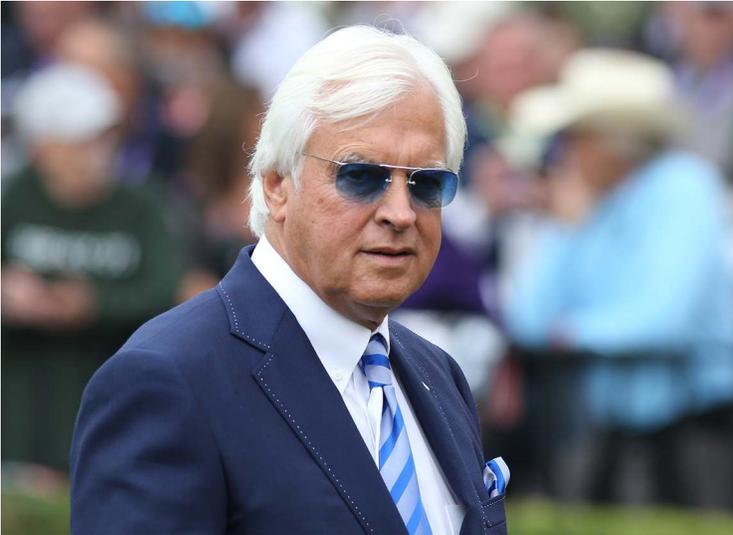


NYRA ORDERED TO PAY BAFFERT \$109K IN LEGAL EXPENSES



Bob Baffert | Horsephotos

by T.D. Thornton

A federal judge has ordered that the New York Racing Association (NYRA) must pay trainer Bob Baffert \$109,124 in legal expenses. Those fees and costs were incurred in the early stages of the trainer's civil rights lawsuit against NYRA, and the court has determined that legal precedents qualified him as the "prevailing party" five months ago when he obtained a preliminary injunction to overcome NYRA's banishment of him from Saratoga, Belmont and Aqueduct.

That figure represents only a partial award. The Hall-of-Fame trainer had been seeking \$162,086.

NYRA had argued that he wasn't entitled to any money based on the fact that the overall case has not been fully adjudicated.

But Judge Carol Bagley Amon of United States District Court (Eastern District of New York) wrote in a Dec. 15 order that Baffert does indeed qualify for some reimbursement, quoting from relevant precedents in her ruling.

"First, the preliminary injunction was decided on the merits of Baffert's claims. Over 10 pages of [my] 27-page preliminary injunction opinion were dedicated to finding that 'Baffert has established a likelihood of proving that NYRA's suspension constituted state action, and that the process by which it suspended him violated the Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment of the United States Constitution...'

GGF FATALITIES DOWN OVERALL, BUT NOVEMBER SPIKE CONCERNS CHRB

by T.D. Thornton

Golden Gate Fields twice came within one vote Wednesday of having its upcoming December-June license to conduct racing either curtailed or not granted at all because of California Horse Racing Board (CHRB) concerns over a recent four-horse uptick in equine fatalities.

The meet was eventually approved by a 4-3 vote, with CHRB chairman Gregory Ferraro, DVM, casting the deciding vote and pledging that he will be personally responsible for making sure Golden Gate executives understand that the "or else" consequences of not having a better safety record could mean the suspension of racing or a loss of license.

The polite but tense debate Dec. 15 unfolded against the backdrop of Golden Gate actually having fewer equine fatalities from racing and training so far in 2021 (17) than in 2020 (19).

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"Accordingly, the preliminary injunction was 'governed by [an] assessment of the merits' as required by [precedent]. Second, the preliminary injunction was against a state actor that later changed its procedures, mooted the question. Rather than appeal the preliminary injunction, NYRA changed its suspension procedures such that trainers can no longer be suspended without a pre-suspension hearing....

"Therefore, because Baffert 'neutralized and then caused to be superseded a [state action he] persuasively argued was unconstitutional' and because 'the preliminary injunction [he] secured was never reversed, dissolved, or otherwise undone,' Baffert has, 'unavoidably, prevailed.'"

Amon continued: "At oral argument, Baffert also agreed not to seek damages on his [civil action] claim related to the May 2021 suspension should I grant him attorneys' fees. With this concession, the portion of this case related to the subject matter of the preliminary injunction is complete. That there will be no additional litigation on this topic belies NYRA's worry that there will be serial attorneys' fee litigation regarding the subject matter of the preliminary injunction. Accordingly, I find that attorneys' fees on the preliminary injunction are appropriate at this time."

NYRA, when it filed a Sept. 27 motion opposing Baffert's expenses, said such an award would be unjust because NYRA's suspension itself was aimed at just ends.

But Amon dismissed that argument: "Following this logic would deny civil rights plaintiffs attorneys' fees in a majority of Section 1983 [civil rights] cases. Section 1983 claims are necessarily brought against state actors, and a state actor will undoubtedly argue that the ends of its policies are in the public's interest," she wrote.

"And where the state actor has lost on the merits of the Section 1983 claim--in other words, where the court has ruled that the means of its policies were unjust--it would denigrate a plaintiff's constitutional rights to disallow attorneys' fees so that the ends can justify the means."

NYRA had barred Baffert back on May 17, a bit more than two weeks after the now-deceased Medina Spirit won the GI Kentucky Derby while testing positive for an overage of betamethasone. In the 12 months prior to that positive, four other Baffert trainees had also tested positive for medication overages, two of them in Grade I stakes.

Baffert responded to NYRA's ruling-off by filing a June 14 civil complaint alleging that the ban violated his constitutional right to due process.

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On Aug. 25, Baffert petitioned the court to get NYRA to pay for the legal costs he had incurred to that point.

Some of the attorneys who argued Baffert's case billed the seven-time Derby-winning trainer between \$450 and \$975 hourly. His total \$162,086 request covered fees and expenses for six attorneys and two paralegals who performed work on his case.

NYRA had argued that many of the hours billed were duplicative, caused by the overlapping of multiple attorneys from different firms.

Judges have discretion to adjust such expense requests upward or downward based on prevailing rates and the nature of the case. Amon ended up paring down the amount she ordered NYRA to pay by roughly one-third.

She wrote that "the case was high-profile and offered reputational benefits for Baffert's attorneys, especially those attorneys who market themselves as equine law experts."

The order also stated that "Baffert is correct that the litigation was hotly contested and included quick turnaround of substantial briefing in a high-pressure situation. Moreover, Baffert's attorneys handled the case well, achieving victory on the preliminary injunction with well-argued briefs. Taken together with the previously mentioned case-specific factors,

these factors counsel a reasonable rate in the middle of the range."

But, Amon added, she is not bound to award the actual rates billed by the attorneys that Baffert agreed to pay.

"Baffert's decision to pay a premium to guarantee the attorneys of his choice is relevant, but it does not overwhelm the overall inquiry: what is the 'minimum (rate) necessary to litigate the case effectively?'" the order stated. **Cont. p5**



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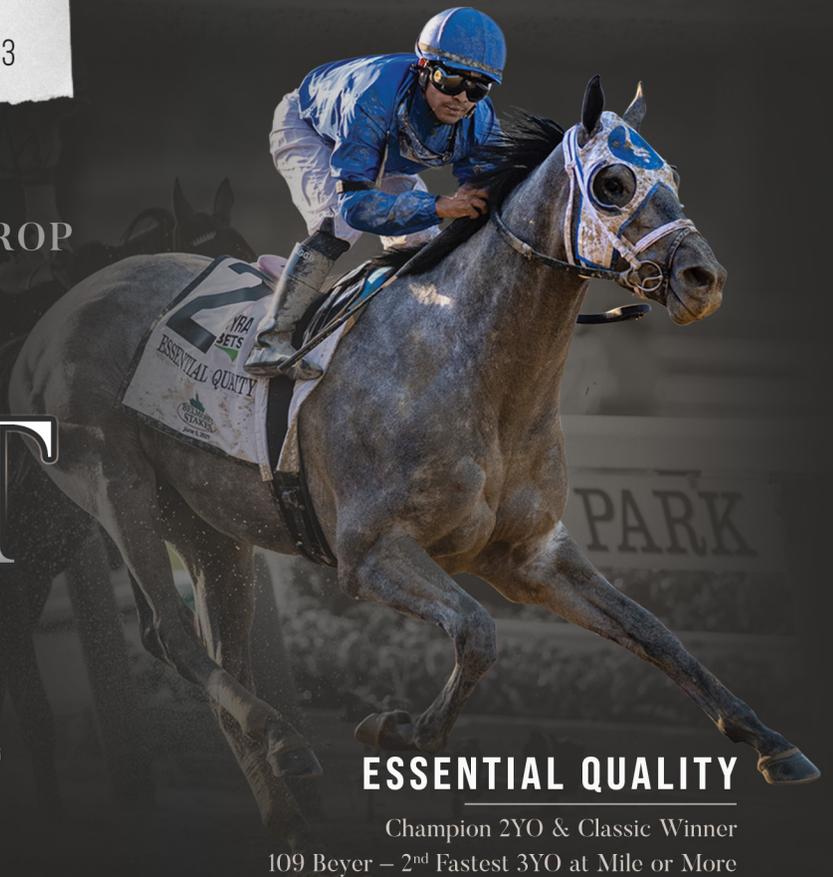
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The lawyer who billed Baffert the most was the New York-based Charles Michael, who wrote in his declaration that "my \$975 hourly rate is within the reasonable rate customarily charged by attorneys with comparable experience."

Baffert's two next-highest priced attorneys both have long-term expertise in horse racing-related litigation, and they have represented multiple trainer clients in recent high-profile cases across the nation: The Kentucky-based W. Craig Robertson, the lead counsel in the case, charged Baffert \$475 hourly for his work. The Oklahoma-based Clark Brewster billed \$450 hourly.

The judge ruled that Michael's fee is "far in excess of the high end of the prevailing-rate range for partners in Eastern District civil rights litigation.... Michael has less experience than Robertson and does not have a longstanding relationship with Baffert. Therefore, he merits a slightly lower rate. Accordingly, I find that a rate of \$450 per hour is reasonable," for NYRA to pay.

Robertson's and Brewster's rates were both deemed "reasonable" by Amon.

The judge made further reductions to what NYRA has to pay based on billable hours she said were duplicative. But, she

added, "I am unable to determine whether [Brewster's firm] performed duplicative work because its bills are overly vague.... Rarely do Brewster's [billing] descriptions exceed five words."

To compensate for Brewster's vagueness and "the possibility of duplication obfuscated by those vague entries, I will apply an across-the-board reduction of 33% for the hours claimed by [Brewster's firm]," Amon wrote.

When asked to comment Wednesday on the ruling that it must pay Baffert's partially claimed expenses, a NYRA spokesperson replied with a statement that did not directly address the \$109,124 court order.

"NYRA remains focused on protecting the integrity of the sport of Thoroughbred racing in New York and ensuring it is conducted safely," wrote Patrick McKenna, NYRA's senior director of communications. "To that end, NYRA will conduct an independent hearing beginning on Jan. 24 to determine whether Mr. Baffert has engaged in conduct that is detrimental to the best interests of the sport or potentially injurious to the safety of horses and riders."

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Golden Gate cont. from p1

When Golden Gate's license was up for renewal at this time last year, equine fatalities were a non-issue in the voting.

The difference this year has to do with the recency of some of the deaths. Of the 17 on the year so far, four of them have occurred since Nov. 14. The last previous training death at Golden Gate had been in September; the last previous racing death in May, according to [stats on the CHRB website](#).



Golden Gate Fields | Vassar Photography

The highly charged topic also is reflective of the industry-wide heightened sense of awareness about equine safety.

CHRB vice-chair Oscar Gonzales pre-empted the vote for Golden Gate's full six-month license by suggesting a shorter three-month license would better allow the CHRB to "monitor the situation as closely as we can."

Gonzales continued: "There's something going on here, and all I'm asking is allow for there to be a watchful eye on what transpires over the next three months, and then they will come back before us and we will then determine whether they're fit to have racing. And if not, we seek other alternatives."

His argument had echoes of the CHRB's December 2020 meeting, at which Gonzales pushed hard for granting Los Alamitos Race Course only a six-month Quarter Horse license instead of for a full year over concerns that Los Al's management wasn't doing enough to mitigate the 29 equine deaths that occurred at the track in 2020.

Last year, the CHRB initially voted 5-1 to slice Los Al's licensure in half. Los Al's executives at first threatened closure of the track over the way that license was awarded.

But when the board next convened in January 2021, it restored the full license by a 4-3 vote after a more conciliatory Los Al management implemented a more comprehensive equine safety plan. Since those changes have been made, there have been just 11 racing and training deaths at Los Al so far in 2021.

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Commissioner Dennis Alfieri didn't buy Gonzales's line of reasoning.

"I think this is totally different than Los Alamitos, quite frankly," Alfieri said.

In contrast to what had been perceived as a lack of a safety game plan by Los AI, Alfieri said that The Stronach Group (TSG), which owns both Golden Gate and Santa Anita Park in California, has demonstrated "integrity" by continually investing in equine safety measures.

"[TSG is] all over this. This is not just 'business as usual,'" Alfieri said. He likened the recent four-horse spike in deaths to "accidents" as opposed to some glaring safety defect that TSG is not remedying.

Alfieri also pointed out that track operators in the state are well aware their safety records are examined microscopically by the CHRB.

"The reforms that we've made, and the pressure that we've put on these facilities throughout the state, it has their full attention," Alfieri said.

Alfieri also noted that it's already within the CHRB's power to halt racing by a vote over safety concerns. He advocated for granting the full six-month license to Golden Gate "so things are organized properly," and with the stipulation that the CHRB will

be reassessing the situation every time it meets monthly.

"I don't understand what three months does. I say let's monitor it every 30 days, and then come back immediately if we see that there's a pattern of serious problems," Alfieri said.

Ferraro pointed out that he, CHRB executive director Scott Chaney, and equine medical director Jeff Blea already visited Golden Gate last week to meet with trainers and track executives over the fatalities. **Cont. p8**



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"So it's not like we're not doing anything," Ferraro said. "We can always stop racing. We have the ability to do that. So unless we see some improvement, we can come back and...make a motion to stop racing."

Both Gonzales and commissioner Wendy Mitchell expressed doubts that the board could actually come up with enough votes to halt racing if it had to, because the severity of the safety issues will always be subjective for each commissioner.

"We're not doing anything to address these deaths that we are seeing," Mitchell said. "I'm concerned that we're kind of moving past it even though we see something happening."

"Commissioner Alfieri may be absolutely right that if there is a big problem we'll have the vote," Mitchell continued. "But why are we going to take the risk at this point ahead of something even more catastrophic happening instead of just giving them a shorter license?"

Gonzales's motion on granting Golden Gate just a three-month license failed, 4-3. He, Mitchell and commissioner Brenda Washington Davis voted for it. Commissioners Alex Solis, Damascus Castellanos, Alfieri and Ferraro voted against it.

When Alfieri moved the question for a full six-month meet, the vote carried 4-3 with the same alignment of commissioners.

Upon casting the deciding vote, Ferraro said, "I'm sorry. I take into account Mr. Gonzales's concerns and Ms. Mitchell's concerns. [But] I think you can count on Mr. Chaney and myself and Dr. Blea to make an extra effort to turn things around at Golden Gate."

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MEDINA SPIRIT'S NECROPSY 'CURRENTLY UNDERWAY' *by T.D. Thornton*

Medina Spirit's necropsy is "currently underway" and a report on last week's sudden death of the GI Kentucky Derby winner is expected to be publicly released by mid-February, California Horse Racing Board (CHRB) equine medical director Dr. Jeff Blea said Wednesday.

"Completion of sudden death case file reports takes weeks and months to complete due to the in-depth level of analysis involved, and we fully expect a final report in this case in approximately two months," Blea told commissioners at the Dec. 15 CHRB meeting.

"Tissue samples and specimens will be stored for further testing should the need arise," Blea said.

Medina Spirit appeared sluggish then collapsed at Santa Anita Park after finishing a five-furlong workout Dec. 6.

The colt's admirable, overachieving career arc of going from a \$1,000 yearling buy at a public auction to winning America's most important horse race only glowed for about a week before

it was overshadowed by news that the Bob Baffert trainee had tested positive for an overage of betamethasone after winning the May 1 Derby.

No ruling has been issued for that 2021 Derby drug positive, although it has sparked a firestorm of controversy for occurring on the heels of four other Baffert horses testing positive for medication overages within the previous year, two of them in Grade I stakes.



Medina Spirit | *Benoit Photo*

"A sudden death in racing is defined as acute collapse and death in a closely observed and previously determined healthy Thoroughbred racehorse during or within one hour after exercise," Blea said.

Like with all fatalities that occur on licensed CHRB premises necropsy, the regulatory agency is obligated to perform a necropsy and investigation.

Medina Spirit's necropsy is being carried out by pathologists at the California Animal Health and Food Safety Laboratory, which works in conjunction with the University of California (Davis) veterinary school.

That particular lab, Blea said, is "arguably one of the best in the country, if not the world."

Blea explained that "Additional tissue specimens and samples will be shared with other departments at UC Davis, including toxicology, analytical chemistry, and genetics, as well as other university laboratories in the country to help determine the cause of death."

But a definitive cause might never be known.

Blea called sudden death circumstances "frustrating," and cited a published study that concluded only 53% of sudden equine deaths eventually turn up a definitive diagnosis. A presumptive cause of death is given 25% of the time, with the remaining 22% "unexplained," he said.

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36 HORSES SUPPLEMENTED TO KEEJAN



Artie's Princess | Michael Burns

Keeneland has added 36 horses--led by Canadian champion **Artie's Princess** (We Miss Artie) and stakes winners **Chasing Artie** (We Miss Artie) and **Ramsey Solution** (Real Solution)--in the latest round of supplements to the 2022 January Horses of All Ages Sale to be held Jan. 10-13. Supplemental entries have been accommodated at the end of each of the four sessions.

Artie's Princess, Chasing Artie and Ramsey Solution are among 14 supplements--racing prospects, racing or stallion prospects and racing or broodmare prospects--consigned by Paramount Sales, agent, and scheduled to sell at the end of the Jan. 13 session.

Additional supplements to the January Sale are in-foal mares, racing or broodmare prospects, horses of racing age and a yearling. Covering sires are **Constitution**, **Cupid**, Mitole, **Nyquist**, Omaha Beach, Thousand Words and Vino Rosso.

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MCPEEK SHOPPING FOR YEARLINGS IN ARGENTINA

by Bill Finley

More so than perhaps any top trainer in the sport, Ken McPeek is always thinking outside the box. And he's at it again. McPeek is in the midst of a three-day excursion to Argentina, where he is shopping for yearlings.

It's not at all uncommon for American trainers to buy yearlings overseas, but to do so in the Southern Hemisphere is largely uncharted territory. That's because Southern Hemisphere horses are born primarily in the months of August, September, October and November. For U.S. racing purposes, they turn a year older every Jan. 1, meaning they will be considered 2-year-olds when they may be no more than 13 or 14 months old. It's a huge disadvantage for a young horse, and one they may not be able to overcome until they are into their 4-year-old season.

"These are horses you have to be very patient with," McPeek acknowledged.

This isn't the first time McPeek has shopped for young horses in South America. He bought Einstein (Brz) (Spend a Buck) as a yearling at sale in Brazil in 2003. Trained by Helen Pitts and managed by McPeek, Einstein, who made his debut in the fall of his 3-year-old year at Keeneland, went on to win five Grade I stakes and earn \$2.9 million. **Cont. p10**

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He came back all these years later in part because of the strength of the U.S. dollar in relation to the Argentine peso. One U.S. dollar equals 101.72 pesos.

"The U.S. dollar is extremely strong right now against the Argentine peso, so there could be some real value buys," McPeek said. "The dollar is so strong that it is a buyer's market."



Ken McPeek | Sarah Andrew

There are no major yearling sales at this time in Argentina. Instead, McPeek has been going from farm to farm looking to buy horses privately. He says that is a common practice in Argentina. He plans on visiting six farms before returning to the U.S. Thursday.

"We are looking at all the top breeding farms down here," he said Monday. "We haven't decided yet what we're going to buy, but today I looked at over 100 yearlings. Some of the farms we are looking at, they have horses with extremely high-quality pedigrees."

As of Monday, he had yet to decide how many horses he was going to buy or how much he was going to spend. Much of that would depend on how many horses he saw that checked enough boxes.

"If I see a horse that is what I call a 'wow horse,' a horse that could run anywhere, then we'll ask for a price," he said. "We'll see if where they value the horse matches where we value the horse. If the market meets you do business. If it doesn't it doesn't. Einstein was an exceptional horse. That's what we are looking for over here, exceptional horses."

McPeek said it will cost between \$10,000 and \$15,000 per horse to ship them from Argentina to the U.S. Once they arrive, the process will begin and McPeek will not be in any hurry.

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"You just have to take your time with these horses," he said. "They won't start to be prepared until next fall in U.S. When they begin racing they're going to be about six months behind the curve age-wise. They're going to have to start out running against horses that are older than them. What I have found is that a good horse can handle that and an average one can't."



McPeek's successful Southern Hemisphere acquisition, MGISW Einstein | Sarah Andrew

In time, the Southern Hemisphere horses will catch up. "The added time you'll have to give them will cost you more, but you also get good value as opposed to overpaying for a horse at the 2-year-old sales," McPeek said. "If these horses are meant to be stakes horses they'll be stakes horses. If they're meant to be claimers, they'll be claimers."

McPeek was among the first U.S. trainers to send horses to Europe to race. He went against conventional wisdom with **Swiss Skydiver (Daredevil)** throughout her career, running her twice against males and winning the GI Preakness S. with her. There are numerous examples of him proving you don't need to spend seven figures to come up with a star at the yearling sales. He's not afraid to throw a 70-1 shot into a big race, which is how he won the 2002 GI Belmont S. with **Sarava (Wild Again)**. Now he's buying Southern Hemisphere yearlings.

"I believe a good horse can be found anywhere," he said. "Sometimes you have to go extra lengths to find them."

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ARE YOU MAXIMIZING YOUR TAX DEDUCTIONS & MINIMIZING YOUR TAXES?

by Len Green, CPA and John Wollenberg, CPA

In horse racing, the contest is not over until the horse crosses the finish line. The same is true with maximizing your tax deductions and minimizing your taxes. For those who think it is

too late to save on your 2021 taxes, we are here to tell you, it is not!

With over 40 years' experience saving our clients taxes along with our knowledge of the new tax laws, we are confident the following information will help you as you approach the 2021 home stretch and allow you to hit the wire a winner.

Impact of Recent Tax Acts on The Horse Industry

Recent tax acts contain favorable developments for depreciating and expensing yearlings, breeding stock, farm equipment and other property.

- **Bonus Depreciation:** An increase in bonus depreciation allows a write-off to increase from 50% to 100%. Accordingly, you are now permitted to fully expense purchases in the first year for yearlings, breeding stock and farm equipment. Used property can now also qualify.

A few weeks still remain for 2021 asset additions with the potential benefit of a full tax write-off.

- **IRC §179 Deduction:** The maximum amount that may be expensed has been increased from \$500,000 to \$1,050,000. The phase-out threshold has been increased from \$2 million to \$2.6 million.

- **Farm Equipment:** The useful life has been reduced from seven years to five years and the 200% declining balance method can now be used.

- **Racehorses:** Certain thoroughbreds can still be depreciated as 3-year property. Even if business equipment (or horses) are purchased before year-end, they still qualify for tax benefits.

2021 Year-End Tax Planning Strategies

Due to the new administration in our nation's capital and the uncertainty of whether or not proposed tax law changes will be forthcoming, year-end tax planning for 2021 is more important than ever.

Steps Available for Individual Taxpayers

1. **Capital Gains:** President Biden is proposing, for future years, an increase from 20% to 39.6% on capital gains for taxpayers with income above \$1 million. Accordingly, if you are contemplating a sale of horses or real estate, you should consider accelerating the transaction into 2021 rather than waiting until 2022.

Even for taxpayers with income below the \$1-million threshold, if you have realized capital gains in 2021, along with unrealized losses, you might want to trigger those losses before year-end to offset your gains, thereby reducing your tax liability.

On the flip side, if you have realized losses, consider taking some gains, as the deduction for capital losses is limited to \$3,000 in any given year. **Cont. p12**

Taxes cont.

2. **Retirement Plan Alerts:** First, required minimum distributions are reinstated for Year 2021. Please be sure to have sufficient taxes withheld.

Second, plan participants who turn 70 1/2 in 2021 or later, do not need to take required distributions until the year in which they turn 72.

Third, you are now permitted to contribute to a traditional IRA after age 70 1/2 as long as you have earned income.

Fourth, contributions to a Keogh Plan or a one-person 401(k) Plan can be significant and save you substantial 2021 tax dollars if set up before Dec. 31, 2021.

A SEP-IRA is another flexible alternative. A SEP can be set up before the filing date of your 2021 tax return, yet still provide you with a 2021 deduction.

3. **Avoid the Underpayment of Estimated Tax Penalty:** If you have not prepared a 2021 income tax projection, you should have your advisor do so. If your 2021 projection shows a balance due, request that a disproportionate amount of withholding be taken from your December paychecks, year-end bonus or retirement plan distribution, rather than paying a comparable significant amount with a fourth quarter estimated tax voucher.

This withholding approach is more favorable than writing a check because taxes that are withheld in December are deemed to be "thrown back" and treated as evenly spread through the calendar year. This enables you to catch up on any shortfall and still avoid a penalty for the first three quarters.

4. **Business Losses:** Of great importance, 2021 business losses are capped at \$262,500 for single taxpayers and \$524,000 for joint returns. Please take these loss limitations into consideration when preparing your 2021 income tax projections.

5. **Maximize the Pass-Through Business Income Deduction:** This tax saving deduction allows certain taxpayers to deduct 20% of their qualified business income. To maximize the deduction, you should take action steps to qualify your taxable income so it is below this new provisions' phase-out thresholds.

6. **Charitable Contributions:** Non-itemizing married couples filing jointly can now deduct up to \$600 of cash charity for 2021.

Seeing
RED?

Click on a **stallion's name** to learn more about them on their page on the farm's website.

Relief for Western Kentucky

Kentucky has suffered from major loss of life and property damage in Western Kentucky due to unprecedented tornadoes in the early hours of December 11th.

In times of need, like the flooding in Southeastern Kentucky, the Thoroughbred industry has stepped to the plate financially to assist with rebuild efforts for the most vulnerable. Only fourteen days from Christmas, we have created a GoFundMe page for members to donate for disaster relief. (By Pat McDonogh, 12/11/2021 Courier-Journal)



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Kentucky Thoroughbred Association is organizing this fundraiser.



Steps Available for Business Taxpayers

1. Maximize Available Depreciation: Businesses should consider making expenditures that qualify for 100% first year bonus depreciation. Generally, both new and used depreciable assets are eligible. The full first year write-off is allowed even if the asset is purchased late in the year and even if the deduction gives rise to a taxable loss.

Also, make sure you are taking bonus depreciation on all assets that are eligible. Many times assets are missed as to leasehold improvements on horses purchased in overseas sales or horses put into training but not yet raced.

An alternative is IRC §179 depreciation, where for 2021 the expense limit has been raised to \$1,050,000 if the investment purchases do not exceed \$2,600,000. Keep in mind that §179 expensing cannot give rise to a loss.

2. Qualified Business Income Deduction (QBID): Certain business owners may be entitled to a deduction of up to 20% of their qualified business income. You should take whatever steps are possible to keep your taxable income below the phase-out thresholds. The rules are complex, so contact your tax advisor so they can help you maximize the use of the QBID.

3. Active Business Requirements:

A. Operate your horse activities in a business-like manner. We go so far as to recommend that you form a Limited Liability Company (LLC) before year end and definitely have a separate checkbook. Keep a record of your horse business activities.

B. Consult with someone knowledgeable in the horse business to ascertain if you meet some of the nine tests "to qualify" as "active" and therefore put yourself in the position to take "full advantage" of any tax losses you may incur.



Len & Jon Green | Fasig-Tipton

Possible Tax Law Changes Proposed by the Biden Administration

The best way to sum up President Joe Biden's tax plan would be to say he wants to raise taxes on "high-income" households and corporations.

- **Increase the corporate tax rate** - The existing tax plan lowered the corporate rate from 35% to 21%. While Biden's camp generally agrees 35% was too high, the 21% rate will soon be raised, possibly to 26.5%.

- **Increase taxes on high earners** - Biden would restore the 39.6% top marginal tax rate that was in effect prior to the 2018 tax year.

- **Phase out the pass-through deduction** - Biden would phase out the 20% QBI deduction for taxpayers earning \$400,000 or more.

- **Increase capital gains tax on high earners** - Currently capital gains get lower tax rates than ordinary income, but Biden would change this for taxpayers earning more than \$1 million.

- **Increase Social Security taxes** - Biden would increase revenue to Social Security by imposing the 12.4% payroll tax (half of which is paid by the taxpayer) on all income above \$400,000 in addition to the current structure of the tax.

- **Changes in Estate Planning** - This portion of the proposed plan is less "straightforward." On the one hand, you have the estate tax exemption of \$11.7 million being reduced by 50%. On the other hand, there is less clarity regarding important items such as step-up in basis, business asset exemptions, capital gains, etc.

Clearly there will be changes, adjustments and alterations during the "negotiation period" prior to any changes being implemented. Also note that it is highly unlikely that any new laws will be made retroactively to 2021. Our best advice is to keep an open line of communication with your tax and financial advisors prior to making any updates to your estate planning.

The Green Group welcomes the opportunity to discuss your 2021 year-end tax savings strategies with you by phone at (732) 634-5100 and ask for Len Green, CPA, John Wollenberg, CPA, Ava Agbulos, CPA, Jeff Greene, CPA or Tracy Zhang, CPA.

In the meantime, stay well.

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DORMAN FINDS NEW KENTUCKY HOME FOR DETERMINED STUD *by Jessica Martini*

Matt Dorman, who began building a boutique broodmare band last year, officially has a new home for his Determined Stud after purchasing Susan Hudon's 216-acre Sierra Farm in Lexington.

"It's a turnkey operation," Dorman said of the property on Mt Horeb Pike. "I have a lot of respect for what Ed Hudon and his wife did there. Ed unfortunately passed away a couple of years ago, but they built a phenomenal horse farm. It's horse ready and it's human ready--which is kind of hard to find. But it fits what we are doing perfectly because it is really geared towards broodmares and yearlings and foaling. So we got lucky."

Dorman first made a splash at last year's breeding stock sales, purchasing several high-priced broodmares, and his original plan was to base the band in his native Maryland.



Matt Dorman | *Keeneland photo*

"I made the decision, given the investment in the broodmares, that it's probably better to have a farm in Kentucky rather than try to build out a farm in Maryland," Dorman said of the change in plans. "With COVID and supply issues, the costs were really challenging and we couldn't get a guaranteed time line. So that forced me to look at different options. We looked at some different properties down in Kentucky. There are really nice farms and obviously some good land. And then things came together selling the property here in Maryland which allowed me to look at a different level. Sierra had been on the market for a while, so that one just fell into the spot as far as the size."

Ed and Sharon Hudon founded Sierra Farm in 2006 and Sharon took over the growing commercial operation after her husband's death in 2018. Sierra had its first seven-figure sale when Larry Best purchased an **American Pharoah** colt for \$1.4 million at the 2018 Keeneland September sale and the farm was also birthplace of Grade I winner Nadal (**Blame**).

"It's bittersweet, but it's probably the right time for everybody on this side of things," longtime Sierra farm manager Mike Callanan said of the sale. "We've kind of been moving towards this in the last couple of years anyway, after Ed died, just reducing the number of horses we had and the horses in training."

Sierra Farm sold four mares at the Keeneland November sale last month and will offer six mares and two yearlings at next month's Keeneland January sale.

"That will be Sierra Farm's last sale," Callanan said of the January consignment.

Sierra Farm's remaining horses will relocate to Greenfield Farm.

"There are 14 weanlings who will go in the sale next year. And I think there is 12 mares left," Callanan said. "My father-in-law is Bruce Gibbs, who owns Greenfield Farm, and the plan is for everything that is left to go there and then we will figure out the next stage."

Dorman expects his broodmares to begin moving into the new facility next spring.

"Scott [Mallory] and I got together and decided we would get through the majority of our foaling and then move over there," Dorman said. "So we probably won't be over there until March or April. We would just rather keep the mares where they are and keep them happy and not have to deal with the challenges of foaling season and moving to a new facility at the same time. Once they foal, we will start moving them over there."

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NEW NTRA PRESIDENT, CEO TOM ROONEY JOINS WRITERS' ROOM

by Joe Bianca

It's a hell of a time in racing to become the new head of one of the sport's foremost national organizations, but new National Thoroughbred Racing Association president and CEO Tom Rooney says he's ready for the challenge. Wednesday morning, the former U.S. congressman joined the TDN Writers' Room **presented by Keeneland's** final show of 2021 as the **Green Group Guest of the Week** to discuss what the NTRA's top priorities will be under his stewardship, how his previous experience on the Hill can benefit the industry, what he thinks the NTRA's role should be in racing's ongoing public relations battle and much more. **Cont. p15**

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“One of the things I think the board of directors wanted when they brought me on was to really sharpen our focus in Washington, D.C.,” Rooney said. “So much so that we're going to be **opening an office there** to make sure that I'm back in front of my old colleagues on a daily basis to make sure they don't forget about this issue or that issue. Specifically, the big issues that we deal with are the tax code, immigration--H-2A and H-2B visas for both at the farms and at the track--those are hugely important issues for keeping the trains running on time. And one of the things that I'm very excited about and looking forward to working on very closely is sports betting as it becomes more and more legalized across the United States and includes more sports. We used to be the only game in town when it came to legalized gambling, but now horse racing is separate from the other sports you might find on DraftKings or FanDuel, so if my son, who's in college, is putting a \$20 bet on the 76ers and the Packers and wants to boost with a bet on the Breeders' Cup Classic, he can't necessarily do that because of the way everything is set up. We have to make sure--and I'm not sure this is a legislative fix yet--to be in that ballgame if we want to have a new generation of horseplayers. I think I would be neglectful in my job if I wasn't making sure that the one sport that was legal [to bet on] all along continues to be at least part of that game going forward, so I'm going to be working hard on that.”



Tom Rooney | NTRA

Asked what he thinks the NTRA's role will be in trying to win the narrative in the court of public opinion when catastrophe strikes, as it so often has recently, Rooney said, “I think it's going to be absolutely huge. Publications and media outlets look for a response from somebody, and we just hired a new communications director who is going to be starting this month, and we are hopefully going to be one of the go-to voices in

response to [crises]. For all those people who get up at God knows what hour every day and go down to the racetrack or the farm barn or cover this stuff like you do and want the sport to be successful and something we can be proud of, I think they're sick of being lumped in with this idea that we're all a bunch of cheaters who are drugging horses and don't really care about them and are just using them for our personal benefit. I just don't believe that, and I'm looking forward to being the voice to push back against that. Now, if something went wrong, there also has to be accountability on our side, which is a good thing. [California] Senator [Dianne] Feinstein **wrote a letter** saying she wants transparency and thoroughness in the process [of investigating Medina Spirit's death]. Great. We agree. We want that too. One of the first things I learned in Congress was that you cannot let an accusation that harms you or your constituency go [unanswered], because if you do, it's almost an admission that what they're saying is right. You have to respond. And sometimes the response is tough love. But I think it's incumbent upon groups like the NTRA to make sure that the public has the other side of the story.”

Elsewhere on the show, which is also sponsored by **Coolmore, West Point Thoroughbreds, XBTV, Lane's End, Three Chimneys, Hill 'n' Dale** and **Legacy Bloodstock**, the writers discussed the impending sentencing of the Jorge Navarro and, in their year-in-review segments, picked their favorite races and biggest stories of 2021 as well as what horses they're most looking forward to seeing in 2022. [Click here to watch the podcast](#); [click here for the audio-only version](#) or find it on Apple Podcasts or Spotify.

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Wednesday, Kawasaki, Japan

ZEN-NIPPON NISAI YUSHUN-Listed (Second Leg Japan Road to the Kentucky Derby), ¥71,400,000 (\$627,067), Kawasaki, 12-15, 2yo, 1600m, 1:39.2 (NSR), ft.

1--DRY STOUT (JPN), 121, c, 2, by Sinister Minister

1st Dam: Must Buy Item (Jpn), by Afleet

2nd Dam: Big Marine (Jpn), by Fuji Kiseki (Jpn)

3rd Dam: Dragon Marine (Jpn), by Real Shadai

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. O-YGG Horse Club Co Ltd; B-Shimokobe Farm; T-Mitsunori Makiura; J-Keita Tosaki, ¥42,000,000.

Lifetime Record: 3-3-0-0, ¥59,443,000.

2--Combustion (Jpn), 121, c, 2, Discreet Cat--Smoldering (Jpn), by Pyro. O-Godolphin; B-Darley Japan Farm; T-Keizo Ito; J-Kohei Matsuyama; ¥14,700,000.

3--Prelude (Jpn), 121, c, 2, Lovely Day (Jpn)--Anthology (Jpn), by Sakura Bakushin O (Jpn). O-Carrot Farm; B-Northern Farm; T-Terunoba Fujita; J-Takashi Harita; ¥8,400,000.

Margins: 2HF, 5, 1HF. Odds: 0.80, 6.20, 98.20. **VIDEO**



COLONIAL DOWNS APPROVED FOR EXPANDED RACE DAYS IN 2022

The 2022 Colonial Downs Race Meet presented by Woodford Reserve will feature 27 race days--up from 21--after the Virginia Racing Commission approved proposed race dates Wednesday. Average daily purse money is also expected to increase from \$522,000 to \$600,000. The nine-week meet will be held from July 11 to Sept. 7, with racing every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday starting at 1:30 p.m. A stakes schedule for the 2022 meet will be announced in the coming weeks.

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CELLA APPOINTED TO EQUIBASE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Louis Cella, president of the Oaklawn Jockey Club, has been appointed to the Management Committee of Equibase Company LLC, filling a board seat vacated by Daisy Phipps Pulito, racing manager of Phipps Stable. Cella was named present of Oaklawn Park in 2017, succeeding his late father. He is the third generation of his family to serve on the board of the Thoroughbred Racing Associations of North America (TRA), and a member of The Jockey Club since 2017. He also serves as a director of the Thoroughbred Racing Protective Bureau and on the board of trustees for the National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame.

“As someone involved in all aspects of Thoroughbred racing, Louis is not only passionate about our sport, but brings a vast knowledge and experience to this committee, and we look forward to his contributions,” Equibase chairman Ian D. Highet said. “Daisy’s personal and professional involvement in Thoroughbred breeding and racing, as well as her background in sports and television, provided a valuable perspective to the committee, and we thank her for her service.”

The Equibase Management Committee is composed of members from each of the company’s two general partners--The Jockey Club and the TRA. The TRA representatives are Peter Berube, Happy Broadbent, Christopher McErlean, David O’Rourke, Mike Rogers and Josh Rubinstein. Besides Highet and Cella, The Jockey Club representatives are C. Steven Duncker, James L. Gagliano, Stuart S. Janney III and Nick Nicholson.

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SEASON 5 OF FOAL PATROL DEBUTS JAN. 5

Season 5 of the National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame’s live webcam series Foal Patrol will debut online at www.foalpatrol.com Wednesday, Jan. 5, 2022. Season 5 will feature in-foal mares at Claiborne Farm, Gainesway Farm, Safari North at Pauls Mill Farm, Three Chimneys Farm and Old Tavern Farm in New York.

The participants are MGISW **Elate** (**Medaglia d’Oro**) at Claiborne, who is carrying her second foal by **Speightstown**; Gainesway’s **Spanish Bunny** (**Unusual Heat**), who is in foal to **Uncle Mo**; **Traveling Tiger** (**Candy Ride {Arg}**), in foal to **Audible**, at Safari North; **Repeta** (**Broken Vow**) at Three Chimneys, who is in foal to **Volatile**; and **Floripa** (**Tapit**) at Old Tavern Farm, who is in foal to **Vekoma**.

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WTBOA STALLION SEASON AUCTION ON NOW

The Washington Thoroughbred Breeders and Owners Association’s annual online stallion season auction began Dec. 15 and runs through Dec. 22. In addition to stallion premiums, this year the WTBOA has added a chance for bidders to receive a bonus. All winning bidders will now be eligible for one of two bonus level amounts, as they will be entered into a drawing to receive a credit of up to \$1,000 or the actual bid amount, whichever is less, on their stallion season purchase. The second drawing will be for a \$400 bonus.

In addition, it is expected that a \$7,500 or greater bonus will be available for all progeny of stallions whose seasons sold for the 2022 breeding season. The bonuses will be part of two 3-year-old stakes to be run at Emerald Downs during their 2026 racing season.

Over 90 seasons will be offered for the 2022 breeding season for stallions such as **American Freedom**, **Army Mule**, **Country House**, **Cross Traffic**, **Keen Ice**, **Karakontie (Jpn)**, **Lea**, **Speightster**, **Tapiture** and **Tapwrit**.

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

FT. LAUDERDALE S.-GII, \$200,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/8mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Doswell	Giant's Causeway	Joseph Allen LLC	Tagg	Alvarado	121
2	L'Imperator (Fr)	Holy Roman Emperor (Ire)	Madaket Stables, Wonder Stables & R. V. LaPenta	Brown	Velazquez	121
3	Breaking the Rules	War Front	Phipps Stable	McGaughey III	Castellano	121
4	English Bee	English Channel	Calumet Farm	Motion	Saez	121
5	Sole Volante 🐾	Karakontie (Jpn)	Reeves Thoroughbred Racing & Andie Biancone	Biancone	Leparoux	121
6	Renaissance Frolic 🐾	Paynter	Sir David Seale	Joseph, Jr.	Gonzalez	121
7	Media Blitz 🐾	Medaglia d'Oro	Michael J. Maker	Maker	Lanerie	121
8	Analyze It 🐾	Point of Entry	William H. Lawrence	Brown	Hernandez	121
9	King Guillermo 🐾	Uncle Mo	Victoria's Ranch	Avila	Lopez	121
10	Order and Law 🐾	Violence	Paradise Farms Corp. & David Staudacher	Maker	Vasquez	121
11	Atone	Into Mischief	Three Diamonds Farm	Maker	Jaramillo	121
12	Space Traveller (GB)	Bated Breath (GB)	Clipper Logistics	Walsh	Gaffalione	123
13	Brown Storm (Chi)	Scat Daddy	Matriarca	Sanchez	Berrios	121

Breeders: 1-Mr. Joseph Allen LLC, 2-Jean-Pierre Dubois, 3-Phipps Stable, 4-Calumet Farm, 5-Flaxman Holdings Limited, 6-Stride Rite Racing Stable, Inc., 7-G. Watts Humphrey Jr., 8-P. Headley Bell, Nancy Bell & NATO, 9-Carhue Investments, Grouseridge Ltd. & Marengo Investments, 10-Dell Ridge Farm, LLC, 11-Godolphin, 12-El Catorce Partnership, 13-Haras Matriarca

Saturday, Gulfstream #9, post time: 3:59 p.m. EST

HARLAN'S HOLIDAY S.-GIII, \$150,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Mighty Heart	Dramedy	Lawrence Cordes	Carroll	Velazquez	126
2	Blue Steel 🐾	Will Take Charge	James C. Woodruff	Hiles	Lopez	121
3	Twenty Twice 🐾	Honor Code	Calumet Farm	Sisterson	Leparoux	121
4	Eye of a Jedi 🐾	Eye of the Leopard	Steve Budhoo	Budhoo	Castellano	123
5	South Bend	Algorithms	Sagamore Farm LLC	Mott	Gaffalione	121
6	Fearless 🐾	Ghostzapper	Repole Stable	Pletcher	Saez	123

Breeders: 1-Larry Cordes, 2-Machmer Hall, 3-Fred W. Hertrich III, John D. Fielding & Robert L. Tribbett, 4-Calumet Farm, 5-Highclere, Inc., 6-Helen K. Groves Revocable Trust



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Saturday, Gulfstream #5, post time: 1:54 p.m. EST

SUWANNEE RIVER S.-GIII, \$100,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 1mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Dawn's Dancer 🌿	Curlin	Gary Broad	Davis	Alvarado	121
2	In a Hurry	Blame	Stuart S. Janney, III	McGaughey III	Castellano	121
3	Shifty She	Gone Astray	Pedigree Partners LLC	Joseph, Jr.	Gonzalez	125
4	Keeper of Time (Ire)	Mehmas (Ire)	Bradley Thoroughbreds, Gary Finder & Tim & Anna Cambron	Walsh	Gaffalione	118
5	La Babia	Bayern	Helen K. Groves Revocable Trust	Matz	Hernandez	121
6	Classic Lady	Jimmy Creed	Michael Dubb & Michael J. Caruso	Clement	Lopez	121
7	Alms	City Zip	Godolphin, LLC	Stidham	Saez	121
8	Kelsey's Cross	Anthony's Cross	Sanford Bacon & Patrick L. Biancone Racing, LLC	Biancone	Maragh	121
9	Summering	War Front	Glen Hill Farm	Proctor	Jaramillo	121
10	Sweet Melania 🌿	American Pharoah	Lawana L. & Robert E. Low	Pletcher	Velazquez	123
11	Princess Causeway	Giant's Causeway	Winchester Place Thoroughbreds LLC	Wilkes	Lanerie	121
12	Quiet Company 🌿	Temple City	Our Sugar Bear Stable LLC	Abreu	Leparoux	121

Breeders: 1-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC, 2-Stuart S. Janney, III LLC., 3-Chris Pallas & George Klein, 4-D. & E. Phelan, 5-Helen K. Groves Revocable Trust, 6-Seth Gregory & Robert Barney, 7-Godolphin, 8-T. Wynn Jolley & Mary Jolley, 9-Glen Hill Farm, 10-St. Elias Stables, LLC, 11-Calumet Farm, 12-Sagamore Farm

Saturday, Gulfstream #8, post time: 3:28 p.m. EST

SUGAR SWIRL S.-GIII, \$100,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 6F

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Quinoa Tifah	Gemologist		Arindel	David	Lopez 118
2	Music City Star 🌿	Tapiture		Cumberland Stable	Davis	Hernandez 118
3	Frank's Rockette	Into Mischief		Frank Fletcher Racing Operations, Inc.	Mott	Alvarado 122
4	Loriloupies	Rattlesnake Bridge		Team Hanley and Braverman, Paul	Joseph, Jr.	Velazquez 120
5	Center Aisle 🌿	Into Mischief		OXO Equine LLC	Lobo	Saez 120
6	Compensate	Liam's Map		CJ Thoroughbreds	Gambolati	Vasquez 120
7	Bronx Beauty 🌿	Liaison		Breeze Easy, LLC	Margotta, Jr.	Gaffalione 120
8	Sosua 🌿	Speightstown		Mark B. Grier	Delacour	Gonzalez 120

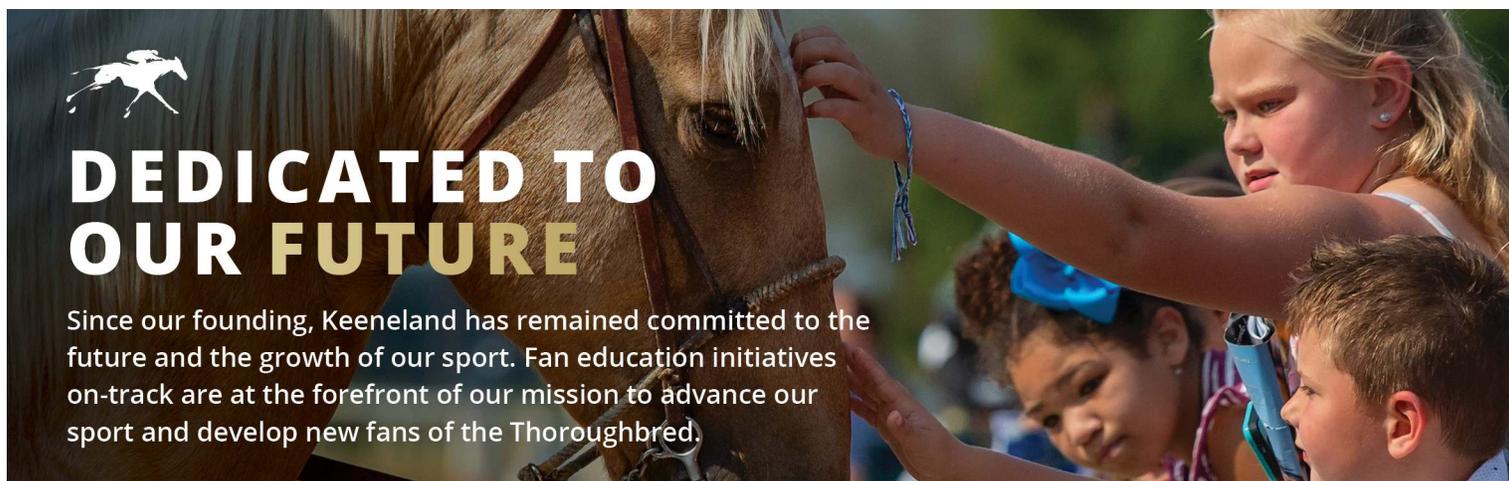
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Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	Constitution (2011) by <i>Tapit</i> FYR: 2017 Stands: WinStar Farm KY Fee: \$85,000	13	30	6	16	1	4	188	105	941,750	9,548,588
										Americanrevolution	
2	American Pharoah (2012) by <i>Pioneerof the Nile</i> FYR: 2017 Stands: Coolmore Ashford KY Fee: \$80,000	14	25	5	14	1	5	222	86	492,800	7,386,206
										As Time Goes By	
3	Liam's Map (2011) by <i>Unbridled's Song</i> FYR: 2017 Stands: Lane's End Farm KY Fee: \$40,000	9	17	4	9	2	2	165	81	1,137,600	7,469,799
										Colonel Liam	
4	Tonalist (2011) by <i>Tapit</i> FYR: 2017 Stands: Lane's End Farm KY Fee: \$10,000	7	15	1	7	1	2	150	78	270,680	5,325,390
										Shamrocket	
5	Tapiture (2011) by <i>Tapit</i> FYR: 2017 Stands: Darby Dan Farm KY Fee: \$10,000	5	14	--	2	--	1	234	125	581,800	6,948,799
										Jesus' Team	
6	Honor Code (2011) by <i>A.P. Indy</i> FYR: 2017 Stands: Lane's End Farm KY Fee: \$20,000	5	13	2	4	2	2	160	67	817,500	5,150,643
										Max Player	
7	Bayern (2011) by <i>Offlee Wild</i> FYR: 2017 Stands: Great Hill Farm Kor Fee: Private	5	9	--	4	--	--	122	83	309,726	4,457,744
										Bella Vita	
8	Daredevil (2012) by <i>More Than Ready</i> FYR: 2017 Stands: Lane's End Farm KY Fee: \$25,000	5	9	2	3	2	2	136	54	1,037,940	4,020,302
										Shedaresthedevil	
9	Summer Front (2009) by <i>War Front</i> FYR: 2017 Stands: Airdrie Stud KY Fee: \$7,500	4	11	--	3	--	--	147	62	172,615	3,459,958
										Camp Hope	
10	Lea (2009) by <i>First Samurai</i> FYR: 2017 Stands: Claiborne Farm KY Fee: \$5,000	4	6	1	1	--	--	95	54	243,000	2,624,406
										Kavod	
11	Competitive Edge (2012) by <i>Super Saver</i> FYR: 2017 Stands: Valor Farm TX Fee: \$5,000	3	9	2	4	--	1	93	58	431,000	3,896,558
										Edgeway	
12	Karakontie (Jpn) (2011) by <i>Bernstein</i> FYR: 2017 Stands: Gainesway Farm KY Fee: \$10,000	3	6	2	3	--	1	78	48	765,600	3,143,070
										Princess Grace	
13	Golden Lad (2010) by <i>Medaglia d'Oro</i> FYR: 2017 Stands: Northview Stallion Station MD Fee: \$5,000	3	5	--	--	--	--	71	43	267,710	2,443,700
										Hello Beautiful	
14	Console (2009) by <i>War Front</i> FYR: 2017 Stands: Potrero Los Llanos PR Fee: Private	3	4	--	--	--	--	29	20	316,877	829,429
										Tamborero	
15	We Miss Artie (2011) by <i>Artie Schiller</i> FYR: 2017 Stands: Red Feather Equine Farm USA (Dead/Ret)	3	3	--	1	--	--	36	12	255,988	826,168
										Artie's Storm	

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7th-Gulfstream, \$54,700, Alw (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 12-15, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:34.65, ft, 4 1/2 lengths.

LIAM (c, 4, [Liam's Map](#)--S S Pinafore, by [Street Sense](#)), a maiden winner at Remington last September, completed the trifecta at 26-1 in the Gill Oklahoma Derby later that month in his final start for trainer Danny Pish. Transferred to Todd Pletcher and backed accordingly as the even-money favorite to fire fresh off the long layoff, Liam faced pressure through fractions of :23.49 and :45.91 and fought on gamely to turn back Create Again ([Creative Cause](#)) in the stretch to score by 4 1/2 lengths. Liam is a half-brother to Plainsman ([Flatter](#)), MGSW & GISP, \$843,207; the unraced 2-year-old colt Practical Impact ([Practical Joke](#)); and a [Quality Road](#) filly of this year. S S Pinafore was bred back to Authentic. Sales history: \$450,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: GSP, 5-2-1-1, \$77,396. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by TVG.**

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3rd-Gulfstream, \$53,000, Msw, 12-15, 3yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:37.25, fm, 1 3/4 lengths.

CHAMPAGNE LADY (f, 4, [Uncle Mo](#)--[Grazie Mille](#), by [Bernardini](#)), an \$875,000 KEESEP yearling and full-sister to young Coolmore stallion [Mo Town](#), GISW, \$519,600, delivered off the bench in her first start for Shug McGaughey at odds of 3-1 here. She cleared the field of nine from her outside draw and made every pole a winning one. It was 1 3/4 lengths back to favored Fast as Flight ([Air Force Blue](#)) in second. Champagne Lady, previously trained by Mark Hennig, switched to grass in her most recent trip to the post with a good second after showing speed all the way back in April 2020 at Gulfstream. The winner's dam is also represented by a [Justify](#) filly of 2020, a \$725,000 KEESEP yearling purchase by Mayberry Farm. Her unraced 3-year-old colt Pigott ([Curlin](#)) brought \$1.2 million from Robert and Lawana Low as a KEESEP yearling. [Grazie Mille](#) was bred to [Justify](#) for 2022. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-0, \$42,170. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by TVG.**

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Arrogate (Unbridled's Song), Juddmonte Farms
111 foals of racing age/10 winners/0 black-type winners
10-Gulfstream, 5:05 p.m. EST, Msw 6 1/2f, Avow, 2-1
\$300,000 KEE SEP yrl
5-Turfway, 8:14 p.m. EST, Msw 1 1/16m, Catiche, 3-1
\$375,000 FTK SEL yrl

Connect (Curlin), Lane's End Farm, \$15,000
119 foals of racing age/24 winners/2 black-type winners
5-Turfway, 8:14 p.m. EST, Msw 1 1/16m, Legerity, 5-2
\$50,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$185,000 KEE SEP yrl

Cupid (Tapit), Coolmore Ashford, \$5,000
143 foals of racing age/19 winners/2 black-type winners
5-Turfway, 8:14 p.m. EST, Msw 1 1/16m, Valentina Day, 3-1
\$130,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$47,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl

Gormley (Malibu Moon), Spendthrift Farm, \$5,000
119 foals of racing age/20 winners/1 black-type winner
7-Aqueduct, 3:36 p.m. EST, Aoc 7f, Sterling Hill, 8-1
\$57,000 FTN MIX wnl; \$20,000 EAS MAY 2yo

Greenpointcrusader (Bernardini), Ocala Stud, \$3,500
38 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners
10-Gulfstream, 5:05 p.m. EST, Msw 6 1/2f, Seabrook Summer, 20-1



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Keen Ice (Curlin), Calumet Farm, \$12,500
137 foals of racing age/17 winners/0 black-type winners
7-Aqueduct, 3:36 p.m. EST, Aoc 7f, Bold Leader, 9-2
\$125,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$100,000 FTK OCT yrl
8-Fair Grounds, 5:42 p.m. EST, Msw 1mT, Honey Run, 7-2

Valiant Minister (Candy Ride {Arg}), Bridlewood Farm, \$3,000
40 foals of racing age/1 winner/1 black-type winner
10-Gulfstream, 5:05 p.m. EST, Msw 6 1/2f, Valiant Miss, 20-1
\$9,500 RNA OBS OCT yrl

SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: THURSDAY, DEC. 16 2021 Stud Fees Listed

Cinco Charlie (Indian Charlie), Spendthrift Farm, \$5,000
101 foals of racing age/35 winners/1 black-type winner
8-Turf Paradise, 6:22 p.m. EST, \$60K Sun Devil Sprint S., 5fT, Five Pics Please, 5-1

Flintshire (GB) (Dansili {GB}), Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa, \$10,000
159 foals of racing age/31 winners/3 black-type winners
8-Fair Grounds, 5:42 p.m. EST, Msw 1mT, Surrey, 15-1
\$4,700 KEE SEP yrl



ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

7th-Delta Downs, \$42,800, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$20,000), 12-15, 3yo/up, f/m, 5f, :58.89, ft, 4 3/4 lengths.

ICY CHARLIE (f, 4, My Pal Charlie--Lady Lyra Lee, by Academy Award) Lifetime Record: 10-6-2-0, \$145,528. O-Elite Thoroughbred Racing LLC; B-Michele Rodriguez (LA); T-Lee Thomas.

6th-Delta Downs, \$40,000, (S), 12-15, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 7 1/2f, 1:35.03, ft, head.

GRACE FOREVER (f, 4, Palace--Native Gate Dancer {SW, \$111,323}, by Gate Dancer) Lifetime Record: 16-3-1-3, \$96,775. O-Norman Stables, LLC; B-Tom Curtis & Wayne Simpson (LA); T-Lonnie Briley. *\$20,000 Ylg '18 OBSOCT. **1/2 to Lil Allie Dancer (Good and Tough), SW, \$238,005; Loranger Native (Good and Tough), MSW, \$257,450.



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5th-Mahoning Valley, \$34,500, 12-15, (NW2X), 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:04.89, ft, 1/2 length.

PLAY BALL (g, 6, Alcindor--Aftertheballisover, by Bernstein)
Lifetime Record: 45-13-6-4, \$296,781. O-Aleyhat Racing Stable; B-Thomas J Cinalli (OH); T-Alejandro Murillo Rodriguez.

5th-Penn National, \$31,600, (S), 12-14, (NW1BX), 3yo/up, 1m 70y, 1:44.60, ft, 2 1/2 lengths.

NINE TOE JOHNNY (c, 3, Paynter--Pathologist, by Gone West)
Lifetime Record: 11-2-1-2, \$65,340. O-William C. O'Neill; B-Dale N Krapf (PA); T-William C. Hedus. *\$6,000 Wlg '18 KEENOV; \$12,000 2yo '20 OBSOPN.

7th-Mahoning Valley, \$31,300, (S), 12-15, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:13.38, ft, 3/4 length.

IMA BELIEVER (g, 5, Misremembered--Magnificent Miss, by Chester House) Lifetime Record: 18-2-2-5, \$65,317. O-Kristina M. Tumblin; B-Steve M DeMaiolo (OH); T-Andrew Tumblin.

6th-Penn National, \$28,900, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 12-14, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11.20, ft, 1 1/2 lengths.

ANNAMATED MOON (g, 4, Fast Anna--Touch the Moon, by Malibu Moon) Lifetime Record: 24-5-3-9, \$140,870. O-Stephen G. & Debbie Jackson; B-Three Chimneys Farm, LLC (KY); T-Flint W. Stites. *1/2 to Royal Approval (Tiznow), GSW, \$117,400.

3rd-Mahoning Valley, \$24,000, 12-15, (NW3L), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m 70y, 1:45.57, ft, 4 lengths.

TELLER TO SING (f, 4, Magician {Ire}--Sing Like a Bird, by Lawyer Ron) Lifetime Record: 20-3-6-3, \$81,092. O-Wayne Vieth; B-Happy Hill Farm, Inc. (KY); T-Claude L. Brownfield, III.

5th-Mountaineer Casino & Resort, \$20,564, 12-14, (NW3LX), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11.96, gd, 8 lengths.

SHASTALOO (f, 3, Algorithms--Water Park {MSP, \$172,849}, by Strodes Creek) Lifetime Record: 16-3-3-4, \$104,238. O-Marco A. Castaneda; B-Stone Farm (KY); T-Marco A. Castaneda. *\$28,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP; \$120,000 2yo '20 OBSAPR. **1/2 to Blue Harbor (Rockport Harbor), MSP, \$370,557.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Grand Deal, g, 3, **Acclamation**--Verticaleigh, by **Mineshaft**. Mahoning Valley, 12-15, 6f, 1:13.23. Lifetime: 22-1-3-5, \$41,251. B-Rising Star Farm LLC (KY). *\$1,700 Ylg '19 KEESEP.

Kerics Beauty, f, 3, **Ami's Holiday**--Madam Inspector, by Deputy Commander. Penn National, 12-14, 6f, 1:12.37. Lifetime Record: 16-1-3-1, \$62,000. B-Joey Gee Thoroughbreds (ON). *C\$2,500 Ylg '19 CANSEP.

Carpenters Call, c, 3, **Tourist**--Ventoux, by Rock Hard Ten.

Tampa Bay Downs, 12-15, 1 1/16mT, 1:40.40. Lifetime Record: 4-1-2-0, \$31,810. B-Cerca Trova (KY). *\$62,000 Wlg '18 FTKNOV; \$95,000 RNA Ylg '19 FTKJUL; \$65,000 Ylg '19 FTKOCT.



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Acclamation, Grand Deal, g, 3, o/o Verticaleigh, by **Mineshaft**. MSW, 12-15, Mahoning Valley

Alcindor, Play Ball, g, 6, o/o Aftertheballisover, by Bernstein. ALW, 12-15, Mahoning Valley

Algorithms, Shastaloo, f, 3, o/o Water Park, by Strodes Creek. ALW, 12-14, Mountaineer

Ami's Holiday, Kerics Beauty, f, 3, o/o Madam Inspector, by Deputy Commander. MSW, 12-14, Penn National

Fast Anna, Annamated Moon, g, 4, o/o Touch the Moon, by Malibu Moon. AOC, 12-14, Penn National

Liam's Map, Liam, c, 4, o/o S S Pinafore, by **Street Sense**. AOC, 12-15, Gulfstream

Magician (Ire), Teller to Sing, f, 4, o/o Sing Like a Bird, by Lawyer Ron. ALW, 12-15, Mahoning Valley

Misremembered, Ima Believer, g, 5, o/o Magnificent Miss, by Chester House. ALW, 12-15, Mahoning Valley

My Pal Charlie, Icy Charlie, f, 4, o/o Lady Lyra Lee, by Academy Award. AOC, 12-15, Delta Downs

Palace, Grace Forever, f, 4, o/o Native Gate Dancer, by Gate Dancer. ALW, 12-15, Delta Downs

Paynter, Nine Toe Johnny, c, 3, o/o Pathologist, by Gone West. ALW, 12-14, Penn National

Tourist, Carpenters Call, c, 3, o/o Ventoux, by Rock Hard Ten. MSW, 12-15, Tampa Bay

Uncle Mo, Champagne Lady, f, 4, o/o Grazie Mille, by **Bernardini**. MSW, 12-15, Gulfstream

DAVID ELSWORTH RETIRES FROM TRAINING



David Elsworth retires from training after more than six decades in the sport | racingfotos.com

David Elsworth, one of the greatest dual-purpose trainers of all time, has announced that he will not renew his licence next year, and thus retires after more than six decades in the sport.

Elsworth's name will forever be entwined with two of the most beloved horses of the modern era, the legendary steeplechaser Desert Orchid (GB) and the hugely popular stayer Persian Punch (Ire), and in his handling of these two durable stars Elsworth demonstrated both his innate horsemanship and versatility as a trainer.

"If you go to a party, there is a time to go home," said Elsworth on Wednesday. "I'm not upset or downhearted about anything. It is just time to move on. I've had a great time." [Cont. p2](#)

CHARLIE JOHNSTON TO JOIN FATHER MARK ON LICENSE

From Jan. 1, Charlie Johnston will join his father Mark Johnston, Britain's winning-most trainer in history, on a joint licence at Kingsley Park in Middleham. The news was first reported by *Thoroughbred Racing Commentary*.

"I feel that there should be recognition of that," said Mark Johnston of his son's pivotal role at the stable. "He has been doing that work for the past three years. But also the time has come for Charlie to share the responsibility as well. He has passed all his modules at the BHA, and his application has been approved."

Charlie Johnston told *Racing Post* that the change was part of a plan that will see him eventually fully take over at Kingsley Park.

"We often like to have a five to ten-year plan in our business and the goal of me having the sole licence has been in the back of our minds for quite some time," he said. "It's what I've always been working towards, and when they introduced training partnerships it offered us an obvious route to get from A to B. It seemed a good opportunity to do it rather than make abrupt an change."

"I'm in a very fortunate position to draw on dad's 30 years and 4,800 plus winners of experience, but at the same time have some youth and drive to push the string onwards and upwards on to greater heights."

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David Elsworth Retires From Training cont. from p1

The trainer, who turned 82 earlier this week, was last month awarded the Cartier Award of Merit, marking an extraordinarily successful career which began with him riding over jumps between 1957 and 1972 before taking out his licence to train in 1978.

Among the top-class horses to have emanated from his stable was In The Groove (GB), who won the Irish G1 1000 Guineas in 1990, making Elsworth one of the few trainers to have trained a Classic winner as well as a Grand National winner. In The Groove also won the G1 Juddmonte International S. and beat Linamix (Fr) in the G1 Champion S. during her high-flying 3-year-old season, as well as returning at four to win the G1 Coronation Cup.



David Elsworth and Desert Orchid, photographed in Hyde Park in 2000 | PA Media

While the great grey 'Dessie' will always rank as Elsworth's greatest jumping star, with his emotional victory in the Cheltenham Gold Cup as well as four King George VI Chase victories and an Irish Grand National triumph, the Grand National was secured with Rhyme 'N Reason (GB) in 1988, while Barnbrook Again (GB) landed back-to-back runnings of the Queen Mother Champion Chase in the following two seasons.

"I've progressed over the years and we have had a degree of success, for which I feel very fortunate, and we have been associated with some good horses," he said with some understatement.

"It creeps up on you. You are just doing your job and doing what you enjoy and when you win, it's good. I've been very grateful and lucky. I feel very fortunate to have been doing this for a long time."

Richard Dunwoody, the three-time champion National Hunt jockey who rode Desert Orchid to two of his four King George VI Chase wins, was among those who paid tribute to Elsworth on Wednesday.



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“This will be a huge loss to the training ranks,” Dunwoody said. “Elsie was always very, very astute. It was great riding for him. I really enjoyed riding for him and we had some good winners together.

“Luckily for me, owner Richard Burrige was the main driving force to get me the ride on Desert Orchid and the ‘Duke’ [David Nicholson] helped, letting me become available. I will always be grateful to them for that. Riding for Elsie was always very straightforward. He used to say, ‘You know him now, get on with it’. Astute is the word. He was a perfectionist, but he had a gift of knowing a horse inside out.”



Persian Punch | racingfotos.com

“Elsie has always called a spade a spade, but I really enjoyed going down to Whitsbury Manor Stables and riding for him-- although every time I went to ride work Desert Orchid always p**** off with me, but we were all ready for that,” Dunwoody added. “Elsie was always to the point. There were a couple of times I had to get off Desert Orchid because the Duke was going to run something else or go somewhere else, and Elsie was very good about it. He said, ‘Don’t worry, he is only going there for a run. You’re fine’. He knew his horses so well. He is a proper, proper horseman and I had nothing but respect for the way he handled his horses. It shows with those horses like Barnbrook Again, In The Groove, Persian Punch and plenty more what a great exponent of this craft he was.

“His overall management of Desert Orchid was second to none. He loved the old horse as well. I’ve nothing but good words to say about David Elsworth, he is a true legend and I wish him a happy retirement.”

An early star who exemplified Elsworth's range of skills was Heighlin (GB), who won Cheltenham's Triumph Hurdle and the Ascot S. at Royal Ascot in 1980 before also landing the Goodwood Cup two years later.

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2nd **Group 1** Nassau Stakes)

2021 yearlings made **€160,000, €125,000, etc**

Fee: **€7,000** (1st January SLF)



Following Elsworth's move from his long tenure at Whitsbury in Hampshire to Newmarket's Egerton House Stables in 2006, the biggest name to emerge from his yard was Arabian Queen (Ire), who defeated Derby winner Golden Horn (GB) in the 2015 Juddmonte International for owner/breeder Jeff Smith, a long-term friend and patron of the trainer. Smith's colours were also carried by the 20-time winner Persian Punch, whose major victories included two Goodwood Cups and the Doncaster Cup. Elsworth's most recent group-race success came with Sir Dancealot (Ire), whose four Group 2 wins included the Park S. and Lennox S. of 2019, the year in which the trainer also sent out Dandhu (Ire) to win the G3 Fred Darling S.

Paying tribute to his staff, who have included Godolphin Stud and Stable Staff Employee of the Year Peter Maughan, his former long-time head lad Rodney Boulton, and former assistants Jeannie Brown and Paul Holley (who also rode for him over jumps for many years, including guiding Oh So Risky (GB) to victory in the 1991 Triumph Hurdle at the Cheltenham Festival), he said, "If you are a footballer, you need to be on a good team and racing is a team effort as well. I was surrounded by lots of people who were with me and they shared the ambitions and the hopes, and the success we had. I may have been at the helm, but you don't get to be a successful racehorse trainer unless you are surrounded by good horses and good people. I have had them in abundance over the years and I have been very lucky."

He added, "I feel I've been a very, very lucky man that I've been doing a job all my life and it has not been a job. It's a sport really, and I have been a participant in various ways."

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WINNERS OF THE 19TH ANNUAL HORSE RACING IRELANDS AWARDS

Contribution to the Industry Award: *Dr Jennifer Pugh*

Irish Racing Hero Award: *Rachael Blackmore*

Horse of the Year Award: *Honeysuckle*

Emerging Talent Award: *Dylan Browne McMonagle*

National Hunt Award: *Henry de Bromhead*

National Hunt Achievement Award: *Paul Hennessy*

Point-to-Point Award: *John Nallen*

Flat Award: *Colin Keane*

Flat Achievement Award: *Ado McGuinness*

Ride of the Year: *Darragh O'Keeffe*

EUROPEAN NEWS

FORMER TURF CLUB CHIEF CAHIR O'SULLIVAN PASSES AWAY



Cahir O'Sullivan

Former Chief Executive of the Irish Turf Club Cahir O'Sullivan passed away peacefully at his residence in Newbridge, Co. Kildare Tuesday. He was 86.

O'Sullivan was head of Irish racing's regulatory body—or Keeper of the Match Book, as the post was then known as—from 1976 to 1999, he became a member of the Turf Club in 2000 and two years later was also appointed a member of the Irish National Hunt Steeplechase Committee. Managing director of a small manufacturing firm in Co. Limerick prior to joining the Irish Horseracing Regulatory Board, O'Sullivan was responsible for setting up the Budweiser sponsorship of the Irish Derby during his tenure at the Turf Club.

"He was someone who was respected by everyone in the industry and will be very much missed," Brian Kavanagh, who succeeded O'Sullivan as Turf CEO in 1999, told the *Irish Times*.

O'Sullivan is survived by his children Jean, Yvonne, Richard and Gordon.

Mass will be held at 11a.m. Friday, Dec. 17 at St. Conleth's Parish Church. The Funeral Mass will be live streamed on <https://newbridgeparish.ie/parish-church>. The funeral to follow afterward at St. Conleth's Cemetery, Newbridge.

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FIRST-SEASON SIRES WITH RUNNERS

Wednesday, December 16:

UNITED KINGDOM

Aclaim (Ire) (Acclamation {GB}), The National Stud
115 foals of racing age/26 winners/0 black-type winners
15:40-SOUTHWELL, 6f, Coast (GB)
14,000gns RNA Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 3) 2020;
20,000gns Tattersalls Autumn Horses-in-Training Sale 2021
15:40-SOUTHWELL, 6f, Resilience (GB)
14,000gns Tattersalls Autumn Horses-in-Training Sale 2021

Caravaggio (Scat Daddy), Coolmore Ashford
155 foals of racing age/25 winners/4 black-type winners
16:00-CHELMSFORD CITY, 8f, Canters Well (Ire)
26,000gns Tattersalls Autumn Horses-in-Training Sale 2021

Cotai Glory (GB) (Exceed And Excel {Aus}), Tally-Ho Stud
126 foals of racing age/34 winners/2 black-type winners
17:00-CHELMSFORD CITY, 10f, Myriad (Ire)
£19,000 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearling 2020; £32,000
Tattersalls Ire Goresbridge Breeze Up (Newmarket) 2021
12:56-SOUTHWELL, 5f, Nordic Glory (Ire)
4,500gns Tattersalls Ascot Yearling Sale, Newmarket

El Kabeir (Scat Daddy), Yeomanstown Stud
120 foals of racing age/14 winners/3 black-type winners
15:40-SOUTHWELL, 6f, Unfinishedsympathy (Ire)
£12,500 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearling 2020

Galileo Gold (GB) (Paco Boy {Ire}), Tally-Ho Stud
109 foals of racing age/23 winners/3 black-type winners
17:00-CHELMSFORD CITY, 10f, Jabbar (Ire)
80,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2020

Mattmu (GB) (Indesatchel {Ire}), Bearstone Stud
9 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
12:56-SOUTHWELL, 5f, Prayer Matt (GB)
£3,500 Goffs UK Autumn Sale 2020

Postponed (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}), Dalham Hall Stud
78 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
16:00-CHELMSFORD CITY, 8f, Convince (Ire)

Time Test (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}), The National Stud
74 foals of racing age/11 winners/4 black-type winners
17:00-CHELMSFORD CITY, 10f, Maggie's Joy (GB)
26,000gns RNA Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2019; £33,000
Goffs UK Premier Yearling Sale 2020; 15,000gns RNA Tattersalls
Autumn Horses-in-Training Sale 2021

FRANCE:

Decorated Knight (GB) (Galileo {Ire}), Irish National Stud
46 foals of racing age/7 winners/0 black-type winners
2-DEAUVILLE, 1300m, Lady Fantasia (GB)
15,000gns Tattersalls Autumn Horses-in-Training Sale 2021

Galileo Gold (GB) (Paco Boy {Ire}), Tally-Ho Stud
109 foals of racing age/23 winners/3 black-type winners
2-DEAUVILLE, 1300m, Abba Gold (Ire)

Highland Reel (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), Coolmore Stud
137 foals of racing age/12 winners/1 black-type winner
2-DEAUVILLE, 1300m, Belvedere (Fr)

Zelzal (Fr) (Sea The Stars {Ire}), Haras de Bouquetot
57 foals of racing age/11 winners/1 black-type winner
4-DEAUVILLE, 1300m, Gaylor Senora (Fr)
2-DEAUVILLE, 1300m, Zella des Hardys (Fr)



Highland Reel has 12 winners | *Coolmore*

OBSERVATIONS

on the European racing scene

HALF TO G1SW AKED MOFEEED SET FOR CHELMSFORD BOW

16.00 Chelmsford City, Nov, £10,000, 2yo, 10f (AWT)
Jaber Abdullah's **BENY NAHAR ROAD (IRE)** (Nathaniel {Ire}), a Richard Hughes trainee, is a half-brother to G1 Hong Kong Cup hero and G1 Irish Derby fourth Akeed Mofeed (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}). The April-foaled bay encounters one dozen rivals in this low-key debut.

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IN DEMAND

First foals at Goffs & Tattersalls sold for

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€160,000

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€130,000

bought by Pier House Stud

€125,000

bought by Camas Park Stud

€100,000

bought by JC Bloodstock

Other purchasers include **Norris/Huntingdon, La Motteraye, Ballyphilip Stud, Grove Stud, JRSA x 2, Howson & Houldsworth Bloodstock, Sam Sangster Bloodstock, Glenvale Stud, FC Bloodstock, Macha Bloodstock, OGL Investments, Sant Uberto & Tally Ho Stud.**



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BRITAIN

Wednesday's Results:

2nd-Kempton, £10,000, Nov, 12-15, 2yo, 7f (AWT), 1:27.45, st/sl.

SPIRIT OF NGURU (IRE) (c, 2, Invincible Spirit {Ire}--Tutu Nguru {SP-Eng}, by Blame), who broke through over this course and distance last month, was well away to stalk the pace in second from flagfall here. Nudged along approaching the two pole, the 11-8 pick challenged with 1 1/2 furlongs remaining and kept on well under late urging to prevail by 1 1/4 lengths from Neptune Legend (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}). Spirit of Nguru is the second of three foals and one of two winners produced by Listed Spring Cup second Tutu Nguru (Blame), herself out of the dual stakes-placed Haka Girl (War Chant). The May-foaled bay is a half-brother to Listed Riskaverse S. victrix Rastafara (Ire) (Shamardal) and a yearling filly by Shamardal. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$12,853.

O-Sheikh Juma Dalmook Al Maktoum; B-Rabbah Bloodstock Ltd (IRE); T-William Haggas.

3rd-Kempton, £7,000, Mdn, 12-15, 2yo, 8f (AWT), 1:40.02, st/sl.

ROYAL SYMBOL (IRE) (c, 2, Sea the Stars {Ire}--Measured Tempo {GB} {SW-Eng}, by Sadler's Wells) tracked the leaders in fifth for most of this debut. Scrubbed along soon after turning for home, the 11-4 second choice moved into contention approaching the final eighth and was driven out to edge Groundbreaker (Ger) (Oasis Dream {GB}) by a head nearing the line. Royal Symbol is the ninth of 10 foals and fourth scorer produced by a stakes-winning daughter of G3 Prix de Flore victrix Allez Les Trois (Riverman), herself a half-sister to G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe-winning blue hen Urban Sea (Miswaki). The homebred bay is a half-brother to G3 Prix La Force third Franz Schubert (GB) (Dansili {GB}) and a weanling filly by Shamardal. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$5,000.

1ST-TIME STARTER. O/B-Godolphin (IRE); T-Charlie Appleby.

4th-Kempton, £7,000, Mdn, 12-15, 2yo, 8f (AWT), 1:41.34, st/sl.

POPPY BOUCHET (GB) (f, 2, Havana Gold {Ire}--Audacia {Ire} {SW-Eng}, by Sixties Icon {GB}) was hustled along from the inside stall to race in a handy third after the early strides of this unveiling. Making headway under pressure in the straight, the 4-1 chance joined the leaders passing the quarter-mile marker and was driven out in the closing stages to deny Promoting (Ire) (Showcasing {GB}) by a neck. Poppy Bouchet is the second of two live foals and first runner produced by Listed Pipalong S.

victrix Audacia (Ire) (Sixties Icon {GB}), herself the leading performer out of a half-sister to G2 Maurice Lacroix-Trophy winner Ajigolo (GB) (Piccolo {GB}). Sales history: 8,000gns Ylg '20 TAOCT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$5,000.

1ST-TIME STARTER. O-Mrs Fiona Carmichael; B-Audacia Partnership (GB); T-Jane Chapple-Hyam.

3rd-Lingfield, £7,000, Nov, 12-15, 2yo, 8f 1y (AWT), 1:37.92, st.

SOUND ANGELA (GB) (f, 2, Muhaarar {GB}--Instance {GB} {GSP-Eng}, by Invincible Spirit {Ire}), who graduated over seven furlongs at Kempton last time Nov. 24, recovered from a sloppy getaway to race along the rail in midfield after the initial stages of this one. Angled to the outside at the top of the straight, the 8-11 chalk quickened smartly for the lead with 100 yards remaining and drew off late to assert by two lengths from Griffin Park (GB) (Elm Park {GB}). Sound Angela, the fourth of six foals, is one of three winners for G3 Oak Tree S. third Instance (GB) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), herself half to G1 British Champions Fillies & Mares victrix Seal of Approval (GB) (Authorized {Ire}) and to the stakes-winning dam of this term's G1 Irish Derby, G1 Grand Prix de Paris and G1 St Leger hero Hurricane Lane (Ire) (Frankel {GB}). The March-foaled bay is kin to a yearling colt by Sea the Stars (Ire) and a weanling filly by Too Darn Hot (GB). Sales history: £26,000 2yo '21 GOFTY. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$10,483. **Video, sponsored by TVG.**

O-Yuichi Masuda; B-Charles Fox (GB); T-Roger Varian.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Midheaven (Ire), f, 2, Elzaam (Aus)--Moonstone Magic (GB) (GSW-Eng & GSP-Ire), by Trade Fair (GB). Lingfield, 12-15, 7f 1y (AWT), 1:25.97. B-Tullpark Ltd (IRE). *€15,000 Wlg '19 GOFNOV; £38,000 Ylg '20 GOFOR.



Havana Gold, responsible for debut winner at Kempton Poppy Bouchet | Tweenhill

FRANCE

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

3rd-Marseille Pont de Vivaux, €27,000, Cond, 12-15, 2yo, 10f (AWT), 2:07.62, st.

MARIANACHIC (IRE) (c, 2, Authorized {Ire}--Marianabaa {Fr}, by Anabaa) Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-1, €28,080. O/B-Jean-Claude Seroul (IRE); T-Jerome Reynier. *1/2 to Marianafoot (Fr) (**Footstepsinthesand {GB}**), G1SW-Fr, \$759,036; and Padron (Ire) (Gris de Gris {Ire}), SW-Fr & GSP-Ger.

6th-Marseille Pont de Vivaux, €16,000, Cond, 12-15, 3yo, 7 1/2f (AWT), 1:30.15, st.

MARRAKECH MOON (GB) (c, 3, No Nay Never--Morocco Moon {GB}, by Rock of Gibraltar {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 6-3-1-0, €23,206. O/B-Lady Bamford (GB); T-Jerome Reynier.

IRELAND

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

5th-Dundalk, €13,500, Cond, 12-15, 2yo, 8f (AWT), 1:39.44, st. IN ECSTASY (IRE) (g, 2, Caravaggio--Longing {Ire}, by Galileo {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$18,514. O-White Birch Farm; B-Mountain View Stud & JC Bloodstock (IRE); T-Joseph O'Brien. *205,000gns Ylg '20 TATOCT.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

White Marlin (Ire), g, 3, Mastercraftsman (Ire)--Playwithmyheart (GB), by Diktat (GB). Dundalk, 12-15, 12f (AWT), 2:35.08. B-Ms Morna McDowall (IRE). *1ST-TIME STARTER. **1/2 to Romantic Proposal (Ire) (Raven's Pass), G1SW-Ire, \$372,993.

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POETIC HARMONY TOPS INGLIS DIGITAL



Poetic Harmony in foal to **Frankel** | *Inglis Digital*

by Bren O'Brien & Jessica Owers

The well-related Poet's Voice (GB) mare **Poetic Harmony** topped the final edition of the Inglis Digital Online Sales for 2021, selling on Wednesday to the E-Thoroughbreds operation of breeder Tony Bott. The purchase price was \$300,000.

Poetic Harmony, a two-time winner in Australia, was offered by the Newmarket-based Hazelwood Bloodstock in foal to **Frankel (GB)** on Southern Hemisphere time. Her dam, Anemometer (GB) (Sunday Silence {USA}), is a half-sister to the Group 3 winner Anna Salai (USA) (Dubawi {Ire}), who in turn is the dam of the English Derby winner.

The pedigree makes the **Frankel** pregnancy a valuable get for buyer Tony Bott. Poetic Harmony is also a half-sister to South African stakes winner Dubai Gina (Dubai Destination {USA}), as well as the stakes-placed pair of Anemoi (Street Cry {Ire}) and Harmattan (Street Cry {Ire}).

Additionally, the page also includes the Group 1 winner and Widden Victoria shuttler National Defense (GB), who has been sidelined only this week by way of injury from returning to the Northern Hemisphere breeding season.

Bott's purchase through Wednesday's Inglis Digital December Online Sale continues his association with the European Champion stallion **Frankel**, who is the sire of Bott's G1 JJ Atkins S. winner Converge. Bott has been loyal to the Juddmonte sire, sending his \$3 million mare Princess Coup (Encosta De Lago) on a handful of occasions, among others.

"I'll be honest, I hope it's a colt," Bott said of Poetic Harmony's pregnancy. "We're mainly looking to race this foal, so ideally it's a colt and, if it's a filly, we might look to sell her as a yearling. But if it's a colt and we can get him to the top, it would be fantastic."

Bott said his success with Converge had spurred him in the direction of buying additional **Frankel** stock to race.

"We thought we'd roll the dice because Converge really whetted our appetite with **Frankel**, and we thought this way might be the best way to get another **Frankel** into our system, and we've bought the mare now so we'll see what we get."

Digital Rookies

Bott will import Poetic Harmony into Australia in February, and the mare will join his valuable broodmare band at Evergreen Farm in Heatherbrae, in the lower Hunter Valley.

Up at Newmarket in the United Kingdom, Adrian O'Brien of Hazelwood Bloodstock was thrilled with the Digital result for his consigned mare.

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Adrian O'Brien | *Tattersalls*

“We’re really happy with the result,” he said. “Really happy. It’s our first time selling online in the Southern Hemisphere, and the Tattersalls Sale here in December was an option for her, but I spent many years in Australia and, over the past few, so many people have told me what a wonderful way it is to sell horses through Inglis Digital.

“We like to be innovative and think outside the box, so we went this way and we’re delighted with the result.”

O’Brien said he enjoyed the digital experience, even if the Inglis team had to walk him through it.

“They’ve had to lead us through the whole process as we’re rookies, but it’s been seamless,” he said.

Whipping in the Year

Wednesday’s Sale grossed an overall figure of \$3,117,000 for an 80 per cent clearance rate, adding to the annual tally for Inglis Digital. Through 2021, the platform grossed \$84,210,657 and boasted a 62 per cent year-on-year increase.

“The support we’ve had from vendors and buyers has been extraordinary, and we couldn’t be any happier with how the year has played out,” said Nick Melmeth, Inglis Digital’s business manager.

“At the end of the day, we have continued to prove ourselves the number one place to buy and sell a horse online in the Southern Hemisphere, and that is very satisfying, not only for us but for our clients, who are reaping the rewards of what has been five years of hard work to get to this point.”

Melmeth added that there were over 2000 Australian race wins by graduates of the Inglis Digital platform through 2021, plus a significant turnover spike.

“All we ever hope for is success for those who support us, and that’s the most satisfying thing about these results,” he said.

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