

THE CALIFORNIA SERIES: ART SHERMAN



Art Sherman | Horsephotos

By Dan Ross

In this TDN series, we curvy lessons and wise counsel from veteran Californian figures who, like gold nuggets panned from the Tuolumne River in the High Sierras, have unearthed career riches on arguably the toughest circuit in the States.

*The series started with **John Shirreffs** and continues here with Art Sherman, son of a barber who would go on to train, for a period, the richest horse in history. Last month, Sherman announced his retirement. His last runner is expected this weekend.*

The golf cart plunges out of the soupy early-morning fog swallowing Los Alamitos Racecourse like the focus of a slow-motion action sequence, Wagner's Ride of the Valkyries playing in the writer's ears, before rolling to a stop outside a barn with a plaque memorializing the GI Preakness S. of 2014.

Riding side-saddle on this mechanical rickshaw, Art Sherman springs from it like an elastic band--his 84 years be damned--marches over to a horse, all suds and statue--still on the wash rack, telling the groom and the hotwalker how well their soapy pupil had just schooled in the gates.

Commentary complete, Sherman finally heads for his office. "That's it, I'm done for the morning," he says. This, despite the clock hands reading 7:00, and the heavy foot traffic on the equine expressway leading to and from the track telling a far less finished story among the surrounding barns. **Cont. p3**

JUDGE RULES THAT WARD CAN SELL RAMSEY HORSES AT KEENELAND JANUARY

by Bill Finley

Jessamine (Ky.) County Circuit Court Judge Hunter Daugherty ruled Thursday that trainer Wesley Ward can sell 14 horses owned by Ken and Sarah Ramsey at the Keeneland January Sale in order to cover what Ward alleges are unpaid training bills. Ward has maintained the he is owed nearly \$1 million by the Ramseys. The story was first reported by the *BloodHorse*.

"Unfortunately, it has come down to this," Ward said. "Mr. Ramsey has been a big part of my success. We've won over \$10 million in purses and 250 races and I have raced for him in five different countries. He's a great guy and for whatever reason things went sideways. I'm just glad that this is about to come to an end. I hope that someday I will be able to shake his hand. I don't know how things to got to this point, but I have nothing bad to say about Mr. Ramsey." **Cont. p6**

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Steve Sherack profiles pricey debut runner-up Got Thunder (Arrogate).



Sherman cont.

There are two reasons for the abbreviated workday--one is familiarity, a habit contracted from his former mentor, trainer Paul Guidotti.

"I'm always the first one on the racetrack. I just like to get my horses in and out and let them relax," Sherman would later explain. "I don't like to wait for the horses to train and get tacked up and standing there and waiting."

The other is practicality. With only a handful of horses in his care, the morning's a quick study.

Partly for this reason, Sherman has announced his retirement from training--though he won't disappear completely, looking to maintain an advisory role to his two trainer sons, Alan and Steve, and the occasional dabble in the world of bloodstock.

What the training ranks lose, however, is an important connecting thread between the sometimes sparse returns of California's current industry--short fields, disappearing farms, shrinking foal crops--with the profligacy of the industry's post-war extravagances.

None epitomize this more than owner-breeder Rex Ellsworth, who kept and raised hundreds of horses between farms in Ontario and Chino, inland from Los Angeles, and Sherman's first employer in racing.

"He grabbed my ass a couple of times and put me back in the saddle. I mean, I was airborne," says Sherman, from his office chair, a hand shot airborne like a rocket as he describes Ellsworth's hands-on approach to breaking his young stock, the old cowboy accompanying the crew on his pony, terrorizing them too.

"He'd slap them under the belly. Boom!" he adds, another arm pretzel in the shape of Buckaroo.

For a period in the 1950s and the 1960s, Ellsworth and his trainer, Meshach Tenney, reigned supreme in the West--kings of an empire forged from California's golden sandy loam. But theirs was hardly a show-room operation.

Instead of sturdy white picket fences, think barbed wire. Instead of gourmet treats, think dry pellets manufactured on the ranch.

"I can't ever remember being with Rex and having any vitamins," he says. "But all the horses looked good."

Tenney shared that same Spartan mentality. "He worked his ass off all day long. I used to hold the horses for him and he'd be shoeing them all afternoon, six or seven at a time."

As for the horses, "They hardly were ever done up. I just used to feed them, no bandages."

The Ellsworth school of rough-and-ready brooked no favor. "He broke every horse like he didn't care how they were bred," says Sherman. Egalitarian, certainly. Uncompromising, too.

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Sherman cont.

"You loved to ride their horses because when you rode them in the afternoon, they were broke," he says. "They had to behave themselves, you know what I mean? This was a no-nonsense type of thing. There was no babying and feeding them sugar and all that."

Spare the rod and spoil the child--back then, a backbone of a generational approach to raising horse and human alike.



California Chrome | Horsephotos

In his own training career, however, Sherman has cultivated the opposite reputation.

Few who followed **California Chrome's** exploits could have failed to notice the rather dotting paternal attention--akin to the proud father of the cocky jock--with which Sherman ushered the colt around the globe.

It's this careful approach that Sherman has used to produce a list of top performers nurtured over more seasons, and campaigned with much more of a competitive appetite, than is now standard.

"It's that confidence you build up between a horse and yourself, that you know you're doing the right thing and having a good rider ride them," he says, in explanation. "That's very important, knowing your horse. I don't know how to even explain it."

He doesn't need to explain it--it's right there in the numbers and the records. You have to go all the way back to 1991 to find the most recent winner of the GI Kentucky Derby, Strike the Gold, who raced more times than California Chrome. (The gelding Funny Cide, who won the 2003 Derby, isn't really a fair comparison).

Lykatill Hil, another of Sherman's multiple graded-stakes winning Faberge eggs, started his career two months before Bill Clinton won his first presidential election, and retired 19 wins from 61 starts later, only a few months short of that millennium's end. **Cont. p5**



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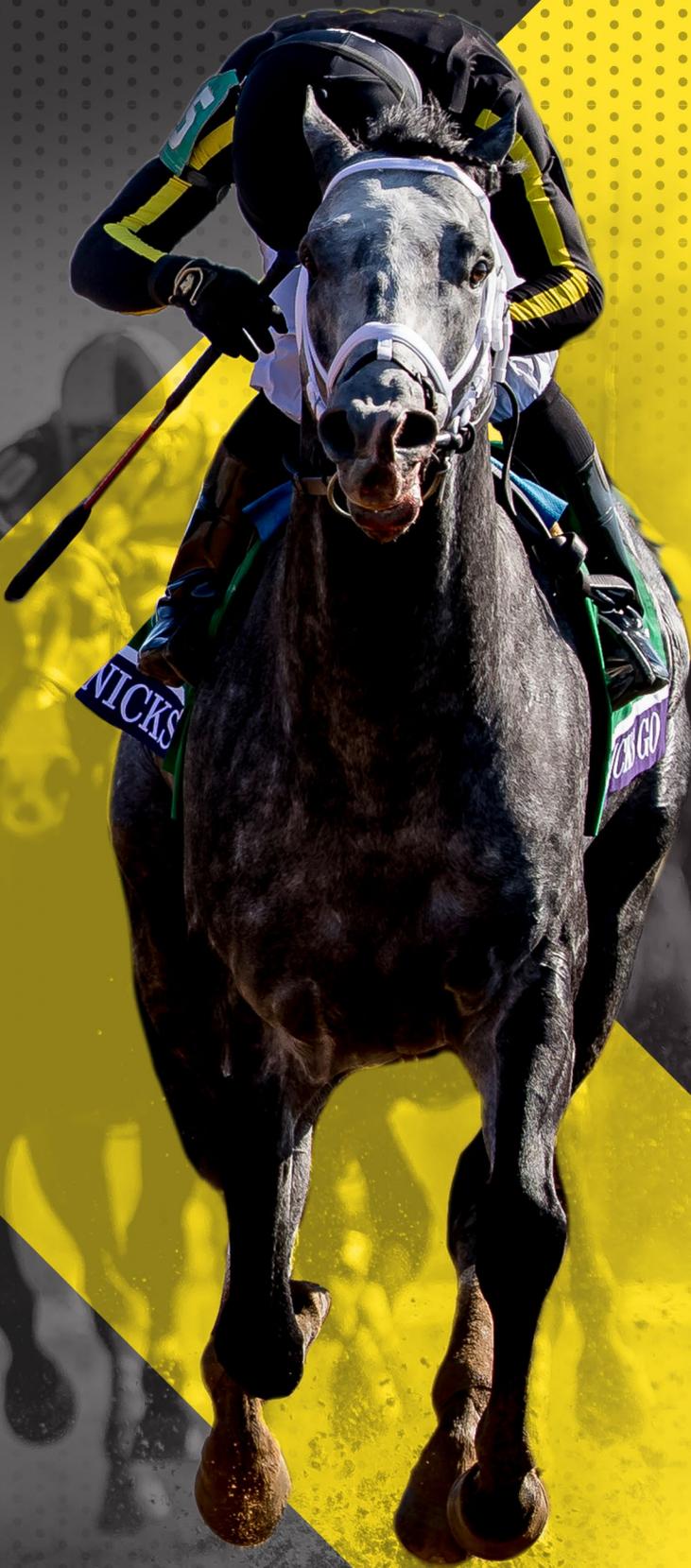
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Sherman cont.

Integral to Sherman's success, he says, was his own broad-brush grounding after he turned up on Ellsworth's doorstep without any practical experience with horses, and plunged straight into the breeding operation.

"He taught me everything and it wasn't the money," he says, of his time with Ellsworth.

At the time, Khaled, sire of Swaps, was kingpin of the Ellsworth empire.

"I used to exercise him and keep him fit around the big pen. It was pretty interesting for a kid that never had been around horses," says Sherman, bemoaning the lack of comparable opportunities for today's new racetrack inductees. "There are so many kids that have never been there around the breeding season, watching mares foal. Those things. They come to the racetrack now and want to be a jockey in a year's time, you know? But I think that schooling, the background of being at the ranch and working there for a year, really improved my mind about how a horse should be."

His 22 years as a jockey proved something of a training manual pick-and-mix. "I think that helped a whole lot, getting the basics and watching different people train horses, you know what I mean? What works. Some of it doesn't work for a lot of people. I saw good horsemen-horsemen good with legs-but who could never condition a horse that great."

But when asked who--or what--has been most influential in shaping his approach to training, Sherman steers straight towards Guidotti, who maintained a small stable in Northern California.

"You know, when I first started training I just decided I would just mostly be like Paul taking care of horses," he says. "They always looked good. He was a good caretaker, good feed, top notch feed, you know what I mean? He gave vitamins which I do." **Cont. p6**



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Like Sherman now, Guidotti wasn't one for the morning bullets. "I'm not really for the fast workouts. I like distance. I like endurance. I like them to finish the last eighth of a mile and kick it in."

Moral lessons were also on offer. "He's the only guy I ever seen fire an owner over me. They wanted to take me off a horse that I won a little stake on and then the horse got beat. He told them, 'If you change riders, just take him to another trainer.'"

Unlike Sherman, the horse found lodgings anew.

Home in Sherman's early years with a license consisted of the barn tack room, his wardrobe a bunch of cast-offs from a jockey who quit the saddle to become a Mormon missionary.

"I had a hotplate and a little small fridge. I liked staying in the tack rooms. It was fun. I had the old locker where I had my clothes."

Some 40 years later, he retires the trainer of 2,261 winners and the fourth-highest earning horse in history.

Gone are the penitential digs.

"I just sold my place here. I had a condo here in Cypress," he says, of his home near Los Alamitos. "I've got another place in Rancho Bernardo in San Diego."

But acquired along the way has been one valuable lesson. "Patience is a lot of it, you know what I mean?" he says.

"You just can't, like I said, train every horse the same way. Some horses have got little quirks about them. You just got to realize what capabilities that your horse has. Conditions help you win races. Don't run them over their head. Don't put them in spots where they got to run their eyeballs out and get beat, you know what I mean? Don't over race them to a point where you take the heart out of them."

In part two next week, Sherman talks Swaps and California Chrome, and gives his thoughts on the evolving shape of the California industry.

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Ward/Ramsey cont. from p1

The horses are scheduled to be sold Jan. 13.

Daugherty was ruling on a Dec. 2 motion in which Ward requested permission to sell the horses in question. Ward's lawyers argue that the sale of the horses became necessary only after all other efforts to collect the money from Ramsey had failed. Because Ward's dispute with Ramsey, who has denied owing Ward the money, is ongoing, the proceeds from the sale will be held in escrow pending a full resolution of the matter.

On Mar. 19, Ward sued Ramsey for unpaid bills. According to court filings, Ramsey acknowledged the debt and agreed to pay Ward \$100,000 per month until it was paid off. But he made just one payment. **Cont. p7**

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In a Dec. 7 counterclaim, Ramsey argued that he did not in fact owe Ward the money because Ward wasn't fulfilling his duties as a trainer. The allegations made against Ward included breach of contract, breach of fiduciary duties, breach of good faith and fair dealing, and unjust enrichment.



Wesley Ward | Keeneland Photo

None of the Ward-Ramsey horses have started since July, which Ramsey says prevented him from earning any purse money with the 14. Ward said the horses have not run because Ramsey would not allow them to be entered. Ward said he had hoped that the horses could continue running and that their earnings could be used to pay off the debt.

"We have now learned that Ward was not looking out for our best interest or the best interest of our horses," Ramsey charged. "In many instances we are learning he was not training our horses and certainly not training them to the standards of the industry for Thoroughbred training and race preparation."

"Rather than pay his debt to Ward Enterprises and take possession of his horses, Ramsey has instead chosen to publicly make false assertions against Ward Enterprises in a misguided attempt to trump up claims against Ward Enterprises," Ward's legal team countered.

The list of horses scheduled to be sold is headed by **Artie's Princess** (We Miss Artie), winner of the GII Bessarabian S. at Woodbine in 2020 and the champion female sprinter in Canada last year. The list also includes gelding **Ramsey Solution** (Real Solution), winner of the **Tapit** S. at Kentucky Downs; and **Chasing Artie** (We Miss Artie), the winner of the Palisades Turf Sprint S. and the My Frenchman S. Four other older horses will be sold: **Train to Artemus** (Tapizar), **Royal Kitten** (**Kitten's Joy**), **Bitten by Kitten** (**Kitten's Joy**) and **Casanova Kitten** (**Kitten's Joy**).

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"We were willing to help facilitate the process," Keeneland Vice President of Sales Tony Lacy said. "We have been watching the developments so we would have room to offer them if necessary, and the ruling came down today. We are able to make them available to be offered on the last day of the sale, which is Jan. 13."

Ward said he has been training the horses with the sale in mind.

"They're either breezing tomorrow or the next day," he said. "We're ready to go so that we can show all the potential buyers that the horses are in good shape and are fit and fresh. They will have ample works going into the sale."

Ward expects that the total proceeds from the sale will exceed the \$1 million he says he is owed.

"I'm hoping Mr. Ramsey makes a bunch of money here," he said. "Hopefully he will make much more than what his costs are."

Trainer Mike Maker has had similar problems with Ramsey and at one point this year claimed he was owed more than \$900,000 in unpaid bills. Ramsey and Maker have since reached a settlement.

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OWNER OF REMSEN RUNNER-UP PROTESTING NON-DQ OF WINNER



Mo Donegal (outside) & Zandon duel in Aqueduct stretch
Sarah Andrew

by T.D. Thornton

The owner of the runner-up in last Saturday's GII Remsen S. at Aqueduct has lodged a protest with the New York State Gaming Commission (NYSGC) over the stewards' non-disqualification of the winner by a nose in that race after both an inquiry and a

jockey's foul claim regarding the stretch run.

Dave Grening of *Daily Racing Form* first reported the news on Thursday. He quoted Jeff Drown, the owner of second-place finisher **Zandon (Upstart)**, who said that the actions of victor **Mo Donegal (Uncle Mo)** and that colt's jockey, Irad Ortiz Jr., cost him the win.

"Certainly, the outcome was affected by how the race was ridden," Drown told *DRF*.

Mo Donegal skimmed across the heels of the four frontrunners to escape traffic at the top of the lane and was poised to pounce in upper stretch with a bid to the outside of Zandon and jockey John Velazquez.

The two colts crested the eighth pole in lockstep, then Mo Donegal tightened the lateral gap between them under right-handed stick work from Ortiz. But being put into tighter quarters seemed to embolden Zandon, who fought back gamely as the two bumped and brushed approaching the wire.

The Equibase chart caller described how Irad Ortiz Jr. threw "repeated exaggerated crosses with the left-hand rein near the face of the runner-up" in an "attempt to intimidate" Zandon.

"We were down the lane fighting in a big race," Ortiz said right after that Dec. 4 win. "[Velazquez] was riding his horse and I was riding mine. It was a good race and we got together a little before the wire, but it was a beautiful race." **Cont. p10**

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Remsen cont.

Velazquez said Mo Donegal "got on top of me and I just missed. He laid on top of me right before the wire and just beat me by very little."

Drew Mollica, a New York-based attorney who specializes in racing-related cases and is representing Drown, told *TDN* that the very tight margin of victory is part of what merits a review.

"My client's position is there's no question it was a foul. The facts speak for themselves. If Mo Donegal had won by eight lengths, you could say [the actions of the winner and his jockey] didn't affect the outcome of the race. But Zandon was beaten an inch," Mollica said.

Two other factors could come into play if the NYSGC opts for a review.

The first is that the day after the Remsen, Ortiz was suspended 30 days by the Aqueduct stewards for careless riding, primarily for his role in unseating another jockey in a Dec. 3 race. But state steward Braulio Baeza Jr. told *DRF* on Sunday that part of that penalty also had to do with Ortiz's stretch ride in the Remsen, "even though the official ruling of Ortiz's suspension does not reference the Remsen," Grening wrote.

The second factor has to do with there being two substitute stewards on the job at Aqueduct on the day of the Remsen.

DRF reported that state steward Baeza and Jockey Club

steward Jennifer Durenberger were both not officiating the races on Saturday. "Stephen Pagano, a steward at Monmouth Park, filled in for Durenberger. Carmine Donofrio, a longtime commission steward at New York Racing Association tracks who retired nearly eight years ago from that position, filled in for Baeza," Grening wrote.

When asked if the substitute stewards would factor into his client's planned appeal, Mollica said, "In New York, as you know, the final arbiter of anything is the state steward. But the issue at hand is the horse was beaten an inch."

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UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA RESEARCHERS TO STUDY DEATH OF MEDINA SPIRIT

Researchers at the University of Minnesota will assist in investigating the high-profile death of GI Kentucky Derby winner Medina Spirit (Protonico), who **collapsed on Monday** due to a suspected cardiac event.

While an official necropsy will be conducted at the University of California, Davis, samples of hair, blood, and heart tissue are en route to the university's College of Veterinary Medicine's (CVM) Equine Genetics and Genomics Laboratory, where scientists are already studying cardiac arrhythmias and sudden cardiac death in racehorses. **Cont. p11**



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Medina Spirit | Horsephotos

“The CVM scientists, led by Assistant Professor Sian Durward-Akhurst and Professor Molly McCue, will also incorporate the Medina Spirit samples into an ongoing research project seeking to understand genetic and other risk factors for sudden cardiac death in racehorses,” said a release from UMN. “The researchers’ goal is to identify horses at risk for sudden cardiac death--and to put tools into the hands of racetrack veterinarians that will allow them to identify those horses in time to scratch them from a race--in order to prevent future such tragedies. Those tools include an at-rest electrocardiogram (ECG) combined with artificial intelligence to identify horses likely to develop irregular heartbeats during a race--even if their resting ECG looks normal.”

“Medina Spirit’s death is devastating, and sadly, such deaths occur all too frequently,” Dr. McCue said. “Our hope is to find ways to pinpoint horses at risk so we can intervene before they lose their lives. In addition to helping equine athletes, this research may also provide answers for sudden cardiac death in young human athletes.”

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CARPE DIEM, EXAGGERATOR TO RELOCATE



Carpe Diem | Louise Reinegal

WinStar stallions **Carpe Diem** (Giant's Causeway--Rebridled Dreams, by Unbridled's Song) and **Exaggerator** (Curlin--Dawn Raid, by Vindication) have been sold and will take up stud duty in new locations for 2022, the farm announced Thursday.

Carpe Diem will be syndicated by a group led by Dawn and Jeff Picard's Picard Racing and David Tillson and he will stand the upcoming breeding season at Acadiana Equine at Copper Crowne in Louisiana. Campaigned by WinStar and Stonestreet Stables, the \$1.6-million OBSMAR buy won the GI Claiborne Breeders' Futurity in 2014 and the GI Toyota Blue Grass S. in 2015. **Carpe Diem** is the sire of 11 black-type horses in 2021.

“We have a strong relationship with David Tillson and Acadiana Equine,” said Liam O'Rourke, Director of Bloodstock Services for WinStar Farm. “We look forward to continued success with **Carpe Diem**.”

David Tillson added, “Our goal is to provide Louisiana breeders the best opportunity for future success, and we're excited to stand **Carpe Diem**, a multiple Grade I winner and proven stallion.”

Exaggerator is returning home after being re-purchased by Texas-based Rocker O Ranch, co-owner of the horse during his racing career. Stud plans are currently being determined. The dark bay won the GI Preakness S., GI Santa Anita Derby and GI Haskell Invitational S. in 2016. **Cont. p12**



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Exaggerator is the leading second-crop sire by winners with 77 and is represented this year by 2-year-old stakes-winning fillies Sea Level and Pacific Coast, as well as stakes winner Gagetown.

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BREEDERS' CUP SPOT UP FOR GRABS IN CARLOS PELLEGRINI



Racing at San Isidro | photo courtesy Diego Zavaleta

by Joe Bianca

The first automatic fees-paid berth to the 2022 Breeders' Cup will be handed out this Saturday in Argentina when the G1 Gran Premio Internacional Carlos Pellegrini, also known as the 'South American Arc', is run at the historic Hipodromo de San Isidro. The winner will punch their ticket to the GI Longines Breeders' Cup Turf, to be held in 2022 at Keeneland.

Contested over 2,400 meters, about 1 1/2 miles, on the massive San Isidro turf course with about a three-furlong stretch run, the Pellegrini was won last year in a thrilling three-way duel by rail-running **Cool Day (Arg)** (John F Kennedy {Ire}) ([video](#)), who is back to defend his title. Bred by the historic Haras Abolengo farm, the 4-year-old chestnut went to the bench for over 10 months after his 2020 Pellegrini score, ruling out a Breeders' Cup try, but returned with a dominant 3 1/2-length victory in the G1 Gran Premio Copa de Oro here Oct. 30.

The most important race in South America, the Pellegrini is named after Carlos Enrique Jose Pellegrini, the first president of the Argentinian Jockey Club and one of its founding members when it was created in 1882. The race was first run in 1887, as

the International Grand Prix, over 3,000 meters (about 1 7/8 miles) with Stiletto streaking to victory in 3:27 2/5. It quickly lived up to its 'international' billing, with French raider Athos II taking the trophy in 1890 and 1892. Overall, horses bred in countries other than Argentina have won the Pellegrini 17 times, with Brazilian Nao da Mais (T H Approval) being the most recent successful invader in 2019. The race regularly attracts horses from Brazil, Chile, Peru and Uruguay.

The grand finale of the racing season in Argentina, the Pellegrini holds a US\$200,000 purse and unofficially bestows the title of the best horse in South America. It's the headliner of 'International Day' at San Isidro, which also features the 2,000-meter G1 Gran Premio Copa de Plata, similar to the GI Breeders' Cup Distaff or GI Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf, the 1,600-meter G1 Gran Premio Joaquin S. de Anchorena, similar to the GI Breeders' Cup Mile and the 1,000-meter G1 Gran Premio Alzaga Unzue, similar to the GI Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint. The Anchorena has been won by names well familiar to U.S. racing fans, including the legendary **Candy Ride (Arg)** (Ride the Rails) and Lord At War (Arg) (General {Fr}) as well as 2014 GI Frank E. Kilroe Mile S. hero Winning Prize (Arg) (Pure Prize).

The Pellegrini is also a major social event on the Argentine calendar, with tens of thousands of people, including many Argentine celebrities, flocking to San Isidro for the race every year. The attendance record was set in 1986 when over 100,000 people showed up to see undefeated Fain (Arg) (Dancing Moss {GB}) take the trophy, and approximately 60,000 people are expected to attend this year.

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Carlos Pellegrini cont.



The scene at San Isidro | photo courtesy Diego Zavaleta

Uruguayan jockey Irineo Leguisamo, considered the most decorated South American jockey of the 20th century, holds the record for most victories in the Pellegrini with 10 from 1924 through 1962; no other rider has won more than four. Juan Lapistoy and Alfredo Gaitan Dassie share the record for most Pellegrini conquests by a trainer with six apiece.

Gaitan Dassie, who trains Cool Day, has a chance to take over the record by himself Saturday. Fourteen fillies and mares have defeated the boys in the Pellegrini, and there were dead heats for the win in 1915 and 1923.

Other contenders in this year's running include venerable 7-year-old **Village King (Arg)** (Campanologist), who ran in the U.S. in 2018 and 2019, picking up a score in the 2018 Red Smith S. and running third in the GII Pan American S. the following spring. This year, he is undefeated in three starts over the San Isidro lawn, picking up a pair of Group 1 triumphs in the 2,000-meter Gran Premio Martinez de Hoz and 2,400-meter Gran Premio 25 de Mayo ([video](#)). **Mirinaque (Arg)** (Hurricane Cat) also boasts U.S. graded stakes success. Though winless since taking the G1 Argentine Derby in 2019, he ran second in last year's GII Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance S. at Keeneland on the Breeders' Cup undercard and was a narrow runner-up to Village King in the Gran Premio 25 de Mayo. Overall, 19 horses are entered in the field.

The Carlos Pellegrini goes as the 13th race on a 17-race card Saturday at San Isidro with a scheduled post time of 7:35 local time (5:35 p.m. ET).

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SECOND CHANCES: ARROGATE COLT 'COULD BE A PLAYER IN 3YO RANKS' *by Steve Sherack*



Got Thunder brought \$750,000 earlier this year at OBS April | *ThoroStride*

In this continuing series, TDN's Senior Editor Steve Sherack catches up with the connections of promising maidens to keep on your radar.

Backed as the 9-5 favorite in his **six-furlong unveiling** for John Sadler at Del Mar Nov. 28, **Got Thunder** (c, 2, Arrogate--Ask the Question, by Silver Deputy) stamped himself as one to watch with a very promising second-place finish.

The gray flashed good early speed from the fence while three of them lined up through an opening quarter in :22. Beginning to give way--or at least appearing to do so as the Bob Baffert-trained firster Newgrange (**Violence**) powerfully struck the front at the top of the stretch--Got Thunder wasn't done yet, however, and fought on gamely beneath Flavien Prat down the lane to keep the final margin at 1 1/2 lengths. He earned a 77 Beyer Speed Figure for the effort.

Got Thunder brought \$750,000 from West Point Thoroughbreds and Talla Racing LLC after breezing an eighth in **a bullet :10 flat** from the Wavertree Stables, Inc. (Ciaran Dunne), Agent III, consignment at OBS Spring. He was previously a \$155,000 Keeneland September yearling. Along with Woodford Racing, West Point and Michael Talla also joined forces on the \$1.7-million Keeneland September yearling colt topper by **City of Light**.

"We were second to a horse that I know was well-meant--they think a lot of him," West Point's Terry Finley said. "We loved this horse at the 2-year-old sale. Ciaran Dunne sold him and really thought he was a horse that had the potential to be a good one."

Bred in Kentucky by Calumet Farm, Got Thunder is a half-brother to Canadian champion and grassy MGISW Heart to Heart (**English Channel**) and the MGSP 3-year-old filly Lady Traveler (**Quality Road**). West Point campaigns the latter, second in this year's GIII Forward Gal S. and third in the GII Black-Eyed Susan S., in partnership. Calumet Farm purchased the winning 18-year-old mare Ask the Question with Got Thunder in utero for \$150,000 at the 2019 Keeneland January sale.

The brilliant Arrogate, the richest North American racehorse in history, **was humanely euthanized** after suffering from an undetermined illness last June. He is represented thus far by 10 winners from his first crop to race. Got Thunder was Arrogate's most expensive 2-year-old colt sold at auction this year. An Arrogate filly out of Amen Hallelujah, now named Shailene, brought \$1 million from Katsumi Yoshida at the same Ocala sale and just missed by a neck on debut late last month in Japan.

"We have his half-sister Lady Traveler, who is trained by Dale Romans, and has plenty of upside to her," Finley said. "The family is there. Arrogate, unfortunately, we're not gonna see a ton of them, but you are going to start to see this crop establish themselves and come to the fore as we get to the end of the year and they get into their 3-year-old year."

What's next for Got Thunder?

"We're excited to get him two turns," Finley said. "He's got to come forward, but he's certainly giving John Sadler the indication that he could be a player in the 3-year-old ranks in 2022. He's generated a lot of excitement."

*Previous standouts featured in 'Second Chances' include: two-time Breeders' Cup winner **Golden Pal** (**Uncle Mo**), GI **Runhappy** Santa Anita Derby winner and Lane's End stallion **Honor A. P.** (**Honor Code**), MGISW and '**TDN Rising Star**' **Paradise Woods** (**Union Rags**), GIII Las Virgenes S. heroine **Moonlight d'Oro** (**Medaglia d'Oro**), GII Los Alamitos Futurity winner and MGISP **Spielberg** (**Union Rags**), GSW **Backyard Heaven** (Tizway), MSW and '**TDN Rising Star**' **Gidu (Ire)** (**Frankel {GB}**), GI Frizette S. third-place finisher **A Mo Reay** (**Uncle Mo**) and Discovery S. runner-up **Speaker's Corner** (**Street Sense**).*

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AVERAGE DAILY HANDLE STRONG AT AQUEDUCT

Average daily all-sources handle for the recently concluded 15-day Aqueduct fall meet was \$10,295,293, according to a release Thursday from the New York Racing Association. That figure represents an 11.2% increase over 2020, and average daily handle at the fall meet has risen 25.4% since 2019.

The release noted that NYRA has also seen strong handle growth at Belmont Park and Saratoga Race Course: “Average daily handle at the Belmont fall meet has grown 39% since 2019 with the 2021 summer meet at Saratoga eclipsing \$20 million in average daily handle for the first time in history.”

With three fewer days of live racing compared to last year's Aqueduct fall meet, all-sources handle was \$154,429,388 vs. \$166,702,976 in 2020. The 2019 fall meet was held over 25 days and generated all-sources handle of \$205,249,710.

With in-person attendance more open this year than in 2020 when only a limited number of owners could attend the races amidst the pre-vaccine era of the pandemic, on-track handle was unsurprisingly up--by 35.1% to \$15,268,541. The 25-day fall meet in 2021 generated \$20,712,645 in on-track handle.

A total of 74 races were run on the grass a this year's meet with six taken off due to weather. There were 68 turf races and 11 events taken off the grass last season.

Average field size for the 145 races run at the meet was 8.90, up 2.6% compared to 2020 and 5.9% from 2019.

The 2021-22 Aqueduct winter meet began Thursday and continues through Sunday, Mar. 27. *America's Day at the Races* will feature live daily coverage on the FOX Sports networks. Click [here for the broadcast schedule](#).

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WOODBINE SEES THIRD-HIGHEST SEASON HANDLE IN 2021

Woodbine's 2021 Thoroughbred season produced an all-sources handle of \$505,348,339, the third-highest season total in Woodbine Thoroughbred history.

For the second consecutive season, the COVID-19 pandemic caused a shortened meet as the 2021 Woodbine Thoroughbred stand did not begin until June 12. Originally scheduled for 133 race dates, the 2021 season included 99 race days, three more than last year, and 946 races contested.

Despite the delayed start, the 2021 season topped \$500 million in all-sources handle, propelled mightily by Woodbine's

highest single-season foreign wagering handle ever of \$420,666,755.

The average field size of nine was a 4.8% increase in average per-race handle, which came in at \$534,194 for 2021.

“Our racing team did a great job in creating appealing and competitive races throughout the entire season,” said Jim Lawson, CEO of Woodbine Entertainment Group. “The support of the owners and trainers through these hard times deserves recognition and our commitment to providing the best overall experience to those racing at Woodbine will only heighten in 2022.”

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SOMBEYAY RETIRED TO SWIFTY FARMS



Sombeyay | Lauren King

MGSW **Sombeyay** (Into Mischief--Teroda, by Limehouse) has been retired to stand the 2022 breeding season at Swifty Farms in Seymour, IN. He will command a fee of \$3,000 LFSN. A winner of the GIII Sanford S. sprinting at Saratoga as a juvenile and GIII Canadian Turf S. over a mile on the Gulfstream sod as a 4-year-old last term while racing for Todd Pletcher, the \$230,000 KESEP yearling was acquired last summer and had been running for Swifty Farms and Peter Miller since then. He retires with a career record of 19-4-7-0 and earnings of \$482,316.

“Sombeyay is a very correct, well-balanced individual that will catch your eye every time you see him,” said Swifty Farms manager Jerri Harmon. “Couple all of that with dual-surface speed...that makes the prospect of his future as a sire just electrifying.”

Out of MSP Teroda, Sombeyay is a half to this year's GIII Florida Oaks winner Domain Expertise (**Kitten's Joy**).

He joins a roster that has already seen two new additions for 2022 in **Sleepy Eyes Todd** (Paddy O'Prado) and **American Pastime** (Tapizar).

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MONMOUTH PARK RELEASES EVENT SCHEDULE

Monmouth Park released a schedule of events Thursday for its 2022 meet, which will begin on Saturday, May 7. The track noted that other promotions and events are still in the works.

Scheduled events at this time are as follows:

May 7 - Opening Day: The Shore's Biggest Derby Party

May 8 - Mother's Day

May 28-30 - Jersey Shore Food Truck Festival

June 5 - Irish Festival

June 11 - Cooler Giveaway

June 19 - Father's Day

June 25-26 - Win, Wine & Dine Festival

July 10 - Classic Car Show & Oldies Day

July 30-31 - Italian Festival & Wine Tasting

Aug. 13-14 - Surf & Turf Seafood Festival

Aug. 20 - Live & Local Music Festival

Aug. 28 - NJ Thoroughbred Festival

Sept. 3-5 - BBQ & Craft Beer Festival

Sept. 10 - Food Trucktemberfest

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JOCKEYS AND JEANS STALLION SEASON SALE FOR PDJF SET FOR JAN. 21-24

The Jockeys and Jeans Great American Stallion Season Sale to benefit The Permanently Disabled Jockeys Fund begins Jan. 21 at 9 a.m. and ends Jan. 24 at 5 p.m. on Starquine.com. A preview of the seasons will be available Jan. 20. Both Thoroughbred and Quarter Horse stallions will be included.

"This is a true opportunity to show the world that those in the Thoroughbreds and Quarter Horse industry will stand up for those who can no longer stand for themselves," said Jockeys and Jeans President Barry Pearl. "The racing community has proved to all in or outside racing that they care not only for the horses they race, but the humans who ride them."

Those wishing to donate a season or seasons and sell them privately are welcome. All seasons are non-guaranteed and donors have the option of including a breed-back the following year if the buyer's mare does not get in foal on first cover.

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LONGRUN THOROUGHBRED RETIREMENT SOCIETY AUCTIONS PINK LLOYD BRIDLE

LongRun Thoroughbred Retirement Society is holding an online auction for Canadian champion Pink Lloyd's bridle. All proceeds benefit LongRun and its residents, including the recently retired Pink Lloyd. The auction starts Dec. 12 at 12:01 p.m. and ends Dec. 16 at 11 p.m.

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TERF AWARDS \$14,000 TO THE FOUNDATION FOR THE HORSE

The Thoroughbred Education and Research Foundation (TERF) has awarded \$14,000 to the Foundation for the Horse, the charitable arm of the American Association of Equine Practitioners (AAEP), to be used for research entitled: "direct and indirect effects of platelet rich plasma on neutrophil stimulation." The Foundation for the Horse's mission is to improve the health and welfare of the horse, to further the professional development of its members, and to provide resources and leadership for the benefit of the equine industry. These principles have guided the AAEP for more than six decades in the activities and services it provides. In alignment with their mission to support and promote equine education through inclusion and engagement, TERF continues to offer their financial assistance in 2021. TERF's grants reflect the values set forth by founders Herb and Ellen Moelis. TERF's current Board includes Co-Chairs Kathleen Anderson DVM and James Orsini DVM, Margaret H. Duprey, Gretchen and Roy Jackson, Ellen and Herb Moelis, Wendy Moon, Anita Motion, Toni Orsini, Scott Palmer VMD, Josh Pons, Lucy Zungailia, Katelyn Jackson, and Lynn Cassimeris, Ph.D. To learn more about TERF, visit www.terfusa.org.

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LOS ALAMITOS FUTURITY-GII, \$300,000, 2yo, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Olympic Legend 🌿	Street Boss	Opas, Lawrence and Sinatra, Frank R.	Mendez	Valdivia, Jr.	120
2	Durante	Distorted Humor	Roadrunner Racing and Strauss, William	O'Neill	Rispoli	120
3	Messier	Empire Maker	Golconda Stable, Madaket Stables LLC, SF Racing LLC, Siena Farm LLC, Starlight Racing, Waves Edge Capital LLC, Donovan, Catherine, Masterson, Robert E. and Schoenfarber, Jay A.	Baffert	Prat	120
4	Barossa 🌿	Into Mischief	Golconda Stable, Madaket Stables LLC, SF Racing LLC, Siena Farm LLC, Starlight Racing, Stonestreet Stables, LLC, Waves Edge Capital LLC, Donovan, Catherine, Masterson, Robert E. and Schoenfarber, Jay A.	Baffert	Hernandez	120
5	Slow Down Andy	Nyquist	Reddam Racing LLC	O'Neill	Gutierrez	120

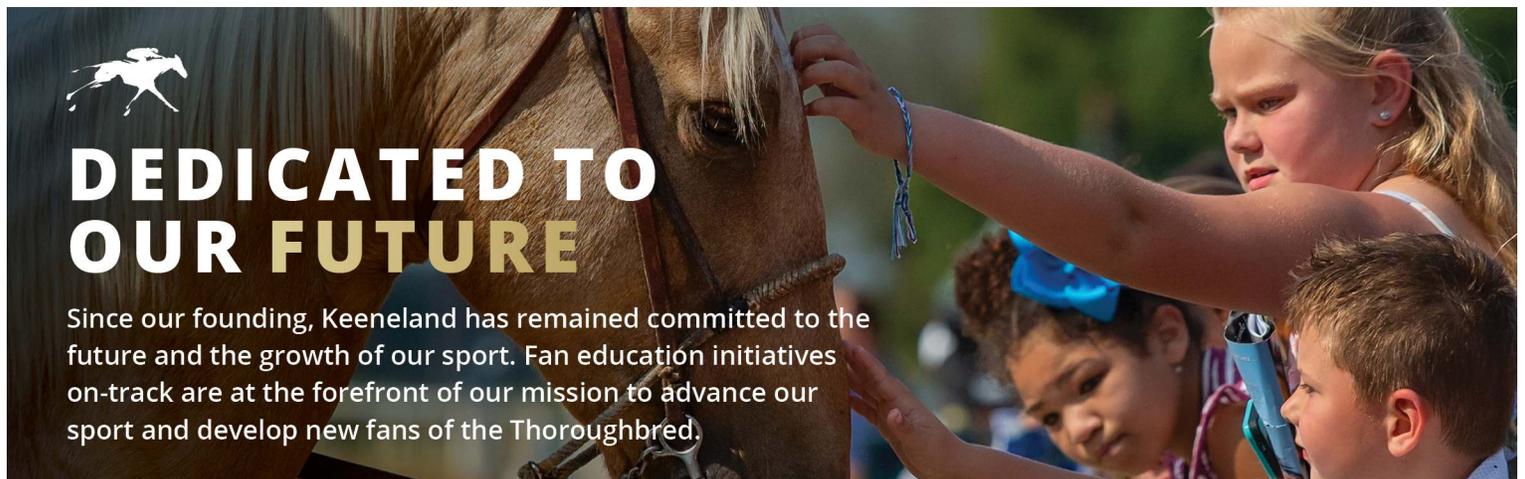
Breeders: 1-Lawrence Marshall Opas MD, Frank Sinatra MD & John Jain MD, 2-William Humphries & Altair Farms, LLC, 3-Sam-Son Farm, 4-Spendthrift Farm, LLC, 5-Reddam Racing, LLC

Saturday, Gulfstream #10, post time: 4:32 p.m. EST

MR. PROSPECTOR S.-GIII, \$100,000, 3yo/up, 7f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Flap Jack	Oxbow	Calumet Farm	Sisterson	Leparoux	120
2	Wind of Change (Brz)	Forestry	Daniel Alonso	Joseph, Jr.	Zayas	124
3	Poppy's Pride	Khozan	Stonehedge LLC	Yates	Vasquez	120
4	Endorsed	Medaglia d'Oro	Mark D. Breen	Maker	Gaffalione	122
5	Dennis' Moment	Tiznow	Albaugh Family Stables LLC	Romans	Lanerie	120
6	Doc Amster 🌿	Midshipman	Russell Staggs	Delgado	Sutherland	120
7	Officiating 🌿	Blame	Vegso Racing Stable	Joseph, Jr.	Saez	122

Breeders: 1-Calumet Farm, 2-Haras Sao Jose da Serra, 3-Stonehedge LLC, 4-Godolphin, 5-Tolo Thoroughbreds, 6-Robert V. LaPenta, 7-Vegso Racing Stable



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1	Nyquist (2013) by <i>Uncle Mo</i> FYR: 2018 Stands: <i>Darley KY</i> Fee: \$55,000	5	18	--	8	--	2	113	49	351,300	4,237,872
2	Runhappy (2012) by <i>Super Saver</i> FYR: 2018 Stands: <i>Claiborne Farm KY</i> Fee: \$12,500	6	10	2	3	--	1	94	47	843,020	4,288,155
3	Protonico (2011) by <i>Giant's Causeway</i> FYR: 2018 Stands: <i>Castleton Lyons KY</i> Fee: \$10,000	1	2	1	1	1	1	17	8	3,520,000	3,813,966
4	Tourist (2011) by <i>Tiznow</i> FYR: 2018 Stands: <i>WinStar Farm KY</i> Fee: \$5,000	1	5	--	2	--	1	96	54	159,491	2,245,469
5	Hit It a Bomb (2013) by <i>War Front</i> FYR: 2018 Stands: <i>Spendthrift Farm KY</i> Fee: \$5,000	2	3	1	1	--	1	33	14	617,841	1,266,891
6	Big Blue Kitten (2008) by <i>Kitten's Joy</i> FYR: 2018 Stands: <i>Calumet Farm KY</i> Fee: \$5,000	1	1	--	1	--	1	41	21	332,240	1,000,319
7	Slumber (GB) (2008) by <i>Cacique (Ire)</i> FYR: 2018 Stands: <i>Rockridge Stud NY</i> Fee: \$7,500	2	2	1	1	--	1	13	6	204,000	548,612
8	Not This Time (2014) by <i>Giant's Causeway</i> FYR: 2018 Stands: <i>Taylor Made Farm KY</i> Fee: \$45,000	11	16	2	3	--	--	121	64	377,825	5,050,091
9	Speightster (2012) by <i>Speightstown</i> FYR: 2018 Stands: <i>WinStar Farm KY</i> Fee: \$7,500	3	10	--	1	--	--	132	69	188,941	4,157,043
10	Frosted (2012) by <i>Tapit</i> FYR: 2018 Stands: <i>Darley KY</i> Fee: \$20,000	6	11	2	6	--	--	141	57	349,500	4,086,321
11	Upstart (2012) by <i>Flatter</i> FYR: 2018 Stands: <i>Airdrie Stud KY</i> Fee: \$10,000	5	10	1	3	--	--	108	60	526,208	3,606,716
12	Exaggerator (2013) by <i>Curlin</i> FYR: 2018 Stands: <i>WinStar Farm KY</i> Fee: \$7,500	3	5	--	--	--	--	149	76	127,005	3,164,787
13	Laoban (2013) by <i>Uncle Mo</i> FYR: 2018 Stands: <i>WinStar Farm USA (Dead/Ret)</i>	4	10	--	3	--	--	79	35	345,667	2,836,928
14	Outwork (2013) by <i>Uncle Mo</i> FYR: 2018 Stands: <i>WinStar Farm KY</i> Fee: \$10,000	5	11	--	1	--	--	107	40	290,330	2,671,314
15	Vancouver (Aus) (2012) by <i>Medaglia d'Oro</i> FYR: 2018 Stands: <i>Coolmore Australia USA (Dead/Ret)</i>	2	4	1	1	--	--	91	46	217,000	2,517,395

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FRIDAY INSIGHTS: NASHVILLE RETURNS AT OAKLAWN

8th-OP, \$102K, Alw/Opt. Clm (\$80K), 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 4:46 p.m. ET

Nearly a year after suffering his first defeat in last winter's GI **Runhappy** Malibu S., China Horse Club and WinStar Farm's **NASHVILLE (Speightstown)** will return to the races as a likely prohibitive favorite in this sprint at Oaklawn. Starting his career with a devastating 11 1/2-length romp as a 3-10 favorite in the Saratoga slop last September--easily good enough for **'TDN Rising Star'** honors--the \$460,000 Keeneland September proved that was no fluke with an effortless 9 3/4-length allowance score at Keeneland and a facile 3 1/2-length victory in that track's Perryville S. in which he set a track record, clocking 1:07.89 for six furlongs. Favored in a highly-anticipated clash with Charlatan (**Speightstown**) in the Malibu, Nashville set sizzling early splits before retreating to finish a well-beaten fourth.

"It's just kind of a starting point," WinStar President/CEO and

racing manager Elliott Walden told the Oaklawn notes team Wednesday morning. "We want to get a race in him and see where we are. It looks like a good spot."

Nashville shows a half-dozen breezes for this return, capped by a maintenance four furlongs in :51 2/5 (14/20) over this track Dec. 6.

"It's been a long road," added Walden. "Sometimes, horses make you wait. Nothing major, but had a couple of starts and stops this year. Looking forward to getting him back." **TJCIS PPs** --@JBiancaTDN

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SOVIET PROBLEM S., (S), \$100,000, 2yo, f, 1m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1	Madiha	Shaman Ghost	Frey	Solis	30-1
2	Dendera	Shaman Ghost	Prat	Sadler	4-1
3	Girl Ranger	U S Ranger	Van Dyke	McCarthy	8-1
4	Professors' Pride	Bayern	Hernandez	Truman	5-1
5	At the Spa	Outwork	Baze	Periban	4-1
6	Smilin Evie	Tom's Tribute	Gonzalez	Baltas	12-1
7	Rose Maddox	Grazen	Rispoli	Miyadi	9-2
8	Munny Penny	Munnings	Cedillo	Solis	10-1
9	Big Novel	Mr. Big	Bravo	Sadler	3-1



IN ORDER OF PURSE:

6th-Aqueduct, \$84,000, Alw (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500),

12-9, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12.31, my, 1 1/2 lengths.

OXANA (f, 3, Uptowncharlybrown--Its My Town, by Cowtown Cat) blew away Parx maidens by 18 lengths with a 96 Beyer second time out June 23 and backed that up with a facile 10 1/4-length allowance romp there July 20. Getting a class test in the GII Prioress S. Sept. 4 at Saratoga, the dark bay finished fourth after a troubled start, and she was runner-up as the favorite in the Pennsylvania-bred New Start S. last out Oct. 22 at Penn National. Off as a narrow 9-5 favorite here, the \$65,000 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic buy dictated terms in the clear through splits of :22.73 and :46.79 and was always doing enough in the lane to hold the tandem of Easy to Bless (Flat Out) and Bold Confection (**Candy Ride {Arg}**) at bay, hitting the wire 1 1/2 lengths to the good. The former nosed out the latter for second money. The victress has an unraced juvenile full-brother named It's Rob's Town and a yearling full-sister. Her dam returned to her sire once more this spring. Sales History: \$65,000 2yo '20 EASMAY. Lifetime Record: SP, 6-3-1-0, \$144,400. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.**

O-Tee N Jay Stable; B-Uptowncharlybrown Stud LLC (PA); T-Timothy A. Hills.



5th-Los Alamitos, \$70,190, (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$20,000), 12-9, 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:03.01, ft, 1/2 length.

ALICE MARBLE (f, 4, Grazen--Unsung Heroine, by More Than Ready) scored a workmanlike victory as the heavy favorite at Santa Anita June 12, and was just as heavily bet last out at Del Mar Jul 31 in a state-bred allowance contest, only to finish a troubled third after the field crowded her at the start. Stepping into open company today after a four-month layoff, she broke in a line with the field and never really left it with the fillies and mares going five across the track almost until the homestretch. Swung wide when the two to her outside dropped back after a half in :44.81, the 7-5 favorite fought off two challengers to her inside and prevailed by a half-length over Governor Goteven (Governor Charlie), who caught the best of the place photo. The winner is a full-sister to Enola Gray, GSW & GISP, \$585,100, and has a yearling full-brother named Dusty Springfield as well as a weanling full-sister. The dam went back to Grazen for the third time in a row for 2022. Lifetime Record: 7-3-0-1, \$129,560. **Click for VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.**

O/B-Nicholas B. Alexander; T-Philip D'Amato.



IN ORDER OF PURSE:

1st-Aqueduct, \$70,000, (S), Msw, 12-9, 2yo, f, 1m, 1:41.82, ft, 1/2 length.

CARAGATE (f, 2, Arrogate--Carameway {SW, \$472,837}, by Lawyer Ron) debuted at Saratoga Aug. 13, and finished third at 30-1 despite being caught in a four horse squeeze at the start. Shortening up, and making her second appearance at the Spa Sept. 6, she was once again plagued by a bad beginning, finishing fifth after a five wide trip. The issues early on continued into Belmont Park, where both the Oct. 1 and Oct. 28 races resulted in second-place efforts after having a less than ideal break. A second attempt at a mile and finally catching a decent jump today as the heavy 7-5 favorite, Caragate pulled her way to the front of the pack, and remained glued to the rail as she battled with Doc Doc Rock (Into Mischief) for the lead. The pair remained locked together through the final turn, and Caragate initially gave way to that one before finding a second wind, allowing her to retake command, and pull clear in midstretch. She was then saved by the wire, and held off a hard charging Rcaptivating (Wicked Strong) by a diminishing half-length. Caragate is the first foal and winner for Carameway.

The dam didn't catch in 2020 after visiting **Flatter**, but does have a weanling colt by **West Coast**. She was sent to **Audible** for 2022. Caragate is the 10th winner for the late Arrogate (by Unbridled's Song). Lifetime Record: 5-1-2-1, \$82,100. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.**
O/B-Richard Greeley; T-Mitchell E. Friedman.



5th-Gulfstream, \$53,000, Msw, 12-9, 2yo, 1m 70y (AWT), 1:42.38, ft, nose.

FATHER GLADO (c, 2, Declaration of War--The Blonde Peque, by Giant's Causeway) showed late interest despite traffic trouble in the stretch be fifth debuting over track and trip Nov. 5 and was knocked down to 19-10 favoritism in this second go. Breaking on top, the chestnut found a comfortable stride in fifth behind dueling leaders through splits of :24.58 and :48.39. Advancing while angling four wide nearing the stretch, he swept past the leader in tandem with Dream of a Day (**Carpe Diem**) to his outside at the sixteenth pole and dug in resolutely from there to deny that rival by a nose. The winner's dam, a \$25,000 purchase by Winchell Thoroughbreds at Keeneland January last year, has a yearling **Air Force Blue** colt and foaled a filly by **Copper Bullet** this term before visiting **Tapit**. Sales History: \$10,000 RNA Ylg '20 KEEJAN. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$32,250. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.**
O-ProRacing Stable, LLC; B-Grupo 7C Racing Stable (KY); T-Jose Francisco D'Angelo.

8th-Gulfstream, \$53,000, Msw, 12-9, 2yo, f, 1m 70y (AWT), 1:43.34, ft, 1 1/4 lengths.

RUNNING LEGACY (f, 2, Gun Runner--True Legacy {GB}, by A.P. Indy) added to **Gun Runner** (by **Candy Ride {Arg}**)'s tally by becoming the 23rd winner in his record-breaking freshman year. Going off at 5-2 for this career debut, she broke in line with the field, and quickly shuffled over to the rail as the early speed bolted ahead. Tyler Gaffalione had Running Legacy settled midpack, floating between fifth and sixth as the pacemakers pushed each other along through a :24.18 quarter and :48.74 half-mile. She lost some ground heading into the far turn as the closers began their charge, and was forced to take the inland route when the field blocked her in. As the more experienced fillies fanned out at the top of the stretch, Running Legacy kicked into gear, muscled her way to the front, and kept going to win by 1 1/4 lengths over Novel Idea (**Hard Spun**). The winner is a half to Verdana Bold (Rahy), GSW-Can, SP-USA, \$331,297, who produced Lucrezia (Into Mischief), GSP and MSW, \$219,640, and two other stakes horses. Running Legacy is True Legacy (GB)'s last registered foal with no breeding on record for 2022.

Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$31,800. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.**

O/B-Edward A. Seltzer; T-Saffie A. Joseph, Jr.

3rd-Penn National, \$30,352, Msw, 12-8, 2yo, f, 5 1/2f, 1:07.32, ft, 1 length.

JET FORCE (f, 2, Jimmy Creed--Abide in Me, by Tiz Wonderful), bet to 5-1 for this career debut, broke evenly with the field, and was content to sit midpack in fifth down the backstretch. She launched a sustained bid on the final turn, and ran down a leg-weary Sweet As Sugar (Justin Phillip) in the closing strides to win by a length. Jet Force is the first foal out of the five-time winner Abide in Me. The dam has a yearling filly by **Klimt** named Moonbright, and a weanling colt by Society's Chairman. She visited **The Factor** for 2022. Sales History: \$17,000 Ylg '20 KEESEP; \$37,000 RNA 2yo '21 OBSOPN. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$19,512. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.**

O-Double O Racing; B-James & Janeane Everatt & Arika Meeuse (PA); T-Jeremiah O'Dwyer.

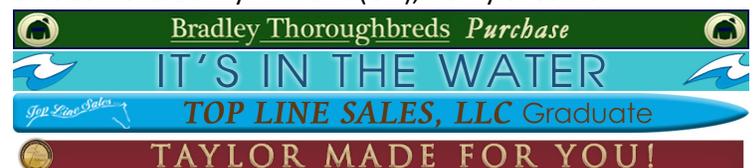
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6th-Penn National, \$28,184, Msw, 12-8, 2yo, 5 1/2f, 1:05.63, ft, 5 1/4 lengths.

PERFECT DAY (c, 2, Competitive Edge--Galavant, by Awesome Again) broke well on debut against a field with mixed experience, and promptly secured a spot to the outside of leaders in third for most of the trip. Making a noticeable move on the far turn, the 4-1 third choice cruised into the homestretch on a length advantage before drifting over onto the rail. Abner Adorno gave Perfect Day a couple reminders and kept him to task with a vigorous hand ride to the wire, over five lengths ahead of post-time favorite Risen Savior (Crown of Torns). The winner's dam has a yearling colt by Reload named Mr. Marshall, and went back to that stallion for 2022. Sales History: \$60,000 Wlg '19 KEENOV; \$29,000 Ylg '20 FTKOCT; \$40,000 2yo '21 OBSOPN. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$16,260.

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FIRST-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10

2021 Stud Fees Listed

American Freedom (Pulpit), Airdrie Stud, \$6,000
125 foals of racing age/18 winners/0 black-type winners
5-Turfway, 8:14 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Another Flat Drunk, 20-1
\$45,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl
5-Oaklawn, 3:21 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Milliganmikeandme, 10-1
\$15,000 TTA APR 2yo

Battle of Midway (Smart Strike), WinStar Farm
5 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
5-Turfway, 8:14 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Fast Giselle, 5-1
\$5,000 FTK OCT yrl

Classic Empire (Pioneerof the Nile), Coolmore Ashford, \$17,500
116 foals of racing age/18 winners/2 black-type winners
5-Turfway, 8:14 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Beautiful Empire, 5-1
\$320,000 KEE SEP yrl

Cupid (Tapit), Coolmore Ashford, \$5,000
143 foals of racing age/19 winners/2 black-type winners
7-Charles Town, 10:02 p.m. EST, Alw 6 1/2f, Penguin Parade, 9-2

Gentlemen's Bet (Half Ours), McDowell Farm, \$1,500
7 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
5-Oaklawn, 3:21 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Pattern Bet, 6-1

Greenpointcrusader (Bernardini), Ocala Stud, \$3,500
38 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners
8-Tampa Bay Downs, 4:15 p.m. EST, Aoc 1mT, The Green Crusader, 10-1

Keen Ice (Curlin), Calumet Farm, \$12,500
137 foals of racing age/16 winners/0 black-type winners
8-Fair Grounds, 5:42 p.m. EST, Msw 1mT, Honey Run, 9-2

Klimt (Quality Road), Darby Dan Farm, \$10,000
153 foals of racing age/22 winners/0 black-type winners
9-Remington, 11:51 p.m. EST, Msw 7f, Vienna Prize, 8-1

Lord Nelson (Pulpit), Spendthrift Farm, \$10,000
74 foals of racing age/6 winners/1 black-type winner
5-Turfway, 8:14 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Lady Livermore, 10-1

Noble Bird (Birdstone), Ocala Stud, \$4,000
50 foals of racing age/8 winners/1 black-type winner
3-Gulfstream, 1:26 p.m. EST, Aoc 6f, One More Score, 10-1
\$35,000 OBS APR 2yo

Practical Joke (Into Mischief), Coolmore Ashford, \$22,500
140 foals of racing age/21 winners/4 black-type winners
3-Gulfstream, 1:26 p.m. EST, Aoc 6f, Little Vic, 7-2
\$50,000 KEE SEP yrl

Shaman Ghost (Ghostzapper), Adena Springs North, \$7,500
65 foals of racing age/16 winners/1 black-type winner
8-Los Alamitos, 6:58 p.m. EST, \$100K Soviet Problem S., 1m, Dendera, 4-1
8-Los Alamitos, 6:58 p.m. EST, \$100K Soviet Problem S., 1m, Madiha, 30-1
\$20,000 FTC AYR yrl

SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: FRIDAY, DEC. 10

2021 Stud Fees Listed

Air Force Blue (War Front), Coolmore Ashford, \$10,000
180 foals of racing age/57 winners/5 black-type winners
3-Turfway, 7:16 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Fonssagrives, 20-1
\$160,000 KEE SEP yrl

California Chrome (Lucky Pulpit), Arrow Stud, private
197 foals of racing age/63 winners/2 black-type winners
5-Turfway, 8:14 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Dalton's Love, 15-1

Outwork (Uncle Mo), WinStar Farm, \$15,000
212 foals of racing age/52 winners/6 black-type winners
8-Los Alamitos, 6:58 p.m. EST, \$100K Soviet Problem S., 1m, At the Spa, 4-1
\$37,000 RNA FTC AYR yrl

Street Strategy (Street Sense), Lake Hamilton Equine Center, \$1,000
44 foals of racing age/7 winners/0 black-type winners
5-Oaklawn, 3:21 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Gold Strategy, 30-1
5-Oaklawn, 3:21 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Punchy Girl, 9-2



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**IN UAE:**

Shahama, f, 2, **Munnings**. See “Dubai”.

Al Maroom, f, 3, **Awesome Again**--Quick Split, by **Broken Vow**.

Meydan, 12-9, Mdn. (AED82.5k), 1600m, 1:40.17. O-Al Rashid Stables LLC. B-Eric & Randi Moreau-Sipiere (KY). T-Bhupat Seemar. *\$50,000 Ylg '19 FTKJUL.

Mubakker, g, 5, **Speightstown**--Ready To Act (GSW, \$249,362), by **More Than Ready**. Meydan, 12-9, R. Cond. (AED105k.), 1200m, 1:12.49. O-Shadwell. B-WinStar Farm LLC (KY). T-Doug Watson. *\$500,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP.



Moqarrab, g, 6, **Speightstown**--Grosse Pointe Anne, by Silver Deputy. Meydan, 12-9, Hcp. (AED92.5k), 1400m, 1:25.71. O-Shadwell. B-WinStar Farm LLC (KY). T-Musabbeh Al Mheiri. *\$400,000 Ylg '16 KEESEP.

**U.S.-BRED/SIRED RUNNERS IN JAPAN**

In this continuing series, Alan Carasso takes a look ahead at US-bred and/or conceived runners entered for the upcoming weekend at the tracks on the Japan Racing Association circuit, with a focus on pedigree and/or performance in the sales ring. Here are the horses of interest for this weekend running at Chukyo, Nakayama and Hanshin Racecourses. With the season winding down, this year's 2-year-old crop get their crack at Group 1 glory beginning with this weekend's Hanshin Juvenile Fillies. The boys get their chance in next Sunday's Asahi Hai Futurity:

Saturday, December 11, 2021

5th-CKO, ¥13,400,000 (\$118k), **Newcomers**, 2yo, 1400m

MOZU BONHEUR (f, 2, **Street Sense**--**Endless Chatter**, by **First Samurai**) cost Capital Systems Co. \$200K at last year's Keeneland September sale and is out of a stakes-winning and Grade I-placed half-sister to SW & G1SP Whitcliffsofdover (**War Front**) and to Berate (**Blame**), a good-looking maiden winner at Turfway Park Dec. 3. The filly's third dam is the excellent GISW

Preach (Mr. Prospector), the dam of the influential Pulpit (A.P. Indy). The **Curlin** half-brother to Mozu Bonheur fetched \$325K from Repole/St Elias at KEESEP this fall. *B-Alpha Delta Stables LLC (KY)*

Sunday, December 12, 2021

6th-HSN, ¥13,830,000 (\$122k), **Allowance**, 2yo, 1200m

CLOS DE MESNIL (f, 2, **Practical Joke**--**Valiant Emilia** {Per}, by **Pegasus Wind**) topped this year's OBS March sale on trainer Hideyuki Mori's \$750K bid and she began to chip away at that investment with a hard-fought debut success over this course and trip Nov. 7 ([video](#), SC 7). She most recently set the pace in the Nov. 27 Cattleys S. at Tokyo, but dropped away in the final stages and cuts back to her winning distance for this. Clos de Mesnil hails from the female family of GII Tampa Bay Derby upsetter Helium (**Ironicus**). *B-Teneri Farm (KY)*

7th-NKY, ¥13,830,000 (\$122k), **Allowance**, 2yo, 1800m

FIFTY CHEVY (c, 2, **Tapit**--**Stopchargingmaria**, by **Tale of the Cat**), an \$825K KEESEP purchase, won his maiden at second asking over 1800 meters ([video](#), SC 11) and was an allowance third going that same distance next time out before finishing fifth at 10 furlongs when last seen Sept. 25. He tries the dirt for the first time here and is a candidate to handle it, as his dam counted the 2015 GI Breeders' Cup Distaff among her three top-level scores. Stopchargingmaria was acquired by Mandy Pope's Whisper Hill Farm for \$4.4 million with this colt in utero at Fasig-Tipton November in 2018. *B-Three Chimneys Farm LLC & Whisper Hill Farm LLC (KY)*

12th-HSN, ¥28,600,000 (\$252k), **Allowance**, 3yo/up, 1400m

LEMON POP (c, 3, **Lemon Drop Kid**--**Unreachable**, by **Giant's Causeway**) was a good-looking winner of his career debut going 6 1/2 furlongs at Tokyo last November and went missing off a strong victory in the Cattleys S. at headquarters three weeks later ([video](#), SC 1). A \$70K purchase out of the 2019 KEESEP sale, the chestnut is out of an unplaced daughter of MGSW Harpia (Danzig), a full-sister to the legendary and prolific Danehill and to the talented Eagle Eyed. *B-Mr & Mrs Oliver S Tait (KY)*

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**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

8th-Aqueduct, \$72,000, (S), 12-9, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:19.32, my, 1 1/2 lengths.

CHASING CARA (f, 3, Broken Vow--Wicked Beauty, by Vindication) Lifetime Record: MSP, 18-2-2-6, \$196,170. O/B-Richard Greeley (NY); T-Mitchell E. Friedman.

Broken and Trained by Randy Bradshaw
Hidden Brook Raised

8th-Delta Downs, \$39,200, 12-9, (NW3L), 3yo/up, 7 1/2f, 1:34.08, ft, 6 3/4 lengths.

SARCASTIC TONE (c, 3, Tonalist--Sarcastic, by Distorted Humor) Lifetime Record: 5-3-0-1, \$45,780. O/T-Karl Broberg; B-G. Watts Humphrey (KY). *\$40,000 Ylg '19 FTKOCT. **1/2 to Smart Remark (First Defence), MGSP, \$395,000; Full to How Ironic, MGSP, \$220,167.

LANE'S END SALES GRADUATE

5th-Charles Town, \$33,000, Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 12-8, 3yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:27.20, ft, head.

POWER FORWARD (f, 4, Competitive Edge--Hard to Get, by Not For Love) Lifetime Record: 20-8-3-0, \$168,715. O/B-Coleswood Farm, Inc.; T-Jeff C. Runco. *1/2 to Slip the Cable (**Midshipman**), MSW, \$379,114; and Weekend Liberty (**Midshipman**), MSP, \$229,964.

7th-Charles Town, \$33,000, Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 12-8, 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:20.88, ft, 1 1/4 lengths.

OHIO CLASS (c, 4, Discreet Cat--Abundance of Class, by Mineshaft) Lifetime Record: 6-3-1-1, \$79,642. O/B-Jeremiah Kane (KY); T-Benjamin W. Perkins, Jr.

7th-Mountaineer Casino & Resort, \$22,610, (NW3X)/Opt. Clm (\$20,000), 12-8, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:40.36, gd, 6 lengths.

NOMIZAR (m, 5, Tapizar--Forbidden Brew, by Milwaukee Brew) Lifetime Record: SP, 31-8-4-7, \$258,749. O-Patsy Sullivan; B-Richard Peardon (KY); T-Elliot Sullivan. *\$80,000 2yo '18 OBSAPR. **1/2 to Paige Anne (**Take Charge Indy**), GISP, \$186,915.

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Ofallthejinjoints, f, 2, Central Banker--Casablanca Babe, by Horse Chestnut (SAf). Aqueduct, 12-9, (S), (C), 6f, 1:13.90. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$23,650. B-McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds, LLC (NY). *\$4,800 RNA Ylg '20 OBSWIN; \$30,000 2yo '21 OBSOPN. **1ST-TIME STARTER.

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Serape, f, 2, Cinco Charlie--Panna Maria, by Flatter. Fair Grounds, 12-9, (S), 1m, 1:40.89. Lifetime Record: 6-1-3-2, \$61,800. B-Spanish Cross Stable, LLC (LA).

Meraviglioso, f, 2, Lemon Drop Kid--Salt Water Reign, by Salt Lake. Aqueduct, 12-9, (S), (C), 6f, 1:14.21. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$23,650. B-Hibiscus Stables (NY). *\$29,000 RNA Ylg '20 EASOCT; \$40,000 2yo '21 EASMAY. **1ST-TIME STARTER.

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Practice Squad, g, 2, Malibu Moon--Party Silks, by Touch Gold. Fair Grounds, 12-9, 1 1/16mT, 1:48.06. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$26,849. B-Joanne Nielsen (NY). *\$100,000 Ylg '20 FTKSEL. **1/2 to **Upstart (Flatter)**, MGSW & MGISP, \$1,732,780.

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Charlie T, f, 2, My Pal Charlie--That Real World, by Roger That. Delta Downs, 12-9, (S), 5f, :59.76. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$22,800. B-Michele Rodriguez (LA). *1ST-TIME STARTER.

In Jubalation, g, 3, Juba--Inspiration (Ire), by Yeats (Ire). Charles Town, 12-8, (S), 7f, 1:32.01. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$20,084. B-Magalen O. Bryant (WV).

Premiumsaturday, f, 3, Forest Command--Saturday Premium, by Any Given Saturday. Los Alamitos, 12-9, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:03.37. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$31,700. B-Four Quarters Corp (CA).

Pete the Beast, g, 4, The Big Beast--Raebear, by Our Emblem. Charles Town, 12-8, 4 1/2f, :53.64. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$24,542. B-Christy Whitman (FL). *\$45,000 Ylg '18 OBSOCT; \$450,000 2yo '19 OBSMAR.

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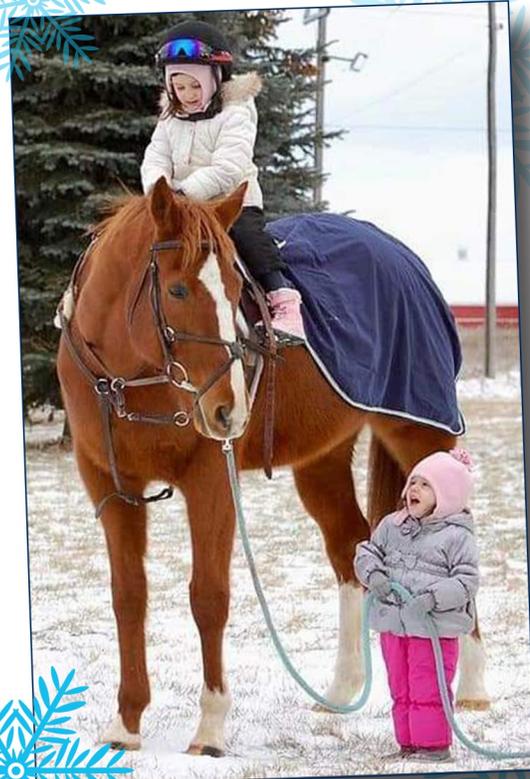
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- Broken Vow**, Chasing Cara, f, 3, o/o Wicked Beauty, by Vindication. ALW, 12-9, Aqueduct
- Central Banker**, Ofalltheginjoints, f, 2, o/o Casablanca Babe, by Horse Chestnut (Saf). MCL, 12-9, Aqueduct
- Cinco Charlie**, Serape, f, 2, o/o Panna Maria, by **Flatter**. MSW, 12-9, Fair Grounds
- Competitive Edge**, Perfect Day, c, 2, o/o Galavant, by Awesome Again. MSW, 12-8, Penn National
- Competitive Edge**, Power Forward, f, 4, o/o Hard to Get, by Not For Love. AOC, 12-8, Charles Town
- Declaration of War**, Father Glado, c, 2, o/o The Blonde Peque, by Giant's Causeway. MSW, 12-9, Gulfstream
- Discreet Cat**, Ohio Class, c, 4, o/o Abundance of Class, by **Mineshaft**. AOC, 12-8, Charles Town
- Forest Command**, Premiumonsaturday, f, 3, o/o Saturday Premium, by Any Given Saturday. MSW, 12-9, Los Alamitos
- Grazen**, Alice Marble, f, 4, o/o Unsung Heroine, by **More Than Ready**. AOC, 12-9, Los Alamitos
- Gun Runner**, Running Legacy, f, 2, o/o True Legacy (GB), by A.P. Indy. MSW, 12-9, Gulfstream
- Jimmy Creed**, Jet Force, f, 2, o/o Abide in Me, by Tiz Wonderful. MSW, 12-8, Penn National
- Juba**, In Jubalation, g, 3, o/o Inspiration (Ire), by Yeats (Ire). MSW, 12-8, Charles Town
- Lemon Drop Kid**, Meraviglioso, f, 2, o/o Salt Water Reign, by Salt Lake. MCL, 12-9, Aqueduct
- Malibu Moon**, Practice Squad, g, 2, o/o Party Silks, by Touch Gold. MSW, 12-9, Fair Grounds
- My Pal Charlie**, Charlie T, f, 2, o/o That Real World, by Roger That. MSW, 12-9, Delta Downs
- Tapizar**, Nomizar, m, 5, o/o Forbidden Brew, by Milwaukee Brew. AOC, 12-8, Mountaineer
- The Big Beast**, Pete the Beast, g, 4, o/o Raebear, by Our Emblem. MSW, 12-8, Charles Town
- Tonalist**, Sarcastic Tone, c, 3, o/o Sarcastic, by Distorted Humor. ALW, 12-9, Delta Downs
- Uptowncharlybrown**, Oxana, f, 3, o/o Its My Town, by Cowtown Cat. AOC, 12-9, Aqueduct

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Alain de Royer Dupré and Nemone Routh of the Aga Khan Studs on Les Aigles, Chantilly | Scoop Dyga

By Alix Choppin

When the gates open for the G1 Hong Kong Vase on Sunday, Ebaiyra (Distorted Humor) will be bidding to round off her trainer Alain de Royer Dupré's 49-year career with a 94th Group 1 win.

Now pause. And read that sentence again.

Forty-nine years. Ninety-three Group 1 victories. Almost two per season. And a mind-boggling total of 320 wins at group level.

Royer Dupré's retirement from the training ranks brings the curtain down on a whole chapter of French and international racing history. It is quite fitting that his final significant runner sets off at Sha Tin's international race meeting, a fixture at which Royer Dupré has been a regular participant. And a successful one, having sent Pride (Fr) (Peintre Celebre) to win the Hong Kong Cup in 2006 and Daryakana (Fr) (Selkirk) to capture the Vase in 2009.

With the benefit of hindsight, it can be argued that Royer Dupré's career has mirrored, or perhaps preceded, the evolution of French racing. From his beginnings in show jumping and eventing to the winner's enclosure of Longchamp, Hollywood Park, Ascot, Woodbine, Flemington, Arlington, The Curragh or Meydan, he has ridden the crest of a wave that carried globalisation, emphasis on speed and the rise of hugely lucrative race meetings worldwide. [Cont. p2](#)

JDG: ROSSIS INDICTED, BANNED FROM RACING DURING INVESTIGATION

In custody [since Tuesday morning](#), Charley Rossi and his wife Jessica Marcialis; Rossi's brother, Cedric; and their uncle Frederic Rossi, were brought before the investigating judge in Aix-en-Provence, France, Thursday, along with the manager of Frederic Rossi's stable and a veterinarian. The six were indicted and placed under judicial control, according to the *Journal de Galop*. They emerged from the court Thursday around 4 p.m., and have been forbidden to participate in racing, or to be on the grounds of a racetrack or training center during the indictment, according to a press release from the public prosecutor.

The JDG reported that the indictment for this type of charge could last as long as a year while the investigation continues, and said that in total, the three had approximately 200 horses in training at their Calas training center in Marseille. [Cont. p5](#)

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HH the Aga Khan and Alain de Royer Dupré on the training grounds at Chantilly | *Scoop Dyga*

Alain de Royer Dupré Cont. from p1

Back in 1984, on only his second season of training for the Aga Khan, he sent out the G2 winner Lashkari (GB) (Mill Reef) to land the inaugural running of the Breeders' Cup Turf. The relative ease of modern-day overseas travel doesn't do justice to the level of boldness required for a young trainer to undertake such a trip with a 3-year-old back in the 1980s. Twenty-six years later, Royer Dupré again broke new ground by becoming the first French-based trainer, and only the second European, to win the Melbourne Cup.

Boldness is actually a quality that the master trainer half-heartedly concedes to himself, and without which we wouldn't even be having this conversation.

"I started in racing by working on Madame Couturié's Haras du Mesnil for eight years," he recalls. "I was in an ideal situation to have a career in breeding, but I decided to start up training, which I knew nothing about, because I was missing the competitive aspect of racing. It was this decision that changed my life."

Royer Dupré began in 1972 with a handful of jumpers in the west of France. He quickly proved successful and topped the regional leader board several times. Having trained some of His Highness's second string there, he made the move to Chantilly in 1981 upon the Aga Khan's invitation, before taking over at the helm of his private training centre of Aiglemont following François Mathet's death two years later.

Asked to reflect on racing's changes throughout the half-century he has spent with a licence, he says, "There has certainly been a growing emphasis on shorter distances. The shorter trip of the Prix du Jockey-Club is just one example of this trend." **Cont. p3**

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Alain de Royer Dupre Cont.

He added, "There has also been a move towards using horses earlier, without necessarily giving them the amount of time they require. This is an ongoing trend, which I believe will meet its limits one day."

Picking up on the first of these tendencies, I point out that the stock of the Aga Khan Studs historically performed over short distances. Those trained by Royer Dupré proved no exception, as the first Group 1 he won for His Highness was the 1100-metre Prix Robert Papin with the 2-year-old filly Masarika (GB) (Thatch), who went on to take the Poule d'Essai des Pouliches.

His reaction is typically insightful. "Indeed there was plenty of speed in the Aga Khan families, although Masarika was not a typical example as she was out of a mare who had been purchased individually," he concedes. "More speed was brought into the pedigrees through the purchase of Jean-Luc Lagardère's stock, which was rich in American bloodlines. They resulted in Siyouni (Fr), for instance. But to go back to Masarika, her career was only made possible thanks to Yves Saint-Martin's exceptional riding skills. That a horse with so much speed was able to win over mile is a great testimony to his natural ride. He never fought with a horse."

The acknowledgment of a jockey's contribution is a recurring theme in Royer Dupré's recollection of his accomplishments.

He continues, "Yves Saint-Martin played a major role in the early part of my tenure at Aiglemont. When I took over from François Mathet, I wasn't yet familiar with the training facilities at Chantilly. Galloping horses on the grass was new to me. He taught me an awful lot about these things. He was an outstanding rider and really helped me in producing the best out of every horse. To some extent, Yves's natural, fluid riding reminded me of my equestrian background and of my experience alongside one of the best eventing riders during my military service. Later on, Gérald Mosse would take on a similar role in the Aga Khan stable. He absolutely loved to fine-tune a horse and was brilliant at it."

Christophe Soumillon is another jockey to have left his mark on Royer Dupré's career.

"When he took up the role as retained jockey for the Aga Khan, it was the first time His Highness was calling upon an apprentice for this position," says the trainer. "I think his youthful ardour proved a huge benefit for the yard. He had a unique connection with certain horses, starting with Dalakhani (Ire). There was something special between those two."

The same can arguably be said of the connection between Alain de Royer Dupré and His Highness the Aga Khan, for whom he will have trained a record 43 years.

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[Alain de Royer Dupre on His Highness The Aga Khan](#)

[Alain de Royer Dupre Cont.](#)

"I was extremely lucky to meet His Highness," he says. "The paramount component of his philosophy is that he is a breeder at heart. His horses are trained and raced with the single purpose of selecting the best specimen to breed from. It was always made very clear to me, and all decisions were taken according to this motto. One of the consequences was that I was never rushed to produce a horse, and it placed me in the best possible conditions to succeed. Rushing causes mistakes. A lot of owner nowadays struggle to come to terms with this, and I can understand that it requires a long education for someone without an equestrian background. I remember one of my riding instructors saying 'Perfection does not exist, but to get close to it, one must reach for excellence'. In hindsight, it is a good description of what drove my work over the years. Throughout my career, I have basically seen two ways of training racehorses: you either have a very large number and expect the horses to adapt to the system, or you adapt to every horse. I always trained according to the second method, which is why I never had huge numbers. We usually had between 80 and 90 horses at Aiglemont, and around 60 in my personal yard."

Those numbers were even lower when Royer Dupré took up the Aga Khan job, as France was a smaller part of the operation back then.

"Things were quite different when I started up at Aiglemont," he recalls. "Ninety-five per cent of the horses were bred in Ireland at the time, and I was the only French-based trainer. It is really as a consequence of the successive purchases of the operations of Marcel Boussac, François Dupré and then Jean-Luc Lagardère that the French studs developed and became more influential. But apart from that, there was a lot of continuity in the way things were done. In a recent video, His Highness said that I had been present to 'maintain the stable's level', and I am happy to be remembered for this accomplishment."

His own, uncontested highlight remains the faultless campaigning of Zarkava (Fr) (Zamindar), a filly "who didn't stand out physically but was incredibly talented".

"To me, Zarkava was the culmination of the Aga Khan's endeavour," he says. "She traces back to the greatest mares in Mumtaz Mahal and Petite Etoile, but when Zarkava arrived in the yard, this family had gone quiet, it was almost extinct. It took the Aga Khan a lot of patience to sustain this family, and for Zarkava to achieve what she did was the perfect outcome. It really is what breeding is about."

The evocation of breeding's purpose brings us to the evolution of the breed, another oft-debated topic, and I am keen to find out what kind of changes Royer Dupré observed in his extended career.

"The growing emphasis on speed has shaped the breed differently, that is for sure", he notes. "The result hasn't always been positive though, and we are seeing more and more horses with a heavy back end and a tendency to be upright, which doesn't suit our turf tracks. Talking about tracks, I believe that the growing number of fixtures is proving detrimental to the horses. I hear some people argue that today's horses are more fragile and there might some truth in this assertion, but my view is that overused tracks are responsible for a lot of injuries. We start our morning routine very early in order to gallop our horses on fresh turf. On the racecourse, you don't have that opportunity."

Another fitting testimony of Royer Dupré's capacity to evolve in harmony with his time comes in the fact that he took over at Aiglemont from François Mathet, then very much the incarnation of the racehorse trainer, and will be succeeded by his former assistant Francis-Henri Graffard, who arguably embodies the figure of the modern horse trainer. [Cont. p5](#)



Christophe Soumillon and the brilliant Zarkava | Scoop Dyga

Alain de Royer Dupre Cont.

I ask him what his final words to his successor will be, and he replies with a smile, "I still have a few days on my hands to think about them, but I will basically share with him the guidelines I have followed for 49 years: all methods are interesting, as long as you don't diverge from the fundamentals, that is to say the rules of nature."

What will Alain de Royer Dupré be up to after these words have been spoken and the baton handed over?

"I will tack up my hack and go for a ride around Les Aigles," he says happily. "After so many years of being head down into my job, I am excited to be able to take a step back and watch all aspects of racing, including breeding and training, from a different perspective. I will also try to make up for the time I didn't spend with my family. A trainer's family does suffer. One of my daughters is in show jumping at a high level and I am looking forward to getting more involved with her."

Whether in his work or in retirement, excellence remains the objective for Alain de Royer Dupré.

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EUROPEAN NEWS

JDG: Rossis Indicted Cont. from p1

The paper ran the following statement from the prosecutor's office: "Following a tip, a preliminary investigation for equine doping and fraud committed by an organized group was handed over to the Service Central des Courses et Jeux (SCCJ) (the central service of racing and gaming), a specialized service of the judicial police in the Aix-en-Provence prosecutors office. The first investigations have allowed them to confirm the information described, including several racehorse trainers and veterinarians. On September 10, 2021, the public prosecutor's office in Aix-en-Provence opened a judicial investigation into the leaders of the group, (who were) administering to the horses substances of a nature to artificially modify their capabilities. The investigation led by the rogatory commission from the racing and gaming police have revealed numerous facts of equine doping and the manipulation of racing as part of a concerted organization. This concerns a large group of around 30 races. An operation carried out in several locations allowed the SCCJ, aided by the South Judicial Police and veterinarians from the national horse racing federation to question a dozen people. This gave rise to the seizure of 10 racehorses as well as funds from the bank accounts of the people in question. At the end of their custody, the examining magistrate in charge of the

investigations had decided to refer six people. In accordance with the requirements, they were indicted and placed under judicial review, and are forbidden from being present on racetracks and training centers and from exercising any profession related to horse racing." The JDG quoted numerous sources as saying "no molecule" of any new or illegal doping agents had been found.

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Charley Rossi & Jessica Marcialis | Scoop Dyga

DUNNE BANNED FOR 18 MONTHS FOR CONDUCT TOWARDS FROST

Jockey Robbie Dunne has been suspended from riding for 18 months, three of which were suspended, for conduct prejudicial to racing for his harassment and bullying of fellow rider Bryony Frost as the British Horseracing Authority Disciplinary Panel handed down their verdict on Thursday morning. Dunne's suspension begins immediately and he has seven days to appeal. Charged with seven counts in total, Dunne was found in breach of four counts prejudicial to horseracing--rule (J) 19--and three of violent and threatening behavior, with only one charge denied. The three-person panel, chaired by Brian Barker, QC, found the first four to be proven and the latter three are yet to be considered. Most of the incidents took place last year, when Dunne was found by the panel to have threatened Frost by promising to "put her through a wing [of a fence]" in September and he was also accused of using misogynistic language.

"Our conclusion on the whole of the evidence is that a course of deliberate conduct over a significant period of time has been revealed," said Baker. "This has progressed from distasteful targeting to deliberate harassment on and off the course and onwards to occasional cases of dangerous bullying. We find that the words used on Sept. 3 were, as a promise, to cause real harm--over and above the usual jockey mantra of 'murdering'."



Robbie Dunne | PA Media

Dunne/Frost Cont.

He added, “On the examination of Ms Frost’s evidence and demeanour we find her to be truthful, thoughtful and compelling. By taking her complaint to the authority she has broken the code [of the weighing room], knowing that her isolation—and rejection by some—was inevitable.”

“Behind the four elements set out in rule (J) 19 we find those proved.

“We note that you were following a culture that seems to be approved of by your peers and we are particularly conscious that your livelihood will be significantly affected. We have taken particular notice to the medical report, we do understand your suffering at the loss of your best friend [Liam Treadwell].

He added, “There are a combination of factors, in our view, that take this substantially above the entry point. We agree the appropriate approach is to give concurrent sentences, our view is overall that the appropriate sentence is one of 18 months’ suspension of licence. We did not consider a financial penalty to be appropriate.”

Frost, who was riding at Warwick on Thursday, said in a statement, “I would like to thank every individual including the racing public that has supported me not only during the last couple of weeks but throughout.

“I wish now to take a few days to reflect on the outcome before I make any further comment. I ask the media to please give me and the people closest to me a few days of privacy. I need to focus on my upcoming rides over the weekend. Thank you.”

The British Horseracing Authority released a statement following the panel’s findings. It read in part:

“The British Horseracing Authority (BHA) welcomes the finding of the independent Disciplinary Panel that jockey Robbie Dunne is in breach of four counts of Rule (J)19 and to impose an 18-

month suspension upon him.

“In our view this decision, and the comments of the independent Judicial Panel, reflect the seriousness of the accusations. It sends a clear message that conduct of this nature cannot be tolerated in any working environment within our sport. This case has been a ground-breaking one for British racing, the first of its kind, and it is important that it acts as a catalyst for further change within the industry.

“We understand that, for the vast majority of those who work in the sport—and in particular in the jockeys’ weighing room—it is a positive, supportive, welcoming place. We recognise the pressures on those involved in the sport, and that temperatures will at times be raised.

“However, there is a line as to what is acceptable. It is essential that when something does go wrong that people feel that they can call out bad behaviour, and not be made to suffer in silence. The independent Judicial Panel Chair voiced concerns regarding these issues in his judgement. We call on everyone in the industry to recognise this.

“By stepping forward to report the behaviour of which she was on the receiving end, Bryony Frost took a courageous step. We hope that others who may be in similar positions will feel comfortable doing the same.

“Nothing is more important than our people and our horses. We must take positive steps across the sport to ensure that British racing is a welcoming place to work for everyone.

“Finally, we recognise that this has been a difficult period for all involved, in particular for Robbie Dunne and Bryony Frost. We ask that the privacy and well-being of both is now respected. It is important that both are now supported by the BHA, their colleagues and their representative body the PJA.”

For the full BHA statement, please click [here](#).

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TERRITORIES BREEDING RIGHT PART OF ARQANA ONLINE

A trio of stallion shares and a breeding right in Group 1 sire **Territories (Ire)** (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) will be offered during the Dec. 16 Arqana Online Sale. Sold as **lot 4**, the breeding right in the sire of G1 Prix de l'Opera winner and €3-million Arqana December topper Rougir (Fr) entitles the buyer to one covering per year. The Darley stallion stands for £10,000 at Dalham Hall Stud near Newmarket.

Also selling are 1/50th shares in **Zarak (Fr)** (Dubawi {Ire}) (**lot 1**), who already has two Group 1-placed runners; **Dariyan (Fr)** (Shamardal) (**lot 2**), the sire of stakes winner Mister Saint Paul (Fr); and **Almanzor (Fr)** (Wootton Bassett {GB}) (**lot 3**), who already has the G3 Prix des Reservoirs runner-up Queen Trezy (Fr).

The sale will last from 3-5 p.m. on the online sale platform.

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Territories | Amy Lynam

MALINAS MOVES TO COOLAGOWN STUD

Successful National Hunt stallion **Malinas (Ger)** (Lomitas {GB}) will move to Coolagown Stud in County Cork next year in a joint-venture with Rathbarry Stud. A fee for the four-time Group 1-placed G2 Oppenheim-Union-Rennen hero winner will be announced later. At stud to date, the 20-year-old has left Grade 2 winners Black Thunder (Fr), Medinas (Fr), Mister Malarky (GB), Touch The Eden (Fr) and Union Dues (Fr), as well as Scottish Grand National hero Mighty Thunder (GB), Greatwood Handicap Hurdle scorer Harambe (GB) and Grade 1-placed hurdlers Baltazar D'Allier (Fr), Easter Day (Fr) and Tile Tapper (GB).

Coolagown Stud's David Stack commented, "Malinas has proved to be a highly reliable sire of high-class National Hunt horses, whether in bumpers, hurdles or chases, and with such

strong books of mares covered at Rathbarry Stud his best days are still ahead of him."

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SHATTERED LOVE ANCHORS GOFFS DECEMBER DAY 3

Grade 1 winner **Shattered Love (Ire)** (Yeats {Ire}) (**lot 723**) brought a sale-topping €260,000 from MA Bloodstock during Thursday's final session of the Goffs December NH Sale. A winner of the G1 Neville Hotels Fort Leney Novice Chase, the 10-year-old is carrying to Walk in the Park (Ire) and was offered by Gigginstown House Stud.

Another daughter of Yeats from the Gigginstown House draft, **Tintangle (Ire)** (**lot 726**), was snapped up by Coolmara Stables in foal to Crystal Ocean (GB). Knocked down for €190,000, the 8-year-old won a listed bumper and was third in the G1 Paddy Power Future Champions Nov. Hurdle.

Gigginstown House also offered the third highest lot of the day—**Surin (Fr)** (Authorized {Ire}). Newtown Anner/Ballylinch bought the bay for €115,000. **Lot 725**, a Grade 3 winner over hurdles and Grade 1 placed, visited Poet's Word (Ire) this spring.

From the foal portion of the sale, 408 (68%) sold of 596 offered for a gross of €6,003,800. The average moved up two points to €14,715 and the median was €9,500 (-5%). The entire sale grossed €7,164,300 for 44 sold from 667 offered (66%). The median was unchanged at €10,000 and the average improved to €16,136 (+1%).

Goffs Group Chief Executive Henry Beeby said, "It's always good to break a record but there is special satisfaction in smashing the six-figure glass ceiling in relation to a NH Foal at Goffs. Indeed a top price of €100,000 sits very high on the scoreboard for the category and was another clear demonstration that Goffs December is now competing for market leading status.

"National Hunt Sales at Goffs have made a meteoric rise in recent years and we are so grateful to all those breeders who now choose Goffs as their first choice in increasing numbers. That so many of the best now come to Kildare Paddocks in June and December is testament to our NH team and expanding to a three-day sale this week was simply down to vendor demand which is quite something when one considers this was a one day, 200 lot sale just 10 years ago.

"As ever we are indebted to every vendor for the trust they place in us with each entry and simply delighted to have returned such a vibrant trade to vindicate that faith in the Goffs service. We wish every buyer the very best of luck and look forward to reoffering many of this week's stand outs back at the Goffs Land Rover and Doncaster Spring Sales in 2024." **Cont. p8**

Goffs December NH Sale Cont.

Beeby continued, "It was also very pleasing to round off the sale with another strong selection of classy broodmares and we are especially appreciative of the ongoing support of Michael and Eddie O'Leary who sold another mighty draft of mares under their Gigginstown banner.

"For now we wish all Goffs clients a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year when we hope that the dreaded pandemic will be fully defeated so that we can all focus on the many positives of the this wonderful bloodstock world."

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FIRST-SEASON SIRE WITH RUNNERS

Friday, Dec. 10, 2021:

FRANCE

Al Wukair (Ire) (Dream Ahead), Haras de Bouquetot
74 foals of racing age/14 winners/0 black-type winners
1-MAR.P VIVAUX, 1500m, Villa Borgia (Fr)
€3,000 Arqana Deauville October Yearlings 2020

Attendu (Fr) (Acclamation {GB}), Haras du Quesnay
36 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
2-DEAUVILLE, 1900m, Sans Attendre (Fr)
€12,000 Arqana December Breeding Stock Sale 2019 - English Version

Birchwood (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}), Haras de la Huderie
59 foals of racing age/8 winners/0 black-type winners
4-DEAUVILLE, 1900m, Limoncella (Fr)
€60,000 Arqana Deauville October Yearlings 2020

Brametot (Ire) (Rajsaman {Fr}), Gestut Ebbesloh
34 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
2-DEAUVILLE, 1900m, Perrou (Fr)
€15,000 Arqana Deauville September Yearling Sale 2020
1-MAR.P VIVAUX, 1500m, Coimbra (Ire)

El Kabeir (Scat Daddy), Yeomanstown Stud
120 foals of racing age/14 winners/3 black-type winners
4-DEAUVILLE, 1900m, Bubble Keira (Fr)

The Grey Gatsby (Ire) (Mastercraftsman {Ire}), Haras du Petit Tellier
59 foals of racing age/4 winners/1 black-type winner
2-DEAUVILLE, 1900m, Saint Geran (Fr)
€130,000 Arqana Deauville October Yearlings 2020

Johnny Barnes (Ire) (Acclamation {GB}), Haras des Granges
45 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners

3-MAR.P VIVAUX, 2000m, Johnny Love (Fr)
€2,000 RNA Arqana Deauville Autumn Flat Yearling Sale 2020

Kingfisher (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), Haras de la Baie
23 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
2-DEAUVILLE, 1900m, Evidence Eden (Fr)

Recorder (GB) (Galileo {Ire}), Haras de Montfort & Preaux
112 foals of racing age/8 winners/0 black-type winners
2-DEAUVILLE, 1900m, Coaster (Fr)
4-DEAUVILLE, 1900m, Bonnie Angel (Fr)
3-MAR.P VIVAUX, 2000m, Enola (Fr)

Ultra (Ire) (Manduro {Ger}), Haras du Logis
52 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners
1-MAR.P VIVAUX, 1500m, Alabama (Fr)

Wings of Eagles (Fr) (Pour Moi {Ire}), The Beeches Stud
37 foals of racing age/3 winners/1 black-type winner
3-MAR.P VIVAUX, 2000m, Wroclaw (Fr)
4-DEAUVILLE, 1900m, Lanfear (Fr)

Zelzal (Fr) (Sea The Stars {Ire}), Haras de Bouquetot
57 foals of racing age/10 winners/1 black-type winner
2-DEAUVILLE, 1900m, Zenith (Fr)

IRELAND

Aclaim (Ire) (Acclamation {GB}), The National Stud
115 foals of racing age/26 winners/0 black-type winners
3-DUNDALK, 7f, Satin Snake (GB)
11,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2019; £33,000
Tattersalls Ireland September Yearling 2020

Cotai Glory (GB) (Exceed And Excel {Aus}), Tally-Ho Stud
126 foals of racing age/34 winners/2 black-type winners
2-DUNDALK, 7f, Spirit And Glory (Ire)

El Kabeir (Scat Daddy), Yeomanstown Stud
120 foals of racing age/14 winners/3 black-type winners
8-DUNDALK, 7f, Hey Kameir (Ire)

Galileo Gold (GB) (Paco Boy {Ire}), Tally-Ho Stud
109 foals of racing age/22 winners/3 black-type winners
3-DUNDALK, 7f, Drish Melody (Ire)
€1,000 Goffs November Foals Sale 2019

The Grey Gatsby (Ire) (Mastercraftsman {Ire}), Haras du Petit Tellier
59 foals of racing age/4 winners/1 black-type winner
2-DUNDALK, 7f, Anima Erat (Fr)
€3,000 Arqana December Breeding Stock Sale 2019 - English Version; €7,000 Arqana Deauville October Yearlings 2020

Highland Reel (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), Coolmore Stud
137 foals of racing age/12 winners/1 black-type winner
8-DUNDALK, 7f, Bengal Dancer (Ire)



National Defense has a runner at Dundalk | Irish National Stud

National Defense (GB) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), Irish National Stud
 29 foals of racing age/5 winners/1 black-type winner
 8-DUNDALK, 7f, Scipio's Defense (Ire)
 €8,500 RNA Goffs November Foals Sale 2019

Profitable (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), Kildangan Stud
 130 foals of racing age/26 winners/3 black-type winners
 2-DUNDALK, 7f, Knocklane Lass (Ire)

BRITAIN

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:

Antiphon (Ire), c, 2, **Kodiac (GB)**--Freedom's Light (GB) (SW & GSP-Eng), by Galileo (Ire). Chelmsford City, 12-9, 6f (AWT), 1:12.75. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-2, \$13,144. B-George Strawbridge (IRE).

FRANCE

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Zwialh (Ire), f, 2, **Charm Spirit (Ire)**--Ida the Fox, by Cosa Vera. Pornichet, 12-9, 8 1/2f (AWT) 1:43.87. B-Haras du Logis Saint Germain (IRE). *€16,000 Ylg '20 ARQOCT.

Dirty Geurty (Fr), c, 2, **Charm Spirit (Ire)**--Bassamba (Fr) (SW & GSP-Fr, \$116,335), by American Post (GB). Pornichet, 12-9, 8 1/2f (AWT), 1:42.15. B-SC Ecurie de Meautry (FR). *€9,000 Ylg '20 ARQOCT.

ITALY

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:

Enjoy My Lady (Ity), f, 2, **Smokem Kitten--Makoto (GB)**, by Efisio (GB). Pisa, 12-9, Vdr. (€6.6k), 2000mT, 2:09.30. O/B/T-A. Botti (Ity). *3rd winner for her freshman sire (by Kitten's Joy).

De Troisville (Fr), c, 2, **De Treville (GB)**--Linard (Ire), by Aussie Rules. Pisa, 12-9, Hcp. (€8.8k). O-Massimo Vannini. B-European Bloodstock Management (Fr). T-Mario Migheli. *3rd winner for his first-season sire (by Oasis Dream {GB}).

**€9,500 RNA Ylg '20 SGASEP.



EUROPEAN-BRED WINNERS

IN UAE:

Discovery Island (GB), g, 4, **Dubawi (Ire)**--Sperry (Ire) (SW-Eng), by Shamardal. Meydan, 12-9, Mdn. (AED82.5k), 1200m, 1:13.01. O-Mohammed Khaleel Ahmed. B-Godolphin (GB). T-Bhupat Seemar.

Sendeed (Ire), g, 5, **Shamardal--Petrushka (Ire)** (Ch. 3yo Filly-Eur, Hwt. 3yo Filly-Ire at 11-14f, Hwt. 3yo Filly-Eng at 9 1/2-11f & 11-14f, G1SW-Ire/Eng/Fr, \$546,923), by Unfuwain. Meydan, 12-9, Hcp. (AED87.5k), 1600m, 1:39.18. O-Musab Al Rais & Ali Khalfan Al Shawi. B-Godolphin (Ire). T-Doug Watson. *£21,000 HRA '20 GOFSEP. **1/2 to Parlour Games (GB) (Monsun {Ger}), SP-Eng, \$264,390.

WORLDWIDE NEWS

FAVOURITES HANDED LOW-STRESS DRAWS FOR LONGINES HKIR by Alan Carasso

A total of 43 horses representing Hong Kong, England, Ireland, France and Japan were entered for Sunday's HK\$100 million Longines Hong Kong International Meeting at Sha Tin Racecourse, and the luck of the barrier draw--held Thursday morning in the parade ride at the track--was much in favour of the horses that are anticipated to be at the head of the markets in the four events.

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Owner Stanley Chan chooses gate two for Golden Sixty | HKJC photo

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For a horse like reigning Hong Kong Horse of the Year **Golden Sixty (Aus)** (*Medaglia d'Oro*), who likes to get back and then put his rivals to the sword with a devastating finish, the barrier draw is something of a non-issue. Having drawn seven last year en route to a facile success, his chances were done no harm whatsoever when owner Stanley Chan selected gate two for Sunday's G1 Longines Hong Kong Mile.

"Barrier two is OK--we'll just relax him and wait for the straight, and then we can just let him go," trainer Francis Lui told the HKJC's Declan Schuster. "He is all ready and we're hoping that luck will come to my team and my owner--and to me too."

Similarly, with the gates positioned towards the top of the Sha Tin straight for the G1 Longines Hong Kong Vase (2400m) and with a long run into the first turn, post positions--especially in a compact field--also become less relevant. Defending champion **Mogul (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) will have no excuses from gate two, one to the outside of one of the likely pacesetters **Reliable Team (NZ)** (Reliable Man {GB}), while G1 Coral Coronation Cup hero **Pyledriver (GB)** (Harbour Watch {Ire}) begins outside that pair in stall three.

Japan's record-making **Loves Only You (Jpn)** (Deep Impact {Jpn}) and **Lei Papale (Jpn)** (Deep Impact {Jpn}) figure to be strong in the market for the day's richest event, the HK\$30-million G1 Longines Hong Kong Cup (2000m). Having drawn four and three, respectively, neither should have much difficulty securing a trip that suits their running styles. The form of the G1 QIPCO Champion S. is represented by **Dubai Honour (Ire)** (Pride of Dubai {Aus}, gate seven), beaten 3/4 of a length in back of Sealiway (Fr) (Galiway {GB}) and 1 1/2 lengths ahead of **Mac Swiney (Ire)** (New Approach {Ire}) in third. The latter was assigned post position two, while local hope **Panfield (Chi)** (*Lookin At Lucky*) has pole position coming off a disappointing

effort in the G2 Jockey Club Cup three weeks ago.

"It's a lovely draw, it gives you options and we're certainly very happy with it, there's a lot worse draws than that--I couldn't be happier," trainer Tony Millard said of last year's G1 Champions & Chater Cup hero, also a multiple Group 1 winner in his native Chile. "He's been good since that last run, frankly speaking that last run, it was one of those races that you want to forget and we're just looking forward."

Pixie Knight (Jpn) (Maurice {Jpn}) could go favoured in a wide-open renewal of the G1 Longines Hong Kong Sprint, and will break from post position eight to try to make it two in a row for Japan. Defending champion **Danon Smash (Jpn)** (Lord Kanaloa {Jpn}) doesn't appear to be in the same sort of form and will leave gate 10 after winning from the riverside draw in 14 last year. **Wellington (Aus)** (All Too Hard {Aus}) has a chance to go a good race second-up, having finished seventh to **Lucky Patch (NZ)** (El Roca {Aus}) in the G2 Jockey Club Sprint Nov. 21, but he will have to work out a trip of his own from stall 11.

"In the Sprint you want some draw assistance and we didn't get the draw assistance, but last year's winner was drawn 14 and if [Wellington] is good enough, that's where he comes from," trainer Richard Gibson told the HKJC's Leo Schlink. "I think he's sharper than he was [last time] and he trialed really well the other day, so he's in good shape."

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BAHRAIN TURF SERIES BEGINS ON FRIDAY

Fields have been confirmed for the first two races of the **£550,000 Bahrain Turf Series** on Friday. One of 16 in the seven-furlong **£50,000 Al Manama Cup** is **Natural Path (Ire)** (Toronado {Ire}), one of two from Michael Bell for the opening card. His stablemate **Ace Rothstein (More Than Ready)** is bound for the **£50,000 1 1/4-mile Al Muharrag Cup** later on the card, which features 15 horses. Bell's son Nick is on hand to oversee the five-time winner and dual scorer, respectively.

Nick Bell said of Natural Path, "He had a productive summer over six furlongs and showed all the right credentials to be a horse who might be suited to Bahrain in the sense that he has good gate speed and travels strongly. Kieran Shoemark is going to take the ride and we're hopeful of a big run from him."

Bell added of Ace Rothstein, who gains local jockey Lee Newman, "He is a horse that stays well, likes fast ground and we're happy with the condition he's come in. After he won a couple of races he was raised quite a bit in the handicap so then we started to look at international races for him and we think he is a suitable candidate as they have a good programme for 10-furlong horses over here."

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DUBAI

Thursday's Result:

1ST-Meydan, AED82,500, Mdn., 12-9, 2yo & SH 3yo, f, 1400m, 1:25.70.

SHAHAMA (f, 2, Munnings--Private Feeling, by Belong to Me), a half-sister to two-time Eclipse Award winner and five-time Grade I-winning Coolmore stallion **Lookin At Lucky** (Ch. 2yo/3yo Colt-US, \$3,307,278), ran them off their feet to break her maiden in exceptionally impressive fashion Thursday at Meydan. Drawn out in gate nine, Shahama was away fairly beneath Adrie de Vries, but slowly made her way forward and raced right on the pace while four wide in the breeze down the backstretch. Forced to cover ground on the turn and into the stretch, the baldy-faced bay responded when popped the question about 400 meters from home and she finished full of run to score by nine lengths. Minwah (**Cupid**) was second. Shahama cost \$425,000 at this year's OBS April sale after breezing a

quarter-mile in :21 flat. Also a half to Kensei (Mr. Greeley), MGSW-US, \$751,364 and a yearling colt by **Catalina Cruiser**, her dam was covered by Tom's d'Etat this spring. Sales history: \$425,000 2yo '21 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0. **VIDEO.** O-KHK Racing; B-SF Bloodstock LLC (KY); T-Fawzi Nass.

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Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong, post time: 4.30 p.m.

LONGINES HONG KONG CUP-G1, HK\$30,000,000 (£2,913,356/€3,394,810/A\$5,268,927/US\$3,847,229), 3yo/up, 2000mT (PPs)

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	6	Ka Ying Star (GB)	Cityscape (GB)	Chadwick	Cruz	126
2	1	Panfield (Chi)	Lookin At Lucky	Teetan	Millard	126
3	8	Glorious Dragon (Ire)	Teofilo (Ire)	Purton	Lui	126
4	12	Hishi Iguazu (Jpn)	Heart's Cry (Jpn)	Moreira	Hori	126
5	10	Russian Emperor (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Shinn	Whyte	126
6	11	Tourbillon Diamond (Aus)	Olympic Glory (Ire)	Badel	Shum	126
7	5	Berlin Tango (GB)	Dansili (GB)	Ho	Cruz	126
8	7	Dubai Honour (Ire)	Pride of Dubai (Aus)	Marquand	Haggas	123
9	2	Mac Swiney (Ire)	New Approach (Ire)	Manning	Bolger	123
10	9	Bolshoi Ballet (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Moore	O'Brien	123
11	3	Lei Papale (Jpn) (f)	Deep Impact (Jpn)	Soumillon	Takano	122
12	4	Loves Only You (Jpn) (f)	Deep Impact (Jpn)	Kawada	Yahagi	122

Breeders: 1-Kingsclere Stud, 2-Agricola Taomina Ltda, 3-Team Hogdala AB, 4-Northern Racing, 5-Coolmore, Lauri Macri & Partners, 6-Arrowfield Group Pty Ltd, Jungle Pocket Pty Ltd (NSW), 7-George Strawbridge, 8-Macha Bloodstock/Meridian International, 9-J S Bolger, 10-Lynch Bages & Rhinestone Bloodstock, 11-Northern Racing, 12-Northern Farm

Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong, post time: 3.50 p.m.

LONGINES HONG KONG MILE-G1, HK\$26,000,000 (£2,524,877/€2,942,208/A\$4,653,070/US\$3,334,265), 3yo/up, 1600mT (PPs)

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	2	Golden Sixty (Aus)	Medaglia d'Oro	Ho	Lui	126
2	9	Danon Kingly (Jpn)	Deep Impact (Jpn)	Kawada	Hagiwara	126
3	6	Indy Champ (Jpn)	Stay Gold (Jpn)	Fukunaga	Otonashi	126
4	8	Waikuku (Ire)	Harbour Watch (Ire)	Purton	Size	126
5	5	More Than This (GB)	Dutch Art (GB)	Leung	Shum	126
6	1	Salios (Jpn)	Heart's Cry (Jpn)	Lane	Hori	126
7	3	Vin de Garde (Jpn)	Deep Impact (Jpn)	Teetan	Fujiwara	126
8	10	Sky Darci (NZ)	Darci Brahma (NZ)	Moreira	Fownes	126
9	7	Excellent Proposal (Aus)	Exceed and Excel (Aus)	Shinn	Size	126
10	11	Lucky Express (Aus)	Toronado (Ire)	Hamelin	Size	126
11	4	Mother Earth (Ire) (f)	Zoffany (Ire)	Moore	O'Brien	121

Breeders: 1-Asco International Pty Ltd (Qld), 2-Mishima Bokujo, 3-Northern Racing, 4-Shane Molan, 5-Cheveley Park Stud Ltd, 6-Northern Racing, 7-Shadai Farm, 8-M W Freeman & D G Price, 9-Holloway Equine Pty Ltd (Vic), 10-C Jackson (Vic), 11-Grenane House Stud

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LONGINES HONG KONG SPRINT-G1, HK\$24,000,000 (£2,330,656/€2,716,884/A\$4,295,672/US\$3,077,850), 3yo/up, 1200mT (PPs)

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	2	Hot King Prawn (Aus)	Denman (Aus)	Moore	Size	126
2	8	Pixie Knight (Jpn)	Maurice (Jpn)	Fukunaga	Otonashi	126
3	10	Danon Smash (Jpn)	Lord Kanaloa (Jpn)	Kawada	Yasuda	126
4	11	Wellington (Aus)	All Too Hard (Aus)	Badel	Gibson	126
5	9	Lucky Patch (NZ)	El Roca (Aus)	Purton	Lui	126
6	1	Sky Field (Aus)	Deep Field (Aus)	Shinn	Fownes	126
7	3	Computer Patch (Aus)	Exceed and Excel (Aus)	Lane	Cruz	126
8	6	Naboo Attack (Aus)	Warhead (Aus)	Teetan	Hayes	126
9	12	Amazing Star (NZ)	Darci Brahma (NZ)	Hewitson	Ting	126
10	4	Stronger (Aus)	Not A Single Doubt (Aus)	Ho	Whyte	126
11	5	Courier Wonder (NZ)	Sacred Falls (NZ)	Moreira	Size	126
12	7	Resistencia (Jpn) (f)	Daiwa Major (Jpn)	Soumillon	Matsushita	122

Breeders: 1-Torryburn Stud (NSW), 2-Northern Racing, 3-K I Farm, 4-Kia Ora Stud Pty Ltd, David Paradise, Steve McCann (NSW), 5-G Harvey, 6-M Ryan (NSW), 7-Segehoe Thoroughbreds Australia Pty Ltd (NSW), 8-Windemere Stud (Qld), 9-Mrs H G & W G Bax, 10-Arrowfield Pastoral Pty Ltd & Planette Thoroughbred (NSW), 11-Waikato Stud Ltd, 12-Northern Farm

Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong, post time: 2.00 p.m.

LONGINES HONG KONG VASE-G1, HK\$20,000,000 (£1,942,213/€2,263,237/A\$3,579,727/US\$2,564,875), 3yo/up, 2400mT (PPs)

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	3	Pyledriver (GB)	Harbour Watch (Ire)	Dwyer	Muir	126
2	7	Glory Vase (Jpn)	Deep Impact (Jpn)	Moreira	Ozeki	126
3	6	Columbus County (NZ)	Redwood (GB)	Teetan	Fownes	126
4	4	Stay Foolish (Jpn)	Stay Gold (Jpn)	Ho	Yahagi	126
5	2	Mogul (GB)	Galileo (Ire)	Moore	O'Brien	126
6	1	Reliable Team (NZ)	Reliable Man (GB)	Leung	Lor	126
7	8	Butterfield (Brz)	Setembro Chove (Brz)	Lane	Shum	126
8	5	Ebaiyra (f)	Distorted Humor	Soumillon	de Royer-Dupre	122

Breeders: 1-Knox & Wells Limited & R Devlin, 2-Lake Villa Farm, 3-D W Mayers & Mrs S J Taylor, 4-Shadai Farm, 5-Newsells Park Stud, 6-Tullycrine Ltd, 7-Haras Cifra, 8-H H The Aga Khan Studs SC (KY)

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Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	Wootton Bassett (GB) (2008) by Iffraaj (GB) Crops: 7	6	9	4	7	1	2	51	19	375,707	1,540,963
										Zellie (Fr)	
										Stands: Coolmore Stud Ire Fee: €150,000	
2	Kodiac (GB) (2001) by Danehill Crops: 12	6	10	3	6	1	1	117	45	237,278	1,359,194
										El Bodegon (Ire)	
										Stands: Tally-Ho Stud Ire Fee: €65,000	
3	Dark Angel (Ire) (2005) by Acclamation (GB) Crops: 11	5	10	4	7	1	2	92	39	581,600	2,083,629
										Angel Bleu (Fr)	
										Stands: Yeomanstown Stud Ire Fee: €60,000	
4	Frankel (GB) (2008) by Galileo (Ire) Crops: 6	5	9	4	6	2	2	67	29	512,557	1,732,961
										Inspirale (GB)	
										Stands: Banstead Manor Stud Eng Fee: £200,000	
5	Dubawi (Ire) (2002) by Dubai Millennium (GB) Crops: 13	5	9	5	8	2	4	62	31	595,348	1,690,245
										Modern Games (Ire)	
										Stands: Dalham Hall Stud Eng Fee: £250,000	
6	Mehmas (Ire) (2014) by Acclamation (GB) Crops: 2	4	9	4	7	--	1	86	38	322,365	1,550,149
										Malavath (Ire)	
										Stands: Tally-Ho Stud Ire Fee: €50,000	
7	No Nay Never (2011) by Scat Daddy Crops: 4	4	7	2	3	--	1	64	26	172,677	970,054
										Zain Claudette (Ire)	
										Stands: Coolmore Stud Ire Fee: €125,000	
8	Siyouni (Fr) (2007) by Pivotal (GB) Crops: 8	4	8	3	6	--	--	59	23	103,429	801,034
										Who Knows (Fr)	
										Stands: Haras de Bonneval Fr Fee: €140,000	
9	Gleneagles (Ire) (2012) by Galileo (Ire) Crops: 3	4	7	1	6	--	--	37	18	138,122	601,997
										Some Respect (Ire)	
										Stands: Coolmore Stud Ire Fee: €15,000	
10	Time Test (GB) (2012) by Dubawi (Ire) Crops: 1	4	5	2	4	--	1	38	11	92,166	353,763
										Sunset Shiraz (Ire)	
										Stands: The National Stud Eng Fee: £15,000	

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