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## AN 'ULTRA' COMPLIMENT TO TWIRLING CANDY



Rombauer proves best in the Preakness | *EquiSport Photos*

by *Chris McGrath*

Curious how we can always explain what makes a pedigree work once a horse has shown he can actually run. They call it "ex post rationalization" or sometimes "hindsight bias". Working backward from a high-functioning racehorse, you isolate whatever elements of the page flatter your prejudices and methodology, and triumphantly announce that you have found the key to the genetic engine. You could, of course, perform pretty much the same exercise with countless slow horses whose antecedents contain equally plausible elements. Funnily enough, however, we don't bother doing that quite so often.

It feels very wholesome, then, when horses come along "to keep us honest". And certainly that tendency to self-validation has been challenged by the first two legs of the Triple Crown, respectively won by a \$1,000 yearling by Protonico and now a colt whose first four dams are by Cowboy Cal, Afleet, Vigors and Knightly Manner.

We are familiar, of course, with Classic winners whose families have arcane seeding--try **American Pharoah** (Pioneerof the Nile), whose equivalent parade comprises Yankee Gentlemen, Ecliptical, Tri Jet and Crozier--and I do think we should gratefully embrace the vigour sometimes latent when stagnant reaches of the gene pool are stirred.

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## TAKING STOCK: COOLMORE INVESTMENT IN SCAT DADDY SONS PAYING OFF *by Sid Fernando*

No matter how ugly racing can get over here on our dirt tracks, most recently highlighted by the GI Kentucky Derby betamethasone positive of the Bob Baffert-trained Medina Spirit (Protonico), North American pedigrees have to be reckoned with wherever racing is conducted at the highest levels, and that includes on turf in Japan (Sunday Silence) and Australasia (Danehill) in addition to Europe (Sadler's Wells). No one knows this better than the Coolmore partners, headed by maestro John Magnier, who learned this lesson decades ago on American buying sprees as the then-junior partner of Robert Sangster and Magnier's father-in-law Vincent O'Brien. The Irish group made a killing buying and breeding offspring of GI Kentucky Derby and GI Preakness S. winner Northern Dancer, a colt who, by the way, raced on Lasix in the Derby when no one had a clue as to what that drug was. He sired--among many other icons--the great Coolmore stallion Sadler's Wells, in turn the sire of Coolmore's more recent giants **Galileo (Ire)** and the late Montjeu (Ire). **P6**

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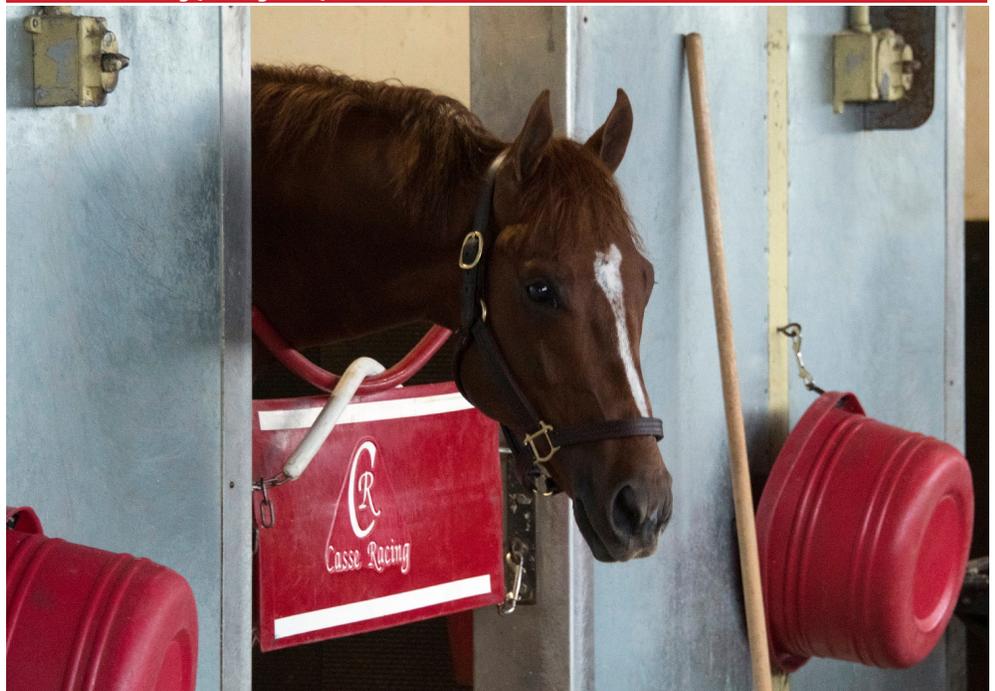
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Coinage (*Tapit*), pictured above earlier this month, makes his debut in Friday's opener at Belmont Park. He is out of 2017 champion New York-bred female sprinter and older dirt female and GI Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Sprint winner, Bar of Gold (*Medaglia d'Oro*).  
| Susie Raisher/NYTB

**ONTARIO RACING TO RETURN NEXT MONTH**

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Officials at Woodbine Entertainment Group announced Thursday that horse racing would be returning to Ontario the week of June 14. Standardbred racing is set to resume that Monday, while the first day of the Thoroughbred meet at Woodbine will be Friday, June 18.

**TRACK TALENT ANNOUNCED AT TAMPA, COLONIAL**

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Popular racecaller Jason Beem has been tabbed to replace the retired Richard Grunder at Tampa Bay Downs, while Jessica Paquette will serve as an on-air handicapper at Colonial Downs this summer.



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**Twirling Candy cont. from p1**

That principle aside, however, the material otherwise available to **Rombauer (Twirling Candy)** surely adds fresh luster to two names in his background whose merit has already been established at this kind of level.

One of these is his granddam, Ultrafleet, who must now be saluted as a truly remarkable mare. Her fame has hitherto hinged on two foals by Avenue of Flags: the millionaire sprinter California Flag, and the "Queen of the Hill", Cambiocorsa, whose branch of the dynasty has since given us the tragic European champion Roaring Lion (**Kitten's Joy**). But now Ultrafleet's unraced daughter by Cowboy

Cal has given us a GI Preakness S. winner, a feat that clearly demands a fresh look at bloodlines so unpromising that John Fradkin had to pay only \$10,500 for the future matriarch as a yearling.

First, however, let's congratulate Rombauer's sire **Twirling Candy** on this vital consolidation of his candidature as principal heir to **Candy Ride (Arg)**, a contest lately heated by the likes of **Gun Runner, Mastery** and **Unified**.

At 14, **Twirling Candy** has reached a stage where he is no longer trying to get established but aspiring toward the elite echelons largely populated by older stallions. Since joining his sire at Lane's End, he has barely missed a beat. Yes, he had the standard bump in the road, required to negotiate a couple of smaller books pending the advent of his first runners in 2015. With 25 winners from 45 juvenile starters, however, his freshman success secured him 159 mares when restored the following year to his opening fee of \$15,000 (had dipped to \$10,000).



**Twirling Candy** | Lane's End

That first crop, with GII San Felipe S. winner Danzing Candy as pathfinder, ultimately yielded two Grade I scorers who sketched out what has meanwhile become his calling card: a remarkable versatility. One was the sprinter Finley'sluckycharm; the other, the five-season, two-turn scrapper **Gift Box**.

Rombauer's breakout means that **Twirling Candy**--about to launch his seventh wave of juveniles--has consecutively mustered Grade I winners from his 2016, 2017 and 2018 crops, following Concrete Rose (the prolific turf router sold for \$1.95 million at Keeneland last November) and Collusion Illusion (who, as a dirt dasher, confirmed their sire's range in the GI Bing

Crosby S. a couple of months previously). Even before that pair raised the bar, **Twirling Candy** had covered 171 mares at \$40,000 last spring--which, by the commendably restrained standards of his farm, basically amounts to oversubscription. Sure enough, he was one of few Kentucky stallions to maintain his fee in the pandemic economy.

The diversity seen in his stock, in both surface and discipline, was amply advertised in **Twirling Candy's** own career. He won the GII Del Mar Derby on grass

before breaking the track record in the GI Malibu S.; and later switched to synthetics to win the GII Californian S. before stretching out for narrow defeats at 10 furlongs back in Grade I company.

That was all consistent with his roots: **Candy Ride** himself funnels plenty of chlorophyll, from both Argentina and France, while **Twirling Candy's** damsire is Toussaud's GI Arlington Million winner Chester House. His granddam brings into play one who transcended all environments, in Danzig, but then the next dam

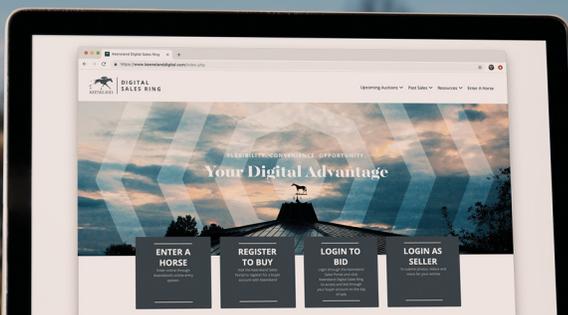
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knots together three undiluted dirt icons: by Seattle Slew out of an Alydar half-sister to Affirmed. As such, the 2021 Triple Crown trail has yielded a touching postscript to the epic 1978 series, through her owners' decision to console Alydar with Won't Tell You, the dam of his nemesis.

We'll never know whether Rombauer might himself have had a Triple Crown on the line, if only trainer Michael McCarthy had managed to persuade owner-breeder Fradkin and his wife Diane to run in the GI Kentucky Derby. That race didn't really set up in a way that would have played to Rombauer's strengths, but it's poignant to reflect that all these damaging headlines might conceivably have been confined to a Derby runner-up!



The Fradkins (fourth and fifth from left) join Rombauer in the winner's circle | MJC photo

Be that as it may, Rombauer is a spectacular new bloom on the Ultrafleet family tree. Fradkin bought her with the spoils of his very first dabble in ownership, a 7-year-old gelding claimed after finishing last, with a swollen ankle, at Hollywood Park in 1993. Freshened up by Ron Ellis, the old boy resurfaced at Del Mar two months later. They didn't see which way he went, and his owner was hooked.

Just days afterward, Fradkin could be found at the Keeneland September Sale. He assumes that his bid was the only one that took a roan filly by Afleet, bred by William A. Purdey, past a \$10,000 reserve.

Making no show in a handful of maiden claimers, Ultrafleet looked like becoming a painful lesson to her novice owner. Instead Fradkin decided on a fresh experiment: breeding. Through 25 years since, he has just maintained a couple of mares, one typically at Old English Rancho in California and another at Woodstock Farm in Kentucky. As commercial programs go, it could scarcely be more modest. And, as has by now been well chronicled, only happenstance caused Rombauer to join those few graduates to have been sporadically retained.



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**Twirling Candy cont.**

One that did sell, early on, was Ultrafleet's 2002 daughter by Avenue of Flags, a \$90,000 Barretts juvenile. As Cambiocorsa, she gained rather a cult following at Santa Anita, crowning a six-race streak out of the downhill turf chute with the first of two graded stakes wins. Cambiocorsa, in the loving hands of Jan Vandebos and her late husband Bob Naify, has subsequently done better still in her second career: she has produced two Grade II winners on turf, Moulin de Mougins (**Curlin**) and Schiaparelli (**Ghostzapper**), and three other stakes scorers including Grade I-placed Vionnet (**Street Sense**). Sadly Vandebos lost Vionnet in 2018, even as her first foal was evolving into a champion in Europe; and subsequently, of course, fate would permit Roaring Lion himself only a single season to recycle what had now come to seem royal genes.

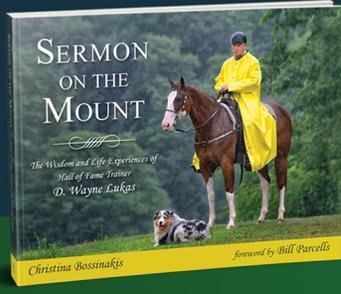
Cambiocorsa's brother California Flag (in whom Fradkin retained a stake) was another prolific turf sprinter whose three wins in the GIII Morvich H. incorporated a track record; while Ultrafleet has also produced Shadow Raider, a graded stakes-placed, ten-time winner by Memo (Chi). But her penultimate foal, an unsold, unraced Cowboy Cal filly named Cashmere, appeared to be a dud.



**Cashmere and Woodstock Farm Manager Javier Hernandez**  
Sarah Andrew

Cowboy Cal! He was exported to South Korea for 2017, having mustered 125 winners from five crops of racing age. He could take with him a millionaire resume on turf/synthetics, plus kinship to the top-class Behrens (Pleasant Colony), his dam's half-brother. On the whole, however, it surely reflects lavishly on Ultrafleet that a daughter of Cowboy Cal should now have delivered a Preakness winner.

Cashmere's first three foals are all multiple winners and one, Treasure Trove (Tapizar), was actually beaten only a length though last of five in the GIII Ben Ali S. at Keeneland last month.



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But if their hallmark has hitherto been toughness sooner than class, then the entry into the equation of **Twirling Candy** has changed all that.

True to the variegation of his genes, Rombauer started out on grass before McCarthy alertly proposed an opportunist crack at the GI **American Pharoah** S. His big move that day, circling the field to close down an always-handly winner, was made with such style that some of us played Rombauer at giddy odds for the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile. He ran creditably, without ever laying a glove on the winner, but reiterated that **Twirling Candy** adaptability when pouncing for the El Camino Real Derby on synthetics on his resumption. In hindsight, it was too easy for him to track the front pair in the GII Blue Grass S., a race that didn't really draw adequately on the stamina that tends to underpin acceleration off a stronger pace.

But there we go again, rationalizing "ex post"! In which spirit, let's go back to the package that held so little market appeal, that fateful day when Ultrafleet entered the ring. We've noted the left-field names seeding Rombauer's family. But if the first four dams are by sires lacking clout, at least each one funnels some truly resonant blood: Cowboy Cal is by Giant's Causeway, and Ultrafleet's sire Afleet by Mr. Prospector; while the next two dams are by sons of Grey Dawn (Fr) and Round Table.

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**Twirling Candy cont.**

Canadian Horse of the Year Afleet established one of the more precarious branches of the Mr. P. empire (via Northern Afleet/**Afleet Alex**) and left for Japan soon after siring Ultrafleet. Looking at her pedigree as it appeared at the time, can we honestly rebuke the lack of interest? Sure, the family had a light sprinkling of stakes performers. But only when you get back to Ultrafleet's fourth dam, Albany Isle (GB), does something begin to stir.

And even that line has been through a couple of wastelands. Albany Isle did ultimately trace to one of the most potent tap-root mares in the story of the breed, but that was way back in Victorian times and her family had lately done very little (outside steeplechasing) to warrant her export from Ireland in the 1950s. Yet today she pegs down the pedigrees of such high achievers as **Country House (Lookin At Lucky)** and **Rock Your World (Candy Ride {Arg})**.

It was the GI Santa Anita Derby winner--himself, of course, a son of **Twirling Candy's** sire--whose switch from the Californian turf was supposed to have a seismic impact on the Classics this year. In the event, that trick has instead been played by Rombauer.



Cashmere | Sarah Andrew

Perhaps we can see echoes of Ultrafleet's damsire Vigors, whose flamboyant charge won some of California's marquee dirt races, in the turn of foot that might otherwise be credited to Rombauer's grassy influences. It's also worth mentioning that Vigors was by a notable distaff influence in Grey Dawn, whose own sire Herbager moreover resurfaces in the top half of Rombauer's pedigree: **Twirling Candy's** grandsire Ride the Rails is out of a Herbager mare.

But really it's edifying to admit to ourselves that there was no obvious reason why Ultrafleet should have cost more than she did, and that little she has achieved since can be easily reduced to repeatable formulae.

What we do have is a nice mix of **West Coast** dash and hardiness, combined with plenty of turf flair out of South America and Europe. We have a stallion whose brushes work on any palette. And don't forget that Rombauer is still only an adolescent, really, after seven starts; that he was raised on the same small farm, Woodstock, as Derby third Hot Rod Charlie (Oxbow); and that he has been expertly trained since. To be fair, that all makes some kind of sense--and maybe as much as we should ever hope to find.

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**TAKING STOCK**  
by Sid Fernando



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The late Scat Daddy is fast becoming an important sire of sires  
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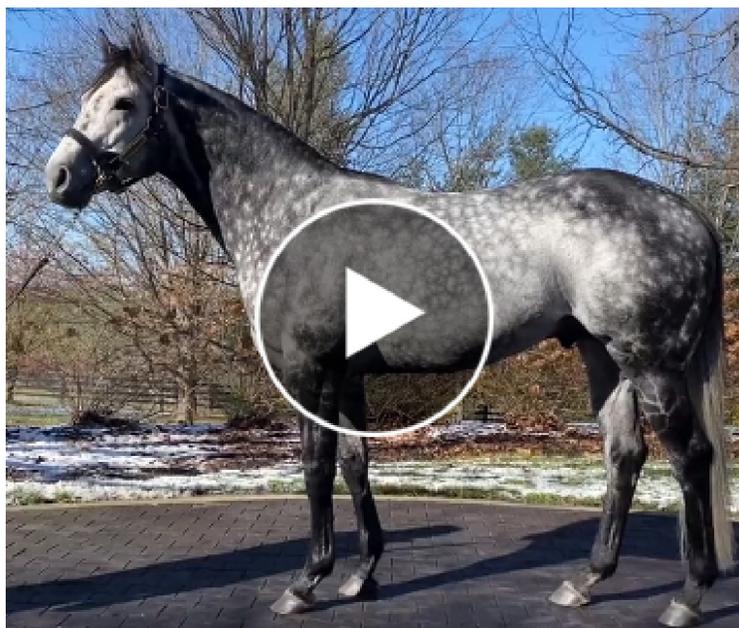
Coolmore is the ultimate stallion maker, and it is invested to this day in various lines of Northern Dancer aside from Sadler's Wells that have far-reaching influence. Protonico, the sire of Medina Spirit, is by Coolmore's late Giant's Causeway, the best racing son of Storm Cat. Bred in Kentucky by Coolmore partners, Giant's Causeway began his stud career in Ireland and was later transferred to its Kentucky satellite at Ashford Stud. Giant's Causeway is also the sire of Cowboy Cal, the broodmare sire of last weekend's Preakness S. winner Rombauer (**Twirling Candy**), and his influence is particularly profound through his Kentucky-bred son Shamardal, who has a boatload of promising young sons at stud in Europe, particularly for Godolphin.

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**Taking Stock cont.**

The Irish-headquartered operation is back at it again with another Storm Cat-line horse in **Caravaggio** (Scat Daddy), a young American-bred freshman stallion based this year at Coolmore America. So far through a young juvenile season, **Caravaggio** is making a loud noise in Europe with six winners to his credit, suggesting that he could have a mammoth year at the rate he's clicking, and his start at stud is reminiscent of **No Nay Never**, another son of Scat Daddy. A Group 1 winner in Europe, **No Nay Never** began his racing career at Keeneland (yes, on Lasix, unlike in his European wins) and is now one of the most exciting young sires in Europe, standing in Ireland for €125,000 after starting out for €20,000 in 2015 and reaching a reported €175,000 in 2020.

Hours before Rombauer won the first Lasix-free Preakness in decades, **Caravaggio** got his fifth winner, The Entertainer (Ire), a colt trained by Aidan O'Brien for the Coolmore partners, and the day after the Baltimore Classic, the muscular grey stallion got his sixth winner when Andreas Vesalius (Ire) and Silver Surfer (GB) ran one-two in a Naas maiden race for trainers Joseph and Donnacha O'Brien, respectively.



**Caravaggio** is off to a fast start with his first 2-year-olds. Click for more.

He's the young horse everyone is talking about in Europe the same way they did of **No Nay Never**, and he's available this year for \$25,000 to American breeders after three seasons in Ireland, where he entered stud for €35,000 (the equivalent of about \$40,000 at the time) in 2018.

To say that Coolmore is heavily invested in the Scat Daddy line, both here and in Ireland, is an understatement. Aside from **Caravaggio**, Coolmore also stands Scat Daddy's sons **Justify** and **Mendelssohn** at Ashford. **Cont. p8**

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**Mendelssohn**, a Grade I winner who was campaigned in England, Ireland, Dubai, and the U.S., was purchased by Coolmore for a sale-topping \$3 million at Keeneland September in 2016, while 2018 Triple Crown winner **Justify** was purchased from WinStar and partners for a reported valuation of \$75 million.



**Justify** | Sarah Andrew

In Ireland, Coolmore stands the aforementioned **No Nay Never**, a Group 1 winner at two, and the Kentucky-bred 2-year-old Group 1 winner **Sioux Nation** (Scat Daddy). Also standing there are **No Nay Never**'s sons **Ten Sovereigns (Ire)**, a Group 1 winner at two and three; and **Arizona (Ire)**, a Group 2 winner who was twice Group 1-placed—all at two. Coolmore obviously moved **Caravaggio** from Ireland to Kentucky to give him new life for his fourth year at stud and to make way for **Ten Sovereigns**, because the two are essentially the same type: **Caravaggio** was also a Group 1 winner at two and three and a specialist sprinter like **Ten Sovereigns**.

The best European-raced offspring of Scat Daddy tended to be, like the aforementioned horses, 2-year-old group winners and/or fast sprinters—think of G1 King's Stand S. and Prix Morny winner Lady Aurelia, too—and this is very much a sire-line trait for this branch of Northern Dancer that started with Storm Bird. In fact, each stallion in the sequence to **Caravaggio** that goes from Storm Bird/Storm Cat/Hennessy/Johannesburg/Scat Daddy was a Group 1 or Grade I winner at two.

Note also in this sire-line sequence that every horse from Storm Bird to **Caravaggio** stood at Ashford except for Overbrook's Storm Cat, but he was one that Coolmore identified early as a breed-shaper and jumped on board to use. One of his last remaining sons at stud, **Tale of the Cat**, still stands at Ashford.

In contrast to Europe, the best Scat Daddys in North America stayed farther, and **Justify** is obviously the supreme example. He also was unraced at two, and his forte was dirt; therefore, Coolmore now has all the racing aptitudes covered in Kentucky with the Scat Daddy sires **Justify** (Triple Crown winner, dirt); **Mendelssohn** (Grade I winner on turf at two at a mile, Grade II winner and multiple Grade I-placed on dirt at three at up to a mile and a quarter); and **Caravaggio** (Group 1 winner on turf at two and three in sprints).

**Caravaggio**'s return to Kentucky was something of a homecoming because he was bred by Coolmore America director of sales Charlie O'Connor (Petaluma Bloodstock) in partnership with his father-in-law's Windmill Manor Farms. The specialist sprinter was produced from the Holy Bull black-type winner Mekko Hotke and has a thoroughly American pedigree on the dam's side, but he was campaigned by the Coolmore partners on the turf in Europe, where he won seven of 10 starts and was undefeated in four starts at two for Aidan O'Brien at Ballydoyle.

His early promise now, coupled with the rise of **No Nay Never**, bodes well for the other sons and grandsons of Scat Daddy that Coolmore has in the pipeline. Coolmore lost Scat Daddy, a dirt horse who raced on Lasix, in December of 2015 at age 11, a few months before the stallion was to cover mares at a career-high fee of \$100,000. He'd entered stud for \$30,000 in 2008 and had dropped to a low of \$10,000 in his fourth year at stud before his first crop took off, and in hindsight his loss has been massive for Coolmore, which has double-downed on his sons. And the gamble appears to be paying off.

The global operation dominates the European Classics with its Galileos but is one European-based entity that has a healthy dose of respect for American-raced horses, even the ones that campaigned on race-day medication. Scat Daddy, for example, had no issues siring high-quality runners that raced without medication in Europe, and Coolmore has never thumbed its nose at dirt performers. Magnier's son M.V. Magnier put it unequivocally a few years back when he said, "My grandfather M. V. O'Brien built Ballydoyle off the backs of some brilliant American Classic horses. In **Justify** and **American Pharoah** we now have two all-time greats, so we couldn't be more optimistic about the future."

Perhaps this is the reason that Coolmore is the leading racing stable and stud operation in Europe and, arguably, the world.

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## RACING SET TO RETURN TO ONTARIO



Thoroughbred racing returns to Woodbine June 18 | Michael Burns

The Government of Ontario announced a three-step 'Roadmap to Reopen' the economy plan Thursday based on decreased daily COVID-19 case counts, lower hospitalization rates, and the percentage of vaccinated residents. Live horse racing is included in Step One of that plan, which is estimated to begin Monday, June 14.

Officials at Woodbine Entertainment have announced that the 2021 Standardbred season at Woodbine Mohawk Park will resume Monday, June 14, and then continue its regular five race days per week schedule (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday). The 2021 Thoroughbred season at Woodbine Racetrack will commence Friday, June 18 and continue Saturday, June 19 and Sunday, June 20 for the opening weekend. It will then go to four race days per week (Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday).

Officials at Woodbine Entertainment also confirmed that it is prepared to accelerate the resumption of live racing sooner if the Government of Ontario enters Step One of the 'Roadmap to Reopen' plan earlier than expected.

"On behalf of the horse racing industry and the thousands of families who depend on it, I would like to thank the Premier's Office and local health authorities for providing some much-needed clarity," said Woodbine Entertainment CEO Jim Lawson. "I would also like to acknowledge Ontario horse people for their patience and resiliency during the past several months."

Woodbine Entertainment also confirmed that it has received permission from the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) to host qualifier races at Woodbine Mohawk Park starting Thursday, May 27.

Updated stakes schedules and condition book/sheets will be shared in the coming days.

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## KEENELAND CATALOGS 18 FOR MAY DIGITAL SALE

The Keeneland May Digital Sale features an 18-strong catalog as part of Keeneland's Digital Sales Ring and is now available for viewing at [keenelanddigital.com](https://www.keenelanddigital.com).

Among the lots of interest are **hip 2**, the 6-year-old stallion American Power (Power Broker), winner of three of his last four trips to the post, including a half-length victory in the GIII Toboggan S. at Aqueduct Jan. 30. The chestnut is being pointed to the GII True North S. at Belmont Park June 4. American Power is consigned by Sean S. Perl Bloodstock.

Three-year-old filly Frozay All Day (**Frosted**) sells through Taylor Made as **hip 8**. A daughter of SW & GSP Skipalute (**Midnight Lute**), the bay hails from the female family of GISW Come Dancing (**Malibu Moon**) and SP Delightful Quality (Elusive Quality), the dam of Eclipse Award winner and 'TDN Rising Star' Essential Quality (**Tapit**) from the same sire line.

To create an account in the Digital Sales Ring, visit [portal.keeneland.com](https://portal.keeneland.com). Buyers have the option of direct bidding, allowing one to bid manually or by max bidding, whereby the sales software will bid on behalf of the bidder as he or she is outbid up to a maximum.

Online bidding for the May Digital Sale opens at 10 a.m. ET May 25 and will begin to close that day at 2 p.m.

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## TIF: WAGERING INSECURITY, PART 12—PRAVDA

*This is Part 12 of the Thoroughbred Idea Foundation's (TIF) series "Wagering Insecurity."*

*Faced with remarkable competitive pressure from the rise of legal sports betting, horse racing is at a crossroads. Confidence amongst horseplayers and horse owners is essential to the future sustainability of the sport. Efforts to improve the greater North American Thoroughbred industry will fall flat if its stakeholders fail to secure a foundation of integrity. Achieving this is growing increasingly difficult after the sport has neglected its core base--horseplayers--for decades.*

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

In one corner of racing's integrity infrastructure, one trillionth of a gram--a picogram--is regulated. In the other, jockeys and trainers go unquestioned about in-race decisions or tactics, state veterinarians are not required to report publicly about episodes of bleeding or lameness after races, provide detailed reasons for scratches and voided claims, thrown shoes, or other measures which are standard across the rest of the racing world. **Cont. p10**

**TIF Wagering Insecurity cont.**

The gap must be narrowed.

In the concluding installment of "Wagering Insecurity," we offer four observations from the process of compiling this series. To read the complete article, [click here](#).

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR: SHIPPING HORSES BY CARGO



*Courtesy of Shelley Blodgett*

I am Shelley Blodgett, co-founder of Caribbean Thoroughbred Aftercare Inc. (CTA), a non-profit (501c3) that helps Thoroughbreds racing in Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. I live on the U.S. mainland and have also worked here to help Thoroughbreds and other horse breeds in need. I wrote a letter to the editor published in *TDN* in September, 2017, [asking for help following Hurricane Maria's devastation](#) of Puerto Rico and its racetrack, Hipodromo Camarero. The response was swift and impactful. So many individuals and industry entities were moved to help, I believe, because of the love and respect of our racing athletes. That generosity and timely action saved many horses' lives.

I am writing again to ask for support and help from your readers. Thoroughbreds are being shipped from Florida to Puerto Rico, a 1,200-mile distance, in an unsafe and inhumane manner: a days-long journey on a cargo ship on the open Atlantic Ocean in a metal container. It is my hope that your readers, including the good people of the racing industry, will speak out and, perhaps, use their considerable leverage to help end this cruel transport method for good. Thousands of people

have added their names in support to end this cruel practice, including some in the industry both in the Caribbean and on the U.S. mainland.

There has already been one tragedy and it's important to avoid another. Eric Mitchell wrote a powerful investigative article detailing the April, 2019 deaths of nine Thoroughbreds, ranging in age from two to five. Eight of the horses died inside their 40-foot metal cargo container that was retrofitted into a 12-stall horse shipping system. The horses died from catastrophic injury: they trampled each other to death while sailing across the Atlantic Ocean. A ninth horse was so badly injured that it was euthanized shortly after arrival in Puerto Rico. Only six horses survived that voyage. And, yes, 15 horses were squeezed into the 12-stall system.

Following this terrible accident, the Saltchuk company and their subsidiaries, TOTE Maritime Puerto Rico and Lagos Transport, implemented what was described as a moratorium on shipping horses on cargo ships on their vessels. It is understood that they intended to implement changes to prevent future accidents. Only two known changes were made: adhering to one stall per horse (i.e., maximum of 12 horses at a time) and altering pre-departure practices so horses sitting on the dock would have more access to water while waiting to be loaded onto the sailing vessel. Despite these changes, it is apparent that the perils remain for this mode of transport. Since resumption, some horses have sustained injuries and/or become very ill, and some have had to be euthanized as a consequence. It is hard to get a full picture of the number of horses, number of injuries, and number of deaths as those involved aren't forthcoming or transparent. Still, cargo ship transport appears to be a growing practice for importing horses to Puerto Rico, likely because of cost savings compared to cost of flying horses. In fact, the sentiment of sending the "cheap horses" via cargo ship while flying those horses viewed as more valuable implies that those who ship their horses via the former mode of transport know it is riskier and inhumane.

#### **Why is this inhumane?**

Equines are highly sensitive prey animals with a strong flight-or-flight response, have acute hearing, and are always highly attuned to and responsive of their surroundings. The shipping containers they are confined to for the duration of their journey aren't meant for living beings. Imagine a 40-foot metal cargo container that has been retrofitted into a 12-stall system. It has windows cut out, affixed hay racks, and small plywood dividers separating the horses. A single fan "helps" to circulate air. The horses have just about three feet of space each and cannot turn around or lie down for the duration of their journey. Further, there is no immediate, safe access to horses

while under way. Horses can become motion sick (seasick), yet they cannot vomit, which also poses some risk. Throughout, access to food and water is purportedly little to non-existent. Horses wind up standing in their own excrement and urine as well in as any ocean or rainwater that accumulates in the container. By the end of the journey, the horses are standing in wetness and muck.

Horses sent via cargo ship often arrive in Puerto Rico severely dehydrated, and many lose 50-75 pounds during the voyage, are traumatized, and sleep deprived. Some horses sustain injuries and/or become ill (e.g., colic, respiratory infections). Dr. Jose Garcia Blanco, V.M.D., a leading equine veterinarian in Puerto Rico who has long worked with Thoroughbreds and the racing industry both in the Caribbean and on the U.S. mainland, was **compelled to write a letter** outlining why he views ocean cargo transport of horses to be unsafe and inhumane.

Shipping horses always involves some risk, whether on the U.S. mainland or across an ocean. However, there are safer and more humane methods available. Standard practice for shipping horses long distance on the mainland via tractor trailer (e.g., from Kentucky to California, a straight 44-hour trip), is often accomplished with horses placed in box stalls with, perhaps, a layover at a barn along the way so the horses can stretch their legs more and eat and drink. On such trips, hay and water are available and an attendant is present for the entire trip. Another example is when horses are air shipped from Miami to Puerto Rico. At the airport, horses are loaded in three-stall shipping containers or walked onto the plane via a ramp and placed in stalls. They are then flown 2.5 hours with an attendant available to them during the flight and are then unloaded at the airport and put on a trailer, with hay and water offered, for their final destination.

### There is a more humane method to transport horses

As outlined above, a 2.5-hour plane flight, also operated by a Saltchuk company, Northern Air Cargo, is a much faster, safer, and humane method to transporting on and off the island of Puerto Rico. It appears that the owners who opt to transport horses via cargo ship are enticed by saving approximately \$1,100 per horse. Regardless of the rationale, the savings in money does not warrant the increased risk for horses suffering and possibly dying. Every one of our equine athletes deserve better!

I ask that readers and the horse racing industry take a stand against cargo ship transport of U.S. Thoroughbreds between the U.S. mainland and the Caribbean. Below are some ways to do that. Thank you.

### How do we stop this?

- **Sign and share the petition.**
- Ask the Saltchuk group, and their subsidiary TOTE Maritime, to no longer ship equines because it is unsafe and inhumane. Saltchuk already has more humane way of shipping horses as Saltchuk also owns the air cargo plane that ships horses in/out of Puerto Rico. Use **Saltchuk's Ethics Hotline** to let them know how you feel.
- These shipments are being approved by Dr. Alejandro E. Perez Ramírez, Director Interino, Laboratorio de Diagnostico Veterinario, via an import certificate. Dr. Perez can simply decide not to issue import licenses to horses traveling via cargo ship. Make a request to [aperez@agricultura.pr.gov](mailto:aperez@agricultura.pr.gov).
- The government of Puerto Rico can implement a ban on this type of shipping of horses. **Contact them here.**

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## GFS ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION – PART

### FOUR 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.

These round table discussions have been published in *TDN* on May 15, 17, and 19.

In the final installment we have the American trio of Samantha Bussanich, Devon Dougherty and Erin McLaughlin who will be providing an overall perspective.

Please send feedback and suggestions to the trainees via Kate Hardy at [khardy@godolphinFlyingstart.com](mailto:khardy@godolphinFlyingstart.com).

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

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## PAQUETTE TO BE ON-AIR HANDICAPPER AT COLONIAL

Jessica Paquette, long-time handicapper at Suffolk Downs and most recently Sam Houston, will make her debut at Colonial Downs this summer. She replaces Merv Huber, who is unable to travel to Colonial Downs this season, but will stay on as morning line odds maker and provide guest analysis.

"I've heard the Secretariat Turf Course is the best grass surface in the country, and it's my favorite kind of racing," Paquette said. "Being able to talk about beautiful pedigrees on a great grass course just lights my soul on fire. Turf is a much more specific surface than dirt. Some horses will love it and some will only take to that specific course."

Since Suffolk closed, Paquette served as on-camera handicapper for the Sam Houston Thoroughbred meet this past winter. In a Covid-pandemic environment, she performed the job remotely, from a studio she set up in her closet. And in March, she became the Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation's Director of Communications & the Annual Fund. The position allows her to work from home in the Northern Shore of Massachusetts where she owns two off-track Thoroughbreds.

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## BEEM HIRED AS TAMPA ANNOUNCER

Jason Beem, who has called races at numerous Thoroughbred tracks since 2006, has been hired as the announcer at Tampa Bay Downs. He will begin on June 30, the first day of the track's two-day Summer Festival of Racing.

The 41-year-old University of Washington graduate currently announces at Grants Pass Downs in Oregon and will begin his third season at Colonial Downs July 19. At Tampa Bay Downs, he replaces Richard Grunder, who retired May 2 after 37 years and more than 37,000 races at the Oldsmar oval.

"I love the racing there and am excited to become a part of it," said Beem. "From calling races at Colonial Downs and Monmouth Park, I got to know a lot of the horses and horsemen who compete at Tampa, and it really appeals to me as a fan. It's good, quality racing, the turf races are outstanding and it's a very horseplayer-friendly track."

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## ANOTHER PURSE INCREASE AT FINGER LAKES

Owing to better-than-expected revenues from its gaming operations since returning from a coronavirus-related, six-month closure and the ability to conduct business over a 20-hour business day, purses at Finger Lakes Gaming and Racetrack (FLGR) will be increased for the second time this season, leaving daily prizemoney 26% higher than it was in 2020.

In announcing a 10% increase in addition to the 15% that was announced last month, average daily purses have increased by better than \$30,000 versus last year.

"This second increase in 2021 is another positive development for horsemen and women at Finger Lakes as they work to recover from a difficult 2020. This will also be an additional incentive for others to come participate in racing at Finger Lakes," said FLGR General Manager Chris Riegler.

Finger Lakes Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association (FLHBPA) president Chris Vaccaro added: "This is more good news for our membership, and New York racing in general. These increases strengthen racing at Finger Lakes by increasing both participation and investment within the industry itself."

Finger Lakes' 2021 meet runs through Wednesday, Nov. 24. Racing is scheduled every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon until the week after Labor Day. Thursdays will then be added to the schedule through the conclusion of the meet.

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**Saturday, Santa Anita, post time: 4:30 p.m. EDT**

**SANTA MARIA S.-GII, \$200,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Last First Kiss 🌿	Congrats	Thomas L. Nichols	Mandella	Cedillo	122
2	This Tea 🌿	Curlin	Kretz Racing LLC	Papaprodromou	Desormeaux	122
3	Miss Stormy D 🌿	Tapizar	Keith Brackpool	Gaines	Hernandez	122
4	Ce Ce	Elusive Quality	Bo Hirsch, LLC	McCarthy	Espinoza	122
5	As Time Goes By	American Pharoah	Tabor, Michael B., Magnier, Mrs. John, and Smith, Derrick	Baffert	Smith	126

**Breeders:** 1-Woodford Thoroughbreds, 2-My Meadowview LLC, 3-Lantern Hill Farm LLC, Phil Needham & Judy Needham, 4-Bo Hirsch LLC, 5-Orpendale & Chelston

**Saturday, Churchill Downs, post time: 7:57 p.m. EDT**

**WINNING COLORS S.-GIII, \$150,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Rising Seas	First Defence	Colebrook, John and Colebrook, Ben	Colebrook	Lanerie	118
2	Frank's Rockette	Into Mischief	Frank Fletcher Racing Operations, Inc.	Mott	Geroux	118
3	Tipsy Gal	Majesticperfection	Rock Ridge Racing LLC	Stewart	Hernandez	118
4	Sconsin	Include	Lloyd Madison Farms, IV LLC	Foley	Gaffalione	118
5	Bayerness 🌿	Bayern	Belladonna Racing, LLC	DeVaux	Hernandez, Jr.	118
6	Headland 🌿	Paynter	HWL Partnership	Hobby	Garcia	118

**Breeders:** 1-Ben Colebrook & John T. Colebrook, 2-Frank Fletcher, 3-Rock Ridge Thoroughbreds, LLC, 4-Lloyd Madison Farms, LLC, 5-Machmer Hall, 6-Sheltowee Farm & WinStar Farm, LLC

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

**HONEYMOON S.-GIII, \$100,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/8mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Majestic Steps (Ire)	Footstepsinthesand (GB)	Michael House	D'Amato	Espinoza	120
2	Quattroelle (Ire)	Mehmas (Ire)	Red Baron's Barn LLC and Rancho Temescal LLC	Mullins	Baze	122
3	Golden	Tapit	LNJ Foxwoods	Mandella	Rispoli	120
4	Midnight Diva	Midnight Lute	Breeze Easy, LLC	McCarthy	Cedillo	120
5	Pizzazz	War Front	Bass II, Perry R. and Bass, Ramona S.	Mandella	Smith	122
6	Going Global (Ire)	Mehmas (Ire)	CYBT, Dubb, Michael, Gevertz, Saul, Nentwig, Michael and Pagano, Ray	D'Amato	Prat	124
7	Madone 🌿	Vancouver (Aus)	Kaleem Shah, Inc.	Callaghan	Hernandez	124

**Breeders:** 1-Colm Griffin, 2-Rossenarra Bloodstock Ltd, 3-LNJ Foxwoods, 4-Ralph Kinder & Erv Woolsey, 5-Bass Stables, LLC, 6-N. Hartery, 7-Glendalough LLC



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## 'ALWAYS' IN CONTROL: MALIBU MOON FILLY ROMPS TO RISING STARDOM AT BELMONT

Just two days after [her superstar sire died](#) at the age of 24, Three Chimneys Farm's **Always Carina** ([Malibu Moon](#)) followed up a highly-graded debut victory with a facile allowance/optional claiming romp at Belmont despite a troubled start, earning 'TDN Rising Star' honors.

Unveiled at a nickel below even-money over a muddy, sealed track Apr. 11 at Aqueduct, the homebred shook off some intense early pace pressure and splashed clear in the lane to a four-length success, earning a 94 Beyer. Returning with a quartet of local interim breezes, capped by an easy half-mile move in :49 3/5 (31/64) May 15, the dark bay was backed to 2-5 to stretch her speed out to a flat mile. Stumbling significantly, albeit forward, at the start, Always Carina led early while pressed by Jordan's Leo ([Malibu Moon](#)) through a :23.34 quarter with Malibu Curl ([Curlin](#)) close behind in third.

The latter rival made a quick three-wide bid for the front midway around the turn, but Jose Ortiz still rode the chalk with confidence passing the five-sixteenths pole. She proved that confidence well-founded once straightening for home, quickly

skipping clear under her own power. It was only a matter of how far from there, and Always Carina glided past the post 9 3/4 lengths to the good of Stand by You ([Munnings](#)).

The winner has a juvenile [Palace Malice](#) half-sister and a yearling half-sister by [Gun Runner](#). She is the second foal out of Miss Always Ready, a \$400,000 Keeneland April purchase in 2014, following Structor ([Palace Malice](#)), GISW, \$710,880. Miss Always Ready was bred back to [Palace Malice](#) once more last spring. Second dam Miss Seffens was a five-time stakes winner with a career-high 108 Beyer who ran fourth in the 2000 GI Kentucky Oaks.

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**7th-Belmont, \$89,240, Alw (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$80,000), 5-20, 3yo, f, 1m, 1:36.38, ft, 9 3/4 lengths.**

**ALWAYS CARINA f, 3, by Malibu Moon**

**1st Dam: Miss Always Ready, by More Than Ready**

**2nd Dam: Miss Seffens, by Dehere**

**3rd Dam: Noise Enough, by Bold Ruckus**

Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$94,600. **Click for the Equibase.com chart, VIDEO, sponsored by TVG or free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.**

O/B-Three Chimneys Farm, LLC (KY); T-Chad C. Brown.

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#### IN ORDER OF PURSE:

**7th-Pimlico, \$41,580, Alw, 5-20, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10.81, ft, nose.**

**SOSUA (f, 4, Speightstown--Cara Marie {SW & GSP, \$103,650}, by Unbridled's Song) crushed her competition by 12 3/4 lengths making her belated debut as a 9-10 favorite Mar. 31 and was knocked down to 4-5 to repeat here. Bobbling just a bit at the start, the gray was urged to the fore and dictated terms through splits of :23.03 and :46.03. Taken on by Pretty Edgy (Competitive Edge) entering the final furlong, the \$260,000 Keeneland September buy appeared collared a sixteenth out, but dug in resolutely to just regain the advantage at the wire by a nose. The victress is a half to Girl Daddy (Uncle Mo), GSW & GISP, \$321,240. Her dam, bought by China Horse Club with her in utero for \$650,000 at Keeneland November in 2016, has a yearling Quality Road colt and foaled a filly by Gun Runner Mar. 9. Sales History: \$260,000 Ylg '18 KESEP. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$38,940. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.****

O-Mark B. Grier; B-China Horse Club International Limited (KY); T-Arnaud Delacour.

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**3rd-Indiana Grand, \$34,500, Alw (C)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 5-20, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:09.66, ft, head.**

**INTHEMIDSTOFBIZ (m, 5, Fed Biz--Midst {SW, \$154,795}, by Closing Argument),** claimed for \$20,000 at Keeneland in

October of 2019, won just one of five for her new connections before the lightbulb turned on last spring, as she went undefeated in her next four dirt starts, a streak that culminated with a 13-1 upset of the GII Thoroughbred Club of America S. back in Lexington Oct. 3. Forced to scratch out of the GI Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Sprint with a fever, she also RNA'ed for \$325,000 at Fasig-Tipton November and returned as a 3-5 chalk in this class drop. Showing the way with ears pricked through a :22.01 quarter, the bay was challenged by Gray Owl (City Zip) passing a :44.79 half. Finding a stubborn rival in that mare, the favorite battled gamely while jumping back to her left lead for the final sixteenth and held firm for a neck score. The victress's dam, a stakes winner at two who ran a 100 Beyer in her sophomore debut, has a yearling West Coast colt. Sales History: \$325,000 RNA 4yo '20 FTKNOV. Lifetime Record: GSW, 14-7-2-1, \$317,821. **Click for the Equibase.com chart.**

O-Contreras Stable & Andrew Knapczyk; B-J D Stuart & Mueller Farms, Inc. (KY); T-Cipriano Contreras.



#### IN ORDER OF PURSE:

**1st-Churchill Downs, \$98,116, Msw, 5-20, 2yo, f, 5f, :58.12, ft, 2 1/4 lengths.**

**CARTEL QUEEN (f, 2, Cairo Prince--Peach Brew {GSW, \$320,322}, by Milwaukee Brew),** backed to 4-5 favoritism when unveiled Apr. 22 at Keeneland, hopped at the start before finishing a well-beaten second. Off as a 12-5 proposition behind odds-on firster Gimmick (Into Mischief), the dark bay quickly gained an advantage when that rival walked out of the gate. Traveling in third at the rail behind a :22.07 quarter, Cartel Queen awaited room off heels nearing the stretch, angled out inside the three-sixteenths pole, took over in deep stretch and edged clear to best longshot Gata Runz (Runhappy) by 2 1/4 lengths. Gimmick finished last at 1-2 after making a brief run to catch up to the field on the turn. The winner is a half to Sydney Freeman (Tizway), MSW, \$297,970. She has a Constitution half-brother foaled earlier this season. Sales History: \$50,000 Ylg '20 FTKSEL. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$69,488. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.**

O-Jeff Ganje; B-Buck Pond Farm, Inc. & Rob Auerbach (KY); T-Thomas M. Amoss.

Another Winner Co-Bred & Sold by BUCK POND FARM

**3rd-Churchill Downs, \$97,074, Msw, 5-20, 2yo, f, 5fT, :58.49, fm, neck.**

**ROCK ALONG (f, 2, Bayern--Rockin Girl, by Rock Hard Ten)** showed speed before fading to finish sixth debuting over 5 1/2 furlongs on the Keeneland grass Apr. 22 and was off as a distant 4-1 second choice here behind odds-on Wesley Ward debutante Bali Dove (Fr) (**Churchill {Ire}**). Blasting out of the gate from her rail draw, the bay instantly took command and outran the favorite through a :22.63 quarter. Turning back that rival by the eighth pole, she scooted clear before just staving off fast-closing 56-1 chance My Lily Mae (**Sky Mesa**) by a neck on the wire. Bali Dove faded to sixth. The winner's dam was sold for \$65,000 last year at Keeneland January before being bred to **Good Samaritan**. Sales History: \$17,000 Ylg '20 KEEJAN. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$57,728. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.**

O-Shooting Star Thoroughbreds, LLC; B-DP Racing, LLC (KY); T-Saffie A. Joseph, Jr.

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**6th-Belmont, \$90,000, Msw, 5-20, 3yo/up, 6fT, 1:07.98, fm, 3/4 length.**

**AFTER FIVE (c, 3, The Factor--Idle Talk {SW & GSP, \$312,713}, by Olmodavor),** a nose runner-up on debut last September at Kentucky Downs, filled the same slot in the course-and-distance GIII Futurity S. before closing out his juvenile campaign with a fifth in the GII Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf Sprint. Second again making his sophomore bow Apr. 23 at Keeneland, the \$165,000 OBS March pickup was knocked down to 1-2 and found a perfect spot in a pocketed third through a :22.60 quarter. Swinging into the clear soon after straightening, the gray surged past Digital

Future (**Street Boss**) in the closing strides to earn his diploma by three-quarters of a length. The winner has a juvenile **Exaggerator** half-sister, a yearling half-brother by Great Notion and a full-brother foaled Apr. 10. Sales History: \$22,000 RNA Wlg '18 KEENOV; \$17,000 Ylg '19 OBSOCT; \$165,000 2yo '20 OBSMAR. Lifetime Record: GSP, 5-1-3-0, \$119,300. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.**

O-Breeze Easy, LLC; B-Mary E. Eppler Racing Stable, Inc. & A. Leonard Pineau (MD); T-Wesley A. Ward.

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**9th-Belmont, \$90,000, Msw, 5-20, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/4mT, 2:01.34, fm, 1 3/4 lengths.**

**COMMUNITY ADJUSTED (f, 3, Summer Front--Rimini Road, by Dynaformer),** fourth in three straight outings to begin her career, was overlooked at 14-1 here and traveled in second past a :24.35 quarter. Dropping a spot through a :49.64 half, the \$100,000 Keeneland September buy saved ground on the far turn, split horses at the top of the lane and ran to the front around the furlong grounds, skipping clear from there to a 1 3/4-length success over Black Sand (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}). The victress is a half to Path of David (Istan), SW, \$187,463; and Atigun (Istan), GISP, \$509,953. Sales History: \$100,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-0, \$61,020. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.**

O-Robert Masiello & Empire Racing Club; B-Brereton C. Jones (KY); T-Christophe Clement.

**1st-Belmont, \$72,750, (S), Msw, 5-20, 2yo, f, 5f, :58.93, ft, 10 lengths.**

**MISS ALACRITY (f, 2, Munnings--Just Jenda {MGSW, \$750,680}, by Menifee)** was pounded down to 45-100 in this unveiling despite just a ho-hum worktab on paper and tracked second choice She's a Fast One (Tiznow) from close in tow through a :22.42 quarter. Drawing on even terms with that rival turning for home while under minimal pressure, the chestnut soon took charge and motored away through the lane for a 10-length romp. Saratoga Kisses (**Kantharos**) ran on late to overtake She's a Fast One for the place. The winner is a half to 'TDN Rising Star' Jenda's Agenda (Proud Citizen), SW, \$173,475. Her dam, bought with her in utero for \$32,000 at Keeneland November in 2018, foaled a filly by Destin last term before visiting **Palace Malice**. Sales History: \$150,000 Wlg '19 KEENOV; \$180,000 RNA Ylg '20 FTKSEL. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$41,250. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.**

O-CJ Thoroughbreds; B-Milfer Farm Inc. (NY); T-Wesley A. Ward.

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**1st-Gulfstream, \$46,000, Msw, 5-20, 2yo, f, 5fT, :56.47, fm, neck. DIABOLIC (IRE) (f, 2, Dark Angel {Ire}--Seafront {GB} {GSP-Ire}, by Foxwedge {Aus})** drilled a bullet half-mile around dogs in :49 2/5 over the Palm Meadows turf May 4 and was made an 8-5 favorite in this unveiling. Away in midpack, the £90,000 Goffs Orby graduate tracked from fourth through a :22.36 quarter, advanced three wide approaching the lane and wore down Veiled Prophet (Uncaptured) in deep stretch to prevail by a neck. The winner's dam, group placed in Ireland as a juvenile, was bought for 260,000 guineas by Yeomanstown Stud at Tattersalls December in 2017. Her full-brother McManaman (Ire) was stakes placed in England at two last year and broke his maiden Apr. 8 at Meydan. Sales History: £90,000 Ylg '20 GOFOR. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$24,000. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by TVG.**

O-D. J. Stable LLC & Nexus Racing Club; B-Yeomanstown Stud (IRE); T-Mark E. Casse.

 **Valerio Bloodstock Yearling Selection** 



**Diabolic** | *Lauren King*

**FIRST WINNER FOR FRESHMAN SIRE**

**1st-Evangeline Downs, \$23,400, Msw, 5-20, 2yo, 4 1/2f, :54.46, my, 1 length.**

**FIESTY FIST (g, 2, Iron Fist--Sheza Roman Ruler, by Roman Ruler)**, given a 29-10 chance to become the first winner for his freshman sire (by **Tapit**), was off slowly before rushing up into contention five wide. Moving to the fore three deep approaching the lane, the gelding was always doing enough in the lane to beat back pacesetter Corn Pop (**Runhappy**) by a length. The winner has a half-sister by One Liner foaled earlier this season. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$14,400. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by TVG.**

O-Whispering Oaks Farm LLC; B-Carrol J. Castille (LA); T-Steven B. Flint.

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**FIRST-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: FRIDAY, MAY 21**  
*2021 Stud Fees Listed*

**Bal a Bali (Brz)** (Put It Back), Calumet Farm, \$5,000  
98 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners  
1-Belmont, Msw 5f, Bali's Shade, 6-1  
\$12,000 FTN MIX wnl; \$60,000 EAS OCT yrl

**El Deal (Munnings)**, Red River Farms, \$2,500  
30 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners  
2-Santa Anita, Msw 4 1/2f, Royal O'Haigain, 3-1  
\$14,000 FTK FEB wnl; \$35,000 FTK OCT yrl; \$47,000 RNA OBS MAR 2yo

**Hootenanny (Quality Road)**, Ward Ranch, private  
13 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners  
1-Gulfstream, Msw 5fT, Inherent Powers, 3-1

**Stanford (Malibu Moon)**, Tommy Town Thoroughbreds, \$5,000  
69 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners  
2-Santa Anita, Msw 4 1/2f, Ko Olina, 7-2  
\$9,500 CTB AJA wnl; \$19,000 RNA FTC AYR yrl

**War Correspondent (War Front)**, Calumet Farm, \$5,000  
25 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners  
4-Churchill Downs, Msw 5 1/2fT, Lt. Finn, 15-1  
RNA KEE NOV wnl

**SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: FRIDAY, MAY 21**  
*2021 Stud Fees Listed*

**Air Force Blue (War Front)**, Ashford Stud, \$10,000  
179 foals of racing age/29 winners/0 black-type winners  
4-Churchill Downs, Msw 5 1/2fT, Tuskegee Cat, 4-1  
\$145,000 FTK SEL yrl

**Anchor Down (Tapit)**, Gainesway Farm, \$5,000  
90 foals of racing age/17 winners/0 black-type winners  
8-Gulfstream, Aoc 1m, Dropped Anchor, 4-1  
\$24,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; \$17,000 RNA OBS OPN 2yo

**Cinco Charlie** (Indian Charlie), Spendthrift Farm, \$5,000  
101 foals of racing age/20 winners/1 black-type winner  
7-Arlington, Aoc 1 1/16m, Frontier Charlie, 20-1

**Effinex (Mineshaft)**, Questroyal North  
 61 foals of racing age/11 winners/0 black-type winners  
 7-Belmont, Msw 1m, U Guys Are No Fun, 8-1  
 \$15,000 FTN MIX wnl; \$10,500 FTK OCT yrl

**Flintshire (GB)** (Dansili {GB}), Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa, \$10,000  
 158 foals of racing age/14 winners/1 black-type winner  
 5-Pimlico, Msw 1mT, Contained, 6-1

**Hit It a Bomb (War Front)**, Spendthrift Farm, \$5,000  
 62 foals of racing age/7 winners/1 black-type winner  
 4-Churchill Downs, Msw 5 1/2fT, A Lot to Like, 12-1  
 \$15,000 OBS WIN wnl; \$50,000 KEE SEP yrl  
 7-Arlington, Aoc 1 1/16m, Dewy's Hit, 9-2

**Laoban (Uncle Mo)**, WinStar Farm, \$25,000  
 139 foals of racing age/24 winners/5 black-type winners  
 7-Belmont, Msw 1m, A Bit o' Irish Sass, 9-2  
 \$17,000 FTN MIX wnl; \$60,000 FTK OCT yrl; \$110,000 EAS MAY 2yo  
 1-Belmont, Msw 5f, Barese, 8-5  
 \$150,000 FTF MAR 2yo

**Metaboss (Street Boss)**, Harris Farms  
 13 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners  
 7-Sunray, Msw 6 1/2f, Meta J, 8-1

**Mshawish (Medaglia d'Oro)**, Taylor Made Farm, \$7,500  
 133 foals of racing age/25 winners/0 black-type winners  
 8-Churchill Downs, Alw 6f, Franz Josef, 15-1  
 \$47,000 RNA FTK JUL yrl; \$40,000 FTK OCT yrl

**Not This Time** (Giant's Causeway), Taylor Made Farm, \$40,000  
 204 foals of racing age/43 winners/6 black-type winners  
 5-Arlington, Msw 6f, Let's Cruise, 5-1  
 \$10,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$40,000 EAS MAY 2yo

**Outwork (Uncle Mo)**, WinStar Farm, \$15,000  
 211 foals of racing age/29 winners/3 black-type winners  
 5-Arlington, Msw 6f, Summer Home, 8-1  
 \$7,000 KEE NOV wnl

**Quick Change** (Awesome Again), Raimonde Farms  
 7 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners  
 6-Belterra, Alw 6f, Is She Quick, 8-1

**Runhappy** (Super Saver), Claiborne Farm, \$10,000  
 199 foals of racing age/26 winners/1 black-type winner  
 3-Evangeline Downs, Msw 6f, Easy Runner, 4-1  
 \$19,000 ESL YRL yrl

8-Churchill Downs, Alw 6f, Happymac, 3-1  
 \$125,000 KEE JAN wnl; \$360,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$800,000 RNA OBS  
 APR 2yo  
 8-Churchill Downs, Alw 6f, Mr Sippi, 7-2  
 \$210,000 KEE SEP yrl

**Texas Bling** (Too Much Bling), HFT Racing  
 16 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners  
 9-Lone Star, Alw 1mT, Texas Prado, 12-1

**Tourist** (Tiznow), WinStar Farm, \$5,000  
 158 foals of racing age/27 winners/0 black-type winners  
 7-Pimlico, Msw 1 1/16mT, Cup Match, 12-1

**Upstart (Flatter)**, Airdrie Stud, \$10,000  
 167 foals of racing age/35 winners/1 black-type winner  
 7-Pimlico, Msw 1 1/16mT, Unorthodox, 5-1  
 \$85,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$25,000 RNA EAS MAY 2yo



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**IN AUSTRALIA:**  
**Freja's Cloak (Aus)**, f, 3, **The Factor**--Sienna Red, by Testa Rossa.  
 Ipswich, 5-19, Hcp. (\$27k), 1100mT, 1:04.20. B-B S Russell  
 (Qld). \*A\$6,000 Ylg '19 MMMAR. \*\*Winner of four of her  
 eight career starts.

**IN HONG KONG:**  
**Ping Hai Galaxy (Aus)**, g, 5, **The Factor**--De Lago Flash (Aus), by  
 Encosta de Lago (Aus). Happy Valley, 5-19, Hcp. (C3) (\$193k),  
 1200mT, 1:09.15. B-G Rapisarda (Qld). \*Formerly Silverlink.

**VIDEO**

U.S.-BRED/SIRED RUNNERS IN JAPAN



In this continuing series, Alan Carasso takes a look ahead at US-bred and/or conceived runners entered for the upcoming weekend at the tracks on the Japan Racing Association circuit, with a focus on pedigree and/or performance in the sales ring. Here are the horses of interest for this weekend running at Chukyo and Tokyo Racecourses. This week's Group 1 feature is the Yushun Himba (Japanese Oaks), in which the popular white filly Sodashi (Jpn) (Kurofune) will attempt to protect her perfect five-for-five record while attempting the 2400-meter trip for the first time:

Saturday, May 22, 2021

3rd-TOK, ¥9,680,000 (\$89k), Maiden, 3yo, 1600m

DAYTON TESORO (f, 3, **Violence**--Chelan Echo, by Lion Heart)

outran odds of 20-1 to finish a respectable fourth on local debut over 1400 meters in a single juvenile appearance last November and is a candidate to improve with maturity and a bit more distance here. A \$130K Keeneland September purchase, the chestnut is out of a half-sister to MSW Notoriously (Cherokee Run), SW Cherokee Echo (Cherokee Run) and GISP Smarty's Echo (Smarty Jones). B-Woods Edge Farm LLC (KY)

11th-CKO, Heian S.-G3, ¥68,000,000 (\$625k), 4yo/up, 1900m

AMERICAN SEED (c, 4, **Tapit**--Sweet Talker, by Stormin Fever)

made giant strides once switched to the dirt last fall, winning three starts by a combined 17 lengths (video Jan. 24, gate 6), but he stubbed his toe when a distant 14th as the 2-5 favorite in the G3 March S. at Nakayama. The \$825K KEESEP yearling, whose dam was a Grade I winner on the turf in 2005 before fetching \$1.15 million at KEENOV, was rumored to have lost a shoe in the running and he gets Christophe Lemaire back in the saddle Saturday. American Seed is a full-brother to SW & GSP Sweet Tapper; and to the dam of recent GII Edgewood S. runner-up Barista (Medaglia d'Oro); and a half to GSP Perregaux (Distorted Humor). Sweet Talker is a half-sister to the versatile MGSW Silver Medallion (Badge of Silver). B-Courtlandt Farm (KY)

Sunday, May 23, 2021

11th-CKO, ¥34,620,000 (\$318k), Allowance, 4yo/up, 1200m

QUEEN'S V V (JPN) (f, 4, **Honor Code**--V V Goodnight, by Midnight Lute), a \$360K in utero purchase at KEENOV in 2016, has punched well above her weight in Japan, with three wins from nine runs, including a half-length success over this track

and trip when last seen Mar. 14 (video, gate 15). Her Grade III-placed dam is a half-sister to GSW Glean of Hope (City Zip) and to SW Forest Princess (Hansel). B-Kosho Bokujo

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STAKES RESULTS:

LADY SLIPPER S., \$55,000, Canterbury, 5-19, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:09.77, ft.

1--CLICKBAIT, 118, m, 5, Lovango--Blue Gene Song, by Buddha. (\$21,000 Ylg '17 MNSAUG). O-Hugh H. Robertson, John Mentz & Jeff Larson; B-Eric & Mary Von Seggern (MN); T-McLean Robertson; J-Cecily Evans. \$30,000. Lifetime Record: 9-5-2-0, \$189,105.

2--Ready to Runaway, 118, m, 5, First Dude--Ready to Rip, by More Than Ready. (\$4,000 Ylg '17 MNSAUG). O-John Mentz; B-Wildcat Ranch LLC (MN); T-McLean Robertson. \$12,175.

3--Rush Hour Traffic, 120, f, 4, Cross Traffic--Dana's Lucky Lady, by Lucky Lionel. O/B-Sugarland Thoroughbreds LLC (MN); T-Gary M. Scherer. \$6,088.

Margins: 4HF, 1 1/4, 1HF. Odds: 1.10, 1.10, 6.60.

10,000 LAKES S., \$50,000, Canterbury, 5-19, (S), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:08.54, ft.

1--MR. JAGERMEISTER, 118, h, 6, Atta Boy Roy--Frangelica, by Corinthian. O-Kristin Boice, Leslie Cummings & Valorie Lund; B-Kristin Boice (MN); T-Valorie Lund; J-Ruben Fuentes. \$30,000. Lifetime Record: 30-12-5-3, \$645,434.

2--Drop of Golden Sun, 118, g, 6, Neko Bay--Deer a Dough, by Banker's Gold. O-Rengstorf Racing LLC; B-Winchester Place Thoroughbreds, LLC (MN); T-Tony Rengstorf. \$9,350.

3--Cinco Star, 118, g, 6, Three Hour Nap--Five Star Swank, by Five Star Day. O/B-John Mentz (MN); T-McLean Robertson. \$4,675.

Margins: 4 3/4, 1 1/4, HD. Odds: 1.20, 4.40, 11.90.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

2nd-Churchill Downs, \$63,788, 5-20, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:35.80, ft, neck.

SHE'S ALL WOLFE (f, 4, Magna Graduate--She's All In {GSW & GISP, \$1,102,489}, by Include) Lifetime Record: MSW, 15-6-2-1, \$274,513. O/B-Robert H. Zoellner (OK); T-Donnie K. Von Hemel.

**7th-Gulfstream, \$47,000, (S), 5-20, (NW1X), 3yo, f, 7f, 1:23.68, ft, head.**

**PATRICK'S LASS (f, 3, Adios Charlie--Black Magic Moon, by Alke)** Lifetime Record: 5-3-0-2, \$75,220. O/T-Louie J. Roussel III; B-Uriel Ortega (FL).

**4th-Gulfstream, \$40,700, (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 5-20, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:09.49, ft, neck.**

**DOC AMSTER (c, 4, Midshipman--Gabeira, by Medaglia d'Oro)** Lifetime Record: 9-4-1-1, \$76,050. O-Elona Jones; B-Robert V. LaPenta (KY); T-Saffie A. Joseph, Jr. \*\$10,000 Wlg '17 KEENOV; \$115,000 Ylg '18 FTKOCT.

**8th-Indiana Grand, \$36,500, (S), 5-20, (NW3L), 3yo/up, 1mT, 1:38.61, fm, 1/2 length.**

**MAJOR SPARKS (g, 4, Colonel John--Zipso Facto, by City Zip)** Lifetime Record: 11-3-1-2, \$73,226. O-Lucky J Stables, LLC; B-Cal Johnston (IN); T-Anthony J. Granitz.

**8th-Canterbury, \$36,000, (S), 5-19, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:05.46, sy, 5 3/4 lengths.**

**HELL OF THE NORTH (f, 3, Twirling Candy--Sky and Sea {MSW, \$228,140}, by Latent Heat)** Lifetime Record: 5-2-2-0, \$64,900. O/B-Rake Farms LLC (MN); T-Bernell B. Rhone.

**6th-Golden Gate Fields, \$34,980, 5-20, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f (AWT), 1:10.73, ft, 3/4 length.**

**DYNASTY OF HER OWN (f, 4, Shanghai Bobby--Lady Dynasty {MSP, \$140,418}, by Richter Scale)** Lifetime Record: SW, 11-7-0-1, \$194,148. O-Tommy Town Thoroughbreds LLC; B-Richard S. Kaster (KY); T-Jonathan Wong. \*\$95,000 RNA Ylg '18 KEESep. \*\*1/2 to Bluegrass Angus (Bluegrass Cat), MSW & GSP, \$191,281.

**2nd-Indiana Grand, \$34,500, (S), 5-20, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:39.14, ft, 1 3/4 lengths.**

**JINGLE (g, 4, Wilburn--Ring Ring Ring {SP}, by Petionville)** Lifetime Record: 16-2-0-2, \$56,070. O-Penny S. Lauer; B-Michael E. & Penny S. Lauer (IN); T-Michael E. Lauer. \*Full to Circus Rings, MSW, \$288,841; 1/2 to Badabing Badaboom (Spring At Last), SW, \$228,425.

**5th-Indiana Grand, \$34,500, (S), 5-20, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10.61, ft, 5 lengths.**

**A FEW TOO MANY (g, 3, Decisive Moment--Sasha's Reward, by Officer)** Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-0, \$42,923. O/B-Just For Fun Stable, Inc. (Sierra) (IN); T-Michelle L. Elliott.

**6th-Indiana Grand, \$34,500, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 5-20, 3yo/up, f/m, 7 1/2fT, 1:30.53, fm, 2 3/4 lengths.**

**FLASH N' DANCE (m, 6, Santiva--Bear All, by Kitalpha)** Lifetime Record: 28-6-5-2, \$141,454. O-J. and M. Bloodstock LLC; B-Aschinger Bloodstock Holdings, LLC (KY); T-Marcus O'Donnell. \*1/2 to Night Ops (Warrior's Reward), GSW, \$709,956.

**9th-Canterbury, \$32,900, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$12,500), 5-19, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:39.14, sy, 1/2 length.**

**DERBY CODE (c, 4, Lookin At Lucky--High Wire Kitten, by Kitten's Joy)** Lifetime Record: 9-4-2-0, \$70,715. O-Hugh H. Robertson; B-Kenneth L. & Sarah K. Ramsey (KY); T-McLean Robertson.

**9th-Indiana Grand, \$32,500, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$18,000), 5-19, 3yo/up, 5fT, :57.41, fm, neck.**

**ALPHALFA (g, 5, Alpha--Discreet Lady, by Discreet Cat)** Lifetime Record: 15-2-5-2, \$88,528. O-Everything's Cricket Racing; B-Sequel Thoroughbreds & John Kimmel (NY); T-Danny Werre. \*\$1,000 RNA Wlg '16 FTNMIX; \$80,000 2yo '18 OBSMAR.

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**5th-Penn National, \$28,616, 5-19, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:46.16, ft, 1/2 length.**

**ITSGOTTABEMYWAY (m, 5, Exchange Rate--Amaretta's Way, by Giant's Causeway)** Lifetime Record: 35-8-2-5, \$119,788. O-Bush Racing Stable; B-Keene Ridge Racing, LLC (KY); T-Timothy C. Kreiser. \*\$65,000 RNA Ylg '17 KEESep; \$35,000 RNA Ylg '17 EASOCT; \$37,000 RNA 2yo '18 OBSAPR.

**2nd-Thistledown, \$25,500, 5-20, (NW3L), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:13.08, ft, head.**

**BISCOTTINI (f, 4, Decarchy--My Brite Caroline, by High Brite)** Lifetime Record: 12-3-4-1, \$45,399. O-Leroy Jackson; B-BMS Stable, DeMaio Racing Venture, LMJ Investments, LLC & Tonia Piccioni (CA); T-Valerie K. Shanyfelt.

**7th-Thistledown, \$24,000, 5-20, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:42.80, ft, neck.**

**CASTLE KING (g, 3, Verrazano--Joyful Wager, by Valid Wager)** Lifetime Record: 12-2-1-4, \$87,730. O-Volar Corporation; B-Mary Ellen Coenen (FL); T-Maria Bowersock. \*\$15,000 Ylg '19 OBSOCT; \$25,000 2yo '20 OBSMAR. \*\*1/2 to Wild About Marie (Wildcat Heir), MSW, \$328,629.



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**7th-Evangeline Downs, \$21,670, (NW1TX)/Opt. Clm (\$12,500),** 5-19, 3yo/up, 1m (off turf), 1:38.76, my, 1 1/2 lengths.

**TOP DRAW (c, 4, Into Mischief--Silverest {SP, \$106,959}, by Congrats)** Lifetime Record: SW, 19-4-2-3, \$154,319. O-Brian L. Gunder; B-Henley Farms & Jeff, Teresa & Marilyn Little (KY); T-Kenneth L. Roberts, Sr. \*\$300,000 Ylg '18 FTKJUL; \$31,000 2yo '19 KEENOV.



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**7th-Emerald Downs, \$21,320, 5-19, (C), 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:04.12,** ft, 1 1/4 lengths.

**MUNCEY (g, 4, Munnings--Camille C {MSW & GSP, \$400,205}, by Roman Dancer)** Lifetime Record: SW, 12-2-2-5, \$62,303. O-Rising Star VII; B-Taylor Brothers Properties LLC (KY); T-Howard Belvoir. \*\$16,000 Wlg '17 KEENOV; \$30,000 Ylg '18 WASSEP.



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#### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Everyotherwon, f, 3, Alternation--Prize Winner (SW, \$265,810),** by Pure Prize. Indiana Grand, 5-20, (S), 6f, 1:11.73. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$20,420. B-Michael E. & Penny S. Lauer (IN). \*1/2 to Obsolete (Old Fashioned), SW, \$285,425.

**Hpnotiq Rhythm, g, 3, Bayern--Bourbon Kitty, by Discreet Cat.** Canterbury, 5-19, 6f, 1:10.19. Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-0, \$27,304. B-Kathie Maybee & Bayern Syndicate (KY). \*\$20,000 Ylg '19 KESEEP.



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**Proper Storm, f, 3, Bourbon Courage--Kohanya, by Spring At Last.** Pimlico, 5-20, (WC), 1 1/8mT, 1:53.21. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$29,172. B-Glenangus Farm LLC (MD).



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**Frisco Frills, f, 3, Coast Guard--Tango Twist, by Kentucky Lucky.** Emerald Downs, 5-19, 5 1/2f, 1:03.42. Lifetime Record: 5-1-2-1, \$20,026. B-Cliff C. & Leslie C. Balcom (WA).

**Imtakinittothebank, g, 3, Greatness--Broadway Martha, by Broad Brush.** Thistledown, 5-20, 5 1/2f, 1:06.88. Lifetime Record: 5-1-0-1, \$18,130. B-Arboritanza Racing LLC (FL). \*Full to Lady's Island, MGSW, \$665,575.

**Rainbow Ship, f, 3, Midshipman--Colorful Image, by Ready's Image.** Thistledown, 5-20, (S), 5f, 1:00.42. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-0, \$25,375. B-Joseph Anthony Pickerrell (OH). \*\$21,000 2yo '20 OBSAPR.

**Carson's Princess, f, 3, Tale of the Cat--Elusive Candy, by Candy Ride (Arg).** Evangeline Downs, 5-19, 1m (off turf), 1:41.01. Lifetime Record: 7-1-1-3, \$29,040. B-Drumkenny Farm & American Equistock Inc. (KY). \*\$120,000 Ylg '19 KESEEP.

**Willie Jones, g, 4, Rookie Sensation--Nadurra (SP, \$128,201), by Langfuhr.** Belterra, 5-20, (S), 6f, 1:11.83. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$16,488. B-Bob Bowman (OH).

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**Adios Charlie, Patrick's Lass, f, 3, o/o Black Magic Moon, by Alke.** ALW, 5-20, Gulfstream

**Alpha, Alphafa, g, 5, o/o Discreet Lady, by Discreet Cat.** AOC, 5-19, Indiana Grand

**Alternation, Everyotherwon, f, 3, o/o Prize Winner, by Pure Prize.** MSW, 5-20, Indiana Grand

**Atta Boy Roy, Mr. Jagermeister, h, 6, o/o Frangelica, by Corinthian.** 10,000 Lakes S., 5-19, Canterbury

**Bayern, Hpnotiq Rhythm, g, 3, o/o Bourbon Kitty, by Discreet Cat.** MSW, 5-19, Canterbury

**Bayern, Rock Along, f, 2, o/o Rockin Girl, by Rock Hard Ten.** MSW, 5-20, Churchill Downs

**Bourbon Courage, Proper Storm, f, 3, o/o Kohanya, by Spring At Last.** WMC, 5-20, Pimlico

**Cairo Prince, Cartel Queen, f, 2, o/o Peach Brew, by Milwaukee Brew.** MSW, 5-20, Churchill Downs

**Coast Guard, Frisco Frills, f, 3, o/o Tango Twist, by Kentucky Lucky.** MSW, 5-19, Emerald Downs

**Colonel John, Major Sparks, g, 4, o/o Zippo Facto, by City Zip.** ALW, 5-20, Indiana Grand

**Dark Angel (Ire), Diabolic (Ire), f, 2, o/o Seafont (GB), by Foxwedge (Aus).** MSW, 5-20, Gulfstream

**Decarchy, Biscottini, f, 4, o/o My Brite Caroline, by High Brite.** ALW, 5-20, Thistledown

**Decisive Moment, A Few too Many, g, 3, o/o Sasha's Reward, by Officer.** ALW, 5-20, Indiana Grand

**Exchange Rate, Itsgottabemyway, m, 5, o/o Amaretta's Way, by Giant's Causeway.** ALW, 5-19, Penn National

**Fed Biz, Inthemidstofbiz, m, 5, o/o Midst, by Closing Argument.** AOC, 5-20, Indiana Grand

**Greatness, Imtakinittothebank, g, 3, o/o Broadway Martha, by Broad Brush.** MSW, 5-20, Thistledown

**Into Mischief, Top Draw, c, 4, o/o Silverest, by Congrats.** AOC, 5-19, Evangeline

**Iron Fist, Fiesty Fist, g, 2, o/o Sheza Roman Ruler, by Roman Ruler.** MSW, 5-20, Evangeline

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**Magna Graduate**, She's All Wolfe, f, 4, o/o She's All In, by **Include**. ALW, 5-20, Churchill Downs

**Malibu Moon**, Always Carina, f, 3, o/o Miss Always Ready, by **More Than Ready**. AOC, 5-20, Belmont

**Midshipman**, Doc Amster, c, 4, o/o Gabeira, by **Medaglia d'Oro**. AOC, 5-20, Gulfstream

**Midshipman**, Rainbow Ship, f, 3, o/o Colorful Image, by Ready's Image. MSW, 5-20, Thistledown

**Munnings**, Miss Alacrity, f, 2, o/o Just Jenda, by Menifee. MSW, 5-20, Belmont

**Munnings**, Muncey, g, 4, o/o Camille C, by Roman Dancer. ALW, 5-19, Emerald Downs

**Rookie Sensation**, Willie Jones, g, 4, o/o Nadurra, by Langfuhr. MSW, 5-20, Belterra

**Santiva**, Flash n' Dance, m, 6, o/o Bear All, by Kitalpha. AOC, 5-20, Indiana Grand

**Shanghai Bobby**, Dynasty of Her Own, f, 4, o/o Lady Dynasty, by Richter Scale. ALW, 5-20, Golden Gate

**Speightstown**, Sosua, f, 4, o/o Cara Marie, by Unbridled's Song. ALW, 5-20, Pimlico

**Summer Front**, Community Adjusted, f, 3, o/o Rimini Road, by Dynaformer. MSW, 5-20, Belmont

**Tale of the Cat**, Carson's Princess, f, 3, o/o Elusive Candy, by **Candy Ride (Arg)**. MSW, 5-19, Evangeline

**The Factor**, After Five, c, 3, o/o Idle Talk, by Olmodavor. MSW, 5-20, Belmont

**Twirling Candy**, Hell of the North, f, 3, o/o Sky and Sea, by Latent Heat. ALW, 5-19, Canterbury

**Verrazano**, Castle King, g, 3, o/o Joyful Wager, by Valid Wager. ALW, 5-20, Thistledown

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Denied a Classic double in Sunday's G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains, Jim Bolger's **Poetic Flare (Ire)** (**Dawn Approach (Ire)**) will try again in Saturday's G1 Tattersalls Irish 2000 Guineas at The Curragh, for which a dozen were confirmed on Thursday. His owner, breeder and trainer gave the expected all-clear to the May 1 G1 2000 Guineas hero after his sixth placing at ParisLongchamp, while he also saddles the G1 Futurity Trophy winner **Mac Swiney (Ire)** (**New Approach (Ire)**), who was only fourth on his return in the G3 Derrinstown Stud Derby Trial at Leopardstown May 9. Reflecting on Poetic Flare's reversal, Bolger said, "The wheels kind of came off the wagon a little bit there, but we've drawn a line through it and we're moving on. It was the conditions mainly. While I agree the going was very soft, he couldn't get a grip for whatever reason and I suspect there was a little bit of padding underneath. He wasn't going to be able to quicken up like he can in those circumstances and Kevin didn't get him to where he wanted to be at the two-furlong marker."

Bolger believes that Poetic Flare is up to the fast turnaround. "He's very well, he only had a furlong and a half of a race, so we expected he'd be fresh after it," he commented. "He's very durable and has a great constitution. He'd be able to stand up to whatever I throw at him."

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## WARD'S PATIENCE REWARDED WITH STAR QUALITY

By Emma Berry

If you asked a trainer to design the perfect owner, he or she may well come up with something very close to David Ward. His horses would likely agree, too. Ward had two runners as York's Dante meeting and they both returned to Ed Walker's stable victorious. The 4-year-old homebred **Starman (GB)** (**Dutch Art (GB)**) won the G2 Duke of York Clipper Logistics S. on the opening day, followed 48 hours later by the listed success of **Primo Bacio (Ire)** (**Awtaad (Ire)**). Both now head to Royal Ascot with Group 1 races as targets.

"If we'd come away with one winner we'd have been overjoyed but for it to happen twice with two runners was fabulous," says Ward, who is of course looking forward to the Royal meeting but is equally happy experiencing everything that goes on behind the scenes with racehorses. [Cont. p3](#)

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Of Mac Swiney, he added, "Mac Swiney was flat in the Derrinstown and didn't perform at all well, but the following morning he had a very copious nasal discharge. That cleared up over the following weekend, he's back in work and is doing very well. I need to get the run into him for Epsom and for him to prove his wellbeing. If he does that, I'll be very happy with him.

If he can beat Poetic Flare he can win, but I think at a mile Poetic Flare is the better horse. I'd be very comfortable going to Epsom with him, provided we get a good show at the Curragh."

Likely favourite at present is Zhang Yuesheng's 2000 Guineas third **Lucky Vega (Ire)** (Lope de Vega {Ire}), while Ryan Moore is on Wembley (Ire) (**Galileo {Ire}**) who proved such a disappointment when 11th behind him at

Newmarket. Godolphin rely on

**TDN Rising Star La Barrosa (Ire)** (Lope de Vega {Ire}), who was runner-up to Master of the Seas (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}) in Newmarket's G3 Craven S. over this mile trip last time Apr. 15. Another TDN Rising Star, Thunder Moon (Ire) (Zoffany {Ire}), will be missing from the Curragh after Joseph O'Brien withdrew Chantal Regalado-Gonzalez's G1 Goffs Vincent O'Brien National S. hero.

Friday's action sees the last two recognised Epsom Oaks and Derby trials takes place in the Listed Height of Fashion S. and Listed British Stallion Studs EBF Cocked Hat S., formerly known as the Lupe and the Predominate. The Lupe or Height of Fashion was won in 2000 by Love Divine (GB) (Diesis {GB}) and in 2010 by Snow Fairy (Ire) (Intikhab) who went on to Oaks glory days later, but none of the eight entered this time even hold an entry in the June 4 Classic.



**TDN Rising Star La Barrosa | Scoop-Dyga**

The Cocked Hat is a different kettle of fish, with live Derby outsiders **Stay Well (GB)** (Iffraaj {GB}) and **Lone Eagle (Ire)** (**Galileo {Ire}**) making up an intriguing contest. The former, who is owned by his breeders Ben and Sir Martyn Arbib, scored by eight lengths over 10 furlongs at Windsor Apr. 26 and trainer Hughie Morrison is looking forward to seeing him tackle the

extra furlong here. "He was named Stay Well in recognition of the sayings this time last year 'Stay Alert, Stay At Home', not that he would stay well but his mother did stay very well," he explained. "Martyn and Ben breed to win the Derby, so if you've got half a chance of running in the Derby that's what you do. It's close enough to it but my feeling is, if we were going to the Derby, we'd have to give him a very good gallop some time in the next 10 days. This

is his racecourse gallop."

Noel Meade said of Ballylinch Stud and Aquis Farm's G3 Zetland S. winner Lone Eagle, who was fourth in the G3 Sandown Classic Trial Apr. 23 and who carries a five-pound penalty, "He was a little bit disappointing at Sandown. He just didn't seem to spark, but then again it was his first time back and he is a lazy-ish horse. He does need motivating and he was a bit ring-rusty, so maybe we will see him in a better light. I needed to give him another run. It's not ideal having to carry a penalty. That's not good but at the same time if he's good enough, he should manage with it. I just wanted to get him out and get him running. Hopefully, the track will suit him. We'll just see where to go from there."

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Ward continues, "It's an honour and a pleasure to have these horses. I enjoy them for the wonderful creatures they are. Whether they can run fast or not fast comes second. Of course, we all want them to run fast, and it's great when they do and you have the success, but equally you have to be thankful just to be able to have them."

It's important for anyone involved in racing to be able to take the lows with the highs. Often the former outweighs the latter. Ward, then, appears to have just the right level of equanimity to be able to cope with the sport's slings and arrows, though for now the champagne moments prevail.

On the Friday of Ascot, the 3-year-old filly Primo Bacio will be aimed at the Coronation S., having finished a good fourth in the G3 Fred Darling S. before capturing her black-type win.



David Ward | Racing TV

"She has transformed herself since last year," Ward says. "She was quite useful and she had showed good form but she has now just got used to racing. I think it's a mental thing as much as anything. It was something we hoped she would do and she delivered. Hopefully, I can breed for her eventually--and hopefully, with Starman. If he continues to do well this year it's highly likely he will go to stud somewhere and I'd be pleased to send a few mares to him. That's the ultimate dream, if I could get him to be a good stallion and then to see some of his progeny on the track."

Starman may be a year older than Primo Bacio, but he has had fewer starts and has been beaten only once in his five outings when down the field in very soft ground at Ascot on QIPCO British Champions Day. He is engaged in both the King's Stand S. and the Diamond Jubilee S., with a preference for the latter.

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His breeder continues, "He's thickened out somewhat in the last year and I think he's more professional. He was a bit of a baby still last year. Tom Marquand rode him in his first race at Lingfield and he said he'd never ridden a horse who had whinnied for the first four furlongs of a race. He was green as grass but he just did it on talent. Then next time out at Doncaster on good to firm ground he broke the track record over six furlongs. That's quite an achievement for a second run."

Ward adds, "Royal Ascot is the main target for the year as we hope the ground in June will be favourable for him. York was a bit soft for him but he got away with it. We're just hoping the rain keeps away for Ascot. Primo Bacio will also go straight to Ascot and, hopefully, the mile will suit her in the Coronation."

This year sees Ward celebrate a decade as an owner, and his first equine purchase has certainly done all she can to fan the flames of his passion for the game, even posthumously.

"It's the usual story," he says. "I used to go racing with my grandparents and father, and my father always fancied a horse but never got round to buying one. Then I did it about 10 years ago now and the first horse I bought was the dam of Starman, Northern Star. She had three foals--Sunday Star, who was a stakes-placed filly, then Starman, and I also have a Kingman filly from her but the mare tragically died two weeks after she was born. So, it's just the three of them."



Starman winning the G2 Duke of York | racingfotos.com

Northern Star's perfect record of two black-type performers to two runners will be maintained as her Kingman filly, now a 3-year-old known as Lodestar (GB), has taken up residence alongside Sunday Star (GB) (Kodiac {GB}) at Whatton Manor Stud, where Ward's six mares board.

"Sunday Star was due to go to Frankel this year but she had to have a cyst on an ovary removed so that scuppered this season," he explains. "So, I took the view with the Kingman filly, although she was really promising, I didn't want to take the chance that anything would go amiss so I retired her."

They say two Eds are better than one, so perhaps three are better still. Ward was introduced to Ed Player of Whatton Manor Stud by his bloodstock agent Ed Sackville, who was responsible for buying Northern Star and Primo

Bacio among others, and they work closely with Ward's principal trainer Ed Walker.

"At Christmas time we have a mock AGM in Lambourn and talk about the horses. They deserve a lot of credit. It's not just me rocking up as the owner, they put a lot of work into it and I'm very grateful for that as I'm not under the illusion that I'd know where I am without their help," Ward says.

"The Players have done a fantastic job--Ed was the second person I called after Starman won because they foaled him and he grew up there."

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Among the sextet of mares at Whatton Manor in Nottinghamshire, some 50 miles from Ward's home in Derbyshire, is New Day Dawn (Ire) (**Dawn Approach {Ire}**), a winner at three in Ward's colours who received a decent update when her half-sister's son Mohaather (GB) (Showcasing {GB}) won last year's G1 Sussex S.

"New Day Dawn delivered a Showcasing colt as her first foal this year and she is back in foal to him," Ward notes. Despite the growth of his broodmare band to six, and with Primo Bacio having earned her place among the herd in future, Ward says his aim is to remain an owner/breeder.

"I haven't sold any so far and I will resist that as long as I possibly can because I just breed for my own enjoyment and it's not a commercial activity really," he admits.

"People have commented that Starman didn't run as a 2-year-old but we like to give our horses time and Ed is a very patient trainer. I think you reap the rewards from that rather than getting them out too early. That's my philosophy. I'd rather hold my breath with them and make sure that we feel comfortable when they are going to the track."

In addition to Walker, Ward has horses in training with fellow Lambourn resident Brian O'Rourke, a new recruit to the training ranks who has been pre-training the owner's yearlings for some time, and with Tom Dascombe in Cheshire.

He says, "When you breed your own horses it's an emotional journey. It's like seeing your children in school competitions, and [the trainers] get that. I think the best time I've had is being in Lambourn when the stable is quiet and popping in and spending 15 minutes on my own with the horses. That's the best time of all really, even better than being on the track. They are such magnificent creatures and I just enjoy being with them. It's important to remind yourself just how fortunate you are to have them. That's what it means to me; it's not all about the racing." He adds, "I go in to see Starman and he's a very relaxed character. It's heavenly spending some time with him in the stable."

Starman has so far lived up to a name that was never meant to be his but was inspired by a rock legend and bestowed upon the colt by a twist of fate.

Ward explains, "When Starman was a foal and Northern Star was in foal to **Kingman** and I was thinking of a name for next year. Being a David Bowie fan I thought Starman would be a good name for a horse by **Kingman** out of Northern Star, so I reserved the name and the very next day David Bowie died. Then when the foal arrived it was a filly so I couldn't use the name for her and I flicked it across to him, but it has proved pretty apt as it's turned out. It seemed meant to be that he should have this name and he has proved worthy of it."

Reinforcing his mantra that there is much more to being a racehorse owner and breeder than just winning--or losing--races, Ward adds, "I spend hours thinking up names for them. I'm 60 this year and you don't get to dream about too much at this age but I love dreaming about the horses."



**Primo Bacio** | racingfotos.com

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## EUROPEAN NEWS

### GOFFS UK SPRING SALE ENDS ON A HIGH

Four days of National Hunt trade came to an end in Doncaster on Thursday with an encouraging 93% clearance rate for the the two-day Goffs UK Spring HIT/P2P Sale, following a record-breaking Spring Store Sale conducted earlier in the week.

The final session was led by the Group 2-placed steeplechaser Hold The Note (Lot 632), who was sold from Mick Channon's West Ilsley stable to Brian Jordan for £130,000.

When the sale was last held in this slot in 2019, the Grech & Parkin Dispersal led to a world record price of £620,000 for a National Hunt horse in training. Set against that, this year's trade was more modest, but nevertheless included a new record for both average and median.

"It has been a remarkable four days of sales in the Doncaster ring," said Goffs UK managing director Tim Kent.

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**Hold The Note tops Goffs UK Spring** | Sarah Farnsworth

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"The incredible demand that we witnessed for the National Hunt stores has continued with the horses in training and we are delighted by the record figures that we achieved yesterday, whilst the superb two-day clearance rate of 93% is a graphic illustration of the insatiable demand for horses at all levels of the market."

He added, "We were certainly hopeful of a healthy Spring Sale, especially following the significant issues faced last year and, like many others, we have been blown away by the level of demand for horses and it's another very positive sign for the bloodstock industry following the record-breaking results achieved in the same sales ring just four weeks ago at the Breeze-up Sale. This is something that we can all enjoy and bodes extremely well for all future sales."

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## IRISH NATIONAL STUD LAUNCHES FOAL INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY

The Irish National Stud announced a new initiative that will provide shareholders an access point into the industry and to breed, own and sell a quality foal produced at a renowned nursery all at an affordable price. Kicking off the initiative is a filly by leading sire Invincible Spirit (Ire) (Green Desert), responsible for 20 individual Group 1 winners, including [Kingman \(GB\)](#), [Magna Grecia \(Ire\)](#), Nazeef (GB) and Moonlight Cloud (GB). The Feb. 16 foal is out of Irish National Stud broodmare Hanvarana (Ire) (Leroideasanimaux {Brz}). Bred by HH The Aga Khan, Hanvarana hails from the family of dual Derby winner [Harzand \(Ire\)](#) (Sea The Stars {Ire}) and Group 1 winner Seal Of Approval (GB) (Authorized {Ire}).



**A filly by Invincible Spirit** | Irish National Stud

Hanvarana is a sister to two black-type winners--G3 Thousand Guineas Trial winner Hamariyna (Ire) (Sea The Moon {Ire}) and Group 3-scorer Hunaina (Ire) (Tamayuz {GB}).

"After the great successes we have had with our Mare Syndicates model, we are delighted to create another unique opportunity for people to get involved in the breeding industry, for a modest fee and follow the life of a foal from birth through to selling in November," said Cathal Beale, CEO, Irish National Stud. "The aim will be to sell for a profit on the investment, but the guarantee will be a shared ownership experience like no other."

There are 400 shares available to purchase for a single payment of €330.95 per share (including taxes and charges). For more information, visit <https://www.equideq.com/horse/7>.

Patrick Diamond, Bloodstock and Nominations, Irish National Stud added, "She is a filly of real quality, from day one she has looked very classy. She walks extremely well with a huge overstride, she really has a presence about her. In time she will have great appeal as race filly by Invincible Spirit having such a strong family behind her."

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## TBA ANNOUNCES NOMINEES FOR FLAT BREEDERS' AWARDS

The annual Thoroughbred Breeders' Association Flat Breeders' Awards Evening, sponsored by Fitzdares, will take place Tuesday, July 13 at Chippenham Park, near Newmarket. The short-listed nominees have been announced for seven of the 14 awards to be presented at the event. The evening, which celebrates British breeding success from the 2020 Flat racing season, will be hosted by Gina Bryce. The award's ceremony will be preceded by a drinks reception and dinner. To secure tickets, click [here](#).

The winners already announced are: Adaay (Tattersalls Silver Salver); Dubawi (BBA Silver Cigar Box & Barleythorpe Stud Silver Cup); Godolphin (Queen's Silver Cup). Two new awards have been added to the evening for 2021--the Filly of Merit Award, given to the breeder of a British-bred filly who has had significant success on the racecourse in 2020 and the Barton Stud-sponsored Industry Merit Award, which recognises those making progress to expand the reach of the British breeding industry. In addition to a quartet of stallion statistical awards, the H J Joel Silver Salver shall be presented for Broodmare of the Year (nominees: Beach Frolic, Night Gypsy, Roodeye, Shasty), the Queen's Silver Cup for Leading British-based Flat breeder (TBA), the TBA Silver Rose Bowl to the Flat Breeder of the Year (nominees: Bearstone Stud, Godolphin, Highclere Stud & Floors Farming, Juddmonte), the Langham Cup, which is awarded to the small breeder of the year (nominees: Anita Wigan, Gaie Johnson Houghton, George Strawbridge, Homecroft Wealth Racing) and the TBA Silver Salver, which is a special merit award (nominees: Anita Wigan, Gaie Johnson Houghton, George Strawbridge, Homecroft Wealth Racing). The perpetual Charlie Langton bronze, along with a cash prize of £2,000 will be presented to this year's winner of the TBA Stud Employee Award, which is sponsored by New England Stud. Short-listed candidates will also receive a £250 cash prize. Nominees for the award will be announced at a later date. The evening also features the European Breeders' Fund Stallion Special Merit Award, highlighting the milestones and achievements of British Based stallions who may otherwise go under the radar based in purely statistically driven awards. For more info., click [here](#).

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## FIVE ENTRIES ADDED TO TATTS ONLINE

Five additional entries have been added to the Tattersalls Online Sale, scheduled for May 25. Bidding on the Tattersalls Online May 25 Sale will open at 12:00p.m. (noon) Monday, May 24 and will close noon the following day. With a total of 40 head currently catalogued for the sale, the additional entries are led by the 2-year-old colt **Power Generation (Ire)** (Profitable {Ire}), who ran third on debut for John Quinn at Carlisle on his only start. The colt is a half-brother to listed placed Star of Rory and is qualified for both the £250,000 Craven Royal Ascot/Group 1 Bonus and the £15,000 Craven Breeze Up Bonus. Also added to the lineup is the Alice Haynes-trained **War of Courage (Ire)** (Coach House {Ire}). The juvenile was third to the Royal Ascot-bound Chipotle (Havana Gold {Ire}) in the Royal Ascot Two-Year-Old Trial Conditions S. at Ascot and a close-up fourth behind the previously unbeaten Dukebox (Ire) (**Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}**) and Dairerin (GB) (Spill The Beans {Aus}) in a conditions race at Newbury.



**Power Generation (Ire) added to Tatts Online sale | Tattersalls**

Ireland's Milltown Stables consigns the filly **Zen Silence (Ire)** (Dragon Pulse {Ire}) trained by Kieran Cotter. A half-sister to the listed winner and GI Alcibiades S.-placed Devotee (Elusive Quality), the 3-year-old placed on her most recent start over five furlongs at Dundalk. Also supplemented, the Chris Wall-trained 4-year-old **Glen Esk (GB)** (Kyllachy {GB}), who placed in three of his six runs last year, and 3-year-old **Pablo Prince (GB)** (Outstrip {GB}), who will be consigned by John Best Racing.

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## BRIGADIER GERARD S. TO BE RUN IN MEMORY OF MERCER

The names of Joe Mercer and Brigadier Gerard (GB) (Queen's Hussar {GB}) will be united once more with the announcement that Sandown's Group 3 contest which carries the name of the great horse will this year be run in memory of his former jockey, who died on Monday.

Set to be run Thursday, May 27 during Sandown's elite evening meeting, the 10-furlong race will now be named The Coral Brigadier Gerard S. (In memory of Joe Mercer).

Brigadier Gerard, trained by Dick Hern for his owner/breeders John and Jean Hislop, was beaten just once in an 18-race career. His Group 1 victories included the 2000 Guineas and St James's Palace S. of 1971 as well as the following season's Eclipse S. and King George VI and Queen Elizabeth S., as well as consecutive wins in the Champion S. Mercer was in the saddle for all of his 18 starts.



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"We were deeply saddened to hear of news of Joe Mercer's death earlier this week, and are pleased to be able to mark the occasion in the race which honours the horse he was most famously associated with," said Phil White, regional director of Jockey Club Racecourses. "Our thanks go to Coral for their assistance in facilitating this and we hope the race will give racing fans and the industry a chance to remember one of the greatest and most stylish jockeys the sport has seen."

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## FIRST-SEASON SIRE WITH RUNNERS

### UNITED KINGDOM

**Aclaim (Ire)** (Acclamation {GB}), The National Stud  
115 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners  
14:40-HAYDOCK PARK, 7.25f, Pink Storm (GB)  
35,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2020  
14:40-HAYDOCK PARK, 7.25f, Rue de La Paix (GB)  
£4,200 Tattersalls Ascot Yearling Sale, Newmarket  
13:10-GOODWOOD, 6f, Wild Mountain (Ire)  
32,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2019; 70,000gns  
Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2020

**Churchill (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}), Coolmore Stud  
146 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners  
13:10-GOODWOOD, 6f, Golden War (GB)  
13:50-BATH, 5f, Lawful Command (GB)  
50,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2020  
146 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners  
14:40-HAYDOCK PARK, 7.25f, Madame Ambassador (GB)  
Cotai Glory (GB) (Exceed And Excel {Aus}), Tally-Ho Stud  
126 foals of racing age/6 winners/0 black-type winners  
17:45-CATTERICK BRIDGE, 5f, Harwood Lady (Ire)

**Decorated Knight (GB)** (Galileo {Ire}), Irish National Stud  
45 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners  
13:10-GOODWOOD, 6f, Knight Rider (Ire)  
€66,000 Goffs November Foals Sale 2019; 35,000gns Tattersalls  
October Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2020  
14:40-HAYDOCK PARK, 7.25f, Mezzanotte (Ire)  
£44,000 Goffs Orby Yearling Sale 2020

**El Kabeir** (Scat Daddy), Yeomanstown Stud  
120 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners  
13:30-HAYDOCK PARK, 6f, Friendly Vegan (Ire)  
€38,000 Goffs November Foals Sale 2019; £40,000 Goffs Orby  
Yearling Sale 2020  
13:10-GOODWOOD, 6f, Masekela (Ire)  
€35,000 Goffs November Foals Sale 2019; 30,000gns Tattersalls  
October Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2020



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## AGA KHAN BLUEBLOOD A NEW RISING STAR

Parisloungchamp's Prix de la Michodiere for unraced fillies was the last race on the card on Thursday and it could be that the mile contest staged in gloom unearthed a future luminary as The Aga Khan's **Dolia (Fr)** (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) earned **TDN Rising Star** status. Awkwardly away from the stalls, the second foal out of the G1 Dubai Sheema Classic heroine Dolniya (Fr) (Azamour {Ire}) was keen early tracking the tepid tempo set by the Niarchos Family's **La Fiamma (War Front)**. Green throughout, the imposing bay was able to gain the lead from that granddaughter of Six Perfections (Fr) (Celtic Swing {GB}) with ease 300 metres from the line and only required hand riding to register a cosy length success as the 13-10 favourite. There was another two-length margin back to the modest purchase **Romanosa (GB)** (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}) and the time was unimpressive even allowing for the very soft ground, but the manner of the winner's performance suggested she could go places with her regal pedigree. [Cont. p10](#)

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**7th-Parisloungchamp, €27,000, Debutantes, 5-20, 3yo, f, 8fT, 1:50.82, vs.**

**DOLIA (FR), f, 3, by Invincible Spirit (Ire)**

**1st Dam: Dolniya (Fr) (Hwt. Older Mare-UAE at 11-14f, G1SW-UAE, GSW & MGS1P-Fr, G1SP-Eng, \$4,225,405), by Azamour (Ire)**

**2nd Dam: Daltama (Ire), by Indian Ridge (Ire)**

**3rd Dam: Daltawa (Ire), by Miswaki**

O-H H Aga Khan; B-S A Aga Khan (FR); T-Alain de Royer-Dupre.  
Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €13,500. [Click for the Racing Post result or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.](#)  
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Invincible Spirit's newest TDN Rising Star, Dolia | *ScoopDyga*

**Dolia wins in Paris cont.**

Still holding a June 20 G1 Prix de Diane entry, the Alain de Royer-Dupre-trained homebred from the family of Daylami (Ire) and Dalakhani (Ire) is already a step ahead of her dam who was beaten first time out but who had three starts later won the G2 Prix de Malleret and Listed Prix Melisande.

Dolnya, who beat **Flintshire** (GB) (Dansili {GB}) by 2 1/4 lengths in the 2015 Sheema Classic, was also placed third in the G1 Prix Vermeille and G1 Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud and was runner-up in the G1 Coronation Cup. Her first foal Dilawar (Ire), a gelding by Dubawi (Ire), made his belated debut a winning one at Strasbourg last week for the same stable while her 2-year-old colt is by Siyouni (Fr). She is a granddaughter of the operation's outstanding matriarch Daltawa (Ire) (Miswaki), who produced two brilliant Classic winners in the aforementioned Daylami and Dalakhani, with the former going on to excel on the international stage as European horse of the year and champion grass horse in the States courtesy of victories in the G1 King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond S., G1 Eclipse S., G1 Coronation Cup, G1 Irish Champion S., G1 Breeders' Cup Turf and G1 Man o' War S. Dalakhani captured the G1 Prix du Jockey Club and G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe before making a successful career at stud, while two other notables out of Daltawa were the G3 Prix du Palais-Royal winner Dalghar (Fr) (Anabaa) and the dual group 1-placed Daymarti (Ire) (Caerleon).

Daylami's full-sister Daltayma (Ire) produced the G3 Prix de la Grotte scorer Daltaya (Fr) (Anabaa), who was in turn responsible for the G1 Prix de l'Opera, G2 Prix de Royallieu and G2 Middleton S. winner Dalkala (Giant's Causeway). The latter's unraced half-sister Doulmera (Mr. Greeley) is the dam of this year's G2 Sweet Embrace S. winner Four Moves Ahead (Aus) (Snitzel {Aus}) and of Emeralds (Aus) (Sebring {Aus}) who captured last year's G3 Bentley Angst S.

# BRITAIN

**Friday, Goodwood, post time: 14:15**

**HEIGHT OF FASHION S.-Listed, £40,000, 3yo, f, 9f 197yT**

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY
1	8	Ad Infinitum (GB)	Golden Horn (GB)	Simcock	J Spencer
2	3	Aura Blue (Ire)	Iffraaj (GB)	S&E Crisford	R Ryan
3	5	Fairy Cakes (GB)	Outstrip (GB)	Johnson Houghton	Greatrex
4	4	Lady Hayes (Ire)	Kodiac (GB)	Varian	Atzeni
5	2	Mystery Show (Ire)	Showcasing (GB)	A Watson	Murphy
6	7	Nash Nasha (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	C Appleby	Buick
7	1	Ready To Venture (GB)	<b>Kingman (GB)</b>	Haggas	Marquand
8	6	Talbeyah (Ire)	Lope de Vega (Ire)	Burrows	Crowley

All carry 126 pounds.

**Friday, Goodwood, post time: 15:25**

**BRITISH STALLION STUDS EBF COCKED HAT S.-Listed, £47,000, 3yo, c/g, 11f 44yT**

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY
1	5	Lone Eagle (Ire)	<b>Galileo (Ire)</b>	Meade	de Sousa
2	6	Aleas (GB)	Archipenko	Beckett	R Ryan
3	3	Gentleman Joe (GB)	Authorized (Ire)	Tuite	Murphy
4	4	Man of Riddles	<b>Temple City</b>	Simcock	J Spencer
5	2	Stay Well (GB)	Iffraaj (GB)	Morrison	Marquand
6	1	Yibir (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	C Appleby	Buick

All carry 126 pounds bar Lone Eagle, 131.

**Thursday's Results:**

**CASUMO BEST ODDS GUARANTEED HERON S.-Listed, £37,000, Sandown, 5-20, 3yo, 8fT, 1:50.29, sf.**

**1--MOSTAHDAF (IRE), 126, c, 3, by Frankel (GB)**

**1st Dam: Handassa (GB) (SW-Ire), by Dubawi (Ire)**

**2nd Dam: Starstone (GB), by Diktat (GB)**

**3rd Dam: Star (GB), by Most Welcome (GB)**

**1ST BLACK TYPE WIN.** O/B-Shadwell Estate Company Limited (IRE); T-John & Thady Gosden; J-Jim Crowley. £20,983. Lifetime Record: 3-3-0-0, \$47,926. \*1/2 to Nazeef (GB) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), Hwt. Older Mare-Eur at 7-9 1/2f, Hwt. Older Mare-Eng at 7-9 1/2f, MG1SW-Eng, \$409,959.

**2--Highland Avenue (Ire), 129, c, 3, Dubawi (Ire)--Lumiere (GB),** by Shamardal. O/B-Godolphin (IRE); T-Charlie Appleby. £7,955.

**3--Bullace (GB), 126, c, 3, Toronado (Ire)--Redstart (GB),** by Cockney Rebel (Ire). O/B-Mr A D G Oldrey & Mr G C Hartigan (GB); T-Ralph Beckett. £3,981.

Margins: HF, HF, 4HF. Odds: 4.50, 1.38, 8.50.

Also Ran: Nando Parrado (GB), Mithras (GB), Imperial Sands (Ire), Invincible Swagger (Ire). **Click for the Racing Post result.**

This race has taken on something of a G1 St James's Palace S. trial in recent years and Mostahdaf came through with realistic claims for that June 15 Royal Ascot prize on his first try on turf. It was the Gosden stable which had been responsible for the last two winners of this in Without Parole (GB) (**Frankel {GB}**), who went on to success in the St James's Palace, and King of Comedy (Ire) (**Kingman {GB}**) who was a possibly unlucky second in that prestige event in 2019. Unbeaten entering this test, having scored by 4 1/2 lengths on debut on Newcastle's Tapeta Mar. 16 and over this mile trip on Kempton's Polytrack Apr. 5, the half-brother to last year's G1 Sun Chariot S., G1 Falmouth S. and G2 Duke of Cambridge S. heroine Nazeef was restrained in rear early by Jim Crowley from the widest draw.

Making his move up the centre of the track in the straight, the bay travelled notably smoothly despite connections' fears about the soft ground and found himself in front a furlong from home from the impressive Newmarket handicap winner Bullace.



**Mostahdaf (right) claims victory at Sandown Thursday**  
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Tending to lug right ass they drove to the line, the homebred had too many guns for that rival and had sealed the result by the time the stamina of the penalised Listed Feilden S. winner Highland Avenue came into play. "I don't think the ground was to his liking as it was testing out there," John Gosden said. "He has shown a lot of courage, as he has come from last and got in a battle. He will have learnt a lot from that, as it is the first time he has ever raced on turf. We will see how is in the next couple of weeks and go from there. As Jim [Crowley] said, he had nothing to race with out there and he was slightly looking around. It was a great run and we will see whether we stick to a mile, which I think we will for the moment, and we will see where we go from there. The St James's Palace Stakes is not necessarily punching too high, as he has got a lot of class. It is nobody's fault, but he would just like to run on something called good ground."

Nazeef, whose achievements in the top league all came as a 4-year-old, was the first indication that Shadwell have a broodmare of significance in the Listed Garnet S. winner Handassa. She is a half to the GII San Gabriel S. and GII Mathis Brothers Mile S. winner Desert Stone (Ire) (**Fastnet Rock {Aus}**) and his full-brother Euginio (Ire), who was third in the G3 Earl of Sefton S. She is a granddaughter of Star, who produced the Bahamian Bounty (GB) group 1-winning full-siblings Pastoral Pursuits (GB) and Goodricke (GB). Her 2020 colt is by Dark Angel (Ire).

**1st-Sandown, £7,900, Nov, 5-20, 2yo, f, 5f 10yT, 1:07.32, sf.**  
**BEAUTIFUL SUNSHINE (GB) (f, 2, Ardad {Ire}--Lastuce {Fr} {SP-Eng, \$154,416}, by Orpen)**, who graduated going a shade over five furlongs at Windsor in her second start last time May 10, broke sharply and was on the front end from flagfall in this

one. Shaken up to gain an outright advantage passing the two pole, the 4-7 chalk scooted clear approaching the final furlong and kept on strongly to easily account for Shakenotstirred (GB) (Havana Gold {Ire}) by four lengths. Half-sister to a yearling filly, the February-foaled bay is the second of three foals and lone winner for Listed Kilvington Fillies' S. third Lastuce (Fr) (Orpen). Sales history: 52,000gns Wlg '19 TATFOA; £34,000 Ylg '20 GOFFUK. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$14,340. O-Amo Racing Ltd; B-Jocelyn Targett (GB); T-George Boughey.

**3rd-Wolverhampton, £5,600, Mdn, 5-20, 3yo/up, f, 7f 36y (AWT), 1:28.93, st.**

**FABRICATED (GB) (f, 3, Pride of Dubai {Aus}--Unnatural, by Proud Citizen)** was settle off the pace in seventh for most of this unveiling. Rowed along rounding the home turn, the 14-1 chance went fourth entering the final furlong and pounced late under continued whipless cajoling to nail Shuthoor (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}) by a nose on the line. She is the second surviving foal and scorer produced by a daughter of G3 Molecomb S. victrix Sahara Star (GB) (Green Desert), whose descendants also include MG1SW sire Dream Ahead (Diktat {GB}) and MG1SW distaffer Fairyland (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}). The February-foaled bay is kin to the hitherto unraced 2-year-old filly Bassanio (GB) (**Bated Breath {GB}**) and a yearling colt by Havana Gold (Ire). Sales history: 14,000gns Wlg '18 TATFOA; 115,000gns Ylg '19 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$4,268. **Video, sponsored by TVG.** 1ST-TIME STARTER. O-Clipper Logistics; B-Laundry Cottage Stud Farm (GB); T-Tom Clover.

**4th-Wolverhampton, £5,600, Mdn, 5-20, 3yo/up, f, 7f 36y (AWT), 1:28.24,.**

**RIKNAH (IRE) (f, 3, Shamardal--Red Dune {Ire} {SP-Eng & SP-Ger, \$112,848}, by Red Ransom)**, an Apr. 14 debut fourth going one mile at Newmarket in her only prior start, chased the leaders in fifth through the early stages of this one. Angled away from the rail to launch her bid rounding the home turn, the 4-6 favourite quickened to the front at the top of the straight and was ridden clear inside the final furlong to score by 2 1/2 lengths from Retrouvailles (GB) (Iffraaj {GB}). She becomes the third winner for the dual stakes-placed Red Dune (Ire) (Red Ransom), herself a half-sister to the dam of MG1SW G1 Melbourne Cup hero Fiorente (Ire) (Monsun {Ger}). From a family also featuring MG1SW US champion Islington (Ire) (Sadler's Wells), the May-foaled bay is a half-sister to G3 UAE Oaks runner-up Feedyah (Street Cry {Ire}), three-time stakes placegetter Red Mist (GB) (**Frankel {GB}**) and a 2021 **Frankel (GB)** filly. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$5,140. **Video, sponsored by TVG.** O-Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum; B-Godolphin (IRE); T-Simon & Ed Crisford.

**CONDITIONS RESULTS:**

**2nd-Wolverhampton, £4,300, Cond, 5-20, 4yo/up, 7f 36y** (AWT), 1:28.58, st.

**PEACHEY CARNEHAN (GB) (g, 7, Foxwedge {Aus}--Zubova {GB}, by Dubawi {Ire})** Lifetime Record: 87-10-9-7, \$69,904. O-Keith Jones; B-J M Duggan & The Late Mr T Duggan (GB); T-Michael Mullineaux. \*20,000gns RNA Wlg '14 TATFOA; 19,000gns RNA Ylg '15 TAOCT.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Far Too Beautiful (GB), f, 3, Farhh (GB)--Four Miracles (GB), by Vettori (Ire).** Lingfield, 5-20, 3yo, 11f 133yT, 2:42.01. B-Richard W Farleigh (GB). \*1ST-TIME STARTER.

**Abstinence (GB), f, 3, Lope de Vega (Ire)--Stone Roses (Fr) (SW-Fr), by Rip Van Winkle (Ire).** Chelmsford City, 5-20, 8f (AWT), 1:37.37. B-Stone Roses Bloodstock (GB).

**Ensured (Ire), g, 3, Sea the Stars (Ire)--Brazilian Bride (Ire) (GSW-Ire, \$123,098), by Pivotal (GB).** Sandown, 5-20, 9f 209yT, 2:18.97. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, \$8,073. B-Herbertstown House & Sunderland Holdings (IRE). \*110,000gns Ylg '19 TATOCT. \*\*1/2 to Rivellino (GB) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), MSW-Eng, \$280,594.

## FRANCE

**Friday, Vichy, post time: 12:15**

**PRIX DES REVES D'OR - JACQUES BOUCHARA-Listed, €60,000, 2yo, 5ft**

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY
1	3	Lesslepasser (Fr)	Penny's Picnic (Ire)	Reynier	Mosse
2	7	Blu Metal Jacket (Ity)	Le Vie Infinite (Ire)	A&G Botti	Soumillon
3	1	Smart and Fast (Fr)	Dabirsim (Fr)	Adda	Madamet
4	2	Glenall (Ire)	Coulsty (Ire)	Hernon	Lemaitre
5	8	Circeichope (Fr)	Panis	Gavilan	Veron
6	5	Let's Party Girl (Ire)	Es Que Love (Ire)	Guyader	Journiac
7	4	Diablotine (Ire)	Kodi Bear (Ire)	H de Nicolay	Barzalona
8	6	Ma Noire (Fr)	American Devil (Fr)	Montzey	Grosjean

All carry 122 pounds bar Lesslepasser & Blu Metal Jacket, 126.

**Thursday's Results:**

**5th-Parislongchamp, €27,000, Mdn, 5-20, 3y,f, 10fT, 2:14.07,vs KHALIDIYA (FR) (f, 3, Oasis Dream {GB}--Kataniya {Ire}) {GSW-Fr, \$125,415}, by Raven's Pass),** who was runner-up on debut to the subsequent Listed Prix de la Seine winner and G1 Prix de Diane contender Burgarita (GB) (Sea the Stars {Ire}) over 10 1/2 furlongs here Apr. 18, raced behind the leading trio early. Always travelling comfortably, the 9-10 favourite was on top at the 300-metre marker and settled the result quickly en route to a snug 1 1/2-length verdict over the eye-catching Jannah Flower

(Ire) (Olympic Glory {Ire}). The winner is the second and currently last known foal out of the G3 Prix de Royaumont winner and G2 Prix de Malleret runner-up whose dam is the Listed Victor McCalmont Memorial S. and Listed Ballycullen S. scorer Katiykha (Ire) (Darshaan {GB}). She was also responsible for Katiyra (Ire) (Peintre Celebre), who took the G2 Blandford S. and was third in the G1 Epsom Oaks and G1 Prix de l'Opera, and for the dam of the G3 Killavullan S. third Katiba (Ire) (**Footstepsinthesand {GB}**). Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, €18,900. **Video, sponsored by TVG.**

O-H H Aga Khan; B-S A Aga Khan (FR); T-Alain de Royer-Dupre.

**1st-ParisLongchamp, €27,000, Mdn, 5-20, unraced 3yo, c/g, 8fT, 1:45.20, vsf.**

**WHITE WHISKY (FR) (g, 3, Kodiak (GB)--Mambo Light {MSW & MGSP-Ger}, by Kingmambo)** broke sharply from the outside gate and raced in third after the initial strides of this debut. Slipping to fourth at halfway, the 27-2 chance came under pressure with 500 metres remaining and kept on resolutely for continued urging inside the final quarter mile to assert by 1 3/4 lengths from Cheese (Fr) (French Fifteen {Fr}). He becomes the sixth scorer for MGSP dual stakes winner Mambo Light (Kingmambo) and is thus a half-brother to dual G3 Chairmans H. victor Le Juge (Ire) (Dansili {GB}), Listed Prix La Sorellina victrix **Frankel Light (Ire) (Frankel {GB})**, Listed Hyde S. third Via Serendipity (GB) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) and a yearling filly by Sea the Stars (Ire). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €13,500. **Video, sponsored by TVG.**

1ST-TIME STARTER. O/B-Rashit Shaykhtudinov (FR); T-F Chappet.

**3rd-ParisLongchamp, €27,000, Mdn, 5-20, 3yo, c/g, 10fT, 2:13.48, vsf.**

**SIYAZANN (FR) (c, 3, Golden Horn {GB}--Siyenica {Fr}) {SW & MGSP-Fr, \$102,865}, by Azamour {Ire}),** who posted an Apr. 28 debut third over one mile at Saint-Cloud, tanked along in fourth from the outset here. Looming large on the outside at the quarter-mile marker, the 9-5 favourite was nudged to the front with 300 metres remaining and kept on well under mild urging in the latter stages to edge Hayedo (Ger) (Sea The Moon {Ger}) by 1 1/4 lengths. He is the fourth foal and scorer out of MGSP Listed Prix de Bagatelle victrix Siyenica (Fr) (Azamour {Ire}) and the May-foaled homebred bay is a half-brother to G1 Prix Saint-Alary heroine Siyarafina (Fr) (Pivotal {GB}). Siyenica is one of four black-type scorers for Listed Prix Amandine winner Sichilla (Ire) (Danehill), headed by G1SW sire Siyouni (Fr) (Pivotal {GB}) and G1 Sun Chariot S. heroine Siyouma (Ire) (Medicean {GB}). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, €17,550. **Video, sponsored by TVG.** O-H H The Aga Khan; B-H H The Aga Khan's Studs SC (FR); T-Alain de Royer-Dupre.

**Saturday, Curragh, post time: 15.20**

**TATTERSALLS IRISH 2000 GUINEAS (GROUP 1)-G1, €232,000, 8f**

SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Agrimony (GB)	Pivotal (GB)	T Egan	J G Murphy	G F Carroll	128
2	Battleground	<b>War Front</b>	Michael Tabor & Derrick Smith & Mrs John Magnier	A P O'Brien	W M Lordan	128
3	Emporio (Ire)	Zoffany (Ire)	Mrs A M O'Brien	Donnacha O'Brien	G M Ryan	128
4	La Barrosa (Ire)	Lope de Vega (Ire)	Godolphin	C Appleby	W Buick	128
5	Lucky Vega (Ire)	Lope de Vega (Ire)	Zhang Yuesheng	Mrs J Harrington	S Foley	128
6	Mac Swiney (Ire)	New Approach (Ire)	Mrs J S Bolger	J S Bolger	R P Cleary	128
7	Monaasib (GB)	Bobby's Kitten	Shadwell Estate Company Ltd	K Prendergast	C D Hayes	128
8	Poetic Flare (Ire)	<b>Dawn Approach (Ire)</b>	Mrs J S Bolger	J S Bolger	K J Manning	128
9	Rebel Step 	Tamarkuz	P Garvey	A Slattery	B M Coen	128
10	The Rosstafarian (Ire)	<b>Starspangledbanner (Aus)</b>	Middleham Park Racing LXXXVII	H Palmer	C T Keane	128
11	Van Gogh	<b>American Pharoah</b>	Michael Tabor & Derrick Smith & Mrs John Magnier &	A P O'Brien	J A Heffernan	128
12	Wembley (Ire)	<b>Galileo (Ire)</b>	Michael Tabor & Derrick Smith & Mrs John Magnier	A P O'Brien	R L Moore	128

Breeders: 1-Chasemore Farm & Dr P. Sells, 2-Orpendale / Chelston / Wynatt, 3-Whisperview Trading Ltd, 4-Knocktoran Stud, 5-Kilcarn Stud, 6-J. S. Bolger, 7-Landmark Racing Limited, 8-J. S. Bolger, 9-Parrish Hill Farm, 10-Haras du Mezeray, 11-Barronstown Stud, 12-Coolmore

**Sunday, Tokyo, Japan, post time: 3:40 p.m.**

**YUSHUN HIMBA (JAPANESE OAKS)-G1, ¥210,000,000 (£1,363,863/€1,579,178/US\$1,926,665), 3yo, f, 2400mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Kukuna (Jpn)	King Kamehameha (Jpn)	Yokoyama	Kurita	121
2	Through Seven Seas (Jpn)	Dream Journey (Jpn)	Tosaki	Ozeki	121
3	Purple Lady (Jpn)	Deep Impact (Jpn)	Tanabe	Okumura	121
4	Tagano Passion (Jpn)	King Kamehameha (Jpn)	Iwata	Sameshima	121
5	Cool Cat (Jpn)	Screen Hero (Jpn)	Take	Okumura	121
6	Win Aglaia (Jpn)	Matsurida Gogh (Jpn)	Wada	Wada	121
7	Akaitorino Musume (Jpn)	Deep Impact (Jpn)	Lemaire	Kunieda	121
8	Hagino Pilina (Jpn)	Kizuna (Jpn)	Fujikake	Takano	121
9	Ubeleben (Jpn)	Gold Ship (Jpn)	Demuro	Tezuka	121
10	Enthusiasm (Jpn)	Deep Impact (Jpn)	Iwata	Yasuda	121
11	Sodashi (Jpn)	Kurofune	H Yoshida	Sugai	121
12	Miyabi Heidi (Jpn)	Epiphaneia (Jpn)	Y Yoshida	Takahashi	121
13	Fine Rouge (Jpn)	Kizuna (Jpn)	Fukunaga	Kimura	121
14	Stripe (Jpn)	Rulership (Jpn)	Shibata	Ogata	121
15	Art de Vivre (Jpn)	King Kamehameha (Jpn)	Matsuyama	Konno	121
16	Nina Dress (Jpn)	Heart's Cry (Jpn)	Fujioka	Tomomichi	121
17	Slyly (Jpn)	Orfevre (Jpn)	Ishikawa	Aizawa	121
18	Stellaria (Jpn)	Kizuna (Jpn)	Kawada	Saito	121

Breeders: 1-Northern Farm; 2-Northern Farm; 3-Okada Stud; 4-Ryoji Yagi; 5-Lake Villa Farm; 6-Cosmo View Farm; 7-Kaneko Makoto Holdings Inc; 8-Mitsuko Yasuoka; 9-Big Red Farm; 10-Shadai Farm; 11-Kaneko Makoto Holdings Inc; 12-Yoshikatsu Murakami; 13-Northern Racing; 14-Hisao Sato; 15-Hideko Kondo; 16-Yu Hirai; 17-Shirai Stud Farm; 18-Shadai Corporation Inc

**Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong, post time: 4:05 p.m.**

**STANDARD CHARTERED CHAMPIONS & CHATER CUP-G1**, HK\$12,000,000 (£1,093,684/€1,267,086/A\$1,991,998/  
US\$1,545,829), 3yo/up, 2400mT (PPs)

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	6	Exultant (Ire)	Teofilo (Ire)	Purton	Cruz	126
2	3	Glorious Dragon (Ire)	Teofilo (Ire)	Ho	Lui	126
3	5	Columbus County (NZ)	Redwood (GB)	Moreira	Fownes	126
4	7	Russian Emperor (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Badel	Whyte	126
5	2	Butterfield (Brz)	Setembro Chove (Brz)	Poon	Shum	126
6	4	Panfield (Chi)	Lookin At Lucky	Teetan	Millard	126
7	1	Time Warp (GB)	Archipenko	Bentley	Cruz	126
8	8	Packing Waltham (Fr)	Wootton Bassett (GB)	Chadwick	Cruz	126

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## MAHER STRIKES FOR VINNIE COLT



Thursday's \$1 million weanling, Lot 109 | *Magic Millions*

by Bren O'Brien

An I Am Invincible colt purchased by Ciaron Maher Racing became just the second weanling ever sold for \$1 million or more in Australia, as records were re-written on the opening day of the Magic Millions National Weanling Sale on the Gold Coast.

### At A Glance:

- The Sale average rocketed to \$112,178, a huge jump on the \$57,581 of 2020 and the \$59,926 of 2019.
- The median sits at a lofty \$51,000, up on last year when it was \$36,000 and 2019 when it was \$30,000.
- A new record for a daily aggregate at an Australian weanling sale was set, with \$17,948 million spent.
- The clearance rate sits at a healthy 84.66 per cent, compared to rates of 71 per cent and 75 per cent after the first day in the past two editions of the Sale.
- For the first time since 2007, a foal sold for seven figures in an Australian sales ring, as Ciaron Maher Racing secured the I Am Invincible colt from Gilgai Farm.
- There were eight yearlings sold for \$500,000 or more, a greater amount than what had been sold in that price range at the Sale over the entire last decade.

- The Shadwell Dispersal underpinned the record day's trade, with its 20 weanlings sold for a total of \$5.435 million, and at average of \$271,750.
- Rosemont Stud and Bahen Bloodstock combined to pay \$1.3 million for two colts, one by Zoustar and the other by **Fastnet Rock**.
- Bahen Bloodstock also spent \$1.71 million across six lots, either under its own name or in other partnerships, to be the day's top buyer.

### Vinnie Colt Becomes a Million-dollar Rarity

The pre-Sale expectation on Lot 109, the Gilgai Farm offered son of I Am Invincible was very strong, with the main question given the volume of interest he had, on whether he would surpass the magical \$1 million mark.

Ciaron Maher Racing ensured he entered a select club of just two foals to have attracted that price in an Australian sales ring, when going to an even \$1 million for him, which while short of the record \$1.15 million paid for Foxtrot Oscar (Redoute's Choice) at this Sale in 2007, was still an amazing result for Gilgai Farm.

The colt is out of listed winner Ocean Jewel (Ocean Park {NZ}), making him a blood brother to multiple Group-winning juvenile Catch Me (I Am Invincible) and a great-great grandson of blue hen mare Eight Carat (GB) (Pieces Of Eight {GB}). Maher had spotted him at Gilgai Farm a number of weeks ago and took an immediate shine to him.



Ciaron Maher (left) & Will Bourne | *Magic Millions*

"He was off a really good farm, and I had seen the horse up there. Kelly (Skillecorn) and Rick (Jamieson) they just keep producing winners. We'd hoped we wouldn't have to go quite that dear, but the yearling prices are going up and up this year, and we thought it was a good opportunity," Maher said.

"That's a yearling price, but he's a colt that is clearly a standout, out of a good mare and by the right stallion in I Am Invincible.

"Physically, he has got the movement and strength to think he should go early. Someone said to me, it's the best weanling they have seen at this Sale ever and they have been coming here for a number of years. Obviously, you have to pay for a horse like that."

Maher said the colt would go back to the farm he was bred from before going through the stable's yearling system in early 2022.

"He will be broken in fairly early and, hopefully, he can be a good 2-year-old," he said.

Gilgai purchased Ocean Jewel privately through Belmont Bloodstock for a reported \$1 million and manager Kelly Skillecorn said it was an outstanding result to get such a strong return off her first foal.

"I am surprised at that result. They said he was the best colt at this Sale, but it's still amazing. It helps a lot," he said.

"I must thank Damon Gabbedy for this horse because he could have sold her to anyone but he sold her to us."

It was one of three terrific results for the vendor, which also sold Lot 181, an Extreme Choice colt for \$650,000 to China Horse Club/Newgate Bloodstock, and Lot 173, a Deep Field colt, to Redwall Syndicate for \$250,000.

"For Rick Jamieson to have the day he had was fantastic," Magic Millions Managing Director, Barry Bowditch, said.

"He's obviously one of Australia's greatest breeders and for him to bring a great selection of high-quality weanlings up here and to be rewarded like he was, was fantastic.

"He's stepped out of the crease and brought an outstanding colt to the market that would go well in any yearling sale. He's got the right money today and we are thrilled to be able to offer a seven-figure weanling."

Ocean Jewel, who foaled the I Am Invincible colt at Cressfield, subsequently missed to Deep Field but will return to the Newgate stallion in 2021.

## ***Zoustar Colt Tops Shadwell Feeding Frenzy***

The record results were very much powered by the success of the Shadwell Dispersal, which saw over \$5.4 million secured for 20 quality weanlings, which had been prepared for sale by Yarraman Park.

While it was the end of an era in terms of Shadwell's involvement, it was very much the opening of an opportunity for

several major buyers, who fought hard to snap up foals from some quality families.

It was Rosemont Stud and Bahen Bloodstock who came together to pay the top price for the Shadwell weanlings, of \$700,000 for a Zoustar colt out of listed winner Bulbula (Shamardal {USA}), making him a half-brother to both Group 3 winner Aryaaf (Epaulette) and the Snitzel colt which the Rosemont-led Victorian Alliance paid \$1.25 million for at the Inglis Australian Easter Yearling Sale.



**Lot 73, a colt by Zoustar | Magic Millions**

Again, the colt was purchased as a racing prospect, with a view to him carrying the Rosemont colours.

"I think you have to be looking in all markets to try and buy these quality colts, that we would ultimately want to race and race successfully, to have them earn their spot in our stallion barn," Rosemont Stud Principal, Anthony Mithen, said.

"We came here with a bit of a mission to look at all weanlings across the board and there are various ways that you could use these horses. You can sell them as yearlings, you can breeze them up and you can race them. He certainly fell into the collectors' item category to hold on to and race."

Mithen said shopping in the weanling market, and buying a colt from a family which was already quite familiar to then seemed a prudent move.

"We bought the Bulbula at Inglis Easter for \$1.2 million and so you could look at it that we have helped ourselves to a \$500,000 discount. He was as nice a horse as the yearling by Snitzel. They are both by stallions who seem to be able to provide sons going forward, and that fits our wheelhouse in terms of sourcing future stallion prospects. It's a lovely family and it's a unique circumstance that we are allowed the privilege to bid on a horse like this," he said.

"We are very pleased to select what we thought was the very best colt out of the Shadwell offering and happy to have him in our paddock."

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The partnership with Bahen Bloodstock came about when Mithen bumped into one of their mutual clients on Sale morning.

"We have a good partner, a client of the farm, who was pretty keen on the horse as well. I was fortuitous to bump into him this morning, and we got chatting about horses we liked and we seem to like the same ones," he said.

"They were always going to be champagne tastes. It's nice to partner up with him and get the opportunity to hold this horse to racing stage and put him in our colours."

**Fastnet Colt Fits the Bill**

The pair also combined to secure Lot 116, a colt by **Fastnet Rock** out of Group 2-winning mare Oregon's Day (Domesday), offered by Segenhoe Stud, paying the day's fifth highest price of \$600,000.

That colt is a first foal from a highly successful family, with Oregon's Day a half-sister to stakes winners Talent Show (Jeune {GB}) and Oregon Seal (Bel Esprit), out of the Group 3 winner Oregon Spirit (NZ) (Oregon {USA}).

"Not every horse in this catalogue will suit to fall into the race team. But when you can buy that premium product six months earlier, potentially at a discount, that's the value of a very stylish well-related colt by a good stallion. It's a fair price to pay," Mithen said.

Magic Millions confirmed on Thursday that the colt's dam Oregon's Day will return to next week's Magic Millions Broodmare Sale as a supplementary entry. She sold for \$1 million off the racetrack two years ago and was passed in at the recent Inglis Chairman's Sale, offered in foal to Pierata.

The top-priced filly of the day and second top-priced foal of the Shadwell Dispersal was Lot 74, a filly by I Am Invincible out of South African Grade 2 winner Eftikaa (**More Than Ready** {USA}).

She was purchased by Mitchell Bloodstock for \$600,000.

Another highlight from the Shadwell Dispersal saw Tony Fung Investments pay \$550,000 for Lot 65, a colt by Exceed And Excel out of Listed winner Nomathaj (Snitzel).

"He's a fabulous colt and being a son of Exceed And Excel he was high on our list for our racing program," Tony Fung's representative, Shane McGrath, said.

"I was fortunate enough to have a look at Bivouac at the stallion parades last week and I was saying to Vin Cox that he's the sort of mirror image that you're looking for in a stallion and I saw a lot of similarities with this colt.

"We love the sire obviously--we were very active on him at the yearling sales--and he's out of a very fast mare who is out of a Maribyrnong Trial winner out of a Maribyrnong Plate winner, so he's speed on speed. Exceed And Excel's been as good a 2-year-old sire as we've seen in many a year and we're delighted to get him."

Bahen Bloodstock also paid \$550,000 for another Shadwell foal, Lot 77, a Zoustar filly out of Group 2 winner and G1 Blue Diamond S. runner-up Enbihaar (Magnus), while George Moore Bloodstock went to \$500,000 for Lot 63, a Shadwell colt by Per

Incanto (USA) and Mulcaster Bloodstock paid \$425,000 for Lot 69, an I Am Invincible filly.



Anthony Mithen (left) & Ryan McEvoy | Magic Millions

**A Tale of Triumph and Tears for Shadwell**

Yarraman Park's Arthur Mitchell was delighted with how the market had received the Shadwell Dispersal, but did admit that the end of an era presented some mixed emotions.

"It's actually very, very sad as they've been operational in Australia for 30-plus years, so it's a very sad end of an era for Shadwell and Angus Gold who has been the driver of this and the selector of these horses," he said.

"They've had a wonderful weanling sale and I am sure they're all very happy. They sold very well, but it's rather sad, that it's the way it is.

"The Sale was very strong, the horses sold well and some sold exceptionally well. I think they're very happy, we're very happy. They were well-presented and behaved well and it's gone perfectly and everyone's delighted with the Sale."

It was no surprise for Mitchell to see Lot 73 top the Dispersal, given the way the colt had presented, while the I Am Invincible filly purchased by Mitchell Bloodstock, was also highly rated.

"He was a very nice colt, and then there was an I Am Invincible filly who made \$600,000 who is lovely. We think she's an absolute cracker," he said.

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"There were some ones that surprised us, but didn't at the same time, a Per Incanto making \$500,000, he's a lovely horse and we've always loved him on the farm, but we certainly didn't expect him to make that. We thought more like \$250,000, so he certainly doubled our expectations and the Kermadec colt making \$300,000. He's a beautiful horse again, but we certainly weren't thinking he'd make that.

"It's funny because the last lot, a Zoustar, made \$200,000 and I thought he might have made a bit more. On the whole, I think they all sold very, very well."

The Shadwell Dispersal was prompted by the decision for the global powerhouse to wind down its operations and follows the death of Shadwell supremo Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum in March.

Gold, the architect of Shadwell's global success on the racetrack and in the breeding barn, watched the Sale from his home in England, according to Mitchell.

"Angus got up and watched the Sale and I think he's tried to go back to sleep. We've had a text message and he's delighted with the Sale and we'll be chatting to him later on," he said.

"It's quite a moving thing for Angus and it's been quite sad for him. After all those years of putting this together--and no one works harder than Angus, I can tell you--I think it's very sad the way this had to end.

"While it's been successful, I really do feel very sorry for Angus for all the work he's done. He's done a fabulous job."

### *A Magic Moment*

The atmosphere when the Shadwell weanlings were being offered was very different to the usual patter of sales day, with all eyes glued to the sales ring.

"The engagement over that time was fantastic," Bowditch said. "I noticed the buffet was open and no-one got up to get lunch. You know you have everyone's attention when that is the case.

"Yarraman did a great job getting these weanlings here in the order that they did. They were very well-inspected, they didn't turn a hair over the few days they were here. They performed their job extremely well and the buyers, as they ought to, got in behind them and built these horses up."



Team Yarraman Park | *Magic Millions*

What those results set up was a brilliant day of selling for Magic Millions, with the Sale very much on track to set new records, having already secured nearly \$18 million in sales at an average close to double the previous best of \$62,910, set in 2018.

"You catalogue quality horses and the quality buyers turn up in droves and that was evident here today. We had an outstanding bunch of horses, as I've said leading into the Sale. The market got behind it and to be averaging well over \$100,000 with a healthy clearance rate and a gross number that is beyond our expectations is a fantastic start of a big fortnight," Bowditch said.

### ***Extreme Repeat for Field and Newgate***

The demand for the progeny of young stallions has been a hallmark of the yearling sales season and has clearly followed onto the weanling sales season, with Lot 181, a colt by Extreme Choice out of Snipzu (Snippetson), selling to China Horse Club and Newgate Bloodstock for \$650,000, setting a new mark for the highest price for either a yearling or weanling by the stallion through the sales ring.

It was two years ago that Newgate Managing Director Henry Field paid \$60,000 for a colt by Extreme Choice at this Sale, and that ended being this year's G1 Golden Slipper S. winner Stay Inside.

"When we saw an Extreme Choice who was the model of Stay Inside, off a great farm, by a very special young sire, he was a horse who was a must-have," Field said.

"He will join our racing team and, hopefully, he will be as successful as the last Extreme Choice weanling colt I bought but we will see.

"He is a very sharp colt and, to be honest, the best Extreme Choice physically I have ever seen and he's out of a good mare and off a great farm.

"We think the stallion is something very special and to get a colt as good as this we had to push for him. He is an outstanding horse, he's an awesome colt. He's the one we thought he was out of the box."

Snipzu is a stakes-placed mare, who has already produced four winners, including the Group 1-placed The Drinks Cart

(Unencumbered).

Field said the colt would be raced in a similar ownership to Stay Inside, with Newgate and China Horse Club to be joined by Go Bloodstock among others.

Extreme Choice, whose fertility has meant limited foal crops, also had colts sell for \$220,000 and \$210,000.



Thursday's weanling topper, Lot 109 | Magic Millions

A filly by another of Newgate's star first-season stallions, Capitalist, Lot 104 from Kitchwin Hills, secured \$375,000 to Peachester Lodge.

Meanwhile demand was also strong for the first crop of Trapeze Artist, The Autumn Sun and **Justify** (USA). Trapeze Artist had a colt sell for \$330,000, while the same buyer, Bahen Bloodstock, paid \$300,000 for a filly by The Autumn Sun. Group 1 Bloodstock paid \$300,000 for a **Justify** colt.

The Sale resumes at 10 a.m.

AEST on Friday, with Bowditch confident the opportunities will continue the flow from vendors and buyers.

"There's plenty of nice horses tomorrow, and I think it will be another solid day's selling. We're delighted with the catalogue and we think the market is set now," he said.

"There will be plenty of people that will be going home tonight wanting to still buy horses. We return tomorrow and I think the vendors that have got the quality horses and are realistic with what their expectations are will be very well-rewarded here."

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