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by Chris McGrath

It's not what you would think. Not the invincible, fist-pumping, chest-bumping days. No, the real bond is forged exactly where the rest of us would least imagine—in the moments of disappointment, moments of doubt. That's where you really learn about each other.

"Honestly, thinking back, what I remember most is those bus rides back from games we lost," says Patrick O'Neill. "And that's crazy to say. We were very competitive. Second or third, pretty much every year we played in the Ivy League. But it's those losses where you really get to know who you can trust; what people's characters are; who you can lean on when you play a bad game, or vice versa. Those are the memories that stay with you. Those were the times where I needed them, or they needed me. And we were always there for each other."

But that kind of intensity, by definition, can't extend a lifetime. These were young men of elite accomplishment, in both intellectual and physical capacity; and they were entitled to corresponding ambition. When they left Brown University, they knew that the world would gradually have to look a little different: they would have to think about careers, courtship, maybe someday starting a family.

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FOX SPORTS & NYRA ANNOUNCE LANDMARK WAGERING AND MEDIA RIGHTS AGREEMENT *Edited Press Release*

FOX Sports and the New York Racing Association, Inc. have announced an expanded partnership agreement that establishes FOX Sports as the official wagering partner of NYRA Bets and the leading media provider for elite Thoroughbred racing through the next decade.

The prior FOX Sports/NYRA media rights agreement provided a FOX Sports subsidiary with an option to acquire a 25% stake in NYRA Bets, LLC, a leading Advance Deposit Wagering platform launched in 2016 and available to customers in 30 states across the country. The FOX Sports subsidiary will exercise this option by the summer of 2021, pending final regulatory approval.

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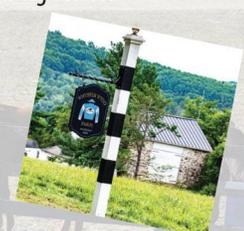
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And that implied a dread you would never want to admit to yourself, when still in your early twenties. What if life was never again to be lived in quite the same pitch?

Patrick wouldn't presume to compare what they had shared to military service. He has too much respect for veterans to do that. But maybe it's as close as you can get, outside uniform and within the law.

"Football is violent, it's aggressive, oftentimes scary out there," he reflects. "And you grow this brotherhood. 'I got your back, you got my back.' You have that competitive spirit. You win together, you lose together. We've seen each other cry, we've seen each other get hurt, we've seen each other triumph.

"So we have these four amazing years where we spend literally every waking minute with each other. Woke up in the same house, went to work out together, breakfast together. Often you're in the same classes. Film studies together, football practice together. And, at the end of the day, fun together as well.

"And then you graduate, and go off into the real world. Now each one of us, we're very fortunate. We got the jobs we worked so hard for, through college and internships and all through our education. But, to some degree, there's this hole in your life."



Hot Rod Charlie wins the La. Derby | Hodges photography

So they decided to form a racing partnership, just to keep those precious ties from getting too loose. It wasn't even Patrick's idea. The other guys always knew that he was mad about the ponies. During their senior year, he insisted on adding TVG to their cable package, and they knew that his uncle trained out in California. In fact, he was still in his freshman year when Doug O'Neill and his brother and assistant Dennis won the Kentucky Derby itself with I'll Have Another (Flower Alley). The year after Patrick graduated, they did it again with Nyquist (Uncle Mo). So this, his friends saw, was not just a quirky obsession; this was pretty much a family business. **Cont. p4**



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Not for his dad, admittedly. As the oldest of four brothers, Dave O'Neill had seen the other side of the coin. Their father-Patrick's grandfather, that is, for whom he is named-had an infectious enthusiasm for racing back in Detroit, but equally contagious were his wagers. One would lead to another, and the oldest of his boys learned a wariness of the track. Doug and Dennis saw only the excitement, and after graduating from high school they were immediately walking hots. But Dave felt that someone in the family should maintain an even keel. He went to the University of Michigan through a caddie scholarship, and then broke down the next door with a great job in telecommunications out west.

But life being what it is, the brothers received very different dividends for their staking plan in the gamble of life. Dave grew

sick of corporate America after the telecoms sector crashed in the early 2000s and, since Patrick's mom Margie was originally from Hawaii, that's where they moved for a new start. On the flip side, Doug and Dennis went from winning \$8,000 claimers at Bay Meadows to transforming Lava Man (Slew City Slew) into a triple Hollywood Gold Cup winner with a ticket to the Hall of Fame. Patrick was captivated, albeit from afar now that they had moved to islands 3,000 miles away.

Tragically, his other uncle Danny died of melanoma at just 38; and then his father was diagnosed with a similar condition in his mid-50s. They gave him maybe six months or so. Patrick was by then at Brown, literally half a world away from Hawaii, and that was a lot to deal with.

"But he ended up making it two years," Patrick says. "And I could not be more thankful to him for making my graduation."



Boat Racing celebrates after the La. Derby |
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Patrick continues, "What an amazing brother he was to my uncles, husband to my mom, and dad to myself and my sisters. Looking back, yes, there was a lot going on. But I was very blessed to have such great support around me, with the O'Neills and my mom's side as well, and then all these amazing friends. We remember him, and he's definitely on this ride with us today."

Because some ride it's turning out to be. As we've noted already, it was four of those amazing friends-Eric Armagost, Dan Giovacchini, Reiley Higgins and Alex Quoyeser-who had to talk Patrick into investing in his uncle's barn. Patrick agreed that the football brotherhood had to stick together. They had all ended up on the **West Coast**, but obviously they were no longer living in each other's pockets. A couple of years ago they had a reunion, and Patrick organized a backside pass at Del Mar. They had a tour of the barn, met Doug and Dennis, cheered home a winner for the team.

"And they were like, 'Wow, this sport is incredible!'" remembers Patrick. "And being smart, career-oriented guys, they said, 'Look, you kind of have an inside path in a lot of this: you know all about breeding, you have this great connection through Doug and Dennis. We should think about creating a syndicate.' And for me personally, knowing my grandpa's story, I was pretty adamant against it. But slowly they convinced me. But I said, 'Well, if we're going to do this, we're going to do it the right way. We're going to create an LLC; we're going to have an operating agreement; we're going to treat it like a diversified portfolio, and leverage Dennis at the sales, and Doug and Team O'Neill for the training.'"

They started with a share in a couple of OBS juveniles. One broke exactly even. The other "we got totally crushed on." "So we probably had one bullet left, in terms of continuing our business," Patrick recalls. "And we got a call that fall from Dennis, at the Fasig-Tipton October Sale. As you know, typically Dennis doesn't buy yearlings. But he said, 'I'm looking at this colt, he's a half to **Mitole** (Eskendereya), and he's gorgeous. He's not just a sprinter: he's athletic, he's everything I look for in a horse.'"

There was a leg left, would the boys be interested? This was

just before the Breeders' Cup, where **Mitole** would go on to nail down a divisional title. His sibling should have been unaffordable but-"all credit to Dennis"-they got him for \$110,000. If his sire wasn't especially commercial, great: his racing career was a perfect template. Just like Oxbow, **Hot Rod Charlie** took four attempts to break his maiden but is now legitimately on the Classic trail.

When he sneaked into the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile field, they looked at the pari-mutuel board and saw that "Chuck", as they call him, was 94-1. They shrugged. What a blast, just to be there. Then they watched in astonishment as Hot Rod Charlie cruised into contention and then took over at the top of the stretch. Though ultimately just caught by Essential Quality (**Tapit**), he pushed the champ all the way. "We were going berserk," says Patrick. "We were hitting each other, jumping, chairs were getting thrown."

So who still missed the football field now? Suddenly this could even be a Kentucky Derby horse. True, "Chuck" was beaten on his return in the GIII Robert B. Lewis S. and, albeit he finished really well, the two who held him didn't do much for the form

next time. But then, last Saturday, Hot Rod Charlie won the longest trial of all in the GI Louisiana Derby. The giant shadow of Midnight Bourbon (Tiznow) loomed over their frontrunner turning in, but plucky "Chuck" just kicked again and saw him off decisively. Next stop Louisville, first Saturday in May.

"In the paddock Midnight Bourbon looked incredible, as Steve Asmussen's horses usually do," Patrick reflects. "And when he ranged up, I was like, 'Uh-oh, this is not good.' But our guy's

just so tough. He doesn't care that he's a hand shorter than Midnight Bourbon. All he knows is he wants to get to that finish line first.

"Doug and his team have done such an amazing job with him. In the Lewis, at a mile and 1/16th against two really good horses, he was probably 75% fit after 90 days off. Then with the seven weeks to this race, he'd never been training better. He's always been a lean horse but he's finally filling out."

One thing Patrick can't stress enough. His guys only have one leg in this horse, in the name of Boat Racing LLC, and would hate for their youth and enthusiasm to distract too much attention from their more seasoned partners. **Cont. p6**



Hot Rod Charlie | Hodges

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He knows that for Bill Strauss, and the Roadrunner syndicate of Greg Helm, a bone fide Derby contender crowns much a longer and deeper investment in the game-not just financially, but in terms of their own passion and commitment.

"They could very much have been like, 'Oh my God, who are these young rascals?'" Patrick says. "And they could not have been cooler or greater. They say, 'I love this sport. I want it promoted to the younger generation. You guys are doing that, and should do it as much as you can. Keep going.' These are two amazing individuals. And that's what happens, when you go on a ride like this. From people you didn't know at all, you end up with friends you'll have forever. Greg and Bill will be mentors to me and my friends for the rest of our lives."

Strauss joined the youngsters and their families and girlfriends to celebrate in New Orleans last Saturday, and whatever happens in Louisville the whole group will be enjoying every second. As the Turf evangelist within his group, moreover, Patrick has loved to see the passion and the knowledge bloom among his novice buddies.

"That's my inside joke to them," he says with a laugh. "I tell them, 'You guys are screwed for the rest of your lives.' You're going to have this ride. And then we're all going to be chasing this feeling, and this type of horse, for the next 20 years. So I'm able to tell them how lucky they are. They ask so many questions, like who is this **Tapit** guy who wins every race? And what are these Ragozins, and Beyers, and Thoro-Graphs? But it's great, for me personally, because I love this sport so much and having great young talent come into it is huge.

"No joke, it gives me chills, to see some of the best friends in my life so happy right there in the winner's circle. That's one of the best feelings in the world. This sport that I grew up in, that means so much to my family-and they are hooked. It shows you what a great world this is, and that if we market it properly, who knows what it could be for this next generation?"

As the one who understands the odds still to be overcome, Patrick is trying not to think too far ahead; especially with the Breeders' Cup this year returning to what is nowadays his local

track. He knows to take everything one step at a time. But "Chuck" has the potential to be a precious vehicle for the whole industry. For one thing, as the final bequest of Edward A. Cox Jr., he already has a bunch of people in his corner-from his late breeder's grandchildren (well over three dozen of those, at the last count) to that old sage Bill Landes at Hermitage Farm. Bob and Sean Feld, too, will be hoping that Hot Rod Charlie can continue to magnify the skill with which they pinhooked a \$17,000 short yearling. But the biggest deal of all is if young people on the outside see just how much fun these boys are having.

With such momentous stakes, then, they do well to remember the lessons learned together on the football field. To some people, sport is too frivolous to justify the emotion and money that many of us pour into it. But we only do that because it

really teaches us about life, and about each other; because we know how true a mirror it holds up to the world.

"I don't even know if this whole thing is a million-to-one," Patrick says. "It might be more like a billion-to-one. We really try to keep each other's feet on the ground. That's the input that I always received from my dad, from Doug and Dennis: about all the ups and downs in life. I respect LeBron James so much, but he's perfect physically, he's super smart and an amazing athlete. But then you also

have guys like Steph Curry, who's six three. They figure it out. Those are the people that resonate because they have to get through tough experiences, tough times.

"So yes, sport is an amazing analogy for life. And if you can properly navigate college sports, it helps you to deal with other trials and tribulations. So with Hot Rod Charlie, obviously I hope he never loses another race again. But we'd be foolish to think that will be the case. There will be a time when he doesn't run to his best, and we're going to sit there and have five seconds to sulk about it. But then we're going to realize that life goes on, and that we still have each other. Just like a loss in football. You keep moving forward. Because all the amazing experiences you're going through together are never going to be forgotten."



From left to right: Dan Giovacchini, Eric Armagost, Alex Quoyeser, Patrick O'Neill, Reiley Higgins | courtesy Patrick O'Neill

Fox Sports & NYRA cont. from p1

As an unprecedented year interrupted live sports around the world, horse racing operated safely and continuously. NYRA Bets achieved record growth in 2020, as new fans engaged with horse racing by watching an unparalleled amount of coverage across FOX Sports' family of networks. Driven by a dramatic expansion in this live television coverage, NYRA Bets generated \$225 million in wagering handle in 2020, a more than 100% increase compared to 2019.

"The remarkably rapid expansion of NYRA Bets, and the digital ADW wagering marketplace, make this an ideal opportunity for FOX Sports to deepen and broaden its investment in both premier media rights and the high-growth sports wagering industry. With our investment options in NYRA Bets, FOX is now uniquely positioned as the only media company with strategic stakes in digital bet-taking businesses in horse racing, sports betting, poker and casino gaming," said Michael Mulvihill, FOX Sports' Executive Vice President, Head of Strategy and Analytics. "We're confident that our television partnership with NYRA will fuel continued growth for NYRA Bets in the years ahead "

Dave O'Rourke, President and CEO, NYRA, underscored the importance of its partnership with FOX Sports to the sport in New York as well as across the country.

"FOX Sports has shown an unwavering commitment to the

sport of horse racing over the past five years," said O'Rourke. "The strength of our partnership with FOX Sports, and the continued expansion of our high-quality telecasts, has proven to be hugely beneficial for the New York racing community and the sport as a whole."

The new agreement will extend FOX Sports' television rights with NYRA through 2030 and further expand exclusivity for daily racing at Belmont Park and Saratoga Race Course.

Under the new deal, FOX Sports expects to air at least 700 hours of coverage each year from Belmont Park and Saratoga Race Course and, outside of prior commitments, gives the network exclusive national broadcast rights at Belmont Park and Saratoga Race Course through 2030. NYRA will serve as the production arm for all horse racing events during the term of the partnership.

NYRA and FOX Sports began their collaboration during the first season of Saratoga Live during the 2016 summer meet at historic Saratoga Race Course. The critically acclaimed show, broadcast daily from the grounds of Saratoga, aired 80 hours of live coverage on FS2 and coincided with the national launch of NYRA Bets. Since then, total coverage has grown to more than 700 hours in 2020. The NYRA Bets wagering handle has also grown--from \$7.2 million in 2016 to over \$225 million in 2020.

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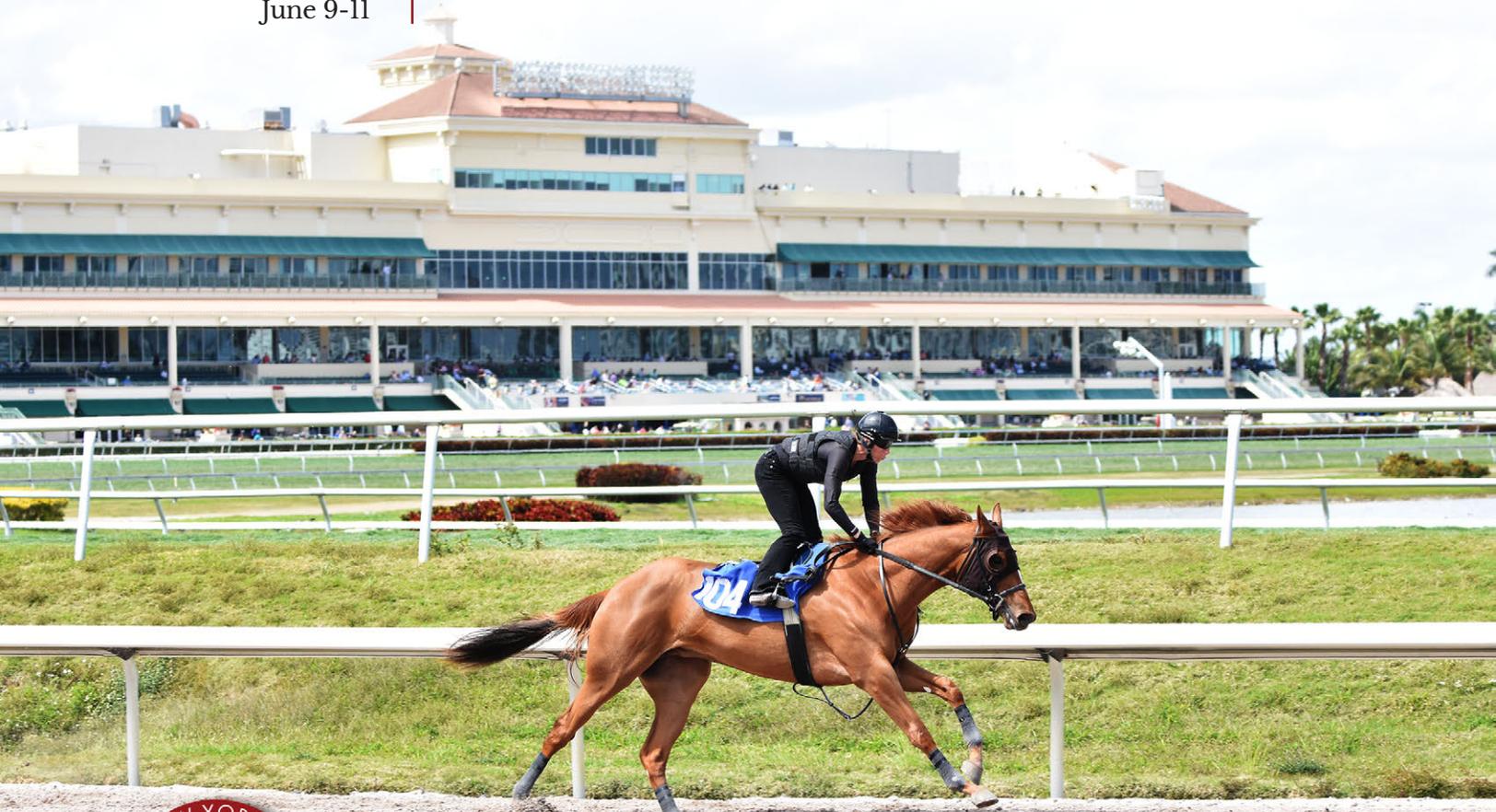
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FOX Sports became the national television home for NYRA's Belmont Park and Saratoga Race Course coverage in 2019. That same year, the brand furthered its commitment to horse racing by televising the GI **Runhappy** Travers to a national audience on the FOX broadcast network for the first time in network history. Following a successful presentation in 2019, the Travers returned to FOX in 2020.

The new FOX Sports/NYRA agreement ensures that the Travers will air LIVE on FOX through 2030.

"NYRA is delighted to extend our relationship with FOX Sports," said Tony Allevato, President, NYRA Bets. "We look forward to continuing to work closely with the FOX Sports team over the next decade to grow NYRA Bets while continuing to present the very best in horse racing coverage to more sports fans than ever before."

The agreement does not include the GI Belmont Stakes Racing Festival and the Belmont S.

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Q AND A ON THE NEW NYRA-FOX SPORTS DEAL

After the big announcement Thursday on a 10-year deal between NYRA and Fox Sports that will see the t.v. giant acquire 25% of NYRA Bets, TDN Publisher Sue Finley talked to Michael Mulvihill, FOX Sports's Executive Vice President, Head of Strategy and Analytics, and to Tony Allevato, the President of NYRA Bets.



Tony Allevato | NYRA/Coglianese photo

TDN: Tony, when you did this deal with Fox in 2019, a lot of people doubted that it was the right move, and argued that people would struggle to find horse racing on t.v. That hasn't been the case.

TA: This is the third stage to this deal. The first stage was in 2016, when we showed 80 hours from Saratoga. In 2019, we chose to take Belmont races and Saratoga races and make them exclusive on Fox. There was obviously a lot of risk associated with that. It played out very well. People obviously found the network and were able to watch the races. We've seen it in our handle numbers, and in our viewership numbers. So, there's no doubt in our mind, the transition worked. For us, it was important to really be able to be about controlling the narrative, and the way our content was distributed. We're about telling stories about horse racing, and helping the sport grow. Horse welfare, the jockeys, ownership, those are things that are really important to us and Fox agrees with that approach in the television programs, and I think it has played out pretty well.

MM: We love the partnership. I don't think we could ask for a better relationship than what we have with NYRA. We're really excited by the growth that we've already seen for NYRA Bets and ADW wagering in general. **Cont. p9**

MM: I think what we're trying to provide is a kind of a blueprint for the future of sports on t.v., not to be too grand about it. But everybody now is considering how are we going to use the content to drive betting activity as sports wagering becomes legal, and we're already doing it. And so far, I think it's working well.

TDN: Tony, can you put into words how important this is to helping horse racing to get back into the mainstream?

TA: As someone who has worked in horse racing for over three decades now, I look at all the missed opportunities that horse racing has had over the last few decades, going back 50 years-plus. Some of it was self-inflicted, some of it was out of our control, but we have had missed opportunities. Right now, with sports betting being legalized all over the country, and a greater acceptance of gambling in general in the United States, we have what could be a tremendous opportunity, or something that could hurt horse racing. We believe if we handle this correctly, it could be the best opportunity for horse racing in the last 50 years. There has never been a sport that has been hurt by being on television, and there's no reason to think that horse racing would be the first one. By being on television as many hours as we're going to be for the next 10 years, at a time when sports betting is sweeping across the country, we believe it will have both a short- and a long-term benefit for us. It's important to mention that NYRA is a not-for-profit, so for us, this is truly a long game, and something that we are fully invested in. We look at this as a deal that will benefit not just our business, but the sport in general. And, by giving Fox some skin in the game by having them own a piece of NYRA Bets, it incentivizes them to give us as much promotion and distribute us to as many eyeballs as possible. And that's the difference, to me, between this deal and other deals that have been done in the past. They are tied into the wagering component now.

TDN: Mike, how important was the NYRA Bets aspect of this to Fox? That you had some skin in the game as Tony said?

MM: Extremely important. It was paramount. We are undergoing an evolution from being exclusively a media content company to now increasing to being a content and gaming company, and this is a really important part of that. You see that on several fronts. There's this deal, there are very significant gaming elements in our new NFL rights deal that we announced last week. We're doing gaming content every day on FS1. I feel like in a number of ways, we're either creating content that supports a gaming business, or doing deals in which media rights and wagering are really intertwined in ways that they never



Mike Mulvihill | Fox Sports photo

have been before. So the opportunity to get in this on a wagering level was extremely important. Where this leaves us now is that we're the only media company that has an ownership position in a sports betting business, a racing betting business, and an online poker and casino business. I think that's a pretty great place for us to be, and we can leverage our t.v. assets to build all of those wagering interests. So it was the main driver of the deal.

TDN: What does this mean for NYRA Bets holders, and for Fox Bets account holders?

TA: Fox Bets is completely separate from this deal. The two are not connected. Our deal is with Fox Sports. There's always a possibility that down the road, if horse racing is going to be incorporated into sports betting apps, which we hope will happen, that NYRA Bets will be a provider of that product. But the way we look at it, if horse racing is on 700 hours, and people are watching and betting, the money is going into the pools, and it's going to benefit the racetracks and the purses.

TDN: Can you see any further synergies?

MM: Yes, but it's a little bit early to speculate. Tony is correct in that they are complimentary and separate brands, but there obviously are logical ways in which they could be connected and they could appeal to the same kind of player. So, I wouldn't rule out that kind of thinking in the future, but we just did this deal and it's a little bit early to be contemplating those ideas.

TDN: How might this change the TV presentation, and will we notice it as viewers?

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TA: We always try to walk the fine line with the gambling product as well as the story telling, which is not always easy. We try to simplify the show so that the casual sports fan can understand it, but we don't want to alienate the core customer. Talent has done a terrific job of recognizing that. The long answer is yes, you're going to see more contests, more handicapping contests, more free-to-play contests.

TDN: Tony talked about controlling the narrative, telling stories, and highlighting horse welfare. Horse racing has been through some tough times in the past couple of years. What is it about the sport—beyond the gambling aspects we have already discussed—that appealed to Fox?

MM: That's a really interesting question. I think that as we do develop this gaming business, we don't want that business to be just about the money and the math and the numbers. For these businesses to appeal to a general sports audience, they have to be soulful, and they have to have the elements that horse racing has—the grandeur of the animals themselves, and the excitement of a day at the racetrack, and we don't want it to be just like betting on a roulette wheel. There is real heart and character to horse racing that is unique and makes it more than just a betting business. And I think that Tony and his crew, in our five summers of doing races together, they do a great job as not just presenting it as a wagering opportunity, but as a really fun and unique sport. Whether that's highlighting some of the aftercare initiatives that are out there, or just telling the story about horses and riders and trainers, we want to make sure we're telling the story about the sport, and not just telling the story about the betting.

I think there's a good mix of perspectives. Somebody like Jon Kinchen who did make his name as a pure handicapper, he's got a great analytical way of thinking about the horses, and so does Andy Serling. But Acacia (Courtney) obviously, is really committed to aftercare. You're not going to encounter anyone who cares more about the horses themselves than Richie (Migliore), or Gary (Stevens), for that matter. I think it's a nice balance of people who got into it for the betting, and those for the love of the horse.

TDN: Mike, Fox has an app called the Fox Super Six which offers weekly contents. Is that something that could be applied to racing?

MM: The Fox Super Six is free-to-play; we do it every week in the NFL and do it every week in college football. We could potentially do a Fox Super Six on big NYRA stakes days, Travers day would be logical because of the Fox broadcast. So it is something that we talked about, but we have to develop the

idea a little further. But we like using that free-to-play game with any programming that is a priority to us, so it would make a lot of sense.

TA: We feel like by being partnered with Fox, this gives us the best opportunity to capture new fans or lapsed fans. From what we're seeing, just from the results from the pandemic, we acquired a lot of new customers during the pandemic. We can tell from the way they bet that they were not regular players. They were more casual fans. And those customers to this point have proven to very sticky. They're still playing and they're still watching, which is a very positive sign for us and which bodes well for the future.

TDN: What other things might you have in the works together?

TA: I think that, from a television standpoint, we're looking to bring more international racing into the U.S. and distribute it on a bigger platform. So, we've already had people reached out to us from overseas, just seeing the press release, to see how they can get more involved, which is a positive. We're always looking to do more. We've had some great partners jump on board, Churchill Downs, Oaklawn, to name a couple, who have been part of the shows. I think that there are other people in the industry who see the value that television brings with sport and they have embraced it.

TDN: What does this mean for the Belmont?

TA: We have a great relationship with NBC. They have the rights for the Belmont, and we are locked in with NBC.

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JUVENILE SALES PUT FOURTH-BOOK SIRES BACK ON THE MAP



Lane's End's **Unified** saw a 30-mare uptick in his fourth book over the past week after a successful OBS March Sale |

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by Katie Ritz

By the time a stallion's fourth book opens, the team behind him is usually pulling out all their stops to fill those pages. But perhaps no marketing technique in their repertoire can have quite the same effect as just one big price tag when the stallion's first crop of juveniles go to market.

At last week's OBS March Sale, three first-crop juvenile sires were represented by youngsters that surpassed the \$500,000 mark in the sales ring, and representatives from each of their respective farms said the phone has been ringing off the hook for breeding contracts since.

The first young sire to score a half-million-dollar sale was Lane's End's '**TDN Rising Star**' **Unified**, when **Hip 163**, a Wavertree-consigned colt out of Promise Me a Cat (D'wildcat), hammered home for \$530,000. The \$190,000 KEESEP graduate had clocked the fastest quarter mile of Thursday's breeze show, going in :20 2/5.

Lane's End's Bill Farish said that since the colt's headline-worthy sale, **Unified**'s book has received a major bump in numbers.

"We've gotten over 30 new contracts and they're still coming in," Farish said. "So he's going to end up with a really nice book of mares. He's getting very close to full."

While **Unified** was busy in his first two years at stud with a combined 254 mares bred, he only managed a 68-mare book in 2020, a number sure to be surpassed this year after his first crop's splash at OBS.

Six of his juveniles went through the sales ring in Ocala, including two additional six-figure colts. A \$19,000 FTOCT

graduate, **Hip 110** returned to the auction ring to sell to Spendthrift Farm for \$400,000. Later that day, **Hip 159** went for \$120,000.

While **Unified**'s \$43,390 average at the yearling sales last year kept him just short of the **top 10 first-crop yearling sires**, a \$231,000 average coming out of the OBS sale has him in the early running for the leading 2-year-old sales average within his class.

"They certainly looked, as yearlings, like they would be good 2-year-olds," Farish said. "But once you get a saddle under them and they get into training, you can tell a lot more about if that's a genuine thing or not. It certainly looks like **Unified** is answering the questions the right way."

A second first-crop juvenile sire garnered attention before the sale began when **Hip 531**, a son of Spendthrift's **Gormley**, fired a :9 4/5 bullet at the breeze show. On the second day of the sale, the \$160,000 Fasig-Tipton Select yearling pinhook for Eddie Woods's Quarter Pole Enterprises went for \$550,000 to Breeze Easy LLC.

"I got calls from several people about that horse," Spendthrift's Mark Toothaker said of the youngster. "I had heard **Eddie reviewing his group before the sale** and he talked highly of him before he ever breezed, so that lets you know you're seeing some nice things moving towards the sale."

Toothaker said that he, too, has been busy taking calls from breeders interested in sending mares to **Gormley**.

"I think we've done about a dozen seasons off of the sale," Toothaker said. "We're hoping that he can follow it up with another strong sale in Miami [at the Fasig-Tipton Gulfstream Sale, Mar. 31] to really get us some momentum, but we definitely picked up some business. It isn't to the point yet where we're full and trying to turn people away, but it certainly has helped."

Toothaker added that **Gormley**'s success at OBS is also reflected in the attention he's received from Share the Upside investors.

"One of the things we've seen is that some of the people who had not named a mare on their free spot now have called and have named a mare," he said. "So we have picked up some business with the sale, but it has also stimulated our breeding right holders to go ahead and breed a mare to him this year. We've been reaching out to folks to make the pitch that, 'Hey, this horse is right there for leading freshman sire. Wouldn't you want one in foal to him?'"

Gormley was represented by eight juveniles at the OBS Sale. Of the seven sold, three reached the six-figure mark. Another Eddie Woods trainee, **Hip 371**, brought \$250,000 while **Hip 234** went to Patrick Biancone for \$130,000. **Gormley**'s \$153,857 average from the sale increased off his \$37,544 yearling average last year. **Cont. p12**

“When you sell them as yearlings, there’s a missing piece in the equation,” Toothaker replied when asked on what changed as **Gormley**’s first crop matured from yearlings to juveniles. “They can look fast as yearlings, but when you go through the ring as 2-year-olds they have to be fast. I think **Gormley** just separated himself out. [Last year], everyone looked at him as a horse with a modest stud fee and he probably sold his yearlings where they should have sold. Then when they had a chance to perform on the track, that changed the metrics and he increased his average dramatically.”

Breeding a combined 307 mares in his first two years, **Gormley** bred 72 mares last year off a \$7,500 stud fee.

Both Toothaker and Farish spoke about the major impact a strong showing at the early juvenile sales can have on a stallion’s book in his fourth year at stud.

“The 2-year-old sales are big help,” Toothaker said. “They get your name out there and it makes people take a second look. That’s all you’re asking, is to still be in the game.”

“When you have a fourth-year sire, nowadays with the large books it gets tougher and tougher to find mares until breeders have something to believe in because it’s a big risk to breed to a fourth-year sire if you’re not very encouraged by what you’re seeing,” Farish echoed. “When they have good results at the sales it can really make a difference.”

Both **Gormley** and **Unified** will have to contend with a third major player for leading freshman sire status.

Practical Joke made a major splash at last week’s sale with a \$750,000 sale’s topper and four more juveniles reaching six figures, and while Coolmore’s Adrian Wallace said the farm has received inquiries about the Ashford resident over the last few days, his book was full before the sale began.

“Yes, we’ve gotten calls on **Practical Joke** this week, but unfortunately we’ve been unable to fulfill their requests because **Practical Joke** is the worst-kept secret out there,” he said. “His 2-year-olds have been doing very, very well and they have been from the beginning, so most people were aware that the horse has been full before we got to see the results from the March sale.”

Practical Joke’s leading sale at OBS was **Hip 311**, a filly out of

Peruvian champion Valiant Emilia (Per) (Pegasus Wind). A \$120,000 KESEEP purchase for Top Line Sales LLC, the daughter of the buzzed-about sire brought \$750,000 after breezing in :9 4/5.

Wallace reported that Gabriela Alvarez-Calderon of Teneri Farms already has Valiant Emilia slated to return to **Practical Joke** again this year.

The son of **Into Mischief** has maintained a large book in his first few years at stud, seeing 220 mares in 2018 before filling a

200 and 188-mare book the following two years. His \$120,243 yearling average last year placed him amongst the **top five first-crop yearling sires**.

Last week, he saw seven youngsters go through the ring with five selling for an average of \$296,000. **Hip 113**, a colt out of SW Mystic City (City Zip), brought \$210,000 while four hips earlier, a **filly** from the Old South Farm consignment sold for \$200,000.

“Not a single race has been run yet and we’re very mindful of that, but nevertheless it’s good to see

them in demand and gallop out so well at the breeze sale, and then see a continuation of what they achieved as yearlings,” Wallace said.

While **Practical Joke** didn’t necessarily need the added boost of a near-million-dollar sale in order to fill this year’s book, Wallace said the added publicity does nothing but help in kicking off this young sire’s fourth year at stud.

“It makes them relevant,” Wallace replied when asked what a successful sale helps achieve for a young stallion. “The first-season sires, as most people are aware, are the ones that are easy to sell. They’re the ones people put their faith in and they’re fresh in people’s minds, possibly because they could be the next biggest thing, but also because they’ve never done anything wrong. There’s less risk involved.”

He continued, “By the time you get to the fourth and fifth year, the talking stops and the advertising stops, so it very much depends on how they sold as yearlings and how the 2-year-old buyers perceive them. If you’re lucky enough to have a horse that’s well-received in the marketplace, then it’s all well and good.”



Eddie Woods-consigned colt out of Green Eyed Cat (Tale of the Cat) one of three juveniles to reach six figures for Spendthrift’s **Gormley | Photos by Z**



Practical Joke filly goes for \$750,000 to top the OBS March Sale. | Photos by Z

One first-crop juvenile Ashford resident that did reap the benefits of a solid OBS Sale was **Cupid**. Off a \$46,786 yearling average last year, the son of **Tapit** was represented by two six-figure juvenile sales in Ocala, and Wallace reported that his fourth book has increased by 20 mares in the past week.

Both Farish and Toothaker echoed that several of their first-year juvenile sires cashed in on the results of last week.

Spendthrift's **Lord Nelson** averaged \$103,937 at OBS with **Hip 67**, a colt out of SP Luna Dorada (Seeking the Gold) selling for \$385,000.

Toothaker said the son of Pulpit had 15 slots remaining going into last week, and those spots have since been filled.

"We've been saying here for a month that we felt like with a good showing from **Lord Nelson** and **Gormley** there at OBS, it would probably finish **Lord Nelson** off and spark a fire underneath the breeding right holders on **Gormley**," he explained.

Meanwhile Lane's End's **Connect** had three six-figure sales, including **Hip 503**, a colt that sold for \$290,000 to Narvick International.

"Connect has a really good group going to Gulfstream, and from what I'm told, an even better group going to the April sale," Farish said. "He's picked up some mares, not as many as **Unified**, but I think his better ones are in the sales to come."

Farish can remember another stallion at Lane's End from not too long ago that saw an explosion in demand after his first juveniles went through the sales ring.

"Stephen Got Even had a 2-year-old bring \$2 million and change that Sheikh Mohammed bought," he recalled. "His book jumped by over 100 when that happened. It was absolutely amazing. It has to be genuine when that happens because everybody down there in Ocala is too savvy, so it has to be real

and that certainly set his book on fire, and **Unified** has had a similar reaction."

Wallace said that **Munnings** is one Ashford sire that comes to mind as one who saw a jump in demand after his first juvenile sales, while Toothaker reported the same of **Goldencents** at Spendthrift.

Looking at the bigger picture, Farish said that for now, his sale's team must hold their breath as the whims of the market help decide the size of their stallions' fourth book, but in the future, The Jockey Club's 140-mare cap could change this trend.

"What we've seen in the last 10 years is that it's tougher and tougher to fill any stallion that is not a first year or proven," he said. "When you're in that crucial second-through-fourth year, it's very competitive because the first-year and proven stallions are getting so many mares that it doesn't leave room for the unproven stallions. With the mare cap, all those mares are going to have to go somewhere. They're going to have to go either to additional new stallions or the second-through-fourth-year horses and hopefully smooth out that transition."

Taylor Made's **Midnight Storm** (average \$190,000, top price \$240,000) and Airdrie's **American Freedom** (average \$123,666 average, top price \$260,000) were also in the top five first-crop sires by average.

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TAKING STOCK

by Sid Fernando



TAKING STOCK: AWESOME AGAIN SIRE

HAVE PUNCHER'S CHANCE *By Sid Fernando*

What do **Hot Rod Charlie** (Oxbow), **Mystic Guide** (**Ghostzapper**), and **Knicks Go** (**Paynter**) have in common?

For one, they've cumulatively won three of the four most lucrative dirt races contested in North America so far this year. Hot Rod Charlie won the \$1-million GII Louisiana Derby at Fair Grounds last weekend; Mystic Guide was first in the \$600,000 GIII Razorback H. at Oaklawn Feb. 27; and Knicks Go took the \$3-million GI Pegasus World Cup Invitational S. at Gulfstream Park Jan. 23. The other big-money race was the \$1 million GII Rebel S. at Oaklawn, won by Concert Tour (**Street Sense**).

The trio of Hot Rod Charlie, Mystic Guide, and Knicks Go also share something else in common with one another: they are each by sons of Awesome Again (Deputy Minister). The Deputy Minister sire line isn't particularly vibrant these days, mostly flourishing within the interior of pedigrees (through daughters and granddaughters), where it is incredibly potent in that capacity. **Cont. p14**

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At one time, however, there were plenty of Deputy Minister sons and grandsons at stud, horses like Silver Deputy, Dehere, Graeme Hall, Salt Lake, Victory Speech, Mane Minister, French Deputy, Touch Gold, Deputy Commander, Spring At Last, Archers Bay, Forest Camp, Toccet, Posse, etc., but most of them couldn't sustain stud careers here, much less create heirs to carry the line forward. This isn't an uncommon phenomenon and it's an example of how sire lines tend to either disappear

altogether or ebb and flow over time.

The Deputy Minister horse French Deputy and his son Kurofune put up an admirable fight in Japan, but the Awesome Again branch is Deputy Minister's most notably viable tail-male representative in North America and elsewhere these days, and, frankly, **Ghostzapper** is its main proponent despite the recent efforts of the closely related duo of Oxbow and **Paynter**. And not only is **Ghostzapper** an excellent stallion, but, true to the ethos of his grandsire, he's turning into an equally adept broodmare sire. He announced this loudly when his daughter Stage Magic produced Triple Crown winner **Justify**, one of three Grade I winners for **Ghostzapper** as a broodmare sire to date.

As a sire, **Ghostzapper**, who stands for \$85,000 at Hill 'n' Dale, is represented by 12 Grade I winners and 83 black-type winners. He's got a great chance to add another Grade I winner to his tally when Mystic Guide starts as the probable favorite in the \$12-million G1 Dubai World Cup this weekend, and it's quite amazing when you sit back and think about it that representatives of this sparsely represented sire line have been successful in some of the most valuable races this year with a chance at another, one of the biggest prizes of the season.

Certainly, it indicates that the Awesome Again sires have a puncher's chance in the big fights, particularly in races on dirt and at a distance, and frequently with older horses.

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It's something that defined Awesome Again's own career with such as GI Breeders' Cup Classic winner **Ghostzapper**; Game On Dude, who won the GI Santa Anita H. at seven; and Awesome Gem, winner of the GI Hollywood Gold Cup at seven.

The Dubai World Cup is no longer the richest race in the world, that honor now belonging to the \$20-million Saudi Cup. Recall that Knicks Go was one of the favorites in that race, though not successful that day after Charlatan (**Speightstown**) beat him to the early lead. However, the broader Deputy Minister line had success that day when the US-bred, Japanese-based 6-year-old Copano Kicking (Spring At Last) won the \$1.5-million Riyadh Dirt Sprint. Copano Kicking's sire is by Silver Deputy, a son of Deputy Minister. Like Mystic Guide, Copano Kicking will be in action this weekend at Meydan, in the \$1.5-million G1 Dubai Golden Shaheen.

Had Knicks Go run well at Riyadh, he'd have been in Dubai this weekend, too. At least, that's what connections had suggested before the Saudi race. His sire **Paynter**, who stands for \$10,000 at WinStar, has 16 black-type winners to his credit and has carved out a useful career at stud through four crops, and it's possible his momentum will build as he gets more older runners in the pipeline. He was produced from a full sister to Tiznow (Cee's Tizzy), as was Oxbow.

Oxbow, like **Paynter** with four crops at the races through the end of last year, stands for \$7,500 at Calumet, which also stands the Awesome Again horse Bravazo. The latter also happens to be from a Cee's Tizzy mare (who, in turn, is out of a granddaughter of Seattle Slew, like the dams of Oxbow and **Paynter**) as well.

Oxbow hasn't been as successful as **Paynter**, with only six black-type winners so far, but he does have a colt at Meydan in a big race this weekend with an unusual background. Bred by Calumet like Bravazo, Tuz is entered in the \$750,000 G2 Godolphin Mile. **Cont. p15**



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He'd been sold as a Keeneland yearling for \$7,000 and dispatched to Russia, a country from which horses never usually resurface. Tuz, however, was something special over there, winning his debut at the Pyatigorsk Hippodrome by 25 lengths over Polytrack in 2019 at two. He returned to win his next start by 14 lengths, then made his way to Dubai where the next year he opened some eyes by running second of 16 in the Listed Al Bastakiya over a mile and three-sixteenths in only his third start.

Tuz wasn't heard from again until this season, when he reappeared in February in a Meydan handicap over 1600 meters, running fourth of 10. Brought back in early March in a Group 3 race over the same trip, Tuz ran an improved race, finishing third of 16 to Midnight Sands, beaten less than three lengths. He's in deep this weekend, but he appears to be rounding into form and is another with a puncher's chance. Oxbow, by the way, will also be represented by the lightly raced Calumet homebred 3-year-old filly Bow Bow Girl in the \$200,000 GII Gulfstream Park Oaks on Saturday, a race that one of the stallion's most accomplished runners, Coach Rocks--also bred by Calumet--won in 2018, so he could potentially get two new black-type winners this weekend.

Like **Paynter**, Oxbow, winner of the GI Preakness, stands to grow his profile as he gets more crops of 3-year-olds and older horses at the track. He isn't a consistent stallion--and believe it or not, four of his six stakes winners earned their black type at two--but the feeling here is that he'll make his money with later-maturing runners, three and up. It's in his genes. Hot Rod Charlie is exactly that type of horse, as Knicks Go is to **Paynter** and Mystic Guide is to **Ghostzapper**.

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JOCKEY LARRY MELANCON PASSES AWAY

Former Jockey Larry Melancon passed away Thursday at his home in Louisville at age 65. He won 2,857 races with 43 of those being graded stakes with earnings of \$60,629,774. He was seventh in all-time Churchill Downs win with 914 and stakes wins at the oval with 47. Melancon's top victory came aboard Bachelor Beau in the 1986 GI Blue Grass S.

"The Churchill Downs family is deeply saddened to learn the news of former jockey Larry Melancon's passing," Churchill Downs President Mike Anderson said. "Larry was amongst the winningest jockeys in Churchill Downs history and was known for his skilled horsemanship. More importantly, Larry was a class-act who was always willing to lend a helping hand. He will be greatly missed. Our condolences go out to his numerous friends and family during this difficult time."

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

LETTER TO THE EDITOR: BRYAN LANGLOIS, DVM

Time for The Industry to "Stand and Deliver" When it Comes to Accountability, Transparency, and Most Importantly, the Horse

"Ganas... all we need is Ganas." --Jaime Escalante

Pretty simple words to say, but much harder to truly live by, and the racing industry is at the point now where it needs to truly not only say these words, but to live them.

Jerry Brown, in a [letter to the editor](#) recently published in the *Thoroughbred Daily News*, stated his belief that horses running in stakes races were not running true to form possibly because of not running on Lasix in those races. He pointed out that these horses may have been scoped post-race, but very often the fans, handicappers, and the public have no idea what the results of these scopes are. This issue is not related to just scoping a horse looking for bleeding, but in all facets of a horse's medical care. Racing woefully fails this transparency test, a fact known for years.

One of the arguments (aside from the legal one of owners releasing records which is easily remedied with a change to an owner's license application) against providing full transparency of medical records and fatal injury data has always been that the public will not understand it, and the animal rights crowd will try to twist it to fit their narrative on things. That really is not an acceptable excuse. The industry can no longer rely on the old refrain of "you just don't understand the industry" when

presented with any question or argument against racing. Take the time to explain what we all "don't understand," but also explain it to the ones the industry has the most chance of making understand and converting to fans. It is something I have come to call the "10-80-10" rule. Ten percent of people are always going to think racing is wrong, inhumane, and should be forever banned. They are never going to see it any differently. On the other end of the spectrum, there are 10% of people who think nothing needs to change in the racing industry at all. They will not agree to changing anything even if the data points to a need for it. Both extremes are not the area racing needs to solely focus on (even though both often shout the loudest). The focus should be on the 80% in the middle that are asking to be heard but are also willing to listen. Providing not only transparency but an explanation about that transparency in a manner that people can understand builds the trust needed to bring new blood into the game. It is not hard. It just takes "ganas."

Finally, a constant refrain I am hearing all the time regarding the sport is, "Without the owners you have no sport," or "Without the gamblers you have no sport." This is all true.

However, what must be remembered far more importantly is this: "Without the HORSE you have no sport"!!!

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ride. Without the HORSE you have no entity for vets to treat.

Without the HORSE you have no entity for the fans to root for.

As soon as we take the focus off the horse, we lose sight of what the most important thing in this sport is. The majestic animal we all fall in love with and root on to hold onto that lead or just get up at the wire is what the sport is all about. I am not trying to belittle the contributions of all the other stakeholders of this sport (and I know some will still be offended by my statement). However, NO ONE in this industry is in a position that is superior to the creature that makes it all possible.

Keeping this in mind at all times is what will help re-invigorate fans and interest to the sport. Take care of the HORSE first and foremost, and the rest will follow and fall into place.

The time for just talking about change is over. We need meaningful actions to bring about that change. In some places it is happening. In others it is not. One thing remains a constant theme throughout, though. Want to bring this amazing sport to the next level and see it thrive? All it takes is "ganas."

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Saturday, Gulfstream, post time: 6:40 p.m. EDT

CURLIN FLORIDA DERBY PRESENTED BY HILL 'N' DALE FARMS AT XALAPA-GI, \$750,000, 3yo, 1 1/8m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	ML
1	Nova Rags 🌿	Union Rags	Michael P. Shanley	Mott	Alvarado	12-1
2	Quantum Leap 🌿	Pioneerof the Nile	Lothenbach Stables, Inc.	Wilkes	Vasquez	20-1
3	Jirafales	Social Inclusion	OGMA Investments, LLC and Off The Hook LLC	Delgado	Zayas	30-1
4	Southern Passage 🌿	Super Saver	Robert J. Baron	Romans	Lanerie	30-1
5	Known Agenda	Curlin	St. Elias Stable	Pletcher	Ortiz, Jr.	5-1
6	Sigiloso	Khozan	Gelfenstein Farm	Sano	Reyes	30-1
7	Greatest Honour	Tapit	Courtlandt Farms	McGaughey III	Ortiz	6-5
8	Soup and Sandwich	Into Mischief	Live Oak Plantation	Casse	Velazquez	20-1
9	Collaborate	Into Mischief	Three Chimneys Farm and e Five Racing TBs	Joseph, Jr.	Gaffalione	6-1
10	Spielberg 🌿	Union Rags	SF Racing LLC, Starlight Racing, Madaket Stables LLC, Golconda Stables, Siena Farm LLC and Masterson, Robert E.	Baffert	Castellano	4-1
11	Papetu 🌿	Dialed In	Magic Stables LLC	Sano	Jaramillo	15-1

Breeders: 1-Michael Shanley, 2-WinStar Farm, LLC, 3-Off The Hook Partners LLC, 4-William Saba & WinStar Farm, LLC, 5-St. Elias Stables, LLC, 6-Brent Fernung, Crystal Fernung & Mike Sebastian Sr., 7-Courtlandt Farm, 8-Live Oak Stud, 9-Three Chimneys Farm, LLC, 10-G. Watts Humphrey Jr., 11-Almar Farm LLC

Saturday, Gulfstream, post time: 5:17 p.m. EDT

GULFSTREAM PARK OAKS-GII, \$200,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	ML
1	Con Lima 🌿	Commissioner	Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners, Graffeo, Joseph F., Del Toro, Eric Nikolaus and Johnson, Troy	Pletcher	Ortiz, Jr.	3-1
2	Bow Bow Girl	Oxbow	Calumet Farm	Romans	Lanerie	8-1
3	Crazy Beautiful	Liam's Map	Phoenix Thoroughbred III	McPeck	Ortiz	5-2
4	Pens Street 🌿	Street Sense	Smith, Dennis G. and Walters, Daniel L.	Crichton	Vasquez	9-2
5	Len Lo Lady 🌿	Speightstown	Robert J. Baron	Romans	Velazquez	12-1
6	Millefeuille	Curlin	Juddmonte Farms, Inc.	Mott	Gaffalione	7-2
7	Competitive Speed 🌿	Competitive Edge	John C. Minchello	Gonzalez	Reyes	8-1

Breeders: 1-Lisa Kuhlmann, 2-Calumet Farm, 3-Carolyn R. Vogel, 4-Stonehaven Steadings, 5-Spruce Lane, Grand Crue, Copper Beech, Lynn, Quickel, Robbins, Ward, 6-Juddmonte Farms Inc, 7-White Fox Farm

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Saturday, Gulfstream, post time: 4:09 p.m. EDT**PAN AMERICAN S. PRESENTED BY ROOD AND RIDDLE-GII, \$200,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/2mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	ML
1	Cross Border 🌿	English Channel	Three Diamonds Farm	Maker	Gaffalione	3-1
2	Temple 🌿	Temple City	Paradise Farms Corp.	Maker	Ortiz, Jr.	7-2
3	Sadler's Joy	Kitten's Joy	Woodslane Farm	Albertrani	Ortiz	5-2
4	Rijeka (Ire)	Roderic O'Connor (Ire)	Slam Dunk Racing and Nentwig, Michael	Joseph, Jr.	Castellano	15-1
5	Angelus Warrior	Jersey Town	Gelfenstein Farm	Delgado	Reyes	20-1
6	Sir Sahib	Fort Larned	Stronach Stables	Corrales	Zayas	8-1
7	Moon Over Miami	Malibu Moon	Summer Wind Equine	Mott	Alvarado	5-1
8	Churn N Burn 🌿	Liam's Map	Lothenbach Stables, Inc.	Wilkes	Leparoux	8-1

Breeders: 1-Berkshire Stud & B. D. Gibbs, 2-Mark Toothaker & Dan White, 3-Woodslane Farm, LLC., 4-Ms A. Sammon, 5-Charles Fipke, 6-Adena Springs, 7-Summer Wind Equine, 8-Double K LLC

Saturday, Turfway, post time: 6:25 p.m. EDT**JEFF RUBY STEAKS S.-GIII, \$250,000, 3yo, 1 1/8m (AWT)**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	ML
1	Like the King 🌿	Palace Malice	M Racing Group, LLC	Ward	Van Dyke	6-1
2	Hush of a Storm	Creative Cause	Joseph P. Morey, Jr. Revocable Trust	Morey	Gonzalez	4-1
3	King's Ovation 🌿	Not This Time	West Point Thoroughbreds & Peacock Stable	Romans	Jimenez	15-1
4	Awesome Gerry 🌿	Liam's Map	John Fanelli, Cash is King LLC, LC Racing LLC, Paul Braverman & Timothy Pinch	Joseph, Jr.	Garcia	20-1
5	Sainthood 🌿	Mshawish	WinStar Farm LLC & CHC INC.	Pletcher	Corrales	12-1
6	Smiley Sobotka	Brody's Cause	Albaugh Family Stables LLC	Romans	Cannon	15-1
7	Tarantino 🌿	Pioneerof the Nile	SF Racing LLC, Starlight Racing, Madaket Stables LLC, Stonestreet Stables LLC, Golconda Stable, Siena Farm LLC & Robert E. Masterson	Brisset	Geroux	3-1
8	Moonlite Strike 🌿	Liam's Map	Sonata Stable	Joseph, Jr.	Hernandez	12-1
9	Hard Rye Guy 🌿	Hard Spun	Bourbon Lane Stable	Wilkes	Hernandez, Jr.	10-1
10	Gretzky the Great	Nyquist	Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners & Gary Barber	Casse	Landeros	5-1
11	Dyn O Mite	Goldencents	Brad Allshouse	Desormeaux	Parker	15-1
12	Hockey Dad	Nyquist	Reddam Racing LLC	O'Neill	Bejarano	10-1

Breeders: 1-Horseshoe Racing LLC, 2-Berkshire Stud, 3-Roxanne Martin Stable Inc., 4-John Liviakis, 5-Edward Taylor & Springland Farm, 6-Track West Racing Inc., 7-Fred W. Hertrich III & John D. Fielding, 8-Brushy Hill, LLC, 9-Godolphin & John R. Penn, 10-Anderson Farms Ont. Inc., 11-Thoroughbred Acadiana, 12-Reddam Racing, LLC

Saturday, Gulfstream, post time: 1:57 p.m. EDT**KITTEN'S JOY APPLETON S.-GIII, \$100,000, 4yo/up, 1mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	ML
1	Gray's Fable	Gio Ponti	Goldfine, Steve, Provost, Kari and Zlonis, Jeff	Attfield	Alvarado	8-1
2	Perfect Speighty	Speightstown	Charles E. Fipke	Attfield	Lanerie	10-1
3	Frostmourne 🌿	Speightstown	Green Lantern Stables LLC	Kenneally	Gaffalione	9-5
4	Ever Dangerous 🌿	Kitten's Joy	Reeves Thoroughbred Racing and R. A. Hill Stable	Weaver	Zayas	7-2
5	Renaissance Frolic 🌿	Paynter	Sir David Seale	Joseph, Jr.	Castellano	8-1
6	Little Menace	Into Mischief	Paradise Farms Corp. and Staudacher, David	Maker	Ortiz	15-1
7	Forever Mo 🌿	Uncle Mo	Tedesco Racing, LLC	Hills	Reyes	20-1
8	Seismic Wave 🌿	Tapit	Dubb, Michael, Caruso, Michael & Nice Guys Stables	Brown	Ortiz, Jr.	3-1

Breeders: 1-Jeff Zlonis, 2-Charles Fipke, 3-Green Lantern Stables, LLC, 4-Knowles Bloodstock, Inc., 5-Stride Rite Racing Stable, Inc., 6-Gabriel Duignan, Crosshaven Bldsk, Petaluma Bldsk & Hazelmere Bldsk, 7-Farfellow Farms Ltd., 8-Juddmonte Farms Inc

Saturday, Gulfstream, post time: 2:57 p.m. EDT**GHOSTZAPPER S.-GIII, \$100,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/8m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	ML
1	Last Judgment	Congrats	Dubb, Michael, Hornstock, Steve, Bethlehem Stables LLC and Nice Guys Stables	Maker	Ortiz	9-5
2	Eye of a Jedi 🦋	Eye of the Leopard	Steve Budhoo	Budhoo	Castellano	7-2
3	Just Whistle 🦋	Pioneerof the Nile	Helen K. Groves Revocable Trust	Matz	Zayas	10-1
4	Superfecto	Constitution	Irving M. Cowan	Nicks	Jaramillo	5-1
5	King Slew (Arg)	Campanologist	San Jose De Ecuador and Luis Duco Stables Inc.	Duco	Vasquez	20-1
6	War Stopper 🦋	Declaration of War	Salerno Stables	Pletcher	Ortiz, Jr.	2-1
7	Violent City 🦋	Violence	Lothenbach Stables, Inc.	Wilkes	Leparoux	20-1

Breeders: 1-Woodford Thoroughbreds, 2-Calumet Farm, 3-Helen K. Groves Revocable Trust, 4-Irving Cowan, 5-Firmamento, 6-Rock Ridge Thoroughbreds, LLC, 7-Woods Edge Farm, LLC

Saturday, Gulfstream, post time: 5:55 p.m. EDT**ORCHID S.-GIII, \$100,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 3/8mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	ML
1	War Like Goddess 🦋	English Channel	George Krikorian	Mott	Leparoux	10-1
2	Enjoyitwhilewecan 🦋	Quality Road	Three Diamonds Farm	Maker	Gaffalione	20-1
3	Dizzy	Curlin	Arindel	Alvarado	Gonzalez	30-1
4	Morning Molly 🦋	Morning Line	Willow Lane Stable, Inc.	Proctor	Ortiz	8-1
5	Sorrel (Ire)	Dansili (GB)	Augustin Stable and Wigan, James	Clement	Castellano	5-1
6	Crystalle 🦋	Palace Malice	Gary Barber	Kimmel	Velazquez	20-1
7	Delta's Kingdom 🦋	Animal Kingdom	Maram, LLC	Mott	Alvarado	4-1
8	Belle Laura	Mucho Macho Man	GU Racing Stable, LLC	Avila	Zayas	8-1
9	Always Shopping	Awesome Again	Repole Stable	Pletcher	Ortiz, Jr.	8-5
10	Sister Hanan	Orb	Sumaya U.S. Stable	Colebrook	Lanerie	10-1

Breeders: 1-Calumet Farm, 2-Jamm et al, 3-Arindel, 4-Willow Lane Stables, 5-Mr J. Wigan & Mr G. Strawbridge, 6-Glendalough LLC, 7-H. Allen Poindexter, 8-Reeves Thoroughbred Racing, 9-Repole Stable, Inc., 10-Int'l Equities Holdings, Inc.

Saturday, Santa Anita, post time: 8:00 p.m. EDT**SANTA ANA S.-GIII, \$100,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/4mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	ML
1	Mucho Unusual 🦋	Mucho Macho Man	George Krikorian	Yakteen	Prat	8-5
2	Silberpfeil (Ire)	Clodovil (Ire)	Mrs. Emma Kennedy	Powell	Baze	30-1
3	Going to Vegas	Goldencents	Abbondanza Racing, LLC, Medallion Racing & MyRacehorse	Baltas	Rispoli	7-2
4	Tapwater	Tapit	LNJ Foxwoods	Mandella	Smith	4-1
5	Red Lark (Ire)	Epaulette (Aus)	Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners	Gallagher	Gonzalez	5-1
6	Neige Blanche (Fr)	Anodin (Ire)	Madaket Stables LLC, Laura De Seroux, Marsha Naify & Mathilde Powell	Powell	Hernandez	8-1
7	Altea (Fr) 🦋	Siyouni (Fr)	MyRacehorse	McCarthy	Cedillo	8-1
8	Colonial Creed 🦋	Jimmy Creed	Doug Branham,, Richard Baltas & Jerry McClanahan	Baltas	Gutierrez	12-1

Breeders: 1-George Krikorian, 2-William J Kennedy, 3-J. Kirk Robison & Judy Robison, 4-LNJ Foxwoods, 5-Mrs S. M. Rogers & Sir Thomas Pilkington, 6-Ecurie du Sud, 7-Carlos Vazquez Gonzalez, 8-Doug Branham & Felicia Branham



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1	Distorted Humor (1993) by Forty Niner Crops: 16	6	14	3	7	1	1	305	85	1,779,897	5,545,744
				Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: Private						Golden Sixty (AUS)	
2	Street Cry (Ire) (1998) by Machiavellian Crops: 13	8	15	5	9	1	1	234	68	627,005	4,808,049
				Stands: Darley USA (Dead/Ret)						Noor Al Hawa (FR)	
3	Quiet American (1986) by Fappiano Crops: 23	--	6	--	2	--	--	164	41	3,500,000	4,785,159
				Stands: Darley USA (Dead/Ret)						Charlatan	
4	Unbridled's Song (1993) by Unbridled Crops: 19	3	6	1	1	1	1	353	89	911,194	4,554,229
				Stands: Taylor Made Stallions USA (Dead/Ret)						Join In (AUS)	
5	Giant's Causeway (1997) by Storm Cat Crops: 14	2	12	2	8	--	--	426	89	300,000	4,259,462
				Stands: Ashford Stud USA (Dead/Ret)						Will's Secret	
6	Mr. Greeley (1992) by Gone West Crops: 19	2	5	1	2	--	--	222	55	2,106,667	4,224,481
				Stands: Gainesway Farm USA (Dead/Ret)						Great Scot (GB)	
7	Smart Strike (1992) by Mr. Prospector Crops: 19	3	15	1	7	--	--	296	81	330,000	3,610,193
				Stands: Lane's End Farm USA (Dead/Ret)						Cowan	
8	Indian Charlie (1995) by In Excess (Ire) Crops: 17	7	12	3	7	--	--	202	54	622,000	3,527,929
				Stands: USA (Dead/Ret)						Hot Rod Charlie	
9	A.P. Indy (1989) by Seattle Slew Crops: 22	9	17	5	9	1	1	270	73	360,000	3,524,376
				Stands: Lane's End Farm USA (Dead/Ret)						Mystic Guide	
10	More Than Ready (1997) by Southern Halo Crops: 14	2	3	2	2	1	1	233	59	979,239	3,472,594
				Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$65,000						Cafe Pharoah	
11	Outflanker (1994) by Danzig Crops: 17	1	1	1	1	1	1	24	10	3,240,000	3,381,357
				Stands: Shamrock Farm MD Fee: \$2,500						Knicks Go	
12	Bernardini (2003) by A.P. Indy Crops: 8	4	14	4	9	1	2	181	49	729,000	3,375,039
				Stands: Darley KY Fee: \$35,000						Colonel Liam	
13	Empire Maker (2000) by Unbridled Crops: 11	5	8	2	4	--	1	234	52	390,000	3,370,642
				Stands: Gainesway Farm USA (Dead/Ret)						Silver State	
14	Storm Cat (1983) by Storm Bird Crops: 27	2	7	1	3	--	--	226	54	598,249	3,311,136
				Stands: Overbrook Farm USA (Dead/Ret)						Loves Only You (JPN)	
15	Tapit (2001) by Pulpit Crops: 10	1	9	1	6	--	--	212	59	756,600	2,860,864
				Stands: Gainesway Farm KY Fee: \$185,000						Concert Tour	

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7th-Oaklawn, \$105,000, Alw (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 3-25, 3yo, 1m, 1:37.57, gd, 1 1/4 lengths.

SCARRED (c, 3, Into Mischief--Truly Gifted, by Afleet Alex) graduated on debut at 9-1 Nov. 5 before running a narrow second as the even-money chalk there 23 days later and checking in fifth as the favorite in the local mud Feb. 11. Pounded down to even-money once more here, the \$360,000 Keeneland September grad tracked from second through splits of :23.89 and :48.46, poked his head in front at the three-sixteenths pole and edged away late to best pacesetting Causeway Jones (**Creative Cause**) by 1 1/4 lengths. The victor's dam, a half-sister to three graded stakes winners, sold with him in utero to Perry Bloodstock for \$250,000 at Keeneland November in 2017. Scarred has a juvenile full-sister, a yearling half-brother by **Uncle Mo** and another full-sister foaled Mar. 7.

Sales History: \$360,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-0, \$132,012. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

O-L. William & Corinne Heiligbrodt, Madaket Stables LLC & Spendthrift Farm LLC; B-Drumkenny Farm, American Equistock Inc. & Circular Road Breeders (KY); T-Steven M. Asmussen.

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5th-Oaklawn, \$105,000, (S), Alw, 3-25, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:46.46, my, 3 1/2 lengths.

CINNAMON VICTORY (g, 4, Cinnamon Creek--Miri, by Victory Gallop), a dominant local debut winner at 21-1 against Arkansas-bred \$10,000 maiden claimers Feb. 28, was given a 27-5 repeat chance stepping into state-bred allowance waters here and made the lead on his own power before being wrangled back to duel through a :23.84 quarter. Reestablishing command past a :47.46 half, the gray shook off the bid of Sunday Sermon (Ordained) going by the five-sixteenths pole and stayed clear from there for a 3 1/2-length score. Implicator (Race Day) completed the exacta. **Cont. p2**



The winner's dam has a juvenile filly by Shady Grove and foaled a colt by Just a Coincidence last term before visiting Laurie's Rocket. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$76,800. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O-Edgar Espinoza; B-Ernie Witt (AR); T-Angel M. Medina.



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8th-Delta Downs, \$41,000, Alw, 3-25, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:22.38, ft, 3/4 length.

GREATEST LOVE (f, 3, Speightster--Bronze Route, by Mud Route) scored a hard-fought victory when unveiled as the 7-5 chalk over track and trip Mar. 9 and was backed to the same price here. Perched outside the leaders in third past a :24.69 quarter, the \$130,000 KEESEP purchase tugged her way to the lead down the backside, turned back the bid of Darpa (Super Saver) on her outer flank and then dug in gamely to repel the inside challenge of Four Princesses (Graydar) by three-quarters of a length. The victress, a half to Bronzed (Fed Biz), SW, \$124,327; and Top Seed (Grand Slam), SW, \$117,583, is out of a half-sister to MGISW Golden Ballet (Moscow Ballet), who in turn produced MGISW Drosselmeyer (**Distorted Humor**). Sales History: \$130,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$46,800. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

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8th-Fair Grounds, \$55,000, Msw, 3-25, 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f (off turf), 1:03.91, gd, 6 lengths.

SKINNY DIP (f, 4, Into Mischief--Bonne Rafaela {Brz}, by Elusive Quality), runner-up twice in four starts for the Ben Colebrook barn as a sophomore, returned for this new outfit with a sharp local worktab punctuated by a half-mile bullet in :47 3/5 (1/59) Mar. 4. Made the 4-5 favorite in this off-the-turf spot, the \$400,000 KEESEP pickup quickly established command and showed the way through a :22.63 quarter. Briefly taken on by Dynamite Gift (Justin Phillip) approaching the lane, Skinny Dip made short work of that rival once straightening for home and bounded clear to a six-length romp. Dynamite Gift held for the place. The victress has a juvenile full-sister and her dam returned to **Into Mischief** once more last spring. Sales History: \$400,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 5-1-2-0, \$62,210. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

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Exaggerator (Curlin), WinStar Farm, \$15,000
 249 foals of racing age/27 winners/0 black-type winners
 9-Laurel, Wmc 6f, Likely Choice, 5-1
 \$75,000 EAS OCT yrl; \$26,000 EAS MAY 2yo

Firing Line (Line of David), Crestwood Farm, \$5,000
 66 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners
 6-Charles Town, Msw 4 1/2f, Needacarcallouie, 4-1
 \$24,000 KEE JAN wnl; \$150,000 FTK OCT yrl

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

Ironicus (Distorted Humor), Claiborne Farm, \$5,000
 56 foals of racing age/4 winners/1 black-type winner
 5-Kentucky Derby Future Wager, \$3000K GI Kentucky Derby
 Future Wager Pool 5, 1 1/4m, Helium, 30-1
 \$55,000 FTK OCT yrl

Laoban (Uncle Mo), WinStar Farm, \$25,000
 139 foals of racing age/20 winners/3 black-type winners
 1-Aqueduct, Msw 1m, Dorothy's the Boss, 3-1
 \$30,000 OBS MAR 2yo

Mo for the Money (Uncle Mo), Anderson Farms, \$1,000
 35 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
 9-Oaklawn, Aoc 6f, Lady Astrid, 20-1

Mosler (War Front), Country Life Farm, \$4,000
 112 foals of racing age/15 winners/2 black-type winners
 7-Aqueduct, Aoc 6f, Johnny Sack, 3-1
 \$50,000 FTK OCT yrl
 9-Laurel, Wmc 6f, Mosler's Touch, 8-1
 \$15,000 EAS DEC wnl
 9-Laurel, Wmc 6f, Shabang, 15-1
 \$55,000 EAS MAY 2yo

Runhappy (Super Saver), Claiborne Farm, \$10,000
 199 foals of racing age/19 winners/1 black-type winner
 3-Oaklawn, Msw 6f, Happylife, 8-1
 \$70,000 KEE NOV wnl

Speightster (Speightstown), WinStar Farm, \$10,000
 228 foals of racing age/26 winners/2 black-type winners
 7-Aqueduct, Aoc 6f, Doctor K, 7-2
 \$27,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl
 7-Aqueduct, Aoc 6f, Return the Ring, 5-2
 \$25,000 EAS OCT yrl; \$130,000 EAS MAY 2yo
 9-Laurel, Wmc 6f, Spirit Or Spite, 12-1
 \$20,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$30,000 EAS MAY 2yo

Tourist (Tiznow), WinStar Farm, \$5,000
 156 foals of racing age/22 winners/0 black-type winners
 7-Golden Gate Fields, Aoc 1m, Cristiano's Dream, 6-1



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Easy Fact, f, 3, **The Factor**--Lighthouse Bay (GISW, \$365,706), by **Speightstown**. Ohi, 3-25, Allowance (\$38k), 1200m. B-Teruya Yoshida (KY). *Scored by a half-length as the 11-10 pick to run her record to two wins from as many starts.

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IN AUSTRALIA:

Patton (Aus), c, 2, **American Pharoah**--Tsaritza (Aus) (GSW-Aus, \$337,427), by Dane Shadow (Aus). Pakenham, 3-25, Maiden Plate (\$27k), 1200mT, 1:13.84. B-Grand Park View Stud (Qld). *1ST-TIME STARTER. **Won by 1 1/4 lengths as the 3-2 favorite. ***Third Australian winner for sire (by Pioneerof the Nile). ***A\$675,000 Ylg '20 MMGCYS.

More Secrets (Aus), f, 3, **More Than Ready**--Secret Indulgence (NZ), by **Fastnet Rock (Aus)**. Pakenham, 3-25, Maiden Plate (\$27k), 1200mT, 1:13.82. B-N J R Werrett (NSW). *1ST-TIME STARTER. **Won debut by two lengths as the 11-10 chalk. ***1/2 to Amangiri (Aus) (All Too Hard {Aus}), MGSW-Aus, \$252,259.

U.S.-BRED/SIRED RUNNERS IN JAPAN



In this continuing series, Alan Carasso takes a look ahead at US-bred and/or conceived runners entered for the upcoming weekend at the tracks on the Japan Racing Association circuit, with a focus on pedigree and/or performance in the sales ring. Here are the horses of interest for this Sunday running at Hanshin, Nakayama and Chukyo Racecourses, the last of which hosts the G1 Takamatsunomiya Kinen and its defending champion US-bred 6-year-old mare Mozu Superflare (*Speightstown*):

Sunday, March 28, 2021

3rd-CKO, ¥9,680,000 (\$89k), Maiden, 3yo, 1900m

MOZU TREASURE (f, 3, California Chrome--Somethinaboutbetty, by Forestry), a \$200K Keeneland September acquisition in 2019, finished well down the field in her career debut on the grass at Kyoto last October and switches to the main track here. Though her Maryland-bred dam earned her lone graded placing on the turf, she was a four-time stakes winner on the dirt and has thrown GSP Dewey Square (*Bernardini*) and SP Something Super (Super Saver). This is also the family of MGSW/MGISP Eskenformoney (Eskendereya). *B-Siena Farms LLC (KY)*

7th-HSN, ¥14,360,000 (\$132k), Allowance, 4yo/up, 1600mT

LOTUS LAND (f, 4, Point of Entry--Little Miss Muffet, by Scat Daddy) has a record of 1-3-0 from five starts, but has kept some rugged company, finishing second to Takamatsunomiya Kinen entrant and future G1SW Lauda Sion (Jpn) (Real Impact {Jpn}) as a juvenile and to subsequent MGSW Babbitt (Jpn) (Orfevre {Jpn}) in allowance company last May. A comebacking second off an eight-month absence over course and distance Feb. 20, she should take a fair bit of beating here. *B-Dr Aaron Sones & Winchester Farm (KY)*

11th-NKY, March S.-G3, ¥68m (\$623k), 4yo/up, 1800m

AMERICAN SEED (c, 4, Tapit--Sweet Talker, by Stormin Fever) looks to remain unbeaten and untested in four tries since switching to the main track in the Sunday feature at Nakayama. Bred by Courtlandt Farm, who is set to be represented by GI **Curlin** Florida Derby favorite Greatest Honour (**Tapit**), this \$825K KEESEP grad, listed-placed on the turf last year, has won his three previous races by a combined 17 lengths, including a ridiculously easy drubbing of his opposition in a Jan. 24 allowance over this track and trip (*video*, gate 6). Don Adam's operation acquired American Seed's Grade I-winning dam for \$1.15 million at KEENOV in 2005 and she has gone on to produce SW & GSP Sweet Tapper (**Tapit**) and MGSP Perregaux (*Distorted Humor*). Sweet Talker is a half-sister to the versatile Silver Medallion (Badge of Silver). Christophe Lemaire retains the call. *B-Courtlandt Farms (KY)*



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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

8th-Oaklawn, \$107,000, 3-25, (C), 4yo/up, 1m, 1:37.03, gd, 1/2 length.

GUEST SUITE (g, 7, Quality Road--Guest House, by Ghostzapper) Lifetime Record: GSW, 30-7-2-8, \$564,050. O-Contreras Stable Inc. & Victory Stables, LLC; B-W. S. Farish & Kilroy Thoroughbred Partnership (KY); T-Cipriano Contreras.



7th-Aqueduct, \$82,000, 3-25, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12.09, my, neck.

CUSTOMEREXPERIENCE (f, 4, Cairo Prince--Rico's Posse {MSP, \$209,672}, by Posse) Lifetime Record: 13-4-2-3, \$159,750.

O-Roddy J. Valente; B-Jose Luis Espinoza (KY); T-Rudy R. Rodriguez. *\$145,000 Wlg '17 KEENOV; \$90,000 RNA 2yo '19 EASMAV.

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9th-Fair Grounds, \$61,000, (S), 3-24, (NW1X), 4yo/up, 1m 70y, 1:44.08, my, 3/4 length.

IZZY'S BABY BOY (g, 5, Shackelford--Lady Carmen {SP}, by Yankee Victor) Lifetime Record: 23-3-4-4, \$128,630. O/B-Kendel Standlee (LA); T-Scott Gelner.

7th-Fair Grounds, \$61,000, (S), 3-25, (NW1X), 4yo/up, f/m, 1m 70y, 1:43.14, gd, 4 3/4 lengths.

THEBOYZGALAXY (m, 7, Greeley's Galaxy--Spark the Nat, by Mr. Sparkles) Lifetime Record: 51-10-9-8, \$171,890.

O-Pendleton Larsen, Jr.; B-Robert Stubbs & Ronnie Ward (LA); T-Courtney Dandridge Jr.

6th-Turfway, \$35,000, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 3-24, 3yo, f, 6f (AWT), 1:10.97, ft, 5 1/4 lengths.

LADY EDITH (f, 3, Street Boss--Lady Grantham {SW, \$324,160}, by Yankee Gentleman) Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-0, \$57,938.

O/B-J. David Richardson & Sandra New (KY); T-Thomas Drury, Jr.

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5th-Penn National, \$30,056, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 3-24, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:09.85, sy, 1 3/4 lengths.

YES IT'S ROO (g, 5, Yes It's True--Roofus, by Quiet American)

Lifetime Record: 9-3-1-2, \$72,500. O/B-Dr. Stephen G & Debbie Jackson (KY); T-Flint W. Stites.

7th-Charles Town, \$28,000, (S), 3-24, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 4 1/2f, :52.28, gd, 2 lengths.

SPURN (c, 3, Hunt Crossing--Tor, by Rock Slide) Lifetime

Record: 6-2-1-0, \$40,140. O/T-Gerasimos Moschonas; B-Ronald R. Kilbourne (WV).

4th-Penn National, \$28,000, 3-24, (NW1X), 4yo/up, f/m, 1m 70y, 1:42.79, sy, 6 1/4 lengths.

FALCON'S VIEW (m, 5, Souper Speedy--Cawaja Beach {MSW, \$274,430}, by Where's the Ring) Lifetime Record: 20-3-3-3,

\$112,893. O-Scott H. Fairlie; B-Hard Eight Stables Inc., Ace Racing & Linda Mason (ON); T-Timothy C. Kreiser.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Gradester, g, 3, **Bradester**--Heavens Above, by St. Jovite. Sam Houston Race Park, 3-24, (C), 5f (off turf), :59.05. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$22,888. B-Springhill Farm (TX). *\$22,000 2yo '20 TTAYHR. **1/2 to Orbiston Parva (**Include**), SW, \$263,590.

Bravo Regina, f, 3, **Congrats**--Rap Queen, by Stormin Fever. Aqueduct, 3-25, 1m, 1:41.54. Lifetime Record: 11-1-5-3, \$109,350. B-Edward Seltzer (KY). *\$25,000 Wlg '18 KEENOV; \$42,000 Ylg '19 FTKJUL; \$37,000 2yo '20 OBSMAR.

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Ballinonabudjet, c, 3, **Sky Kingdom**--Heir to Glory, by Wildcat Heir. Fair Grounds, 3-25, (S), 1m 70y (off turf), 1:44.27.

Lifetime Record: 6-1-3-0, \$61,400. B-Spartan Team Investments, LLC (LA).

Ghoster, g, 3, **Tapiture**--Trifolium, by **Candy Ride (Arg)**. Sam Houston Race Park, 3-24, (S), 1m (off turf), 1:41.93. Lifetime Record: 7-1-0-3, \$42,153. B-Keith I. Asmussen (TX). *\$27,000 Ylg '19 FTKOCT. **1/2 to Country Candy (Intimidator), SW, \$124,855.

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Magawildtime, c, 3, **Time Bandit**--I'm Wild, by Precocity. Delta Downs, 3-25, (S), 7f, 1:27.81. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-1, \$31,150. B-Wayne Simpson (LA). *\$7,000 Ylg '19 ESLYRL.

Super Constitution, g, 4, **Constitution**--Superior Storm (MSW & GISP, \$1,066,873), by **Stormy Atlantic**. Oaklawn, 3-25, 1 1/16m, 1:45.30. Lifetime Record: 7-1-3-1, \$97,060. B-Jack Dickerson (KY). *\$95,000 RNA Ylg '18 KEESEP.

Curlins Capo, h, 5, **Beta Capo**--Curlins B F F, by **Curlin**. Sam Houston Race Park, 3-24, (S), 5f (off turf), :59.77. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$29,220. B-Kathy L Stephens (TX). *1ST-TIME STARTER.



Beta Capo, Curlins Capo, h, 5, o/o Curlins B F F, by **Curlin**. MSW, 3-24, Sam Houston

Bradester, Gradester, g, 3, o/o Heavens Above, by St. Jovite. MCL, 3-24, Sam Houston

Cairo Prince, Customerexperience, f, 4, o/o Rico's Posse, by Posse. ALW, 3-25, Aqueduct

Cinnamon Creek, Cinnamon Victory, g, 4, o/o Miri, by Victory Gallop. ALW, 3-25, Oaklawn

Congrats, Bravo Regina, f, 3, o/o Rap Queen, by Stormin Fever. MSW, 3-25, Aqueduct

Constitution, Super **Constitution**, g, 4, o/o Superior Storm, by **Stormy Atlantic**. MSW, 3-25, Oaklawn

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Hunt Crossing, Spurn, c, 3, o/o Tor, by Rock Slide. ALW, 3-24, Charles Town

Into Mischief, Scarred, c, 3, o/o Truly Gifted, by **Afleet Alex**. AOC, 3-25, Oaklawn

Into Mischief, Skinny Dip, f, 4, o/o Bonne Rafaela (Brz), by Elusive Quality. MSW, 3-25, Fair Grounds

Quality Road, Guest Suite, g, 7, o/o Guest House, by **Ghostzapper**. ALW, 3-25, Oaklawn

Shackleford, Izzy's Baby Boy, g, 5, o/o Lady Carmen, by Yankee Victor. ALW, 3-24, Fair Grounds

Sky Kingdom, Ballinonabudjet, c, 3, o/o Heir to Glory, by Wildcat Heir. MSW, 3-25, Fair Grounds

Souper Speedy, Falcon's View, m, 5, o/o Cawaja Beach, by Where's the Ring. ALW, 3-24, Penn National

Speightster, Greatest Love, f, 3, o/o Bronze Route, by Mud Route. ALW, 3-25, Delta Downs

Street Boss, Lady Edith, f, 3, o/o Lady Grantham, by Yankee Gentleman. AOC, 3-24, Turfway

Tapiture, Ghoster, g, 3, o/o Trifolium, by **Candy Ride (Arg)**. MSW, 3-24, Sam Houston

Time Bandit, Magawildtime, c, 3, o/o I'm Wild, by Precocity. MSW, 3-25, Delta Downs

Yes It's True, Yes It's Roo, g, 5, o/o Roofus, by Quiet American. AOC, 3-24, Penn National

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Brian Kavanagh, the first chief executive officer of Horse Racing Ireland appointed in 2001, will conclude his term with the organization at the end of his contract in September. HRI, the commercial semi-state body responsible for the overall governance, development, promotion and administration of thoroughbred racing in Ireland, will begin a recruitment campaign on Friday for the role of CEO.

Nicky Hartery, chairman of Horse Racing Ireland, said, "I would like to thank Brian Kavanagh for 20 years of incredible service and deep commitment to Horse Racing Ireland and to the industry in Ireland. Brian was the first CEO of Horse Racing Ireland when appointed in 2001, and during his time he has played a huge role in Irish racing and breeding, enabling it to become a leader on the global stage while domestically overseeing the growth of a vital rural-based industry. His knowledge and expertise, at home and abroad, will no doubt ensure that Brian will continue to play a significant part in the industry, and we wish him well."

Kavanagh said, "It has been a privilege to serve as Chief Executive of Horse Racing Ireland and to work under three different chairmen who each promoted a strategic vision for the Irish horse racing and breeding industries." [Cont. p2](#)

SIBILA SPAIN A RISING STAR AT SAINT-CLOUD

by Tom Frary

There were several unraced fillies in the line-up for Thursday's 10-furlong Prix Monade at Saint-Cloud with immense residual value and abundant racing promise, but at the end there was only one that mattered as Yeguada Centurion's **Sibila Spain (Ire) (Frankel {GB})** put them to the sword with an audacious front-running display of power.

Showing impressive instant pace to arrive at the head of affairs soon after breaking from the widest stall, the April-foaled daughter of the high-class L'Anresse (Ire) (Darshaan {GB}) was then able to switch off and cruise in an untroubled lead for Aurelien Lemaitre. While her rivals waited and stacked up behind, the 9-1 shot effectively killed the contest in early straight as she kicked approaching the final two furlongs.

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Kavanagh continued, "It is a sector full of variety and of really talented people and I have nothing but good memories of the projects and people that I have dealt with on the way. I would like to pay particular tribute to the board members and staff of Horse Racing Ireland, past and present, whose commitment and dedication to the improvement of the industry has been a constant during my time as chief executive.

"Last week was a good week for racing, but we cannot rest on our laurels and there is much work to do between now and September. While Brexit and Covid-19 are currently providing significant challenges, there are wonderful opportunities facing the sector also. Our horses and our people are our greatest strength."

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Having built a sizeable advantage by the time she reached the furlong pole, the bay allowed her rider a lingering look around

and she was being eased from there with no conceivable threat. At the line, she had registered a resounding nine-length success from the Nicolas Clement-trained **Play All Day** (Kitten's Joy), who in turn had three quarters of a length to spare over George Strawbridge's **Vouchsafe (Ire)** (**Kingman** {GB}). The latter is a half-sister to the multiple Group 1 winner Moonlight Cloud (GB) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) and was one of the clutch of bluebloods cut adrift by the dynamic winner. Also in the backwash was the fourth-placed **Urbania (GB)** (Sea the Stars {Ire}), the Wertheimers' daughter of the G1 Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud winner Plumania (GB) (Anabaa), and Godolphin's eighth-placed **Hidden Thought (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}), a daughter of the high-class Secret Gesture (GB) (**Galileo** {Ire}) in what has to be the most intriguing European maiden so far in 2021.

Sibila Spain marks the first serious prospect and is the first winner in 2021 for the burgeoning Christopher Head stable and, as her name suggests, is owned by Spanish interests. Leopoldo Fernandez Pujals is a relatively new but significant presence on the bloodstock stage, with this €240,000 purchase at the Arqana Deauville August Yearling Sale coming just weeks prior to his spending spree at the 2019 Keeneland November Breeding Stock Sale. Sibila Spain was bought two days after La Venus Espagnola (Ire) (Siyouni {Fr}) sported the Yeguada Centurion silks in public for the first time at the Normandy

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track's racing festival.

"This horse was initially trained in Madrid and then sent to the training centre of Alban Chevalier du Fau in West France in November," Head explained. "She came to me Feb. 2 and doesn't have too much work behind her, so she's certainly not 100% yet and has a lot to learn, so I will try to improve her with every run. It wasn't the plan to go to the front, but after she broke so well Aurelien said she was very comfortable with her ears pricked so it was best to go on. She proved clearly the best in the race and although I have an idea where she will run next, I will talk her to owner first."

L'Anresse raced in the Michael Tabor colours with distinction for Ballydoyle and was second in the 2003 G1 Irish Oaks before finishing in the same position in that year's GI Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf at Santa Anita. Only a neck behind Islington (Ire) (Sadler's Wells), with the likes of Yesterday (Ire) (Sadler's Wells), Heat Haze (GB) (Green Desert), Megahertz (GB) (Pivotal {GB}) and Riskaverse (Dynaformer) in arrears in one of the strongest editions of that prize to be run, she was becoming the latest to fly the flag for Roger Baines' Somerset-based Britton House Stud. Her dam Solo de Lune (Ire) (Law Society) was an outstanding font of top-class runners, being responsible for the G1 Prix Saint-Alary heroine Cerulean Sky (Ire) also by Darshaan and Moonstone (GB) (Dalakhani {Ire}), who took the G1 Irish Oaks having been second in the Epsom Classic.

Moonstone produced five black-type winners headed by the G3 Chester Vase scorer US Army Ranger (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), who was runner-up in the G1 Epsom Derby, and Frankel's G3 Golden Fleece S. scorer Nelson (Ire). Cerulean Sky was responsible for the G2 Doncaster Cup winner and G1 St Leger third Honolulu (Ire) (Montjeu {Ire}) and is the second dam of the trio of group winners Royal Bench (Ire) (Whipper), Memphis Tennessee (Ire) (Hurricane Run {Ire}) and Mayhem (Ire) (Whipper). Another of Solo de Lune's eight black-type performers Bywayofthestars (GB) (Danehill) was the dam of Orchestra (Ire), another Galileo who like US Army Ranger captured the Chester Vase and made the frame in the Irish Derby.

L'Anresse took time to emerge as a smart producer in her own right, but her first foal Minkova (Ire) (Sadler's Wells) did throw the G3 Henry II S. and G3 Ormonde S. winner Magic Circle (Ire) (Makfi {GB}). Her 2009 progeny was Chamonix (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), who took the Listed Oyster S. and Listed Listowel S., but it was only in 2015 when she first visited Frankel that the magic began to occur. Master of Reality (Ire) was a slow-burner and ultimately a dour stayer, but a high-class one who captured the G3 Vintage Crop S. and was third in the G1 Gold Cup at Royal Ascot and a head second before being demoted to fourth in the 2019 G1 Melbourne Cup, GSW-Ire, G1SP-Eng, SP-Fr, \$485,468.

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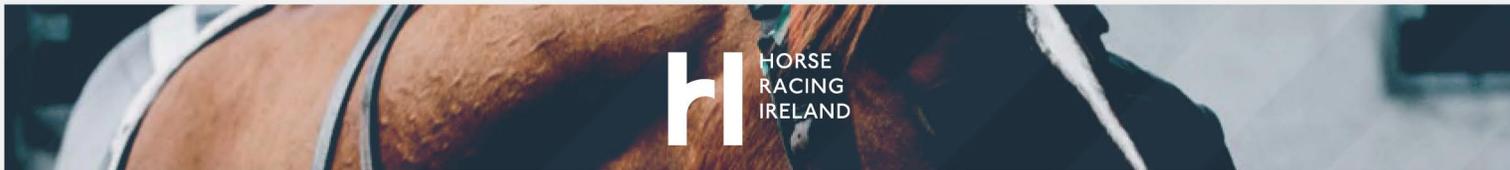
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A year later, the useful listed-placed Eminent Authority (Ire) was another son of the Juddmonte giant to boost his dam's profile while her 2017 filly Frankenstella (Ire) showed promise last term as a staying handicapper who could make her presence felt in black-type company. Sibila Spain is her last known foal, but her ability to inject pace into a middle-distance trip at the first time of asking is both surprising and highly encouraging given that the family stay much further and tend to need time. With that in mind, she could be some closing act.

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5th-Saint-Cloud, €27,000, Debutantes, 3-25, 3yo, f, 10ft, 2:15.20, hy.

SIBILA SPAIN (IRE), f, 3, by Frankel (GB)

1st Dam: L'Anresse (Ire) (Hwt. 3yo Filly-Ire at 9 1/2-10 1/2f, SW & G1SP-Ire, GISP-US, \$398,490), by Darshaan (GB)

2nd Dam: Solo de Lune (Ire), by Law Society

3rd Dam: Truly Special (Ire), by Caerleon

(€240,000 Ylg '19 ARAUG). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €13,500. O-Yeguada Centurion SL; B-Coolmore (IRE); T-Christopher Head.

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PRIZEMONEY STRUCTURE CHANGE TO BENEFIT PLACED HORSES

The payout structure of prizemoney in Britain will be altered from Saturday, with placed horses in non-pattern races to receive a larger share.

Second place horses will receive roughly half of the prizemoney allocated to the winner, with the third and fourth-placed horses getting half of the sum gained by the next best finisher. An additional £7.5-million will be provided to placed owners in non-pattern races.

Charlie Liverton, chief executive of the Racehorse Owners Association, said, "Prizemoney is a huge, long-term challenge for owners and racing and these changes are being made following feedback and consultation with owners. With the impact of COVID on racing, the ROA are working hard with industry colleagues to retain and attract owners and improving prize-money distribution is a key part of that.

"Prizemoney distribution has always been a frustration for owners, whether it was the complexity of the system or the levels generally.

Value Sires: Proven Sires 15,000 to 20,000

...two stallions stand out in this price range on both percent of stakes winners to runners and winners to runners: **Oasis Dream** (€20,000) and **Mastercraftsman** (€15,000). One would be hard-pressed to nominate a sire in this price range that has compiled a body of work over a career that compares with Oasis Dream's...

The six years younger Mastercraftsman is following a similar trajectory; in fact, he has an average of 9.6 SWs per crop, versus 8.7 for Oasis Dream. From eight crops of racing age, the grey has supplied 77 SWs (6.3% of starters) and he gets winners at a rate of 62.3% (of starters). Mastercraftsman has 15 G1 winners, just two off Oasis Dream, and he likewise gets them at the highest level:

Alpha Centauri was champion 3-year-old filly and won the Coronation S., Falmouth S., Irish 1000 Guineas and Prix Jacques le Marois; **The Grey Gatsby** took the G1 Prix du Jockey Club and G1 Irish Champion S., and **Amazing Maria** and **A Raving Beauty** each won a pair of G1s apiece.

Mastercraftsman's 2021 fee of **€15,000** is his lowest since 2013, and his crop bred off the back of Alpha Centauri's championship season will be 3-year-olds when his 2022 crop are going to the yearling sales. **TDN, 31/01/21**



Alpha Centauri

MASTER CRAFTSMAN

2YO TO WATCH In a recent stable tour Jessica Harrington singled out Discoveries, a full-sister to Alpha Centauri who she described as "a beautiful mover."



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Prizemoney Structure cont.

“The changes deliver what owners want: simplicity and fairness. Put simply, more owners can access a larger share of the prizemoney now. This improves earnings across the sport and enhances funding to the middle and lower tiers.

“We want to encourage people to stay in our sport and bring new participants in. To do that, the sport has to be an attractive proposition. Owners spend over £30-million a month in training fees and collectively the industry needs to grow our income stream and ensure that owners receive a fair return through prizemoney.”

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HORSE WELFARE BOARD RELEASES AFTERCARE FUNDING REVIEW

Britain’s Horse Welfare Board, established to produce a strategy that unites the whole industry and drives continuous improvement in the realm of racehorse aftercare, on Thursday released its **Aftercare Funding Review**. The report’s recommendations touch on funding, focus and integration, traceability and data, accreditation, community, education and

communication and are designed to cover any horse bred for racing. The report makes recommendations that will reform the structure of aftercare provision and build trust in racing’s equine welfare processes, including having Retraining of Racehorses take on a significant role as the face of the initiative on behalf of the industry.

Barry Johnson, chair of the Horse Welfare Board, said, “Racing has continued to put welfare at the forefront of the sport and this review’s recommendations will continue to ensure we support that progress. We can see that there is much to do to ensure that British racing remains a world leader in equine welfare. From filling our data gaps to ensuring that we see and can monitor a horse prior to their racing life and during retirement will be a vital part of giving horses a good life beyond racing. I am looking forward to building on these recommendations and working with RoR and other stakeholders in the aftercare sector.”

Philip Freedman, chairman of Retraining of Racehorses (RoR), said, “The Trustees of RoR welcome the publication of the Aftercare Funding Review. In particular we are pleased that the Horse Welfare Board recognises RoR as the organisation most suited to develop an expanded and broader aftercare role on



Sibila Spain, the latest ‘TDN Rising Star’, was a €240,000 Arqana August yearling purchase by Yeguada Centurion | *Scoop Dyga*

Aftercare Funding Review cont.

behalf of British racing. We also welcome recognition for the important work RoR has done in generating an expanding market for former racehorses across a range of equestrian disciplines. Incorporating into the charity's remit "any horse bred for racing" will not only substantially increase the number of horses benefitting from our activities, it will require changes to our Charitable Objectives, and necessitate a review of our funding, structure and responsibilities. To that end we are looking to appoint an independent consultant, with experience in the field of equine welfare, to advise the Trustees on the implications of these changes and how they should best be addressed, in order that we can take the necessary measures.

"Integral to the success of implementing the Review's recommendations will be the support and collaboration of the whole industry, notably in addressing the funding and data gaps identified in the report. To that end, we look forward to working closely with the Horse Welfare Board so that going forward we continue to build the demand for Thoroughbreds outside of racing, a strategy which has served the sport well in minimising the number of the horses that subsequently require charitable support from RoR."

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CARSON REMEMBERS 'GENTLEMAN' SHEIKH HAMDAN

A day removed from [the death of Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum](#) at the age of 75, Willie Carson—his former retained rider who rode many of his great stars of the late 1980s and 1990s—remembered his former boss as "a gentleman, a really nice man."

Carson recalled on *Sky Sports Racing* how the appointment with Sheikh Hamdan pulled him back from the brink of retirement.

"The lease was not going to be renewed for [trainer Dick Hern's] West Ilsley stables and Dick was a bit taken aback by that and the first thing he said was, 'I'm retiring.' I thought, 'it looks like I'd better retire as well.' That was just coming into our minds at that time, but after riding a piece of work at Newbury racecourse, Angus Gold, Sheikh Hamdan's racing manager, was there and I first mentioned—it might have been a bit of a joke, but maybe not--'why don't you ask Hamdan if I could be his retained jockey?' And that's how it happened."

Carson enjoyed a dream run at the turn of the decade as the raceday pilot of the likes of Nashwan, Dayjur, Erhaab and Salsabil. He recalled Nashwan's victory in the 1989 G1 King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond S., the horse's fourth consecutive Group 1 win of the season.

"We made [the King George] into a sprint that day because he had those four Group 1 races in three months and he shouldn't have run in the race because he was tired and he never really recovered from that. But what a magnificent mover he was."

Of Dayjur, one of the best-ever sprinters, Carson added, "[Dayjur] was the fastest I've ever ridden and I would say the fastest anyone has ever ridden. When the track record was broken at York by his own horse [Battaash in the 2019 Nunthorpe], by a tenth of a second, straight away Hamdan said, 'Dayjur had a headwind.' He didn't want anything taken away from Dayjur."

"He was a man who enjoyed not just winning races, he enjoyed the breeding side—he enjoyed knowing about his horses," Carson added. "If there was a really important piece of work before a big race, he'd be ringing up from Dubai to ask how it went, what your feelings were and how the horse was. He was interested in the horse. What a brain he had—sharp, but a very compassionate man.

"It's not just a major loss—it's a gigantic loss. People in the racing industry will be very sad to hear of his passing, he was possibly one of the biggest well-thought of names worldwide. He would try to buy the best horses for his trainers and he was very loyal to anyone who started training for him. He always kept going back and giving them more yearlings."

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Sheikh Hamdan at Newmarket in 2007 | *Horsephotos*

ALBASHEER GUINEAS BID IN DOUBT

Shadwell homebred **Albasheer (Ire)** (Shamardal), a debut winner last July for trainer Owen Burrows before finishing second in the G2 Champagne S., could miss a Guineas bid this spring after meeting with a setback.

"Unfortunately he's had a little bit of a niggle," said Burrows.

Albasheer Guineas Bid In Doubt cont.

“We’re just in the process of investigating exactly what is bothering him. There are no immediate plans for him at the moment.

“He certainly won’t be making a Guineas trial, and I’d say it would be highly unlikely, depending on what we find, that he’d make the Guineas. We’re getting pretty close. It’s very recent, and we’re still in the investigating stages.”

Albasheer was last seen finishing sixth in the G1 Dewhurst S. on Oct. 10.

“I had been very pleased with him, so it’s very disappointing and frustrating,” Burrows said. “Fingers crossed it’s nothing too serious, but with the timing of it, we’re going to be struggling. Ideally, the plan was to try for the [G3] Craven or the [G3] Greenham. He won’t be making them, and I won’t be rushing him just to make a Guineas. He’s a proper nice horse, he’s going to want a bit of time. How much time, we don’t know yet.”

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A FRESH LOOK

WITH HUBIE DE BURGH

With the 2-year-old season now officially underway, we continue to survey the judges and learn who the most anticipated first-season sires are. Today, Hubie de Burgh shares his thoughts. He says, “all the chat is about **Churchill (Ire)**, who has the numbers. He had some very nice stock. The horse I like is **Profitable (Ire)**, who also has plenty of stock to run for him. I bought two by him which both trainers like very much.

The other horse I like is **Almanzor (Fr)**. He threw a really good-looking, athletic type and they are in the hands of very good trainers.”

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Thursday's Results:

PRIX DE LA PORTE DE MADRID-Listed, €52,000, Saint-Cloud, 3-25, 4yo/up, 12fT, 2:40.33, hy.

1--**KARLARINA (FR)**, 125, f, 4, **Le Havre (Ire)**--**Karsabruni (Fr) (GSW-Ger)**, by **Speedmaster (Ger)**. O-Chevotel Racing; B-Chevotel de la Hauquerie (FR); T-Stephanie Nigge; J-Theo Bachelot. €26,000. Lifetime Record: 8-4-1-1, €75,450.

2--**Brokeback Mountain (Fr)**, 126, g, 6, **Le Havre (Ire)**--**Beaumont (Fr)**, by **Tremolino**. O/B-Bloodstock Agency Ltd (FR); T-Yann Barberot. €10,400.

3--**Sheraz (Fr)**, 121, g, 4, **Sea the Stars (Ire)**--**Shemiyla (Fr)**, by **Dalakhani (Ire)**. O-H H The Aga Khan; B-H H The Aga Khan's Studs SC (FR); T-Alain de Royer-Dupre. €7,800.

Margins: SNK, SNK, 1 1/4. Odds: 3.70, 7.40, 3.40.

Also Ran: Or Gris (Fr), Castle (Ire), American Apples (Fr), Measure of Time (Ire). Scratched: Libello (Ire). **Click for the Racing Post result. Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

Much improved when stepped up in trip last term, Karlarina scored by nine lengths in a conditions event over 14 1/2 furlongs at Clairefontaine in October before beating Sheraz by three lengths in the Listed Prix Denisy over 15 1/2 furlongs here the following month. Placed on the front end from the outset with stamina assured, the bay had to fight as her old rival loomed a furlong out but gave generously to ward off the Aga Khan representative and Brokeback Mountain in determined fashion. “She is a lovely filly who is getting better and better all the time,” trainer Stephanie Nigge said. “She hasn’t run too many times so far and is much more relaxed than she used to be. At one stage, I thought she’d lose today but she kept fighting and finding more which is very encouraging for the rest of the season. We all know she is ground-dependant and it was perfect today--any heavier would be even better--but the next obvious target, the [G3] Prix de Barbeville, is in May and unless we have a rainy spring we might keep her for the autumn.” The Group 3-winning dam also has the unraced 3-year-old filly Karinka (Fr) (Intello {Ger}) and the 2-year-old filly Karcalla (Fr) (Reliable Man {GB}).

3rd-Saint-Cloud, €35,000, Cond, 3-25, 3yo, 7fT, 1:28.78, hy.

RAIKU (FR) (c, 3, **Showcasing {GB}**--**Schlague {Fr}**, by **Pulpit**), off the mark over 6 1/2 furlongs from two subsequent winners at ParisLongchamp in October, was settled behind the leader O Trasno (Fr) (Goken {Fr}) throughout the early stages.

Overwhelming that rival with 300 yards remaining, the 11-1 shot readily asserted to score by 1 1/2 lengths.

3rd-Saint-Cloud cont.

The winner is a full-brother to the G3 Prix Djebel scorer and G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains third Dice Roll (Fr), GSW & G1SP-Fr, \$363,501. The dam is a granddaughter of another who was placed in a Classic in Boreale (Fr) (Bellypha {Ire}), the runner-up in the 1984 G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulaches. Also connected to the multiple group-winning sire Racer (Fr) (Spectrum {Ire}) and the pair of Group 1 winners by Montjeu (Ire) in Corre Caminos (Fr) and Recital (Fr), her 2-year-old colt by Almanzor (Fr) was snapped up by the Broadhurst Agency for €110,000 at the Arqana Deauville September Yearling Sale. Sales history: €100,000 Ylg '19 AROCT. Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-1, €34,860.

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O-Ecurie Jean-Louis Bouchard; B-Gestut Zur Kuste AG (FR); T-Freddy Head.

2nd-Saint-Cloud, €27,000, Debutantes, 3-25, 3yo, c/g, 10fT, 2:14.03, hy.

TRABUCO (FR) (c, 3, Intello {Ger}--Tropa de Elite {GSW-Brz}, by Street Cry {Ire}), a 15-1 shot, tracked the leading group throughout the early stages. Wound up in early straight, the bay delivered a surge to overhaul Diverge (GB) (**Frankel {GB}**) with 300 metres remaining en route to a 1 3/4-length success. Seulomonde (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}), the son of the G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe heroine Solemia (Ire) (Poliglote {GB}), attempted to make all but was swallowed up in midstraight and ended up sixth. The dam, who was successful in the G3 Grande Premio Jose Paulino Nogueira, is a daughter of another to have won at that level in Cincinnatti (Brz) (Midnight Tiger) who is also the

second dam of the G1 Grande Premio Roberto e Nelson Grimaldi Seabra heroine Midsummer Rain (Brz) (Setembro Chove {Brz}). Her yearling filly is by Cloth of Stars (Ire). Sales history: €40,000 RNA Ylg '19 ARAUG. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €13,500. **Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.** O/B-Arthur Mendes (FR); T-Etienne & Gregoire Leenders.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:

Syrenka (Fr), f, 3, Literato (Fr)--Sakkara Star (Ire), by Mozart (Ire). Lyon la Soie, 3-25, 9f (AWT), 1:53.50. B-J Leunes & Mme S Leunes (FR). *€16,000 Ylg '19 OSASEP. **1/2 to Itsinthepost (Fr) (American Post {GB}), MGSW-US, \$1,384,604.

**IN JAPAN:**

Globalism (Ire), f, 4, Dubawi (Ire)--Golden Globe (Jpn), by Shamardal. Ohi, 3-25, Cond. (£13k/€15k), 1200m. B-Godolphin.

IN QATAR:

Al Ghariyah (GB), f, 3, Dutch Art (GB)--Figment (GB), by Acclamation (GB). Al Rayyan, 3-25, Maiden Plate, 1600mT, 1:37.06. B-Promenade Bloodstock Limited. *3,000gns Ylg '19 TATOCT; £12,000 2yo '20 GORJUL. **VIDEO**



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DUBAI WORLD CUP SPONSORED BY EMIRATES AIRLINE-G1, \$12,000,000, NH4yo/up, SH3yo/up, 2000m

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	13	Ajuste Fiscal (Uru)	Ioya Bigtime	Leal	Pereira	126
2	7	Capezzano	Bernardini	Ffrench	bin Ghadayer	126
3	3	Chuwa Wizard (Jpn)	King Kamehameha (Jpn)	Tosaki	Okubo	126
4	14	Gifts of Gold (Ire)	Invincible Spirit (Ire)	Soumillon	bin Suroor	126
5	1	Great Scot (GB)	Requinto (Ire)	Dettori	Misriff	126
6	2	Hypothetical (Ire)	Lope de Vega (Ire)	Barzalona	bin Ghadayer	126
7	9	Jesus' Team 	Tapiture	Rosario	D'Angelo	126
8	12	Magny Cours	Medaglia d'Oro	Buick	Fabre	126
9	5	Military Law (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Fresu	Al Mheiri	126
10	6	Mystic Guide	Ghostzapper	Saez	Stidham	126
11	11	Salute the Soldier (Ger)	Sepoy (Aus)	de Vries	Nass	126
12	10	Sleepy Eyes Todd 	Paddy O'Prado	Moreno	Silva	126
13	8	Thegreatcollection	Saint Anddan	Cosgrave	Watson	126
14	4	Title Ready	More Than Ready	Moore	Stewart	126

Saturday, Meydan, UAE, post time: 8:10 p.m.

LONGINES DUBAI SHEEMA CLASSIC PRESENTED BY LONGINES-G1, \$5,000,000, NH4yo/up, SH3yo/up, 2410mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	2	Channel Maker 	English Channel	Rosario	Mott	126
2	7	Dubai Future (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Dettori	bin Suroor	126
3	4	Simsir (Ire)	Zoffany (Ire)	de Vries	Nass	126
4	6	Star Safari (GB)	Sea The Stars (Ire)	Barzalona	Appleby	126
5	5	Walton Street (GB)	Cape Cross (Ire)	Buick	Appleby	126
6	3	Berkshire Rocco (Fr)	Sir Percy (GB)	Watson	Balding	125
7	10	Mishriff (Ire)	Make Believe (GB)	Egan	Gosden	125
8	1	Mogul (GB)	Galileo (Ire)	Moore	O'Brien	125
9	8	Chrono Genesis (Jpn) (f)	Bago (Fr)	Kitamura	Saito	121
10	9	Loves Only You (Jpn) (f)	Deep Impact (Jpn)	Murphy	Yahagi	121

Saturday, Meydan, UAE, post time: 7:30 p.m.

DUBAI TURF SPONSORED BY DP WORLD-G1, \$4,000,000, NH4yo/up, SH3yo/up, 1800mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	6	Al Suhail (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Buick	Appleby	126
2	11	Court House (Ire)	Dawn Approach (Ire)	Egan	Crisford	126
3	9	Epic Hero (Fr)	Siyouni (Fr)	Cosgrave	Crisford	126
4	12	Eqiraan (Ire)	Helmet (Aus)	Crowley	Al Rahyi	126
5	13	Felix (GB)	Lope de Vega (Ire)	Murphy	Botti	126
6	3	First Contact (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)	O'Shea	Seemar	126
7	8	Glen Force (Ire)	Gleneagles (Ire)	de Vries	Nass	126
8	2	Land of Legends (Ire)	Iffraaj (GB)	Soumillon	bin Suroor	126
9	4	Lord Glitters (Ire)	Whipper	Tudhope	O'Meara	126
10	10	Lord North (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	Dettori	Gosden	126
11	7	Regal Reality (GB)	Intelto (Ger)	SCR	SCR	SCR
12	5	Vin de Garde (Jpn)	Deep Impact (Jpn)	Barzalona	Fujiiwara	126
13	1	Zainhom	Street Cry (Ire)	Fresu	Al Mheiri	126

Saturday, Meydan, UAE, post time: 6:40 p.m.**DUBAI GOLDEN SHAHEEN SPONSORED BY GULF NEWS-G1, \$1,500,000, NH4yo/up, SH3yo/up, 1200m**

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	8	Al Tariq (Fr)	Oasis Dream (GB)	de Vries	Watson	126
2	12	Canvassed (Ire)	Shamardal	Dobbs	Watson	126
3	11	Copano Kicking 🦟	Spring At Last	Buick	Murayama	126
4	1	Good Effort (Ire)	Shamardal	Dettori	Mohammed	126
5	10	Important Mission 🦟	More Than Ready	SCR	SCR	SCR
6	7	Jalen Journey	With Distinction	Saez	Asmussen	126
7	3	Justin (Jpn)	Orfevre (Jpn)	Sakai	Yahagi	126
8	4	Matera Sky 🦟	Speightstown	Tosaki	Mori	126
9	5	Premier Star 🦟	Tapiture	Barzalona	Watson	126
10	13	Red Le Zele (Jpn)	Lord Kanaloa (Jpn)	Moore	Yasuda	126
11	9	Switzerland 🦟	Speightstown	O'Shea	Seemar	126
12	6	Wildman Jack	Goldencents	Jara	O'Neill	126
13	2	Yaupon 🦟	Uncle Mo	Rosario	Asmussen	126
14	14	Zenden 🦟	Fed Biz	Fresu	David	126

Saturday, Meydan, UAE, post time: 5:30 p.m.**AL QUOZ SPRINT SPONSORED BY AZIZI DEVELOPMENTS-G1, \$1,000,000, NH4yo/up, SH3yo/up, 1200mT**

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	12	Equilateral (GB)	Equiano (Fr)	Dettori	Hills	131
2	8	Extravagant Kid	Kiss the Kid	Moore	Walsh	131
3	9	Khaadem (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Crowley	Hills	131
4	13	Man of Promise 🦟	Into Mischief	Mullen	Appleby	131
5	11	Moss Gill (Ire)	No Nay Never	Tudhope	Bethell	131
6	3	Motafaawit (Ire)	Intikhab	Dobbs	Watson	131
7	10	Royal Crusade (GB)	Shamardal	Barzalona	Appleby	131
8	6	Space Blues (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	Buick	Appleby	131
9	5	Speak In Colours (GB)	Excelebration (Ire)	Egan	J O'Brien	131
10	7	True Valour (Ire)	Kodiac (GB)	Rosario	Motion	131
11	4	Final Song (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Soumillon	bin Suroor	127
12	2	Acklam Express (Ire)	Mehmas (Ire)	Scott	Tinkler	122
13	1	Cowan 🦟	Kantharos	Saez	Asmussen	122

Saturday, Meydan, UAE, post time: 6:05 p.m.**UAE DERBY SPONSORED BY EMIRATES NBD-G2, \$750,000, NH/SH3yo, 1900m**

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	2	El Patriota (Uru)	Ecologo (Arg)	Leal	Cintra Pereira	131
2	8	Ambivalent 🦟	Constitution	Saez	O'Neill	121
3	12	Fire Group 🦟	Not This Time	Fresu	Al Mheiri	121
4	10	France Go De Ina 🦟	Will Take Charge	Rosario	Mori	121
5	5	Lugamo	Chitu	Murphy	Sano	121
6	3	Mouheeb	Flatter	Curatolo	Bachalard	121
7	13	New Treasure (Ire)	New Approach (Ire)	Dettori	Gosden	121
8	6	Panadol	Flatter	Barzalona	bin Ghadayer	121
9	14	Pink Kamehameha (Jpn)	Leontes (Jpn)	Tosaki	Mori	121
10	11	Rebel's Romance (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	Buick	Appleby	121
11	1	Speight'spercomete	Speightstown	Dobbs	Watson	121
12	7	Takeru Pegasus (Jpn)	Dunkirk	Moore	Kato	121
13	4	Mnasek (f) 🦟	Empire Maker	Hitchcott	Watson	117
14	9	Soft Whisper (Ire) (f)	Dubawi (Ire)	Cosgrave	bin Suroor	117

Saturday, Meydan, UAE, post time: 4:15 p.m.

GODOLPHIN MILE SPONSORED BY MOHAMMED BIN RASHID AL MATKOUH CITY-DISTRICT ONE-G2, \$750,000,

NH4yo/up, SH3yo/up, 1600m

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	1	Ambassadorial	Elusive Quality	Egan	Chapple-Hyam	125
2	13	Avant Garde	Tonalist	Saez	Delgado	125
3	10	Blown By Wind (GB)	Invincible Spirit (Ire)	Ffrench	bin Ghadayer	125
4	4	Chiefdom 🦋	The Factor	Barzalona	bin Ghadayer	125
5	15	Dieu du Vin (Jpn)	Declaration of War	Dettori	Kato	125
6	5	Dubai Mirage (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	Soumillon	bin Suroor	125
7	6	Golden Goal (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Hitchcott	Watson	125
8	8	Midnight Sands 🦋	Speightstown	Dobbs	Watson	125
9	12	Parsimony 🦋	Dominus	Buick	O'Neill	125
10	11	Rodaini 🦋	Exchange Rate	Cosgrave	Seemar	125
11	7	Roman Rosso (Arg)	Roman Ruler	Moore	Seemar	125
12	2	Secret Ambition (GB)	Exceed And Excel (Aus)	O'Shea	Seemar	125
13	14	Snapper Sinclair 🦋	City Zip	Rosario	Asmussen	125
14	9	Tuz 🦋	Oxbow	Fresu	Seemar	125
15	3	Urban Icon (GB)	Cityscape (GB)	Murphy	Alkahtani	125

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3	3	Global Heat (Ire)	Toronado (Ire)	Dettori	bin Suroor	127
4	6	Mekong (GB)	Frankel (GB)	Crowley	Osborne	127
5	11	Red Verdon 🦋	Lemon Drop Kid	Egan	Dunlop	127
6	1	Royal Marine (Ire)	Raven's Pass	Murphy	bin Suroor	127
7	5	Secret Advisor (Fr)	Dubawi (Ire)	Buick	Appleby	127
8	8	Spanish Mission 🦋	Noble Mission (GB)	Moore	Balding	127
9	4	Volcanic Sky (GB)	Street Cry (Ire)	Soumillon	bin Suroor	127
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Record-breaking New Zealand mare **Melody Belle** (NZ) (Commands) is set to create further history in May as the most successful racemare ever to be offered for public auction when the 14-time Group 1 winner goes through the ring at the 2021 Magic Millions National Broodmare Sale on the Gold Coast.

Confirmation that the ownership group would sell Melody Belle at the conclusion of her racing career had been made some time ago, but the exact location and format of her sale had yet to be announced.

Magic Millions has now confirmed she will be the star of its National Broodmare Sale and will sell on Day 1, Tuesday, May 25, in a huge boost for the profile of the Sale.

"The decision was made some time ago that 2021 would be her last racing season and our immediate focus has been on her racing campaign," Fortuna Director, John Galvin, said. "Recently, the decision had to be made on how and where we would sell her and we have decided the Gold Coast was the best option.

"Melody Belle has been an absolute life changer for her connections. My wife, Jessica, has a share and is one of 34 individual owners who are spread right across New Zealand as well as one in Melbourne."

Purchased for NZ\$57,500 by Te Akau Racing's David Ellis out of the Haunui Farm draft at the 2016 New Zealand Bloodstock National Yearling Sale at Karaka, the daughter of Commands and Meleka Belle (NZ) (Ifraaj {GB}) took little time establishing herself as a star, winning on debut in October of her 2-year-old season and then going on to claim the R. Listed Karaka Million at her fourth start for Jamie Richards and Stephen Autridge.

She then secured her first elite success in the G1 Manawatu Sires' Produce S. She would win her first race in Australia in the G2 QTC Sires' Produce S., while it wouldn't be until her 4-year-old season that she would further add to her Group 1 tally.

Melody Belle claimed the G1 Tarzino Trophy and G1 Windsor Park S. in the spring of 2018, and then would add a hat-trick of New Zealand Group 1 wins in early 2019 in the BCD Sprint, the Haunui Classic and the New Zealand S.

She would return to create history as a 5-year-old as the first winner of the Hawkes Bay Triple Crown, claiming the G1 Tarzino Trophy and the G1 Windsor Park for a second time, and then win the G1 Livamol Classic.

Melody Belle then won her first Australian Group 1 race, defeating a quality collection of mares in the G1 Empire Rose S. at Flemington, while she was only narrowly beaten in the G1 Mackinnon S. a week later.

She campaigned in Australia through the autumn and early spring of 2020 before returning home to win the Windsor Park Plate for the third time and then winning the Livamol Classic for the second straight year.

Her G1 Thorndon Mile victory in January drew her level with the legendary **Sunline** (NZ) (Desert Sun {GB}) on 13 Group 1 wins, the most by a New Zealand-trained runner and she then broke new ground with her win in the G1 Bonecrusher S. at Ellerslie earlier this month.

Resume Not Yet Complete

She is not finished with her racing career and will contest the G1 Tancred S. on April 3, while she holds entries for both the G1 Queen Elizabeth S. and the G1 Coolmore Legacy S.

Galvin indicated that she is also likely to be set for a final campaign in Queensland, including the G1 Doomben Cup, which would be held three days before she is set to go to auction.

"One of the real keys to her success is her soundness," Galvin said. "She's never had an issue physically and that has seen her continue racing at the highest level as a two, three, four, five and now 6-year-old. **Cont. p2**

Melody Belle cont.

"She has won from 1100 metres to 2000 metres and on Saturday week she will get a chance to add 2400 metres as well. She's won over every trip and on every type of track."

Galvin praised trainer Jamie Richards and the Te Akau Racing team, headed by her buyer David Ellis, for managing her throughout what has been a remarkable career.

"Melody Belle's first season in training came just as Jamie had been appointed co-trainer at Te Akau and he's been there the whole way through. While there's been many more since, I know she holds a special place with Jamie as she was his first top-line horse," he said.



Melody Belle as a yearling | TDNAusNZ

"For her ownership group and for Fortuna it's been an incredible ride. We have just syndicated our 111th yearling and she was number 62.

"Many of Melody Belle's New Zealand owners are based in smaller towns and hamlets and all of the owners have become well known in the community and she has really become the people's horse. She has such a huge following with so many people knowing and supporting those who have a share in New Zealand's champion."

Massive Boost for Magic Millions

Her presence in the National Broodmare Sale catalogue is a huge filip for Magic Millions, which is finalising entries for the four-day Sale from May 25-28 as well as for the National Weanling Sale on May 20 and 21, and National Yearling Sale from June 2 - June 4.

"We are incredibly humbled to be entrusted with the sale of Melody Belle on behalf of Fortuna, Te Akau and her ownership group," Magic Millions Managing Director, Barry Bowditch, said. "She's the horse of a lifetime.

"There's never been a horse to have won so many Group 1 races go to public auction--she presents a very rare opportunity for buyers around the world. She has an incredible physique which goes without saying as she was purchased by one of the great judges in David Ellis as a yearling.

"The National Sale will present buyers across the whole Sale with a truly world-class lineup of stock--from weanlings and yearlings to race fillies and broodmares. We can't wait to unveil the catalogues in the coming weeks."

Three-time Group 1 winner **Sunlight** (Zoustar) set a new record for the National Sale when she sold for \$4.2 million last year to Coolmore Australia's Tom Magnier.



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