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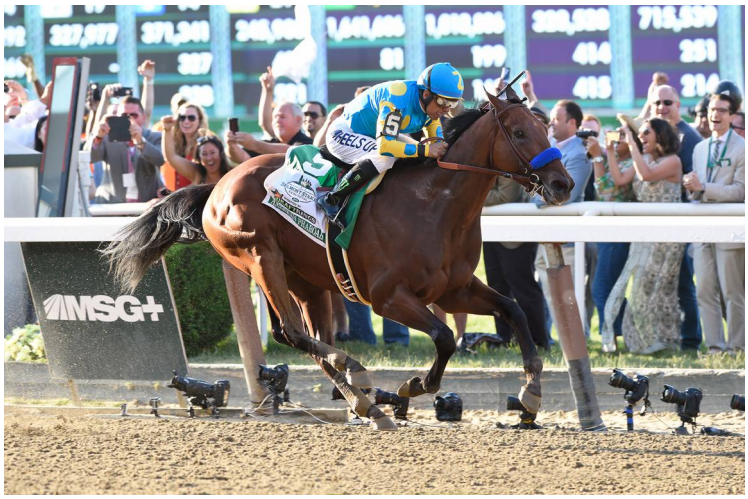

American Pharoah winning the 2015 Belmont | *Sarah Andrew*

American Pharoah (Pioneerof the Nile), who became racing's first Triple Crown winner in 37 years in 2015, and trainers Todd Pletcher and Jack Fishers are the 2021 inductees into the National Museum of Racing Hall of Fame. American Pharoah and Pletcher were elected in the contemporary category and each in their first year of eligibility. Fisher was chosen by the Museum's Steeplechase Review Committee, which convenes once every four years.

Bred and raced by Zayat Stables, American Pharoah was a $300,000 buyback at the 2013 Fasig-Tipton Saratoga sale and broke his maiden at second asking in the GI Del Mar Futurity before adding the GI FrontRunner S. Named the Eclipse Award-winning 2-year-old male despite having to miss the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile, the son of Littleprincessemma (Yankee Gentleman) launched his assault on the Triple Crown with towering victories in the GII Rebel S. and GI Arkansas Derby before taking the GI Kentucky Derby by a length.

The seven-length winner of the GI Preakness S., he led throughout to win the GI Belmont S., becoming the first Triple Crown winner since Affirmed in 1978. He added the GI Haskell Invitational S. and rebounded from a runner-up effort in the GI Travers S. to demolish his rivals by 6 1/2 lengths in the GI Breeders' Cup Classic, closing his career with a record of 11-9-1-0 and earnings of $8,650,300. American Pharoah is now a leading sire at Ashford Stud. ***Cont. p3***

SUPER TRAINERS IN CALIFORNIA: THE STORY IN NUMBERS

by Dan Ross

Over the years, the rise of the so-called super trainer has prompted many a clutched pearl by virtue of a perceived monopoly on the sport.

Anecdotally, it can certainly appear as though the same few names wield an outsized impact. But what does the data say?

The *TDN* has crunched the numbers in California from 2007 onward. This is far from a comprehensive overview of the situation, and what emerges is a picture that can be viewed from multiple angles.

On the one hand, the numbers suggest that the biggest stables in the state have indeed consolidated their positions at the top during a long period of market contraction. Yet at the same time, other indicators afford tentative encouragement for the smaller players. ***Cont. p5***

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July 26, 2005. *Todd Pletcher heads to Saratoga's main track with John Velazquez and Ashado. This year, Pletcher will join previous inductees Velazquez and Ashado in the National Museum of Racing Hall of Fame.* | *Horsephotos*

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Hall of Famer John Velazquez joins the TDN podcast to discuss his incredible Oaks/Derby double last weekend.

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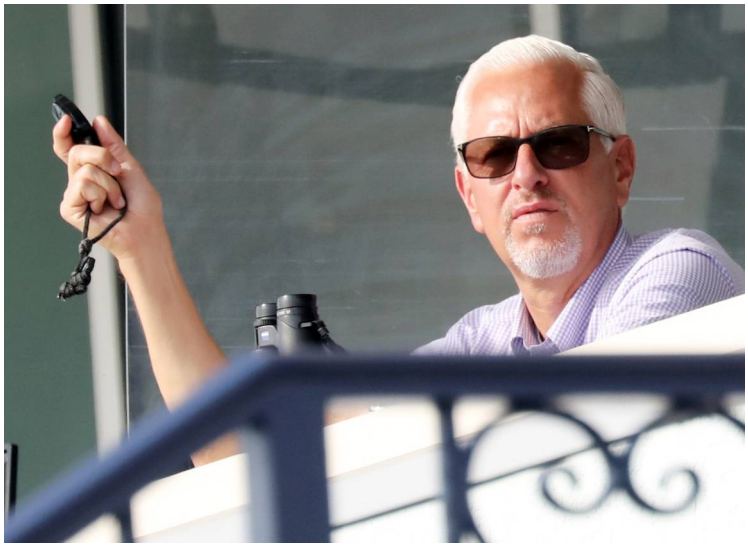
"He's certainly among the all-time greats. I don't think there is any question about that," Baffert said. "He did everything so effortlessly and with such class. The way he moved, his mechanics were absolutely flawless. He also has such a wonderful personality. Pharoah is really a sweet and kind horse and he loves humans. I went and saw him the other day [at Ashford] and he looks as good as he's ever looked, if not better. Winning the Triple Crown with American Pharoah was the greatest sports moment of my life. It was so emotional and such a terrific thing for racing. He deserves all the accolades he gets."

Pletcher Also a No-Brainer First-Ballot HOFer...

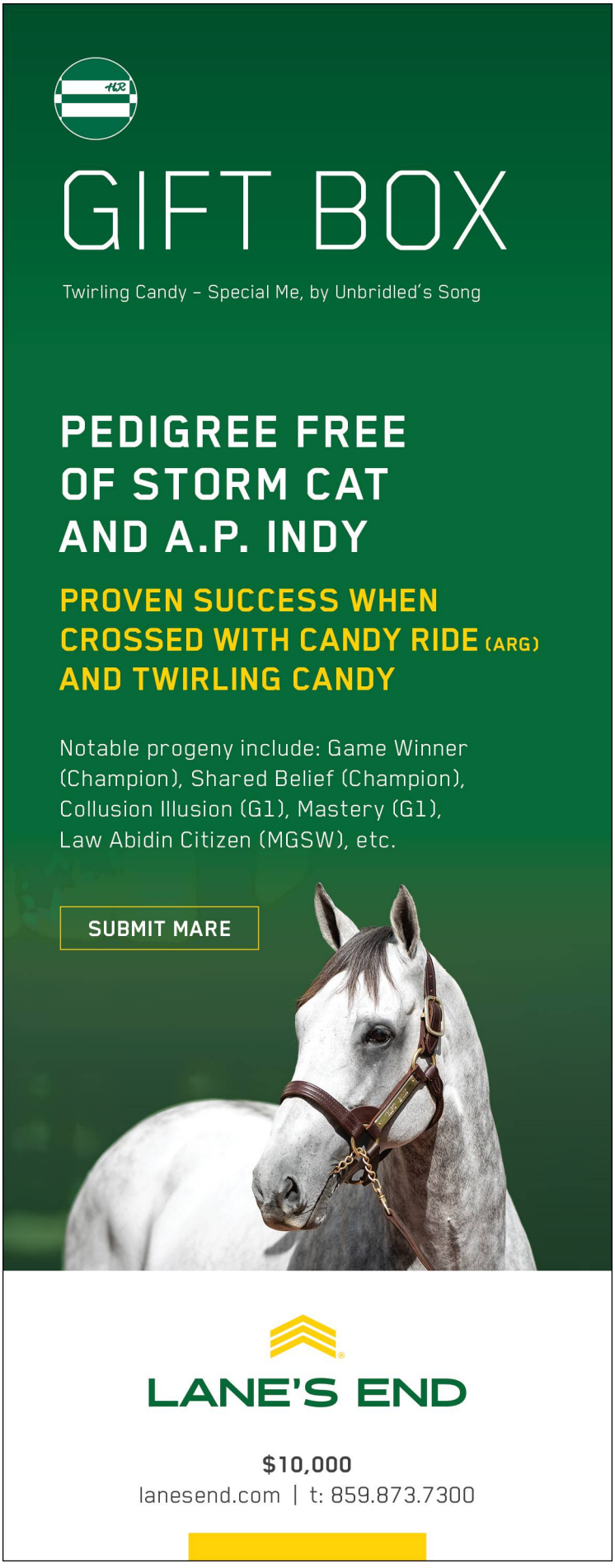


Todd Pletcher | *Fasig-Tipton photo*

A native of Dallas, Texas, 53-year-old Todd Pletcher went out on his own in 1996 following a six-year stint as assistant to trainer D. Wayne Lukas. He won his first race 25 years ago and owns records for career earnings ($405.7 million) and Eclipse Awards (seven) and is the seventh winningest trainer of all time with 5,118 trips to the winner's circle. He has saddled two winners of the Kentucky Derby (Super Saver, 2010; Always Dreaming, 2017) and has won the Belmont S. on three occasions (Rags to Riches, 2007; Palace Malice, 2013; Tapwrit, 2017). Just last Friday, Malathaat (Curlin) became Pletcher's fourth GI Kentucky Oaks winner, joining Ashado (2004), Rags to Riches and Princess of Sylmar (2013).

Pletcher is responsible for 11 champions and has been leading trainer at 60 individual race meetings, including 17 at Gulfstream Park, 16 at Belmont and 14 at Saratoga. According to data from Equibase, Pletcher has saddled the winners of 708 graded events, including 166 Grade I races.

"I'm really humbled to be elected to the Hall of Fame. It's an incredible honor and something that doesn't happen without having great support around you," Pletcher said. ***Cont. p4***



HOF cont.

Pletcher continued,"I've been extremely fortunate to have a great team to work with and my family has been there every step of the way. There have been so many great owners who have trusted me with their horses and those horses have meant everything to me. Along with my family and team, I had amazing opportunities to learn from the likes of Wayne and Jeff Lukas and working winters alongside Kiaran McLaughlin, who taught me a lot about horses and also how to work with owners and communication skills. It really was a stroke of good fortune to come up with people like that around me.

"Training horses is all I ever wanted to do," he added. "I remember being 11 or 12 and telling my mom I wanted to train and she said it was wonderful. From that point on with her endorsement I never thought of doing anything else."

Jack Fisher | *Tod Marks*

Fisher Also Gets the Nod...

Jack Fisher, 57, a native of Unionville, Pennsylvania, won his first race as a licensed trainer in 1988 at Middleburg and has been a perennial leader at the top of the National Steeplechase Association standings for two decades. He won his first trainers' premiership in 2003 and has since led the pack 12 other times. In 2004, he was the leading trainer by earnings for the first of nine times. Through May 4, Fisher has sent out the winners of 593 steeplechase races and ranks second in all-time earnings with more than $17.8 million (behind only Hall of Famer Jonathan Sheppard).

Fisher is the only trainer in steeplechase history to exceed $1 million in earnings in a single season, a feat he has accomplished five times. Among the horses he conditioned were Eclipse Award winner and Hall of Famer Good Night Shirt, a 10-time NSA graded winner, and additional Eclipse winners Scorpiancer and Moscato.

"I've always loved being around horses. It's been my life," Fisher said. "I was terrible in school and didn't want to be there. I loved riding and I love training. I learned a lot from my father (trainer John Fisher) and from guys like (Hall of Fame trainers) Mikey Smithwick and Tommy Voss. They were examples to me of the work it takes to be successful and also how they built a good team. You can't do it alone.

The class of 2021 will be enshrined along with the 2020 inductees--trainer Mark Casse, jockey Darrel McHargue, horses Tom Bowling and Wise Dan, and Pillars of the Turf Alice Headley Chandler, J. Keene Daingerfield, Jr., and George D. Widener, Jr.--Friday, Aug. 6, at the Fasig-Tipton sales pavilion in Saratoga Springs at 10:30 a.m. The ceremony will be broadcast live on the Museum website at www.racingmuseum.org. An announcement regarding public attendance at the ceremony will be made at a later date.

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Super Trainers in California cont. from p1

Morning training at Santa Anita | *Breeders' Cup/Eclipse Sportswire*

One statistic that should make industry leaders sit up and take notice, however, is how in just 14 years, the number of trainers making at least one start in California has nearly halved. As a market shrinks, the impact from any dominant force is going to be more keenly felt.

Super Trainers

One common narrative in California is that the 80/20 rule--the notion that 80% of prize money funnels into the pockets of 20% of the trainers--has long been a defining feature of the industry.

How accurate is this?

The 80/20 rule has fluctuated a little over the last 14 years, with the top 20% of trainers in the state typically winning more then 80% of available purses. Indeed, back in 2007, they won more than 85% of all available prize money.

Between 2007 and 2018, the closest California came to the 80/20 benchmark was 2015, when the top 20% trainers won 80.7% of all prize money. But the last two years have seen a very slight shift in that trend.

In 2019, the top 20% of trainers won 80.8% of prize money. Last year, it fell to 79.2%--the first time it dipped below 80% in at least 14 years.

There doesn't appear any one clear explanation. These past two years in California have been far from typical, with 2019's welfare issues followed by a global pandemic. It's unclear, however, exactly why those events should begin to iron out prize money distribution disparities.

Another factor to take into consideration is purse distribution between stakes and overnight races. Then there's the shrinking opportunities out West--has that led to the bigger barns stabling more horses elsewhere?

Arguably more consequential was the expulsion in June of 2019 of trainer Jerry Hollendorfer from The Stronach Group's California facilities (Santa Anita and Golden Gate Fields).

Prior to that, Hollendorfer had been the dominant numerical force in California racing for many years. In 2018, for example, his runners made up 3.6% of all starts in the state. As recently as 2015, they had made up 4.1% of all starts in the state.

Nevertheless, without a clear understanding of where Hollendorfer's horses went, it's difficult to accurately diagnose. And as we shall see farther down, when the data is restricted to stables with 100+ horses making a start per year, their dominance appears as strong as ever.

Trainer Data

Between 2007 and 2020, California has witnessed a 46.4% decrease in the number of individual trainers making at least one start: from 573 in 2007 to 307 in 2020.

At the same time, the number of trainers making up the 20% highest earners has decreased by nearly 47%--from 115 in 2007 to 61 last year--putting it in line with the overall drop in trainers.

The top 20% of trainers have consistently had an outsized impact when it comes to the apportioning of horses.

For the past 14 years, these top 20% trainers have started between 58.6% and nearly 65% of horses that have made at least one start in the state. ***Cont. p6***

ALL CALIFORNIA THOROUGHBRED AND FAIR MEETINGS						
**excluding Breeders' Cup Championship programs*						
	2007	**2010**	**2013***	**2016***	**2019***	**2020**
Number of trainers (making start)	573	450	432	408	345	307
Top 20% of trainers	115	90	86	82	69	61
Total earnings	$162,964,442	$120,168,900	$131,204,844	$126,995,086	$118,525,299	$94,594,070
Earnings by top 20%	$138,942,050	$97,304,083	$107,250,936	$103,393,985	$95,821,608	$74,921,568
%Earnings by top 20%	85.3%	81.0%	81.7%	81.4%	80.8%	79.2%
Total horses (making start)	10,624	7,627	7,656	7,244	6,321	5,389
Horses saddled by top 20%	6,784	4,519	4,696	4,494	4,070	3,375
%Horses by top 20%	63.9%	59.3%	61.3%	62.0%	64.4%	62.6%
#Trainers with <20 horses	413	325	309	303	253	226
- Their earnings	$18,575,631	$17,910,301	$17,922,839	$20,911,237	$17,465,895	$16,856,442

ALL CALIFORNIA THOROUGHBRED AND FAIR MEETINGS						
**excluding Breeders' Cup Championship programs*						
	2007	**2010**	**2013***	**2016***	**2019***	**2020**
Total starts	36,544	29,339	28,134	25,770	22,526	17,973
Total number of trainers	573	450	432	408	345	307
Total earnings	$162,964,442	$120,168,900	$131,204,844	$126,995,086	$118,525,299	$94,594,070
Total horses (making start)	10,624	7,627	7,656	7,244	6,321	5,389
#Trainers with 100+ horses	14	8	8	9	8	8
Percentage of total trainers	2.4%	1.8%	1.9%	2.2%	2.3%	2.6%
Their earnings	$44,277,935	$30,929,178	$42,356,691	$39,592,728	$39,829,412	$28,910,965
Percentage of total earnings	27.2%	25.7%	32.3%	31.2%	33.6%	30.6%
Number of starts	7,892	4,540	4,525	4,584	3,695	3,225
Percentage of total starts	21.6%	15.5%	16.1%	17.8%	16.4%	17.9%
Number of starters	2,302	1,198	1,291	1,364	1,156	1,082
Percentage of total starters	21.7%	15.7%	16.9%	18.8%	18.3%	20.1%

There are other indicators illustrating how, while the industry has shrunk, the big players have consolidated their position at the top.

One Hundred-Plus Horses

Back in 2007, the number of trainers with 100 or more horses making at least one start per year was 14--the highest over the last 14 years.

Since then, however, the number of trainers with 100 or more horses making at least one start has fluctuated between eight and 12.

This means that while the number of active trainers in California has almost halved, the number of trainers with 100+ horses making starts has stayed fairly constant.

Not surprisingly, these large stables have long wielded tremendous sway in terms of prize money won and number of starts made.

In 2007, the 14 stables with 100 or more horses making at least one start annexed roughly 27% of all prize money and 21.6% of all starts. These 14 stables represent 2.4% of all trainers with at least one start in the state.

In 2020, the eight stables with 100 or more horses making at least one start (Isidro, Glatt, Sadler, Wong, O'Neill, Baltas, Miller and Baffert) represented 2.6% of all trainers with at least one start in the state. All in all, they annexed nearly 31% of all prize money and roughly 18% of all starts.

Lower End

There are, however, some angles to the data which appear to show glimmers of encouragement for the smaller stables barely scratching out a living.

As the number of active trainers in California has shrunk, the average earnings per trainer have trended upward.

Comparing 2007 to 2020, the average earnings per trainer for the bottom 80% had increased nearly 53% (from roughly $52,000 in 2007 to roughly $80,000 last year).

In comparison, the average earnings per trainer for the top 20% had increased only 0.6% during that same period (from roughly $1.212 million in 2007 to roughly $1.220 million last year).

Comparing 2007 figures to last year's, the bottom 80% of trainers have also significantly outpaced their top 20% cousins in terms of growth in both earnings per horse and earnings per starter.

Nevertheless, when the data is adjusted for the relative purchasing power of the dollar, the picture looks less rosy. When overall earnings per trainer are adjusted for inflation, for example, we see a more than 13% decrease from 2007 to last year.

To reinforce just how important the smaller stables are to the racing ecosystem, over 70% of trainers start fewer than 20 individual horses a year, but last year their horses accounted for about one-quarter of the entire horse inventory (1,392 of 5,389) and about one-quarter of all starts (4,321 of 17,973).

If the health of a racing product is defined in good part by fielding races with a varied breadth of competitor, therefore, this certainly leaves much food for thought, especially when the broken business model widely used throughout the industry disproportionately impacts the smaller trainer struggling to stay afloat.

And if the smaller stables find themselves unable to survive in an increasingly lopsided marketplace, what kind of product can the bettor expect?

Note: The data is derived from *Daily Racing Form* chart text files.

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BODY & SOUL: HEY SPORT, HOW YA DOIN'?

by Robert D. Fierro

Your correspondent distinctly remembers interviewing a youngish financial guru over lunch at The Palm Court at the Plaza Hotel on Central Park West. It was in 1977, and it was shortly after Seattle Slew won the Triple Crown, something one doesn't forget.

What sticks in our mind, however, was not the interview. Rather he went on a rave about "Slew" after our chat uncovered a mutual obsession with the sport. We tossed out that he might be judged a "freak" by blue-blooded observers, upon which my tablemate provocatively opined that, "No, he's not a freak, he's a 'sport.'"

Storm Cat | *Horsephotos*

That caused an eyebrow to arch. We'd come across the term in biology class in college and while subsequently covering a wide variety of sports as a journalist and statistician. However, in 2021 we found this definition in the *Macmillan Dictionary*: "A sport is a plant or animal that is different in a noticeable way from other plants or animals of the same type." Not exactly "part of the in-crowd." Maybe a bit of an outlier.

Rather than get into a spat over semantics, our opinion was exactly the opposite: Seattle Slew was what you might imagine would be the result if you bred his fifth dam Myrtlewood to his great grandsire Bold Ruler--he was a replica and thereby the culmination in the perfection of a physical type. He was "part of the in-crowd," so to speak. But he was no "sport."

This all comes to mind because of our continual research into how Thoroughbred functionality as expressed in biomechanics and pedigree research can be combined to produce insights into how the breed has evolved and, perhaps, what we can look forward to in the future. In this respect we adhere to the underlying theses set forth by Dr. Franco Varola, by virtue of the titles of his two books: *The Typology of the Racehorse* (1974) and *The Functional Development of the Thoroughbred* (1979).

Varola's development of the Dosage system has been misinterpreted by many as a pedigree tool first and foremost. In fact, he developed the system based on how the offspring of stallions performed, what types they produced, how those types functioned, how they influenced the breed typologically--i.e., biomechanically. Along the way the functionality accrued to the pedigrees, but to date there has really been no detailed research into how the two arts (or, scientific arts) have interacted--or could.

We have no issue with pedigree research or utilizing a Dosage system as a basis or supplement to insight. But what sparked our interest of late is that in going through our biomechanical database, we discovered that in the past 30 years there has been one epochal and three additional extraordinary stallions which when they retired to stud were not considered in any biomechanical or pedigree sense "part of the crowd." They were considered somewhat like outliers. They are their own crowd phenotypically.

A bit of background here: It is axiomatic that a species has a best chance of survival if the breeding population develops leaders whose physical properties adapt to and survive challenges to their environments--ergo, the strong survive. In Thoroughbreds, one wants a balance of power for speed, stride or extension for flexibility, and body weight that neither runs out of gas sprinting (too heavy) or going long (too light).

Phenotype charts tend to place the most consistent breeders close to the center of a target--the more balanced the phenotype, the more likely it will pass on quality.

Our research has shown this to be extremely consistent--indeed, leading sires were usually very well balanced physically and were usually by excellent stallions and had historically successful family trees. Crucially, however, they were of certain types with one or two biomechanical properties that produced runners who could compete at the top levels within the demands of racing programs and market preferences at the time.

For example, the racing programs through the end of the 1970s were geared toward prepping horses for the Classics and handicap races. One of the key properties that was consistent in stallions in those days was that the combination of gears through the hip, or rump if you will, were almost always of the same lengths.

The congruency of these body parts equals balance and strength. If one of them is longer, the function provided by that part of the gears would more than likely help define the racing aptitude of the horse. Up until the 1980s, the only one of those gears that was most often longer than the others was the tibia--whose function was to provide strong, steady closing power--which was what owners of Classic and handicap horses prized.

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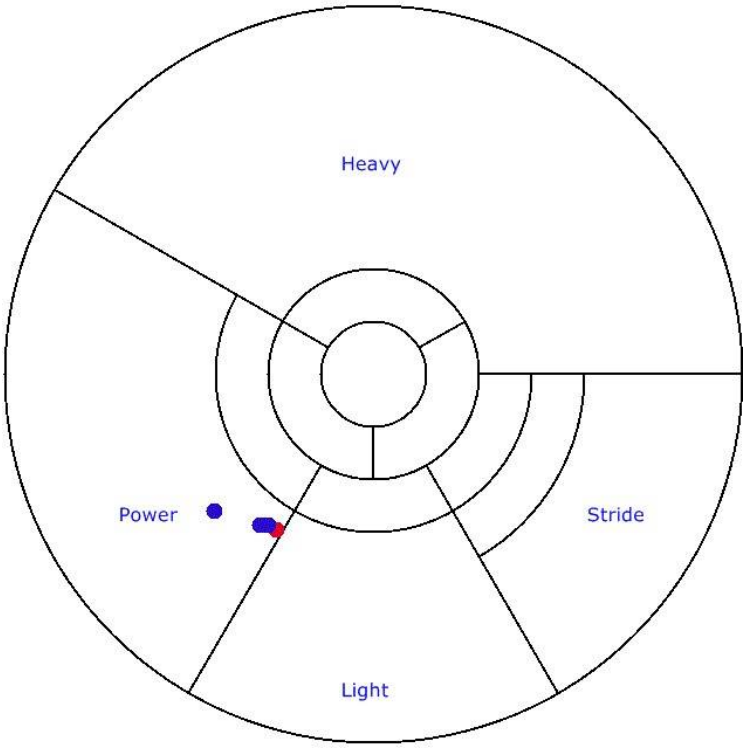

Data Track Phenotype Target: The Sporting Types
Storm Cat Three Sports

Beginning in the 1980s and increasingly with the blending of successful European racehorses into North America we saw something more often associated with horses that excelled on the turf--the tibia was shorter than the ilium and femur. This functionality is the biomechanical explanation behind the word "kick." The shorter the tibia, the more quickly the horse was likely to move late, more likely on the turf at any distance. The longer the ilium, the more pronounced a horse's downhill motion could be generated. The longer the femur, the stronger the thrust toward flexible speed.

Rarely, if ever, had we seen a major commercial sire prospect enter the stud with either the ilium or femur longer or shorter than the tibia--and, more importantly, few of them ever appeared among the leading sires. However, the demands of the marketplace caused breeders to alter their selection processes and, even if they were unaware of biomechanical implications, what happened is that half of the leading lifetime sires of 2020 had "mixed" rear triangles. However, they are almost all completely different from each other phenotypically and most of them are backed by extremely commercial pedigrees.

Then two in 2005 and another in 2012 with completely different pedigrees showed up with rear triangles that were completely different than what we were used to--and they were almost identical to each other phenotypically. Even more remarkable was the fact that they are virtually identical phenotypically to the qualities a previous "sport" brought to the breeding shed in the 1980s. His name was Storm Cat: his rear triangles were evenly balanced but, wow, did they deliver.

Remarkably, none of them look like you would have expected based on their sires or their broodmare sires. None comes from a distaff family that until they came along could have wedged close relatives into select portions of yearling or mixed sales. Functionally as racehorses they were brilliant miler-middle distance types--brilliance accentuated by one or more rear triangle lengths being longer or shorter than the tibia.

Does Medaglia d'Oro remind you of El Prado (Ire) or his broodmare sire Bailjumper?

Does Candy Ride (Arg) remind you of his rangy paternal grandsire Cryptoclearance or his blocky broodmare sire Candy Stripes?

Does Uncle Mo remind you of Indian Charlie or Arch?

Each is his own man, and each reproduces a replica often enough so that he has become an influencer.

Looks like they are making "sports history."

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ROSARIO TO RIDE JAPAN'S FRANCE GO DE INA IN PREAKNESS *by Alan Carasso*

Joel Rosario, who guided Japan's **France Go de Ina** (Will Take Charge) to a troubled sixth-place effort in the G2 UAE Derby when last seen Mar. 27, will retain the ride aboard the colt for the GI Preakness S. at Pimlico May 15, his agent Ron Anderson confirmed Wednesday. France Go de Ina landed at Los Angeles International Airport early Wednesday morning, the first leg of his journey to Old Hilltop for the second leg of the Triple Crown.

According to Kate Hunter, a Triple Crown recruiter who frequently accompanies Japanese horses on their international travels, the chestnut colt was quickly unloaded from his container and whisked off to the on-site USDA quarantine station, but appeared to take the trip from Japan well. Often times, foreign shippers do their quarantine in Chicago, but coronavirus-related restrictions would have added an extra stop, making that route unmanageable.

A $100,000 Keeneland September yearling, France Go de Ina was a debut fourth to Godolphin Japan's Lemon Pop (Lemon Drop Kid) on his six-furlong debut at Tokyo last November, but broke his maiden by four lengths going a mile and an eighth at Hanshin Nov. 28 (video) and added an allowance tally over that course and trip Dec. 19.

France Go de Ina on track in Dubai | *Coady*

France Go de Ina had the services of Joel Rosario for the UAE Derby, but he was slowly into stride and raced far back early on. He made steady inside progress and ran on late to finish sixth, a bit more than 10 lengths behind Rebel's Romance (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}) (video). Should all go according to plan, those two rivals could meet again in the GI Belmont S.
June 5.

France Go de Ina will be the second Japanese-based horse to face the starter in the Preakness since 2016, when Lani (Tapit) was beaten five lengths into fifth behind Exaggerator, having finished ninth in the GI Kentucky Derby. He was subsequently third, 1 1/2 lengths behind Creator (Tapit), in that year's GI Belmont S. Master Fencer (Jpn) (Just a Way {Jpn}) was seventh (placed sixth) in the 2019 Derby, but skipped the Preakness and was fifth, beaten under three lengths, in the GI Belmont S.

France Go de Ina is set to depart Los Angeles for Newark this Saturday, May 8, following which he will make the four-hour trip by van down Interstate 95 to Pimlico.

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APRIL U.S. WAGERING TOPS $1 BILLION

As the Triple Crown trail came to an end, with many tracks hosting important Kentucky Derby preps, and with Keeneland staging its Spring meet in its regular spot on the calendar, wagering on U.S. races exceeded $1.1 billion, according to statistics released Wednesday by Equibase.

Year-over-year comparisons are largely irrelevant, as the effects of the coronavirus really made their presence felt in April 2020. Keeneland was left no choice but to postpone its meet to July, racing at Santa Anita was dark into late May and in New York, it remained shut down into early June.

However, a side-by-side analysis considering pre-pandemic numbers reveals some encouraging trends. The handle on U.S. racing in April 2019 was $850 million, meaning that this year's figure represents an impressive gain of 30.4% as compared to two years ago. While the raw number of live racing dates compared to April 2019 declined by 10.29$ and the average number of races (-7.16%) and starts (-8.56%) were also down, average daily wagering last month was $3,953,797, an improvement of 45.35% over 2019, while the average purses per race day of $321,005 represented a gain of 16.2%.

Year-to-date wagering of $3.87 billion is better by 14.44% over 2019, with average daily wagering ($3,702,589) increasing by 26.49% over 2019. Average purses per day were ahead by 7.54% at $291,446.

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BOARD & STANDING COMMITTEE MEMBERS OF HISA ANNOUNCED

The Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority's nominating committee announced its board of directors and standing committees. The process was led by Nancy Cox, University of Kentucky vice president for land-grant engagement and dean of the College of Agriculture, Food and Environment, and Leonard Coleman, former president of the National League of Professional Baseball Clubs.

The nine-person board includes five members from outside of the Thoroughbred industry and four industry representatives. The two chairs of the Authority's standing committees serve on the board of directors, and the board is expected to select the board chair at its first meeting. The board of directors includes:

- Steve Beshear, Kentucky (independent director)
- Leonard Coleman, Florida (independent director)
- Ellen McClain, New York (independent director)
- Charles Scheeler, Maryland (independent director)
- Adolpho Birch, chair of the Anti-Doping and Medication Control standing committee, Tennessee (independent director)
- Joseph De Francis, Maryland (industry director)
- Susan Stover, chair of the Racetrack Safety standing committee, California (industry director)
- Bill Thomason, Kentucky (industry director)
- DG Van Clief, Virginia (industry director)

The members of the Anti-Doping and Medication Control Standing Committee are:

- Adolpho Birch, chair (Tennessee, independent director)
- Jeff Novitzky, Nevada (independent member)
- Kathleen Stroia, Florida (independent member)

- Jerry Yon, Florida (independent member)
- Jeff Blea, California (industry member)
- Mary Scollay, Kentucky (industry member)
- Scott Stanley, Kentucky (industry member)

The members of the Racetrack Safety Standing Committee are:

- Susan Stover, chair (California, industry director)
- Lisa Fortier, New York (independent member)
- Peter Hester, Kentucky (independent member)
- Paul Lunn, North Carolina (independent member)
- Carl Mattacola, North Carolina (independent member)
- Glen Kozak, New York (industry member)
- John Velazquez, New York (industry member)

Bill Thomason | *Keeneland*

The 2020 Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act created the Authority as the independent governing structure charged with proposing and enforcing health-and-safety standards subject to consideration and adoption by the Federal Trade Commission over Thoroughbred racing in the United States.

"On May 5, the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority Nominating Committee put forward a list of individuals charged with oversight of the Thoroughbred racing industry moving forward," said Eric Hamelback, CEO of the National HBPA. "Yet not surprisingly this group of professionally diverse individuals still lacks the independence and non-conflict of interest that has repeatedly been promised. Are we surprised not one member of a representative horsemen's organization or a horseplayers' representative were appointed? No, we are not. While we appreciate the efforts put forth to this point, there remains the issue of HISA's legality. There are two legal challenges now, with possibly more to come. I suggest some of the focus of this appointed Authority be to spend some time resolving the concerns of many in the industry."

"The HISA Authority and standing committee appointments announced today include a diverse group of individuals with the right combination of independence and relevant experience necessary to establish uniform national anti-doping and racetrack safety standards as well as implement the tough but fair enforcement procedures essential to ensuring compliance with these standards," said Alex Waldrop, CEO & President of the NTRA.

Under the authority and oversight of the Federal Trade Commission, the Authority board and standing committee members are responsible for developing, implementing and enforcing a series of uniform anti-doping, medication control, racetrack safety and operational rules to enhance equine safety and protect the integrity of the sport.

"The Horse Racing Integrity and Safety Act (HISA) is a monumental step forward that will help secure the future of thoroughbred racing in the United States," said David O'Rourke, President & CEO of NYRA. "The appointment of the HISA Authority Board of Directors marks the next step in the implementation of this crucial legislation, and NYRA looks forward to working closely with the well qualified individuals announced today."

Members of the board of directors and standing committees underwent a comprehensive screening process, and the members of the board of directors and any independent member of a standing committee are subject to HISA's strict conflict of interest restrictions to ensure the Authority's independence and integrity.

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FRESH OFF DERBY/OAKS DOUBLE, JOHN VELAZQUEZ JOINS WRITERS' ROOM

There's been a lot of attention, rightfully so, on Bob Baffert in the wake of his record-breaking seventh GI Kentucky Derby conquest Saturday. But John Velazquez made a little history of his own under the Twin Spires this weekend, becoming just the eighth jockey ever to win both the GI Kentucky Oaks and Derby

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in the same year. Wednesday, the Hall of Fame rider joined the TDN Writers' Room presented by J.P. Morgan Private Banking and Keeneland to talk Malathaat (Curlin), Medina Spirit (Protonico), his approach to race-riding, potential plans for when he retires and much more.

Calling in via Zoom as the Green Group Guest of the Week, Velazquez spoke about the winning Derby strategy to put Medina Spirit on the lead, saying, "He's pretty quick from the gate, so we had talked about it, but I got a text from Bob like five days before the race. He said, 'Man, the horse is doing well. He worked really good. I think you should come out of there running and go all or nothing.' I said, wait a minute Bob, I haven't studied the race yet. I had it in the back of my head [Rock Your World] would be on the lead. We talked that night and went through every horse and all their races … I'm inside of Rock Your World, he's far out [in the 14-post]. I'm going to come out running and if he wants to go to the lead, he's going to have to run much faster than me and use his horse going into the first turn. Obviously, he didn't break well, we got to the lead and the rest was history."

John Velazquez aboard Medina Spirit | *Horsephotos*

As successful as Velazquez's Derby strategy was, he may have had even more to do with Malathaat's Oaks triumph. Not away all that well, he hustled his filly early to get into striking position in anticipation of a slow pace. Then, in a stretch battle with Search Results (Flatter), Velazquez moved his mount in just enough to intimidate her foe without knocking her off stride, locking up a narrow decision in the closing strides.

"Right out of the gate, it was not what I was expecting," he said. "She didn't really jump out of there and kind of got squeezed from the first jump. I changed my mind right away. The horses that I don't want to be behind are in front of me, so I had to make a decision and try to get a position that I'm going to

2020 NTRA LEGISLATIVE ANNUAL REPORT NOTICE

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be comfortable with. My mind works so quickly and you have less than a second to think. I went all the way back to when I rode her mom [Dreaming of Julia, fourth as the favorite in the 2013 Oaks] and I got squeezed out of the gate and never recuperated. But she responded right away and got me to the position I wanted. Then coming down the lane, it was funny, because I thought it was going to be much tougher to get to Irad [Ortiz, on Search Results], but she got to him so quickly that when she put her head in front, she started waiting and wanting to lean on top of them. So now it's my job to control her and keep it as tight as I can, keep it competitive, but without bothering the other horse. She did everything I asked her to do. It's incredible when you ride these kinds of horses and on top of [their talent], they're giving you everything you ask for and being competitive."

Elsewhere in the show, the writers broke down all the action from a loaded Derby weekend and asked cohost Jon Green about DJ Stable's experience with their first Derby starter. Then, in the West Point Thoroughbreds news segment, they reacted to federal attorneys' response to anti-HISA lawsuits and, in the Minnesota Racehorse Engagement Project Story of the Week, discussed the impact of Mattress Mack's $2.4-million Derby bet. Click here to watch the podcast; click here for the audio-only version.

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JACKPOCKET OFFICIAL MOBILE LOTTERY PARTNER OF NYRA

Jackpocket, the only licensed third-party lottery app in the United States, will become the official mobile lottery partner of the New York Racing Association and will become the title sponsor of the $400,000 GI Jackpocket Jaipur S. June 5, a six-furlong turf event that serves as a 'Win and You're In' qualifier for the GI Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint. The announcement of the partnership comes on the heels of the company's New York launch this past January and more recently on the Google Play Store.

Jackpocket allows New York residence to order official state lottery tickets (Mega Millions, Powerball, Win 4) from their smartphones in an easy and secure fashion. In 2019, the New York Gaming Commission approved new regulations allowing digital lottery courier services to operate in New York. Jackpocket is the first and only officially-licensed New York courier service under the new regulatory framework.

"We're proud to partner with the New York Racing Association in what we believe will be the start of a long and fruitful relationship," said Jackpocket CEO Peter Sullivan. "NYRA is a true New York institution, thanks in part to storied tracks like Belmont Park, Saratoga Race Course and Aqueduct Racetrack, where the best in the sport have competed for decades."

Jackpocket becomes a preferred partner of the Belmont S. and racing at Belmont and Saratoga as part of the agreement.

The company will also sponsor the Jackpocket Handicapping Challenges, a series of one-day handicapping contests at NYRA tracks with a $3,000 buy-in for the following programs:

• The Stars & Stripes Challenge, presented by Jackpocket at Belmont July 3;

• The Whitney Challenge, presented by Jackpocket at Saratoga Aug. 7;

• The Jockey Club Gold Cup Challenge, presented by Jackpocket at Saratoga Sept. 4; and

• The Cigar Mile Challenge, presented by Jackpocket at Aqueduct Dec. 4.

"NYRA is pleased to partner with Jackpocket, and we thank them for their support of thoroughbred racing at Belmont Park and Saratoga Race Course," said Tony Allevato, NYRA Chief Revenue Officer & President of NYRA Bets. "Horseplayers should look forward to an exciting slate of one-day handicapping contests this spring and summer made possible by Jackpocket."

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Saturday, Belmont, post time: 5:44 p.m. EDT

MAN O' WAR S.-GI, $700,000, 4yo/up, 1 3/8mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Sovereign (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Tabor, Michael B., Magnier, Mrs. John, and Smith, Derrick	Brown	Ortiz, Jr.	118
2	Moon Over Miami	Malibu Moon	Summer Wind Equine	Mott	Alvarado	118
3	Ziyad (GB)	Rock of Gibraltar (Ire)	Wertheimer and Frere	Motion	Franco	118
4	So High (GB)	Nathaniel (Ire)	Knight R.B. Stables LLC	Chatterpaul	Cancel	118
5	Channel Cat	English Channel	Calumet Farm	Sisterson	Velazquez	118
6	Shamrocket	Tonalist	Donegal Racing	Pletcher	Castellano	118
7	Field Pass	Lemon Drop Kid	Three Diamonds Farm	Maker	Saez	120
8	Gufo	Declaration of War	Otter Bend Stables, LLC	Clement	Rosario	124

Breeders: 1-Barronstown Stud, 2-Summer Wind Equine, 3-Wertheimer et Frere, 4-George Strawbridge, 5-Calumet Farm, 6-Rustlewood Farm, Inc., 7-Mark Brown Grier, 8-John Little & Stephen Cainelli

Saturday, Belmont, post time: 5:12 p.m. EDT

PETER PAN S.-GIII, $200,000, 3yo, 1 1/8m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Overtook	Curlin	Repole Stable, St. Elias Stable, Tabor, Michael B., Magnier, Mrs. John and Smith, Derrick	Pletcher	Velazquez	118
2	Nova Rags	Union Rags	Michael P. Shanley	Mott	Alvarado	120
3	Promise Keeper	Constitution	Woodford Thoroughbreds LLC, WinStar Farm LLC and Rock Ridge Racing LLC	Pletcher	Saez	118
4	Wolfie's Dynaghost	Ghostzapper	Woodslane Farm	Albertrani	Ortiz	118
5	I Am the Law	Mshawish	Curragh Stables	Terranova II	Carmouche	118
6	Risk Taking	Medaglia d'Oro	Klaravich Stables, Inc.	Brown	Ortiz, Jr.	123

Breeders: 1-Hill 'N' Dale Equine Holdings, Inc. &Philip J. Steinberg, 2-Michael Shanley, 3-Rock Ridge Thoroughbreds, LLC, 4-Woodslane Farm, 5-Tami D. Bobo, 6-G. Watts Humphrey Jr.

Saturday, Belmont, post time: 2:31 p.m. EDT

RUNHAPPY S.-GIII, $150,000, 4yo/up, 6f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Stan the Man	Broken Vow	Long Lake Stable LLC	Terranova II	Rosario	118
2	Town Classic	Speightstown	Mercy Man Racing	Joseph, Jr.	Ortiz	118
3	Chateau	Flat Out	Michael Dubb	Atras	Carmouche	124
4	Firenze Fire	Poseidon's Warrior	Mr. Amore Stable	Breen	Ortiz, Jr.	124
5	Drafted	Field Commission	Misty Hollow Farm	Duggan	Saez	118

Breeders: 1-Emma Quinn, Dermot Quinn, Scott Pierce &Debbie Pierce, 2-Ballycroy Training Centre, 3-Preston Stables LLC, 4-Mr Amore Stables, 5-John Foster, Barbara Hooker &Field Commission Partnership

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BEAUGAY S.-GIII, $150,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Harvey's Lil Goil	American Pharoah	Estate of Harvey A. Clarke and Braverman, Paul	Mott	Alvarado	122
2	Lemista (Ire)	Raven's Pass	Peter M. Brant	Brown	Ortiz, Jr.	120
3	Nay Lady Nay (Ire)	No Nay Never	First Row Partners and Hidden Brook Farm	Brown	Castellano	120
4	Platinum Paynter	Paynter	Just In Time Racing LLC	Vazquez	Rodriguez Castro	118
5	Civil Union	War Front	Allen Stable, Inc.	McGaughey III	Rosario	122
6	Thankful	American Pharoah	Bass Stables, LLC	Pletcher	Saez	120

Breeders: 1-Harvey A. Clarke, 2-Drumlin Bloodstock, 3-Stephen Sullivan, 4-Roger Long, 5-Joseph Allen, LLC, 6-Profoal Partners 3, LLC

Saturday, Belmont, post time: 4:06 p.m. EDT

VAGRANCY H.-GIII, $150,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Piedi Bianchi	Overanalyze	Oringer, Jay, Bick, Jack, Al Bianchi Racing LLC, Bayroff, Adam and Maturo, Mike	Martin	Franco	120
2	Sadie Lady	Freud	Dennis Narlinger	Atras	Carmouche	119
3	Victim of Love	Speightstown	Tommy Town Thoroughbreds LLC	Beattie	Rosario	121
4	Kiss the Girl	Into Mischief	Three Diamonds Farm	Trombetta	McCarthy	117
5	Honor Way	Caleb's Posse	Saul J. Kupferberg	Baker	Ortiz	122
6	Pacific Gale	Flat Out	Holly Hill Stables, LLC	Kimmel	Velazquez	122
7	French Empire	Street Sense	Ten Strike Racing, Kisber, Michael & Little Red Feather Racing	Cox	Castellano	119

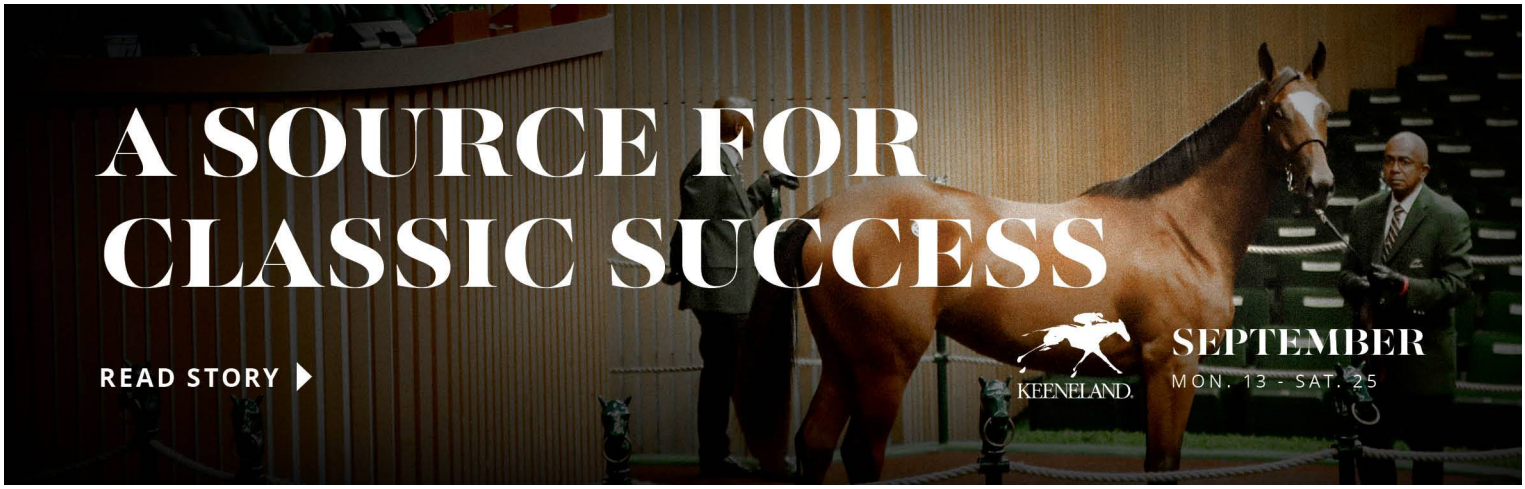
Breeders: 1-Deann Baer & Greg Baer DVM, 2-JMJ Racing Stables, LLC, 3-Daniel J. Burke, 4-Classic Thoroughbred XII, 5-Candy Meadows LLC, 6-Bally Breeders, 7-Ramona S. Bass, LLC.

Saturday, Santa Anita, post time: 7:00 p.m. EDT

SANTA BARBARA S.-GIII, $100,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/2mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Catch the Eye	Quality Road	Amerman Racing LLC	Hofmans	Desormeaux	122
2	Rideforthecause	Candy Ride (Arg)	Alpha Delta Stables, LLC	McCarthy	Gutierrez	124
3	Tapwater	Tapit LNJ Foxwoods	Mandella	Prat	122	
4	Carpe Vinum	Carpe Diem	MyRacehorse and Platts, Joey	D'Amato	Valdivia, Jr.	122
5	Star of Africa	Animal Kingdom	Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners	Gallagher	Cedillo	122
6	Neige Blanche (Fr)	Anodin (Ire)	Madaket Stables LLC, De Seroux, Laura, Naify, Marsha and Powell, Mathilde	Powell	Hernandez	124
7	Go Big Blue Nation	Animal Kingdom	Cannon Thoroughbreds, LLC	McCarthy	Rispoli	122
8	Dynapower	Munnings	Bryan M. Carney	Stutts	Ortega	122

Breeders: 1-Mrs. Jerry Amerman, 2-Sam-Son Farm, 3-LNJ Foxwoods, 4-Machmer Hall, Craig Brogden &Carrie Brogden, 5-Charles H. Deters, 6-Ecurie du Sud, 7-Millennium Farms & Godolphin, 8-Arturo Vargas



Leading Second-Crop Sires by Cumulative Winners

for stallions standing in North America through Tuesday, May 3

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Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	**Not This Time**	5	8	1	3	1	1	71	40	363,500	2,515,268
	(2014) by Giant's Causeway FYR: 2018		*Stands: Taylor Made Farm KY Fee: $40,000*							*Princess Noor*	
2	**Exaggerator**	--	6	--	--	--	--	91	35	104,562	1,462,252
	(2013) by Curlin FYR: 2018		*Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: $15,000*							*Gagetown*	
3	**Upstart**	1	4	--	1	--	1	68	33	159,600	1,599,294
	(2012) by Flatter FYR: 2018		*Stands: Airdrie Stud KY Fee: $10,000*							*Reinvestment Risk*	
4	**Speightster**	2	4	--	--	--	--	81	32	202,832	1,702,304
	(2012) by Speightstown FYR: 2018		*Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: $10,000*							*Dreaming of Drew*	
5	**Frosted**	2	6	1	3	--	1	83	30	543,684	2,248,937
	(2012) by Tapit FYR: 2018		*Stands: Darley KY Fee: $25,000*							*Travel Column*	
6	**Nyquist**	2	6	2	6	2	4	61	29	1,237,500	3,278,213
	(2013) by Uncle Mo FYR: 2018		*Stands: Darley KY Fee: $75,000*							*Vequist*	
7	**Air Force Blue**	--	4	--	--	--	--	68	28	202,459	1,465,632
	(2013) by War Front FYR: 2018		*Stands: Ashford Stud KY Fee: $10,000*							*Chief Little Hawk*	
8	**Outwork**	3	6	--	1	--	1	67	27	469,997	2,012,545
	(2013) by Uncle Mo FYR: 2018		*Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: $15,000*							*Outadore*	
9	**Runhappy**	1	4	--	--	--	--	61	25	93,500	1,394,500
	(2012) by Super Saver FYR: 2018		*Stands: Claiborne Farm KY Fee: $10,000*							*Nicky the Vest*	
10	**Tourist**	--	2	--	--	--	--	61	25	94,426	830,157
	(2011) by Tiznow FYR: 2018		*Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: $5,000*							*Indy Tourist*	
11	**Mshawish**	--	4	--	2	--	--	63	24	91,900	900,218
	(2010) by Medaglia d'Oro FYR: 2018		*Stands: Taylor Made Farm KY Fee: $7,500*							*Sainthood*	
12	**Vancouver (Aus)**	1	3	1	1	--	--	57	23	211,300	1,138,155
	(2012) by Medaglia d'Oro FYR: 2018		*Stands: Coolmore Australia USA (Dead/Ret)*							*Madone*	
13	**Laoban**	4	6	2	3	1	2	51	22	424,987	2,368,062
	(2013) by Uncle Mo FYR: 2018		*Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: $25,000*							*Keepmeinmind*	
14	**Cinco Charlie**	1	3	--	1	--	--	37	19	67,081	631,004
	(2012) by Indian Charlie FYR: 2018		*Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY Fee: $5,000*							*Five Pics Please*	
15	**Anchor Down**	--	4	--	--	--	--	30	17	74,640	712,225
	(2011) by Tapit FYR: 2018		*Stands: Gainesway Farm KY Fee: $5,000*							*Lionessofbrittany*	

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2nd-BEL, $90K, Msw, 3yo/up, f, 6f, 3:38p.m.

Shug McGaughey debuts 3-year-old **BIG CITY MOMMA** (Quality Road) for Courtlandt Farms. The $700,000 KEESEP graduate is out of stakes placed New York-bred Easy Living (Big Brown). The filly posted a pair of recent four-panel works at Belmont, including the most recent going :48 4/5 Apr. 24. Jose Ortiz gets the call. **TJCIS PPs**

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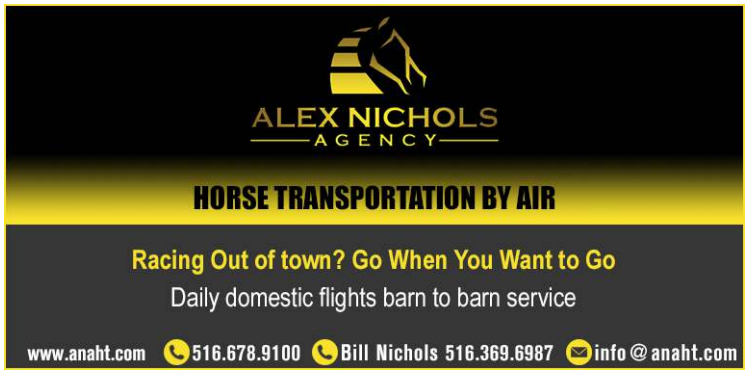

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IN ORDER OF PURSE:

7th-Belterra, $22,900, (S), Msw, 5-5, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:12.47, gd, 2 1/2 lengths.

STRIKE ONE (g, 3, Tiznow--Startin Something {MSW, $579,657}, by Musical Dreamer), sent off at 5-2 for this unveiling, broke quickly and scooted to the front, tangled with favored Upgrade Al (Bold Warrior) in early stretch, and put that one away late to graduate by 2 1/2 lengths. Multiple stakes winner Startin Something, who produced a Super Saver colt in 2019, is also responsible for an unnamed gelding by Overanalyze. She was bred back to Outwork. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $13,740.

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O-Blazing Meadows Farm LLC; B-Blazing Meadows Farm LLC & WinStar Farm, LLC (OH); T-Timothy E. Hamm.

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SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: THURSDAY, MAY 6

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Anchor Down (Tapit), Gainesway Farm, $5,000
90 foals of racing age/17 winners/0 black-type winners
8-Charles Town, Msw 6 1/2f, Anchor Up, 10-1
$37,000 KEE SEP yrl

Dads Caps (Discreet Cat), Barton Thoroughbreds, $10,000
30 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
2-Golden Gate Fields, Msw 4 1/2f, Beautyinthebeast, 7-2
$4,500 NCA AUG yrl

Flintshire (GB) (Dansili {GB}), Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa, $10,000
158 foals of racing age/11 winners/1 black-type winner
6-Belmont, Msw 1 3/8m, Connagh's Quay, 7-2

Frosted (Tapit), Darley, $25,000
238 foals of racing age/30 winners/2 black-type winners
3-Churchill Downs, Alw 5fT, Cold as Hell, 12-1
$380,000 KEE SEP yrl

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Second-Crop runners cont.

Mosler (War Front), Country Life Farm, $4,000
112 foals of racing age/15 winners/2 black-type winners
2-Pimlico, Wmc 5fT, Mosler Safe, 7-2
$22,000 EAS DEC wnl; $45,000 FTK JUL yrl
5-Pimlico, Msw 6f, Wicked Hot, 5-1
$30,000 EAS OCT yrl

Mshawish (Medaglia d'Oro), Taylor Made Farm, $7,500
133 foals of racing age/24 winners/0 black-type winners
6-Belmont, Msw 1 3/8m, I Am the Law, 5-2
$42,000 KEE SEP yrl; $125,000 OBS MAR 2yo
6-Charles Town, Msw 4 1/2f, Spinish, 10-1

Outwork (Uncle Mo), WinStar Farm, $15,000
211 foals of racing age/27 winners/3 black-type winners
3-Belmont, Alw 1 1/8m, Great Workout, 3-1

Quick Change (Awesome Again), Raimonde Farms
7 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
2-Belterra, Msw 6f, Zip It Quick, 4-1

Tamarkuz (Speightstown), Shadwell Farm, $7,500
57 foals of racing age/9 winners/1 black-type winner
1-Lone Star, Msw 5fT, Crimson Storm, 7-2
$17,000 KEE SEP yrl

Taprize (Tapit), R Star Stallions, $2,500
18 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
6-Indiana Grand, Msw 7 1/2fT, Embroiled, 20-1

Tourist (Tiznow), WinStar Farm, $5,000
158 foals of racing age/25 winners/0 black-type winners
8-Lone Star, Alw 1mT, Resolve Now, 30-1
6-Belmont, Msw 1 3/8m, Tiz Tact Toe, 15-1
$8,000 KEE SEP yrl; $20,000 OBS APR 2yo

Uncle Lino (Uncle Mo), Northview Stallion Station, $4,000
132 foals of racing age/12 winners/0 black-type winners
6-Charles Town, Msw 4 1/2f, Strong Safety, 6-1

Upstart (Flatter), Airdrie Stud, $10,000
167 foals of racing age/33 winners/1 black-type winner
4-Belterra, $75K Daryl E. Parker Memorial Tall Stack S., 6 1/2f, Uptown, 7-2
$35,000 KEE NOV wnl; $30,000 KEE SEP yrl

Vancouver (Aus) (Medaglia d'Oro), Coolmore Australia
146 foals of racing age/23 winners/1 black-type winner
5-Pimlico, Msw 6f, Stir Crazy, 3-1
$20,000 KEE NOV wnl; $5,000 KEE SEP yrl; $35,000 OBS OPN 2yo

IN HONG KONG:

Sunny Star, c, 4, **Flatter**--Suzee Sunrise, by Chester House. Happy Valley, 5-5, Hcp. (C3) *($193k)*, 1650mT, 1:39.30. B-Esther de Jong (KY). *$90,000 Wlg '17 KEENOV; $40,000 RNA Ylg '18 FTKOCT; 55,000gns 2yo '19 TATAPR. **1/2 to Golden Brown (Offlee Wild), GSW, $595,670. **VIDEO**

IN PERU:

Carta de Amor, m, 5, **Union Rags**--Puxa Saco (GSW & GISP, $400,575), by Dehere. Monterrico, 5-3, Hcp., 1500m. B-Alastar Thoroughbred Co LLC (KY). *Won for the fifth time in her last seven starts. **1/2 to Exclusive Diva (Bernardini), MSW, $199,343. **$15,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP; $23,000 2yo '18 OBSAPR. **VIDEO**

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

9th-Parx Racing, $45,000, 5-5, 3yo/up, 7f, 1:22.33, sy, 6 1/4 lengths.
WENTZ (g, 6, Super Saver--Snicker Belle, by Distorted Humor) Lifetime Record: SP, 23-7-1-4, $281,340. O- Morris E. Kernan, Jr. and Jagger Inc.; B-WinStar Farm, LLC (KY); T-Jamie Ness. *$45,000 RNA Ylg '16 KEESEP.

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3rd-Indiana Grand, $45,000, (S), 5-5, 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:04.66, ft, 1/2 length.
JOVA (g, 6, Holiday Promise--Opata, by Indian Charlie) Lifetime Record: MSP, 28-6-5-3, $225,195. O-Matt Kwiatkowski; B-Ledgelands Farm, LLC, Andrew Ritter & Jose Luis Espinoza (IN); T-Marvin A. Johnson.

8th-Parx Racing, $41,500, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm ($35,000), 5-5, 3yo/up, 7f, 1:23.12, sy, 1 length.
MOUNT TRAVERS (h, 5, Speightstown--Hot Summer {MGSW, $298,959}, by Malibu Moon) Lifetime Record: MSP, 17-3-4-5, $165,840. O-Alpha Delta Stables, LLC; B-Alpha Delta Stables, LLC (KY); T-Linda Rice. *$95,000 RNA 2yo '18 OBSMAR.

4th-Indiana Grand, $36,500, (S), 5-5, (NW3L), 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:05.84, ft, 1 1/4 lengths.
SENTIMENTALJOURNEY (f, 4, Unbridled Express--No Other Like You, by Cozzene) Lifetime Record: SP, 13-3-1-1, $91,533. O-Maggi Moss; B-St. Simon Place (IN); T-Thomas M. Amoss. *$15,000 Ylg '18 INDMIX.

1st-Indiana Grand, $34,500, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm ($40,000), 5-5, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10.75, ft, 1 3/4 lengths.
BYBEE (g, 5, Flashback--Miss Ann Perry, by Afleet Alex) Lifetime Record: SP, 15-3-2-2, $97,293. O/B-Bobby J McIntyre (KY); T-Eduardo Caramori.

7th-Indiana Grand, $34,500, (S), 5-5, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:05.47, ft, 5 1/4 lengths.
CHANDANA (f, 3, Flat Out--Beaugeste, by Military) Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-1, $45,900. O/B-Judy Dorris & Ken Sentel (IN); T-Robert E. Dobbs, Jr.

1st-Thistledown, $31,800, (S), 5-5, (NW2L), 3yo, 5 1/2f, 1:06.40, gd, 1 length.
HISTORICALLY (g, 3, Carpe Diem--Delitefully Wild, by Offlee Wild) Lifetime Record: 8-2-2-1, $55,265. O-WinStar Farm LLC & Blazing Meadows Farm LLC (OH); T-Timothy E. Hamm. *1/2 to Blingitonagain (Too Much Bling), MSP, $292,252.

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6th-Thistledown, $25,500, 5-5, (NW3L), 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:05.20, gd, 2 lengths.
ADHHAR (g, 4, Daaher--Sawsan, by Tapit) Lifetime Record: 20-3-4-4, $98,526. O-Lion Palm Racing Stable; B-Shadwell Farm, LLC (KY); T-Ricardo Bailey.

3rd-Finger Lakes, $24,425, 5-5, (C), 3yo/up, 4 1/2f, :51.83, gd, neck.
MOONACHIE (g, 4, Central Banker--Making a Point, by Freud) Lifetime Record: 12-4-2-0, $170,194. O-Jeremiah C. Englehart; B-McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds, LLC & Dean Purdom (NY); T-Jeremiah C. Englehart. *$33,000 RNA Ylg '18 SARAUG; $85,000 2yo '19 EASMAY.

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6th-Louisiana Downs, $23,000, (S), (NW1X)/Opt. Clm ($12,500), 5-4, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m 70y (off turf), 1:44.79, gd, 2 1/2 lengths.
BLESSED ANNA (f, 4, Fast Anna--Pleasantly Blessed {MSW, $409,586}, by Pleasant Tap) Lifetime Record: 12-2-4-0, $71,685. O-OM Racing Stable, LLC; B-Coteau Grove Farms (LA); T-Oscar Modica. *$50,000 Ylg '18 ESLMIX.

8th-Will Rogers Downs, $22,990, 5-5, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11.35, gd, 4 1/2 lengths.
A ROZE AND WINE (f, 4, The Hunk--Call for Rozes, by Chitoz) Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-0, $30,196. O-Pam K. Grossman; B-Eureka Thoroughbred Farm (MN); T-Francisco Bravo.

5th-Mountaineer Casino & Resort, $19,594, (S), 5-4, (NW3L), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:14.06, sy, 3/4 length.
JOVIAL JOHN (g, 4, Machen--Delightful Magic, by Mineshaft) Lifetime Record: 7-3-1-0, $33,123. O/B/T-J. Michael Baird (WV).

7th-Mountaineer Casino & Resort, $19,190, (S), 5-4, (NW3L), 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:08.41, sy, 3 lengths.
COACH MACHEN (m, 5, Machen--Cobra Connie, by Southern Image) Lifetime Record: 11-3-3-1, $46,827. O/B/T-J. Michael Baird (WV).

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A Huge Checkpoint, g, 3, **Bellamy Road**--McCarren Park, by Posse. Finger Lakes, 5-5, 1m 40y, 1:45.29. Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-1, $28,165. B-ZBS Thoroughbreds LLC (NY).

De Bolt Light, f, 3, **Cryptolight**--Cat Zone, by Winthrop. Belterra, 5-5, (S), 6f, 1:13.85. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, $19,515. B-The Ronald E. DeWolf Trust (OH).

Speedy Dudette, f, 3, **First Dude**--Max Speed (SP, $107,188), by Omega Code. Louisiana Downs, 5-5, (S), 6f, 1:11.30. Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-2, $35,200. B-Bill Langford & Karen Keen (LA).

American Unity, c, 3, **Munnings**--Skydeck, by Curlin. Indiana Grand, 5-4, 1m (off turf), 1:39.46. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, $25,760. B-Franklin Stables LLC (KY).

Pylon, g, 3, **Summer Front**--Miss Holicong, by First Samurai. Parx Racing, 5-5, (C), 1m 70y, 1:44.23. Lifetime Record: 5-1-0-2, $35,100. B-Frances M. Hartwell (PA).

Smokin Richie, g, 4, **Awesome of Course**--Streamin Heat (SW, $236,367), by Bring the Heat. Indiana Grand, 5-4, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:05.10. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $19,800. B-Richard Ravin (IN). *1/2 to Richiesinthehouse (Sidney's Candy), SW-USA, GSP-Can, $381,662. **1ST-TIME STARTER.

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Flying Samurai, g, 4, **First Samurai**--Running Clear, by Cryptoclearance. Indiana Grand, 5-5, (S), 7 1/2fT, 1:34.42. Lifetime Record: 9-1-3-3, $50,160. B-Steven Maril (IN). *1/2 to Lahshad (Nobiz Like Shobiz), MSP, $203,827.

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Awesome of Course, Smokin Richie, g, 4, o/o Streamin Heat, by Bring the Heat. MSW, 5-4, Indiana Grand

Bellamy Road, A Huge Checkpoint, g, 3, o/o McCarren Park, by Posse. MSW, 5-5, Finger Lakes

Carpe Diem, Historically, g, 3, o/o Delitefully Wild, by Offlee Wild. ALW, 5-5, Thistledown

Central Banker, Moonachie, g, 4, o/o Making a Point, by Freud. ALW, 5-5, Finger Lakes

Cryptolight, De Bolt Light, f, 3, o/o Cat Zone, by Winthrop. MSW, 5-5, Belterra

Daaher, Adhhar, g, 4, o/o Sawsan, by Tapit. ALW, 5-5, Thistledown

Fast Anna, Blessed Anna, f, 4, o/o Pleasantly Blessed, by Pleasant Tap. AOC, 5-4, Louisiana Downs

First Dude, Speedy Dudette, f, 3, o/o Max Speed, by Omega Code. MSW, 5-5, Louisiana Downs

First Samurai, Flying Samurai, g, 4, o/o Running Clear, by Cryptoclearance. MSW, 5-5, Indiana Grand

Flashback, Bybee, g, 5, o/o Miss Ann Perry, by Afleet Alex. AOC, 5-5, Indiana Grand

Flat Out, Chandana, f, 3, o/o Beaugeste, by Military. ALW, 5-5, Indiana Grand

Holiday Promise, Jova, g, 6, o/o Opata, by Indian Charlie. ALW, 5-5, Indiana Grand

Machen, Coach Machen, m, 5, o/o Cobra Connie, by Southern Image. ALW, 5-4, Mountaineer

Machen, Jovial John, g, 4, o/o Delightful Magic, by Mineshaft. ALW, 5-4, Mountaineer

Munnings, American Unity, c, 3, o/o Skydeck, by Curlin. MSW, 5-4, Indiana Grand

Speightstown, Mount Travers, h, 5, o/o Hot Summer, by Malibu Moon. AOC, 5-5, Parx Racing

Summer Front, Pylon, g, 3, o/o Miss Holicong, by First Samurai. MCL, 5-5, Parx Racing

Super Saver, Wentz, g, 6, o/o Snicker Belle, by Distorted Humor. ALW, 5-5, Parx Racing

The Hunk, A Roze and Wine, f, 4, o/o Call for Rozes, by Chitoz. ALW, 5-5, Will Rogers

Tiznow, Strike One, g, 3, o/o Startin Something, by Musical Dreamer. MSW, 5-5, Belterra

Unbridled Express, Sentimentaljourney, f, 4, o/o No Other Like You, by Cozzene. ALW, 5-5, Indiana Grand

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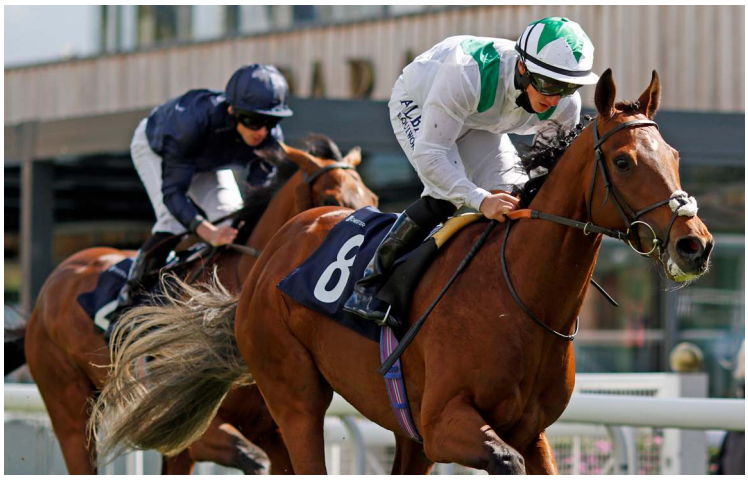

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Bouncing back from a fourth in last month's Listed Feilden S. at Newmarket on seasonal comeback, Ahmad Al Shaikh's **Youth Spirit (Ire)** (Camelot {GB}) dented a number of Classic aspirations with a determined victory in Wednesday's G3 Chester Vase.

He had bettered a debut fourth over seven furlongs at Haydock when annexing a hot Newmarket maiden tackling the same trip next time and hit the board contesting Goodwood's July 28 G2 Vintage S. in the last of three juvenile outings. The April-foaled bay was let go at 15-2 and settled third along the fence, in the wake of 6-4 pick and eventual fourth **Wirko (Ger)** (Kingman {GB}), through halfway in this extended 12-furlong Classic trial. Bustled along as the tempo increased approaching the quarter-mile marker, he straightened for home in second--as **Fancy Man (Ire)** (Pride of Dubai {Aus})'s forward thrust carried that rival to the front on the final turn--and stayed on strongly under a late drive to withstand the running-on effort of **Sandhurst (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) by 1 3/4 lengths. Fancy Man ultimately suffered for his home-turn burst and finished one length back in third, with Listed Blue Riband Trial victor Wirko fading late to finish another seven lengths adrift in fourth.

"He's always been a horse we've rated very highly, but the question mark was whether he stayed or not," admitted Andrew Balding. **Cont. p2**

HIGH DEFINITION WILL MISS LINGFIELD DERBY TRIAL

Undefeated group winner **High Definition (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}), favoured for the June 5 G1 Cazoo Derby, will miss an intended start in the Listed Lingfield Derby Trial on May 8, trainer Aidan O'Brien revealed.

Owned by a Coolmore partnership with Westerberg, the G2 Beresford S. winner's bloodwork was off as of Wednesday evening. He captured a maiden at The Curragh when debuting on Aug. 22 and the Sept. 26 Beresford next out.

"High Definition won't be going to Lingfield on Saturday--his bloods just weren't 100% this evening," said O'Brien. I'm not sure where he might run. We'll just have to wait and see how things go over the coming days really. We'll have to play it by ear and see how he is when things settle down."

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G3 Chester Vase S. Cont. from p1

He added, "There is stamina on the sire's side, obviously, but there is plenty of speed on the dam's side. He saw the trip out really well and I'm thrilled. I knew he'd improve a good bit from Newmarket, because he'd been off the track a long while before running there, and everything happened a bit quick for him. He's obviously come on for it and I thought he did everything really nicely today."

Looking ahead to a date with Classic destiny, Balding indicated Youth Spirit will bid to mark the 50th anniversary of the Ian Balding-trained Mill Reef making an indelible mark on the Blue Riband honour roll by going one better than connections' runner-up finish with Khalifa Sat (Ire) (Free Eagle {Ire}) last year.

"The plan, as long as everything goes all right between now and then, is to head for Epsom [for the June 5 G1 Derby]," he said. "I obviously can't compare him with Mill Reef because I wasn't around then and, in any case, Youth Spirit is a long way from ticking the boxes that Mill Reef had, but he could have a live chance in the Derby."

Jockey Tom Marquand added, "It's great for [owner] Ahmad Al Shaikh to have another one for the Derby. Last year that was a fairy story with Khalifa Sat finishing second and, hopefully, they can go one better.

Khalifa Sat surprised me in the Derby because he looked more of a staying type. This lad is the other way around and 12 furlongs is as far as he'll want. He is really game and genuine and I'm sure we'll have a go. It will have been a real good experience to have been around here because it is pretty different compared to everywhere else. It should stand him in good stead for Epsom."

Pedigree Notes

Youth Spirit, half-brother to a 2-year-old colt by Tamayuz (GB) and a yearling colt by Australia (GB), is the first of two foals produced by an unraced half-sister to G2 Gimcrack S. hero Blaine (GB) (Avonbridge {GB}), Two-Year-Old Trophy victor Bogart (GB) (Bahamian Bounty {GB}) and last term's G3 Prix Eclipse second Legal Attack (GB) (Shalaa {Ire}). His dam Rocana (GB) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}) is out of a winning half-sister to Listed Prix Urban Sea placegetter Golden Accolade (GB) (Highest Honor {Fr}) and hails from the family of GI Breeders' Cup Sprint hero Lit de Justice (El Gran Senor), G1 Racing Post Trophy-winning sire Commander Collins (Ire) (Sadler's Wells), G1 Epsom Derby and G1 Irish Derby third Colonel Collins (El Gran Senor) and G1 Racing Post Trophy runner-up City Leader (Ire) (Fasliyev).

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Wednesday, Chester, Britain

CHESTER VASE S.-G3, £80,000, Chester, 5-5, 3yo, c/g, 12f 63yT, 2:45.83, g/s.

1--**YOUTH SPIRIT (IRE), 126, c, 3, by Camelot (GB)**
1st Dam: Rocana (GB), by Fastnet Rock (Aus)
2nd Dam: Lauren Louise (GB), by Tagula (Ire)
3rd Dam: Movie Star (Ire), by Barathea (Ire)
1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN; **1ST GROUP WIN**. (€60,000 Wlg '18 GOFNOV; €100,000 RNA Ylg '19 ARAUG). O-Ahmad Al Shaikh; B-Ringfort Stud & Paul Hancock (IRE); T-Andrew Balding; J-Tom Marquand. £45,368. Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-1, $80,680. **Werk Nick Rating: A. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree**.

2--**Sandhurst (Ire)**, 126, c, 3, Galileo (Ire)--How's She Cuttin' (Ire), by Shinko Forest (Ire). O-Susan Magnier, Michael Tabor & Derrick Smith; B-Barronstown Stud (IRE); T-Aidan O'Brien. £17,200.

3--**Fancy Man (Ire)**, 126, c, 3, Pride of Dubai (Aus)--Fancy (Ire), by Galileo (Ire). (€30,000 Ylg '19 GOFOR). O-Michael Pescod; B-Longfield Stud (IRE); T-Richard Hannon. £8,608.

Margins: 1 3/4, 1, 7. Odds: 7.50, 6.00, 4.50.

Also Ran: Wirko (Ger), Pleasant Man (GB), Law of the Sea (GB).

Scratched: San Martino (Ire), Sir Lamorak (Ire). **Click for the Racing Post result or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree. Video, sponsored by TVG**.

JAPAN GETS HIS CAMPAIGN UNDERWAY

Ballydoyle missed out with an unusually low-key representation at the Chester May meeting on Wednesday, but one of their big guns is rolled out on Thursday as **Japan (GB)** (Galileo {Ire}) is relaunched in the G3 Ormonde S.

Tackling the extended 13-furlong trip which is the furthest he has gone so far in his career, the 2019 G1 Juddmonte International and G1 Grand Prix de Paris hero looks to put a disappointing end to his 2020 season behind him. Tailing off following his third placing in the G1 Eclipse at Sandown in July, the 5-year-old will have his stamina tested by the impressive G2 QIPCO British Champions Long Distance Cup winner **Trueshan (Fr)** (Planteur {Ire}), who races under a five-pound penalty due to those exploits.

Ryan Moore is looking forward to being reunited with Japan. "Ideally, we probably could have done without all the recent rain, but he finished fourth in a deep ground Arc a couple of years ago and is pretty versatile and hopefully his Group 1 class will see him through," he said. "This is the longest trip he has faced, but the way in which he has finished off his races over a mile and a half when at his best suggests it should not be an issue. It'll take a very good one to beat him if he is on his A-game."

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A STAR LINE UP!

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ALPHA CENTAURI	-	European Champion 3YO Filly & Horse Of The Year
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BANIMPIRE	-	Dual Gr.2 winner & runner-up in the Gr.1 Irish Oaks
VENTURA	-	Dam of six-time Group 1 winner **MOONLIGHT CLOUD**
LA GRANDE ZOA	-	Dam of Gr.1 winner **TRIP TO PARIS**
MRS MARSH	-	Dam of Champion Miler **CANFORD CLIFFS**
LOOKING BACK	-	Dam of 3-time Gr.1 winner **RIP VAN WINKLE**
BUNDITTEN	-	Dam of Gr.2 Coventry Stakes winner **RAJASINGHE**
ANTIQUE PLATINUM	-	Full-sister to Hong Kong Horse Of The Year **DESIGNS ON ROME**
BLUE MOONSTONE	-	Half-sister to 3-time Gr.1 winner **BLUE BUNTING**
HIGH FIDELITY	-	Half-sister to World Champion **HURRICANE RUN**
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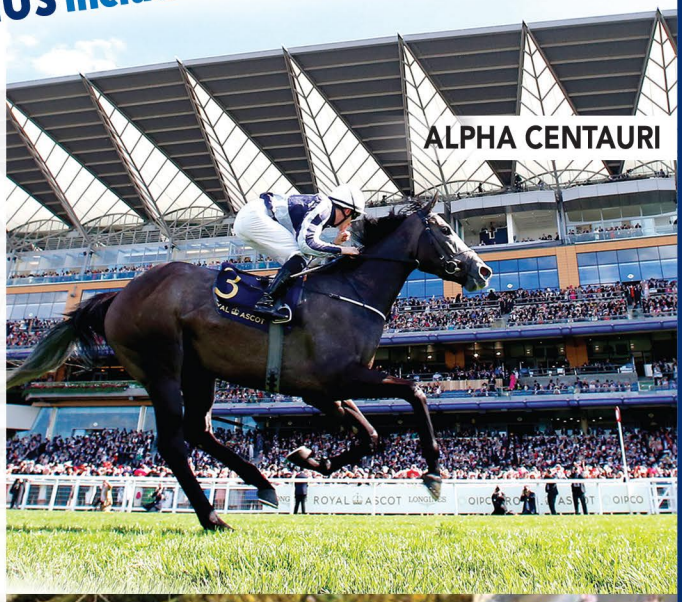

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Chester Thursday Preview Cont.

Japan | *Scoop Dyga*

In the Listed Dee S., Godolphin's **Yibir (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}) bids to build on his comeback effort when third in the Apr. 23 G3 Sandown Classic Trial. "He's sharpened up for that run at Sandown quite noticeably at home," trainer Charlie Appleby commented. "We're putting the cheekpieces on him, just because he's got similar characteristics to his sister [Wild Illusion]--it's not that he's ungenuine, it's just to keep him focused. We didn't want to put the cheekpieces on and step him up to a mile and a half at the same time, so we opted to keep him to 10 furlongs."

With eight wins in this, Aidan O'Brien knows what kind of material is required and last year's G2 Royal Lodge S. runner-up and G2 Futurity S. third **Ontario (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) is the stable pick. Third over seven furlongs on his return in Newmarket's Listed European Free H. Apr. 14, he should appreciate this step up in trip. "He looks to hold pretty strong claims," Ryan Moore said. "He finished a good third in what appears a decent Free Handicap on his return, and his pedigree would give you every encouragement that the step up from seven to 10 furlongs or so here will suit this Galileo colt a lot better. He finished second in a Royal Lodge at two, while he also finished third to Mac Swiney in soft ground in the Futurity at The Curragh, so you'd have to be pretty hopeful, though his draw [in stall seven] could have been better, obviously."

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POOR BLOODWORK LIKELY CULPRIT IN SUPREMACY'S PAVILION RUN

Group 1 winner **Supremacy (Ire)** (Mehmas {Ire}), who ran eighth and last in the G3 Pavilion S. as the 10-11 crowd's pick at Ascot on Apr. 28, returned a poor blood test after the race, trainer Clive Cox announced on Wednesday.

Trainer Clive Cox said, "We have had a less than perfect blood result from him. We're leaving no stone unturned in the hope of rectifying the situation, which was far below expectations. We've had many tests--and without having a complete conclusion yet, we're hoping we can get him back on the right track."

A first-crop son of Champion First-Season Sire Mehmas (Ire) (Acclamation {GB}), they bay won the G2 Richmond S. last July and added the G1 Juddmonte Middle Park S. in September in his latest pair of racecourse outings.

Cox added, "He's a horse of such a high standard--undoubtedly we wouldn't have been there if we hadn't been happy with him. Although he's got such a laid-back temperament and way about him, it's a just a relief.

"It's flagged up less than perfect, which wasn't the case before. We've got a bit of time to decide what's next, and hopefully that will become clear over the couple of weeks."

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Clive Cox | *ITM/Amy Lynam*

The TDN's Alayna Cullen chats with Darley's Sam Bullard on Dubawi (Ire)'s accomplishments at stud.

HAGGAS OUTLINES PLANS FOR STABLE STARS

Addeybb | *Bronwen Healy*

Shadwell's **Al Aasy (Ire)** (Sea The Stars {Ire}), who won the G3 Finest Surprise S. at Newbury on Apr. 18, will back up in the G3 Al Rayyan S. there on May 15. Originally, the 4-year-old was tagged to go straight to the June 4 G1 Coronation Cup S., but trainer William Haggas determined that his charge was so fresh and well, another run was needed.

"I was going to wait for the Coronation Cup, but he's too well so he's going to run next Saturday in a Group 3 back at Newbury on Lockinge day," said Haggas. "That will give us three weeks to Epsom. He worked beautifully this [Wednesday] morning. He's a very impressive horse at home.

"He wouldn't go over the top [if he didn't run at Newbury], but he might get a bit fresh and silly. He needs racing, that horse, he didn't race much last year. I don't like carrying penalties in stakes races, but this race is a good fit--I don't want to go further up in trip for the Yorkshire Cup and I think the Coronation Cup is the right race. He's very powerful and everything is easy for him, we'll see how good he is soon enough but at the moment he's an impressive horse."

Haggas stablemate **My Oberon (Ire)** (Dubawi {Ire}), although being considered for the G1 Lockinge on May 15, is not a guaranteed runner. He won the G3 Earl Of Sefton S. at Newmarket on Apr. 14 in his latest outing.

Speaking on the *Nick Luck Daily Podcast*, Haggas said, "I'm debating about him. I really want to go for the [G1] Prix d'Ispahan on May 30 and I can't do both. I want to go up in trip with him and he's in the Prince of Wales's and I'll put him in the Eclipse. If he's going to improve enough to be a proper horse, he's got to do it going up in trip. He was good at Newmarket over nine and I'm just not sure taking on Palace Pier (GB) (Kingman {GB}) is the right way round. I think if we go for a nine-furlong Group 1 in France that fits better, we've got to make him a stallion."

Rounding out the Haggas trio is the multiple Group 1 winner **Addeybb (Ire)** (Pivotal {GB}), who has returned in good order from his latest Australian sojourn.

Added Haggas, on Addeybb, "I'm not going to turn him away and I'm going to get him ready for the Prince of Wales's [S. at Royal Ascot on June 16], I think."

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SALIVA TESTING TRIAL UNDER WAY AT UK RACECOURSES

A saliva testing trial, a screening method for cocaine and some other banned substances, is now under way at UK racecourses, the British Horseracing Authority announced on Wednesday.

Utilising oral swabs, the testing method results are provided near-instantly indicating whether substances are present in a rider's system above existing thresholds. If the trial is successful, British racing will become the first major sport in Britain to utilise on-the-day screening for banned substances through oral swabs. If a jockey does not test negative during the trial, they would be stood down from riding that day, which brings with it added benefits in safeguarding human and equine welfare on raceday.

At this time, all jockeys have tested negative–at Kempton on Monday and Lingfield on Tuesday. The pilot will continue for a two-month period. Saliva testing is highly cost effective and, if the pilot is successful, it is likely that there would be an increase in raceday testing, which would be further supported by an increased budget for more testing.

Brant Dunshea, Chief Regulatory Officer for the BHA, said, "Saliva testing is a progressive next step for our testing and surveillance of prohibited substances. In particular, the fact that it provides near-instant results means that we are now able to screen for the substance on the day of race." **Cont. p7**

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Saliva Testing Trial Cont.

He added, “The fact that it is a more cost-effective methodology will also allow us to significantly ramp up our testing capacity--something that we are supporting further through the allocation of an enhanced testing budget. This should serve to act both as a deterrent to those who might consider using prohibited substances and provide reassurance to those who are competing on raceday.

“We are grateful to the Professional Jockeys Association for working alongside us in developing this methodology. It is important that it is assessed through a substantive trial period before we commit to it in the longer term, but this trial period is the final step in what has been an extensive process.”

“We see the introduction of saliva testing as a tremendously important development, and it is supported by our members,” said Paul Struthers, Chief Executive of the Professional Jockeys Association, who assisted with the development of the pilot.

“An effective deterrent against the use of prohibited substances is an essential piece of the jigsaw in terms of keeping our jockeys healthy and safe. The increased testing which this methodology will allow, alongside the ability for on-the-day screening, represents a significant step towards that ambition.”

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TB-ED ONLINE COURSES LAUNCHED BY TBA

TB-Ed, a UK Thoroughbred Breeders’ Association education and training initiative, was launched by the TBA on Wednesday.

The initiative, which offers a range of courses and resources that provide essential knowledge and guidance to new and existing industry participants, has also received financial support from the Racing Foundation, who co-funded the platform development and build with the TBA. Weatherbys is also a headline partner of the TB-Ed platform. Currently, the courses offered by TB-Ed include *Understanding Pedigrees* delivered by journalist and broadcaster Lydia Hislop, while there is also *Nutrition of the Broodmare* delivered by Catherine Rudenko, an independent nutritionist and consultant. New courses and content will be added periodically.

General website users can browse the pay-as-you-go catalogue and view a sample webinar for free, while you can also sign up to TB-Ed for free to receive access to a limited selection of free resources. Courses start at £50 and extra resources are priced accordingly. Alternatively, you can join as a TBA Associate for £60 per year which grants free access to all resources and discounts on courses. Finally, existing and new TBA members receive free access to all resources and discounted courses as part of their membership package. For more information, or to sigh up to TB-Ed, visit www.tb-ed.co.uk.

Caroline Turnbull, Education and Welfare Manager at the TBA, said, “TB-Ed will enable the TBA to provide up-to-date, relevant and expert knowledge to breeders who are committed to providing the highest standards of care for their horses. The launch follows extensive user research and testing, which has helped us to shape the structure and content for breeders’ ongoing professional development. TB-Ed will also enable us to improve the accessibility and reach of training in the thoroughbred breeding industry, and will also be of interest to the wider equine community.”

Rob Hezel, Chief Executive of the Racing Foundation, said: "At the Racing Foundation our mission is to be a catalyst for improvement within the horse racing and Thoroughbred breeding industry. We are delighted to fund the Thoroughbred Breeders' Association (TBA) online learning platform to facilitate continuous professional development for everyone in the breeding industry.

"By developing understanding of thoroughbred pedigrees and broodmare nutrition, the courses will benefit both people and horses, which are two of our key funding areas.

"In the course Understanding Pedigrees, the TBA has taken what has traditionally been a complex area reserved for industry experts and made it accessible to all. Equally, Nutrition of the Broodmare will inform even the most knowledgeable in the business.

“We'd like to congratulate the TBA on the launch of its online learning platform and we look forward to seeing it contribute to improving the Thoroughbred breeding industry.”

“Weatherbys enjoys a close relationship with the TBA and we are delighted to support TB-Ed which will act as a great tool to educate and inform new and existing members of the Thoroughbred breeding community,” said Russell Ferris, Chief Executive at Weatherbys.

Mares and foals | *Horsephotos*

TB-Ed Online Courses Launched By TBA Cont.

He added, "Increasing access to training opportunities will ensure that the breeding industry can maintain the very highest standards in health, welfare and stud management. Breeders need easy access to the latest guidance on areas such as Weatherbys ePassports, the introduction of Equine Premises Numbers and other new initiatives and TB-Ed is the obvious location for that guidance.

"We look forward to working with the TBA over the coming months to build on the initial course material and include content in areas such as Thoroughbred genetics."

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WHAT'S IN A NAME?

by Andrea Branchini

Congratulations to whoever named the very first winner by the Galileo (Ire) stallion Mondialiste (Ire). The 2-year-old filly won a novice at Beverley on May 3 for trainer David O'Meara and is out of Dame Hester (Ire) (Diktat {GB}).

The Geoff and Sandra Turnbull-owned filly is named after the most famous Hester of all: **Hester Prynne (GB)**, the complex and dignified heroine of the American classic *The Scarlet Letter*--the 1850 novel by Nathaniel Hawthorne.

The narrative takes place in a Puritan community in Massachusetts in the 1640s; the protagonist of the book has a child out of wedlock and is sentenced to have the letter "A" stitched to the front of her dress for the rest of her life. The abominable nature of this cruel public humiliation has resonated for decades, and the novel has drawn the attention and the praise of other great writers (George Eliot, DH Lawrence, etc), not to speak of the eternal interest from songwriters, playwrights, and film directors. Good luck to the equine Hester Prynne, hopefully as independent and hard-headed as her namesake--and a bit more fortunate.

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FIRST-SEASON SIRES WITH RUNNERS

Thursday, May 6, 2021:
UNITED KINGDOM
Caravaggio (Scat Daddy), Ashford Stud
154 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
16:15-CHESTER, 5f, Sir Min (Ire)
55,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2019; £50,000 Goffs UK Premier Yearling Sale 2020

Caravaggio has a runner at Chester on Thursday | *Coolmore Stud*

BRITAIN

Thursday, Chester, post time: 14:15
TOTE+ BIGGEST DIVIDENDS AT TOTE.CO.UK DEE S.-Listed, £60,000, 3yo, c/g, 10f 70yT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY
1	1	Earlswood (GB)	Pivotal (GB)	Murtagh	Coen
2	6	El Drama (Ire)	Lope de Vega (Ire)	Varian	Atzeni
3	5	Foxes Tales	Zoffany (Ire)	Balding	de Sousa
4	2	Luther Cee (Fr)	War Command	Spiller	J Egan
5	4	Maximal (GB)	Galileo (Ire)	Stoute	Kingscote
6	7	Ontario	Galileo (Ire)	A O'Brien	R Moore
7	3	Yibir (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	C Appleby	Buick

All carry 126 pounds.

Wednesday's Results:
WEATHERBYS EPASSPORT CHESHIRE OAKS (FOR THE ROBERT SANGSTER MEMORIAL CUP)-Listed, £60,000, Chester, 5-5, 3yo, f, 11f 75yT, 2:32.72, g/s.

1--**DUBAI FOUNTAIN (IRE), 126, f, 3, by Teofilo (Ire)**
1st Dam: Nafura (GB), by Dubawi (Ire)
2nd Dam: Mysterial, by Alleged
3rd Dam: Mysteries, by Seattle Slew
1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed Al Maktoum; B-Godolphin (IRE); T-Mark Johnston; J-Francis Norton. £34,026. Lifetime Record: MGSP-Eng, 8-3-3-0, $117,456. *1/2 to Real World (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}), SP-UAE.

2--**Zeyaadah (Ire)**, 129, f, 3, Tamayuz (GB)--Masaafat (GB), by Act One (GB). O/B-Shadwell Estate Company Ltd (IRE); T-Roger Varian. £12,900.

3--**Nicest (Ire)**, 126, f, 3, American Pharoah--Chicquita (Ire), by Montjeu (Ire). O-Michael Tabor, Derrick Smith & Susan Magnier; B-Coolmore (IRE); T-Donnacha O'Brien. £6,456.

Margins: 1, 4 3/4, 2 1/4. Odds: 1.63, 5.00, 9.00.
Also Ran: La Joconde (Ire), Ahandfulofsummers (Ire), Darlectable You (GB), Quenelle d'Or (GB).

Successful in two seven-furlong juvenile heats last June, Dubai Fountain went winless in five subsequent stakes starts--including a close fourth in Newmarket's Oct. 9 G1 Fillies' Mile last time--and stepped up to the plate under an enterprising Franny Norton ride for a career high in this stepping stone to Epsom's June 4 G1 Oaks.

Shadowing the pacesetting Quenelle d'Or (GB) (Golden Horn {GB}) in second for the most part, she poached a decisive advantage soon after passing the three-furlong marker and stayed on resolutely under a drive in the short straight to hold the late rattle of the hitherto undefeated Zeyaadah by a length, with another 4 3/4 lengths back to Nicest in third.

"Franny [Norton] said it was very stop-start and he was happy to get a lead, but the pace was on and off which didn't really suit," explained Mark Johnston, who teamed up with Norton to win the 2012 renewal with Good Morning Star (Ire) (Shirocco {Ger}). "He was having to wake her up, and then steady her again, so he could never get her into a nice rhythm. He felt it wasn't her best performance, but it was good enough for me. I was happy with that and it will be straight to Epsom now. We were saying, throughout last year, we thought she was an Oaks filly rather than a Guineas filly. She obviously failed to win a group race last year, but she ran some great races and we've been thinking about the Oaks for a long time. She was beaten just a length by the [G1 1000] Guineas winner [Mother Earth] over a mile last year, when we always felt she'd be better over further. I don't think the key to her chance was going up in trip as she's been running at that [high] level and there's no reason to think she's not good enough. We'll just have to hope there's not one better."

Norton offered his take on the post-race analysis and added, "I didn't find a rhythm straight away, but I was happy with where I was. I just felt it was all a bit muddly, a bit stop-start. Going down the gears and back up didn't suit her, but once I revved her up three [furlongs] out it was game over. I could feel one coming so she just needed a couple of flicks to keep her going."

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Listed Cheshire Oaks Cont.

Dubai Fountain, the fifth of six surviving foals, is one of three scorers produced by a half-sister to four black-type performers headed by MG1SW sire Librettist (Danzig), G1SW sire Dubai Destination (Kingmambo) and MGSW G2 Bosphorus Cup winner Secret Number (GB) (Raven's Pass). The March-foaled bay's dual-winning dam Nafura (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) is also half to the dams of G1 Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere hero Royal Marine (Ire) (Raven's Pass) and MG1SP G2 Sandown Guineas victor Tatra (Aus) (Hussonet). From a family which also features MG1SW sire Agnes World (Danzig), last term's G2 May Hill S. and G3 Sweet Solera S. runner-up is a half-sister to Listed Curlin S. third Real World (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}) and an unraced 2-year-old colt by Profitable (Ire). **Click for the Racing Post result. Video, sponsored by TVG.**

1st-Chester, £15,000, Cond, 5-5, 2yo, 5f 15yT, 1:05.10, g/s.

NAVELLO (GB) (c, 2, Ivawood {Ire}--Caprella {GB} {GSP-Ire}, by Kheleyf) posted scores at Wolverhampton and Brighton last month and was smartly into stride to stalk the pace in second from the outset of this Lily Agnes conditions heat. Nudged along on the home turn, the 5-4 favourite quickened to take control approaching the final furlong and powered clear under minimal urging in the closing stages to outclass Devious Angel (Ire) (Cotai Glory {GB}) by an impressive six lengths. "That was great, it wasn't surprising he did that and he's on an upward curve," said trainer George Boughey. "His dam was group-placed on soft ground and now he's won on quick and soft ground. He was very green when he first ran, but he keeps taking a step forward. He's a horse I think we'll go to the [Listed] National S. with next. Sandown seems the obvious place to go. The owner/breeders are here today, they've had a great day and hopefully we can get some black-type." From a family featuring GSW G1 Dubai Duty Free third Seihali (Ire) (Alzao), the February-foaled bay is the second of two surviving foals and lone runner produced by G3 Brownstown S. second Caprella (GB) (Kheleyf), herself a half-sister to the dam of G3 Prix d'Aumale runner-up Secret Time (Ger) (Camacho {GB}). Lifetime Record: 4-3-0-0, $18,338. **Video, sponsored by TVG.**

O-Ms Fiona Carmichael & Mrs Evelyn Yates; B-Mrs Evelyn Yates & Westward Bloodstock Ltd (GB); T-George Boughey.

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Dubai Fountain, the winner of the Listed Cheshire Oaks, will now point directly to the G1 Cazoo Oaks on June 4. | *Racingfotos.com*

1st-Kempton, £6,900, Novice, 5-5, 2yo, f, 5f (AWT), 1:00.67, st/sl.
THUNDER LOVE (GB) (f, 2, Profitable {Ire}--Nantyglo {GB} {SW & GSP-Eng}, by Mark of Esteem {Ire}), who was the first runner and winner for Darley's first-season sire (by Invincible Spirit {Ire}) over this course and distance Mar. 31, raced up with the early leader with no quarter asked. In front with 1 1/2 furlongs remaining, the 2-5 favourite stayed on strongly to score by 5 1/2 lengths from Global Mirage (GB) (Mayson {GB}). The dam, who captured the Listed Conqueror S. and was third in the G2 Mill Reef S., hails from the family of the G1 Irish Oaks and GI Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf runner-up L'Ancresse (Ire) (Darshaan {GB}) whose progeny by Frankel (GB) include the G3 Vintage Crop S. winner and G1 Ascot Gold Cup third Master of Reality (Ire) and the unbeaten 3-year-old 'TDN Rising Star' Sibila Spain (Ire). Also related to the Irish Oaks heroine Moonstone (GB) (Dalakhani {Ire}) and the G1 Prix Saint-Alary winner Cerulean Sky (Ire) (Darshaan {GB}), she has a yearling colt by Massaat (Ire) to follow. Sales history: 13,000gns Wlg '19 TATFOA; £18,000 Ylg '20 TATIRY. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, $9,478.
O-Amo Racing Limited; B-Mickley Stud (GB); T-George Boughey.

2nd-Kempton, £5,600, Novice, 5-5, 3yo/up, f, 11f 219y (AWT), 2:34.02, st/sl.
GOOLWA (IRE) (f, 3, Australia {GB}--Pivotalia {Ire}, by Pivotal {GB}), who was 10th on debut over a mile here in December, raced against the rail in mid-division early. Cutting through rivals to swamp Franklet (GB) (Frankel {GB}) at the furlong pole, the 33-1 shot asserted to comfortably beat that rival by two lengths. The winner is a half-sister to the G3 Amethyst S. and G3 Gladness S. scorer Onenightidreamed (Ire) (Footstepsinthesand {GB}), MGSW-Ire, $211,860. The dam, whose unraced 2-year-old son of Churchill (Ire) was a £220,000 purchase by Jamie McCalmont at the Goffs Orby Yearling Sale @ Doncaster, is a granddaughter of the dual listed-placed Zivania (Ire) (Shernazar {Ire}) whose abundant smart descendants include the G1 1000 Guineas third Hathrah (Ire) (Linamix {Fr}). Sales history: €50,000 Wlg '18 GOFNOV; €50,000 Ylg '19 GOFOR. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, $4,199.
O-Sheikh Juma Dalmook Al Maktoum; B-Mr Brian O'Neill (IRE); T-Andrew Balding.

6th-Chester, £12,000, Mdn, 5-5, 3yo, 10f 70yT, 2:19.77, g/s.
ALFAADHEL (IRE) (c, 3, Night of Thunder {Ire}--Divisimo {GB}, by Dansili {GB}) ran third behind Thursday's Listed Dee S. contender Foxes Tales (Ire) (Zoffany {Ire}) going one mile at Newbury in his Apr. 18 bow and improved one spot into sixth passing the judge first time here. Inching ever closer from halfway, the 4-1 second favourite geared up on the home turn and was unrelenting under a late drive to usurp Immelmann (Ger) (Adlerflug {GB}) by 1 1/4 lengths nearing the line. Half to a yearling filly by Churchill (Ire), the April-foaled chestnut is the second of three foals and lone performer out of an unraced full-sister to G1 Matron S. heroine Emulous (GB) (Dansili {GB}), G3 Prix Gontaut Biron winner First Sitting (GB) (Dansili {GB}) and Listed Criterium de Vitesse vixtrix Daring Diva (GB) (Dansili {GB}). The latter produced MGSP dual stakes-winning distaffer Caponata (Selkirk), G3 Amethyst S. and G3 Brownstown S. placegetter Raymonda (Lonhro {Aus}) and MGSW G2 Ridgewood Pearl S. winner Brooch (Empire Maker), herself the dam of last weekend's GI Kentucky Derby runner-up Mandaloun (Into Mischief). Alfaadhel shares his stakes-placed second dam Aspiring Diva (Distant View) with GSW GI Canadian International runner-up Alounak (Fr) (Camelot {GB}). Sales history: 360,000gns Ylg '19 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, $10,343. **Video, sponsored by TVG**.
O-Shadwell Estate Company Ltd; B-Rabbah Bloodstock Ltd (IRE); T-Roger Varian.

Tuesday's Late Result:
6th-Wolverhampton, £5,600, Nov, 5-4, 3yo/up, f, 7f 36y (AWT), 1:28.70, st.
DEGREE (GB) (f, 3, Dubawi {Ire}--Echelon {GB} {Hwt. Older Mare-Eng at 7-9.5f, Hwt. Older Mare-Ire at 7-9f, G1SW-Ire, MGSW & G1SP-Eng, $780,775}, by Danehill), a Dec. 16 debut third over seven furlongs at Lingfield in her only prior start, accepted a tow long the rail in fourth after a slick getaway in this sophomore bow. Inching into third before halfway, the 5-2 second choice was shaken up approaching the eighth pole and kept on strongly under mainly whipless coaxing to oust Far Hope (Ire) (Night of Thunder {Ire}) by a neck in the dying strides. She becomes the sixth winner for G1 Matron S. heroine Echelon (GB) (Danehill) and the February-foaled homebred bay is a half-sister to G1 Falmouth S. and G1 Sun Chariot S. victrix Integral (GB) (Dalakhani {Ire}), MSP Listed Gala S. runner-up Provenance (GB) (Galileo {Ire}) and the unraced 2-year-old colt Profession (GB) (Ulysses {Ire}). Echelon is a daughter of G1 Coronation S. winner Exclusive (GB) (Polar Falcon), herself a half-sister to G1 2000 Guineas-winning sire Entrepreneur (GB) (Sadler's Wells). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, $4,893. **Video, sponsored by TVG**.
O/B-Cheveley Park Stud Ltd (GB); T-Sir Michael Stoute.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:
Get It (GB), c, 3, **Twilight Son (GB)**--Pine Ridge (GB), by Elusive City. Wolverhampton, 5-4, 5f 21y (AWT), 1:00.59. B-Wood Hall Stud (GB). *£20,000 Ylg '19 GOFFPR.

IRELAND

Wednesday's Results:

IRISH STALLION FARMS EBF VICTOR MCCALMONT MEMORIAL S.-Listed, €47,500, Gowran, 5-5, 3yo/up, f/m, 9f 100yT, 2:07.95, yl.

1--**TOO SOON TO PANIC (IRE), 137, f, 4, Gleneagles (Ire)--Scream Blue Murder (Ire) (GSW-Ire, SW-Eng, $139,482), by Oratorio (Ire)**. **1ST BLACK TYPE WIN.** O-Cayton Park Stud & Susan Magnier; B-Coolmore & Drakenstein Stud Pty Ltd (IRE); T-Fozzy Stack; J-Chris Hayes. €28,500. Lifetime Record: 12-2-0-4, $55,735.

2--**Empress Josephine (Ire)**, 123, f, 3, Galileo (Ire)--Lillie Langtry (Ire), by Danehill Dancer (Ire). O-Susan Magnier & Michael Tabor & Derrick Smith; B-Coolmore (IRE); T-Aidan O'Brien. €9,500.

3--**French Fusion (Ire)**, 123, f, 3, Harzand (Ire)--French Friend (Ire), by Teofilo (Ire). (€26,000 Wlg '18 GOFNOV; €30,000 RNA Ylg '19 GOFSPT). O-Mrs J S Bolger & Miss Clare Manning; B-Kilcarn Stud (IRE); T-Jim Bolger. €4,750.

Margins: 2 3/4, 2 1/4, 3 1/4. Odds: 12.00, 3.00, 2.00.

Also Ran: Tartlette (GB), Lady Anner (Ire), Getawiggleon (Fr), Amma Grace (Ire). Scratched: Insinuendo (Ire).

Unplaced in three previous tries at black-type and with just a sole win in a Cork maiden last July to her name, Too Soon To Panic did not hold obvious claims entering this but upped her game with a career-best. Last seen finishing a place behind the card's Listed Vintage Tipple S. winner Mighty Blue (Fr) (Authorized {Ire}) when seventh in the 12-furlong Listed Noblesse S. at Cork Apr. 3, the bay was dropping back in trip as that mare went up further in distance. In front initially before accepting a lead from French Fusion, she was back on the lead two out and stayed on strongly as Empress Josephine tried to peg her back.

"She deserved that," rider Chris Hayes commented. "They kept her in training this season with the hope of getting black-type and to try and find a race like that. She's a valuable asset now and has her job done, so I don't know what Fozzy will want to do. It was a brave call and good placing."

The dam Scream Blue Murder was a smart sprinter for this stable, winning the G3 Phoenix Sprint S. and Listed Kilvington Fillies' S. and her first three foals have all made their presence felt in black-type company. The first Wargrave (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) was twice listed-placed in this country, while her 3-year-old full-sister Ahandfulofsummers (Ire)--who was fifth in the Listed Cheshire Oaks earlier in the afternoon--was runner-up in last year's G3 Flame of Tara S. The dam, whose three black-type runners are headed by the multiple South African group-winning Gibraltar Blue (Ire) (Rock of Gibraltar {Ire}), also has the unraced 2-year-old colt John the Baptist (Ire) (Caravaggio) and yearling colt Run Ran Run (Ire) (No Nay Never). **Click for the Racing Post result**.

IRISH STALLION FARMS EBF VINTAGE TIPPLE S.-Listed, €47,500, Gowran, 5-5, 4yo/up, f/m, 14fT, 3:07.14, yl.

1--**MIGHTY BLUE (FR), 128, m, 5, Authorized (Ire)--Millionaia (Ire) (G1SP-Fr, $167,619), by Peintre Celebre**. **1ST BLACK TYPE WIN.** (€55,000 3yo '19 ARQDE). O-Capel Street Syndicate; B-Dayton Investments Limited (FR); T-Joseph O'Brien; J-Dylan McMonagle. €28,500. Lifetime Record: GSP-Ire, 18-3-2-3, $100,365.

2--**Lismore (Ire)**, 128, f, 4, Zoffany (Ire)--Tecla (Ire), by Whipper. (60,000gns RNA HRA '20 TATMA). O-Sonia Rogers; B-Airlie Stud & Mrs S M Rogers (IRE); T-Henry de Bromhead. €9,500.

3--**Yaxeni (Fr)**, 128, f, 4, Maxios (GB)--Kithonia (Fr), by Sadler's Wells. (€8,000 Ylg '18 GOFFEB). O-SBA Racing Limited; B-Famille Niarchos (FR); T-Ger Lyons. €4,750.

Margins: 7HF, HD, HF. Odds: 6.00, 66.00, 6.00.

Also Ran: Princess Zoe (Ger), Barrington Court (Ire), Tashi (Ire), Zawara (Ire), Flor de La Luna (GB), Traisha (Ire).

Initially with Henri-Francois Devin, Mighty Blue gained her first black-type when third in the two-mile G3 Loughbrown S. at The Curragh in September and after a spell hurdling which featured a third in a Grade 2 at the Cheltenham festival was sixth in the 12-furlong Listed Noblesse S. at Cork Apr. 3. Always happy tracking the pace-setters Yaxeni and Lismore here, the bay was sent past that duo once straightening for home and drew away to record a commanding first black-type success.

"She's a good tough filly. She's been on the go all year, she ran well at Cheltenham and ran a nice race at Cork where the ground was probably a bit quick for her," the trainer's assistant Brendan Powell said. "I think the ground is the key to her, she loves soft ground. I'd say Joseph will give her a holiday when she needs it, but she's not showing any signs of it at the moment, definitely not today anyway."

The dam was a talented individual for the Wildenstein family, finishing runner-up in the G1 Prix de Diane. Her dam Moonlight Dance (Alysheba) captured the G1 Prix Saint-Alary and also produced Fencing Master (GB) (Oratorio {Ire}) who was second in the G1 Dewhurst S. Millionaia, who also threw the Listed Prix Belle de Nuit scorer Modern Eagle (Ger) (Montjeu {Ire}) who in turn is the dam of the dual listed-placed Masterpiece (Fr) (Mastercraftsman {Ire}) also has the unraced 3-year-old colt King's Commander (Fr) (Authorized {Ire}) and 2-year-old colt Surrey Knight (Fr) (Le Havre {Ire}). **Click for the Racing Post result**.

2nd-Gowran, €12,000, Mdn, 5-5, 3yo/up, 8fT, 1:44.90, yl. **AGRIMONY (GB) (c, 3, Pivotal {GB}--Adjudicate {GB}, by Dansili {GB})**, second to Ballydoyle's Wordsworth (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) in a 10-furlong Curragh maiden Apr. 17, raced up with Emporio (Ire) (Zoffany {Ire}) on the lead from the outset. Getting the better of that rival from the furlong pole, the 5-6 favourite asserted to score by 3/4 of a length. "He's a lovely horse with a beautiful temperament--he's laid-back and this probably a bit shorter than what we wanted," trainer Joseph Murphy said. "The next venture is the [G3] Gallinule [at The Curragh May 23], then possibly the [G1 Irish] Derby [at The Curragh June 26] but we also have the option of the [G1 Irish 2000] Guineas [at The Curragh May 22] as well if the ground is soft." The dam is an unraced full-sister to the G2 Chairman's H. winner Permit (GB) from the family of the champion Xaar (GB). Her 2-year-old filly is by Iffraaj (GB), while she also has a yearling daughter of Muhaarar (GB). Sales history: 57,000gns Wlg '18 TATFOA; €80,000 Ylg '19 GOFOR. Lifetime Record: 3-1-2-0, $14,543. O-T. Egan; B-Chasemore Farm & Dr P Sells (GB); T-Joseph G Murphy.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Texas Moon (Ire), g, 3, **Dawn Approach (Ire)**--Amusing Plan, by Pleasantly Perfect. Gowran, 5-5, 7fT, 1:31.38. B-Oghill House Stud Ltd & J Burke (IRE). *€4,000 Ylg '19 TIRSEP. **1/2 to Tiz Plan (Tiznow), SW-Kor, $864,844; and Street Moxie (Street Sense), SP-US, $192,456.

Tejano (Ire), f, 4, **Teofilo (Ire)**--Country Music (GB), by Street Cry (Ire). Gowran, 5-5, 9f 100yT, 2:09.32. Lifetime Record: 8-1-0-1, $12,541. B-Godolphin (IRE). *€12,000 3yo '20 GOFNOV.

WINNERS BY EUROPEAN SIRES

IN HONG KONG:

Exuberant (Aus), g, 3, **Free Eagle (Ire)**. See *'TDNAusNZ Insert'*

ASIA

Wednesday's Result:

KASHIWA KINEN-Listed (Jpn-G1), 119,000,000, Funabashi, 5-5, 4yo/up, 1600m, 1:39.30, yl.

1--**CASINO FOUNTAIN (JPN), 126, h, 5, Casino Drive**
1st Dam: Gina Fontaine (Jpn) (MSW-Jpn, $1,872,307), by Best Tie Up (Jpn)
2nd Dam: Jupiter Girl (Jpn), by Park Regent
3rd Dam: Dyna Shawl (Jpn), by Dictus (Fr)
O-Kosei Yoshihashi; B-Noboribetsu Uemizu Farm (Jpn); T-Takayuki Yamashita; J-Akira Harita. ¥70,000,000. Lifetime Record: G1SP-Jpn, 21-12-1-1.

2--**Soliste Thunder (Jpn)**, 126, h, 6, Toby's Corner-Love So Sweet (Jpn), by Special Week (Jpn). O-Minoru Murakami; B-Murata Farm (Jpn); ¥24,500,000.

3--**Inti (Jpn)**, 126, h, 7, Came Home--Kitty (Jpn), by Northern Afleet. O-Shigeo Takeda; B-Kiyoshige Yamashita (Jpn); ¥14,000,000.

Margins: NO, 1HF, 4. Odds: 2.60, 11.00, 7.70. **VIDEO.**

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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 Dalgleish	Callum Rodriguez	126
7	Sonnyboyliston (Ire)	Power (GB)	Kildare Racing Club	J. P. Murtagh	Ben Coen	126
8	Withhold (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

Friday, Chester, post time: 14.15

THE MELODI MEDIA HUXLEY S. (CLASS 1) (GROUP 2)-G2, £100,000, 10f 70y

SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Armory (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Mrs John Magnier,Mr M.Tabor & Mr D.Smith	Aidan O'Brien	Ryan Moore	127
2	Bangkok (Ire)	Australia (GB)	King Power Racing Co Ltd	Andrew Balding	Silvestre De Sousa	127
3	Palavecino (Fr)	Cacique (Ire)	ARAAM	Brian Meehan	Martin Dwyer	127
4	Sangarius (GB)	Kingman (GB)	Juddmonte	Sir Michael Stoute	Richard Kingscote	127
5	Bharani Star (Ger)	Sea The Stars (Ire)	Fairlawns Racing Ltd	Peter Chapple-Hyam	Andrea Atzeni	124

Breeders: 1-Coolmore, 2-Barronstown Stud, 3-Stiftung Gestut Fahrhof, 4-Juddmonte Farms Ltd, 5-Lars-Wilhelm Baumgarten

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HIGH DEMAND FOR WEANLINGS SET TO TEST MARKET SUPPLY

Sebastian Hutch | *Bronwen Healy*

By Bren O'Brien

The enthusiasm of the market ahead of 2021's first major foal offering at the Inglis Weanling Sale at Riverside Stables in Sydney on Thursday is so strong that Inglis believes it may not be able to fully meet the demand of buyers.

The yearling market in 2021 has set records at almost every stop, with confidence returning to the market as Australia's economy bounces back from a COVID-19 imposed downturn with considerable vigour.

Those who did chance their arm in the weanling market in 2020 with a view to pinhooking this year have been very well-rewarded by such a buoyant yearling market and that should give them confidence to invest well during this year's weanling sales.

What that adds up to is a huge appetite for foals, not only for those looking to trade but those looking to retain to race and/or breed, and that appetite has been on display in the high level of inspections on the grounds this week, according to Inglis General Manager Bloodstock Sales and Marketing, Sebastian Hutch.

"If the volume of inspections is anything to go by, the enthusiasm is very high. There are a lot of people around the complex and there is a great appetite for foals on the evidence of what people are saying. That's coming from traders or end users, and there seems to be a real confidence in the market," he said.

With such a strong response, Inglis is uncertain that a catalogue of 268 will be enough to service the market's needs, and Hutch expects the demand for quality stock to be particularly competitive.

"It's obviously a relatively small catalogue, but everybody is here. There are plenty of interstate visitors, there are a number of visitors from New Zealand, and this is the first time they have had an opportunity to come over here and inspect foals for over 18 months," he said. "I'd love to be able to have a catalogue with more good foals in it, because the appetite for the good foals here has been strong. They have been really well-found, and I think the demand for those good foals is going to be very strong.

"It does feel on the evidence that we have seen, and in terms of the expectations we have had over the past few days, that demand might exceed supply."

Buyers with Money to Spend

Hutch sees the major contributor to that burst in demand for weanlings being driven by the strength of the yearling market, where those who did invest in foals in 2020 were well-rewarded, while those who didn't are eager to get themselves involved.

"There have been some fantastic pinhooking results at all levels throughout the year. Additionally, this sale has produced a host of good racehorses over the years, so it's been encouraging to see some end users out here looking as well," he said. "What a strong yearling market does do is give those looking to invest with a view to trading in the yearling market in 2022 a level of confidence that only a strong market can bring. The yearling sales this year have been very encouraging. There is no disguising that horses in this country are comparatively expensive to breed, but the fact the market is so lucrative, gives people confidence who are looking to invest. There are breeders and pinhookers with money in their pockets from this year's yearling sales."

Emerging Stallions Create New Dynamic

The rise to prominence of a host of younger stallions in recent months is also ensuring interest in stock by untried or emerging stallions is creating plenty of interest.

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Of particular interest at the sale will be the first crops of high-profile stallions such as Coolmore US Triple Crown winner **Justify (USA)** who is represented by four weanlings and Widden Stud's four-time Group 1 winner **Trapeze Artist**, who has a colt and a filly in the catalogue.

There is also the progeny of Aquis's **Brave Smash (Jpn)**, who has five in the catalogue, Darley's **Harry Angel (Ire)**, who has six, including a half-brother to multiple South African Grade 1-winner Rumya (Red Ransom {USA}), and Widden's **Written By**, who has four fillies and two colts on offer.

Other freshmen represented include Coolmore's **Mendelssohn** (USA) (six) and **Saxon Warrior (Jpn)** (four), Aquis's **Santos** (five), **Lean Mean Machine** (three) and **Performer** (three), Eureka Stud's **Encryption** (one) and Kooringal Stud's **Prized Icon** (one).

But Hutch said the success of those stallions which have had their first crops to the track this season, such as Capitalist, Flying Artie and Extreme Choice, also bodes well for the stallions whose second crops will be represented at this year's weanling sales, given the potential upside.

"There will be people looking at horses like **Merchant Navy**, **Russian Revolution**, **Caravaggio**, **Churchill**, **Pariah** and **Impending** and thinking if some of those horses can make the impression that their predecessors in 2021 have done, there is massive scope for upside with their offspring," he said.

"Timing is a crucial thing. There are some really good **Hellbent** weanlings in the sale and he's a horse that people are excited about. And come the first of February next year, you might have his first-crop offspring on the Golden Slipper trail or he might have 2-year-olds making a good impression.

"All of a sudden, weanlings that were bought here in May might look exceptionally good value when they come to the Classic, Premier and Easter Sale next year."

A True Market

What Hutch does expect, given the volume of interest and potential investment, is that it will end up being a very true market, with vendors looking to sell.

The weanling aspect of the Inglis breeding sales generally returned a strong clearance in recent years. While last year's sale was heavily COVID-19 impacted in terms of both format and timing, resulting in a clearance rate of 78%, prior to that, the clearance rate in 2019 was 85%, while in 2018 it was 94% and 2017, 87%.

"Vendors are quite pragmatic about weanlings, but particularly people bringing weanlings to sales where there are so many buyers there. You really do establish a fair value for horses at this point in time," he said. "There is so much money in the market that when you put your horse in the ring, it is going to make what it is going to make, because there is so many people to buy it.

"I also think there are some good foals here that people would be entitled to protect if they aren't getting their money. I wouldn't be critical of any breeders that have invested their money and time in producing a good-quality animal, and doing that. But it really does feel like it will be a really fair and true marketplace on Day 1."

AUSTRALIAN-BRED WINNERS

IN HONG KONG:

Harmony Fire, g, 3, **Brazen Beau**--Ms Mazetti, by Lonhro. Happy Valley, 5-5, Hcp. (C4) *($166k)*, 1000m, :56.74. B-Three Bridges Thoroughbreds, Three Bridges Thoroughbreds, D Hore-Lacy, A Hore-Lacy (Vic). *$25,000 Wlg '18 INGJUN; $200,000 Ylg '19 INGFEB. **VIDEO**

Exuberant, g, 3, **Free Eagle (Ire)**--Coablo, by Vettori (Ire). Happy Valley, 5-5, Hcp. (C4) *($166k)*, 1200m, 1:09.63. B-Cornerstone Stud Farm Pty Ltd (SA). *Formerly Furinkazan. **1/2 to Arabian Gold (Dubawi {Ire}), MGSW & G1SP-Aus, $998,355. ***$38,000 Wlg '18 INGJUN; $80,000 Ylg '19 INGMAR. ****Second Hong Kong winner for sire. **VIDEO**

Majestic Star, g, 3, **I Am Invincible**--Oasis Bloom, by Al Maher. Happy Valley, 5-5, Hcp. (C3) *($249k)*, 1200m, 1:09.55. B-Saconi Thoroughbreds, Bing Ong, Alex Zagami (Vic). *Formerly Efflorescence. **$510,000 Ylg '19 INGEAS. **VIDEO**

McLucky, g, 4, **Snitzel**--McHappy, by Rory's Jester. Happy Valley, 5-5, Hcp (C3). *($249k)*, 1200m, 1:09.37. B-Shiekh Mohammed bin Khalifa al Maktoum (Vic). *Formerly Killin. **1/2 to Glad (NZ) (Pins), SW & GSP-NZ. ***GSP-NZ. ****$340,000 Ylg '18 INGEAS. **VIDEO**

Handsome Bo Bo, g, 6, **Helmet**--Sadler's Girl (Fr), by Sadler's Wells. Happy Valley, 5-5, Hcp. (C2) *($366k)*, 1200m, 1:08.66. B-Oakland Park Stud (WA). *$120,000 Ylg '16 INGFEB; $240,000 2yo '16 INGRTR. **VIDEO**

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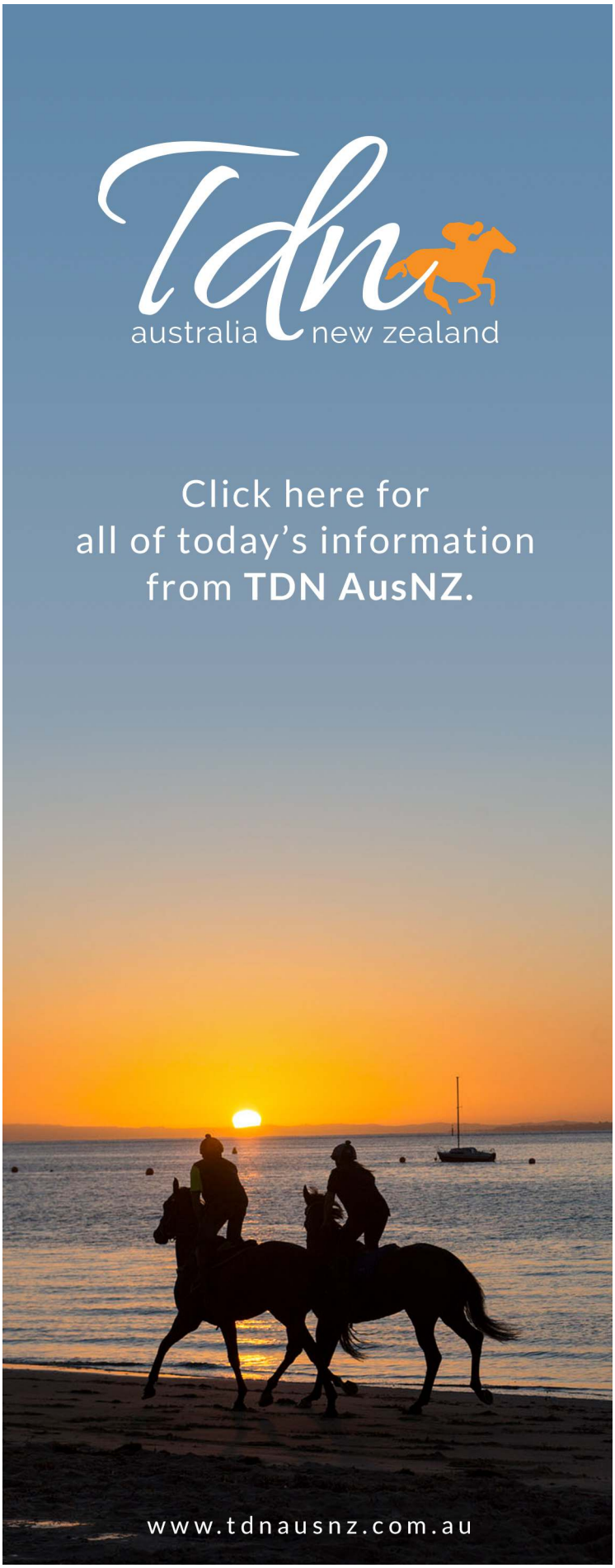
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	G3 Chairman's H.	Doomben
	G1 The Goodwood	Morphettville
	G3 David Coles AM S.	Morphettville
	G3 Proud Miss S.	Morphettville
	G3 R A Lee S.	Morphettville
	G3 SA Fillies Classic	Morphettville
	G3 Roma Cup	Ascot
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	G3 BRC Sprint	Doomben