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## LANDMARK 1-2 FLIES THE FLAG FOR SPEIGHTSTOWN



**Speightstown** | Lee Thomas

by Chris McGrath

The day that will forever be remembered for a Cinderella story also contained a valuable corrective. Nobody, after all, will suddenly decide that the best route to the GI Kentucky Derby is simply to buy every \$1,000 yearling that comes onto the market; nor does it now follow that every seven-figure yearling will necessarily prove a waste of money. Our industry will only remain viable so long as we all feel we have a puncher's chance, whatever our weight division. And if Medina Spirit (Protonico) sustained the longshot dreamer, then last Saturday also provided fresh vindication for a much bigger investment, made at much shorter odds.

The GI Churchill Downs S., a race opened up by the defection of one son of **Speightstown**, Charlatan, was instead decided by the head separating two others, Flagstaff and Lexingtonian. It was the runner-up's second near-miss at this level, having failed by a nose to nail the Bing Crosby S. last summer. That's how close **Speightstown** came to five individual Grade I winners in 2020; as it was, he earned a fee hike back up to \$90,000 from \$70,000. In doing so, he not only resisted the fee cuts made across nearly every roster this spring, but also an insidious prejudice against ageing stallions.

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## NOTHING PLAIN ABOUT BOB BAFFERT

by Dan Liebman

When Bob Baffert won a record seventh GI Kentucky Derby May 1 with Medina Spirit (Protonico), I couldn't help but think back to the first time I met the conditioner.

Walking through the Keeneland barn area one mid-April morning in 1990, Baffert asked if I knew where the clockers were located at the track. We introduced ourselves to each other and I offered to show him the route to the press box, where the clockers were situated during training hours.

Baffert was in the process of switching from Quarter Horses to Thoroughbreds and had traveled to Keeneland with the first horse he hoped to run in the Derby--Thirty Slews.

Impressive winner of his first two starts in California the previous month, Baffert already had his sights set on racing's biggest prize. He shipped the son of Slewpy east to run in the Lexington S. **Cont. p7**

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**May 1, 2004. Speightstown**, ridden by John Velazquez, sets the pace and wins the GI Churchill Downs H. by 3 1/2 lengths. His son Flagstaff took the 2021 Churchill Downs renewal on the same day Velazquez rode his fourth GI Kentucky Derby winner.  
*Horsephotos*

**PREAKNESS FIELD CONTINUES TO TAKE SHAPE 8**

Concert Tour (*Street Sense*) will contest the GI Preakness S., while both Essential Quality (*Tapit*) and King Fury (*Curlin*) will not.

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**Speightstown cont. from p1**

For here is one prolonging his pomp in a fashion that will leave a lasting impact on the breed. That's exactly the kind of thing he was bought to do, as a \$2-million yearling. And now, 22 years later, it is hard to think of many living American Thoroughbreds as deserving of the adjective "venerable." Flagstaff is **Speightstown's** 20th individual Grade I winner in the Northern Hemisphere. As such, it feels right to celebrate his latest distinction as one that might--between his prolific record, and the contrasting narrative that dominated the day--be too easily taken for granted.

The fact is that **Speightstown** is one of the most proven, gilt-edged influences available to breeders today. And, while the expert WinStar team has been maintaining his libido and fertility to very solid levels, it behooves us all to take a step back and remind ourselves what it is that we should most be prizing in **Speightstown**, while we still have the chance.



Flagstaff shadow roll, Lexingtonian inside | Coady Photo

It must be said that Flagstaff and Lexingtonian are a couple of apples that did not fall far from the tree. At seven and five respectively, they resemble their sire in thriving with maturity round a single turn. By now breeders know not to expect precocity from **Speightstown**: Tamarkuz, for instance, crowned an ongoing bloom by winning the GI Breeders' Cup Mile at seven. That said, only the pandemic last year prevented Charlatan redressing his sire's notorious failure, hitherto, even to muster a starter in the any U.S. Classic, instead being obliged to settle for a division of the GI Arkansas Derby on the first Saturday in May. (Maddeningly, of course, he was sidelined by the time a Kentucky Derby was salvaged in September.)

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**VIDEO: Speightstown at WinStar**

# UPSTART

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# DERBY DAY

# DEMOLITIONS

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**97**  
BEYER

First-crop 3YO **MASQUEPARADE** wins his second in a row by 11 3/4 effortless lengths on the Derby undercard.

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First-crop 3YO **UPSTRIKER** dominates a tough Oaklawn allowance by 6 lengths.

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**Speightstown cont.**

But we should always be wary of making rules about any Thoroughbred. **Speightstown** has sired Grade I scorers at two, notably Sharing at the Breeders' Cup. In terms of distance, moreover, he has given us two-turn winners as prestigious as Golden Ticket in the Travers S. and Haynesfield in the Jockey Club Gold Cup. Last year he even had a Group 2 winner in France over 15 furlongs!



**Speightstown** | Louise Reinagel

As should always be the case, when planning a mating, you should first think about how best to complement **Speightstown's** knockout, pugilistic build. Certainly it would be too simplistic to say that he merely needs a Classic-bred mare to stretch out his stock. Saturday's protagonists, Flagstaff and Lexingtonian, are respectively out of mares by A.P. Indy and **Tapit**. His most accomplished performer in Europe, Lord Shanakill, similarly won a Group 2 over six furlongs at two even though he was out of a Theatrical (Ire) mare.

On the track, **Speightstown's** own trademark was the kind of speed we recognize in Nashville and **Echo Town**, two of the fastest sophomores of 2020. Unsurprising, then, to find **Speightstown** himself preceding Flagstaff on the roll of honor for what remained a Grade II handicap in 2004. By that stage, he had begun to complete the template: having twice endured prolonged injury lay-offs, he was now on a roll that would include a 1:08.04 track record at Saratoga and an Eclipse Award sealed in the GI Breeders' Cup Sprint. Mind you, the raw talent had already been transparent when running City Zip to a length in the GII Amsterdam S.--one of the more resonant races of the decade, in terms of assets showcased to breeders.

**Speightstown** bowed out at the Lone Star Breeders' Cup, and if that seems a long time ago, well, they still had a July Sale at Keeneland when Eugene Melnyk made that \$2-million play.



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**Speightstown cont.**

It's the page **Speightstown** brought to that auction I feel we need to revisit, because the key to his success may be something we very seldom consider now--and that's the way he can connect young mares to some storied but attenuating influences on the breed.

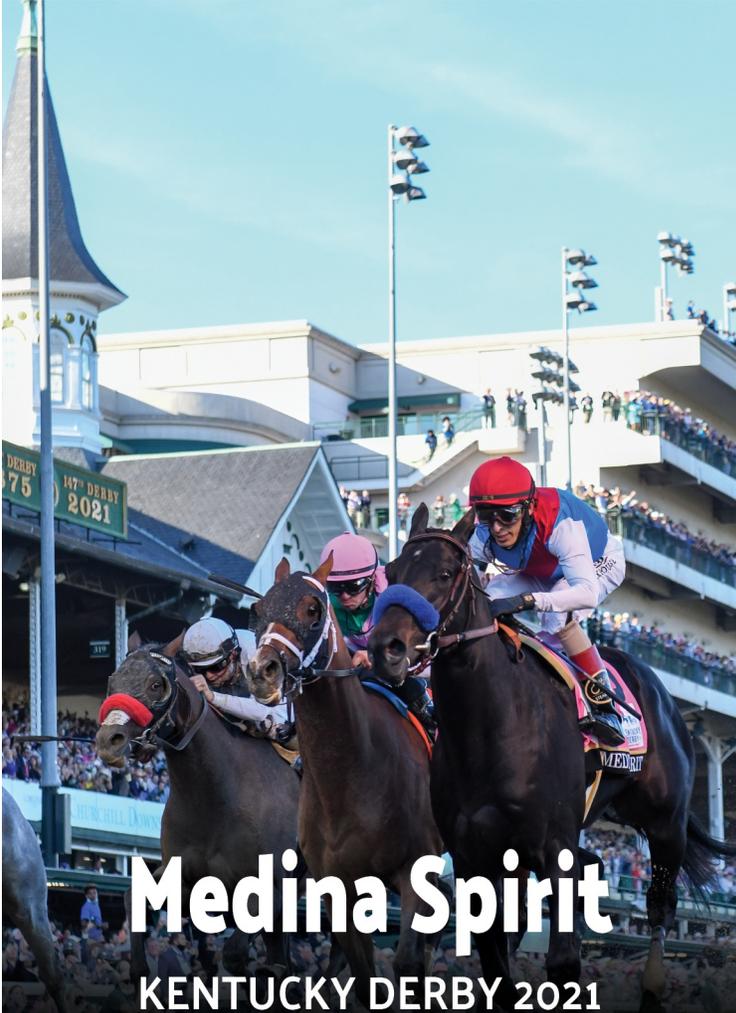
**Speightstown**'s first three dams are by Storm Cat; Bold Ruler's second crop son Chieftain; and Buckpasser. If you accept Chieftain as a proxy for Bold Ruler, you could scarcely have come up with a more resonant branding at each stage.

A hard-knocking campaigner for Frank Whiteley Jr., Chieftain set a dirt track record over seven at Arlington but was also effective around two turns on turf. While he failed to establish a branch of the Bold Ruler line, he filtered some potent blood into **Speightstown**'s family as a half-brother to Tom Rolfe (Ribot {GB}) and to the dam of Alzao (Lyphard). Their mother Pocahontas (Roman), duly decorated as Broodmare of the Year, was one of just three foals out of 1961 Kentucky Oaks winner How, who raced for Boone Hall Stable.

How was by Princequillo, momentarily claimed for \$2,500 during the partnership of that most colorful of stables and Horatio Luro. And the golden strands of Princequillo and Bold Ruler are further entwined in **Speightstown**'s pedigree by the top-and-bottom replication of the mighty Secretariat (who of course combined them far more closely, as a son of Bold Ruler out of a Princequillo mare). For two of the three greatest achievements of Secretariat, as a broodmare sire, are represented in **Speightstown** through his sire Gone West and damsire Storm Cat.

Let's hear it for Flagstaff, by the way, as he introduces the third in his damsire A.P. Indy. What a pity he was gelded! I wouldn't mind keeping a filly by a sire that draws together the great stallion sons of Weekend Surprise, Terlingua and Secrettame... Especially as A.P. Indy himself obviously extends the Bold Ruler line; while his granddam Lassie Dear brings in Buckpasser, sire (as noted) of **Speightstown**'s third dam. As it is, in the top half of **Speightstown**'s pedigree we instead get a nice mirror of Buckpasser's sire Tom Fool, Gone West's second dam Tamerett being a daughter of Tom Fool's son Tim Tam.

If that is all starting to feel a little dense, then the key point couldn't be simpler. You can call **Speightstown** "a Mr. Prospector line sire" if you like, but to me his most precious genetic payload comes through these packed seams of old gold. It's pretty rare, nowadays, to be able to breed a stallion who will give you Bold Ruler 4 x 5 x 4. (What Mr. Prospector does introduce, incidentally, is an extra line of Bold Ruler's sire Nasrullah: Mr. P.'s dam Gold Digger being by Nasrullah's son Nashua). **Cont. p6**



**Medina Spirit**  
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**Speightstown cont.**

So much for the overall seeding. The bottom line itself is also truly aristocratic, tracing to the matriarch Hildene who produced several elite runners and/or producers headed by 1950 Horse of the Year Hill Prince--as it happens, the first signpost to the greatness of Princequillo, as a graduate of his debut crop conceived in Virginia at \$250.

**Speightstown** is out of Silken Cat, whose spectacular first season--three wins by an aggregate 25 1/2 lengths--qualified her as Canada's champion juvenile filly and for private acquisition by Aaron and Marie Jones. She lost her only start in their ownership, but made amends with that \$2-million dividend on what was her very first foal. Despite four other seven-figure yearlings, Silken Cat produced a series of duds until her very last foal, the ill-fated Irap (Tiznow), won the GII Blue Grass S.



Irap | Sarah Andrew

The branch of the Hildene dynasty leading to Silken Cat goes through her granddaughter Copper Canyon, second dam of three Grade I winners: Crusader Sword (Hopeful S.), Cherokee Colony (Flamingo S.) and Turk Passer (Turf Classic Invitational). The latter was by Turkoman out of Buckpasser's unraced daughter Insilca, whose mating with Chieftain produced the stakes-winning dam of Silken Cat.

Quality in the seedbed, then; and quality in the seeding. So far as we must associate **Speightstown** with a sire-line, moreover, we must gratefully recall the diversity of the Gone West influence (itself so typical of Mr. Prospector)-notably on turf, from milers like Da Hoss to stayers like Johar. Sons Elusive Quality and Mr Greeley proved similarly versatile.

**Speightstown's** damsire Storm Cat, of course, straddled the ocean like few modern stallions; and, in the process, elaborated the cosmopolitan repertoire of his grandsire Northern Dancer.

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**Speightstown cont.**

It seems unlikely, then, that **Speightstown** as a sire of sires will limit himself to mere speed through the likes of **Munnings**, Central Banker, Jersey Town, Poseidon's Warrior and Country Day, and now **Speightster** and Tamarkuz. And we'll soon see, moreover, whether **Vekoma (Candy Ride {Arg})** and **Laoban (Uncle Mo)** can also extend his legacy as a broodmare sire.

At 15, **Munnings** seems to have been a buzz stallion forever and, oversubscribed at an ever-rising fee, has been given every opportunity to make that final break into the elite. As it happens, he never did match five other members of **Speightstown's** debut crop by winning a Grade I, but he has steadily been catching up with his reputation and last month Kimari's Madison S. cracked his first such prize in nearly four years, and his third in all.

His sire, as noted, has now reached a landmark 20 Northern Hemisphere Grade I wins. That represents 1.67% of named foals, a stellar ratio surpassed only by **Tapit** (narrowly) and **War Front** (a law unto himself, with those conservative books). **Speightstown's** 120 black-type winners, meanwhile, represent almost precisely one in 10 of his named foals, which beats all bar **War Front** (11.3%).

In this era of industrial output, these yields evoke the days when quality stallions were reserved for quality mares. To me, that must reflect his compression of so many copper-bottomed influences, in terms of both genetic proximity and density.

It would be invidious to compare **Speightstown's** indices with any particular stallion among those commanding even bigger fees, but we've mentioned the only pair who can measure up consistently and it's an elementary exercise to discover which others do so only in one or two categories, or none. As such, there's a case for arguing that **Speightstown** still represents value, at this rarefied level, even now that his fee has reverted towards the \$100,000 he charged through 2016-18.

Those credulous enough to believe that stallions deteriorate with age are welcome to send their mares elsewhere. This is a self-fulfilling prejudice, further nourished by affordable and

commercially fashionable sons entering competition. Obviously **Speightstown** can't be expected to remain as sprightly as **Galileo (Ire)**, say, who has all the advantages of youth in having been delivered as many as eight weeks later in 1998! But value is relative. At one end of the market, people have been shown to give the likes of Protonico a chance. But for those who can afford to operate at the other extreme, **Speightstown** was value as a \$2-million yearling--and he's value as a \$90,000 cover, too.

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**Liebman on Baffert from p1**



**Bob Baffert** | *Horsephotos*

Thirty Slews ran third that day, behind Home At Last and Pleasant Tap, and shipped back to California while Unbridled won the Derby.

Though over the next three decades Baffert would strive--quite successfully--to find horses that could stay the Classic distance, it was apparent Thirty Slews could not.

He made 18 starts subsequent to the Lexington and only left California one other time. But the one time he did was monumental for Baffert. **Cont. p8**

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**Baffert cont.**

Following a win in the 1992 Bing Crosby H., Thirty Slews was shipped to Florida, where he won the GI Breeders' Cup Sprint at Gulfstream Park for owners Mike Pegram, Mitch Degroot and Dutch Masters III.

Sent off at 19-1, Thirty Slews just got up by a neck over Meafara, who led every step of the way--except the last step.

Thirty Slews, the first Thoroughbred Baffert purchased at public auction (\$30,000 at Keeneland September), had provided him with his first Grade I win.

It is interesting to think about this: Had Thirty Slews won the Lexington, Baffert may have run him in the Derby. A colt who was unraced at two and would have entered the starting gate on the first Saturday of May making just his fourth start.

Of course, no horse had won the Derby without racing as a juvenile since 1892 until Baffert did it with **Justify** in 2018, who would go on to become a Triple Crown winner.

And, it is Baffert who has redesigned the path to the Derby, proving you can run for--and win--the roses with fewer starts before the race than trainers thought horses needed not that many years ago.

Baffert took Thirty Slews, a \$30,000 yearling, and turned him into a Grade I winner.

He turned Medina Spirit--a \$1,000 yearling turned \$35,000 2-year-old--into a Derby winner.

A few races before Medina Spirit led every step of the way to win the Derby, Baffert trained Gamine won the GI Derby City Distaff, giving the trainer a record 220 Grade I wins.

Medina Spirit would give Baffert Grade I victory number 221. But as he crossed the finish line, I was thinking about Baffert's first Grade I winner and the day I met the trainer at Keeneland.

With seven Derby scores, Baffert passed trainer "Plain Ben" Jones.

Since that spring day I first met Baffert 31 years ago, he has proven there is nothing plain about him.

He proved it once again May 1.

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## CONCERT TOUR CONFIRMED FOR PREAKNESS

Bob Baffert confirmed to the Maryland Jockey Club press department Tuesday that '**TDN Rising Star**' **Concert Tour** (**Street Sense**) will contest next Saturday's GI Preakness S., taking on GI Kentucky Derby-winning stablemate **Medina Spirit** (Protonico).

"We figure, this is the race," Baffert said. "The Derby is run. A lot of horses, they went through a lot to get here. He's sort of a fresh horse. In the Rebel, he looked so good."

Gary and Mary West homebred Concert Tour began his career three-for-three, taking Santa Anita's GII San Vicente S. Feb. 6 before stretching out effectively to romp in the GII Rebel S. at Oaklawn Mar. 13. One of the favorites for the Kentucky Derby after that, he disappointed at short odds when third in the GI Arkansas Derby Apr. 10 and was subsequently removed from Derby consideration.



**Concert Tour** | *Horsephotos*

Baffert said after taking Concert Tour off the Derby trail that the Preakness would likely be the target, and that decision was firmed up after the bay breezed five furlongs in 1:00.60 (5/16) under the Twin Spires Sunday morning.

"[Gary West] asked me, 'Did he work well enough to run in the Preakness?'" Baffert said. "I said, 'Yes, he did. He worked well.'"

Baffert continued, "That's why they are in the business and that's why they want to try for it. If you can run in the Preakness and win the Preakness, it's a very exciting race."

He added, "Let's see how good he is. Maybe he's good or maybe not as good as we thought he was. We're going to find out next week."

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## ESSENTIAL QUALITY TO BYPASS PREAKNESS; BELMONT POSSIBLE

Trainer Brad Cox told Steve Byk on *At the Races* Tuesday morning that champion **Essential Quality** (**Tapit**), fourth in the GI Kentucky Derby as the 29-10 favorite, will skip the GI Preakness S. May 15.

The grey could be considered for the GI Belmont S. June 5, with Godolphin's Jimmy Bell telling TVG's Alicia Hughes that the Belmont is "part of the conversation, but that's not definitive at all. We're skipping the Preakness, that's for sure. Our primary goal is to run in the [Aug. 28 GI] Travers and we'll work backwards from there. His next start may or may not be in the Belmont as all options are being considered." **Cont. p9**

**Essential Quality cont.**

Cox told Byk that Triple Crown decisions on Derby runner-up **Mandaloun** (*Into Mischief*) and Smarty Jones S. winner **Caddo River** (*Hard Spun*) would be made in the coming days with their respective co-owners.

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Essential Quality | Coady Photo

**KING FURY TO MISS PREAKNESS**

**King Fury** (*Curlin*), who was forced to bypass last week's GI Kentucky Derby after spiking a temperature on the eve of the race, will also miss next weekend's GI Preakness S., trainer Ken McPeck confirmed Tuesday. After developing another temperature along with a cough Tuesday, the decision was made to reroute the GIII Lexington S. winner to this summer's GI Travers S.

"He's still not 100%," said McPeck Tuesday.

Campaigned by Fern Circle Stables, Three Chimneys Farm and Magdalena Racing, the chestnut also won last season's **Street Sense** S. at Churchill.

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**NBC DRAWS 14.5M VIEWERS FOR DERBY**

NBC Sports' presentation of the 147th Kentucky Derby averaged a Total Audience Delivery (TAD) of 14.5 million viewers as the "Run for the Roses" returned to its traditional first Saturday in May date. It represented a 54% increase from last year's event (9.4 million Sept. 5), according to official national data provided by Nielsen and digital data from Adobe Analytics.

Viewership peaked at 15.7 million viewers from 6:45-7 p.m. ET on NBC as Medina Spirit gave Bob Baffert his record seventh victory.

The TV-only average audience of 14.4 million viewers topped all entertainment awards shows for the first time ever and marked NBC's most watched broadcast since the NFL Divisional Playoffs in January. NBC Sports Digital's presentation of the Kentucky Derby delivered a record Average Minute Audience (AMA) of 139,300 viewers for the event via the NBC Sports app and [www.NBCSports.com](http://www.NBCSports.com).

The NBC-TV household rating for the broadcast (6:31-7:18 p.m. ET) was a 7.1/22.

NBC Sports' coverage of The 146th Preakness S. from Pimlico Racecourse in Baltimore, Md., begins Friday, May 14 at 5 p.m. ET on NBCSN. NBC presents the Preakness Saturday, May 15 at 5 p.m. ET, with coverage beginning at 2 p.m. ET on NBCSN.

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**FEDS: HBPA 'JUMPED THE GUN' IN HISA CONSTITUTIONALITY LAWSUIT**



Sarah Andrew

by T.D. Thornton

Federal attorneys want the National Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association (HBPA)'s anti-constitutionality lawsuit thrown out of court, arguing that the HBPA's allegations of injury regarding the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act (HISA) "are entirely threadbare" because no rules, regulations or fees have been established by the not-yet-in-effect regulatory body.

"Plaintiffs jumped the gun bringing this constitutional challenge," the federal government stated in an Apr. 30 motion to dismiss filed in United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas. "Their complaint questions the validity of a law that currently subjects them to no obligation or penalty."

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**HISA Lawsuit cont.**

The filing continued: "Neither the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) nor the [HISA] Authority have even proposed rules that they could endeavor to enact. There has been no proposal for rules regarding permissible and impermissible drugs; no proposal for rules regarding racetrack safety; and no proposals for rules regarding enforcement procedures or penalties...There has not even been a rule crafted to govern how the Authority is to 'propose' any rules to the FTC--which is all fitting, given that HISA is only four months old."

In March, the HBPA, with the support of 12 of its state chapters, sued 11 individuals in connection with their official capacities related to the FTC and HISA's not-yet-active Authority. The HBPA claimed that the law, "unconstitutionally delegates to a private entity the legislative authority to regulate" the sport, and asked the court to, "declare HISA unconstitutional and preliminarily and permanently enjoin Defendants from implementing and enforcing the law."

The feds have responded that the HBPA has it wrong: The bill that got signed into law in December "merely creates a framework for the FTC, with the subordinate aid of the 'private, independent, self-regulatory, nonprofit' HISA Authority to enact future standards and rules.

"Congress established this framework because it concluded that, in the absence of independent national oversight and uniform drug and safety standards, the horseracing industry was failing to adequately protect its participants," the filing stated.

"But, recognizing that rulemaking in a new area should proceed carefully and with proper deliberation, Congress provided that no regulations governing the conduct of horseracing can take effect before July 1, 2022. Regulations the FTC enacts under HISA may (or may not) impact Plaintiffs in the future. But there is not even a proposed regulation for Plaintiffs to complain about today."

The filing continued: "Plaintiffs thus fail the most basic requirement for invoking this Court's jurisdiction: they cannot establish that they have been harmed in any concrete way by the law they protest. Nor can Plaintiffs establish that their challenges to the statute are ripe for judicial review.

"Adjudicating the merits of Plaintiffs' legal claims now would require the Court to evaluate HISA's framework in the abstract, unaided by any concrete facts or history of agency action. There is no justification for the Court treading this path under any circumstances, and it is doubly improper when Plaintiffs are asking this Court to resolve constitutional claims."

The federal attorneys also argued that the HBPA's suit fails to support its central claim that HISA unlawfully delegates legislative power to the FTC and the private Authority.

"HISA is far more detailed than the statutory schemes that the Supreme Court has sustained against delegation challenges over the past 80 years," the filing stated. "And both the Supreme Court and courts of appeals around the country have repeatedly confirmed that private entities can properly provide extensive assistance to federal agencies, so long as those agencies retain final decision-making authority and control, as the FTC does here."

The feds asked the judge to toss out the lawsuit, either on the grounds of the alleged lack of subject-matter jurisdiction or, in the alternative, for the HBPA's supposed failure to state a claim.

"At best, Plaintiffs' complaint could be read to suggest that the Plaintiffs might be subject to some rules they dislike in the future...The Plaintiffs' challenge at this point therefore amounts to nothing more than a request for an advisory opinion on the constitutionality of HISA. This Court is not empowered to provide that, "The Plaintiffs may be able to show a concrete injury from HISA on some future occasion when a specific rule affects their interests," the filing summed up. "Until then, however, the Court lacks jurisdiction to entertain their claims."

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## ARLINGTON HEIGHTS TRUSTEES TAKE STEPS THAT COULD IMPACT SALE OF TRACK



Fans at Arlington Park on opening weekend | Coady Photo

by Bill Finley

The Arlington Heights Board of Trustees has passed an ordinance that would prevent Churchill Downs from placing any restrictions on what a buyer of **Arlington Park** can and cannot do with the 326-acre property.

It is feared that Churchill will not sell the track to any individual or group that expresses an interest in opening a casino or even to anyone committed to maintaining racing at the historic Illinois track. Churchill may want to limit competition for the nearby Rivers casino that it co-owns in the town of Des Plaines. **Cont. p11**

There have been groups aligned with the horsemen that have come forward and said they were prepared to buy Arlington in order to keep it as a racetrack and were set to outbid all others for the property. Those same groups have expressed concerns that Churchill would not be willing to sell to anyone who intended to keep the track operating. The ordinance, which was passed unanimously at Monday night's meeting of the village's Board of Trustees, would prevent Churchill from attaching any conditions to the sale which would rule out a continuation of horse racing.

Throughout the meeting, trustees and other officials with the town made it clear that they would like to see racing at Arlington Park preserved.

"The track is so important to our village for many different reasons, including our identity, that I don't want to see the track go away," said Trustee John Scaletta. "But it's not up to me. It's up to whoever purchases the property. But I think it's important to keep the door open so that it could possibly remain a track because there are so many people that want to see racing continue, not only in the state of Illinois but across the country. Hopefully, somebody will come to Arlington Heights with a desire to continue horse racing."

Said Arlington Heights Mayor Tom Hayes: "Everything remains on the table. We are taking these actions this evening to ensure that the possibility of horse racing remains on the table. Nothing is excluded, other than certain uses that we don't want to see."

In a related development, the board took steps to redefine zoning restrictions for the property that would allow it to keep out certain businesses. The example of Amazon building a distribution center on the site was given as a development the town would block.

The Arlington site is also said to be on the radar of the Chicago Bears, which have been contemplating moving to a new stadium.

Churchill Downs is soliciting bids for the property through the commercial real estate firm CBRE Group, Inc. Bids are due by June 15.

According to Arlington Heights Village Manager Randall Recklaus, the nearby towns of Buffalo Grove, Schaumburg and Chicago have used similar procedures that have kept property owners from placing restrictive covenants limiting future uses for the land.

The problems for Arlington began when Churchill failed to apply for a casino license for the racetrack and then announced that racing would not continue after the end of the 2021 meet. Should Arlington, considered one of the most beautiful racetracks in the world, close, the Chicago area would be left with just one track, Hawthorne. Because Hawthorne is also required to run a harness racing meet, the amount of Thoroughbred racing that can be offered there is limited.

The Arlington meet is scheduled to conclude Sept. 25.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### IN APPRECIATION OF MATTRESS MACK



Jim McIngvale | Patty Wolfe

by Nick Tammara

Marketing. Promotion. Advertising. Those are words that are often kicked around boardrooms and offices throughout the world. For "Mattress Mack" they are the fundamental elements of a business that has been successful for four decades. For the people whose lives he's touched, and they are innumerable, he means everything.

My personal involvement in racing is vast, but I've long considered myself a student of the game. I handicap, play the races, make speed figures, participate in contests, appear on radio and occasionally on TV.

A few weeks ago as I sat at my desk, which incidentally was delivered the same day I bought it at Gallery Furniture, I received a phone call. The man on the other end was none other than Mattress Mack. As much as my heart still flutters when Andy Beyer calls me, I was equally stunned to hear the thundering tones of a voice I'd heard for years telling me and my fellow Houstonians that he would save us money. In short order, he explained to me that he had an idea for a furniture promotion and needed some assistance.

Armed with a new task, I feverishly prepared a spreadsheet with the desired info. I honestly had no idea what a \$2-3 million bet would do to the Kentucky Derby win pool. With the assistance of a far sharper compatriot, I had the information. I returned the phone call and delivered it to Mack. Days later, promos appeared on TV and radio around the nation's fourth largest city. If you spent more than \$3,000 at Gallery on a mattress, you were getting a full refund if the favorite won the Derby. **Cont. p12**

**Letter to the Editor cont.**

The promotion was ingenious. In a day and age where inventory is limited, he would not only move a desired product, but a host of new viewers were set to lock in for the greatest two minutes in sports.

As the Derby neared, we continued to talk strategy. There were moving parts that included how much liability Mack would try to cover with his wager. How and where he'd bet were discussed, and at what price might the favorite go off was a concern. Things went perfectly pre-race. Mack's four separate wagers went into the pool without having a dramatic effect on the odds. In fact, Essential Quality's odds drifted up shortly before post time.

Regardless of the outcome, the attention that the largest wager in Kentucky Derby history brought the game is significant. That attention stretches beyond the wagerer's individual interests. Since Mack's bet was made on track, Kentucky horsemen will benefit with the maximum yield possible to the purse account. The bet was discussed on social media, television, and beyond.

Mack has poured millions into advertising in racing. We have all chuckled at the frequency with which we see the name "Runhappy." But think for a second about what that has facilitated. Race sponsorships and television broadcasts such as the fabulous "America's Day at the Races" exist, at least in part, for that reason. Mack regaled me with tales of Runhappy's career like a proud father.

Make no mistake, Mack has always "walked the walk." His desire is for the game that he loves to flourish. He has always put his money where his mouth is and will continue to be a leading voice on wagering advancements, medication policy changes, integrity measures and more.

Houstonians will tell you that Mack is the man we rely on when we are in need. He has provided shelter and comfort from wind, rain, cold, and fire. We know that Mack loves us, as he does everyone that has crossed his path. Let us celebrate him and continue to let his voice resonate in our game. They'll never make another one like him.

**Nick Tammaro is a horseplayer from Houston who became acquainted with Mattress Mack as a Gallery Furniture customer. Upon saying the word "Runhappy" their mutual passion for racing formed an immediate bond.**

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**"WAGERING INSECURITY" - PART 7 - Z**

*This is Part 7 of the Thoroughbred Idea Foundation's (TIF) series "Wagering Insecurity."*

*Faced with remarkable competitive pressure from the rise of legal sports betting, horse racing is at a crossroads.*

*Confidence amongst horseplayers and horse owners is essential to the future sustainability of the sport. Efforts to improve the greater North American Thoroughbred industry will fall flat if its stakeholders fail to secure a foundation of integrity, along with increased transparency of the wagering business and its participants over time. Achieving this is growing increasingly difficult after the sport has neglected its core base--horseplayers--for decades.*

*"Wagering Insecurity" details some of that neglect, and the need to embrace serious reform. Fortunately, there are examples across the racing world to follow.*

Transparent oversight of racing has been defunded over decades and customer protection remains weak. North American Thoroughbred racing in the 2020s is saddled with a regulatory infrastructure designed for a sport in the 1970s.

Racing has to change.

Ten years ago, [Jockey Club research conducted by McKinsey](#) showed that a minority of racing fans, just 46% of those surveyed, said that they would recommend the sport to others.

"Thoroughbred fans are almost twice as likely to recommend baseball (81%), football (73%), or basketball (77%) to others as they are to recommend Thoroughbred racing."

There are many reasons for racing's waning appeal among its own fans but the gambling experience is certainly a key one.

Simply getting more eyes on racing is not going to be enough to sustain interest amongst future generations.

While many of racing's existing American customers have long been accustomed to a sport with substandard, haphazard and insufficient oversight, the next generation might not be as forgiving. A [2019 piece by Julie Arbit](#), Global Senior Vice President, Insights at VICE Media Group, highlighted this burgeoning need among Generation Z, whose oldest members are now in their mid-20s.

"Gen Z is coming of age in a world of infinite choice, and this affects everything from how they define themselves to how they love and how they buy.."

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## BELMONT FESTIVAL TICKETS ON SALE MAY 6

The New York Racing Association (NYRA) announced Tuesday that a limited number of tickets for the 2021 Belmont Stakes Racing Festival will go on sale to the public on Thursday, May 6 starting at 10 a.m. ET via Ticketmaster.com. The three-day festival kicks off Thursday, June 3 and is headlined, of course, by the GI Belmont S. June 5. NYRA will offer advance pre-sale opportunities to 2020 Belmont Stakes ticket buyers, along with NYRA Bets Elite, Preferred and Bronze members, beginning on Wednesday, May 5. Eligible groups will be notified via email. With New York State set to expand capacity for outdoor sports and entertainment venues to 33% starting May 19, Belmont Park will be able to accommodate approximately 11,000 ticketed spectators. Ticketed inventory will be limited to reserved seats and hospitality areas--there will be no general admission tickets sold at this time. All ticketed spectators will be required to submit proof of completed vaccination or a negative COVID-19 test result in order to enter Belmont Park.

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## MONMOUTH KICKS OFF MAY 28

Monmouth Park will switch to a 12:15 p.m. post time during live racing on Saturdays and Sundays while continuing to offer free parking and admission when the track's 76th season gets underway Friday, May 28. Post time on Fridays throughout the 53-day meet will be 5 p.m. The lone exception to the new 12:15 post time, as well as to the free parking and admission policy, will be July 17, when the \$1-million TVG.com Haskell Stakes will be contested for the 54th time. Monmouth Park's live racing schedule runs through Sept. 26.

"With the overwhelming response from horsemen for stall space and fans able to return in greater numbers there's a renewed sense of optimism and excitement for this meet, especially after the challenges we faced a year ago due to COVID-19," said Dennis Drazin, Chairman and CEO of Darby Development LLC, operators of Monmouth Park.

Opening weekend will feature four straight days of live racing from Friday through Monday over the Memorial Day weekend May 28. Starting in June, and running through the end of August, live racing will be conducted Friday through Sunday. In a continuation of the policy from a year ago, no outside food or drink will be permitted.

Monmouth Park will offer 46 stakes races worth \$6.15 million this year, including 10 graded stakes. There are 10 stakes races restricted to New Jersey-bred horses, with the highlight for state-breds being the 19th annual New Jersey Thoroughbred Festival Aug. 29.

Haskell Day will again feature six stakes races, including the GI United Nations S., which will see a purse boost from \$300,000 to \$500,000.

For more information, visit [www.monmouthpark.com](http://www.monmouthpark.com).

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## BREEDER'S CUP TICKETS ON SALE JULY 16

Tickets for the 2021 Breeders' Cup World Championships at Del Mar, which will be staged Nov. 5-6, will go on sale to the public Friday, July 16 at Noon ET / 9:00 a.m. PT. Information including seating options and ticket pricing will be released early next month. In consideration of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Breeders' Cup is working in tandem with Del Mar and local and state health officials to ensure attendees' health and safety. Conducted at Del Mar without fans in 2020, the Breeders' Cup will be held for the second time at the seaside oval.

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## COPELAND NAMED WOODBINE CCO



**Michael Copeland** | *Woodbine Entertainment*

Woodbine Entertainment has appointed experienced sports executive Michael Copeland as its Chief Commercial Officer. Copeland assumes his role with Woodbine Entertainment May 10. Copeland founded and led his own consulting business focused on issues of growth and transformation in sports and entertainment. Prior to that, Copeland was President and Chief Executive Officer of the Toronto Argonauts (2015 to 2018), who under his leadership won a Grey Cup championship in 2017.

Before joining the Argos, Copeland was the President and Chief Operating Officer of the Canadian Football League for nearly 10 years (2006 to 2015).

“With a unique opportunity for substantial growth of our business on the horizon, we are excited to add Michael and his wealth of experience to our senior leadership team,” said Jim Lawson, CEO, Woodbine Entertainment. “In addition to his extensive background in sports and business, Michael is a strong, visionary leader, making him an ideal teammate to lead our commercial efforts as we look to realize those opportunities for growth in a rapidly changing sports marketplace in Canada.”

As Chief Commercial Officer, Copeland will oversee business development, digital strategy, marketing, sponsorships, broadcast and customer experience strategy. The Western University law and MBA graduate will also play a significant role as Woodbine Entertainment continues its efforts to participate in the emerging sports betting sector in Canada and embarks on the most exciting and ambitious real estate development project in the country.

Woodbine Entertainment also confirmed that Christina Litz, who held the position of Vice President, Media, Digital, Business and Revenue Development since December 2019, has departed the organization to join True North Sports and Entertainment in Winnipeg as its Chief Brand and Commercial Officer.

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## THE JOCKEY CLUB TO PRODUCE THE AMERICAN RACING MANUAL

The Jockey Club will assume production of *The American Racing Manual* from the *Daily Racing Form*. The manual has served as a source for historical racing trends and data for 125 years.

“We commend the *Daily Racing Form* team for their dedication to compiling the statistics and written content that have made up The American Racing Manual over the years,” said James L. Gagliano, president and chief operating officer of The Jockey Club. “This publication is an invaluable resource to the industry, and The Jockey Club plans to continue that tradition and hopes to improve upon it.”

*Daily Racing Form* will continue to provide content for *The American Racing Manual*. Starting with the 2021 edition, The Jockey Club will provide the digital PDF version of the manual free of charge on its website as part of its online Fact Book. Over the next few years, the manual will be converted from a static PDF to a more dynamic product with links to source data and other user-friendly features to provide easy access to Thoroughbred racing. The Jockey Club is accepting feedback for potential modifications to The American Racing Manual, which can be submitted to [contactus@jockeyclub.com](mailto:contactus@jockeyclub.com).

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## SPEAKERS ANNOUNCED FOR TRACK SUPERS FIELD DAY AT INDIANA GRAND

The lineup of speakers has been announced for the 20th annual Track Superintendents Field Day set for June 14-15 at Indiana Grand Racing & Casino. Among the speakers on the agenda are Joe Morris, senior vice president of racing for Caesars; Mike Ziegler, senior vice president and general manager of Churchill Downs, Dr. Michael DePew, an agronomist/soil scientist and industry-leading leading soil expert; trainer Michael Dickinson, president of Tapeta Footings Inc.; Dr. William Farmer, equine medical director for Churchill Downs Inc.; and Eric Hamelback, CEO of the National HBPA. The meeting brings together track superintendents and staff to discuss best practices related to track maintenance, safety and operational issues for racing and training facilities.

“We encourage not only track supers to attend, but also those from training centers as well as farms with training surfaces,” said Roy Smith, founder of the event and track superintendent at Indiana Grand.

Registration, free to track supers and staff, is now open for the event. For more information, go to [www.tracksupers.com](http://www.tracksupers.com).

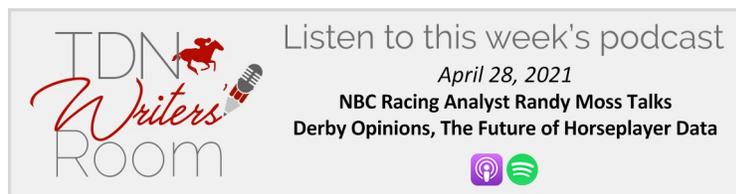
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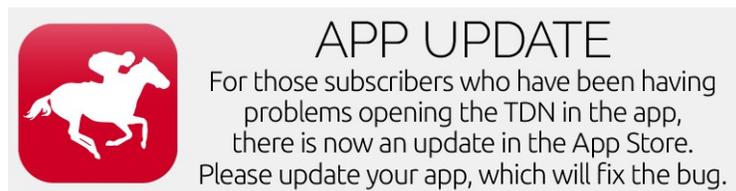
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Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	<b>Into Mischief</b> (2005) by Harlan's Holiday FYR: 2010 Crops: 10 Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY Fee: \$225,000	18	37	7	18	2	5	278	98	870,000	9,215,594
2	<b>Curlin</b> (2004) by Smart Strike FYR: 2010 Crops: 10 Stands: Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa KY Fee: \$175,000	10	22	8	15	3	3	179	57	953,000	5,747,971
3	<b>Speightstown</b> (1998) by Gone West FYR: 2006 Crops: 14 Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$90,000	6	19	4	10	1	3	168	53	3,500,000	7,811,267
4	<b>Tapit</b> (2001) by Pulpit FYR: 2006 Crops: 14 Stands: Gainesway Farm KY Fee: \$185,000	6	17	4	8	--	1	167	55	1,080,000	5,826,731
5	<b>Munnings</b> (2006) by Speightstown FYR: 2012 Crops: 8 Stands: Ashford Stud KY Fee: \$40,000	8	14	2	6	1	2	177	68	300,000	3,582,958
6	<b>Constitution</b> (2011) by Tapit FYR: 2017 Crops: 3 Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$85,000	3	12	1	6	--	2	130	54	338,000	3,362,003
7	<b>Medaglia d'Oro</b> (1999) by El Prado (Ire) FYR: 2006 Crops: 14 Stands: Darley KY Fee: \$150,000	5	11	4	6	1	2	140	40	3,249,117	6,866,169
8	<b>War Front</b> (2002) by Danzig FYR: 2008 Crops: 12 Stands: Claiborne Farm KY Fee: \$150,000	4	10	2	5	1	1	118	32	706,953	2,280,594
9	<b>Hard Spun</b> (2004) by Danzig FYR: 2009 Crops: 11 Stands: Darley KY Fee: \$35,000	4	9	2	7	--	1	194	64	990,000	4,186,332
10	<b>Street Sense</b> (2004) by Street Cry (Ire) FYR: 2009 Crops: 11 Stands: Darley KY Fee: \$60,000	6	9	3	4	--	2	166	47	856,600	3,768,958
11	<b>American Pharoah</b> (2012) by Pioneerof the Nile FYR: 2017 Crops: 3 Stands: Ashford Stud KY Fee: \$100,000	6	9	3	4	1	2	146	35	979,239	3,725,188
12	<b>Candy Ride (Arg)</b> (1999) by Ride the Rails FYR: 2006 Crops: 14 Stands: Lane's End Farm KY Fee: \$75,000	6	9	5	8	1	2	134	51	546,600	3,059,651
13	<b>Malibu Moon</b> (1997) by A.P. Indy FYR: 2001 Crops: 19 Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY Fee: \$35,000	1	9	1	6	--	--	159	65	161,018	2,604,845
14	<b>More Than Ready</b> (1997) by Southern Halo FYR: 2002 Crops: 18 Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$65,000	3	9	3	5	1	1	146	34	309,000	2,392,388
15	<b>English Channel</b> (2002) by Smart Strike FYR: 2009 Crops: 11 Stands: Calumet Farm KY Fee: \$27,500	4	9	4	8	--	1	132	44	250,000	2,140,355

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Fort Lauderdale <b>G2</b>	102 Beyer
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## IN ORDER OF PURSE:

**6th-Hastings Racecourse, C\$19,600, Alw, 5-3, (C), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11.37, ft, 1 1/2 lengths.**

**BE QUICK (c, 3, Bodemeister--Pronto Pronto, by Fusaichi Pegasus)** wired maiden optional claimers debuting over 3 1/2 furlongs here Sept. 19 and was given a 31-5 chance to double up in this return. Showing the way through a :23.31 quarter, the bay was challenged by favored Porter Gent (Second in Command) past a :46.32 half and discarded that rival outside the sixteenth pole en route to a 1 1/2-length success. Cascade Billy (Bakken) ran on late to get second. The victor, a half to Saluda (Congaree), MSP, \$273,952, has a juvenile Shanghai Bobby half-brother and a yearling half-brother by Custom for Carlos named Boston Bob Boo. His dam was bred to Power Jam last spring. Sales History: \$8,000 Ylg '19 FTKOCT; C\$8,000 2yo '20 CTHSBC. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$14,779. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.**

O-White Hall Farms; B-Allied Racing Stable, LLC (KY); T-Keith Pedersen.



## IN ORDER OF PURSE:

**6th-Indiana Grand, \$31,000, Msw, 5-4, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m (off turf), 1:39.80, my, 9 lengths.**

**TAKNTOTHECLEANERS (f, 3, Secret Circle--Golden Lady, by Medaglia d'Oro)** showed a strong worktab at both Turfway and Indiana Grand for this unveiling, capped by a local half-mile breeze in :48 1/5 (4/36) from the gate Apr. 26. Made a 23-10 second choice in a four-horse off-the-turf group, the **\$15,000 OBS July buy** broke on top and showed the way narrowly through a :23.88 quarter. Starting to get clear from odds-on stablemate and workmate Karakontieparadise (**Karakontie {Jpn}**) past a :47.57 half, the blaze-faced chestnut was re-engaged by that rival midway on the far turn, but always traveled more comfortably of the pair and drew off strongly in the stretch en route to a geared-down nine-length score. The winner's dam produced a filly by **Mor Spirit** last season before being bred to

both that sire and fellow Spendthrift resident **Mitole**. Sales History: \$6,500 Ylg '19 KEESEP; \$15,000 2yo '20 OBSOPN. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$19,840. **Click for the Equibase.com chart.**

O-Michael Hemon; B-Jose Luis Espinoza (KY); T-Ethan W. West.

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2021 Stud Fees Listed

**Anchor Down (Tapit)**, Gainesway Farm, \$5,000  
90 foals of racing age/17 winners/0 black-type winners  
5-Evangeline Downs, Alw 6f, Wise Anchor, 12-1  
\$45,000 FTK JUL yrl; \$5,000 OBS MAR 2yo

**Dowsing (Jpn)** (Deep Impact {Jpn}), Holden Farm, \$25,000  
20 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners  
5-Indiana Grand, Msw 7 1/2ft, Book of Romeo, 30-1

**Exaggerator (Curlin)**, WinStar Farm, \$15,000  
249 foals of racing age/35 winners/0 black-type winners  
8-Finger Lakes, Msw 1m, Smart Tee, 15-1  
\$5,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$7,500 EAS MAY 2yo

**Harry's Holiday** (Harlan's Holiday), Southern Indiana Equine, \$3,000  
36 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners  
7-Indiana Grand, Alw 5 1/2f, Timeless Glory, 3-1  
\$9,500 FTK OCT yrl  
7-Indiana Grand, Alw 5 1/2f, Voodoo Justice, 9-2  
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**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

**7th-Thistledown**, \$31,800, (S), 5-4, (NW2L), 3yo, f, 5 1/2f,  
 1:06.22, gd, 2 3/4 lengths.

**ONE GLAMOROUS GAL** (f, 3, **Macho Uno--Camielee**, by **Harlan's Holiday**) Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-0, \$45,780. O-Ron Paolucci Racing, LLC; B-T/C Stable, LLC (OH); T-Gary L. Johnson. \*\$250,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP.

**5th-Thistledown**, \$26,500, 5-4, (NW2X), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11.88, gd,  
 2 3/4 lengths.

**SAVAGE NATION** (g, 6, **Two Step Salsa--Tacky Image**, by **Halo's Image**) Lifetime Record: 40-6-6-5, \$147,245. O/T-Jamen Davidovich; B-Get Away Farm (FL). \*\$9,500 RNA Ylg '16 OBSWIN.

**8th-Will Rogers Downs**, \$26,400, (S), 5-4, (C), 3yo/up, 1m,  
 1:39.88, sy, nose.

**STRUM M B** (g, 4, **Tapizar--Long N Lanky**, by **Cozzene**) Lifetime

Record: 13-5-0-0, \$68,101. O/B-Mockingbird Farm LLC (OK);  
 T-Scott E. Young. \*\$19,000 RNA Wlg '17 KEENOV.

**2nd-Belterra**, \$24,400, (S), 5-4, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f,  
 1:05.44, sy, 1 length.

**LOVE YOU GOODBYE** (m, 5, **Magna Graduate--Love Or Money**, by **Coronado's Quest**) Lifetime Record: 16-2-7-1, \$67,206. O-James M. Adams; B-Eutrophia Farms & Elisabeth H. Alexander (OH); T-Nancy L. Adams.

**4th-Belterra**, \$24,400, (S), 5-4, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:05.86,  
 sy, 6 3/4 lengths.

**SHELTOWEE'S BIGCAT** (g, 3, **Cowtown Cat--Surviving New York**, by **Survivalist**) Lifetime Record: 10-2-0-3, \$49,250. O-Sheltowee Farm; B-Phantom Farms LLC (OH); T-Michael Evans II. \*\$11,500 Ylg '19 OTBOMX. \*\*1/2 to Mobil Lady (Mobil), SP, \$194,601.

**1st-Finger Lakes**, \$23,700, 5-4, (NW16M), 3yo/up, f/m, 4 1/2f,  
 :51.89, gd, 4 1/4 lengths.

**FAIR REGIS** (m, 7, **Bustin Stones--Lake Song**, by **Prime Timber**) Lifetime Record: MSP, 46-11-15-7, \$614,861. O-Jeffrey S. Englehart & Randy Rentz; B-John F. Carberry (NY); T-Jeffrey S. Englehart.

**7th-Finger Lakes**, \$23,614, 5-4, (NW3L), 3yo/up, 4 1/2f, :51.90,  
 gd, 2 1/2 lengths.

**FLYING EMPEROR** (g, 4, **Soaring Empire--Evil Empress**, by **Devil His Due**) Lifetime Record: 4-3-1-0, \$48,080. O-John Hayek; B-Grant L. Whitmer (NY); T-James T. Wright. \*\$20,000 Ylg '18 EASOCT.

**6th-Finger Lakes**, \$23,190, 5-4, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 4 1/2f, :52.49,  
 gd, neck.

**NUMBER ONE DILLON** (g, 4, **Honorable Dillon--Don Six's Number** {SP, \$212,686}, by **Don Six**) Lifetime Record: 11-2-1-1, \$45,413. O/T-Paul W. Barrow; B-Patricia Generazio (NY).

**8th-Finger Lakes**, \$21,600, 5-4, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 4 1/2f,  
 :52.62, gd, 7 lengths.

**BASTET** (f, 4, **Cairo Prince--Clever Feline**, by **Officer**) Lifetime Record: 12-2-2-2, \$75,019. O-Jeffrey S. Englehart & Sheila Austrach; B-Harvey A. Clarke (KY); T-Jeffrey S. Englehart.

**4th-Fanduel Sportsbook And Horse Racing**, \$21,000, (S), (C)/Opt. Clm (\$10,000), 5-4, 3yo/up, 5f, :58.91, ft, 5 1/4 lengths.

**TAP'S BIG SHOT** (g, 6, **Road Ruler--Tap Dazzler**, by **Tapit**) Lifetime Record: 23-2-1-2, \$30,514. O/B-Terry A. Jansen (IL); T-Frank C. Randazzo, Jr.



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**Offaly Fast**, f, 2, **Will Take Charge**--Garden District (GSW, \$149,807), by Dixie Union. Indiana Grand, 5-4, 5f, :59.23. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, \$25,220. B-Lochlow Farm (KY). \*\$12,000 Ylg '20 KEESEP; \$65,000 RNA 2yo '21 KEEAPR.

**Striking Mike**, g, 3, **Handsome Mike**--Inhonorofjohnnie (MSP, \$195,418), by Double Honor. Finger Lakes, 5-4, 4 1/2f, :53.61. Lifetime Record: 5-1-0-0, \$15,911. B-Kathryn Wright & Samantha Vitalone (FL).

**Lastcallforalcohol**, g, 3, **Liquor Cabinet (Ire)**--Frisco Art Teacher, by King of Scat. Will Rogers Downs, 5-4, (S), 1m, 1:42.80. Lifetime Record: 8-1-3-2, \$30,744. B-David L. Fronterhouse (OK).

**Awesome Ox**, g, 3, **Oxbow**--Talking Audrey, by Thunder Gulch. Thistledown, 5-4, 1m, 1:43.02. Lifetime Record: 10-1-3-3, \$32,450. B-RAH Bloodstock (KY). \*\$4,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP.

**Blueprint**, r, 3, **Pop Artist**--Architecture (MSW, \$149,935), by Dixie Chatter. Hastings Racecourse, 5-3, (C), 6f, 1:12.62. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$24,304. B-Swift Thoroughbreds Inc. (BC).

**Betty's Smile**, f, 4, **Normandy Invasion**--Clean Eleven, by Officer. Finger Lakes, 5-4, 4 1/2f, :53.34. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$20,620. B-Fred W. Hertrich (NY). \*\$30,000 RNA Ylg '18 SARAUG.

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**Bodemeister**, Be Quick, c, 3, o/o Pronto Pronto, by Fusaichi Pegasus. ALW, 5-3, Hastings

**Bustin Stones**, Fair Regis, m, 7, o/o Lake Song, by Prime Timber. ALW, 5-4, Finger Lakes

**Cairo Prince**, Bastet, f, 4, o/o Clever Feline, by Officer. ALW, 5-4, Finger Lakes

**Cowtown Cat**, Sheltowee's Bigcat, g, 3, o/o Surviving New York, by Survivalist. ALW, 5-4, Belterra

**Handsome Mike**, Striking Mike, g, 3, o/o Inhonorofjohnnie, by Double Honor. MSW, 5-4, Finger Lakes

**Honorable Dillon**, Number One Dillon, g, 4, o/o Don Six's Number, by Don Six. ALW, 5-4, Finger Lakes

**Liquor Cabinet (Ire)**, Lastcallforalcohol, g, 3, o/o Frisco Art Teacher, by King of Scat. MSW, 5-4, Will Rogers

**Macho Uno**, One Glamorous Gal, f, 3, o/o Camielee, by Harlan's Holiday. ALW, 5-4, Thistledown

**Magna Graduate**, Love You Goodbye, m, 5, o/o Love Or Money, by Coronado's Quest. ALW, 5-4, Belterra

**Normandy Invasion**, Betty's Smile, f, 4, o/o Clean Eleven, by Officer. MSW, 5-4, Finger Lakes

**Oxbow**, Awesome Ox, g, 3, o/o Talking Audrey, by Thunder Gulch. MSW, 5-4, Thistledown

**Pop Artist**, Blueprint, r, 3, o/o Architecture, by Dixie Chatter. MOC, 5-3, Hastings

**Road Ruler**, Tap's Big Shot, g, 6, o/o Tap Dazzler, by **Tapit**. AOC, 5-4, Fanduel Sportsbook And Horse Racing

**Secret Circle**, Takntothecleaners, f, 3, o/o Golden Lady, by **Medaglia d'Oro**. MSW, 5-4, Indiana Grand

**Soaring Empire**, Flying Emperor, g, 4, o/o Evil Empress, by Devil His Due. ALW, 5-4, Finger Lakes

**Tapizar**, Strum M B, g, 4, o/o Long N Lanky, by Cozzene. ALW, 5-4, Will Rogers

**Two Step Salsa**, Savage Nation, g, 6, o/o Tacky Image, by Halo's Image. ALW, 5-4, Thistledown

**Will Take Charge**, Offaly Fast, f, 2, o/o Garden District, by Dixie Union. MSW, 5-4, Indiana Grand



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## WOOTTON BASSETT COLT SETS NEW OSARUS RECORD



The record-setting **Wootton Bassett** colt | *Osarus*

Having become the first European auction to be staged entirely online in 2020, the Osarus Breeze-up Sale returned to its more usual format this year, selling live at La Teste de Buch racecourse and setting a new record top price of €200,000 in the process.

The sale-topper had not originally been intended for this sale but, following the relocation of the Arqana Breeze-up Sale from Deauville to Doncaster, French-based consignor Philippe Prevost Baratte opted to keep his **Wootton Bassett (GB)** colt at home, sending him to Osarus as **lot 45A**, one of three late supplementary entries.

The first foal of the dual winner Ettu (GB) (Excelebration {Ire}) was co-bred by Haras d'Ellon's Thierry de la Heronniere and Salabi Racing, and he was unsold as a yearling at €55,000 when offered at Arqana's delayed Select Sale last September. Nicolas Bertran de Balanda of NBB Racing was clearly impressed by his work on the La Teste turf and ended up being the successful bidder on behalf of an undisclosed client.

"He's going to head to Francis Graffard in Chantilly," said the agent. "I saw him before the sale at Philippe's and I really liked him. He's a nice-looking horse and a good mover and his breeze was good—it looked easy for him and he vetted well." [Cont. p2](#)

## GOFFS MILLION UNVEILED FOR ORBY GRADS

The Goffs Million, a €1-million 2-year-old race open exclusively to Goffs Orby yearling graduates, was announced by Goffs on Tuesday.

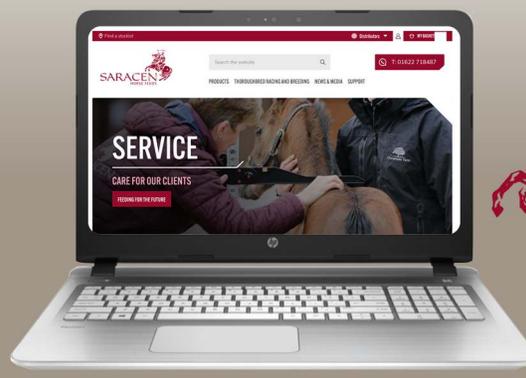
The seven-furlong contest is the richest 2-year-old race in Europe and will be held at The Curragh on Sept. 24, 2022 in advance of the Goffs Orby Sale. Open to 2-year-old colts and fillies that were catalogued in the 2021 Goffs Orby Sale on Sept. 28-29, it carries a prize fund guaranteed by Goffs and will pay out to 10th place. In addition, if the 2022 Goffs Million winner subsequently wins a Group 1 race at three in Ireland, the UK, France, USA or Australia, the winning owner will receive a €100,000 bonus from Goffs.

Announcing the new initiative, Goffs Group Chief Executive, Henry Beeby said, "Only Goffs Orby Sale gives the opportunity to win Europe's richest 2-year-old race next year and we are excited to be offering this unique chance to buyers." [Cont. p4](#)

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**LANDMARK 1-2 FLIES THE FLAG FOR SPEIGHTSTOWN**  
**Speightstown** (Gone West) enjoyed a stellar weekend with his progeny. Chris McGrath has the details. [Click or tap here to go straight to TDN America.](#)

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SESSION TOTALS	2021	2019
• Catalogued	68	95
• Number Offered	56	74
• Number Sold	38	47
• Not Sold	18	27
• Clearance Rate	68%	63.5%
• High Price	€200,000	€90,000
• Gross	€792,500	€1,015,000
• Average (% change)	€19,742 (-12.6%)	€22,600
• Median (% change)	€12,000 (-25%)	€16,000

\*Please note that the statistics are compared to 2019, as the 2020 edition was online due to COVID-19.

**Osarus Breeze-Up Sale Cont. from p1**

He added, "Wootton Bassett is doing great, he's really an improver, so hopefully this will be a good horse, he looks like he will be. He doesn't look like a particularly early type—Francis will be able to say more—but to me he looks like he will want seven or eight furlongs."

Ongoing Covid restrictions have meant that both the Arqana sale and the Tattersalls Ireland Goresbridge Breeze-Up have had to be relocated to England for the second year running. Osarus, which is generally a more domestic affair, has remained in France and was rewarded with a decent attendance from local trainers and agents.

Bertran de Balanda added, "There were quite a few French buyers there and on the Wootton Bassett there were three or four of us battling on the horse. I like to buy from Philippe because he's very professional and I know the work has been done very well beforehand. It was a difficult decision when the sale was moved, but his other option was to sell in Deauville in July, but they have made the right choice and have got a good price for the horse."

Not long after securing the top lot at La Teste, the agent watched from afar as one of his 2020 purchases, Chez Pierre (Fr) (Mehmas {Ire}), who is also in training with Graffard, maintained his unbeaten record at Chantilly. The Roy Jackson-owned colt holds an entry for the G1 Commonwealth Cup at Royal Ascot but may step next into listed company.

"It was a good comeback for him," said Bertran de Balanda of the colt's third win. "He put on a lot of weight over the winter and has become a massive horse which was why it took a bit of time for him to return. But he was good today." **Cont. p3**

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- 1<sup>st</sup> Derrinstown Stud Derby Trial Stakes-Gr.2
- 1<sup>st</sup> Ballysax Stakes-Gr.3
- 1<sup>st</sup> Alleged Stakes-Gr.3 in 2021
- 1<sup>st</sup> Devoy Stakes-L.R. in 2021
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere-Gr.1 at 2 years
- SIR RON PRIESTLEY** 1<sup>st</sup> Jockey Club Stakes-Gr.2 on Saturday
- 1<sup>st</sup> March Stakes-Gr.3
- 1<sup>st</sup> Barry Hills Further Flight Stakes-L.R. in 2021
- 2<sup>nd</sup> St Leger Stakes-Gr.1
- CAYENNE PEPPER** 1<sup>st</sup> Blandford Stakes-Gr.2
- 1<sup>st</sup> Flame Of Tara Stakes-Gr.3 at 2 years
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- 2<sup>nd</sup> Pretty Polly Stakes-Gr.1
- LEO DE FURY** 1<sup>st</sup> Mooresbridge Stakes-Gr.2
- COUNTERPARTY RISK** 1<sup>st</sup> Endeavour Stakes-Gr.3 in 2021
- BANGKOK** 1<sup>st</sup> Sandown Classic Trial-Gr.3
- 1<sup>st</sup> Winter Derby Trial Stakes-L.R. (twice) incl. in 2021
- EPONA PLAYS** 1<sup>st</sup> Park Express Stakes-Gr.3 in 2021
- 1<sup>st</sup> Denny Cordell Lavarack Fillies Stakes-Gr.3
- PATRICK SARFIELD** 1<sup>st</sup> Meld Stakes-Gr.3
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Grosser Dallmayr-Preis-Gr.1
- OODNADATTA** 3<sup>rd</sup> Moyglare Stakes-Gr.1 at 2 years in 2020
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## Osarus Breeze-Up Sale Cont.

He added, "He needed the run but Francis and Pierre-Charles [Boudot] were very happy with him and now he's going to step up to good company. I think Francis would like to run him in the Prix Texanita in two weeks' time."

Another late entrant switched from Arqana, the Kodiak (GB) colt out of the unraced half-sister to G1 Prix d'Ispahan winner Sageburg (Johannesburg), was sold privately by Ecurie de la Dentelle for €95,000 to Anne-Sophie Yoh of YOHEA.

Named Mr Puzzle, the March-born colt (lot 41A) is from the further family of Arc winner Sagamix (Fr) (Linamix {Fr}) and the 2019 G1 Grand Prix de Paris winner Japan (GB) (Galileo {Ire}).

From an original catalogue of 65, only 56 horses went through the ring on Tuesday including the late additions, with 38, or 68%, being marked as sold for an aggregate of €792,500. The median price was €12,000 and average €19,742. These figures were down on the last time the sale was held live, in 2019, when 47 horses were sold for €1,015,000 at an average of €22,600.

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## SALES TOPPERS

### OSARUS BREEZE-UP SALE TOP TWO LOTS

Lot	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (€)
45A	c	Wootton Bassett (GB)	Ettu (GB)	200,000
(€55,000 RNA Ylg '20 ARQSEP)				
Bred by Thierry de la Heronniere & Salabi Racing (Fr)				
Consigned by L'Ecurie Prevost Baratte				
Purchased by NBB Racing				
41A	c	Kodiak (GB)	Sayfoonisa (Fr)	95,000
(€52,000 Wlg '19 ARQDEC; €47,000 Ylg '20 ARQSEP)				
Bred by Serge Boucheron & Haras d'Haspel (GB)				
Consigned by Ecurie de la Dentelle				
Purchased by YOHEA				

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### Goffs Million Unveiled Cont. from p1

He continued, “As was shown at the weekend by the likes of Mother Earth (Ire) (Zoffany {Ire}) and Lucky Vega (Ire) (Lope de Vega {Ire}) in the English 1000 Guineas and 2000 Guineas, Orby yearlings perform at the highest level on the global stage and this race will act as the perfect stepping stone for the best.

“Similar concepts have proved defining in the past and we are unashamedly reconfiguring the Million initiative for today’s marketplace and will offer a select two-day Orby Sale at Kildare Paddocks this autumn. As one noted breeder told me when I discussed the idea with him, this means ‘everyone’ will come to Goffs to make sure they have a chance of winning such a big prize especially as prize money will extend to 10th place.

“We recognise that the Orby Sale in particular, and Irish sales in general, need a lift after the challenges created by the global pandemic but the end is in sight with the vaccination programme and we look forward to welcoming a global audience back to Kildare Paddocks, and continuing the momentum of the sale that was very evident up to 2019 when Orby was consistently returning six-figure averages and seven-figure top prices year on year.”

“The Curragh is delighted to be a part of this ambitious and innovative initiative by Goffs to stage an exciting new race that will give a major boost to attracting new owners to the sport, together with providing the platform to attract a significant audience to the racecourse and also delivering major global media coverage for what will be a major highlight of our Autumn Festival next year,” added Pat Keogh, Chief Executive at The Curragh. “We appreciate the continued support of The Curragh by Goffs, which also includes their long standing sponsorship of the G1 Goffs Vincent O’Brien National S.”

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### BACK TO THE ROODEE



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Chester’s May meeting gets underway on Wednesday, with the G3 Chester Vase and Listed Weatherbys ePassport Cheshire Oaks offering the opportunity for Epsom hopefuls to enter the fray at the famous “Roodee”.

While neither has attracted a standout this year, the Derby and Oaks trials are at times fertile ground for the lesser-exposed types to flaunt their wares such as Godolphin’s **Wirko (Ger)** (**Kingman {GB}**) in the Vase. Having already proven himself on Epsom’s inimitable terrain when winning the Apr. 20 Listed Blue Riband Trial, the Charlie Appleby-trained bay could become a serious contender for the Classic on the first Saturday in June if he is able to back up that performance here. “He’s got his golden ticket to Epsom, but firstly we want to give him some more experience and secondly, we hope the step up to a mile-and-a-half at Chester will see further improvement,” Appleby explained. “He did all his best work in the last couple of hundred yards at Epsom and he’s a horse who we think, with his pedigree and the way he races, should be suited by a step up in trip. He’s by **Kingman**, but he does have a German pedigree on the dam’s side, so one would hope he’ll be able to handle softer ground.”

With Chester being hit by 26mm of rain from Monday, the good-to-soft going description means that Aidan O’Brien has stripped his Vase team to one with the likely favourite Sir Lamorak (Ire) (**Camelot {GB}**) and his pacemaker San Martino (Ire) (**The Gurkha {Ire}**) being left at home. He still has the Apr. 15 G3 Craven S. sixth **Sandhurst (Ire)** (**Galileo {Ire}**) to attempt to stretch his tally to 10 in this extended 12-furlong prize, having won six of those in the last seven runnings. Godolphin also have the John and Thady Gosden-trained Apr. 9 Leicester novice scorer **Law of the Sea (GB)** (Golden Horn {GB}), whose stamina is assured unlike Michael Pescod’s Listed Ascendant S. scorer **Fancy Man (Ire)** (Pride of Dubai {Aus}) who steps up markedly in trip having finished one place behind the re-opposing **Youth Spirit (Ire)** (**Camelot {GB}**) when fifth in the nine-furlong Listed Feilden S. at Newmarket Apr. 13. [Cont. p5](#)

### Wednesday's Previews Cont.

"Law of the Sea has won well on his last two starts, firstly at Kempton and then at Leicester last time," said trainer Thady Gosden. "He's a nice horse, who has already won over a mile-and-a-half, and he should handle the soft ground. It's a tough race, but hopefully he'll run well."

In the Cheshire Oaks, Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed Al Maktoum's G2 May Hill S. and G3 Sweet Solera S. runner-up **Dubai Fountain (Ire)** (Teofilo {Ire}) sets a clear standard and probably only needs to repeat that form or that of her fourth in the G1 Fillies' Mile at Newmarket in October which is looking very strong now.

Shadwell's unbeaten **Zeyaadah**

**(Ire)** (Tamayuz {GB}) could be a major Oaks contender and the form of her 1 1/4-length defeat of Mystery Angel (Ire) (Kodi Bear {Ire}) in Newmarket's Listed Montrose Fillies' S. over a mile on heavy ground at Newmarket in October looks better now that the runner-up has won the Listed Pretty Polly S. "She's a nice, tough filly and she had a good year last year," said Angus Gold. "She won on heavy ground at Newmarket and had to grind it out to do so. She's taken a bit of time to come to herself this spring. Roger [Varian] himself said we'll see her looking better than this, but she's done enough to start. Obviously the Oaks is approaching and we need to see if she's up to that class or not."

One of the darker ones is Lord Lloyd-Webber's **Darlectable You (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}), but the full-sister to Too Darn Hot (GB) has to improve markedly on her return second in a 10-furlong Newbury maiden Apr. 16. "She ran well at Newbury first time out this year," commented Thady Gosden. "When she hit the front she just got a bit lonely, as you would expect. They've obviously had plenty of rain at Chester, which she will hopefully be able to handle. It's a good race with Mark Johnston's filly [Dubai Fountain], who was fourth in the Fillies' Mile, and Roger Varian's filly [Zeyaadah], who won the Montrose. It's a tough race, but our filly is in good form and hopefully she'll run well."

At Gowran Park, last year's G1 Prix du Cadran heroine **Princess Zoe (Ger)** (Jukebox Jury {Ire}) looks to put a disappointing return effort behind her when ninth in the Listed Noblesse S. at Cork Apr. 3 as she tackles the 14-furlong Listed Irish Stallion Farms EBF Vintage Tipple. "I'm hoping that the ground stays yielding-to-soft and the extra two furlongs should make a difference as she's getting fitter all the time," revealed trainer Tony Mullins. "This will be her last run before the Ascot Gold Cup and I'm



Princess Zoe | Scoop Dyga

hoping to see a big improvement from Cork. She's got to give away weight, but she's going to have to do that all the time now, apart from in Group 1s, and we can't avoid it. Gowran is our local track and the race is named after a horse my father trained

to win a Classic, so it would be a lovely to win it."

In the Listed Irish Stallion Farms EBF Victor McCalmont Memorial over an extended nine furlongs, Ballydoyle's **Empress Josephine (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) goes up in trip after going a shade too quick in front before fading to 10th in Leopardstown's seven-furlong G3 1000 Guineas Trial Apr. 11. The full-sister to Minding (Ire) encounters older fillies and mares including Moyglare Stud Farm's progressive Listed Trigo S.

winner and G2 Blandford S. runner-up **Amma Grace (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) who as a full-sister to Search For a Song (Ire) and half to Free Eagle (Ire) (High Chaparral {Ire}) et al is a fascinating prospect as a 4-year-old.

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## EUROPEAN NEWS

### APPLEBY'S CLASSIC COLTS EXIT GUINEAS IN GOOD ORDER

The Godolphin G1 QIPCO 2000 Guineas team has excited the Newmarket showpiece in good order according to trainer Charlie Appleby. **Master of the Seas (Ire)** (Dubawi {Ire}), who ran second in the Guineas, is being freshening before returning in the June 15 G1 St James's Palace S. at Royal Ascot. Fourth-place finisher **Naval Crown (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}) is also expected to be in action at the Royal meeting, although in the G3 Jersey S. on June 19. Rounding out the Appleby Guineas trio is **One Ruler (Ire)** (Dubawi {Ire}), who ran sixth and is possible for several targets.

"They've all come out of their races well," said Appleby. "The whole team look good—they all had an easy canter this [Tuesday] morning, and everybody is very happy with them. It was a great weekend for racing, and we were delighted with the way all ours ran. We had a touch of seconditis—but as I always say to the team, I'd rather finish second than second-last." [Cont. p6](#)



Charlie Appleby | Bronwen Healy

**Appleby's Classic Colts Cont.**

“We know the horses are in the right races and they’re in good condition--and if we keep knocking on the door those doors will open,” the trainer continued.

He added on his colts’ next targets, “Master Of The Seas has had three runs this years now, so he deserves to have a little break. Hopefully we’ll turn up at Ascot with some fresh legs. We’ll look forward to potentially having a rematch with the winner in the St James’s Palace.

“Naval Crown has got a couple of options, and I would say most likely we will look towards the Jersey with him. He’s got plenty of boot, but to be fair, two of his best runs have been over the mile--beating Master Of The Seas at Meydan, and in the Guineas. He’s got two solid mile performances behind him now, but it does look the most logical option for him to head to the Jersey.”

“Everyone is testing their [Derby] credentials over the next week, with the races at Chester followed by Lingfield at the weekend and then on to York next week,” said Appleby of the Chester-bound pair of **Wirko (Ger) (Kingman {GB})** and **Yibir (GB) (Dubawi {Ire})**, **Adayar (Ire) (Frankel {GB})** at Lingfield and **Hurricane Lane (Ire) (Frankel {GB})**, who is returning in the G2 Dante S. at York.

“One Ruler is in the mix, for sure. The way he’s bounced out of the Guineas, I’m very pleased with him. It’s always hard to say where your horse is going to go immediately after the race, until you start to see how they’ve come out of it.

“The signs with all of them have been very good, so conversations will be had during the course of the week, firming up some plans for these horses.”

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**GLASS SLIPPERS RETURNS IN TEMPLE S.**

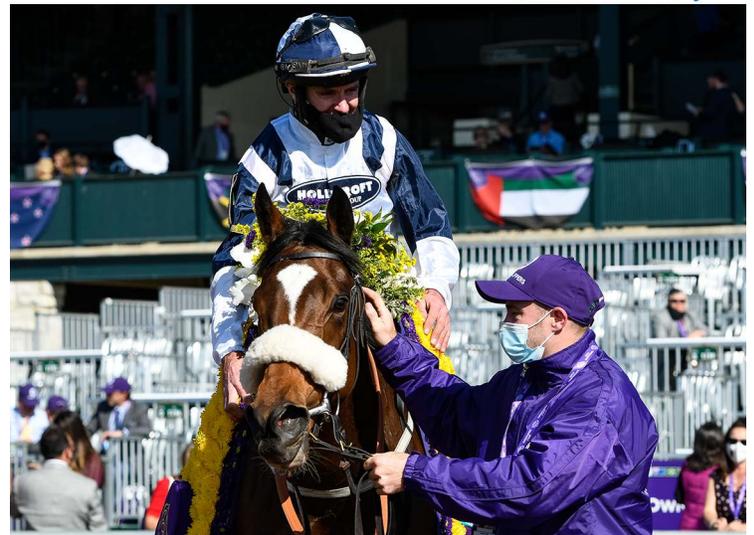
Multiple Group 1 winner **Glass Slippers (GB)** (Dream Ahead) will make her first start of 2021 in the G2 Casumo Temple S. at Haydock on May 22. A winner of the 2019 G1 Prix de l’Abbaye, the 5-year-old mare added the G1 Derrinstown Stud Flying Five S. at The Curragh last September and, second in the 2020 l’Abbaye, signed off with a win in the GI Breeders’ Cup Turf Sprint for owner/breeder Bearstone Stud and trainer Kevin Ryan.

“The plan is to start her off in the Temple S. prior to going to Royal Ascot,” Ryan said. “Although this is her first run of the year she is in great form. Anything she does at Haydock she will improve for it, but it is a good starting point. Haydock is a good galloping track and we are very much looking forward to getting her going there.

“She had a fantastic time last year, though it is always in the back of your mind that she is better in the second half of the season. Whether that is going to be different this year I don’t know, but we are very fortunate to have her back in training again this year as she is an exceptional mare.”

“Retirement is always something that is always going to be there after what she has done. She is a homebred filly and they [Bearstone Stud Limited] have been breeding horses for a long time. They wanted to have another season racing with her which is very sporting as she is still plenty young enough to breed plenty of foals later on.”

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**RECORD ENTRIES FOR SWEDISH DERBY/OAKS SERIES**

Over 500 horses are eligible for the 10-race 2022 Swedish Derby & Oaks Series which closed on Mar. 22, Svensk Galopp announced on Tuesday. [Cont. p7](#)

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**Swedish Derby/Oaks Series Cont.**

All the races are for 3-year-olds and run over three meetings on the Jagersro Racecourse dirt track with the exception of the Bro Park Sprint for Scandinavian-bred horses. Total prize money is almost €7.7 million and the races will be run between June and August. The Swedish Derby is worth in excess of €249,000, while the Swedish Oaks is worth almost €115,000 and the Altamira worth nearly €33,000. The entries are boosted by the inclusion of the full catalogs of the Goffs UK, Arqana and selected Tattersalls Breeze-Up sales. There is no supplemental entry stage for the Swedish Derby & Oaks Series.

Dennis Madsen Director of Racing for the Swedish Racing Authority said, “This year’s record entry further endorses the innovative partnerships we have formed with the sales companies and demonstrates among the breeze-up consignors recognition of the value of an entry in the Swedish Derby & Oaks Series.

“We hope that many of the horses entered will remain after the next forfeit stage and that in addition to the horses that are imported into Scandinavia, new owners will take the chance to leave their breeze-up purchases in the series.”

“Sweden’s reputation for providing good prize money and good quality racing continues to rise and last year’s Breeders’ Cup Juvenile Fillies’ Turf winner Aunt Pearl whose dam, Matauri Pearl, ran her entire career in training in Sweden is one of many examples of class performers who can claim Swedish heritage. Other notables include 2019 Swedish Derby contender, Tribhuvan, who only last weekend won the GII Fort Marcy S. at Belmont Park.”

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**JAPAN'S DEEP BOND TO BE AIMED AT ARC**

Leading Japanese owner Koji Maeda of North Hills is planning a European raid for last weekend's G1 Tenno Sho runner-up **Deep Bond (Jpn)** (Kizuna {Jpn}).

The 4-year-old, who won the GII Hanshin Daishoten in March for trainer Ryuji Okubu, will be campaigned with the G1 Qatar Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe as his major target, with the aim of running in the G2 Qatar Prix Foy in the build up.

Maeda said, "It was very brave effort from Deep Bond in the Tenno Sho, which is very tough race. While it was very quick ground at Hanshin on Sunday, the colt is by Kizuna, who finished fourth in Arc in 2013, and he can act on softish ground as well so I think he is a suitable horse to send France in the autumn."

Deep Bond may not be the only representative of the Maeda family with France's most prestigious race on his radar. The owner also hopes that his G3 Prix Belle de Nuit winner **Believe In Love (Ire)** (Make Believe {GB}) could can her progression from a successful 2020 campaign which saw her win five of her nine starts and finish third in the G2 Park Hill S.

He added of the 4-year-old, who is trained in Newmarket by Roger Varian, "I hope the filly by Make Believe will progress well to become good enough to be an Arc contender as well."

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Koji Maeda's Believe In Love | Scoop Dyga

**FIRST-SEASON SIRES WITH RUNNERS**

**Wednesday, May 5, 2021:**

**UNITED KINGDOM**

**Cotai Glory (GB)** (Exceed And Excel {Aus}), Tally-Ho Stud  
126 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners  
13:45-CHESTER, 5f, Devious Angel (Ire)  
15,239gns Tattersalls Ireland September Yearling 2020



Profitable has a runner at Kempton on Wednesday | Marc Ruhl

**Profitable (Ire)** (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), Kildangan Stud  
 130 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners  
 17:10-KEMPTON PARK, 5f, Thunder Love (GB)  
 13,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2019; 17,143gns  
 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearling 2020

## BRITAIN

**Wednesday, Chester, post time: 14:15**

**WEATHERBYS EPASSPORT CHESHIRE OAKS (FOR THE ROBERT SANGSTER MEMORIAL CUP)-Listed, £60,000, 3yo, f, 11f 75y**

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY
1	7	Zeyaadah (Ire)	Tamayuz (GB)	Varian	Crowley
2	6	Ahandfulofsummers (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Stack	Buick
3	5	Darlectable You (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	J&T Gosden	Dettori
4	3	Dubai Fountain (Ire)	Teofilo (Ire)	Johnston	Norton
5	4	La Joconde (Ire)	Frankel (GB)	A O'Brien	Murphy
6	2	Nicest (Ire)	American Pharoah	D O'Brien	R Moore
7	1	Quenelle d'Or (GB)	Golden Horn (GB)	Palmer	J Doyle

All carry 126 pounds bar Zeyaadah, 129.

**Tuesday's Results:**

**3rd-Lingfield, £5,600, Nov, 5-4, 3yo, 8f 1y (AWT), 1:37.26, st.**

**BEAU JARDINE (IRE) (c, 3, Make Believe {GB}--Akira {Ire} {MSP-Ire}, by Acclamation {GB})**, an Oct. 30 first-up winner over seven furlongs at Newmarket in his only prior start, was well away from an outer gate to lead after the early strides of this sophomore return. Holding a narrow advantage when shaken up off the home turn, the even-money favourite was under threat thereafter and kept on strongly to hold Rebel Territory (GB) (Territories {Ire}) by 3/4-of-a-length in game fashion. Half to the unraced 2-year-old filly Sailor's Warning (Ire) (**Dawn Approach {Ire}**), the March-foaled bay is the second of three foals and lone scorer produced by Akira (Ire) (Acclamation {GB}), who hit the

board four times at stakes level. Akira is herself kin to the dam of G1 Coronation Cup hero Defoe (Ire) (Dalakhani {Ire}). Sales history: €30,000 Wlg '18 GOFNOV; 30,000gns Ylg '19 TATOCT; £85,000 2yo '20 GOFARQ. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$10,897.

**Video, sponsored by TVG.**

O-Opulence Thoroughbreds; B-Max Morris (IRE); T-Roger Varian.

**7th-Lingfield, £5,300, Nov, 5-4, 2yo, 5f 6y (AWT), :58.79, st.**

**ELLADE (GB) (f, 2, Showcasing {GB}--Entree {GB} {MSW & GSP-Fr, \$153,541}, by Halling)** was roused from the boxes to race in a prominent second for most of this unveiling. Coming under pressure on the home turn, the 9-2 chance quickened to launch her challenge approaching the final eighth and was driven out to withstand the late threat of Gift Horse (GB) (Havana Gold {Ire}) by a neck. She is the latest of four foals and becomes the second scorer for dual stakes-winning G3 Prix Allez France runner-up Entree (GB) (Halling). The April-foaled bay's dam, herself a granddaughter of MGSP Listed Prix de Bagatelle victrix Cheyenne Dream (GB) (Dancing Brave), is a full-sister to Listed Abu Dhabi Championship winner Great Plains (GB) and a half to GSP sire Consul General (GB) (Selkirk). Sales history: €9,000 Ylg '20 TATIRY. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$3,980. **Video, sponsored by TVG.**

1ST-TIME STARTER. O-Ali Abdulla Saeed; B-Juddmonte Farms Ltd (GB); T-Mark Johnston.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Anmaat (Ire), g, 3, Awtaad (Ire)--African Moonlight (UAE), by Halling.** Lingfield, 5-4, 8f 1y (AWT), 1:37.15. B-Ringfort Stud (IRE). \*140,000gns Wlg '18 TATFOA. \*\*1/2 to Syntax (Ire) (Haatef), GSW-US, \$390,211; and Sir Gin (Ire) (Moss Vale {Ire}), SP-Ity.

## IRELAND

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Bellagio Man (Ire), g, 3, Dandy Man (Ire)--Rouge Noir (GB), by Showcasing (GB).** Gowran, 5-4, 7fT, 1:32.09. B-Ballyhane Stud (IRE). \*£40,000 Ylg '19 GOFFPR.

**Holly Golightly (Ire), f, 3, Gleneagles (Ire)--Cassandra Go (Ire) (MGSW & G1SP-Eng, GSP-Ire, \$350,705), by Indian Ridge (Ire).** Gowran, 5-4, 8fT, 1:48.63. B-Trevor C Stewart (IRE). \*1/2 to Halfway To Heaven (Ire) (Pivotal {GB}), MG1SW-Eng, G1SW-Ire & G1SP-Fr, \$941,139; Tickled Pink (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), MGSW-Eng, \$117,768; Theann (GB) (**Rock of Gibraltar {Ire}**), GSW-Eng & MGSP-Ire, \$143,999; and Fantasy (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), GSP-Ire.

## FRANCE

## Tuesday's Results:

**PRIX DE SURESNES-Listed**, €55,000, Chantilly, 5-4, 3yo, 10fT, 2:03.94, gd.

1--**SAIYDABAD**, 128, c, 3, by **Blame**

1st Dam: Sarkiyla (Fr) (GSW & MG1SP-Fr, \$398,608), by **Oasis Dream (GB)**

2nd Dam: Sarlisa (Fr), by **Rainbow Quest**

3rd Dam: Sarliya (Ire), by **Doyoun (Ire)**

**1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN.** O-H H The Aga Khan; B-H H The Aga Khan's Studs SC (KY); T-Jean-Claude Rouget; J-Christophe Soumillon. €27,500. Lifetime Record: 3-3-0-0, €55,000.

2--**Absurde (Fr)**, 128, g, 3, **Fastnet Rock (Aus)**--Incroyable, by Singspiel (Ire). O/B-Wertheimer & Frere (FR); T-Carlos Laffon-Parias. €11,000.

3--**Baha Mar (Fr)**, 128, c, 3, Siyouni (Fr)--Indiana Wells (Fr), by Sadler's Wells. (160,000gns RNA Ylg '19 TATDEY). O/B-Berend Van Dalfsen (FR); T-Mikel Delzangles. €8,250.

Margins: HF, 1HF, SHD. Odds: 1.50, 4.20, 18.00.

Also Ran: Gagarin's Moon (Fr), Skycutter (Fr), Abelard F (Ire), L'lenissei (Fr), Nembo Kid (Fr).



Saiydabad | Scoop Dyga

Saiydabad posted a Mar. 9 debut triumph on the synthetic surface here, repeating the dose upped to 10 furlongs on the turf at Deauville last month, and took his record to a perfect three-for-three--and doubled his prizemoney earnings--with a battling success in this stakes bow. The 6-4 favourite was off the pace in a midfield fifth through the early fractions and improved one spot to track the leaders in fourth before halfway. Angled into the clear for his bid approaching the quarter-mile marker, he edged ahead with 300 metres remaining and rallied under urging when joined by Absurde passing the eighth pole to deny that rival for a career high.

Saiydabad, half-brother to a yearling colt by Siyouni (Fr) and a

2-year-old filly by **Distorted Humor**, is the fourth of six foals and lone scorer out of G1 Prix du Moulin and G1 Prix Jean Romanet placegetter Sarkiyla (Fr) (**Oasis Dream {GB}**). Sarkiyla is herself a half-sister to the dam of GSW G1 Grand Prix de Paris and G1 Prix Ganay placegetter Gold Trip (Fr) (Outstrip {GB}) and the dual stakes-placed Got Wind (GB) (Olympic Glory {Ire}). Descendants of his fourth dam Safita (Ire) (Habitat), who ran second in both G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches and G1 Prix Saint-Alary, include G1 Prix de Salamandre third Speedfit Too (Ire) (Scenic {Ire}), MGSW sire Sayarshan (Fr) (Darshaan {GB}) and G2 Lockinge S.-winning sire Safawan (Ire) (Young Generation {Ire}). **Click for the Racing Post result. Video, sponsored by TVG.**

**2nd-Chantilly, €27,000, Mdn**, 5-4, unraced 2yo, 6fT, 1:14.32, gd.

**MOUNTAIN MADNESS (FR) (f, 2, Territories {Ire}--Pin Up Girl {Ire}, by New Approach {Ire})** was steadied to track the leaders in fifth after an alert getaway in this debut. Inching forward from halfway, the 57-5 chance quickened smartly to take control entering the final furlong and powered clear under mild urging in the closing stages to prevail by an impressive eight lengths from Gordon Break (Fr) (Goken {Fr}). She is the latest of three foals and second scorer out of a multiple-winning half to Sunday's Listed Prix de l'Avre third The Famous Five (Fr) (**Camelot {GB}**). Her second dam Palme Royale (Ire) (Red Ransom) is kin to four black-type performers headed by MGSW sire Policy Maker (Ire) (Sadler's Wells). Sales history: €15,000 Ylg '20 ARQSEP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €13,500. **Video, sponsored by TVG.**

**1ST-TIME STARTER.** O-Langlais Bloodstock, Hugues Rousseau & Ludovic Gadbin; B-Thierry de la Heronniere & SARL Jedburgh Stud (FR); T-Ludovic Gadbin.

**3rd-Chantilly, €27,000, Mdn**, 5-4, unraced 3yo, 12fT, 2:40.38, gd.

**NORTHERN RULER (GER) (c, 3, Ruler of the World {Ire}--North Sun {Ger}, by Monsun {Ger})** employed patient tactics off the pace in sixth for most of this first go. Scrubbed along to close approaching the quarter-mile marker, the 17-5 chance was ridden into contention with 350 metres remaining and stayed on strongly in the latter stages to deny Beraz (Fr) (Zoffany {Ire}) by a half length in the dying strides. He is the first of two foals produced by a winning daughter of GSW G1 Preis der Diana (German Oaks) second North Queen (Ire) (Desert King {Ire}), herself a half-sister to MGSW G1 Preis der Diana (German Oaks) third Nordtanzerin (Ger) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}) and GSW G1 Deutsches Derby and G1 Derby Italiano runner-up Nadour Al Bahr (Ire) (Be My Guest). The January-foaled homebred chestnut is a half to the unraced 2-year-old colt Northern Eagle (Ire) (Adlerflug {Ger}). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €13,500. **Video, sponsored by TVG.**

**1ST-TIME STARTER.** O-Gestut Schlenderhan; B-Stall Ullmann (GER); T-Andreas Wohler.

**5th-Chantilly**, €35,000, Cond, 5-4, 3yo, 6fT, 1:11.83, gd.  
**CHEZ PIERRE (FR) (c, 3, Mehmas {Ire}–Hortensia {Ity}, by Orpen)** registered course-and-distance victories in September and October, but was on edge during the preliminaries of this sophomore bow. Breaking smartly to race under wraps in mid division, the even-money chalk made headway from halfway to seize control soon after passing the two pole and was ridden out in the closing stages to easily hold the late rally of G3 Prix du Bois third Princesse de Saba (Fr) (**Dariyan {Fr}**) by 1 1/4 lengths. Half-brother to a 2-year-old filly by **Zelzal (Fr)**, he is the third of four foals and one of two scorers produced by a half-sister to three stakes performers headed by GIII Buena Vista H. victrix Uraib (Ire) (Mark of Esteem {Ire}). The April-foaled bay's dam Hortensia (Ity) (Orpen), herself out of a half-sister to MGSW sire Batshoof (GB) (Sadler's Wells), is also kin to the dam of GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile-winning sire Vale of York (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) and hails from a family featuring MG1SW sire King of Kings (Ire) (Sadler's Wells). Sales history: €25,000 Ylg '19 ARAUG; €100,000 2yo '20 ARQJUL. Lifetime Record: 3-3-0-0, €45,100. **Video, sponsored by TVG.**  
 O-Mac Roy Jackson Jr; B-SCEA des Prairies & Ecurie de Castillon (FR); T-Francis-Henri Graffard.

## ASIA

### Tuesday's Result:

**HYOGO CHAMPIONSHIP-Listed (Jpn-G2)**, ¥66,500,000, Sonoda, 5-4, 3yo, 1870m, 2:02.50, gd.

1--**RIPRESA (JPN)**, 123, c, 3, **Leontes (Jpn)**

1st Dam: **South Empirical (Jpn)**, by **Manhattan Café (Jpn)**

2nd Dam: **Empirical**, by **Miswaki**

3rd Dam: **Louisville (Fr)**, by **Val de l'Orne (Fr)**

**1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN.** (¥16,200,000 Ylg '19 JBBAJUL).

O-Hirotsugu Oku; B-Junichi Takagishi (Jpn); T-Hiroyuki Oneda; J-Hideaki Miyuki. ¥35,000,000. Lifetime Record: 6-3-1-2.

2--**God Selection (Jpn)**, 123, c, 3, **Novellist(Ire)**--**Ultimate Love (Jpn)**, by **Symboli Kris S.** O-Hiroyuki Kawakatsu; B-Shadai Farm (Jpn); ¥14,000,000.

3--**Lance of Earth (Jpn)**, 119, f, 3, **Epiphaneia (Jpn)**--**My Square One (Jpn)**, by **Giant's Causeway.** O-Takanori Itsukage; B-Fujiwara Farm (Jpn); ¥8,750,000.

Margins: HF, 3HF, NK. Odds: 4.00, 0.20, 18.40.



**Chez Pierre**, who is from the family of MG1SW sire **King of Kings (Ire)** (Sadler's Wells), is three-for-three after winning at Chantilly. | *Scoop Dyga*

**Wednesday, Chester, post time: 15.15**

**THE CHESTER VASE STAKES (CLASS 1) (GROUP 3)-G3, €80,000, 12f 63y**

SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Fancy Man (Ire)	Pride Of Dubai (Aus)	Mr Michael Pescod	Richard Hannon	Sean Levey	126
2	Law of The Sea (GB)	Golden Horn (GB)	Godolphin	John & Thady Gosden	Frankie Dettori	126
3	Pleasant Man (GB)	Galileo (Ire)	Brook Farm Bloodstock	Roger Charlton	Oisin Murphy	126
4	Sandhurst (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Mrs John Magnier, Mr M. Tabor & Mr D. Smith	Aidan O'Brien	James Doyle	126
5	San Martino (Ire)	The Gurkha (Ire)	Scr	Scr	Scr	Scr
6	Sir Lamorak (Ire)	Camelot (GB)	Scr	Scr	Scr	Scr
7	Wirko (Ger)	Kingman (GB)	Godolphin	Charlie Appleby	William Buick	126
8	Youth Spirit (Ire)	Camelot (GB)	Ahmad Al Shaikh	Andrew Balding	Tom Marquand	126

Breeders: 1-Longfield Stud, 2-Miss K. Rausing & Hascombe & Valiant Ltd, 3-Northern Farm, 4-Barronstown Stud, 5-Sonessa Bloodstock Ltd, 6-Coolmore, 7-Gestut Rottgen, 8-Ringfort Stud & Paul Hancock

**Thursday, Chester, post time: 15.15**

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SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Trueshan (Fr)	Planteur (Ire)	Barbury Lions 5	Alan King	Hollie Doyle	131
2	Euchen Glen (GB)	Authorized (Ire)	Mr W. M. Johnstone	Jim Goldie	Paul Mulrennan	129
3	Japan (GB)	Galileo (Ire)	M Matsushima/D Smith/Mrs Magnier/M Tabor	Aidan O'Brien	Ryan Moore	126
4	Kipps (Ire)	War Command	Mr Aziz Kheir	Hughie Morrison	William Buick	126
5	Morando (Fr)	Kendargent (Fr)	King Power Racing Co Ltd	Andrew Balding	Silvestre De Sousa	126
6	Sextant (GB)	Sea The Stars (Ire)	Straightline Bloodstock	Keith Dalglish	Callum Rodriguez	126
7	Sonnyboyliston (Ire)	Power (GB)	Kildare Racing Club	J. P. Murtagh	Ben Coen	126
8	Withold (GB)	Champs Elysees (GB)	Tony Bloom	Roger Charlton	Jason Watson	126

Breeders: 1-Didier Blot, 2-W. M. Johnstone, 3-Newsells Park Stud, 4-Rockhart Trading Ltd, 5-Guy Pariente Holding SPRL, 6-The Queen, 7-Ms Diane O'Neill, 8-Millsec Limited

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By Jackson Frantz

Thursday's Inglis Australian Weanling Sale at Riverside will introduce prospective buyers to the first crop of young Widden Stud sires **Trapeze Artist** and **Written By**.

Trapeze Artist, a four-time Group 1-winning son of Champion Sire Snitzel, brings a great deal of intrigue to the 268-lot Sale, as two of his first-season foals, Lot 210, a colt out of River Drift (NZ) (Myboycharlie {Ire}), and Lot 47, a filly out of Bridle Lane (Street Cry {Ire}), enter the sales complex under the banners of Cannon Hayes Stud and Lustre Lodge respectively. ([Click here to view the Trapeze Artist weanlings](#)).

The decision to send young mare River Drift to first-time sire Trapeze Artist in 2019, at a fee of \$88,000 (inc GST), was an easy call for Long View Thoroughbreds' owner Garry Brilley.

Brilley, who operates a boutique band of six broodmares two hours south of Sydney, described the mating as a perfect cross for his homebred half to dual Singapore listed winner Twickenham (Artie Schiller {USA}).

"I think he (Trapeze Artist) could be the best Snitzel that's ever gone to stud," he said. "His female line is very strong and there's a broader range of mares that will suit Trapeze Artist compared to Snitzel.

"I did the pedigrees on all 123 live foals he had last year, and I was pleasantly surprised by the quality of those foals. There's at

least seven out of that bunch, apart from our colt, that I would expect could possibly be winning group races."

Brilley believes his mating decision has already been justified, saying his colt looks like a star in the making.

"To complement his lovely pedigree, he's got a fantastic conformation and a beautiful personality. He's going to improve immensely over the next few months. He'll grow so much with all that work and exercise put into him," Brilley said.

"Widden viewed him on Monday morning and I think they were pretty happy with what they saw. So, I'll be sending his dam back to Trapeze Artist this year again, as the mare suits him like a glove."

### *Lustre Lodge's Filly in the Inglis Sale*

Trapeze Artist's lone daughter in the sale is a lovely, precocious individual, both physically and mentally, according to Lustre Lodge's operations manager Paige Belsham.

Like Brilley, Belsham described the decision to send their broodmare Bridle Lane to Trapeze Artist, during his first season of covering, as a no-brainer.

"He was a class racehorse himself, and we like to send our mares to good racehorses," Belsham told *TDN AusNZ*. "We will definitely be going back to Trapeze Artist based on what this filly has shown us. She would be the best we have on the ground.

"The only reason behind selling her is we thought, with such a strong market and not many Trapezes in the sales, that it was a good opportunity to send her through."

Belsham believes her weanling provides a fantastic pinhooking opportunity for buyers, saying that she is a Magic Millions Gold Coast Sale calibre of yearling.

"She is an absolute dream to do anything with, she really relishes being given a task to do. So I think that mentally and physically she is a horse who will be ready to go early," Belsham said. "She also has a lot of improvement to come, so based on where she is now, whoever buys her will have a really nice prospect on their hands in six months' time."

Widden Stud's General Manager Antony Thompson echoed Brilley and Belsham's sentiments, saying that the expectation surrounding Trapeze Artist's current progeny has him well-positioned to cover a strong book of mares this upcoming season, and at a fee of \$66,000 (inc GST).

"He's had very solid interest, and a lot of people see him as the heir apparent to Snitzel. So, we've had a lot of mares who have worked well with that Snitzel line come to him," Thompson said.



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“He’s very popular and I’m sure that a lot of the trainers will really love his first crop of yearlings when they go through the ring next year. As we’ve got some lovely weanlings by him that are well-marked, well-grown, have a good leg, good scope and a real presence about them.”

Trapeze Artist’s trainer, Gerald Ryan, will be actively inspecting the progeny of his former champion galloper leading into next year’s yearling sales, as he believes that the highest-ever rated son of Snitzel has the potential to produce stars up to a mile and beyond.

“I believe that if you put a sprinting mare to him, he’d throw sprinters, and if you put a staying mare to him, he’d throw mile and a-quarter horses. As I always believed that if he was trained for it, he’d have no problems running out a strong mile and a-quarter,” Ryan said. “He was a big strong horse who copped everything that you threw at him, he was well-balanced and a well-natured individual. So, I’d be surprised if he doesn’t throw winners.”

### Written By's Quality Prospects

Six quality prospects will represent Trapeze Artist’s barnmate

and 2018 G1 Blue Diamond S. winner, Written By, on Thursday. ([Click here](#) to view the Written By weanlings).

He will be headlined by Lot 84, a filly out of a sister to Group 1-winning mare Driefontein (**Fastnet Rock**), and Lot 44, a granddaughter of three-time Group 1 winner Special Harmony (Spinning World {USA}).

Currently standing at \$24,750 (inc GST), Written By’s fee has seen a slight increase ahead of the upcoming season, a decision Thompson and the team at Widden Stud made on the basis of his quality first crop, and the recent success of his outstanding sire Written Tycoon (who himself is responsible for current leading first-season stallion Capitalist).

“Written By was a very natural 2-year-old and these foals of his look really natural, precocious and early. They’re everything that you could want out of that sireline,” Thompson said.

Trained by Grahame Begg for his father Neville, who bred the chestnut, and family, Written By won six of his 11 starts including the G1 Blue Diamond S. and more than \$1.7 million.

“Champion 2-year-old colts have an incredible record at stud, from Luskin Star to Canny Lad and more recently Sebring and Pierro,” Neville Begg said when Written By retired.

“In fact, Written By’s pedigree even features champion 2-year-old colts and successful sires Rory’s Jester, Marscay and Vain.”

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