

GAMINE RETIRED



Gaminate after winning the 2020 Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Sprint
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Michael Lund Petersen's five-time Grade I-winning champion **Gaminate** (Into Mischief--Peggy Jane, by Kafwain), has been retired from racing and will reside at Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa Farm in Paris, Ky., it was announced Tuesday. Breeding plans for the 5-year-old are still being discussed.

Bred by Grace Thoroughbred Holdings, Gaminate topped the 2019 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic Sale when hammering to Petersen for \$1.8 million and was named a '**TDN Rising Star**' for her dominant 6 1/4-length debut romp last March at Santa Anita. The bay went on to dominate the GI Acorn S. by a breathtaking 18 3/4 lengths and added Grade I triumphs in the Test S. and Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Sprint as a sophomore en route to being named champion female sprinter at the Eclipse Awards.

Her clocking of 1:32 2/5 in the Acorn was one-fifth of a second off of Dr. Fager's one-mile world record on dirt, set 54 years ago. She set a track record at Keeneland when stopping the timer in 1:20 1/5 for seven furlongs in the Breeders' Cup. Her 1:20 4/5 in the Test was two-fifths of a second off the record Saratoga seven-furlong mark.

"Gaminate is the best filly sprinter I have ever trained," said trainer Bob Baffert. "She defines greatness. She's a big, beautiful, elegant filly. She was all class. We knew we had something very special right from the start."

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MAYBERRY FARM'S STARS OF TODAY AND TOMORROW

by Katie Petrunyak

Flightline (Tapit) showed that he was fast from the start with his 13 1/4-length, '**TDN Rising Star**'-worthy debut, but he proved his status as an elite talent in his most recent jaw-dropping performance when he passed the wire on cruise control in the GI **Runhappy** Malibu S., winning by 11 1/2 lengths and earning a 118 Beyer speed figure.

The impressive colt's ownership group of Hronis Racing, Siena Farm, Summer Wind Equine, West Point Thoroughbreds and Woodford Racing has undoubtedly spent much of this new year celebrating their star's unforgettable sophomore season while waiting in anticipation for his next start.

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2021 in Photos: June 7. Hey Chub poses for a photo at Delaware Valley University in Doylestown, PA, where the perennial leading New Jersey sire stands. Pictured left to right: Bridget McLaughlin, Sophie Ricard, Lexus Weishaar, Jenna Reigle, Allyson Shively, Caitlin Watson, Alyssa Waters. | Sarah Andrew

SNOW POSES FIRST CHALLENGE TO LAUREL TRACK

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After a successful month of racing with no fatalities, the rebuilt Laurel main track will receive its biggest test yet this week following snowfall and steep temperature drops. T.D. Thornton reports on the back-and-forth of Tuesday's Maryland Racing Commission on the issue.

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As a 4-year-old in 2021, Gamine added Grade I scores in the Derby City Distaff S. at Churchill Downs and Ballerina S. at Saratoga. She was third when defending her title in the Breeders' Cup in her career finale and retires with a record of 11-9-0-1 and earnings of \$1,771,500.

"Gamine is leaving the track happy and healthy. She gave me and my family the thrill of a lifetime," said Lund Petersen. "We look forward to her next chapter."

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Mayberry Farm's Stars of Today and Tomorrow cont. from p1

Meanwhile, another one of Flightline's connections is also looking forward to what he could do in 2022 while reminiscing on the impact he made during his short time with her.

April Mayberry, whose Mayberry Farm broke and trained the son of Tapit, has watched with pride as Flightline displayed the extraordinary talent she always thought he could have.

"It gives me chills to watch him," Mayberry said. "To think that you were one of the first people to think that ability was in there and then to see it come true is a really cool feeling."

Flightline arrived at Mayberry Farm in 2019 after selling to West Point Thoroughbreds for \$1 million at the Fasig-Tipton Saratoga Sale.



Click here for our interview with April Mayberry on Grade I winner Flightline | Benoit

"When he first came in, he was such an impressive-looking horse," Mayberry recalled. "He was already 16 hands. When we started the breaking process, it crossed my mind that maybe he had already been started because he was so quiet. Everything he did was easy. He came like a ready-made horse. There was no learning curve with him because he already knew it all somehow." **Cont. p4**

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Mayberry said the young colt had a certain air about him suggesting that he already had an idea of just how special he was. She recalled how he would stop by the clocker's stand each morning before heading back to the barn after a workout so that he could pose for any onlookers.

"He was one of those horses, and there have only been a few in my lifetime, where if they ever started speaking to you, you would just answer them," she said. "It wouldn't be like, 'Wow this horse is talking to me.' You would just answer him. He was that kind of horse--super intelligent and classy in everything he did."

While Mayberry noticed the bay's clever personality from the start, it wasn't until he started breezing that she knew his ability was outstanding as well.

"I always thought that he was probably a really nice horse, but the first day we kind of let him pick it up a little bit, that sealed the deal," she said.

Shortly after Flightline began breezing, agent David Ingordo dropped in for a visit. Mayberry remembers standing trackside and waiting for Flightline to appear when they heard a commotion coming from the barn.

"David and I went back to the barn to see what the holdup was and found that Flightline had decided to cut his hind end on the stall door," Mayberry explained. "It was a take-your-breath-away, what-are-we-going-to-do injury, but we were pretty sure

everything was going to be fine after the vet came and stitched him up."

For weeks, the Mayberry Farm team tended to Flightline's injury and looked after the colt through long days of stall rest.

"This horse never turned a hair," Mayberry recalled. "A lot of times with injuries in horses, a lot is up to the horse in whether they're a good patient or not. That's a big part of the battle. But he knew everyone was there to help him."

After two months, the injury had healed and Flightline returned to training as if he had never had a day off. With an almost-imperceptible scar on his hind end, Flightline was sent to John Sadler and thrived in his training there just as he had in Ocala.

While the team at Mayberry missed their talented prodigy after he shipped out California, it wasn't long before his spot was filled by another colt who stepped onto the farm with similarly-high expectations ahead of him.

Last fall, a **City of Light** yearling arrived in Ocala and, in a situation that was purely happenstance according to Mayberry, was given the very same stall that Flightline once occupied.

This young colt out of the stakes-placed **Tapit** mare Anchorage was the 2021 Keeneland September Sale topper, purchased by Woodford Racing, Talla Racing and West Point Thoroughbreds for \$1.7 million.

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“He is another one where he’s just a cool dude,” Mayberry said. “He’s extremely classy and quiet. He takes a nap every day and does everything you ask of him. He has all the qualities that I as a trainer would like to see in a horse moving forward.”

Mayberry Farm has three more newly-turned 2-year-olds who were purchased by partnerships that include West Point Thoroughbreds. They have a second **City of Light** juvenile, this one a filly out of Miss Mo Kelly (Congrats) purchased for \$500,000, as well as two **Justify** colts--one out of Flaming Heart (Touch Gold) purchased for \$675,000 and the other, a son of stakes producer True Feelings (Latent Heat), was the third highest-priced yearling of the 2021 Keeneland September Sale, selling to Talla Racing and West Point Thoroughbreds for \$1.55 million.

“The True Feelings colt was a little peppier in his step at first,” Mayberry said. “He was very full of himself and was very confident. Once he was broke and got on the track, he really calmed down and looks like he enjoys his training.”

Mayberry said that over the years, she has learned that the key to bringing up these young horses is to make sure they are enjoying their job.

“Our philosophy is that we let the horse tell us,” she explained. “If you listen, they’ll let you know what they need. I think the happier they are, the more they’ll do for you. If we can make everything easy for them, the rest falls into place like it’s supposed to.”

April Mayberry, a fourth-generation horsewoman, runs Mayberry Farm alongside her mother Jeanne and sister Summer. The farm opened in 2000 and since then, their list of superstar graduates has turned into more of a book.

Their first big name was champion Zenyatta, who Mayberry describes as independent, intelligent and a filly that was driven by both sleep and snacks. The 2010 Horse of the Year was soon followed by Grade I winners Exaggerator and Texas Red.

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April Mayberry and the **Justify**--Flaming Heart colt | Katie Petrunyak

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“I’ve been around a lot of good horses in my day,” she said. “The one thing they all have in common is intelligence. They have to want to do it. They can have all the ability in the world, but if they don’t want to do it, they’re not going to and you can’t make them. The key is getting them to want to do it and most of the time, it’s natural.”

Mayberry can’t pick an all-time favorite trainee, but she is confident that their most recent star graduate is one they will never forget.

“I don’t like to compare horses because they’re all different, whether it’s in ability, personality or looks, but Flightline is exactly what you’re looking for,” she said. “When he stepped foot onto the track for the first time, he made you smile. That’s why we do what we do—for horses like him.”

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TAKING STOCK: VAROLA AND HEWITT DISCUSS VAGUELY NOBLE AND CARO



Vaguely Noble | Keeneland Library Thoroughbred Times

By Sid Fernando

If you are a student of pedigrees, you'll know of Franco Varola and Abram S. Hewitt. If not, take my word for it that they were two giants in the field of pedigree research, and both were excellent writers. Varola, an Italian whose first name was Francesco, is known for two iconic books, "Typology of the Racehorse" and "The Functional Development of the Thoroughbred," both of which examined influential stallions by aptitude and classified them as "chefs-de-race" within the dosage framework originally developed by Lt. Col. J.J. Vuillier at the beginning of the last century; Hewitt, an American, is a major name among pedigree writers in North America and is the author of the classic "Sire Lines." **Cont. p7**



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Hewitt worked with Dr. Steven Roman and Leon Rasmussen in the early days of classifying chesfs for American racing.

Rasmussen was another pedigree giant and outstanding writer who penned the longtime "Bloodlines" column for *Daily Racing Form*, and he frequently referred to Hewitt as the "doyen of American turf writers," a testament to his respect for Hewitt.

Hewitt and Varola published their books at the time Rasmussen was writing his column for *DRF*. Varola's "Typology" came out in 1974; Hewitt's "Sire Lines" was published in 1977; and Varola's "Functional Development" was released in 1980. All three men communicated with one another through letters during this period, which coincided with a 16-year-old--me--sending a note to Rasmussen in 1976 about a stallion he and Hewitt had been discussing as a potential breed shaper. Long story short, I never expected Rasmussen to reply, and when he did, it began a longtime pen pal relationship that developed into a lifelong friendship, which even included a family trip with my wife and two young sons to visit Leon and his wife in Los Angeles.

Leon died of cancer at 88 in August of 2003. On a solo visit to the Rasmussens at their Los Feliz home about a year or so before that, Leon told me he didn't have much time left. "They found this growth behind my ear, pal," he said. Leon then took me into his office and showed me about eight cardboard boxes he'd packed, addressed to me in Brooklyn. "I'd like you to have

all my racing correspondence, if you don't mind?" I said I was honored, but not to expect me to attend the funeral. He saw I was visibly shaken by his news. "Let's get some Chinese food and martinis, then, and celebrate now," he said, and we did. That was the last time I saw Leon in person, and I kept my word to not attend his funeral.

Unfortunately, I wasn't a good steward of that cache. I went through each letter over a period of a few years after Leon died, and it was fascinating reading. Leon detailed notes about his trip to Dormello to see legendary breeder Federico Tesio's operation, for instance, and there was correspondence with many of the greatest breeders and owners of the last century. All of it perished during a storm that flooded my basement, and all I had were my memories, I thought.

Vaguely Noble and Caro

Just the other day, as I was preparing to move from Brooklyn to Tampa, I found some correspondence from Leon that I'd brought upstairs years ago to write about, but had forgotten to do: letters between Varola and Hewitt from 1977. Hewitt had given copies of them to Leon.

Captivating historical artifacts that illuminate the relationships of Varola and Hewitt with some notable breeders and horses, they also reveal how some matings were planned. **Cont. p8**

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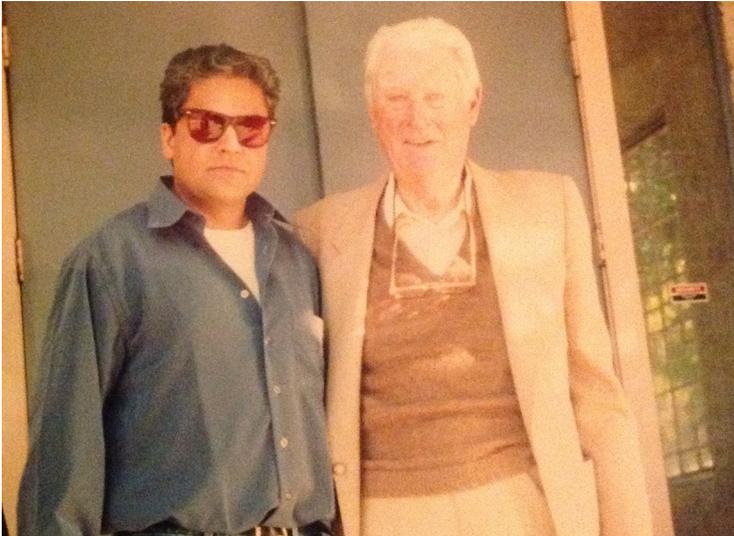
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By the Hyperion-line Vienna (GB), who was owned by Sir Winston Churchill, Vaguely Noble was a Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe winner, and he came to Kentucky after Gaines purchased a quarter of the horse from Bunker Hunt and his partners, Robert and Wilma Franklyn.

At the time, Hewitt was doing the Bunker Hunt matings, which he wrote about to Varola in a letter dated Jan. 15, 1977. Varola, who lived in Rio de Janeiro from March to September and in Rome from October to February, was late getting the letter, which had been sent to Rome and then was forwarded to Rio.

In a reply dated Apr. 13, Varola responded, after explaining the reasons for the tardy reply [I'm reproducing the exact language they used with no edits for punctuation or style]: "I do appreciate the magnitude of the job which you have undertaken on behalf of Mr. Bunker Hunt, involving as it does 176 mares, which is more than double any single similar job I have undertaken in the past. I am sure however that you will derive great personal satisfaction from it."

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On Apr. 19, Hewitt responded: "You probably already know that Bunker Hunt has bred virtually all the good racers by Vaguely Noble. The program has been basically simple. Since

Vaguely Noble was a very high class horse who stayed exceptionally well, he was bred to very fast mares, who typically came from 'speed' strains. This has balanced out very well.

"One of my hobbies has been to listen to horses' hearts. Vaguely Noble has much the best 'staying heart' of any sire in Kentucky; Secretariat is also exceptional.

"Doing the matings for the Hunt Stud is enjoyable. However, I have by no means a free hand. Mr. Hunt likes to move matings around, like moving chess pieces. In addition, he owns a controlling share in Vaguely Noble, Mississippian, Ace of Aces, Youth, Empery, and Sir Wiggle. This means that I am very restricted in the use of 'outside' sires which I would like to patronize. To some extent, I have been permitted to do so, and must say, that the foals of these 'outside' sires are on the whole superior to the others, except for 5 or 6 by Vaguely Noble."

At the time of these letters in 1977, the Bunker Hunt-bred-and-owned Dahlia, a member of Vaguely Noble's first crop, had been retired and covered for the first time, by Bold Forbes. Foaled in 1970 and raised at Claiborne for Bunker Hunt, Dahlia was one of the best of her generation, which included Secretariat, Forego, and Allez France in the same crop. She raced until she was six, winning 15 of 48 starts and nearly \$1.5 million.

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Like many of Bunker Hunt's homebreds, she'd started off in Europe, where she won the G1 King George VI and Queen Elizabeth S. against older males at three, among other races of note, before returning to the U.S. full time as an older mare.

Dahlia was a champion in England, Ireland, and the U.S.

As Hewitt noted, the mating that produced Dahlia was based on the idea of using a fast and precocious mare. Her dam Charming Alibi, a daughter of Honey's Alibi, was a tough and fast California-bred who won stakes races in the Midwest, making 13 starts at two and 71 altogether. There was nothing blue-blooded about her pedigree.

In 1976, the last year Dahlia raced, Bunker Hunt won the G1 Epsom Derby with the Vaguely Noble homebred Empery, whose dam was the champion

Peruvian-bred mare Pamplona II. She'd previously produced his 1970 French 1,000 Guineas winner Pampered Miss, a daughter

of Sadair. Like Charming Alibi, Pamplona didn't come from a fashionable sire line, but she had performance on her resume, plus production, at the time she was bred to Vaguely Noble.

Bunker Hunt also won the G1 French Derby in 1976 with Youth, a son of Ack Ack. He must have been one of the Bunker Hunt homebreds that Hewitt liked by an "outside" stallion. His dam was Gazala II, a daughter of Dark Star--the horse who defeated Native Dancer in the Kentucky Derby. Gazala, a small, unimpressive, and delicate mare, won the French 1000 Guineas and the Oaks for Bunker Hunt in 1967, displaying terrific acceleration. She was by far Dark Star's best runner. Before Youth, Gazala had produced the Vaguely Noble colt Mississippian, the champion 2-year-old colt in France in 1973, and after Youth, she foaled the



Vaguely Noble at the time of his sale at a record price of 136,000gns at Newmarket, December 1967 | Getty

Vaguely Noble colt Gonzales, who won the G1 Irish St. Leger in 1980. *Cont. p11*

Three Chimneys and Ron Winchell have donated a No Guarantee Gun Runner Season to benefit the tornado victims in Western Kentucky. The season will be auctioned off at Keeneland, January 10.

The season is catalogued as hip 430Z. Call Keeneland for auction details.




THREE CHIMNEYS

Hewitt wrote to Varola again July 29. By this time, he'd digested Varola's "Typology of the Racehorse," difficult as that was, he noted, and was experimenting with Varola's diagrams within Vuillier's framework of dosage. He wrote: "I have been doing a certain amount of investigating with the use of your diagrams, with the added use of the names of key American stallions which do not appear in your tables; and in addition to this I have tried assigning numbers to each name in accordance with the Vuillier dosage method. The results to date have been quite illuminating.

"Mr. Hunt, [sic] horse Vaguely Noble, for instance, works out at a consistency figure about 2 1/2 times the average, suggesting a lack of brilliant offspring and the probability of somewhat late maturity. This has proven to be the case. In fact, all of his best stock have been from mares with a high turn of speed and tending towards early maturity."

Hewitt then turns his attention to Caro, whose first foals were 4-year-olds at this writing. Caro, by the way, was a horse that Leon frequently described as a product of a "fish and fowl" mating, because he was by the sprinter Fortino (Fr) out of a stayer, Chambord (GB). Hewitt suggested that the same analysis he'd used for Vaguely Noble didn't provide an accurate reading of Caro's aptitude to that point in time. "Caro, which has made such a brilliant start at stud in France," he began, was showing more brilliance at stud than was expected, he said, to paraphrase. "This is somewhat surprising to me in a horse that was as late maturing as Caro was and showed as little sheer brilliance as he did."

What Hewitt didn't know when he wrote that to Varola was that Varola himself had planned Caro's mating for his owner and breeder, Countess Margit Batthyany, a prominent European breeder whose family owned the famed Gestut Erlenhof in Germany.



Caro | Keeneland Library Thoroughbred Times

Varola's reply from Rio Aug. 31 first expressed dissatisfaction with Hewitt's methodology of mashing up his work with that of Vuillier's, and then of Hewitt's opinion of Caro. He wrote, "As regards assigning numbers in Vuillier-like fashion, I am very much more doubtful. I am afraid there are already a lot of numbers in my own basic method such as it is, but the main reason is that since my task is to spot functional types, this is something that is done mainly on personal impression and without any interference of numbers in the initial stage of the analytical process.

"For instance, my own view of Caro [whose dosage diagram was, by the way, designed by me personally back in 1966] is that he has turned out to be exactly what we had hoped at that time he would be, that is a sire with distinctly Intermediate vocation and destined no doubt to influence future pedigrees on the distaff side as well. By the way, I do not agree that he was a horse without brilliance. It was rather a case of a horse of high genetic potential, which tends to manifest himself on the racecourse with good class but without ever attaining the status of a smasher. Big Game was another such example."

This months-long conversation of two giants of the pedigree world offers more than an insight into Vaguely Noble, Caro, their connections, and the thought processes of the protagonists. For one, it's a record of the early development of dosage in this country; Hewitt, Dr. Roman, and Rasmussen would chisel some of Varola's work into practical usage through Dr. Roman's easily accessible diagrams and formulations, which were first introduced in "Bloodlines" in 1981.

There's something else we are privy to only in hindsight. Caro's breeder and owner Countess Batthyany had Nazi ties and was implicated in a massacre of Jews, which I wrote of in 2018 [here](#). Hewitt, who among many other accomplishments was also a notable owner and breeder, was part of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS)--which later became the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA)--during WWII and was a Nazi hunter. Varola was an Italian living in Rio de Janeiro, a destination of Nazis after WWII. I have no knowledge that he was associated with Nazis or Nazi sympathizers, other than the revelation that he planned the matings of Countess Batthyany.

What if Varola and Hewitt knew of the other's background and their respective associates as they wrote to each other? Maybe they did, but in these letters they confined their discussions to horses.

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AFTER FATALITY-FREE MONTH, SNOW POSES FIRST CHALLENGE TO NEW LAUREL SURFACE

by T.D. Thornton

The work-in-progress new dirt racing surface at Laurel Park has made it through 10 racing dates and nearly a month of training without a catastrophic injury after being closed for 11 days in late autumn after eight equine fatalities. But a Monday snowstorm followed by a sharp drop in overnight temperature provided the first 2022 challenge to a track that has historically been prone to problems during winter weather.

Training was cancelled at Laurel Monday and Tuesday but will reopen Wednesday at 6:30 a.m. without timed workouts being permitted as a safety precaution. A chance of freezing rain is in the Wednesday forecast ahead of the next scheduled race date on Thursday, Jan. 6.

Mike Rogers, the president of the racing division for The Stronach Group (TSG), which owns Laurel, gave an update on the track to the Maryland Racing Commission (MRC) during Tuesday's monthly meeting.

After Rogers accentuated the positive aspects of the project, commissioner R. Thomas Bowman, a veterinarian who chairs the MRC's Equine Health, Safety and Welfare Advisory Committee, reported that despite the progress, he has concerns that the expert consultant hired to represent the horsemen is not having his input fully acted upon by TSG, which is relying more heavily on the expertise of its own consultants.

Bowman said that he is "absolutely confident that everybody is trying to do the right thing" to keep the track safe. But, he added, "I am fairly disappointed, however, in the apparent disagreement on which of the experts that has been brought in is actually the pilot of the ship."

When speaking remotely via teleconference, Rogers had introduced both Chris Bosley, the MJC's track superintendent, and Glen Kozak, who served in that same capacity in the mid-2000s before being hired by the New York Racing Association, in case the commissioners wanted to ask questions. Bosley handles the day-to-day operations while Kozak has been hired to consult.

Not introduced was John Passero, who years ago was Laurel's superintendent but has recently been retained by the Maryland Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association as its consultant. It was not clear if Passero was on the call in listen-only mode; in December he had been previously introduced alongside the other experts to speak at MJC meetings.

According to Bowman, Passero "has the confidence of the horsemen--at least the rank and file horsemen--and there seems to be a disconnect in what John proposes to do and what some of the other experts propose to do. And John Passero has been very, very quick to point out that he is not trying to be critical of

anyone else's opinion. But he does feel frustrated when his input is not being heeded."

Bowman continued: "Everybody has tried to be cooperative. Everybody has offered me what I think is an honest opinion. But when it gets down to it, somebody's got to call balls and strikes, and it would seem that the person most able to do that would be someone that is on the grounds on a regular basis."



Racing at Laurel | Maryland Jockey Club

After Bowman aired his concerns, Rogers addressed what he said he believes to be the discrepancy among the consultants.

"All experts are on the same page. The only disagreement is timing on one of the issues," Rogers said.

That issue has to do with a "pad" of compressed cushion that sits on top of the limestone base. It was established weeks ago as a protective measure while the body of the cushion gradually gets rebuilt through the addition of coarse sand. Laurel's crews have already added 2,000 tons of sand, with another 1,000 tons to be slowly mixed in.

"At some point, we all know that pad will not be able to be maintained," Rogers said. "And the crew is going to have to dig into that pad, and we do not want to do that until we feel the cushion has the body in it to do that."

MRC chairman Michael Algeo said he appreciated that explanation, but he underscored to Rogers that the commission wants to avoid a problem that has happened in the past, whereby TSG keeps telling the MRC, "everything's going okay, and all of a sudden we have a track issue. And then we repair it a little bit, and then we have a track issue."

Recent history bears out Algeo's point of view. The autumn cluster of fatalities was only the latest safety blow at Laurel. After years of freeze/thaw and drainage troubles that TSG attempted to fix via piecemeal repairs, the main track was in such bad shape last spring that Laurel ceased racing on Apr. 11, 2021, to begin an emergency overhaul, which morphed into a multi-million-dollar rebuild from the base up. **Cont. p13**

What was initially supposed to have been a closure of about one month ended up taking five months before racing could resume.

“The racing commission is charged with making certain that we have a safe track. At the same time, our commission cannot be the ‘track police,’” Algeo said. “This is a period of time which most concerns me, because this is the type of weather--the change of weather, the deep freeze, the snow--is where the track surface issues seem to happen in a 24-48 hour period.”

Bosley expressed confidence that the Laurel surface made it through Monday’s test of four inches of precipitation followed by a dramatic temperature drop to 17 degrees Fahrenheit.

“The way that we maintained the track [Monday] night was with the drag harrows, pretty much every single drag harrow we had, with added weights and the draw bars down,” Bosley said. “And that’s important because with added weight and the draw bars down, the drag harrows will be riding on top of or will be into the pad that we established.”

After crews worked all night, Bosley said it was “very impressive” how the track reacted to the winter weather.

“That’s a really good sign,” Bosley said. “An early inspection of the pad [Tuesday] morning [revealed] that we still have a pad ... That means that the plan we submitted is working. It means that the sand that we have added into the track is working. That doesn’t mean that we need to stop adding this coarser sand into the track. We definitely need to add more. But we’re definitely heading in the right direction.”

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TWO-TIME BC CHAMP DA HOSS DIES AT 30

Dual GI Breeders’ Cup Mile Winner, **Da Hoss** (Gone West--Jolly Saint, Welsh Saint) died at the Kentucky Horse Park Jan. 2. At the age of 30, the gelding passed away due to infirmities of old age. Da Hoss had been living at the Kentucky Horse Park since January 2000.

“We will miss Da Hoss greatly. He was a fan favorite as he proved that spirit can triumph over adversity,” said Nicole Rivera, Interim Deputy Executive Director of the Kentucky Horse Park. “I would like to extend a special thank you to Rob Willis and the Hall of Champions staff for the great care and affection they showed Da Hoss during his time here at the park.”

Foaled on Jan. 18, 1992, Wall Street Racing bought Da Hoss as a Keeneland September yearling for \$6,000. After racing as a 2-year-old for trainer Kevin Eikleberry and Wall Street Racing, an 85% interest in Da Hoss was sold to Prestonwood Farm. He was shipped to Fair Hill training center to start training with Michael Dickinson and Joan Wakefield.

Only one five horses to win the Breeders’ Cup Mile twice, and the only horse to win twice in non-consecutive years, Da Hoss



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annexed the turf test in 1996 and 1998, the second after returning from an injury. His inspiring finish in the 1998 Mile produced one of Tom Durkin’s most memorable race calls, as he exclaimed: “The greatest comeback since Lazarus!”

Added trainer Michael Dickinson of Tapeta Farm, “We all loved him. He was our horse of a lifetime. He brought us so many highs, even with his problems, we knew he would never let us down. He gave his all and loved to win. He was spoiled but deserved to be. He loved going out in one of his grass fields with his best friend Boomer for two or three hours every day. He knew he was special. It was comforting to know he was always well looked after by everyone at the Kentucky Horse Park where he enjoyed a wonderful retirement.”

Da Hoss shared the Kentucky Horse Park Hall of Champions with other Champion horses, including Thoroughbreds Go For Gin, Funny Cide and Point Given, Standardbred pacers Western Dreamer and Won the West, and Standardbred trotter Mr. Musclemann.

Da Hoss will be buried in the Memorial Walk of Champions.

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STEPHANIE BRENNAN JOINS TRF BOARD



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Stephanie Brennan has been elected to the Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation's Board of Directors. The TRF board provides leadership for carrying out the Foundation's mission to provide sanctuary for retired racehorses no longer able to compete on the racetrack and to save them from possible neglect, abuse and slaughter.

"Once again the TRF has hit a home run by adding Stephanie to the Board," said Patrick Mackay, President and Chairman of the Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation. "We welcome and look forward with great enthusiasm to her sharing her firsthand knowledge and expertise in Thoroughbred aftercare for the betterment of our herd."

A resident of Ocala, Florida, Brennan served as the Director of Sales and Marketing for Niall Brennan Stables and in 2009 founded Final Furlong, LLC, a Thoroughbred retirement initiative solely for graduates of Niall Brennan Stables and through that organization has rehomed nearly 200 off-the-track Thoroughbreds.

"I am excited to be a part of the TRF," said Brennan. "As a strong supporter of aftercare, I am particularly interested in the liaison between the TRF and the correctional systems. It creates a world of opportunities for both equines and inmates to have hope for a better future."

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VACCAREZZA RAISES \$40K FOR TORNADO RELIEF

Carlo Vaccarezza helped raise \$40,000 to support Tornado relief efforts in Kentucky when he hosted a fundraiser at his Frank & Dino's restaurant in Lexington Sunday. Vaccarezza offered complimentary food and drinks from 12 p.m. until 8 p.m. at the popular Italian eatery on W. Short Street, while patrons were encouraged to make donations to help families effected by tornadoes which ripped through Western Kentucky Dec. 11 and destroyed over 1,000 homes and buildings. Following Sunday's event, Vaccarezza issued a \$40,000 check to the Kentucky State Treasurer Monday morning.

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CURLIN'S HONOR SIRES FIRST FOAL

Curlin's Honor (Curlin--Franscat, by Stormin Fever), a seven-figure 2-year-old auction purchase who went on to become a dual stakes winner and six times graded stakes placed, has sired his first foal, a chestnut filly out of Be All You Can Be (**War Front**), Pleasant Acres Stallions announced Tuesday.

"We're delighted to greet the first foal by **Curlin's Honor**, and this is an especially interesting one, as it's the first foal of a **War Front** mare closely related to Lines of Battle, War Flag and Civil Union," said Pedigree Consultants' Alan Porter. "Curlin's Honor had a great reception in his first year at Pleasant Acres Stallions. Given his background--he's the fastest son of **Curlin**, with five clockings of 1:08 and change for six furlongs, and from the fabulous Tartan Farm family of Fappiano, Quiet American and nine other graded sires--we think he has a great shot of making it as a stallion. In fact, we are actively acquiring more mares to breed to him in 2022."

Selling for \$1.5 million at Fasig-Tipton Midlantic in 2017, **Curlin's Honor** banked \$356,545 in his 17-race career and defeated Grade I winner Voodoo's Song (English Channel) in winning the Artie Schiller S. at Aqueduct in 2019. He entered stud at Pleasant Acres in 2021 and stands for \$2,500.

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1	Not This Time (2014) by <i>Giant's Causeway</i> FYR: 2018	13	18	2	3	--	--	127	68	396,425	5,468,315
										Yes This Time	
2	Nyquist (2013) by <i>Uncle Mo</i> FYR: 2018	6	18	1	9	--	2	121	51	351,300	4,890,450
										Turnerloose	
3	Frosted (2012) by <i>Tapit</i> FYR: 2018	6	11	2	6	--	--	158	66	349,500	4,732,908
										Travel Column	
4	Runhappy (2012) by <i>Super Saver</i> FYR: 2018	6	11	2	3	--	1	103	52	843,020	4,585,259
										Following Sea	
5	Speightster (2012) by <i>Speightstown</i> FYR: 2018	3	10	--	1	--	--	143	72	192,108	4,282,760
										Door Buster	
6	Upstart (2012) by <i>Flatter</i> FYR: 2018	5	10	1	3	--	--	114	65	526,208	3,879,679
										Masqueparade	
7	Protonico (2011) by <i>Giant's Causeway</i> FYR: 2018	1	2	1	1	1	1	18	9	3,520,000	3,837,248
										Medina Spirit	
8	Laoban (2013) by <i>Uncle Mo</i> FYR: 2018	5	13	--	3	--	--	83	40	345,667	3,440,683
										Keepmeinmind	
9	Exaggerator (2013) by <i>Curlin</i> FYR: 2018	3	5	--	--	--	--	158	82	127,005	3,353,136
										Crew Dragon	
10	Outwork (2013) by <i>Uncle Mo</i> FYR: 2018	5	12	--	1	--	--	114	43	310,730	2,848,600
										Abrogate	
11	Air Force Blue (2013) by <i>War Front</i> FYR: 2018	5	5	--	1	--	--	114	48	221,197	2,729,996
										Haddassah	
12	Vancouver (Aus) (2012) by <i>Medaglia d'Oro</i> FYR: 2018	2	4	1	1	--	--	94	49	217,000	2,714,704
										Madone	
13	Tourist (2011) by <i>Tiznow</i> FYR: 2018	1	5	--	2	--	1	105	56	159,491	2,386,159
										Tango Tango Tango	
14	Mshawish (2010) by <i>Medaglia d'Oro</i> FYR: 2018	3	8	2	2	--	--	89	47	241,900	2,038,137
										Sainthood	
15	War Dancer (2010) by <i>War Front</i> FYR: 2018	1	7	--	--	--	--	72	22	153,700	1,869,228
										Step Dancer	

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Jan. 17	GIII Astra S.	Santa Anita
Jan. 22	GIII Lecomte S.	Fair Grounds
	GIII Louisiana S.	Fair Grounds
Jan. 29	GI Pegasus World Cup Invitational	Gulfstream
	GI Pegasus World Cup Turf Inv.	Gulfstream
	GII Inside Information S.	Gulfstream
	GII San Vicente S.	Santa Anita
	GIII Pegasus Filly & Mare Turf	Gulfstream
	GIII Fred W. Hooper S.	Gulfstream
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	GIII W. L. McKnight S.	Gulfstream
	GIII Toboggan S.	Aqueduct
	GIII Southwest S.	Oaklawn
	GIII Palos Verdes S.	Santa Anita
	GIII Megahertz S.	Santa Anita

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

8th-Sunland, \$42,800, (S), 1-4, 4yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:18.46, ft, neck.

JET N G (g, 7, Mr. Trieste--Book the Cat, by Tabasco Cat)

Lifetime Record: MSP, 35-7-9-5, \$330,033. O-Maurcencia Cross; B-Maurcencia & Gary Cross (NM); T-Gary W. Cross. *Full to Numberoneson, SP, \$150,809.

2nd-Mahoning Valley, \$38,000, (NW3X)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 1-4, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:35.86, ft, nose.

LITTLE BLAKER (g, 7, Regal Ransom--Sweet Jody, by Value Plus)

Lifetime Record: MSP, 69-16-13-12, \$354,442. O/T-Nestor R. Rivera; B-Raimonde Farms LTD & Michael Rone (OH). *\$3,200 RNA Ylg '16 KEEJAN.

6th-Mahoning Valley, \$29,900, 1-4, (NW2X), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:09.79, gd, neck.

ASTRO JAK (g, 8, Astrology--Jackie's Causeway, by Giant's Causeway)

Lifetime Record: 58-12-16-4, \$172,634. O-Nancy J. Ramunno; B-Nearco LLC (KY); T-Richard T. Vickers. *\$8,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP; \$30,000 RNA 2yo '16 OBSMAR.

7th-Mahoning Valley, \$25,900, 1-4, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10.13, gd, 1/2 length.

COWBOYS FEATHER (g, 4, Can the Man--Enchantable, by Canadian Frontier)

Lifetime Record: 11-2-1-2, \$30,660. O-Diane M. Carbon; B-Barr Inman (KY); T-Elliot Sullivan.

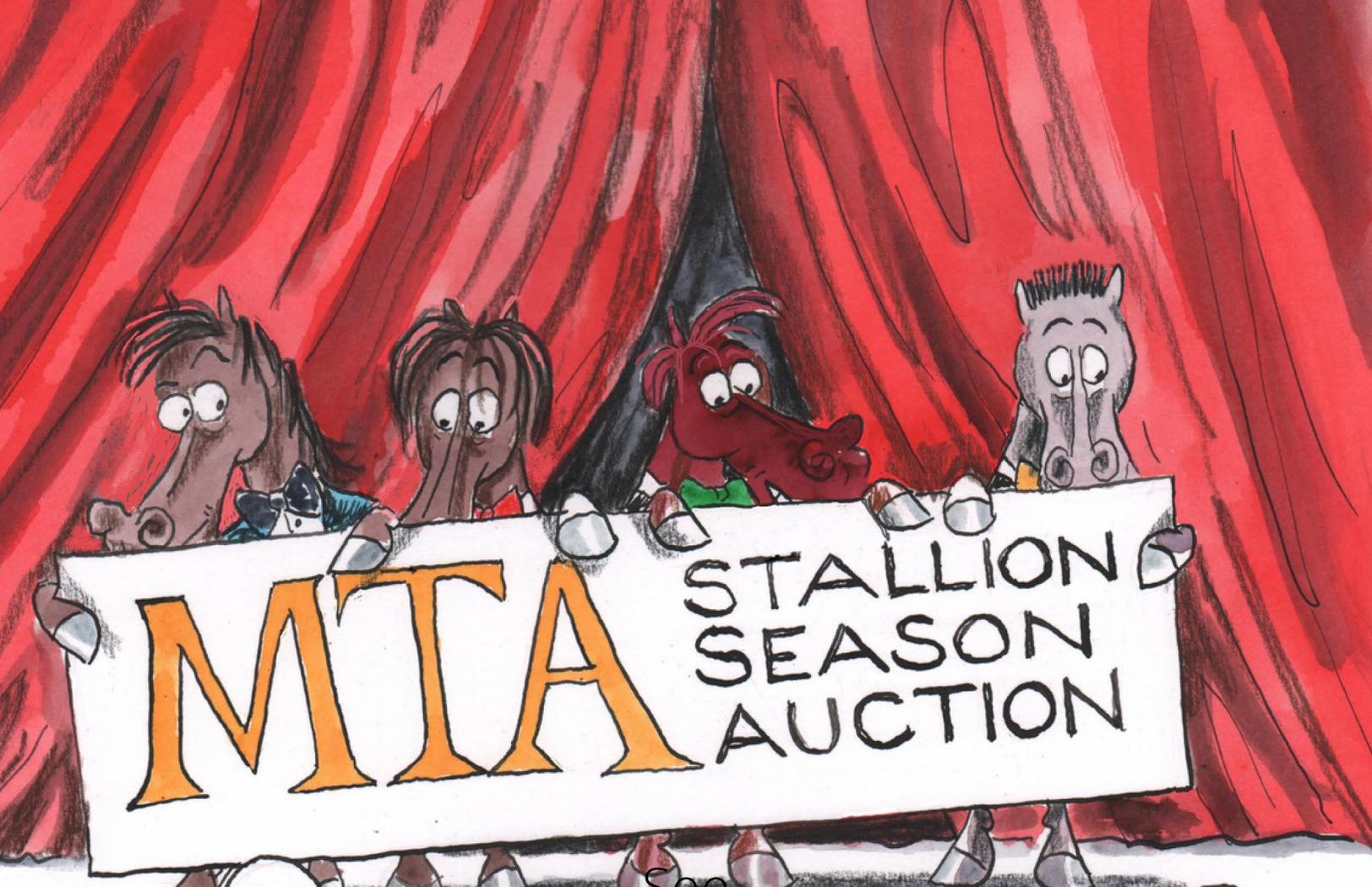
6th-Sunland, \$22,894, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$12,500), 1-4, 4yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:19.02, ft, 1 length.

GODDARD (g, 4, Tapit--Jackpot Joanie, by Giant's Causeway)

Lifetime Record: 8-2-1-3, \$53,428. O-B. Ray Willis; B-Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC (KY); T-Todd W. Fincher. *\$200,000 Ylg '19 FTKOCT; \$250,000 2yo '20 EASMAV. **Full to Taxable, GSP, \$223,561.

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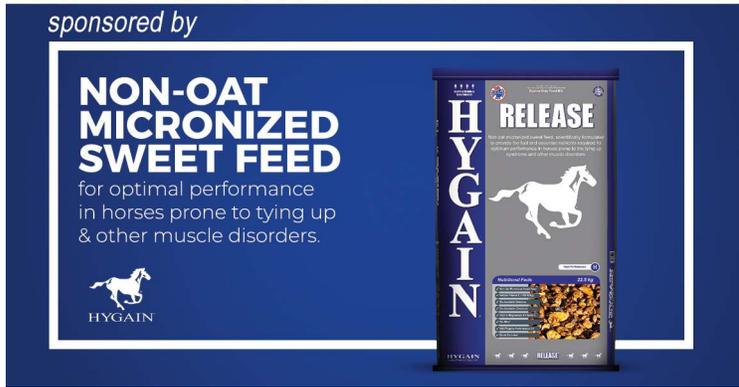
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Sweetasahoneybee, f, 3, **Itsthesameoldsong**--Cindy Cata, by Cowtown Cat. Mahoning Valley, 1-4, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:05.56. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-1, \$27,324. B-Strike Plate, LLC (OH).
Charger, g, 4, **Point of Entry**--Sea Trial, by Unbridled's Song. Parx Racing, 1-4, 1m 70y, 1:46.74. Lifetime Record: 11-1-3-1, \$66,815. B-Phipps Stable (KY). *\$215,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP.



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DEEP IMPACT: GONE BUT CERTAINLY NOT FORGOTTEN



Contrail was Deep Impact's leading earner for the second year and he has now joined the Shadai Roster | JRA

By Emma Berry

The death of **Deep Impact (Jpn)** in July 2019 may have robbed Japan, and the wider breeding industry, of a phenomenally successful stallion but his dominance persists for now, with a 10th Japanese sires' championship going his way in 2021.

The most prolific son of Sunday Silence, who was just 17 when he died a few months after covering a final book of 24 mares, has held the title consecutively since 2012, the year in which his eldest runners were 4-year-olds. He had hit the ground running as the champion first-season sire in 2010.

From that final crop, members of which have just turned two, seven foals are listed as having been born in Japan, and another seven in Europe. As would be expected, they belong to some high-end breeders, and include the Aga Khan's half-sister to the five-time Group 1 winner and young stallion The Autumn Sun (Aus) (Redoutes's Choice {Aus}); Godolphin's half-sister to Prix Marcel Boussac and Breeders' Cup winner Wuheida (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}); a full-brother to **Saxon Warrior (Jpn)**, and a filly out of the seven-time Group 1 winner Minding (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), whose first foal born the previous year was a colt by Deep Impact. [Cont. p2](#)

HARRY BEEBY HONOURED WITH RENAMED PREMIER YEARLING S.

The late Harry Beeby, formerly a DBS (now Goffs UK) Chairman, has been honoured by that sales company with the renaming of the Premier Yearling S. held at York's Ebor Meeting. Created by Beeby and his son Henry in 1997 to ensure the growth of the Doncaster St Leger Yearling Sales (now the Premier Yearling Sale), the six-furlong event will now be known as the £250,000 Goffs UK Harry Beeby Premier Yearling S.

The juvenile race is open to graduates of the Premier Yearling Sale and Silver Sale and will be held on Aug. 18, the second day of the Ebor Festival. Entries close on Jan. 10th through Horse Racing Ireland (HRI) and Jan. 11th through Weatherbys. In addition, the race will offer The Premier Prizes for the second year in a row. [Cont. p4](#)

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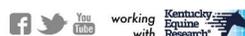
In his latest Taking Stock, Sid Fernando examines some correspondence between Franco Varola and Abram S. Hewitt on the merits of Vaguely Noble (Ire) and Caro (Ire). [Click or tap here to go straight to TDN America.](#)

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Lord Kanaloa took second in the Japanese sire standings | Emma Berry

Japanese Sires' Championship Cont. from p1

Also among the Galileo mares sent to Deep Impact in his final year by the Coolmore partners were the multiple Group 1 winners Hydrangea (Ire) and Rhododendron (Ire), both of whom foaled colts.

The Niarchos family, whose early patronage of Deep Impact resulted in his Classic-winning son Study Of Man (Ire), who is now his sole representative at stud in Britain, have a 2-year-old filly out of Malicieuse (Ire), a Galileo half-sister to Bago (Fr) and Maxios (GB).

With Snowfall (Jpn) having enhanced Deep Impact's record in the European Classics last year with her victories in the Oaks and Irish Oaks, it is not unreasonable, from this select clutch of youngsters, to imagine that his tally in this part of the world could be extended further still by his final two batches of 3-year-olds this year and next.

Deep Impact's progeny earnings for 2021 stood at ¥6,978,499,500 (approximately £44.5m/€53.3m) from 205 winners, led by Contrail (Jpn), who bowed out of his own magnificent racing career with victory in the Japan Cup the year after he completed the Triple Crown. Deep Impact was also represented by his seventh (and fourth consecutive) Japanese Derby winner in Shahryar (Jpn).

At a fee of ¥12 million (approximately £76,300/€91,500), Contrail is now one of six sons of Deep Impact at Shadai Stallion Station, where their sire stood his entire career and was routinely graced with big books of high-class mares. In all but one of Deep Impact's full covering seasons he was sent in excess of 200 mares, reaching a high of 262 in 2013. Unsurprisingly, he is also an accomplished broodmare sire, a sphere in which his name will loom large for a good while to come, and was runner-up in that division in 2021.

For the second year running, fellow Shadai stallions **Lord Kanaloa (Jpn)** and **Heart's Cry (Jpn)** filled the second and third places on the Japanese sires' list. The former, a 14-year-old son of the late King Kamehameha (Jpn), has five Group 1 winners to his credit, including the outstanding Almond Eye (Jpn), and his leading performer last year was the 6-year-old Danon Smash (Jpn), whose top-flight wins have come in both Japan and Hong Kong. Lord Kanaloa also had a smart juvenile in 2021, the Group II winner King Hermes (Jpn), among his 247 winners overall—the highest number recorded by any of the stallions on the list.

Heart's Cry, another son of Sunday Silence and racing contemporary of Deep Impact, had the champion back in second when winning the G1 Arima Kinen in his final season on the track, and he has compiled his own impressive record at stud, albeit always in Deep Impact's shadow. Now 21, Heart's Cry is the sire of the globetrotting Lys Gracieux (Jpn) and Japan Cup winner Suave Richard (Jpn) among his 11 Group 1 winners.

Recording his highest place on the sires' list to date was Deep Impact's 12-year-old son **Kizuna (Jpn)**, who was the leading first-season sire of 2019 and is looking a proper force to be reckoned with after just three crops of racing age. Kizuna was the second of his sire's Derby winners in 2013 and he ventured to France that same year to win the G2 Prix Niel before finishing fourth behind Treve (Fr) in the Arc.

With 155 winners in 2021, Kizuna was also represented by his first top-level winner in Akai Ito (Jpn), victrix of the G1 Queen Elizabeth II Cup in November. His first-crop son Deep Bond (Jpn) won the G2 Hanshin Daishoten and G2 Prix Foy at Longchamp as well as finishing runner-up in both the G1 Tenno Sho and G1 Arima Kinen. [Cont. p3](#)



The consistent Epiphaneia is continuing his rise up the Japanese sires' standings | Emma Berry



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Japanese Sires' Championship Cont.

King Kamehameha (Jpn) died only a fortnight after a Deep Impact so his is another name who will gradually disappear from the stallion tables, if not from pedigrees. He was fifth overall in 2021, but he got the better of Deep Impact in one regard when finishing at the top of the broodmare sires' list.

Another of King Kamehameha's sons, the 15-year-old **Rulership (Jpn)**, was just below him on the table, while with five crops of racing age under his belt, the former Japanese Triple Crown winner and dual Arc runner-up **Orfevre (Jpn)** was seventh.

The handsome **Epiphaneia (Jpn)**, a son of Symboli Kris S and a contemporary of Kizuna, is doing well from his first three crops to be eighth overall. He is ahead of his young rival in one regard, however, as Epiphaneia is already the sire of three Group 1 winners, including last year's Arima Kinen winner Efforia (Jpn) and this season's Classic prospect Circle Of Life (Jpn).

Drefong Leads the Japanese Freshman

Gio Ponti's multiple Grade I-winning son **Drefong** took up residence at the Shadai Stallion Station in 2018 and the Breeders' Cup Sprint hero is already making a mark on his adopted country, having claimed the first-season sires' championship in 2021.

He covered 207 mares in his first book, and of his 92 starters last year, he notched 31 winners, six clear of his nearest rival in that regard, **Copano Rickey (Jpn)**, by Sunday Silence's son Gold Allure (Jpn), who was sixth overall. Drefong's leading runner was Northern Farm's Geoglyph (Jpn), whose two wins included the G3 Sapporo Nisai S. [Cont. p4](#)



Drefong, after winning the GI Breeders' Cup Sprint | Eclipse Sportswire/Breeders' Cup

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Deep Impact's son **Silver State (Jpn)**, who stands at the Yushun Stallion Station, was runner-up in the table with 22 winners, including the Group 3I winner Water Navillera (Jpn). The Japanese 2000 Guineas winner **Isla Bonita (Jpn)**, by Fuji Kiseki (Jpn), also recorded 22 winners to be third.

The hugely talented **Kitsan Black (Jpn)**, the leading son of Deep Impact's full-brother Black Tide (Jpn), was a seven-time Group 1 winner on the track and he is off to a decent start at stud, finishing fourth in the table with 13 winners from 44 starters.

Darley Japan's Grade I-winning son of **War Front, American Patriot**, was fifth, represented by 18 winners, including the Group 3 runner-up Be Astonished (Jpn).

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EUROPEAN NEWS

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The winning owners receiving a free horse from Goffs UK to be purchased at the 2022 Premier Yearling Sale to the value of £40,795 and owners badges, lunch and a bottle of champagne on the table for up to six people on a race day at York; and the winning trainer will receive a free six-month lease of a two-stall horsebox from Theault.

"My Father and I worked for several years with John Sanderson at Doncaster Racecourse to persuade the BHB to allow a race of this nature," said Goffs UK Chairman Henry Beeby.



Henry and Harry Beeby present Sheikh Hamdan the winner's cheque after Mubtaghaa's win in 2014 | Goffs UK

"There were many details that we insisted were just right and we were delighted with the end result which was Europe's Richest Two Year Old Race that year and has proved the most enduring event of its kind. It is a source of immense pride that it has featured in the careers of several top class racehorses and sires whilst helping our yearling sales to progress to hitherto unheralded heights. Dad always looked forward to the race and would have been very touched to learn of its renaming. I am very grateful to my Goffs colleagues and the team at York for this generous gesture."

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BRITAIN

Tuesday's Results:

6th-Lingfield, £7,300, Nov, 1-4, 3yo, 7f 1y (AWT), 1:25.19, st. VESPASIAN (IRE) (c, 3, Acclamation {GB}--Lady Livius {Ire}, by Titus Livius {Fr}), a Dec. 15 debut third going seven furlongs at Kempton last time, broke well and led from the outset of this return. Last to come off the bridle, the 11-8 favourite was shaken up approaching the final furlong and ridden out in the closing stages to hold the late bid of Yukon Star (Ire) (**Oasis Dream {GB}**) by a neck. Vespasian is the 10th of one dozen foals and sixth scorer produced by a multiple-winning half to G2 Mill Reef S. victor and G1 Golden Jubilee S. runner-up Galeota (Ire) (Mujadil). The February-foaled bay is a half-brother to G3 Sirenia S. and G3 Molecomb S. winner Brown Sugar (Ire) (Tamayuz {GB}) and G3 Sirenia S. victor Burnt Sugar (Ire) (Lope de Vega {Ire}). He is also kin to a 2-year-old filly by **Expert Eye (GB)** and a yearling colt by Waldgeist (GB). Sales history: Sales history: 125,000gns Wlg '19 TATFOA; 300,000gns Ylg '20 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$6,990. **Video, sponsored by TVG.**

O-Rabbah Racing; B-Ballylinch Stud (IRE); T-Simon & Ed Crisford.

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

4th-Newcastle, £5,500, Cond, 1-4, 4yo/up, 8f 5y (AWT), 1:42.50, st. STAND FREE (GB) (m, 5, Helmet {Aus}--Ivory Silk {GB}, by Diktat {GB}) Lifetime Record: 16-2-0-1, \$11,906. O/B-Kate Dobb & Stuart Dobb (GB); T-Suzanne France.

2nd-Newcastle, £5,500, Cond, 1-4, 4yo/up, 12f 98y (AWT), 2:45.12, st.

SELECTO (GB) (g, 5, Paco Boy {Ire}--Telescopic {GB}, by Galileo {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 24-2-1-4, \$15,509. O-The Haydock Badgeholders; B-Daniel Hunt (GB); T-Stella Barclay.

7th-Lingfield, £5,500, Cond, 1-4, 4yo/up, 12f (AWT), 2:33.67, st. CAPRICORN PRINCE (GB) (g, 6, Garswood {GB}--Sakhee's Pearl {GB}, by Sakhee) Lifetime Record: 19-5-0-1, \$24,084. O/B-Mrs Andrea Wilkinson (GB); T-Gary Moore. *£10,000 Ylg '17 GOUKSI.

3rd-Newcastle, £7,300, Nov, 1-4, 4yo/up, 8f 5y (AWT), 1:42.99, st. TYRRHENIAN SEA (IRE) (g, 4, Dark Angel {Ire}--Nocturne {Ger}, by Rock of Gibraltar {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$10,165. O/B-Flaxman Stables Ireland Ltd (IRE); T-Roger Varian. *1/2 to So I Told You (Ire) (Gleneagles {Ire}), SP-Ire.

FRANCE

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

5th-Marseille-Pont de Vivaux, €15,000, Cond, 1-4, 4yo/up, 10f (AWT), 2:15.61, st.

CHACHNAK (FR) (h, 5, Kingman {GB}--Tamazirte {Ire} {MGSW & MG1SP-Fr, \$575,772}, by Danehill Dancer {Ire}) Lifetime Record: MGSW-Fr, 11-5-2-0, €110,700. O-Ecurie La Vallee Martigny EARL & Ecurie des Mouettes; B-Ecurie La Vallee Martigny EARL & Ecurie du Loup (FR); T-Fabrice Vermeulen. *€95,000 RNA Ylg '18 AROCT; €250,000 RNA HRA '20 ARQARC. **1/2 to Into the Mystic (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), SW-Can & GSP-US, \$180,891.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Mondango (Ire), c, 3, No Nay Never--Goodnight (Ire), by Camelot (GB). Marseille-Pont de Vivaux, 1-4, 7 1/2f (AWT), 1:31.23. B-Haras du Logis Saint Germain (IRE). *€85,000 Ylg '20 ARQSEP.

Another Youni (Fr), g, 3, Siyouni (Fr)--Ana Smart, by Smart Strike. Marseille-Pont de Vivaux, 1-4, 10f (AWT), 2:15.45. B-Jean-Pierre-Joseph Dubois (FR). *€65,000 RNA Ylg '20 ARQSEP.

WORLDWIDE NEWS

GROUP 1 WINNER VAR EUTHANISED AT 23

The speedy Group 1 winner **Var** (Forest Wildcat–Loma Preata, by Zilzal) was euthanised in South Africa on Monday. The 23-year-old had been pensioned at Avontuur Stud since last July.

“Var was my pride and joy,” Avontuur Stud General Manager Pippa Mickleburgh told the *Sporting Post*. “He changed the lives of untold racing and non-racing folk both here and across the world. He was a character and a champion extraordinaire. The

scars of a battle bravely fought caught up with our loyal soldier in the end. We couldn't leave him to bear the pressure and the pain on his limbs anymore and after agonising over veterinary advice, we were left with no choice. We are all devastated.”



Var winning the 2004 Prix l'Abbaye | Scoop Dyga

Bred by Dr. John Eaton in Kentucky, the dark bay was a \$42,000 RNA as a Keeneland November weanling that progressed to be a \$120,000 Keeneland September yearling purchase. Racing in the Darley silks for trainer Bill Mott through his first 15 starts, the colt won an allowance optional claimer in January of 2004, before he was purchased privately and won Goodwood's Listed Starlit S. in September of that year for new trainer Clive Brittain and owner Mohammed Rashid. Second to The Tatling (Ire) (Perugino {Aus}) in Newbury's G3 Trophy S. later that month, he defeated his vanquisher in the G1 Prix de l'Abbaye de Longchamp in October. His sprinting efforts made him top of his division in the UK from five to seven furlongs a year's end.

Retired after a two-race 2005 campaign with a mark of 22-7-2-1 and \$336,001 in earnings, Var became a successful sire in South Africa with his first crop eventually yielding six stakes winners. Currently, the stallion has 56 black-type winners to his credit, 30 of them at the graded level. Of those, a dozen are winners at the highest level, anchored by dual South African Horse of the Year Variety Club (SAF), a five-time Grade 1 winner. The son of French listed-placed Loma Preata earned titles as the Leading Sire of 2-Year-Olds in 2016/17 and 2017/18, and he was also a Champion Sire of Winners in 2018/19.

Added Avontuur's Michael and Philip Taberer, “Beyond the raw statistics, he captivated hearts and will live on in his place of honour at Avontuur forever. We thank every shareholder, breeder, supporter and racing fan who played a role in making him a success.”

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WALLER'S STARS SET FOR INTERNATIONAL CAMPAIGN



Coolmore's Home Affairs is being aimed at Royal Ascot
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by Bren O'Brien

After an extraordinary 2021 for Chris Waller, where he claimed 13 Group 1 victories as well as Australia's richest race, The Everest, the new year promises even greater riches for the champion trainer, with his superstars returning to stables in the early days of 2022 and building towards autumn and overseas success.

Waller's remarkable career has already featured 130 Group 1 victories in 13 years, and in 2021 he broke new ground by claiming the G1 Melbourne Cup for the first time with 10-time Group 1-winning mare **Verry Elleegant (NZ)** (Zed {NZ}).

The final frontier for Waller is to take that dominance on the road and 2022 looks the year where he will do exactly that with champion sprinter **Nature Strip** (Nicconi) and elite colt **Home Affairs** (I Am Invincible) likely to be headed to Royal Ascot, while plans remain on track for Verry Elleegant to be campaigned towards the G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe.

The first steps towards those ambitions have begun in recent days with all three stars back in work at Rosehill, with Waller's Racing Manager, Charlie Duckworth, well aware of the value of the thoroughbreds under his eye.

"It's pretty cool to be sitting in the tower looking at Melbourne Cup winners and The Everest winner walk past you. We had an amazing spring and it's just a privilege to have them back in the

stable all safe and sound and in one piece," he said.

Nature Strip and Verry Elleegant may have won \$30 million and 16 Group 1 races between them, but it is Home Affairs who is arguably the most valuable horse in Waller's stables at the moment.

A winner of the G1 Coolmore Stud S. in emphatic fashion in October, the powerful son of I Am Invincible has already booked himself a future spot on the roster of managing owner Coolmore at the end of his racing days.

2022 Home Goals

But before that happens, there are further big goals for Home Affairs, including a likely overseas trip in June. Duckworth said that on first appearances, the 3-year-old has come back a more mature horse, both physically and mentally.

"Some of the boys from Coolmore came and saw him earlier on this week and he is just an absolute beast. He's really strengthened and developed," he said.

"It's hard to say he is going to improve too much on what he did in the Coolmore, but if you are looking at him as a physical now compared to the week he raced in the Coolmore, you'd say he's improved. He looks absolutely terrific."

Autumn goals have yet to be firmed up for Home Affairs, with Duckworth saying that spring Group 1 success does take considerable pressure off the colt headed into this campaign.



Charlie Duckworth | CW Racing



Verry Elleegant to be campaigned towards the G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe | TDN AusNZ

"It's always good with these 3-year-olds to try and get your Group 1 out of the way. It takes a bit of the pressure off him. He's an I Am Invincible colt bred by the Cornishes, who have horses with us, and are just a lovely family, so he's a pretty special horse to the stable," he said.

"We will look after him and nurse him the best we can and try and get the best results possible out of him. It's going to be a long preparation but if anyone is the king of patience, it is Chris. We will bide our time and I'm sure he will come up with the goods this campaign."

What Duckworth does expect is a much more professional sprinter when Home Affairs does get to the track this time in. A tongue tie and nose roll played a part in his 3l win in the Coolmore Stud S. but he hasn't shown the need for that gear in his work to date.

"We played around with gear a little bit last prep and we put the nose roll on before the Coolmore. He used to get a bit too keen, I think what it boiled down to is that he's just a very quick horse," he said.

"Now that we have learned to harness that and he's learned that you don't have to run everywhere quickly, it's a different story.

"We haven't galloped him in the nose roll this preparation and he's still relaxing well. He's definitely more physically and mentally mature, which is exciting."

The Experienced Hands

Working alongside such professionals as Nature Strip and Verry Elleegant can also be of benefit for Home Affairs. Duckworth said Nature Strip has returned into the stable in perfect order, ready for another campaign, which could include his first overseas trip.

"He's still got the fire in the belly. He's just a legend really. He continues to get more and more consistent with age. He becomes more and more relaxed, as well, but he is not getting any slower as we saw in the spring," he said.

It's a similar story for Verry Elleegant, who is showing no ill effects from a big spring campaign which, as a 6-year-old, saw her tackle five Group 1 races, win both the George Main S. and the Melbourne Cup and finish in the top four of the other three.

"She came back on her first morning and she was bucking and squealing. She gave Chris Harwood a hard time on day one. There are no ill effects for her," he said.

"She has got the most amazing aerobic capacity and that is why she can win over 1400 metres and she can win over 3200 metres, She doesn't take the hard knocks."

Espiona Thriving

There are an array of rising stars in the Waller stable as well that give plenty cause of optimism at the stables, including the filly, **Espiona** (Extreme Choice), who in her two starts to date won her maiden in dashing style at Warwick Farm and then thrashed a quality field of fillies by 6.5l in a listed race at Flemington over Cup week.

"She has continued to improve. She's a horse that used to fly under the radar and she is pretty easy-going and laid-back in her work, in terms of who can ride her," Duckworth said.

"That's a great attribute to have. Because it does mean that she won't be one dimensional and she should be able to be ridden anywhere in a race.

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"James (McDonald) had his first sit on her for the preparation this morning (Tuesday) and she's going to be a really exciting horse for Star Thoroughbreds."

Relying on past success to generate future success is not the DNA of the Waller stable and Duckworth said 2022 will be about continuing to forge new frontiers and taking on new ways of doing things.

"We are constantly looking at different angles and ways we can remain on top. Because it's an incredibly competitive industry in Australia. It's one thing being on top, but you have to stay there," he said.

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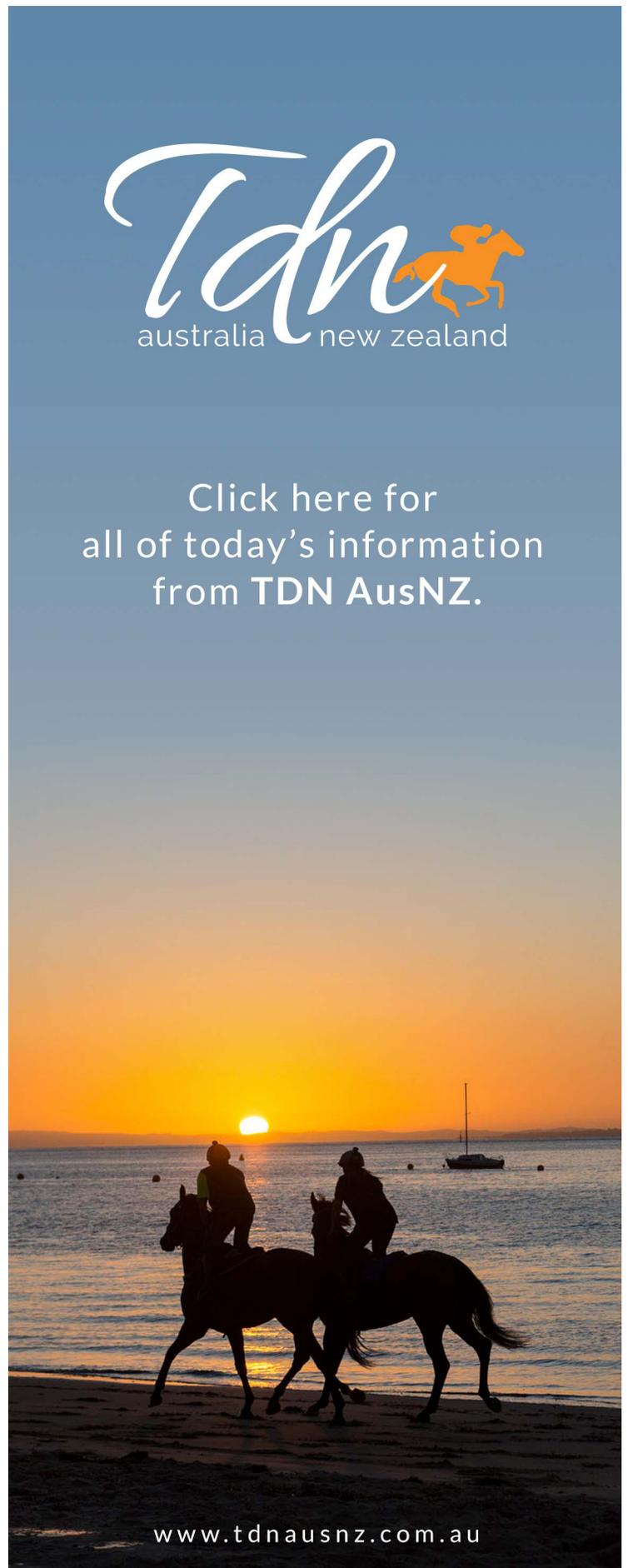
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Date	Race	Track
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Feb. 19	G1 Black Caviar Lightning S.	Flemington
Feb. 26	G1 Neds Blue Diamond S.	Caulfield
	G1 Neds Oakleigh Plate	Caulfield
	G1 Futurity S.	Caulfield
	G1 TAB Chipping Norton S.	Randwick
Mar. 5	G1 Surround S.	Randwick
	G1 Kennedy Australian Guineas	Flemington
	G1 Randwick Guineas	Randwick
Mar. 12	G1 Canterbury S.	Randwick
	G1 Newmarket H.	Flemington
	G1 TAB Australian Cup	Flemington
Mar. 19	G1 Coolmore Classic	Randwick
	G1 Longines Golden Slipper S.	Rosehill
	G1 George Ryder S.	Rosehill
	G1 Ranvet S.	Rosehill
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