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MONMOUTH OPENING DAY: 45 HORSES, 14 JOCKEYS, NO WHIPPING, LOTS OF CONTROVERSY



Veteran Jose Ferrer is among the bigger-name riders with mounts on Monmouth's opening day card | *Equi-Photo*

by T.D. Thornton, Bill Finley & Sue Finley

Amid concerns that jockeys would either be protesting Monmouth Park's May 28 opening-day program or not riding at all during the meet because of their concerns over a new state rule that prohibits whipping outside of emergency safety usage, it took until 5:30 p.m. Tuesday for Friday's overnight at Monmouth Park to be released, with six races drawing 45 entrants ridden by 14 jockeys.

Now that Friday's opening day program appears to be a "go," the looming larger question is what will the jockey colony and field sizes look like in the near future as Monmouth embarks upon a season under a figurative microscope with the New Jersey Racing Commission (NJRC) mandating the most stringent anti-whipping rules on the continent.

Or, put another way, was the light riding colony turnout in the entries just a one-day act of protest, or a sign of a stressful summer to come at the Jersey shore?

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PARX BACKSTRETCH RAID YIELDS SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF CONTRABAND

by Bill Finley

Recent backstretch raids staged by the Pennsylvania Racing Commission at Parx have uncovered what Director of Thoroughbred Horse Racing at Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture Tom Chuckas described as a "significant amount of contraband" and "items that have no business on the backside."

Chuckas made the revelations during a regularly scheduled meeting Tuesday of the Pennsylvania Racing Commission. The meeting was held over Zoom and a one-minute-and-twenty second segment was captured and posted on Twitter by veterinarian Kathryn Papp. Pennsylvania Racing Commissioner Russell Jones took part in the meeting and confirmed the authenticity of Papp's Twitter post.

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A filly by Peace and Justice and out of Code Name Taurus (Bullsbay) plays in her paddock earlier this week at Nearaway Farm in Perrineville, NJ. Foaled on March 5, the filly is owned by breeder Erika Neuberg. | Sarah Andrew

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"While I understand the jockeys' frustration with the new whip rule and I appreciate the jockeys' concerns that they're putting their lives at risk...the whip rule was created by the New Jersey Racing Commission. It is the law in New Jersey, and there's nothing that Monmouth Park can do about it," Dennis Drazin, the CEO of the management company that operates the track, told *TDN*.

"Having said that, I am pleased that we were able to draw the card and get jockeys who were willing to ride to that we can put on the show and not disappoint the public and not create a significant hardship to Monmouth Park by having a financial loss," Drazin said.

Earlier on Tuesday, Drazin said that he was concerned that certain veteran riders and perhaps even The Jockeys' Guild were pressuring jockeys not to ride. He said there would be "repercussions" if riders or Guild representatives tried to stage a coordinated job action.

Terence Meyocks, the president and chief executive officer of the Jockeys' Guild, told *TDN* after the overnight came out that the Guild played no role in trying to influence riders on whether or not to accept Monmouth mounts.

"The Guild's position hasn't changed. The rule is dangerous.

We've maintained all along that it's not safe for the horses and riders," Meyocks said. "We have not told one jock [whether to ride at Monmouth or not]. The jocks have made their own opinions whether to ride or not.

"Now, I know a number of riders that felt pressured by the track who decided to ride," Meyocks continued. "They're willing to risk their lives. Other jocks are just concerned about their safety. We still think it's in the best interest of everybody--the racing commission the track, the horsemen, the owners, the trainers, the jocks, the betting public--to get this rule changed where it's safe and we don't have to worry about litigation."

The Monmouth colony is expected to get a boost from several riders (Nik Juarez and Ferrin Peterson) who are currently sitting out suspensions, but are expected to accept mounts in New Jersey. Leading rider Paco Lopez will ride at Gulfstream Park on Friday. Then he has to serve an upcoming suspension and accept mounts that have been lined up at Delaware Park and Belmont Park, his agent, Cory Moran, told *TDN*. A decision on whether to ride at Monmouth will be made after that.

Drazin said he knows Monmouth's top all-time rider, Joe Bravo, is personally committed to sitting out the meet in protest of the strict new whipping regulations, and Drazin said he doesn't expect that decision to change. **Cont. p4**

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But beyond that, Drazin said, "We would expect more jockeys to be willing to ride. I think that jockeys chose the wrong methodology to try and boycott Monmouth Park because of a rule that Monmouth Park did not create. And unfortunately, we had all this controversy, which puts a little bit of a damper on opening day and getting excited for the meet.

"If they're not going to ride [in New Jersey], they probably should choose where they're going to ride and go there instead of trying to get other jockeys not to ride and approaching trainers and asking them not to enter," Drazin said.

"Look, if a jockey does not want to ride because of the rule and decides to go elsewhere, we can't stop them," Drazin said. "But jockeys trying to--call it anything you want--set a boycott and engage in conduct that is detrimental to racing could end up having those jockeys get in a lot of trouble, which we certainly did not want to happen."

Earlier on Tuesday Drazin had explained to *TDN* how the NJRC could enforce a rule that involves "conduct detrimental to racing," although it is unclear exactly how or if that regulation pertains to not accepting mounts over a principled boycott.

Also earlier on Tuesday, Drazin had outlined three in-house possibilities that were under consideration for how Monmouth could penalize (or incentivize) riders who were deemed

uncooperative or disruptive: 1) A meet-long ban for any rider who boycotted opening day; 2) A civil lawsuit against the Guild and/or individual jockeys to try and recoup lost handle revenue, or 3) Implementing a meet-long jockey-title bonus that would not be available to any riders who chose not to ride on opening day.

But after the overnight came out, Drazin told *TDN* he was rethinking those options.

"Given that we're able to put the races on and not have to shut Monmouth Park down, I don't probably contemplate there will be a civil lawsuit seeking damages. We'd rather get along with the jocks. And as far as the racing commission taking any action against anybody, that's up to the racing commission. I can't speak for that. But whatever policy [racing secretary] John Heims put in place as to jockeys who refuse to ride will probably stay intact."

Both Drazin and Meyocks were in agreement on one issue: That New Jersey's controversial whip rule could become a moot point about a year from now when federal oversight mandated by the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act is up and running and a uniform, nationwide whipping rule possibly gets put into effect.

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"No names were given to us but I know they found a lot of (expletive)," Jones told the *TDN*. "They found a lot of evidence, syringes, whatever you call that stuff. Whatever it is they found, a lot of stuff that you might think is incriminating."

Jones said the raid was conducted "over the weekend," but did not know if it was conducted on Saturday or Sunday or both days.



Parx | Sarah Andrew

In what may or may not be a related development, there were 25 scratches from Tuesday's card at Parx, including nine horses who were ordered scratched by the stewards. The stewards' scratches included all three horses entered by trainer Richard Vega.

Chuckas, who did not return a phone call seeking comment, told those on the Zoom call that the investigation was extensive.

"We went through the barn area and the tack rooms," he said. "We did six solo barn searches, six tack room searches. In addition to that we looked at given grooms' quarters and five external tack rooms. Sixty-six out-of-competition tests were performed. In our enforcement action, I can say without getting into too much detail that a significant amount of contraband

was discovered. Dealing with medications, unlabeled compounded or expired...I regret to say they were contraband items that have no business on the backside, with needles and syringes and some other things that we discovered."

A subsequent request to the racing commission asking for them to release the minutes of Tuesday's session also went unanswered.

"Whatever it is, they found a lot of stuff that you might think is incriminating," Jones said, adding that "they had a very active weekend."

Chuckas said he was not at liberty to reveal the names of those trainers who were involved while the investigation is ongoing.

Jones said that the racing commission had not been able to conduct normal investigations during the height of the COVID pandemic and was just now starting to catch up. Chuckas implied that similar investigations at the state's other two Thoroughbred racetracks, Presque Isle Downs and Penn National, were imminent.

"Moving forward, I think it is fair to say that the other tracks will receive the same enforcement action," he said.

Jones said that he had become concerned that so much time had passed since the last time the commission launched such an investigation.

"I'm thrilled there is something to start with," Jones said. "I had been impatient. They were great about doing out-of-competition testing in 2019 but in 2020 it was a fraction of what we did before. They're going to be ongoing normal procedure now, as far as out-of-competition testing goes. We've got a lot of stuff that we are working on now that ought to come to fruition. I hope these raids, or whatever you call them, are going to provide something that's worth reporting."

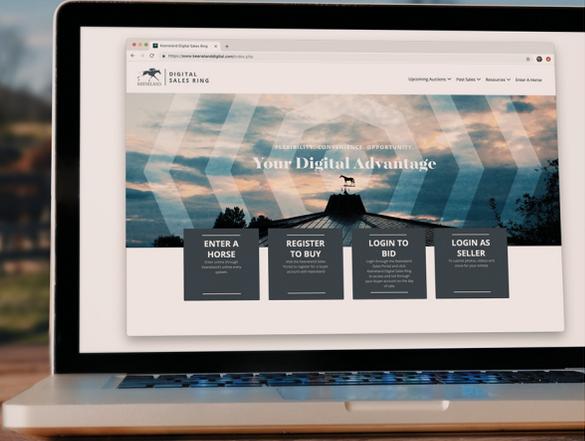
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FLINTSHIRE COLT TOPS KEENELAND DIGITAL SALE



Connagh's Quay | *ThoroStride*

Connagh's Quay (*Flintshire* {GB}), a 3-year-old maiden colt, topped Keeneland's May Digital Sale Tuesday on a winning bid of \$65,000 from Kirkwood Stables, agent. The bay was consigned by his owner/breeder Juddmonte as **hip 5**. Conditioned by Chad Brown up to this point, his best finish from five prior tries was a runner-up effort in Tampa maiden special weight company two back Feb. 28. He was most recently seventh, beaten just 2 1/4 lengths, in a 1 3/8-mile test at Belmont May 6.

Connagh's Quay is out of an unraced Empire Maker mare who is already responsible for GSW Tide of the Sea (*English Channel*). His second dam is MGISW Tate's Creek (Rahy), who in turn is a half to MGISW and near \$2.5-million earner Sightseek (Distant View). This is also the female family of European champion 2-year-old filly Special Duty (GB) and 2018 GI Breeders' Cup Mile hero *Expert Eye* (GB).

A total of six horses traded hands for \$144,000 in gross receipts, with the would-be topper, GIII Toboggan S. winner American Power (Power Broker), failing to meet his reserve.

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FASIG-TIPTON'S STEVE DANCE DIES AT 78



Steve Dance (left) on the mic | Tibor Slavik

by Terence Collier

Steve Dance, a senior member of Fasig-Tipton’s auction team for five decades, passed away suddenly on Tuesday morning at his home in Jarrettsville, MD, which he shared with his wife Nancy. He was in his 78th year and it was suspected he suffered a massive heart attack. Steve worked until the last day of his life and the many sellers and buyers at Fasig-Tipton’s Midlantic 2-Year-Olds in Training Sale, just a week ago in Timonium, would have seen him plying his lifelong trade on the auction stand in his beloved home state.

Hiram “Steve” Dance was born in 1943 in the small, country town of Towson, just a few miles north of Baltimore. The then-struggling Thoroughbred auction company, Fasig-Tipton, in the late 1940’s had appointed Humphrey Finney, another Towson resident, as its president. Although Finney left Towson in 1953, Steve’s uncle, “Laddie” Dance, Humphrey’s son John Finney and Larry Ensor, all subsequent luminaries at Fasig-Tipton and all “Towsonites,” befriended the younger Steve and found a

variety of jobs for him at a rapidly expanding number of the company’s nationwide auctions. Honing his horse auction skills under the likes of George Swinebroad, Laddie Dance and Ralph Retler was a daunting task, but Steve’s hard work, reliability and enthusiasm paid off and he became a full-time auctioneer and bid spotter for the company in 1972.

From that time forward, Steve did not miss a single Fasig-Tipton auction in a career which lasted for an enviable fifty years.

But the glamor and celebrity of the Thoroughbred world did not monopolize Steve as it did with many of his peers. Again, until the day he died, Steve owned and operated the company founded by his grandfather in 1912, the Milton J Dance Auction Company. From the company’s present base in Towson, Steve sold everything from pots and pans, to antiques, to multi-million dollar mansions. And, if there was such a thing as spare time, he traveled the length and breadth of the country selling and bid-spotting at celebrated motorcycle auctions from Daytona, FL to Sturgis, ND.

His “metier” was undoubtedly the Thoroughbred horse, but his passion was motorcycles--BMW motorcycles to be precise. Steve was a riding encyclopedia of BMW bikes and owned up to 20 at a time in his busiest years. He rode them all over North America--Alaska to New York to Florida. He converted me to BMW’s in the mid 1980’s and, without question, our ride together from the 2-year-old sale in Miami to the 2-year-old sale in Dallas was the greatest road trip two friends could make.

Steve found great happiness in later life, when, in 2011, he married his soulmate and loving companion Nancy, who survives him in Jarrettsville. Steve is also survived by his two daughters Erica and Whitney, his son Lee, step-daughter with Nancy, Layne, and three brothers, Andy, Scott and Tom. Notice of funeral arrangements will follow.

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22K ADDITIONAL H-2B VISAS AVAILABLE FOR SECOND HALF OF FISCAL YEAR

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security and Department of Labor issued a joint temporary final rule published Tuesday in the Federal Register that offers 22,000 additional H-2B visas to employers for the second half of the federal fiscal year that ends

Sept. 30, 2021. The visas, used by employers such as racehorse trainers seeking seasonal guest workers, are capped at 66,000 annually, with an even split of 33,000 available for each half of the federal government's fiscal year. Six thousand of these supplemental visas will be reserved for nationals of the Northern Triangle countries of Honduras, El Salvador and Guatemala.

"The 22,000 H-2B visas offered through this rule issued by the DHS and DOL will be helpful to employers who rely on the H-2B visa program, including trainers, but many more of these visas are ultimately required to satisfy the need," said NTRA President and CEO Alex Waldrop. "For that reason, the NTRA, through its involvement in the H-2B Workforce Coalition, supports additional relief from the burdensome annual H-2B visa cap through a permanent returning worker exemption."

The H-2B visa guest worker program is a nonimmigrant visa program which trainers rely heavily on to fill various backside positions. Demand for H-2B visas often exceeds their availability and the cap level is quickly reached, leaving employers in need. Employers can find eligibility and filing details [here](#).

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ASHLEYLUVSWATER: CAL-BRED TAKES ON EAST COAST MOUNTAINSIDE

by Katie Ritz



Watch the exploits of Ashleyluvssugar, including his viral water exploration video posted by [After the Finish Line](#), and his stablemate Bettys Bambino.

Ashleyluvssugar (Game Plan), a five-time Grade II-winning 10-year-old gelding, made a splash--quite literally--on social media this week in a post from [After the Finish Line](#), where he was seen taking an enthusiastic wade through a stream in the North Carolina mountains. **Cont. p9**

Ashleyluvssugar cont.

The fan-favorite California-bred is now owned by Allie Conrad, who has worked with hundreds of ex-racehorses over the years, but said this one is truly one of a kind.

“This was his first off-the-farm trip where we took him camping up in the mountains,” Conrad shared. “I took him down to the river and he was unsure. What wasn’t shown in the video was that I hopped down and kind of boulder hopped about 10 feet out so I wouldn’t get wet but he would understand that he could follow me into the river. Well he took it quite literally and leaped onto the boulder with me, knocking me into the river. He looked like an elephant on a ball standing on this rock looking at me in the river like, ‘Okay I’m here, now what?’”

A homebred for Sharon Alesia, Bran Jam Stable and Ciaglia Racing, Ashleyluvssugar raced 38 times over eight years for trainer Peter Eurton. He collected five Grade II wins, including two editions of the Charles Wittingham S. and also ran fifth in the 2016 GI Breeders’ Cup Turf. He retired last spring with earnings of over \$1.4 million as his trainer’s second-highest earner.

When given the opportunity, Conrad jumped at the chance to take on the bay gelding.

“I have a huge fan-girl crush on stakes horses,” she said. “They have an arrogance and a confidence that I just love. A lot of people don’t know how to deal with them because they can be very opinionated. Even to get their feet or teeth done, they’re like, ‘I don’t know who you think you are but I won [x or y] race.’ They know they’re fancy. When he ran his last race and it was clear he wasn’t loving it anymore, he came to me clean-legged, perfectly happy and in beautiful condition.”

Conrad has had her hands on her fair share of retired racehorses as the executive director of the aftercare organization CANTER Mid Atlantic for 20 years. When she stepped away three years ago, she made it her goal to branch out with her own off-track Thoroughbreds.

“I decided to live by the motto that life is short, go do the things that bring you joy,” she shared.

During her time with CANTER, Conrad met Dawn Mellen, the President and Founder of After the Finish Line and an active member of her family’s Bran Jam Stable.

“Her family is the gold standard for taking care of their racehorses,” Conrad said. “She would reach out to me asking about a horse they had owned as a yearling that was now running at the bottom at Laurel or Charles Town or wherever, seeing if I could go check up on them. In doing that, we ended up taking six of her family’s horses that they hadn’t owned for years, but they would provide for all expenses until we could re-home them.”

Three years ago, Mellen called Conrad to let her know that it was time for their dual Grade III winner Bettys Bambino (Unusual Heat) to retire. Conrad was confused as to how Mellen

wanted her to help.

“I was in North Carolina and he was in California. But she asked me very bluntly why I always commented on Betty’s videos on social media and I said there was something about him that just spoke to my soul. She said her family had discussed it and they wanted me to own him. I was so honored. They shipped him here and soon after, started talking to me about Ashleyluvssugar.”



Ashleyluvssugar takes the 2017 Charles Wittingham S. | Benoit

‘Sugar’ arrived in North Carolina last year, but Conrad said it took some time for him to learn to relax in his new environment.

“One thing about stakes horses is that they’re so used to their routine and the hustle and bustle of shipping, racing and adoring fans,” she explained. “They feed off of it and can get depressed when they come into a quieter environment. They’ve gone from training hard every day to essentially doing nothing so it can be a little bit of a challenge, but I just happen to love that challenge.”

After about 10 months of reassurance from his new owner, Sugar began settling into his new job description.

“He finally started to look to me for guidance when he was questioning things,” Conrad said. “It goes back to that stakes-horse mindset where he’s like, ‘I don’t need you. I know my job.’ But he finally took a breath and realized I would make the decisions for him.”

“I would call this horse cheeky and brilliant,” Conrad added of his personality. “He’s got a sense of humor and is really expressive with his feet. We call him Michael Flatley, Lord of the Dance. He slings his legs up in the air every time you ask him to do something. Some people would think he was being aggressive, but it has to do with the fact that he does everything with enthusiasm. You ask him to do something and he does it times 100.” **Cont. p10**

Ashleyluvssugar cont.

Conrad said that she has plans to take Sugar to this year's Retired Racehorse Project Thoroughbred Makeover in October. There he will be competing for the Georgia B. Ridder Foundation's \$2,500 Top-Placed Cal-Bred Award.

"I will probably lean him towards something non-traditional," Conrad said. "With him being so quick and athletic, I needed a Western saddle with him so I'll probably be aiming him for some of the Western disciplines. He may tell me something different, but we don't have to decide for a few months. If you teach him something, he owns it. A quiet brain is a trainable brain, and so I can basically teach him anything now that his brain is quiet enough to be taught."

While she's not sure in what area Sugar will end up excelling, she knows he has all the potential to be a success.

"He is a very different-brained horse," she said. "I wouldn't say he will be my last Thoroughbred, but I'm pretty sure the universe sent me the most complicated re-training project. He's not difficult, he's just weird and funny and I love it."

Ashleyluvssugar has been a very different pupil than Conrad's other Peter Eurton trainee.

"Bettys Bambino is the polar opposite. With him, everything is very serious. There's no joking, no laughing, he does his job and does it well. I call him a once-in-a-lifetime horse. He's unbelievably quiet and steady. My niece will come and ride little walk-trot lessons. He and I have gotten into mountain riding. We go all over the East Coast riding up and down mountains. We go camping, we gallop on beaches and trail ride every day."

Conrad has a trip planned next year to take Bettys Bambino out west to ride in the mountains of Utah, Montana and Wyoming.



Pennmarydel | Sarah Andrew

"Sugar will probably come along too," she said. "My two little racehorses and I are going to show up some quarter horses and run up the mountains faster than anybody else."

The horsewoman has gathered quite the collection of racing characters in her barn.

"Having both Bettys Bambino and Ashleyluvssugar in my barn is an absolute treasure and a joy. They go out with their best friend Pennmarydel (Dynaformer), who is Barbaro's full-brother. He didn't have the racing success but he has the bloodlines and knows he's fancy. I've got a bunch of big egos in my barn, but they match with my own so it works just fine."

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JOHN T. L. JONES IV PASSES AWAY

John Tullis Ledbetter "Tullis" Jones IV, passed away Wednesday, May 19, 2021, in Austin, Texas. He was 31 years old.

Jones was born October, 30, 1989, in Houston, Texas, the son of Johnny Jones III and Mia Edgar Jones.

Jones attended St. John's School and Episcopal High School in Houston, Texas, where he excelled in basketball and golf, and graduated from Transylvania University in Lexington, where he was a member of the Kappa Alpha (KA) fraternity.

After graduating from school, Tullis sold property and casualty insurance in Austin and Houston.

He was preceded in death by his grandfather and grandmother, Walmac Farm's John T.L. Jones, Jr. and Janice Marie Jones, of Lexington, and his grandfather and grandmother Edgar, Charles Richard Edgar and Mary Ann Edgar, of Houston.

Survivors include his parents; his brother John Michiel Christian Jones; his aunts and uncles John and Pauline Edgar of Houston; Paula and Hutton Jones of Abilene, Texas; Paula and Levi Jones of Shawnee, Oklahoma; and Julie and Guy Mogge of Versailles, Kentucky; as well as cousins Hutton Jones, Payton Jones, Haley Winn, Helen Heffner, Bryce Jones, Ellis Jones, and Guy David Mogge.

A memorial service for Jones will be held Thursday, May 27, at 3 p.m. at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, Main Street, in Houston, with a celebration wake following from 4.30 p.m. until 6.30 p.m. at Armando's on Westheimer Road. A memorial service in Kentucky will be held Wednesday June 2 at 4 p.m. at Walnut Hill Church, Walnut Hill Road in Lexington, with a celebration wake to follow at the church.

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FOALING NEWS

TAXATION TASK FORCE TO LOOK AT HHR RATES

A Pari-Mutuel Wagering Taxation Task Force has been established in the Kentucky General Assembly to “study the taxes and rates related to horse racing, the impact that changing the rates would have, and the funds relating to the horse industry which receive historical horse racing tax receipts [and] determine if any changes should be made.” The task force will be co-chaired by Kentucky State Senator Damon Thayer and House of Representatives member Adam Koenig.

The Kentucky Equine Education Project (KEEP) issued a statement in support of the action Tuesday:

“The Kentucky Equine Education Project (KEEP) commends the appointment of the Pari-Mutuel Wagering Taxation Task Force, the first step in ensuring an equitable tax rate for historical horse racing (HHR) that will result in increased revenue for the state and promote continued growth for Kentucky's nation-leading horse industry.

"During the legislative session when the preservation of HHR was discussed, Kentucky's horse industry pledged to work with the legislature to assess the tax structure of HHR, how those funds are allocated, what the impact would be on the industry and Kentucky's economy if the tax rates are changed, and determine if any changes should be made to the existing structure.

“KEEP stands ready to work with the Task Force and be part of the conversation on HHR to ensure that entire horse industry--all breeds and disciplines--continues to see benefit from HHR through incentive funds and other state programs. Additionally, it is paramount that changes to the tax structure of HHR are not detrimental to the horse industry's 60,000 direct and indirect jobs and its \$6.5-billion impact on Kentucky's economy. KEEP looks forward to working closely with the Task Force to accomplish these goals.

“KEEP extends its gratitude to Representative Matt Koch and Representative Ruth Ann Palumbo for their legislative efforts to establish this Task Force.”

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PRIVATE GIFT, 19, Unbridled--Private Status, by Alydar
Foal born Apr. 1, a colt by **Candy Ride (Arg)**
Will be bred back to **Uncle Mo**.
Owned by Mt. Brilliant Broodmares I, LLC.
Accomplishments: SW of \$212,248. Dam of Profetiza (A.P. Indy), MSP, \$119,672; Secret Someone (A.P. Indy), SW & GSP, \$409,301.

IN THE ROUGH, 14, **Stormy Atlantic**--Old Fashion Girl, by Arch
Foal born Apr. 3, a filly by **Demarchelier (GB)**
Will be bred back to **Jimmy Creed**.
Owned by Sarah A Wells.
Boarded at Water Maple Farm.
Accomplishments: SW & GSP, \$341,490.

SWEET N DISCREET, 11, Discreet Cat--West Side Dancer, by Gone West
Foal born Apr. 13, a filly by **American Pharoah**.
Will be bred back to **Tapit**.
Owned by Mt Brilliant Farm & Ranch LLC & Lane's End Stallions, Inc.
Accomplishments: SW & GSP, \$366,447. Dam of Sweet Melania (**American Pharoah**), MGSW & GISP, \$407,150.

GLORIOUS VIEW, 12, Pleasant Tap--Cayuga's Water, by Langfuhr
Foal born Apr. 16, a filly by **Ghostzapper**.
Will be bred back to **Catalina Cruiser**.
Owned by Brant Laue.
Boarded at Hurstland Farm.
Accomplishments: GSW of \$307,190.

LA BELLE CAT, 12, **Tale of the Cat**--La Belle Danse, by Beau Genius
Foal born Apr. 24, a colt by **More Than Ready**.
Will be bred back to **McKinzie**.
Owned by and boarded at Clifton Farm.
Accomplishments: Dam of Cairo Cat (**Cairo Prince**), GSW, \$171,289.

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Friday, Penn National, post time: 7:46 p.m. EDT

PENN MILE S.-GII, \$300,000, 3yo, 1mT

| PP | HORSE | SIRE | OWNER | TRAINER | JOCKEY | WT |
|----|----------------|------------------------|---|--------------|------------|-----|
| 1 | Gershwin | Distorted Humor | Godolphin, LLC | Stidham | Bravo | 116 |
| 2 | Original | Quality Road | Eric Fein | Terranova II | Velazquez | 116 |
| 3 | Annex | Constitution | LNJ Foxwoods & Eclipse Tbred Partners, M Dubb | Mott | Alvarado | 122 |
| 4 | Chess's Dream | Jess's Dream | Bouchev, S, Bethlehem Stables & Bishop, C. | Maker | Carmouche | 122 |
| 5 | The King Cheek | Laoban | Kernan, Jr., Morris E. and Jagger Inc. | Ness | Rodriguez | 118 |
| 6 | Sibelius | Not This Time | J Park Racing LLC and Nash, Delia | O'Dwyer | Russell | 116 |
| 7 | Outadore | Outwork | Breeze Easy, LLC | Ward | Ortiz, Jr. | 116 |

Breeders: 1-Godolphin, 2-Peter E. Blum Thoroughbreds, LLC, 3-William Harrigan & Mike Pietrangelo, 4-Loren Nichols, 5-Pucker Ridge Farm LLC, 6-Taylor Brothers Properties LLC, Pollock Farms, Patrick H. Payne et al., 7-Deann Baer & Greg Baer DVM

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

PENNINE RIDGE S.-GII, \$200,000, 3yo, 1 1/8mT

| PP | HORSE | SIRE | OWNER | TRAINER | JOCKEY | WT |
|----|--------------------|---------------------|---|------------|------------|-----|
| 1 | Shawdyshawdyshawdy | Summer Front | Goichman, Lawrence and Goichman, Jennifer | Abreu | Velazquez | 118 |
| 2 | Step Dancer | War Dancer | Pressman, Hayward R., Diamond M Stable and Pressman, Donna R. | Tagg | Franco | 120 |
| 3 | Shaftesbury | Uncle Mo | Repole Stable, St. Elias Stable, Tabor, Michael B., Magnier, Mrs. John and Smith, Derrick | Pletcher | Ortiz, Jr. | 118 |
| 4 | Hard Love | Kitten's Joy | LaPenta, R., Augustin Stable & Madaket Stables | Thomas | Castellano | 120 |
| 5 | Sainthood | Mshawish | WinStar Farm LLC and CHC INC. | Pletcher | Rosario | 118 |
| 6 | Minuteman (Ger) | Quinzieme Monarque | John M. B. O'Connor | Albertrani | Saez | 118 |
| 7 | Public Sector (GB) | Kingman (GB) | Klaravich Stables, Inc. | Brown | Ortiz | 118 |
| 8 | Safe Conduct | Bodemeister | WellSpring Stables | Serpe | Lezcano | 118 |
| 9 | The Reds | Tonalist | Flanagan Racing | Kimmel | Carmouche | 120 |

Breeders: 1-Larry Goichman, 2-Sugar Plum Farm & Richard Pressman, 3-Town & Country Horse Farms, LLC, 4-Kenneth L. Ramsey & Sarah K. Ramsey, 5-Edward Taylor & Springland Farm, 6-Anastasia Christiansen-Croy, 7-The Kathryn Stud, 8-Mitchell H. Kursner, 9-R. S. Evans

Monday, Lone Star, post time: 8:35 p.m. EDT

STEVE SEXTON MILE S.-GIII, \$400,000, 3yo/up, 1m

| PP | HORSE | SIRE | OWNER | TRAINER | JOCKEY | WT |
|----|--------------------|----------------------|--|----------|--------------|-----|
| 1 | Silver Prospector | Declaration of War | Orr, Ed and Susie | Asmussen | Santana, Jr. | 120 |
| 2 | Sheriff Brown | Curlin | Joe Peacock | Fincher | Kennedy | 122 |
| 3 | By My Standards | Goldencents | Allied Racing Stable, LLC and Spendthrift Farm LLC | Calhoun | Saez | 124 |
| 4 | Warrior's Charge | Munnings | Ten Strike Racing and Madaket Stables LLC | Cox | Rosario | 120 |
| 5 | Hunka Burning Love | Into Mischief | End Zone Athletics, Inc. | Broberg | Cabrera | 122 |
| 6 | Harvey Wallbanger | Congrats | GFB Racing LLC | Pish | Sorenson | 120 |
| 7 | Mo Mosa | Uncle Mo | Martin, Perry and Denise | Maker | Vazquez | 120 |
| 8 | C Z Rocket | City Zip | Madaket Stables, Barber, Gary and Kagele, Tom | Miller | Geroux | 124 |

Breeders: 1-Hargus Sexton, Sandra Sexton & Silver Fern Farm, LLC, 2-Joe Peacock, 3-Don Ladd, 4-AI Shaquab Racing, 5-Morris B. Floyd & Chuck Givens, 6-Tony Holmes & Dr. & Mrs. Walter Zent, 7-Perry Martin & Denise Martin, 8-Farm III Enterprises LLC



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for stallions standing in North America through Monday, May 24

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| Rank | Stallion | BTW | BTH | GSW | GSH | G1SW | G1SH | Starters | Wnrs | Highest Earner | Earnings |
|------|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|------|----------|------|----------------|-----------|
| 1 | Frosted (2012) by Tapit FYR: 2018 Stands: Darley KY Fee: \$25,000 | 3 | 6 | 1 | 3 | -- | -- | 69 | 20 | 334,500 | 1,537,050 |
| 2 | Not This Time (2014) by Giant's Causeway FYR: 2018 Stands: Taylor Made Farm KY Fee: \$40,000 | 3 | 6 | -- | 1 | -- | -- | 63 | 24 | 111,825 | 1,180,527 |
| 3 | Outwork (2013) by Uncle Mo FYR: 2018 Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$15,000 | 2 | 5 | -- | -- | -- | -- | 55 | 16 | 198,270 | 913,260 |
| 4 | Runhappy (2012) by Super Saver FYR: 2018 Stands: Claiborne Farm KY Fee: \$10,000 | 1 | 4 | -- | 1 | -- | -- | 50 | 19 | 106,857 | 1,142,483 |
| 5 | Laoban (2013) by Uncle Mo FYR: 2018 Stands: WinStar Farm USA (Dead/Ret) | 2 | 4 | -- | 1 | -- | -- | 49 | 13 | 134,630 | 1,074,028 |
| 6 | Nyquist (2013) by Uncle Mo FYR: 2018 Stands: Darley KY Fee: \$75,000 | -- | 4 | -- | 3 | -- | -- | 54 | 14 | 165,200 | 985,614 |
| 7 | Vancouver (Aus) (2012) by Medaglia d'Oro FYR: 2018 Stands: Coolmore Australia USA (Dead/Ret) | 1 | 3 | 1 | 1 | -- | -- | 46 | 17 | 85,800 | 604,467 |
| 8 | Anchor Down (2011) by Tapit FYR: 2018 Stands: Gainesway Farm KY Fee: \$5,000 | -- | 3 | -- | -- | -- | -- | 29 | 12 | 61,430 | 469,600 |
| 9 | Exaggerator (2013) by Curlin FYR: 2018 Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$15,000 | -- | 2 | -- | -- | -- | -- | 74 | 24 | 66,122 | 920,608 |
| 10 | Upstart (2012) by Flatter FYR: 2018 Stands: Airdrie Stud KY Fee: \$10,000 | 1 | 2 | -- | -- | -- | -- | 58 | 22 | 119,208 | 888,898 |
| 11 | Air Force Blue (2013) by War Front FYR: 2018 Stands: Ashford Stud KY Fee: \$10,000 | -- | 2 | -- | -- | -- | -- | 57 | 15 | 70,734 | 710,989 |
| 12 | Mshawish (2010) by Medaglia d'Oro FYR: 2018 Stands: Taylor Made Farm KY Fee: \$7,500 | -- | 2 | -- | 1 | -- | -- | 52 | 13 | 91,900 | 480,601 |
| 13 | Jess's Dream (2012) by Curlin FYR: 2018 Stands: Ocala Stud FL Fee: \$4,000 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | -- | -- | 36 | 11 | 86,080 | 466,238 |
| 14 | War Dancer (2010) by War Front FYR: 2018 Stands: Irish Hill & Dutchess Views Stallions NY Fee: \$7,500 | -- | 2 | -- | -- | -- | -- | 27 | 7 | 75,750 | 370,281 |
| 15 | Tamarkuz (2010) by Speightstown FYR: 2018 Stands: Shadwell Farm KY Fee: \$7,500 | -- | 2 | -- | -- | -- | -- | 19 | 6 | 33,195 | 157,299 |

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FIRST WINNER FOR CONNECT IN INDIANA



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Whatstheconnection became the first winner for freshman sire **Connect (Curlin)** at Indiana Grand Tuesday. Given an 8-1 chance in this debut, the chestnut broke on top from his rail draw and shot out to a clear lead, clicking off a :22.31 opening quarter. Turning for home in front, the homebred held off a pair of late challengers to win by a half-length. Mowins, a son of freshman sire Mohaymen, completed the exacta.

Connect was a four-time stakes winner, topped by a victory in the 2016 GI Cigar Mile for the late Paul Pompa. His dam Decorator is a half to MGSW & MGISP sire E Dubai (Mr. Prospector) and GISW No Matter What (Nureyev), who is the dam of European champion Rainboow View (Dynaformer), GSW & MGISP Just As Well (A.P. Indy) and GSW Utlely (Smart Strike). Decorator produced a **City of Light** filly in 2020 and an Arrogate filly in 2021.

7th-Indiana Grand, \$31,000, Msw, 5-25, 2yo, 5f, :59.78, ft, 1/2 length.

WHATSTHECONNECTION (c, 2, Connect--Decorator, by Storm Cat) Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$18,600. O/B-Knowles Farm, LLC (KY); T-John Ennis. *\$27,000 RNA Ylg '20 KEESEP. [Click for the Equibase.com chart.](#)

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IN ORDER OF PURSE:

4th-Belterra, \$24,400, (S), Alw, 5-25, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:14.49, ft, 2 lengths.

ATTITUDE (f, 3, Daredevil--E. Judith, by E Dubai) went wire-to-wire to capture her state-bred debut here May 13 and was hammered down to even-money to repeat in this event. Settling off the leader in second this time around, she pounced in early stretch and kicked clear to win by two lengths over Abigail Lee (Line of David). E. Judith's only offspring since the winner is a 2021 filly by **Always Dreaming**. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$28,380. [Click for the Equibase.com chart.](#)

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



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SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: WEDNESDAY, MAY 26

2021 Stud Fees Listed

Air Force Blue (War Front), Ashford Stud, \$10,000
179 foals of racing age/29 winners/0 black-type winners
3-Louisiana Downs, Msw 5fT, Alimony Blues, 5-1
\$20,000 OBS OCT yrl

California Chrome (Lucky Pulpit), Arrow Stud, private
196 foals of racing age/28 winners/0 black-type winners
7-Delaware, Msw 7 1/2ft, Cali Divine, 20-1
\$20,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; \$22,000 EAS MAY 2yo

Cinco Charlie (Indian Charlie), Spendthrift Farm, \$5,000
101 foals of racing age/20 winners/1 black-type winner
2-Thistledown, Alw 5 1/2f, Big On Big, 8-1
\$27,000 RNA FTK OCT yrl

Dowsing (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}), Holden Farm, \$25,000
 20 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
 9-Indiana Grand, Msw 1mT, Forsberg, 50-1

Flintshire (GB) (Dansili {GB}), Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa, \$10,000
 158 foals of racing age/14 winners/1 black-type winner
 3-Delaware, Msw 7 1/2fT, Contained, 5-1

Hit It a Bomb (War Front), Spendthrift Farm, \$5,000
 62 foals of racing age/7 winners/1 black-type winner
 9-Indiana Grand, Msw 1mT, American Nightmare, 6-1
 \$4,000 FTK OCT yrl

Not This Time (Giant's Causeway), Taylor Made Farm, \$40,000
 204 foals of racing age/44 winners/6 black-type winners
 7-Delaware, Msw 7 1/2fT, Super Sport, 3-1
 \$85,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$240,000 KEE SEP yrl

Slumber (GB) (Cacique {Ire}), Rockridge Stud, private
 20 foals of racing age/2 winners/1 black-type winner
 9-Indiana Grand, Msw 1mT, Riley Rich, 15-1

Tourist (Tiznow), WinStar Farm, \$5,000
 158 foals of racing age/27 winners/0 black-type winners
 3-Louisiana Downs, Msw 5fT, Tiebreak, 15-1
 \$10,000 FTK OCT yrl; \$8,000 OBS OPN 2yo

Vancouver (Aus) (Medaglia d'Oro), Coolmore Australia
 146 foals of racing age/26 winners/1 black-type winner
 7-Delaware, Msw 7 1/2fT, Stir Crazy, 6-1
 \$20,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$5,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$35,000 OBS OPN
 2yo
 6-Indiana Grand, Msw 1mT, Termsandconditions, 15-1
 \$27,000 RNA KEE NOV wnl; CAN\$37,000 CAN SEP yrl



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IN FRANCE:

Peace Messenger, c, 3, **Air Force Blue**. See "France".



STAKES RESULTS:

WILL ROGERS S., (NB) \$55,000, Will Rogers Downs, 5-25, (S),
 3yo, c/g, 1m, 1:37.43, ft.

1--**NUMBER ONE DUDE, 122, g, 3, American Lion--Ebony Uno, by Macho Uno.** O/B-Terry J Westemeir (OK); T-Kari Craddock; J-Leandro D. Goncalves. \$33,000. Lifetime Record: 6-4-0-0, \$160,243.

2--**You'reobadboy, 122, g, 3, Affirmatif--Valentine's Humor, by Distorted Humor.** O-Liz Horner; B-Hobby Horse Farm Inc. (OK); T-Liz Horner. \$11,000.

3--**Just Chillin, 122, g, 3, Latent Heat--Stilled, by Quiet American.** O-Michael Grossman; B-Eureka Thoroughbred Farm (OK); T-Francisco Bravo. \$6,050.

Margins: 5 1/4, 5, 2HF. Odds: 0.60, 19.30, 3.30.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

10th-Parx Racing, \$48,750, 5-25, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:36.97, ft, head.

DIXIE DRAWL (g, 5, Done Talking--Golden Pleasant, by Touch Gold) Lifetime Record: 23-8-4-3, \$252,725. O-Mopo Racing; B-F. G. Smith (SC); T-Dale Capuano.

7th-Prairie Meadows, \$45,209, (S), 5-24, (C), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:09.70, ft, 3/4 length.

BASIC CHANCE (g, 7, Yes It's True--Swede {SW, \$106,400}, by Yankee Victor) Lifetime Record: 39-14-8-4, \$413,908. O-Martin Brothers, Inc. and Burkholder, Gene; B-William Hobbs (IA); T-William N. Martin. *Full to It's the Swede, MSW, \$238,699.

8th-Prairie Meadows, \$40,891, (S), 5-24, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10.96, ft, 1/2 length.

RED WHITE AND LOUD (g, 5, Awesome Patriot--She's Better Loud {SW, \$111,599}, by Bravo Bull) Lifetime Record: 28-5-9-6, \$156,855. O-Kuhlman Racing; B-Iowa State University (IA); T-Kelli Martinez. *\$27,000 Ylg '17 IOWOCT.

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9th-Indiana Grand, \$34,500, (S), 5-24, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 1mT, 1:37.98, fm, 1 1/2 lengths.

INDOCUMENTADO (g, 5, Brilliant Speed--Pinfish, by Flutter) Lifetime Record: 21-2-4-5, \$81,924. O/B/T-Luis Jurado (IN).

7th-Thistledown, \$31,800, (S), 5-25, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:07.30, ft, 3/4 length.

A SMILE A DAY (f, 3, Itsmyluckyday--Sara's Smile, by Tale of the Cat) Lifetime Record: 10-2-4-1, \$62,535. O-Mast Thoroughbreds LLC; B-R Gorham & Mast Thoroughbreds LLC (OH); T-Robert M. Gorham.

5th-Hastings Racecourse, C\$28,800, 5-24, 3yo, f, 6 1/2f, 1:17.79, gd, neck.

HEIDI (f, 3, Bayern--Thetaloveandmine, by Master Command) Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$20,598. O-Swift Thoroughbreds, Inc.; B-Theta Holding I, Inc (KY); T-Dino K. Condilenios. *\$13,000 Ylg '19 KEEJAN; C\$26,000 Ylg '19 BRCSEP.

7th-Finger Lakes, \$26,700, 5-25, (C), 3yo/up, f/m, 5f, :59.14, ft, 2 3/4 lengths.

HANNAH DANCES (f, 4, Shakin It Up--Comfort Level, by Mizzen Mast) Lifetime Record: 8-4-1-0, \$63,190. O/B-TLC Thoroughbreds LLC (NY); T-M. Anthony Ferraro.

5th-Will Rogers Downs, \$26,400, (S), 5-25, (C), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:39.12, ft, 3/4 length.

HIGH CLASS EURO (m, 5, Euroears--Six Dot Three, by Political Force) Lifetime Record: 34-7-1-5, \$84,475. O/T-Steve F. Williams; B-James E. Helzer (OK).

6th-Finger Lakes, \$25,800, 5-25, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m 70y, 1:46.67, ft, 15 1/2 lengths.

KEEPMYEYEONTHEBOYS (m, 5, Boys At Tosconova--Keep Right, by Street Cry {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 22-2-5-2, \$102,080. O-My Purple Haze Stables; B-Chester & Mary R. Broman (NY); T-Chris J. Englehart. *\$25,000 2yo '18 EASMAY.

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5th-Finger Lakes, \$25,120, 5-25, (NW3L), 3yo/up, 1m 70y, 1:46.89, ft, head.

FLORIDA ENDEAVOUR (g, 3, Central Banker--Irish Heiress, by Shakespeare) Lifetime Record: 7-3-0-1, \$36,750. O-Joseph A. Cabrera; B-McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds, LLC & Donald Duksa (NY); T-Joseph A. Cabrera. *\$9,500 RNA Wlg '18 FTNMIX; \$5,000 Ylg '19 OBSOCT; \$5,000 2yo '20 OBSOPN.

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3rd-Will Rogers Downs, \$25,080, (S), 5-25, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:38.15, ft, head.

DO YOU BILEVE (f, 4, Mr. Nightlinger--Summer Event, by Event of the Year) Lifetime Record: 24-2-6-5, \$90,427. O/T-Patrick E. Swan; B-Patrick Swan & Rose Smith (OK).

9th-Will Rogers Downs, \$24,244, 5-24, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:03.34, gd, 1/2 length.

DENVER CITY (g, 5, Silver City--Afternoon Liaison, by Came Home) Lifetime Record: 5-4-0-1, \$68,659. O/B-James W Rogers (OK); T-Kenneth Nolen.

6th-Louisiana Downs, \$23,000, (S), 5-25, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:15.79, sy, 8 1/4 lengths.

DANCE AWAY (f, 4, Tizway--Doyouwanttodance {MSW, \$185,950}, by Disco Rico) Lifetime Record: 11-2-3-0, \$56,765. O/B-Melissa Cantacuzene (LA); T-J. Luis Garcia.

2nd-Mountaineer Casino & Resort, \$22,344, 5-24, (NW4LX), 3yo/up, f/m, 7fT, 1:21.47, fm, 8 3/4 lengths.

AVA O (m, 6, Hunt Crossing--Shesabopper {SP}, by Bop) Lifetime Record: 22-7-0-6, \$127,809. O-New Hope Farm, LLC; B-Tommy Lee Jones (MD); T-Neil R. Morris.

5th-Louisiana Downs, \$20,000, 5-25, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1m 70y (off turf), 1:45.20, sy, 1 3/4 lengths.

MILLWOOD (g, 5, Lemon Drop Kid--Mayhaw {SW, \$138,460}, by Lion Heart) Lifetime Record: 26-7-2-4, \$99,394. O-End Zone Athletics, Inc.; B-Dede McGehee (KY); T-Karl Broberg. *\$60,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Nobody Listens, g, 3, **Conveyance**--Royalesque, by Chapel Royal. Indiana Grand, 5-25, (S), 6f, 1:10.99. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$27,060. B-Southern Chase Farm, Inc., Karen & Greg Dodd (IN). *\$39,000 RNA Ylg '19 FTKOCT; \$40,000 2yo '20 OBSAPR.

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Midnight Warship, g, 3, **Midshipman**--All About Allison, by City Zip. Thistledown, 5-25, (S), 5f, 1:00.48. Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-1, \$25,132. B-Duncan Lloyd (OH). *\$52,000 RNA Ylg '19 KEESEP. **1/2 to Ali Blue (Bluegrass Cat), MSP, \$269,280.

Khushbu, f, 3, **Outwork**--Proud Mover, by Proud Citizen. Indiana Grand, 5-24, (S), 6f, 1:13.21. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$20,295. B-Deann & Greg Baer DVM (IN). *\$42,000 RNA Wlg '18 KEENOV; \$50,000 Ylg '19 FTKOCT. **1/2 to Proud Azteca (**Kitten's Joy**), MSW, \$143,056.

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Diablo Cat, g, 3, **Sabercat**--Unbridled Sunshine, by Untutable. Louisiana Downs, 5-25, 5f (off turf), :59.17. Lifetime Record: 4-1-2-1, \$25,620. B-Matthews Thoroughbred Farm (LA).

Playing With Jaxs, f, 3, **Smarty Jones**--Gunner's Niece, by Track Barron. Will Rogers Downs, 5-25, (S), 6f, 1:10.83. Lifetime Record: 4-1-3-0, \$25,759. B-Circle Bar H LLC (OK). *1/2 to Rich Uncle (Save Big Money), MSP, \$153,128.

Loch Garman, g, 4, **Bodemeister**--Loving Vindication (Outstanding Broodmare-Can, Outstanding Broodmare-Can, \$133,467), by Vindication. Prairie Meadows, 5-24, 5 1/2f, 1:04.41. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$24,200. B-Anderson Farms Ont. Inc. (ON). *\$300,000 Ylg '18 FTKOCT. **1/2 to Wonder Gadot (**Medaglia d'Oro**), Ch. 2-year-old Filly-Can, Horse Of The Year-Can, Ch. 3-year-old Filly-Can, GSW & MGISP-USA, GSW & GISP-Can, \$1,524,861; 1/2 to Solemn Tribute (**Medaglia d'Oro**), SW-USA, GSP-Can, \$181,234; 1/2 to Hard Not to Love (**Hard Spun**), GISW, \$593,480.

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Go for the Kill, g, 4, **Lord Shanakill**--Gee Pari, by Perigee Moon. Parx Racing, 5-25, (WC), 7f, 1:26.25. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-0, \$17,110. B-Richard Molineaux (PA).

War Colors, f, 4, **Revolutionary**--Debu, by Buddha. Fanduel Sportsbook And Horse Racing, 5-25, (S), 6f, 1:13.41. Lifetime Record: 16-1-5-5, \$64,261. B-Terry L. Morgan DVM & John Glueckert (IL).

Rochambeau, h, 5, **Noble Mission (GB)**--On My Way, by Giant's Causeway. Indiana Grand, 5-25, 1mT, 1:37.21. Lifetime Record: 12-1-6-1, \$93,400. B-Waymore, LLC (KY). *\$39,000 Ylg '17 FTKOCT; \$160,000 2yo '18 EASMAY. **1/2 to King Zachary (**Curlin**), GSW, \$366,120.

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Bayern, Heidi, f, 3, o/o Thetaloveandmine, by Master Command. ALW, 5-24, Hastings

Bodemeister, Loch Garman, g, 4, o/o Loving Vindication, by Vindication. MSW, 5-24, Prairie Meadows

Boys At Tosconova, Keepmyeyeontheboys, m, 5, o/o Keep Right, by Street Cry (Ire). ALW, 5-25, Finger Lakes

Brilliant Speed, Indocumentado, g, 5, o/o Pinfish, by **Flatter**. ALW, 5-24, Indiana Grand

Central Banker, Florida Endeavour, g, 3, o/o Irish Heiress, by Shakespeare. ALW, 5-25, Finger Lakes

Connect, Whatstheconnection, c, 2, o/o Decorator, by Storm Cat. MSW, 5-25, Indiana Grand

Conveyance, Nobody Listens, g, 3, o/o Royalesque, by Chapel Royal. MSW, 5-25, Indiana Grand

Daredevil, Attitude, f, 3, o/o E. Judith, by E Dubai. ALW, 5-25, Belterra

Done Talking, Dixie Drawl, g, 5, o/o Golden Pleasant, by Touch Gold. ALW, 5-25, Parx Racing

Euroears, High Class Euro, m, 5, o/o Six Dot Three, by Political Force. ALW, 5-25, Will Rogers

Hunt Crossing, Ava O, m, 6, o/o Shesabopper, by Bop. ALW, 5-24, Mountaineer

Itsmyluckyday, A Smile a Day, f, 3, o/o Sara's Smile, by **Tale of the Cat**. ALW, 5-25, Thistledown

Lemon Drop Kid, Millwood, g, 5, o/o Mayhaw, by Lion Heart. ALW, 5-25, Louisiana Downs

Liaison, D'fever, g, 5, o/o Cool Johanna, by Johannesburg. ALW, 5-25, Fanduel Sportsbook And Horse Racing

Lord Shanakill, Go for the Kill, g, 4, o/o Gee Pari, by Perigee Moon. WMC, 5-25, Parx Racing

Midshipman, Midnight Warship, g, 3, o/o All About Allison, by City Zip. MSW, 5-25, Thistledown

Mr. Nightlinger, Do You Bileve, f, 4, o/o Summer Event, by Event of the Year. ALW, 5-25, Will Rogers

Noble Mission (GB), Rochambeau, h, 5, o/o On My Way, by Giant's Causeway. MSW, 5-25, Indiana Grand

Outwork, Khushbu, f, 3, o/o Proud Mover, by Proud Citizen. MSW, 5-24, Indiana Grand

Revolutionary, War Colors, f, 4, o/o Debu, by Buddha. MSW, 5-25, Fanduel Sportsbook And Horse Racing

Sabercat, Diablo Cat, g, 3, o/o Unbridled Sunshine, by Untuttable. MSW, 5-25, Louisiana Downs

Shakin It Up, Hannah Dances, f, 4, o/o Comfort Level, by **Mizzen Mast**. ALW, 5-25, Finger Lakes

Silver City, Denver City, g, 5, o/o Afternoon Liaison, by Came Home. ALW, 5-24, Will Rogers

Smarty Jones, Playing With Jaxs, f, 3, o/o Gunner's Niece, by Track Barron. MSW, 5-25, Will Rogers

Tizway, Dance Away, f, 4, o/o Doyouwanttodance, by Disco Rico. ALW, 5-25, Louisiana Downs

Yes It's True, Basic Chance, g, 7, o/o Swede, by Yankee Victor. ALW, 5-24, Prairie Meadows

DERBY DREAM THRIVING AT HONY-HOF



Simon Minch with the late Hony-Hof matriarch Salve Regina
Frank Sorge

By Emma Berry

A small private stud in the heart of Germany provided one of the great stories of the 2020 racing season in Europe as the breeder of G1 Prix du Cadran winner Princess Zoe (Ger) (Jukebox Jury {Ire}).

The graduates of Gestut Hony-Hof, which lies among remote woodland in the country's Hessen region to the north-east of Frankfurt, are more commonly seen running in the colours of the stud's owner Manfred Hellwig, whose purple-and-white silks are emblazoned with a giant H. Currently they are worn by three colts of this season's Classic generation, including Sunday's G2 Derby Trial winner in Hoppegarten, **Sea Of Sands (Ger)** (Sea Of Stars {Ire}).

For most German breeders, winning the Deutsches Derby remains the ultimate goal, and few colts have better genetic claims to this coveted prize than Sea Of Sands. His third dam Sacarina (GB) (Old Vic {GB}) was bought as a 2-year-old by Philipp Stauffenberg on behalf of Gestut Karlshof. Though she didn't make the racecourse herself, Sacarina was a granddaughter of the Schwarzgold-Rennen (German 1000 Guineas) winner Bravour (Fr) (Birkhahn {Ger}), who was also third in the G1 Preis der Diana (German Oaks). **Cont. p2**

A FASCINATING CLASH IN THE CORRIDA

Wednesday's G2 Prix Corrida at Saint-Cloud sees two of France's leading older fillies and mares re-engage, with the 10 1/2-furlong staging post featuring a rematch between the G3 Prix Allez France one-two **Ebaiyra (Distorted Humor)** and **Raabihah** (Sea the Stars {Ire}). Just a neck separated The Aga Khan's homebred and the Shadwell contemporary in that ParisLongchamp encounter over a mile and a quarter May 2 and it could be close again with the winner showing surprising pace at a trip that was perhaps short of her best last term. Ebaiyra had been three lengths behind Raabihah when the pair finished sixth and fourth respectively in the G1 Prix de Diane over this trip at Chantilly in July and either side of that effort had won the 12-furlong G3 Prix de Royaumont there in June and Deauville's G2 Prix de Pomone over half a furlong further in August.

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She more than atoned for her lack of performance by producing for Karlshof the Derby-winning full-brothers Samum (Ger) and Schiaparelli (Ger). The mare's repeated matings with their sire Monsun (Ger) also produced the Preis der Diana winner and Derby runner-up Salve Regina (Ger), who was bought as a youngster by Hony-Hof, and the unraced Sanwa (Ger). The latter is now best known as the dam of the 11-length Derby winner Sea The Moon (Ger), who is now a sought-after stallion at Lanwades in Newmarket.

For Gestut Hony-Hof, Salve Regina was an inspired purchase. Not only was she a superior racemare but she left quite a dynasty of her own in the quiet wooded paddocks of Hessen, where she produced seven fillies. Three of those daughters--Salve Haya (Ger) (Peintre Celebre), Salve Estelle (Ger) (Dansili {GB}) and Salve Aurora (Ger) (King's Best)--are each represented by a son in the entries for this year's Deutsches Derby.

Being by the outstanding Sea The Stars, Salve Haya's son Sea Of Sands is of course very similarly bred to Sea The Moon and he is currently co-favourite with Martial Eagle (Ire) (Adlerflug {Ger}), representing last year's winning connections of Gestut Schlenderhan and Francis Graffard, and the Gestut Auenquelle homebred and Henk Grewe-trained Virginia Storm (Ger) (Soldier Hollow {GB}). Jean-Pierre Carvalho trains the Hony-Hof trio which is completed by **Sassoon (Ger)** (Soldier Hollow {GB}), a winner in Cologne and Chantilly this year and a decent fourth in Monday's G2 Prix Hocquart, and **Sun Of Gold (GB)** (Golden Horn {GB}).

Simon Minch, the Irish-born manager of Gestut Hony-Hof, says of Sea Of Sands, who has now won two of his five starts and was third in the G3 Bavarian Classic before his Derby Trial victory, "He's still learning his job. He was going around the parade ring



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screaming his head off [on Sunday]. We'll probably give him another run before the Derby just to get the routine into him more than anything. He's got talent to burn and he's improving with his racing but he he needs to learn."

He continues, "We were very lucky to get into this family. Mr. Hellwig bought Salve Regina directly from Gestut Karlshof. It was more by accident than anything else because when she was a yearling Samum hadn't won the Derby yet. Then we bought Sanwa as well, and we actually sold her in foal to Dansili (GB) at Tattersalls in 2008 to Charlie Gordon-Watson. So we had the dam of Sea The Moon here, but we already had Salve Regina, and Sanwa is tiny so I was worried she didn't have much scope. That shows you what I know as she produced a Derby winner, but we might get our own one out of the family yet."

Minch has been at the helm of Hony-Hof since 2005, since then it has enjoyed success with horses such as G2 Goldene Peitsche winner Donnerschlag (GB) (Bahamian Bounty {GB}), Gil Ballston Spa H. victrix Salve Germania (Ger) (Peintre Celebre), and the G2 Badener Meile winner Palace Prince (Ger) (Areion {Ger}), the half-brother to Princess Zoe who has just embarked on his second season at stud in France. A recent foal purchase became the 2019 G3 Preis der Winterkoenigin winner Ocean Fantasy (Fr) (Make Believe {GB}).



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"People kind of think Hony-Hof are new kids on the block but the Hellwigs have been breeding for over 30 years. I took over in 2005 and we had our first group winner in 2009," says Minch. "I'm very lucky that I have an owner like Manfred Hellwig who can go to Sea The Stars. How many breeders can do that if they're not a sheikh and it's not a foal share? Sea Of Sands, Sassoon and Sun Of Gold were the only three colts we had in that year and they are all knocking on the door so we're delighted."

He continues, "A horse like Ocean Fantasy is part of the long-term strategy of the stud. We breed purely for our own racing stable, we don't sell yearlings or foals. I bought Ocean Fantasy at Arqana as a foal for €30,000 and she was bought to be a broodmare here to give us another string to our bow. We also have a Make Believe half-sister to Sassoon. I've always liked the stallion, and we have another mare in foal to him this year."

Salve Germania was sold on to stud in Japan after her American stakes win and it is her full-sister Salve Haya who has now produced Sea Of Sands. Their Classic-winning mother who started the ball rolling, Salve Regina, was lost to lymphangitis several years after producing her final foal, Salve Estelle, the dam of Sassoon who in turn died last November after producing only two foals. Her yearling filly by Make Believe will hopefully continue her branch of the line, while her half-sisters Salve Haya and Salve Aurora are still in action at the farm, along with Salve Stella (Ire), a Shamardal half-sister to Sea Of Sands.

"It's a beautiful farm and we were dreaming of winning the Derby so over the years we upgraded the broodmares," Minch says of the property, which is the sole stud farm within a 100km radius. [Cont. p4](#)



Former Gestut Hony-Hof runner and now young sire Palace Prince
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MELODY BELLE TOPS BLOCKBUSTER DAY AT MAGICS
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Gestut Hony-Hof Cont.

He added, "We bought Palace Princess, the dam of Princess Zoe, privately as a foal, and we have the 'Salve' line. And we slowly built it up and brought new fillies in like Ocean Fantasy. In breeding it doesn't happen from one day to the next, but I am very happy that for a small stud with eight to 10 mares we are doing alright."

The stud manager grew up in Ireland in a family with close ties to both racing and showjumping, and went to Germany initially in the early 1990s to break in some yearlings.

"It's all the fault of Joe Hernon," he recalls. "I worked in Castle Hyde Stud as a young lad and did the yearling sales for Camas Park and Islanmore. I was asked if I wanted to go to Germany to break in nine yearlings--I used to ride a lot in those days--so I came over and it all went swimmingly well. We got the yearlings broken in and got some nice horses out of it and I was asked if I would like to stay. It was never my plan but I just found my niche and I've got to work with some very good people."

He adds of his colleagues at Hony-Hof, "It's only possible because of the stud's good owners who will let us do our thing. Teresa Lotz does a great job here, and there's really only two of us on the farm. But the farriers, the feed men, the lads in the racing stable--if they don't do their job then all we do is for nought. It's a big team effort."

Minch admits that it is likely we will see the name Gestut Hony-Hof on the list of consignors at BBAG in the years to come. "We're going to start selling and we'll probably keep fillies, sell colts," he says.

In the meantime, there appears to be much to look forward to on the track in the seasons to come, especially with the arrival this year of a half-sister to Princess Zoe from the first crop of Gestut Auenquelle's Best Solution (Ire). The filly has already been named Palace Sunshine (Ger).

Minch says, "Palace Princess has been very difficult to get in foal but she had a filly this year. The mare is not a good traveller. I sent her to England once and she ended up being on a drip for two days with travel sickness. So I can really only use stallions here who aren't too far away and we like to support the German breeding scene as well. We also have Palace Prince's full-sister, Palace Girl, in foal to Best Solution."

Perhaps the only foal by his sire in Germany is a colt from the first crop of four-time group winner and Hony-Hof graduate Palace Prince. He now stands at Elevage Joel Denis near Moulins in the prime National Hunt breeding territory of central France. Also much prized among the crop of eight foals this year is the Le Havre (Ire) half-sister to Sea Of Sands. The filly also has a full-sister, Salve Le Meer (Ger), in training alongside the Classic hopeful at the Carvalho stable. [Cont. p5](#)

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The Le Havre 2-year-old filly is a goddess, she's absolutely gorgeous. The trainer has nearly built an altar with incense sticks outside her box.

[Simon Minch on Salve Le Meer \(Ger\)](#)

Gestut Hony-Hof Cont.

Minch says, "The Le Havre 2-year-old filly is a goddess, she's absolutely gorgeous. The trainer has nearly built an altar with incense sticks outside her box. I love her so much we sent the mare back to Le Havre and happily we have a full-sister this year. We live in hope that we have another nice one there."

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G2 Prix Corrida Preview Cont. from p1

Even tried over 14 furlongs when third in the G1 Prix de Royallieu on heavy ground at ParisLongchamp in October, the chestnut from one of her owner-breeder's stouter families could be a transformed character in 2021.

Raabihah, who was also successful in Deauville's 10-furlong G3 Prix de Psyche in August and second to Tarnawa (Ire) (Shamardal) in the G1 Prix Vermeille and fifth in the G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe over a mile and a half at ParisLongchamp, remains an exciting prospect at four for the Jean-Claude Rouget stable. They both have to contend with Masaaki Matsushima's impressive Listed Prix Dahlia winner **Amarena (Fr)** (Soldier Hollow {GB}), who showed how much she relishes this ground when winning that 10-furlong contest here in October and who is entitled to take a step forward for her return fifth in ParisLongchamp's Listed Prix Zarkava over this trip Apr. 11.

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EUROPEAN NEWS

DERBY STILL PLAN FOR GEAR UP

Group 1 winner **Gear Up (Ire)** (Teofilo {Ire}) is still pointing to the G1 Cazoo Derby over 1 1/2 miles on June 5, according to connections. The colt, who won the G1 Criterium de Saint-Cloud over 10 furlongs last term, ran fifth in the G2 Al Basti Equiworld Dubai Dante S. at York in mid-May. The bay also scooped the G3 Tattersalls Acomb S. at two.

Charlie Johnston, son and assistant trainer to father Mark, said, "Gear Up is still Epsom bound. Although he is a 33-1 shot, I think, he deserves his place in the line-up as a Group 1-winning 2-year-old and it would be no surprise to see him finish in the money.

"I don't think he needs that kind of severe testing ground on which he won his Group 1 on last season, it is more the fact it inconveniences other horses. The extra test of stamina here will suit him as we expect him to be a strong stayer at a mile and a half."

Regarding the colt's performance in the Dante, Johnston added, "I thought it was one of those runs in the Dante at York that was not a bad run but it was not a particularly good run--it was just okay.

"I thought he was in a reasonably good pitch and I would have not swapped him three furlongs out. I thought of those chasing the leaders he looked the most likely at that point.

"The eventual first and second had another gear than him from two out and he plugged on one pace at the finish. He is sure to be better over an extra two furlongs."

Noon Star Hoping to Shine Bright in Oaks

Another Classic aspirant who is sure to enjoy 1 1/2 miles is Juddmonte's **Noon Star (Galileo {Ire})**, who is on target for the G1 Cazoo Oaks on June 4. From four starts to date, the daughter of MG1SW and Oaks bridesmaid Middy (GB) (**Oasis Dream {GB}**) has a win over 8 1/2 furlongs at Nottingham last October after running third on debut at Salisbury the month prior. At three, she captured a novice over 10 furlongs at Wetherby in April and ran second in the G3 Tattersalls Musidora S. at York on May 12.

Teddy Grimthorpe, racing manager to owner Juddmonte, said of the Sir Michael Stoute-trained filly, "The family are happy for the filly to go for the Oaks, so in principle she will go but the final decision will be made over the weekend. It was a bit of a muddling race at York, but that having being said it was the same for everyone. We would have liked to have seen more

pace but it didn't materialise.

"There is plenty of stamina in her pedigree and from that point of view a mile and a half in either the Oaks, and/or G2 Ribblesdale S. at Royal Ascot should play to her strengths as it were. It was a smart enough race at York and she has come out of it in good shape."

On the same day as the Oaks, William Muir's **Pyledriver (GB)** (Harbour Watch {Ire}) will step out in the G1 Cazoo Coronation Cup S. The 4-year-old colt was second in the G2 Jockey Club S. at Newmarket on May 1. As a 3-year-old, Pyledriver saluted the judge in the G2 King Edward VII S. at Royal Ascot and in the G2 Great Voltigeur S. on either side of an unplaced run in the G1 Investec Derby.

"Everything's gone to plan--his work's been great," said Muir, who trains in partnership with Chris Grassick. "He's on target to go where we've said--right from day one, we've said that was his target, so he'll go to Epsom a week on Friday."

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AUDARYA RETURN DELAYED

Breeders' Cup winner **Audarya (Fr)** (**Wootton Bassett {GB}**) will skip an intended start in the G2 Prix Corrida in France on Wednesday and the G3 Brigadier Gerard S. a day later has also been mooted, according to trainer James Fanshawe.

"She's fine," he said. "She was just a bit quiet at the weekend, and it's a long trip to France, so that's why we decided not to go. We decided to give her a bit more time. It's just looking at her--she was just not her usual bouncy self. So that's why we haven't gone this week. I was hoping to run her this week, and she's not far from a race."

Races under consideration for the GI Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf heroine include the G1 Prince Of Wales's S. at Royal Ascot in mid-June and the G1 Pretty Polly S. at The Curragh on June 27. [Cont. p7](#)



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Audarya Return Delayed Cont.

The dark bay also struck in the G1 Prix Jean Romanet two starts prior to her Breeders' Cup heroics.

"The Prince of Wales's would be a tough question to ask her first time out," added Fanshawe. "But I'm sure she'll tell us. There's the Pretty Polly 10 days later, so there are various options--we'll see how she is."

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CLASSICAL WAVE TOPS TATTERSALLS ONLINE SALE

Classical Wave (GB) (Gleneagles {Ire}) (lot 33) brought 240,000 guineas to top the fourth Tattersalls Online Sale which was held on Tuesday. The price is a new record for a colt/gelding in training on the online platform.

Purchased by Oliver St Lawrence Bloodstock from the Highfield Bloodstock draft, the 4-year-old gelding is a dual winner on the all-weather and is a half-brother to G1 Irish St Leger third Weekender (GB) (**Frankel {GB}**) and that gelding's full-brother Media Stream (GB) (**Frankel {GB}**), who was third at listed level at Saint-Cloud. The bay's second dam is the breeding-shaping blue hen Hasili (Ire) (Kahyasi {Ire}).

"He's been purchased on behalf of Fawzi Nass with the Bahrain International and the King's Cup next year in mind," said Oliver St Lawrence. "He looks a progressive horse and he may have a run or two in Britain over the summer."

"It's the first time I've used Tattersalls Online and I found the whole process very easy and efficient," St Lawrence added.

Crimbourne Bloodstock Ltd. offered the 6-year-old mare **Vegas Blue (Ire)** (Getaway {Ger}) (**lot 2**), and Coolmara Stables made the winning bid of 75,000gns. A winner of a National Hunt flat listed race, the daughter of Bella Venezia (Ire) (Milan {GB}) is in foal to Nathaniel (Ire), who just celebrated the win of G2 Prix

Hocquart victor Bubble Gift (Fr) on Monday.

Overall, 19 lots sold of 26 offered for a gross of 493,800gns. The average was 25,989gns and the median was 10,500gns.

"The Tattersalls Online platform continues to grow with a new record for a colt/gelding in training of 240,000 guineas for Classical Wave and a head-to head battle between Middle Eastern and Australian interests," said Tattersalls Chairman Edmon Mahony. "The number of interested bidders continues to increase as does the quality and quantity of the horses on offer. This is only the fourth Tattersalls Online Sale and the positive response from both vendors and purchasers is encouraging for the future development of Tattersalls Online Sales which have already clearly demonstrated their appeal to domestic and international buyers."

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Lot 33, Classical Wave | *Tattersalls*

CAZOO DERBY FESTIVAL AND CORAL-ECLIPSE DAY RECEIVE PRIZE MONEY INCREASES

The Cazoo Derby Festival on June 4-5 and Coral-Eclipse Day on July 3 both received an increase in prize money, The Jockey Club announced on Tuesday. Limited spectators returning to racecourses, despite the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, was cited for the increases.

Held at Epsom Downs Racecourse, the Cazoo Derby Festival's purses were increased 12% across the 11 non-Group 1 races. None of the races over the two-day stand will be run for less than £40,000 and no handicaps will be worth less than £50,000. The Cazoo Derby is still worth £1,125,000, the G1 Cazoo Oaks will keep its purse of £375,000 and the G1 Coronation Cup S. has an unchanged prize money of £315,000. **Cont. p8**



Horses gallop over the Epsom Downs on Monday | The Jockey Club

Cazoo Derby Festival Cont.

At Sandown Park, prize money has been raised 18% to £900,000 for the entire card. The G1 Coral-Eclipse, part of the QIPCO British Champions Series, has an increased purse of £600,000, and the Coral Charge H. is now worth £75,000, an increase of £25,000. In addition, two races normally run the day prior to Coral-Eclipse Day have been moved to July 3—the £40,000 Coral Day H. and the £25,000 coral.co.uk H.

Andrew Cooper, Head of Racing and Clerk of the Course at Epsom Downs and Sandown Park, said: “It has been a difficult time for us at The Jockey Club, as it has been for everyone, and in several ways that remains the case. Racegoers generate around 50% of our revenues and so with them away from our 15 racecourses for so long our finances have been significantly impacted and remain so as the pandemic continues.

“However, now we are starting to be allowed a very limited number of spectators back, we are immediately taking the opportunity to boost prize money. Therefore I am pleased to confirm we are able to increase the value of the non-Group 1 races across both days of The Cazoo Derby Festival by 12% and with the prospect of more spectators at Sandown Park, we’re committing to boost prize money for Coral-Eclipse Day by 18% above currently advertised values.

“Owners who put so much into the sport have been incredibly patient during the pandemic and this period of huge uncertainty. All of us at The Jockey Club are keen that as soon as the financial picture improves we see that reflected in prize money funding, which is always a top priority at Jockey Club Racecourses.”

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REPORT PUBLISHED ON FUTURE OF BRITISH THOROUGHBRED BREEDING

A report titled *The future for British breeding and its potential impact on the British racing industry* was published by the Thoroughbred Breeders’ Association on Tuesday. The **report** details recommendations to halt the potentially catastrophic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on British racing in the medium and long term.

Some of the suggestions in the report are: capitalising on Britain’s international reputation for breeding and racing, ensuring a competitive and diverse racing programme and improving the viability of the British breeding industry. In addition, the report recommends united industry action on reforming the Levy-funding system, increasing racehorse ownership and considering initiatives that have worked in other countries.

The report states in part, “Whilst in the immediate aftermath of the Covid-19 pandemic the impact on racing will arise from its effect on owners, unable to support as many horses in training, and by the exodus of horses in training to France and Ireland, where prizemoney levels have been more resilient, the long-term damage is most likely to be caused by its impact on breeders.

“This could be exacerbated by changes in the ownership structure of three of the five major breeding operations, due to the loss of their founders in the early months of 2021. As a result, there will simply not be enough horses to sustain a racing programme in Britain of the scale the sport has grown used to.”

TBA Chairman Julian Richmond-Watson said, “Since the publication of the TBA Economic Impact Study of 2018, we have delivered a number of projects as part of our strategic plan to improve the environment for British breeders and the breed. It was great to see the Great British Bonus implemented in time for the return of racing in June last year to provide the much needed support to investors of British bloodstock.

“Throughout 2020 we actively monitored the situation, collecting data from various sources to assess the potential impacts on our industry. Today’s report provides evidence that some of the trends first highlighted in the 2018 study have unfortunately been accelerated by the events of the last 12 months. Although the GBB scheme is showing early signs of success, it alone cannot resolve all of the industry’s issues. The report provides recommendations for future recovery and we hope that our industry partners will support us for the long-term benefit of the sport, its horses and people.”

The TBA will be hosting a webinar to discuss the report in more detail on Thursday, May 27 at 10:30 a.m. local time. To register for the event, please click [here](#). For more information on the report, please visit www.thetba.co.uk/.

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FIRST-SEASON SIRE WITH RUNNERS

Wednesday, May 26, 2021:

UNITED KINGDOM

Aclaim (Ire) (Acclamation {GB}), The National Stud
115 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
14:10-HAMILTON PARK, 5f, Just A Claim (Ire)

Cotai Glory (GB) (Exceed And Excel {Aus}), Tally-Ho Stud
126 foals of racing age/7 winners/0 black-type winners
14:10-HAMILTON PARK, 5f, Atomic Force (Ire)
€12,000 Goffs November Foals Sale 2019; £22,000 Goffs Sportsman's Yearling Sale 2020

El Kabeir (Scat Daddy), Yeomanstown Stud
120 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
18:50-WOLVERHAMPTON, 5f, Unfinishedsympathy (Ire)
11,905gns Tattersalls Ireland September Yearling 2020

Galileo Gold (GB) (Paco Boy {Ire}), Tally-Ho Stud
109 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
14:10-HAMILTON PARK, 5f, Miss Wombleton (Ire)
8,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2020

Mondialiste (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), Haras d'Annebault
47 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
13:45-BEVERLEY, 5f, Vieux Carre (GB)

Zelzal (Fr) (Sea The Stars {Ire}), Haras de Bouquetot
57 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
18:50-WOLVERHAMPTON, 5f, Lucky Shake (Fr)



Ultra has a runner at Saint-Cloud on Wednesday | Marc Ruhl

FRANCE

Al Wukair (Ire) (Dream Ahead), Haras de Bouquetot
73 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
5-TOULOUSE, 1200m, Curaro Light (Fr)

€13,000 Arqana Deauville October Yearlings 2020

Recorder (GB) (Galileo {Ire}), Haras de Montfort & Preaux
108 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
2-SAINT-CLOUD, 1200m, Honneur's Lodestar (Fr)
5-TOULOUSE, 1200m, Le Houlme (Fr)

Ultra (Ire) (Manduro {Ger}), Haras du Logis
51 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
2-SAINT-CLOUD, 1200m, Ultra Marin (Fr)

€12,000 Arqana Deauville Autumn Flat Yearling Sale 2020

OBSERVATIONS

on the European racing scene

HALF-SISTER TO GERMAN DERBY HERO WIENER WALZER SET FOR SAINT-CLOUD UNVEILING

12.50 Saint-Cloud, €27,000, Mdn, unraced 3yo, f, 12fT
Gestut Schlenderhan's homebred **WHEELIE (GER)** (**Australia {GB}**) is a daughter of MGSW G1 Flower Bowl Invitational runner-up Walzerkoenigin (Kingmambo) and thus kin to five black-type performers headed by MG1SW G1 Deutsches Derby-winning sire Wiener Walzer (Ger) (Dynaformer). Opposition to the Francis-Henri Graffard trainee includes Ballymore Thoroughbred Ltd's **Bright Star (Fr)** (**Intello {Ger}**), who is a daughter of MG1SP G1 Prix de Diane fifth Board Meeting (Ire) (Anabaa), from the Mario Baratti stable.

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BRITAIN

Tuesday's Results:

4th-Newcastle, £11,900, Novice, 5-25, 2yo, 5f (AWT), 1:00.09, st.
ROYAL ACLAIM (IRE) (f, 2, Aclaim {Ire}--Knock Stars {Ire} {GSP-Ire, \$157,076}, by Soviet Star), sent off at 15-2, tracked the leader Robasta (Ire) (Mehmas {Ire}) in second throughout the early stages. Staying on to subdue that rival in the final 50 yards, the bay had half a length to spare at the line. The G3 Ballyogan S.-placed dam, whose yearling is a son of **Sioux Nation**, hails from the family of the G1 Asahi Hai Futurity S.-winning Japanese champion 2-year-old colt Danon Premium (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}). Sales history: 60,000gns 2yo '21 TATBRG. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$9,096. **Video, sponsored by TVG.**

O-Sheikh Juma Dalmook Al Maktoum; B-Pier House Stud (IRE); T-James Tate.

4th-Lingfield, £5,800, Novice, 5-25, 2yo, 6f 1y (AWT), 1:12.05, st.

BICEP (IRE) (c, 2, Mehmas {Ire}--Crafty Notion {Ire}, by Viking Ruler {Aus}), a 5-1 shot, broke well and raced professionally to shadow the early leader. In front with 1 1/2 furlongs remaining, the bay was fading at the death but held on to prevail by a nose from Withering (GB) (Mondialiste {Ire}). The dam, a half-sister to the G1 English and Irish 2000 Guineas hero Cockney Rebel (Ire) (Val Royal {Fr}), has produced a black-type performer in the filly Just Sherry (Ire) (Intense Focus), a dual listed winner over middle distances, MSW-Fr, \$155,226. Sales history: £47,000 Ylg '20 GOFSP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$4,433. **Video, sponsored by TVG.**

O-Ecurie Ama.Zing Team; B-R Roberts (IRE); T-Archie Watson.

2nd-Lingfield, £5,600, Novice, 5-25, 3yo/up, 10f (AWT), 2:05.09, st.

ALFAADHEL (IRE) (c, 3, Night of Thunder {Ire}--Divisimo {GB}, by Dansili {GB}), off the mark over 10 1/2 furlongs at Chester May 5, raced worse than mid-division throughout the early stages. Making up ground with ease out wide approaching the final turn, the 5-4 favourite breezed by the long-time leader Sir Rumi (Ire) (Gleneagles {Ire}) a furlong out en route to a snug two-length success from that rival. The winner cost 360,000gns when bought from Genesis Green Stud's draft at the Tattersalls October Yearling Sale Book 1, but on this evidence looks like he could be a black-type performer. The dam, a Juddmonte cast-off, is a full-sister to the G1 Matron S. heroine Emulous (GB), the G3 Prix Gontaut-Biron scorer First Sitting (GB) and the Listed Criterium de Vitesse scorer Daring Diva (GB). The latter is the dam of the G2 Ridgewood Pearl S. winner Brooch (Empire Maker), the dual listed scorer and multiple group-placed Caponata (Selkirk) and the dual Group 3-placed Raymonda (Lonhro {Aus}). Divisimo's unraced half-sister Awe Struck (GB) (Rail Link {GB}) was responsible for Alounak (Fr) (Camelot {GB}), winner of the G3 Preis der Sparkassen Finanzgruppe and runner-up in the GI Canadian International S. and G2 Hardwicke S. A granddaughter of the GI Shuvee H. winner Queen of Song (His Majesty), the dam's yearling filly is by Churchill (Ire). Sales history: 360,000gns Ylg '19 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-1, \$14,624. **Video, sponsored by TVG.**

O-Shadwell Estate Company Ltd; B-Rabbah Bloodstock Limited (IRE); T-Roger Varian.

CONDITIONS RESULT:

3rd-Newcastle, £5,600, 5-25, 3yo/up, 10f 42y (AWT), 2:10.08, st.

NAGANO (GB) (g, 3, Fastnet Rock {Aus}--Nazym {Ire}, by Galileo {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-1, \$10,579. O-Mr Nurlan Bizakov;

B-Hesmonds Stud, Ltd (GB); T-Roger Varian. *1/2 to Nausha (GB) (Kingman {GB}), GSW-Eng, SP-Fr, \$107,310.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Harswell Duke (Ire), g, 3, Garswood (GB)--Grafitti (GB) (MSW-Swe & MSP-Nor, \$233,444), by Dansili (GB).

Musselburgh, 5-25, 8f 208yT, 2:00.85. B-Patrick Gleeson (IRE). *£5,000 Ylg '19 GOFFPR.

FRANCE

Tuesday's Results:

5th-Compiegne, €27,000, Mdn, 5-25, 3yo, 8fT, 1:46.72, hy.

PEACE MESSENGER (c, 3, Air Force Blue--Peace Royale {Ger} {Hwt. Older Mare-Ger at 7-9.5f & MGSW-Ger, \$262,357}, by Sholokhov {Ire}), who ran fifth over this distance at Saint-Cloud in his Apr. 28 debut last time, tracked the leaders in fourth for the most part here. Improving one spot on the home turn, the 4-1 second choice fanned wide to the stands' side fence for control at the top of the straight and stretched ever clear under urging inside the final quarter mile to easily outpoint Phaidra (Ire) (Camelot {GB}) by an impressive eight lengths. He becomes the fourth scorer out of MGSW G3 Schwarzgold-Rennen victrix Peace Royale (Ger) (Sholokhov {Ire}) and the April-foaled dark bay is a half-brother to GSW G2 German 1000 Guineas runner-up Peace In Motion (Hat Trick {Jpn}), dual stakes winner Peace Society (Iffraaj {GB}) and the hitherto unraced 2-year-old colt Peace Warrior (Speightstown). Sales history: \$140,000 Wlg '18 FTKNOV. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, €14,850. **Video, sponsored by TVG.**

O-Dr Christoph Berglar; B-Narola LLC (KY); T-Waldemar Hickst.

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

2nd-Compiegne, €28,000, Cond, 5-25, 3yo, 12fT, 2:51.22, hy.

SILVER SILK (GB) (g, 3, Kendargent {Fr}--Carding, by Street Cry {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, €20,350. O-Christopher Budgett; B-Paddy Finlason & Kirtlington Stud Ltd (GB); T-Yann Barberot. *€5,000 Wlg '18 ARQDEC; €8,000 RNA Ylg '19 AROCT. **1/2 to Supernova (GB) (Intello {Ger}), MGSP-Aus, \$196,338.

4th-Compiegne, €23,000, Cond, 5-25, 3yo, 10fT, 2:19.99, hy.

MOTLAEN (FR) (c, 3, Motivator {GB}--Ymlaen {Ire}, by Desert Prince {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-0, €21,880. O-Mme Jean Clee; B-Suc. Derek Clee (FR); T-Henri-Alex Pantall. *1/2 to Landym (Fr) (Lando {Ger}), SW-Fr, \$258,109.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Its Dino (Fr), g, 3, **Doctor Dino (Fr)**--Zena (Fr), by Zanzibari. Wissembourg, 5-24, 12fT, 2:35.36. B-Mme Antonia Devin (FR).
Taskheer (Ire), c, 3, **Golden Horn (GB)**--Shaarfa, by Dynaformer. Salon-de-Provence, 5-24, 9fT, 1:49.48. B-Shadwell Estate Company Ltd (IRE).
Elusive Nelson (Fr), f, 3, **Mount Nelson (GB)**--Elusive Pearl (Fr) (SP-Fr), by Elusive City. Salon-de-Provence, 5-24, 9fT, 1:50.32. B-Jean-Claude Seroul (FR).
Ad Merajj (Fr), f, 3, **Style Vendome (Fr)**--Zalonia (GB), by Cape Cross (Ire). Wissembourg, 5-24, 6 3/4fT, 1:23.75. B-Haras de la Bareliere (FR).

season sire (by Scat Daddy). ****1ST TIME STARTER.**
*****8,000gns RNA Wlg '19 TATNOV; 16,190gns Ylg '20 TATSEP.**
******1/2 to Renny's Lady (Ire) (Excelebration {Ire}), SP-US.**



IN ITALY:

Is Arutas (Ire), f, 2, **El Kabeir**--Moriches (Ire), by Alhaarth (Ire). Rome, 5-25, Mdn. (€14.3k), 1400mT. O-Giuseppe Bufalino. B-Mr John & Mrs Mari Banahan (Ire). *3rd winner for her first-

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Peace Messenger, out of German champion Peace Royale, got off the mark in his second start at Compiègne on Tuesday | Scoop Dyga

Wednesday, Saint-Cloud, post time: 13.25

PRIX CORRIDA-G2, €130,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 10 1/2fT

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| 1 | 5 | Ebaiyra | Distorted Humor | de Royer Dupre | Soumillon | 126 |
| 2 | 3 | All Rumours (Fr) | Shamardal | Thomas-Demeaulte | Barzalona | 126 |
| 3 | 2 | Amarena (Fr) | Soldier Hollow (GB) | Bary | Peslier | 126 |
| 4 | 6 | Galova (Fr) | Galiway (GB) | C Boutin | Hardouin | 126 |
| 5 | 1 | No Limit Credit (Ger) | Night of Thunder (Ire) | Suborics | Delozier | 126 |
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MELODY BELLE TOPS STELLAR DAY AT MAGICS



Melody Belle topped Tuesday's session | *Magic Millions*

by Bren O'Brien

Superstar mare **Melody Belle (NZ)** (Commands), who sold for \$2.6 million, was one of an amazing 18 million-dollar lots on the first day of the Magic Millions National Broodmare Sale on the Gold Coast, which was powered to new heights by a white-hot market for quality race fillies and mares.

At A Glance:

- The day's trade, which also took in the much-anticipated Shadwell Dispersal, grossed an unprecedented \$68.888 million.
- The average price soared to \$328,038, up from \$206,714 after Day 1 last year.
- The median also leapt to \$145,000, up from \$75,000 last year and \$70,000 in 2019.
- The sale clearance rate stands at a very healthy 90.52%, up from 84% on Day 1 last year.
- Melody Belle proved the star of the show, selling for \$2.6 million, and is destined for a date with Yulong Stud's Written Tycoon.
- The Written Tycoon Syndicate purchased 26 mares, spending \$12.2 million.
- The 37-lot Shadwell Dispersal saw an incredible \$25.135 million in sales at an average of \$679,324 and was topped by **Qafila** (Not A Single Doubt), who was purchased by Dean Hawthorne Bloodstock for \$2 million.

- **Arcadia Queen** (Pierro) was passed in for \$3.4 million, short of her \$4 million reserve.

Future Is Written for Superstar Belle

Melody Belle's presence as the sixth lot to sell created a considerable buzz early in the day, and the sales auditorium was brimming with expectation when the opening bid of \$1 million was lodged for the 14-time Group 1-winning daughter of Commands.

That \$1-million offer stood for some time before things got moving northwards. The battle to secure her came down to the Written Tycoon Syndicate, who were seated at Table 36, and an online bidder.

The Syndicate, set-up to support boom stallion Written Tycoon in his first season at Yulong Stud in Victoria, held strong against the competition to win the battle at \$2.6 million.

"It's fantastic. It's great to have a mare of this quality joining the farm," Yulong Chief Operating Officer, Sam Fairgray, said.

"Obviously we are looking at mares of this quality now we have got Written Tycoon standing at the farm, she was an obvious mare, that we will look to put to him and we think she will suit him ideally."

Speculation has been strong all week about what price Melody Belle would fetch in the ring. A mare of her race record, in terms of Group 1 wins, had never been offered through public sale in Australia before.

For Fairgray and the Syndicate, they paid a price they felt was reasonable given what a rare opportunity she presented.



Sam Fairgray | *Magic Millions*

"We thought she would be around that mark. She is a Group 1-winning 2-year-old and went on to win 14 Group 1 races, so a mare of that quality doesn't come on the market very often. It's great to be able to have a mare of her race ability and type to join our broodmare band," he said.

"She's been such a consistent racehorse. She was bred by a very good breeder in New Zealand. She's been trained by New Zealand's best trainer. She came over and raced against the best in Australia as well. We are delighted that she is coming home with us and will visit Written Tycoon."

The nick of Written Tycoon to Commands mares has produced eight winners from 13 runners, including 2-year-old Yulong Turbo, who was bred on the Victorian farm.

Syndicate Scoops up 26 Mares

The Written Tycoon Syndicate was the day's biggest buyer, securing 26 mares in all for a total spend of \$12.2 million.

It spent \$1.5 million securing Group 2 winner and Group 1-placegetter **Greysful Glamour** (Stratum) from the draft of Widden Stud.

"She was just a lovely mare when we saw her. She's another great racemare and physically she's a mare that we thought would suit Written Tycoon really well, being by Stratum, the pedigree works as well," Fairgray said.

"She's just a beautiful mare to have on our farm, and another white one. We've got Utzon, who's a white one and so she is now going to have a buddy, which is great."

The sale of the much-loved grey mare by her big syndicate of owners was significant for Darby Racing's Scott Darby, who revealed the mare had a modest reserve of \$600,000.

"She started as a 2-year-old and she's still racing at five. She's been in umpteen stakes races, she's pretty much raced in stakes races all her life," he said.

"It's her beauty, it's her temperament. She's got a cult following and the owners are very emotional selling her, but to get a result like that for a Group 1-placed mare, a Group 2 winner is phenomenal."

Other purchases by the Written Tycoon Syndicate include Group 2-winning mare **Positive Peace** (Stratum), who was picked up for \$800,000 from the draft of Yarraman Park Stud

and G1 New Zealand Oaks winner **Miss Sentimental (NZ)** (Reliable Man {GB}), who was purchased for \$470,000.

"It's going to be a very interesting couple of days, I think the market is going to be very strong. We've done our homework and research and so hopefully we can add some more mares to the broodmare band," Fairgray said.

Sale a Stunner for Magic Millions

Magic Millions Managing Director, Barry Bowditch, said that while the catalogue of mares on offer on Day 1 was as high a quality as he had seen, the sheer volume of spectacular results was beyond expectation.

"I am speechless. We'd hoped to achieve something extraordinary, but to do so is a remarkable result. It's a remarkable result for the team and it's a remarkable result for the industry here in Australia," he said.

"The industry's in great shape here, isn't it? It's buoyant, there was so many people trying to get in and bidding was healthy from start to finish. It just shows that if you bring a premium product to a horse sale and we'll ensure that the buyers are here to bid on these horses. Today reflected that like never, ever before."



Lot 723, Arcadia Queen RNA'd at A\$3.4 million | Magic Millions

Arcadia Queen Passes in

A major power cut, which delayed the sale for around 45 minutes in the afternoon session while a back-up generator was

deployed, was by no means the most dramatic moment of the day.

That came when triple Group 1 winner Arcadia Queen (Pierro) was passed in at \$3.4 million, with two online bidders unable to get past her reserve of \$4 million. When auctioneer Grant Burns announced that one of the stars of the show would be passed in, the auditorium descended into a hush.

Bowditch said that there was still a possibility Arcadia Queen might be sold, but also respected her owner Bob Peters' position on her reserve.

"There's interest in Arcadia Queen. I believe the reserve that was placed on her is deserved. She's been a fantastic mare. The Peters family are in a position where they are giant breeders in their own right and we'll work towards getting a result, but if not, we look forward to following the journey in the pink and white," he said.

Magnier Takes a Shine to Mizzy

Mizzy (Zoustar) may not have had a Group 1 win on her resume, but she sold at an elite mare's price, when Tom Magnier paid \$2.2 million for her from the Newgate Consignment.

Under Anthony Cummings's guidance on the track, she has won two Group 2 races and a Group 3 race and was runner-up in the G1 Canterbury S. and G1 Coolmore Classic.

Bred by Robert Crabtree of Dorrington Farm, she also boasts a strong pedigree, with her three dams on the pedigree page all stakes winners, including her own dam, Missy Cummings (Magnus). But it was her physical appearance which really lured in the major players to fight for her in the ring.

She fitted perfectly for the Coolmore band, bought as part of a new partnership, with no firm decision on a stallion as yet, but confirmation that she will enter Annabel Neasham's stables to be prepared for the G1 Tatt's Tiara.

"We're delighted to get her. She's a lovely, quality mare and, in fairness, she should have been a Group 1 winner. She was bred by Robert Crabtree and we've got a great association with Robert. She's a lovely mare and we look forward to getting her home," Magnier said.

"We'll take her home and have a look at her. We've got a really exciting roster this year. We're obviously bringing **Justify** back and we've got **Wootton Bassett (GB)** coming down this year. He's fully booked.

"We've bought a lot of big mares over the past couple of years, so we'll be heavily supporting **Wootton Bassett**."

The fact Coolmore had to go to \$2.2 million for Mizzy is a measure of both her desirability as a breeding prospect and the buoyancy of the sales ring.

"It just shows the strength of the market at the moment in Australia. You have to put a zero behind your first valuation at the moment. It's a great indication for Magic Millions that they have one of the best sales going on in the world right now," Magnier said.

Crabtree owned the horse in partnership and was so torn by having to let her go, he tried to secure her himself, bowing out as she climbed through the \$2-million mark.

"The owners were very reluctant to sell, such is their affection for the animal. She was just a delightful mare to have raced. From a stud perspective, we are pretty proud of what we have done with her, Mum is in foal with the full by Zoustar," he said.

"It's really a benchmark, but more than that, it is just an emotional time.

"It's extraordinarily hard to let her go. I'll be frank, I did have a bid, and was close to the mark, but not quite good enough."

While he missed out on bringing Mizzy back home with him, Crabtree was pleased to see her go to the world-renowned Coolmore operation.

"She'll get the chance to keep the family going," he said. "Coolmore are a wonderful organisation and they will give her every chance she deserves. She's quite a beautiful horse. We just live to have lovely horses. The money is incidental, it's good when you get it, but it's the horse you produce which gives you the thrill."

Another Big Result for Bella Vella

Another chapter was written in the amazing story of **Bella Vella** (Commands), whose connections turned their \$22,500

investment into a \$1.9-million windfall for the G1 Robert Sangster S. winner with Rosemont Stud the winning bidder.

She was consigned by Glenesk Thoroughbreds on behalf of her ownership group, who paid \$22,500 off the Inglis Digital platform in April 2019. At that stage, she had already been tried as a broodmare, missing to Criterion (NZ), whose stud career was curtailed by fertility issues.

Twelve months later under

Will Clarken's guidance, she became a stakes winner before leading all the way in the Robert Sangster at Morphettville.

Fast forward another 12 months, and she was again at the centre of celebrations, as Rosemont fought off substantial competition from the Written Tycoon Syndicate to land the sought-after mare, with a first stallion mating for her yet to be determined.

"It's terrific. Obviously the monies fantastic, but it's the appreciation of how good a horse she was and also how good a physical she was. I love horses and she's as good a type as you will see and I am just so happy that people have respected that and respected how much ability she had," Clarken said.

"Myself and my racing manager Lachie Weekley and two of my oldest and best friends in Patrick and John Kelton and obviously my mentor David Jolly are all in her and so are the Rushton Park guys who have been with me from the start when I had five or 10 horses in work."



Tom Magnier, Mick Flanagan and John Kennedy | *Magic Millions*

Rushton Park's Kayley Johnson was quite emotional after the sale, with her and husband David having been part of the Bella Vella journey since she was purchased out of the Digital Sale.

"I didn't feel nervous at all this morning, but the last 10 minutes coming in, I started to get the shakes a bit and felt a knot in the pit of the stomach," she said.

"I was just a bit overawed because it's the end of an amazing ride for us, to have her win a Group 1 where she has come from is just phenomenal.

"It means a lot, we've never been lucky enough to sell a million-dollar horse and this is just amazing for us. It's an unbelievable experience. We were hoping for anything over \$1 million, so \$1.9 million is just amazing."

For Clarcken, it was very much a vindication of the decision to offer the mare at the Gold Coast, having retired her after she finished down the track in the G1 The Galaxy in March.

"She had run her race I think. We had a choice to bring her back to the Sangster again, but we decided to retire her and I think it's the best thing we did because she let down and she looks fantastic," he said.

"She didn't look racy here at the sales. She looked like the beautiful mare that she is. All credit to Rachael and Brett Howard, they presented her beautifully and they did the job of showing the premium product we had here."

Rosemont Stud Principal Anthony Mithen held his nerve during a tense dual.

"I was nearly out of bullets. Those competitive juices kicked in. It is a lot of money, but she is a quality product. She is by a quality broodmare influence in Commands. She has got a beautiful family and how they got her at that price online a couple of years ago, is beyond me," he said.

Mithen said the quality of Bella Vella took him by surprise when he inspected her ahead of the sale, and from that moment, he and his team were determined to take her home.

"I expected her not be as good a type as she is. I thought she might be bit scrappy because they didn't pay much for her online. It just shows that if you do your homework, and you get around, you can find a nice horse at all levels in the market," he said.

He said Rosemont would keep an open mind on which stallion Bella Vella would visit in 2021.

Rosemont's Day Out

Rosemont was the day's second biggest buyer, spending \$9.675 million across 10 purchases, including four as part of the Shadwell Dispersal, in a massive statement of intent as to the Victorian farm's future ambitions.

"That was an extraordinary day really. To add a collection of mares and we bought 10 mares in all, to be able to add that sort of quality, the opportunity was there with the Shadwell Dispersal, but there was some beautiful mares before the Dispersal as well," Mithen said.

"We couldn't resist and we are very pleased. We have put a line in the sand about how serious we are about Rosemont."

Its other seven-figure purchase was the Group 2 winner, **Fiesta** (I Am invincible), who was offered by Glenesk Thoroughbreds on behalf of her syndicate of owners at Star Thoroughbreds, and sold for \$1.35 million.

"She's clearly got some speed elements and I love this filly. She



Bella Vella with Anthony Mithen & Gerard Jones | *Magic Millions*

was a high-class 2-year-old and, for an I Am Invincible, she trained on as an older filly and mare," Rosemont's General Manager of Bloodstock, Ryan McEvoy, said.

"She's a big, strong, roomy mare who will carry a good foal. I just love that race record that will go and produce those two and 3-year-olds and that's, ultimately, what we're trying to do by getting a broodmare band that allows us to do that and have horses running in those big

2-year-old races.

"Fiesta comes with a free nomination to a Darley stallion after winning the Princess Series, so maybe we'll look at sending her to Dubawi!"

BREEDERS AND INVESTORS SEIZE

SHADWELL OPPORTUNITY *by Bren O'Brien*

In a brilliant crescendo to the opening day of the Magic Millions National Broodmare Sale, the 37-lot Shadwell Dispersal, conducted by Yarraman Park, far exceeded expectations with \$25.135 million in sales at an average of \$679,324.

There were 11 million-dollar mares sold during the Dispersal, topped by G1 South Australian Derby winner Qafila (Not A Single Doubt), who was purchased, in foal to Dundee (NZ), by Dean Hawthorne Bloodstock for a partnership with Coolmore and GSA Bloodstock for \$2 million.

"You've got to pay for these nice mares. It's been strong all day, hasn't it? Everyone seems to be partnering up, so it seems good to be partnering up. We've partnered with Coolmore, so we are just having to find partners," Hawthorne said.

"She was a hell of a racemare. We followed her as a racemare, she is a good type and that's the market, really, and I can't really see it stopping.

"She is a good long-term investment. Of course, we have got King's Legacy with Coolmore now and we've been shareholders in him all the way through."

Hawthorne said a decision on a stallion for Qafila would be made in the next few weeks.

Rosemont Senses Opportunity

The dominant buyer in the Shadwell Dispersal was Rosemont Stud, who secured four mares, **Minhaaj** (Exceed And Excel) for

\$1.8 million, **Bulbula** (Shamardal {USA}) for \$1.35 million, **Khulaasa** (Epaulette) for \$1.35 million and **Aryaaf** (Epaulette) for \$800,000.

Rosemont Stud Principal, Anthony Mithen, revealed that Minhaaj, a 3-year-old filly, would likely race on.

"It was a Shadwell family and I'm hoping in time that it might be referred to as a Rosemont family. It's an amazing job that Shadwell have done with breeding these mares. The opportunity to buy Minhaaj, a fast 3-year-old filly by Exceed And Excel, one of the best stallions in the country, what an amazing opportunity," Mithen said.

"She will race on. We'll rub our chin and think about what we do with her and what we set her for. Those fast fillies are hard to get."

Amazingly, Rosemont has now purchased three of the progeny of Bulbula across the Shadwell Dispersals in the past two months, as well as the mare herself. They will decide matings for their mares in the coming weeks.

It's Go for Telaawa

Go Bloodstock and Coolmore came together to pay \$1.7 million for Minhaaj's dam, **Telaawa** (Lonhro), who is in foal to Exceed And Excel.

"We came here and Sir Owen thought it was a great opportunity with the Shadwell Dispersal, we wanted to add to the very top end of our band and she is a Lonhro mare. We loved the yearling back at the Inglis Easter Sale that Dean Hawthorne bought, and of these Shadwell mares, she was our pick," Go Bloodstock's Steve O'Connor said.

"It was great to partner with Coolmore, who we own some great horses with, like Merchant Navy. She's a lovely mare to have and she is an outcross to all these Danehill-line stallions that will be retiring for us."

O'Connor said Telaawa was likely to go to a Coolmore stallion.

Shadwell Mares for Kia Ora and Longwood

Kia Ora Stud secured Grade 2-winning South African mare **Ektifaa** (**More Than Ready** {USA}) for \$1.7 million from the Shadwell Dispersal, landing its first major recruit to support its debuting stallion Farnan.

"The whole Shadwell Dispersal was an amazing draft, but this is one mare we really picked out, being by **More Than Ready**. **More Than Ready** with Not A Single Doubt is a phenomenal cross when it comes to stakes results, which looks great for Farnan," Shane Wright, Kia Ora Stud Manager, said.

"She's in foal to I Am Invincible, and the foal sold last week was a lovely foal that made very good money as well. No mare today was cheap, but we think she's a mare we can

really appreciate going forward and Farnan will love.

"It's a beautiful family, she's a great type, and we were very happy to get her."

Longwood Thoroughbred Farm came together with Sheamus Mills Bloodstock and Peter Morgan to pay \$1.5 million for **Rimraam** (NZ) (Commands), in foal to Dundee (NZ) as Longwood's Michael Christian also seized the opportunity to secure some Shadwell quality.

"She was just an outstanding mare just in terms of her physical attributes. I don't think I've seen a better mare, so we were happy to go hard for the one we wanted and we were able to purchase," Christian said.

"She will go to Longwood Thoroughbred Farm to foal down and get her back in foal to who knows what.



Lot 824, Telaawa | Magic Millions



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"At the end of the day, pedigrees are great and it helps that this mare is a stakes winner but I think when it comes down to it, people are buying on type and physical attributes and that is where this mare absolutely excels, so it will be exciting to bring her home and see what she produces over the next 10 years."

Mare Sale Closes Shadwell Chapter

The Shadwell Dispersal of mares, as was the case with the yearlings and weanlings, proved a spectacular success, with Yarraman Park's Arthur Mitchell saying it was a fitting reward considering the effort put in by Shadwell Racing and Bloodstock Manager Angus Gold in building up the band over many years.

"It's been the culmination of 25 years of growing a broodmare band and nurturing them and buying the best yearlings. Angus Gold has done an amazing job and this is the culmination," Mitchell said.

"It is sad to see the end of Shadwell's investment in Australia. Maybe there's a chance they may come back, but it was obviously a phenomenal sale tonight. The mares sold really well, and we are so proud of our staff, they have done an amazing job.

"It's been really hard work and Magic Millions have done a

wonderful job promoting and running the sale. I think everyone would be absolutely delighted by the way it has gone."

Mitchell said the blockbuster sale, which surpassed all expectations, was historic in its significance.

"I've been around the world for many year, and I've seen big markets in America, and this is as strong a sale as you'd see, all the way through," he said.

"It wasn't just the Shadwell Dispersal, but the sale and I think the industry is very buoyant here. It's not just Australians buying, it's people from across the world and this seems a very buoyant market to play in at the moment.

"Australia is in a good place, racing is in a good place and breeding is in a good place. It's wonderful to see all these different people investing in these mares."

The significance of the Shadwell Dispersal was also not lost on Magic Millions Managing Director, Barry Bowditch.

"Shadwell was one of the most emotional things you'll see at a horse sale. It was truly special and we're extremely grateful to be given the opportunity to sell these horses and it is a big reflection on Yarraman, Angus Gold and Sheikh Hamdan's investment world-wide," he said.

"These horses commanded respect and the buyers got behind them and gave them the most respect they possibly could which was extraordinary. It was a lot of money what they grossed, but it was well deserved."

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