



MALIBU MOON PASSES AWAY



Malibu Moon | *Spendthrift*

Spendthrift Farm's foundation stallion **Malibu Moon** (A.P. Indy--Macoumba, by Mr. Prospector) passed away Tuesday in his paddock at the Lexington farm he has called home for the past 13 years. The 24-year-old, who was still in active stud duty, died of an apparent heart attack.

"It's a sad day for us. This is our first loss of this kind. It's tough," said Spendthrift owner & president, Eric Gustavson. "You really develop a love for these beautiful, majestic animals. Even with **Into Mischief** taking over the mantle as 'top stallion' at the farm, **Malibu Moon** has always been 'the man' among our stallions. It can't be overstated how important he has been to the development of our farm. To say he will be missed just doesn't cover it. It's hard to imagine Spendthrift Farm without **Malibu Moon**."

Bred and raced by Spendthrift owner B. Wayne Hughes, **Malibu Moon** made just two starts as a juvenile for trainer Melvin Stute. Second on debut at the now defunct Hollywood Park in April of 1999, he rallied to an impressive victory going five panels at that oval a month later and was subsequently retired.

Malibu Moon began his stallion career the following year at the Pons family's Country Life Farm in Maryland for an introductory fee of \$3,000. In 2004, he was relocated to Castleton Lyons as property of that operation, Hughes and Country Life and his fee was increased to \$10,000. **Cont. p3**

STRONG BIDDING FROM START TO FINISH AT RECORD-SETTING MIDLANTIC SALE

by *Jessica Martini*

TIMONIUM, MD - After surviving the uncertainties of a pandemic-delayed 2020 renewal, the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic 2-Year-Olds in Training Sale returned to its traditional May slot with a record-setting two days in Timonium. The auction concluded Tuesday with its highest-ever gross, average and median.

"It was huge. It was crazy good," Midlantic Sales Director Paget Bennett said Tuesday evening. "People wanted horses and they fought to the end to get them. Even in the supplement, we still had a lot of strong results."

Through two sessions, Fasig-Tipton sold 357 juveniles for a total of \$33,692,000, bettering the previous record of \$29,374,000 set in 2019. The average was \$94,375, up 4.7% from the 2019 previous record figure of \$90,104. The median of \$50,000 bettered the mark of \$45,000 set in 2015.

The 2020 renewal, which was held in June due to the pandemic, 303 horses sold for \$23,572,500. The average was \$77,797 and the median was \$40,000.

With 69 horses reported not sold, the buy-back for the two-day sale was a sparkling 16.2%.

The auction's co-highest colt in history sold Monday when Terry Finley's West Point Thoroughbreds paid \$1.5 million for a son of **Quality Road**. Vicki and Mike McGowan's Xtreme Racing Stables purchased the top lot of Tuesday's session, going to \$625,000 to acquire a daughter of **Tapit** from the de Meric Sales consignment.

"It was a great market," Tristan de Meric said. "It's been solid. It seems like it's carried on from the [OBS] April sale. It's good to see some strength in the market at all levels."

While the juvenile sales muddled through the pandemic-plagued season a year ago, the demand for horses has come roaring back in 2021. **Cont. p5**

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Thanks to the exploits of his son Declan's Moon, who was named champion juvenile colt in 2004, **Malibu Moon's** fee was increased to \$30,000 in 2005 and \$40,000 in 2007. In 2008, Hughes brought **Malibu Moon** home to Spendthrift, which he had just finished renovating, and he was the farm's kingpin stallion until the meteoric rise of **Into Mischief**. The son of G1SW Macoumba stood the 2021 season, his 22nd season at stud, for \$35,000.

"Malibu Moon did so many things for so many people," said Ned Toffey, Spendthrift general manager. "Our partners, Castleton Lyons and the Pons family, were so instrumental in helping develop his career and he rewarded them, and us, handsomely for it. He has truly been the horse of a lifetime."

Malibu Moon is currently responsible for 126 black-type winners and 51 graded winners, 17 of which were Grade I scorers. His progeny excelled at a variety of distances and surfaces. In addition to his Eclipse winner Declan's Moon, some of the stallion's other standout runners include GI Kentucky Derby hero **Orb**; dual Grade I winner and fellow Spendthrift stallion **Gormley**; three-time Grade I scorer Devil May Care; and MGISW Moonshine Memories.

"Malibu Moon--'Boo Boo' to me--will be sadly missed by all of us at Spendthrift. Personally, the 18 years I had the pleasure to care and work with **Malibu Moon** have been a journey I believe we both enjoyed immensely. He was most definitely the boss, I just followed his lead," said Spendthrift stallion manager Wayne Howard, who moved to Spendthrift from Castleton Lyon with **Malibu Moon**.

Gormley is one of three sons of **Malibu Moon** currently standing in Kentucky. SW & MGISP Mr. Z and two-time Grade I-winning sprinter Ransom the Moon are both located at Calumet Farm. **Cont. p4**

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Hip 424

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Orb started his stallion career at Claiborne, but was recently relocated to South America. However, Orb was represented by a Derby runner this year in fifth-place finisher O Besos.

Malibu Moon is also the broodmare sire of horses such as champion Stellar Wind and Grade I winners Girvin, By the Moon, Bellafina and recent Preakness-G1 runner-up Midnight Bourbon.

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FT Midlantic cont. from p1



Hip 492 | Fasig-Tipton photo

“We really didn't know what to think coming into this year, to be honest,” de Meric said. “We were expecting it to be better than 2020, but we didn't think it was going to be this much better. It's really been an outstanding year.”

Spendthrift Farm's Ned Toffey felt the record-setting energy in the Midlantic sales pavilion this week.

“This pavilion has been jam packed,” Toffey said. “I think it's been great. It kind of feels like there is this Covid rebound. People just want to get out. They have been cooped up and if they want to spend their money on a horse, I think it's a good thing.”

Tapit Filly for McGowens

Trainer Mac Robertson, bidding on behalf of Vicki and Mike McGowan's Xtreme Racing Stables, purchased a daughter of Tapit out of Grade I winner Gomo (Uncle Mo) (hip 492) for a session-topping \$625,000 Tuesday in Timonium. The filly was consigned by De Meric Sales.

“I thought she was the best filly in the sale,” Robertson said after signing the ticket out back. “Mike and Vicki are looking for really good fillies. And I thought she had the best breeze (:10 1/5) and she's out of a Grade I horse by a sire that everybody

wants. It made sense to me. We went a little more than we wanted, but the sale is strong.”

Based in Minnesota, the McGowans have been in racing for about six years now. They have been represented on the track by this year's Gazebo S. winner Sir Wellington, who they purchased for \$55,000 at last year's Midlantic 2-Year-Olds in Training sale.

Hip 492 was bred by Bridlewood Farm, which purchased Gomo for \$1.5 million at the 2017 Fasig-Tipton November sale. The juvenile RNA'd for \$475,000 at this year's Fasig-Tipton Gulfstream sale after working a furlong in :10 2/5.

“She was a standout from day one,” said Tristan De Meric. “Unfortunately, we didn't get the job done in Miami, but she did everything right here. She even shaved a tick off her time from Miami. She just got better and better.”

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Patience Pays off for Brennan

When Niall Brennan brought a son of first-crop sire **Practical Joke** into the Midlantic sale, he knew the youngster would not be among the fastest horses at the under-tack show, but the Irishman was hoping buyers would see all the potential he saw in the colt. Brennan, who purchased the colt for \$85,000 at last

year's Keeneland September sale, was rewarded when Spendthrift Farm's Ned Toffey saw off a determined Chuck Zacney to acquire **hip 314** for \$490,000 Tuesday in Timonium.

"We really loved the sire and when we were looking at the yearling sales, they were popular and they were selling really well," Brennan said. "But this guy just seemed to fall through the cracks. He was average-sized and maybe just a little bit more of a plainer model, I guess."

Brennan's team knew the colt would improve over the winter, but they were surprised by just how much he moved forward.



Hip 314 | Fasig-Tipton photo

"We thought he would fit the pinhook model really well because we thought he would improve and furnish out nicely," Brennan said. "And it turned out he grew an awful lot and that's why we had to point him to Maryland."

The colt worked a furlong during last week's under-tack preview in :10 3/5.

"This horse hasn't had a lot of breezes," Brennan said. "He only started breezing five or six weeks ago and we brought him along slowly. His breeze here was the first time he was asked to run and he worked in :10 3/5, but he galloped out beautifully. I am glad people looked at that because he's a tremendous horse."

Hip 314 is out of April Snow (**Candy Ride {Arg}**), a half-sister to multiple Grade I winner Harmonius (Dynaformer) and to the dam of graded winner Into Chocolate (**Into Mischief**).

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“This filly breezed incredibly quick here and she galloped out big. The New York status was just an added bonus. She could have been foaled on the moon and we would have bought her. She is a beautiful filly. She’ll go to Todd [Pletcher] and we’ll keep our fingers crossed.” Jacob West

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“The sire is pulling him right now, but he has a very nice pedigree and he's a beautiful-moving horse with a great profile,” Brennan said. “We think he has a great future. He's not a 'now' horse and he's a big growthy colt who needed time. Sometimes when you are patient and you give them that time, it pays off.”

Spendthrift's Ned Toffey saw a lot of the colt's grandsire, the farm's super sire **Into Mischief**, in the youngster.

“Obviously we are familiar with his grandsire,” Toffey said. “He's a big, athletic colt who had a really good breeze. Niall does a great job of not really putting the screws to these horses too much, so we felt like what we were buying, there was still more there. And that's certainly what we hope.”

Of the offspring of the much-hyped first-crop sire **Practical Joke**, Toffey said, “They do remind me of the Into Mischiefs. He's maybe putting more size on a lot of his. This is a big, strong colt. But they have certainly shown the same ability based on what we're seeing so far. A lot of these are performing really well at the 2-year-old sales, so hopefully that will continue.”



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SESSION TOTALS	2021
• Catalogued	303
• No. Offered	216
• No. Sold	187
• RNAs	29
• % RNAs	13.4%
• No. \$500K+	1
• High Price	\$625,000
• Gross	\$17,865,500
• Average (% change)	\$95,537
• Median (% change)	\$50,000

CUMULATIVE	2021
• Catalogued	587
• No. Offered	426
• No. Sold	357
• RNAs	69
• % RNAs	16.2%
• No. \$500K+	4
• High Price	\$1,500,000
• Gross	\$33,692,000
• Average (% change)	\$94,375
• Median (% change)	\$50,000



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 Purchaser: Solis/Litt

FASIG-TIPTON MIDLANTIC SALE TUESDAY'S TOP COLTS

HIP	SIRE DAM	PRICE (\$)
314	Practical Joke --April Snow (\$85,000 yrl '20 KEESEP) Breeder: Glen View Oaks (Ky) Consignor: Niall Brennan Stables, Agent I Purchaser: Spendthrift Farm LLC	490,000
417	Gormley --D D Renegade (\$49,000 RNA yrl '20 EASOCT) Breeder: Candyland Farm (MD) Consignor: Chris Seale (Bird in Hand Stables) Purchaser: Mayberry Farm	450,000
416	Gun Runner --Day of Victory (\$190,000 RNA 2yo '21 FTFMAR; \$240,000 RNA yrl '20 KEESEP) Breeder: Lakland Farm (Ky) Consignor: Sequel Bloodstock, agent Purchaser: Lael Stable	400,000
512	Classic Empire --Hit the Limit (\$160,000 yrl '20 FTKSEL; \$120,000 wnl '19 KEENOV)	400,000

TUESDAY'S TOP FILLIES

HIP	SIRE DAM	PRICE (\$)
492	Tapit --Gomo (\$475,000 RNA 2yo '21 FTFMAR) Breeder: Bridlewood Farm (Fl) Consignor: De Meric Sales, agent Purchaser: Xtreme Racing Stables, LLC	625,000
295	Union Rags --Afleet Lass (\$20,000 yrl '20 KEESEP) Breeder: Gainesway Thoroughbreds (Ky) Consignor: Tom McCrocklin, agent Purchaser: Alex & Jo Ann Lieblong	400,000
406	Uncle Mo --Corby (\$150,000 yrl '20 FTKSEL) Breeder: Ghost Hollow Farms (Ky) Consignor: De Meric Sales, agent Purchaser: Jonathan Thomas, agent	400,000
515	Palace --Honky Tonk Angel (\$8,000 yrl '20 FTKFEB) Breeder: Shalom Farm & Ramon Martinez (Ky) Consignor: Top Line Sales, LLC, Agent VII Purchaser: A C Elliott, Agent for Amo Racing USA	360,000

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#1 INTO MISCHIEF
 2021 FEE \$225,000 | 44 WINNERS

#2 TAPITURE
 2021 FEE \$10,000 | 34 WINNERS

#3 DIALED IN
 2021 FEE \$15,000 | 31 WINNERS



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Gormley Stays Hot in Timonium



Hip 417 | Fasig-Tipton photo

Juveniles by first-crop sire **Gormley** continued to be popular in the sales ring in Timonium Tuesday with bloodstock agent David Ingordo going to \$450,000 to secure a son of the Spendthrift stallion (hip 417). The colt was consigned by Chris Seale's Bird in Hand Stables.

"He is going out to John Sherriffs in California," Ingordo said. "He will run in some familiar silks."

Sherriffs trained **Gormley** to wins in the 2016 GI FrontRunner S. and 2017 GI Santa Anita Derby.

"John trained **Gormley** and we very much like the sire," Ingordo said. "This colt had class and presence about him the whole time. He was well-prepared by the consignor. He was really the one that I had been waiting around to buy."

Bred by Candyland Farm, the bay colt RNA'd for \$49,000 at last year's Fasig-Tipton Midlantic October sale. The Maryland-bred is a half-brother to stakes-placed Jamaican Don (Freedom Child).

Gormley has already been represented by two winners on the racetrack. His son Headline Report, who sold with Eddie Woods for \$550,000 at the OBS March Sale, graduated on debut at Keeneland Apr. 23.

"Gormley was a very good horse," Ingordo said. "He maybe got lost a little in the shuffle and hype after he went to stud because of **Practical Joke** and **Classic Empire**. But he was a very good horse in his own right. We were very fond of him and lucky to support him. The one Eddie Woods sold that is already a winner was a beautiful colt and I'd rate this one as highly as that one. I have high hopes for him."

Gormley, who stands at Spendthrift for \$5,000, was represented by a \$425,000 colt in Timonium Monday.

"He is carrying on the tradition," said Spendthrift's Ned Toffey. "The Gormleys have been pretty impressive. We've been hearing great things from breeders right along. They have a lot

of style to them. They have that substance that **Malibu Moon** always threw, but maybe just a little bit more refined. They look like athletes. He is two for three now with his 2-year-olds. So he's off to a great start. We couldn't ask for anything more."

All Well That Ends Well for Hartley/DeRenzo

For consignors Randy Hartley and Dean DeRenzo, getting their colt by **Classic Empire** (hip 512) to the sales this spring proved to be an adventure from start to finish, but the story had a happy ending when the dark bay sold for \$400,000 to the bid of bloodstock agents Alex Solis and Jason Litt.

"I had him for Miami and he had a little shin, so I had to give him some time and take care of his shins and he lost a couple of months," Hartley said.

The colt's work during last week's under-tack preview was impeded when the saddle slipped under Susan Montanye.

"He was a little green and then the saddle slipped with Susan," Hartley said. "I couldn't see from the backside what happened. I could see her standing up, but I really couldn't see until she came around the turn and she was hanging off the side of the horse."

Despite the mishap, the colt, who Hartley/DeRenzo purchased for \$160,000 at last year's Fasig-Tipton Selected Yearling Showcase, completed his furlong drill in :10 2/5.

"He's been my favorite horse all winter and if he had gotten the workout right, who knows," Hartley said. "He is just a beautiful horse, classy and so smart. He just got here and all of the commotion didn't bother him. He's just a cool horse."

Hartley continued, "That's the first one they ever bought off us, so hopefully it will be lucky. They got a good buy on the colt, to be honest. Hopefully he can run and they'll be back buying off us again next year."



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Fast Start for Sterling Thoroughbreds



Carlos & Sarah Estrada | Fasig-Tipton

Carlos Estrada and Sarah Estrada-Brok are consigning 2-year-olds under the Sterling Thoroughbreds for the first time this year and safe to say the new venture is off to a promising start. The couple sold a colt by **Brody's Cause** (hip 370), purchased last fall for \$6,000, for \$290,000 to Larry Zap, as agent for Mike Mellen.

"We bought him out of Fasig-Tipton Kentucky October sale," Sarah Estrada recalled. "I was at home and my husband said, 'Come look at this horse with me.' I came out and looked at him and I said, 'All right, let's do it.'"

Of what appealed to him about the colt, Carlos Estrada said, "He had great balance with a big walk. I fell in love with him. I said, 'I want to have him.' He RNA'd at the sale and I bought him privately after that."

The chestnut colt is out of Candy d'Oro (Johannesburg), a half-sister to graded placed Julia Tuttle (Giant's Causeway), dam of Grade I winner Tom's D'Etat (Smart Strike).

"There were a few little baby issues on the X-rays, but we knew it was something we could work with and he would grow out of mostly and he did," Sarah said of the colt's bargain price last fall. "He was just about squeaky clean here."

The chestnut colt turned in a furlong work in **:10 2/5**, but the Estradas were keeping their expectations in check.

"Coming in we were thinking \$40,000," Sarah admitted. "So he beyond exceeded our expectations. The first two days we didn't get much traffic through there. Then after the Preakness, people started showing up and more and more of the right people showed up to look at him. We were excited, but we still weren't thinking almost \$300,000."

The final price was a highwater mark in the young couple's consigning career. Asked what it was like to watch the colt sell, Sarah said, "I think my heart stopped for a minute."

As for what their future plans are, Sarah said, "Definitely more

pinhooking. This was kind of a test this year to see how we did and clearly we did all right. We have five yearlings to sell at the yearling sales and we will see if we can pick one or two yearlings up and take them to the 2-year-old sales."

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Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (\$)
292	colt	Practical Joke	Abundanceofcaution	270,000

Consigned by Scanlon Training & Sales,
Agent for Excel Bloodstock (Bruno De Berdt)
Purchased by Glenn Bennett/LC Racing LLC

Bruno De Berdt purchased this colt for \$150,000 at last year's Keeneland September sale

295	filly	Union Rags	Afleet Lass	400,000
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Consigned by Tom McCrocklin, agent
Purchased by Alex and Jo Ann Lieblong

Tom McCrocklin purchased this filly for \$20,000 from the Gainesway consignment at last year's Keeneland September sale. The bay filly shared the quarter-mile bullet of **:21 2/5**.

332	filly	Frosted	Baffling	220,000
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Consigned by Tom McCrocklin, agent
Purchased by Ryzan Sun Racing

Sam Aguiar signed for this filly for \$75,000 at last year's Keeneland September sale.

354	filly	Classic Empire	Blazing Whip	155,000
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Consigned by Crane Thoroughbred Services LLC, agent
Purchased by Shepherd Equine Advisers, Agent for Larry Hirsch
Clovis Crane purchased this filly on behalf of the Keep the Boll Rolling partnership for \$32,000 at last year's Keeneland September sale.

369	colt	Violence	Cambiata	150,000
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Consigned by Golden Rock Thoroughbred, agent
Purchased by BSW/Crow

Javier Arellano signed the ticket to acquire this colt for \$22,000 at last year's Keeneland September sale.

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376 filly Liam's Map Cave Creeker 220,000

Consigned by De Meric Sales, agent
Purchased by Michael Maker

David Davila's Backstretch Farms purchased this filly for \$49,000 at last year's OBS Winter Sale.

388 filly War Front Claire de Lune (Ire) 200,000

Consigned by Julie Davies LLC, agent
Purchased by Joe Hardoon, agent

Walmac Farm purchased this filly for \$85,000 at last year's Keeneland September sale.

406 filly Uncle Mo Corby 400,000

Consigned by De Meric Sales, agent
Purchased by Jonathan Thomas

De Meric Sales acquired this filly for \$150,000 at last year's Fasig-Tipton Selected Yearlings Showcase.

524 colt Nyquist In It for the Gold 310,000

Consigned by Wavertree Stables, Inc. (Ciaran Dunne), Agent V
Purchased by ATR Club/Sobhy Sonbol, agent

BRD Racing purchased this colt for \$60,000 at last year's Keeneland September sale. He worked a co-bullet furlong in :10 flat.

535 filly Nyquist Jooma 280,000

Consigned by Paul Sharp, Agent I
Purchased by Mike Mellen

Paul Sharp acquired this filly for \$87,000 at last year's OBS October sale.

550 colt Empire Maker Lady Pewitt 250,000

Consigned by De Meric Sales, agent
Purchased by Narvick International

Danny Pate purchased this youngster, a half-brother to champion Jaywalk (**Cross Traffic**), for just \$40,000 at last year's Fasig-Tipton October sale.

LOOKING FOR A MAYO MIRACLE

by Katie Ritz



Click here for our visit with Joe Trawitzki and his filly Mayo Miracle

Joe Trawitzki is a trainer's dream.

As an owner, he takes the bad news with the good, he always puts the horse first and, of course, he shows up at the barn with two dozen doughnuts in tow.

But while Joe is eagerly anticipating the debut of his 2-year-old filly this year, he's not sure if he will have the opportunity to see her reach the starting gate.

On May 21 2020, the Wisconsin native went to the hospital for what he thought was a simple gallbladder surgery, but in the operating room, the doctors discovered that his liver was riddled with cancer.

"They weren't sure where the cancer came from, but they knew it was advanced and they knew it was stage four," Joe explained. "This was during COVID, so I spent the night by myself in the hospital afterwards. The next morning, we met with a local oncologist and she's a wonderful person, very up-front, and I asked her if she were me, what would she do. She said, 'I would take the next six months and prepare to die.'"

In Joe's mind, that wasn't a good option. He and his wife Alyssa were newlyweds and Joe wanted more time to be a husband, so he gave up his law practice and started chemotherapy.

"It was really weird because you think, 'What am I going to do with myself for the next couple months, years or whatever time I have left?' You've got to find something to focus on or else you just sit and look at the walls and drive yourself crazy."

With no job to keep himself otherwise distracted, Joe turned to the sport he fell in love with as a child.

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Looking for a Mayo Miracle cont.

Joe and Alyssa pose in the sales ring at Keeneland on their wedding day. “It’s a very, very special place,” Joe said of the Lexington track. | photo courtesy Joe Trawitzki

“My grandmother and aunt took me to Arlington when I was five,” he recalled. “They told me to pick out either a name or a number to bet, and at the end of the day they gave me two one-dollar bills. I thought I was rich. From there I was hooked.”

Since then, Joe has been checking off items on his horse racing bucket list. First he attended the Kentucky Derby, then he got himself a claimer and eventually he joined a few partnerships.

“One thing leads to another and the next thing you know, you have 10 horses at the track and it just kind of grows out of control,” he admitted with a laugh.

One of his favorite racing moments was when one of his syndicates had the opportunity to run at Royal Ascot.

“I had been dating Alyssa for about six months and I asked her if she would like to go to London. She was like, ‘In a year?’ And I said, ‘No, in three weeks.’ I hadn’t even met her parents yet. So she thought I was crazy, but we got to Ascot and she loved it. We had the best weekend ever.”

Their filly, Thora Barber (GB) {Rip Van Winkle (Ire)}, ran sixth in the 2016 Chesham S.

“We were the first race, so we were in the paddock as the Queen came by in her carriage,” Joe remembered. “This was Alyssa’s first time at a track so I had to explain to her that not every time was going to be like this. When I went to place my bet, I forgot about the conversion from pounds to dollars and I had to run to the ATM. It was a mess, but it was a lot of fun.”

That event helped Alyssa fall in love with racing too, and the couple got married at Keeneland three years ago.

When Joe received the diagnosis last year, he was able to get into the Mayo Clinic in Arizona. There they discovered that Joe was living with pancreatic adenocarcinoma.

“You look at the stats of pancreatic cancer and it’s not good,” Joe said. “But when we met with each of the doctors at the Mayo Clinic I would say, ‘We’re from Wisconsin and we’re looking for a Mayo miracle. While meeting with the third or fourth doctor, we started talking about horses and I told him we were going to buy a horse and we were going to name it Mayo Miracle.”

He decided to venture out from under the umbrella of racing partnerships to go out and find Mayo Miracle on his own. Remembering a [TDN article](#) on Cherie DeVaux, he reached out to the up-and-coming trainer.

“She had one quote I’ll never forget. She said, ‘I’ll always be truthful with my owners,’” Joe said. “At that point, I’m trying to transition to where Alyssa can take over the racing if she wants to stay in it, so I wanted to hook her up with someone we could trust. I called Cherie and she told me that not all horses are racehorses, so she wasn’t going to let me waste money to pay my bills if they couldn’t run.”

So off they all went to the Keeneland September Sale. There Joe learned that DeVaux’s husband was bloodstock agent David Ingordo. But even with Ingordo and DeVaux both scouring the sales ground, they walked away empty handed.

“The difficulty was that David’s standards are so high and he usually is getting a bit higher clientele than us, but to his credit, he would not adjust his eye and he would not accept any faults,” Joe said. “He was looking for the perfect horse for us, but the problem was we couldn’t afford the perfect horse. When we walked away from the sale the look on David’s face was so hurt. He was so ashamed and sorry he couldn’t buy us a horse, but I told him it was part of the game, the prices were high and I had learned a lot.”



Joe at his first Keeneland September Sale. “I didn’t know a lot, but I knew enough to be dangerous,” he said afterwards. | photo courtesy Joe Trawitzki

DeVaux and Ingordo put their heads together afterwards and then reached out to Joe to ask if he might be willing to form a 50-50 partnership with them.

“I was just in awe because we had just met, you know, and with where they’re at in the industry, it was a real honor to partner with them,” Joe said.

So with an upgraded budget, DeVaux and Ingordo attended the Fasig-Tipton October Sale and landed on an **Astern (Aus)** yearling out of Short Squeeze (Lemon Drop Kid). The filly’s dam was a half-sister to graded stakes winners Last Gunfighter (**First Samurai**) and Tiger Moth (**Street Sense**).

Their \$65,000 purchase was sent to Mayberry Farm in Ocala for her early training and arrived at DeVaux’s barn at Keeneland last month.

“She’s been pretty straightforward,” DeVaux reported. “She’s a cool, calm customer, she doesn’t do anything wrong and she is learning her job as a racehorse pretty well. With all my 2-year-olds we give them as much time as they need, but hopefully by the middle to end of summer, she’ll be getting to the races.”

When Joe explained his thoughts on a name for the filly, the idea resonated with DeVaux.

“When Joe first came to visit the filly, he was telling me how important it was for him to get his message out in naming this filly to pay respect to the Mayo Clinic and bring awareness to pancreatic cancer,” DeVaux said. “My older sister actually had pancreatic cancer 20-plus years ago and she survived, which is a very rare instance in this type of cancer.”

“Talking to Cherie, with the stories we share, it’s like this horse is just meant to be the Mayo miracle,” Joe added. “When you think about it, we’re looking for a Mayo miracle, we’re looking for hope for me, but this horse is so much more. We hope she continues to grow, win some races, and that we have a lot of fun with her.”

As Joe nears the one-year mark since his diagnosis, as well as six months past the time frame doctors originally gave him to live, he is busy planning for Mayo Miracle’s first start.

“One of our goals with Mayo Miracle is that we want her to be a party horse,” he said. “If we can get all my friends to the track to watch, maybe it brings in a few more fans to the industry. Who knows where it’s going to go? Whatever this horse is for other people, that’s wonderful. Hopefully she is successful. Worst case scenario, we bought a horse and had some fun.”

Joe said that he and Alyssa are making plans to design Mayo Miracle’s silks to display a purple cancer ribbon. A significant amount of her earnings will go towards both **cancer research at Mayo Clinic**, as well as the **Hope Fund at Mayo Clinic**, a fund set aside for those who cannot afford travel costs and medical fees associated with treatment at the medical center.

Joe also credits his home hospital in Green Bay for what they’ve done for him, joking that his next horse will be raced in their honor and named ‘Ain’t Dead Yet.’

“I guess the things you learn suffering with pancreatic cancer is that everyone is different, don’t pay attention to the odds and you have to win the day,” he said. “Whatever today brings, you have to do something positive, whether that means just getting to the kitchen to eat dinner or getting to the track to watch your horse, you have to win that day.”

He continued, “For the people in the support system of someone with cancer, the thing you want them to know is that if

you’re there in the beginning, stay with me until the end. People say, ‘I’ve got your back’ or, ‘You’re going to fight this,’ and yeah, we’re going to do it, but we need to do it together.”

Under DeVaux’s watchful eye, Mayo Miracle is now starting to put in her first breezes at Keeneland.

“I really want this filly to be something special for Joe and Alyssa,” DeVaux said. “It’s too early right now to tell her level of ability. This filly has a purpose as a racehorse, but she also has a purpose for spreading a message

and a story. If somebody is following this and it helps them in some way, maybe they’re going through the same thing Joe is going through, they can have a connection with something other than an illness.”

In a text Joe sent to DeVaux on his way home from visiting Mayo Miracle last month at Keeneland, he reflected on what the journey with this filly has meant to him already.

“It’s crazy because the idea behind Mayo Miracle was just a saying to the doctors that turned into the thought of getting a party horse that friends could enjoy and it could become something to keep me positive, distract from the negative and provide hope that this cancer is survivable so I can watch this horse and buy others. I really am not sure what this horse will mean to others or how she will perform on the track, but I hope it will be fun and that I am here to see it.”



Born and raised in Wisconsin, Joe is also an avid Green Bay Packers fan. | *photo courtesy Joe Trawitzki*

MALATHAAT POINTING FOR CCA OAKS

Undefeated 'TDN Rising Star' Malathaat (Curlin) will make her next start in Saratoga's GI CCA Oaks July 24 instead of the June 5 GI Belmont S., which was initially under consideration following her Apr. 30 GI Kentucky Oaks victory. The long-range goal for the regally bred filly is the Breeders' Cup in November at Del Mar.

"Todd [Pletcher] and I have talked and have elected to bypass the Belmont," Shadwell's Rick Nichols said. "She is a little light right now because she is still growing into the frame that she has. We want to give her a nice break and hopefully put some weight on her." He continued, "We will point her toward the CCA Oaks at Saratoga, which is 12 weeks from the Kentucky Oaks. Then we will aim for the [GI] Alabama [Aug. 21 at Saratoga], which is the main target, four weeks later. Then we will be able to give her a nice 10-week breather and head toward the Breeders' Cup."

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WITH WHIP BAN IN PLACE, SHOWDOWN LOOMS AT MONMOUTH

by Bill Finley

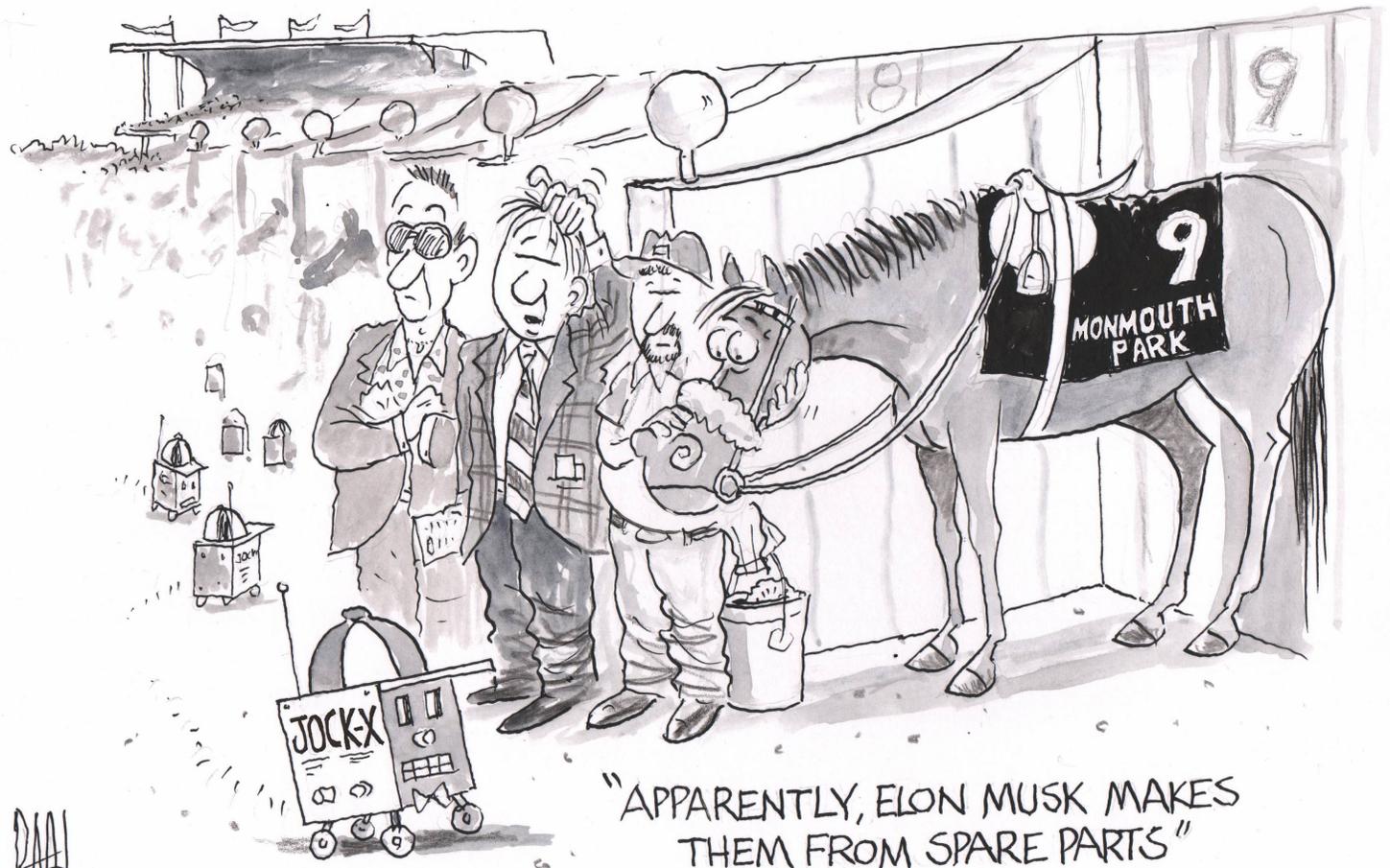
With 10 days to go before opening day at Monmouth Park, preparations are being made to kick off the 53-day meet that begins May 28. Track officials are ready to go and so are the trainers and about 1,100 horses already stabled at the seaside track.

But who will ride the horses?

That question remained up in the air Tuesday. The New Jersey Racing Commission has passed regulations that will go into effect on opening day that will prevent jockeys from using their whips, except for cases when there are safety concerns. Several jockeys, including 13-time leading rider Joe Bravo, have said that because of the whip ban, they will not be riding this meet at Monmouth. They are concerned that the new rule will create potentially dangerous situations during the running of races.

"I can't believe it has come this far," Bravo said. "They're trying to put us in a situation where we will not be safe. I won't be riding."

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Whip Ban cont.

Joe Bravo | Sarah Andrew

Bravo said he was also concerned about the penalties in place for whip infractions. For the first offense, there will be a fine of \$500 plus a five-day suspension and the penalties will increase with each subsequent offense.

"That can get very expensive very quickly," he said.

Paco Lopez, last year's leading rider, had made earlier plans to ride in Florida at Gulfstream Park opening weekend. His agent Cory Moran said Lopez has not decided what to do after the first few days of racing, but added that he "plans to stick with his fellow riders."

Though some jockeys have yet to make their intentions known, it appears fairly certain that a number of regular riders will be missing come opening day. Under existing labor laws, the jockeys are not permitted to stage an organized boycott. However, any jockey can simply decide to spend their summer riding at another track.

Through the Jockeys' Guild, efforts have been made to have the commission reconsider the rule change, but the issue is not scheduled to come up until a commission meeting this summer, after Monmouth has opened. There doesn't appear to be any avenue to have the rules changed before the opening weekend.

Management is convinced there will be no problem finding enough riders to fill out a card.

"We will have plenty of riders," said a racing official, who estimated at least 15 jockeys will be available on opening day. The list includes Ferrin Peterson, last year's second leading rider. According to the *Asbury Park Press*, Tomas Mejia is also planning to ride at the meet.

In 1988, jockeys went on strike at Aqueduct over riding fees, but there was no disruption of racing. Some of the lesser riders on the circuit crossed the picket line to ride and so did a number of riders from out of town. Monmouth has, outside of Belmont

Park, the best purses in the Northeast, which may prove irresistible to some jockeys struggling to earn a living.

Meanwhile, Monmouth management is caught in the middle.

"I support the jockeys," said Dennis Drazin, chairman and CEO of Darby Development LLC, which operates Monmouth Park. "I'm most concerned about their safety and welfare and I think we need to do everything possible to make sure that they are safe and to prevent injuries."

Yet, Drazin understands that the track cannot afford to lose any racing dates and he warned the jockeys that if they stage an organized boycott or accept mounts and then refuse to ride, they will face a suspension by the racing commission.

"The safety of the jockeys at our racetrack should always come first, but I have no power to change this," Drazin said. "I can't pick up the phone and make this go away. It is our regulator that adopted this rule."

Drazin said his biggest concern is that bettors will shy away from Monmouth because the races might prove to be less predictable because jockeys will no longer be allowed to use their whips as a tool to encourage their mounts.

"The whales I have talked to said, 'Look, this is going to hurt your handle,'" Drazin said. "They say they support Monmouth, but they're wondering how do you bet a closer in race where the jockeys can't hit them? It concerns me to some extent that the bettors feel this way."

At least one big bettor who is a regular Monmouth player said the whip rule will have no impact on his total wagering.

"It doesn't bother me because it's 50-50," said Anthony Altamonte. "Do some horses need it more than others? Probably. But it will even out in the end. The whip also hinders some horses. Sometimes it's noticeable that when you hit a horse they will run out. Some horses don't like it. To me, this won't make any difference. It won't affect my gambling."

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WEST VIRGINIA ADVANCES MODEL RULES DESPITE RELUCTANCE

By T.D. Thornton

In an effort to play catch-up with other racing jurisdictions in the mid-Atlantic region that have already adopted or are in the process of implementing model rules regarding medication abuse and stepped-up penalty scales, the West Virginia Racing Commission (WVRC) voted to send four proposals backed by the Association of Racing Commissioners International (ARCI) out for a 30-day public commentary period during the board's May 18 meeting.

But when the WVRC meets again to vote on whether to adopt those rules at a yet-to-be-scheduled date, commission chairman Ken Lowe, Jr. said during Tuesday's tele-meeting he won't

support the system of fines included within some of those ARCI model rules because he believes they are too onerous for West Virginia trainers to bear.

Lowe was specifically referencing an ARCI model rule that eliminates a previous multi-tiered penalty system for non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug violations and replaces it with a minimum fine of \$1,000 (absent mitigating circumstances), then scales upward for repeat violators by escalating the fine amounts and adding license suspensions.

The WVRC also advanced ARCI model rules that regulate clenbuterol usage, intra-articular injections, and the adoption of the most current Uniform Classification Guidelines for Foreign Substances list (the state currently abides by an outdated version of that list).

"I'm looking at the mid-Atlantic region--Virginia, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Pennsylvania, Maryland and us," Lowe said. "And we're the only state that's yet to adopt these rules. I want to tell you, I have been to each one of those racetracks. I have raced [as an owner] at most of those racetracks.... As much as I know [West Virginia] is similar, we are still different in some aspects, [and] everything is not the same here as it is there. It is not just the [six-furlong track at Charles Town]. There's more to it than that...."

"I can listen to what California wants and what New York wants and what Kentucky says. But one size doesn't always fit all. So you're going to hear me on occasion--and you've heard me say--I can't agree with this [and] I'm going to continue to hold that position. [So] I think we have to be very careful what we agree to.

"I'm going to give you a couple of comments from commissioner Ken Lowe, okay?" the chairman said, referring to himself in the third person. "Number one, in my opinion, is we don't want to be an outlier. I understand that. But at the same time...I can't agree to do something just because everyone else has. I'm not geared that way.... If it's best for everybody, I'll go along with it. But I just can't let something happen that's not fair to the West Virginia horsemen at Mountaineer or Charles Town...."

"I agree with the threshold idea. I really do. But on the other hand...the thousand-dollar [penalty] to a trainer in New York, Maryland, New Jersey, Delaware is a whole lot less than a thousand dollars to a trainer in West Virginia. Big difference. Big, big, big difference. I can't agree to these amounts of money," Lowe said.

"We can put it out there now and see what comments come back," Lowe said prior to calling for a vote. "But I can tell you first thing I will do is probably slice all of those amounts, right off the top."

Neither of the other two commissioners--J.B. Akers or Tony

Figaretti--chose to address the subject, although both voted in favor of advancing the proposal to the public commentary phase.

It was unclear how or if Lowe voted because he did not appear to cast an audible voice vote. After the two other commissioners voted yes, Lowe asked if there was any opposition, then said, "Hearing none, the motion passes."

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GFS ROUND TABLE--PART 3



by Clodagh Kavanagh

The 2020-2022 Godolphin Flying Start trainees have been tasked to use their knowledge and creativity to come up with proposals for a new look U.S. Graded Stakes Program for 3-year-olds.

Today we have Ireland's Tom Murphy, Ireland's Brigitte Murphy and Australia's Angus Robertson who will be focusing on 3-year-old turf races. [Click here](#) or on the above play button to watch.

The last remaining round table discussion will be published in TDN May 21.

Please send feedback and suggestions to the trainees via Kate Hardy at khardy@godolphinFlyingstart.com.

All feedback will be correlated and responded to by the trainees in the TDN next week.

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AUTHENTIC, MIDNIGHT BISOU TO BE ADDED TO MONMOUTH'S HALL OF CHAMPIONS

Authentic (*Into Mischief*), the 2020 Horse of the Year who won the GI TVG.com Haskell S. as a prelude to victories in the GI Kentucky Derby and GI Breeders' Cup Classic, and champion **Midnight Bisou** (*Midnight Lute*), who won the Gill Molly Pitcher S. at Monmouth in 2019, will join Monmouth Park's Hall of Champions when the track kicks off its 76th season of live racing Friday, May 28.

Monmouth Park's Hall of Champions was established in 1986 and is located on the track's first floor Grandstand with banners representing the various owners' silks.

Authentic and Midnight Bisou bring the total of horses honored in the Hall of Champions to 67. Of those, 30 are enshrined in the National Museum of Racing Hall of Fame, including 2015 Triple Crown champion and Haskell winner **American Pharoah**.

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Leading 2021 Turf Sires by Black-Type Horses

for stallions standing in North America through Monday, May 17

Earnings represent worldwide figures, stud fees listed are 2021 fees.

Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	Into Mischief (2005) by Harlan's Holiday	6	11	1	4	--	1	105	28	190,000	1,992,247
	Crops: 10			Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY				Fee: \$225,000		Man of Promise	
2	English Channel (2002) by Smart Strike	5	10	5	9	1	2	98	23	419,230	2,031,185
	Crops: 11			Stands: Calumet Farm KY				Fee: \$27,500		Channel Cat	
3	War Front (2002) by Danzig	3	8	2	5	1	1	92	22	711,659	1,878,799
	Crops: 12			Stands: Claiborne Farm KY				Fee: \$150,000		Homesman	
4	City Zip (1998) by Carson City	1	6	1	1	--	--	55	11	206,100	870,215
	Crops: 15			Stands: Lane's End Farm USA (Dead/Ret)						Fast Boat	
5	American Pharoah (2012) by Pioneerof the Nile	2	6	1	3	--	--	93	15	82,500	820,412
	Crops: 3			Stands: Ashford Stud KY				Fee: \$100,000		Harvey's Lil Goil	
6	Medaglia d'Oro (1999) by El Prado (Ire)	1	5	1	3	1	1	90	18	3,249,117	4,412,949
	Crops: 14			Stands: Darley KY				Fee: \$150,000		Golden Sixty (Aus)	
7	Kitten's Joy (2001) by El Prado (Ire)	3	5	1	3	--	--	148	29	325,794	1,544,942
	Crops: 13			Stands: Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa KY				Fee: \$60,000		Gendarme	
8	More Than Ready (1997) by Southern Halo	2	5	2	2	1	1	96	17	309,000	1,523,952
	Crops: 18			Stands: WinStar Farm KY				Fee: \$65,000		Hit the Road	
9	Temple City (2005) by Dynaformer	1	5	1	3	--	--	68	18	356,500	1,075,099
	Crops: 8			Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY				Fee: \$5,000		Du Jour	
10	Candy Ride (Arg) (1999) by Ride the Rails	3	5	2	4	--	1	50	11	130,640	865,648
	Crops: 14			Stands: Lane's End Farm KY				Fee: \$75,000		Ride a Comet	
11	Tapit (2001) by Pulpit	--	5	--	2	--	--	70	11	63,000	596,137
	Crops: 14			Stands: Gainesway Farm KY				Fee: \$185,000		Tapwater	
12	Scat Daddy (2004) by Johannesburg	2	5	2	4	--	--	44	8	120,000	546,073
	Crops: 8			Stands: Ashford Stud USA (Dead/Ret)						Anotherwistafate	
13	Speightstown (1998) by Gone West	--	4	--	2	--	--	74	14	220,404	1,009,203
	Crops: 14			Stands: WinStar Farm KY				Fee: \$90,000		Detroit Tesoro	
14	Street Boss (2004) by Street Cry (Ire)	3	4	--	1	--	1	56	16	172,464	911,827
	Crops: 10			Stands: Darley KY				Fee: \$15,000		Colosseo	
15	Twirling Candy (2007) by Candy Ride (Arg)	--	4	--	2	--	--	71	20	99,450	848,489
	Crops: 7			Stands: Lane's End Farm KY				Fee: \$40,000		Gear Jockey	

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Anchor Down (Tapit), Gainesway Farm, \$5,000
90 foals of racing age/17 winners/0 black-type winners
9-Parx Racing, Msw 7f, Run White Rabbit, 8-5
\$50,000 KEE JAN wnl; \$97,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$10,000 OBS APR
2yo

Big Blue Kitten (Kitten's Joy), Calumet Farm, \$5,000
74 foals of racing age/8 winners/0 black-type winners
5-Evangeline Downs, Msw 1mT, Mairsils First, 12-1
\$1,200 KEE SEP yrl

California Chrome (Lucky Pulpit), Arrow Stud, private
196 foals of racing age/28 winners/0 black-type winners
5-Evangeline Downs, Msw 1mT, California Katie, 12-1
\$95,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$12,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; \$30,000 OBS
OPN 2yo

Exaggerator (Curlin), WinStar Farm, \$15,000
249 foals of racing age/35 winners/0 black-type winners
5-Evangeline Downs, Msw 1mT, Sweet Jackieleigh, 8-1
\$40,000 KEE SEP yrl

Majestic Harbor (Rockport Harbor), Harris Farms, \$2,500
27 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners
8-Indiana Grand, \$75K Sagamore Sired S., 5 1/2f, Manuelito,
20-1
\$3,800 IND MIX yrl
7-Indiana Grand, \$75K Swifty Sired Fillies S., 5 1/2f, Pearl Tiara,
8-1

Outwork (Uncle Mo), WinStar Farm, \$15,000
211 foals of racing age/28 winners/3 black-type winners
9-Parx Racing, Msw 7f, Kodapendent, 3-1
\$27,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$24,000 RNA FTK OCT yrl; \$27,000 RNA
EAS MAY 2yo

Runhappy (Super Saver), Claiborne Farm, \$10,000
199 foals of racing age/26 winners/1 black-type winner



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4-Indiana Grand, Msw 6f, Runpat, 8-5
\$200,000 KEE SEP yrl

Sahara Sky (Pleasant Tap), Indy Dancers Training Center
9 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
6-Indiana Grand, Msw 6f, Can't Say Elly Mae, 12-1
6-Indiana Grand, Msw 6f, Sacred Sky, 10-1
8-Indiana Grand, \$75K Sagamore Sired S., 5 1/2f, Sky Judge, 12-1

Speightster (Speightstown), WinStar Farm, \$10,000
228 foals of racing age/33 winners/2 black-type winners
3-Finger Lakes, Msw 5f, Aurannian, 6-1
\$42,000 SAR AUG yrl; \$80,000 EAS MAY 2yo

Taprize (Tapit), R Star Stallions, \$2,500
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10th-Parx Racing, \$61,882, 5-18, 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:03.53, ft, 1 length.

ADMIRAL ABE (g, 5, Midshipman--Precious Penny, by Harlan's Holiday) Lifetime Record: SP, 22-8-2-3, \$299,590. O-Stefcon Racing; B-White Diamond Inc. & Five Ring Stables (PA); T-Robert Mosco.

9th-Parx Racing, \$45,500, 5-18, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 7f, 1:22.46, ft, 2 1/4 lengths.

STAR SIGN (g, 5, Verrazano--Path of Thunder {SW, \$246,170}, by Thunder Gulch) Lifetime Record: 21-5-5-5, \$171,150. O-Jack J. Armstrong; B-Chelston (KY); T-Robert Mosco. *1/2 to Excited (Giant's Causeway), GSW, \$244,796.

5th-Prairie Meadows, \$41,046, (S), 5-17, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10.52, sy, 8 lengths.

SUGAR SHACK QUEEN (f, 4, Shackleford--Vitae, by Awesome Again) Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-0, \$59,107. O-Spooky Business Stable LLC & Colby Birzer; B-Asiel Stable, LLC (IA); T-Bonnie Birzer. *\$7,000 4yo '21 FTKFEB.



8th-Indiana Grand, \$36,500, (S), 5-17, (NW3L), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m (off turf), 1:40.67, sy, 3 1/4 lengths.

WELLINGTON WONDER (f, 4, Warrior's Reward--Wellington Avenue, by Street Cry {Ire}) Lifetime Record: SW, 10-3-3-1, \$144,347. O/B-Swifty Farms Inc. (IN); T-Kim Hammond. *\$25,000 Ylg '18 FTKOCT; \$65,000 3yo '20 KEENOV.



6th-Prairie Meadows, \$33,831, 5-17, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10.00, sy, 1 1/4 lengths.

NO SHIRT NO SHOES (g, 4, Shackleford--Fair Warning, by Dixie Union) Lifetime Record: 11-3-0-3, \$114,288. O-James Reisinger; B-Kim & Rodney Nardelli (KY); T-Doug L. Anderson. *\$4,000 RNA Wlg '17 KEENOV; \$25,000 Ylg '18 FTKOCT.

8th-Indiana Grand, \$32,500, 5-18, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 1m (off turf), 1:38.76, ft, 9 lengths.

CONTACT TRACING (g, 3, Itsmyluckyday--Gatorize {SP, \$154,152}, by Exploit) Lifetime Record: 7-2-2-1, \$41,900. O-Pamela Brickley Hann; B-Gessler Racing, LLC (KY); T-Anthony F. Cunningham.

5th-Hastings Racecourse, C\$28,800, 5-17, 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:16.56, ft, 1 1/2 lengths.

FIVE STAR GENERAL (h, 5, Distorted Humor--Party of Interest, by Bernardini) Lifetime Record: GSW, 14-6-2-2, \$280,979. O-North American Thoroughbred Horse Company; B-WinStar Farm, LLC (KY); T-Glen Todd. *\$235,000 RNA Ylg '17 KESEEP; \$180,000 3yo '19 FTKHRA.



9th-Will Rogers Downs, \$25,080, (S), 5-17, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:04.80, ft, 1 length.

DIXIFIED (f, 3, Read the Footnotes--Tickleyourfancy {SW, \$184,429}, by Forest Camp) Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-0, \$44,360. O-Michael Grossman; B-Eureka Thoroughbred Farm (OK); T-Francisco Bravo.

5th-Louisiana Downs, \$25,000, (S), 5-17, (NW4L), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11.64, sy, 2 lengths.

NUN OF OURS (f, 4, Half Ours--Ihavemyeyeonyou, by Crafty Prospector) Lifetime Record: 11-4-2-1, \$68,360. O-Patricia M. & Kevin B. Fontenot; B-Coulee Croche Thor., LLC (LA); T-Shane Wilson. *\$12,000 Ylg '18 TTAMIX.

6th-Louisiana Downs, \$23,440, Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 5-18, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:09.78, ft, 8 1/4 lengths.

MOCITO ROJO (h, 7, Mutadda--Blushing Royale, by Orientate) Lifetime Record: MGSW, 36-19-3-3, \$869,063. O-Wayne T. Davis; B-Paul Van & Andrena Van Doren (KY); T-Shane Wilson.

9th-Will Rogers Downs, \$22,154, 5-18, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:36.76, ft, 2 1/4 lengths.

MUNNYCANTBUYMELOVE (g, 5, Munnings--Adios Caballero, by El Prado {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 31-5-4-6, \$84,967. O/T-Steve F. Williams; B-Okoboji Racing & Steeple Hill (IA).

4th-Fanduel Sportsbook And Horse Racing, \$21,000, (S), (NW2L)/Opt. Clm (\$10,000), 5-18, 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:05.29, sy, 2 lengths.

W W SCOUT'S HONOR (g, 3, Ghaaleb--Honor Graeme, by Graeme Hall) Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$25,800. O/B-William Stiritz (IL); T-Scott Becker.

6th-Louisiana Downs, \$20,600, 5-17, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, :n/a, my, 1 length.

ONEROLLOFTHEDICE (f, 3, Dialed In--Ramblin Rosie, by Roar) Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$29,400. O-Wayne T. Davis; B-Morris B. Floyd & Gary Layman (KY); T-Shane Wilson. *\$30,000 Ylg '19 FTKJUL.

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3rd-Louisiana Downs, \$20,000, 5-18, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:04.12, ft, 6 3/4 lengths.

EMERALD FOREST (c, 3, Gemologist--Papa's Forest, by Forestry) Lifetime Record: 8-2-2-0, \$52,870. O-Wayne T. Davis; B-Barry & Joni Butzow (KY); T-Shane Wilson.

3rd-Mountaineer Casino & Resort, \$19,594, 5-17, (NW3LX), 3yo/up, 7 1/2f, 1:28.65, fm, 4 lengths.

SURF AND TURF (g, 5, Kitten's Joy--First in Time, by Broken Vow) Lifetime Record: GSP, 15-3-1-2, \$85,889. O-Roger Chappell; B-Kenneth L. & Sarah K. Ramsey (KY); T-Jake S. Radosevich. *\$35,000 RNA Ylg '17 KEESEP; \$225,000 2yo '18 OBSAPR; \$25,000 RNA 4yo '20 KEEHRA.

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Remember Me First, f, 3, Deputy Storm--Finally Remembered, by Red Bullet. Indiana Grand, 5-18, (S), 6f, 1:13.03. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$21,000. B-Connie Pass, John Eubank, Pennie Ricketts & Chuck Harmon (IN). *\$6,000 2yo '20 INDMIX. **1ST-TIME STARTER.

Northern Diamond, f, 3, Munnings--Morediamondsplease, by More Than Ready. Prairie Meadows, 5-17, 6f, 1:10.69. Lifetime Record: 10-1-3-2, \$57,610. B-BHMFR, LLC (KY). *\$22,000 RNA Ylg '19 KEESEP; \$85,000 RNA 2yo '20 OBSOPN.

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Nosbor, g, 3, Native Ruler--Union Creek, by Dixie Union. Prairie Meadows, 5-17, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:05.64. Lifetime Record: 5-1-2-0, \$39,440. B-Dream Farm LLC (IA).

Knicks Front, c, 3, Outwork--Pretty Miss Trippi (SP, \$300,014), by Trippi. Indiana Grand, 5-18, 5f (off turf), :58.43. Lifetime Record: 5-1-0-0, \$20,464. B-Machmer Hall (KY). *\$150,000 Ylg

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Ranch Badge, g, 3, Proudinsky (Ger)--Ms Aldebaran, by Aldebaran. Louisiana Downs, 5-17, (S), 1m 70y (off turf), 1:45.03. Lifetime Record: 5-1-2-0, \$30,450. B-Jones Alto Colorado Ranch, LLC (LA).

Graydawn Day, f, 4, Graydar--Afleet Lover (SP, \$104,471), by Northern Afleet. Will Rogers Downs, 5-18, 5 1/2f, 1:04.96. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$13,428. B-Wynnstay LLC & H. Allen Poindexter (KY). *\$11,000 Wlg '17 KEENOV. **1/2 to Afleet Destiny (**Hard Spun**), GSP, \$249,230.

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Smack Attack, g, 4, Into Mischief--Smack Madam, by Victory Gallop. Will Rogers Downs, 5-17, 5 1/2f, 1:05.51. Lifetime Record: 11-1-1-2, \$27,990. B-Dream Walkin' Farms, Inc. (KY). *1/2 to Smack Ridge (Cactus Ridge), SW, \$409,374; Sonny Smack (Successful Appeal), SP, \$215,550; Smack Smack (Closing Argument), GSW, \$986,419.

Lemon Roses, f, 4, Lemon Drop Kid--Superb in Roses, by Giant's Causeway. Indiana Grand, 5-18, 1m 70y, 1:45.65. Lifetime Record: 9-1-1-2, \$38,204. B-Nagako Fujita (KY). *\$3,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP.

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Sister's Ghost, m, 5, **Ghostzapper**--Sister to the Nth, by Ecton Park. Indiana Grand, 5-18, 5f (off turf), :58.47. Lifetime Record: 9-1-1-0, \$33,151. B-Mr. & Mrs. R. J. Winkler & Mr. & Mrs. Al Mazzetti (KY).

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Distorted Humor, Five Star General, h, 5, o/o Party of Interest, by **Bernardini**. ALW, 5-17, Hastings

Gemologist, Emerald Forest, c, 3, o/o Papa's Forest, by Forestry. ALW, 5-18, Louisiana Downs

Ghaaleb, W W Scout's Honor, g, 3, o/o Honor Graeme, by Graeme Hall. AOC, 5-18, Fanduel Sportsbook And Horse Racing

Ghostzapper, Sister's Ghost, m, 5, o/o Sister to the Nth, by Ecton Park. MSW, 5-18, Indiana Grand

Graydar, Graydawn Day, f, 4, o/o Afleet Lover, by Northern Afleet. MSW, 5-18, Will Rogers

Half Ours, Nun of Ours, f, 4, o/o Ihavemyeyeyou, by Crafty Prospector. ALW, 5-17, Louisiana Downs

Into Mischief, Smack Attack, g, 4, o/o Smack Madam, by Victory Gallop. MSW, 5-17, Will Rogers

Itsmyluckyday, Contact Tracing, g, 3, o/o Gatorize, by Exploit. ALW, 5-18, Indiana Grand

Kitten's Joy, Surf and Turf, g, 5, o/o First in Time, by **Broken Vow**. ALW, 5-17, Mountaineer

Lemon Drop Kid, Lemon Roses, f, 4, o/o Superb in Roses, by Giant's Causeway. MSW, 5-18, Indiana Grand

Midshipman, Admiral Abe, g, 5, o/o Precious Penny, by Harlan's Holiday. ALW, 5-18, Parx Racing

Munnings, Munnycantbuymelove, g, 5, o/o Adios Caballero, by El Prado (Ire). ALW, 5-18, Will Rogers

Munnings, Northern Diamond, f, 3, o/o Morediamondsplease, by **More Than Ready**. MSW, 5-17, Prairie Meadows

Mutadda, Mocito Rojo, h, 7, o/o Blushing Royale, by Orientate. AOC, 5-18, Louisiana Downs

Native Ruler, Nosbor, g, 3, o/o Union Creek, by Dixie Union. MSW, 5-17, Prairie Meadows

Outwork, Knicks Front, c, 3, o/o Pretty Miss Trippi, by Trippi. MSW, 5-18, Indiana Grand

Proudinsky (Ger), Ranch Badge, g, 3, o/o Ms Aldebaran, by Aldebaran. MSW, 5-17, Louisiana Downs

Read the Footnotes, Dixiefied, f, 3, o/o Tickleyourfancy, by Forest Camp. ALW, 5-17, Will Rogers

Shackleford, No Shirt No Shoes, g, 4, o/o Fair Warning, by Dixie Union. ALW, 5-17, Prairie Meadows

Shackleford, Sugar Shack Queen, f, 4, o/o Vitae, by Awesome Again. ALW, 5-17, Prairie Meadows

Verrazano, Star Sign, g, 5, o/o Path of Thunder, by Thunder Gulch. ALW, 5-18, Parx Racing

Warrior's Reward, Wellington Wonder, f, 4, o/o Wellington Avenue, by Street Cry (Ire). ALW, 5-17, Indiana Grand

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Ballydoyle maestro Aidan O'Brien has eight still entered in the Derby
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Fifty years on from Mill Reef (Never Bend)'s victory in the Blue Riband at Epsom Downs, 29 horses have stood their ground after the latest scratching stage for the 2021 G1 Cazoo Derby on June 5.

There is, of course, a strong Irish presence in the Derby entries, with 14 horses coming over from the Emerald Isle. Aidan O'Brien, who is seeking a record-extending ninth victory in the 1 1/2-mile Classic, has an octet entered at this stage including current ante-post favourite **Bolshoi Ballet (Ire)** (**Galileo {Ire}**), the impressive six-length winner of the G3 Derrinstown Stud Derby Trial. One-time Derby favourite, G2 Beresford S. victor **High Definition (Ire)** (**Galileo {Ire}**) also enters after running third in the G2 Al Basti Equiworld Dubai Dante S. at York earlier this month. Others representing the Coolmore partners include French Group 1 winner **Van Gogh (American Pharoah)** and G3 Chester Vase S. second **Sandhurst (Ire)** (**Galileo {Ire}**).

Jim Bolger's **Mac Swiney (Ire)** (New Approach {Ire}), the 2020 G1 Vertem Futurity Trophy S. victor and Derrinstown Stud Derby Trial fourth, also stands his ground.

G3 Chester Vase scorer **Youth Spirit (Ire)** (**Camelot {GB}**) is doing well ahead of the Blue Riband. His best showing as a juvenile was a third in the G2 Veuve Clicquot Vintage S. and he was fourth in his seasonal opener—the Apr. 13 Listed bet365 Feilden S. at HQ. **Cont. p2**

SIBILA SPAIN A GROUP 1 FIRST FOR HEAD

By Emma Berry

The name Head appears multiple times in the winning trainer category on the Prix Saint-Alary roll of honour. Alec, Criquette and Freddy have all trained winners of the fillies' Group 1, and the latter also rode the winner, usually for his father or his sister, on seven occasions.

In the line-up for the 2021 running of the Saint-Alary next Monday is likely to be a filly trained by one of the next generation of the Head family, Christopher, a son of Freddy, who has taken the bold decision to supplement the unbeaten **Sibila Spain (Ire)** (**Frankel {GB}**) for her first outing in Pattern company, straight to the very top level.

Head is now in his second full season with a training licence and has his Chantilly team based in the stable still owned by John Hammond alongside the town's famous Les Aigles turf gallops. **Cont. p3**

IN TDN AMERICA TODAY

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G1 Cazoo Derby Entries Cont. from p1

Andrew Balding, the son of trainer Ian Balding who trained Mill Reef, said, “The Derby is still the plan for Youth Spirit. He seems fine after his run at Chester, he hasn’t done a lot since but he’s come out of the race well.

“The key thing to find out that day was whether he stayed the trip and he saw it out well. He’ll go there with no stamina doubts, which there will be about some of the field and that’s got to be to his advantage but it’s a much stronger race than the Chester Vase was so he’s got to up his game again.

“I don’t think that the track will faze him. He’s a very well balanced horse and he handled Chester well so he shouldn’t have a problem with Epsom Downs. He’s a different horse to [2020 Derby runner-up] Khalifa Sat, but both are very talented and if we can get the same result as last year with Youth Spirit we’d be delighted.

“It’s great for the owner [Ahmad Al Shaikh] to have another contender for the race. He’s a big supporter of racing and he’s got plenty of horses in training with many yards so it’s lovely for him to have another candidate for the Epsom Derby.

“It’s the most important race of the year for any Flat trainer I think and to have a horse good enough to run in it is an achievement in itself—anything else on the day would be a massive bonus.”

Godolphin currently has a quartet of Derby aspirants, among them the undefeated Dante winner **Hurricane Lane (Ire)** (**Frankel {GB}**), group winner and Group 1 placed **One Ruler (Ire)** (Dubawi {Ire}) and the group-placed **Adayar (Ire)** (**Frankel {GB}**).

Roger Varian fields listed winners **El Drama (Ire)** (Lope de Vega {Ire}) and **Third Realm (GB)** (Sea The Stars {Ire}), but the latter is more likely for the G1 Prix du Jockey Club on June 6.



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“We’re very pleased with Third Realm,” said the Newmarket handler. “He hasn’t put a foot wrong since Lingfield so he’s on course for the Derby and we hope he trains smoothly over the next fortnight or so.

“El Drama is on target for the French Derby. That has been the plan since Chester and remains the plan. We’re very happy with him as well.”

Group 1 winner **Gear Up (Ire)** (Teofilo {Ire}), a winner of the G1 Criterium de Saint-Cloud and fifth in the Dante, represents Mark Johnston. Richard Hannon will send G3 Betway Solario S. winner **Etonian (Ire)** (Olympic Glory {Ire}). Listed Newmarket S. winner **Mohaafeth (Ire)** (**Frankel {GB}**) steps forward for William Haggas. **Lone Eagle (Ire)** (**Galileo {Ire}**), successful in the G3 Zetland S. last October, is one of two for trainer Martyn Meade.

‘**TDN Rising Star**’ **John Leeper (Ire)** (**Frankel {GB}**) will also take part in the Epsom Classic. The Ed Dulop trainee broke his maiden at the second time of asking in a Newcastle novice on Apr. 30 and saluted in the Listed Betway Fairway S. at Newmarket on May 15. ([Click here](#) for a TDN video feature by Emma Berry).

The next confirmation stage is Monday, May 31st, while there is a final chance to enter with a supplementary fee of £63,750.

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Sibila Spain and Christopher Head Cont. from p1

That his team of around 14 horses enters the training grounds daily via the Porte Montjeu is an indication of at least one of the champions that has trodden that path before them, and it is not lost on Head.

He says, "Suave Dancer and a lot of very good horses that John trained have been in the same places and I hope it rubs off on this filly, too."

Sibila Spain is one of two horses in his stable owned by Leopoldo Fernandez Pujals of Yeguada Centurion. The Spanish businessman's equine interests began in the sport horse world with native Andalusians, but in recent years he has made quite a splash as an investor in Thoroughbred racing, notably spending more than \$3 million on mares at Keeneland's November Sale in 2019, as well as making significant purchases in Europe. One of those was the Coolmore-bred **Frankel** filly out of the listed winner L'Ancrese (Ire) (Darshaan {GB}), now known as Sibila Spain. She is a full-sister to Group 3 winner Master Of Reality (Ire) and half to listed winner Chamonix (Ire) (**Galileo {Ire}**), and her immediate family already includes a Saint-Alary winner--her dam's full-sister Cerulean Sky (Ire)--while the mare's half-sister Moonstone (Ire) (Dalakhani {Ire}) won the Irish Oaks.



Sibila Spain leaves her rivals trailing | Scoop Dyga

It is a pedigree which entitles both owner and trainer to dream big, and that is exactly what they are doing, though it is no pipe dream. Sibila Spain made her racecourse debut in the Prix Monade at Saint-Cloud on Mar. 25 in a race replete with bluebloods. At the winning post she was nine lengths clear of the runner-up. Three weeks later, the ground at Lyon Parilly was good to soft, rather than the heavy turf she encountered in Paris, but she finished out in front again over the 2,200 metres. In the process she did nothing to alter the impression that she is a filly just waiting to have her name stamped in bold black-type.

Cont. p4

IN TDN AUS/NZ TODAY

KING OF COMEDY TO NOVARA PARK

King of Comedy (Ire) (Kingman {GB}) will stand at Novara Park.
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Sibila Spain and Christopher Head Cont.

Head casts his mind back to his own early impressions of the filly who arrived in his stable on Feb. 2. He says, "She changed a lot through the first month and then I had the chance to work her with some of the good horses of my father and she was going a lot better than them. She showed enough for me to feel that she could start out in a good race. Most of the later-developing fillies that are going for the Diane start in that maiden. So we were already expecting her to run well, but we were against big trainers, big owners. Although I thought she would be able to win I didn't think it would be by that far. That was the real surprise, the number of lengths she was from the others."



Christopher Head | Scoop Dyga

He continues, "We needed those few races to know her better and I have the feeling that she is coming to the Saint-Alary in the perfect shape and with the perfect timing. Since the race in Lyon

I feel she has really improved and that's why I think it is the right thing to do. She probably is better in the soft ground, and that should be perfect for the Saint-Alary on Monday as it's soft now and we are expecting more rain through the week."

Head, a fifth-generation Chantilly horseman from a family with English roots, is not the only trainer in France with a horse for Yeguada Centurion. The Spanish-born but French-based Mauricio Delcher Sanchez trains **Reina Madre (Ire) (Kingman{GB})**, the winner of the G3 Prix Imprudence in April who subsequently finished down the field in Sunday's G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches. Head is naturally delighted to welcome a major owner to his fledgling stable, and Sibila Spain has been joined by the owner's homebred 2-year-old **Ready To Win (Ire) (More Than**

Ready), who was in utero when her dam Miss Melbourne (Fr) (Kentucky Dynamite) was bought by Fernandez Pujals for 300,000gns at the Tattersalls December Sale. **Cont. p5**

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Sibila Spain and Christopher Head Cont.

The trainer's introduction to the owner came through his cousin several years ago.

Head says, "I met him at a lunch in Deauville and he had started the project of buying some black-type mares and breeding his own Thoroughbreds in France. He is doing everything he can to make it succeed and has invested a lot of money. He's really a brilliant man and it's a pleasure to deal with him. Unfortunately he can't come to France for the Saint-Alary as it is still difficult to travel, but he is very excited about the filly."

Fernandez Pujals is not the only one entitled to be excited. A filly with stakes potential is enough to put a spring in the step of any small trainer, particularly one who is a relatively new licence-holder.

Head laughs as she says, "Of course I am not taking any risks right now to say that she is the best horse I have trained in my life." But as he speaks the excitement which must be growing in his stable is almost palpable.

He adds, "I am very, very happy with her. I know we are coming from a Class 1 at Lyon and we haven't competed against the group horses, but it's not just the results from her races, she is showing me good things in the mornings and so I expect her to be able to win the Saint-Alary. Her behaviour and temperament has been very good going into the races and that's why we are looking at this race, and the Prix de Diane if she's right after the Saint-Alary."

The trainer nevertheless describes himself as cautious as the number of horses in his stable rises "slowly but surely".

"I'm having so much fun. It is my passion but I want to make sure I am working with the right people who I can trust," he says.

All being well, Sibila Spain will be added to the Prix Saint-Alary



Sibila Spain with Christopher Head and Aurelien Lemaitre
Scoop Dyga

line-up at the supplementary stage this Thursday and, come race day, will renew her acquaintance with Aurelien Lemaitre, who has ridden her in her two wins.

"We won't change the jockey," Head says. "I've been raised by a jockey and he always told me that it's not their fault when a race goes wrong. Most of the time it is the fault of the trainer rather than the jockey. Aurelien is a very good jockey and we grew up together as I was working at my father's place when he was apprenticed there, so it is really good now to be running in a group race together."

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POETIC FLARE BACKS UP IN TATTERSALLS IRISH 2000 GUINEAS

Poetic Flare (Ire) (*Dawn Approach {Ire}*), the winner of the G1 QIPCO 2000 Guineas, is among the 14 entries for the G1 Tattersalls Irish 2000 Guineas. The bay Jim Bolger homebred won the G3 Killavullan S. at two, and was first past the post in the Listed Ballylinch Stud "Red Rocks" 2000 Guineas Trial S. on Apr. 11 prior to his 2000 Guineas score. **Cont. p6**



Poetic Flare | Scoop Dyga

Poetic Flare Entered in Irish Guineas Cont.

He most recently contested the G1 Emirates Poule d'Essai des Poulains at ParisLongchamp in very soft ground to finish sixth.

His Group 1-winning stablemate **Mac Swiney (Ire)** (New Approach {Ire}) and fellow top-level scorers **Lucky Vega (Ire)** (Lope de Vega {Ire}) from the Jessica Harrington yard, **Thunder Moon (Ire)** (Zoffany {Ire}) for Joseph O'Brien and **Van Gogh (American Pharoah)**, one of three for Joseph's father Aidan, are also signed on.

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BATAASH IN GOOD FORM FOR KING'S STAND DEFENSE

Shadwell's **Battaash (Ire)** (Dark Angel {Ire}) is aiming to defend his G1 King's Stand S. title at Royal Ascot and is training well trainer Charlie Hills reports. The 7-year-old gelding is thriving at Hills's yard in Lamborne after recovering from a small fracture sustained in the off season. The bay was undefeated in three starts last term, beginning in with the King's Stand in June, followed by the July 31 G2 King George Qatar S. and the Aug. 21 G1 Coolmore Nunthorpe S.

"Battaash has been back with us a few weeks now," said Hills. "He's been in training and did a nice swinging canter last week. We're very happy with him. He should get to Ascot. I can't see any reason why he wouldn't.

"Dane O'Neill is coming to sit on him tomorrow morning. He knows him very well so it will be interesting to see what he says."

Battaash's stablemate **Mutasaabeg (GB)** (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), who won a novice in October and doubled up at Newmarket in April, has emerged from his seventh-place finish in the G1 QIPCO 2000 Guineas in good order. Named a **'TDN Rising Star'** off the back of his April effort, the colt will point to the G3 Jersey S. at Royal Ascot.

"He's absolutely fine. He came out of the race in good form. He's looking well and training nicely," said Hills. "I'll speak to [racing managers] Angus [Gold] and Richard [Hills] to draw up a plan, but I'd say the Jersey looks favourite."

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BREEDERS' CUP CHAMPS NEXT STARS ANNOUNCED

Glass Slippers (GB) (Dream Ahead), the winner of the G1 Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint at Keeneland last November, will head straight to Royal Ascot for her 2021 debut, the G2 Temple S. at Haydock having been ruled out. Both the G1 King's Stand S. and the G1 Diamond Jubilee S. are options for the 2020 G1 Derrinstown Stud Flying Five S. heroine.

"We're skipping the Temple S.," trainer Kevin Ryan said. "We'll go straight to Ascot, or at least that's the plan. She's in both races and we'll decide a bit closer to the time which to go for."

"We'll worry about that [the Breeders' Cup] when we get to the end of the year," he added. "We'll think about her targets in Europe first, but she's in great nick at home."

Another 2020 Breeders' Cup victress who will return to action even sooner than Glass Slippers is G1 Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf heroine **Audarya (Fr)** (**Wootton Bassett (GB)**). The bay also saluted in the G1 Darley Prix Jean Romanet last August for trainer James Fanshawe, who revealed that the G2 Prix Corrida on May 26th was the likely next start for the 5-year-old.

Fanshawe said, "She's in good form and I'm hoping to start her off next week, she's got a couple of options. She's in the Prix Corrida at Saint-Cloud and she has a couple of other entries as well."

Later in the season, the mare is also entered in Royal Ascot's G1 Prince of Wales's S. and the G1 Pretty Polly S. at The Curragh and the G1 Coral-Eclipse with the Breeders' Cup on the horizon, too. **Cont. p7**



Glass Slippers | Horsephotos

Breeders' Cup Champs Cont.

He added, "The race next week is for fillies and mares only and the conditions are good. There are good races across the country, but we'll get this one out of the way first.

"She's won two Group 1 races against her own sex. So we'll see how we get on and see whether we can take on the colts at some stage."

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LAWS OF INDICES POSSIBLE FOR SANDY LANE

Group 2 winner **Laws of Indices (Ire)** (Power {GB}), fourth in the G3 Goffs Lacken S. at Naas on May 16, will likely make a quick return in the G2 Sandy Lane S. at Haydock on May 22. Successful in the G2 Railway S. as a juvenile and third in the 2020 G1 Qatar Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere in October, the Ken Condon trainee was fifth in the Listed Ballylinch Stud "Red Rocks" 2000 Guineas Trial S. at Leopardstown in the wake of subsequent G1 QIPCO 2000 Guineas victor Poetic Flare (Ire) (**Dawn Approach (Ire)**) prior to his close fourth in the Lacken.

"He's got an entry for the Sandy Lane on Saturday, we're taking a look at that," said Condon. "The ground is soft and the weather is probably going to be something similar to what we're wanting, he will have an entry there but I won't know until later in the week when I've discussed it with everybody.

"I think if he does go there it will be the [G1] Commonwealth Cup next [at Royal Ascot in June]...and he'll have an entry in the [G1] Prix Maurice de Gheest, maybe even the [G1] Prix Jean Prat.

"He'll be campaigned ambitiously, but he's a horse that's very solid and looks to be improving. He turns up, and when they always turn up you always have a chance.

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Laws Of Indices | Goffs

ROYAL ASCOT PLANNING FOR 4,000 SPECTATORS A DAY

Under the current spectator cap put in place by the UK Government for its Roadmap out of lockdown, the five-day Royal Ascot meeting will be held with just 4,000 spectators each day. Ascot Racecourse is planning for that eventuality, but there is a slim chance that the meeting could be used as a pilot event that would allow up to 10,000 spectators daily at the venue. Step 3 of the Government Roadmap out of coronavirus restrictions is in place until at least June 21. There will be no general admission.

"In accordance with Step 3 of the Government's Roadmap, the total max capacity for racegoers on all racecourses is 4,000 per day," Ascot Racecourse tweeted. "We remain in dialogue with Government on the possibility of a larger crowd, but will begin the process to allocate to our current permitted capacity."

In 2020, Royal Ascot was held without spectators due to the ongoing Coronavirus pandemic.

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PRIZE MONEY BOOSTED FOR QIPCO BRITISH CHAMPIONS DAY

The prize money for the 2021 QIPCO British Champions Day at Ascot on Oct. 16 will be raised to £4 million, QIPCO announced on Tuesday.

This is a 60% increase on 2020 levels that were reduced due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The G1 QIPCO Champion S. will be worth £1.2 million, while the G1 Queen Elizabeth S. boasts prize money of £1.1 million. The G1 QIPCO British Champions Fillies & Mares, G1 QIPCO British Champions Sprint and the G2 QIPCO British Champions Long Distance Cup will each offer prize money of £500,000. The Balmoral H. sponsored by QIPCO sees its purse doubled to £200,000.

Sheikh Fahad bin Abdullah Al-Thani, director of QIPCO Holding said, "We are proud to sponsor QIPCO British Champions Day, the most valuable day in the British racing calendar and are pleased that this year's raceday, which marks the 10th anniversary of our sponsorship, will be run for £4 million. The day has established itself at the pinnacle of the global racing calendar and it is only fitting that the prize money reflect that."

Added Rod Street, Chief Executive of British Champions Series Ltd., "We are absolutely delighted to have restored prize-money on QIPCO British Champions Day to £4m.

"It is crucial to the long-term future of British racing that we are able to offer globally competitive prize-money and are hugely grateful to our sponsors, Qipco, for making this a reality and for their continued support and commitment." **Cont. p8**



Magical won the 2019 QIPCO Champion S.
QIPCO British Champions Series

QIPCO British Champions Day Cont.

He added, “Champions Day has always attracted the world’s finest racehorses and with such a valuable racecard, we look forward to welcoming the sport’s superstars back to Ascot once more on October 16.”

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NEW RECORDS FOR GOFFS UK SPRING STORE SALE

At the conclusion of the two-day Goffs UK Spring Store Sale at Doncaster, demand for quality stores produced record-breaking results across the board.

Although the top price on Tuesday of £105,000 did not match the £165,000 set on Monday, a buoyant middle market resulted in 115 sold from 133 (86.5%) offered. Over the two days of selling, 41 lots brought £50,000 or more, up from 22 lots in 2019. The gross was £7,191,500 with 224 sold from 271 through the ring. The average was £32,105 (+21%) and the median was £27,000 (29%).

One of two six-figure lots on Tuesday was the sale topper, **lot 193**, a gelded son of Saint des Saints (Fr) from Rathmore Stud. Aiden Murphy and Kim Bailey joined forces to secure the grey for £105,000. He is out of the French listed-placed mare Nomad Attitude (Fr) (Martaline {GB}).

Also breaking into six figures was a filly by Kayf Tara (GB) (**lot 295**). She was offered by Goldford Stud and drew a winning bid from Olly Murphy and Aiden Murphy. A half-sister to listed-placed chaser Angel of Harlem (GB) (Presenting {GB}), the duo are out of Listed Coolmore NH Sires Mares’ Hurdle victress Whoops a Daisy (GB) (Definite Article {GB}).

Goffs UK Managing Director Tim Kent commented, “Just last month, we were saying what an incredible business this is after

the success of the Breeze Up Sale and it’s happened again this week. Following unprecedented vendor demand for places in this sale, which led to its expansion to two-days, we were hopeful of a successful sale and we marketed this catalogue as arguably our strongest ever. That pre-sale stance made for a nervous few weeks in the build up to this sale and it is wonderful to have delivered on that hype and produced the best set of statistics in the sale’s 60-year history.

“Full credit has to go to our vendors--they have backed this sale and sent us some outstanding horses. From the moment we went out on inspections, it was clear that this sale could be something special and we are delighted to have delivered a strong buying bench who embraced the marked increase in quality and drove the market back to its rightful position as one of the Premier NH Store Sales of the year. For many years, the very best stores were sold in Doncaster and its wonderful to be back at the top table where we belong.

“We would like to wish everyone all the very best with their purchases and we now turn our attention to tomorrow’s Spring HIT/P2P Sale. We have two top-class days of Horses-in-Training and Point-to-Pointers and we would like to remind everyone that, due to customer feedback, we are starting tomorrow’s sale an hour later at 11 a.m.”

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Lot 193 topped Tuesday's trade | Sarah Farnsworth

GBRI LAUNCHES NEW WEBSITE

As spectators return to racecourses across much of Britain, Great British Racing International (GBRI) has launched a **new website** and promotional video aimed at encouraging international investment in the sport.

The website contains information about buying, owning, racing and breeding in Britain with links to relevant organisations within the industry. **Cont. p9**

GBRI New Website Cont.

It also includes a map and guide to the country's racecourses and information on stallions standing in Britain.

"GBRI's new website houses all the information and tools necessary for it to become a go-to resource for any aspiring international racehorse owner and/or breeder," said Minty Farquhar, acting general manager of GBRI.

"The website also explores the industry's credentials as a world-leader in racing, training, breeding, bloodstock sales and more, arming prospective participants with the statistics and information they need to make an informed decision about becoming financially involved in British racing."

She added, "We are greatly looking forward to welcoming international owners back to our racecourses and sales in the months to come, and in the meantime trust that this enhanced GBRI website and promotional video will serve as a timely reminder as to why the British racing and breeding industry is worthy of the international investment it values so greatly."

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FIRST-SEASON SIRE WITH RUNNERS

May 19, 2021:

UNITED KINGDOM

Cotai Glory (GB) (Exceed And Excel {Aus}), Tally-Ho Stud
126 foals of racing age/6 winners/0 black-type winners
14:10-AYR, 5f, Eternal Glory (Ire)
€12,000 Goffs November Foals Sale 2019; £10,000 Goffs Sportsman's Yearling Sale 2020

Galileo Gold (GB) (Paco Boy {Ire}), Tally-Ho Stud
109 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
19:05-KEMPTON PARK, 6f, Oscula (Ire)
4,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 4) 2020

Profitable (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), Kildangan Stud
130 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners
19:05-KEMPTON PARK, 6f, Deadly Weapon (Ire)
5,239gns RNA Tattersalls Ireland September Yearling 2020

Spill The Beans (Aus) (Snitzel {Aus}), National Stud
16 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
19:05-KEMPTON PARK, 6f, Isobel Moore (GB)
£5,250 Tattersalls Ascot Yearling Sale, Newmarket

IRELAND

National Defense (GB) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), Irish National Stud
29 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
2-CORK, 6f, Beerenberg (GB)

Ribchester (Ire) (Iffraaj {GB}), Kildangan Stud
118 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
3-CORK, 5f, Doitforandrew (GB)
£8,925 Tattersalls Ascot Yearling Sale, Newmarket



National Defense has a runner at Cork | Irish National Stud

BRITAIN

Tuesday's Results:

1st-Nottingham, £5,800, Mdn, 5-18, 2yo, 6f 18yT, 1:17.11, g/s.
UNSPOKEN (IRE) (c, 2, Territories {Ire}--Silent Secret {Ire}, by Dubai Destination) chased the leaders in sixth and was niggled along to close at halfway in this debut. Arriving on the scene to launch his challenge passing the quarter-mile marker, the 3-1 joint-favourite led entering the final furlong and was pushed out to assert by 1 3/4 lengths from Neptune Legend (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}). "He's a horse I've liked a lot at home, he was very straightforward there and did it nicely," said winning rider Hector Crouch. "He was a bit green in the middle part of the race and, when the penny dropped, he picked up well."
Unspoken is the eighth of nine foals and sixth scorer produced by a winning half-sister to dual Group 3 victrix Cheyenne Star (Ire) (Mujahid) and the February-foaled bay is full to a yearling colt and a half to Listed Ingabelle S. victrix Sparkle'n'joy (Ire) (Sepoy {Aus}). Descendants of his stakes-winning second dam Charita (Ire) (Lycius) also include four-time Group 1 winner Barney Roy (GB) (Excelebration {Ire}) and MG1SW speedster Gordon Lord Byron (Ire) (Byron {GB}). Sales history: €95,000 Wlg '19 GOFNOV; 65,000gns RNA Ylg '20 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$4,428.
1ST-TIME STARTER. O-The Audax Partnership; B-Roland H Alder (IRE); T-Ralph Beckett.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Legendary Day (GB), c, 3, **Adaay (Ire)**--Dubai Legend (GB), by Cadeaux Genereux (GB). Nottingham, 5-18, 8f 75yT, 1:51.10. B-D & S L Tanker Transport Ltd (GB). *22,000gns Wlg '18 TATFOA; 32,000gns Ylg '19 TATOCT.

Alphonse Karr (Ire), g, 3, **Dandy Man (Ire)**--Plus Ca Change (Ire), by Invincible Spirit (Ire). Wolverhampton, 5-18, 6f 20y (AWT), 1:15.97. Lifetime Record: 4-1-2-1, \$8,140. B-Airlie Stud & Mrs S M Rogers (IRE). *€65,000 Wlg '18 GOFNOV; £50,000 Ylg '19 GOFFPR; £62,000 2yo '20 GOFARQ.

King of Clubs (GB), c, 3, **Intello (Ger)**--Queen Arabella (GB), by Medicean (GB). Nottingham, 5-18, 8f 75yT, 1:48.71. B-Meon Valley Stud (GB). *19,000gns RNA Ylg '19 TATOCT.

Jewel In My Crown (GB), f, 3, **Mukhadram (GB)**--Rosa Grace (GB) (SW-Eng, MGSP-US, \$147,892), by Lomitas (GB). Brighton, 5-18, 7f 216yT, 1:37.30. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-1, \$5,742. B-Mr E. Duggan (GB).

FRANCE

Tuesday's Results:

4th-Saint-Cloud, €35,000, Cond, 5-18, 3yo, 8fT, 1:49.60, hy.

MOAI (FR) (c, 3, **Showcasing {GB}**--**Psychometry {Fr}** {SP-Eng}, by **Danehill Dancer {Ire}**), who graduated over nine furlongs in an Apr. 23 Compiègne maiden last time, was under a firm grip in second after the opening exchanges of this one. Making smooth headway underneath the stands' side hedge in the straight, the 27-10 chance eased to the fore with 350 metres remaining and was ridden out in the closing stages to defeat the hitherto unbeaten Invincible Light (GB) (Territories {Ire}) by a half-length. In the post-race analysis, trainer Pascal Bary indicated Chantilly's June 20 G3 Prix Paul de Moussac over a mile might be an option.



Moai | Scoop Dyga

Moai is the third foal and winner produced by Listed Height of Fashion S. placegetter Psychometry (Fr) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}), herself a half-sister to G3 Gordon S. third Disegno (Ire) (**Fastnet Rock {Aus}**), and the February-foaled bay is kin to a 2-year-old filly by Siyouni (Fr) and a yearling filly by Roaring Lion. His stakes-placed second dam Seven Magicians (Silver Hawk) is a half-sister to stakes-winning G1 Yorkshire Oaks second Ocean Silk (Dynaformer) and out of a winning full-sister to MG1SW dual European champion Divine Proportions (Kingmambo). Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-0, €37,280. **Video, sponsored by TVG.** O/B-Niarchos Family (FR); T-Pascal Bary.

2nd-Saint-Cloud, €27,000, Mdn, 5-18, unraced 2yo, c/g, 6fT, 1:20.78, hy.

NIRLIIT (FR) (c, 2, **Iffraaj {GB}**--**Llanita {GB}** {SP-Fr & US, \$135,802}, by **Rock of Gibraltar {Ire}**) ceded an early advantage and stalked the pace in second after breaking on the lead in this first go. Swinging wide with the field into the straight, the 7-1 chance edged ahead soon after looming large at the quarter-mile marker and quickened up smartly under urging inside the final furlong to deny 11-10 favourite Green Fly (GB) (**Frankel {GB}**) by a half-length with something in hand. He is the second of three foals and first scorer for Listed Prix Six Perfections and Chelsey Flower S. second Llanita (GB) (**Rock of Gibraltar {Ire}**), who is one of three black-type performers out of Listed Prix Finlande victrix and G3 Prix Cleopatre runner-up Chill (Fr) (Verglas {Ire}). Llanita, who has a yearling filly by Le Havre (Ire) to come, is a half-sister to Listed Prix Vulcain third Viridorix (GB) (**Dawn Approach {Ire}**) and stakes-winning G2 Prix du Conseil de Paris third Childa (Ire) (Duke of Marmalade {Ire}), herself the dam of G3 Prix La Force victor Chilean (GB) (Iffraaj {GB}). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €13,500. **Video, sponsored by TVG.**

1ST-TIME STARTER. O-Ecurie La Vallee Martigny EARL, Fabrice Vermeulen & Ecurie de Pradel; B-Ecurie La Vallee Martigny EARL (FR); T-Fabrice Vermeulen.

3rd-Saint-Cloud, €27,000, Mdn, 5-18, unraced 2yo, f, 6fT, 1:20.45, hy.

ZELLIE (FR) (f, 2, **Wootton Bassett {GB}**--**Sarai {GB}**, by **Nathaniel {Ire}**) was left standing as the gates opened and trailed all five rivals until improving one spot at halfway. Sent widest into the straight, the 4-1 chance was stoked up approaching the two pole and kept on strongly under continued whipless rousing inside the final quarter mile to nab Girl Gone Wild (Fr) (Showcasing {GB}) by a head on the line. From the family of MG1SW distaffer Pride (Fr) (Peintre Celebre), she is the latest of two foals and lone performer produced by a half-sister to G1 1000 Guineas heroine Speciosa (Ire) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}). **Cont. p11**

3rd-Saint-Cloud Cont.

The February-foaled bay's dam is also kin to GSP Listed Daisy Warwick S. victrix Special Meaning (GB) (Mount Nelson {GB}), MSW GIII Colonel E R Bradley H. runner-up Major Rhythm (Rhythm), GIII Hillsborough S. third Liberally (Ire) (Statue of Liberty) and to the dam of G1 Irish Derby placegetter Festive Cheer (Fr) (Montjeu {Ire}). Sales history: €140,000 Wlg '19 ARQDEC; €140,000 RNA Ylg '20 ARQSEP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €13,500. **Video, sponsored by TVG.**

1ST-TIME STARTER. O-Mme Lavinia Fabre, Herald Bloodstock, Hubert Guy & Gael Lhermite; B-Charles Barel (FR); T-Andre Fabre.

A Hubert Guy Bloodstock Auction Purchase

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

5th-Saint-Cloud, €35,000, 5-18, 3yo, f, 8fT, 1:49.14, hy.

ES LA VIDA (GER) (f, 3, Soldier Hollow {GB}--Exotic Rose {Ger}, by Manduro {Ger}) Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-1, €36,060. O-Bernd Dietel; B-T Jordan & B Dietel (GER); T-Francis-Henri Graffard. *€3,000 RNA Ylg '19 BBOCT.

7th-Saint-Cloud, €18,000, 5-18, 4yo/up, 12fT, 2:38.64, hy.

FOLAMOUR (GB) (g, 6, Intello {Ger}--Zagzig {GB}, by Selkirk) Lifetime Record: SW & MGSP-Fr, 19-5-3-3, €174,299. O/B-Wertheimer et Frere (GB); T-Edouard Monfort.

IRELAND

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Coins Cross (Ire), g, 3, Dragon Pulse (Ire)--Miz Makfi (GB), by Makfi (GB). Sligo, 5-18, 5f 200yT, 1:16.51. B-Thomas Markham (IRE). *€5,000 Ylg '19 GOFSP.


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Zellie (pink cap) overcame a slow start to win narrowly at Saint-Cloud | Scoop Dyga



KING OF COMEDY TO NOVARA PARK



Kingman is the sire of King of Comedy | Juddmonte Farms

by Paul Vettise

Novara Park's quest to sign a son of Champion colt and outstanding sire **Kingman (GB)** to its roster has successfully drawn to a close with the Cambridge farm securing stakes winner and Group 1 performer **King Of Comedy (Ire)**.

Luigi Muollo's progressive Novara Park operation has in King Of Comedy a stallion that fulfils all of its strict selection criteria and he will stand alongside Sweynesse and Staphanos (Jpn) in 2021 for NZ\$7000 + GST.

King Of Comedy boasts race performance, pedigree and conformation with the **Kingman** factor a major attraction, given the profile he has in this part of the world.

"It's proven that the Australians are very keen on **Kingman** based on the averages at the sales this year. He had three and the average price was more than \$900,000--one sold for \$1.8 million, another one for \$600,000 and one for \$425,000," Muollo said.

"Kingman is one of the top five stallions in the world and he is only a young stallion. His first two crops to race have had 29 stakes winners.

"He had a Group 1 winner last week in Palace Pier and he had another Group 1 winner in Japan (Schnell Meister) the week before."

Kingman stands at Juddmonte Farms at a fee of £150,000 (AU\$273,000) and is one of the leading sons of Invincible Spirit (Ire), sire of premier Australian stallion I Am Invincible.

"It's a fast-maturing breed and King Of Comedy won three of his first four starts and was second in the other. He was a precocious 2-year-old and his effort in the G1 St James's Palace S. was outstanding," Muollo said.

King Of Comedy finished runner-up to **Circus Maximus (Ire)** in the St James's Palace with Too Darn Hot (GB) third. The race's roll of honour includes **Kingman**, **Frankel (GB)**, Shamardal (USA) and Giant's Causeway (USA) while promising young sires Night Of Thunder (Ire) and Toronado (Ire) were both runners-up.

King Of Comedy then finished fourth in the G1 Juddmonte International, beaten less than 2l behind Japan (GB) (**Galileo {Ire}**) and Crystal Ocean (GB) (Sea The Stars {Ire}), who at the time was the highest-rated horse in the world.

Trained for the bulk of his career by John Gosden, King Of Comedy subsequently ran second in the G2 Newmarket Joel S. to globetrotting Group 1 winner Benbatl (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}).

"The four majors are pedigree and that sireline is easily ticked, the performance on the racetrack is there and he ticks the boxes on physique and on commerciality," Muollo said.

Top Mares Await

He will be heavily supporting King Of Comedy with a number of his elite mares, including the mother of a three-time Derby winner.

"I'll be sending him probably what is one of the best families in New Zealand now with a number of my Explosive mares and the dam (Extra Explosive) of Explosive Jack," he said.



Luigi Muollo | Novara Park

King Of Comedy is out of Stage Presence (Ire) (Selkirk {USA}), also the dam of G1 Prix de Diane winner Star Of Seville (GB) (Duke Of Marmalade {Ire}) and the dam of the Group 3 winner and Group 1-performer English Ballet (Ire) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}). It's also the family of the four-time Group 1 winner Winchester (USA) (Theatrical {USA}).

"The fact that King Of Comedy had tremendous ability leading him to, at one point, being rated the best 3-year-old in Europe and as a son of the mighty **Kingman** will make him an easy choice for breeders," Muollo said.

"He is a magnificent individual. He is a beautiful bay, very correct and will let down into a lovely stallion.

"He will be a very valuable addition to the New Zealand stallion ranks and we will be making available a limited number of Lifetime Breeding Rights in the horse."



IN MAINLAND CHINA:

Jin Pai De Zhu (Aus), c, 4, **Medaglia d'Oro**--Ladyofdistinction (NZ), by Darci Brahma (NZ). Yulong, 5-15, (A\$7,985), 1200m, sand track, 1:17.84. O-Yulong Horse Industry. B-G S A Bloodstock Pty. Ltd. (Vic). **VIDEO**. *A\$35,000 Ylg '18 MMJUN.

Yu Long Feng Du (Aus), c, 4, **Rubick (Aus)**--Avoirdupois (Aus), by Starcraft (NZ). Yulong, 5-15, (A\$11,978), 1000m, sand track, 1:00.42. O-Yulong Horse Industry. B-Vieira Group Pty Ltd. (NSW). **VIDEO**. *A\$30,000 Ylg '18 INGFE; A\$140,000 HRA '18 INGOC.



IN MAINLAND CHINA:

Hua Yu Feng Guang (NZ), c, 4, **Warning Flag**--Lavoca (NZ), by Johar. Yulong, 5-15, 1600m (A\$9,979), Sand Track, 1:42.88. O-Huayu Horse Industry. B-Gillovic Bloodstock Ltd. (NZ). **VIDEO**. *NZ\$46,000 HRA '18 NZBNOV.

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