

OBS SPRING SALE TICKS ALONG THURSDAY



Session-topping Hip 830 in the ring | Judit Seipert

by Jessica Martini & Christie DeBernardis

Ocala, FL - While there weren't the seven-figure fireworks of its second session, action remained brisk during the third session of the Ocala Breeders' Sales Company's Spring Sale of 2-Year-Olds in Training Thursday.

"There was still plenty of activity," OBS Director of Sales Tod Wojciechowski said at the conclusion of business Thursday afternoon. "Maybe there was a natural ebb and flow of horses in the catalogue, but there were still a lot of horses who sold well today."

With a handful of high-priced pinhooks, de Meric Sales was the session's leading consignor with 12 sold for \$2,368,000, including the day's top-priced offering, a filly by **Curlin** purchased by Pete Bradley for \$670,000.

Through three of four sessions, 540 horses have sold for \$54,310,000. The cumulative average is \$100,574 and the median is \$50,000. With 98 horses reported not sold, the buy-back rate was just 15.4%.

At last year's pandemic-delayed Spring sale, 475 horses sold through the auction's first three days for a gross of \$40,350,500. The average was \$84,948 and the median was \$49,000.

At this point in the pre-pandemic 2019 auction, 519 horses had sold for \$56,217,000 for an average of \$108,318 and a median of \$65,000.

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DE MERIC, FINLEY, MILES, EISAMAN JOIN WRITERS' ROOM ON SCENE AT OBS

Ocala, FL--There's been a palpable good feeling all week at OBS for the auction house's marquee Spring 2-Year-Old Sale, and you need look no further than the full parking lot to explain why. Business is booming, but perhaps equally responsible for the positive vibes is the easing of coronavirus restrictions as the country rapidly becomes vaccinated, which means old friends seeing and hugging each other for the first time in a long time. Wednesday morning, Joe Bianca and Jon Green talked about that and much more with four consignors and buyers in the first on-scene episode of TDN Writers' Room **presented by Keeneland**.

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The TDN Writers' Room took to the road this week, hosting the show live from the OBS Sales, and hosted guests like West Point Thoroughbreds' Terry Finley.

Click here to watch the episode: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T1BR5nV8E74>

JUNE NOW EARLIEST FOR LAUREL DIRT REOPENING

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The ongoing issues with Laurel Park's main track, which forced Maryland racing to move to Pimlico early, will take until at least June to fix. T.D. Thornton reports.

CHURCHILL ABANDONS \$300M HOTEL PROJECT

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"We may decide to build a hotel at the racetrack in the future, but now is not the right time," said Churchill Downs CEO Bill Carstanjen about Churchill Downs abandoning plans for an on-site hotel and gaming facility.

TODAY'S GRADED STAKES

<u>ET</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>Click for</u>	<u>TV</u>
9:25a	Gordon Richards S.-G3, SAN	-----	TVG
10:00a	bet365 Mile-G3, SAN	-----	TVG
10:35a	Classic Trial-G3, SAN	-----	TVG
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“There was action at all levels,” Wojciechowski said of Thursday’s session. “Somebody asked me earlier in the week about the lack of Korean buyers here because of the changes in what their government allows them to purchase. I said that I felt like we had the capability of picking up that slack domestically and it has certainly borne out that way.”

Consignors and buyers alike have been impressed by the strength of the market in Ocala this week.

“It is a fantastic sale.” consignor Eddie Woods said. “I think there is more money here than there are horses to be bought. There is all kinds of money for the good horses.”

After signing the ticket on the session-topper, Bradley echoed those sentiments.

“There is tremendous depth to the market,” Bradley said. “Ciaran [Dunne] said it the other day. Even the lower end of this market is more than surviving. There are people there for \$30,000 and \$50,000 horses. Which we really need to see. This is as strong as I’ve seen this market, especially given what this world has come through. It is still awash in money. There is a lot of money out there. And this sale has been great for the guys who pinhooked this year. It took a lot of guts to pinhook this year. People in the horse business have guts and short memories. And that always helps in this game.”

The Spring sale concludes with a final session Friday with bidding beginning at 10:30 a.m.

“I think it will be a good day,” Wojciechowski said. “People who have maybe been unable to buy anything for the last three days might have a sense of urgency and there are still some really good horses tomorrow. I expect it will be a good day.”

Bradley Splurges for Curlin Filly

Bloodstock agent Pete Bradley helped contribute to a big day for the de Meric Sales consignment when he purchased a filly by **Curlin (hip 830)** for \$670,000 at OBS Thursday. The bay juvenile, purchased by the de Merics for \$200,000 at last year’s Keeneland September sale, is out of graded winner Funny Proposition (Medaglia d’Oro). She worked a furlong in **:10 1/5** during last week’s under-tack preview.

“I bought her for a partnership,” Bradley said after signing the ticket on the filly. “She put in one of the best works of the day. And a **Curlin**--what do you say? And a **Curlin** filly--what do you say twice? She wasn’t cheap, in this market though where horses are bringing \$500,000 and \$600,000 with little or no pedigree--that’s not a slight, that’s just what it is--that’s what I thought we would have to pay for her. And I got lucky and I got her.” [@JessMartiniTDN](#)

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Hip 644 | Christie DeBernardis

Hip 644 has gotten a big update since the de Merics purchased him for \$100,000 at Keeneland September with his full-sister Search Results (**Flatter**) opening her account with a trio of wins, including the Gill Gazelle S. Now one of the leading GI Kentucky Oaks contenders, she made her brother a coveted prize in Ocala and it was Lauren Carlisle who won out after a vigorous round of bidding early in Thursday's session, taking the chestnut home for \$625,000.

"He is a beautiful homebred for Machmer Hall, great partners and friends of ours," Tristan de Meric said. "They raise a horse beautifully. Obviously, the update with Search Results going to the Oaks and being one of the favorites, couldn't have had better timing. This horse did a lot of it on his own, but the update didn't hurt at all. We have high expectations for him. He should have a bright future. He was an awesome student. He wants to run. He is everything we love about Thoroughbreds."

Carlisle was acting on behalf of an undisclosed client, but said the colt would be trained by Tom Amoss. MyRacehorse, who has been quite active at this sale, signed on as a partner.

"We are super pumped about [Search Results]," said Carlisle. "Hopefully, in a week, she might have a really big update. We thought the colt was an outstanding physical. He had a good video [:10 1/5]. There wasn't anything to not like about him."

Hip 644 was bred by Sandy Willwerth and Carrie and Craig Brogden's Machmer Hall, which also bred his GSP dam Co Cola (**Candy Ride {Arg}**) and his undefeated full-sister, who was purchased by Mike Ryan for \$310,000 at Keeneland September. Co Cola produced a **Nyquist** colt this year and was bred back to **Flatter**.

"Every time he breezed it was even better," said Carrie Brogden, standing with her mother, Sandy Willwerth. **Cont. p5**



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“Then we got lucky with Search Results. She was actually a day topper [at KEESEP]. We had the mare catalogued to sell in foal, but after [Search Results] was a day topper, we scratched the mare. We actually bred [Co Cola], sold her and she became a graded stakes horse. When she was done racing, Chris Brothers called me privately and we bought her back as a broodmare prospect, so it is circular for us.”

The horsewoman continued, “I love the fact it is women, Valery [de Meric] and I and my mom and Lauren. These women are making their voices heard. Twenty years ago when I moved to Kentucky, you didn't see that. Now things have changed. It was completely Valery's decision to buy that **Flatter** colt off of us and I encouraged her. We have one of our good luck partners Gus King in on the horse and it is just a dream.”

The de Merics and Brogdens enjoyed more success during Thursday's session, with their **Curlin** half-brother to champion Drefong (Gio Ponti) (**Hip 744**) bringing \$425,000 from Mike Ryan and a **Curlin** filly (**Hip 830**) summoning \$670,000 from Pete Bradley.

“I can't say enough about our relationship with the de Merics,” Brogden said. “We trust in each other. We have done so well with our homebreds and they allow us to retain pieces.”

--@CDeBernardisTDN

Van Leer Perseveres for One of the Last Pioneers

It was a match race to the wire for **Hip 786**, but it was Gayle Van Leer who crossed the line first to take home a colt from the last full crop of Pioneerof the Nile for \$575,000 on behalf of Kretz Racing. The colt will join the barn of California-based conditioner George Papaprodromou.

“These kinds of horses are so difficult to buy,” Van Leer said. “We have been trying all week, so it is nice to get something we really wanted. That was the horse we targeted from the very beginning, but it's been very tough to buy at the top end, so we are very glad to be able to get him.”

She continued, “I loved his balance. He is just put together so nicely and has a lovely stride to him. He is just a solid type that we think can be a two-turn horse.”

The dark bay colt breezed in a sharp :20 4/5 for Eddie Woods during last week's breeze show.

“I knew he would sell really well, but you never know what they can bring,” Woods said. “You need a duel like the one that just happened to make it happen for you. We had a lot of good people on him and rightly so because he is a really nice horse.”

Hip 786 is the second foal out of Fancy Day (Ire) (Shamardal), who is a daughter of GSW Tizdubai (Cee's Tizzy). A \$145,000 RNA at Keeneland September, he was bred by WinStar and is from the last full crop of their top stallion Pioneerof the Nile, who died in March of 2019 after breeding just a few mares.

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“He didn't look anything like that as a yearling,” Woods said. “He was a small, undeveloped horse, but he just bloomed through the winter and worked fantastic.”

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First Pinhook a Score for Eisaman

While parents Barry and Shari Eisaman have gone from strength to strength--led by the \$850,000 homebred colt by **Gun Runner** Tuesday--this week in Ocala, it was their 22-year-old daughter Kristina who got into the action late in Thursday's third session of the Spring sale. The younger Eisaman celebrated her acceptance into vet school by selling a colt by **Klimt (Hip 902)** for \$310,000. She had purchased the juvenile, her first-ever pinhook attempt, for \$25,000 at last year's Keeneland September sale.

Eisaman said she always planned to follow in the veterinary footsteps of her father, but it wasn't until recently that she decided to also make the family's Ocala operation part of her future.

“I always knew I wanted to do veterinary medicine, but it wasn't until I got older and was in college that I realized that pinhooking was what I wanted to do and I started getting more interested in what my parents do,” Eisaman said Thursday afternoon. “I always knew I wanted to do something with horses, but it wasn't until this past year that I knew this is what I wanted to do.”



Kristina Eisaman | Jessica Martini

Her decision was helped along by the pandemic, which last spring interrupted her studies at the University of Florida.

“I kind of think COVID had a lot to do with it, because I never would have come home,” Eisaman said. “I would never have come back to the farm and I would never have started working with my dad. So it's a blessing in disguise. I found what I want to do and I've found my passion. I am so thankful for that.”

Two Royal Ascot prospects from his first 2YO crop!

ELLIPTIC (conceived in late May) scored on debut over 5f at Tipperary on Tuesday for Donnacha O'Brien and Mrs A-M O'Brien

“might be more of an Albany filly than one for the Queen Mary”

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TENEBRISM scored on debut over 5f at Naas last month for Aidan O'Brien and Coolmore/Westerberg/Merriebelle Stables

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With her newfound direction, Eisaman headed to Lexington with her parents last September.

“I had just gotten off the plane [in Lexington] and I was standing there with my parents,” Eisaman recalled. “And my mom said, ‘We are just looking at what catches our eye.’ And this chestnut colt came in and I said, ‘Hey, mom. Look at this.’ We looked further into him and decided let’s go for him. And we did.”

Eisaman signed her first ticket on the colt from the first crop of GI Del Mar Futurity winner **Klimt** last fall and watched him blossom into his 2-year-old form which saw him work a furlong at last week’s under-tack show in **:10 flat**. The colt was purchased Thursday by Kaleem Shah, who also campaigned his sire.

“He has changed a lot,” Eisaman said of the juvenile. “He’s always been very mature, but he’s gotten bigger and he’s so built. He always comes out and does the right thing. He knows what he supposed to do and he’s very businesslike. But he’s aggressive. At the breeze show, they could barely pull him up after he galloped out. He is all business. And I really like that about him. He loves to train, which I think is very important. He’s very competitive. The more he trains, the more it seems like that is what he wants to do. He has the right mentality.”

The colt was popular at the barn all week, but Eisaman said she tried to temper her expectations.

“I knew he was looked at a lot and I knew that he was probably going to go for six figures, but I didn’t want to get my hopes up too much,” she said. “But everybody kept saying, ‘You’re going to get into vet school this week and then you’re going to pay for vet school this week.’ Once it hit \$120,000, I thought, ‘That pays for my vet school.’ I was kind of in shock, though. I was just watching as the numbers ticked up.”

In addition to vet school, Eisaman is hoping to invest in additional yearlings this coming fall, but she is going into the business with her eyes wide open.

“It’s a hard lifestyle,” she said. “And I am aware of that and I am not going into it blindly. I am aware that it’s challenging and I am looking forward to that challenge.” [@JessMartiniTDN](#)

Ramirez Scores with Shackelford Colt

Omar Ramirez, who spent the last 12 years learning the trade with the Gladwells’ Top Line Sales, is consigning under his own name at just his second auction, but scored a pinhooking coup with the sale of a colt by Shackelford (**Hip 747**) for \$285,000 to GMP Stables LLC/Anthony Melfi Thursday in Ocala. Ramirez had purchased the colt with a client for \$35,000 at last year’s Fasig-Tipton Midlantic Fall Yearlings Sale.

“I bought him for me and my client at the Maryland sale. That was my first time at that sale,” Ramirez said while celebrating his

biggest result to date. “He had a beautiful conformation and he had a beautiful walk. His mind was so good, the same with him here. He was a classy horse. I said to my client, ‘We need to get him.’ I thought he might go for more, so I was very happy to get him for \$35,000.”

The chestnut colt is out of Elusive Tara (Elusive Quality), a half-sister to graded winner Big Bend (**Union Rags**) and multiple graded placed Miss Chatelaine (Pulpit). He worked a furlong in **:10 flat** during last week’s under-tack show.

“I knew coming into this sale he was going to be one of my big horses,” Ramirez said. “I didn’t know how good he was going to work with the weather and he worked late in the afternoon. But he did everything right.”

Ramirez offered a pair of fillies in his first consignment at the OBS March sale and sold a daughter of Uncaptured for \$65,000.

His eight-horse April consignment is stabled in Barn 13, just across from the Top Line consignment in Barn 14.

“I had been working for Top Line for 12 years,” Ramirez said. “They taught me a lot. They are like my family, so I love them and they’ve been supporting me so much. I told them this winter that I wanted to do this venture and they said ok. That’s why I’m next to them.”

While Ramirez made his first trip to the Midlantic Yearling sale last fall, it likely isn’t his last visit to the Timonium auction.



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<u>Hip</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Pedigree</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Prev Sale</u>	<u>Buyer/Agent</u>	<u>Current Consignor</u>
915	C	Klimt-Hot Chocolate Hit	\$17,000	KEESEP YLG 2020	Navas Equine	Navas Equine
916	C	Dialed In-Howaya Lily	\$35,000	OBS YRG 2YR & HRA	Antigo Ranch	Coastal Equine
918	F	Constitution-Humble Song	\$100,000	FTK SELECT YLG 2020	C. Nguyen & Meah/Lloyd B'stock	Harris Training Center
919	C	Practical Joke-Hysterical	\$70,000	FTKOCT YLG 2020	Marc Tacher	Top Line Sales
920	F	Upstart-Iboughttheranyway	\$22,000	KEESEP YLG 2020	Arturo Gonzalez	A Rebel Colt
921	F	Air Force Blue-Ice Mint	\$30,000	KEESEP YLG 2020	BL Transport/Heather Larson	Ordonez Thoroughbreds
923	F	Declaration of War-Impazibly Fleet	\$38,000	FTI YLG OCT 2020	Q Bar J Thoroughbreds	Q Bar J Thoroughbreds
924	C	More Than Ready-Imperial Pippin	\$50,000	KEEJAN ALL AGES 2020	Patillo Equine	Top Line Sales
925	C	Not This Time-In a Jif	\$310,000	FTK SELECT YLG 2020	Three Amigos	Pick View
926	C	Kanthalos-Include the Aussie	\$47,000	KEESEP YLG 2020	Adalberto Lorano	Off the Hook
931	C	Classic Empire-Indian Legend	\$70,000	KEESEP YLG 2020	Gina Fennell	L.G.
932	C	Frosted-Indian Pond	\$50,000	KEESEP YLG 2020	Julie Davies	Julie Davies
935	C	Munnings-Inflamed	\$50,000	FTKOCT YLG 2020	J.D. McKibbin	Top Line Sales
936	C	Gormley-Inner Groove	\$45,000	KEESEP YLG 2020	Knights Bloodstock	Wavertree Stables
941	C	Malibu Moon-Into Summer	\$80,000	FTKOCT YLG 2020	Thomas Fackler	Best A Luck Farm
942	C	Dortmund-Irish Heroine	\$55,000	FTI YLG OCT 2020	Redwings	Wavertree Stables
949	F	Astern (Aus)-Ivory Pearl	\$15,000	FTKOCT YLG 2020	Shooting Star Sales	Shooting Star Sales
950	C	Bernardini-Izshelegal	\$17,000	KEENOV BRDG 2019	Global Thoroughbreds	Off the Hook
955	F	Practical Joke-Jenny's So Great	\$165,000	KEESEP YLG 2020	Julie Davies	Julie Davies
956	F	Perfect Soul (Ire)-Jersey Bee's	\$10,000	FTKOCT YLG 2020	Jesse Hoppel	Coastal Equine
958	C	American Freedom-Joanie's Catch	\$87,000	FTK SELECT YLG 2020	Redwings	Wavertree Stables
961	C	Carpe Diem-Jules Best	\$25,000	KEESEP YLG 2020	Julie Davies	Julie Davies
962	C	More Than Ready-Julie's Jewelry	\$16,000	FTKOCT YLG 2020	Christy/K.O.I.D.	Whitman Sales
964	C	Kanthalos-Just Call Me Angel	\$13,000	OBS YRG 2YR & HRA	Monarch Farms	Halcyon Hammock Farm
965	C	Constitution-Justice Served	\$40,000	FTN FALL MIXED 2019	DKW Racing	Wavertree Stables
966	F	Laoban-Just Perfect	\$67,000	FTI YLG OCT 2020	Scanlon Training/Marty Shapiro	Scanlon Training & Sales
969	F	Bernardini-Katama	\$70,000	FTK SELECT YLG 2020	Vineyard Racing	Gene Recio
970	C	Bodemeister-Katana (NZ)	\$3,000	KEENOV BRDG 2019	Tanner Wingo	Double Tap Sales
972	C	Bernardini-Katniss the Victor	\$20,000	KEESEP YLG 2020	Pat Waresk	RiceHorse Stable
978	C	Not This Time-Kissed by a Star	\$10,000	KEENOV BRDG 2019	Drumshanbo	Scanlon Training & Sales

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979	F	Constitution-Kiss the King	\$55,000	KEESEP YLG 2020	Marc Tacher	Golden Rock T'breeds
982	F	Tapiture-Knoxy	\$27,000	FTKOCT YLG 2020	Grassroots Training/Sales	Grassroots Training/Sales
983	C	Keen Ice-Kombat Kitty	\$30,000	KEENOV BRDG 2019	Global Thoroughbreds	Altamira Stable
984	C	More Than Ready-La Chica Sensual	\$67,000	OBS YRG 2YR & HRA	De Meric Sales	De Meric Sales
987	F	Malibu Moon-Lady Digger	\$28,000	KEESEP YLG 2020	Gabriel Dixon	Gabriel Dixon
991	C	Oxbow-Lady On the Run	\$5,500	OBS WNT MIX 20	Luis Flores	Big Easy
995	F	Klimt-Lake Como	\$90,000	KEESEP YLG 2020	Down the Stretch	Top Line Sales
996	C	Valiant Minister-La Nonna	\$40,000	OBS YRG 2YR & HRA	Big D Stable	SGV Thoroughbreds
1000	C	Caravaggio-Lap of Luxury (Ire)	\$83,560	GOFFS ORBY YLG 2020	Mike Akers	Wavertree Stables
1005	C	Liam's Map-Lemon Drop Dolly	\$40,000	KEEJAN ALL AGES 2020	DKW Racing	Grassroots Training/Sales
1007	C	Keen Ice-Lenders Way	\$100,000	FTKOCT YLG 2020	Marc Tacher	De Meric Sales
1009	C	Practical Joke-Leo's Pegasus	\$75,000	KEESEP YLG 2020	Lorena Wood	Eddie Woods
1011	F	Hit It a Bomb-Lightning Twice	\$17,000	OBS WNT MIX 20	Yuly Jauregui	Blue River Bloodstock
1012	F	Exaggerator-Lights Out (Aus)	\$20,000	FTKOCT YLG 2020	Rolling Thunder Farm	Whitman Sales
1015	F	Cairo Prince-Lili Von Shtupp	\$10,000	FTKOCT YLG 2020	Claribel Ramirez	Southern Chase Farm
1016	F	American Freedom-Lil Miss Jones	\$21,000	KEESEP YLG 2020	Grassroots Training/Sales	Grassroots Training/Sales
1017	F	Blame-Lil Super Bear	\$32,000	KEESEP YLG 2020	H M A Equine/Chalino Lopez	Julie Davies
1018	F	Midnight Storm-Lily Maria	\$15,000	OBS WNT MIX 20	Marlene & Derek Evans	White Lilac
1019	C	Unified-Limbo Loose (Ire)	\$23,000	FTK SELECT YLG 2020	Jose Munoz	De Meric Sales
1024	C	Cairo Prince-Little Polka Dot	\$32,000	FTI YLG OCT 2020	Windylea Farm	Harris Training Center
1027	C	Outwork-Long Kiss Goodbye	\$52,000	FTKOCT YLG 2020	Team Fun	Top Line Sales
1028	C	Klimt-Longride to Wisdom	\$47,000	FTK SELECT YLG 2020	SGV Thoroughbreds	SGV Thoroughbreds
1029	F	Malibu Moon-Look Into My Eyes	\$32,000	KEESEP YLG 2020	Erick Aquino	Golden Rock T'breeds
1032	F	Declaration of War-Louve Royale (Ire)	\$25,000	KEESEP YLG 2020	Grassroots Training/Sales	Grassroots Training/Sales
1033	F	Frosted-Love Cove	\$25,000	KEESEP YLG 2020	Bruno DeBerd	Scanlon Training & Sales
1035	F	American Freedom-Lovely Cool	\$21,000	KEENOV BRDG 2019	Sennebec South Farm	Eddie Woods
1036	C	Upstart-Lovely Marissa	\$23,000	OBS WNT MIX 20	East Coast Bloodstock	Woodford Thoroughbreds
1037	F	Creative Cause-Lovemelikeyoudo	\$3,500	KEESEP YLG 2020	Edy Gonzalez	Goldencents T'breeds
1041	F	Hard Spun-Love Train	\$22,000	KEESEP YLG 2020	AB Thoroughbreds	AB Thoroughbreds
1046	C	Nyquist-Lunar Empress	\$160,000	KEEJAN ALL AGES 2020	Ballygriffin Farm	Hemingway Racing/Training
1047	C	Liam's Map-Lusaka	\$40,000	KEESEP YLG 2020	Q Bar J	Q Bar J Thoroughbreds
1048	F	Constitution-Madame B Mine	\$35,000	FTKOCT YLG 2020	Grassroots Training/Sales	Grassroots Training/Sales
1049	C	Liam's Map-Madame Mayra	\$170,000	FTK FALL MIX 2019	De Meric Stables	De Meric Sales
1051	F	Congrats-Maggies Ransom	\$20,000	ESLA SEPT YLG 2020	Grassroots Training/Sales	Grassroots Training/Sales
1053	F	Kantharos-Magic Humor	\$50,000	KEEJAN ALL AGES 2020	South Paw	Costanzo Sales

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1054	C	Shackleford-Magna G	\$5,000	FTKOCT YLG 2020	Grassroots Training/Sales	Grassroots Training/Sales
1055	C	Greenpointcrusader-Magnolia's Sister	\$15,000	OBS YRG 2YR & HRA	Benancio Murillo	SGV Thoroughbreds
1056	F	Malibu Moon-Maid of Heaven	\$45,000	OBS YRG 2YR & HRA	Amarone Bloodstock	Niall Brennan Stables
1059	C	Ghostzapper-Majestic River	\$180,000	KEESEP YLG 2020	Mike Ryan	Eisaman Equine
1060	C	More Than Ready-Majorelle	\$100,000	KEESEP YLG 2020	DJ Stable	Hidden Brook
1062	C	Twirling Candy-Malibu Drive	\$165,000	KEESEP YLG 2020	Turning Hawk B.S.S.	SGV Thoroughbreds
1064	C	Kantharos-Mama's Dia	\$10,000	FTKOCT YLG 2020	Lucan Bloodstock	Lucan Bloodstock
1067	F	Uncle Mo-Manda Bay	\$200,000	FTKOCT YLG 2020	Nice Guys Stables	Mayberry Farm
1068	C	Bird Song-Ma Petite	\$6,500	KEENOV BRDG 2019	Phoenix Farm & Racing	Nice & Easy T'breds
1072	C	Midnight Storm-Margarita Salt	\$58,000	KEENOV BRDG 2019	Dailey Bloodstock	De Meric Sales
1074	C	Twirling Candy-Maria Got Even	\$57,000	KEEJAN ALL AGES 2020	De Meric Stables	De Meric Sales
1075	F	American Freedom-Market Appeal	\$20,000	FTI YLG OCT 2020	Grassroots Training/Sales	Grassroots Training/Sales
1079	C	Mineshaft-Math Class	\$30,000	FTKOCT YLG 2020	Grassroots Training/Sales	Grassroots Training/Sales
1080	C	Tapit-Mayan Milagra	\$110,000	KEESEP YLG 2020	Kern Thoroughbreds	Woodford Thoroughbreds
1081	C	Flintshire (GB)-Maymont	\$42,000	FTKOCT YLG 2020	Tom McCrocklin	Tom McCrocklin
1083	C	Cupid-Mazella	\$45,000	KEESEP YLG 2020	William S. Sparks/Jeffrey Mackor II	Randy Miles
1085	F	Liam's Map-Media Fire	\$70,000	FTK SELECT YLG 2020	Cromwell Bloodstock	Top Line Sales
1087	C	Summer Front-Meditations	\$15,000	KEENOV BRDG 2019	Equine Associates	All In Sales
1089	C	Connect-Meg Giry	\$150,000	KEENOV BRDG 2019	Wizard Bloodstock	Blas Perez Stables
1091	F	Twirling Candy-Melody Maiden	\$67,000	KEENOV BRDG 2019	Champion Equine	Tom McCrocklin
1093	F	Classic Empire-Mema	\$50,000	KEESEP YLG 2020	Kings Equine	King's Equine
1095	F	Cupid-Mercer Mill Mae	\$13,000	KEESEP YLG 2020	Jacobo Ordonez	Golden Thoroughbreds
1096	C	Creative Cause-Meridiana (Ger)	\$17,000	FTKOCT YLG 2020	Christy/K.O.I.D.	Whitman Sales
1101	F	Temple City-Mia Donna	\$15,000	KEESEP YLG 2020	Nick Palmer	Winners Circle T'breds
1108	F	American Freedom-Mind Boggling	\$50,000	KEENOV BRDG 2019	War Horse Place	RiceHorse Stable
1109	F	Daredevil-Mined Over Matter	\$100,000	FTKOCT YLG 2020	Marc Tacher	Top Line Sales
1111	C	Empire Maker-Mischief Maker	\$30,000	FTI YLG OCT 2020	Q Bar J Thoroughbreds	Q Bar J Thoroughbreds
1112	F	Star Guitar-Miss Addison	\$39,000	FTI YLG OCT 2020	Golden Rock	Golden Rock T'breds
1113	F	Mohaymen-Miss Amador	\$13,000	KEESEP YLG 2020	Sue Anne Hallman	Crownsway South
1114	C	Exaggerator-Missbelle O's Tale	\$110,000	KEESEP YLG 2020	Flying P Stable/Oracle B'stock	SBM Training & Sales
1115	C	Kobe's Back-Miss Charades	\$27,000	FTKOCT YLG 2020	Olivia Enterprises	Mayberry Farm
1118	F	Frosted-Miss Emilia	\$95,000	FTKOCT YLG 2020	HTC/Voric Stables	Harris Training Center
1124	F	Practical Joke-Mississippi Queen	\$30,000	FTKOCT YLG 2020	New Horizon Farm	New Horizon Farm
1126	C	Exaggerator-Miss Larkspur	\$40,000	KEESEP YLG 2020	HTC/Voric Stables	Harris Training Center
1128	C	Tiznow-Miss Metropolitan	\$110,000	KEEJAN ALL AGES 2020	Two Tigers Bloodstock	Randy Bradshaw
1132	F	Lookin At Lucky-Miss Sammy	\$25,000	KEESEP YLG 2020	Pewter Stable	Eisaman Equine

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1135	C	Connect-Miss Ten	\$100,000	FTN FALL MIXED 2019	Jonathan Thorne	Scanlon Training & Sales
1137	C	Astern (Aus)-Mixed Up Kid	\$5,000	FTK WNT MIX 2020	Ramiro Salazar	Nice & Easy T'breds
1138	C	Broken Vow-Miz Ida	\$27,000	FTKOCT YLG 2020	RL Transport	Ordonez Thoroughbreds
1139	C	Bayern-Mlle. Minuit	\$25,000	FTI YLG OCT 2020	Pewter Stable	Eisaman Equine
1140	C	Union Jackson-Mochima	\$37,000	FTK SELECT YLG 2020	Autrey Bloodstock	Wavertree Stables
1145	C	Strong Mandate-Moneygrabber	\$14,000	FTI YLG OCT 2020	Thorostock	SGV Thoroughbreds
1147	F	Tiznow-Moon Angel	\$95,000	KEESEP YLG 2020	Quarter Pole Enterprises	Eddie Woods
1150	C	Tapiture-Moonlight Basin	\$65,000	FTI YLG OCT 2020	Grassroots Training/Sales	Grassroots Training/Sales
1151	F	Nyquist-Moon Music	\$47,000	KEENOV BRDG 2019	September Farm	Hartley/DeRenzo T'breds
1157	F	Keen Ice-Mullins Bay	\$12,000	KEESEP YLG 2020	South Legacy Stables	Potrero Stables
1164	F	Mucho Macho Man-My Secret Weapon	\$10,000	OBS YRG 2YR & HRA	Omar Ramirez	Omar Ramirez B'stock
1169	F	Constitution-Nashinda	\$25,000	FTK SELECT YLG 2020	Monarch Farms	Halcyon Hammock Farm
1173	F	Neolithic-Nefer Nefer	\$5,000	OBS WNT MIX 20	Angel Hernandez	Julie Davies
1175	F	Big Blue Kitten-Neith	\$12,500	FTI YLG OCT 2020	Grassroots Training/Sales	Grassroots Training/Sales
1176	F	Ghostzapper-Neshama	\$60,000	KEESEP YLG 2020	Grassroots Training/Sales	Grassroots Training/Sales
1177	F	Connect-Nest Egg	\$60,000	KEESEP YLG 2020	De Meric Sales	De Meric Sales
1179	C	Arrogate-Nicole H	\$40,000	FTKOCT YLG 2020	David Geofroy	Navas Equine
1180	F	Air Force Blue-Nicole Kathryn	\$72,000	OBS YRG 2YR & HRA	Champion Equine	Tom McCrocklin
1181	F	Not This Time-Night Launch	\$50,000	FTKOCT YLG 2020	Eric Antonio Delvalle	Randy Miles
1182	F	Unified-Nighttming	\$60,000	KEESEP YLG 2020	Eisaman Equine	Eisaman Equine
1185	F	Mohaymen-Nitara	\$28,000	OBS YRG 2YR & HRA	GMP Stables	Eddie Woods
1188	F	Liam's Map-Noelle's Mischief	\$50,000	KEESEP YLG 2020	Arch Bloodstock	Flying Fish
1189	F	Star Guitar-No Fairy Tale	\$10,000	ESLA SEPT YLG 2020	Grassroots Training/Sales	Grassroots Training/Sales
1190	F	American Pharoah-Namee	\$210,000	KEENOV BRDG 2019	September Farm	Hartley/DeRenzo T'breds
1191	C	Classic Empire-Northern Passion	\$55,000	FTKOCT YLG 2020	Grassroots Training/Sales	Grassroots Training/Sales
1193	C	Lord Nelson-Nuggets	\$70,000	KEESEP YLG 2020	Marc Tacher	Randy Miles
1194	C	Temple City-Obregon	\$40,000	FTI YLG OCT 2020	Team Fun	Top Line Sales
1195	F	Lord Nelson-Ode to Sami	\$55,000	KEESEP YLG 2020	Matty Jetson	Mayberry Farm
1196	C	Speightster-Off Limits	\$30,000	KEESEP YLG 2020	Lucan Bloodstock	Lucan Bloodstock
1199	C	Tapiture-Oh Suzy Q	\$18,000	KEEJAN ALL AGES 2020	Blue Hen Thoroughbreds	King's Equine
1201	C	Street Sense-On Cloud Nine	\$120,000	FTKOCT YLG 2020	Champion Equine	Tom McCrocklin
1203	F	Frosted-One More Wild Ride	\$100,000	FTK WNT MIX 2020	Frederick & May	Randy Miles
1209	C	Frankel (GB)-Onshore (GB)	\$250,084	TAT OCT YLG (BK 1) 20	Mike Akers	Wavertree Stables
1211	F	Munnings-Ordain	\$40,000	FTKOCT YLG 2020	Grassroots Training/Sales	Grassroots Training/Sales
1212	C	Street Boss-Orient Moon	\$17,000	FTI YLG OCT 2020	Jesse Hoppel	Hoppel's Horse & Cattle
1215	C	American Freedom-Our Pure Creation	\$40,000	KEESEP YLG 2020	Eisaman Equine	Eisaman Equine

“I bought six horses over there and they all worked really well here,” Ramirez said. “I have a couple more coming today and tomorrow. I am sure I will go back for that sale.”

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OBS SPRING SALE -- THURSDAY

HIP	SEX	SIRE	DAM	PRICE (\$)
646	filly	Hard Spun	Colina Verde (Brz)	180,000

(\$30,000 yrl '20 KEESEP)

B-Highlight Thoroughbreds & Godolphin (Ky)

Consigned by Eisaman Equine, agent

Purchased by Salem Bin Ghadayer

Barry and Shari Eisaman purchased this filly for \$30,000 at last year's Keeneland September sale. Later in Thursday's session,

the Eisamans sold a filly by **Ghostzapper (hip 834)**, purchased for \$60,000 last September at Keeneland, to Wilson One Consulting for \$240,000.

656	colt	Curlin	Conquering	250,000
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(\$60,000 yrl '20 FTKOCT)

B-Hill 'n' Dale Equine Holdings (Ky)

Consigned by S B M Training and Sales, agent

Purchased by Maverick Racing/CMNWLTH

Susan Montanye's S B M Training and Sales purchased this colt for \$60,000 at last year's Fasig-Tipton October sale.

697	colt	Declaration of War	Darby Blush	280,000
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(\$100,000 yrl '20 FTKOCT)

B-Winter Creek Farm (Ky)

Consigned by Randy Miles, Agent IX

Purchased by L.E.B., agent

Eric Antonio Delvalle purchased this colt for \$100,000 at last year's Fasig-Tipton October sale.

782	filly	Lord Nelson	Fairy Star (Aus)	375,000
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(\$30,000 yrl '20 KEESEP)

B-Spendthrift Farm (Ky)

Consigned by Randy Miles, agent **Cont. p9**

ANOTHER
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Hip 902 at OBS Spring was purchased for
\$310,000
by **Kaleem Shah, Inc.**
who also campaigned his sire.

Consigned by **Eisaman Equine**
Bred by **Laura McKinney**

// Gorgeous looking horse who had a great breeze and vetted clean. Should be a runner. **//**
- Kaleem Shah, purchaser

OTHER FIRST-CROP 2YOS SOLD FOR
\$250,000, \$225,000, \$210,000, ETC.

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Purchased by John Ballantyne/N B S Stable
Cool Hill Farm purchased this filly for \$30,000 at last year's Keeneland September sale.

817 colt First Samurai Fox Chapel 200,000
(\$22,000 yrl '20 FTKOCT; \$1,700 wnlg '19 KEENOV)

B-Bullett Stables (Ky)

Consigned by Grassroots Training & Sales LLC

Purchased by Zilla Racing, Oracle Bloodstock, agent

David McKathan and Jody Mihalic's Grassroots Training and Sales purchased this colt for \$22,000 at last year's Fasig-Tipton October sale.

866 filly Temple City Grande Mocha 110,000
(\$4,000 yrl '20 KEESEP)

B-Monticule (Ky)

Consigned by Off the Hook LLC, Agent XVI

Purchased by Madaket Stables LLC

Sayeli Camacho was able to acquire this filly for just \$4,000 at last year's Keeneland September sale. The juvenile zipped a furlong in :9 4/5 during last week's under-tack show.

909 colt Nyquist Honey Chile 300,000
(\$85,000 yrl '20 KEESEP)

B-James Miller (WV)

Consigned by Paul Sharp, Agent I

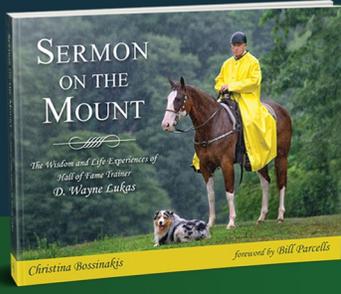
Purchased by D J Stable LLC

This son of last year's leading freshman sire Nyquist was acquired by Green Springs Farm for \$85,000 at last year's Keeneland September sale.

SESSION TOPPERS

OBS APRIL -THURSDAY TOP COLTS

HIP	SEX	SIRE DAM	PRICE (\$)
644	colt	Flatter--Co Cola	625,000
		(\$100,000 yrl '20 KEESEP)	
		Breeder: Machmer Hall (KY)	
		Consignor: de Meric Sales, Agent XVIII	
		Purchaser: Lauren Carlisle, Agent & MyRacehorse.com	
786	colt	Pioneerof the Nile--Fancy Day (Ire)	575,000
		(\$145,000 RNA yrl '20 KEESEP)	
		Breeder: WinStar Farm (KY)	
		Consignor: Eddie Woods, Agent XXXI	
		Purchaser: Gayle Van Leer, Agent	
744	colt	Curlin--Eltimaas	425,000
		(\$400,000 RNA yrl '20 KEESEP)	



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Breeder: Machmer Hall, & Carrie & Craig Brogden (KY)

Consignor: de Meric Sales, Agent XXII

Purchaser: Mike Ryan, Agent

902 colt Klimt--Hey Little Sister 310,000
(\$25,000 yrl '20 KEESEP)

Breeder: Laura McKinney (KY)

Consignor: Eisaman Equine, Agent

Purchaser: Kaleem Shah, Inc.

909 colt Nyquist--Honey Chile 300,000
(\$85,000 yrl '20 KEESEP)

Breeder: James F. Miller (WV)

Consignor: Paul Sharp, Agent I

Purchaser: DJ Stable

684 colt Overanalyze--Curlamorous 300,000
(\$25,000 yrl '20 OBSOCT)

Breeder: Hidden Point Farm (NY)

Consignor: Dynasty Thoroughbreds

Purchaser: Mike Ryan, Agent

747 colt Shackelford--Elusive Tara 285,000
(\$35,000 yrl '20 EASOCT)

Breeder: Charles P. Merrick, III (KY)

Consignor: Omar Ramirez Bloodstock, Agent IV

Purchaser: GMP Stables LLC / Anthony Melfi

TOP FILLIES

HIP	SEX	SIRE DAM	PRICE (\$)
830	filly	Curlin--Funny Proposition (\$200,000 yrl '20 KEESEP) <i>Breeder: John C. Oxley (KY)</i> <i>Consignor: de Meric Sales, Agent XXXV</i> <i>Purchaser: Bradley Thoroughbreds, LLC</i>	670,000
782	filly	Lord Nelson--Fairy Star (Aus) (\$30,000 yrl '20 KEESEP) <i>Breeder: Spendthrift Farm (KY)</i> <i>Consignor: Randy Miles, Agent</i> <i>Purchaser: John Ballantyne / N B S Stable</i>	375,000
834	filly	Ghostzapper--Gal About Town (\$60,000 yrl '20 KEESEP) <i>Breeder: Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings (KY)</i> <i>Consignor: Eisaman Equine, Agent</i> <i>Purchaser: Wilson One Consulting, LLC</i>	240,000
753	filly	Medaglia d'Oro--Enhancing <i>Breeder: KatieRich Farms (KY)</i> <i>Consignor: Niall Brennan Stable, Agent II</i> <i>Purchaser: OXO Equine, LLC</i>	220,000

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Joining the set, posted up at the tiki bar near the walking ring, were **Green Group Guests of the Week** Barry "Doc" Eisaman, Randy Miles, Nick de Meric and Terry Finley, all of whom exuded the optimism felt from economic and personal standpoints on the grounds compared to last year's delayed, angst-filled sale.

"The weight is just lifted off our back," said Miles, whose six-horse consignment includes **Hip 1099**, an **Into Mischief** filly expected to bring a large return on the sale's final day after breezing a furlong in :9 4/5. "We had no idea what was going to happen last year. We were trying to sell horses privately because we didn't know what the market was going to be like. And a big part of this business is not about the money, it's about all of our friends. It's just so nice to be out here for this two-week period and all of our friends are here. It's like a big party. Everybody is in a great mood, and it's just refreshing. If we can get the racetracks back to this, it'll be so much fun. The financial stuff always takes care of itself. But the people are what makes it fun."

Nick de Meric's de Meric Sales has come to OBS typically loaded with promising juveniles, which bore out later Wednesday in the ring when a **Quality Road** colt (**hip 381**, :10 flat breeze) from his shedrow hammered to Speedway Stable for a thus-far sale-topping \$1.5 million.



"As we all know, if this business teaches you nothing else it teaches you to be humble, but we do have a couple of potential stars," de Meric said. "We have a fabulous **Quality Road**, we have a couple of Into Mischiefs that we think an awful lot of. **Curlin**, **Candy Ride**, we've got some names represented in the consignment and the horses performed well and vetted well after their performance, and people seem to be lining up well in a few spots."

de Meric also commented on the good feeling around the grounds, saying, "I think the atmosphere is diametrically opposed to last year. People have been on lockdown so long and had restricted travel so long, they're just ready to come out and play. And what better place to play than a 2-year-old sale? There is definitely a feeling of optimism in the air."

The proximity to next Saturday's GI Kentucky Derby, also back on its normal calendar spot this year, also helped that optimism. West Point Thoroughbreds' CEO Finley bought a pair of babies Tuesday and spoke about the motivation of the impending Derby to find the next star. **Cont. p11**



Nick de Meric | Photos by Z

“You look at the top 25 horses that are in contention for the Derby and they don't all come from day one in September, they don't all cost \$600,000,” he said. “They come from all over the spectrum. So I think that's what keeps everybody [motivated]. The fact that you can come here and get a great athlete to take a shot with to try to get to the big races.”

Eisaman was this week's **Minnesota Racehorse Engagement Project** Story of the Week after he and wife Shari's Eisaman Equine sold a homebred colt by **Gun Runner** (Hip 118, :10 flat breeze) for an easily session-topping \$850,000 to Michael Lund Petersen in Tuesday's sale opener.

“My wife is the brains behind the management of our mares and it's extremely rewarding for her,” he said. “She picked **Gun Runner**, she helped select that mare, so to have one we raised from a little puppy to yesterday was very good. Every year when we leave the farm and go into the sale, there are young horses who are doing everything quite well and he was one of them. But you can never really predict at that point that he'd catch on with the right buyers and be that successful. After he got here, trained here, the breeze show happened and he galloped out so well, showed so much poise, you begin to evolve into understanding this, but our expectations were never in the range that he brought [Tuesday]. So it was a good day for us, our family, my wife and our broodmares.”

Elsewhere on the show, Bianca and Green reacted to the outstanding battle in the GI Apple Blossom H., talked about the reversal of disqualifications for Bob Baffert trainees Charlatan (**Speightstown**) and Gamine (**Into Mischief**) and, in the **West Point Thoroughbreds** news segment, broke down the implications of New Jersey's strict new whip rules. [Click here to watch the podcast](#); [click here for the audio-only version](#).

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BREEDERS ROBERTSON, GONZALEZ ELEVATE DIALED IN'S PROFILE

Somewhere on the grounds of OBS on Tuesday, the two unacquainted men who bred **Dialed In's** (**Mineshaft**) only two Grade I winners to date--GI Kentucky Derby-bound Get Her Number and Super Stock--quite likely passed each other unaware of the other in that random way of the universe that plays with degrees of separation.

I assume this because I was on the phone with Phil Robertson, who co-bred Get Her Number with his wife Brenda, when Pedro “Pete” Gonzalez, the co-breeder of Super Stock with his grandson P.J. Gonzalez, phoned me. **Cont. p12**

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I was finishing up my call with Robertson, who was three hips away from selling a 2-year-old, and immediately returned the Gonzalez call when I hung up with Robertson.

The first thing I noticed when Gonzalez started speaking was a distinct background voice that had also been present in my call with Robertson. For all I know, they could have been standing within feet of each other when speaking to me about why they sent their respective mares to Darby Dan's **Dialed In** in 2017.

Of course, there was every reason to send a mare to **Dialed In** that spring because the stallion, who'd stood his first four seasons for \$7,500, had dramatically defeated Lane's End's **Union Rags** (Dixie Union) for the champion freshman sire title on the last day of the year, in the very same race at that--the \$100,000 Gin Talking S. at Laurel. **Dialed In**'s Ms Locust Point won the race, earning \$60,000, while **Union Rags**'s daughter Aiden's Rag Doll finished fifth. The margin separating the two stallions had been only \$35,194 before the race. It was a victory for David versus Goliath, because **Union Rags** had been syndicated for more than \$12 million and stood for a \$35,000 fee.

Breeders came in droves to **Dialed In** in 2017 despite the doubling of his fee to \$15,000, and among the 231 mares bred to the stallion that year were Robertson's homebred Bernstein (Storm Cat) mare Fancier, the dam of Get Her Number, and Gonzalez's homebred Super Girlie, the daughter of Closing Argument (Successful Appeal) who produced Super Stock.

Robertson and Gonzalez are small breeders with a lot in common--the former owns 15 mares while the latter has seven--and both have small farms, Robertson's in Versailles, Gonzalez's in Ocala. Robertson is retired from the construction business and shuttles between his lake home in Granbury, Texas, and the Kentucky farm, while Gonzalez, who's also retired from the construction business, drives back and forth from his base in Miami to Ocala to check on his stock. Both men are passionate about breeding and are also exceedingly polite, and if they'd bumped into each other at OBS, I have no doubt that they'd have had a heck of a conversation about horses, construction, and the thrill of having bred a horse slated for the Derby, by the same stallion as it turns out.

Dialed In

With two potential Derby starters, **Dialed In** joins **Into Mischief**, the hottest and most expensive sire in the country at a fee of \$225,000, as the only two stallions with multiple runners intended for the Classic at this writing. However, **Dialed In**'s two colts are Grade I winners whereas **Into Mischief**'s three--Mandaloun, Highly Motivated, and Soup and Sandwich--have only one Grade II win amongst them in graded company.



Dialed In | Matt Goins

This is a terrifically complimentary comparison for the Darby Dan horse, who started as the favorite in the 2011 Derby after winning the GI Florida Derby, a fixture that's turning out to be the premier sire-making race in the country with such alumni as **Nyquist** (Uncle Mo), **Constitution** (Tapit), **Quality Road** (Elusive Quality), Scat Daddy (Johannesburg), Empire Maker (Unbridled), and Harlan's Holiday (Harlan) in the recent past.

Altogether, **Dialed In** won three of seven starts and earned \$941,936. He'd been bred by the partnership of W.S. Farish, Madeleine Pickens (previously married to Allen Paulson), and Skara Glen Stables, and he was purchased for \$475,000 as a yearling at Fasig-Tipton Saratoga by Robert LaPenta's Whitehorse Stable, which has a penchant for A.P. Indy-line horses. **Dialed In** is from the immediate family of Paulson's champion filly Eliza (his second dam) and GI Santa Anita Derby winner Dinard, and he was trained by Nick Zito in a come-from-behind style that's frequently associated with the best of Zito runners. It's not, however, the preferred front-running style that's popular with breeders and stud farms, and after **Dialed In**'s eighth-place finish in the Derby and only two more combined starts after that in 2011 and 2012, the horse was somewhat forgotten and wasn't among the most sought-after stallion prospects for 2013, allowing Doug Cauthen and Darby Dan's Robert Hammond to secure him for stud duty to stand at John Phillips's historic nursery at a fee of \$7,500.

A good-looking stallion standing 16.1 hands with plenty of substance to him, **Dialed In** has since defied the odds, much like **Into Mischief** in his early years when his stud fee once touched \$7,500 before his first-crop runners took off. **Dialed In** started off hot, too, getting multiple Grade II winner and Grade I-placed Gunnevera, who's earned \$5.5 million, and five other black-type winners from his first crop. By the time Robertson and Gonzalez had contracted to send their mares to the stallion In in the spring of 2017, Gunnevera was well on the Classics trail.

He finished seventh in the Derby but subsequently showed he handled a mile and a quarter when placing in the GI Travers S., the Breeders' Cup Classic, and the Dubai World Cup, a good sign for Get Her Number and Super Stock in the Derby.



Super Stock as a yearling | *Taylor Made*

Gunnevera is one of 15 black-type winners for his sire through five crops (not including 2-year-olds of 2021), and his accomplishments from two to five helped **Dialed In** win the freshman sire championship and see a bump in his fee from \$15,000 in 2017 to \$25,000 in 2018 and 2019. However, by 2020 the stallion was down to \$20,000, and this year he's serving mares for \$15,000, which illustrates the difficulties stallions face with their second, third, and fourth crops as mare books get watered down after the first year at stud. This is particularly acute for horses standing for cheaper fees. Note that to date **Dialed In** has only three black-type winners from his second crop and just one from his third crop.

During these lean years, **Dialed In** nevertheless showed he could get quality runners, even if they weren't black-type winners. For instance, the 4-year-old Finnick the Fierce placed in a Grade II race at two and last year was third in the GI Arkansas Derby, the same race that Super Stock won two weeks ago for Steve Asmussen with Get Her Number a fast-closing fourth. Last year, Get Her Number, trained by Peter Miller, won the GI **American Pharoah** S. at Santa Anita, becoming his sire's first top-level winner.

Grade I Breeders

Phil and Brenda Robertson have raced some good horses, including graded winners Reigning Court and Savorthetime with Asmussen, and they've bred some others, such as Group 2 winner Sander Camillo, a Dixie Union filly they'd sold as a yearling for \$160,000 in 2005 that later sold to Godolphin as a broodmare prospect for the equivalent of \$6.9 million at Tattersalls in 2007.

Phil Robertson didn't want to sell Get Her Number, which he did last year with Ciaran Dunne's Wavertree at OBS April for \$45,000 to trainer Peter Miller. "He was always a good-looking colt. The sale was postponed to June last year with Covid," Robertson said, "and with Covid and how uncertain things were with the economy, I just figured it was the right thing to do financially."



Get Her Number | *Benoit*

The colt's dam, Fancier, had been bred and raised by the Robertsons and was a winner of three races from 10 starts, but "she was a mare that was hard to get pregnant. She wouldn't cycle right." Her second dam was the Group 1-placed Irish River (Fr) mare Shy Princess, a half-sister to GI Breeders' Cup Mile winner Opening Verse, and though her extended family was deep, her immediate family was light and her foals catalogued with two "blank dams," a commercial kiss of death. On the advice of his veterinarian, Robertson had sold her in foal to **Astern** for \$1,300 at Keeneland November the year before her son won his Grade I race.

Robertson said he'd sent the mare to **Dialed In** because "she was a tall, lighter mare with a lot of leg, and he was shorter and stockier. He had more substance, and she needed that."

Pete Gonzalez sent his homebred mare Super Girlie, the dam of Super Stock and a winner of seven races from 39 starts and \$121,728, to **Dialed In** mainly for pedigree reasons. "My mare mixes well with A.P. Indy and Storm Cat, which is how **Dialed In** is bred, and he has Mr. Prospector in the pedigree, and she's got Mr. Prospector, and I wanted to inbreed to Mr. Prospector. I love speed, and with A.P. Indy there is distance, but I wanted to get more speed for distance."

Gonzalez and his grandson also bred Super Stock's Grade I-placed half-sister Boujie Girl (Flashback), who Peter Miller purchased from the OBS April sale for \$65,000 three years ago.

Earlier, in 2012, Miller had purchased the GI La Brea S. winner Heir Kitty (Wildcat Heir) from OBS April for \$32,000, and Heir Kitty was produced from a half-sister to Super Girlie and was also bred by Pete Gonzalez, in partnership with Jorge Herrera.

Gonzalez sold Super Stock as a yearling at Keeneland September through Taylor Made for \$70,000 to Keith Asmussen and Erv Woolsey. "He was a really nice yearling. My farm manager in Ocala, Ivan Gardea, prepped him early, and then I sent the colt to Ramiro Salazar at Phoenix Farm in Midway to get him ready for the sale. We thought he'd bring more," Gonzalez said.

Super Girlie, who is based at Salazar's Phoenix Farm, has a yearling by Mendelsohn (Scat Daddy) and is in foal to Authentic (Into Mischief).

Gonzalez, a Cuban-American, has been breeding horses for 25 years and attributes his success to his wife, Georgelina. "I thank her for it all, and for always supporting me," he said. "You know, when Super Stock won the Arkansas Derby, I became the first Cuban-American to breed the winner of that race. How do I know? I did the research."

If Super Stock wins the Kentucky Derby, Gonzalez will have more research to do. If Get Her Number upsets the Classic, the Robertsons will get just compensation in historical prestige for culling his dam. And if either wins, Dialed In's profile will be elevated to a whole new level than the high plane it's on now, thanks to Robertson and Gonzalez.

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JUNE NOW BEST GUESS FOR LAUREL'S MAIN TRACK TO BE FIXED

by T.D. Thornton

Mounting problems that have forced the closure of the main dirt track at Laurel Park are now tentatively anticipated to be fixed by the start of June. But difficulties related to the sourcing and testing of materials for the base and cushion are keeping the Maryland Jockey Club (MJC) from setting an exact timetable for the return of racing and training at its primary venue.

On Thursday, the Maryland Racing Commission (MRC) met at Laurel for the board's first in-person monthly meeting since the onset of the pandemic. But Laurel's scheduled racing for Apr. 22 had already been moved 28 miles north on an emergency basis to the MJC's sister track, Pimlico Race Course, which was pressed into action two weeks prior to its scheduled opening because the situation at the torn-up Laurel track has escalated into a "million or multi-million dollar project" that has no simple fix.

That time frame and the cost estimate were provided to the commission by Steve Koch, the senior vice president of racing for The Stronach Group (TSG), which owns the MJC and both tracks.

Commission members expressed frustration at how the main track problems got so out of hand so quickly, and they grilled Koch and TSG for not having the foresight to identify and remedy the difficulties earlier.

"I think it's an accumulation of bad decisions over time and not putting the money in the track to get us from 'We have no issues' three weeks ago until today, where we're shutting the whole thing down and tearing it up," said commissioner Konrad Wayson.

Koch acknowledged the work is extensive and disruptive to Maryland racing, and he articulated that TSG is in a spare-no-expense mode to make sure Laurel's track is deemed safe.

"We are looking at a total cushion replacement of the main track and some significant work on the base to restore its consistency," Koch said. "It is not news that we've made base repairs to this track since the day is was installed. This problem that brought us here today is all about the cushion. Now that we have the base exposed, it would be perhaps a mistake to cover that back up" without shoring up the base.



Racing at Laurel | Maryland Jockey Club

"I hesitate to put a firm timeline on this for the moment," Koch said, although he added that "I would not anticipate this running past the end of the current Pimlico meet."

Pimlico is scheduled to race through May 31. Laurel's summer meet is supposed to start June 4.

Koch gave a recap of how the problems progressed, citing adverse winter weather as a starting point.

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As the maintenance crew began adding in more material with the coming of spring to keep the cushion four inches deep, "it reached a point a couple of weeks ago where we were observing the track had lost a lot of its binding qualities, and we weren't able to maintain a sufficient hardening," he said.

It then became difficult for the MJC to source the proper cushion materials, because management has "very tight specifications" in terms of composition. Some truckloads had to be sent back because the material didn't pass quality-control checks, Koch said.

That material shortage led to last week's TSG decision to halt racing and training at Laurel to avoid "unnecessary risks." Horses stabled there have had to be shipped to Pimlico for timed workouts, Koch said.

The only fortuitous thing about the switch, Koch said, is that Pimlico was getting race-ready for its upcoming GI Preakness S. meet anyway.

Once Laurel's base was exposed, the TSG team evaluated it more closely and decided that because of its extensive history of piecemeal repairs, it seemed "less than ideal to be laying brand new, very expensive cushion" onto a substandard base, Koch said.

Koch explained there is now an active project in the backstretch chute that consists of three test strips of various base compositions, "and we are undertaking a scientific exercise" to figure out which one will work best.

"These are very scarce, very technically specified [base] materials, and in fact they're much more scarce than the cushion materials," Koch said.

One of the biggest cost factors is the expense of trucking in the materials. Koch said product from the closest quarry to Laurel have not worked. Materials from a different regional quarry that the MJC has used in the past are no longer satisfactory. Now management is looking to source base material from as far away as New York, which figures to be very expensive.

"We will continue to subscribe to the Racing Surfaces Testing Laboratory top-to-bottom quality control program," Koch said. "What we cannot do is control every aspect of winter racing and winter weather, and we cannot control the fact that sourcing stone from quarries all over the eastern half of the United States requires a significant shopping and laboratory exercise."

Koch added that Charles Town Races, which is about 75 miles to the west, is also in the midst of an unexpected post-winter track resurfacing project that has caused a stoppage in racing.

Commissioner Michael Algeo told Koch he didn't agree with that comparison or putting the blame on a winter transition, which happens every year.

"I don't know what they're doing at Charles Town. I don't really care what they're doing at Charles Town. I'm interested in what happened at Laurel," Algeo said.

"I'm not a horseman, but I don't recall this being a particularly bad winter, either by cold, snow, rain. I mean it was winter. This is what we get in Maryland."

Other commissioners suggested that the MJC's management is overextended right now: First the pandemic. Then this year the combination of the Laurel turf course needing restoration, the equineherpes virus quarantine, and the Laurel main track problems. All of this while getting ready for the Preakness at Pimlico.

"I would not agree that we are spread thin," Koch replied, noting that TSG is treating Maryland as an all-hands-on-deck situation right now, requiring TSG executives to be flown in from other properties and the hiring of outside track maintenance and safety consultants.

Another commissioner questioned the wisdom of even putting in a new dirt track at all considering TSG has been floating the idea of putting in a synthetic surface at Laurel in the near future.

"The economics are not desirable," Koch agreed. "But you can't shortcut and expect to have a safe and viable racetrack."

Koch explained that once testing is complete and enough materials have been obtained, work will commence in two phases, starting with the inside 50 feet of the main track followed by the outer 50 feet.

"What that allows us to do is get the horses back on the inside of the track sooner," Koch said. "And that's an excellent feedback loop because then the horses can tell us in real time [how the renovated part is] performing. That will be really critical to the project's success."

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CHURCHILL ABANDONS \$300M ON-TRACK HOTEL PROJECT

by T.D. Thornton

The gaming corporation that owns Churchill Downs Racetrack is abandoning plans to build a \$300 million hotel and historical horse race (HHR) gaming facility on the first turn of the track.

Instead, Churchill Downs Inc. (CDI) will focus on a three-phase expansion of its Louisville-area properties, with expected completion dates for each project dovetailing with the runnings of the next three GI Kentucky Derbies.

Bill Carstanjen, CDI's chief executive officer, said during a Thursday earnings conference call that he was not at liberty to divulge details about the new projects because the design, due diligence, and cost estimates for them are not yet complete. But he did emphasize that the "the third and most transformative" phase is scheduled to be finished in time for the 150th running of the Derby in 2024.

"We may decide to build a hotel at the racetrack in the future, but now is not the right time," Carstanjen said. **Cont. p16**

"We think we have excellent alternative projects that offer better returns on our capital over shorter periods, both at the racetrack and at Derby City Gaming."

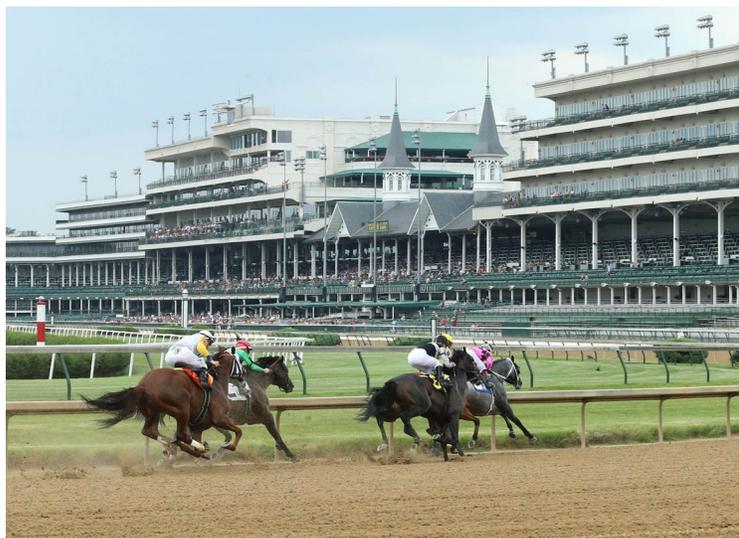
CDI had unveiled plans for the on-track hotel with great fanfare in late 2019, stating that, "The development will transform the first turn of the 190-acre facility and provide guests opportunity for never-before imagined Kentucky Derby experiences."

The hotel project was to include seven stories, a party deck to watch racing, a penthouse banquet room, a ballroom, a VIP lounge, 5,500 new reserved seating options for Derby week, and a 900-machine "state-of-the-art" HHR gaming floor.

Construction started on the hotel in early 2020, but was halted by April when the pandemic hit.

"I don't think it comes as any surprise to people out there, there's a lot more risk in a project like that just because of the disruption of travel and movement around the country," Carstanjen said during the Apr. 22 call. "We think there are just better projects for us to do, a higher return, [a] lower risk, particularly in the current environment. So, we reordered and reimagined what we want to do."

Carstanjen repeatedly deferred discussing details when pressed by investors and analysts on the call. He said that he would offer a complete summary of the project's first phase by the time of the next quarterly earnings call, plus a look at some of the plans for 2023-24 phases at that time.



Churchill Downs | Coady

"We are excited about what is to come at Churchill Downs Racetrack over the next three years, but we are not ready to share our detailed plans today," Carstanjen said. "We are also evaluating options to expand Derby City Gaming. We continue to be very pleased with the growth of this entertainment venue, and believe that an expansion with additional floor capacity and other amenities will enhance the long-term growth of this asset."

When asked directly if CDI would consider putting HHR machines at the track itself, Carstanjen replied, "We always have the right to put [HHR] facilities at the racetrack. But as the crow flies, the racetrack is within five miles of Derby City Gaming...I'm not discounting that for the future as events unfold. But, we have something in Derby City Gaming that just flat-out works...So our predisposition is to look hard at more investment there."

CDI is also considering building an annex HHR facility tied to Churchill Downs, which by state regulation must be within 60 miles of the racetrack. Last year, the gaming corporation opened an annex 12 miles away from its property at Turfway Park.

"We believe the market will support a satellite facility that does not materially cannibalize Derby City Gaming," Carstanjen said.

"We are excited and confident about all of these projects, and view them as likely to deliver strong returns with only modest risk," Carstanjen said. "This is another irony of the pandemic. We stopped our Louisville projects in light of the uncertainty. But, we have learned so much with the passage of the subsequent time, and we will emerge with projects that we will monetize better and quicker."

Carstanjen did not address CDI's controversial planned sale of Arlington International Racecourse near Chicago during his prepared remarks, but he was asked about it during the Q&A portion of the call.

"With respect to the Arlington Park land sale, a preliminary bid date has been set, and as those bids come in in the second quarter, we'll evaluate them and figure out next steps," Carstanjen said.

"The ultimate conclusion of that process is something I can't responsibly predict for you because we'll have to see the nature of the bids," Carstanjen said. "There is a process. The process is underway...All good on that front. It's just this is what it takes to run a complex process to sell a big piece of land with a lot of value like that one."

As for whether CDI would seek to transfer its Arlington license to another part of Illinois, he said the corporation would take a wait-and-see approach to determine, "whether there's opportunities to move the racetrack elsewhere in the state as well."

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CHURCHILL PURSES GET \$3.1M BOOST

FROM HHR REVENUE

Before the first race is run Saturday on Opening Night of its 38-day Spring Meet, Churchill Downs Racetrack announced that purses will be raised an additional \$3.1 million thanks to revenue from the historical racing machines at Derby City Gaming.

Total purses offered in the first condition book for horsemen, which covers 190 races over 19 dates through Thursday, May 27, have grown to \$22,822,100 for a daily average of \$1,201,163. That represents a 5.9% increase from the previously published \$21,544,000.

Maiden special weight races are now worth \$115,000 during Kentucky Derby Week and \$100,000 post-Derby, which is up from the previously published \$106,000 and \$91,000, respectively. Kentucky Derby Week allowance races will range from \$118,000 to \$125,000 and \$102,000 to \$109,000 after Derby. They were \$109,000 to \$116,000 and \$93,000 to \$100,000, respectively.

Additionally, the purses for 25 stakes races were boosted. A trio of stakes received \$50,000 increases: the \$150,000 Audubon for 3-year-olds at 1 1/8 miles on turf May 29; \$300,000 GII Fleur de Lis for fillies and mares at 1 1/8 miles June 26; and \$300,000 GII Wise Dan for 4-year-olds and up at 1 1/16 miles on turf June 26. Fourteen stakes originally worth \$125,000 were boosted \$25,000 to \$150,000 and eight overnight stakes races received \$10,000 increases.

The 40-race Spring Meet stakes schedule now totals \$14.02 million.

The growth has been driven by handle on historical racing machines at Derby City Gaming, which is located at 4520 Poplar Level Road.

“Over the last 10 years, historical horse racing has allowed our equine industry to flourish, increasing purses and creating a more competitive racing circuit,” said Churchill Downs Racetrack President Mike Anderson. “It has led to new jobs, economic growth and tourism.”

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NYRA ANOUNCES JOCKEY PROTOCOLS FOR BELMONT MEET *Edited Press Release*

The New York Racing Association, Inc. (NYRA) announced COVID-19 health and safety protocols for jockeys competing at the 48-day Belmont Park spring/summer meet. The meet runs Thursday, Apr. 22 through Sunday, July 11.

As has been the case at NYRA since Apr. 1, all jockeys who have been fully vaccinated will not be required to undergo COVID-19 testing in order to compete at Belmont. Vaccinated

jockeys traveling to ride at Belmont, as well as members of the NYRA jockey colony who travel outside of New York State, will continue to be provided isolated jockey quarters at Belmont.

According to current Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidance, individuals are considered fully vaccinated 14 days or more after receiving the second dose in a two-dose series (Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna), or 14 days or more after they have received a single-dose vaccine (Johnson & Johnson/Janssen). NYRA will adhere to the current CDC guidance regarding COVID-19 vaccination standards.

As has been the case since Apr. 1, all jockeys who have been fully vaccinated to CDC guidelines will be permitted to enter the Belmont barn area for morning training. Jockeys who have not been fully vaccinated will not be permitted in the barn areas but can continue to meet horses in the Belmont Park paddock and utilize the main track. NYRA will permit out-of-town jockeys to compete at Belmont Park during the 2021 spring/summer meet. Jockeys who have not been fully vaccinated must provide a negative COVID-19 PCR test taken in New York State within 48 hours of the day they intend to compete at Belmont. Out-of-town jockeys will be provided isolated jockey quarters at Belmont.

In accordance with current CDC guidelines, jockeys who have traveled internationally will be required to quarantine for seven days upon their return. Four days after arrival in the United States, the jockey must be tested for COVID-19. Upon receipt of a negative COVID-19 PCR test, and completion of the seven-day quarantine, the jockey may compete at Belmont. All jockeys who have traveled internationally will be provided isolated jockey quarters.

In addition to race day safety protocols, which include standard health screening and temperature checks, the jockey quarters at Belmont have been substantially altered to provide maximum social distancing and reduce density. All areas accessed by jockeys during the regular course of a race day are closed to outside personnel, including credentialed media, and are cleaned and disinfected throughout the day.

Owners licensed by the New York State Gaming Commission will continue to be permitted to attend live racing on the day their horse is entered to run. A limited number of licensed owners will be permitted within the barn area at Belmont during the 2021 spring/summer meet. In order to secure access to the barn area, owners must provide NYRA with proof of completed vaccination or a negative COVID-19 test result taken within five days of the request.

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FINALISTS ANNOUNCED FOR DR. TONY RYAN BOOK AWARD

A trio of finalists have been announced for the 15th annual Dr. Tony Ryan Book Award. The three finalists are **Diane Crump**, *A Horse-Racing Pioneer's Life in the Saddle*, by Mark Sharger; **Good Things Come**, by Linda Shantz; and **Sylvia Rideoutt Bishop**, *Had a Way With Horses*, by Vicki Moon.

"This was the year of debut authors, including the fiction finalist [Vicki Moon]," said judge Kay Coyte, a former *Washington Post* and racing publications editor. "Part of the mission of the Dr. Tony Ryan Book Award is to encourage new writers to cover the sport he so loved. To have this many in 2020 would have delighted him."

The award, founded by the late Dr. Ryan in 2006, has annually honored the best in longform writing about a topic or tale related to horse racing. Its \$10,000 winner's prize remains among the largest in the literary world, matching that of the prestigious National Book Award. In addition to the \$10,000 winner's prize, two additional finalists receive checks for \$1,000, while all three take home Tipperary crystal statuettes of the farm's iconic stone tower.

Due to pandemic precautions, for the second straight year the winner's announcement will be announced via Zoom conference, scheduled for May 10 at 5 p.m.

For additional information, contact Betsy Hager at bhager@castletonlyons.com.

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NYRA BETS GIFT CARDS RETURN TO STEWART'S SHOPS FOR 2021

The New York Racing Association, Inc. (NYRA) announced that NYRA Bets Gift Cards will be available for purchase for the 2021 Triple Crown beginning Apr. 25, at more than 150 Stewart's Shops across the Capital Region. NYRA Bets Gift Cards will be available at Stewart's Shops through the conclusion of the Saratoga meet. For a complete list of participating Stewart's Shops locations, click [here](#).

"We were overwhelmed by the response of fans to the introduction of our gift cards last summer and are excited to make them available earlier than ever for fans who would like to bet the Kentucky Derby, Preakness S. and Belmont S. with NYRA Bets," said NYRA Bets General Manager Matt Feig.

NYRA Bets Gift Cards are available exclusively at participating Stewart's Shops and may be used to fund both active and new NYRA Bets accounts to bet this year's Triple Crown.

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Kentucky Derby steward finally tells all about controversial Maximum Security case

Barbara Borden hesitated before she pushed the button. Before sending the signal formally disqualifying **Maximum Security** from the 2019 Kentucky Derby, the state's chief steward spun her red swivel chair around to face her fellow officials. She looked at Brooks "Butch" Becraft and Tyler Picklesimer in the seventh-floor stewards room at Churchill Downs, reminded them there was no turning back, and asked, "Are we sure we want to do this?"

Tim Sullivan, Louisville Courier-Journal

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Leading General Sires YTD by Number of Winners

for stallions standing in North America through Wednesday, Apr. 21

Earnings represent North American & European figures, NH foals only, stud fees listed are 2021 fees.

Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings*
1	Into Mischief (2005) by Harlan's Holiday FYR: 2010 Crops: 10 Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY Fee: \$225,000	16	31	7	15	1	3	260	94	270,000	7,038,873
										Mandaloun	
2	Munnings (2006) by Speightstown FYR: 2012 Crops: 8 Stands: Ashford Stud KY Fee: \$40,000	7	14	2	6	1	1	174	63	300,000	3,056,993
										Kimari	
3	Hard Spun (2004) by Danzig FYR: 2009 Crops: 11 Stands: Darley KY Fee: \$35,000	4	8	2	7	--	1	188	59	990,000	3,926,815
										Silver State	
4	The Factor (2008) by War Front FYR: 2014 Crops: 6 Stands: Lane's End Farm KY Fee: \$17,500	3	5	3	4	--	--	180	59	300,000	2,563,909
										Charmaine's Mia	
5	Congrats (2000) by A.P. Indy FYR: 2008 Crops: 12 Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$7,500	2	4	1	1	--	--	171	59	125,635	1,719,709
										Last Judgment	
6	Malibu Moon (1997) by A.P. Indy FYR: 2001 Crops: 19 Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY Fee: \$35,000	1	9	1	6	--	--	154	58	161,018	2,368,770
										Madras Check	
7	Kitten's Joy (2001) by El Prado (Ire) FYR: 2007 Crops: 13 Stands: Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa KY Fee: \$60,000	3	5	1	3	--	--	212	55	325,794	1,931,884
										Gendarme	
8	Paynter (2009) by Awesome Again FYR: 2015 Crops: 5 Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$7,500	2	6	1	2	1	1	137	53	3,240,000	4,969,387
										Knicks Go	
9	Curlin (2004) by Smart Strike FYR: 2010 Crops: 10 Stands: Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa KY Fee: \$175,000	9	19	7	13	3	3	168	52	467,100	4,263,726
										Known Agenda	
10	Twirling Candy (2007) by Candy Ride (Arg) FYR: 2013 Crops: 7 Stands: Lane's End Farm KY Fee: \$40,000	1	7	--	5	--	1	156	52	302,267	2,369,153
										Emblem Game	
11	Tapit (2001) by Pulpit FYR: 2006 Crops: 14 Stands: Gainesway Farm KY Fee: \$185,000	6	16	4	8	--	1	154	51	930,000	5,277,891
										Essential Quality	
12	Uncle Mo (2008) by Indian Charlie FYR: 2013 Crops: 7 Stands: Ashford Stud KY Fee: \$175,000	1	3	1	1	--	--	166	51	102,500	2,130,424
										Modernist	
13	Flat Out (2006) by Flatter FYR: 2015 Crops: 5 Stands: Mighty Acres OK Fee: \$3,000	3	3	2	3	--	--	132	48	180,420	1,710,147
										Pacific Gale	
14	Mineshaft (1999) by A.P. Indy FYR: 2005 Crops: 15 Stands: Lane's End Farm KY Fee: \$15,000	--	3	--	1	--	--	119	48	80,000	1,563,835
										Our Super Freak	
15	Candy Ride (Arg) (1999) by Ride the Rails FYR: 2006 Crops: 14 Stands: Lane's End Farm KY Fee: \$75,000	6	8	5	7	1	2	127	47	546,600	2,830,051
										Rock Your World	

**Ghostzapper* is the leading sire by earnings with 49,686,769

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

BEWITCH S.-GIII, \$150,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/2mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Cambeliza 🌿	Curlin	Runnymede Farm, Inc. & Catesby W. Clay	Delacour	Diaz, Jr.	120
2	Delta's Kingdom 🌿	Animal Kingdom	Maram, LLC	Mott	Saez	118
3	Three Flamigos	English Channel	Dixiana Farms LLC	DeVaux	Hernandez, Jr.	120
4	Dominga	Ghostzapper	Don Alberto Stable	Cox	Geroux	118
5	Pass the Plate	Temple City	Silverton Hill LLC	McGee	Bejarano	118
6	Kalifornia Queen (Ger)	Lope de Vega (Ire)	Madaket Stables, Michael Dubb, First Row Partners	Brown	Gaffalione	118
7	Dalika (Ger)	Pastorius (Ger)	Bal Mar Equine, LLC	Stall, Jr.	Mena	118
8	War Like Goddess 🌿	English Channel	George Krikorian	Mott	Leparoux	120
9	Gun Society	Society's Chairman	Roger L. Attfield	Attfield	Beschizza	118
10	Margaret's Joy 🌿	English Channel	Circle 8	Nihei	Talamo	118
11	English Affair	English Channel	Calumet Farm	Arnold, II	Lanerie	118
12	Court Return	Court Vision	Ivan Dalos	Carroll	Velazquez	118

Breeders: 1-Runnymede Farm Inc. & Catesby W. Clay Investment 2 LLC, 2-H. Allen Poindexter, 3-Dixiana Farms, LLC, 4-Don Alberto Corporation, 5-Silverton Hill, LLC, 6-Stall Torjager, 7-Gestut Ammerland, 8-Calumet Farm, 9-Roger Attfield, 10-Calumet Farm, 11-Calumet Farm, 12-Tall Oaks Farm

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

SANTA MARGARITA S.-GII, \$200,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Pharoah's Heart 🌿	American Pharoah	Solana Beach Sales	Glatt	Rispoli	120
2	As Time Goes By	American Pharoah	Tabor, Michael B., Magnier, Mrs. John, and Smith, Derrick	Baffert	Smith	120
3	This Tea 🌿	Curlin	Kretz Racing LLC	Papaprodrou	Desormeaux	120
4	Harvest Moon	Uncle Mo	Bamford, Alice and Tabor, Michael B.	Callaghan	Prat	122
5	Clockstrkestwelve 🌿	New Year's Day	Michael Rosenmayer	Wong	Cedillo	120

Breeders: 1-CESA Farm, 2-Orpendale & Chelston, 3-My Meadowview LLC, 4-Alice Bamford, 5-Gary & Mary West Stables Inc.

Saturday, Golden Gate Fields, post time: 7:45 p.m. EDT

SAN FRANCISCO MILE S.-GIII, \$250,000, 3yo/up, 1mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Kiwi's Dream (Aus)	Sebring (Aus)	Victor Trujillo	Trujillo	Orozco	123
2	Keeper Ofthe Stars 🌿	Midnight Lute	Tommy Town Thoroughbreds LLC	Wong	Alvarado	118
3	Whisper Not (GB)	Poet's Voice (GB)	Electric City Racing, Madaket Stables LLC, Dunn, Christopher T. and Peskoff, Jeremy	Baltas	Franco	123
4	Diamond Blitz 🌿	Munnings	Barragan, Candelario and Ramos, Jose Cruz	Ramos	Espinoza	123
5	Ohio (Brz)	Elusive Quality	Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners & Treitman, Bruce	McCarthy	Gonzalez	123
6	Border Town 🌿	War Front	Bass II, Perry R. and Bass, Ramona S.	Mandella	Roman	123
7	Brown Storm (Chi)	Scat Daddy	Matriarca	McCarthy	Frey	123
8	Restrainedvengence 🌿	Hold Me Back	Brinkerhoff, Kelly and Grayson, Jr., Bob	Brinkerhoff	Baze	123

Breeders: 1-Lockyer Thoroughbreds, 2-Olin Gentry, Omar Trevino &Anthony Cappola, 3-Cecil and Miss Alison Wiggins, 4-BHMFR, LLC, 5-Fazenda Mondesir, 6-Mrs. E. Stockwell, 7-Haras Matriarca, 8-Westwind Farms

'RUTH'-LIKE PERFORMANCE: RIBCHESTER 2YO FILLY A 'RISING STAR' FOR WARD



Ruthin | Coady

Ruthin (GB) (f, 2, Ribchester {Ire}--Selinka {GB}, by Selkirk), a 350,000gns TATOCT yearling purchase, kicked off her career with a **'TDN Rising Star'** performance sprinting on the Keeneland lawn for Wesley Ward Thursday.

The rail-drawn, 3-5 favorite shot out to the front and sped through an opening quarter in :21.91. She let it out a notch approaching the top of the lane, and, despite racing greenly on her left lead for most of the stretch, was geared down late en route to a flashy, six-length victory over **Artos (Ire)** (Kodiac {GB}). The final time for 5 1/2 furlongs over the "good" going was 1:04.95.

Freshman sire Ribchester, the European champion miler in 2016 and 2017, stands at Darley's Kildangan Stud. Ruthin is his first winner and was his priciest, first-crop yearling to switch hands in 2020.

Ruthin, a daughter of two-time stakes winner in England Selinka, is a half-sister to Hit The Bid (GB) (Exceed And Excel {Aus}), MGSW-Ire, GSP-UAE, GSP-Eng, \$410,031. Selinka brought 100,000gns from John and Jake Warren in foal to Showcasing (GB) at the 2015 TATDEC sale. She is also represented by a 2021 Land Force (Ire) colt. This is the extended female family of G1 Prix Maurice de Gheest winner Bold Edge (GB).

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1st-Keeneland, \$40,960, Msw, 4-22, 2yo, f, 5 1/2ft, 1:04.95, gd, 6 lengths.

RUTHIN (GB), f, 2, by Ribchester (Ire)

1st Dam: Selinka (GB) (MSW-Eng, \$119,968), by Selkirk

2nd Dam: Lady Links (GB), by Bahamian Bounty (GB)

3rd Dam: Sparky's Song (GB), by Electric (GB)

Sales history: 350,000gns Ylg '20 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$21,720. **Click for the [Equibase.com](#) chart, the [free Equineline.com](#) catalogue-style pedigree or the [VIDEO](#), sponsored by [TVG](#).**

O-Stonestreet Stables LLC; B-Highclere Stud & Jake Warren Ltd (GB); T-Wesley A. Ward.

FRIDAY'S INSIGHTS: PROMISING WESLEY WARD JUVENILES ON DISPLAY AT KEENELAND

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1st-KEE, \$60K, Msw, 2yo, 5 1/2ft, post time: 1:05 p.m. ET

NAPA SPIRIT (IRE) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) sports a flashy worktab for trainer Wesley Ward, including a trio of bullets over the Palm Meadows turf, for this debut run. Agent Ben McElroy paid £420,000 on behalf of Stonestreet Stables for the bay at last year's GOFSEP Yearling sale. Joel Rosario has the call on the even-money morning-line favorite, who hails from the extended female family of G1 Golden Jubilee S. winner Malhub (Kingmambo). Ward and Stonestreet were represented by fellow European import and **'TDN Rising Star' Ruthin (GB)** (Ribchester {Ire}) on Thursday's program. **TJCS PPs**



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**2nd-KEE, \$60K, Msw, 2yo, 4 1/2f, post time: 1:39 p.m. ET
HEADLINE REPORT (Gormley), a \$550,000 OBS March bullet**



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breezer (:9 4/5), debuts for Breeze Easy LLC and Wesley Ward. The \$160,000 Fasig-Tipton Select yearling pinhook by Eddie Woods's Quarter Pole Enterprises is out of the **Tale of the Cat** mare Green Eyed Cat and is a grandson of two-time Grade I winner Critical Eye (Dynaformer). Freshman sire **Gormley's** first yearlings in 2020, led by a \$270,000 colt, averaged \$37,544 (59 sold), according to TDN Sales Results by Stallion. "He had a fabulous breeze," Woods said of the half-brother to SW Little Kansas (El Kingdom). "He's a magnificent-looking horse. It's good money for a first-season stallion. He did everything right and was real easy on the eyes, hence everyone liked him." **TJCIS PPs**

8th-KEE, \$79K, Msw, 3yo, 6 1/2f, post time: 4:57 p.m.

A deep-looking group of 3-year-olds line up here, including **SUPPRESSOR (Munnings)**, a full-brother to MGISW I'm a Chatterbox. The chestnut is owned by Fletcher and Carolyn Gray and William Harrigan and trained by Hall of Famer Steve Asmussen. He RNA'd for \$125,000 as KEESEP yearling.

Godolphin homebred **Casual Affair (Into Mischief)**, a son of champion Ashado trained by Brendan Walsh; and \$475,000 KEESEP yearling **Never Explain (Street Sense)**, owned by Courtlandt Farms and trained by Shug McGaughey, also make their debuts. **TJCIS PPs**

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IN ORDER OF PURSE:

5th-Belmont, \$94,000, Alw (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$80,000), 4-22, 3yo/up, 6fT, 1:10.66, fm, 3/4 length.

MAXWELL ESQUIRE (c, 4, Discreet Cat--Momma's Image, by Marquetry) reeled off a stretch of three wins from four starts last term, headed by a strong allowance victory going six furlongs over the Belmont lawn Oct. 16. He was last seen finishing fifth in the Aqueduct Turf Sprint Championship S. Nov. 28. Favored at 1-2 off the bench here, he trailed the field of six and was forced to check on the far turn as Fast Getaway (**Into Mischief**) suddenly shied nearing the five-sixteenths and subsequently lost rider Jose Ortiz. Maxwell Esquire, meanwhile, recovered nicely, was tipped out as they straightened for home and came flying home on the outside to get up by 3/4 of a length over Quarky (**The Factor**). Maxwell Esquire, from the family of GISW Discreet Marq (Discreet Cat), is a half to Memories of Peter (Disco Rico), SP, \$311,368; and Image of Noon (Disco Rico), MSP, \$200,152. Momma's Image is also represented by the 2-year-old colt Treasured Image (Treasure Beach {GB}) and a **Flintshire** (GB) colt of 2020. Lifetime Record: 12-5-3-1, \$251,420. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.**

O/B-Patricia Generazio (NY); T-Christophe Clement.

2nd-Belmont, \$92,000, Alw, 4-22, (NW1\$X), 4yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:46.31, fm, neck.

PRINCIPLED STAND (GB) (c, 4, Kingman {GB}--Toujours L'Amour {GB} {SW-Eng}, by Authorized {Ire}) was crushed down to 1-5 here after debuting with a 7 1/4-length tally over the Tampa lawn Jan. 8. He was sent to the front by Irad Ortiz, Jr., led comfortably through fractions of :25.65 and :51.20, kicked for home as the one to catch and held safely by a neck over Red Storm Risen (**Stormy Atlantic**). These same connections have also teamed up on Kingman's GI Hollywood Derby winner Domestic Spending (GB); GII Pilgrim S. runner-up Public Sector (GB); and GIII Saranac S. second and GII Bernard Baruch H. third Good Governance (GB). Progeny in the pipeline for the winner's dam include: the 2-year-colt Savrola (Ire) (**Churchill {Ire}**) and a Ribchester (Ire) filly of 2020. Sales history: 210,000gns Ylg '18 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$63,285. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.**

O-Klaravich Stables, Inc.; B-Deerfield Farm (GB); T-Chad C. Brown.

7th-Belmont, \$92,000, Alw, 4-22, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:16.80, ft, 5 3/4 lengths.

AUNT KAT (f, 4, Uncle Mo--Carolyn's Cat {MGSW, \$307,415}, by Forestry) was no factor in a pair of starts going a route of ground in December and January, respectively, but cut back to this distance to blow the doors off a field of Aqueduct maidens by 9 3/4 lengths Mar. 13, earning a lofty 95 Beyer Speed Figure. Soon in front for Junior Alvarado, the \$410,000 KEESEP yearling skipped over the ground under a long hold, responded when asked to kick in upper stretch and pulled readily clear to take it by 5 3/4 impressive lengths as the 1.45-1 favorite. The winner's dam, a \$650,000 FTSAUG yearling, was a two-time graded winner on this circuit for Kieran McLaughlin and Mr. & Mrs. William Warren and has gone on to produce **'TDN Rising Star'** Mufajaah (**Tapit**), GSW, \$267,140. Aunt Kat, whose MGSP second dam Cassowary (Cormorant) dropped MGSW Meadow Flight (Meadowlake) and MSW & GISP North Lake Jane (Meadowlake), is bred on the exact same cross and champion, GI Kentucky Derby winner and promising young sire **Nyquist**. Carolyn's Cat is also the dam of the 3-year-old filly Queen of Arendell (**Frosted**), the 2-year-old colt Bad Sneakers (**Gun Runner**) and a filly by **Tapit** foaled Apr. 7. Sales history: \$410,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-0, \$98,600. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.**

O-Carl F Pollard; B-Bonne Chance Farm LLC (KY); T-William I Mott.

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8th-Keeneland, \$71,100, Alw, 4-22, (C), 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:44.24, gd, 3/4 length.

DADDY IS A LEGEND (m, 6, Scat Daddy--Randie's Legend, by Benchmark), a graded winner at two and three, was a long-odds second to Uni (GB) (**More Than Ready**) in the 2018 GI Matriarch S., was third to Rushing Fall (**More Than Ready**) in the GI Just A Game S. the following spring and rounded out the exacta underneath Got Stormy (Get Stormy) in that year's Matriarch S. The **'TDN Rising Star'** made two unplaced appearances for Rusty Arnold in 2020 and was back under the care of George Weaver for this stakes-quality allowance, having most recently finished fifth in last year's GII Distaff Turf Mile Sept. 5. Away in second to chase pacesetter **'Rising Star'** Winter Sunset (**Tapit**), the 7-5 chalk raced under a tight hold from between horses through the middle stages, loomed into it without being asked approaching the final furlong and kicked on smartly to take it by a measured three-parts of a length. Winter Sunset held for second just ahead of **Temple City** Terror (**Temple City**) in third. Summer In Saratoga (**Summer Front**) stumbled at the break, unseating



Daddy Is a Legend (left) | Coady

jockey Corey Lanerie. Night Music (**Candy Ride {Arg}**), the 2-year-old half-brother to Daddy Is a Legend, is in training at San Luis Rey Downs and Randie's Legend produced an **American Pharoah** colt in 2020 before being bred to **Into Mischief**. Sales history: \$140,000 Wlg '15 KEENOV; \$160,000 Ylg '16 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: MGSW & MGISP, 18-5-3-4, \$585,210. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.** O-Jim & Susan Hill; B-HnR Nothhaft Horseracing LLC (PA); T-George Weaver.

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IN ORDER OF PURSE:

6th-Oaklawn, \$93,000, Msw, 4-22, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m, 1:45.21, ft, 3 lengths.

SUNDIAL (f, 3, Dialed In--Ellie's Moment {SW & MGSP, \$291,241}, by Kris S.) made a pair of two-turn starts over the Turfway Tapeta, finishing fourth on debut Jan. 29 before improving to be a close second Feb. 26. The homebred couldn't quite overcome a three-wide trip when runner-up making her first dirt try Mar. 28 and was well-backed to break through here. A pace-pressing second through six furlongs in 1:13.44, Sundial hit the front in upper stretch and was ridden out to graduate by three lengths over Martique Miss (**Lea**). Sundial is a half-sister to Awesome Bet (Awesome Again), SW & GSP, \$319,196; Time and

Motion (**Tapit**), GISW, \$967,719; Liveyourbeastlife (**Ghostzapper**), GSP, \$110,035; and Moment in Dixie (Dixieland Band), MGSP, \$398,615. Ellie's Moment is half-sister to the Phillips family's Brian's Time (Roberto), winner of the 1988 GI Florida Derrby, runner-up in the GI Preakness S. and third in the GI Belmont S. and later a leading sire in Japan. The female family also includes MGISW and champion Sunshine Forever (Roberto). Lifetime Record: 4-1-2-0, \$82,168. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.](#)

O/B-Phillips Racing Partnership (KY); T-Steven M Asmussen.

6th-Belmont, \$90,000, Msw, 4-22, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/4mT, 2:04.08, fm, 1/2 length.

HIGHER TRUTH (IRE) (f, 3, Galileo {Ire}--Wannabe Better {Ire} {GSW-Ire, \$190,199}, by Duke of Marmalade {Ire}) ducked in leaving the chute and finished sixth, beaten five lengths, in her Tampa unveiling going 1 1/8 miles on the lawn Mar. 14. The 9-1 chance was fifth through a half mile in :50.52 in this one, challenged while parked three wide on the far turn and battled gamely between horses in the stretch to secure a half-length decision over Lisheen (**Into Mischief**). Wannabe Better--a half-sister to G1 Shadwell Stud Cheveley Park S. heroine Wannabe Grand (Ire) (Danehill)--is also responsible for a 2-year-old filly by **Galileo (Ire)**. Higher Truth is a half-sister to Lady Wannabe (Ire) (**Camelot {GB}**), GSW-Eng, MSW-Ire, \$131,684. Sales history: 500,000gns Ylg '19 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$49,750. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.](#) O-Michael J. Ryan, Jeff Drown & Team Hanley; B-Churchtown House Stud (IRE); T-Chad C. Brown.

7th-Keeneland, \$76,000, Msw, 4-22, 3yo, f, 6 1/2f, 1:17.67, ft, 1 1/4 lengths.

STAND BY YOU (f, 3, Munnings--Medaglia d'Argento, by Medaglia d'Oro) took a hard bump at the start and rallied from last of 12 to round out the trifecta on debut in Lexington Apr. 2. The 3-5 favorite was bumped again and bothered leaving the stalls in this one and trailed the field of nine through an opening quarter in :22.27. She finally re-entered the picture approaching the quarter pole, swung six wide into the stretch with a ton to do and kicked home impressively beneath Joel Rosario down the center to win going away by 1 1/4 lengths over Poetic Honor (**Honor Code**). The winner's dam has also produced the 2-year-old colt Humero d'Oro (**Distorted Humor**) and a yearling colt by Tiznow. Sales history: \$22,000 Ylg '19 FTKOCT; \$115,000 2yo '20 OBSOPN. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$52,800. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.](#)

O-Tommy Town Thoroughbreds LLC; B-Silesia Farm (KY); T-Todd M. Beattie.



Stand By You | Coady

3rd-Keeneland, \$58,810, Msw, 4-22, 2yo, f, 4 1/2f, :51.53, ft, 5 1/4 lengths.

GOLDEN BELL (f, 2, Macho Uno--Peggy May, by Lemon Drop Kid), produced by an unraced daughter of champion grass mare Perfect Sting (Red Ransom), wasn't much of a secret for the Wesley Ward barn here, going off at a co-favored 4-5 in this four-horse field. She broke like a shot beneath John Velazquez and was challenged up front by slight favorite Cartel Queen (**Cairo Prince**) rounding the far turn. Golden Bell had plenty left in the tank, however, and drew off smartly down the lane to win for fun. It was 5 1/4 lengths back to Cartel Queen in second. The winner is a half-sister to Doc Boy (**Into Mischief**), MSW, \$156,005. Sales history: \$50,000 Ylg '20 FTKOCT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$37,810. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.](#)

O-Hat Creek Racing & Cheyenne Stable LLC; B-Sierra Farm (KY); T-Wesley A. Ward.

Bred, Raised & Sold by **SIERRA FARM** 

2nd-Pimlico, \$39,600, Msw, 4-22, 3, 4, 5yo, f/m, 5f, :58.80, ft, 1 1/2 lengths.

MOONROCK (f, 3, Malibu Moon--She's Ready Made, by More Than Ready), away last of five, rushed up on the outside to force the issue rounding the far turn. The 8-5 shot shook clear at the top of the stretch and had 1 1/2 lengths over favored Above the Limit (**Palace Malice**) at the wire. The winning mare She's Ready Made was a \$240,000 KESEP yearling purchase by Newtown Anner Stud Farm. She's Ready Made's most recent produce is a **Flatter** colt of 2019. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$22,800. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.](#)

O-Newtown Anner Stud Farm; B-Newtownanner Stud (KY); T-Miguel Vera.

U.S.-BRED/SIRED RUNNERS IN JAPAN



In this continuing series, Alan Carasso takes a look ahead at US-bred and/or conceived runners entered for the upcoming weekend at the tracks on the Japan Racing Association circuit, with a focus on pedigree and/or performance in the sales ring. Here are the horses of interest for this Saturday running at Tokyo Racecourse. Group 1 racing in Japan resumes next weekend with the two-mile Tenno Sho (Spring) at Hanshin:

Saturday, April 24, 2021

6th-TOK, ¥13,830,000 (\$128k), Allowance, 3yo, 1600m

ANNUNCIATION (c, 3, Union Rags--Acquant, by Giant's Causeway) made up a ton of ground after missing the break over this track and trip Oct. 31 and graduated by a widening 3 1/2 lengths (video, gate 3). The \$230K Keeneland September yearling just failed by a neck after a similarly slow dispatch in a course-and-distance allowance Jan. 30 and should be a warm item to make amends here. Annunciation is out of a winning daughter of MGSW Social Queen (Dynaformer), the dam of GISW Force the Pass (Speightstown). Christophe Lemaire has ridden Annunciation in his first two starts and retains the call from gate two Saturday. *B-Colts Neck Stables LLC (KY)*

IRISH SENSE (c, 3, Quality Road--Miss Singhsix {Ire}, by Singspiel {Ire}) is one of four winners from five to race from his dam, winner of the Gill Obeah S. and runner-up in the Gill Delaware H. despite her turf-leaning pedigree. A maiden winner at second asking going 1400 meters at Hanshin in December (video, gate 10), the \$125K KEESEP purchase was a latest third when returning from a three-month winter freshening at Chukyo Mar. 13. Irish Sense has the rail draw, with Mirco Demuro in the irons. *B-Normandy Farm LLC (KY)*

12th-TOK, ¥21,000,000 (\$194k), Allowance, 4yo/up, 1400m

LECCE BAROQUE (f, 4, Uncle Mo--My Fast One, by Elusive Quality) won her first two career outings over course and distance by 19 lengths combined--both times as the heavy favorite (video, gate 10)--and most recently bounced back to something approaching her best with a second-place finish over 1200 meters at Nakayama Dec. 26. A \$410K KEESEP yearling turned \$525K OBS March breeder, Lecce Baroque is out of a half-sister to SW No Mo Dough (Uncle Mo) and SP Terrific Storm (Storm Cat). Lemaire will have to work out a trip from the outermost stall in the field of 16. *B-MMM Stables (KY)*

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4 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
2-Keeneland, Msw 4 1/2f, Cachirulo, 5-1
\$2,000 KEE SEP yrl

Gormley (Malibu Moon), Spendthrift Farm, \$5,000

119 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
2-Keeneland, Msw 4 1/2f, Headline Report, 8-5
\$160,000 FTK SEL yrl; \$550,000 OBS MAR 2yo

Keen Ice (Curlin), Calumet Farm, \$12,500

136 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
2-Keeneland, Msw 4 1/2f, Icy River, 10-1
\$5,000 KEE SEP yrl

Mastery (Candy Ride {Arg}), Claiborne Farm, \$25,000

115 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
1-Keeneland, Msw 5 1/2fT, Grumpa, 10-1

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Big Blue Kitten (Kitten's Joy), Calumet Farm, \$5,000

74 foals of racing age/7 winners/0 black-type winners
5-Keeneland, Alw 1 1/8mT, Blue Cat, 7-2
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 2-Belmont, Msw 1mT, B C Glory Days, 3-1
 \$30,000 OBS OCT yrl; \$170,000 OBS APR 2yo
 4-Belmont, Msw 1mT, Lucky Brody, 15-1
 \$32,000 SAR AUG yrl; \$33,000 OBS APR 2yo

California Chrome (Lucky Pulpit), Arrow Stud, private
 196 foals of racing age/24 winners/0 black-type winners
 8-Keeneland, Msw 6 1/2f, Bright Prospector, 20-1
 \$225,000 KEE SEP yrl

Effinex (Mineshaft), Questroyal North
 61 foals of racing age/10 winners/0 black-type winners
 4-Belmont, Msw 1mT, Ocala Dream, 6-1
 \$50,000 OBS MAR 2yo

Exaggerator (Curlin), WinStar Farm, \$15,000
 249 foals of racing age/31 winners/0 black-type winners
 5-Keeneland, Alw 1 1/8mT, Crew Dragon, 5-2
 \$110,000 KEE SEP yrl
 8-Pimlico, Wmc 6f, Likely Choice, 6-1
 \$75,000 EAS OCT yrl; \$26,000 EAS MAY 2yo

Firing Line (Line of David), Crestwood Farm, \$5,000
 66 foals of racing age/6 winners/0 black-type winners
 1-Belmont, Msw 5f, Action Potential, 12-1
 \$13,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$1,700 KEE SEP yrl

Frosted (Tapit), Darley, \$25,000
 238 foals of racing age/27 winners/2 black-type winners
 9-Lone Star, Msw 6f, Say It Ain't Soni, 5-1
 \$150,000 FTK JUL yrl; \$50,000 OBS OPN 2yo

Gabriel Charles (Street Hero), Toreador Equine, \$3,500
 9 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
 2-Santa Anita, Msw 6 1/2f, Catfish Charlie, 20-1

Laoban (Uncle Mo), WinStar Farm, \$25,000
 139 foals of racing age/20 winners/4 black-type winners
 2-Belmont, Msw 1mT, Saratoga Flash, 2-1
 \$60,000 SAR AUG yrl
 2-Belmont, Msw 1mT, Tales of Saratoga, 20-1
 \$23,000 FTN MIX wnl; \$19,000 RNA SAR AUG yrl; \$37,000 RNA
 OBS MAR 2yo; \$9,000 EAS MAY 2yo

Mosler (War Front), Country Life Farm, \$4,000
 112 foals of racing age/15 winners/2 black-type winners
 8-Pimlico, Wmc 6f, Monster Rising, 12-1
 10-Pimlico, Alw 1 1/16m, Moonsafe, 8-1
 8-Pimlico, Wmc 6f, Response Time, 10-1
 \$11,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$75,000 OBS OCT yrl; \$100,000 EAS MAY
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Mshawish (Medaglia d'Oro), Taylor Made Farm, \$7,500
 133 foals of racing age/21 winners/0 black-type winners
 1-Keeneland, Msw 5 1/2fT, Liveryman, 10-1
 \$1,000 KEE SEP yrl
 8-Santa Anita, Msw 5 1/2f, Mining Crypto, 15-1
 \$70,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; \$52,000 RNA CTB AJA yrl

Not This Time (Giant's Causeway), Taylor Made Farm, \$40,000
 204 foals of racing age/38 winners/5 black-type winners
 8-Keeneland, Msw 6 1/2f, Sams Time, 8-1
 \$45,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; \$70,000 OBS APR 2yo
 8-Keeneland, Msw 6 1/2f, Sibelius, 7-2
 \$100,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$62,000 RNA KEE JAN wnl; \$75,000 RNA
 KEE SEP yrl

Outwork (Uncle Mo), WinStar Farm, \$15,000
 211 foals of racing age/27 winners/3 black-type winners
 8-Keeneland, Msw 6 1/2f, Out Work'n, 10-1
 \$14,000 RNA FTK OCT yrl

Runhappy (Super Saver), Claiborne Farm, \$10,000
 199 foals of racing age/22 winners/1 black-type winner
 8-Keeneland, Msw 6 1/2f, Kolsch, 15-1
 \$75,000 KEE NOV wnl

Speightster (Speightstown), WinStar Farm, \$10,000
 228 foals of racing age/31 winners/2 black-type winners
 9-Lone Star, Msw 6f, Battle of Will, 9-5
 1-Keeneland, Msw 5 1/2fT, Cheyenne Wind, 30-1
 \$1,000 KEE SEP yrl
 8-Pimlico, Wmc 6f, Despeight All Odds, 4-1
 \$22,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; \$15,000 OBS OPN 2yo
 9-Lone Star, Msw 6f, Mister Mmmmm, 12-1



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Texas Red (Afleet Alex), Crestwood Farm, \$10,000
95 foals of racing age/11 winners/1 black-type winner
9-Lone Star, Msw 6f, Bordeaux Red, 2-1

Tourist (Tiznow), WinStar Farm, \$5,000
157 foals of racing age/25 winners/0 black-type winners
4-Belmont, Msw 1mT, Multiple Expansion, 3-1
\$50,000 SAR AUG yrl

Upstart (Flutter), Airdrie Stud, \$10,000
167 foals of racing age/31 winners/1 black-type winner
8-Pimlico, Wmc 6f, Edie Meeny Miny Mo, 3-1
\$120,000 EAS OCT yrl; \$400,000 EAS MAY 2yo

Vancouver (Aus) (Medaglia d'Oro), Coolmore Australia
146 foals of racing age/22 winners/1 black-type winner
4-Belmont, Msw 1mT, Grape Nuts Warrior, 5-1

War Dancer (War Front), Irish Hill & Dutchess Views Stallions,
\$7,500
128 foals of racing age/9 winners/1 black-type winner
8-Keeneland, Msw 6 1/2f, Niagara Skyline, 15-1
CAN\$6,000 CAN NOV yrl



ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

8th-Oaklawn, \$110,000, (NW1\$3MX)/Opt. Clm (\$80,000), 4-22,
4yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:03.65, ft, head.

HOLLIS (g, 6, Street Sense--Miss Inclined {MSP, \$184,451}, by Pulpit) Lifetime Record: MSW, 18-8-4-1, \$342,513. O-WSS Racing, LLC & 4 G Racing, LLC; B-Mueller Thoroughbred Stable, Ltd. (KY); T-John Alexander Ortiz. *\$200,000 Wlg '15 KEENOV; \$120,000 Ylg '16 KEESEP. *1/2 to Lady Lilly (Nyquist), GISP, \$120,200.



6th-Keeneland, \$82,232, 4-22, (NW2\$X), 4yo/up, f/m,
1 3/16mT, 1:57.01, gd, 1 length.

HOW IRONIC (f, 4, Tonalist--Sarcastic, by Distorted Humor)
Lifetime Record: MGSP, 15-3-1-3, \$198,967. O/B-G. Watts

Humphrey, Jr. (KY); T-Victoria H. Oliver. *1/2 to Smart Remark (First Defence), MGSP, \$384,212.

4th-Keeneland, \$80,241, 4-22, (NW1X), 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/2mT,
2:34.29, gd, head.

FIRST COURSE (f, 4, Curlin--Dyning Out, by Dynaformer)
Lifetime Record: 14-2-0-2, \$95,471. O-G. Watts Humphrey, Jr.; B-Rashit Shaykhutdinov (KY); T-Victoria H. Oliver. *\$250,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP.



9th-Pimlico, \$49,266, 4-22, (NW1X), 3/up, 6f, 1:11.11, ft, neck.
FAST BREAK (g, 5, Uncle Mo--Hoop Cat, by Zensational)
Lifetime Record: 7-2-2-1, \$95,410. O-Michael Dubb, Madaket Stables LLC, David Simon & Bethlehem Stables LLC; B-Gabriel Duignan & Circular Road Breeders (KY); T-Brittany T. Russell. *\$400,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP.

3rd-Oaklawn, \$45,000, (NW1RX)/Opt. Clm (\$30,000), 4-22,
4yo/up, 1m, 1:37.45, ft, 2 1/4 lengths.

BODE'S MAKER (g, 6, Bodemeister--Romantic Frolic, by Vindication) Lifetime Record: SP, 33-7-10-1, \$252,171.
O-Knightquest Stables, Inc.; B-Stride Rite Racing Stable, Inc. (KY); T-Norman McKnight. *\$60,000 RNA Ylg '16 KEESEP; \$60,000 2yo '17 OBSAPR.



8th-Gulfstream, \$41,000, Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 4-22, 4yo/up,
7 1/2ft, 1:28.45, gd, 1 1/2 lengths.

CHUCK WILLIS (IRE) (g, 5, Kodiak {GB}--Xinji {Ire}, by Xaar {GB})
Lifetime Record: SP-Eng, 8-4-1-1, \$89,216. O-Tracy Farmer; B-Horse Breeding Company (IRE); T-Mark E. Casse. *€55,000 Ylg '17 GOFOR. **1/2 to Xebec (Mizzen Mast), SP-Aus, \$227,849.

8th-Indiana Grand, \$38,500, (S), 4-21, (NW4L), 3yo/up, 5f,
:59.37, my, 1/2 length.

BANDIDO DE AMORES (g, 6, Dialed In--Flor de Amelia {SP, \$129,388}, by Cape Town) Lifetime Record: 27-4-6-5, \$162,644.
O/B-Rancho Monarca, LLC (IN); T-Antonio Duran.

9th-Indiana Grand, \$34,500, (S), 4-21, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m,
1:41.05, my, 3 3/4 lengths.

BUMBLE OF LOVE (f, 4, Hampton Court {Aus}--Brief Contact, by Bertrando) Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-0, \$48,700. O-Andrew C. Ritter; B-Ledgelands LLC, Beatrice Ingham & Andrew C Ritter (IN); T-Brian Michael. *1/2 to Chance to Shine (Morning Line), SW, \$196,750.

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Full Court Press, c, 3, **Dialed In**--Areolite (SP), by **Tapit**. Belmont, 4-22, (C), 1m, 1:39.81. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, \$33,270.

B-Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC (KY). *\$140,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP.

Nebo, f, 3, **Freud**--Mighty Good, by Good and Tough. Belmont, 4-22, (S), (C), 6fT, 1:13.05. Lifetime Record: 8-1-1-0, \$40,188.

B-Carol E. Pepper & Anthony Grey (NY). *\$130,000 Ylg '19 SARAUG. **Full to Miss Narcissist, MSW, \$241,970.

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Frosted Indian, c, 3, **Frosted**--Sea Road (MSW-USA, GSP-Can, \$198,725), by **Tale of the Cat**. Pimlico, 4-22, (WC), 6f, 1:12.53.

Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-0, \$23,610. B-Upson Downs Farm (KY). *\$45,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP; \$15,000 2yo '20 OBSOCT.

Lady Frosted, f, 3, **Frosted**--Indulgence (GISP, \$239,116), by Macho Uno. Keeneland, 4-22, (C), 7f, 1:23.31. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-1, \$26,757. B-Willow Oaks Stable, LLC (KY). *\$95,000 RNA Ylg '19 FTSAUG.

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Claire's Darling, f, 3, **Imagining**--Ganza, by Wagon Limit. Pimlico, 4-22, (WC), 6f, 1:12.82. Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-2, \$30,635.

B-Dr. & Mrs. Thomas Bowman & Rebecca Davis (MD).

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Zerenia, f, 4, **Tiznow**--Colerful Bride (SW), by **Munnings**.

Belmont, 4-22, (C), 6fT, 1:12.26. Lifetime Record: 6-1-1-0, \$33,633. B-Taylor Brothers Properties LLC (KY). *\$170,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP.

One Tough Rose, f, 4, **Uptowncharlybrown**--Ambling Rose, by Montbrook. Penn National, 4-21, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:06.17. Lifetime Record: 10-1-2-2, \$35,588. B-Uptowncharlybrown Stud LLC (PA). *1/2 to Amblin Man (Any Given Saturday), SP, \$193,458;

Full to Charlybrown's Rose, SP, \$152,168.

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Curlin, First Course, f, 4, o/o Dyning Out, by Dynaformer. ALW, 4-22, Keeneland

Dialed In, Bandido de Amores, g, 6, o/o Flor de Amelia, by Cape Town. ALW, 4-21, Indiana Grand

Dialed In, Full Court Press, c, 3, o/o Areolite, by Tapit. MCL, 4-22, Belmont

Dialed In, Sundial, f, 3, o/o Ellie's Moment, by Kris S.. MSW, 4-22, Oaklawn

Discreet Cat, Maxwell Esquire, c, 4, o/o Momma's Image, by Marquetry. AOC, 4-22, Belmont

Freud, Nebo, f, 3, o/o Mighty Good, by Good and Tough. MCL, 4-22, Belmont

Frosted, **Frosted** Indian, c, 3, o/o Sea Road, by Tale of the Cat. WMC, 4-22, Pimlico

Frosted, Lady **Frosted**, f, 3, o/o Indulgence, by Macho Uno. MCL, 4-22, Keeneland

Galileo (Ire), Higher Truth (Ire), f, 3, o/o Wannabe Better (Ire), by Duke of Marmalade (Ire). MSW, 4-22, Belmont

Hampton Court (Aus), Bumble of Love, f, 4, o/o Brief Contact, by Bertrando. ALW, 4-21, Indiana Grand

Imagining, Claire's Darling, f, 3, o/o Ganza, by Wagon Limit. WMC, 4-22, Pimlico

Kingman (GB), Principled Stand (GB), c, 4, o/o Toujours L'Amour (GB), by Authorized (Ire). ALW, 4-22, Belmont

Kodiac (GB), Chuck Willis (Ire), g, 5, o/o Xinji (Ire), by Xaar (GB). AOC, 4-22, Gulfstream

Macho Uno, Golden Bell, f, 2, o/o Peggy May, by Lemon Drop Kid. MSW, 4-22, Keeneland

Malibu Moon, Moonrock, f, 3, o/o She's Ready Made, by **More Than Ready**. MSW, 4-22, Pimlico

Munnings, Stand by You, f, 3, o/o Medaglia d'Argento, by **Medaglia d'Oro**. MSW, 4-22, Keeneland

Ribchester (Ire), Ruthin (GB), f, 2, o/o Selinka (GB), by Selkirk. MSW, 4-22, Keeneland

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Tiznow, Zerenia, f, 4, o/o Colerful Bride, by **Munnings**. MCL, 4-22, Belmont

Tonalist, How Ironic, f, 4, o/o Sarcastic, by **Distorted Humor**. ALW, 4-22, Keeneland

Uncle Mo, Aunt Kat, f, 4, o/o Carolyn's Cat, by Forestry. ALW, 4-22, Belmont

Uncle Mo, Fast Break, g, 5, o/o Hoop Cat, by Zensational. ALW, 4-22, Pimlico

Uptowncharlybrown, One Tough Rose, f, 4, o/o Ambling Rose, by Montbrook. MSW, 4-21, Penn National

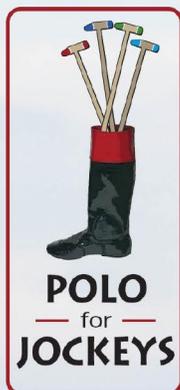
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By Chris McGrath

DONCASTER, UK--Look, we all know to refrain from any bold pronouncements in such an uncertain world. But the same market that was last year first to be broadsided by the pandemic has now made consecutive statements: first one of cautious optimism and now, remarkably, one of record-breaking confidence. For if we left Newmarket last week reminding ourselves that a single swallow does not a summer make, then flight after flight seemed to fill the air at the Goffs UK Breeze-Up Sale.

Whatever the ups and downs that inevitably still await, make no mistake. This was a huge day not just for the breeze-up sector, not just for the auction house, but for the whole bloodstock industry in Europe. Even in the absence of important recent investors, the prospect of a return to the racetrack appears to have opened the sluice gates on pent-up demand for one of the great joys of the life we all want to retrieve: the Thoroughbred racehorse.

Of course, there has never in history been a horse sale where every single vendor skipped away like Morecambe and Wise at the end of the show, and there were duly one or two consignors still grumbling about their fortunes.

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PALACE PIER THE STAR TURN AT SANDOWN

Arguably the most exciting older horse in training in Europe sets out on his keenly-anticipated 4-year-old campaign on Friday, as 'TDN Rising Star' Palace Pier (GB) (Kingman {GB}) takes in the G2 Sandown Mile. Escaping a penalty with his brace of Group 1 wins in the St James's Palace S. and Prix Jacques le Marois coming before the end of August, Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed Al Maktoum's still-unexposed bay had excuses when bogged down in Ascot's testing conditions but still managed a respectable third in the G1 Queen Elizabeth II S. on Champions Day. Thady Gosden said, "The plan was to go straight to the [G1] Lockinge, but we have decided to give Palace Pier a run at Sandown as he seems quite fresh at home. He lost a shoe coming out of the gate at Ascot on Champions Day. Although he had won on soft ground, the ground at Ascot was bottomless and it was a bit too deep. It was real specialist ground."

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Record-Breaking Rebound At Doncaster cont. from p1

As prospectors and vendors basked in glorious spring sunshine, however, only the deserted benches around the sales ring told of the lingering impact of Covid. For if obliged to keep their distance indoors, then bidders were found themselves frantically congested in terms of competition.

Comparisons with the auction salvaged here last July (amalgamated with Arqana) would be pretty pointless, but the fact is that this sale outpunched even the buoyant returns of the preceding couple of years, when the sector overall had been riding a sustained bull run.

Perhaps most heartening of all, as at the Tattersalls Craven Sale which last week opened the European calendar, was the median. There really was a solid spread of business, and those perennial complaints about the soft centre of the market were silenced here. A median of £34,000 compared with £26,000 in 2019, and £25,500 the year before. The £48,590 average, equally, exceeded £45,750 two years ago and £40,058 in 2018. And if it's the home run you're after, then the 15 six-figure sales notched on Thursday compared with 11 in 2019 and 13 the year before. Overall business of £6,219,500 represented a 22% gain on 2019 while the clearance rate, as has become commonplace in the Covid economy, was again very purposeful at 89%.

Goffs UK Managing Director Tim Kent was rightly ecstatic. "This is an incredible business and today has been an amazing day," he said. "To have the ability to hold the sale on its original date and at its intended location was the first success. To then smash all records is something that we couldn't have envisaged in the lead-up to this sale, and the results are very positive for the industry and for our loyal vendors who really backed us with some very nice horses.



Michael O'Callaghan signs for the £210,000 colt by Twilight Son | Goffs UK

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"We hope that that is a good omen for this sale and we would also like to extend a big thank you to our vendors, who provided us with a catalogue of real depth to market to our international audience, whilst we would also like to thank Doncaster Racecourse who produced superb ground to show our breeders to maximum effect."

Tally Ho Splits Top Lots

Horses run no faster or slower because of their price, as we know, and the petrified 2020 market here duly produced a £28,000 winner of the G3 Molecomb S. And it was the man responsible for that coup, Michael O'Callaghan, who for a long time topped proceedings here with the £210,000 he gave for lot 118, a colt by Twilight Son (GB) presented by Tally Ho Stud.



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IN TDN AUS/NZ TODAY

ADMIRE MARS SET TO SHUTTLE TO ARROWFIELD

Maurice will return to Arrowfield Stud in Australia and will be joined by triple Group 1 winner Admire Mars. [Click or tap here to go straight to TDN Aus/NZ.](#)

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But the consignors, who had a remarkable day even by their standards, had an equivalent trick up their sleeves with the very last animal into the ring: a son of Galileo Gold (GB) who joined his draft companion at the head of the day's business with a £210,000 docket signed by Armando Duarte.

Both were apt measures of the Tally Ho genius. The Twilight Son colt was picked up for just €28,000 from Olive O'Connor Bloodstock as a short yearling at the Goffs February Sale of 2020. If you think about everything that has happened since, this really was a "touch" that seemed to bring things full circle. "He was my pick of the sale, by a long way," said Michael O'Callaghan, who credited namesake Roger for his endorsement of the colt. "He's from a great hotel that we've been extremely lucky with. I saw him at home three weeks ago, loved him, and he couldn't have come more highly recommended. He took the preliminaries so well, he walked round the parade ring like an old handicapper. Though hopefully that's the last time he looks like one of those."

The Curragh trainer, back on a happy hunting ground, laid out over £500,000 for six purchases in all, including a £140,000 **Footstepsinthesand (GB)** colt presented as **lot 151** by Woodtown House Stud. He had failed to meet his reserve at €29,000 at Goffs only last autumn. "He's a lovely horse, I saw him at the Curragh three weeks ago and have been admiring him since the online sale at Goffs," O'Callaghan said. "I probably should have bought him then. But he did an excellent breeze here."

Duarte, for his part, had saved his best until last. His purchase will be staying in England, but no more could be disclosed at this point. Though he conceded that Galileo Gold has achieved limited commercial traction, this lad belongs to his first crop and he clearly retains every right to make himself fashionable where it counts.



The £210,000 Galileo Gold colt | Goffs UK

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"And the mare has produced quite a good stakes horse," he noted, referring to Acklam Express (Ire) (Mehmas {Ire}), who had actually supplied a Group 1 update when placed in the Al Quoz Sprint since the publication of the catalogue. "He breezed very well, looks ready to run, and fits the bill as one that might have Ascot potential."

Through the card Tally Ho sold 15 animals for £985,000 at an average £65,667.

McGivern Deserves Pinhook Of The Day

It's not hard to see where the Kodiak (GB) filly who came here from Derryconnor Stud might have found the resources to punch above her wait. Consignor Katie McGivern has been in the wars this spring but her fighting spirit evidently rubbed off on **lot 154**, who she bought for just £13,000 at the Tattersalls Ireland Yearling Sale and turned into the fastest of all the breezers clocked here on Tuesday. That earned her a £180,000 docket signed by Oliver St. Lawrence on behalf of KHK Racing.

"I'm speechless, even though I can't stop talking," said McGivern with an excited laugh. "I couldn't believe it when they kept going after £100,000. This is a life-changing result. I had no-one call and ask me for a half, so I actually own her outright. We're desperate for a straight gallop, so I suppose it'll have to go towards that.

"I love a Kodiak filly anyway and the first dam was two-for-two, one rated 90 and one rated 80, so she was a no-brainer if nobody wanted her on looks. She was a little small, and I had her vetted--which I never do--just to know that it was only her size that would be against her. Her homework has

always been very good and consistent, but you still need luck on the day, you need them to keep straight and so on, and the rider did a great job."

She may be indebted to the wit of auctioneer Nick Nugent for goading an extra bid or two as the impetus began to slow.

"Come on," he chided from the rostrum. "Do you want to be Neil Armstrong or Buzz Aldrin?"

Mission control will now be the yard of Robert Cowell, whose brief was intimidatingly simple. "A fast, sharp Ascot 2-year-old," St Lawrence said. "Katie says five or six furlongs, so we have a choice between the Queen Mary and the Albany. She's not the biggest but she's built like the proverbial brick 'outhouse', looks like a colt, and Robert loved her the moment he saw her. Times are important but I couldn't care whether they're first or 20th, you're only talking hundredths and what counts is that they look the business when they're doing it."

Nay, Not Too Bad

An opening bid of £150,000 appeared to suggest that all the pre-sale talk about **lot 74**, a **No Nay Never** colt presented by Willie Browne, was going to be matched by ringside deeds. In the event, then, Browne permitted himself mild disappointment when Richard Brown of Blandford Bloodstock was able to secure an animal he prized so highly for 'just' £200,000.

"A little bit of an anti-climax, with all the action I had on him," admitted the Mocklershill maestro, who presented the colt for breeders Meadowcourt Stud. "In a real strong market maybe he could have made a bit more. Listen, it's a fine price, but he's potentially very good. I haven't had one as good for a couple of years. Hopefully he's the real deal: he has lots of speed, but he'll stay too."

WEEKEND HIGHLIGHTS

Greenham Stakes-Gr.3 , Newbury	1 st Chindit	WOOTTON BASSETT
Fred Darling Stakes-Gr.3 , Newbury	1 st Alcohol Free	NO NAY NEVER
Prix de la Grotte-Gr.3 , Longchamp	1 st Cirona	MAXIOS
Alleged Stakes-Gr.3 , Curragh	1 st Broome	AUSTRALIA
Gladness Stakes-Gr.3 , Curragh	1 st Lancaster House	GALILEO
Carl Jaspers-Preis-Gr.2 , Cologne	1 st Nerium	CAMELOT
Memories of Silver Stakes , Aqueduct	1 st Bubbles On Ice	STARSPANGLED BANNER

Also first-time-out maiden winners for **GLENEAGLES** (Glen Savage at Newbury), **STARSPANGLED BANNER** (Aristia at Newbury and **Cheerupsleepyjean** at the Curragh) and **GALILEO** (Gloria Mundi at Newbury) while **George Peabody** (**HOLY ROMAN EMPEROR**) won a Novice Stakes at Thirsk

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Goffs UK cont.

If he's right, then what kind of bargain did Paul Nataf strike when acquiring the dam, an unraced daughter of **Mastercraftsman (Ire)**, for just €11,000 through Baroda Stud at Goffs last November? Besides this colt she has just a yearling filly by **Gleneagles (Ire)**, and she was sold with a **Ten Sovereigns (Ire)** cover.

"He's for a new owner who asked for one good colt out of the breeze-ups," explained Brown, before putting in a call to John Gosden. "I thought he did a phenomenal breeze. There are some nice horses here, very forward, and for me he was the pick. Because while I think he can be a good summer 2-year-old, he has plenty of scope and I think he can train on as well. To be fair to Willie, he saw me drooling over the horse on Monday and he was very high on him."



Willie Browne | *Goffs UK*

Cowell Sticking To Royal Formula

Robert Cowell is hoping that history will repeat itself after giving £170,000 for a Kodiak colt consigned as **lot 52** by Bانشa House Stables. That is precisely what he did here five years ago, virtually to the day, and two months later he had won the G2 Norfolk S. with Prince Of Lir (Ire) (Kodiak {GB}).

The Newmarket trainer signed for the colt in the company of Tim Palin of Middleham Park, who will race him in partnership with another client, Tom Morley. Whether or not he can emulate Prince Of Lir at Ascot, the hope is that he will prove a longer-term project.

"Ascot is the dream, but it's not the be-all and end-all," Cowell said. "He has plenty of size and substance. He's not just a little 2-year-old, I hope he would have a lot more to him than that."

Exciting **RIBCHESTER** filly Ruthin makes a winning debut at Keeneland. **The 350,000gns yearling is a Royal Ascot prospect for trainer Wesley Ward** — who introduced Royal Ascot and Morny winners No Nay Never and Lady Aurelia at this meet.



Still time to book your mare.

Darley

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"We were looking for a nice fast horse that can hopefully repeat the kind of success we had with Prince Of Lir. We know he comes from a very good outfit, and he's a lovely specimen, with a good walk on him, and a great action. So all the stars aligned."

It's certainly a brisk pedigree. The dam, a daughter of sale graduate Dream Ahead, has made a good start with her only runner to date being Operatic (Ire) (Showcasing {GB}), a dual winner at two last year; while the second dam is dual Group-winning sprinter Lidanna (GB) (Nicholas)--who holds down the same spot in the pedigree of G1 Prix de l'Abbaye winner Wizz Kid (Ire) (Whipper).

Con Marnane was delighted by the dividend on his £46,000 investment in the same ring last September.

"Over the moon," the Bansha House consignor said. "We bought him off Plantation Stud and he's turned into a gorgeous horse, and it's a proper page. The sister is very talented, she was impressive in her two wins and the ground was very heavy when she was well beaten in the listed race at Newmarket after that. She could still be a very nice filly this year."

As one of the stalwarts of the sector, Marnane was relieved by the buoyancy of trade, having candidly drawn in his horns in restocking.

"We're way down [in numbers]," he said. "We were just too scared and said we would only buy really nice yearlings. And thank God we did. I must thank our regular customers, because it's them that are coming back to us again and again. England is going to be back to normal way before other countries, so it's a pleasure to be here. In Ireland we've hardly sharpened the needles yet."

Dance Continues Comeback Spree

The same family produced a good yield on **lot 96**, a May colt by New Bay (GB) who made £120,000 for Gaybrook Lodge Stud having been found by M.C. Bloodstock in Book 1 at Tattersalls last October for just 40,000gns. He's a half-brother to Wizz Kid, whose relationship to Robert Cowell's new Kodiak is noted above, and joins the team of breeze-up recruits being dynamically assembled by Manor House Stud.

That historic Middleham farm, freshly acquired for the revamped John Dance operation, was the top buyer at the Craven Sale last week with eight lots for an aggregate 1,035,000gns. The Classic quality of this colt's sire obviously balances out the family speed and the purchasing strategy duly looked consistent with the £140,000 acquisition of **lot 76**, who was certainly not a standardised, sharp-and-early type off the "Donny" conveyor belt.

This was a colt by **Kingman (GB)** out of a sister to Group 1 winner Jan Vermeer (Ire) (Montjeu {Ire}), therefore a half-sister to another Ballydoyle high achiever in Together (Ire) (**Galileo {Ire}**). He was pinhooked by Mags O'Toole out of Book 2 last October for 87,000gns.

"He was just very young-looking," explained Oak Tree's Norman Williamson. "But he's a May foal and it's very hard to get your hands on a **Kingman**. He took his prep extremely well. He'll be a horse for later, maybe you'd see him September time, but to me he has a big future: we can all see how well-bred he is, and he's a tall, beautiful horse that should grow into something special."

Manor House Stud ended the day with half a dozen new recruits at an aggregate £690,000, and the others did fit the traditional profile for this sale: a £120,000 Kodiak (GB) filly consigned by Powerstown Stud as **lot 140**, great work on a £33,000 punt here last year; a £100,000 Dark Angel colt from Malcolm Bastard, **lot 166**, found at the Orby for £45,000 by Richard Ryan; and, within the space of five minutes, £120,000 and £90,000 for two sons of the ubiquitous Mehmas (Ire) respectively consigned as Lots **124** and **126**.

Mehmas is a prolific young stallion in every sense, duly the most represented in the catalogue with 17 entries. The market's pick at £150,000 turned out to be **lot 41**, the first foal of a Shamardal half-sister to Signoff (Ire) (Authorized {Ire}), a dual group winner in Australia, the pair out of another group winner in Circle Of Gold (Ire) (Royal Academy). This is the family of G1 St Leger winner Rule Of Law (Kingmambo), and Tom Goff duly hopes that this filly, presented by Glending Stables, will have more in her favour than the trademark precocity of her sire.

"She's from an extremely good farm," the Blandford agent stressed. "And I thought her the best filly here by a country mile."



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SESSION TOTALS	2021	2020
• Catalogued	178	165
• Number Offered	144	99
• Number Sold	128	89
• Not Sold	16	10
• Clearance Rate	89%	89%
• High Price	£210,000	£290,000
• Gross	£6,219,500	£3,975,400
• Average (% change)	£48,590 (+8.8%)	£44,667
• Median (% change)	£34,000 (+21.4%)	£28,000

**2020 edition of the sale delayed to July*

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"She did a lovely breeze and I'd be very hopeful that besides having the class and speed to be a good 2-year-old, she would also have the scope and quality to go on next year. So I hope she won't just be one of those one-hit wonders, while I also hope she can be precocious enough too. The sire's obviously on fire, and she's out of a Shamardal mare, and goes back to a lovely Robert Sangster family."

Goff could be no more specific of her destination than to say that she would be trained in Newmarket.

Roderick Kavanagh, her delighted consignor, has expanded to a draft of 14 breezers in his fifth year since inaugurating the Glending wing of his family's Kildaragh Stud. "She had great motion," he said of a filly recruited via the Sportsman's Sale here for £25,000, signed for by Peter and Ross Doyle. "And she has been a joy ever since, straightforward all the way through. The Shamardal mare has been a great help and, though you dream of it, this was beyond all expectation."

Collins Glad To Take The Blame

Pinhooking from the American market continues to yield great results for those of sufficient enterprise and this was an especially good day for Johnny Collins of Brown Island Stables. He pulled off one of the touches of the day with a colt by **Blame** signed for by Chad Schumer at Keeneland last September for just \$14,000. Here he realised £175,000 from Rabbah Bloodstock, who had earlier given £78,000 for a filly (**lot 90**) by the same sire in the same draft. Rabbah have proved a conspicuous inconvenience to anyone trying for nice American types at both the breeze-up sales in Europe so far.

"This was the last horse into the ring in Book 3," Collins remembered of **lot 172**. "Travel was obviously difficult last year, but maybe that meant there weren't quite as many people going. But I've been going a long time and could hardly miss it, could I? I have sold two G2 Norfolk winners from America, Bapak Chinta (**Speightstown**) and South Central (Forest Camp). This was a nice square horse when I bought him and he's a nice square horse now."

One of the best judges in the business had marked out the **Jimmy Creed** colt in the same draft as his pick, and Edgar Byrne was of like mind in giving \$135,000 for **lot 158**, a \$30,000 yearling at Keeneland. The colt will be joining Soren Jensen in Denmark.

"I've waited all day for him, so on a nice sunny day I've been walking my box," said Byrne. "He's an extremely nice horse that came highly recommended by Johnny. They will have the dirt option out there if they need it, because Malmo is only down the road, but he obviously breezed very well on the turf here."

Another transatlantic success, albeit in a much lower register, was a colt from the fourth crop of **Carpe Diem** picked up by Jim McCartan of Gaybrook Lodge for just \$3,000 at Fasig-Tipton in Lexington last October. True, this was scarcely in the league of McCartan's legendary coup with Willie Browne at Arqana four years ago, when a \$15,000 **Street Sense** colt evolved into a €1.4-million juvenile. But \$52,000 from David Redvers for **lot 21** still represented a fine percentage yield.

"It cost more to get him home than to buy him," McCartan said. "I bought him at the end-of-year sale there and he was just a little bit backward, he needed to furnish a little. But he took his preparation very well and developed all the way through and turned out a very nice horse who could gallop well."

Bringing American pedigrees into a notoriously parochial market has its obvious dangers, but the devotion of so many prospectors to breeze data means that the way the model functions can redeem any uncertainty even about dirt stallions. But then **Carpe Diem** is the only son of Giant's Causeway to have won a Grade I on dirt, and damsire **More Than Ready** resembles that legend in having established his versatility in different racing environments.

"He was a very good individual, to be fair, with a lot of **More Than Ready** about him-and I've been lucky with that horse," McCartan said. "Most of the time you do need a [familiar] sire but there are an awful lot of horses to choose from, 4,000 or so at Keeneland, and if you're prepared to work hard you might come across one or two."

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SALE TOPPERS

GOFFS UK BREEZE-UP SALE

TOP 10 LOTS

LOT	SIRE DAM	PRICE (£)
118	c, Twilight Son (GB)–My Lucky Liz (Ire) (€28,000 yrl '20 GOFFEB) Breeder: Tom Radley Consignor: Tally Ho Stud Purchaser: Michael O'Callaghan	210,000
178	c, Galileo Gold (GB)–York Express (GB) (£25,000 yrl '20 TATIRE) Breeder: Mr. R. Ryan Consignor: Tally Ho Stud Purchaser: Ling Bloodstock	210,000

74	c, No Nay Never–Habbat Reeh (Ire) Breeder: Al Shira'aa Farms SARL Consignor: Mocklershill Purchaser: Blandford Bloodstock	200,000
154	f, Kodiak (GB)–Shama's Song (Ire) (£13,000 yrl '20 TATIRE) Breeder: Anthony Kirwan Consignor: Derryconnor Stud Purchaser: Oliver St Lawrence Bloodstock	180,000
172	c, Blame–Twice Told Tale (£14,000 yrl '20 KEESSEP) Breeder: Cherry Valley Farm LLC Consignor: Brown Island Stables Purchaser: Rabbah Bloodstock	175,000



Ruthin (GB) was the most expensive yearling for Ribchester (Ire) last year when she cost Ben McElroy 350,000gns at Tattersalls October Book 1, and she became her sire's first winner with a 'TDN Rising Star' performance on debut at Keeneland on Thursday | Coady Photography

- 52 c, Kodiak (GB)–Dream Dana (Ire) 170,000**
(60,000gns RNA wnl '19 TATDEC; £46,000 yrl '20 DNPRM)
Breeder: Plantation Stud
Consignor: Bansha House Stables
Purchaser: MPR & Tom Morley

- 41 f, Mehmas (Ire)–Dame Judi (Ire) 150,000**
(£25,000 yrl '20 GOFSP)
Breeder: Caroline & Stephanie Hanly
Consignor: Glending Stables
Purchaser: Blandford Bloodstock

- 76 c, Kingman (GB)–Hasten (Ire) 140,000**
(90,000 gns RNA i/u '18 TATDEC; 87,000gns yrl '20 TATOCT)
Breeder: Al Asayl Bloodstock
Consignor: Oak Tree Farm
Purchaser: Manor House Stud

- 151 c, Footstepsinthesand (GB)–Serenity Dove (GB) 140,000**
(€47,000 wnl '19 GOFNOV; €29,000 RNA yrl '20 GOFNOV)
Breeder: Ringfort Stud Ltd
Consignor: Woodtown House Stud
Purchaser: Michael O'Callaghan

- 158 c, Jimmy Creed–Sliced Bread 135,000**
(\$30,000 yrl '20 KEESEP)
Breeder: Spendthrift Farm LLC
Consignor: Brown Island Stables
Purchaser: Edgar Byrne

THE GOLDEN TOUCH

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Lot	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (£)
97	c	Fast Company (Ire)	Lights On Me (GB)	82,000

Consigned by Mocklershill
Purchased by Blandford Bloodstock

This colt by the late Fast Company out of a half-sister to the listed-winning Choose Your Moment (GB) (Choisir {Aus}) cost €25,000 at Arqana's October Yearling Sale last year, with George Mullins signing the ticket.

101	c	Ardad (Ire)	Locharia (GB)	88,000
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Consigned by Aguiar Bloodstock
Purchased by Amo Racing

Ardad thus far leads his sire crop by number of winners with four, and that likely helped this 15,000gns Tattersalls October Book 2 yearling find favour with Amo Racing. The colt is a half-brother to the stakes-placed producer Seafront (GB) (Foxwedge {Aus}) and is from the family of champion sprinter Lochsong (GB).

120	c	Exaggerator	Noble Beauty	80,000
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Consigned by Powerstown Stud
Purchased by BBA Ireland

Joining the list of profitable American pinhooks at the sale was this colt by Curlin's GI Preakness S.-winning son Exaggerator, who was bred by China Horse Club and bought by Tom Whitehead of Powerstown Stud for \$10,000 at Keeneland September. He is the first foal out of Grade III winner Noble Beauty (Kitten's Joy).

166	c	Dark Angel (Ire)	Tarakala (Ire)	100,000
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Consigned by Mr Malcolm Bastard
Purchased by Manor House Stud

Joining the burgeoning list of 2-year-olds bought by John Dance's Manor House Stud is this son of Dark Angel, who cost £45,000 last year at Goffs Orby with Richard Ryan signing the docket. Out of the listed-winning Tarakala (Ire) (Dr Fong), he received a trio of significant updates last autumn when Tarnawa (Ire) (Shamardal), who is out of his half-sister Tarana (Ire) (Cape Cross {Ire}), won the G1 Prix de l'Opera, the Prix Vermeille and the GI Breeders' Cup Turf.



Lot 74, a £200,000 colt by No Nay Never | Goffs UK

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Thady Gosden continued, “He has been working nicely and he appears to be enjoying himself and he seems to have improved from three to four. I’m sure there will be some nice 3-year-old milers emerge, but hopefully he can be among the best of the older ones.”

On the face of it, Shadwell’s **Khuzaam** (Kitten’s Joy) appears the most likely to cause an upset, having powered to a five-length success in the Apr. 2 All-Weather Mile Championships Conditions S. on Lingfield’s Polytrack. Angus Gold is aware of the task in hand, however. “He won very well the other day. We gelded him at the end of last year and it seems to have helped him from what we’ve seen so far this year, but obviously we’re going up a grade now and we’re back on the grass against a proper Group 1 horse, so it’ll tell us a bit more about him and whether we’re in the right league or not.”



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Adding ballast to a small but select assembly is King Power Racing’s G3 Supreme S. and G2 Challenge S. winner **Happy Power (Ire)** (Dark Angel {Ire}), who is back up in trip having raced exclusively over shorter last term.

High Quality Gordon Richards

Friday’s card also features the G3 Gordon Richards S., where two more ‘TDN Rising Stars’, **Highest Ground (Ire)** (Frankel {GB}) and **Waldkonig (GB)** (Kingman {GB}), renew rivalry having been separated by 2 1/2 lengths when first and second in that order in an extended 10-furlong novice at Haydock last June. The Niarchos Family’s Highest Ground, who was subsequently second to Highclere Thoroughbred Racing’s **Thunderous (Ire)** (Night of Thunder {Ire}) in a weak-looking edition of the G2 Dante S. at York in July and a poor 10th in the nine-furlong G3 Darley S. at Newmarket in October, lacks the race-sharpness of

Waldkonig who has won a handicap at Pontefract on Apr. 6.

Alan Cooper said of Highest Ground, “It’s very exciting to get him back on the track. He’s wintered very well and has been pleasing Sir Michael and Ryan. We felt he didn’t handle the soft ground at all at Newmarket the last time he ran. The weather forecast is good, so we should have perfect ground on Friday. It’s his first run for a long time and we’ll see what happens. Hopefully he’ll run a very good race. He’s a lightly-raced horse who missed part of last year. It’s a very nice race to start off the season in, so let’s hope it’s a nice introduction to get his season going.”

Thady Gosden is hoping for a bold show from Waldkonig, who has big shoes to fill as a half-brother to Waldgeist (GB) (**Galileo {Ire}**). “It was good to get him off to a good start this season at Pontefract, as it can be a difficult track to handle,” he said. “It was good to get his career back on track and give him some confidence. We have always thought plenty of him, as he is a half-brother to an Arc winner by **Kingman**, so he has got the right sort of pedigree and hopefully things will start coming right on track for him. He was always a horse we hoped would improve from three to four, but at the same time it was a bit of a frustrating season last year as things didn’t go to plan.”

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Thady Gosden on Waldkonig

In a race for lightly-raced 4-year-olds who did not enjoy a full Classic campaign for various reasons, Charlie Johnston is hoping that Thunderous can defy a lengthy lay-off having been sidelined since the Dante. “Obviously he’s a horse who still has a huge amount of potential and we’ve only managed to get to the track with him five times in his first two seasons, so we’re just pleased to be back and looking forward to it really,” he said. “We’re 100% happy in terms of the injuries--there are no concerns there whatsoever. He’s been back in full work since before Christmas and I would fully expect him to improve for the run. He’s not run any further than the Dante trip at this stage, so we thought this ticks a lot of boxes as a comeback race and then we

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can learn a bit from this and hopefully build and go forward to even bigger and better things down the line.”

Shadwell's G3 Geoffrey Freer S. winner **Hukum (Ire)** (Sea the Stars {Ire}) has the form edge over them all, having contested a genuine top-class race when fifth in Doncaster's G1 St Leger when last seen in September. “Everyone's been very happy with him at home and it's time to get started with him and see where we are,” Angus Gold commented. “The decision last year was always based on ‘was he going to stay?’ and he looked like he was certainly going to be a mile-and-a-half horse. We knew he had the class for that and it was just a question of whether he could stay further. I think now is the right place to start him back, with a view to the fact that we've got Ascot coming up, so let's see if we're on the right lines. I saw him last week and he looks fantastic.”



Yibir winning the Haynes Hanson & Clark Conditions S. | racingfotos.com

Classic Credentials On The Line

Completing the trio of pattern races on the card is the G3 Classic Trial, where Charlie Appleby looks to extend Godolphin's seam of success with the middle-distance colts courtesy of **Yibir (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}) and **Adayar (Ire)** (Frankel {GB}). Reappearing for the first time after winning Newbury's Haynes, Hanson & Clark Conditions S. over a mile in September, Yibir is a full-brother to the top-class Wild Illusion (GB) while his impressive Nottingham maiden-winning stablemate is a son of the G1 Irish 1000 Guineas runner-up Anna Salai (Dubawi {Ire}). “His preparation has gone well and we feel he's hopefully one of our nicer middle distance horses, so we're expecting a nice run from him,” the trainer said of Yibir, while of Adayar he added, “It was a very pleasing victory at Nottingham on his second start and he's done well through the winter. He's drawn down in stall one, which isn't ideal, but it all depends on the pace angles really. We're hopeful that they're two nice middle-distance horses that can start their 3-year-old careers off and we'll see where we're pitching them in the first half of the season after Friday.”

Godolphin have a third string to their bow in the John and Thady Gosden-trained **Trawlerman (Ire)** (Golden Horn {GB}) who was impressive when winning the 12-furlong “High-Rise” Maiden S. by 8 1/2 lengths at Pontefract on Apr. 6, while

Ballylinch Stud and Aquis Farm's G3 Zetland S. scorer **Lone Eagle (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) and Julie Wood's G3 Solario S. winner **Etonian (Ire)** (Olympic Glory {Ire}) add intrigue, as does Ballydoyle's Cork median auction winner **Sir Lucan (Ire)** (Camelot {GB}) who is a full-brother to Sir Dragonet (Ire) and the unbeaten **Belloccio (Fr)** (Belardo {Ire}). Having dealt with the subsequent G3 Prix de la Grotte winner Cirona (GB) (Maxios {GB}) in the Listed Criterium

du Languedoc over a mile at Toulouse in November, the David Menuisier trainee fully deserves his place in this hot line-up.

“He's in good form--obviously that will be his first run of the season, so he's likely to need it like the rest of my horses but physically and mentally he's in a good place,” Menuisier said. “He's unbeaten in two starts and both races have worked out really well, so we're really hopeful that he can show a very good level of ability and let's hope that Friday will be a stepping stone to something

better down the line.” Also on the card is the Esher Cup H. over a mile with an unexposed Gosden-trained colt in the Coolmore-owned Kempton novice winner **Rifleman (Ire)** (The Gurkha {Ire}) and the closing two races over the Gordon Richards and Classic Trial trip over nearly 10 furlongs.

Spotlight On Chiasma

Finishing off a fascinating fixture is the bet365.com Handicap, which was won by the subsequent G1 Irish Derby hero Jack Hobbs (GB) (Halling) in 2015, while the bet365 Fillies' Novice S. has hosted more than one ‘TDN Rising Star’ down the years including the 2008 winner Dar Re Mi (GB) (Singspiel {Ire}). In that, the Gosdens launch Juddmonte's **Chiasma (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}), a full-sister to Frankel (GB) and Noble Mission (GB) who takes on Godolphin's Lingfield novice winner **Nash Nasha (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}), a Charlie Appleby-trained daughter of the G1 Irish 1000 Guineas heroine Just the Judge (Ire) (Lawman {Fr}).

Juddmonte's racing manager Teddy Grimthorpe spoke to the *Racing Post* of Chiasma, “Indications are she could be suited by this trip, possibly even a mile and a half. She's been very straightforward this spring, but it remains to be seen what sort of talent she has. The weight of expectation with a horse like her will always be enormous and she has a lot to live up to, to say the least, but she needs to be given every chance.”

Palace Pier The Star Turn At Sandown cont.

“Prince Khalid’s family have the same sporting instinct as their father had and these horses are bred to race. You find out how good they are only on the racecourse; breeding operations need to know the level of ability. We’re looking forward to it and everyone at Juddmonte will be watching, plus a whole load more people besides.”

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FIRST-SEASON SIRES WITH RUNNERS

Friday, April 23:

FRANCE

Al Wukair (Ire) (Dream Ahead), Haras de Bouquetot
73 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
1-MAR.P VIVAUX, 950m, Final Shot (Ity)
€2,500 Arqana December Breeding Stock Sale 2019

Attendu (Fr) (Acclamation {GB}), Haras du Quesnay
36 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
1-MAR.P VIVAUX, 950m, Sam Blaster (GB)
€6,000 Arqana Deauville October Yearlings 2020

Birchwood (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}), Haras de la Huderie
58 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
1-MAR.P VIVAUX, 950m, Madame Babette (Fr)
1-MAR.P VIVAUX, 950m, Oulalah (Fr)

Wings of Eagles (Fr) (Pour Moi {Ire}), The Beeches Stud
36 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
1-MAR.P VIVAUX, 950m, JOLIENENE (Fr)



Birchwood has two runners at Marseilles Vivaux | Scoop Dyga

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FRANKEL’S SISTER UNVEILED AT SANDOWN

4.10 Sandown, Novice, £8,050, 3yo, f, 9f 209yT

CHIASMA (IRE) (**Galileo {Ire}**) is the seventh foal out of **Kind (Ire)** (Danehill), making her a full-sister to the remarkable **Frankel (GB)** and to his G1 Champion S.-winning sibling Noble Mission (GB), as well as a half to the smart duo Bullet Train (GB) (Sadler’s Wells) and Joyeuse (GB) (**Oasis Dream {GB}**). Reportedly shaping as a true middle-distance type at John and Thady Gosden’s Clarehaven Stables, the February-foaled bay has the guidance of Frankie Dettori as she encounters Godolphin’s Lingfield novice winner **Nash Nasha (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}), a Charlie Appleby-trained daughter of the G1 Irish 1000 Guineas heroine Just the Judge (Ire) (Lawman {Fr}) who cost €1-million as a foal at the 2018 Arqana December Breeding Stock Sale. This is a race which John Gosden has targeted with some of his better fillies in recent times, with Dar Re Mi (GB) (Singspiel {Ire}) a ‘TDN Rising Star’ for the trainer in 2008.

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Kind, the dam of **Frankel**, Noble Mission, Bullet Train, Joyeuse and Chiasma. Kind died last month | racingfotos.com



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BRITAIN

Thursday's Results:

2nd-Beverley, £6,000, Nov, 4-22, 2yo, f, 5fT, 1:04.08, g/f.
OUT IN YORKSHIRE (GB) (f, 2, Outstrip {GB}--Yorkindred Spirit {GB}, by Sea the Stars {Ire}) was sharpest from the gates and seized immediate control of this debut. In command throughout, the 4-1 chance was last off the bridle after halfway and ran on strongly under urging in the latter stages to score by 1 3/4 lengths from Pure Charmer (GB) (Charming Thought {GB}). She is the first of two foals produced by a multiple-winning granddaughter of G1 1000 Guineas heroine Cape Verdi (Ire) (Caerleon) and the February-foaled bay is full to a yearling colt. Sales history: 9,000gns RNA Wlg '19 TATFOA; £2,500 Ylg '20 GOFAUT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$4,513.
 1ST-TIME STARTER. O-Johnston Racing Ltd; B-Friar Ings Stud Ltd (GB); T-Mark Johnston.

CONDITIONS RESULT:

4th-Chelmsford City, £19,000, 4-22, 4yo/up, 6f (AWT), 1:11.50, st.

MAY SONIC (GB) (g, 5, Mayson {GB}--Aromatherapy {GB}, by Oasis Dream {GB}) Lifetime Record: 12-5-1-0, \$53,806. O-Hills' Angels; B-Minster Stud (GB); T-Charles Hills. *£26,000 Ylg '17 GOUKPR.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Lady Ayresome (Ire), f, 2, Kodi Bear (Ire)--Omanome (Ire), by Acclamation (GB). Beverley, 4-22, 5fT, 1:05.19. B-John Halton & Partners (IRE).

Cash Machine (Ire), c, 3, Twilight Son (GB)--Puzzled (Ire), by Peintre Celebre. Chelmsford City, 4-22, 6f (AWT), 1:12.32. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$5,607. B-Michael Downey & Roalso Ltd (IRE). *18,000gns RNA Ylg '19 TATOCT; 17,500gns 2yo '20 TATGBR. **1/2 to Tabdeed (GB) (Havana Gold {Ire}), GSW-Eng.
Enthused (Ire), g, 4, Zoffany (Ire)--Question Times (GB) (SP-Eng), by Shamardal. Beverley, 4-22, 9f 207yT, 2:07.77. B-Sweetmans Bloodstock (IRE). *€325,000 Ylg '18 GOFOR. **1/2 to Pink Dogwood (Ire) (Camelot {GB}), SW & MG1SP-Ire, G1SP-Eng, \$288,408; to Latrobe (Ire) (Camelot {GB}), G1SW-Ire, G1SP-Aus, \$1,503,446; & to Diamond Fields (Ire) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}), GSW-Ire, MGSP-US, SP-Eng, \$225,664.

FRANCE

Thursday's Results:

5th-ParisLongchamp, €35,000, Cond, 4-22, 3yo, c/g, 8fT, 1:41.71, g/s.
BREIZH EAGLE (FR) (c, 2, Bow Creek {Ire}--Breizh Touch {Fr}, by Country Reel), who annexed two 7 1/2-furlong contests at Deauville in December, broke in the second rank and was settled off the pace in seventh after the initial strides of this turf bow. Rowed along to close soon after turning for home, the 14-5 second choice moved into contention out wide entering the final furlong and was ridden out to nail Bellharbour Music (Mshawish) by a head on the line. Half-brother to the unraced 2-year-old filly Happy Creeck (Fr) (Herald The Dawn {Ire}), Breizh Eagle is the third foal and scorer produced by five-time winner Breizh Touch (Fr) (Country Reel). The March-foaled bay's fourth dam is Listed Prix Belle de Nuit third Kirigane (Fr) (Vitiges {Fr}). Lifetime Record: 3-3-0-0, €42,000. **Video, sponsored by TVG.**
 O-Mme Roland Perron & Haras des Eves; B-Haras des Eves & Daniel Cherdo (FR); T-Joel Boisnard.

6th-ParisLongchamp, €35,000, Cond, 4-22, 3yo, f, 8fT, 1:40.49, g/s.

TAHLIE (FR) (f, 3, Rio de la Plata--Tianshan {Fr} {SW-Fr, \$220,180}, by Lahint), a Nov. 26 last-out winner tackling this trip at Chantilly, found a smooth rhythm along the fence in third for most of this seasonal return. Looming large on the bridle passing the two pole, the 15-2 chance cruised to the front approaching the final furlong and was ridden out to hold the late bid of Alula Borealis (Fr) (Kendargent {Fr}) by 3/4-of-a-length. 'TDN Rising Star' Wensleydale (GB) (Frankel {GB}) raced prominently until fading rapidly in the straight and finished last of seven. Tahlie is one of six foals, all winners, produced by Listed Prix Coronation scorer Tianshan (Fr) (Lahint), herself a half-sister to Listed Prix Caravelle winner Tivadare (Fr) (Distant View). The April-foaled bay is a full-sister to stakes-winning GI Beverly D. S. and GI Flower Bowl S. third Thais (Fr) and Listed Grand Prix Anjou Bretagne runner-up Teston. She is also a half-sister to G3 Prix des Reservoirs victrix Trixia (Fr) (Siyouni {Fr}). Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-0, €39,820. **Video, sponsored by TVG.**
 O-Ecurie Jean-Louis Bouchard & Gerard Augustin-Normand; B-Georges Sandor (FR); T-Pascal Bary.

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

2nd-ParisLongchamp, €28,000, Cond, 4-22, 3yo, 6 1/2fT,
1:14.64, g/s.

LIVE (IRE) (c, 3, Outstrip {GB}--Living Art, by Trippi) Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-1, €36,620. O-Mme Jacques Cygler; B-Haras d'Haspel (IRE); T-Henri-Alex Pantall. *€18,000 Ylg '19 ARAUG.

4th-ParisLongchamp, €28,000, Mdn, 4-22, 3yo, 6 1/2fT,
1:15.96, g/s.

STARDEVOTE (IRE) (f, 3, Starspangledbanner {Aus}--So Devoted {Ire}, by Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}) Lifetime Record: GSP-Fr, 6-2-1-1, €40,180. O-Prime Equestrian SARL; B-Patrick F Kelly (IRE); T-Christophe Ferland. *15,000gns Wlg '18 TATFOA; 45,000gns Ylg '19 TAOCT.

**IN AUSTRALIA:**

Hengroen (Ire), c, 3, Camelot (GB)--Princess Aurora, by Mr. Greeley. Pakenham, 4-22, Maiden (£20k/€23k), 1400mT,
1:28.65. B-Framont Ltd. *1ST-TIME STARTER. **€65,000 RNA Wlg '18 ARQNOV; €110,000 Ylg '19 ARQOCT.

IN QATAR:

Maybe One Day (Fr), g, 3, Acclamation (GB)--Baileys Parisienne (Fr), by Makfi (GB). Al Rayyan, 4-21, Novice Plate, 1200m,
1:10.43. B-Haras Des Trois Chapelles. *€32,000 Ylg '19 ARQAUG. **VIDEO**

X Force (Ire), g, 4, Bungle Inthejungle (GB)--Nafa (Ire), by Shamardal. Al Rayyan, 4-21, Cond., 1200m, 1:09.55. B-Maurice Burns. *Won by 6 1/4 lengths. **Hwt. 3yo-Qat at 5-7f.
***€90,000 Ylg '19 GOFORB; 98,000gns HRA '19 TATAUT.

VIDEO

Golden Sixty (Aus) (Medaglia d'Oro) is perfectly drawn for his get-back, run-on style that has seen him greet the judge on no fewer than 13 straight occasions, including the G1 Longines Hong Kong Mile and G1 Stewards' Cup in his two most recent trips at the 1600 metres. He faces just five others in the G1 FWD Champions Mile (**HKJC form**), chief among them **Southern Legend (Aus) (Not A Single Doubt {Aus})**, who took down the colours of Beauty Generation (NZ) (Road to Rock {Aus}) 12 months ago.

"It's only a small field and with luck in running, I believe Southern Legend can run very well again," jockey Karis Teetan said at the draw. "He always gives his best."

Danon Smash (Jpn) (Lord Kanaloa {Jpn}) returns to the scene of his 21-1 upset of the G1 Longines Hong Kong Sprint last December, and if anything, faces a weaker field on paper. Whereas he drew widest of the 14 in the Sprint, he has a cosier alley and Sunday will take all the beating in the G1 Chairman's Sprint Prize (**HKJC form**) with Joao Moreira taking the ride.

"Just after he won the Hong Kong Sprint last December, we decided to come to Hong Kong in April," trainer Takayuki Yasuda said. "After the Chairman's Sprint Prize, Danon Smash will take a rest. The next target would be the [G1] Sprinters S. then after that, I want to come to Hong Kong again for the international races."

A four-pronged Japanese attack on the G1 FWD QE II Cup (**HKJC form**)--won by Japanese raiders in three of the last nine runnings--could be reduced to three, as 2019 G1 Longines Hong Kong Vase (2400mT) hero **Glory Vase (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn})** was found to be lame Thursday morning and is subject to subsequent examination. **Loves Only You (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn})** could go favoured off her tough third to Mishriff (Ire) (Make Believe {GB}) in the G1 Dubai Sheema Classic (2410mT) last month and will have every chance from gate five. Her toughest competition could come in the form of Japanese Fillies Triple Crown winner **Daring Tact (Jpn) (Epiphaneia {Jpn})**, gate 1), while defending champ and reigning Horse of the Year **Exultant (Ire) (Teofilo {Ire})**, gate 2) is also in the mix on his best.

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by Alan Carasso

Barriers were drawn Thursday morning in the Sha Tin parade ring for Sunday's FWD Champions Day meeting, featuring a trio of Group 1 events worth a combined HK\$63 million (about US\$8.1 million).

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Friday, Sandown, Britain, post time: 15.00

BET365 MILE-G2, £67,500, 4yo/up, 8fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	1	Happy Power (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Balding	Murphy	130
2	3	Bless Him (Ire)	Sea The Stars (Ire)	Simcock	J Spencer	127
3	2	Khuzaam	Kitten's Joy	Varian	Crowley	127
4	4	Palace Pier (GB)	Kingman (GB)	J&T Gosden	Dettori	127

Breeders: 1-Yeomanstown Stud, 2-Knocklong House Stud, 3-Shadwell Farm LLC, 4-Highclere Stud & Floors Farming

Friday, Sandown, Britain, post time: 14.25

BET365 GORDON RICHARDS S.-G3, £45,000, 4yo/up, 9f 209yT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	2	Desert Encounter (Ire)	Halling	Simcock	Atzeni	126
2	1	Extra Elusive (GB)	Mastercraftsman (Ire)	Charlton	H Doyle	126
3	5	Highest Ground (Ire)	Frankel (GB)	Stoute	R Moore	126
4	6	Hukum (Ire)	Sea The Stars (Ire)	Burrows	Crowley	126
5	4	Thunderous (Ire)	Night of Thunder (Ire)	Johnston	Norton	126
6	3	Waldkonig (GB)	Kingman (GB)	J&T Gosden	Dettori	126
7	7	Winter Reprise (Fr)	Intello (Ger)	Menuisier	Buick	126

Breeders: 1-Tally-Ho Stud, 2-Saleh Al Homaizi & Imad Al Sagar, 3-Niarchos Family, 4-Shadwell Estate Company Ltd, 5-Rabbah Bloodstock Ltd, 6-Newsells Park & Ammerland GmbH & Co KG, 7-Nicolas Clement

Friday, Sandown, Britain, post time: 15.35

BET365 CLASSIC TRIAL-G3, £45,000, 3yo, 9f 209yT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	1	Adayar (Ire)	Frankel (GB)	C Appleby	J Doyle	127
2	9	Alenquer (Fr)	Adlerflug (Ger)	Haggas	Marquand	127
3	4	Belloccio (Fr)	Belardo (Ire)	Menuisier	D Egan	127
4	7	Etonian (Ire)	Olympic Glory (Ire)	Hannon	Dobbs	127
5	5	Irish Legend (Ire)	Sea The Stars (Ire)	Palmer	Crowley	127
6	2	Lone Eagle (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Meade	Levey	127
7	10	Recovery Run (GB)	Nathaniel (Ire)	Balding	Murphy	127
8	8	Sir Lucan (Ire)	Camelot (GB)	A O'Brien	R Moore	127
9	3	Trawlerman (Ire)	Golden Horn (GB)	J&T Gosden	Dettori	127
10	6	Yibir (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	C Appleby	Buick	127

Breeders: 1-Godolphin, 2-Gestut Romerhof, 3-Vasby Distribution AB, 4-Emir Alkas, 5-Mabaki Inv & Sunderland Holding Inc, 6-Ballylinch Stud, 7-Cheveley Park Stud Ltd, 8-Coolmore, 9-Godolphin, 10-Godolphin

Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong, post time: 4:35 p.m.**FWD QE II CUP-G1**, HK\$25,000,000 (£2,326,450/€2,679,103/A\$4,174,663/US\$3,221,811), 3yo/up, 2000mT (PPs)

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	7	Glory Vase (Jpn)	Deep Impact (Jpn)	Teetan	Ozeki	126
2	2	Exultant (Ire)	Teofilo (Ire)	Purton	Cruz	126
3	6	Glorious Dragon (Ire)	Teofilo (Ire)	Poon	Lui	126
4	3	Kiseki (Jpn)	Rulership (Jpn)	Schofield	Tsujino	126
5	4	Time Warp (GB)	Archipenko	Moreira	Cruz	126
6	1	Daring Tact (Jpn) (f)	Epiphaneia (Jpn)	Matsuyama	Sugiyama	122
7	5	Loves Only You (Jpn) (f)	Deep Impact (Jpn)	Ho	Yahagi	122

Breeders: 1-Lake Villa Farm; 2-Ballygallon Stud; 3-Team Hogdala AB; 4-Shimokobe Farm; 5-Miss K Rausing; 6-Hasegawa Bokujo; 7-Northern Farm**Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong, post time: 3:55 p.m.****FWD CHAMPIONS MILE-G1**, HK\$20,000,000 (£1,861,824/€2,145,042/A\$3,340,489/US\$2,577,482), 3yo/up, 1600mT (PPs)

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	5	Golden Sixty (Aus)	Medaglia d'Oro	Ho	Lui	126
2	4	Southern Legend (Aus)	Not A Single Doubt (Aus)	Teetan	Fownes	126
3	6	Ka Ying Star (GB)	Cityscape (GB)	Purton	Cruz	126
4	1	Mighty Giant (NZ)	Power (GB)	Hamelin	Yiu	126
5	3	More Than This (GB)	Dutch Art (GB)	Moreira	Lui	126
6	2	Healthy Happy (Aus)	Zoustar (Aus)	Badel	Lor	126

Breeders: 1-Asco International Pty Ltd (Qld); 2-Corumbene Stud; 3-Kingsclere Stud; 4-Mrs C & L R Beckett; 5-Cheveley Park Stud Ltd; 6-Lachlan River Bloodstock (Vic)**Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong, post time: 2:50 p.m.****CHAIRMAN'S SPRINT PRIZE-G1**, HK\$18,000,000 (£1,676,682/€1,931,623/A\$3,007,668/US\$2,319,756), 3yo/up, 1200mT (PPs)

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	5	Danon Smash (Jpn)	Lord Kanaloa (Jpn)	Moreira	Yasuda	126
2	11	Jolly Banner (Aus)	Lonhro (Aus)	Poon	Yiu	126
3	10	Wishful Thinker (Aus)	I Am Invincible (Aus)	Leung	Yip	126
4	7	Computer Patch (Aus)	Exceed and Excel (Aus)	Chadwick	Cruz	126
5	12	Rattan (NZ)	Savabeel (Aus)	Schofield	Gibson	126
6	3	Wellington (Aus)	All Too Hard (Aus)	Badel	Gibson	126
7	4	Amazing Star (NZ)	Darci Brahma (NZ)	Borges	Ting	126
8	9	Big Party (Aus)	Exceed and Excel (Aus)	Teetan	Lor	126
9	13	Fat Turtle (Aus)	Smart Missile (Aus)	Hamelin	Lor	126
10	8	Stronger (Aus)	Not A Single Doubt (Aus)	Ho	Whyte	126
11	6	Voyage Warrior (Aus)	Declaration of War	Maia	Yiu	126
12	2	Beauty Applause (Aus)	Stratum (Aus)	Purton	Size	126
13	1	Sky Field (Aus)	Deep Field (Aus)	Shinn	Fownes	126

Breeders: 1-K I Farm; 2-Makybe Racing & Breeding (Vic); 3-J Davies (Qld); 4-Segenhoe Thoroughbreds Pty Ltd (NSW); 5-M H S & S H R Davison & Mrs P Schick; 6-Kia Ora Stud Pty Ltd, David Paradise, Steve McCann; 7-Mrs H G & W G Bax; 8-G S A Bloodstock Pty Ltd (Vic); 9-Gooree Park Stud Pty Ltd (NSW); 10-Arrowfield Pastoral Pty Ltd & Planette Thoroughbred (NSW); 11-R A Emery (Vic); 12-F Peisah (NSW); 13-M Ryan (NSW)



ADMIRE MARS SET TO SHUTTLE TO ARROWFIELD



Admire Mars | Horsephotos

Arrowfield Stud will resume shuttling stallions from Japan after a one-year hiatus, with the returning Maurice (Jpn) to be joined by triple Group 1 winner and Champion 2-year-old Admire Mars (Jpn) on its 2021 roster.

The COVID-19 pandemic, and associated quarantine complications, meant for the first time in five years Arrowfield did not feature a Japanese-bred stallion on its roster in 2020, but it has re-committed to shuttling stallions from the Asian racing powerhouse, with Admire Mars the newest name on the list.

The son of Daiwa Major (Jpn), who won a G1 Asahi Hai Futurity S. as a 2-year-old and then the G1 NHK Mile Cup and G1 Hong Kong Mile as a 3-year-old, will stand for \$22,000 (inc GST).

He will be joined on the plane from Japan by another Hong Kong Mile winner in the superstar Maurice, who has already served three seasons at Arrowfield in 2017, 2018 and 2019.

Having produced five winners from his first crop, including the stakes-placed pair Maurice's Medad and Mazu, Maurice's fee jumps to \$44,000 (inc GST).

The only other change on the Arrowfield Stud pricing is Shalaa (Ire), whose brilliant first-crop season has also featured five winners, highlighted by R. Listed Magic Millions 2YO Classic winner Shaquero. The son of Invincible Spirit (Ire) also jumps to \$44,000 (inc GST) in what will be his fifth season in Australia.

The addition of Admire Mars, unbeaten as a 2-year-old before adding further successes later in his career, is the most intriguing with Arrowfield Chairman John Messara telling TDN AusNZ, that he was the right profile of new stallion for the Australian market.

"Coming out of Japan, I think they are the ones you want because they are liable to produce horses that will be able to stay a bit, but they are also likely to be horses that can be precocious enough to suit the local conditions. They are the sort of horses we are looking to get, if we can get our hands on one that is dominant and he was a very dominant 2-year-old," he said.

Bred by Northern Farm, Admire Mars is the best-performed son of Shadai Stallion Station-based Daiwa Major (Jpn), who has produced 37 stakes winners and is in turn a son of the great Sunday Silence (USA).

He is out of a quality European family, with his dam, Via Medici (Ire) (Medicean {GB}), a Group 3 winner in France, who has also produced Listed-winning pair Via Firenze (GB) (Dansili {GB}) and Via Pisa (Fr) (Pivotal {GB}).

Trained by Yasuo Tomomichi, Admire Mars started his career out with back-to-back wins over 1600 metres at Chukyo before winning the G2 Daily Ha Nisai S., at Kyoto and then completing his unbeaten season with a 2l win in the Futurity S. to claim honours as Japan's Champion 2-year-old colt.

After finishing second in the G2 Tokinominoru Kinen and fourth in the G1 Satsuki Sho, he returned to his favoured distance of 1600 metres to re-assert his dominance in the NHK Mile Cup. He then took his profile to a global level when he proved too strong for Waikuku (Ire) (Harbour Watch {Ire}) and Beauty Generation (NZ) (Road To Rock) in the G1 Hong Kong Mile in 2019.

It was to prove Admire Mars' last win, with his final run coming when third in the same Hong Kong race in December last year, beaten by Hong Kong star Golden Sixty (Medaglia D'Oro {USA}).

He is currently serving his first book of mares at Shadai Stallion Station at a fee of ¥3 million (AU\$35,856).

Pedigree and performance

Messara said Japanese horses with an international profile such as Admire Mars and Maurice, who was a three-time Group 1 winner in Hong Kong, were very suited to the Australian market as stallions.

"Every time these Japanese horses have travelled overseas and they are a competitive animal, they have succeeded, whether here or in Hong Kong or in Europe. People respect them now and they are the level of horses we aim to bring out. Maurice and Admire Mars, those horses have been top rank over there," he said. "We were very keen to get the Japanese stallions back. They provide an outcross and they are fundamentally very tough animals. We feel Australians are beginning to warm to them. You can see that through the sale results at Easter, where a lot of Japanese-bred horses sold very well. The market here is really beginning to respect that Japanese form, especially when you have extraordinary horses such as Maurice."

Messara said he felt Admire Mars should appeal to breeders at that \$22,000 pricepoint.

"We will see how he goes but he's at a very commercial price at \$22,000. When you look at the list at what else is at his price and what this guy has done, it's pretty good value," he said.

"He's totally free of both Danehill and Danzig, so he's a really good chance. We are going to support him pretty strongly ourselves as well."

Steady for Snitzel

Reigning four-time Australian Champion Sire, Snitzel, heads the Arrowfield Stud roster at \$165,000 (inc GST), the same price as he was in 2020.

"We've kept Snitzel where he is, even though perhaps on paper, he may look to be a bit cheap when compared to some of his counterparts at that level."

"We are happy to leave him where he is, he has his customers and he will fill very nicely at that level," Messara said.

The fees for Dundee (NZ), The Autumn Sun, Castelvechio, Pariah and Showtime also remain at their 2020 levels, with Messara saying Arrowfield did not want to get caught up in the hype of the yearling market in 2021 when it came to pricing its stallions.

"We don't want to get too carried away with what is happening in the marketplace. We feel we are in a bit of a bubble at the moment and we'd like to play it 'steady as he goes'. We always take the long-term view on these things," he said.

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