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## POTTS IDENTIFIES HORSES WHO PERISHED IN BELMONT FIRE



American Sailor & Wayne Potts | Sarah Andrew

The morning after a fire in barn 60 at Belmont Park which claimed the lives of two of his horses, trainer Wayne Potts made an emotional post on Facebook identifying the two horses as graded stakes winner **American Sailor** (City Zip) and **Beastie D** (Verrazano) an unraced 3-year-old who was a \$15,000 OBS Winter Mixed Sale purchase earlier this year.

The 9-year-old American Sailor won the GIII Troy S. at Saratoga, crossing the line second, but moved up to first upon the disqualification of Imprimis (**Broken Vow**).

"I wanted to take a moment to express my sincere gratitude to everyone who assisted in removing my horses from the fire this evening," posted Potts at 1 a.m. "Thank you from the bottom of my heart to every single one of you that put yourselves at risk to make sure 58 horses are able to see another day. The actions of so many this evening proved that this industry is a family with a fierce love of the horse that triumphs over anything else.

"I am heartbroken to say that Beastie D and American Sailor were both unable to be saved and perished. Beastie D, a 3yo Verrazano colt was a recent purchase from the sale in Ocala. While we didn't have him long, his presence was felt as he was an individual with an abundance of class and potential.

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## CUOMO ANNOUNCES FANS CAN RETURN TO NEW YORK TRACKS APR. 23

by Bill Finley

In a surprising development, New York Governor Andrew Cuomo announced Wednesday that fans may return to the state's racetracks starting Apr. 23. Attendance will be capped at 20% capacity.

A few hours after Cuomo's announcement, NYRA officials were still considering their options and would not commit to allowing fans to attend as soon as Apr. 23.

"The New York Racing Association, Inc. looks forward to welcoming fans back to Belmont Park this spring and to Saratoga Race Course this summer," NYRA President and CEO Dave O'Rourke. "We thank Governor Cuomo for the opportunity to host fans at our historic tracks for the first time since the start of the pandemic."

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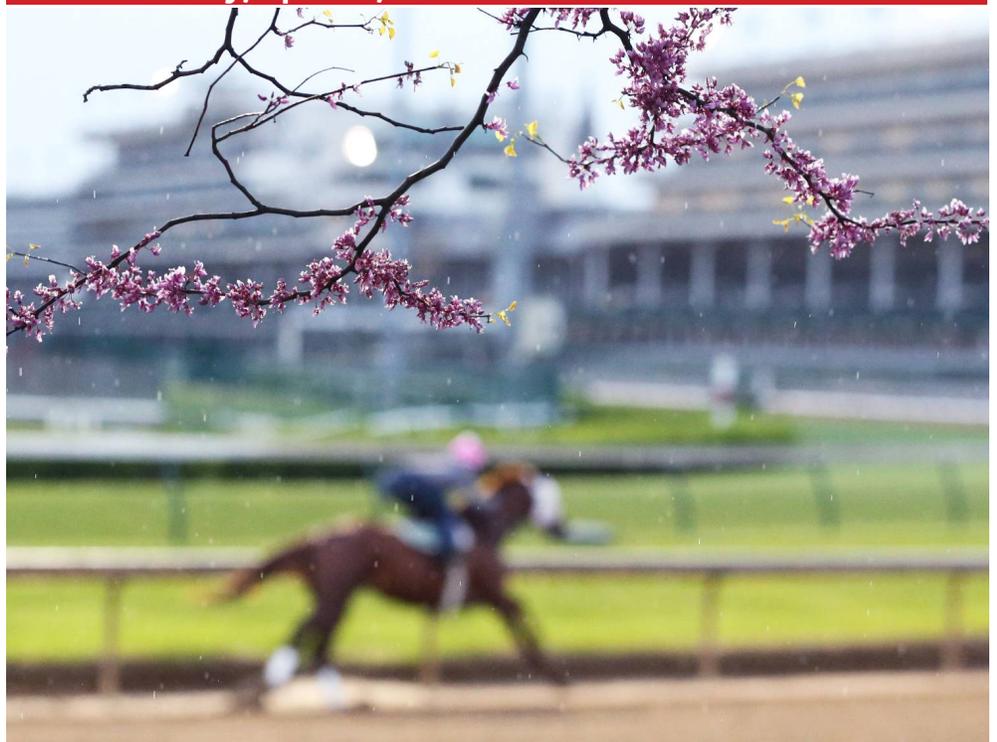
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Spring is in the air as horses gallop past blossoming trees in a rain shower at Churchill Downs on Wednesday morning. | Coady

**HOME BRED STARS IN THE MAKING FOR SPENDTHRIFT 7**

Steve Sherack spoke with Spendthrift's Ned Toffey on the operation's latest homebred 'TDN Rising Stars', Following Sea & Missy P.

**CUPID FILLY EARNS OBS BULLET WEDNESDAY 10**

A filly from the first crop of *Cupid* worked the fastest quarter at OBS Wednesday, covering the distance in :20 2/5.

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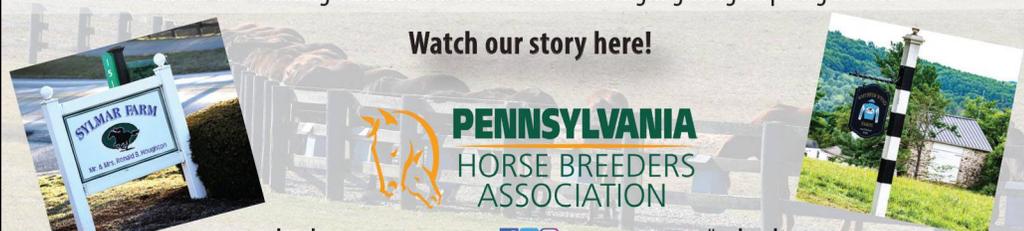
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**Belmont Fire cont. from p1**

"American Sailor was a part of my family and took my operation to a new level. We were preparing for a 9yo campaign and he had been training fantastic. This was a horse that owed me absolutely nothing. He was the pride and joy of my stable and was the horse that took me places in my career that I had only ever dreamed of going. Sailor was so loved by everyone that worked with and around him. He was one of the sweetest horses to be around in the stall, but when he stepped foot on the track--he was nothing but business. He was family.

I want to also express my condolences to my owners Dan Eubanks and Raj and Vedhya Jagnanan who love their horses dearly ando my staff who go above and beyond day in and day out to make sure our horses receive the best care. Thank you again to everyone who has reached out. It is much appreciated. #BELMONTSTRONG."



**Firefighters at work shortly after extinguishing the fire in Barn 60 |**  
*Courtesy of Linda Rice Racing*

The New York Racing Association issued a press release Tuesday night saying that they had "responded to an active fire affecting Barn 60 at Belmont Park. NYRA security was joined by backstretch staff in rendering immediate assistance to the horses stabled in the barn at the time of the incident."

"The fire was restricted to Barn 60 which holds stalls for horses under the care of trainers Wayne Potts and Jeffrey Englehart. A total of 58 horses were safely evacuated from the barn as a result of the immediate response by NYRA security, backstretch staff and the Elmont Fire Department. Despite the best efforts of those involved in the rescue, two horses under the care of Wayne Potts perished as result of the fire. There were no reported injuries to barn staff or NYRA employees."

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**Belmont Fire cont.**

According to the public information officer for the Nassau County Police Department, crews from both Elmont, N.Y., the town in which Belmont sits, and nearby Valley Stream, N.Y. responded to the scene.

"The tragic loss of both horses will be deeply felt by the hard working women and men of the New York racing community, who dedicate themselves to the sport and to the care of these equine athletes," said Dave O'Rourke, NYRA President & CEO. "That collective dedication and sense of community was on display this evening, when the heroic and selfless response of so many prevented further loss and saved the lives of dozens of horses."

The press release from NYRA said that firefighters "responded within minutes to extinguish the fire and secure the scene. The New York State Fire Marshal and officials from Nassau County

are investigating the cause of the fire, which was not immediately apparent."

Reports of the fire began to circulate on Twitter shortly after 6 p.m., with several mentioning loose horses.

Trainer Robert Falcone, Jr. was one of the first on the scene after noticing the smoke on his way to the track kitchen and quickly gathered a group of horsemen to help evacuate the horses from the smoke-filled barn. He also posted a request for help on Facebook.

"I knew something wasn't right, so I ran back to our barn and yelled to my team to grab shanks and halters and hurry up," said Falcone, Jr. "I thought I'd post it and

that someone from the backside is bound to see it and once one person sees it, they'll start calling people."

Falcone described the hectic scene as the racing community jumped in without hesitation to save as many horses as possible.

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**Firefighters gathered around Barn 60 | Courtesy of Linda Rice Racing**

## The World's Yearling Sale

Over the past 5 years, September Week 1 has accounted for an average of

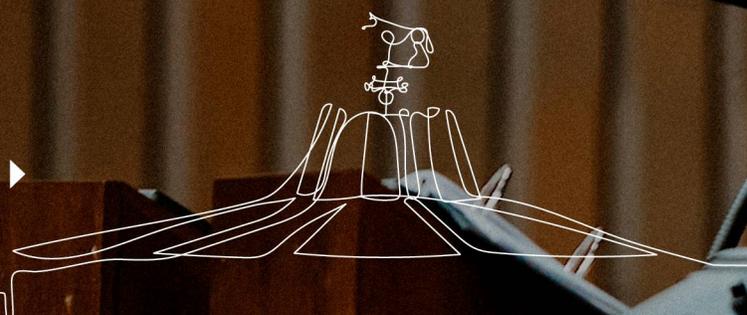
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**Belmont Fire cont.**

“It was really smoky in there,” he said. “We were trying to get through a shedrow full of smoke and get into stalls of horses and you can’t see into the stalls. At the same time, there were horses without halters running down the shedrow that you can’t see. As you’re running in and out, as soon as someone yells, ‘loose horse,’ you have to get against the wall because you don’t know where he’s coming from.”

He continued, “As soon as we took the horses out, someone would take them from us and get them to a safe spot. Then we would go back in and get more and come back out again. We started using the cross bar [stall guard] when we ran out of shanks to run back in and keep getting them out.”

Falcone was also in the stall with Potts attempting to save American Sailor, who was one of the two horses lost in the

blaze.

“I feel so bad for the horses that died. I was in the stall with Wayne for American Sailor,” said Falcone. “Wayne was standing next to me and the horse was somewhere in the stall and we couldn’t even see each other. We were trying to get the horse out but it was impossible to see and communicate. We just had to get out of there. You can only stay in there for so long in all that before you’re going to pass out. I feel so bad we couldn’t get him out.”

Horsemen continued to show up as the word spread to assist with catching and relocating the many horses running free on the backside. Trainer Brad Cox’s assistant Dustin Duggas was among those who jumped to action, welcoming 21 of the

horses into his barn. The others were moved to various barns with empty stalls.

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Barn 60 Wednesday morning | Susie Raisher

**The World’s Yearling Sale**

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**Belmont Fire cont.**



Belmont Barn 60 Wednesday morning | Susie Raisher

“Dustin had 21 empty stalls on his side, so we started counting up horses and sending them over,” said Falcone. “It was pretty quick how fast we organized everything in that time frame and in those circumstances. There’s not many of us making a great living doing this. We do it for the horses and even when they’re not horses in your barn, when something happens everyone

bands together so quickly. It’s not even a thought process, it’s just somebody needs help and go. We’re all here for one reason and it’s because we love the horses.”

Wednesday morning, NYRA sent a text to horsemen to ensure they had accounted for all of the horses dispersed around the backside. The text reads, "Attention Horsemen: Please do a head count of the horses in your barn. If there is a horse or horses in your barn that do not belong to you please contact the safety Steward or stall office." NYRA's Director of Communications Patrick McKenna said the message was just a "double-check."

Tuesday night, trainer Raymond Handal Tweeted, "Tragic day. Barn fire out. The horses have been relocated and everyone seems to be situated, hay, water, and feed tubs set for surviving group. The entire racing community came together with a force to help. So sad and heartbroken for the ones that didn't make it."

Just before 8 p.m. Tuesday night, Kantarmaci **Tweeted a video of himself** in a barn in front of a horse's stall and said, "Sierra doesn't want me to leave him alone after fire at Belmont Park Race Track."

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**Cuomo Announce Fans Allowed Back at New York Tracks**

**Apr. 23 cont. from p1**



*Horsephotos*

O'Rourke continued, "We will announce ticketing options for fans once we further review the guidelines and protocols set forth for thoroughbred tracks in New York state. NYRA has dearly missed the passion and excitement that fans bring to the sport of thoroughbred racing. Today's announcement by the Governor is one more indication that we are collectively moving toward a return to normalcy."

Belmont is scheduled to open for its spring meet Apr. 22.

NYRA spokesman Pat McKenna said that it was premature to predict how many fans will be allowed to attend the GI Belmont S. card and the Saratoga races.

"As the rate of vaccination continues to increase across New York State, we are optimistic that capacity restrictions will continue to ease in the coming months in advance of the Belmont Stakes and the 2021 summer meet at Saratoga Race Course," he said. "We miss our fans dearly, and look forward to seeing them soon back where they belong."

NYRA has not been allowed to have on-track fans since March 2020, when the pandemic started to shut down the entire country.

It remains to be seen how many fans will be allowed at each facility under the 20% guideline. In 2015, NYRA decided to cap the attendance at cavernous Belmont Park for the Belmont Stakes at 90,000. That could mean that about 18,000 people will be allowed to attend the final leg of the Triple Crown. With vaccinations readily available in the state, the 20% guideline will no doubt change at some point with even more fans being allowed.

The numbers for record crowds at Saratoga are misleading because they include days when the attendance was artificially inflated due to "spinners" going through the turnstiles more

than once to collect added giveaway items. The record crowd for the GI Travers day is 60,486. That could mean NYRA will be allowed to welcome about 12,000 fans a day to the popular upstate track.

Cuomo appeared at Belmont Wednesday to do a press briefing, but never mentioned the decision to allow fans back on track. He did take the opportunity to commend the New York racing community for its response to a barn fire Monday in which all but two horses were rescued.

"Due to really extraordinary effort by first responders, the fire department and the staff here at NYRA. Fifty-eight horses were saved," he said. "Two horses perished, but they did a really outstanding job."

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**HOMEBRED 'STARS' IN THE MAKING FOR SPENDTHRIFT** *by Steve Sherack*



**Following Sea** | *Coady*

A pair of Spendthrift Farm homebreds stamped themselves as 3-year-olds to watch for the second half of the season with recent jaw-dropping 'TDN Rising Star' performances.

**Following Sea** (c, 3, **Runhappy**--Quick Flip, by **Speightstown**) earned his '**Rising Star**' badge with a flashy maiden win at second asking for Hall of Fame trainer Bob Baffert on the GI Arkansas Derby undercard, good for a gaudy 97 Beyer Speed Figure.

The bay was hustled to the front by Joel Rosario in the six-furlong affair and was pressed on his inside through an opening quarter in :21.89. He began to shake clear heading into the far turn, kicked for home in complete control and was never seriously asked down the lane en route to an effortless 5 3/4-length decision. **Cont. p8**



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**Homebred 'Stars' in the Making for Spendthrift cont.**

Following Sea's final time of 1:09.92 bested the 1:10.13 final clocking posted by Edgeway (Competitive Edge) at the same distance later on the card for filly and mare sprinters in the Carousel S.

Following Sea previously crossed the line a solid second after a wide trip on debut behind stablemate and subsequent GI **Runhappy** Santa Anita Derby fourth Defunded (**Dialed In**), but had his number taken down and placed third for causing interference shortly after the start at Santa Anita Mar. 6.

"We always loved him and raised him right here on the farm," Spendthrift General Manager Ned Toffey said. "He's taken a little bit--he's a good-sized colt and had a couple of ticktack issues that kept him from running earlier. Bob was a little frustrated with his first start--he still showed some talent--but he really put it together Saturday. I

loved what I saw. The way he made that move on the turn and put the race away at that point... It looked very easy. It looked very fluid. And it looked very fast. We thought something like that might be there and couldn't be happier."

As for what's next and potentially stretching Following Sea out going forward, Toffey said:

"It's hard to know how he'll stretch out, but yes, he has the size and shape. **Runhappy** was definitely best sprinting, but you really never know until you try them. We're eager to find out ourselves."

Toffey continued, "If a horse is ready to go on and make the move into much bigger company, it's always been really impressive how well Bob does that. For now, we're just

gonna enjoy the win and let the horse tell Bob what he's ready to do next."

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**Homebred 'Stars' in the Making for Spendthrift cont.****Missy P. | Benoit**

Quick Flip--a winner of her first three starts at two, including Tampa's Sandpiper S.--was purchased by Spendthrift Farm carrying Following Sea in utero for \$230,000 at the 2017 Keeneland November Sale. She is a half-sister to the Baffert-trained SW & MGSP Qahira (**Cairo Prince**) and SW Stormin' Lyon (Storm Boot), and hails from the family of GISW Mitterand (Hold Your Peace).

In addition to the stakes-placed Inspeightof (**Orb**), Quick Flip's most recent produce includes a 2-year-old **Into Mischief** filly, purchased by bloodstock agent Mike Ryan for \$450,000 at last year's Fasig-Tipton Selected Yearlings Showcase, and a 2021 **Hard Spun** colt. Quick Flip will be bred back to **Authentic**, per Toffey.

"It looks like a bargain now," Toffey said with a laugh of purchasing the now 12-year-old mare. "Those are always tricky--buying one in foal can really go either way. We certainly had a lot of respect for **Runhappy** and liked the mare's page. Thought she would be a good, useful mare for us to breed in house. We're very excited going forward."

**Missy P.** (f, 3, **Into Mischief**--Greer Lynn, by **Speightstown**) was another no doubt **'Rising Star'** carrying the orange-and-purple silks of B. Wayne Hughes's operation, romping by 9 1/2 lengths going 5 1/2 furlongs on debut for Hall of Famer Richard Mandella at Santa Anita Mar. 12.

The full-sister to GISW and fellow 'Rising Star' Mia Mischief forced the issue from an outside second, cruised up to challenge approaching the quarter pole and opened daylight in the stretch under a handride by Flavien Prat to win like a 2-5 shot should. She earned a 90 Beyer Speed Figure for the effort.

Missy P. has posted three moves since her unveiling, most recently working five furlongs in :59.80 (5/22) at Santa Anita Apr. 8.

"Richard has thought about the [GII] Eight Belles [S. going seven furlongs at Churchill Downs Apr. 30] or just running her for some listed blacktype out in California," Toffey said. "We'll see. That may be the thing to do--get her blacktype before we go bear hunting."

He continued, "I was out in L.A. this last weekend and was able to see her. The phrase that came to my mind watching her train was, 'coiled spring.' She's really a muscular and well-defined filly. About the time of her first start, Richard said that she weighed 1,200 pounds. That's a big horse. She just looks great. She's a good, correct filly."

Mia Mischief, heroine of the 2019 GI Humana Distaff S. at Churchill Downs, was sold by Spendthrift for \$135,000 as a Keeneland September yearling. She later brought \$300,000 as a Fasig-Tipton Florida Select 2-Year-Old and \$2.4 million from Stonestreet as a horse of racing age/broodmare prospect at the 2019 Fasig-Tipton Kentucky Fall Mixed Sale.

"Missy P. is much more substantial and much more powerful," Toffey said. "That's saying a lot because Mia Mischief was a really stout, well-made muscular filly herself."

Having Missy P. join Spendthrift's racing stable wasn't always the plan. She was scratched from the Fasig-Tipton Saratoga Yearling Sale after getting cast in her stall, Toffey said.

"She's one that we may have dodged a bullet on," Toffey said. "She just was a little off behind when we were getting very close to needing to ship her up to the sale. We always felt very good about her being fine, but you couldn't take one like that to sell."

Missy P.'s dam Greer Lynn, a winner of one of four career starts for Hughes, is a daughter of the fantastic producer Roll Over Baby (Rollin On Over), dam of GSWs Roll Hennessy Roll (Hennessy) and Sing Baby Sing (Unbridled's Song); MSW & GSP Majorbigtimesheet (Carson City); SW & MGISP Value Plus (Unbridled's Song); and MGSP Werblin (Unbridled's Song).

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**Ned Toffey | Spendthrift**

**Homebred 'Stars' in the Making for Spendthrift cont.**

Greer Lynn was acquired privately by Spendthrift after RNA'ing for \$400,000 as a Keeneland November weanling.

"She essentially was a failed pinhook," Toffey said. "We bought her with the intention of flipping her back in a yearling sale. She just didn't grow and wasn't at a real impressive stage as a yearling, so we kept her and put her into training. Again, like a lot of horses, we always felt like there was plenty of talent there, but she just had some minor things that kept her from really demonstrating it. She was always a beautiful mare and kind of a classic, **Speightstown** type. We bred her to a lot of horses in house and maybe we didn't always give her the best opportunity to be successful, but **Into Mischief** is pretty good at righting those wrongs."

Sent to leading sire **War Front** by Spendthrift, Geer Lynn brought \$700,000 from SF Bloodstock at the 2019 Fasig-Tipton November Sale, then switched hands again at the 2020 Keeneland November Sale, bringing \$750,000 from Summer Wind Equine. Greer Lynn is also represented by a 2-year-old **Goldencents** filly, purchased by bloodstock agent Mike Ryan for \$300,000 at last year's Fasig-Tipton Selected Yearlings Showcase, and a **Medaglia d'Oro** colt of this year. She aborted her 2020 **War Front** foal.

In addition to the aforementioned Mia Mischief, the **Into Mischief/Speightstown** cross is also responsible for recent GI Carter H. winner Mischevious Alex and MGSW Engage.

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**CUPID FILLY EARNS OBS BULLET****WEDNESDAY** by Jessica Martini

The under-tack show ahead of next week's Ocala Breeders' Sales Company's Spring Sale of 2-Year-Olds in Training reached its halfway point with its third session Wednesday and a filly by **Cupid** (**hip 576**) became the second juvenile of the week to work a quarter-mile in **:20 2/5**. Out of Callipepla (Yes It's True), the bay filly is consigned by Jenn and Quincy Adams's Q Bar J Thoroughbreds.

"That was a 'wow' work," Quincy Adams said Wednesday afternoon. "She galloped out strong. She's so classy. She is just a princess. She walked back to the barn like an older horse. She's a cool horse."

Q Bar J purchased the filly for \$42,000 at last year's Fasig-Tipton Midlantic October Yearling Sale.

"She was just big and scopey and had muscle like she was going to be fast, but also looks like she could get two turns," Adams said. "She's filled out in all the right places. She has that big hip that everybody likes--that big motor--and she's got a real big slinky walk. She has some scope to her and she's got some size."



**Hip 576** | *Thorostride photo*

The filly is from the first crop of GI Gold Cup at Santa Anita winner **Cupid** (**Tapit**).

"We've had three Cupids and we really liked all of them," Adams said. "They've all been kind of different, but the biggest thing that I've seen is that they all have good minds."

A filly (**hip 317**) by another Coolmore first-crop sire, champion **Classic Empire**, worked the bullet quarter-mile of **:20 2/5** during Tuesday's second session of the six-day under-tack show.

Twenty-eight juveniles shared Wednesday's fastest furlong time of **:10 flat**. Three were from Ciaran Dunne's Wavertree Stables consignment, which sent out one of three juveniles by Juddmonte's late champion Arrogate to share the day's fastest furlong.

**Hip 490**, a gray colt by Arrogate (Unbridled's Song), turned in his **:10 flat** breeze just minutes into the day's session. Out of Ask the Question (Silver Deputy), he is a half-brother to multiple Grade I winner Heart to Heart (**English Channel**) and was purchased by Dunne for \$155,000 at last year's Keeneland September sale on behalf of the pinhooking partnership responsible for last year's highest-priced colt, a \$1.25-million son of **Quality Road**.

"He's been one of our talking horses all year," Dunne said. "He's just a beautiful horse. He's got the best of both worlds. He's got the stretch and length of an Unbridled's Song and he's got the power of a Silver Deputy. He's a really nice colt."

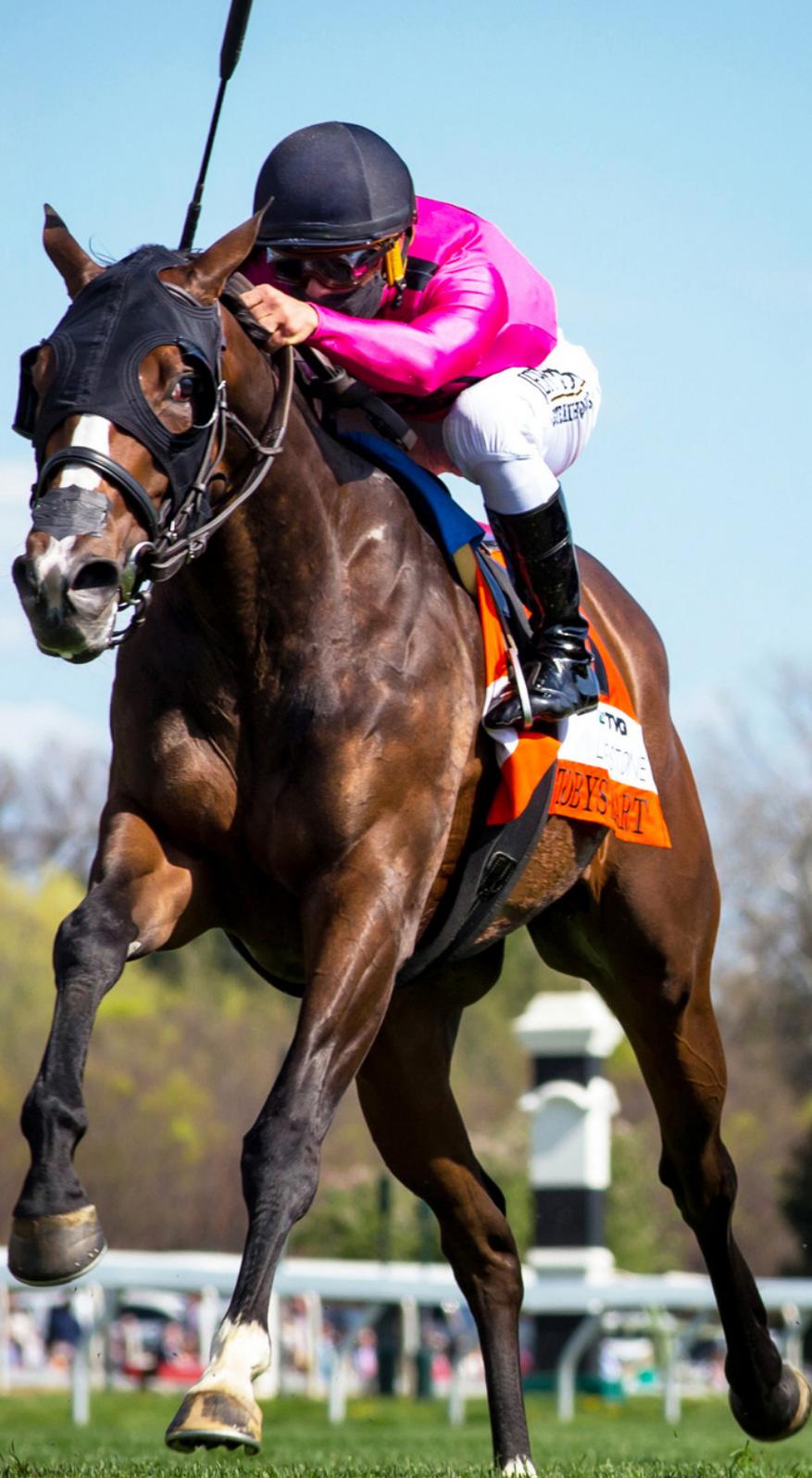
Wavertree also sent out a filly by **Curlin** (**hip 594**) to work in **:10 flat** Wednesday. Out of the unraced Catch the Flag (A.P. Indy), a full-sister to Canadian champion Catch the Thrill, the juvenile was purchased privately after RNA'ing for \$120,000 at last year's Fasig-Tipton Selected Yearling Showcase.

"The **Curlin** is a beauty," Dunne said. "She is as pretty as a picture, a medium-sized filly with a ton of class. She has always worked well and we weren't surprised when she showed up to work today." **Cont. p11**

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**OBS Breeze show cont.****Hip 490** | *Thorostride photo*

Rounding out the trio of Wavertree's **:10 flat** workers was **hip 530**, a son of **Runhappy** out of Bible Belt (Pulpit). The dark bay colt is a half-brother to graded placed Hardworkcleanlavin (Colonel John). He was purchased by Columbia Bloodstock for \$250,000 as a weanling at the 2019 Keeneland November sale before RNA'ing for \$120,000 at last year's Keeneland September sale.

"The **Runhappy** was an expensive foal who went into a yearling sale when **Runhappy** was not the flavor of the month, shall we say. So they called an audible and figured they would give him more time," Dunne said. "He was an expensive foal and when you look at him, you can see why."

Wavertree had one of six juveniles to work in **:9 4/5** Tuesday, when **hip 253** shared the week's fastest furlong so far. Bred by Brenda and Philip Robertson, the son of **Cairo Prince** RNA'd for \$35,000 at Keeneland last September.

"He's a really cool horse," Dunne said. "Philip Robertson owns him and he really liked him as a yearling. He drew one of the later books at Keeneland and he wasn't willing to give him away. He figured he would take a shot down here and it looks like he might have been right."

The majority of Wavertree's OBS March consignment worked quarter-miles at the under-tack show ahead of last month's sale, but an increasing emphasis on gallop-out times prompted Dunne to limit his April consignment to furlong works.

"Regardless of how far a horse works, they want to clock them galloping out from the wire to the five-eighths pole, which is an extra three-eighths of a mile," Dunne explained. "They just do the gallop-outs by how fast they went, not by how far they went. The horses who go eighths obviously gallop out a better three-eighths than the horses who went a quarter. We had some horses that I thought worked really, really well in March

going quarters and they wanted to come back and knock them for how they galloped out. Whereas if they had gone eighths, that wouldn't have been an issue. To my mind, there is no advantage to going a quarter anymore. It's all become too much about what they do after the wire as opposed to what they do to the wire. So that was our reasoning to backing them up."

In addition to hip 490, Arrogate also had a pair of fillies share Wednesday's furlong bullet. **Hip 463**, a daughter of multiple graded stakes winner Amen Hallelujah (Montbrook), was purchased for \$150,000 at last year's Keeneland September sale by Nice Guys Stables and worked in **:10 flat** for Mayberry Farm.

Also working in **:10 flat**, **hip 486** is a daughter of multiple Grade I winner Artemis Agrotera (Roman Ruler) who is consigned by Sequel Bloodstock on behalf of Chester and Mary Broman. Her half-brother Chestertown (**Tapit**) topped the 2019 OBS March sale when selling for \$2 million.

Also working in **:10 flat** Wednesday were:

**Hip 423**, a colt by **Outwork** ([video](#)) consigned by All Dreams Equine; **Hip 435**, a filly by **Practical Joke** ([video](#)) consigned by Eisaman Equine; **Hip 446**, a colt by **Tapiture** ([video](#)) consigned by Grassroots Training & Sales; **Hip 470**, a filly by **Klimt** ([video](#)) consigned by Top Line Sales; **Hip 477**, a colt by Shaman Ghost ([video](#)) consigned by AVP Training and Sales; **Hip 478**, a colt by Wildcat Red ([video](#)) consigned by Coastal Equine; **Hip 487**, a filly by **Maclean's Music** ([video](#)) consigned by Dynasty Thoroughbreds; **Hip 488**, a filly by Secret Circle ([video](#)) consigned by Top Line Sales; **Hip 496**, a filly by **Tapiture** ([video](#)) consigned by Top Line Sales; **Hip 512**, a filly by **Maclean's Music** ([video](#)) consigned by Paul Sharp; **Hip 526**, a colt by **Connect** ([video](#)) consigned by Eddie Woods; **Hip 537**, a filly by **Cairo Prince** ([video](#)) consigned by Craig L. Wheeler; **Hip 546**, a colt by **Gormley** ([video](#)) consigned by GOP Racing; **Hip 549**, a colt by **Liam's Map** ([video](#)) consigned by Scanlon Training & Sales; **Hip 550**, a filly by **Twirling Candy** ([video](#)) consigned by Old South

**Ciaran Dunne** | *Fasig-Tipton photo*

Farm; **Hip 566**, a filly by **Nyquist (video)** consigned by Lucan Bloodstock; **Hip 572**, a colt by **Klimt (video)** consigned by Centofanti Thoroughbreds; **Hip 575**, a colt by **Violence (video)** consigned by S G V Thoroughbreds; **Hip 584**, a colt by **Street Boss (video)** consigned by Coastal Equine; **Hip 591**, a filly by **Practical Joke (video)** consigned by Two Oaks Equine; **Hip 593**, a filly by **Upstart (video)** consigned by Paul Sharp; **Hip 601**, a filly by **Munnings (video)** consigned by Mayberry Farm; and **Hip 608**, a colt by **Gormley (video)** consigned by Grassroots Training & Sales.

The under-tack show continues through Saturday with sessions beginning each day at 8 a.m. The Spring sale will be held next Tuesday through Friday with bidding commencing at 10:30 a.m.

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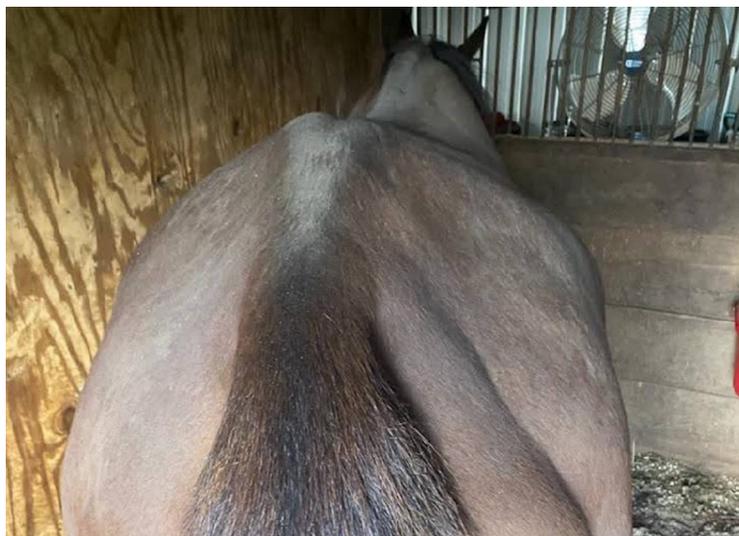
## ARREST MADE IN BOURBON COUNTY

### ANIMAL CRUELTY CASE

by *Bill Finley*

Xavier McGraph, who is the operator of McGraph Breaking and Training and Whispering Creek Thoroughbreds, was arrested Tuesday by the Bourbon County Sheriff's office, it was announced Wednesday.

The sheriff's office released a brief statement Wednesday, which read "On the afternoon of April 13, 2021, Xavier McGraph who is a suspect in an active investigation involving Equine in Bourbon County came into the Bourbon Sheriff's Office for an interview. Upon conclusion of the interview McGraph was arrested on an active warrant that was tied to the same case. The Bourbon County Sheriff's Office and the Bourbon County Attorney's Office are working closely together to bring this case to a close. At this time, all horses involved have been removed from the Farm and have been relocated to facilities to best suit the care they need."



Close-up of Cannonball Cupcake | *Christina Stewart*

Earlier, McGraph was charged with 13 counts of animal cruelty in the second degree. It appeared that he had been starving some of the horses under his care, and that at least two of them died.

"I'm relieved in that we've made some progress with Xavier turning himself in," said Amanda Scarsella, who had sent six horses to McGraph. "With the news that he has formally been charged and taken into custody, I'm hopeful we can move forward and see some justice served. This is only the beginning. What needs to happen is we all need to use this as a teaching point and as a learning point to change laws. We don't want to see this happen again."

Five of the horses she had with McGraph have returned to Scarsella's upstate New York farm. She fears that a sixth horse, a broodmare named Fresh Face (**Uncle Mo**), may be one of the two dead horses, neither of which have been identified.

"This has been bittersweet," she said. "We are so glad that they are alive and are home, but it's been pretty gutting to see them this way. My colts are sleeping a monstrous amount of time because they are just so wreck and so tired."

McGraph had been advertising his services on Facebook under the names of McGraph Breaking and Training and Whisper Creek Thoroughbreds. He posted that he was available to break and train young horses and board broodmares. McGraph had the horses on a section of a farm he leased from longtime Central Kentucky horsemen Steve Johnson. Johnson has said that he did not know that McGraph was mistreating any of his horses.

The case came to the attention of the Bourbon County Sheriff's office when Alyssa Evans, a client of McGraph's, came to the farm to check on one of her horses. While there, she saw two dead horses laying in a paddock and alerted the sheriff's office. The sheriff's office began its investigation shortly after receiving Evans' call and first inspected the farm on March 19. The sheriff's office then called on a local veterinarian, Dr. Zach Logan, who inspected 23 horses and reported that 11 were malnourished or severely malnourished and that two others were dead.

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## HIDDEN STASH WORKS FOR DERBY



Hidden Stash | Coady

BBN Racing's **Hidden Stash** (**Constitution**) began preparations for a likely start in the GI Kentucky Derby by working a bullet half-mile in :47.80 Wednesday morning at Keeneland shortly after the track opened for training at 5:30 a.m. The work was the fastest of 23 at the distance for the morning.

A well-beaten fourth in Keeneland's GII Toyota Blue Grass S., the GII Lambholm South Tampa Bay Derby runner-up currently ranks 21st on the Road to the Kentucky Derby leaderboard. A few horses ahead of Hidden Stash are considered not likely to enter.

"I thought he worked really well and we beat the rain," trainer Vicki Oliver said. "I was going to work Thursday, Friday or Saturday. I was watching the weather and I wanted to get a decent work in, so we went this morning."

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## DERBY & OAKS WORKS OPEN TO PUBLIC

Between Saturday, Apr. 17 and Wednesday, Apr. 28, Churchill Downs will be open free-of-charge daily from 7-10 a.m. for fans to watch the GI Kentucky Derby and GI Kentucky Oaks contenders work.

Horses train on Churchill Downs' main track daily from 5:15-10 a.m. Beginning Saturday, April 17, there will be an exclusive training window only for Derby and Oaks participants from 7:30-7:45 a.m. following the 7-7:30 a.m. renovation break. Those horses will be identified by special saddle towels which include their names: yellow saddle towels for Derby horses and pink saddle towels for Oaks contenders.

Churchill Downs will livestream the Kentucky Derby Morning Works presented by TwinSpires.com across its social media channels starting Monday, Apr. 19. Video also will be broadcast on Churchill Downs' Big Board.

Face coverings are required and guests must practice social distancing. Guests may bring in their own food and beverage during the morning workouts from Apr. 14-23. Food and beverage may not be brought into the facility between Apr. 24 and Apr. 28 because of Kentucky Derby Week security protocols, but Churchill Downs' new Paddock Grill will be open during that period to offer breakfast items for purchase.

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## STEVE ASMUSSEN TALKS 'FAMILY HORSE' SUPER STOCK ON WRITERS' ROOM



One of the few major races left to win for Hall of Fame trainer Steve Asmussen is the most significant prize in racing, so a win in this year's GI Kentucky Derby would satisfy an ultimate career goal. But if he were to do it with Saturday's GI Arkansas Derby victor **Super Stock** (**Dialed In**), a horse with the Asmussen family's fingerprints all over him, it would represent the sentimental success of a lifetime. Wednesday, Asmussen joined the TDN Writers' Room **presented by Keeneland** to discuss Super Stock, the permanent chip on his shoulder, who he would pick between some of his legendary trainees head to head and more.

Calling in via Zoom as the **Green Group Guest of the Week**, Asmussen talked about his emotional connection to Super Stock, who is co-owned by his father and was ridden to victory by his oldest son for his first stakes win last summer.

"We've been very fortunate in racing, had many successes, but a circumstance in which you can leg your son up on a stakes winner for your parents is quite unique, to say the least, and is a very special experience," he said. "I have so many emotions about it. You imagine having that kind of success going into a race, but I did not realize what it actually meant, and the outpouring of love, respect and support since the [Arkansas Derby] for my parents and who they are has been the best part for me. This is my mom and dad's story." **Cont. p14**

**Podcast cont.**

He continued, “They supported us unwaveringly and put me and Cash in the positions we've been in to have success in this business. They're both 79 years old and unique circumstances allowed them to keep this horse. Dad has had Grade I winners in the past, he's just sold them all. That probably would have happened with this horse as well if not for the pandemic. It's brought mom and dad to the forefront and gotten them the respect and admiration that I know they deserve.”

Asked how it would change his life to win a Derby after coming up empty with his first 21 starters, Asmussen said, “I don't know yet, but I'd hate to lose this chip on my shoulder, lose the edge. The next horse that you run is the most important horse. Our motto around here is, 'Everything matters or nothing matters.' So don't lose that chip. We've got to keep it in front of us. We get tremendous opportunities and we respect them and want to make the most of them. Whenever Super Stock won, it was meant to be, so that's what we're looking for going into the Derby. It'll happen, if it's meant to be.”

Elsewhere on the show, the writers reacted to the weekend's big races and handicapped all five participants' chances to win the Writers' Room Derby Chase fantasy 3-year-old contest. In the **West Point Thoroughbreds** news segment, they lamented yet another slap-on-the-wrist fine for a trainer with a drug positive and lauded Indiana Grand's decision to broadcast video explanations for all of its steward decisions. And, in welcoming new sponsor the **Minnesota Racehorse Engagement Project**, they talked about *TDN*'s most-read story of the week, which featured trainer Joe Orseno railing against the Lasix ban in stakes races. [Click here to watch the podcast](#); [click here for the audio-only version](#).

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Charlie LoPresti & MGSW Successful Dan, half brother to two-time HOY Wise Dan, at LoPresti's farm | *Christie DeBernadis*

**CHARLES LOPRESTI RETIRES**

Trainer Charlie LoPresti, who conditioned Morton Fink's Wise Dan (Wiseman's Ferry) to consecutive victories in the GI Breeders' Cup Mile and Horse of the Year titles in 2012 and 2013, told *Daily Racing Form* that he is retired from training.

A New York native, LoPresti began training horses in 1993 and fully 16 years later was represented by his first winner at the graded level when Successful Dan (Successful Appeal), a Fink-owned and -bred son of Lisa Danielle (Wolf Power {SAF}) won the GIII Northern Dancer S. His half-brother Wise Dan had his graded-stakes breakthrough in Keeneland's GIII Phoenix S. in 2010 and would go on to become the defining horse of LoPresti's 27-year career. Having won the Phoenix on the Polytrack, Wise Dan belied odds of 14-1 to win the GII Firecracker H. when making his turf debut in 2011. Highlighting his versatility, he added the GI Clark H. over the Churchill main track to conclude his 4-year-old campaign.



LoPresti with Wise Dan at Saratoga | *Horsephotos*

The best was yet to come for Wise Dan, who won the GI Woodbine Mile, GI Shadwell Turf Mile and Breeders' Cup Mile for the first of his two Horse of the Year titles in 2012. He retained his brilliance at the age of six, winning the GI Turf Classic over nine furlongs before successfully defending his title in the Woodbine Mile and Breeders' Cup Mile. He was denied a perfect season when runner-up in the off-turf Shadwell. Wise Dan was a perfect four-for-four at age seven in 2014, winning the Shadwell for the second time, but he missed a three-peat attempt at the Breeders' Cup Mile and was retired with 23 wins from 31 runs and earnings of \$7.5 million.

Other graded winners trained by LoPresti included GISWs Turallure (Wando) and Here Comes Ben (Street Cry {Ire}).

LoPresti saddled his final runner last October and retires with 310 winners from 2,205 starters and stable earnings of better than \$20 million.

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## FOURTH PURSE INCREASE FOR TAMPA AT THIS MEET

Beginning with Wednesday's card, Tampa Bay Downs will increase purses by 10% due to continued gains in simulcast revenue. It marks the fourth time purses have been upped during the 2020-21 meeting, which opened Nov. 25 and will continue to May 2, with previous boosts occurring Dec. 16, Feb. 3, and Feb. 20.

"The latest increase is a tribute to our horsemen who strive to deliver a quality product, the racing office for its efforts to provide competitive racing with full fields, and fans around the country who continue to flock to our signal," said Peter Berube, Tampa Bay's vice president and general manager.

According to the Oldsmar track, purses for each race will increase by \$3,000 from their previous levels. Maiden special weights have been raised to \$29,000, which includes \$1,000 per race from the Florida Owners' Awards program.

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## IMPORTANCE OF TRACEABILITY HIGHLIGHTED AT IFAR CONFERENCE

The International Forum for the Aftercare of Racehorses (IFAR) continued its 2021 virtual series Tuesday with presentations on aftercare perspectives from racing administrators and regulators representing Australia, New Zealand, the U.K. and the U.S. This session is the second in a series of four webinars that comprise the 2021 IFAR Conference.

Tuesday's session was moderated by Australia-based broadcaster Caroline Searcy, and the panelist group consisted of Aidan Butler, chief operating officer, 1/ST Racing and president, 1/ST Content (U.S.); Martin Burns, general manager, Welfare & Sustainability, New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing; Simon Cooper, director, Weatherbys, General Stud Book (U.K.); and Dr. Anna Smet, animal welfare manager, Racing and Wagering Western Australia (RWAA).

All four speakers discussed the traceability measures that their organizations use or have developed to keep track of racehorses throughout their lives. Additionally, they suggested that having a dedicated individual or resource to contact through an administrative or regulatory body was an instrumental part of driving change toward prioritizing aftercare.

Butler talked about the efforts of 1/ST Racing to track horses

at their racing facilities and to coordinate with accredited aftercare organizations to place horses that need homes.

Burns discussed the aftercare landscape in New Zealand and the increased investment in traceability measures in that jurisdiction, where the "culture of compliance" on the importance of submitting this data is developing. He also emphasized how effective aftercare practices, including stories of post-racing successes, are part of the strategy of repelling anti-racing sentiment.

Cooper lauded the benefits of the Weatherbys e-passport over paper documentation, which he described as the key barrier to effective traceability. The digital passport enables immediate documentation of major events in a horse's life, from an owner change and traveling to notification of retirement and vaccinations. Cooper believes that documentation of these events in a horse's life should be mandatory and be submitted to a horse's records within a certain time frame of their occurrence.

Smet described the racehorse welfare plan established by RWAA in 2019, which has resulted in the creation of the Off-the-Track WA Retraining Program and a digital passport to track horses. The goal of the retraining program is to complement established pathways for rehoming post-racing and to provide an alternate option for horses that are not selected by retrainers or sold/gifted easily, such as those in remote locations.

The third session of the 2021 IFAR is scheduled for Apr. 20 and titled, "Global Insights on Aftercare (Aftercare Providers, Equine Charities)."

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**Friday, Keeneland, post time: 5:30 p.m. EDT**

**BAIRD DOUBLEDOGDARE S.-GIII, \$100,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Royal Flag	Candy Ride (Arg)	W.S. Farish	Brown	Rosario	118
2	High Regard 🐾	Will Take Charge	G. Watts Humphrey, Jr.	Oliver	Bejarano	118
3	Graceful Princess	Tapit Whisper Hill Farm, LLC	Pletcher	Saez	118	
4	Eres Tu	Malibu Moon	Seltzer, Edward A. and Anderson, Beverly S.	Delacour	Gaffalione	120
5	Bonny South	Munnings	Juddmonte	Cox	Geroux	118
6	Speech	Mr Speaker	Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners, Madaket Stables and Heider Family Stables	McCarthy	Castellano	118
7	Bajan Girl 🐾	Speightstown	Slack, Robert and Walters, Daniel	Crichton	Lanerie	118

**Breeders:** 1-W. S. Farish, 2-Coteau Grove Farms, LLC, 3-Whisper Hill Farm, LLC, 4-Edward A. Seltzer & Beverly Anderson, 5-Juddmonte Farms Inc, 6-Gail Rice, 7-St. Elias Stables, LLC

**Saturday, Oaklawn, post time: 7:09 p.m. EDT**

**APPLE BLOSSOM H.-GI, \$1,000,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Another Broad 🐾	Include	Farfellow Farm, Ltd.	Asmussen	Santana, Jr.	115
2	Swiss Skydiver 🐾	Daredevil	Peter J. Callahan	McPeck	Albarado	122
3	Letruska	Super Saver	St. George Stable LLC	Gutierrez	Ortiz, Jr.	118
4	Chance to Shine 🐾	Morning Line	Peggy Thompson	Hartman	Tohill	114
5	Getridofwhataileu	Ghostzapper	The Elkstone Group, LLC	Cox	Arrieta	117
6	Monomoy Girl 🐾	Tapizar	My Racehorse Stable, Spendthrift Farm & Madaket Stables	Cox	Geroux	124

**Breeders:** 1-Fitzhugh, LLC, 2-WinStar Farm, LLC, 3-St George Stables, 4-Ledgeland LLC & Beatrice Ingham, 5-Calumet Farm, 6-FPF LLC & Highfield Ranch

**Saturday, Oaklawn, post time: 5:49 p.m. EDT**

**OAKLAWN H.-GII, \$1,000,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/8m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Silver State 🐾	Hard Spun	Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC and Willis Horton Racing LLC	Asmussen	Santana, Jr.	118
2	Express Train 🐾	Union Rags	C R K Stable LLC	Shirreffs	Hernandez	122
3	Fearless 🐾	Ghostzapper	WinStar Farm LLC and CHC INC.	Pletcher	Ortiz, Jr.	119
4	Warrior's Charge	Munnings	Ten Strike Racing and Madaket Stables LLC	Cox	Gonzalez	118
5	Guest Suite	Quality Road	Contreras Stable Inc. and Victory Stables, LLC	Contreras	Arrieta	115
6	Owendale 🐾	Into Mischief	Rupp Racing	Cox	Geroux	119
7	Rated R Superstar	Kodiak Kowboy	Danny R. Caldwell	Villafranco	Vazquez	116
8	Silver Prospector 🐾	Declaration of War	Orr, Ed and Orr, Susie	Asmussen	Cabrera	116

**Breeders:** 1-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC, 2-Dixiana Farms LLC, 3-Helen K. Groves Revocable Trust, 4-Al Shaquab Racing, 5-W. S. Farish & Kilroy Thoroughbred Partnership, 6-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings, LLC, 7-Thorndale Stable L.L.C., 8-Hargus Sexton, Sandra Sexton & Silver Fern Farm, LLC



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**Saturday, Keeneland, post time: 5:30 p.m. EDT**

**ELKHORN S.-GII, \$200,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/2mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Cross Border 🌿	English Channel	Three Diamonds Farm	Maker	Gaffalione	120
2	Say the Word	More Than Ready	Agave Racing Stable and Sam-Son Farm	D'Amato	Saez	123
3	Crafty Daddy 🌿	Scat Daddy	Lucky Seven Stable	McPeck	Hernandez, Jr.	118
4	Epic Bromance	Kitten's Joy	Epic Racing	Casse	Landeros	118
5	Monarchs Glen (GB) 🌿	Frankel (GB)	Michael M. Hui	Maker	Rosario	118
6	Tide of the Sea 🌿	English Channel	Three Diamonds Farm	Maker	Corrales	118
7	North Dakota	Medaglia d'Oro	Joseph Allen LLC	McGaughey III	Velazquez	118
8	FantasiOSO (Arg)	Strategic Prince (GB)	Bloom Racing Stable LLC and I. C. Racing LLC	Correas, IV	Bejarano	118
9	Channel Cat	English Channel	Calumet Farm	Sisterson	Lanerie	118
10	Red Knight	Pure Prize	Trinity Farm	Mott	Graham	118

**Breeders:** 1-Berkshire Stud & B. D. Gibbs, 2-Sam-Son Farm, 3-Edward A. Cox, Jr., 4-Kenneth L. Ramsey & Sarah K. Ramsey, 5-Juddmonte Farms Ltd, 6-Juddmonte Farms Inc, 7-Joseph Allen, LLC., 8-Luther Eduardo Carlos, 9-Calumet Farm, 10-Trinity Farm, LLC

**Saturday, Santa Anita, post time: 7:30 p.m. EDT**

**CALIFORNIAN S.-GII, \$200,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/8m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Growth Engine 🌿	Tapit	Hronis Racing LLC	Sadler	Baze	122
2	Magic On Tap	Tapit	Summer Wind Equine	Baffert	Rispoli	122
3	Country Grammer 🌿	Tonalist	WinStar Farm LLC	Baffert	Cedillo	124
4	Royal Ship (Brz)	Midshipman	Fox Hill Farms, Inc. and Siena Farm LLC	Mandella	Smith	122
5	Independence Hall 🌿	Constitution	Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners, Twin Creeks Racing Stables, LLC, WinStar Farm, LLC, Kathleen & Robert Veratti	McCarthy	Prat	122

**Breeders:** 1-Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC, 2-Summer Wind Equine, 3-Scott Pierce & Debbie Pierce, 4-Haras Belmont, 5-Woodford Thoroughbreds

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Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	<b>Into Mischief</b> (2005) by Harlan's Holiday Crops: 10	5	11	3	6	--	1	73	29	270,000	2,513,371
				Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY Fee: \$225,000						Mandaloun	
2	<b>Tapit</b> (2001) by Pulpit Crops: 14	3	6	3	4	--	1	32	8	930,000	2,384,202
				Stands: Gainesway Farm KY Fee: \$185,000						Essential Quality	
3	<b>Curlin</b> (2004) by Smart Strike Crops: 10	5	9	4	7	2	2	32	11	467,100	1,729,629
				Stands: Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa KY Fee: \$175,000						Known Agenda	
4	<b>Street Sense</b> (2004) by Street Cry (Ire) Crops: 11	4	4	2	3	--	1	36	6	856,600	1,454,816
				Stands: Darley KY Fee: \$60,000						Concert Tour	
5	<b>Dialed In</b> (2008) by Mineshaft Crops: 6	1	4	1	2	1	1	47	16	650,000	1,437,849
				Stands: Darby Dan Farm KY Fee: \$15,000						Super Stock	
6	<b>Oxbow</b> (2010) by Awesome Again Crops: 5	1	2	1	1	--	--	39	12	622,000	1,018,337
				Stands: Calumet Farm KY Fee: \$7,500						Hot Rod Charlie	
7	<b>Union Rags</b> (2009) by Dixie Union Crops: 6	2	4	--	3	--	--	43	12	185,720	1,005,365
				Stands: Lane's End Farm KY Fee: \$30,000						Dynamic One	
8	<b>Constitution</b> (2011) by Tapit Crops: 3	1	3	--	1	--	--	39	15	130,000	946,104
				Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$85,000						Hidden Stash	
9	<b>Candy Ride (Arg)</b> (1999) by Ride the Rails Crops: 14	2	2	2	2	1	1	31	9	450,000	927,993
				Stands: Lane's End Farm KY Fee: \$75,000						Rock Your World	
10	<b>Flatter</b> (1999) by A.P. Indy Crops: 15	3	4	2	4	--	1	22	6	299,000	860,022
				Stands: Claiborne Farm KY Fee: \$35,000						Search Results	
11	<b>Pioneerof the Nile</b> (2006) by Empire Maker Crops: 9	1	3	1	3	--	--	34	9	260,260	840,875
				Stands: WinStar Farm USA (Dead/Ret)						Hozier	
12	<b>Frosted</b> (2012) by Tapit Crops: 2	1	2	1	2	--	--	47	10	300,000	799,688
				Stands: Darley KY Fee: \$25,000						Travel Column	
13	<b>Maclean's Music</b> (2008) by Distorted Humor Crops: 6	1	2	1	2	--	--	33	9	273,950	786,700
				Stands: Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa KY Fee: \$25,000						Drain the Clock	
14	<b>Munnings</b> (2006) by Speightstown Crops: 8	1	4	--	1	--	--	40	12	110,400	709,227
				Stands: Ashford Stud KY Fee: \$40,000						Name Rejected	
15	<b>Hard Spun</b> (2004) by Danzig Crops: 11	1	1	--	1	--	1	36	11	320,000	702,181
				Stands: Darley KY Fee: \$35,000						Caddo River	

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**IN ORDER OF PURSE:**

**5th-Keeneland, \$79,735, Alw, 4-14, (NW1X), 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8m (off turf), 1:52.73, sy, 3 1/4 lengths.**

**STAND TALL (f, 4, Uncle Mo--Raise the Flag, by Awesome Again)** needed five tries to get off the mark, and finally accomplished the feat going 9 1/2 furlongs over Keeneland's turf course last July. Fifth next time in the Dueling Grounds Oaks at Kentucky Downs Sept. 10, the 4-year-old rounded out the season with a distant fifth in an 11-furlong Churchill allowance Oct. 28. Sent off at 5-1 in this four-horse, off-turf affair, the bay settled just behind pacesetter Linnny Kate (**Tonalist**) through opening fractions of :23.85 and :47.88. Inching ahead between horses leaving the backstretch, Stand Tall shook clear at the eighth pole and had enough left late to hold off Peter's Kitten (**Kitten's Joy**) by 3 1/4 lengths at the wire. The winner's dam, Raise the Flag, produced a filly by **Mastery** in 2019 followed by an **Honor Code** filly last term. The daughter of multiple Grade I winning My Flag (Easy Goer) and half-sister to champion juvenile filly Storm Flag Flying (Storm Cat) was bred back to **Mastery**. This is the family of undefeated champion Personal Ensign. Sales history: \$320,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 8-2-0-2, \$128,895. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.**

O-G. Watts Humphrey, Jr. & Ashbrook Farm; B-Pursuit of Success LLC (KY); T-George R. Arnold, II.



**Uncle Mo**, sire of Keeneland winner Stand Tall | *Coolmore*

**7th-Keeneland, \$61,690, Alw, 4-14, (NW3\$X), 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m (off turf), 1:44.61, sy, nose.**

**HIS GLORY (f, 4, Mineshaft--Glorious Sky, by Aldebaran)**, runner-up for Tom Amoss in the GII Pocahontas S. at two, was claimed for \$50,000 by MyRacehorse at Churchill last May and turned over to Joe Sharp. For her new connections, she won one more race in 2020, a one-mile off turf allowance here in October. Seventh in the Phippen S. over Oaklawn's main track Jan. 23, she finished off the board in her two latest starts, including the most recent a 10-place finish in the Tom Benson Memorial S. over the Fair Grounds turf Mar. 20. Sent off at even-money against two others in this off-turf affair, His Glory kept Final Cut (Gemologist) in her sights early, took over with a quarter mile left to go and held on late to hold off favored Joy Epifora (Arg) (Fortify) by a nose at the wire. Final Cut was 7 1/2 lengths farther back in third. Glorious Sky is also responsible for a yearling filly by Verrazano and was bred back to **Malibu Moon**. This is the family of juvenile champion **Classic Empire** (Pioneer of the Nile). Sales history: \$52,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: GSP, 19-5-3-1, \$232,665. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.**

O-MyRacehorse.com; B-Farm III Enterprises LLC (FL); T-Joe Sharp.



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**His Glory** winning at Keeneland Wednesday | *Coady*



**IN ORDER OF PURSE:**

**4th-Keeneland, \$58,810, Msw, 4-14, 2yo, 4 1/2f, :51.35, sy, 2 1/4 lengths.**

**NAKATOMI (g, 2, Firing Line--Applelicious, by Flatter)**, sent off at 5-2 for this unveiling, was hustled to the front alongside stablemate Happy Soul (**Runhappy**) and the duo quickly scooted away from the rest of the field. Well clear turning for home, the sole filly in the bunch held a two-length advantage over Nakatomi in early stretch, but that margin dwindled through the length of the lane. Grabbing the lead past the sixteenth pole, the chestnut gelding cruised home a 2 1/4-length winner over Happy Soul, completing the Wesley Ward exacta. It was 12 lengths back to Atta Boy Anthony (Karun {Ven}) in third. Sales history: \$18,000 Wlg '19 KEENOV; \$25,000 Ylg '20 FTKOCT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$36,000. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.**

O-Marc Detampel; B-Arnold Zetcher LLC & Crestwood Farm (KY); T-Wesley A. Ward.

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**5th-Indiana Grand, \$31,000, Msw, 4-14, 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:06.31, ft, 3 1/2 lengths.**

**DARK HONEY (f, 3, Astrology--Oaks Lily {SP}, by Badge of Silver)**, tiring to ninth sprinting six furlongs over Turfway's synthetic surface Mar. 27, was sent off at 5-2 to do better on the traditional dirt.



**Dark Honey | Coady**

Up to challenge Khozys Crown (Khozan) through a :22.98 quarter, the bay took over on the far turn, extended her lead into the stretch and was ridden out late en route to a 3 1/2-length score over favored firster Win Or Cellar (Strong Mandate). The winner is a half to Yarek (Drosselmeyer), GSW & G1SP-Per. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$18,857. **Click for the Equibase.com chart.**

O-Arnaldo Monge; B-Kings & Queens Farm (KY); T-Rey Hernandez.

**3rd-Mahoning Valley, \$20,000, Msw, 4-14, 3yo, f, 5f, 1:01.92, ft, 3/4 length.**

**GOLDEN TEMPLE (f, 3, Temple City--Saint Midas, by Touch Gold)**, let go at 46-1, broke slowly and was well back for the majority of the running. Picking up ground down the center of the stretch, the filly collared Awesome Wonder (Uncaptured) in the final strides to graduate by 3/4 of a length. The winner's dam, Saint Midas, is out of GSP Saint Bernadette, a half-sister to Grade I-placed Social Inclusion.

Sales history: \$1,500 Ylg '19 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$12,000. **Click for the Equibase.com chart.**  
O-Strike Plate LLC; B-New Dawn Stable, LLC (KY); T-Danny R. Bird.

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*2021 Stud Fees Listed*

**Astern (Aus) (Medaglia d'Oro)**, Darley, \$7,500  
83 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners  
1-Keeneland, Msw 4 1/2f, Van Sickle, 15-1  
\$1,700 RNA KEE NOV wnl

**Klimt (Quality Road)**, Darby Dan Farm, \$10,000  
152 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners  
1-Keeneland, Msw 4 1/2f, Royal County, 5-1  
\$10,000 KEE SEP yrl

**Lord Nelson (Pulpit)**, Spendthrift Farm, \$10,000  
74 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners  
1-Keeneland, Msw 4 1/2f, Our Lady Nelson, 4-1  
\$40,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$95,000 OBS MAR 2yo

**SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: THURSDAY, APRIL 15**

*2021 Stud Fees Listed*

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

178 foals of racing age/27 winners/0 black-type winners  
8-Keeneland, Alw 6f, Choctaw Bingo, 15-1

**Brody's Cause** (Giant's Causeway), Spendthrift Farm, \$5,000

141 foals of racing age/10 winners/2 black-type winners  
3-Gulfstream, Msw 5Ft, Rave On, 20-1  
\$22,000 RNA KEE NOV wnl; \$27,000 OBS OCT yrl; \$80,000 OBS WIN 3yo

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

158 foals of racing age/11 winners/1 black-type winner  
8-Aqueduct, Msw 6f, Runaway Rumour, 7-2

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

238 foals of racing age/26 winners/2 black-type winners  
8-Keeneland, Alw 6f, Inject, 3-1  
\$390,000 KEE SEP yrl  
8-Aqueduct, Msw 6f, Write This Down, 8-1  
\$150,000 SAR AUG yrl

**Golden Years** (Not For Love), O'Sullivan Farms, \$1,500

25 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners  
1-Charles Town, Alw 6 1/2f, Mady Rose, 8-5

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

204 foals of racing age/38 winners/5 black-type winners  
6-Aqueduct, Aoc 7f, Secret Love, 9-2  
\$19,000 OBS OCT yrl; \$270,000 OBS OPN 2yo

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

211 foals of racing age/27 winners/3 black-type winners  
8-Keeneland, Alw 6f, R Working Girl, 5-2  
\$100,000 KEE SEP yrl

**Speightster (Speightstown)**, WinStar Farm, \$10,000

228 foals of racing age/30 winners/2 black-type winners  
2-Delta Downs, Alw 7f, Greatest Love, 7-5  
\$130,000 KEE SEP yrl  
8-Aqueduct, Msw 6f, Handle the Truth, 15-1  
\$27,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$15,000 OBS OCT yrl  
1-Charles Town, Alw 6 1/2f, Najwa, 5-1  
\$95,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$125,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$10,000 FTK FEB 2yo  
2-Aqueduct, Msw 6f, Sheriff Bianco, 2-1  
\$135,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$120,000 KEE SEP yrl

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

167 foals of racing age/31 winners/1 black-type winner  
2-Aqueduct, Msw 6f, Napoleon Complex, 50-1  
\$27,000 OBS APR 2yo  
8-Aqueduct, Msw 6f, Shamalamadingdong, 6-1  
\$100,000 SAR AUG yrl

**War Dancer (War Front)**, Irish Hill & Dutchess Views Stallions,

\$7,500  
128 foals of racing age/7 winners/1 black-type winner  
2-Aqueduct, Msw 6f, War Terminator, 8-1



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ADDITIONAL RACING

**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

**10th-Parx Racing, \$43,054, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$35,000), 4-14, 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:16.38, ft, 1 3/4 lengths.**

**WAR TOCSIN (g, 5, Violence--Being Anna, by Aldebaran)**  
Lifetime Record: 28-3-5-2, \$171,783. O-Trin-Brook Stables, Inc.; B-Hare Forest Farm, Ltd. (KY); T-Uriah St. Lewis. \*\$14,000 RNA Ylg '17 KEESEP; \$11,000 2yo '18 EASDEC.

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**Allowance Results cont.**

**9th-Delta Downs, \$42,000, (S), 4-14, (NW3L), 3yo/up, 5f, :58.90, my, 3/4 length.**

**BLACK SWORD (g, 4, Awesome Sword--Black Mariah, by Devil His Due)** Lifetime Record: 6-3-0-0, \$61,800. O-Treanor MD LLC; B-Margie Averett (LA); T-Ronnie Averett. \*1/2 to Mariah's Galaxy (Greeley's Galaxy), MSW, \$430,985.

**6th-Delta Downs, \$41,000, (S), 4-14, (NW2L), 3yo, 6 1/2f, 1:21.68, my, 2 1/2 lengths.**

**MORRICONE (c, 3, Lone Star Special--Empress Hatshepsut, by Don't Get Mad)** Lifetime Record: 8-2-2-1, \$62,625. O-Rowdy Morris; B-Tigertail Ranch (LA); T-Rowdy Morris. \*\$3,500 Ylg '19 ESLYRL.

**6th-Mahoning Valley, \$35,500, (S), 4-14, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:13.06, ft, 3/4 length.**

**MO DONT NO (g, 8, Uncle Mo--Lilah {GSW, \$510,248}, by Defrere)** Lifetime Record: MSW, 51-21-13-4, \$1,121,910. O-Irish

Charm Thoroughbreds LLC and Laria, Jerry; B-Beechwood Racing Stable (OH); T-Gary L. Johnson. \*\$50,000 Ylg '14 KEESEP. \*\*1/2 to Big Blue Nation (Bluegrass Cat), GISP, \$240,068; 1/2 to Takechargedelilah (**Take Charge Indy**), SW, \$260,390.

**3rd-Indiana Grand, \$32,500, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$18,000), 4-14, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:13.18, ft, neck.**

**TAP N SWAY (f, 4, Tapiture--Attempt to Name, by Consolidator)** Lifetime Record: 15-3-5-1, \$89,402. O-Liz Klopp; B-Wynnstay LLC, Donna Moore & Jim Richardson (KY); T-Randy L. Klopp. \*1/2 to Gray Attempt (Graydar), MSW, \$298,417.



**1st-Mahoning Valley, \$30,500, (S), 4-14, (NW2X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:43.25, ft, neck.**

**BALLROOM BLITZ (f, 3, Alternation--Tangueray Miss {SP}, by Cowboy Cal)** Lifetime Record: SP, 7-3-1-1, \$73,000. O-Marion F. Gorham; B-R Gorham & Mast Thoroughbreds LLC (OH); T-Robert M. Gorham.



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**4th-Mahoning Valley, \$29,000, (S), 4-14, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:14.75, ft, 3/4 length.**

**RUN BUBBA RUN (g, 3, Tidal Volume--Positive Thinker, by Storm Boot)** Lifetime Record: 10-2-1-3, \$50,426. O-Smith Red Gate Farm, LLC; B-Hal Snowden (OH); T-Larry E. Smith.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Ninja Kitten, f, 3, Big Blue Kitten--Nieve, by English Channel.** Indiana Grand, 4-14, 5 1/2f, 1:06.66. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$18,950. B-Calumet Farm (KY). \*\$4,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP; \$67,000 2yo '20 OBSOPN.

**Scarlett's Jack, g, 3, Jack Milton--Hen Party, by Hennessy.** Will Rogers Downs, 4-14, 1m, 1:40.70. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$12,032. B-Glendalough LLC (KY). \*\$5,000 Wlg '18 KEENOV. \*\*1/2 to Vanderkaay (**Malibu Moon**), SW, \$100,014.

**Sky Judge, g, 3, Sahara Sky--Wrenice (MSW, \$496,721), by Uncle Abbie.** Indiana Grand, 4-14, (S), 5f, :59.98. Lifetime Record: 6-1-0-0, \$22,910. B-Samuel & William Martin Trust. Edmund W Martin Trustee (IN). \*1/2 to Right Lane Lukasz (**Temple City**), MSP, \$159,178.

**Race Craft, c, 3, Street Sense--Cheeky Charm, by A.P. Indy.** Delta Downs, 4-14, 6 1/2f, 1:20.65. Lifetime Record: 9-1-3-2, \$54,537. B-Calumet Farm (KY).

**High Fashion, f, 3, Union Rags--Miracle Run, by Street Cry (Ire).** Keeneland, 4-14, (C), 1 1/16m, 1:45.23. Lifetime Record: 6-1-1-0, \$28,011. B-G. Watts Humphrey Jr. & W. S. Farish (KY).

**Gospel Carlotta, f, 4, Gospel Tiz Key--Nikimoto, by Macho Uno.** Will Rogers Downs, 4-14, (S), 6f, 1:13.52. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-1, \$18,448. B-Steve Williams (OK).

**Mighty Contender, g, 4, Strong Contender--Sue City Slew, by Slew City Slew.** Indiana Grand, 4-14, (S), 5f, 1:00.58. Lifetime Record: 7-1-0-1, \$27,355. B-R Star Stallions, Kerry Hopper & Jesse Hopper (IN). \*\$3,100 Ylg '18 INDMIX.



**Alternation, Ballroom Blitz, f, 3, o/o Tangueray Miss, by Cowboy Cal.** ALW, 4-14, Mahoning Valley

**Astrology, Dark Honey, f, 3, o/o Oaks Lily, by Badge of Silver.** MSW, 4-14, Indiana Grand

**Awesome Sword, Black Sword, g, 4, o/o Black Mariah, by Devil His Due.** ALW, 4-14, Delta Downs

**Big Blue Kitten, Ninja Kitten, f, 3, o/o Nieve, by English Channel.** MSW, 4-14, Indiana Grand

**Firing Line, Nakatomi, g, 2, o/o Applelicious, by Flatter.** MSW, 4-14, Keeneland

**Gospel Tiz Key, Gospel Carlotta, f, 4, o/o Nikimoto, by Macho Uno.** MSW, 4-14, Will Rogers

**Jack Milton, Scarlett's Jack, g, 3, o/o Hen Party, by Hennessy.** MSW, 4-14, Will Rogers

**Lone Star Special, Morricone, c, 3, o/o Empress Hatshepsut, by Don't Get Mad.** ALW, 4-14, Delta Downs

**Mineshaft, His Glory, f, 4, o/o Glorious Sky, by Aldebaran.** ALW, 4-14, Keeneland

**Sahara Sky, Sky Judge, g, 3, o/o Wrenice, by Uncle Abbie.** MSW, 4-14, Indiana Grand

**Street Sense, Race Craft, c, 3, o/o Cheeky Charm, by A.P. Indy.** MSW, 4-14, Delta Downs

**Strong Contender, Mighty Contender, g, 4, o/o Sue City Slew, by Slew City Slew.** MSW, 4-14, Indiana Grand

**Tapiture, Tap N Sway, f, 4, o/o Attempt to Name, by Consolidator.** AOC, 4-14, Indiana Grand

**Temple City, Golden Temple, f, 3, o/o Saint Midas, by Touch Gold.** MSW, 4-14, Mahoning Valley

**Tidal Volume, Run Bubba Run, g, 3, o/o Positive Thinker, by Storm Boot.** ALW, 4-14, Mahoning Valley

**Uncle Mo, Mo Dont No, g, 8, o/o Lilah, by Defrere.** ALW, 4-14, Mahoning Valley

**Uncle Mo, Stand Tall, f, 4, o/o Raise the Flag, by Awesome Again.** ALW, 4-14, Keeneland

**Union Rags, High Fashion, f, 3, o/o Miracle Run, by Street Cry (Ire).** MCL, 4-14, Keeneland

**Violence, War Tocsin, g, 5, o/o Being Anna, by Aldebaran.** AOC, 4-14, Parx Racing



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Lot 143, a colt by **Caravaggio**, topped Wednesday's session  
Tattersalls

by Chris McGrath

NEWMARKET, UK—"That's what I love about this place," one shopper complained on Tuesday afternoon as a consignor extolled the virtues of the horse being paraded before him. "There's never any bad news."

Well, he must have spent the last year under a rock. Pretty universally, all that anyone in the European industry sought from the new breeze-up cycle at Newmarket this week was a renewed sense of stability. And, while the closing session of the Craven Sale at Tattersalls proved somewhat tougher going for vendors than the first day, there remained plenty of encouragement.

Last year, Tattersalls eventually put together a diminished Craven Sale the week after Royal Ascot. So direct comparisons are pretty pointless. But while average and median at the second session dipped to 70,116gns and 60,000gns respectively, for as many as 56 sold from 61 into the ring, the aggregate performance of this auction definitely felt like something to build on. Above all, the clearance rate—92% yesterday, 88% overall—was giddy even by the standards we learned to expect in the unnerving trading environment of 2020. A two-day median of 68,000gns put the market within hailing distance of the 70,000-77,500gns range achieved through four of the first five years of the bull run that started in 2014. The average of 85,897gns, on the other hand, has more ground to recover on consistent six-figure yields through that period. [Cont. p2](#)

## A SACRED MOMENT

One of the most exposed of the fillies gathered for Wednesday's G3 Lanwades Stud Nell Gwyn S. at Newmarket, Cheveley Park Stud's **Sacred (GB)** (Exceed and Excel {Aus}) was nevertheless totally unexposed at this seven-furlong trip and showed more than adequate stamina combined with decisive speed to prevail. Switched off towards the rear by Ryan Moore, the 6-1 shot was delivered up the far rail passing halfway but needed a gap heading down into the "dip". Slicing between rivals as soon as the chance appeared, the homebred, who was runner-up in three Group 2s last term, cut down **Saffron Beach (Ire)** (New Bay {GB}) with a furlong remaining en route to a 3/4-of-a-length success, with the 11-4 favourite **Love Is You (Ire)** (Kingman {GB}) 1 1/2 lengths away in third.

"Her work has been very slick this spring and I think the ground is important to her, quick ground is a must," trainer William Haggas said. "She got the trip well and if the ground is fast, we'll be coming back here on Guineas day. It's a bit of a no-brainer for me."

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## IN TDN AMERICA TODAY

### POTTS IDENTIFIES HORSES WHO DIED IN BARN FIRE

Following a barn fire at Belmont Park on Tuesday evening, trainer Wayne Potts identified the two horses who had died from his stable. [Click or tap here to go straight to TDN America.](#)



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**TATTERSALLS CRAVEN BREEZE UP SALE**

SESSION TOTALS	2021	
• Catalogued	85	
• Number Offered	61	
• Number Sold	56	
• Not Sold	5	
• Clearance Rate	92%	
• High Price	240,000gns	
• Gross	3,923,500gns	
• Average (% change)	70,062gns	
• Median (% change)	60,000gns	
CUMULATIVE	2021	2020
• Catalogued	169	154
• Number Offered	137	84
• Number Sold	121	70
• Not Sold	16	14
• Clearance Rate	88%	83%
• High Price	360,000gns	575,000gns
• Gross	10,408,500gns	6,649,500gns
• Average (% change)	86,021gns (-9%)	94,933gns
• Median (% change)	68,000gns (+11%)	61,000gns

**Tattersalls Craven Cont. from p1**

But at least the rollercoaster seems to be levelling out—and we know that the breeze-up specialists are a resilient lot.

Edmond Mahony, the Tattersalls chairman, took heart at the end of proceedings—being especially pleased with the reception of the £250,000 Royal Ascot/Group 1 bonus introduced this year, to supplement the £15,000 Craven bonus scheme.

"It is clear that owners have embraced these unprecedented bonuses," Mahony said. "We have seen solid and diverse demand at all levels of the market from start to finish, producing the best Craven Breeze-Up clearance rate since 2000 and key indicators which have held up well, especially when taken in the context of the COVID-related challenges and restrictions which we are all still grappling with, and which continue to hinder international travel.

"Nevertheless, to hear consistently positive feedback from owners, trainers, agents and consignors about the bonuses has been gratifying, and reinforces our commitment to exploring as many innovative ways as possible to reward owners who buy at Tattersalls with extra prizemoney. There is no doubt that we will see plenty of this crop of Craven Breeze-Up graduates performing at a high level and it would be even more pleasing than usual if the Royal Ascot and Group 1 bonuses were won in the coming months." **Cont. p3**

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- ORDER OF AUSTRALIA** 1<sup>st</sup> Breeders' Cup Mile-Gr.1
- BROOME** 1<sup>st</sup> Derrinstown Stud Derby Trial Stakes-Gr.2
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- 1<sup>st</sup> Devoy Stakes-L.R. **in 2021**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere-Gr.1 at 2 years
- CAYENNE PEPPER** 1<sup>st</sup> Blandford Stakes-Gr.2
- 1<sup>st</sup> Flame Of Tara Stakes-Gr.3 at 2 years
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Irish Oaks-Gr.1
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Pretty Polly Stakes-Gr.1
- LEO DE FURY** 1<sup>st</sup> Mooresbridge Stakes-Gr.2
- SIR RON PRIESTLEY** 1<sup>st</sup> March Stakes-Gr.3
- 1<sup>st</sup> Barry Hills Further Flight Stakes-L.R. **in 2021**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> St Leger Stakes-Gr.1
- COUNTERPARTY RISK** 1<sup>st</sup> Endeavour Stakes-Gr.3 **in 2021**
- BANGKOK** 1<sup>st</sup> Sandown Classic Trial-Gr.3
- 1<sup>st</sup> Winter Derby Trial Stakes-L.R. (twice) incl. **in 2021**
- EPONA PLAYS** 1<sup>st</sup> Park Express Stakes-Gr.3 **in 2021**
- 1<sup>st</sup> Denny Cordell Lavarack & Lanwades Stud Filles Stakes-Gr.3
- PATRICK SANSFIELD** 1<sup>st</sup> Meld Stakes-Gr.3
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Grosser Dallmayr-Preis-Gr.1
- OODNADATTA** 3<sup>rd</sup> Moyglare Stakes-Gr.1 at 2 years in 2020
- MARE AUSTRALIS** 2<sup>nd</sup> Prix d'Harcourt-Gr.2 **in 2021**
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### Tattersalls Craven Cont.

He continued, "Despite the prolonged difficulties with international travel, overseas buyers have again demonstrated their appetite for high class Tattersalls breeze-up 2-year-olds. Buyers from America, Bahrain, Dubai, France, Italy, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and Singapore have all been active, many of them using the live internet bidding platform. As well as paying tribute to the consignors, who have as ever presented an outstanding collection of 2-year-olds, we must again commend everyone for their patience with the regulations and determination to overcome the obstacles we continue to face. We are still having to conduct sales under strict guidelines, but as well as looking forward to the forthcoming Guineas Breeze-Up and Horses-in-Training Sale, we are also looking forward to returning to more normality in the not-too-distant future."

### Patience Rewards Yeomanstown's Roll of the Dice



Alastair Donald | Tattersalls

Yeomanstown Stud recorded two of the biggest sales of the session, albeit both had involved some pretty high stakes. If the yield was relatively conservative, that doesn't alter the fact that both were valued among the best prospects on offer.

Indeed, a glistening **Caravaggio** colt presented as **lot 143** registered the top price of the day at 240,000gns. A half-brother to Group 2-placed Wall Of Fire (Ire) (Canford Cliffs {Ire}) out of a daughter of G2 Cherry Hinton S. winner Jewel In The Sand (Ire) (Bluebird), he was bought in this ring for 155,000gns as a foal but that punt did not initially pay off when he was retained for 130,000gns at the October Sale. Patience was rewarded this time, however, with Alastair Donald identifying him to meet a pretty intriguing brief for this type of sale.

"He'll be going into pre-training here but has been bought for a new client to race in Hong Kong," the agent explained. "He's a lovely big horse with a nice pedigree." **Cont. p4**

## IN TDN AUS/NZ TODAY

TIME CALLED ON BIVOUAC'S CAREER

MG1SW **Bivouac (Aus)** (Exceed And Excel {Aus}) has been retired. **Click or tap here to go straight to TDN Aus/NZ.**



Mark McStay | Tattersalls

### Tattersalls Craven Cont.

He added, "The sire looks like he has got a very nice 2-year-old already and I did like the yearlings, they're particularly good walkers, and this horse's movement is very good. He breezed well for a big horse. They don't start racing until they are 3-year-olds in Hong Kong, so we didn't need a 'here-and-now' horse."

David O'Callaghan of Yeomanstown explained: "We brought him back to Book I, but it did not quite work out. He is a beautiful colt, breezed real well. He has a great attitude and hasn't missed a day."

The other project concluded by the farm concerned **lot 117**, a Night Of Thunder (Ire) colt out of listed-placed Vitoria (Ire) (Exceed And Excel {Aus}) bought as a Goffs November foal for €120,000. He realized 125,000gns from Mark McStay of Avenue Bloodstock, to enter training with Hugo Palmer.

"He was my pick of the sale," McStay said. "I am a massive fan of the stallion, ever since my time at Godolphin. I bought Storm Legend (Ire) at the breeze-ups last year [for £160,000 at the Goresbridge sale] and he was John Oxx's last winner first time out at Naas last autumn. And I remember the dam, she was pretty quick. That gave me a little bit of extra encouragement."

But so, too, did the grounding the colt has received. "This horse comes from a great farm," McStay stressed. "They do a super job, and he was recommended by David. He is a big, strong, mature horse, but wouldn't be one to pitch up at Royal Ascot. He'll be a horse that will take a bit more time, you'd love to see him run in the autumn. But he's an exciting horse and I'm thrilled to get him."

### A New Dream for Williams

Hometown trainer Stuart Williams had arrived with a spring in his step after saddling a daughter of **Oasis Dream (GB)** to win the opener up the road during the afternoon, his first ever

juvenile winner on the Rowley Mile. "A slightly dubious stat, to be fair," he protested with a smile. "Usually we can only really take them up there for the experience."

But while he may typically lack the kind of youngsters eligible to win maidens at that level, Williams is a good deal better resourced than many other trainers in ways that are arguably more precious yet. And the shrewd eye that had picked out Desert Dreamer (GB) for just 20,000gns in Book II last October was happily able to go as high as 150,000gns for **lot 96**, an Aclaim (Ire) half-brother to listed winner Lady Penelope (Ire) (Night Of Thunder {Ire}).

Williams was acting for Opulence Thoroughbreds, as when active at the March Sale recently improvised here. "I'm helping them with the buying but they do have other trainers so he's not 100% certain to come to me," he noted. "But he's a good strong horse, and athletic, and looks like he will be able to run as a 2-year-old. Unfortunately you have to pay plenty to get those."

The colt, from the same family of Charm Spirit (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), was picked up by consignors Tally-Ho Stud as a Goffs November foal for €95,000 and proved worth their perseverance after failing to meet his reserve at 68,000gns in Book I here last October.

Williams also gave 125,000gns for **lot 128**, a Dark Angel (Ire) half-brother to Group 3 winner Feliciano De Vega (GB) (Lope De Vega {Ire}) consigned by Church Farm and Horse Park Stud.

### Aguir Proves a 'Dab' Hand

One of the "touches" of the session concerned **lot 133**, a Dabirsim (Fr) colt picked up by consignor Robson Aguir at the Arqana sale last summer for just €22,000 despite boasting none other than All Along (Fr) as his fourth dam. Here he weighed in at 140,000gns from Richard Brown on Blandford Bloodstock, to join David Simcock. [Cont. p5](#)



Stuart Williams | Tattersalls



Michael O'Callaghan | Tattersalls

**Tattersalls Craven Cont.**

"I bought a horse at the breeze-ups last year from Robson called Cordouan (Fr) Shalaa {Ire})," Brown said, referring to a £105,000 purchase made at Arqana's transferred sale. "And he won very well for John Gosden at Newcastle last night. So I'm going back the same hotel: I think John's horse is very nice and I hope this one is, too. He came across the track a little bit green, but breezed very nicely and he's a good-looking horse. He'll need plenty of time, but he will get that with David. We'll give him a break now, and hopefully he'd be an August-September, seven-furlong starter."

We revisited the evolution of Dabirsim as a breeze-up force in coverage of the opening session, when his only other representatives in this catalogue both excelled at 240,000gns (another for Aguir and 140,000gns, respectively). He's certainly doing a precious service for the Sunday Silence line in Europe.

Another grand pinhook was completed moments later when lot 137, a Prince Of Lir (Ire) half-brother to listed winner Royal Address (Ire) (Dandy Man {Ire}) picked up by George Peckham as a £15,000 private sale at Doncaster last year, was sold for 105,000gns to the Cool Silk Partnership. This was exceptional work by the former trainer and it's good to see his talents proving viable in this sphere.

**Transatlantic Trade Pays for Whitehead**

The European industry will owe a big debt to breeze-up pinhookers, in the long term, if they remain ahead of the game in importing the kind of American stock that has so often invigorated the gene pool over here. On the other hand, the sale-topping Practical Joke filly who had dominated the opening session was purchased for immediate repatriation, and that is also understood to be the probable strategy with the Union Rags

colt who raised 185,000gns from Sheikh Abdullah Almalek Alsabah as lot 145.

He's certainly bred to excel on dirt, as a son of GI Alabama S. winner Careless Jewel (Tapit) from the family of the brilliant City Of Light (Quality Road). He was bought for \$115,000 by P.B. Bloodstock for Tom Whitehead of Powerstown Stud at Keeneland last September, on the same trip where he found a son of Practical Joke at Fasig-Tipton for \$75,000.

Offered here as lot 90, that colt gave the Ashford sire yet another hit when making 140,000gns from Irish trainer Michael O'Callaghan. It will be good to see whether the Into Mischief line can transfer its brilliance to the European theatre.

"These are both nice horses and I am very pleased," Whitehead said. "The Union Rags will be a lovely horse later in the year. It was touch-and-go whether we'd get to the U.S. last year, but the sales company was very good and organised it all. That has been a great start, but we are only halfway there! We have another seven or eight to sell."

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## SESSION TOPPERS

### TATTERSALLS CRAVEN BREEZE UP SALE WEDNESDAY'S TOP LOTS

Lot	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (gns)
143	c	Caravaggio	Bright Sapphire (Ire)	240,000
<i>(155,000gns Wlg '19 TATDEC; 130,000gns RNA Ylg '20 TATOCT)</i>				
<i>Bred by Mr Charlie Brooks (Ire)</i>				
<i>Consigned by Yeomanstown Stud</i>				
<i>Purchased by SackvilleDonald</i>				
145	c	Union Rags	Careless Jewel	185,000
<i>(\$115,000 Ylg '20 KEESEP)</i>				
<i>Bred by Summer Wind Equine LLC (KY)</i>				
<i>Consigned by Powerstown Stud</i>				
<i>Purchased by Sheikh Abdullah Almalek Alsabah</i>				
96	c	Aclaim (Ire)	Step Sequence (GB)	150,000
<i>(€95,000 Wlg '19 GOFNOV; 68,000gns RNA Ylg '20 TATOCT)</i>				
<i>Bred by Kiltown Bloodstock Ltd. (Ire)</i>				
<i>Consigned by Tally-Ho Stud</i>				
<i>Purchased by Opulence Thoroughbreds</i>				
101	c	Showcasing (GB)	Swirral Edge (GB)	150,000
<i>(65,000gns Ylg '20 TATDEC)</i>				
<i>Bred by Redpender Stud Ltd. (Ire)</i>				
<i>Consigned by Greenhills Farm</i>				
<i>Purchased by Stephen Hillen Bloodstock</i>				

**Toppers Cont.**

**90 c Practical Joke Sky Saver 140,000**  
 (\$75,000 Ylg '20 FTAUG)  
 Bred by Ramspring Farm (KY)  
 Consigned by Powerstown Stud  
 Purchased by Michael O'Callaghan

**133 c Dabirsim (Fr) Araca (Fr) 140,000**  
 (€22,000 Ylg '20 ARQAUG)  
 Bred by N/A (Fr)  
 Consigned by Aguiar Bloodstock Ltd.  
 Purchased by Blandford Bloodstock

**92 c Union Rags Spring Party 130,000**  
 Bred by Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC (KY)  
 Consigned by Brown Island Stables  
 Purchased by SackvilleDonald

**128 c Dark Angel (Ire) Along Came Casey (Ire) 125,000**  
 (£50,000 Ylg '20 DONPRM)  
 Bred by Ed's Stud Ltd. (GB)  
 Consigned by Church Farm & Horse Park Stud  
 Purchased by Opulence Thoroughbreds

**117 c Night of Thunder (Ire) Vitoria (Ire) 125,000**  
 (€120,000 Wlg '19 GOFNOV)  
 Bred by Mrs Maria Marron (Ire)  
 Consigned by Yeomanstown Stud  
 Purchased by Avenue Bloodstock

## THE GOLDEN TOUCH

### TATTERSALLS CRAVEN BREEZE-UP SALE

Lot	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (gns)
90	c	<b>Practical Joke</b>	Sky Saver	140,000
Consigned by Powerstown Stud				
Purchased by Michael O'Callaghan				

A day after American-based first-season sire **Practical Joke** backed up his good start at the U.S. 2-year-old sales with the session-topping filly at Tattersalls, the three-time Grade I winner provided another good pinhooking result with this Ramspring Farm-bred colt, who was bought by Thomas Whitehead of Powerstown Stud for \$75,000 at the Fasig-Tipton August Yearling Sale.



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The National Stud's stallions Time Test (GB) and Aclaim (Ire) have their first runners this year. Click above to view the TDN's Alayna Cullen speaking with The National Stud Marketing and Nominations Manager Joe Callan.

**The Golden Touch Cont.**

**101 c Showcasing (GB) Swirral Edge (GB) 150,000**  
*Consigned by Greenhills Farm*  
*Purchased by Stephen Hillen Bloodstock*

This first foal out of the winning Swirral Edge (GB) (Hellvelyn {GB}) was a 65,000 Tattersalls December Yearling. Swirral Edge is a half-sister to the listed-winning Fashion Queen (GB) (Aqlaam {GB}), and it is also the family of the G2 Flying Childers S. winner Wunders Dream (Ire) and the G3 Ridgewood Pearl S. scorer Grecian Dancer (GB).

**118 c Mehmas (Ire) Woodland Maiden (Ire) 105,000**  
*Consigned by Hyde Park Stud*  
*Purchased by Highclere Agency*

Hyde Park Stud secured Woodland Maiden (Ire) (**Mastercraftsman {Ire}**), an unraced half-sister to the G3 Athasi S. scorer Iveagh Gardens (Ire), for 2,000gns from the Tattersalls December Mares Sale in 2017. The result of her first mating to Mehmas in his second season at an advertised fee of €10,000 was this colt, who was a £12,000 buyback at last year's Tattersalls Ireland September Yearling Sale and provided them with a good result in the ring on Wednesday. Connections will try to make it twice lucky with a second-season sire; the mare has a yearling colt by Cotai Glory.

**133 c Dabirsim (Fr) Araca (Fr) 140,000**  
*Consigned by Aguiar Bloodstock*  
*Purchased by Blandford Bloodstock*

Robson Aguiar enjoyed a smart pinhooking touch with a daughter of Dabirsim on the first day of the Craven sale on Tuesday, and he repeated the dose a day later with this colt who, like the filly, had been bought at Deauville's Select Yearling Sale, he for €22,000. This is the crop bred the season after Dabirsim started off so well with G3 Albany S. winner Different League (Fr) in his first season with runners.

**137 c Prince Of Lir (Ire) Barqeyya (Ire) 105,000**  
*Consigned by George Peckham Racing*  
*Purchased by Cool Silk Partnership*

George Peckham picked up this second-crop son of the G2 Norfolk S. winner Prince Of Lir for £15,000 from the Goffs UK Premier Yearling Sale last summer. The following month, his half-sister Royal Address (Ire) (Dandy Man {Ire}) won the Listed Criterium de Vitesse at Chantilly and was sold for 170,000gns at the Tattersalls Autumn Horses in Training Sale and expatriated to trainer Neil Drysdale in California.

**150 c Hard Spun Coal and Ice 90,000**  
*Consigned by M.C. Thoroughbreds*  
*Purchased by Highflyer Bloodstock/A King*

Michael Cleere picked up this half-brother to the listed-placed More Ice (**More Than Ready**) for \$18,000 at Keeneland

September last year.

**155 c Street Boss Corinthian Wind 110,000**  
*Consigned by Church Farm & Horse Park Stud*

*Purchased by HH Prince Saud Bin Salman Bin Abdulaziz Al Saud*  
 Chad Schumer went to \$37,000 for this colt at Keeneland September last year. The dam Corinthian Wind (Corinthian) is a half-sister to GI Forego S. winner Here Comes Ben (Street Cry {Ire}) as well as the dam of GI Frizette S. scorer Dayoutoftheoffice. The sire, **Street Boss**, was in the news last weekend when his Australian son Anamoe (Aus) built on a second in the G1 Golden Slipper to win the G1 Inglis Sires' S.

**158 f Ardad (Ire) Dame Shirley (GB) 100,000**  
*Consigned by Bansha House Stables*  
*Purchased by C Gordon Watson Bloodstock*

Ardad's stud career has gotten off to a flying start, he having notched his third winner at Beverley on Wednesday, and hours later Con Marnane turned this €20,000 Goffs November yearling into a successful pinhook.

**G3 Nell Gwyn S. Cont. from p1**

It has been a tumultuous period for the Stud, with the news that David and Patricia Thompson had been awarded CBEs in the Queen's Birthday Honours List in October preceding that of David's passing in January. While the operation has dabbled successfully with jump racing and unearthed some leading talent in that sphere, there is nothing that better epitomises their ethos than success at the local track with a homebred filly in a prestigious flat race. Sacred was campaigned over five and six furlongs at two, winning here on debut in June before playing bridesmaid in the G2 Queen Mary S. at Royal Ascot, G2 Lowther S. at York and G2 Flying Childers S. at Doncaster. **Cont. p8**



Sacre Caroline, the dam of Nell Gwyn S. heroine Sacred, is pictured with her two-week-old Ulysses (Ire) colt | Cheveley Park Stud

### G3 Nell Gwyn S. Cont.

Out of sorts when last of eight in the G1 Cheveley Park S. back at this venue in late September, she was worth a try at this distance given that she is out of a half to Lady Eli (Divine Park) and Haggas has been adamant she was more than just a fast juvenile.

“She got beat in three Group 2s last year, which was frustrating, before she went off the boil but I’ve always maintained she’d stay and she’s proved that today,” the master of Somerville Lodge commented. “She’s got a nice turn of speed and she picked up really well. Ryan said seven is her trip, but there’s only one Guineas a year and she can always drop back down later. I don’t think she does much in front either, so if you’re brave you can wait longer. He gave her a lovely ride and I thought she won nicely.”

Saffron Beach will meet the winner again in the May 2 G1 1000 Guineas and trainer Jane Chapple-Hyam said, “I thought she ran well—I was really pleased, Adam [Kirby] was happy with her and she ran right through the line. She had a good blow, which we knew she would because she’s 85-90% fit, so we’ll look forward to the Guineas now. She looked to me as if she’s ready for a mile now, comfortably. She was coming back at the line.”

### Pedigree Notes

Sacred’s dam Sacre Caroline (**Blame**) was a shrewd 300,000gns purchase by the Stud at the 2017 Tattersalls December Mares Sale and the half-sister to the five-times Grade I-winning champion turf female Lady Eli and to the GIII Regret S. and GIII Mint Julep H. winner Bizzy Caroline (**Afleet Alex**) has provided instant reward with this first foal. Not that Lady Eli is the only top-level performer in the family, with the likes of Sweet Loretta (**Tapit**), Spiced Perfection (Smiling Tiger), Spring in the Air (Spring at Last), Palace Episode (Machiavellian), Laughing Lashes (Mr. Greeley), Pays to Dream (High Yield) and The Last Zip (City Zip) all under the third dam Kazadancoa (Fr) (Green Dancer). Next up from the dam is the 2-year-old filly Enshrine (GB) (Ulysses {Ire}), while she also has a 2020 colt by that sire.

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### Wednesday, Newmarket, Britain

**LANWADES STUD NELL GWYN S.-G3**, £45,000, Newmarket, 4-14, 3yo, f, 7fT, 1:24.89, gd.

1--**SACRED (GB)**, 126, f, 3, by Exceed and Excel (Aus)

1st Dam: Sacre Caroline, by **Blame**

2nd Dam: Sacre Coeur, by Saint Ballado

3rd Dam: Kazadancoa (Fr), by Green Dancer

**1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN; 1ST GROUP WIN.** O/B-Cheveley Park Stud Ltd (GB); T-William Haggas; J-Ryan Moore. £25,520.

Lifetime Record: 6-2-3-0, \$91,779. **Werk Nick Rating: C+**. [Click](#)

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2--**Saffron Beach (Ire)**, 126, f, 3, New Bay (GB)--Falling Petals (Ire), by Raven’s Pass. (55,000gns Wlg ‘18 TATFOA). O-Mrs B V Sangster, J Wigan & O Sangster; B-China Horse Club International Ltd (IRE); T-Jane Chapple-Hyam. £9,675.

3--**Love Is You (Ire)**, 126, f, 3, **Kingman (GB)**--Fallen For You (GB), by Dansili (GB). O/B-Normandie Stud Ltd (IRE); T-Roger Charlton. £4,842.

Margins: 3/4, 1HF, 1 3/4. Odds: 6.00, 4.00, 2.75.

Also Ran: Chocoya (GB), Star of Emaraty (Ire), Divine Light (Ire), Seattle Rock (GB), Ventura Diamond (Ire), Mamba Wamba (Ire), Tawahub (GB). [Click for the Racing Post result or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.](#)

### MY OBERON IN DREAMLAND AT HQ

Sunderland Holding’s relatively unexposed homebred **My Oberon (Ire)** (Dubawi {Ire}) was handed an easier task with the late scratchings of **Forest of Dean (GB)** (Iffraaj {GB}) and **Solid Stone (Ire)** (Shamardal) from Wednesday’s G3 bet365 Earl of Sefton S. at Newmarket and took advantage for a career high in the straight nine-furlong test. Unraced as a juvenile, he followed up a July 18 York novice score with seconds in Goodwood’s July 31 G3 Thoroughbred S. and Haydock’s Sept. 5 G3 Superior Mile before closing last term with a fifth of six in the Oct. 3 Listed Guisborough S. at Redcar. The 7-1 outsider-of-four lobbed along against the far-side fence, just over two lengths off the tempo in third, through halfway. Cajoled closer with three furlongs remaining, he was ridden to launch his challenge at the bottom of the hill and kept on relentlessly under continued rousing on the climb to the line to comfortably outlast **Marie’s Diamond (Ire)** (**Footstepsinthesand** {GB}) with a degree of panache.

“We always hoped he’d be a nice horse as he’s out of a nice group-winning mare and, being by Dubawi, they get better with age,” explained trainer William Haggas. [Cont. p9](#)



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### G3 Earl of Sefton S. Cont.

He added, "That was a good start and I think we'll go to the [G1] Lockinge [S. at Newbury] now. I'm quite keen, at some stage this season, to get him up to 10 furlongs, but I want to run him in a Group 1 now and try and make him a stallion. There doesn't appear to be a standout miler this season so the Lockinge is the obvious one."

### Pedigree Notes

My Oberon is the first of four foals and lone performer out of G3 C L Weld Park S. victrix My Titania (Ire) (Sea the Stars {Ire}), herself kin to MG1SP dual G2 Prix du Gros Chene victor Muthmir (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) and Listed Pavilion S. runner-up Aneedah (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), who in turn produced the dual stakes-placed Gorgeous Noora (Ire) (Raven's Pass). The February-foaled homebred bay is half-brother to the unraced 3-year-old filly My Astra (Ire) (Lope de Vega {Ire}), a 2-year-old colt by Iffraaj (GB) and a yearling filly by Lope de Vega (Ire).

### Wednesday, Newmarket, Britain

**BET365 EARL OF SEFTON S.-G3**, £45,000, Newmarket, 4-14, 4yo/up, 9fT, 1:52.05, gd.

1--**MY OBERON (IRE)**, 126, c, 4, by Dubawi (Ire)

1st Dam: My Titania (Ire) (GSW-Ire, \$124,775),  
by Sea the Stars (Ire)

2nd Dam: Fairy of The Night (Ire), by Danehill

3rd Dam: Sassenach (Ire), by Night Shift

**1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN; 1ST GROUP WIN.** O/B-Sunderland Holding Inc (IRE); T-William Haggas; J-James Doyle. £25,520. Lifetime Record: 6-2-2-0, \$69,754. **Werk Nick Rating: A+.** [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#)

2--**Marie's Diamond (Ire)**, 126, h, 5, [Footstepsinthesand \(GB\)](#)--

Sindiyma (Ire), by Kalanisi (Ire). (€35,000 Ylg '17 TIRSEP; £675,000 RNA 2yo '18 GOFGW). O-Middleham Park Racing LXXXVI; B-Tony Ashley (IRE); T-Mark Johnston. £9,675.

3--**San Donato (Ire)**, 126, h, 5, Lope de Vega (Ire)--Boston Rocker (Ire), by Acclamation (GB). (500,000gns Ylg '17 TAOCT).

O-Sheikh Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum; B-J Hanly, A Stroud & Skymarc Farm (IRE); T-Roger Varian. £4,842.

Margins: 2HF, 2, HD. Odds: 7.00, 3.50, 4.00.

Also Ran: Global Giant (GB). Scratched: Forest of Dean (GB), Solid Stone (Ire). [Click for the Racing Post result or the free EquineLine.com catalogue-style pedigree.](#)

### ALL EYES ON CRAVEN BOUNTY

Thursday at Newmarket means the G3 bet365 Craven S. and all the rush of excitement that accompanies it, with the Suffolk faithful hoping they see the subsequent G1 2000 Guineas hero moving through the gears. At this stage, with form from 2020 to

guide, Charlie Appleby's **Master of the Seas (Ire)** (Dubawi {Ire}) appears the most obvious one to emerge with a target on the main prize given how impressive he was in the G2 Superlative S. at the July meeting here. There was much to take from his fourth, when probably launched too soon, in a hot renewal of the G1 Vincent O'Brien National S. at The Curragh in September and he has enjoyed a warm-up for this when second to Wednesday's Listed European Free runner-up Naval Crown (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) in the Feb. 25 Listed Meydan Classic.

"He is a horse that we went to Dubai with knowing that our aim was to be here for the Craven," Appleby said. "It is a long season and whatever he was going to do out there, we were hopeful that we would see plenty of improvement which we have. He has come out of the race well and has done well. He shipped back into England a week ago and we are looking forward to the Craven. He has got some great form. He won his maiden here then he won the Superlative on the July Course and he wasn't disgraced in the National S., where I feel he didn't show his true running as he was very keen early on. This was always going to be our plan. The mile suits him and he was doing his best work towards the end at Meydan--he kept on nicely towards the line."

Appleby also supplies '**TDN Rising Star**' **La Barrosa (Ire)** (Lope de Vega {Ire}), who captured the G3 Tattersalls S. over seven furlongs here in September before dead-heating for fifth in the G1 Criterium International at Saint-Cloud the following month.

"One box he does tick is that he is already a course winner and the mile will suit him," he said. "I think you can put a line through that last run of his in France, as it was in very soft ground at the backend of the year. His preparation has gone faultlessly. He looks great. They are two horses that both bring group-race form into it and on 2-year-old form they are the two picks. It got a bit tight on the rail in the group three here, La Barrosa showed a bit of class and acceleration to get his head in front." [Cont. p10](#)



La Barrosa | Scoop Dyga



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### Thursday Preview Cont.

Ballydoyle's 3-year-old class have hardly been pulling up trees so far here this week and it is hard to know what to expect from the unexposed duo of **Khartoum** (Pioneerof the Nile) and **Sandhurst (Ire)** (**Galileo {Ire}**), with Aidan O'Brien using the Ryan Moore and Frankie Dettori link-up which worked so well last term. Moore is on the \$1-million Keeneland September graduate Khartoum, who broke his maiden over seven furlongs on soft ground at The Curragh in October, but he admitted to being in the dark about his prospects. "I would have happily ridden either, but I get on Khartoum," he said. "Both clearly have a lot to find with horses who have done well in Group 1 company, but that is what these trials are all about."

Amo Racing Limited and Arjun Waney's **Devilwala (Ire)** (Kodiac {GB}) was 100-1 when fourth in the G1 Dewhurst S. over seven here in October and lost all chance when blowing the start in eighth in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf. Trainer Ralph Beckett said, "Devilwala is not a flashy work horse, but he is fit and ready to go. Although this is a drop in grade, he will still need to be on top of his game in what looks a competitive race. We know he handles the track as he was fourth in the Dewhurst and though conditions are different he has won on quick ground and I'm confident he will get the mile."

Ryan Moore was impressed by Edward Ware's **Royal Air Force (Ire)** (**Fastnet Rock {Aus}**) when he partnered him to score by seven lengths on his sole start in a seven-furlong novice contest at Yarmouth in June. Ed Crisford is aware of the magnitude of this test on his belated return and said, "I think it is a very ambitious task, as it looks a hard race but he has been doing well and he deserves to be there. He was impressive at Yarmouth and though it was only a small-field novice, he did it nicely and Ryan liked him that day. He has been off for a long time, as he had a little setback and we were going to run at the end of the year but we decided not to. He appears to have strengthened up as a 3-year-old and hopefully he will improve again."

The Craven is preceded by the long-established Wood Ditton Maiden S. for unraced 3-year-olds and the G3 Abernant S. for the older sprinters, with last year's winner **Oxted (GB)** (Mayson {GB}) back for more Newmarket glory having also landed the G1 July Cup. Last seen finishing seventh in the Feb. 20 Riyadh Dirt Sprint, the lightly-raced 5-year-old will be more at home back on grass. "In these sprints, I don't think ratings matter and although he is top on ratings and the best horse in the race you still need a bit of luck and everything to go right," trainer Roger Teal said. "He took the trip to Saudi Arabia fine and we just paid the price for trying to chase the pace on the dirt. The weather has been different to out there and it has been brutal, but he seems in good shape."

In the Bet365 British EBF Confined Novice S. over 10 furlongs, Ed Dunlop reintroduces Anamoine's **John Leeper (Ire)** (**Frankel {GB}**), the son of Snow Fairy (Ire) (Intikhab) who shaped with such promise when fourth on his sole start at Doncaster in September. Second on that occasion was Cordouan (Fr) (Shalaa {Ire}), who was an impressive winner this week, and **Crossford (Ire)** (**Dawn Approach {Ire}**) who had that rival in second when scoring at Newcastle in October. Ryan Moore rides John Leeper-before partnering the Charlie Hills-trained Crossford in the closing mile handicap--and he said, "He is a horse I want to see do well, as a son of Snow Fairy. The step up to a mile and a quarter must surely be a positive for him and, while he meets some good horses, he at least gets seven pounds from the three winners."

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## EUROPEAN NEWS

### LOVE TARGETING MOORESBRIDGE

Last year's champion 3-year-old filly and dual Classic winner **Love (Ire)** (**Galileo {Ire}**) is among the entries for Saturday's G3 Alleged S. at The Curragh, but trainer Aidan O'Brien has indicated that the chestnut is likely to wait for the G2 Mooresbridge S. at the same venue on May 3. Love's stablemate Broome (Ire) (**Australia {GB}**), a multiple Group 3-winning 5-year-old, is likely to deputize in the Alleged.

"Broome is likely to run in the Alleged at The Curragh on Saturday," O'Brien said. "He's already had a run, and Love might wait for the Mooresbridge. It's a long year, and we might wait a bit longer with her."

Love made seven starts at two in 2019, the highlight being a win in the G1 Moyglare Stud S. She stepped out just three times last year but won on each occasion at Group 1 level: the 1000 Guineas, Oaks and Yorkshire Oaks. [Cont. p11](#)



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**Love Cont.**

Love was withdrawn from the G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe in October on account of the testing ground just prior to Ballydoyle's remaining runners defecting after a feed contamination.

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**ONE RULER PLEASES APPLEBY IN RACECOURSE GALLOP**

Godolphin's **One Ruler (Ire)** (Dubawi {Ire}) was seen in action on the Rowley Mile on Wednesday, not in a formal Classic trial but in a racecourse gallop with stablemate Well Of Wisdom (GB) (**Oasis Dream {GB}**).

The winner of the G3 Emirates Autumn S. and runner-up to Mac Swiney (Ire) (New Approach {Ire}) in the G1 Vertem Futurity, One Ruler was ridden by former champion jockey Kieren Fallon. He is generally around 10-1 for the G1 QIPCO 2000 Guineas on May 1 and also holds entries for the G1 Cazoo Derby and G1 Dubai Duty Free Irish Derby.

One Ruler's trainer Charlie Appleby said after the workout, in which he breezed clear of the 106-rated Well Of Wisdom with two furlongs left to run, "I was very pleased with that. He has been to Chelmsford and it was very kind of Newmarket to let us do this. He wasn't going to go for a trial as he has got enough experience already on his CV and he has justified himself to turn up straight to a Guineas."

He continued, "We have now got a nice piece into him and that puts us where we need to be. He hasn't missed a beat all winter and we will now just go through his normal routine until the Guineas. Kieren explained that he handles that dip flawlessly and he already has the experience of being a course and distance winner, so he ticks a lot of boxes."

One Ruler is out of the Shamardal mare Fintry (Ire), who beat

dual Classic heroine Avenir Certain (Fr) (Le Havre {Ire}) to win the G3 Prix Bertrand du Breuil over a mile the season after winning the G2 Prix de Sandringham. Appleby said that he feels that her son, too, may be suited to shorter distances than the Derby. He added, "On the back of winning the Autumn S. people start talking about the Derby but the first thing we are looking at is the Guineas and that's the target. I don't think he is a stayer as he has got stronger over the winter. I'm very pleased with the way he has done physically. He was a little bit slow coming to hand but I think we have had a hard winter. I couldn't be happier with what I've seen over the last six weeks or so. He has stepped up his work and he has answered every question that we have put to him so far."

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**HEZEL, POWELL JOIN TOGETHER FOR RACING INTERNATIONAL**

Rob Hezel, Racing Foundation CEO, and Anna Powell have joined Together for Racing International (TfRI) as Developmental Directors, the organisation announced on Wednesday.

TfRI, which was created following a Newmarket forum funded by Godolphin in 2019 and facilitated by Chris Grant, aims to promote education, community engagement, and career opportunities that connect people with the Thoroughbred industry worldwide. At the forum, which welcomed industry participants from USA, Australia, Japan, Ireland, France, Dubai and the UK, the idea was the share, collate and deliver a global plan around three key pillars of activity—education, community engagement and workforce and careers.

Grant, the Deputy Chair of the London 2020 Olympic and Paralympic International Development Programme and past CEO of the UK-wide charity Sported, led the first two days of the forum, with ITV racing presenter Ed Chamberlin at the helm for the final day. [Cont. p12](#)



**Rob Hezel, Anna Powell & Chris Grant (l-r)**  
*Together For Racing International*

### TfRI Cont.

Before the forum ended, a pledge was signed, a steering committee set up and the organisation's **website** was launched within a year.

Chris Grant, who will be stepping down from his role as TfRI Steering Group Chairman, commented, "As a relative newcomer to the industry, I was impressed by the passion and goodwill displayed by the participants at the forum, and very positively struck by the range and quality of great work already being done around the world. I believe that TfRI has a clear vision and strategy and a positive and growing reputation. I am sad to be stepping back but equally delighted at the appointment of Rob and Anna who have the skills and connections to take it to the next level."

Hezel, who will continue as the Racing Foundation CEO, said, "Without the vision, support and funding from Godolphin to date none of this would have been made possible. It is now important to build on the legacy and to establish a structure, funding and governance model, to allow TfRI to contribute to supporting horseracing nations in meeting their social challenges. TfRI will help to facilitate the sustainability of the sport globally. We have already been able to support Australia with their first forum of this kind being hosted next Thursday, 22 and Friday, 23 April, which is really encouraging to see."

"I am thrilled to be given the opportunity to work with Rob on this initiative," the French-based Powell added. "One of our biggest priorities in developing the strategy is to engage and unite racing around the world in dealing with the sports' common social challenges and convince stakeholders of the need to act now to protect the future of our sport."

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## FIRST-SEASON SIRES WITH RUNNERS

**Thursday, Apr. 15, 2021:**

### UNITED KINGDOM

**Highland Reel (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}), Coolmore Stud  
136 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners  
14:15-RIPON, 5f, Highland Premiere (GB)  
32,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2019; 15,000gns  
Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2020

**Ribchester (Ire)** (Iffraaj {GB}), Kildangan Stud  
118 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners  
14:15-RIPON, 5f, Flaming Rib (Ire)  
€40,000 RNA Goffs November Foals Sale 2019; 35,000gns  
Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2020

### FRANCE

**De Treville (GB)** (Oasis Dream {GB}), Haras du Mezeray  
21 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners  
1-LYON PARILLY, 1000m,  
€20,000 Arqana Deauville October Yearlings 2020



**De Treville has a runner at Lyon Parilly | Haras du Mezeray**

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# BRITAIN

## Wednesday's Results:

**BET365 EUROPEAN FREE H.-Listed**, £35,000, Newmarket, 4-14, 3yo, 7fT, 1:24.79, gd.

1--**TACTICAL (GB)**, 131, c, 3, by **Toronado (Ire)**

**1st Dam: Make Fast (GB) (MSP-Eng)**, by **Makfi (GB)**

**2nd Dam: Raymi Coya**, by **Van Nistelrooy**

**3rd Dam: Something Mon**, by **Maria's Mon**

O/B-The Queen (GB); T-Andrew Balding; J-Oisin Murphy.  
£19,849. Lifetime Record: 7-3-0-1, \$109,943.

2--**Naval Crown (GB)**, 132, c, 3, Dubawi (Ire)--Come Alive (GB), by Dansili (GB). O/B-Godolphin (GB); T-Charlie Appleby.  
£7,525.

3--**Ontario (Ire)**, 133, c, 3, **Galileo (Ire)**--Timbuktu (Ire), by **Fastnet Rock (Aus)**. O-Susan Magnier, Michael Tabor & Derrick Smith; B-Coolmore (IRE); T-Aidan O'Brien. £3,766.

Margins: NK, 2HF, 2 1/4. Odds: 5.00,, 2.00, 7.00.

Also Ran: Legal Attack (GB), Royal Scimitar (Ire), Percy's Lad (GB), Dark Lion (Ire).



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Tactical's six-race juvenile campaign included wins in Royal Ascot's Listed Windsor Castle S. and the G2 July S. on the other side of Newmarket's Devil's Dyke. He also finished off the board in a trio of top-level events, lining up for this seasonal comeback returning off an 11th of 14 in the Oct. 10 G1 Dewhurst S. over course and distance, and gave no indication of ring-rustiness to register a third stakes score in game fashion. Settled in fifth until nudged along to close at the quarter-mile marker, he quickened to go third entering the final furlong and was ridden out to deny long-time leader Naval Crown nearing the line.

"Andrew [Balding] and I have been discussing with The Queen whether we should experiment today what his trip is going to be," revealed The Queen's bloodstock adviser John Warren. "Having won at Ascot over five [furlongs] and the July S. over six,

he then lost his way at the end of the season and we ought to find out whether he is a [G3] Jersey horse, [G1] St James's Palace, or [G1] Commonwealth Cup horse, if he was good enough for that. Today was a learning mission to see if we would bring him back to six. He has proven today that seven is no problem and all roads are to [Royal] Ascot for, perhaps, the Jersey. He doesn't get a penalty for winning a listed race which is handy. Andrew will get his head around it and chat with The Queen and strategise, but will make a plan for the Jersey and have an entry for the St James's Palace."

Tactical, half-brother to the hitherto unraced 2-year-old colt Tack (Fr) (Iffraaj {GB}) and a yearling filly by Recorder (GB), is the first of three foals out of the dual stakes-placed Make Fast (GB) (Makfi {GB}). His dam is the leading performer produced by G3 Oh So Sharp S. victrix Raymi Coya (Van Nistelrooy), herself a granddaughter of GI Spinster S. heroine Try Something New (Hail the Pirates). **Click for the [Racing Post result](#).**

**7th-Newmarket**, £12,500, Hcp, 4-14, 3yo, 10fT, 2:04.92, gd.  
**MOHAAFETH (IRE)** (c, 3, **Frankel {GB}**--**French Dressing {GB}** {SW-Eng}, by **Sea the Stars {Ire}**), off the mark over a mile at Lingfield Mar. 19, raced freely without cover in third throughout the early stages. Tanking Jim Crowley to the front with 2 1/2 furlongs remaining, the 6-4 favourite kicked clear and was possibly idling late en route to a 1 1/2-length success from Echo Point (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}). "I don't think the handicapper could have given him much more than 85, but I think he's a nice horse," trainer William Haggas commented. "We wanted to see if he'd be effective at this trip, which he clearly is. How far he'll go, I don't know. There are two routes. The obvious race is the London Gold Cup at Newbury or he could go for a Derby trial. He's in the Dante, but the [Listed] Dee S. could be interesting for him. I'll talk to Shadwell and see what they want to do, but it's very hard when you have a horse rated in the 90s, like he will be, to run them in a stakes race." The dam, who was a TDN Rising Star unbeaten in two starts including in the Listed Lyric S., is a daughter of Foodbroker Fancy (Ire) (Halling) who took the Listed Lupe S. and was second in the G2 Sun Chariot S. That makes her a half-sister to the GIII Long Island H. winner Dalvina (GB) (Grand Lodge) and fellow Lupe winner Soft Centre (GB) (Zafonic), with the former later producing the dual listed scorer and G2 Sandown Classic runner-up Dal Harraild (GB) (Champs Elysees {GB}) and Soft Centre responsible for the G1 Nassau S. and G3 Pinnacle S. winner Sultanina (GB) (New Approach {Ire}). French Dressing's 2019 colt is French Toast (GB) (Dark Angel {Ire}), while her yearling filly by **Kingman (GB)** is named French Mistress (GB). Sales history: 350,000gns Ylg '19 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-1, \$15,041. O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Normandie Stud Ltd (IRE); T-William Haggas.

**1st-Beverley, £6,000, Nov, 4-14, 2yo, 5fT, 1:03.37, g/f.**  
**BOONIE (IRE) (c, 2, Brazen Beau {Aus}--Dice Game {GB}, by Shamardal)** was swiftly into stride duelled for control from the outset of this first go. Coming under pressure passing the quarter-mile marker, the 7-2 chance gained an edge entering the final furlong and was ridden clear to score by 3 1/4 lengths from Tippy Toes (GB) (Havana Gold {Ire}). He is the first of two foals produced by an unraced granddaughter of MGSW G2 Falmouth S. victrix Sensation (GB) (Soviet Star), herself out of MGISW US champion Outstandingly (Exclusive Native), and the February-foaled bay is a half-sister to a yearling filly by **Starspangledbanner (Aus)**. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$4,456.  
 1ST-TIME STARTER. O-Seymour Bloodstock & Mark Balnaves; B-Seymour Bloodstock (IRE); T-Kevin Ryan.

**2nd-Beverley, £6,000, Nov, 4-14, 2yo, 5fT, 1:03.71, g/f.**  
**VINTAGE CLARETS (GB) (c, 2, Ardad {Ire}--Enchanted Princess {GB}, by Royal Applause {GB})**, who shaped with some promise in his Mar. 27 debut over this trip at Doncaster last time, recovered from a slightly awkward break to race in a close-up fourth after the initial strides of this one. Rowed along at halfway, the 15-8 pick weaved a passage to the far-side rail to launch his bid approaching the final furlong and was ridden clear to comfortably outpoint Stardust Gambler (Ire) (Cotai Glory {Ire}) by 3 1/4 lengths, becoming the third winner for his freshman (by Kodiak {GB}). He is the 12th of 13 foals and eighth scorer produced by a granddaughter of G3 Nell Gwyn S. victrix Ghariba (Ire) (Final Straw {GB}). The March foaled bay is a half-brother to G3 Prix de Ris-Orangis third Morache Music (GB) (Sleeping Indian {GB}), Listed Cecil Frail S. placegetter Never Lose (GB) (Diktat {GB}) and a yearling colt by Unfortunately (Ire). Sales history: £20,000 Ylg '20 GOFFUK. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$5,225.  
 O-A Tattersall & Partner; B-M E Broughton (GB); T-Richard Fahey.

**3rd-Kempton, £5,300, Novice, 4-14, 3yo/up, 6f (AWT), 1:11.98, st/sl.**  
**BOOMSHALAA (GB) (c, 3, Shalaa {Ire}--Summer Collection {Ire}, by Teofilo {Ire})**, who was last seen finishing fifth on debut over seven furlongs at Yarmouth in July, tracked the leader If You Dare (GB) (Equiano {Fr}) under cover throughout the early stages. Taking his measure passing the two-furlong pole, the 11-8 second favourite drew away to score by four lengths. The winner is the first foal out of a half to the G2 Queen Mary S. third One Chance (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}). A granddaughter of the Niarchos's G1 Cheveley Park S. runner-up Imperfect Circle (Riverman) which links her to Spinning World (Nureyev), Pathfork (**Distorted Humor**) and **War of Will (War Front)** et al,

her 2-year-old colt is by Showcasing (GB). Sales history: 240,000gns Wlg '18 TATFOA; 350,000gns Ylg '19 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$3,936.  
 O-Sheikh Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum; B-Petches Farm Ltd (GB); T-Roger Varian.

**6th-Newmarket, £10,000, Mdn, 4-14, 3yo, f, 8fT, 1:38.79, gd.**  
**DELTA BAY (GB) (f, 3, Nathaniel {Ire}--Tropicana Bay {GB}, by Oasis Dream {GB})**, sent off the 6-4 favourite, broke smartly to assume the lead and travelled with zest there. Kept up to her work late on, the bay who was runner-up on debut over this trip at Newbury in October held on to score by a neck from Professional Widow (Ire) (Markaz {Ire}). The dam is a half to the G3 Sovereign S. and G3 Superior Mile winner Ballet Concerto (GB) (Dansili {GB}) and to Havane Smoker (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) who was runner-up in the G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains. Descended from Bella Colora (GB) (Bellypha {GB}), she also has the 2-year-old filly Coconut Bay (GB) (**Bated Breath {GB}**) and a yearling colt by Postponed (Ire). Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$9,158.  
 O-Helena Springfield Ltd; B-Meon Valley Stud (GB); T-J Gosden.

**1st-Newmarket, £8,000, Mdn, 4-14, 2yo, f, 5fT, 1:00.46, gd.**  
**DESERT DREAMER (GB) (f, 2, Oasis Dream {GB}--Pure Innocence {Ire}, by Montjeu {Ire})** was under restraint in midfield through the early stages of this debut. Coaxed forward at the foot of the hill, the 25-1 outsider quickened to challenge with 150 yards remaining and was pushed out to prevail by 3/4-of-a-length from Bellarena Lady (GB) (Due Diligence). Half to a yearling colt by Showcasing (GB), the March-foaled bay is the second of three foals and first scorer produced by a winning daughter of stakes-winning G1 Cheveley Park S. third Festoso (Ire) (Diesis {GB}). Sales history: 20,000gns Ylg '20 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$5,941.  
 1ST-TIME STARTER. O-J W Parry & Mrs C Shekells; B-Branton Court Stud (GB); T-Stuart Williams.

#### CONDITIONS RESULTS:

**8th-Newcastle, £5,600, 4-13, 3yo/up, 5f (AWT), :59.20, st/sl.**  
**BALLINTOY HARBOUR (IRE) (f, 3, Vadamos {Fr}--Fingal Nights {Ire}, by Night Shift)** Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$10,471. O-Mr H Thornton & Mr P T Midgley; B-Tally Ho Stud (IRE); T-Paul Midgley.

**4th-Kempton, £5,300, 4-14, 3yo/up, 7f (AWT), 1:25.98, st/sl.**  
**RANSOM (GB) (g, 4, Kingman {GB}--Arizona Jewel {GB}, by Dansili {GB})** Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$8,367. O-Juddmonte; B-Juddmonte Farms Ltd. (GB); T-Sir Michael Stoute. \*1/2 to Desert Diamond (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}), SW-Eng & GSP-Ire.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:**

**Unknown Pleasures (Ire)**, f, 4, **Zoffany (Ire)**--Three Mysteries (Ire), by Linamix (Fr). Beverley, 4-14, 8f 100yT, 1:47.22. B-Niarchos Family (IRE). \*18,000gns HRA '20 TATMA. \*1/2 to Three Bodies (Ire) (Domedriver {Ire}), SW & GSP-Fr, \$161,775.

## IRELAND

**Wednesday's Results:**

**HERITAGE S.-Listed**, €37,500, Leopardstown, 4-14, 4yo/up, 8fT, 1:41.27, gd.

1--**LOPE Y FERNANDEZ (IRE)**, 133, c, 4, **Lope de Vega (Ire)**--**Black Dahlia (GB) (SP-Eng)**, by **Dansili (GB)**. **'TDN Rising Star'**. (€900,000 Ylg '18 ARAUG). O-Derrick Smith, Mrs John Magnier & Michael Tabor; B-SF Bloodstock LLC (IRE); T-Aidan O'Brien; J-Seamie Heffernan. €22,500. Lifetime Record: Hwt. 3yo-Eur & Ire at 5-7f, GSW & G1SP-Ire, MG1SP-Fr, GISP-US & GSP-Eng, 13-3-2-4, \$443,641. \*1/2 to Dark Vision (Ire) (Dream Ahead), GSW-Eng & GSW-Ger, \$306,660.

2--**Saltonstall (GB)**, 136, g, 7, Pivotal (GB)--Macleya (Ger), by Winged Love (Ire). (€120,000 Ylg '15 ARAUG; €44,000 HRA '18 GOFHIT). O-Dooley Thoroughbreds & Bart O'Sullivan;

B-Cheveley Park Stud Ltd (GB); T-Adrian McGuinness. €7,500. 3--**Koolasice (Ire)**, 133, g, 4, Kodiak (GB)--Absolutely Cool (Ire), by Indian Ridge (Ire). (180,000gns Ylg '18 TATOCT; 160,000gns 2yo '19 TATBRE). O-Mark Gittins; B-Pier House Stud (IRE); T-Ross O'Sullivan. €3,750.

Margins: 5HF, HD, HF. Odds: 0.67, 11.00, 50.00.

Also Ran: In From the Cold (Ire), Ancient Spirit (Ger), Dalvey (GB), Ballycaines (Ire), Mr Wendell (Fr).

Marking his return after a 3-year-old season which saw placings in the G1 Irish 2000 Guineas at The Curragh, the G1 Prix Jean Prat and G1 Prix Maurice de Gheest at Deauville and the G1 Breeders' Cup Mile. Now that the slate is wiped clean, 2021 could yet see the **TDN Rising Star** emerge as a leading man at Ballydoyle and this display gave cause for such belief as the G1 Lockinge S. looms on the horizon. Saving ground on the rail throughout and always moving with menace in mid-pack, the bay was four-wide on the turn but lost no momentum as he loomed on the front end approaching the furlong pole. Sent clear soon after, he was putting himself firmly in the picture for the May 15 mile contest at Newbury.

"Last year we messed around with his trip a good bit," Aidan O'Brien said.

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Lope Y Fernandez returns to winning ways in the Listed Heritage S. | [Racingfotos.com](https://www.racingfotos.com)

### Listed Heritage S. Cont.

“We didn’t learn what it was until the end at the Breeders’ Cup. He’s a miler and you take your time with him. He’s at his best when he’s able to quicken and likes nice ground. We’re thinking about going to the Lockinge with him, then possibly the Queen Anne S.”

The listed-placed Black Dahlia’s first three foals prior to Lope Y Fernandez included the multiple listed-placed Al Hayyah (Ire) also by Lope de Vega and the G2 Vintage S. and G2 Oettingen-Rennen winner Dark Vision. Out of the listed scorer South Rock (GB) (Rock City {Ire}) from the family of the G3 Firth of Clyde S. winner Majestic Dubawi (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) and dual G1 Lockinge S.-winning sire Soviet Line (Ire) (Soviet Star), she also has a yearling full-sister to the winner. **Click for the [Racing Post result](#).**

**1st-Leopardstown, €15,000, Mdn, 4-14, 3yo, f, 10fT, 2:12.65, gd.**  
**ALAZENYA (IRE) (f, 3, Siyouni {Fr}--Almela {Ire} {SW & GSP-Ire, GSP-Fr, \$146,445}, by Sea the Stars {Ire})** was steadied to track the leaders in sixth after an alert getaway in this debut. Making smooth progress off the home turn to challenge at the two pole, the 10-3 chance quickened to the fore approaching the final eighth and was ridden out in the latter stages to hold La Joconde (Ire) (Frankel {GB}) by a half-length. Surely (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), a daughter of G1 Irish 1000 Guineas and G1 Moyglare Stud S. heroine Again (Ire) (Daneshill Dancer {Ire}), was unable to feature and finished a never-nearer fifth. “She’s a nice filly, who has been working nicely at home and Colin [Keane] liked her the other morning when she worked,” said Dermot Weld. “Obviously first time out there is a little bit of inexperience and greenness, but she’s a very nice filly. We’ll see how she progresses before we decide where to go, but obviously we will be looking for a bit of black-type with her. That [10-furlong] trip is good for the moment as she has plenty of pace and the dam stayed well. Later in the year this filly might go a mile-and-a-half. I trained the dam, she was good and was never worse than first or second for me.” Alazanya is the first of three foals out of MGSP Listed Oyster S. victrix Almela (Ire) (Sea the Stars {Ire}), herself kin to MG1SW sire Alandi (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) and another Listed Oyster S. winner in Aliyfa (Ire) (Spinning World). The homebred bay is a half-sister to a 2-year-old filly by Lope de Vega (Ire) and a yearling filly by Dubawi (Ire). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$10,754. 1ST-TIME STARTER. O-H H The Aga Khan; B-H H The Aga Khan’s Studs SC (IRE); T-Dermot Weld.

**2nd-Leopardstown, €12,000, Mdn, 4-14, 3yo, c/g, 10fT, 2:12.48, gd.**  
**SOUTHERN LIGHTS (IRE) (c, 3, Sea the Stars {Ire}--Ownwan, by**

**Kingmambo**), runner-up over seven furlongs at Naas in his Sept. 17 debut last time, occupied a forward role in second for most of this seasonal return. Shaken into action off the home turn, the 4-1 chance went to the front approaching the final furlong and ran on strongly in the closing stages to assert by 2 3/4 lengths from Hell Bent (Ire) (Mastercraftsman {Ire}). “His first run [at Naas] last year was good, he’s a nice horse and that was a good performance,” said assistant trainer Brendan Powell. “I think Joseph [O’Brien] is keen to go for one of the Derby trials with him. He’d be better with a stronger gallop, he was brave getting up the inner and hit the line well. He’s a good block of a horse, ours are improving for a run and you would like to think he will come on.” Southern Lights is the sixth of eight foals and third winner for his dam and the April-foaled bay is a full-brother to the unraced filly Family Star (Ire) and a yearling filly by Australia (GB). His MSP second dam Helena Molony (Ire) (Sadler’s Wells) is a full-sister to MG1SW sire High Chaparral (Ire). Sales history: €0 RNA Wlg ‘18 GOFNOV; €550,000 Ylg ‘19 GOFOR. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$12,083. O-Aquis Racing & Al Mamoura Partnership; B-Ownwan Partnership (IRE); T-Joseph O’Brien.

**Selected by O’BYRNE & GRASSICK**

**5th-Leopardstown, €12,000, Mdn, 4-14, 3yo, f, 8fT, 1:44.77, gd.**  
**ACANELLA (GB) (f, 3, Dansili {GB}--Across the Floor {GB}, by Oasis Dream {GB})**, sent off the 2-1 favourite, stalked the early leader after the initial stages. Sent to the front with 1 1/2 furlongs remaining, the homebred stayed on strongly to score by two lengths from Climate (Ire) (Australia {GB}). Ger Lyons’s brother and assistant Shane said, “We’ve always liked her, she’s very professional and has a marvellous pedigree. We didn’t think she would be ready to run until the middle of May, but being by Dansili we took advantage of the little bit of juice in the ground. What they have in mind for her I’m not sure, but it’s going to be exciting because that’s what she has been showing us at home.” The dam, who also has the 2-year-old colt Alzir (GB) (Bated Breath {GB}), is a daughter of the G2 Prix de Royallieu winner and G1 Prix de Diane runner-up Dance Routine (GB) (Sadler’s Wells) who produced the multiple top-level winner Flintshire (GB) by Dansili. She is also connected to the brilliant Enable (GB) (Nathaniel {Ire}) and the Group 2 and Grade II-winning half-siblings Projected (GB) (Showcasing {GB}) and Headman (GB) (Kingman {GB}). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$8,603. O-Juddmonte; B-Juddmonte Farms (East) Ltd (GB); T-Ger Lyons.

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**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Opinion Writer (GB)**, c, 3, **Camelot (GB)**--Emma Knows (Ire), by Anabaa. Senonnes-Pouance, 4-14, 10 1/2ft, 2:20.79. B-GB Partnership (GB). \*1ST-TIME STARTER. \*\*80,000gns RNA Ylg '19 TATOCT. \*\*\*1/2 to My Scholar (Fr) (Pour Moi {Ire}), SP-Fr.

**Good Friend (Fr)**, c, 3, **Meshaheer**--Three French Hens (Ire) (SW-Ger), by Elnadim. Senonnes-Pouance, 4-14, 6 3/4ft, 1:29.08. B-Haras de Saint Julien (FR). \*€9,000 Ylg '19 BBAGS.

**Millau (Fr)**, g, 3, **Wootton Bassett (GB)**--Sage Melody (Fr) (GSP-Fr), by Sageburg (Ire). Saint-Cloud, 4-14, 7ft, 1:29.49. B-Al Shahania Stud (FR). \*1ST-TIME STARTER.



**IN HONG KONG:**

**Charity Fun (Ire)**, g, 4, **War Command**--Patuca (GB), by Teofilo (Ire). Happy Valley, 4-14, Hcp. (C2) (£205k/€237k), 1800mT, 1:49.42. B-M Downey & Kildaragh Stud. \*Formerly Pontchateau (Ire). \*\*55,000gns RNA Ylg '18 TATOCT. **VIDEO**

# ASIA

**Saturday, Oi, Japan**

**TOKYO SPRINT-Listed**, ¥45,900,000, Oi, 4-14, 4yo/up, 1200m, 1:11.50, sloppy.

1--**RYUNO YUKINA (JPN)**, 123, h, 6, **Vermilion (Jpn)**--Neo Color (Jpn), by Kurofune. **1ST STAKES WIN**. O-Ryuichi Minoshima; B-Fujikawa Farm; T-Jiro Ono; J-Yoshitomi Shibata; ¥27,000,000. Lifetime Record: 36-8-5-1.

2--**Sabuno Junior (Jpn)**, 128, h, 7, South Vigorous--Sabuno Inazuma (Jpn), by Cacoethe. O-Saburo Nakagawa; B-Fujisawa Farm; ¥9,450,000.

3--**Candle Glass (Jpn)**, 123, h, 7, South Vigorous--Blow the Candle (Jpn), by Sunday Silence. O-Teruya Yoshida; B-Shadai Farm; ¥5,400,000.

Margins: HD, 3/4, NK. Odds: 1.10, 3.10, 9.40.

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**Thursday, Newmarket, Britain, post time: 15.35**

**BET365 CRAVEN S.-G3**, £45,000, 3yo, c/g, 8fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	4	Akmaam (Fr)	Wootton Bassett (GB)	Meehan	Crowley	126
2	1	Devilwala (Ire)	Kodiac (GB)	Beckett	R Ryan	126
3	10	Imperial Sands (Ire)	Footstepsinthesand (GB)	A Watson	H Doyle	126
4	5	Khartoum 	Pioneerof the Nile	A O'Brien	R Moore	126
5	2	La Barrosa (Ire)	Lope de Vega (Ire)	C Appleby	J Doyle	126
6	3	Master of The Seas (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	C Appleby	Buick	126
7	6	Mystery Smiles (Ire)	Mehmas (Ire)	Balding	de Sousa	126
8	9	Royal Air Force (Ire)	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	S&E Crisford	Murphy	126
9	7	Sandhurst (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	A O'Brien	Dettori	126
10	8	The Rosstafarian (Ire)	Starspangledbanner (Aus)	Palmer	Atzeni	126

**Thursday, Newmarket, Britain, post time: 15.00**

**BET365 ABERNANT S.-G3**, £45,000, 3yo/up, 6fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	5	Emaraaty Ana (GB)	Shamardal	K Ryan	Atzeni	133
2	1	Exalted Angel (Fr)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Burke	C Lee	133
3	7	Oxted (GB)	Mayson (GB)	Teal	Fallon	133
4	3	Shine So Bright (GB)	Oasis Dream (GB)	Balding	de Sousa	133
5	2	Summerghand (Ire)	Lope de Vega (Ire)	O'Meara	Tudhope	133
6	4	Jouska (GB)	Cable Bay (Ire)	Candy	Probert	130
7	6	Marly (Fr)	Siyouni (Fr)	J Ryan	J Doyle	130

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## TIME CALLED ON BIVOUAC'S BRILLIANT CAREER



**Bivouac** | Bronwen Healy

by Bren O'Brien

Godolphin has confirmed that triple Group 1 winner **Bivouac** has been retired, with the star sprinter now headed to join his sire, Exceed And Excel, as a Darley stallion.

Saturday's fifth placing in the G1 TJ Smith S. at Randwick was to prove his final racetrack start and he retired a 'happy and sound horse' after a stellar racing career which featured seven wins, all at stakes level, in 22 starts.

The first of his three highlight performances came in the 2019 G1 Golden Rose S., where he beat subsequent The Everest winner Yes Yes Yes and Coolmore Stud S. winner Exceedance, who have both gone on to stallion careers of their own at Coolmore and Vinery, respectively.

He then won the G1 Newmarket H. at Flemington in March last year in dominant fashion, emulating what his legendary sire had done 16 years earlier, while his third top-flight success also came down the famous Flemington straight when he won the G1 Darley Sprint Classic, defeating ruling Australian Horse of the Year, Nature Strip (Nicconi) by 3.25l.

Darley confirmed last month he would be part of its 2021 Australian roster, joining fellow freshmen Ghaiyyath (Ire), Pinatubo (Ire) and Earthlight (Ire), who will shuttle from the

Northern Hemisphere.

A farewell overseas trip to Royal Ascot was initially on the agenda, but the decision has been made to retire him from the track with immediate effect.

"He's telling us that he's now ready to head off to stud," trainer James Cummings said this week. "We can now look back on his huge performances, like the easy victories he had over those same horses in the spring of last year.

"Everything that he achieved is the hallmark of an absolute superstar and I think he's capable of following in the footsteps of Exceed And Excel himself.

"He was his best son on the racetrack and hopefully he will become his best son at stud."

Cummings's assessment of him as the best-ever son of Exceed And Excel is backed up by the fact that the only horses from his 1552 winners who won more Group 1s was the star filly Guelph, who is his three-quarter sister. He is joined by Helmet, Flamberge, Excelebration (GB) and Mr Stunning as three-time Group 1 winners by Exceed And Excel. All of them were champions in their own right, but Bivouac has the extra item on his resume in that he was named World Champion Sprinter in 2020.

The next stage of his career is highly anticipated, with his fee set to be confirmed in the next week.

"He is right up there with the best, local Australian horses that we have put on the roster. We are very excited to have him," Darley Australia's Head of Sales, Andy Makiv, said on the announcement he would join the 2021 roster last month.



**James Cummings** | Bronwen Healy

**IN HONG KONG:**

**Stock Legend**, g, 4, **Sidestep**--Adjourn, by Waajib (Ire). Happy Valley, 4-14, Hcp. (\$251k), 1200m, 1:10.11. B-GFW Stack (NSW). \*1/2 to Judged (Aus) (High Yield), MGSW-Aus, \$314,816. \*\*\$60,000 Ylg '18 INGFEb. **VIDEO**

**Cheerful Days**, g, 4, **Smart Missile**--Saint Minerva (GSW-Aus), by **Galileo (Ire)**. Happy Valley, 4-14, Hcp. (C4) (\$168k), 1650m, 1:39.86. B-Yarraman Park Stud Pty Ltd, AD Mitchell, H J Mitchell, E & J Rea (NSW). \*\$55,000 Wlg '17 INGAPR; NZ\$100,000 Ylg '18 NZBJAN. **VIDEO**

**Spontaneous**, g, 5, **Unencumbered**--Dowager Princess (NZ), by Savabeel. Happy Valley, 4-14, Hcp. (C4) (\$168k), 1200m, 1:10.08. B-E McNulty (Vic). \*\$150,000 Ylg '17 INGFEb. **VIDEO**

**IN HONG KONG:**

**Showina**, g, 3, **Showcasing (GB)**--Pamina, by Keeper (Aus). Happy Valley, 4-14, Hcp. (C4) (NZ\$181k), 1200m, 1:10.35. B-Mr & Mrs Rodger Finlay. \*NZ\$10,000 Ylg '19 NZBJAN. **VIDEO**

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