3yo, 1 3/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Starrininmydreams	Super Saver	Stewart Racing Stable and WinStar Farm LLC	Stewart	Saez	122
2	Rightandjust	Awesome Again	Wayne T. Davis	Wilson	Hernandez	122
3	Run Classic	Runhappy	Tom R. Durant	Calhoun	Hernandez, Jr.	122
4	Proxy	Tapit	Godolphin, LLC	Stidham	Velazquez	122
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 Tbreds	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	Zaaejel	Street Sense	Shadwell Stable	Pletcher	Ortiz, Jr.	122
2	Moon Swag	Malibu Moon	King, Brad, Cone, Jim, Bryant, Scott, Kirby, Stan & Suzanne	Walsh	Beschizza	122
3	Souper Sensational	Curlin	Live Oak Plantation	Casse	Velazquez	122
4	Li'l Tootsie	Tapiture	Joel Politi	Amoss	Saez	122
5	Obligatory	Curlin	Juddmonte Farms, Inc.	Mott	Ortiz	122
6	Clairiere	Curlin	Stonestreet Stables LLC	Asmussen	Talamo	122
7	Il Malocchio	Souper Speedy	Franco S. Meli	McPeek	Hernandez, Jr.	122
8	Travel Column	Frosted	OXO Equine LLC	Cox	Geroux	122

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

Saturday, Fair Grounds, post time: 5:43 p.m. EDT**MUNIZ MEMORIAL CLASSIC S.-GII, \$300,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/8mT**

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

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

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 <i>(2005) by Harlan's Holiday</i> Crops: 10	4	8	2	3	--	--	58	18	260,000	1,428,309
										<i>Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY Fee: \$225,000</i>	<i>Mandaloun</i>
2	Tapit <i>(2001) by Pulpit</i> Crops: 14	2	5	2	4	--	--	27	7	450,000	1,266,700
										<i>Stands: Gainesway Farm KY Fee: \$185,000</i>	<i>Essential Quality</i>
3	Street Sense <i>(2004) by Street Cry (Ire)</i> Crops: 11	4	4	2	3	--	--	29	6	756,600	1,229,407
										<i>Stands: Darley KY Fee: \$60,000</i>	<i>Concert Tour</i>
4	Union Rags <i>(2009) by Dixie Union</i> Crops: 6	2	3	--	2	--	--	39	8	156,000	685,115
										<i>Stands: Lane's End Farm KY Fee: \$30,000</i>	<i>Spielberg</i>
5	Curlin <i>(2004) by Smart Strike</i> Crops: 10	2	5	1	2	--	--	26	8	183,000	671,757
										<i>Stands: Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa KY Fee: \$175,000</i>	<i>Clairiere</i>
6	Pioneerof the Nile <i>(2006) by Empire Maker</i> Crops: 9	1	3	1	3	--	--	25	6	240,260	628,408
										<i>Stands: WinStar Farm USA (Dead/Ret)</i>	<i>Hozier</i>
7	Kanthalos <i>(2008) by Lion Heart</i> Crops: 8	--	1	--	--	--	--	24	9	330,000	597,183
										<i>Stands: Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa KY Fee: \$30,000</i>	<i>Cowan</i>
8	Maclean's Music <i>(2008) by Distorted Humor</i> Crops: 6	1	2	1	2	--	--	30	7	163,950	578,721
										<i>Stands: Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa KY Fee: \$25,000</i>	<i>Drain the Clock</i>
9	I'll Have Another <i>(2009) by Flower Alley</i> Crops: 6	--	--	--	--	--	--	35	7	170,341	552,564
										<i>Stands: Ocean Breeze Ranch CA Fee: \$10,000</i>	<i>Uwasano Shibuko (JPN)</i>
10	Dialed In <i>(2008) by Mineshaft</i> Crops: 6	--	2	--	1	--	--	45	13	57,300	537,532
										<i>Stands: Darby Dan Farm KY Fee: \$15,000</i>	<i>Papetu</i>
11	Constitution <i>(2011) by Tapit</i> Crops: 3	--	2	--	1	--	--	30	11	90,000	529,589
										<i>Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$85,000</i>	<i>Hidden Stash</i>
12	Munnings <i>(2006) by Speightstown</i> Crops: 8	1	2	--	1	--	--	29	9	89,400	486,494
										<i>Stands: Ashford Stud KY Fee: \$40,000</i>	<i>Name Rejected</i>
13	Will Take Charge <i>(2010) by Unbridled's Song</i> Crops: 4	1	2	1	1	--	--	25	6	300,000	470,609
										<i>Stands: Three Chimneys Farm KY Fee: \$5,000</i>	<i>Will's Secret</i>
14	Medaglia d'Oro <i>(1999) by El Prado (Ire)</i> Crops: 14	3	3	3	3	--	--	18	5	137,500	462,967
										<i>Stands: Darley KY Fee: \$150,000</i>	<i>Risk Taking</i>
15	Not This Time <i>(2014) by Giant's Causeway</i> Crops: 2	2	4	--	1	--	--	39	9	56,500	458,926
										<i>Stands: Taylor Made Farm KY Fee: \$40,000</i>	<i>Secret Love</i>

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MSW & MGISP Wonder Gal, whose first foal Road Bible debuts Saturday at Fair Grounds | Sarah Andrew

2nd-FG, \$75K, Msw, 3yo, 1 1/16m, 12:48p.m.

Three Chimneys Farm and Harrell Ventures teamed up to acquire **ROAD BIBLE (Pioneer of the Nile)** for \$610,000 at Keeneland September and he debuts in this event. The bay is the first foal out of MSW & MGISP Wonder Gal (Tiz Wonderful), who hails from the family of Grade I winner Force the Pass (**Speightstown**) and MGSW Social Queen (Dynaformer). **TJCIS PPs**

5th-FG, \$75K, Msw, 3yo, 6f, 2:13p.m.

Steve Asmussen unveils Sumaya U S Stables homebred **BEDUIN FIGHTER (War Front)** here. He is out of the unraced Mineshaft mare Joyfully, who is a half-sister to MGSW Divine Oath (**Broken Vow**) and GSW Auntie Joy (**Uncle Mo**). OXO Equine's \$600,000 KEENOV acquisition **Koolhaus (Nyquist)** makes his second trip to the post in this race after rallying strongly to be third in his track-and-trip unveiling Feb. 16. His dam is a half-sister to beloved champion Lady Eli (Divine Park) and MGSW Bizzy Caroline (**Afleet Alex**). **TJCIS PPs**

6th-FG, \$75K, Msw, 3yo, 1mT, 2:42p.m.

Juddmonte homebred **SNOW HOUSE (Twirling Candy)** makes his career bow in this test. The bay is out of a daughter of European champion Special Dity (GB) (Hennessy). This is also the family of MGISWs Sightseek (Distant View) and Tates Creek

(Rahy); and GI Breeders' Cup Mile victor **Expert Eye (GB)** (Acclamation {GB}). **TJCIS PPs**

7th-FG, \$75K, Msw, 3yo, f, 6f, 3:12p.m.

Brad Cox saddles a first timer with a big pedigree in Bridlewood Farm homebred **SPEIGHTHARMONY**

(**Speightstown**). The chestnut is out of a daughter of blue hen Leslie's Lady (Tricky Creek), who produced four-time champion and future Hall of Famer Beholder (Henny Hughes); Grade I winner and top stallion **Into Mischief** (Harlan's Holiday); and GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf victor and young sire **Mendelssohn** (Scat Daddy). Phil Bauer unveils a newcomer with a strong family in **Played Hard (Into Mischief)**. The \$280,000 KEESEP buy is out of Well Lived (Tiznow), a full-sister to MG1SW Well Armed and the dam of Grade I winner American Patriot (**War Front**); and a half to GSW Witty (**Distorted Humor**). **TJCIS PPs**

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Saturday, Oaklawn Park, post time: 6:52 p.m. EDT

GAZEBO S., \$150,000, 3yo, 6f

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1 Sir Wellington	Palace	Canchari	Robertson	7-2
2 Dusty Hill	Oxbow	Thompson	Dixon	8-1
3 Lock Up	Maclean's Music	Cabrera	Lukas	10-1
4 Jaxon Traveler	Munnings	Arrieta	Asmussen	5-2
5 Game Day Play	Violence	Vazquez	Calhoun	3-1
6 Cazadero	Street Sense	Santana	Asmussen	9-5

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Saturday, Aqueduct, post time: 2:20p.m. EDT**CICADA S.**, \$100,000, 3yo, f, 6f

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1 Exogen	Dialed In	Franco	Penaloza	30-1
2 Irish Constitution	Constitution	Morales	Handal	3-1
3 Salt Plage	Quality Road	Cancel	Rice	8-5
4 Save	Violence	Carmouche	Amoss	6-5
5 Just Read It	Constitution	Davis	Handal	5-1

Saturday, Fair Grounds, post time: 12:20p.m. EDT**CRESCENT CITY OAKS**, \$100,000, (S), 3yo, f, 1m 70yds

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1 Big Time	Astrology	Hernandez	Stewart	6-1
2 Australasia	Sky Kingdom	Geroux	Cox	2-5
3 Tecate Time	Karakontie (Jpn)	Velazquez	Flint	20-1
4 Winning Romance	First Samurai	G. Saez	Calhoun	8-1
5 Eileen Alexandra	Jess's Dream	L. Saez	Amoss	5-1
6 Kuhlke	Paynter	Murrill	Nicks	20-1

Saturday, Fair Grounds, post time: 4:12p.m. EDT**CRESCENT CITY DERBY**, \$100,000, (S), 3yo, 1 1/16m

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1 Highland Creek	Broken Vow	Beschizza	Calhoun	6-1
2 Who Took the Money	Street Boss	G. Saez	Calhoun	5-2
3 Wise Verdict	Court Vision	Geroux	Brinkman	10-1
4 Your Time's Coming	Jimmy Creed	Velazquez	Scherer	10-1
5 Grief	Verrazano	Graham	Wilson	30-1
6 Henning	Hard Spun	Bridgmohan	Delhomme	20-1
7 Unanimously	Tapit	Talamo	Asmussen	5-1
8 Drewhustle	Outwork	Riquelme	Briley	20-1
9 Wrongwayhighway	Highway to Fame	Green	Gelner	10-1
10 Sy Michael	Court Vision	Hernandez	Breaux	12-1
11 Mr. Universe	Tonalist	Martin	Dorochenko	15-1
12 Sarah's Vision	Court Vision	Hernandez	Landry	12-1
13 Martinized	Astrology	Pedroza	David	8-1

Saturday, Fair Grounds, post time: 3:42p.m. EDT**COSTA RISING S.**, \$100,000, (S), 3yo/up, 5 1/2ft

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1 Future Ruler	Ruler's Court	Green	Thomas	30-1
2 No Parole	Violence	L. Saez	Amoss	8-5
3 Silver Galaxy	Flashpoint	G. Saez	Foster	30-1
4 Grand Luwegee	El Corredor	Morales	Perron	12-1
5 X Clown	Jimmy Creed	Graham	Delhomme	12-1
6 Monte Man	Custom for Carlos	Beschizza	Faucheu	5-1
7 Win Lion Win	Lion Tamer	Martin	Ramsay	20-1
8 Afleet Ascent	Northern Afleet	Velazquez	Faucheu	12-1
9 Yankee Seven	Yankee Gentleman	B. Hernandez	Margolis	10-1
10 Classy John	Songandaprayer	C. Hernandez	Stewart	12-1
11 Bootsie's Galaxy	Greeley's Galaxy	Pedroza	David	15-1
12 Fame Feather	Lion Tamer	Geroux	Faucheu	12-1
13 A Song for Arch	Songandaprayer	Murrill	Brinkman	20-1
14 Bertie's Galaxy	Greeley's Galaxy	I. Ortiz	Faucheu	8-1

Saturday, Gulfstream Park, post time: 3:11 p.m. EDT**MELODY OF COLORS S.**, \$75,000, 3yo, f, 5fT

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1 Freak*	Brethren	Zayas	Alvarado	8-1
2 Fouzia	Sky Mesa	Zayas	Joseph	6-1
3 Can't Buy Love	Twirling Candy	Lanerie	Trombetta	12-1
4 Wink	Midshipman	Castellano	Ward	6-5
5 Sleek Lynx (GB)	War Front	Gaffalione	Casse	6-1
6 Rocket Reload	Reload	Leparoux	Cox	4-1
7 Lionessofbrittany	Anchor Down	Vasquez	Klesaris	5-1
8 Running Memories	Bahamian Squall	Lopez	Orseno	15-1

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Saturday, Gulfstream Park, post time: 5:22 p.m. EDT**TEXAS GLITTER S.**, \$75,000, 3yo, 5fT

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1 Carimba	Kanthalos	Lopez	Ward	5-2
2 Dr. Duke	Ghostzapper	Vasquez	Antonucci	8-1
3 Field Day	Broken Vow	Castellano	Cox	3-1
4 Kasim	Munnings	Bravo	Maker	6-1
5 Omaha City	Temple City	Reyes	Jehaludi	12-1
6 Nitro Time	Munnings	Gaffalione	Joseph	9-2
7 No Que No	More Than Ready	Zayas	Gutierrez	6-1
8 Warrior's Pride	Poseidon's Warrior	Alvarado	Cioffi	15-1

**IN ORDER OF PURSE:****6th-Aqueduct, \$82,000, Alw, 3-19, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, 7f, 1:26.58, gd, nose.**

BANK ON SHEA (c, 4, Central Banker--Miss Moultree, by Uncle Mo) opened his account at Saratoga in 2019 and was third in that year's Notebook S. against fellow NY-breds. Closing out his juvenile season with a win in a NYSS event at Aqueduct, he checked in second when last seen in the state-bred Gander S. at the Big A in February of 2020 for former trainer Jason Servis. Transferred to Servis's nephew Tyler Servis after his uncle's federal indictment, the bay was given a 5-1 chance in this return from a 13-month layoff. Hustling up to take the lead, Bank on Shea walked the dog through leisurely early fractions with favored O'Trouble (In Trouble) in tow. The chalk turned up the heat a bit in the lane, but Bank on Shea kept on finding, fending off that persistent foe by a nose. The winner is the first foal out of Miss Moultree, whose only produce since it a yearling filly by Home of the Brave. She was bred back to Vulcan's Forge. Sales history: \$110,000 2yo '19 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: SW, 5-3-1-1, \$395,000. [Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Shea D Boy's Stable; B-Scott W. Pierce (NY); T-J. Tyler Servis.

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4th-Santa Anita, \$65,500, Alw (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 3-19, 4yo/up, 6 1/2fT, 1:14.42, fm, 3/4 length.
CHASIN MUNNY (c, 4, *Munnings*--*In My Time* {MSP, \$181,984}, by *Scat Daddy*) earned his diploma at second asking in a local turf sprint in October of 2019 and was subsequently shelved for the next 15 months. Returning a winner in an Arcadia allowance Jan. 23, he was dispatched at 3-1 here. Away alertly from his rail draw, the chestnut dictated terms, blazing through a :21.90 first quarter with Thanks Mr. Eidson (*More Than Ready*) keeping him honest from second. That foe drew even turning for home, but Chasin Munny refused to yield, forging clear late to score by 3/4 of a length. The winner is the first foal out of *In My Time*, who is also responsible for the unraced 3-year-old filly Little Bit of This (*Quality Road*); the juvenile filly Little Bit of That (*Great Notion*); and a yearling colt by Irish War Cry. She was bred back to *Liam's Map*. Sales history: \$39,000 Ylg '18 EASOCT; \$75,000 2yo '19 EASMAY. Lifetime Record: 4-3-0-1, \$114,120. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**
 O-Hailey, James and Wood, Philip J.; B-Sycamore Hall Thoroughbreds, LLC (MD); T-Mark Glatt.

 **Broken, Trained & Sold by Julie Davies** 

5th-Fair Grounds, \$61,000, Alw (NW2L)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 3-19, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:09.09, ft, 5 lengths.

EUPHORIC (f, 3, *Frosted*--*Conquest Soprano* {SP}, by *Super Saver*) took seven tries to break her maiden, but did so by 10 lengths over track and trip Feb. 13. Rocketing out of her inside post, the 1-5 chalk zipped through an opening quarter in :22.06 with ears pricked. Clocking a half in :45.83, the chestnut kicked it into high gear in the lane, powering away from her four overmatched rivals to win by five lengths. Malloy (*Outwork*) completed the exacta. The winner is the second foal out of *Conquest Soprano*, who has since produced a juvenile colt by *Nyquist* and a yearling filly by *Accelerate*. She was bred back to *Unified*. Sales history: \$50,000 2yo '20 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 8-2-2-1, \$102,121. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Naveed Chowhan; B-Sequel Thoroughbreds & Lakin (NY); T-Bernard S. Flint.

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EASMAY buy *Paradise Song* (*Frosted*) scored at Laurel.

8th-Laurel, \$44,940, Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 3-19, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:10.71, ft, 5 1/4 lengths.

PARADISE SONG (f, 3, *Frosted*--*Yawkey Way* {SW, \$127,400}, by *Grand Slam*) graduated at second asking at this oval Jan. 15 and was a close second next out over track and trip Feb. 12. Installed as the 2-1 second choice, the \$250,000 EASMAY buy tracked from a joint third as the dueling leaders clocked a first quarter in :22.99. Sweeping up alongside the leaders approaching the turn, the dark bay charged clear in the lane with authority for a dominant 5 1/4-length score over *Pretty Lori* (*Maclean's Music*). The winner is a half to GI Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile victor and new Gainesway stallion *Spun to Run* (*Hard Spun*), GISW, \$1,160,520; and stakes winner *Tap It All* (*Tapizar*). Their stakes-winning dam *Yawkey Way* was purchased by Gainesway and Mandy Pope's Whisper Hill Farm for \$600,000 at last term's Keeneland November Sale carrying a full-brother to *Spun to Run*, who was born Jan. 28. *Yawkey Way* is also responsible for a juvenile colt by *Practical Joke*. Sales history: \$180,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP; \$240,000 RNA 2yo '20 OBSAPR; \$250,000 2yo '20 EASMAY. Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-0, \$56,760. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**
 O-Sonata Stable; B-Sabana Farm, LLC (KY); T-Michael Trombetta.

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IN ORDER OF PURSE:

5th-Oaklawn, \$93,000, Msw, 3-19, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10.31, ft, 3 1/4 lengths.

MIGHTY MISCHIEF (c, 3, *Into Mischief*--*Wealth Creation*, by *Super Saver*) set the pace, but was collared late to finish a close second in her track-and-trip unveiling in the mud Feb. 7. Hammered down to 3-5 favoritism to go one better here, the bay seized the early advantage, clocking a first quarter in :22.26. A pair of rivals rushed up to confront him on the backstretch, but Mighty Mischief sailed clear with ease to don cap and gown by 3 1/4 lengths over stablemate *Long Term Thinking* (*Quality Road*). The winner is the first foal out of *Wealth Creation*. Her next two foals died, but she was bred back to the Heiligbrodt's champion *Mitole* last spring. Sales history: \$290,000 RNA Ylg '19 FTKJUL. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$72,200. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-Heiligbrodt, L. William and Corinne; B-Heiligbrodt Racing Stable (KY); T-Steven M. Asmussen.

SBM Training Graduate (Susan Montanye)

5th-Santa Anita, \$62,000, Msw, 3-19, 3yo, f, 6 1/2f, 1:16.74, ft, head.

STELLA NOIR (f, 3, Stay Thirsty--Guadalupe High {MSW, \$403,098}, by Cuvee), sent off at 3-1 in this unveiling, broke on top from her outside draw, but was out-footed to the front and settled back in a two-wide fourth, keeping close tabs through a :22.27 first quarter. Ranging up three wide turning for home, the chestnut still had plenty of work left to do in the lane, but kicked into high gear lane to best American Heights (**American Pharaoh** by a head. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$36,600. Click for the [Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O-Rose Hill Farm (Ocampo), Desormeaux, J. Keith, Detmar, Wayne and Voss, Gene A.; B-Wayne Detmar, Gene Voss, Keith Desormeaux & Rose Hill Farm (KY); T-J. Keith Desormeaux.

1st-Santa Anita, \$62,000, (S), Msw, 3-19, 3yo, 1mT, 1:36.33, fm, 3/4 length.

CARGO (g, 3, Point of Entry--Jade With Envy, by Ten Most Wanted) completed the exacta in his career bow going six panels on the local lawn Feb. 15 and was bet down to 1-5 favoritism in this second attempt. Pressing Hail Freedom (Box Score) from second through a :47.96 half-mile, the bay kept after the pacesetter on the backstretch and forged past him late for a 3/4-length success. Big Coupe (Lakerville) ran down Hail Freedom late to be second. Sales history: \$65,000 Ylg '19 FTCAYR. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$48,800. Click for the [Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O-Little Red Feather Racing; B-Milt Policzer (CA); T-Phil D'Amato.

7th-Laurel, \$41,200, Msw, 3-19, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:12.29, ft, 1 1/2 lengths.

TRITONE GAL (f, 3, Cairo Prince--Graceontour, by Henny Hughes) checked in third on debut in the slop here Feb. 28 and was given a 5-1 chance in this second attempt. On the outside of a three-way tussle for control, the gray stuck her head in front 3/8ths left to run. Three-wide in the lane, she rolled clear to graduate by 1 1/2 lengths. Graceontour--a half to MGSW & GISP Feline Story ([Tale of the Cat](#))--produced a full-brother to the winner named Offutt Cole in 2019 and a Bird Song colt in 2020. Sales history: \$22,000 Ylg '19 FTKOCT; \$12,000 2yo '20 EASMAY. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$27,200. Click for the [Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O-Sun Burst Stable; B-Harvey A Clarke (KY); T-Leo J. Ambrogi.

SBM Training & Sales Graduate (Susan Montanye)

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Cocobai, f, 3, Munnings--Mademoiselle Coco, by Medaglia d'Oro. Jebel Ali, 3-19, Allowance, 1400m, 1:28.81. B-Nancy S Dillman (KY). *Won by 5 1/2 lengths. **£75,000 2yo '20 GOJUL. [VIDEO](#)

Faithful Soldier, c, 3, Not This Time--Impetuous Youth, by Candy Ride (Arg). Jebel Ali, 3-19, Maiden, 1400m, 1:27.24. B-Forrest Hills Farm LLC (KY). *\$110,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP; \$230,000 2yo '20 OBSJUL. [VIDEO](#)

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Ababil, g, 4, Elusive Quality--Seeking Sheba (SP, \$162,200), by Seeking the Gold. Jebel Ali, 3-19, Hcp., 1200m, 1:13.47. B-Charles Fipke (KY). *\$30,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP; \$150,000 2yo '19 OBSAPR. [VIDEO](#)

Rodaini, g, 7, Exchange Rate--Blessings Count, by Pulpit. Jebel Ali, 3-19, Allowance, 1400m, 1:25.68. B-Greenwood Lodge Farm (KY). *SW-Eng, SP-UAE. **1/2 to Minds Eyes (Macho Uno), SP, \$167,504. ***\$140,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP; 340,000gns 2yo '16 TATAPR. [VIDEO](#)

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9-Santa Anita, Msw 1mT, Granada Flavor, 20-1

\$42,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; \$120,000 RNA OBS MAR 2yo; \$50,000 OBS OPN 2yo

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

90 foals of racing age/14 winners/0 black-type winners
 3-Charles Town, Msw 6 1/2f, Anchor's Firstlady, 20-1
 7-Gulfstream, \$75K Melody of Colors S., 5fT, Lionessofbrittany, 5-1
 \$25,000 OBS APR 2yo

Barbados (Speightstown), Shamrock Farm, \$2,500

12 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
 6-Laurel, Aoc 6f, Sue Loves Barbados, 9-2
 \$15,000 EAS OCT yrl

Bradester (Lion Heart), Valor Farm, \$3,000

42 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
 8-Sam Houston Race, \$100K Bara Lass S., 6f, Its My Money Too, 20-1
 \$14,000 TTA MIX yrl
 8-Sam Houston Race, \$100K Bara Lass S., 6f, Lumberjack Leslie, 20-1

California Chrome (Lucky Pulpit), Arrow Stud, private

196 foals of racing age/21 winners/0 black-type winners
 11-Oaklawn, Msw 1m, Chrome Run, 8-1
 \$32,000 RNA SAR AUG yrl; \$8,000 OBS MAR 2yo

Firing Line (Line of David), Crestwood Farm, \$5,000

66 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners
 7-Fair Grounds, Msw 6f, Firingtothefront, 8-1
 \$13,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$10,000 OBS APR 2yo

Flintshire (GB) (Dansili {GB}), Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa, \$10,000

158 foals of racing age/10 winners/0 black-type winners
 9-Santa Anita, Msw 1mT, Lalalandhellraiser, 20-1

Fortify (Distorted Humor)

4 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
 10-Fair Grounds, \$150K Tom Benson Memorial S., 1 1/16mT, Joy Epifora (Arg), 15-1

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

238 foals of racing age/23 winners/1 black-type winner
 8-Gulfstream, Msw 1m, Everesting, 9-2
 \$170,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; \$110,000 EAS MAY 2yo
 6-Gulfstream, Msw 5 1/2f, Jeebar, 2-1
 \$170,000 RNA FTK NOV wnl; \$80,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$65,000 OBS APR 2yo
 13-Fair Grounds, \$400K GII Twinspires.com Fair Grounds Oaks, 1 1/16m, Travel Column, 5-2
 \$850,000 FTS AUG yrl

Highway to Fame (Monarchos)

1 foal of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
 9-Fair Grounds, \$100K Crescent City Derby, 1 1/16m, Wrongwayhighway, 10-1

Ironicus (Distorted Humor), Claiborne Farm, \$5,000

56 foals of racing age/4 winners/1 black-type winner
 6-Oaklawn, Wmc 6f, Forever Home, 10-1

Jess's Dream (Curlin), Ocala Stud, \$4,000

131 foals of racing age/11 winners/1 black-type winner
 1-Fair Grounds, \$100K Crescent City Oaks, 1m, Eileen Alexandra, 5-1

Juba (Tapit), Taylor Mountain Farm, \$1,500

45 foals of racing age/5 winners/1 black-type winner
 7-Charles Town, Alw 6 1/2f, Hopping Henry, 8-1

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

139 foals of racing age/20 winners/3 black-type winners
 4-Aqueduct, Aoc 1m, Breakfastatbonnies, 1-1
 \$80,000 EAS MAY 2yo
 4-Cross Country Pick X, Msw 6f, Esotica, 8-1
 \$20,000 EAS MAY 2yo; \$39,000 RNA EAS DEC 2yo
 4-Cross Country Pick X, Msw 6f, Papi's Baby Girl, 30-1
 \$6,000 OBS APR 2yo

Not This Time (Giant's Causeway), Taylor Made Farm, \$40,000

204 foals of racing age/36 winners/5 black-type winners
 6-Mahoning Valley, \$75K Southern Park S., 6f, Cue the Band, 20-1
 \$4,500 FTK OCT yrl
 6-Laurel, Aoc 6f, It's Sizzling Time, 6-1
 \$1,000 EAS OCT yrl
 6-Gulfstream, Msw 5 1/2f, Time to Wish, 15-1
 \$52,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$240,000 OBS APR 2yo

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

214 foals of racing age/27 winners/2 black-type winners
 7-Fair Grounds, Msw 6f, A Real Jewel, 12-1
 2-Fair Grounds, Msw 1 1/16m, Cross Check, 12-1
 2-Tampa Bay Downs, Msw 6f, For Sure, 6-1
 5-Fair Grounds, Msw 6f, Koolhaus, 9-2
 \$600,000 KEE NOV wnl
 9-Tampa Bay Downs, Msw 6 1/2f, Myquest, 15-1

Outwork (*Uncle Mo*), WinStar Farm, \$15,000
 209 foals of racing age/23 winners/2 black-type winners
 2-Tampa Bay Downs, Msw 6f, *Danceswithbourbon*, 5-1
 \$19,000 RNA KEE NOV wnl; \$18,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$70,000 RNA OBS MAR 2yo
 9-Fair Grounds, \$100K Crescent City Derby, 1 1/16m, *Drewhustle*, 20-1
 \$45,000 ESL YRL yrl

Reload (*Hard Spun*), Northern Dawn Stables, \$4,000
 91 foals of racing age/8 winners/1 black-type winner
 7-Gulfstream, \$75K Melody of Colors S., 5fT, *Rocket Reload*, 4-1

Runhappy (*Super Saver*), Claiborne Farm, \$10,000
 199 foals of racing age/19 winners/1 black-type winner
 2-Fair Grounds, Msw 1 1/16m, *Happy American*, 8-1
 \$385,000 KEE SEP yrl
 6-Oaklawn, Wmc 6f, *Happylife*, 20-1
 \$70,000 KEE NOV wnl
 5-Fair Grounds, Msw 6f, *Mr Sippi*, 6-1
 \$210,000 KEE SEP yrl
 14-Fair Grounds, \$1000K GII Twinspires.com Louisiana Derby, 1 3/16m, *Run Classic*, 12-1
 \$145,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; \$475,000 OBS MAR 2yo
 7-Fair Grounds, Msw 6f, *Symptom*, 20-1

Silentio (*Silent Name {Jpn}*), Keen Farms
 7 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
 6-Sam Houston Race, \$100K Groovy S., 6f, *Silence d'Oro*, 3-1

Speightster (*Speightstown*), WinStar Farm, \$10,000
 228 foals of racing age/26 winners/2 black-type winners
 6-Mahoning Valley, \$75K Southern Park S., 6f, *Buckeye Bling*, 15-1
 \$27,000 KEE SEP yrl
 8-Gulfstream, Msw 1m, *Group Hug*, 4-1

Texas Red (*Afleet Alex*), Crestwood Farm, \$10,000
 95 foals of racing age/9 winners/1 black-type winner
 8-Sam Houston Race, \$100K Bara Lass S., 6f, *Texas Red Bel*, 6-1
 \$12,000 TTA YHR 2yo

Upstart (*Flatter*), Airdrie Stud, \$10,000
 167 foals of racing age/28 winners/1 black-type winner
 2-Fair Grounds, Msw 1 1/16m, *Masqueparade*, 4-1
 \$100,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$180,000 KEE SEP yrl
 11-Oaklawn, Msw 1m, *Pa Ma's Amos*, 10-1
 \$45,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; \$20,000 EAS OCT yrl; \$75,000 OBS OPN 2yo

8-Gulfstream, Msw 1m, *Swing Low*, 6-1
 \$3,000 FTK OCT yrl
 6-Gulfstream, Msw 5 1/2f, *Wora*, 7-2
 \$195,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$510,000 FTS AUG yrl

Winning Cause (*Giant's Causeway*), Milky Way Farm, \$2,000
 35 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
 4-Golden Gate Fields, Msw 6f, *Clear Win*, 20-1
 \$3,000 RNA FTC AYR yrl



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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

3rd-Aqueduct, \$72,000, (S), 3-19, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:40.17, gd, 1 length.
WILD BANKER (g, 4, Central Banker--Phaleonopsis, by Siphon {Brz}) Lifetime Record: 18-3-1-3, \$137,248. O-Dini, Michael and Moorhouse, Al; B-Dini Racing (NY); T-Chad Summers.

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8th-Fair Grounds, \$56,440, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$17,500), 3-19, 4yo/up, 5 1/2f (off turf), 1:02.86, ft, 3 lengths.

VERB (c, 4, Dialed In--Pajama Bottom, by Include) Lifetime Record: 12-2-3-5, \$153,180. O-Calumet Farm; B-Cave Brook Farm (KY); T-J. Keith Desormeaux. *\$65,000 Wlg '17 KEENOV.

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4th-Sam Houston Race, \$50,000, 3-18, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:40.20, ft, 2 1/2 lengths.

AURA (m, 5, Midnight Lute--Spirit, by Indian Charlie) Lifetime Record: 7-2-1-1, \$64,005. O/B-Peter E. Blum Thoroughbreds, LLC (KY); T-Steven M. Asmussen. *\$105,000 RNA Ylg '17 FTKJUL.

9th-Gulfstream, \$47,400, (C)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 3-19, 4yo/up, 1 3/8mT, 2:11.62, fm, 1 1/4 lengths.

EPIC BROMANCE (g, 5, Kitten's Joy--Anura {Ire} {SP}, by Giant's Causeway) Lifetime Record: 9-3-1-0, \$102,665. O-Epic Racing; B-Kenneth L. Ramsey & Sarah K. Ramsey (KY); T-Mark E. Casse. *\$50,000 Ylg '17 FTKTUR; \$100,000 2yo '18 OBSAPR. **Full to Luck of the Kitten, SW & GISP, \$375,781; and to Empire Builder, MSW & MGSP, \$222,567.

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7th-Sam Houston Race, \$41,000, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$30,000), 3-18, 4yo/up, 5fT, :57.35, fm, 1/2 length.

POWER END (h, 5, Street Boss--Istamara {GB}, by Teofilo {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 14-3-3-1, \$119,728. O-Bloom Racing Stable LLC (Jeffrey Bloom); B-Don Alberto Corporation (KY); T-Steven M. Asmussen. *\$32,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP; \$37,000 2yo '18 OBSAPR.

4th-Charles Town, \$28,000, (S), 3-18, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:20.64, sy, 5 1/4 lengths.

CANDY INVASION (g, 3, Normandy Invasion--Cotton Candy, by Bandini) Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-1, \$41,208. O/B/T-John A Casey (WV).

7th-Charles Town, \$28,000, 3-18, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 4 1/2f, :52.43, sy, 2 lengths.

COMMAND THE CAT (g, 4, Master Rick--Cat Thats Grey {SW, \$130,443}, by Fiber Sonde) Lifetime Record: 16-4-3-5, \$80,020. O/B/T-John D. McKee (WV).

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Rose E Holiday, f, 3, Exaggerator--Fair Rose, by Harlan's Holiday. Aqueduct, 3-19, (C), 1m, 1:41.86. B-WinStar Farm, LLC (KY). *\$85,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP; \$42,000 RNA 2yo '20 OBSAPR. **1/2 to Fair Point (Smart Strike), GSW, \$491,051.

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Treasure Lane, f, 3, Quality Road--Top Value, by Mineshaft.

Turfway, 3-18, 1m (AWT), 1:38.51. B-W. S. Farish (KY). *Full to Quality Lane, MSP, \$151,815; 1/2 to Carrera Cat (Courageous Cat), SW, \$304,106.

Najwa, f, 3, Speightster--Tamina, by Dixie Union. Charles Town, 3-18, (S), 4 1/2f, :54.25. B-Schiano Racing Inc. (WV). *\$95,000 Wlg '18 KEENOV; \$125,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP; \$10,000 3yo '21 FTKFEB.

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Keep the Bling, f, 3, Too Much Bling--Dixie Darling, by Dixie Union. Sam Houston Race, 3-18, (S), 1mT, 1:39.97. B-Ruth C Brightbill (TX).

Ernie Banker, g, 4, Central Banker--Tall Timbecowgirl, by Prime

Timber. Aqueduct, 3-19, (S), (C), 6f, 1:14.35. B-Andy Beadnell (NY). *\$20,000 Ylg '18 OBSOCT.

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Seattle Sailaway, g, 4, Siente El Trueno--Breezy Arch, by Admiralty Arch. Charles Town, 3-18, (S), 4 1/2f, :54.35. B-Joe Stehr (WV).



Archarcharch, Goodnight Archie, g, 3, o/o Nurse Goodnight, by Fire Slam. MSW, 3-19, Oaklawn

Cairo Prince, Tritone Gal, f, 3, o/o Graceontour, by Henny Hughes. MSW, 3-19, Laurel

Central Banker, Bank On Shea, c, 4, o/o Miss Moultrie, by Uncle Mo. ALW, 3-19, Aqueduct

Central Banker, Ernie Banker, g, 4, o/o Tall Timbecowgirl, by Prime Timber. MCL, 3-19, Aqueduct

Central Banker, Wild Banker, g, 4, o/o Phaleonopsis, by Siphon (Brz). ALW, 3-19, Aqueduct

Dialed In, Verb, c, 4, o/o Pajama Bottom, by Include. AOC, 3-19, Fair Grounds

Exaggerator, Rose E Holiday, f, 3, o/o Fair Rose, by Harlan's Holiday. MCL, 3-19, Aqueduct

Frosted, Euphoric, f, 3, o/o Conquest Soprano, by Super Saver. AOC, 3-19, Fair Grounds

Frosted, Paradise Song, f, 3, o/o Yawkey Way, by Grand Slam. AOC, 3-19, Laurel



Central Banker was represented by three winners at Aqueduct Friday | Barbara Livingston

Into Mischief, Mighty Mischief, c, 3, o/o Wealth Creation, by Super Saver. MSW, 3-19, Oaklawn

Kitten's Joy, Epic Bromance, g, 5, o/o Anura (Ire), by Giant's Causeway. AOC, 3-19, Gulfstream

Master Rick, Command the Cat, g, 4, o/o Cat Thats Grey, by Fiber Sonde. ALW, 3-18, Charles Town

Midnight Lute, Aura, m, 5, o/o Spirit, by Indian Charlie. ALW, 3-18, Sam Houston

Munnings, Chasin Munny, c, 4, o/o In My Time, by Scat Daddy. AOC, 3-19, Santa Anita

Normandy Invasion, Candy Invasion, g, 3, o/o Cotton Candy, by Bandini. ALW, 3-18, Charles Town

Point of Entry, Cargo, g, 3, o/o Jade With Envy, by Ten Most Wanted. MSW, 3-19, Santa Anita

Quality Road, Treasure Lane, f, 3, o/o Top Value, by Mineshaft. MSW, 3-18, Turfway

Siente El Trueno, Seattle Sailaway, g, 4, o/o Breezy Arch, by Admiralty Arch. MSW, 3-18, Charles Town

Speightster, Najwa, f, 3, o/o Tamina, by Dixie Union. MSW, 3-18,

Charles Town

Stay Thirsty, Stella Noir, f, 3, o/o Guadalupe High, by Cuvee. MSW, 3-19, Santa Anita

Street Boss, Power End, h, 5, o/o Istamara (GB), by Teofilo (Ire). AOC, 3-18, Sam Houston

Too Much Bling, Keep the Bling, f, 3, o/o Dixie Darling, by Dixie Union. MSW, 3-18, Sam Houston



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Frosted had a pair of winners of Friday | Darley

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KING HENRY RULES WITH GOLD CUP ONE-TWO



Minella Indo leads home A Plus Tard in the Gold Cup | racingfotos.com

By Emma Berry

The crowning moment in an extraordinary week for Henry de Bromhead was provided by not one but two horses when **Minella Indo (Ire)** (Beat Hollow {GB}) beat his stable-mate **A Plus Tard (Fr)** (Kapgarde {Fr}) in steeplechasing's greatest prize, the Cheltenham Gold Cup. The victory of Barry Maloney's 8-year-old also wrote de Bromhead's name in the history books as the first person to train the winners of the Champion Hurdle, Champion Chase and Gold Cup in the same year.

"This is crazy stuff, it's not reality," said the trainer as his voice became increasingly hoarse in a week which his stable has provided six winners at Cheltenham, including the two champion mares Honeysuckle (GB) (Sulamani {Ire}) and Put The Kettle On (Ire) (Stowaway {Ire}) and one of the most exciting novice hurdlers in training, Bob Olinger (Ire) (Sholokhov {Ire}). He continued, "It's massive. As we always say, it's the Olympics, the pinnacle, and it confirms why I sometimes get so frustrated at home when you go out and it's so competitive and you're getting beaten with good horses."

The trainer's stable in Knockeen, Co Waterford now houses plenty of Ireland's leading jumpers and, though de Bromhead has tasted success at the Festival in the past, most notably with two previous Champion Chase winners, this is the first time he has finished the week at the head of the trainers' list, equal with Mullins on six wins.

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Simon McGonagle, head lad to currently disqualified trainer Gordon Elliott, has been banned nine months, with the last seven months of the ban suspended, by the Irish Horseracing Regulatory Board for taking the photo of Elliott sitting aboard a dead horse that circulated on social media and led to [Elliott's own six-month ban](#). The last seven months of McGonagle's ban will be suspended for a year, after which the disqualification will lapse. McGonagle's ban begins on Apr. 16.

McGonagle, who has been employed within the racing industry for approximately 30 years and first started working for Elliott in 2007, was found by the IHRB to have acted in a manner prejudicial to the integrity, proper conduct and good reputation of horse racing—a charge that was also brought against Elliott.

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THIS SIDE UP: SECONDS OUT FOR THE NEXT ROUND

Chris McGrath looks at the contenders for the latest Kentucky Derby prep race, Saturday's GII Louisiana Derby. [Click or tap here to go straight to TDN America.](#)

*This impressive colt from the first crop of Gr.1-winning 2YO and Guineas hero **MAGNA GRECIA** born Feb 25th and bred by Clare Castle Stud is out of the Listed winner **Twitch***



COOLMORE

King Henry Rules With Gold Cup One-Two cont. from p1

The latter may have been given the nod on countback for the number of second-place finishers but there was no doubting that it was de Bromhead who was the dominant force at Prestbury Park throughout the four days.

He has rightly had to vie for the headlines this week with the jockey who rides the majority of his horses, Rachael Blackmore, who also broke new ground as the first woman to be leading jockey at the Cheltenham Festival. Her six winners, however, did not include the Gold Cup, as she stayed true to A Plus Tard, who gave Blackmore her first

Cheltenham winner two years ago. Instead, 21-year-old Jack Kennedy added an important update to his own burgeoning CV with his surefooted victory on Minella Indo, by far the most significant of his four wins this week.



Henry de Bromhead with the Gold Cup trophy | racingfotos.com

With the King George VI Chase winner **Frodon (Fr)** (Nickname {Fr}) setting off in front in his customary fashion under Bryony Frost, Kennedy had Minella Indo handy throughout the course of the Gold Cup, never far off the leading pack which included Black Op (Ire) (Sandmason {GB}) and Kemboy (Fr) (Voix Du Nord {Fr}) for the first circuit. Going clear second behind Frodon six fences from home, Minella Indo made his challenge while freewheeling down the hill as A Plus Tard and **Al Boum Photo (Fr)** (Buck's Boum {Fr}), the Gold Cup winner of the last two years, crept closer.

Kennedy made his decisive move on the turn, taking his mount to the lead into the straight with two to jump but being chased hard all the way by Blackmore on A Plus Tard. Just over a length separated the pair at the line, with another four lengths back to the defending champion Al Boum Photo.

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TORONADO'S MASKED CRUSADER TAKES GROUP 1

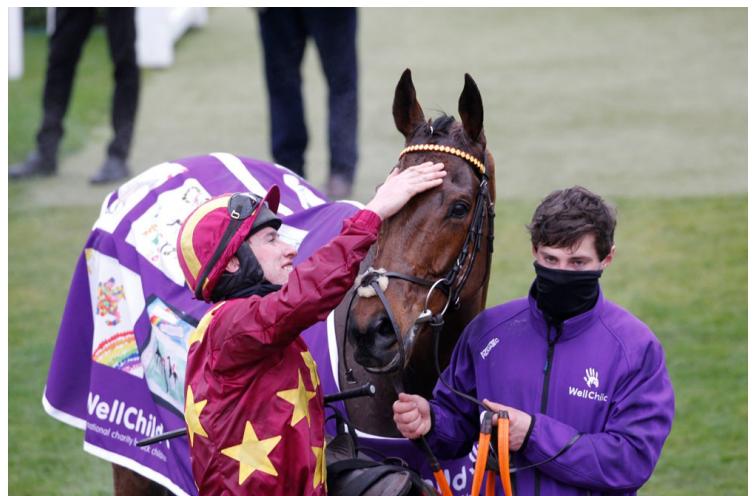
Masked Crusader realised his full potential on Friday, taking out a thrilling edition of the G1 William Reid S. [Click or tap here to go straight to TDN Aus/NZ.](#)

King Henry Rules With Gold Cup One-Two cont.

"It's ridiculous but you know what, it's all down to the crew at home, they work so hard, and to all our clients," de Bromhead said. "We couldn't do it without the horses. And you want to achieve it for them. They put their faith in us."

He continued. "[Minella Indo] has always been a brilliant jumper and he was brilliant at Navan and then we went to Leopardstown first time out and he just made a silly mistake. The Irish Gold Cup was probably never really the plan but we needed a clear round after falling.

"A Plus Tard was amazing, he ran a cracker for the Thompsons and Cheveley Park; both jockeys were amazing, it's just brilliant. Rachael did have the choice of the two. I would always try to stay out of that as I would hate to put her the wrong way. I couldn't split them. I just let her do it and I don't like to interfere. She knew they were both training well."

Jack Kennedy and Minella Indo | racingfotos.com

De Bromhead added, "Nothing seems to faze Jack but he actually looked emotional then when he came in, which was a surprise."

Though only 21, Kennedy's career has been blighted by injuries, including breaking his leg four times. Declaring his Gold Cup win the "best day of my life", he added, "You dream about winning these sorts of races when you're a child. I know I'm still young, but I suppose I have been in the position where I could have been winning them for a couple of years, so to get it done is brilliant.

"I missed last year's Festival because I broke [my leg] about two months beforehand, but thankfully I've had a year this year that I'll remember for a long time."

Blackmore Triumphs--Again

Gold Cup day kicked off with a familiar ring to it: Rachael Blackmore winning in the Cheveley Park Stud colours for Henry de Bromhead.

King Henry Rules With Gold Cup One-Two cont.

Last month **Quilixios (GB)** became the first Grade 1 winner over jumps for Maxios (GB), the Niarchos-bred Monsun (Ger) half-brother to Arc winner Bago (Fr) (Nashwan) who was recruited by Coolmore's Castle Hyde Stud last year from Gestut Fahrhof. Quilixios has now added a Cheltenham Festival victory to his record after another attacking, front-running ride from Blackmore saw him claim glory in the G1 JCB Triumph Hurdle over the David Pipe-trained **Adagio (Ger)** (Wiener Walzer {Ger}). The juvenile hurdler was one of eight horses moved from Gordon Elliott's stable a fortnight ago along with Wednesday's G1 Weatherbys Champion Bumper winner Sir Gerhard (Ire) (Jeremy), who was switched to Willie Mullins.



Quilixios and Rachael Blackmore | racingfotos.com

Speaking after saddling his fifth winner of the Festival, Henry de Bromhead said, "Quilixios is a gorgeous horse: obviously we have just got him. We're delighted for the Thompsons of Cheveley Park, they are great supporters of ours."

He continued, "Rachael was brilliant on him, and all credit to Gordon [Elliott] and his team; the horse looked amazing when he came down to us. We've done very little--it's down more to them than to us. Everyone was very helpful, we knew he jumped really well and obviously we've seen him a good bit, and he's been really impressive. He's just a lovely horse to do anything with, gorgeous-looking, lots of size and scope, and will be a lovely chaser in time, I'd say."

Reflecting on Blackmore becoming the first female to be leading jockey at Cheltenham, he added, "We all know how good Rachael is; we've always said how lucky we feel to have her on our team. She's riding out of her skin."

"It was Eddie O'Leary who recommended her to me nearly three years ago and we said we'd try it out. We were trying her on the Gigginstown horses, and within two or three months she

was practically riding all of ours, she was so good. She's a great person and works very hard, is really good to work with and a brilliant rider."

Cheveley Park Stud Jumping For Joy

With six runners at the Cheltenham Festival, the Thompson family's Cheveley Park Stud ended the week as leading owner, with a remarkable three winners and two seconds. The one blot on the week was the fall of the strongly fancied Envoi Allen (Fr) (Muhtathir {GB}), a winner at the last two Festivals who was thankfully unscathed after his tumble in the G1 Marsh Novices' Chase. Ballyadam (Ire) (Fame And Glory {GB}) was second to the hugely impressive Appreciate It (Ire) (Jeremy) in the opening G1 Supreme Novices' Hurdle before Sir Gerhard (Ire) (Jeremy) and Allaho (Fr) (No Risk At All {Fr}) won their respective Grade 1 contests and A Plus Tard capped the week with a valiant runner-up finish in the Gold Cup.

TO BE LEADING OWNER IS A
TRIBUTE TO DAVID THOMPSON.
IT'S A 'PINCH YOURSELF'
MOMENT, REALLY.

Cheveley Park Stud's Chris Richardson

The select string of jumpers owned by the Newmarket-based stud with a long history of breeding top-class Flat horses was accrued in recent years by the late David Thompson, who died in December.

Cheveley Park Stud's mangling director Chris Richardson said, "It's been absolutely amazing. I know Patricia Thompson and Richard and the whole family are so overwhelmed and obviously thrilled. They are saddened in that David wasn't here to see it all and to witness such a special occasion, but it is a great tribute to him and his memory."

He continued, "Ballyadam is as game as a pebble and if he hadn't misjudged that two out, he wouldn't have beaten the winner but he would have been a bit closer, and that was a great start for the Cheveley Park runners."

"To have 16 National Hunt horses in training and to have six running throughout the week in six Grade 1 races was a phenomenal feat really. Envoi Allen was obviously very sad but he made a mistake and thankfully he and Jack [Kennedy] were both okay afterwards."

King Henry Rules With Gold Cup One-Two cont.

"A lot of these young horses have plenty of miles in them hopefully."

"A Plus Tard is a beautiful horse and we were thrilled when he won the Savills that he showed that he stayed, and [the Gold Cup] was always the plan. I am delighted for Henry de Bromhead that he had the first and the second, and obviously Rachael [Blackmore] has been fantastic in every way. She's a brilliant jockey and she reads races so well. She times everything to perfection and she's a great ambassador for the industry so we're thrilled for her."

Richardson added, "The race of the week for us was obviously Allaho, who is a fine individual and once again he was ridden beautifully. He just ran them into the ground--all those Grade 1 winners behind him--it was just a phenomenal performance and he has certainly stepped up wonderfully on his progression through his racing to this point."

"Of course it was very sad that owners couldn't be there. It would have been lovely if Richard Thompson and Patricia Thompson could have been there, especially having won the bumper for the third year in a row, which is a bit of a link to the Flat. But to be leading owner is a tribute to David Thompson. It's something he instigated three years ago, and he obviously committed a lot of money to it but he was well advised. I compliment Tom Malone and Alex Elliott, and obviously the trainers who guided us with the various purchases. It's a 'pinch yourself' moment really."

Cromwell At The Double

Gavin Cromwell brought a team of five horses with him from his base in Co Meath and will return home with two Grade 1 winners on the lorry after **Vanillier (Fr)** (Martaline {GB}) landed the Albert Bartlett Novices' Hurdle in the hands of Mark Walsh.



Toronado (Ire)'s Masked Crusader (Aus) realised his full potential on Friday night taking out the G1 William Reid S., for his trainers at Hawkes Racing. | Bronwen Healy

King Henry Rules With Gold Cup One-Two cont.

This followed Thursday's Stayers' Hurdle victory of Flooring Porter (Ire) (Yeats {Ire}), and on both occasions the horses should have been ridden by Jonathan Moore, who stood himself down from action on Thursday morning following a race fall on Sunday.

"It's tough for Johnny but the good thing is he'll be back on these horses for the future," said Cromwell.

He added of the 6-year-old Vanillier, who dominated the three-mile contest and bounded up the hill for a 11-length victory, "He's a proper staying chaser in the making. I wasn't sure how he was going to act on that better ground; he's been running on heavy ground in Ireland all year, and he's quite a slow horse, but Mark said he travelled with loads of enthusiasm today. He lined him up good and handy, because we thought he might struggle to travel early, but he showed an extra gear there that he hasn't shown before, and we know he stays really well."

Ireland All The Way

With Willie Mullins winning the final two races of the Festival to oust Henry de Bromhead with six wins and seven seconds, he was crowned leading trainer at the Festival for a record eighth time. But plenty of Irish trainers can take credit for their country's record-breaking haul throughout the week. The 23 victories for Ireland were spread between 10 different trainers, which included first Cheltenham wins for Denise Foster, Ian Ferguson, Paul Hennessy, Emmet Mullins and Peter Fahey.

By contrast, four British trainers won just five of the week's 28 races.

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Elliott Head Lad Banned For Taking Photo cont. from p1

McGonagle did not contest in his hearing that he took the photograph, and the committee learned that he shared it with five friends. This ultimately led to the photograph becoming public from an unknown source. McGonagle accepted that "by virtue of his actions he was part of a chain of events that has caused damage to the integrity of racing and he fully understands the outrage expressed in relation to this image."

The IHRB said in a statement, "We will not repeat what has been said before about the awful image at the heart of this case. The taking of the image was ill-judged and in bad taste and we consider that Mr. McGonagle should have known better as a head lad involved in the industry for a considerable time. As

head lad he should also show a good example to others in the yard. However, we reiterate the points made in the Elliott case that this incident is not concerned with cruelty or horse welfare. Also, having heard the evidence in this case we are no further on as to how this image came into the public domain and we can reach no conclusions on that issue. We reach the sanction having considered all of the circumstances, aggravating and mitigating factors, bearing in mind the seriousness of the offence and the need for deterrence, and considering Mr. McGonagle's personal circumstances, in order to reach a proportionate result."

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Simon McGonagle, aboard Don Cossack, and Gordon Elliott in 2016 | racingfotos.com

COOLMORE SECURES EHV VACCINES FOR IRELAND

Ten thousand vaccine doses to protect horses against the potentially fatal equine herpes virus (EHV) have been secured for Ireland, with the first portion of the shipment arriving on Thursday. The order of the vaccine follows a recent outbreak of EHV at a high-profile showjumping event in Valencia, Spain.

There is concern that Irish horses competing on the continent could potentially bring the virus into the country. The virus can spread quickly and is hard to cure, but vaccination can provide significant protection.

The shipment of the urgently needed vaccine was organized from U.S. suppliers by Coolmore Stud and the Fethard Equine Hospital with the support of the Department of Agriculture Food and the Marine, who have moved rapidly to provide the AR 16 license required to import veterinary medicines in exceptional circumstances.

There is no risk from virus transmission to humans.

The shipment comprised a combination of the Zoetis Equivac and Pneumabort-k vaccines.

Coolmore Secures EHV Vaccines For Ireland cont.

The vaccine will be made available at cost to both the Thoroughbred and Sport Horse industries.

Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Charlie McConalogue T.D., said, "With this dangerous virus present in Europe we have moved quickly to support efforts to secure the necessary vaccine to protect our equine industry. The Department's veterinary experts are monitoring the situation closely, and we are urging all owners to avail of these vaccines for their horses and furthermore to take extra precautions to minimize the risk of transmission."

Shane O'Dwyer, chief executive officer of the Irish Thoroughbred Breeders Association, said, "The outbreak of this potentially fatal virus is causing serious concern to Thoroughbred breeders who fear it could spread into Ireland. It is fantastic news that the team at Coolmore and Fethard Equine Hospital have been able to source the vaccine in substantial quantities, and that the Department of Agriculture has moved with commendable swiftness to grant the necessary approvals."

Joe Reynolds, acting chief executive officer of Horse Sport Ireland, said, "Horse Sport Ireland moved quickly to establish protocols to ensure the safe return of horses from overseas to minimize any transmission risk. Having access to a vaccine is a very welcome development and we hope to see widespread use throughout our industry, but we must maintain vigilance and continue to follow all veterinary guidance."

EHV vaccinations can only be administered by registered veterinarians. The vaccinations will be available for supply to veterinary practices via Veterinary Instruments, which can be contacted by emailing sales@vilstd.ie with EHV in the subject line.

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ARQANA ONLINE OFFERS FOUR HORSES IN TRAINING

Arqana will offer four horses in training through its online platform on Mar. 26. Three-year-old colt **Miami Voice (Ire)** (Shalaa {Ire}) is being offered off a debut score at Fontainebleau on Mar. 12 for owner Tom Whitehead and trainers Alessandro and Giuseppe Botti. Miami Voice is the first foal out of Lou (Fr) (Kendargent {Fr}), a half-sister to Charm Spirit (Ire) also from the family of 2020 G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches winner Dream And Do (Ire) (Siyouni {Fr}).

A debut winner in November, 3-year-old colt **Sotoro (Fr)** (Toronado {Fr}) has been twice placed this month and was third in the Listed Prix Montenica on Thursday for trainer Edouard Monfort.

The National Hunt offerings are **Hywell (AQ)** (Honolulu {Ire}), a 4-year-old AQPS who won at second asking at Machecoul last weekend, and 3-year-old gelding **Boogie (Fr)** (Sri Putra {GB}), who was second on his debut over hurdles in the Prix d'Essai des Poulains.

Photos and inspection videos will be available from Mar. 19. The sale will run from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Mar. 26.

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CADROBBI NAMED ANAC PRESIDENT

Mattia Cadrobbi has been named president of the Association of Italian Breeders (ANAC).

"For placing their trust in me, I would like to thank the new ANAC Council, the outgoing President Massimo Parri and the Vice President Cesare Cava, with whom I share programs, objectives and ideas for the development of the Association," said Cadrobbi. "I am grateful and proud to be able to count on the decisive contribution of Massimo Parri (Le Gi breeding), Isabella Bezzera (Razza Del Sole), Cesare Cava (Finanza Locale Consulting) and Francesca Turri, who with their experience and professionalism will support me and the new board, also composed of Sauro Fiordelli and Enrica Baragiola, in the decisive choices that we will have to face."

"My tenure will be characterised by a very rigorous management of few words but concrete actions, aimed at achieving all the set objectives. The main commitment will be to safeguard and relaunch Italian breeding, for which we will act firmly and decisively by confronting the Italian Ministry of Agriculture and the political parties of the current government,

Cadrobbi Named ANAC President cont.

through ANG, to overcome all the regulatory and bureaucratic obstacles which have stopped the development and growth of our breeding in recent years."

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BRITAIN

Friday's Results:

5th-Lingfield, £5,300, Novice, 3-19, 3yo, 10f (AWT), 2:06.92, st. **POLLING DAY (IRE)** (c, 3, **Sea the Stars {Ire}**--**Pollyana {Ire}** {GSW & G1SP-Fr, \$503,184}, by **Whipper**), sent off the 6-4 favourite on this debut, was soon shadowing the early leader. Gaining the advantage approaching the furlong pole, the bay readily asserted under hand riding to score by 2 3/4 lengths from Al Nefud (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}). The dam, who has been responsible for just two foals so far, was a talented performer in France, winning the G2 Prix Daniel Wildenstein and finishing third in the G1 Prix d'Ispahan. Sales history: €260,000 Wlg '18 GOFNOV; 625,000gns Ylg '19 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$4,777. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O-Godolphin; B-J Wall & E Kennedy (IRE); T-John Gosden.

6th-Lingfield, £5,300, Novice, 3-19, 3yo/up, 8f 1y (AWT), 1:35.97, st.

MOHAAFETH (IRE) (c, 3, **Frankel {GB}**--**French Dressing {GB}** {SW-Eng}, by **Sea the Stars {Ire}**), last seen finishing third over a mile at Salisbury at the start of October, raced in mid-division trapped wide early. Delivered to swamp Unforgotten (Ire) (Exceed and Excel {Aus}) with 100 yards remaining, the 15-8 second favourite asserted to score by 1 1/4 lengths. The dam, who was a 'TDN Rising Star' unbeaten in two starts including in the Listed Lyric S., is a daughter of Foodbroker Fancy (Ire) (Halling) who took the Listed Lupe S. and was second in the G2 Sun Chariot S. That makes her a half-sister to the GIII Long Island H. winner Dalvina (GB) (Grand Lodge) and fellow Lupe winner Soft Centre (GB) (Zafonic), with the former later producing the dual listed scorer and G2 Sandown Classic runner-up Dal Harrald (GB) (Champs Elysees {GB}) and Soft Centre responsible for the G1 Nassau S. and G3 Pinnacle S. winner Sultanina (GB) (New Approach {Ire}). French Dressing's 2019 colt is French Toast (GB) (Dark Angel {Ire}), while her yearling filly by **Kingman (GB)** is named French Mistress (GB). Sales history: 350,000gns Ylg '19 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, \$5,759. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Normandie Stud Ltd (IRE); T-William Haggas.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:

If You Dare (GB), c, 3, **Equiano (Fr)**--Love Action (Ire), by Motivator (GB). Southwell, 3-19, 6f 16y (AWT), 1:14.34. B-Pineapple Stud Ltd (GB). *16,000gns Wlg '18 TATFOA; €62,000 Ylg '19 TIRSEP.

IRELAND

Friday's Result:

5th-Dundalk, €13,500, Cond, 3-19, 3yo, 6f (AWT), 1:13.54, st. **A CASE OF YOU (IRE)** (c, 3, **Hot Streak {Ire}**--**Karjera {Ire}**, by **Key of Luck**), last seen winning the rescheduled G3 Anglesey S. for the John McConnell stable over an extended six furlongs at The Curragh in October, broke well to stalk the leader. In front a furlong from home, the 10-11 favourite drew away for a bloodless 3 3/4-length success from Logo Hunter (Ire) (Brazen Beau {Aus}). "He's a nice horse, that's why we bought him and there was a bit of pressure on," trainer Adrian McGuinness said. "He'll go for a Guineas trial at Leopardstown now and has an entry in the English and the German Guineas, so he has a lot of options. He's entered in those big races and it's either that or Royal Ascot afterwards--that's the type of horse he is. Unfortunately, we hadn't got him before the Irish Guineas closed. I'm not saying he's in love with the surface and we were coming here tonight to see if he would settle. They didn't go fast, but he settled beautifully. I think he will get the seven in the Guineas trial no problem and we'll see where we go from there. He moves well enough on nice ground. You don't know whether a horse will stay or not until you try him over the trip." The dam, whose 2-year-old filly is by Alhebayeb (Ire), is a half to the Irish listed and stakes winner Akanti (Ire) (Key of Luck) and his full-sister Lock and Key (Ire) who was placed multiple times at group and graded-stakes level. Sales history: €3,000 RNA Ylg '19 GOFSPT. Lifetime Record: GSW-Ire, 4-3-0-1, \$62,762. O-Gary Devlin; B-Limestone and Tara Studs (IRE); T-Adrian McGuinness.

FRANCE

Friday's Results:

2nd-Fontainebleau, €28,000, Cond, 3-19, 3yo, c/g, 9fT, 1:59.58, vs. **GAGARIN'S MOON (FR)** (c, 3, **Sea the Moon {Ger}**--**Gagarina {Ire}**, by **Galileo {Ire}**), off the mark over 9 1/2 furlongs on Chantilly's Polytrack Feb. 4, raced freely early against the rail

2nd-Fontainebleau cont.

until he found cover behind the leader. In front approaching the furlong pole, the 7-2 shot was all out to hold on as Sa'Ad (Fr) (Tamayuz {GB}) closed in out wide with a short neck separating them at the line. The dam is a half-sister to the GII San Clemente H. and GII Honeymoon Breeders' Cup heroine Attima (GB) (Zafonic) and to San Domenico (GB) (Zamindar), who was runner-up in the G3 Prix des Chenes. Her 2-year-old and yearling fillies are both by De Treville (GB). Sales history: €90,000 RNA Ylg '19 AROCT. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, €26,500. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O/B-Rashit Shaykhutdinov (FR); T-Fabrice Chappet.

5th-Fontainebleau, €28,000, Cond, 3-19, 4yo/up, 13ft, 2:47.78, vs.

BIG FIVE (GB) (g, 4, Frankel {GB}--Louvain {Ire} {GSW-US & MSP-Fr, \$223,883}, by Sinndar {Ire}), last seen winning a 12-furlong conditions race on heavy ground at Saint-Cloud in November, was dropped out in a detached last early. Creeping up on the field from the top of the straight, the 9-10 favourite was in front passing two out en route to a facile 3 1/2-length defeat of Just a Formality (Fr) (Spirit One {Fr}). The winner is a half-sister to the G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches and GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf heroine Flotilla (Fr) (**Mizzen Mast**), Hwt. 2yo Filly-Fr, G1SW-Fr, GISW-US, MGSP-UAE, \$1,066,282, and to the stakes-winning dam of last year's G3 Gallinule S. winner Crossfirehurricane (Kitten's Joy). Also connected to the G1 Haydock Sprint Cup hero G Force (Ire) (Tamayuz {GB}) and the G1 Diamond Jubilee S. and G1 July Cup-winning fellow sire Lethal Force (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}), the GIII Miesque S. scorer Louvain's 3-year-old filly Eyota (GB) (Golden Horn {GB}) is as-yet unraced, while she also has a 2-year-old full-sister to Big Five and a yearling colt by **Mizzen Mast**. She was bred back to Flotilla's sire for 2021. Lifetime Record: 4-4-0-0, €53,400. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O-H H Sheikh Mohammed Bin Khalifa Al Thani; B-Al Shahania Stud (GB); T-Francis-Henri Graffard.

7th-Fontainebleau, €27,000, Mdn, 3-19, 3yo, f, 8fT, 1:47.55, vs. ALULA BOREALIS (FR) (f, 3, Kendargent {Fr}--Alzubra {GB} {SW-Fr, \$181,505}, by Dansili {GB}), an 8-1 shot on this debut, was awkward leaving the stalls before racing with three behind throughout the early stages. Showing sharp acceleration to arrive on the front end passing the two-furlong pole, the homebred may have been idling late on as she hit the line with a head to spare over Lahaib (Fr) (Toronado {Ire}). The first foal out of the listed-winning dam was this stable's smart Arapaho (Fr) (Lope de Vega {Ire}), winner of last year's Listed Prix du Pont Neuf and a respectable sixth in the G1 Poule d'Essai des

Poulains. Descended from two other domestic listed scorers in Azabara (GB) (Pivotal {GB}) and Danella (Fr) (Highest Honor {Fr}), her 2-year-old colt is by Almanzor (Fr). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €13,500. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).

O-Mme Andre Fabre; B-Ecurie Peregrine SAS (FR); T-Andre Fabre.

CONDITIONS RESULT:

4th-Fontainebleau, €28,000, Cond, 3-19, 3yo, f, 9fT, 1.57.10, vs.

AMAZONIE (GB) (f, 3, Toronado {Ire}--Amarysia {Fr}, by Medicean {GB}) Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-0, €26,080. O-Ecurie Antonio Caro & Jean-Claude Rouget; B-Stilvi Compania Financiera SA & A Jathiere (GB); T-Jean-Claude Rouget. *€85,000 Ylg '19 ARAUG.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:

Lanaken (Fr), g, 3, **Goken (Fr)–Bhaylana**, by Doneraile Court. Fontainebleau, 3-19, 8ft, 1:43.81. B-Mlle M-L Collet, Mme M Collet & J Collet (FR).

**IN THE UAE:**

Coast Sky (GB), c, 4, **Kodiac (GB)–Lady Darshaan (Ire) (G1SP-Eng, \$123,743)**, by High Chaparral (Ire). Jebel Ali, 3-19, Hcp., 1950m, 2:03.64. B-Newells Park Stud. *1/2 to Let's Go (Street Cry {Ire}), SW-Eng. **£80,000 Ylg '18 GOFAUG; €30,000 2yo '19 ARQMAY. [VIDEO](#)

Mudallel (Ire), g, 7, **Invincible Spirit (Ire)–Lixirova (Fr) (GSW-Fr, \$132,422)**, by Slickly (Fr). Jebel Ali, 3-19, Hcp., 1950m, 2:01.97. B-Tullpark Ltd. *€225,000 Wlg '14 GOFNOV; 380,000gns Ylg '15 TATOCT. [VIDEO](#)

Almoreb (Ire), g, 7, **Raven's Pass–Macadamia (Ire) (Hwt. Older Mare-Eng at 7-9.5f, GSW-Eng, \$313,762)**, by Classic Cliche (Ire). Jebel Ali, 3-19, Hcp., 1400m, 1:27.16. B-Stowell Park Stud. *Full to Lovely Pass (Ire), SW & GSP-UAE, SP-Eng, \$230,835; half to Spirit Raiser (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), SW-Eng, \$115,465. **28,000gns Wlg '14 TATDEF; 180,000gns Ylg '15 TATOCT. [VIDEO](#)



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'EMPEROR' LEADS EUROPEAN-RACED HONG KONG DERBY ENTRANTS by Alan Carasso



Russian Emperor winning the 2020 G3 Hampton Court S. at Royal Ascot
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During the nine-year stretch from 2006-2014, no fewer than five European-bred and -raced gallopers were successful in the BMW Hong Kong Derby: **Viva Pataca (GB)** (Marju {Ire}, 2006); **Helene Mascot (Ire)** (Peintre Celebre, 2008); **Collection (Ire)** (Peintre Celebre, 2009); **Akeed Mofeed (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}, 2013); and **Designs On Rome (Ire)** (**Holy Roman Emperor (Ire)**, 2014). Sunday's 2000-metre feature at Sha Tin includes five horses--four European-bred, one US-bred--that were imported with this very race in mind. Here is a brief recap of how they have gotten to this point. For handicapping insights, please refer to the special [BMW Hong Kong Derby cheat sheet](#).

RUSSIAN EMPEROR (IRE) (c, 4, Galileo {Ire}--Atlantic Jewel {Aus}, by Fastnet Rock {Aus})

The second foal for his four-time Group 1-winning and dual Australian champion dam, Russian Emperor won the G3 Hampton Court S. at Royal Ascot last June for Ballydoyle, but struggled home seventh in the G1 Investec Derby. His first two local runs lacked any spark, but the entire sprung to life in his final prep, has drawn well and is a live chance.

CONGRATULATION (g, 4, American Pharoah--Up {Ire}, by Galileo {Ire})

Former '**TDN Rising Star**' Monarch of Egypt sneaks into the Derby field off a lofty rating upon import.

Competitive against the likes of Siskin (First Defence) at two, including a runner-up effort in the G1 Keeneland Phoenix S., the \$750,000 Keeneland September grad wasn't a factor in the G1 Irish 2000 Guineas, but was a smart runner-up in the G3 Jersey S. at Royal Ascot. Drawn the parking lot and stretching out for this, the task at hand is very tall. (*Click [here](#) for a feature on Congratulation*)

DELIGHTFUL LAOS (IRE) (g, 4, Baltic King {GB}--Pepys Tiller girl {Ire}, by Tillerman {GB})

A €50,000 purchase out of the 2019 Tattersalls Ireland Goresbridge Breeze-Up, the former Now The King was a Dundalk maiden winner in three runs for trainer Michael O'Callaghan at two before being sold on. His three wins in Hong Kong--including a debut victory at 59-1--have all come at Happy Valley and he was no factor against many of these last month.

MAXIMUS (GER) (c, 4, Ivawood {Ire}--Coco Demure {Ire}, by Titus Livius {Fr})

Bought in for €32,000 as an Arqana August Yearling, the former Chares bolted up by a combined 12 1/2 in his first two career starts for trainer Christophe Ferland and added the Listed Criterium de Lyon in September 2019 before being purchased for €710,000 by Lohan Equine/Narwick International at that year's Arqana Arc Sale. Victorious in the 'Road to the Kentucky Derby' conditions stakes in a single appearance for Jane Chapple-Hyam, Maximus has a pair of minor placings from five local runs.

PACKING WALTHAM (FR) (g, 4, Wootton Bassett {GB}--Baki {Fr}, by Turtle Bowl {Ire})

Sports a very similar profile to Maximus, as he was conditioned by Christophe Ferland to three wins from four starts, including the Listed Prix Maurice Caillault over the Chantilly fibresand last March. A €110,000 ARQAUG purchase who was unsold at that same price as an ARQMAY breezer, the former Waltham has yet to taste local success in five trips postward, but looms an interesting each-way play this weekend nonetheless.

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BMW HONG KONG DERBY 2021 -- Alan Carasso picks

1st	Excellent Proposal (Aus)
2nd	Shadow Hero (Aus)
3rd	Russian Emperor (Ire)
Each-Way	Packing Waltham (Fr)



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#1 SKY DARCI (NZ) (PP #2)
(*Darci Brahma {NZ}--Strictly Maternal {NZ}*, by *O'Reilly {NZ}*) (NZ\$160,000 Ylg '18 NZBJAN) O-Jessica Kwan Mun Hang; B-M W Freeman & D G Price; T-Caspar Fownes; J-Joao Moreira. Current Rating: 103

Has come up 32 points in the ratings this season, having capped a three-race streak with a win in Class 1 over a mile in November. Second in open Group 3 company next time out, he finished about midfield in the Hong Kong Classic Mile and Hong Kong Cup (1800m) in his last two. Half to MGSW/G1SP stayer Chocante (NZ) (Shocking {Aus}) has questions to answer.



#2 EXCELLENT PROPOSAL (AUS) (PP #8)
(*Exceed and Excel {Aus}--Procrastination {GB}*, by *Pivotal {GB}*) (A\$200,000 Ylg '18 MMGCVS) O-Kenneth Chung Kin Shu; B-Holloway Equine Pty Ltd (Vic); T-John Size; J-Blake Shinn. Current Rating: 101

Friendless-in-the-market (\$23) winner of the Classic Mile off one sub-par effort first-up, got home well in the Classic Cup to be a close fourth when perhaps most inconvenienced of any of the Derby runners by the lack of tempo. Gold Coast sales grad is in the capable hands of the legendary John Size, who has sent out three of the last nine Derby winners. The selection.



#3 HEALTHY HAPPY (AUS) (PP #3)
(*Zoustar {Aus}--Lady Lakshmi {Aus}*, by *Lonhro {Aus}*) (A\$375,000 Ylg '18 MMGCVS) O-Sin Tung Hing, Sin Yuk Lok & Sin Yuk San; B-Lachlan River Bloodstock (Vic); T-Frankie Lor; J-Alexis Badel. Current Rating: 101

Healthy Happy saluted in two of his first three local appearances over sprint trips and, though only seventh in the Classic Mile, was never on the track three and four deep and did very well to be beaten just four lengths. Controlled the soft pace in the Classic Cup under a well-rated ride from Alexis Badel, but may be hard pressed to repeat the feat.



#4 SHADOW HERO (AUS) (PP #7)
(*Pierro {Aus}--Sookie {Aus}*, by *Casino Prince {Aus}*) (A\$260,000 Ylg '18 INGFEB) O-Edmond Lee Man Bun; B-Lightning TBs, Mrs D Kolivos (NSW); T-David Hayes; J-Zac Purton. Current Rating: 100.

By the sire of 2019 Derby hero Furore (NZ), Shadow Hero is one of two in the race for 2003 Derby-winning trainer David Hayes. Winless in four Hong Kong starts, he raced unusually close to the speed when fifth in the Classic Mile, but made a run from off the pace to be a neck third in the Classic Cup. Capable on his best, but needs to finish off better than he has.



#5 TOURBILLON DIAMOND (AUS) (PP #11)
(*Olympic Glory {Ire}--Modave {NZ}*, by *Montjeu {Ire}*) (A\$7,000 Ylg '18 MMJUN) O-Shum Mak Ling, Jimmy Tang, Bennie Lau Yuk Lung & William Shum Wai Lam; B-Arrowfield Group Pty Ltd, Jungle Pocket Pty Ltd (NSW); T-Danny Shum; J-Vincent Ho. Current Rating: 98

The former Eric the Eel landed the 1600m Class 2 finale on HKIR day, then was exceptionally unlucky in the Classic Mile, finishing third after being locked away for a good 150 metres. An honest fifth in the Classic Cup, he will need a few things to go his way, especially from the draw, but he is right in the mix.



#6 LUCKY EXPRESS (AUS) (PP #9)
(*Toronado {Ire}--Il Diamante {Aus}*, by *Testa Rossa {Aus}*) (A\$145,000 Ylg '18 INGMAR) O-Larry Yung Chi Kin; B-C Jackson (Vic); T-John Size; J-Antoine Hamelin. Current Rating: 97

A winner in Class 2 from 10 Hong Kong starts, Lucky Express ran Sky Darci to a neck in the Class 1 Chevalier Cup H. back in November and was a cracking second in the Classic Mile as an \$8.50 chance. Eighth, at the mercy of the pace and hampered some in the Classic Cup, one wonders if this 2000-metre trip is biting off a bit more than he can chew.



#7 RUSSIAN EMPEROR (IRE) (PP #5)
(c, *Galileo {Ire}*--*Atlantic Jewel {Aus}*, by
Fastnet Rock {Aus}) O-Mike Cheung Shun
Ching; B-Coolmore, Lauri Macri &
Partners; T-Douglas Whyte; J-Karis Teetan.
Current Rating: 97

Last year's G3 Hampton Court S. victor, Russian Emperor showed very little in his first two runs at Sha Tin, finishing 10th in a C2 over 1400m and a well-beaten ninth in the Classic Mile. Trainer Douglas Whyte added blinkers for the Classic Cup and the colt traveled much better and hit the line hard to be second at big odds. Which Russian Emperor shows up here?



#9 CONGRATULATION (PP #14)
(*American Pharaoh*--*Up {Ire}*,
by *Galileo {Ire}*) (\$750,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP)
O-Leung Lun Ping; B-Ran Jan Racing Inc
(KY); T-Douglas Whyte; J-Tony Piccone.
Current Rating: 89

'TDN Rising Star' Congratulation (ex Monarch of Egypt) somewhat controversially gets the nod for a spot in the field off a single fifth-place effort over seven furlongs that was respectable, but not earth-shattering. On the plus side, he should see out this trip on pedigree, however, he'd be doing well to crack the first half of this field from an awful gate.



#11 DELIGHTFUL LAOS (IRE) (PP #10)
(*Baltic King {GB}*--*Pepys Tiller girl {Ire}*,
by *Tillerman {GB}*) (€50,000 2yo '19
TATMAY) O-Cheung Keung Fai; B-George S
O'Malley; T-Tony Cruz; J-Derek Leung.
Current Rating: 88

Carrying the same colours as the outstanding 2014 Derby winner Designs On Rome (Ire) (*Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}*), Delightful Laos has tasted victory on three occasions in 11 local starts, all of which have come over the city circuit at Happy Valley. Always far back in the Classic Cup, he looks well held on class against these rivals.



#13 MAXIMUS (GER) (PP #4)
(c, *Ivawood {Ire}*--*Coco Demure {Ire}*,
by *Titus Livius {Fr}*) (€32,000 RNA Ylg '18
ARQAUG; €710,000 HRA '19 ARQARC)
O-Tony Yue Kwok Leung; B-Scuderia
Waldeck SNC; T-Tony Millard;
J-Matthew Poon. Current Rating: 85

A listed winner at two in France when racing as Chares, Maximus faded tamely to be 10th in the Classic Mile and, after being withdrawn from the Classic Cup, finished one spot ahead of Conqueror in the aforementioned Class 2 a fortnight ago. Could be part of what is typically a modest pace in the Derby, but would be surprised if he's around at the finish.

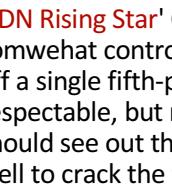


#8 PANFIELD (CHI) (PP #12)
(c, *Lookin At Lucky*--*Esterina {Arg}*,
by *Orpen*)
O-Yue Yun Hing; B-Agricola Taomina Ltda;
T-Tony Millard; J-Chad Schofield.
Current Rating: 90

The most accomplished of this group pre-import, with a trio of Group 1 wins at home, the imposing Panfield has progressed nicely, with a fourth in C2 going 1800 metres two back before a victory over the Derby course and distance last time out. Wants every bit of this trip, but several of his rivals have a much more effective turn of foot over the final stages.



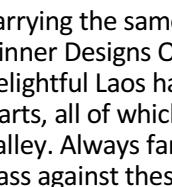
#10 SILVER EXPRESS (AUS) (PP #1)
(*Canford Cliffs {Ire}*--*Rechichi {Aus}*,
by *Elvstroem {Aus}*)
O-Larry Yung Chi Kin; B-K Heffernan (Vic);
T-John Size; J-Matthew Chadwick.
Current Rating: 89



Silver Express was given a final opportunity to lift his middling 79 rating into Derby range in a 1400-metre Class 3 Feb. 28. Forced to carry 133 pounds, he treated his rivals to a 2 1/4-length beating from the front. Seems an unlikely winner, but trainer succeeded in stepping up Ping Hai Star (NZ) from 1400m to win the Derby in his next start back in 2018.



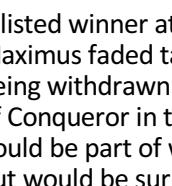
#12 CONQUEROR (AUS) (PP #13)
(*Fastnet Rock {Aus}*--*Diademe {NZ}*, by
Savabeel {Aus}) (NZ\$1,000,000 Ylg '18
NZBJAN) O-Charles Chan Sing Chuk;
B-China Horse Club Racing Pty Ltd (NSW);
T-David Hayes; J-Keith Yeung.
Current Rating: 86



Multiple group-placed in Australia for David Hayes and therefore imported on a mark of 85, Conqueror struggled home last but one after sitting up on that soft pace in the Classic Cup. Hayes removed the blinkers and added cheekpieces for a C2 over 1800m Mar. 7 and the result was an improved fourth. Tabbing this million-dollar baby for later.



#14 PACKING WALTHAM (FR) (PP #6)
(*Wootton Bassett {GB}*--*Baki {Fr}*,
by *Turtle Bowl {Ire}*)
(€110,000 Ylg '18 ARQAUG;
€110,000 RNA 2yo '19 ARQARC)
O-Edmond Lee Man Bun; B-Francois
Rohaut; T-Tony Cruz; J-Neil Callan.
Current Rating: 85



Though he sneaks into the Derby as its joint lowest-rated galloper, here is your each-way play for the race. Winless locally, he was done no favours by the shape of the Classic Cup, but rattled home strongly to be sixth, beaten a little more than a length. Surprise package.

TDN GROUP ENTRIES

Sunday, Abu Dhabi, UAE, post time: 8:00 p.m.

ABU DHABI CHAMPIONSHIP-G3, AED380,000, NH4yo/up & SH3yo/up, 2200mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	7	Aydon Castle (Ire)	Teofilo (Ire)	Jara	bin Harmash	125
2	6	Corsen (GB)	Cape Cross (Ire)	Balushi	Aboud	125
3	9	Firnas (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Ffrench	bin Ghadayer	125
4	1	Irish Freedom 	Pioneerof The Nile	Fresu	Seemar	125
5	3	Majestic Mambo (SAf)	Mambo In Seattle	de Vries	de Kock	125
6	8	Mondain (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	SCR	SCR	SCR
7	11	Mordin (Ire)	Invincible Spirit (Ire)	Ziani	bin Ghadayer	125
8	13	Mudaarab 	Distorted Humor	Lecoeuvre	Charpy	125
9	10	Oasis Charm (GB)	Oasis Dream (GB)	Curatolo	Hussain	125
10	4	Poet's Prince (GB)	Poet's Voice (GB)	Sakai	bin Harmash	125
11	5	Quip	Distorted Humor	Cosgrave	Seemar	125
12	2	Seniority (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	O'Shea	Seemar	125
13	12	Zaman (GB)	Dutch Art (GB)	Mullen	bin Harmash	125

Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong, post time: 4:40 p.m.

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 Pharaoh	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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TORONADO'S MASKED CRUSADER TAKES GROUP 1



Masked Crusader | Bronwen Healy

by Jackson Frantz

Masked Crusader (Toronado {Ire}) realised his full potential on Friday night taking out a thrilling edition of the G1 William Reid S., for his trainers at Hawkes Racing and rider William Pike.

The Team Hawkes-trained gelding was the beneficiary of a meticulous ride by superstar hoop William Pike, who found himself three pairs back the fence from barrier two.

Pike never panicked, despite being held up at a crucial stage. On straightening he continued to bide his time and as a result a narrow gap presented between subsequent runner up, **Portland Sky** (Deep Field) and Group 1-winning mare **Pippie** (Written Tycoon) who now heads to the breeding barn via the upcoming Inglis Chairman's Sale May 7.

When asked for an effort, Masked Crusader pricked his ears and burst through the gap, letting down with an electric turn of foot en route to a commanding 2.5l maiden Group 1 success.

Co-trainer Wayne Hawkes was elated by the success of the gelding, who was purchased for \$340,000 at the 2018 Inglis Premier Yearling Sale, declaring the victory as vindication of the stable and ownerships belief in the Gilgai Farm-bred galloper.

Hawkes described the win as an important moment for the Victorian breeding industry, expressing his satisfaction in securing the first Australian Group 1 for Swettenham Stud stallion Toronado (Ire).

Hawkes said tonight's breakthrough win couldn't have been achieved without careful planning and a patient approach from the stable and prominent owners Rupert Leigh, Neil Werrett and Cameron Cooke, referencing the decision to tip Masked Crusader out midway through last spring carnival as a masterstroke.

"Last preparation he had a real gut buster first-up and then things didn't go right, so our decision to pull up stumps proved to be the winning move," he said.

Pike didn't expect such an explosive change of speed from the 4-year-old, stating that he wasn't sure if his mount would let down when asked to extend through the gap.

"I didn't expect that brilliant turn of foot, but when I said go, he didn't care about taking a tight run, he said bring it on," he said.

"And when it (the gap) did, he let down that fast I was in and out before they knew I was there."



Jockey William Pike and Wayne Hawkes | Bronwen Healy

Pedigree Notes:

Masked Crusader is the first Group 1 winner for Swettenham Stud sire Toronado, who stands at Haras de Bouquetot in France as well. His best representatives to date include the G2 Newmarket July S. winner Tactical (GB), the G2 VRC Matriarch S. winner Affair To Remember and the G3 Vamos S. winner and recent All-Star Mile contender Still A Star.

Pedigree Notes cont.

Bred and sold by Gilgai farm Masked Crusader was a \$340,000 2018 Inglis Premier Yearling Sale purchase by Hawkes Racing and Cameron Cooke Bloodstock. He is the fourth foal out of three-time winner She's Got Gears (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), who herself is from the extended family of multiple Group-placed gelding Public Opinion (Arena).

She's Got Gears most recent foal was a \$825,000 2020 Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale purchase by China Horse Club and Newgate Bloodstock. She has again been served by Toronado (Ire) after missing to Dundee (NZ) in 2020.

Friday, Moonee Valley

WILLIAM REID S. (William Reid S.)-G1, A\$500,000, MVRC, 3-19, 3yo/up, Open Weight For, 1200mT, 1:09.29, Good.

1--MASKED CRUSADER, 58.5, g, 4, by Toronado (IRE)

1st Dam: She's Got Gears, by Invincible Spirit (IRE)

2nd Dam : Last Minute, by Encosta de Lago

3rd Dam: Rothchild, by Last Tycoon (IRE)

1ST GROUP 1 WIN. (\$340,000 Ylg 2018 WI Melbourne Premier Yearling Sale). O-R & C Legh Racing (Mgrs: R P & C Legh), Gilgai Farm (Mgr: R R Jamieson), B & C Thoroughbreds (Mgr: B A Dorman), C H Madden, Mrs J G Madden, Hybrook Pastoral (Mgr: P Orton), Werrett Bloodstock (Mgr: N R J Werrett) & Encompass Bloodstock (Mgr: S B McCann); B-Gilgai Farm VIC; T-M, W & J Hawkes; J-W Pike; A\$300,000. Lifetime Record: 10-5-1-2, A\$572,275. Werk Nick Rating: A+. Click for the [eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree](#).

2--Portland Sky, 56.0, c, 3, Deep Field-Sky Rumba, by Shrewd Rhythm. O-M D Laurie, C J Bourke, D V Mustica, Mrs E A Bresnehan, Mrs K D Treweek, Martin Thoroughbred Racing (Mgr: J R D Martin), Carrington Park (Mgr: M Laurie) & M B I Racing (Mgr: J M Mills); B-Anita Vale Stud WA; T-M W Laurie; J-M Zahra; A\$90,000.

3--Libertini, 56.5, m, 4, I Am Invincible--Aloha, by Encosta de Lago. O-G Harvey & Strawberry Hill Stud (Mgr: J D Singleton); B-Mr G Harvey NSW; T-A J Cummings; J-Tommy Berry; A\$45,000.

Margins: 2.5 len, 2.9 len, 3.4 len.

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