

## SMALLER, BUT STILL SUPER: EDDIE KENNEALLY



Eddie Kenneally with 2017 GI Ashland S. winner Sailor's Valentine (**Mizzen Mast**) | photo courtesy Eddie Kenneally

by Katie Petrunyak

*The concept of the super trainer is by no means a new phenomenon in horse racing, but the huge stables run by super trainers have undoubtedly changed the landscape of the sport in many ways, from the backside to the racing entries. Are super trainers bad for the sport? Are there any benefits for an owner in using a "smaller" trainer? We asked these questions and more to a few trainers who may not be considered super trainers in terms of their stall numbers, but they have made the most of the horses they're given to build competitive racing stable over their careers.*

Growing up in Ireland, Eddie Kenneally's favorite day of the week was when his father would take him to visit their local steeplechase track. Now a multiple Grade I-winning trainer, Kenneally looks back and pinpoints those days at the track as defining moments in his life when he developed his love for the horse at a young age. After nearly 30 years of running his own operation, the Kentucky-based trainer has developed two million-dollar earners--2007 G1 Dubai Golden Shaheen winner Kelly's Landing (Patton) and 2016 GI Stephen Foster H. victor Bradester (Lion Heart). This year, he earned his 1,000th career victory and was represented by GI Bruce D. S. winner Point Me By (Point of Entry). **Cont. p3**

## CDI DENIED ILLINOIS OTB LICENSES

by T.D. Thornton

The Illinois Racing Board (IRB) on Thursday deadlocked five-five on a vote to allow Churchill Downs, Inc. (CDI), to retain control over simulcasting in 2022 at inter-track wagering (ITW) outlets that the gaming company currently operates under its expiring Arlington International Racecourse licensure. The tie in the voting meant the measure did not advance, and it did not come up for a re-vote.

Several IRB commissioners and executives with the Illinois Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association (ITHA) expressed sentiments that Illinois racing will be better off in the long run without CDI's involvement after the gaming corporation intentionally missed a 2019 racino licensure deadline and then entered a purchase-and-sale agreement this past September to sell the iconic racetrack for development. **Cont. p7**

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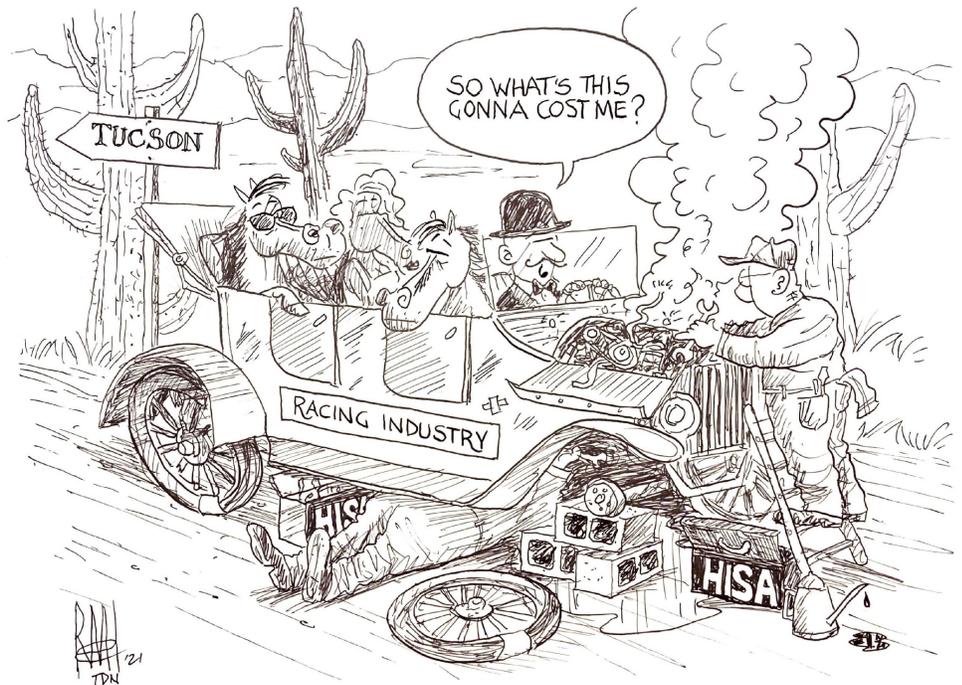
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*Trainer Carlo Vaccarezza is organizing a fundraiser for victims of the recent tornadoes in Kentucky, to be held at Frank & Dino's in Lexington Sunday, Jan. 2 from 12-8 p.m.*



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**KP: How did you first get involved in horse racing?**

**EK:** I grew up in Waterford in Ireland and my dad was a big fan of steeplechase racing. He would take us to the local races at least once a week. That's when I first got a liking for horses and racing. We grew up on a dairy farm and we always had some horses there that my dad would break and train, so I grew up riding from a very young age.

I was fortunate enough to get my first real job in the industry working for one of the leading pinhookers in Europe with Tim Hyde at Camas Park Stud. He has a great reputation and I spent a few years doing yearling prep and breaking for him. He was connected with Pegasus Stud Farm in Lexington, so I was able to come here for a work experience program in 1987. I loved the Lexington area and decided that I wanted to stay. I worked at Pegasus for a year and then galloped horses for Rusty Arnold at Keeneland.

After I spent a year with Rusty, I had an opportunity to become an assistant for Tom Skiffington, who was one of the leading trainers in New York at the time. It was a great education and I learned a lot from him. Through the exposure I got as an assistant, I decided to start training on my own in 1993.

For the first few years, we started out pretty small. It took a while to get established. I was spending my summers in Kentucky and winters in New Orleans and we were holding at about 12 to 15 horses for the first six or eight years. The business wasn't growing as big as I had hoped and the success hadn't really happened as much as I had hoped.

Eventually we had an opportunity to start working for Jack Lally of Summerplace Farm, who had a really nice horse named Kelly's Landing (Patton). That horse helped propel my business to the next level. At around the same time we started to train for Ron and Ricki Rashinski of Homewrecker Racing. They had a filly named Bushfire (Louis Quatorze) who won three Grade I races for us and was an Eclipse finalist as a 3-year-old. We still train for both of those clients today and they really helped get my career off the ground along with longtime client Joe Sutton, who had Grade I winner Bradester (Lion Heart) with us a few years ago.

**KP: How many horses are normally in your stable?**

**EK:** We're at a comfortable number now because I am spending a lot of time with my two young kids. They play a lot of baseball so I have a lot going on with family. Our stable has been at about 50 head for the past few years. *Cont. p4*

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Six or eight years ago, we would have had closer to 70 horses, but 50 is a good number for where I'm at right now. About five years ago, I decided to discontinue my New York division. I've scaled back a little bit and we don't spend nearly as much time in New York, partly because we decided to stay closer to home and also because the purses have increased dramatically in Kentucky. I probably could have more horses if I wanted to, but this number works for me.



Eddie and Catherine Kenneally have two sons, Vincent and Liam  
*photo courtesy Eddie Kenneally*

**KP: What do you believe makes your stable unique?**

**EK:** I'm very hands on. I'm on the road a lot between Louisville and Lexington all year and I like to be at the barn every day. I look forward to going out every morning, but it's hard work and I think a person needs to stay on it. You can't get complacent and you need to be willing to put in the time to maintain it.

We've had some good people work for us in the past who have gone on to have their own success. Tom Morley is in New York now and Brendan Walsh spent a few years with us as well. I take pride in the fact that we've had some good people who have come through and go on to do very well.

**KP: What do you believe are the benefits for an owner in using a "smaller" trainer?**

**EK:** Obviously, the smaller trainers aren't going to win as many races because they don't run as many horses. So you aren't going to get as much exposure as with a guy who has 10 times more horses than I do. But I don't envy any of [the larger outfits]. I say good for them for having 300 or 400 horses.

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4	Medaglia d'Oro	\$100,000	16
5	<b>AMERICAN PHAROAH</b>	\$80,000	14
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Fifty works well for me and we have some great clients who appreciate what we do and we certainly appreciate them.

I think that the clients of super trainers might not get the same opportunities because for every condition, their trainer may have several horses and will probably only end up running one of them. For instance, if you have a turf maiden filly, the trainer might have 20 of those when the race comes up but they're only going to run one or two. The owners of the other horses will have to just wait for their turn. So it wouldn't work for me. I think we can give better customer service with a smaller operation like ours.

**KP: Do you think super trainers are bad for the sport?**

**EK:** A lot of the stuff that goes on in this game is out of our control. This is out of my control so it doesn't matter what my opinion is about it. If some guys have a lot of horses, then good for them.

**KP: What do you enjoy most about your job?**

**EK:** I enjoy waking up every morning and being hands-on with every horse in my barn, getting to know them and develop them. Being self-employed and having my own business allows me to have flexibility where I can spend time with my kids and my wife. Sure, I have to get up in the middle of the night to go to work, but I've been doing that a long time and I've adapted to it.

**KP: What is the most frustrating aspect of your job?**

One of the most frustrating things with the state of racing in this country at the moment is how penalties are not equal for violations of the same sort in different states. Violations and penalties are not implemented in the same way and the testing and rules are different in every state.

When we get under uniform rules, I'm hopeful that will take away some of the frustration and maybe establish a more level playing field because I do think it's not quite as fair as it could be. The penalties are not harsh enough for the people who can't abide by the rules and it's frustrating for someone like me who has never had a suspension to run against people who are multiple offenders and continue to bend the rules when there's no real incentive for them to stop.

**KP: Do you think the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act (HISA) would help achieve the uniformity you mentioned?**

**EK:** I think uniformity would be great if it could be implemented, but I think it's going to be a tough process going from where we are right now to where that is up and running and achieving what it is set out to accomplish. In theory, it sounds good and hopefully we'll be able to get there, but it won't be easy.

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**EK:** The advice I would give to younger people who want to train is that the key is to try to get around someone who is successful that they look up to and admire. Spend the time working as an assistant for long enough that they can get enough contacts and experience before they begin to train. The game has changed a lot and I think communication is vital. For young people starting out, I would recommend to travel and go to another country to work in racing and see as much as you can before you start training on your own. Put in the time beforehand and it will benefit you down the road.



**Bushfire wins the 2006 GI Ashland S. and later goes on to claim the GI Acorn S. and GI Mother Goose S. | Horsephotos**

**KP: What horse do you look back on as one you will always remember for having one of the biggest personalities?**

**EK:** The first horse that comes to mind is a filly called Girls Know Best (Caleb's Posse). I claimed her in partnership, which is something I do with a large portion of my stable, with Brian Chenvert. She won over half a million in purses after we claimed her, winning three stakes and placing in about seven others. She was just a filly who was rock solid and tried hard every time. She was around the barn for quite some time and was often on her toes. She was just a really fun filly to be around.

Another horse would definitely be Kelly's Landing. He was such a dude. He was very particular and definitely wasn't nice to everyone, but we go along great and he eventually became my stable pony when he retired from racing. *Cont. p7*

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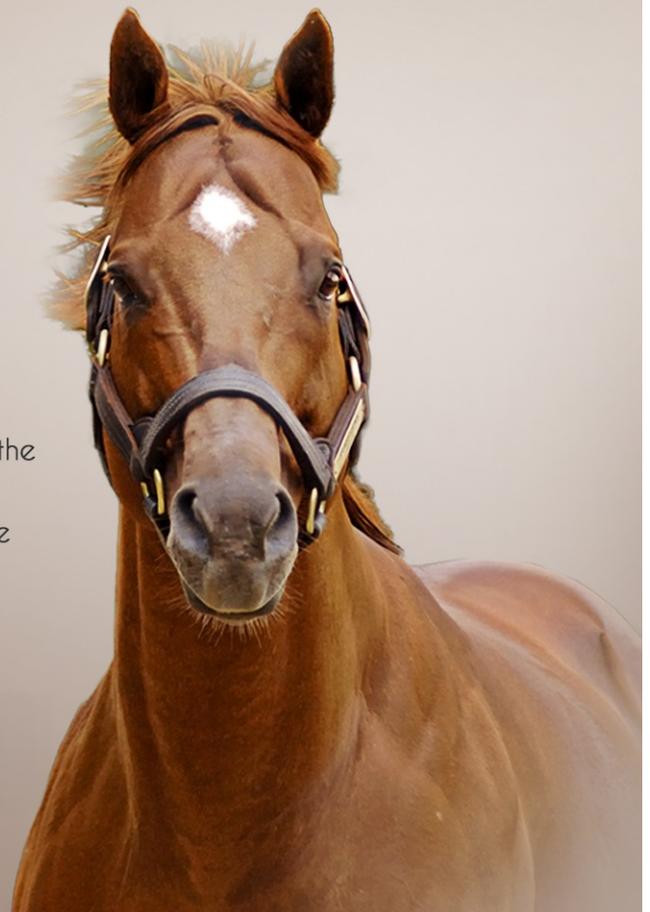
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**CDI Denies Illinois OTB Licenses cont. from p1**

But the denial of ITW licensure to Arlington will also create near-term purse revenue problem for Illinois horsemen, because no one will be running those simulcasting facilities until a new licensee gets approved to take them over.

Executives of Hawthorne Race Course have indicated an interest in running the venues that Arlington will be vacating, and earlier this year Hawthorne already started operating several ITWs that Arlington walked away from. But state law dictates the number of ITWs any given track owner can control, and Hawthorne will need that law changed if it wants to operate any ITWs beyond the one parlor remaining under its current allotment.

"When and if presented with any applications for parlors, we'll take action," IRB executive director Domenic DiCera said after the vote in response to a commissioner's question about what the next steps were in the process. "At this moment, there's no

predictive action that we can take. I think it's been well-stated that potential legislative action is required. So [the fate of the ITWs] is undetermined and unknown at this time."

CDI's president and chief operating officer, Bill Mudd, was repeatedly grilled by commissioners prior to the vote about why CDI wants to retain ITW privileges even though it is in the process of abandoning Arlington, which is widely considered one of the most opulent Thoroughbred tracks in America. **Cont. p8**



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Mudd said the reason CDI wants to run ITWs is "because we are looking for an alternative racing solution in the state of Illinois, particularly in the Thoroughbred side." He added that once CDI finds that property, they don't want to have to "recreate" an entire network of ITWs from scratch.

But even though commissioners pressed Mudd for specifics on CDI's vision for a new racetrack, no details were forthcoming, as Mudd held firmly to vague, corporate-speak phrasing the gaming company's executives have been uttering for months.

"In terms of specific locations that we're looking at, I'd say we're looking everywhere," Mudd said. "What I won't say [or] identify is specific properties that we're looking at. That's competitive information."

The dialogue soon grew circuitous. Although several commissioners clearly wanted answers, the entire tone of the questioning about why CDI pulled the plug on Arlington stood out in contrast to the perplexing wall of silence that commissioners mostly upheld during the early part of 2021, when CDI's bid-soliciting process for Arlington began.

Commissioner Benjamin Reyes said he didn't believe CDI was truly looking to operate a new racetrack, and he likened what is happening with Arlington to the recent demise of Hollywood Park and Calder Race Course, two other prominent Thoroughbred tracks that went belly-up during CDI's

stewardship.

"What's to convince us that you guys are looking for something? I don't think you guys are in the state of Illinois, I'll tell you that much," Reyes said. "I would recommend to the commissioners that maybe we not give you [an ITW] license, and only consider giving you a license once you come up with a new [track] site. That way you have some motivation to move up finding a location if that's what you really have in the back of your mind."

"In California you did this. In Florida you did this," Reyes continued, referring to the Hollywood and Calder shutdowns. "And now you did it in Illinois. What's there to [show us] you're operating on good faith? I don't see anything. I'm not convinced of anything that you could do that will help the horse racing industry here."

Commissioner Alan Henry agreed.

"CDI could have applied for placeholder racing dates in 2022 and cobbled together a year or two of status-quo racing while hoping to finalize their development plans," Henry said. "Instead, they chose to permanently shut down Arlington Park, in the process condemning both [Thoroughbred and Standardbred] breeds to drastically reduced dates next year and an increasingly perilous future."

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Henry continued: "By word and deed, after lobbying for and then rejecting the opportunity to apply for a racino license, then jilting the track, I believe Churchill has acted in a manner that directly subverts this board's mission to support and enhance the state's horse racing industry. By that I mean that in no way, shape, or form does shuttering Arlington Park ensure that Illinois remains competitive with neighboring states or stimulate growth within the industry...or encourage the state's breeding programs. In fact, CDI's actions have done exactly the opposite. And we absolutely should not be enabling them..."

"To be clear, this is not about looking backward in anger," Henry said. "This is about looking forward with confidence that the racing industry is not going to once again be blindsided by a corporation driven by objectives not compatible with a healthy racing industry."

Prior to the vote, David McCaffrey, the executive director of the ITHA, asked commissioners to hold CDI accountable for its cumulative harmful actions.

"On what planet does a racing corporation that lobbied for years and years to get a gaming bill; that chose not pursue the [racino license granted by the] gaming bill, then chose to sell [Arlington] to a non-racing interest when [other] racing interests had submitted bids to buy the property and essentially harm the game beyond repair [get] held accountable?" McCaffrey said.

IRB chairman Daniel Beiser and commissioners Beth Doria, John Stephan, Henry, and Reyes all voted against granting CDI the ITW licensure.

Voting in favor were commissioners Leslie Breuer, Marcus Davis, Lydia Gray, Charles MacKelvie and Leslye Sandberg.

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Michael Wallace, the Chief Operating Officer of the China Horse Club, will resign from that position effective Dec. 31, he said in a phone call Thursday. The bloodstock agent has been with the global Thoroughbred firm for eight years, since March 2014.

“Obviously, it has been a wonderful run with them, from a start-up company to what they are today in a period of eight years,” said the New Zealand native. “It has been a very interesting and rewarding experience. Obviously, we've experienced plenty of highs, including 27 individual Grade or Group I winners that have won 44 Grade/Group 1 races, with five Eclipse Awards in there. We have had Horses of the Year in Australia, America and in Europe, and obviously, *Justify*, the Triple Crown winner, who might be the epitome of it all.”



Michael Wallace | *Magic Millions photo*

Under Wallace's direction, the CHC campaigned the likes of Abel Tasman (*Quality Road*), *Audible* (Into Mischief), *Australia* (GB), *Yoshida* (Jpn), *Life Is Good* (Into Mischief), *Improbable*, and more.

Wallace said that he would most likely return to being an independent bloodstock agent. “I'm going to take some time and think about it. But obviously, I've got a mortgage to pay and a family to look after. Before the China Horse Club, I was an independent and I'm going to go back to being an agent, working the world again, and seeing what business I can find. I would hope that my record would speak for itself and that someone will want to use my services.”

Said Wallace, “I am very appreciative of the opportunity that was afforded me as a young man in New Zealand.”

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“That position, on a global scale, was one that came with great responsibility and pressure, but it was a wonderful adventure and a new opportunity to experience new places and new cultures,” he continued. “But everything comes to an end; I felt it was time for a new challenge, and I aim to challenge myself.”

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## VACCAREZZA ORGANIZES FUNDRAISER FOR TORNADO VICTIMS

by Steve Sherack

A fundraising event to help benefit the families affected by last weekend's devastating Western Kentucky tornado will take place at Frank & Dino's restaurant in Lexington Sunday, Jan. 2. Complimentary food and drinks will be served between 12 p.m. and 8 p.m. at the popular Italian eatery.

WLKY reported Thursday that 16 people, down from a high of 122, are still missing and that the death toll has risen to 76 Kentuckians. More than 1,000 homes and buildings have been destroyed and there are approximately still 3,000 power outages. Surveyors with the National Weather Service have reported that the twister had wind speeds up to 190 miles per hour.

“Every time there's an issue or something happens, we try to

do something for the community,” said owner/breeder/trainer and Frank & Dino's managing partner Carlo Vaccarezza.

“I'm closing the restaurant from noon to 8 p.m. and there will be free food and free alcohol. When people come, hopefully they donate. We have people that are very committed that are going to come over and really support the cause. [Kentucky Congressman] Andy Barr--I've spoken to him a couple of times--and the governor's office are really behind this cause. All the money that we collect, we'll write a check and it will help families that were devastated by this horrible situation.”

Vaccarezza, whose two sons Mike and Nick survived a mass shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida in 2018, raised approximately \$180,000 for the families of the victims during a fundraiser also held at his family restaurant.

Donations can also be sent to Frank & Dino's, 271 W. Short Street, Lexington, Ky., 40507.

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# 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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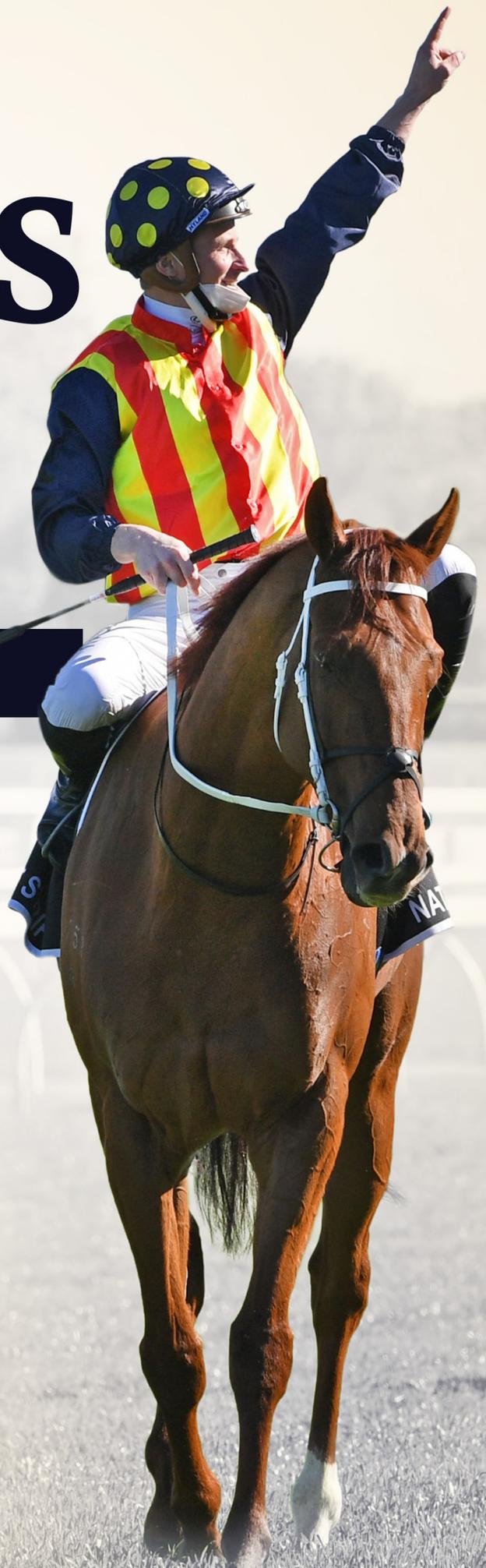
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## MARC HOLLIDAY ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF NYRA BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Marc Holliday | Sarah Andrew

The New York Racing Association's Board of Directors has unanimously elected Marc Holliday as chairman following Thursday's regularly scheduled meeting of the board. Holliday replaces Michael Del Giudice, who retired from the NYRA Board in November.

Appointed to the NYRA Board in 2014, Holliday has chaired the NYRA Equine Safety Committee since 2015. He is the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of SL Green Realty Corp, which is New York City's largest owner of office properties. A graduate of Lehigh University, Holliday earned a master's in real estate development from Columbia University.

"I am honored to succeed Michael Del Giudice and grateful for his work returning NYRA to a period of sustained excellence and financial stability," said Holliday. "Michael skillfully guided the association through a time of uncertainty, and NYRA today is as strong as any point in its history. Horse racing is an engine for the New York economy and deeply intertwined in the cultural fabric of the state. It is a privilege to play a role in the future of the sport I care so deeply about."

A prominent horse owner and breeder, Holliday founded Blue Devil Racing Stable in 2006. Most notable among a number of Blue Devil stakes winners is the homebred Come Dancing (Malibu Moon), who won the GI Ketel One Ballerina S., GII Ruffian S., GII Gallant Bloom H. and GIII Distaff H. in 2019 on the NYRA circuit. The popular mare added the GII Honorable Miss S. to her ledger last year and is now in foal to Into Mischief.

"NYRA is in a strong position for continued success thanks to the commitment and leadership of the board of directors," said NYRA President & CEO Dave O'Rourke. "On behalf of the entire organization, I thank Michael Del Giudice for his dedicated service and congratulate Marc Holliday on his new role."

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### FASIG-TIPTON TO SPONSOR CHILEAN OAKS

Fasig-Tipton will sponsor the Clasico Las Oaks (Chilean Oaks) Friday, Dec. 17 at Club Hípico de Santiago. The Classic has been run in Chile since 1905, and as of 2006 has been contested over 2,000 meters. It will be race 14 of 20 and post time is 6:06pm local time (4:06 p.m. EST).

**Y Nada Mas (Chi)** (**Constitution**), owned by Stud Haras Don Alberto, is the likely favorite on the back of five wins from seven starts, with two further placings.

"This is one of the most important races in Chile, but it is especially important to me and my family. We are very grateful to Fasig-Tipton for their sponsorship, recognizing the importance of this race and look forward to another exciting edition on Friday," said Don Alberto's Carlos Heller.

"Fasig-Tipton is pleased to have the opportunity to sponsor the historic Chilean Oaks, a Classic for Chile's 3-year-old fillies," said Fasig-Tipton President Boyd Browning. "Chilean racing and breeding are respected the world over and we are very proud to have our name associated with such an important race."

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## EQUINE-SPECIFIC DONATIONS TO BE ACCEPTED AT KENTUCKY HORSE PARK

Multiple equine organizations in Kentucky have joined forces to assist horse owners who have been affected by last week's tornado outbreak. Equine and ag-specific donations will be accepted at the Kentucky Horse Park Dec. 18-20, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Signage will point donors to the exact location behind the Alltech Arena.

Kentucky Department of Agriculture (KDA) employees and the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture, Food and Environment extension agents have been working diligently to create county-specific lists of items that are needed immediately. Though cleanup efforts will be ongoing, the most-needed equine items requested include buckets, winter blankets, halters, lead ropes, wheelbarrows, plastic totes, grooming supplies, water hoses, hay bags, wheelbarrows, muck tubs, pitchforks, shovels and first-aid supplies. A complete list of needs can be found here.

Donations will be accepted in the North Exhibit Hall of the Alltech Arena: Kentucky Horse Park 4089 Iron Works Parkway, Lexington, KY 40511. Follow signs for Kentucky Horse Council. Saturday, Sunday and Monday. Donations will begin being delivered to specific counties on Tuesday.

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## NO PAROLE TO STAND IN LOUISIANA



**No Parole** | Sarah Andrew

Grade I winner and 2020 Louisiana Horse of the Year **No Parole** (**Violence--Plus One**, by Bluegrass Cat) has been purchased by Coteau Grove Farms and Whispering Oaks Farms and will stand at Whispering Oaks Farm in Carencro, Louisiana, for \$3,500 live foal, stands and nurses. Coteau Grove's bloodstock advisor Andrew Cary of Cary Bloodstock brokered the deal. **Cont. p14**

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“We are very excited to be standing Louisiana-bred Grade I winner No Parole at Whispering Oaks, said Whispering Oaks owner Carrol Castille. “We are big supporters of the Louisiana breeding industry and it’s great to be able to keep a homegrown Grade I winner like this here to stand at stud. He showed tremendous talent and fits in perfectly with the other stallions on our roster. We look forward to supporting him with our own mares and think he’ll be very popular with Louisiana breeders as well.”

No Parole was purchased for \$75,000 as a yearling by Maggi Moss from the consignment of Select Sales as agent for Coteau Grove Farms at the Keeneland September Yearling Sale. Trained by Tom Amoss, the **'TDN Rising Star'** began his career by winning his first three starts by a combined 34 lengths, and went wire to wire to win the GI Woody Stephens S. by 3 3/4 lengths last June. He retires with six wins in 13 starts and earnings of \$369,866.

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## VELAZQUEZ, SMITH RE-ELECTED TO JOCKEYS' GUILD

Hall of Fame riders John Velazquez and Mike Smith were re-elected as co-chairmen at the Jockeys' Guild's annual meeting, which was held virtually Dec. 7. The riders in attendance also re-elected Javier Castellano and Julien Leparoux, along with newly elected Quarter Horse jockey James Flores, as vice-chairs; Joel Campbell as treasurer; and Rodney Prescott as secretary. In addition, Alex Birzer, Joe Bravo, and Drayden Van Dyke were re-elected to the board of directors.

The members reviewed 2021 financials and the 2022 budget and had a variety of speakers including Senator Damon Thayer (KY-R); Dr. David Lambert B.V.Sc. (Hons.), M.R.C.V.S, president and founder of Equine Analysis; Ann McGovern, director of Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority (HISA)'s Racetrack Safety standing committee; and Nancy LaSala, Permanently Disabled Jockeys Fund (PDJF) president, as well as PDJF board member Paul Braverman.

The Jockeys' Guild Senate members voted to adopt a new policy, whereby winning Jockeys' Guild members of races with purses over \$70,000 will contribute 0.005% of their earnings, capped at \$200, to the PDJF Riders Up initiative. This would be a separate program from the “one dollar program” that is already in place and would continue to be offered at the tracks that do not offer purses of \$70,000 or more.

For more information, visit the Guild's [website](#).

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## LINDY FARMS NAMED STAN BERGSTEIN/ PROXIMITY AWARD WINNER



Members of the Antonacci family | Courtesy Lindy Farms

The Antonacci family's Lindy Farms, a multi-generation Standardbred breeding and racing institution which also owns a Thoroughbred operation, has been voted winner of the Stan Bergstein/Proximity Award. It is the highest award bestowed by the United States Harness Writers Association (USHWA).

With a 1,000-acre breeding and training operation in Connecticut, the Antonaccis have bred and raced Standardbreds at the highest level. Their stable has included Moni Maker, a trotter that retired as the richest female Standardbred in history with more than \$5 million in earnings. Cousins Frank and Guy "Sonny" Antonacci started Lindy Farms in partnership with the Lomangino family in the 1960s. Frank's brother, Jerry, came on board and, in 2000, the two became operating partners of Lexington's Red Mile Racetrack and Tattersalls Sales Company. Frank is also a partner in Meadowlands Racetrack.

Various members of the family have been named to harness racing's Hall of Fame and have held multiple positions in the industry, including director of the Hambletonian Society, trustee of the Harness Racing Museum and Hall of Fame, and director of the United States Trotting Association. At least five members of the next generation of the Antonacci family are actively involved in Lindy Farms operations and on the boards of harness organizations. This year, Philip Antonacci **kicked off his career training Thoroughbreds**.

Lindy Farms and the Antonaccis will be honored at USHWA's Dan Patch Night of Champions Awards Banquet, to be held on Sunday, Feb. 20, at the Rosen Shingle Creek Resort in Orlando.

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## AUSHORSE RELEASES INVESTORS' GUIDE

*Edited Press Release*



Australia hosts 72 races worth AU\$1 million or more and prize money across the board has also surged by 82% in the past decade. These statistics and more are included in the latest Aushorse Investors' Guide, which was released Thursday.

Another key statistic out of the guide is that the average prizemoney per race in Australia during the last racing season was over AU\$46,000, compared to AU\$29,000 in America and Europe, and AU\$20,000 in the UK.

"Whichever way you look at it, investing in a racehorse in Australia offers an unparalleled opportunity to get a significant return," said Aushorse and Thoroughbred Breeders Australia chief executive Tom Reilly.

"When you look at the prize money here and in other jurisdictions where anybody can become an owner, there is simply no comparison. The guide has been very popular in recent years and we've received great feedback from people overseas as well as from trainers and syndicators locally who have appreciated having the stats to hand," added Reilly. [Click here](#) for the Aushorse Investors' Guide.

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## TERF AWARDS \$10,000 TO MARYLAND HORSE FOUNDATION

The Thoroughbred Education and Research Foundation (TERF) has awarded \$10,000 to the Maryland Horse Industry Foundation to be used for a work experience program, the returning of the Maryland Thoroughbred career program, and continued promotion of Marylandhorse.com. The Maryland Horse Foundation was chartered in 1988 by the Maryland Horse Breeders Association to serve various educational and charitable needs of the Maryland horse industry. The MHF has developed and supports a number of educational programs and is

responsible for the maintenance and expansion of the Maryland Horse Library & Education Center. TERF's grants reflect the values set forth by founders Herb and Ellen Moelis. To learn more about TERF and/or make a donation, [visit terfusa.org](http://terfusa.org).

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## MATTY NAMED NEW PTHA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Pennsylvania Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association (PTHA), which represents the interests of horsemen at Parx Racing, has named Jeffrey A. Matty, Jr. as its new Executive Director effective Jan. 1, 2022. Matty has served as racing manager for Besecker Racing Stable, an Assistant Stakes Coordinator at Monmouth Park Racetrack, and a racing official with Parx Racing. Matty will fill a vacancy left by Michael P. Ballezzi, who announced his retirement earlier this month after 25 years of leadership.

"We are thrilled to have Jeffrey Matty joining the PTHA as our new executive director," said Salvatore DeBunda, President of the PTHA's Board of Directors. "He brings to the position a clear commitment to advocating for horsemen and a significant amount of passion and energy for our sport."

"I'm an avid fan of racing, and being born and raised in Bensalem, I fell in love with the sport at Philadelphia Park," said Matty. "I consider myself a Parx horsemen, so in many ways, this is like returning home. I am thrilled to have the opportunity to work with and advocate for the owners and trainers who make up the PTHA. I don't look at this position as a job, but as a responsibility--to do what's best for horsemen day in and day out."

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Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	<b>Gun Runner</b> (2013) by <i>Candy Ride (Arg)</i> Crops: 1	6	7	4	4	2	3	55	23	1,480,000	3,924,572
										Echo Zulu	
2	<b>Into Mischief</b> (2005) by <i>Harlan's Holiday</i> Crops: 10	3	12	1	3	--	1	86	33	235,500	2,819,374
										Gerrymander	
3	<b>Practical Joke</b> (2014) by <i>Into Mischief</i> Crops: 1	4	5	1	1	--	1	65	24	260,670	2,184,033
										Tejano Twist	
4	<b>Quality Road</b> (2006) by <i>Elusive Quality</i> Crops: 8	3	3	1	1	1	1	39	10	1,262,000	2,069,896
										Corniche	
5	<b>Nyquist</b> (2013) by <i>Uncle Mo</i> Crops: 2	4	10	1	6	--	2	53	20	351,300	1,984,731
										Turnerlose	
6	<b>Connect</b> (2013) by <i>Curlin</i> Crops: 1	2	5	2	2	1	1	68	24	379,460	1,948,683
										Rattle N Roll	
7	<b>Cairo Prince</b> (2011) by <i>Pioneerof the Nile</i> Crops: 4	2	7	--	3	--	2	56	29	232,000	1,858,659
										Cairo Memories	
8	<b>More Than Ready</b> (1997) by <i>Southern Halo</i> Crops: 18	4	7	2	3	--	--	60	19	334,400	1,709,941
										Koala Princess	
9	<b>Munnings</b> (2006) by <i>Speightstown</i> Crops: 8	3	8	2	2	2	2	42	18	370,000	1,701,270
										Eda	
10	<b>Classic Empire</b> (2014) by <i>Pioneerof the Nile</i> Crops: 1	2	5	--	1	--	--	57	19	184,250	1,503,446
										Classy Edition	
11	<b>Midshipman</b> (2006) by <i>Unbridled's Song</i> Crops: 8	2	7	--	--	--	--	41	13	343,140	1,495,668
										Averly Jane	
12	<b>Not This Time</b> (2014) by <i>Giant's Causeway</i> Crops: 2	4	5	--	--	--	--	42	19	202,015	1,434,973
										Howling Time	
13	<b>Runhappy</b> (2012) by <i>Super Saver</i> Crops: 2	4	5	1	1	--	--	41	15	284,810	1,425,789
										Smile Happy	
14	<b>Frosted</b> (2012) by <i>Tapit</i> Crops: 2	2	5	--	1	--	--	61	25	135,322	1,361,798
										Jasper Krone	
15	<b>Union Rags</b> (2009) by <i>Dixie Union</i> Crops: 6	--	4	--	2	--	1	63	16	220,000	1,318,007
										Commandperformance	

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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

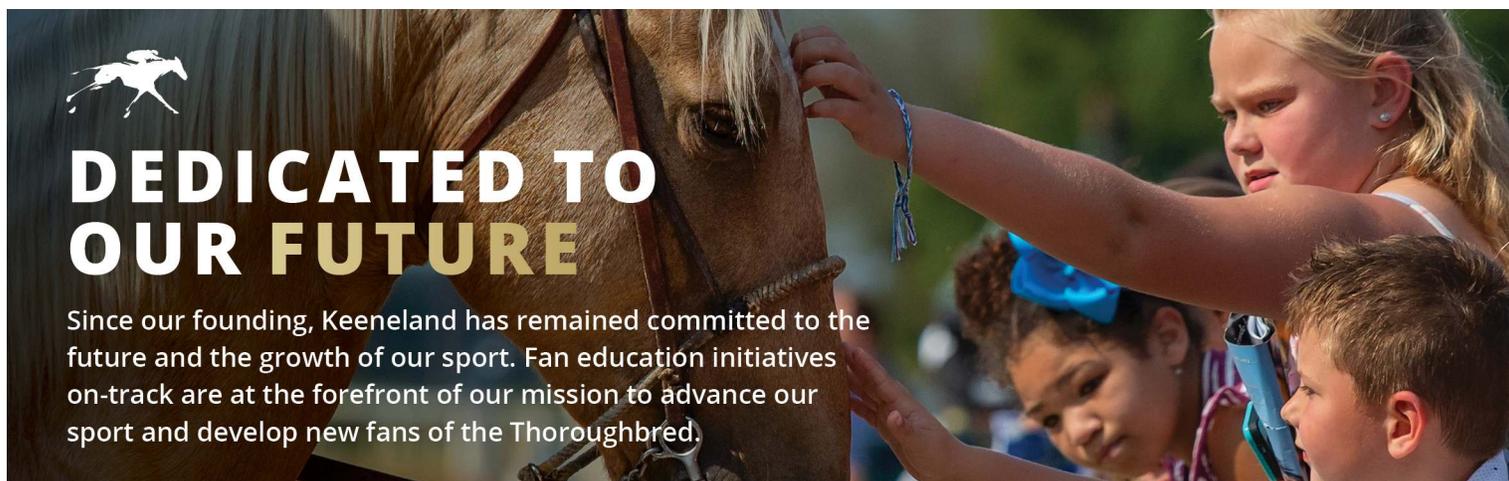
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### 6th-GP, \$60K, Msw, 3yo/up, 6f, 2:56 p.m. ET

Well-related **UNEXPECTED (California Chrome)** makes his debut here for trainer Eddie Plesa Jr. and the Chu family's Baoma Corporation, which also campaigned his MGISW half-sister Bast (**Uncle Mo**). A \$500,000 FTSAUG '18 yearling, Bast was a frequent visitor to California winner's, scoring victories in the GI Del Mar Debutante S., GI Chandelier S., GI Starlet S. and the GI Santa Ynez S. in her final career start. She was also a stubborn third in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies behind eventual Eclipse Award winner British Idiom (Flashback). Bast would go on to bring \$4.2 million from Spendthrift Farm while in foal to **Justify** at the 2020 Fasig-Tipton November sale. Their dam Laffina RNA'd for \$290,000 while carrying Bast at the 2016 Keeneland November sale, but brought \$1.5 million in foal to **Ghostzapper** at FTKNOV '19. Laffina's now 2-year-old Pioneer of the Nile filly was a \$430,000 FTKNOV weanling and \$425,000 KEESEP yearling. **TJCIS PPs**

### 8th-OP, \$101K, Alw/OC, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 4:46 p.m. ET

Kueber Racing's **COACH (Commissioner)** makes her first appearance since finishing ninth in late April's GI Longines Kentucky Oaks. The \$65,000 Fasig-Tipton October graduate won her first three starts as a juvenile, including the Rags to Riches S. under the Twin Spires, before finishing third in the GII Golden Rod S. She began her 2021 season with a second in the Martha Washington S. here in January; was fifth in the GIII Honeybee S. Mar. 6; and third in the GIII Fantasy S. Apr. 3 before the Oaks.

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### IN ORDER OF PURSE:

**7th-Aqueduct, \$79,540, Alw (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$80,000), 12-16, 2yo, 7f, 1:26.02, ft, 1 1/4 lengths.**

**HAGLER (c, 2, ~~Tapiture~~—Ambitious Dancer, by Latent Heat)** finished second in a three-horse Belmont Park maiden back in May, and resurfaced there Oct. 29 at a longer 6 1/2 furlongs, greenly coasting home to graduate by better than four lengths over a strung-out field. Stretching out slightly further here and after his would-be coupled entry-mate Life Is Great (**Tapiture**) scratched, the heavy 1-5 favorite broke quickly and was allowed an easy lead through a :24.40 opening quarter and :48.79 half. For a moment in midstretch it looked like Doin'ittherightway (Super Saver) might get by. However, the pair bounced off each other twice in the final stages, and greenly drifted around the track with Hagler's inexperience proving least consequential. The homebred found the wire 1 1/4 lengths in front. Out of winning Ambitious Dancer, he's a full-brother to SW Sky of Hook. His dam has a yearling filly by Girvin. Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, \$112,600. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.**

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**7th-Fair Grounds, \$47,000, (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 12-16, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:09.63, ft, 4 lengths.**

**ISOLATE (c, 3, Mark Valeski--Tranquil Song, by Unbridled's Song)** ended his juvenile year with a third in the Gill Nashua S. at Aqueduct last November after racing wide most of the contest. Brought back to the races July 30 at Gulfstream Park more than eight months later, his layoff left the colt a little rusty; he wandered in the stretch and finished third. Shortening up a touch to six furlongs in what would be his final start for Kathy Ritvo back in Florida Sept. 3, Isolate's second start on the year yielded a one-better placing and earned him a career-best 88 Beyer Speed Figure. Transferred to Tom Amoss ahead of a Nov. 21 try in the Churchill Downs slop, he was fourth at 3-2 after a slow start. Finally putting it all together again here at the Fair Grounds, Isolate broke well and pushed his way to the outside of leaders to briefly drift between second and third on the backstretch. The 2-1 second choice gave the field the slip after a half in :45.15, and was under a hand ride early in the homestretch despite a couple mounting rallies behind him. A few reminders from Colby Hernandez kept his mind on business as they finished a strong four lengths ahead of Verb (**Dialed In**). The winner is a half to a yearling filly by Cloud Computing named My Aunt Snookie, and a weanling colt by **Enticed**. Sales History: \$70,000 Wlg '18 KEENOV. Lifetime Record: GSP, 7-3-1-2, \$125,615. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by TVG.**

O-Reeves Thoroughbred Racing; B-Woodford Thoroughbreds, LLC (FL); T-Thomas M. Amoss.

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#### IN ORDER OF PURSE:

**10th-Gulfstream, \$53,000, (S), Msw, 12-16, 2yo, f, 6 1/2f, 1:17.21, ft, 8 lengths.**

**AVOW (f, 2, Arrogate--Peace Preserver {GSW, \$382,166}, by War Front)** loomed large on pedigree and price tag against this Florida-bred bunch and with an upbeat tab on display, and dominated at even-money to kick off her career auspiciously. Away awkwardly to be last early, the bay split horses and came into the frame as the leading group looked taxed following a :45.55 half. Avow swung wide for clear sailing, took over with ease in upper stretch and poured it on from there to prevail by eight lengths.

Sheza Spitfire (He's Had Enough) did well to hang on for second after showing the way. The 11th winner from the first crop of her late sire (by Unbridled's Song), Avow's GSW dam is a full to GISW Jack Milton. Bridlewood purchased Peach Preserver for \$1.9 million in foal to Galileo (Ire) at the 2014 Keeneland November sale. Her yearling colt by **More Than Ready** bought \$30,000 at FTKOCT, and she most recently visited Authentic. Sales history: \$300,000 Ylg '20 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$31,800. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by TVG.**

O-Bass Stables, LLC; B-Bridlewood Farm (FL); T-Todd A. Pletcher.



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**8th-Fair Grounds, \$40,000, 12-16, 2yo, f, 1mT, 1:42.75, fm, 1 1/4 lengths.**

**DREAMWORKER (f, 2, Animal Kingdom--Dream to Dream, by Scat Daddy)**'s career debut at Churchill Downs Oct. 31 on dirt around two turns resulted in a flat last of eight at long odds. In receipt of first-time Lasix here, she found the surface switch to her liking and was much closer to the leaders after the break, cruising into third on the rail behind a loose frontrunner. The 7-2 shot started her march to catch the 91-1 leader at the start of the far turn, and snuck by that one by cutting the corner into the homestretch. Opening up on the cavalry, she stubbornly held her advantage and finished a length and a quarter over Zisisit {Ire} (Zoffany {Ire}), who bested the outside closer in a photo. The winner has a yearling half-sister by **Will Take Charge** and a weanling half-brother by **Twirling Candy**. Her was bred to **Munnings** for 2022. Sales History: \$130,000 Ylg '20 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$25,326. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by TVG.**

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#### 2021 Stud Fees Listed

#### **American Freedom** (Pulpit), Airdrie Stud, \$6,000

125 foals of racing age/20 winners/0 black-type winners  
6-Oaklawn, 3:51 p.m. EST, Aoc 6f, Sonnyisnotsofunny, 6-1  
\$37,000 FTK OCT yrl; \$65,000 EAS MAY 2yo  
5-Penn National, 7:49 p.m. EST, Alw 6f, Team Hot Line, 10-1  
\$2,500 KEE NOV wnl; \$4,000 OBS OPN 2yo

#### **Bal a Bali (Brz)** (Put It Back), Calumet Farm, \$5,000

98 foals of racing age/14 winners/1 black-type winner  
8-Fair Grounds, 5:42 p.m. EST, Alw 5 1/2fT, Creme de Bali, 6-1  
\$9,500 KEE SEP yrl

#### **Blofeld (Quality Road)**, Murmur Farm, \$4,000

24 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners  
7-Laurel, 3:18 p.m. EST, Wmc 6f, Charming Way, 15-1

#### **Classic Empire** (Pioneerof the Nile), Coolmore Ashford, \$17,500

116 foals of racing age/19 winners/2 black-type winners  
12-Remington, 11:28 p.m. EST, \$400K Remington Springboard  
Mile S., 1m, Classic Moment, 4-1  
\$285,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$350,000 KEE SEP yrl  
5-Oaklawn, 3:21 p.m. EST, Msw 1 1/16m, Mariah's Fortune, 7-2  
\$160,000 OBS APR 2yo  
7-Turfway, 9:16 p.m. EST, Aoc 6f, Twenty Four Mamba, 9-2  
\$55,000 KEE NOV wnl

#### **Cupid (Tapit)**, Coolmore Ashford, \$5,000

143 foals of racing age/19 winners/2 black-type winners  
8-Delta Downs, 5:12 p.m. EST, Alw 5f, Sassy Emma, 5-1  
\$30,000 OBS APR 2yo

#### **Divining Rod (Tapit)**, Country Life Farm, \$5,000

68 foals of racing age/16 winners/1 black-type winner  
5-Penn National, 7:49 p.m. EST, Alw 6f, Sweet Talia, 8-1  
\$5,200 EAS OCT yrl; \$17,000 EAS MAY 2yo

#### **El Deal (Munnings)**, Red River Farms, \$2,500

30 foals of racing age/6 winners/2 black-type winners  
7-Turf Paradise, 5:35 p.m. EST, \$60K Arizona Juvenile Fillies S.,  
6 1/2f, Royal O'Haigain, 9-2

\$14,000 FTK FEB wnl; \$35,000 FTK OCT yrl; \$47,000 RNA OBS  
MAR 2yo

#### **Gormley** (Malibu Moon), Spendthrift Farm, \$5,000

119 foals of racing age/20 winners/1 black-type winner  
8-Fair Grounds, 5:42 p.m. EST, Alw 5 1/2fT, Celestial Finish, 7-2  
\$92,000 KEE JAN wnl; \$270,000 KEE SEP yrl

#### **Gun Runner (Candy Ride {Arg})**, Three Chimneys Farm, \$50,000

127 foals of racing age/23 winners/6 black-type winners  
12-Remington, 11:28 p.m. EST, \$400K Remington Springboard  
Mile S., 1m, Concept, 5-1  
\$75,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl  
11-Remington, 10:57 p.m. EST, \$100K Trapeze S., 1m,  
Optionality, 5-1  
5-Oaklawn, 3:21 p.m. EST, Msw 1 1/16m, Run the Tap, 3-1  
\$210,000 KEE SEP yrl

#### **Hard Aces (Hard Spun)**, Averett Farm, \$2,000

20 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners  
3-Delta Downs, 2:51 p.m. EST, Msw 6 1/2f, Big Ace, 9-2

#### **Keen Ice (Curlin)**, Calumet Farm, \$12,500

137 foals of racing age/17 winners/0 black-type winners  
12-Remington, 11:28 p.m. EST, \$400K Remington Springboard  
Mile S., 1m, Rich Strike, 8-1

#### **Midnight Storm** (Pioneerof the Nile), Taylor Made Farm, \$7,500

72 foals of racing age/11 winners/1 black-type winner  
6-Oaklawn, 3:51 p.m. EST, Aoc 6f, Magnolia Midnight, 5-1  
\$47,000 RNA OBS OCT yrl; \$320,000 OBS APR 2yo

#### **Mr. Z** (Malibu Moon), Calumet Farm, \$2,500

43 foals of racing age/6 winners/0 black-type winners  
8-Delta Downs, 5:12 p.m. EST, Alw 5f, Madame Jane, 5-2  
\$9,500 RNA ESL YRL yrl  
7-Fair Grounds, 5:11 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Zenchua Sky, 12-1  
\$15,000 OBS OPN 2yo

#### **Neolithic** (Harlan's Holiday), Pleasant Acres Stallions, \$5,000

31 foals of racing age/6 winners/2 black-type winners  
12-Remington, 11:28 p.m. EST, \$400K Remington Springboard  
Mile S., 1m, Make It Big, 7-2  
\$120,000 OBS APR 2yo

#### **Practical Joke** (Into Mischief), Coolmore Ashford, \$22,500

140 foals of racing age/24 winners/4 black-type winners  
7-Fair Grounds, 5:11 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Love of My Life, 9-2  
\$14,000 KEE JAN wnl

**Tom's Ready** (**More Than Ready**), Red River Farms, pensioned  
 12 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners  
 7-Turfway, 9:16 p.m. EST, Aoc 6f, Ready to March, 15-1  
 \$5,000 KEE SEP yrl

**Unified** (**Candy Ride {Arg}**), Lane's End Farm, \$10,000  
 117 foals of racing age/15 winners/3 black-type winners  
 7-Turf Paradise, 5:35 p.m. EST, \$60K Arizona Juvenile Fillies S.,  
 6 1/2f, We All Agree, 4-1  
 \$31,500 RNA ARZ NOV yrl

**SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17**  
*2021 Stud Fees Listed*

**Brody's Cause** (Giant's Causeway), Spendthrift Farm, \$5,000  
 142 foals of racing age/34 winners/3 black-type winners  
 11-Remington, 10:57 p.m. EST, \$100K Trapeze S., 1m, Brodie  
 Baby, 15-1  
 \$10,000 OBS OPN 2yo

**California Chrome** (Lucky Pulpit), Arrow Stud, private  
 197 foals of racing age/64 winners/2 black-type winners  
 11-Remington, 10:57 p.m. EST, \$100K Trapeze S., 1m, Rollin  
 Chrome, 20-1  
 \$1,000 KEE JAN wnl; \$40,000 RNA TTA APR 2yo  
 6-Gulfstream, 2:56 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Unexpected, 4-1  
 \$325,000 KEE SEP yrl

**Den's Legacy** (**Medaglia d'Oro**), Mighty Acres, \$2,000  
 49 foals of racing age/16 winners/3 black-type winners  
 11-Remington, 10:57 p.m. EST, \$100K Trapeze S., 1m, Hits Pricey  
 Legacy, 8-1  
 8-Remington, 9:23 p.m. EST, \$70K Jim Thorpe S., 1m, J B's  
 Legacy, 6-1  
 12-Remington, 11:28 p.m. EST, \$400K Remington Springboard  
 Mile S., 1m, Rowdy Rascal, 12-1  
 9-Remington, 9:54 p.m. EST, \$70K Useeit S., 1m, Run Slewp  
 Run, 3-1

**Harry's Holiday** (Harlan's Holiday), Southern Indiana Equine,  
 \$3,000  
 36 foals of racing age/13 winners/2 black-type winners  
 11-Remington, 10:57 p.m. EST, \$100K Trapeze S., 1m, Holy  
 Justice, 12-1  
 \$6,500 RNA FTK OCT yrl; \$1,800 IND MIX yrl

**Silentio** (Silent Name {Jpn}), Keen Farms  
 7 foals of racing age/2 winners/1 black-type winner  
 5-Delta Downs, 3:47 p.m. EST, Msw 5f, Spanish Eagle, 12-1

**Uncle Lino** (**Uncle Mo**), Northview Stallion Station, \$4,000  
 135 foals of racing age/36 winners/0 black-type winners  
 4-Charles Town, 8:32 p.m. EST, Msw 4 1/2f, Cedar's Wish, 4-1



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**Azure Coast, c, 2, by Street Sense.** "See TDN Europe"

**Kafoo, c, 3, by Curlin.** "See TDN Europe"

**Fire Group, c, 3, Not This Time**--Pick and Pray (SP \$189,520), by Songandaprayer. Meydan, 12-16, Mdn, 2000m, 2:07.47. B-Dr. Charles S. Giles. \*\$100,000 yrl '20 KEESEP; \$95,000 2yo '21 OBSJUN. **VIDEO**

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**Tuz, g, 4, Oxbow**--Suede Shoe, by Pulpit. Meydan, 12-16, Listed Dubai Creek Mile, 1600m, 1:37.17. B-Calumet Farm. \*SW & GSP-UAE. \*\*\$7,000 yrl '18 KEESEP. **VIDEO**

**Kanood, g, 5, Distorted Humor**--Forbidden Gift, by A P Indy. Meydan, 12-16, Hcp, 1900m, 2:00.61. B-Mt. Brilliant Broodmares I LLC. \*\$450,000 yrl '17 KEESEP. \*\*1/2 to Estihdaaf (Arch), GSW-UAE.

**Rich and Famous, g, 7, Bernardini**--Enrichment, by Ghostzapper. Meydan, 12-16, Hcp, 1200m, 1:10.85. B-Darley. **VIDEO**

**IN SAUDI ARABIA:**

**Baaher, c, 3, Constitution**--Bethan, by Giant's Causeway. King Abdulaziz, 12-15, Allowance, 1600m. B-SF Bloodstock (NY). \*\$62,000 Wlg '18 KEENOV. **VIDEO (SC 21)**

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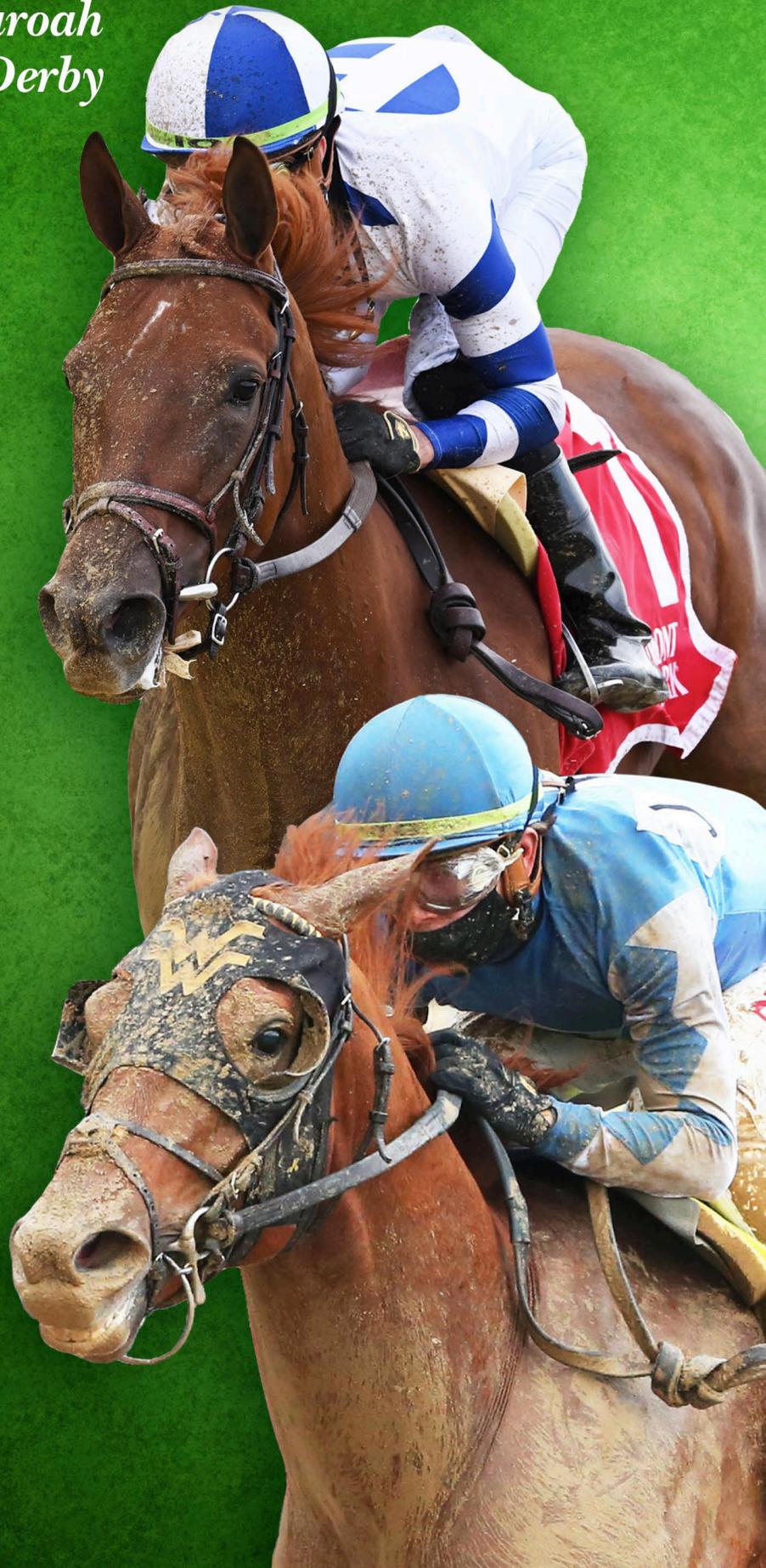
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**Comrade In Arms**, g, 6, **War Front**--Maryinsky (Ire)(G1SP-Eng), by Sadler's Wells. Al Rayyan, 12-15, Hcp., 1900m. B-Barnett Enterprises (KY). \*1/2 to Peeping Fawn (Danehill), Ch. 3yo Filly-Eur, Hwt. 3yo Filly-Ire at 9.5-10.5f & 11-13f, MG1SW-Eng & Ire, \$1,387,274; Thewayyouare (Kingmambo), G1SW-Fr, \$340,968. \*\*72,000gns HRA '18 TATJUL. **VIDEO (SC 4)**

**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

**9th-Gulfstream, \$54,000**, (S), (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$12,500), 12-16, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10.02, ft, 3/4 length.

**DEM A WONDER** (f, 3, **Hello Broadway--Aiden's Lil Devil**, by **Richter Scale**) Lifetime Record: 18-4-5-3, \$147,060. O/B-T-Rohan Crichton (FL).

**8th-Laurel, \$53,280**, 12-16, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1 1/8m, 1:53.75, ft, 3 3/4 lengths.

**BOSS LOGIC** (g, 3, **Oxbow--Le Plume**, by **Smart Strike**) Lifetime Record: 9-4-1-1, \$97,460. O-Bruce Yarwood & Renee Latour; B-Calumet Farm (KY); T-Dale Capuano. \*\$1,000 Wlg '18 KEENOV. \*1/2 to Mr Ashley (Snappy Halo (ARG)), SP, \$168,133.

**6th-Laurel, \$46,000**, (C), 12-16, (C), 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:06.69, ft, 3/4 length.

**BOURBON WILDCAT** (f, 4, **Bourbon Courage--Southern Squall**, by **Indian Ocean**) Lifetime Record: 12-2-5-2, \$94,810. O-Pepe Stable; B-Dr. & Mrs. Thomas Bowman & Shawn M. Howser (MD); T-Jose J. Magana.

**8th-Remington, \$42,700**, 12-15, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:46.43, ft, head.

**TASHKENT** (g, 6, **Arch--Hello Maggie May** {MSW, \$264,687}, by **Lemon Drop Kid**) Lifetime Record: 33-7-7-5, \$148,987. O-Danny R. Caldwell; B-Lochlow Farm (KY); T-Oscar Flores. \*\$25,000 Ylg '16 FTKFEB; \$47,000 Ylg '16 KEESEP. \*\*1/2 to Malloy (**Outwork**), GSP, \$161,453.

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**9th-Remington, \$41,650**, (S), 12-15, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:05.67, ft, 3 1/2 lengths.

**MIZONEY** (f, 4, **Save Big Money--Mizoes Ready**, by **More Than Ready**) Lifetime Record: 26-5-4-4, \$94,868. O-Linda Eidal; B-Center Hills Farm (OK); T-Carlos Moreno. \*\$5,000 Ylg '18 HEROCT.

**7th-Charles Town, \$35,200**, (S), (C)/Opt. Clm (\$20,000), 12-15,

3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:19.68, ft, neck.

**COMMAND THE CAT** (g, 4, **Master Rick--Cat Thats Grey** {SW, \$130,443}, by **Fiber Sonde**) Lifetime Record: 28-8-4-8, \$172,640. O/B/T-John D. McKee

**7th-Remington, \$34,000**, 12-15, (NW2L), 2yo, 6f, 1:13.08, ft, 4 1/2 lengths.

**CHROME BABY** (c, 2, **California Chrome--Star Super** {SW, \$147,780}, by **Super Saver**) Lifetime Record: 5-2-2-0, \$53,107. O-Levings Racing LLC; B-Taylor Brothers Properties LLC, George E. Saufley, et al (KY); T-W. Bret Calhoun. \*\$70,000 Wlg '19 KEENOV; \$25,000 Ylg '20 KEESEP.

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**5th-Penn National, \$31,600**, (S), 12-15, (NW1BX), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10.77, ft, 4 lengths.

**GOLDEN CANDY** (c, 4, **Goldencents--Be My Candy** {SP, \$201,110}, by **Candy Ride** {Arg}) Lifetime Record: MSP, 25-8-7-6, \$389,425. O/B-A. Delaperriere Stables, LLC; T-Anthony Pecoraro.



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**6th-Charles Town, \$30,800**, 12-15, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:20.06, ft, 1/2 length.

**EVENT PARTY** (g, 3, **Desert Party--Current Event**, by **Curlin**) Lifetime Record: 6-2-0-3, \$57,596. O/B-Sinatra Thoroughbreds Racing and Breeding LLC; T-Edward T. Allard.

**6th-Penn National, \$29,120**, 12-15, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1m 70y, 1:44.47, ft, 1/2 length.

**MY MAN POTS N PANS** (g, 6, **Justin Phillip--Key Appeal**, by **Successful Appeal**) Lifetime Record: 26-5-4-6, \$132,005. O/B-Rock Talk Farm; T-Kelly Rubley. \*\$27,000 RNA Ylg '16 KEEJAN.



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**5th-Turf Paradise, \$24,700**, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$15,000-\$20,000), 12-16, 3yo/up, 7 1/2ft, 1:30.94, fm, neck.

**HEIR** (FR) (g, 4, **Pedro the Great--Mofa Bere** {Fr}, by **Saumarez** {GB}) Lifetime Record: 7-2-1-0, \$35,543. O-Flight 4 Partners and Matsumoto, David; B-Mr. Jean-Luc Rouxel & Ecurie Seconde Chance Earl (FR); T-Vann Belvoir. \*€65,000 Ylg '18 OSLATE. \*\*Full to Fatale Bere (FR), GISW-USA, SP-Fr, \$427,964.

**4th-Mountaineer Casino & Resort, \$20,776**, 12-15, (NW3LX), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:12.44, ft, head.

**I'M EVER READY** (g, 7, **More Than Ready--I'm Always Hopeful**, by **Arch**) Lifetime Record: 11-3-2-2, \$42,898. O-Betty Zircher; B-Bloodstock Investment 1 (KY); T-Robert Zircher. \*\$30,000 RNA Wlg '14 KEENOV; \$24,000 RNA Ylg '15 FTKOCT; \$72,000 RNA 2yo '16 BARMAR; \$50,000 2yo '16 BARMAY. \*\*1/2 to Nakamura (Animal Kingdom), MGSP, \$265,230.

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**Arrogate**, Avow, f, 2, o/o Peace Preserver, by **War Front**. MSW, 12-16, Gulfstream

**Bourbon Courage**, Bourbon Wildcat, f, 4, o/o Southern Squall, by Indian Ocean. ALW, 12-16, Laurel

**California Chrome**, Chrome Baby, c, 2, o/o Star Super, by Super Saver. ALW, 12-15, Remington

**Connect**, Convertible Freeze, c, 2, o/o Goods and Services, by **Paynter**. MCL, 12-16, Aqueduct

**Desert Party**, Event Party, g, 3, o/o Current Event, by **Curlin**. ALW, 12-15, Charles Town

**Goldencents**, Golden Candy, c, 4, o/o Be My Candy, by **Candy Ride (Arg)**. ALW, 12-15, Penn National

**Great Notion**, Tenax, g, 3, o/o Rose's Last, by Toccet. WMC, 12-16, Laurel

**Hello Broadway**, Dem a Wonder, f, 3, o/o Aiden's Lil Devil, by Richter Scale. AOC, 12-16, Gulfstream

**Justin Phillip**, My Man Pots N Pans, g, 6, o/o Key Appeal, by Successful Appeal. ALW, 12-15, Penn National

**Mark Valeski**, Isolate, c, 3, o/o Tranquil Song, by Unbridled's Song. AOC, 12-16, Fair Grounds

**Master Rick**, Command the Cat, g, 4, o/o Cat Thats Grey, by Fiber Sonde. AOC, 12-15, Charles Town

**More Than Ready**, I'm Ever Ready, g, 7, o/o I'm Always Hopeful, by Arch. ALW, 12-15, Mountaineer

**Noble Bird**, Bird Wildcat, g, 2, o/o Legal Laura, by Wildcat Heir. MOC, 12-16, Gulfstream

**Officer Rocket (GB)**, Stormin Rocket, c, 2, o/o Little Shiney, by Parker's Storm Cat. MSW, 12-15, Charles Town

**Oxbow**, Boss Logic, g, 3, o/o Le Plume, by Smart Strike. ALW, 12-16, Laurel

**Pedro the Great**, Heir (Fr), g, 4, o/o Mofa Bere (Fr), by Saumarez (GB). AOC, 12-16, Turf Paradise

**Race Day**, Race Day Rebal, g, 2, o/o Ten Crowns, by Tenpins. MSW, 12-15, Remington

**Save Big Money**, Mizoney, f, 4, o/o Mizoes Ready, by **More Than Ready**. ALW, 12-15, Remington

**Speightster**, Cost Average, g, 3, o/o Done Smoking, by Smoke Glacken. MSW, 12-15, Remington

**Street Boss**, Boss Cara, f, 3, o/o Lacie Slew, by **Mineshaft**. MCL, 12-16, Aqueduct

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## YULONG BACKING LUCKY VEGA



Lucky Vega (pictured) will cover Group 1 producer Plying next year  
*Irish National Stud*

By Daithi Harvey

When a colt retires to stud, a regular theme of the promotional drive to attract mares involves a bullish statement by the owner pledging to support the stallion with their own mares, as well as a commitment to invest in the stallion's progeny at the foal and yearling sales. Yulong Investments' Yuesheng Zhang has hit the ground running with his commitment to his young sire **Lucky Vega (Ire)**, who kicks off his Northern Hemisphere stallion duties at the Irish National Stud early in 2022. Spearheaded by BBA Ireland's Mick Donohoe, Zhang's Yulong Investments began a shopping spree for mares in earnest at Goffs last month, where its near €2-million spend included the €825,000 sale topper **Plying (Hard Spun)**--already the dam of a brilliant performer in Alcohol Free (Ire) (**No Nay Never**)--along with a number of other 'blue hen' types all purchased to visit Lucky Vega.

The investment continued at Tattersalls and Arqana, where again seven-figure sums were put on the table to assemble what looks like being a stellar book of mares for the Group 1-winning son of Lope De Vega (Ire).

"In fairness to Mr. Zhang, he's a great man and he realises the potential Lucky Vega has in both hemispheres and he wants to give him the best chance of being a success at stud," Mick Donohoe said.

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## MURPHY RELINQUISHING LICENSE TO FOCUS ON REHABILITATION

Treble British champion jockey Oisin Murphy has temporarily relinquished his licence while he seeks medical help following two positive tests for alcohol on the racecourse during 2021 and a breach of Covid protocols during the previous season.

The British Horseracing Authority issued a statement on Murphy's behalf on Thursday which read, "On returning from abroad last September in 2020 I failed to follow the Covid protocol set out by the BHA. In breaking these rules, and attempting to mislead the BHA, I've let my governing body down, along with trainers, owners, staff, sponsors and family for which I wish to apologise. In addition to this there have been two racecourse incidents linked to alcohol during 2021. It became obvious to me and to everyone else that I needed to seek serious help. In recognition of this I have relinquished my licence and will now focus on my rehabilitation." [Cont. p5](#)

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Donohoe continued, "He wanted to target those nice stakes-producing mares, and obviously Plying was an standout one to try and buy. She is still a young mare and already is the dam of two stakes winners including Alcohol Free, who is a Group 1-winning 2-year-old and a proper top-class filly, and there aren't too many first-season sires being sent that type of mare."

Lucky Vega's first Irish book will also include €330,000 Goffs purchase **Eytarna (Ire)**, whose two stakes winners include G2 Blandford S. victress Eziyra (Ire) (Teofilo {Ire}), who won five group races in total. The stakes-placed **So Unique (Fr)** (Siyouni {Fr}) and a pair of Galileo (Ire) full-sisters, **Grenadine (Ire)** and **Sapphire Ring (Ire)**, were also snapped up at Goffs. "We all know what Galileo can do as a broodmare sire; I don't think there will be an equal to him for many years so we were keen to stock up on them," Donohoe said. "We then bought seven or eight high-end mares at Tattersalls, including a few more by Galileo as well as mares by Pivotal (GB) and Siyouni (Fr), so it is very exciting."

Among the Tattersalls acquisitions was **Class Act (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}), a half-sister to stakes winner Most Beautiful (GB) (Canford

Cliffs {Ire}) offered in foal to **Wootton Bassett (GB)**; and **Rose D'Etoile (Ire)** (Zoffany {Ire}), a stakes-placed mare carrying to the same sire. Donohoe said some of the foals the mares are currently carrying could go through sales rings.

"Mr. Zhang is running a business and in Australia he sells a lot of yearlings, so I imagine he will follow a similar path over here," he said. "Obviously I'll have to talk to Mr. Zhang and Sam [Fairgray] and see what the long term goal is, but I would say a lot of the progeny would be offered for sale. He is a trader and he wants it to be as viable a business as possible, so I imagine that will be the plan."

Galileo was again to the fore when an energised Donohoe continued on to Arqana for Europe's final flat breeding stock sale of 2021, and it was two daughters of the late, great stallion that featured among another significant spending spree. The stakes winner **Ame Celeste (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) and **It's Magic (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}), a half-sister to Mukhadram (GB), are both slated for Lucky Vega when they deliver their respective Siyouni (Fr) foals early next year. Donohoe again went down the tried and tested route of buying a Pivotal (GB) mare when purchasing the well-bred **Duet (GB)** (Pivotal {GB}), who is in foal to Blue Point (Ire).



Yulong Investments purchased Alcohol Free's dam Plying (pictured) for €825,000 at Goffs November | Goffs

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"We bought some gorgeous mares in France and as well as the Galileos and the Pivotal, we also got a lovely mare called **Pink Paint (Fr)** by Redoute's Choice (Aus) from the family of Peintre Celebre," Donohoe said. "She cost €130,000 in foal to Almanzor (Fr) and we think she was well bought, as she is a winner and comes from a fantastic deep family. They are all lovely purchases and being in foal to such high-class stallions, they could be carrying future champions already. Mr. Zhang is very much of the mindset about breeding Classic horses rather than just early maturing fast 2-year-olds, hence the investment in the Galileo mares. We know Lucky Vega could probably have stayed a mile and a quarter if we had asked him to, but he was more of a speedy miler than anything. He showed amazing speed to win his Group 1 over six furlongs as a 2-year-old when he sprinted away from them, so he should be a good speed influence for those Galileo mares."

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## MR. ZHANG IS VERY MUCH OF THE MINDSET ABOUT BREEDING CLASSIC HORSES, HENCE THE INVESTMENT IN THE GALILEO MARES

Michael Donohoe

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Despite such an accumulation of stock in recent times, Yulong has not yet dipped its toe into land investment in Ireland, preferring instead to outsource the boarding of mares and young stock.

"The majority of the mares are with Bill Dwan in Castlebridge and Mr. Zhang doesn't really have the appetite at the moment to buy his own farm in Ireland. His main interest is in Australia and there hasn't been any talk of buying somewhere here. There are around 30 mares in Ireland and at that level he's happy enough to board them with top-class people such as Bill."

If Zhang were someday to develop a European base, one can be sure it would be a project carried out to the highest standards, Donohoe said. "I've seen it already with other projects he has undertaken, whether it's building that magnificent farm in Melbourne, acquiring some top-class stallions like Written Tycoon (Aus), or developing that fantastic training facility in mainland China; Mr. Zhang has the means and the expertise to get things done and to do them right," he said. "He also has a very good guy, Sam Fairgray, working with him in Australia, where as I mentioned already his main bloodstock interests lie."

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Yuesheng Zhang and Michael Donohoe at Goffs | Peter Mooney

What this means for Lucky Vega is that he will continue to shuttle between both hemispheres as long as he stays healthy and well, and unusually for a horse born, raised and raced in Ireland, he is technically a reverse shuttler, having been launched in Australia.

"He's done his first season in Australia and he was very popular, especially with anyone who got to see him as he's such a good physical," Donohoe said. "He is the type of horse that appeals to both Europe and Down Under, as he has that great hindquarter, hip and walk and a lot of those attributes that Australian breeders put importance on.

"As popular as he is in Australia, I think he will be received even better in Ireland as people got to see him run here."

While that statement is true, there did appear to be an element of unfinished business on the track for Lucky Vega, as he ran only three times as a 3-year-old before he was summoned to Australia in mid-summer for their breeding season. Despite not getting his head in front, he ran with great credit finishing third in the G1 2000 Guineas, then fourth in the Irish version before posting a runner-up spot again behind Poetic Flare (Ire) in the G1 St James's Palace S. at Royal Ascot.

"He retired sound and it was a commercial decision made by Mr. Zhang to send him to Australia, in part to capitalise on the popularity of Lope De Vega down there," Donohoe said. "The team in Ireland were obviously disappointed to see him go, but we understood the rationale behind the decision. Mr. Zhang is buying these yearling colts and our job is to make stallions out of them, and he was a prime candidate to go and do that even though we firmly believed he could have won at least another Group 1 in the second half of the season.

"I hope Jessie [Harrington] won't mind me saying, but I'm not sure her horses were firing on all cylinders in the early part of the flat season and we might not have even seen Lucky Vega at his very best. He ran a smashing race at Royal Ascot and he proved that he trained on to be a high-class 3-year-old, and that he wasn't just a top juvenile."

Lucky Vega's placement at the Irish National Stud is also a feather in the cap of Cathal Beale and his team in Kildare. Explaining the link up, Donohoe said, "Mr. Zhang was looking for someone to stand the stallion on his behalf. Apart from that, though, he has been a big supporter of the National Stud over the years, particularly with Invincible Spirit (Ire), a horse he has bought a lot of yearlings by and also sent mares to. Also, the Irish National Stud is a state body, something that Mr. Zhang puts a lot of importance on, so we are very happy with the arrangement. Even from a BBA Ireland point of view, the INS has stood stallions for Ms Patino, who is a long-standing BBA client so it ties in well for all involved."

With such a powerful and determined team behind him, coupled with Lucky Vega's own inherent credentials, it should be exciting times for all involved, and Donohoe is already looking further down the line. "I'm very much looking forward to buying Lucky Vega's progeny in the coming years and the instructions from Mr. Zhang are to go and try to buy the best of his foals and the best of his yearlings," he said.

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### Murphy Relinquishing License To Focus On Rehabilitation *cont. from p1*



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Murphy, 26, is the retained first jockey for Sheikh Fahad Al Thani's Qatar Racing. He has ridden 183 winners in Britain this year, and recently partnered the Japanese-trained Marche Lorraine (Jpn) to glory in the GI Breeders' Cup Distaff at Del Mar. However, the previous month he had been stood down at Newmarket after failing a breath test on a day when he should have been riding Qatar Racing's *Mise En Scene* (GB) (Siyouni {Fr}) in the G1 Fillies' Mile. He also failed an alcohol test at Chester in May 2021.

Having been made aware of potential breach of Covid travel protocols in September 2020, the BHA launched an investigation which led to charges being brought against the jockey for misleading or attempting to mislead the BHA, accessing the racecourse in breach of Covid rules, and acting in a manner prejudicial to the proper conduct and good reputation of horseracing.

A planned hearing into these charges on Dec. 10 was postponed after Murphy's legal team submitted medical evidence regarding his welfare and the jockey stated his intent to hand in his licence while he sought medical support.

"In regulating the sport we must always strike the balance between the importance of upholding the rules, and being mindful of the wellbeing of those who we regulate. The welfare of our participants is an absolute priority," said Tim Naylor, the BHA's Director of Integrity and Regulation. "Having received detailed submissions from his representatives, which were supported by medical evidence, and being aware of the decision

made by Mr Murphy to relinquish his jockeys licence, we agreed that the proposed disciplinary hearing may be postponed for a short period of time."

The charges, along with the two alcohol-related rule breaches, will now be heard by an independent disciplinary panel in the early part of 2022.

Murphy added, "I am grateful to the BHA for agreeing to postpone the disciplinary hearing until I have been able to take these steps. Whether I deserve it or not, many kind people have stood by me and I really appreciate their support. I'm deeply embarrassed and regret my actions."

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### OWEN, DASCOMBE PART WAYS

Trainer Tom Dascombe will leave Michael Owen's Manor House Stables after a 12-year stint. While Owen said on Thursday morning that they part "on great terms", Dascombe admitted later in the day that it was a "complete shock" when he was informed of the change two days ago.

Dascombe's greatest success during his Manor House tenure came when winning the G1 Irish St Leger with *Brown Panther* (GB) (*Shirocco* {Ger}), the popular stayer raced by Owen and Andrew Black whose numerous group wins also included the G2 Goodwood Cup and G2 Dubai Gold Cup and placings in the G1 St Leger and G1 Gold Cup at Royal Ascot. On the opposite end of the distance spectrum, Dascombe trained *Angel Alexander* (Ire) (*Dark Angel* {Ire}) to win the Ayr Gold Cup, and *Kachy* (GB) (*Kyllachy* {GB}), a group-winning sprinter who placed behind the likes of *Blue Point* (Ire), *Battaash* (GB) and *Quiet Reflection* (GB).

Owen said in a statement, "After more than 12 years as trainer, Tom Dascombe will be leaving Manor House Stables in the new year. We have shared many great times and races together and created memories that will last a lifetime."

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Tom Dascombe and Michael Owen | *Emma Berry*

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"I would like to place on record my own personal thanks for all his hard work and support over the years. We part on great terms and everyone at MHS will miss him and wishes him the very best for the future."

"Colin Gorman and the rest of the MHS team will naturally oversee things once Tom departs and it will be very much business as usual until we appoint Tom's replacement," Owen added.

Dascombe, however, painted a different picture on Thursday. Speaking to the media after saddling Skittlebombz (GB) (**Starspangledbanner {Aus}**) to win at Southwell for John and Jess Dance, Dascombe said, "I only found out two days ago. I told my family yesterday. I told my staff this morning. I have absolutely no plans--I have no idea what I am going to do next, but I will be training next year from somewhere and we will train winners like we have just done there [at Southwell]. It is as simple as that--life goes on. The fact that they don't want me to be here anymore, that's their choice, it is not mine."

Dascombe, whose 59 wins this year also includes Ever Given (Ire) (Kodi Bear {GB}) in the £98,000 Goffs UK Premier Yearling Sale S. for the Dandy Boys partnership, added, "It was a complete shock. But that's it, I have had two days to think about it and I've just got to look after my staff, look after my owners, look after my horses and carry on the best I can.

"The fact that this news came just before Christmas is almost irrelevant, but I have tried to reassure all the staff that everybody else is fine, bar me. We will see what happens and I just have to carry on with life. We will get it sorted. There is no hope about it--we will get it sorted. I just don't know how or when."

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**ZARAK SHARE SOLD FOR €380,000**

Three stallion shares and a breeding right were offered during Arqana's Online sale on Thursday, and it was a 1/50 share in France's soon-to-be-crowned champion first-season sire **Zarak (Fr)** that topped the sale on a bid of €380,000 from Martin Schwartz Racing. Schwartz is based in New York but has had plenty of success racing fillies purchased in France, including the likes of GI Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf winner Zagora (Fr), the Classic-winning Stacelita (Fr), GI Garden City S. winner Alterite (Fr) and GI Spinster S. scorer Asi Siempre.

**Zarak** is France's leading first-season sire with 18 winners, two stakes winners and two Group 1-placed fillies, including Purplepay (Fr), who was sold for €2-million to Roy and Gretchen Jackson of Lael Stable at Arqana December.



**Zarak** | *The Aga Khan Studs*

A 1/50 share in a member of the same sire cohort, **Almanzor (Fr)**, also attracted attention during the sale, eventually settling at €160,000 to Didier Krainc of Ecurie Vivaldi. Almanzor, Europe's champion 3-year-old of 2016, has had eight winners this season.

A 1/50 share in **Dariyan (Fr)** sold for €21,000, while a breeding right to Group 1 sire **Territories (Ire)** sold for €26,000.

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**PRIZEMONEY BOOST FOR IRISH GUINEAS FESTIVAL**

The Tattersalls Irish 2000 and 1000 Guineas and the Tattersalls Gold Cup will all receive significant prizemoney hikes for 2022. The two Classics will be raised from €400,000 to €500,000, while the purse for the Gold Cup has also been raised by €100,000 to €400,000. The three Group 1 contests are set to be run at The Curragh's three-day Tattersalls Irish Guineas Festival from Friday, May 20 to Sunday, May 22.

"The Curragh has had a long and successful partnership with Tattersalls who have been sponsors with us since 1984," said Curragh Racecourse Chief Executive Brian Kavanagh. "We are delighted that they have agreed to continue their sponsorship and increase their support in 2022--it is greatly appreciated within Irish racing. The Guineas meeting is the start of the Classic season in Ireland and it is important that our Group 1 Races offer prize-money which is attractive to the best horses and on a par with our international equivalents. With the support of Tattersalls and Horse Racing Ireland, The Curragh is committed to doing that. Next year the Guineas Festival will be a three-day meeting and the team at The Curragh are working on some exciting plans for the event which will be announced in the new year."



The Curragh parade ring | Emma Berry

Champion 2-year-old Native Trial (GB) (**Oasis Dream {GB}**) currently heads the list for the Tattersalls Irish 2000 Guineas, while Group 1 winners Inspiral (GB) (**Frankel {GB}**) and Tenebrism (**Caravaggio**) feature among a strong fillies' entry. The second entry stage for both Classics is on Apr. 6.

Tattersalls Chairman Edmond Mahony, said, "To see the prizemoney for all three Tattersalls-sponsored Group 1 races at the Tattersalls Irish Guineas Festival increase by a total of €300,000 is fantastic news for Irish racing and reflects the status of the Tattersalls Irish Guineas Festival as one of the most prestigious race meetings in the European calendar. The Tattersalls sponsorship of these three great races demonstrates our continued commitment to Irish racing and we are already looking forward to three competitive races which will without doubt be amongst the highlights of our global race sponsorship portfolio."

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## BYRNE NAMED BHA HEAD OF RACING AND BETTING

Tom Byrne has been appointed head of racing and betting for the British Horseracing Authority, a revised role that replaces head of racing and racecourses. That position was previously held by Paul Johnson, who commences his role as chief executive of the National Trainers Federation in January.

Byrne joins the BHA after four years with the Horserace Betting Levy Board as operations manager. He previously held roles with GBI Racing and Racing Post. He will begin in the role in February and oversee the management and development of the BHA's racing department including production and development of the fixture list and race programme and will liaise with the betting industry to support the growth of betting on British racing.

Richard Wayman, the BHA's chief operating officer, said, "This was a very competitive recruitment process, and Tom was appointed from an impressive field of candidates. Tom is a great addition to the BHA team. As part of his role at HBLB, he has been heavily involved in matters relating to the fixture list and race programme, and their funding. As a result, he has a deep understanding of these areas as well as also having strong relationships with many of racing's stakeholders, with whom he will continue to work closely. As well as looking to continue to develop the fixture list and race programme to ensure that our horses have the opportunities to fulfil their potential, we want to ensure that racing can grow its appeal to customers and investors. Tom's good relationships with the betting industry will also be an asset, with betting liaison now forming an important part of the job. I'm delighted to welcome Tom to the BHA and look forward to working with him."

Byrne added, "To join the BHA as part of the experienced and talented racing team is an opportunity and challenge that I am thrilled to have been offered. I am passionate about British racing and look forward to working with my new colleagues and stakeholders across the sport to deliver an environment which produces the competitive and compelling horseracing that is so crucial for our long-term growth and sustainability. It has been an honour to work for the Levy Board and I would like to thank Alan Delmonte and the HBLB team for all their support, encouragement and guidance. I'm pleased we will continue to work closely together in my new role."

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## NUMBERS LIMITED FOR IRISH STALLION TRAIL

Next year's Irish Thoroughbred Marketing (ITM) Irish Stallion Trail will be open only to breeders and those directly involved in the breeding industry owing to ongoing concerns over rising Covid-19 infections.

More than 25 stallion farms are planning to open their doors on Friday, Jan. 14 and Saturday, Jan. 15, 2022. In previous years the trail has been open to racing fans and members of the public. Those who have already registered will unfortunately no longer be able to attend.

Visitors wishing to attend the trail will need to register via the **ITM website**, stating which studs they would like to visit. All visitors will have to comply with a Covid-19 code of conduct developed by Horse Racing Ireland Health and Safety and available on the ITM website.

Due to high demand, it is mandatory to register for a specific date and time slot to visit Coolmore Stud. Visitors to Coolmore Stud will also be required to show a valid Covid Certificate.

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"We are pleased that the ITM Irish Stallion Trail is able to go ahead this January, but feel it is in the best interests of farms and public health to limit attendance to the breeding industry," said Charles O'Neill of ITM. "Irish stallion farms stand some of the most successful sires on the planet and make a significant contribution to the Irish economy. While we are keen to promote Irish Thoroughbred breeding to a broad audience through the trail, we recognise our responsibility to minimise risk to farms ahead of the covering season and do what is right regarding public health."

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**RECORD TURNOVER FOR TATTERSALLS ONLINE SALE**

Thursday's Tattersalls Online NH & P2P December Sale saw six lots sell for 940,000gns, a record turnover for a Tattersalls Online Sale. Leading the way at 350,000gns was the debut point-to-point winner **Jet Powered (Ire)** (Jet Away {GB}) (lot 5), who was bought by Anthony Bromley of Highflyer for 350,000gns.

"He's been bought for an established client of Nicky Henderson's," Bromley said. "The time of his Borris House win was excellent and he's a fine stamp of a horse. We thought the female side of the pedigree was good and we really like the sire Jet Away."

Three additional lots sold for 250,000gns or more, including **Halka Du Talbert (Fr)** (Balko {Fr}) (lot 1), who won at the same Borris House meeting as Jet Powered and was bought by Rathmore Stud for 260,000gns.

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**RMG ENTERS AGREEMENT WITH HBA MEDIA**

HBA Media has entered into a three-year agreement with Racecourse Media Group to distribute that organisation's British and Irish racing portfolio. Coming under the umbrella of the agreement are the Randox Grand National Festival, the Cazoo Derby Festival, the Qatar 'Glorious Goodwood' Festival, the Welcome to Yorkshire Ebor Festival, Longines Irish Champions Weekend and QIPCO British Champions Day as well as, internationally, the Dubai World Cup Carnival and Bahrain International Trophy.

The new agreement builds on HBA's existing portfolio that already includes Ascot Racecourse, the Lexus Melbourne Cup, Breeders' Cup, Pegasus World Cup and the Saudi Cup.

Henry Birtles, chief executive of HBA Media, said, "our new alliance with RMG as distribution partner for their premier British, Irish, Dubai and Bahrain racing further bolsters HBA Media's ability to package the very best events from around the world under one umbrella, to the benefit of all federations we are fortunate to work with and represent. Through this aggregation of global rights, we can look forward to leveraging the unique nature of each individual event, driving a higher commercial outcome for the collective. Our broadcast clients have been eager for one consistent package of racing that covers 12 months of the year. We are delighted to be teaming up with the highly respected RMG and believe that this collaboration not only adds further weight to our offering, but it completes the circle."

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**FIRST-SEASON SIRES WITH RUNNERS**

**Friday, December 17, 2021:**

**UNITED KINGDOM**

**Almanzor (Fr)** (**Wootton Bassett {GB}**), Haras d'Etream 106 foals of racing age/8 winners/0 black-type winners 17:15-KEMPTON PARK, 8f, Follow That Star (GB)

**Almanzor (Fr)** (**Wootton Bassett {GB}**), Haras d'Etream 106 foals of racing age/8 winners/0 black-type winners 17:15-KEMPTON PARK, 8f, Snap Ambush (Fr) €250,000 Arqana Deauville September Yearling Sale 2020

**Churchill (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}), Coolmore Stud 146 foals of racing age/25 winners/3 black-type winners 16:15-KEMPTON PARK, 7f, Gia Darling (GB) 47,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 1) 2020

**First Season Sires cont.**

**The Grey Gatsby (Ire)** (Mastercraftsman {Ire}), Haras du Petit Tellier

59 foals of racing age/4 winners/1 black-type winner

16:45-KEMPTON PARK, 8f, Major Gatsby (Ire)

26,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 3) 2020

**Postponed (Ire)** (Dubawi {Ire}), Dalham Hall Stud

78 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners

16:45-KEMPTON PARK, 8f, Alpine Lady (GB)

160,000gns Tattersalls Autumn Horses-in-Training Sale 2021

17:45-KEMPTON PARK, 8f, Long Time Comin (GB)

**Time Test (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}), The National Stud

74 foals of racing age/11 winners/4 black-type winners

17:15-KEMPTON PARK, 8f, Presently (GB)

£10,000 RNA Goffs UK Premier Yearling Sale 2020

**Ultra (Ire)** (Manduro {Ger}), Haras du Logis

52 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners

17:15-KEMPTON PARK, 8f, Caramello (Ire)

**FRANCE**

**Birchwood (Ire)** (Dark Angel {Ire}), Haras de la Huderie

59 foals of racing age/8 winners/0 black-type winners

4-DEAUVILLE, 1500m, Loliwood (Fr)

**Birchwood (Ire)** (Dark Angel {Ire}), Haras de la Huderie

59 foals of racing age/8 winners/0 black-type winners

1-DEAUVILLE, 1900m, Woodwind Davis (Fr)

€6,000 Arqana Deauville Autumn Flat Yearling Sale 2020

**Ectot (GB)** (Hurricane Run {Ire}), Haras de Bouquetot

42 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners

4-DEAUVILLE, 1500m, Hewillget In (Fr)

€11,000 Arqana Deauville October Yearlings 2020

**Elm Park (GB)** (Phoenix Reach {Ire}), Haras du Saz

54 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners

1-DEAUVILLE, 1900m, Mystic (Fr)

**The Grey Gatsby (Ire)** (Mastercraftsman {Ire}), Haras du Petit Tellier

59 foals of racing age/4 winners/1 black-type winner

4-DEAUVILLE, 1500m, One More Night (Fr)

€10,000 Arqana Deauville Autumn Flat Yearling Sale 2020

**Johnny Barnes (Ire)** (Acclamation {GB}), Haras des Granges

45 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners

4-DEAUVILLE, 1500m, Satisfaction (Fr)

€10,000 Arqana Deauville Autumn Flat Yearling Sale 2020

**Recorder (GB)** (Galileo {Ire}), Haras de Montfort & Preaux

112 foals of racing age/8 winners/0 black-type winners

1-DEAUVILLE, 1900m, My Royal Passion (Fr)

**Wings of Eagles (Fr)** (Pour Moi {Ire}), The Beeches Stud

37 foals of racing age/3 winners/1 black-type winner

4-DEAUVILLE, 1500m, Pink Valentine (Fr)

€14,000 Arqana Deauville October Yearlings 2020

**IRELAND**

**Aclaim (Ire)** (Acclamation {GB}), The National Stud

115 foals of racing age/26 winners/0 black-type winners

2-DUNDALK, 7f, Together Aclaim (GB)

20,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2019; £32,000 Goffs

UK Premier Yearling Sale 2020

**Almanzor (Fr)** (Wootton Bassett {GB}), Haras d'Etreham

106 foals of racing age/8 winners/0 black-type winners

2-DUNDALK, 7f, Almanera (Ire)

€60,000 Arqana December Breeding Stock Sale 2019 - English

Version; €37,000 RNA Arqana Deauville October Yearlings

2020; 65,000gns Tattersalls Craven Breeze-Up Sale 2021

**Cotai Glory (GB)** (Exceed And Excel {Aus}), Tally-Ho Stud

126 foals of racing age/34 winners/2 black-type winners

2-DUNDALK, 7f, Dromore Glory (Ire)

2-DUNDALK, 7f, Spirit And Glory (Ire)

**El Kabeir** (Scat Daddy), Yeomanstown Stud

120 foals of racing age/14 winners/3 black-type winners

2-DUNDALK, 7f, Hey Kameir (Ire)

**Galileo Gold (GB)** (Paco Boy {Ire}), Tally-Ho Stud

109 foals of racing age/23 winners/3 black-type winners

2-DUNDALK, 7f, Sister Bridget (Ire)

**Postponed (Ire)** (Dubawi {Ire}), Dalham Hall Stud

78 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners

2-DUNDALK, 7f, Danmars Rogue (GB)

3,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 3) 2020

**BRITAIN****Thursday's Results:**

**1st-Chelmsford City, £17,000, Nov, 12-16, 2yo, 8f (AWT), 1:46.34, st.**

**YONAFIS (GB) (c, 2, Golden Horn {GB}--Modeyra {GB} {SW-Eng & GSP-Fr}, by Shamardal)**, who graduated going one yard over one mile at Lingfield in his Nov. 30 debut last time, recovered from a dawdling start to lead early here. In command for the most part, the 4-9 favourite was shoved along rounding the home turn and kept on strongly under mainly whipless rousting in the straight to prevail by 1 1/2 lengths from Mr Big Stuff (GB) (Iffraaj {GB}).

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Yonafis is the fifth of six foals and one of four scorers produced by the stakes-winning G2 Prix de Royallieu third Modeyra (GB) (Shamardal), herself a daughter of G1 Nassau S. heroine and G1 Epsom Oaks third Zahrat Dubai (GB) (Unfuwain). The March-foaled homebred bay is half to a yearling filly by **Oasis Dream (GB)**. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$17,207.

O-Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum; B-Godolphin (GB); T-William Haggas.

**2nd-Chelmsford City, £10,000, Nov, 12-16, 2yo, 10f (AWT), 2:14.09, st.**

**LADY LABELLE (IRE) (f, 2, **The Gurkha {Ire}**--**Duchess of Marmite {Ire}**, by **Duke of Marmalade {Ire}**)** paused at the break and was off the tempo through halfway in this belated unveiling. Taking closer order going well on the home turn, the 66-1 outsider took the inside route in the straight and kept on relentlessly under a final-furlong drive to deny Beny Nahar Road (Ire) (Nathaniel {Ire}), a half-brother to G1 Hong Kong Cup hero Akeed Mofeed (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}), by a neck. Lady Labelle is the second of two foals and first scorer out of a multiple-winning half sister to two black-type winners headed by G3 St Simon S. victrix Hazel Lavery (Ire) (Excellent Art {GB}), herself the dam of G1 Queen Elizabeth II S. hero The Revenant (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}). Sales history: £18,000 RNA Ylg '20 GOFOR. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$7,161. 1ST-TIME STARTER. O-Deauville Daze Partnership; B-Lynch Bages Ltd (IRE); T-Sylvester Kirk.

## FRANCE

**Thursday's Results:**

**PRIX ARCANGUES-Listed, €52,000, Deauville, 12-16, 3yo/up, 12 1/2f (AWT), 2:38.16, st.**

1--**THE WAY OF BONNIE (IRE), 128, g, 6, **Thewayyouare--Eyrecourt (Ire)**, by **Ef시오 (GB)**. 1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN.** (€6,500 Wlg '15 GOFNOV; 800gns Ylg '16 TAOCT; €6,500 2yo '17 BBAGM). O-Horses & Berries SL; B-Dowager Countess Harrington (IRE); T-Guillermo Arizkorreta Elosegui; J-Vaclav Janacek. €26,000. Lifetime Record: SP-Ger, 21-6-4-3, €151,690.

2--**Coeur Macen (Fr)**, 125, f, 4, Siyouni (Fr)--Decision (Fr), by Kentucky Dynamite. (€52,000 Wlg '17 ARQDEC; €75,000 Ylg '18 ARAUG). O-Nunzio Ricignuolo, Bertrand Milliere, Boualem Mekki, Cedric Milliere & Jean-Philippe Zaoui; B-Haras du Quesnay (FR); T-Jean-Pierre Gauvin. €10,400.

3--**Sleeping Lion**, 128, g, 6, Teofilo (Ire)--Flame of Hestia (Ire), by Giant's Causeway. (40,000gns RNA Ylg '16 TAOCT; 180,000gns

RNA HRA '19 TATAUT) O/B-Merry Fox Stud Ltd (KY); T-Roger Charlton. €7,800.

Margins: SHD, SNK, 3/4. Odds: 8.40, 8.20, 8.20.

Also Ran: Media Storm (GB), Nagano Gold (GB), Qatar River (Fr), Thirsty (Ire), Brokeback Mountain (Fr), By My Side (Ire), Outbox (GB), Nubia. Scratched: Its Dino (Fr). **Click for the [Racing Post result](#). [Video](#), sponsored by [TVG](#).**

Much travelled and a veteran of racing across five countries to date, The Way of Bonnie snagged claiming events at this venue and Cagnes-sur-Mer in January and posted two wins and two seconds from four starts in Spain after transferring to the yard of Guillermo Arizkorreta earlier this year. Employing patient tactics off the pace in eighth for much of this stamina test, he made relentless headway under pressure in the straight for his bid along the far-side rail with 100 metres remaining and was driven out to claim a career high from Coeur Macen and Sleeping Lion in a three-way tussle.

The Way of Bonnie, the eighth of nine live foals, is one of two scorers and the leading performer produced by a full-sister to G1 Prix Vermeille-winning matriarch Pearly Shells (GB) (Ef시오 {GB}). The April-foaled bay's dam Eyrecourt (Ire) (Ef시오 {GB}) is also a half-sister to GI Hollywood Turf Cup-winning sire Frenchpark (GB) (Fools Holme). Descendants of his third dam Fiddle-Faddle (GB) (Silly Season) include MG1SW sires **Magna Grecia (Ire)** (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) and St Mark's Basilica (Fr) (Siyouni {Fr}).

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Astella (Ger)**, f, 2, **Dabirsim (Fr)**--Ajaxana (Ger) (Hwt. Older Mare-Ger at 7-9.5f & GSW-Ger, \$179,771), by **Rock of Gibraltar (Ire)**. Deauville, 12-16, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:18.71. B-Klaus Hofmann (GER). \*€40,000 Ylg '20 ARQSEP.

**Habshan (Ire)**, g, 2, **Starspangledbanner (Aus)**--Hope So (Ire), by **Bated Breath (GB)**. Deauville, 12-16, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:16.97. B-Brian O'Neill (IRE). \*€55,000 Wlg '19 GOFNOV; 68,000gns RNA Ylg '20 TAOCT.

## IRELAND

**CONDITIONS RESULTS:**

**6th-Dundalk, €12,000, Cond, 12-15, 3yo/up, 8f (AWT), 1:38.20, st.**

**ANNEXATION (FR) (g, 5, **Wootton Bassett {GB}**--**Scarlet Sonnet {Ire}**, by **Invincible Spirit {Ire}**)** Lifetime Record: 22-4-3-2, \$54,505. O-South Ros Racing Syndicate; B-Ecurie Skymarc Farm (FR); T-Henry de Bromhead. \*€85,000 Ylg '17 ARAV2; €240,000 2yo '18 ARQMAY; 18,000gns 3yo '19 TATAHI.

## MIDDLE EAST

### Thursday's Results:

#### DUBAI CREEK MILE (PRESENTED BY LONGINES)-Listed,

AED132,500, Meydan, 12-16, 3yo/up, 1600m, 1:37.17, ft.

1--**TUZ, 126, c, 4, Oxbow--Suede Shoe, by Pulpit.** O-Dakki Stable; B-Calumet Farm (KY); T-Bhupat Seemar; J-Tadhg O'Shea. AED79,500. Lifetime Record: 7-3-1-1, \$108,761.

2--**Eastern World (Ire), 126, g, 4, Dubawi (Ire)--Eastern Joy (GB),** by Dubai Destination. O-Mohammed Ahmad Ali Al Subousi; B-Godolphin (IRE); T-Ahmad bin Harmash. AED26,500.

3--**Thegreatcollection, 126, g, 7, Saint Anddan--Cactus Cadillac,** by Cactus Ridge. O-Zaur Sekrekov; B-Kathleen Amaya, Alexandro Centofanti & Raffaele Centofanti (FL); T-Doug Watson. AED13,250.

Margins: 1 1/4, NK, 2.

Also Ran: Golden Goal (Ire), Ajuste Fiscal (Uru), Gentile Bellini (GB), Midnight Sands, Dessman, Alkaamel (GB), Panadol.

Scratched: Saqqara King.

**4th-Meydan, AED82,500, Cond, 12-16, NH3yo/up & SH3yo/up,** 1400m, 1:23.94, ft.

**KAFOO (c, 3, Curlin--Blind Luck, by Pollard's Vision)** came from just off the pace to graduate by an impressive 6 1/2-length margin in his career bow going 1600 meters Nov. 18. Breaking from the inside this time, the impeccably-bred colt found himself inside behind the first flight as the field raced down the backstretch. Taking aim at Prince Eiji (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) turning for home, the \$250,000 KEESEP yearling needed every inch of the stretch to overtake his rival late en route to a short head. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$26,958.

O-Sheikh Mohammad bin Khalifa Al Maktoum; B-Mark Dedomenico LLC (KY); T-Bhupat Seemar.

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**6th-Meydan, AED120,000, Cond, 12-17, NH2yo & SH3yo,** 1400m, 1:26.40, ft.

**AZURE COAST (c, 2, Street Sense--Divine Rule, by Empire Maker)** left little doubt who was best when scoring by six lengths in his unveiling going 1600 meters in Moscow. Far back in the early going while cutting back to 1400 meters in his Meydan debut, the juvenile remained near the back, but started to pick up the tempo approaching the home turn. Picking off his rivals through the stretch, the \$65,000 KEESEP yearling purchase got up just in time to nail Withering by a head at the wire. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$20,635.

O-Vladimir Kazakov; B-Emory A Hamilton (KY); T-Pavel Vashchenko.

## ASIA

### Thursday's Results:

**ZENNIHON NISAI YUSHUN-Listed, ¥71,400,000, Kawasaki,** 12-15, 2yo, 1600m, 1:39.20, yl.

1--**DRY STOUT (JPN), 121, c, 2, Sinister Minister--Must Buy Item (Jpn), by Afleet.** O-YGG Horse Club; B-Shimokobe Farm; T-Mitsunori Makiura; J-Keita Tosaki; ¥42,000,000. Lifetime Record: 3-3-0-0.

2--**Combustion (Jpn), 121, c, 2,** by Discreet Cat--Smoldering (Jpn), by Pyro. O-Godolphin; B-Darley Japan Farm; ¥14,700,000.

3--**Praelude (Jpn), 121, c, 2, Lovely Day (Jpn)--Anthology (Jpn),** by Sakura Bakushin-Oh (Jpn). O-Carrot Farm; B-Northern Farm; ¥8,400,000.

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



**Kafoo remains undefeated at Meydan Thursday**  
Dhric/Emirates Racing



## AUSTRALIAN INDUSTRY BOOMING



Stay Inside winning the Golden Slipper | Bronwen Healy

by Bren O'Brien

With 72 \$1 million-plus races throughout 2021, backed up by elite racing and record wagering figures and engagement, Australia is leading the way when it comes to the fundamental economics of its Thoroughbred industry.

Aushorse has released its annual Investors' Guide, which ahead of the upcoming sales season, seeks to utilise an array of stats and figures to paint a picture of a thoroughbred industry in rude health based on several key metrics, especially compared with key jurisdictions in the rest of the world.

**Read: *The Aushorse Investors' Guide***

One of the highlight statistics is that the number of Australian races worth \$1 million has doubled in the past six years to 72 in 2021, far more than the United States (49) and Europe (19). Backing that up is the fact there were 73 horses in Australia whose earnings surpassed \$1 million, meaning one in every 175 active horses in the country are \$1 million-plus earners.

Overall prizemoney has grown by 82 per cent in the past decade, with Australia's average prizemoney per race now up to \$46,245, substantially more than the average purse in America (\$29,234), Europe (\$28,604) and the United Kingdom (\$20,181).

"The thing that has really stood out, doing the research, is that things are moving so fast in Australia," Aushorse CEO Tom Reilly told *TDN AusNZ*.

"There is nowhere else in the world where prizemoney is going up so fast, especially at the top end. It's just incredible here, compared to other jurisdictions. Even looking at America, where the prizemoney is not bad, when you look at the million-dollar races, we are way out in front."

Much of that growth is driven by revenue derived from wagering, which grew an astonishing 58 per cent across 2021.

"We are lucky in Australia in that we have a robust funding model, so when wagering increases that flows into the money available for prizemoney. We have got a system that is well established, and we've got racing administrators who understand the value of prizemoney," he said.

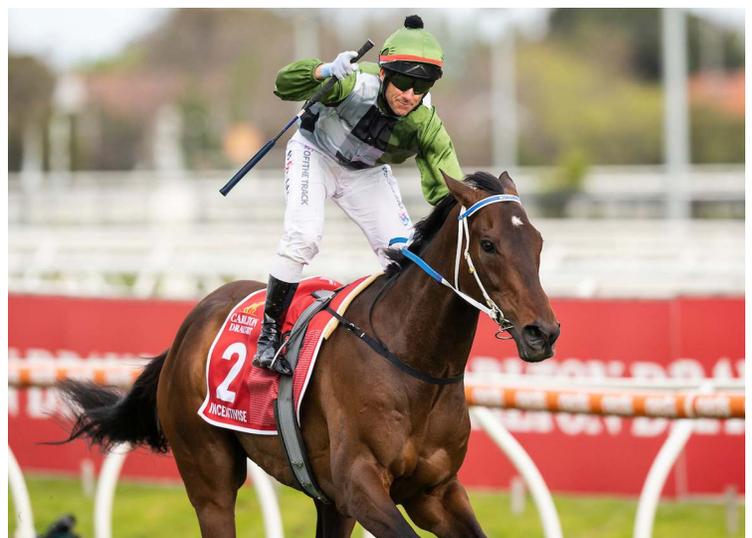
"If you look at wagering growth, last financial year saw the biggest jump on wagering on racing in memory, so prizemoney levels are only increasing going forward."

Reilly said what that does is mount a compelling argument for those looking to invest in thoroughbred racing, to do so in the Australian market.

The Investors' Guide is designed to provide those potential investors, no matter at what end of the market they may be looking at, with the data to back up their decision-making.

"The idea of the guide is to whet the appetite of those people, pull it together, create a coherent narrative and really showcase the industry to the world," he said.

"The numbers tell a really good story and anybody who is looking at growth opportunities would say in many respects, bloodstock in Australia, comparative to other parts of the world, there is great value here."



Incentivise | Bronwen Healy

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The Guide also highlights the comparative affordability of purchasing Australian bloodstock, with the average price of the top 50 colts sold via public auction in the past five years at \$1.02 million, compared to \$1.34 million in the United States and \$1.33 million in Europe. The top 50 fillies in that period have also been sourced at a substantial discount in Australia.

"That gives you a good indication of the market and that Australia was considerably more affordable than those other regions," he said.

Reilly said at the other end of the market, the ability of syndication and Australian trainers to facilitate and also engage with a broad ownership base is a massive asset. Over 100,000 people, or the equivalent of one in every 254 people in Australia, are involved as owners.

With all those strong fundamentals in place, Reilly, who also heads Thoroughbred Breeders Australia, said there is no reason to suggest the level of investment in Australia won't go to yet another level in 2022.

"There are more and more people showing an interest in investing in Australia. We often get approached by people discretely, looking for more information about the industry, people looking to understand the nuts and bolts so they can make a decision," he said.

"A couple of prominent overseas agent have sought more information as they build a prospectus to bring their clients to Australia, many of them for the first time. There's finally a huge amount of interest and that is only going to increase," he said.

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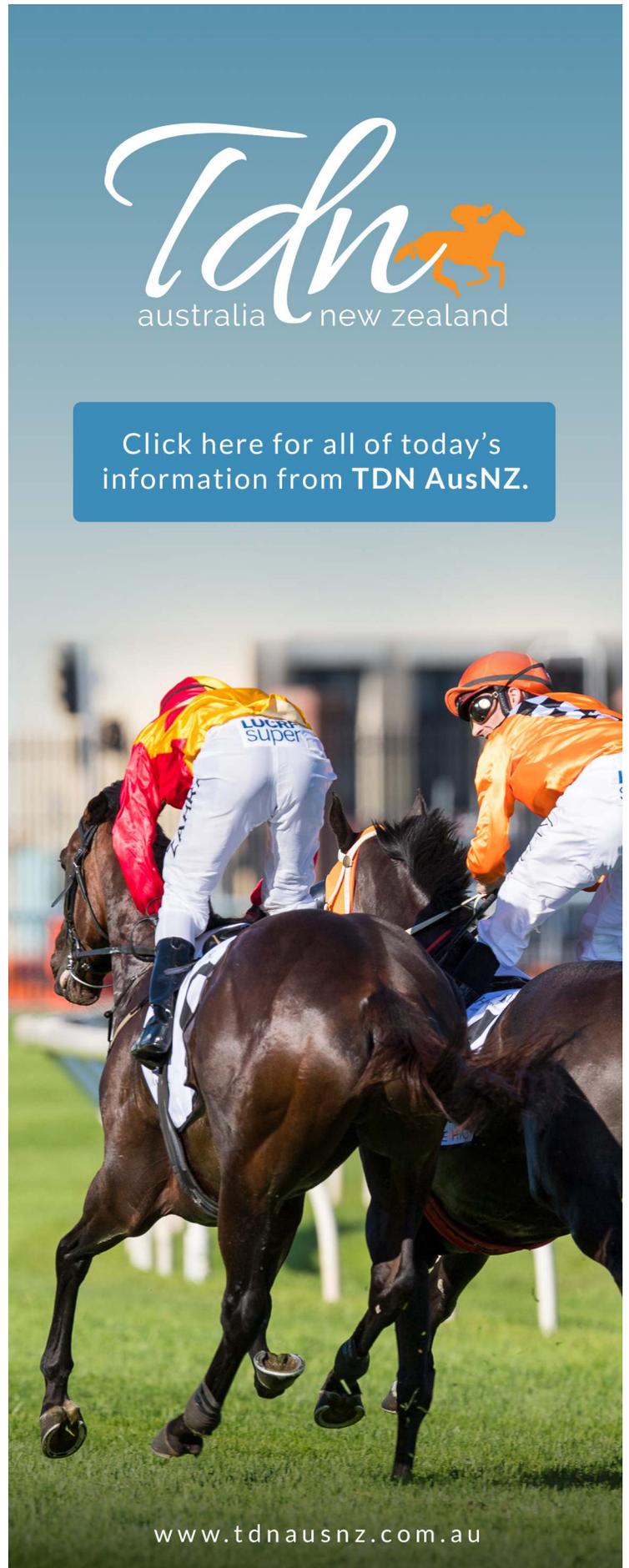
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