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## BELGRADE COULD PUT BUYER ON DERBY TRAIL



Belgrade | Lou Hodges

by Jessica Martini

Bidders will have the chance to vie for a promising 3-year-old when debut winner **Belgrade** (**Hard Spun**) (hip 853H) goes through the ring at the Keeneland January Horses of All Ages Sale Wednesday in Lexington. The colt was purchased by Randy Bradshaw for \$45,000 at the 2020 Fasig-Tipton Selected Yearlings Showcase and had originally been targeted for resale at the Fasig-Tipton Gulfstream Sale.

"He was a good-looking horse, but I am kind of a **Hard Spun** fan," Bradshaw said of the colt's appeal as a yearling. "He fit the bill as far as what we like and the price was right, so it all came together."

Bradshaw continued, "We had him in the Miami sale, but he just had some baby issues that were probably going to mean we wouldn't be able to make that sale. He belongs to my wife and me and we decided we were just going to go ahead and give him some time and try to get him back to the racetrack and maybe sell him then."

Belgrade made it to the races last month at the Fair Grounds and immediately proved well worth the wait, romping home to a six-length victory ([video](#)) as the 3-5 favorite for trainer Brendan Walsh.

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## REPORT: BAFFERT THREATENS TO SUE CHURCHILL OVER DERBY BAN

by Bill Finley

According to a report in the *New York Times*, Bob Baffert has threatened to sue Churchill Downs and its CEO Bill Carstanjen if the track does not lift a two-year ban that will keep the trainer from competing in the 2022 and 2023 runnings of the GI Kentucky Derby.

The ban was put into place after Medina Spirit (Protonico) tested positive for the substance betamethasone following his win in last year's Derby. In addition, Churchill is not awarding any points to Baffert-trained horses who compete in preps for the Derby and the GI Kentucky Oaks. Baffert trains Corniche (**Quality Road**) who will be named 2021 2-year-old champion, and is the early favorite for the Derby.

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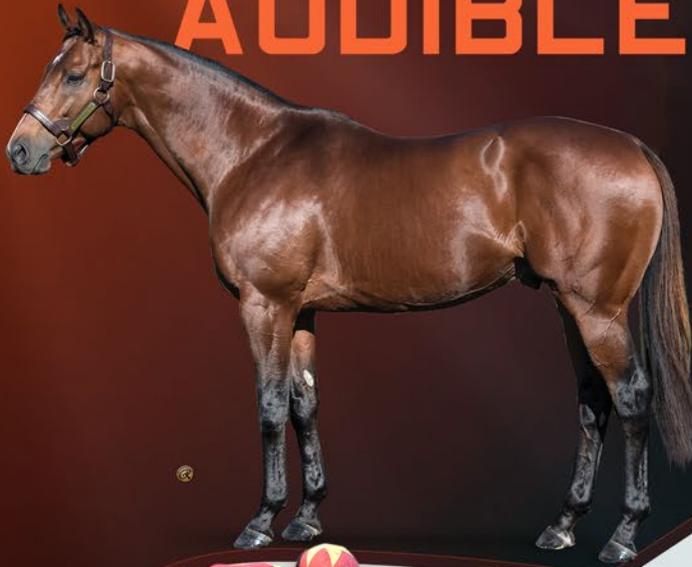
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*Chris McGrath takes a look at the career arc of **The Factor** and talks with Lane's End's Bill Farish.*

**LETRUSKA TO MAKE '22 DEBUT IN ROYAL DELTA**

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*Letruska (Super Saver), who will be named 2021's champion older mare next month, will kick off her 6-year-old campaign in the Feb. 26 **Gill Royal Delta S.** at Gulfstream, reports trainer Fausto Gutierrez.*

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**Belgrade cont. from p1**

“We expected he would run well,” Bradshaw said. “He had worked with a filly that Brendan had who he said was a really good filly. They worked right together a couple of times. And the times he worked him out of the gate, Brendan told me worked really, really well. So we were confident he was going to run well. You hate to say you expect they will win first time out, but we were pretty confident.”

Belgrade stalked the pacesetters in his six-furlong debut before making a sweeping three-wide move and powering to the lead while under no pressure.

“The most impressive part of the race for me--first of all he was very professional--but when he crossed the wire, his ears flipped like it was just a gallop and a walk in the park for him and that was the most impressive part to me. Because it looked like he didn't exert himself at all to win.”

After his debut victory, Bradshaw decided to supplement Belgrade to the January sale through the Four Star Sales consignment.

“We have had such good luck selling these horses in the sales after we've got them to the races and they've done well,” Bradshaw said of the decision to add the colt to the January sale. “It was a perfect time to get him in the sale.”

Belgrade's debut puts him right up with some of the leading horses of his division.

“His Rag number came back 13,” Bradshaw said. “He actually ran a better number than [likely 2-year-old champion] Corniche or Pappacap in their Breeders' Cup races. He ran a faster number than they did.”

Belgrade is out of the unraced Miss Prytania (Eskendereya), a half-sister to graded stakes winners Medal Count (Dynaformer) and Garden District (Dixie Union).

Between his debut win and his pedigree, Belgrade could attract buyers hoping to find a horse for the Derby trail this winter, according to Bradshaw.

“Pedigree-wise, he is probably bred to run a 1 1/8 mile or 1 1/4 mile,” Bradshaw said. “So we think his best days are ahead and we thought we could maximize everything by getting him to the January sale. If the price is right, we'd even stay in for a piece of him.”

Bradshaw has already had success with offspring of **Hard Spun**. He purchased Out for a Spin, by the Darley stallion, for \$75,000 at the 2017 Keeneland September sale. The filly RNA'd for \$50,000 at the 2018 OBS April sale, but went on to win the 2019 GI Central Bank Ashland S.

“We sold her for a lot of money after that,” Bradshaw said. “So I have had really good luck with the Hard Spuns we've had.”

He reinvested in the stallion when purchasing a yearling colt out of Inspeight of Us (**Speightstown**) (**hip 403**) for \$325,000 at last year's Keeneland September sale. **Cont. p4**



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**Belgrade cont.**

“They are good, durable horses,” Bradshaw said of **Hard Spun**'s offspring. “I wouldn't say he is an underrated sire, but I would call him solid for sure.”

Keeneland January, which was pushed back one day due to winter weather in Lexington last week, begins Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. [Click here for a preview.](#)

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**HALL HOPES RACING SUCCESS CARRIES INTO SALES RING** *by Jessica Martini*

Jason Hall, owner, breeder and bloodstock agent, was represented by his first graded stakes win as an owner when **Zero Tolerance** (Mizzen Mast) captured the GIII Las Cienegas S. at Santa Anita Sunday. The Idaho native will look for that success to continue in the sales ring when he offers three short yearlings through the Small Batch Sales consignment Wednesday at the Keeneland January Horses of All Ages Sale.

Hall, who co-bred Zero Tolerance and co-owns the 4-year-old filly with Custom Truck Accessories, Joe Kelly and Michael Riordan, wasn't able to watch the Las Cienegas in person.

“I actually didn't make it [to Santa Anita] because I needed to head to Keeneland,” Hall said Monday. “And I'm just a tiny bit superstitious and it seems like she runs really well when we're not there. So I figured it was a win-win for me to get on a plane and head to Lexington.”



**Zero Tolerance | Benoit**

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**Hall cont.**

Hall continued, “I have had a handful of other graded stakes wins as a breeder, but as an owner this was a first. It was incredible. I was with my wife, Silvia, and she’s a big part of the program. So for her and me to be able to share that together, it was really, really nice. It was something I’ll never forget.”

Zero Tolerance is out of Torreadora (El Prado {Ire}), a mare Hall purchased for \$8,200 at the 2017 Keeneland January sale. The Sam-Son Farm-bred mare was not in foal at the sale and that may have helped the agent land a bargain.

“The market is really biased against open mares and I am willing to take an open mare if they look the part,” Hall explained. “This mare could really run, I watched quite a few of her videos going into the sale. She had really nice mechanics. And of course she is from that heralded Sam-Son family of No Class and Smart Strike and Dance Smartly. And she’s by one of the all-time greats in El Prado.”

Hall sold Torreadora privately after her son El Tormenta (Stormy Atlantic) won the 2019 GII Connaught Cup S. The gelding went on to win the GI Woodbine Mile and was named Canada’s champion turf male.

Hall still has a piece of the family. He purchased the mare’s now 2-year-old filly Domerelle (**Munnings**) for \$75,000 at the 2020 Keeneland November sale.

“We sold the mare right after El Tormenta won the Grade II and of course he went on to win the Woodbine Mile,” Hall said. “The guy who bought her from me put the **Munnings** filly in Keeneland November and I just mentioned her to a client friend of mine in Orlando. We joined forces and got her bought. She was bought strictly to race.”

Hall has earned a reputation as an agent who buys promising mares on a budget.

“I came from the Joe Estes school where performance trumps pedigree,” Hall said, referring to the former *Blood-Horse* editor. “That’s not to say I don’t want as much pedigree as I can afford, but I would much prefer my bloodstock dollars go toward a mare with a race record than say an unraced or unplaced mare with a fancy pedigree. I just really lean in that direction.”

Hall admitted that competition for those types of mares has increased in recent years.

“They used to be very easy to come by back 10 or 15 years ago,” he said. “You could find a mare who had some performance that didn’t really show up on a catalogue page, but I think people are starting to wise up and purchase mares with more performance, so it has made it a little more difficult in recent years.”

Hall owns around 30 mares, mostly in partnerships, and has about 20 horses in training.

“Generally, we sell whenever we can,” Hall said. “This is my livelihood, so whenever I can take some money off the table, I

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will. But that being said, the market has become so finicky in recent years that it’s really hard to get what you think some horses are worth. So with those horses, we go on to the races.”

He continued, “Zero Tolerance is a really good example of that. Somebody in Kentucky offered me \$100,000 for her as a yearling. I thought she was worth more and they wanted me to ship the horse back there just so they could look at her and the deal fell through obviously.” **Cont. p6**



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**Hall cont.**

Hall will be represented as co-breeder of three yearlings Wednesday at Keeneland. Leading off the trio is a colt by **Munnings** out of stakes-placed Heavens Stairway (Decarchy) (**hip 575**).

“We’ve got a **Munnings** colt out of a really talented stakes mare,” Hall said of the yearling. “This is her second foal. He is a big, strong, strapping horse. I think everyone is going to be drawn to him. And of course, they don’t get any hotter than **Munnings**.”

**Hip 643** is by the late Malibu Moon out of Meet and Greet (Tribal Rule), who is a half-sister to graded winner Bourbon Resolution (New Year’s Day) and from the family of graded winners Salute the Sarge and Chelokee.

“We have a Malibu Moon out of an impeccable female family,” Hall said. “At one point, 50% of everything in the family had graded stakes credentials. Malibu Moon is a little bit of a twilight sire. Now that he has passed, the commercial market isn’t paying quite as much attention to him, but the quality is still there.”

Hall’s final offering Wednesday is **hip 659**, a filly from the first crop of multiple graded stakes winner **Flameaway** (Scat Daddy). She is out of Mizzen Donald (Mizzen Mast), a half-sister to multiple graded winner Bright Thought (Hat Trick {Jpn}).

“I am playing the second-year sire angle with our **Flameaway** filly out of a Mizzen Mast mare,” Hall said. “She is a big, stretchy thing with some nice substance. She looks like she’ll be very versatile.”

While heading to Keeneland as a seller, Hall is always on the lookout for something to buy.

“I am always looking,” he said. “I don’t have to buy a horse at this sale, but if the right mare with the right racing credentials falls in my lap, we will certainly swing. I also have a few buddies who are interested in a short yearling that we would put in training in the fall and let it tell us what it is capable of. If there is money to be made with him in the sale, fine, if not we go to the races.”

Hall has been a racing fan since his childhood in Idaho.

“From an early age, my dad raced at the little bush tracks in Idaho,” he recalled. “One day my grandfather brought me some copies of the old *Thoroughbred Record* when it was still in newspaper form. I was hooked from that point on. I’ve never stopped.”

In addition to Zero Tolerance’s graded stakes success, Hall also enjoyed stakes success as a co-owner with Boise (Temple City), a \$27,000 Keeneland September yearling purchase who won the Gold Rush S. at Golden Gate in December.

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**KENTUCKY DERBY-WINNING SIRE WITH ANOTHER CONTENDER FOR 2022!**

**MO DONEGAL** won the *Remsen Stakes-Gr.2* from Zandon with nearly 10 lengths back to the third.

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**YAUPON** won the *Forego H.-Gr.1* from 9-time Graded winner *Firenze Fire*.

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Hall cont.



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“I do a little of everything,” Hall said. “Like all of us, we have our strengths and weaknesses. For me, I think my strength is finding value in mares and planning matings. I bought some really good yearlings that we race. Pinhooking weanlings to yearlings really isn't my thing. I would say I gravitate more to the breeding end of the game.”

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Baffert vs. CDI cont. from p1

The news broke at about the same time that a tweet from the Churchill Downs public relations department was posted that read: "CDI is committed to protecting the integrity and future of the racing industry--for the horses, our fans, our partners, our team members and the betting public. No one is above the rules, including Mr. Baffert, and we remain intent on holding him accountable for his actions."

The *Times* acquired a complaint in which Baffert contends that his due process rights were violated by the ban and that his exclusion from Churchill Downs and the Derby is unlawful. According to the *Times*, Baffert is seeking a preliminary injunction that will allow him to race at Churchill and other tracks owned by Churchill Downs and end the practice of denying his horses qualifying points for the Derby and Oaks. Baffert is also seeking millions of dollars in compensatory and punitive damages.

Generally, the courts have upheld the rights of privately owned racetracks to ban participants when the track determines their participation is not in the best business interests of that racetrack.

Baffert's motion has yet to be filed.

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**Baffert vs. CDI cont.**

Carstanjen told the *Times* that Baffert's threatened case was "completely meritless" and that on Apr. 7, 2021, Baffert signed an agreement--as the track requires all horse trainers to do--that he would follow its conduct and medication rules.



**Baffert, Corniche, et al. in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile winner's circle | Horsephotos**

"This threatened lawsuit is yet another tactic from Mr. Baffert's well-worn playbook of obfuscating the facts, inventing excuses to explain positive drug tests and attempting to blame

others to avoid responsibility for his own actions," Carstanjen told the *Times*. "We are considering any and all legal options available to us to set the record straight and ensure Mr. Baffert is held accountable for all the reputational damage he has caused us. The irony is not lost on us that despite all of his violations, he is the one threatening to file lawsuits claiming to be aggrieved."

Carstanjen did not rule out countersuing Baffert.

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**A SIRE WAGING WAR ON TWO FRONTS**

by Chris McGrath

Call it the Japan factor. We've already seen it creating opportunities for breeders, after all, with **Hard Spun**--a still more direct conduit of Danzig blood, and arguably underpriced ever since his relaunch in Kentucky after a sojourn in Hokkaido. **The Factor**, however, is four years further behind in that process, and right now finds himself at an intriguing crossroads in his rehabilitation.

Having spent 2018 at Shizunai Stallion Station, the son of **War Front** had no American juveniles last year and will accordingly have no sophomore representation in 2022. That will obviously make it harder for the Lane's End stallion to generate the kind of domestic headlines required to arrest the attention of breeders.

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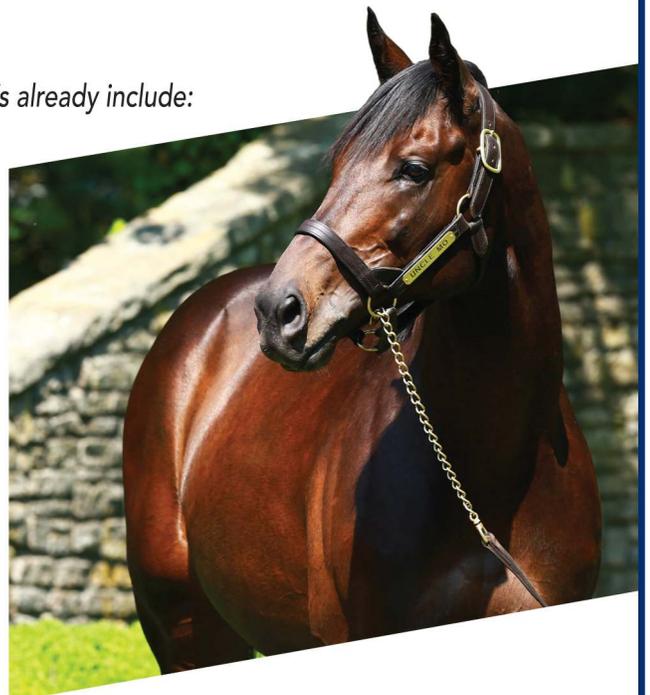
**SLOW DOWN ANDY**, won Los Alamitos Futurity-Gr.2

**KEEPMEINMIND**, won Kentucky Jockey Club S.-Gr.2, 2nd Breeders' Futurity-Gr.1, 3rd Breeders' Cup Juvenile-Gr.1

**OUTADORE**, triple Stakes winner, 3rd Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf-Gr.1

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**The Factor** cont.

But there are two things that should help keep him in the game during a period when he might otherwise be expected only to tread water.



**The Factor** | Lee Thomas

One is that his resumé, to this point, entitles **The Factor** to rely to an exceptional degree on his residual American stock, pending the (imminent) emergence of his first runners conceived after his return from Japan. The gray has a really striking record with mature horses--with the evergreen 8-year-old Bound for Nowhere, indeed, still flying the flag for his sire's very first crop after winning the GII Shakertown S. at Keeneland last year.

And that's useful context for the other stimulus to **The Factor's** cause, which might be harder for his promoters to keep in the foreground but certainly deserves an airing: the yield he has already achieved with his single Japanese crop, despite their deployment in a fashion dramatically different to that evolved, with their growing understanding of his stock, by American horsemen.



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On the face of it, then, Japanese trainers appear to have fallen prey to pretty much the same misapprehension that contributed to an up-and-down start to this horse's home career.

Back in 2015, **The Factor** created such a buzz with his first yearlings into the ring--averaging a spectacular \$143,499 off a \$15,000 cover--that he was afforded the unusual distinction of a fee hike (to \$25,000) before he had even launched his first runners. Somehow the market had decided that he would produce a stream of precocious youngsters, even though he had himself only made his debut on Nov. 28 (and broken his maiden a month later). To be fair, he was a sufficiently natural runner to promptly make all in both the GII San Vicente S. and GII Rebel S., before derailing from the Triple Crown trail and reverting to sprinting for his two Grade I wins. **Cont. p10**

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In the event, with many immature yearlings having been put through the pinhooking ringer, **The Factor** had to settle for fifth in the 2016 freshmen's championship; and for 10th by winners, with 14 from 53 starters. (Albeit these included GI Chandelier S. winner **Noted and Quoted**.) Gradually, however, people figured out that he would reward a more patient approach. As his stock matured, so did **The Factor's** standing. He finished runner-up for the second-crop title; and by 2019, the year he had returned to Kentucky, he was bossing the fourth-crop table across all indices: 167 winners of \$10.1 million, including 13 stakes winners/29 stakes performers. (The same year **Union Rags** and **Maclean's Music**, who have emerged from the same intake to command consistently higher fees, couldn't match those numbers even if combined together.)



**The Factor** taking the 2011 Rebel | *Horsephotos*

There was a perfect snapshot of **The Factor's** developing profile that year when the 5-year-old Cistron, who had actually contributed a juvenile maiden win to his sire's freshman tally, crowned his ongoing improvement with success in the GI Bing Crosby S. By the end of the campaign, moreover, only Into Mischief and **Kitten's Joy** beat the 167 winners accumulated by **The Factor**.

The die was now cast. In 2020, **The Factor** missed making the top 10 living Kentucky stallions by a few cents; and while he proved a little lighter at the top end in 2021, by volume of winners he was beaten this time only by Into Mischief and **Munnings**. These are quite remarkable accomplishments for a stallion standing at \$17,500.

Unlike so many of his commercially esteemed rivals, moreover, **The Factor's** output is not the result of enormous books. Its bedrock is--well, the second syllable of that word: Rock. Or substance, soundness, constitution. Not one of his Kentucky rivals can match his ability to get a named foal onto the racetrack, with a lifetime clip currently topping 88%.

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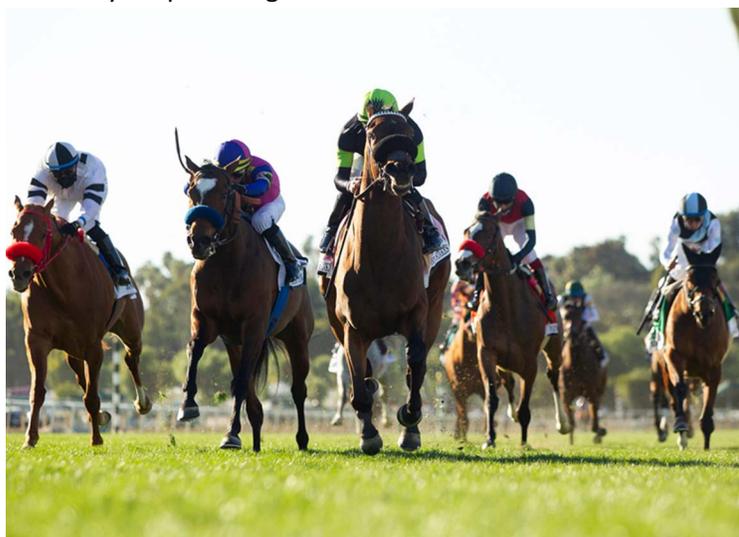


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**More Than Ready** and the Airdrie stalwart **Include** get closest, at 85%, but there are some pretty expensive stallions bumping along in the low 70s. (**The Factor** gets fairly close to some of those even by his ratio of winners to named foals, touching 63%.)

**The Factor's** leading performer in 2021 was Charmaine's Mia, who won three graded stakes and placed in the GI Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint. Here, sure enough, was another showing striking improvement in her fourth campaign, having started out at two winning a maiden claimer. By now, then, we should all know what to expect of a sire entering his prime at 14. If his Japanese stock have been more aggressively campaigned in their youth, then it can only be auspicious that they have responded as well as they have. Because, with such hardiness on their side, they will surely keep building like their American kin.



Charmaine's Mia | Benoit Photo

"It was the classic case of a horse looking like he was going to be a big 2-year-old sire," says Bill Farish of Lane's End, invited to reflect on **The Factor's** evolving profile here. "The hype was amazing, and very hard to live up to. He's done very well to be so successful after people had to readjust their sights, because I think he was really penalized that first year, when so many of them went to the 2-year-old sales. They just weren't ready for that kind of grind. I remember talking to [partner] George Bolton at the time, saying that [**The Factor's** sales debut] was kind of a mixed blessing because if they don't really thrive in that environment, it would hurt his numbers. And it did. But they came through anyway, because they're just so sound."

Sending **The Factor** to Japan was a calculated risk. No doubt there were sound economic reasons for doing so, especially at a time when the domestic market was reappraising its initial assumptions. At the same time, the horse's migration locked a blip into his future momentum, one that perhaps contributed to a rather quieter yield at the yearling sales this time round.

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**The Factor cont.**

Farish duly urges breeders to consider the bigger picture, and anticipate the potential gains in **The Factor's** stature by the time foals conceived this spring come onto the market.



Bill Farish | Keeneland Photo

"Luckily, he's had 366 mares since he returned, so he's got quite a pipeline coming from the last three seasons," he said. "That's important because it can take a while to recover from taking even one year off, and we know his production on the track will be down some this year. But I think he's the kind of exceptional horse that can pull it off. He's proven to be so consistent, and we're excited about bringing him back on track."

"Hopefully everyone will see what an impressive start his Japanese foals have made. It's hard to follow all the form over there, but I know they were quite happy with the book of mares they got [166] and they're certainly pleased with the results. Making the top five first-season sires over there is very impressive."

Having shuttled three times to the Southern Hemisphere, and with top-class form on synthetics as well as dirt, **The Factor** is eligible to prove a significant international influence. After all, he comes from the first crop of one such, **War Front**, who was himself among the last sons of a still greater one, in Danzig.

Moreover **The Factor** offers modern breeders parallel compression of access to a damsire, shared with Galileo (Ire) and company, as internationally important as Miswaki.

"But while he does get turf horses, too, I think 17 of his 19 winners in Japan have been on the dirt," Farish stressed. "I don't know if they've been targeting dirt races primarily, to start out, but they certainly handle it well."

Bottom line is that his trademark resilience should allow **The Factor** not only to build on his prolific start in Japan, but to bridge the gap his migration will temporarily create in his domestic footprint. **Cont. p13**



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"All those [sire] lists are so useful, because people do tend to forget about stallions just below the top tier and they can see just how consistent he has been. With those percentages for starters and winners, he gives you a really good chance. **The Factor** is the definition of a value sire."

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**LETRUSKA TO MAKE '22 DEBUT IN ROYAL**

**DELTA** by Bill Finley

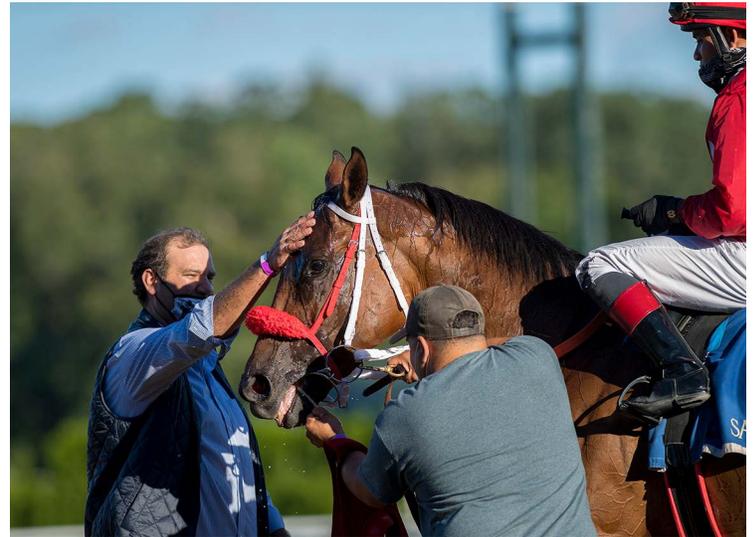
**Letruska** (Super Saver), who will be named 2021's champion older mare next month, will kick off her 6-year-old campaign in the Feb. 26 GIII Royal Delta S. at Gulfstream, reports trainer Fausto Gutierrez. The race will serve as a prep for the Apr. 23 GI Apple Blossom H. at Oaklawn.

The winner of last year's Apple Blossom, Letruska will attempt to become the first horse to win back-to-back runnings of that event since Azeri, who won it in 2002, 2003 and 2004.

Letruska is currently stabled at Palm Meadows.

"The Royal Delta is here at home at a mile-and-a- sixteenth. It's a perfect race for her to come back in," Gutierrez said.

Letruska will have her first work of 2022 this Sunday at Palm Meadows.



Gutierrez & Letruska | Sarah Andrew

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Gutierrez did not have any races picked out for Letruska after the Apple Blossom, but said he is interested in running her at Churchill Downs and at Keeneland since she will be stabled at Keeneland after leaving Florida. He ruled out a start against males.

Among the more popular horses in the sport, Letruska, who began her career in Mexico, started eight times last year at seven different racetracks. Her season began in January with the GIII Houston Ladies Classic at Sam Houston and concluded in November in the GI Breeders' Cup Distaff at Del Mar.

"She had a spectacular year," Gutierrez said. "She ran from January to November. She never stopped. She traveled around all over the country. She won at six different tracks and won four Grade I's. When she was in the best form I tried to go to the most prestigious races with her."

Letruska finished 10th in the Distaff, where she was done in by a vicious early speed duel.

"There was a lot of speed in the Breeders' Cup," Gutierrez said. "But that is part of racing. Every race is different and the Grade I's are never easy. I didn't expect her to have an easy race and gallop alone in front."

After the Breeders' Cup, Gutierrez and owner-breeder German Larrea Mota-Velasco decided to bring her back for another go as a 6-year-old. Gutierrez said Letruska will have a lighter schedule in 2022 than she had last year.

"She is in good form and I think she will have another very good year," he said. "I need to come up with a calendar with fewer races. She might have six races this year. The Breeders' Cup is in Kentucky at Keeneland, which will be good for her. I prefer that since it means she won't have to travel."

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**O'NEILL SENDING EIGHT TO DUBAI WORLD CUP CARNIVAL** *by Alan Carasso*

A group of eight horses trained by Doug O'Neill led by GI Pennsylvania Derby hero **Hot Rod Charlie** (Oxbow) is being aimed at the upcoming Dubai World Cup Carnival at Meydan Racecourse, according to a tweet from the Dubai Racing Club Monday. The octet is scheduled to touch down in Dubai Jan. 18 and their preparations will be overseen by assistant trainer Leandro Mora, O'Neill confirmed via text Monday. It will be the second time in three years that the conditioner will be represented by horses stabled in Dubai, having celebrated an outstanding DWCC in 2020.

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O'Neill indicated last month on Steve Byk's At The Races satellite radio program that Hot Rod Charlie would have the \$12-million G1 Dubai World Cup as his major early-season target. The newly turned 4-year-old was most recently narrowly beaten into second by Express Train (**Union Rags**) in the GII San Antonio S. Dec. 26 and breezed a half-mile in :48.40 prior to the first race at Santa Anita Jan. 8. Similar to California Chrome and **Curlin**, each of whom prepped victoriously in Dubai prior to winning the World Cup, Hot Rod Charlie could take in a race such as the \$100,000 Listed **Curlin** S. over the same 10-furlong distance as the main event Friday, Feb. 11.



Hot Rod Charlie worked prior to the start of racing at Santa Anita Jan. 8 | Ernie Belmonte photo

Among the 17 horses that represented O'Neill at the 2020 Carnival was Fore Left (**Twirling Candy**), a two-time stakes winner on dirt in the U.S. as a juvenile who defeated 15 rivals to land the G3 UAE 2000 Guineas on his lone appearance in the desert. A would-be start in the G2 UAE Derby was scuppered when the COVID-19 pandemic claimed the entire Dubai World Cup program. New York-bred **Khantaro d'Oro** (**Kantharos**) could be on a similar trajectory, despite being a six-start maiden. Third and second in turf heats at Santa Anita in October and at Del Mar the following month, respectively, the bay ridgling was a well-beaten seventh in the grassy GIII Cecil B. DeMille S. Nov. 28, but exits a runner-up effort to the progressive Blackadder (**Quality Road**) on the main track in Arcadia Dec. 26.

W C Racing's Wildman Jack (Goldencents) made history at the 2020 DWCC, becoming the first American-trained galloper to land a turf race in Dubai when scoring impressively in the G3 Nad Al Sheba Turf Sprint on Super Saturday. He, too, was denied a run in the G1 Al Quoz Sprint on World Cup night due to its cancellation, but the W C Racing-bred and co-owned sophomore gelding **Get Back Goldie** (Goldencents) is expected to be part of the O'Neill team as well. **Cont. p16**

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Doug O'Neill | Sarah Andrew

Fore Left carried the silks of top O'Neill client Reddam Racing and that operation is set to be represented at the Carnival by 4-year-old **Go On (Nyquist)**, a maiden winner going six furlongs in 1:08.50 at Santa Anita Oct. 9 and a latest fourth, beaten just five lengths, in the San Antonio.

According to the tweet from the Dubai Racing Club, the other four likely shippers include SW & GSP **Strong Constitution (Constitution)**; Cal-bred stakes winner **Positivity (Paynter)**; **Appreciated (Acclamation)**, recently claimed for \$40,000 and placed in two of three starts for the O'Neill barn; and \$1-million FTFMAR graduate **Notre Dame (Into Mischief)**, the gate-to-wire winner of a six-furlong Santa Anita allowance Dec. 26.

The 18th edition of the Dubai World Cup Carnival begins Friday, Jan. 14, featuring the G3 Al Maktoum Challenge R1 over the metric mile. Total prize money for the DWCC exceeds \$7.5 million across eight meetings, ending with the Super Saturday card Mar. 5. The \$30.5-million Dubai World Cup night takes place Saturday, Mar. 26.

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## FISHMAN ADDS LAWYER KNOWN FOR DEFENDING CONTROVERSIAL CLIENTS

by T.D. Thornton

An attorney who has been in the headlines for defending high-profile clients such as the convicted pedophile Jeffrey Epstein, the convicted NXIVM "sex cult" leader Keith Raniere, and the convicted Mexican drug lord and murderer Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman Loera on Monday got added to the legal team for Seth Fishman, the indicted Florida veterinarian whose trial in

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The New York-based lawyer Marc Fernich, who has extensive experience defending clients in the United States District Court (Southern District of New York) venue where Fishman's trial will commence, announced his appearance as co-counsel with a Jan. 10 filing in that court.

Fishman is charged with two felony counts related to drug alteration, misbranding, and conspiring to defraud the government.

Last month, Fishman was called before Judge Mary Kay Vyskocil to answer allegations made by prosecutors that he was still selling purportedly performance-enhancing drugs (PEDs) even as he prepared to face a trial related to the sale of many of those same substances. At a bail revocation hearing, Fishman was ordered to surrender all of the substances stored at his Boca Raton business, but the judge stopped short of revoking his pre-trial release privileges.

Fernich, according to the bio on his firm's website, specializes in the study of legal precedents in intense regulatory environments. This expertise "enables Fernich to construct subtle, novel and creative arguments that other attorneys may miss" and it centers on "sophisticated appeals and legal motions that can toss charges at the trial level or pave the way for future appeals." **Cont. p17**

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Rank	Sire	2022 Stud Fee / Farm	Avg. Earnings per Rnr
1	<b>Ghostzapper</b>  Awesome Again (2000)	\$75,000 Hill 'n' Dale Farms, KY	\$74,914
2	<b>Gun Runner</b>  Candy Ride (ARC) (2013)	\$125,000 Three Chimneys Farm, KY	\$74,861
3	<b>Paynter</b>  Awesome Again (2009)	\$10,000 WinStar Farm LLC, KY	\$69,083
4	<b>Speightstown</b>  Gone West (1998)	\$90,000 WinStar Farm LLC, KY	\$62,658
5	<b>Curlin</b>  Smart Strike (2004)	\$175,000 Hill 'n' Dale Farms, KY	\$59,954
6	<b>Tapit</b>  Pulpit (2001)	\$185,000 Gainesway, KY	\$56,816
7	<b>Into Mischief</b>  Harlan's Holiday (2005)	\$250,000 Spendthrift Farm, KY	\$51,722
8	<b>Constitution</b>  Tapit (2011)	\$85,000 WinStar Farm LLC, KY	\$45,818
9	<b>Runhappy</b>  Super Saver (2012)	\$12,500 Claiborne Farm, KY	\$44,331
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**Fishman cont.**

Lisa Giannelli, whom the feds allege ran an online sales business called Equestology that was closely related to Fishman's venture, will also go on trial at the same time as Fishman.

Six of 27 defendants named in the original indictment have now been sentenced after pleading guilty to charges in the federal government's prosecution of an alleged "corrupt scheme" to manufacture, mislabel, rebrand, distribute, and administer PEDs to racehorses all across America and in international races.

Giannelli and Fishman will be the first to push their cases to a trial. The indicted former trainer Jason Servis, the highest-profile of the remaining defendants, is in a third trial grouping that does not yet have an assigned court date.

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**COURT ORDERS GARGAN TO PAY \$132,000 AFTER ALLEGED VIOLATIONS OF LABOR LAWS** *by Bill Finley*



Trainer Danny Gargan | *Coglianesse*

A federal court has ruled that New York-based trainer Danny Gargan must pay \$132,631 in back wages and damages to 52 employees. According to a press release issued by the U.S. Department of Labor, Gargan failed to pay his workers overtime wages they had earned.

The fine includes an assessment of \$37,368 in civil money penalties for what the Department of Labor is calling a "willful

wage theft and for falsifying records in violation of the Fair Labor Standards Act."

"The defendants took advantage of their employees by underpaying them and then tried to hide this illegal behavior by falsifying their payroll records," Wage and Hour Division District Director David An said in a statement. "Gargan Stables Corp. and Danny Gargan have learned that disregard for federal labor laws and their employees' rights have costly consequences. We suggest other employers review their own pay practices to prevent violations. The Wage and Hour Division has many tools to assist employers and workers in understanding the law."

Gargan is just one of many New York trainers fined by the Department of Labor for similar violations. The list includes Chad Brown, Kiaran McLaughlin, Linda Rice, Jimmy Jerkens, Steve Asmussen, Leo O'Brien and George Weaver.

Gargan said he decided to settle with the Labor Department after years of contesting the charges.

"You can't fight them and I fought them for three years and that's why they are mad at me," he said. "Obviously, I'm not the first guy this has happened to. At some point, you have to settle with them. It weighs on you. Kiaran McLaughlin retired over this. It's a hard thing to be part of."

The Department of Labor charged that Gargan paid certain employees a fee per horse handled and not per hour as stated in their payroll records. The division also determined that he falsified payroll records to give the appearance that employees were paid by the hour when they were not.

Gargan said the latter charge was not true and that the problem boiled down to his failure to use a time clock.

"We didn't falsify anything," he said. "We just had time sheets. That's the way we were told to do it. It turns out you have to have an actual time clock. It's not like we lied or anything. They got their overtime. But they don't accept the time sheets and anyone who doesn't have a time clock in New York is going to get a big fine. Believe me, I pay my help."

As per the court's ruling, Gargan will be required to hire a compliance monitor to review payroll and record keeping practices and to install an electric timekeeping system to record the amount of hours an employee has worked. He must also train employees in a language they will understand about the proper use of the timekeeping system and post and provide employees with information and documents in English and Spanish informing them of their rights under the Fair Labor Standards Act.

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by *Katie Petrunyak*

New Vocations Racehorse Adoption Program has opened a satellite facility near Ocala, Florida as it continues to expand its aftercare efforts. The nation's oldest and largest racehorse adoption charity now has nine facilities in six states.

"Part of our long-term plan has been to open a facility near Ocala," said New Vocations' Program Director Anna Ford. "Three years ago, we were looking into it but then we got the call to open a facility in Louisiana. We put Florida on pause because the need was greater in Louisiana at that point."

Their search for a Florida site was delayed again due to the pandemic in 2020, but scouting continued last year until they landed on a facility based at Trillium Sport Horses in Anthony, just a few miles outside of Ocala.

Ford said that in the past, Florida-based horses donated to New Vocations would be sent to their Lexington location. She noted that on average, 60 horses were shipped each year more than 700 miles from Florida to New Vocations' Lexington facility.

"Horses coming from Florida racetracks and training centers will now have a much shorter travel distance and duration as they start their new chapters," she explained. "This will also allow our Lexington division to expand as well."

Erin MacDonald, an international three-day eventing rider with years of experience restarting off-track Thoroughbreds in new careers, will oversee the horses' rehabilitation and training.

"We were thrilled to find Erin," Ford said. "She does such a good job and is everything we were looking for in a trainer. She has been a great addition to our team and we're really excited about the partnership."

"It is so gratifying to help a Thoroughbred smoothly transition into a second career after the races," MacDonald added. "I am honored to be working with such an outstanding aftercare organization and join their efforts to provide Florida-based horses and their connections with a quality rehabilitation and retraining program. Everyone has been wonderful to work with and it's really cool to be a part of an organization that already feels like a family."

A native of Ontario, MacDonald represented Canada on various junior eventing teams before moving to Ocala to start her own business six years ago. Her primary 10-stall facility sits on 11 acres and she recently opened a second location with an additional five stalls.

"[My business] is actually called Trillium Sport Horses," she said. "Being from Ontario, Trillium is our provincial flower. My dad started a shipping company that was mainly out of Woodbine Racetrack and he was called Trillium Equine Trailing. I ran with that and started Trillium Sport Horses. My dad passed away in 2011, so it's nice to have his logo in my logo."

MacDonald has been retraining off-the-track racehorses for over a decade.



Erin MacDonald (right) with the first horse to arrive to and depart from the Florida facility, Ranger Up, and adopter Melissa Lundberg.

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**New Vocations Ocala cont.**

“They are incredibly athletic, as anyone who has worked with them would know, and they have so much try,” she said. “As soon as they have that relationship with their person, it's 110% every day. In any discipline, from trail riding to anything competitive, that's all you can ask from your partner.”

MacDonald said there is a great need for an accredited aftercare organization like New Vocations in Ocala.

“A lot of people don't really have a place to go other than to those of us who have been doing it quietly,” she explained. “There are very few organizations handling not just the Ocala area, but the state in general. It's nice to have such a large organization stepping in because we do have so many horses down here that are looking for new homes. New Vocations is very up-front about any limitations, whereas you don't always get the full story with private operations.”

She added that the demand for sport horses in Florida has increased even since she first moved to Ocala.

“I think so many more people are staying here year-round,” she said. “Now 12 months of the year we have people looking for their new partners. I get hundreds of messages from people who are shopping for anything from a trail riding horse to an upper-level event horse, which is nice because the horses we get have a pretty wide range of abilities coming into the program.”

The first horse arrived at New Vocations' Ocala site in October of 2021. Ranger Up (**First Samurai**) had been competing at the claiming level at Gulfstream Park throughout 2021 when he was purchased by a collaborative group that joined forces to retire the gelding. Starlight Racing and Spendthrift Farm, who originally purchased Ranger Up as a yearling in 2017, as well as breeder Stone Farm, partnered together to ensure his retirement and reached out to New Vocations about donating him to their program.

“At the time we were just finalizing everything with Erin, so he was able to be our first horse in Florida,” Ford said.

“It was cool that the first horse that came through was actually purchased to be retired by prominent people in the industry doing the right thing by the horse.”

“Starlight has bought horses for retirement in the past, but this one was brought to our attention by Stone Farm, who bred the horse,” said Starlight Racing Founder Jack Wolf. “We partnered with them and Spendthrift to retire him and send him to New Vocations. I'm excited for everything that New Vocations is doing and how well the horses turn out from there. We've been sending them horses for 20 years and are big supporters of their program.”



Incubator (pictured), a 7-year-old gelding by Stephen Got Even, was recently adopted from New Vocations' Florida facility |Katie Petrunyak

Ranger Up thrived in his retraining and was recently adopted. Two additional horses have already completed the program and gone to experienced homes while several more are making progress in various stages of rehab and training and will be available for adoption soon.

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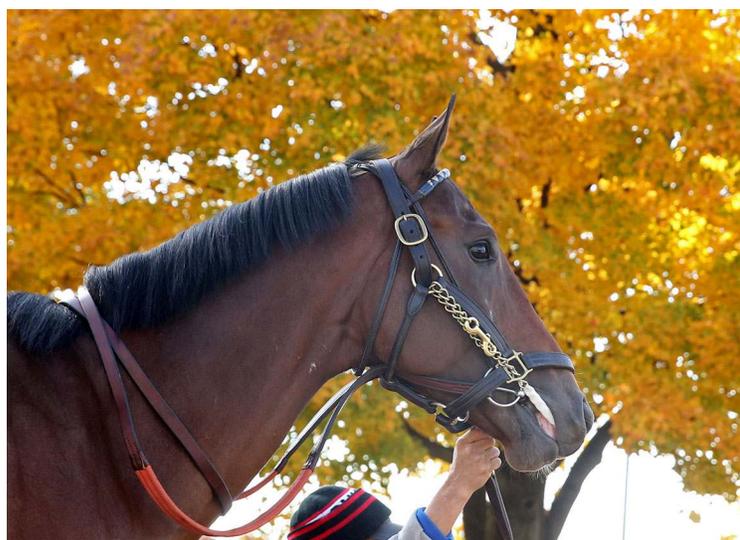
“Before we officially open a facility, we will go through the training process with a few horses to go over how we run everything,” Ford explained. “We’ve already developed some new relationships with trainers and owners in Florida who we have never received horses from before. I think that once we get the word out that we’re here and able to take horses, we will meet even more new people who might not have known this was an option.”

For information on donating a horse to the Florida facility or supporting its efforts, visit [newvocation.org/donate\\_a\\_horse](http://newvocation.org/donate_a_horse), call (859) 252-9574 or e-mail [anna@horseadoption.com](mailto:anna@horseadoption.com).

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**GRAYSON-JOCKEY CLUB CALLS FOR RESEARCH INTO EHV VACCINE**

*Edited Press Release*



*Coady photo*

Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation has issued a formal call for research applications focused on the development of a nucleic acid-based vaccine against equine herpes virus (EHV). Dr. John Ballantyne and Fargo-Moorhead Area Foundation have committed \$2 million to fund this research.

“We are so grateful to Dr. Ballantyne for his generosity in supporting efforts to address EHV, a disease that affects all horses,” said Dell Hancock, chair of the foundation. “This gift will enable Grayson to continue its commitment to funding critical research for horses, and our research advisory committee looks forward to seeing what proposals are submitted.”

“As a horse owner with a biotechnology background, I recognize the danger of EHV and see the potential for nucleic acid-based vaccines for combating this disease,” said Dr. Ballantyne. “I am proud to work with Grayson to support EHV research.”

Grayson is interested in research proposals focused on EHV-1, EHV-3, and EHV-4, with a multivalent or pan-valent approach. Researchers must have the ability to conduct an in vivo proof of principle of efficacy in the equine model in-house or through collaboration. Applications from established equine investigators collaborating with experts from other fields (e.g., human vaccinologists) are strongly encouraged. It is anticipated that this research will span three to four years and possibly multiple projects.

Grant applications are due October 1, 2022, and can be submitted at [grayson-jockeyclub.org](http://grayson-jockeyclub.org).

Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation is traditionally the nation’s leading source of private funding for equine medical research that benefits all breeds of horses. Since 1983, the foundation has provided more than \$30.6 million to fund 397 projects at 45 universities in North America and overseas.

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## PROGENY OF AMERICAN-SOURCED MARES SET TO SHINE AT THE GOLD COAST



Lot 141 | Magic Millions photo

by Patrycja Szpyra

The Magic Millions Gold Coast Sale, one of Australia's two premier yearling sales, was to kick off Tuesday (Australian time) in Queensland, with the cream of the crop of those foals born in 2020. Buyers will relish the opportunity to get not only into some of Australia's pre-eminent female families, but also into some American bloodlines that have been sourced by a variety of bloodstock professionals at auction houses in this country. In today's *TDN*, we look at horses selling in the first two sessions. Horses being offered Thursday and Friday will appear in Thursday's *TDN*.

### Lot 141, c, **Justify**--Inglorious, by Hennessy

*Consigned by Kia Ora Stud, Scone, NSW*

The sixth foal for Canada's Champion 3-year-old filly, who captured the 2011 Queen's Plate S. as well as the Woodbine Oaks three weeks earlier, has the benefit of a Triple Crown winner on the top of his pedigree as well as bearing a striking resemblance to him. From **Justify**'s first Southern Hemisphere crop, the chestnut is a half to graded stakes-placed Miss Canada (Aus) (Exceed and Excel {Aus}) as well as two other winners. The Ontario-bred Inglorious was a \$1.35 million purchase from the 2013 Fasig-Tipton November sale by Kia Ora Stud, and her offspring have been well-received among buyers in her adoptive

country: her first foal England (Aus) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}) sold for over US\$680,000 as an Inglis Easter yearling in 2017. The full-sibling to that one, Off Width (Aus), hammered for over \$400,000 at the same sale a year later, and Miss Canada recently passed through the 2021 Magic Millions Broodmare sale, dropping the hammer for over \$580,000 the way of Suman Hedge Bloodstock.

### Lot 271, c, **Shalaa (Ire)**--Miss Match (Arg), by Indygo Shiner

*Consigned by Arrowfield Stud (as Agent)*

The flashy seventh foal from GISW Miss Match with go through the ring as a half-brother to three winners from three to race, including Bandol (Aus) (Snitzel {Aus}), who also has a colt by Shalaa entered in the sale. The half-sister sold for over \$500,000 in 2017 at the Inglis Easter Yearling sale. The dam is a half to '**TDN Rising Star**' and GI Acorn S.-winning Carina Mia (Malibu Moon) and to a Group 1 stakes producer in Argentina. This is the female family of the late Lord Nelson. Miss Match was purchased by Freyer Bloodstock for \$500,000 at the 2010 Keeneland November sale and was exported to Australia in 2012.

### Lot 335, c, **Brave Smash (Jpn)**--Olympic Medal, by Medaglia d'Oro

*Consigned by Edinburgh Park, Wingham, NSW*

Olympic Medal was consigned as a weanling by Hill n' Dale back in 2016 at the Keeneland November sale, going the way of Julian Blaxland's Blue Sky Bloodstock/Aquis Farm for \$525,000 and she was immediately exported to Australia. A half to GSW Heavenly **Curlin (Curlin)**, the young broodmare hails from the family of Champion Australian miler turned champion sire, Redoute's Choice (Aus) (Danehill), former '**TDN Rising Star**' and sire Rubick (Aus) (Encosta de Lago {Aus}) and G1SWs Platinum Scissors (Aus) (Danehill) and Manhattan Rain (Aus) (Encosta de Lago {Aus}). This colt is from the first crop of his sire, a stakes winner and Group 3-placed at home and later winner in Australia of the G1 Manikato S. and G1 Futurity S. in Melbourne.

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## VOLATILE SIRES FIRST FOAL

Brilliant GISW **Volatile** (*Violence*--Melody Lady, by Unbridled's Song) has sired his first foal, a filly, born at Mallory Farm. Bred

by Torie Gladwell out of the winning mare Jeweled (Sidney's Candy), the chestnut hails from the female family of GI Kentucky Oaks heroine Summerly. "We sold her dam, who was drop dead gorgeous, to Bob Baffert as a yearling," said Gladwell, also of Top Line Sales. "We were fortunate enough to be able to get her back. The filly has the same qualities as the mare, great looking, well balanced, full of substance, with a ton of class. We couldn't be more delighted." **Volatile** stands at Three Chimneys, where he will command a fee of \$15,000 LFSN in 2022.

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## MHBA ANNOUNCES NEW INCENTIVES, AWARDS FOR STEEPLECHASE HORSES

The Maryland Horse Breeders Association (MHBA) Board of Directors recently voted unanimously to begin an award program for Breeder, Owner and Stallion bonuses for registered Maryland-breds at sanctioned steeplechase race meets in Maryland. Beginning in 2022, registered Maryland-bred horses that run first, second or third will receive 30% on purses earned at National Steeplechase Association-sanctioned meets in Maryland. This program is modeled on the current bonuses paid to Maryland-breds that run at Laurel Park, Pimlico Race Course and Timonium. **Cont. p23**



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"We believe this program rewards those Maryland-bred horses that have successful careers over jumps and the people who breed, own and race them here," said Richie Blue, Jr., MHBA president. "This community is an important part of Maryland's horse industry. Much of the land that is called 'horse country' is due to their vision and efforts to preserve green space."

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## TAA ACCREDITATION APPLICATION FOR 2022 NOW AVAILABLE



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The Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance (TAA) accreditation application for 2022 is now available. Thoroughbred aftercare non-profits, including those accredited for 2021 that want to remain accredited, must complete the application by Apr. 1 to seek accreditation for the coming year.

Accreditation status with TAA is determined after a complete review of five areas of an aftercare organization: operations, education, horse health care management, facility standards and services, and adoption policies and protocols. Organizations will be subject to site inspections of all facilities housing Thoroughbreds.

Organizations that receive accreditation are eligible for financial grants from the TAA, which awarded \$3.7 million to accredited organizations in 2021 and has awarded more than \$24.5 million since 2012.

Visit [ThoroughbredAftercare.org/Accreditation](https://ThoroughbredAftercare.org/Accreditation) for the application.

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## AMPLIFY REOPENS MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

### APPLICATION *Edited Press Release*

Amplify Horse Racing, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit promoting education and careers in the Thoroughbred industry to youth and young adults, has reopened its mentorship program application for 2022. The program formalizes the process of pairing young adults interested in pursuing a Thoroughbred industry career, with experienced industry professionals who can offer guidance.

The initial pilot program, launched in 2021, matched 12 individuals from eight different states with industry mentors. The pairs worked together for three months to develop their knowledge of the Thoroughbred industry, and create an educational plan that included tailoring resumes to be applicable to the industry, shadowing mentors at industry events, and applying for jobs and training programs.

Nearly all mentees from 2021 have since taken steps toward pursuing a career in the industry by enrolling in college equine programs, being hired for industry internships and jobs, or targeting vet school.

The objectives of the program are:

- Improve accessibility of the Thoroughbred industry
- Develop newcomers' understanding of the industry by leveraging the passion, knowledge and experience of industry professionals
- Facilitate meaningful conversations between young adults and industry professionals about employment expectations
- Create a pathway to employment by connecting education and workforce

Mentee candidates should demonstrate a strong interest to learn and desire to work in the Thoroughbred industry. The suggested age range is 18-25, and there are no restrictions based on academic achievement. Amplify prioritizes applicants with little to no industry work experience, and they must be residents of the United States or Canada. The 2022 program application timeline is Jan. 10 through Aug. 12, and the program duration for each mentor-mentee pair is three months, as determined by acceptance and start date. Eligible mentors can apply at any time.

Amplify Horse Racing is driven by Annise Montplaisir, the organization's Co-Founder and President, and Equine Education Coordinator for the Kentucky Equine Education Project (KEEP) Foundation.

"I am pumped for Amplify Horse Racing to resume offering this mentorship program," said Montplaisir. "It is an amazing inlet for young adults to take their first steps into the industry with the guidance of someone who has already navigated that path. Additionally, it's a great way for industry employers to positively educate about the sport, the jobs that are in high demand, and the best way to prepare for a career." **Cont. p24**

**Amplify cont.**

"The Amplify Mentorship Program is a fantastic way for students with an interest in exploring careers in the Thoroughbred industry to make connections and develop a professional network," said Jen Roytz, who served as a mentor in 2021. "Amplify does a fantastic job of laying out a framework for the mentors and mentees to follow, allowing students to gain an appreciation for the array of career opportunities that may be complementary to their college major, work experience, strengths and interests."

"The Amplify Horse Racing Mentorship is an amazing way to make connections and network within the industry," said Trisha Smith, a 2021 mentee. "I do not come from an industry background, and feel that programs like this are crucial to help new people get into the sport. Everyone I met as a result of the program was so helpful during my job search. [Program coordinator] Annise Montplaisir was very supportive throughout the program, and because of various job posts she sent me, I am now living my dream and working in the Thoroughbred industry."

To learn more about the program and apply today, visit [amplifyhorseracing.org/mentorship](https://amplifyhorseracing.org/mentorship), and contact [info@amplifyhorseracing.org](mailto:info@amplifyhorseracing.org) for more information.

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**PREAKNESS ART COMPETITION ANNOUNCED***Edited Press Release*

1/ST and the Maryland Jockey Club have partnered with the Maryland Institute College of Art (MICA) to launch *The Art of Racing*, a unique art competition to honor the second jewel of the Triple Crown Series and its impact on Baltimore. Established more than four decades ago, the relationship between the

Maryland Jockey Club and MICA takes a step forward with this community-wide call for entries of original, two-dimensional visual art that depicts the unique elements of Thoroughbred horse racing and the GI Preakness S.

From now until the submission deadline of Mar. 1, 2022, artists may submit their entries [here](#), after which all submissions will be available for public viewing. From Mar. 2 through Mar. 20, visitors to the *The Art of Racing* website can cast their vote for their favorite work of art. The top 10 vote-getters will then be entered into the finalist category, with the winning piece selected by an esteemed panel of judges representing the artistic, business, philanthropic and political communities that allow Park Heights to thrive as the home of Preakness 147.

The winning artist of the inaugural competition will receive a \$4,000 stipend and two tickets to Preakness 147 on May 21, 2022. In addition, their work will be reproduced on Preakness 147 merchandise with the Park Heights Renaissance as the beneficiary of all sales proceeds, which will be used to support the activities of the non-profit organization as it pursues affordable housing for families and provides employment opportunities for members of the Park Heights community.

*The Art of Racing* is part of the ongoing partnership between 1/ST and the Park Heights Renaissance that included honoring the late community advocate George E. Mitchell through the George E. Mitchell Black-Eyed Susan S. and the George E. Mitchell Park Heights Community Fellowship Grant. *The Art of Racing* builds upon the legacy of these initiatives by recognizing and honoring individuals who, much like Mitchell himself, demonstrate an extraordinary commitment to the Park Heights community.

"The visual elements behind the Preakness Stakes captivate the imagination both on race day and year-round," said David Wilson, Chief Marketing Officer, 1/ST. "*The Art of Racing* commemorates and celebrates one of the most iconic sporting events in Maryland, and nationwide. It also represents the opportunity for a modern visual interpretation of the Preakness Stakes as we redefine the sport to connect with a new generation of fans."

"The Preakness is one of the most esteemed public events for Maryland and this inaugural competition celebrates its importance in a unique way," said Dr. Leslie King-Hammond, the founding director of the Center for Race and Culture at MICA and a member of the judging panel for *The Art of Racing*.

There is a long history between MICA and the Preakness that began in the 1970s when then-MICA professor Raoul Middleman led his classes in painting murals of Pimlico Race Course. The seven murals Middleman created with his students, which live in perpetuity behind the course's grandstand, provide an intimate look at a tradition defined by history and character.

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“Raoul Middleman enriched the lives of his students by giving them the hands-on opportunity to experience commercial artmaking,” said Dr. Tiffany Holmes, MICA’s Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost. “*The Art of Racing* builds upon Professor Middleman’s legacy by commissioning artists from MICA and across Maryland to provide their interpretations of Maryland’s time-honored tradition of Thoroughbred racing.”

For more information on *The Art of Racing*, please visit [www.preakness.com/the-art-of-racing](http://www.preakness.com/the-art-of-racing) or follow [@PreaknessStakes](https://twitter.com/PreaknessStakes) and [#Preakness](https://twitter.com/Preakness) on social media.

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**SMITH JOINS TOBA AS DIRECTOR OF MARKETING AND EDUCATION** *Edited Press Release*

The Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association (TOBA) announced Monday that Samantha Smith has been named as its Director of Marketing and Education, effective Feb. 7, 2022.

Samantha was most recently the Marketing & Communications Director at the United States Pony Club. She is a graduate of the University of Kentucky and previously served in several capacities at The Jockey Club, including as its Industry Initiatives Specialist.

“I am honored to be joining TOBA and look forward to all aspects of this role,” Smith said. “I am thrilled to contribute to an industry I am passionate about.”

Samantha will oversee the association’s marketing, communications, social media, seminars, clinics and special events.

“We are very excited to welcome Samantha to TOBA, as her commitment and knowledge of the sport will help shape our growth as a strong national advocate representing the economic and integrity interests of Thoroughbred owners and breeders,” said TOBA president Dan Metzger.

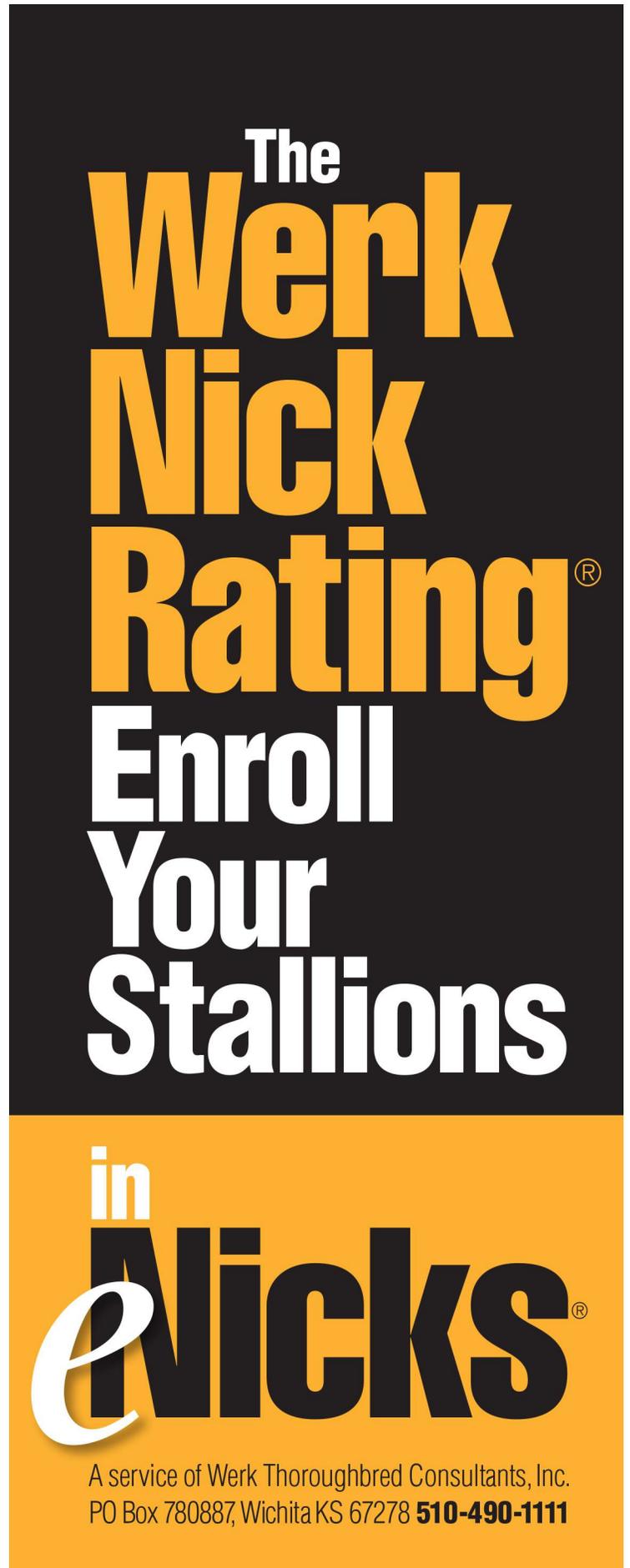
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3	Game Winner	Candy Ride (Arg)	KY	\$30,000	19	15	\$158,000	\$100,000
4	Tiz the Law	Constitution	KY	\$40,000	17	14	\$142,285	\$140,000
5	McKinzie	Street Sense	KY	\$30,000	32	29	\$134,137	\$82,000
6	War of Will	War Front	KY	\$25,000	31	25	\$111,800	\$75,000
7	Volatile	Violence	KY	\$17,500	19	17	\$94,235	\$67,000
8	Vekoma	Candy Ride (Arg)	KY	\$20,000	21	19	\$66,578	\$45,000
9	Honor A. P.	Honor Code	KY	\$15,000	10	10	\$43,400	\$26,000
10	Complexity	Maclean's Music	KY	\$12,500	17	16	\$36,750	\$31,000
11	Maximum Security	New Year's Day	KY	\$20,000	12	9	\$36,000	\$37,000
12	Instagrاند	Into Mischief	KY	\$7,500	13	11	\$33,772	\$18,000
13	Tom's d'Etat	Smart Strike	KY	\$17,500	10	10	\$32,400	\$30,000
14	Gift Box	Twirling Candy	KY	\$10,000	8	6	\$27,750	\$21,500

### First-Crop 2021 Weanling Sires, by cumulative Average Price, for sires standing in North America

Rank	Name	Sire's Sire	Loc	2020 Fee	Ring	Sold	Avg	Median
1	Omaha Beach	War Front	KY	\$45,000	17	13	\$142,692	\$150,000
2	Audible	Into Mischief	KY	\$25,000	38	31	\$108,064	\$110,000
3	Vino Rosso	Curlin	KY	\$30,000	42	31	\$95,483	\$80,000
4	Mitole	Eskendereya	KY	\$25,000	41	35	\$86,400	\$80,000
5	Catalina Cruiser	Union Rags	KY	\$20,000	31	24	\$75,375	\$49,500
6	Catholic Boy	More Than Ready	KY	\$25,000	15	11	\$73,363	\$80,000
7	Yoshida (Jpn)	Heart's Cry (Jpn)	KY	\$20,000	20	12	\$55,019	\$38,500
8	Maximus Mischief	Into Mischief	KY	\$7,500	32	27	\$42,222	\$40,000
9	Preservationist	Arch	KY	\$10,000	16	11	\$38,818	\$32,000
10	Flameaway	Scat Daddy	KY	\$7,500	20	17	\$31,470	\$30,000
11	World of Trouble	Kantharos	KY	\$15,000	16	14	\$30,892	\$23,500
12	Disco Partner	Disco Rico	NY	\$5,000	4	2	\$28,000	\$28,000
13	Solomini	Curlin	NY	\$6,500	15	9	\$25,555	\$25,000
14	Demarchelier (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	KY	\$5,000	12	11	\$21,954	\$17,000
15	Enticed	Medaglia d'Oro	KY	\$10,000	20	18	\$18,944	\$16,500



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### 2021 Covering Sires, by cumulative Average Price, for sires standing in North America

Rank	Name	First foals	Loc	2021 Fee	Ring	Sold	Avg	Median
1	Into Mischief	2010	KY	\$225,000	19	14	\$1,885,714	\$1,425,000
2	Tapit	2006	KY	\$185,000	5	3	\$1,325,000	\$600,000
3	Quality Road	2012	KY	\$150,000	13	10	\$709,500	\$425,000
4	Curlin	2010	KY	\$175,000	5	2	\$675,000	\$675,000
5	Uncle Mo	2013	KY	\$175,000	16	12	\$651,250	\$380,000
6	Constitution	2017	KY	\$85,000	8	7	\$443,571	\$440,000
7	Authentic	2022	KY	\$75,000	27	24	\$408,541	\$400,000
8	Grazen	2011	CA	\$6,000	1	1	\$350,000	\$350,000
9	Justify	2020	KY	\$125,000	15	11	\$340,454	\$225,000
10	War Front	2008	KY	\$150,000	2	2	\$322,500	\$322,500
11	Nyquist	2018	KY	\$75,000	12	11	\$296,818	\$285,000
12	Medaglia d'Oro	2006	KY	\$150,000	10	9	\$292,222	\$220,000
13	Gun Runner	2019	KY	\$50,000	12	11	\$290,909	\$280,000
14	Speightstown	2006	KY	\$90,000	4	3	\$263,333	\$275,000

### 2021 Sires of Weanlings, by cumulative Average Price, for sires standing in North America

Rank	Name	First Foals	Loc	2020 Fee	Ring	Sold	Avg	Median
1	American Pharoah	F17	KY	Private	5	4	\$487,316	\$217,500
2	Quality Road	F12	KY	\$200,000	5	3	\$440,000	\$450,000
3	Justify	F20	KY	\$150,000	11	7	\$423,880	\$223,822
4	Into Mischief	F10	KY	\$175,000	10	8	\$423,125	\$387,500
5	Lonhro (Aus)	F13	Exported	NA	1	1	\$380,593	\$380,593
6	Medaglia d'Oro	F06	KY	\$200,000	4	4	\$326,250	\$335,000
7	Curlin	F10	KY	\$175,000	5	5	\$310,000	\$280,000
8	Speightstown	F06	KY	\$70,000	3	3	\$243,333	\$250,000
9	War Front	F08	KY	\$250,000	2	2	\$227,500	\$227,500
10	Uncle Mo	F13	KY	\$125,000	16	11	\$217,272	\$185,000
11	Gun Runner	F19	KY	\$70,000	19	16	\$204,500	\$177,500
12	Candy Ride (Arg)	F06	KY	\$100,000	7	6	\$183,333	\$182,500
13	City of Light	F20	KY	\$40,000	11	9	\$182,222	\$160,000
14	Constitution	F17	KY	\$40,000	22	15	\$160,082	\$175,000
15	Omaha Beach	F21	KY	\$45,000	17	13	\$142,692	\$150,000

# NORTH AMERICAN RACING



## MAIDENS

5th-Fair Grounds, \$40,000, Msw, 1-10, 3yo, 5 1/2f (off turf), 1:04.91, ft, 3/4 length.

**BURNINHUNKOFLOVE** (c, 3, **Munnings**--Sicaria, by Denman {Aus}) showed a sharp local worktab for this unveiling, highlighted by a best-of-104 half-mile bullet in :47 4/5 Dec. 27, and was backed accordingly to 9-10 favoritism against a suspect off-turf field. Stalking the pace from second while nudged along a bit through a :22.70 quarter, the chestnut drew on even terms with the pacesetter passing a :46.45 half split, started to assert himself despite taking an awkward stride at the sixteenth pole and held sway late from Harmon Killer Brew (Distorted Humor) to prevail by three-quarters of a length. The first foal out of his unraced dam, the winner has a juvenile Palace half-sister named Thisonesforhire and a yearling half-sister by Counterforce named Shades of Honor. Sales History: \$17,000 Ylg '20 KEEJAN; \$40,000 Ylg '20 OBSOCT; \$40,000 2yo '21 OBSOPN. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$24,000. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or

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#### 2021 Stud Fees Listed

**Gormley** (Malibu Moon), Spendthrift Farm, \$7,500  
197 foals of racing age/23 winners/2 black-type winners  
6-Parx Racing, 2:25 p.m. EST, Msw 6 1/2f, Eighty Eight Keys, 12-1

**Keen Ice** (Curlin), Calumet Farm, \$7,500  
191 foals of racing age/17 winners/0 black-type winners  
6-Mahoning Valley, 3:04 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Clink, 20-1

**Midnight Storm** (Pioneerof the Nile), Taylor Made Farm, \$7,500  
126 foals of racing age/11 winners/1 black-type winner  
5-Sunland, 4:09 p.m. EST, Msw 5 1/2f, Midnighntonhenile, 5-1  
\$3,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$7,500 OBS OPN 2yo

**Town Extension** (Speightstown), Stretchrun Thoroughbreds  
7 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners  
4-Sunland, 3:43 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Town Heat, 10-1

**Tu Brutus** (Chi) (Scat Daddy), Tur  
26 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners  
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#### IN JAPAN:

**Shailene**, f, 3, **Arrogate**. See 'US-Bred & -Sired Winners in Japan'

#### IN SOUTH KOREA:

**Thunder Time**, g, 4, **Anchor Down**--Dust It, by Distorted Humor.  
Seoul, 1-9, Hcp. (C4), 1200m. B-Gaineway Thoroughbreds Ltd (KY). \*\$37,000 Ylg '19 FTKFEB; \$40,000 Ylg '19 FTKOCT.

#### VIDEO (SC 2)

**Chunsan**, m, 5, **Cairo Prince**--Betty's Wish (GSW, \$215,440), by Gold Case. Seoul, 1-9, Hcp. (C3), 1800m. B-Mr & Mrs Richard L Elam (KY). \*\$52,000 Ylg '18 KEEJAN; \$35,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP; \$55,000 2yo '19 OBSAPR. **VIDEO (SC 2)**

**Geuma Mystic**, h, 5, **New Year's Day**--Stormy Allure, by Stormy Atlantic. Busan, 1-9, Hcp. (C2), 1800m. B-Matalona Thoroughbreds LLC (KY). \*1/2 to Stormy Embrace (Circular Quay), MGSW, \$719,543. \*\*\$42,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP; \$130,000 2yo '19 OBSJUN. **VIDEO (SC 14)**



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WINNERS IN JAPAN

#### Sunday's Results:

**1st-Chukyo**, ¥9,900,000 (\$85,832), Maiden, 3yo, 1800m, 1:55.5, ft.

**SHAILENE** (f, 3, **Arrogate**--Amen Hallelujah {MGSW & MGISP, \$610,081}, by **Montbrook**) became the fifth winner from seven Japanese runners for her late sire (by Unbridled's Song) with a hard-fought success at second asking. Having rounded out an Arrogate exacta behind Foolish Hobby as the 2-5 chalk on Hanshin debut Nov. 27, the gray filly raced between rivals in the second flight of horses and was niggled at as they rounded the second left-handed bend. Put to a drive in upper stretch by Cristian Demuro, Shailene was pulled out into the center of the track, hit her best stride outside the furlong marker, idled when finding the front 100 meters out and prevailed by a neck. A \$150,000 KEESEP yearling acquisition in the fall of 2020, the mid-May foal was knocked down for an even \$1-million at last year's OBS April sale--second-dearest price of the event behind Corniche--after breezing a furlong in :10 flat. **Cont. p3**

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**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

**8th-Parx Racing, \$45,500**, 1-10, (NW1X), 4yo/up, f/m, 1m 70y, 1:46.63, ft, 9 1/2 lengths.

**IT'S SO EASY (m, 5, Raison d'Etat--Heavenly Ransom {GSW, \$181,720}, by Red Ransom)** Lifetime Record: 20-8-2-1, \$163,940. O-Silver Trail Stables LLC; B-Calumet Farm (KY); T-Guadalupe Preciado. \*\$1,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP.

**7th-Golden Gate Fields, \$38,596**, 1-9, (NW1\$X), 4yo/up, 6f (AWT), 1:09.61, ft, 1 1/4 lengths.

**R M C HOOK'EM (g, 5, Street George--Cherry On the Cake, by Yes It's True)** Lifetime Record: 17-5-4-2, \$107,118. O-Frank Aufdermaur & Wayne Swisher; B-Randy Marriott (CA); T-Victor M. Trujillo.

**9th-Parx Racing, \$35,750**, (S), 1-10, (NW1BX), 4yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:28.22, ft, 3/4 length.

**CARTOUCHE (m, 5, Liam's Map--Garnet Crystals {MSP, \$138,045}, by Lion Heart)** Lifetime Record: 15-3-3-3, \$101,787. O-The Hakim's Stable LLC; B-Blackstone Farm LLC (PA); T-Mario A. Dominguez. \*\$105,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP.

**9th-Golden Gate Fields, \$34,660**, 1-9, (NW1\$X), 4yo/up, 6f (AWT), 1:09.24, ft, 3 1/4 lengths.

**HEY MATE (g, 4, Maclean's Music--Julia's Star {SW}, by El Prado {Ire})** Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-1, \$45,600. O-Chris Carpenter & Fred Desimone; B-Steve Wilson (KY); T-Bill McLean. \*\$10,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP. \*\*1/2 to Black Horus (Shanghai Bobby), SW-Ity, \$141,230.

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**2nd-Turf Paradise, \$29,400**, (C)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000-\$30,000), 1-10, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:09.87, ft, 1 3/4 lengths.

**RAMBLIN' MAN (g, 7, Uh Oh Bango--Double Punch, by Two Punch)** Lifetime Record: 22-5-4-7, \$94,018. O/B-Kevin R. Owens (AZ); T-R. Kory Owens. \*1/2 to Two the Punch (Top Hit), SP, \$185,679; and Rocked Twice (Rocky Bar), SP, \$189,185.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Del Mo**, c, 3, **Uncle Mo**--No Lip Service, by Bodemeister. Golden Gate Fields, 1-9, 1m (AWT), 1:38.15. Lifetime Record: 4-1-2-0, \$30,500. B-ERJ Racing (KY). \*\$90,000 Ylg '20 KEEJAN; \$70,000 RNA Ylg '20 KEESEP.

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## The New York Jockey Injury Compensation Fund (NYJICF) 2022 Workers' Compensation Premium Assessment and Formula

This is the NYJICF's Assessment Plan for 2022 (2022 Assessment Plan) and, consistent with the last few years, continues to be structured on New York Racing Association (NYRA)-based horsemen contributing 86% of the NYJICF's annual cost, which is estimated to equal \$6,608,774, and Finger Lakes Gaming and Racetrack (FLRA)-based horsemen contributing 14% of the NYJICF's annual cost, which is estimated to equal \$1,075,847.

Similar to the last few years, the NYJICF will seek authority to use up to \$2 million from the 2022 NYRA purse cushion fund. If such approval is granted, then the NYJICF will seek to eliminate or reduce the second installment of the owner and trainer base payment for NYRA owners and trainers. We recognize that changes in the 2022 Assessment Plan would require New York State Gaming Commission (Gaming Commission) review and approval.

**NYRA Owners** assessment and payment is a \$1,900 base premium, plus 2% of purses earned.

**FLRA Owners** assessment and payment is a \$2,550 base premium, plus 2% of purses earned.

Each race with a purse over \$1,000,000 will be capped at \$1,000,000 for Workers' Compensation assessment purposes only.

**NYRA Trainer** assessment and payment is a \$1,900 base premium plus:

NYRA trainers will pay a per stall charge of \$1.60 per day for each stall allotted and accepted during each stall allotment period as designated by the track where each trainer races, provided that the first 12 stalls allotted and accepted will be free and the per stall charge for each stall allotted and accepted in excess of 12 will be \$1.60 per day.

**FLRA Trainer** assessment and payment is a \$2,550 base premium plus:

FLRA trainers will pay a per stall charge of \$1.50 per day for each stall allotted and accepted during each stall allotment period as designated by the track.

These premium charges will be due as follows:

**NYRA and FLRA Owners and Trainers** base premium charge is due:

- At NYRA, for those trainers already stabled on the grounds: \$1,000 on or before January 1, 2022 and an additional \$900 (for a total of \$1,900) to be paid on or before July 1, 2022.
- At NYRA, for those owners already stabled on the grounds: \$1,000 before they run their first horse in 2022 through June 30, 2022 and an additional \$900 (for a total of \$1,900) to be paid on or before July 1, 2022.
- For those trainers shipping in: upon entering the horse on the grounds based on the "shippers" per start schedule set forth below.
- For those owners shipping in: before they run their first horse in 2022 based on the "shippers" per start schedule set forth below.
- At FLRA, for trainers: upon entering the horse on the grounds: \$1,500 on or before April 1, 2022, and an additional \$1,050 (for a total of \$2,550) to be paid on or before June 1, 2022.
- At FLRA, for owners: \$1,500 before they run their first horse in 2022 through May 31, 2022, and an additional \$1,050 (for a total of \$2,550) to be paid on or before June 1, 2022.

Anything in this 2022 Assessment Plan to the contrary notwithstanding, FLRA's 14% of the NYJICF's cost, which is estimated to equal \$1,075,847, will be paid by FLRA in eight equal installments in the amount of \$134,480.88 between April 2022 and November 2022.

### **NYRA and FLRA Owners and Trainers**

The stall charges will be due on the last day of the first month of each allotment period, for example: January 31 for winter 2022 at NYRA and thirty days after the opening of the stable area for the spring meeting at FLRA.

If the trainer accepts stalls for the summer meeting but ships in three weeks before that meeting begins, that trainer will be responsible for the entire summer meeting plus \$1.60 per day (\$1.50 at FLRA) times the number of stalls allotted, times the number of days that the trainer occupied the stalls prior to the summer meeting, provided that the first 12 stalls allotted and accepted at NYRA tracks will be free.

**Owners/Trainers** will be required to pay the base premium charge of \$1,900 at NYRA and \$2,550 at FLRA, plus 2% of purses earned, plus the stall allotment charge.

**Private Trainers** will be responsible for the base premium of \$1,900 at NYRA and \$2,550 at FLRA. The owner employing that trainer (whose payroll the exercise riders are on) will be responsible for the stall charge plus 2% of purses earned.

**Shippers.** At NYRA, owners and trainers will be charged \$100.00 each per start for their first ten starts (for a maximum of \$1,000 for 2022). At FLRA, owners and trainers will be charged \$150.00 each per start for their first ten starts (for a maximum of \$1,500 for 2022). Owners will also be charged 2% of purses earned. Shipping trainers will only be charged a stall fee if they are assigned stalls.

A suitable stall count to be determined by the racing secretary at the current stall assessment rate (\$1.60 at NYRA tracks (except the first 12 stalls allotted and accepted will be free for 2022) and \$1.50 at FLRA) will be assessed to those horsemen stabled off of the racetrack proper and who have daily access and use of the racetrack facilities.

**Surcharge.** Each trainer, upon such trainer's second claim and any subsequent claim filed with the workers' compensation insurance carrier in 2022, shall be charged a per-claim handling surcharge based upon the total number of horses then currently trained on the date of such claim(s) (as measured by the number of stalls allocated statewide as of the date of the claim for which a surcharge is to be collected), as follows: 1 to 10 horses: \$200; 11 to 30 horses: \$400; and 31 or more horses: \$600.

### **General Information**

Should NYJICF determine that the amounts which are actually collected from (i) NYRA is inadequate to cover 86% of the NYJICF's annual cost, which is estimated to equal \$6,608,774 and and/or (ii) FLRA is inadequate to cover 14% of the NYJICF's annual cost, which is estimated to equal \$1,075,847, respectively, then the NYJICF will seek additional funds pursuant to the Racing, Pari-Mutuel Wagering and Breeding Law Section 221 (7).

- For determining the responsibility for payment of workers' compensation, an owner is the person whose account would be debited or credited when a horse runs. In the case of multiple ownership, this would be the managing partner.
- In order for trainers to reduce their stall charge, they must officially return stalls to the proper association, stall man or racing secretary within 10 days after assuming the stalls.
- The charge per stall is in no way to be construed as a payment for stall rent. This is only a method which the NYJICF uses to estimate the appropriate premium charge that is due.

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- Street George**, R M C Hook'em, g, 5, o/o Cherry On the Cake, by Yes It's True. ALW, 1-9, Golden Gate
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Jan. 22	GIII Lecomte S. GIII Louisiana S.	Fair Grounds Fair Grounds
Jan. 29	GI Pegasus World Cup Invitational GI Pegasus World Cup Turf Inv. GII Inside Information S. GII San Vicente S. GIII Pegasus Filly & Mare Turf GIII Fred W. Hooper S. GIII La Prevoyante S. GIII W. L. McKnight S. GIII Toboggan S. GIII Southwest S. GIII Palos Verdes S. GIII Megahertz S.	Gulfstream Gulfstream Gulfstream Santa Anita Gulfstream Gulfstream Gulfstream Gulfstream Aqueduct Oaklawn Santa Anita Santa Anita
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## BREEZERS AT STUD TESTAMENT TO QUALITY ON OFFER



Kodiac's sons at stud sourced from breeze-ups include Ardad, Prince of Lir and Adaay | Tally-Ho Stud

By Nancy Sexton

The European breeze-up sector prides itself as a source of quality, a notion that held particular weight in 2021 as graduates Native Trail (Fr) (*Oasis Dream* {GB}) and Perfect Power (Ire) (Ardad {Ire}) signed off their juvenile campaigns with victories in the G1 Dewhurst S. and G1 Middle Park S.

Added to that, various graduates are currently more than holding their own at stud. This isn't a new development--older representatives such as Society Rock (Ire) (Rock Of Gibraltar {Ire}) and Paco Boy (Ire) (Desert Style {Ire}) each sired Group 1 winners in their first crops--but it is one that has gained real momentum in the past few years and, as such, the breeze-up industry heads into 2022 on a particularly strong footing when it comes to advertising itself as a source of successful stallions.

Of course, a horse good enough to take up a place at stud can come from anywhere, whether it be as the product of an owner/breeder or a purchase at auction. However, there are some factors at play that may explain the breeze-up sector's growing influence.

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## WONDERFUL TONIGHT TO VISIT FRANKEL

Chris Wright's dual Group 1 winner **Wonderful Tonight (Fr)** (Le Havre {Ire}) will visit champion sire **Frankel (GB)** for her first covering this year, trainer David Menuisier reported on Twitter on Monday. The 5-year-old mare has joined Wright's broodmare band at his Stratford Place Stud in the Cotswolds.

A winner at two, Wonderful Tonight rose through the ranks at three, winning the G3 Prix Minerve in August of 2020 before winding up the season with a Group 1 double in the Prix de Royallieu and the G1 British Champions Fillies & Mares S.

Kicking off a 4-year-old campaign last year aimed at the G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, Wonderful Tonight won Royal Ascot's G2 Hardwicke S. and Glorious Goodwood's G2 Lillie Langtry S. before finishing fourth in the G1 Yorkshire Oaks. Wright and Menuisier's Arc dreams were dashed when Wonderful Tonight suffered a condylar fracture in training three weeks out from the race and was retired. She retired with six wins from 11 runs and earnings of £638,512.

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Firstly, pinhookers naturally target horses that will come to hand relatively early, or at least stand up to the rigours of early training. They are widely regarded as excellent judges of young horses; after all, they are often spending their own money, making the need for a good-looking, well-balanced horse imperative.

As a result, a number of the horses that go through the breeze-up system will be bred to be quick and/or possess the early physical strength to hold commercial appeal. Graduates such as A'Ali (Ire) (Society Rock {Ire}), Ardad (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}), Dream Ahead (Diktat {GB}), Mehmas (Ire) (Acclamation {GB}), Prince Of Lir (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}), Sands Of Mali (Fr) (Panis) and Ubettabelieveit (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}), all of whom shone over sprint distances at two, fall into that category as does Far Above (Ire) (Farhh {GB}), who captured the G3 Palace House S. as a 4-year-old before retiring to



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Starfield Stud.

As we know, such precocity and speed is coveted by the stallion market. Throw in the likelihood of the horse in question being a correct and athletic individual and the opportunities are immediately there for him to take up stallion duties as a commercial prospect.

**Kodiac in Demand**

That is also particularly true if the horse is a son of Kodiac (Danehill). The Tally-Ho Stud stalwart is a favourite among breeze-up buyers for his ability to throw sharp, fast individuals and given his recent emergence as an accomplished sire of sires, it is no surprise to see several of his stakes-producing sons sit at the forefront of the breeze-up sire movement, notably Ardad, Prince Of Lir and Adaay (Ire). Of Kodiac's others sons, Kodi Bear (Ire) has been represented by the talented breeders Go Bears Go (Ire), himself surely in line for a place at stud as a Group 2-winning 2-year-old, and Mystery

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Angel (Ire), while Coulsty (Ire) is sire of the top American filly Shantisara (Ire), another breeder.

It was arguably the emergence of Ardad as Britain's leading first-crop sire for Overbury Stud last season that set the seal on Kodiak's arrival as a noted sire of sires.

Winner of the G2 Flying Childers S. for John Gosden following his purchase for £170,000 by Blandford Bloodstock at the 2016 Goffs UK Breeze-Up Sale, it stood to reason that Ardad would throw fast runners and so it proved, with Perfect Power and G3 winner Eve Lodge (GB) contributing to an excellent first crop that currently contains 23 winners.



**New stallion Ubettabelieveit is a Group 2-winning breeze-up graduate | racingfotos.com**

As such, last season's sales saw him return a yearling average of 53,516gns--a rise of 246% from 2020--while the stallion himself earned a fee increase to £12,500 from £4,000.

There are shades of Ardad in Mickley Stud's new recruit Ubettabelieveit, another Kodiak breeder who won the G2 Flying Childers S. Ubettabelieveit was a 50,000gns Tattersalls October Book 1 purchase by the dynamic duo of Roger Marley and John Cullinan of Church Farm and Horse Park Stud. All was going well for them with the colt until Covid hit and ravaged the 2020 breeze-up season. Consequently, Ubettabelieveit was sold privately to trainer Nigel Tinkler on behalf of Martin Webb Racing.

"I'd seen the horse in Book 1 but had left to go home," recalls Cullinan. "Roger rang me and said that this horse seemed to be falling through the cracks and that we should have a go. I'd no problem buying a Kodiak, as he's been very good to us, and this horse had a fast look to him.

"He showed plenty of boot from an early stage. I remember Nigel rang looking for something so he went to Roger's, rode two of them himself and picked Ubettabelieveit."

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Webb and Richard Kent of Mickley Stud were busy at the sales stocking up on mares to send to Ubettabelieveit, who stands for £5,000. However, he has also attracted plenty of outside interest.

"He's gone down very well," says Kent. "Some shrewd Irish breeders have bought into him.

"Every day you open the paper and a son of Kodiak has had another winner. They seem to have this unusual aspect where they have loads of speed and a very good temperament. The two don't often go together--it's more speed and lunacy. We'll be supporting him with 40 mares of our own. It's stuck with me how they have always done it at Tally-Ho. I remember Tony O'Callaghan saying that if you can't support them yourself, then how can you expect others to do so?"

Speed aligned with a sober temperament is also a major key to Mehmas. Like Ubettabelieveit, the son of Acclamation is a graduate of Church Farm and Horse Park, having been sourced as a yearling for 62,000gns. He went on to resell for 170,000gns to Peter and Ross Doyle on behalf of Al Shaqab Racing at the Tattersalls Craven Sale and sent to Richard Hannon, won less than a month later at Chester. Victories in the G2 July S. and G2 Richmond S. followed as well as placings in the G1 National S.



Mehmas | Tally-Ho Stud

and G1 Middle Park S. before his retirement ahead of his 3-year-old year to Tally-Ho Stud.

Today, Mehmas boasts 16 stakes winners headed by the Group/Grade 1 winners Supremacy (Ire) and Going Global (Ire), and is the champion first- and second-crop sire of his generation. A revelation at stud, his success has been achieved off fees of €10,000 and €12,500, and he will stand for €50,000 in 2022.

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- 2 VELOCIDAD** Airlie Stud Stakes-Gr.2 *at 2 years*
- 3 NOVEMBA** German 1,000 Guineas-Gr.2
- 4 INSINUENDO** Kilboy Estate Stakes-Gr.2
- 5 BABY RIDER** Prix Greffulhe-Gr.2
- 6 TABERA** Preis der Sparkassen Finanzgruppe-Gr.3
- 7 SEISAI** El Gran Senor Stakes-L.R. *at 2 years*
- 8 SOME RESPECT** Premio Criterium Varesino-L.R. *at 2 years*  
Premio Vittorio Riva-L.R. *at 2 years*
- 9 TOO SOON TO PANIC** Victor McCalmont Memorial Stakes-L.R.
- 10 JUMBL** Radley Stakes-L.R. *at 2 years*
- 11 LAJOSCHA** Grand Prix du Nord-L.R.



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"Mehmas never gave any impression that he was smart when I had him as he was so laid back," says Cullinan. "When I sent him over to Roger, I said to him that I thought there was some improvement to be had but it was hard to tell as he was completely horizontal. Then when he was first asked to quicken, he went whoosh.

"Hannon asked me when he'd bought him whether he should give him a break but I said no, kick on and run him. He ran him at Chester about only 20 days afterwards, which he won, and then he won again about ten days after that at Newbury.

"I remember seeing him the day after he won the Richmond and it was like he was out on a pony trek. It's that attitude that he puts into his stock. If there's three in a line with a furlong to go, I know I'd like to be backing the Mehmas because they put their head down and try for you."

**Support for A'Ali**

Tally-Ho is rarely far from the action as far as breeze-ups are concerned, whether as the home of Mehmas or the vendors of such accomplished runners as Ardad, Perfect Power and Dream Ahead, himself the sire of four Group 1 winners who has relocated to Bearstone Stud for 2022.

The stud also bred A'Ali, another fast horse who is new to Newsells Park Stud at a fee of £7,500. Like his sire Society Rock, A'Ali was a breeze-up purchase by Anthony Stroud, in his case for £135,000 from Star Bloodstock at Goffs UK in 2019. Sent to Simon Crisford, he swept the G2 Norfolk S., G2 Prix Robert Papin and G2 Flying Childers S. at two and trained on to win the G3 Coral Charge and G2 Sapphire S. at three.



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"He really was an admirable performer," says Julian Dollar, general manager of Newsells Park Stud. "He's a neat, straightforward horse and I'm told he was well recommended at the breeze-ups by Matt Eves and Byron Rogers [of Star Bloodstock], where he set a good time.

"He danced every dance at two and turned up again at three. He's got an excellent temperament, he's a very enthusiastic character, and if he throws that, his progeny will have a fighting chance.

"He'll be well supported. We're planning to send Maureen, a fast Group 3 winner, as well as My Special J's, who won the Debutante and is a stakes producer, and Pelerin, a stakes-winning Shamardal mare. We also bought a mare last year called Pretty In Grey--she is a listed-placed half-sister to Lady Bowthorpe and she will go to A'Ali as well."

Outside mares slated to visit A'Ali also include the listed scorers Riskit Fora Biskit (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}) and Fig Roll (GB) (Bahamian Bounty {GB}), herself dam of Group 3 winner Al Raya (Siyouni {Fr}).

### Bansha Gems

A productive association between Stroud Coleman Bloodstock and the breeze-ups also includes Group 1-winning sprinter



"I remember [Sands Of Mali] was one of the first ones to breeze at Ascot. It was very bad weather and he had hail stones hitting his head, yet he still did a very good breeze." - Con Marnane | *Tattersalls*

Sands Of Mali, one of the highlights of the 2017 Tattersalls Ascot Breeze-Up Sale when purchased by the agency for £75,000, and G2 Norfolk S. winner Prince Of Lir, who sold for £170,000 at Goffs UK in 2016. Both were purchased on behalf of the Cool Silk Partnership, sold by Bansha House Stables and now form part of the roster at Ballyhane Stud.

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Prince Of Lir sired G2 Norfolk S. winner The Lir Jet (Ire) in his first crop while Sands Of Mali covered 152 mares in his first season in 2021 at €6,500.

"I just loved Sands Of Mali," says their consignor Con Marnane. "I'd had his brother Kadrizzi, who had been very fast, so I knew the family, and then Sands Of Mali was this big, gorgeous yearling, very imposing.

"I remember he was one of the first ones to breeze that day at Ascot. It was very bad weather and he had hail stones hitting his head, yet he still did a very good breeze."

He adds, "I've sent a couple of mares to him. I'm a big fan and if they have anything like his temperament and will to win, they'll be ok."

Marnane is also looking forward to seeing how another former graduate Robin Of Navan (Fr) (American Post {GB}) performs at stud. Also purchased by Stroud Coleman, in his case as an Arqana breeder, he went on to win the G1 Criterium de Saint-Cloud for Harry Dunlop and now stands at Haras de la Barbottiere in France alongside fellow Group 1-winning breeder Donjuan Triumphant (Ire) (Dream Ahead), a graduate of Lynn Lodge Stud.

French breeders also have access to G1 Prix du Jockey Club winner The Grey Gatsby (Ire) (Mastercraftsman {Ire}), a

graduate of Grove Stud who threw last year's German listed winner Mylady (Ger) from his first crop for Haras du Petit Tellier, and G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains runner-up Le Brivido (Fr) (Siyouni {Fr}), who holds court at Haras de la Haie Neuve. France was also formerly home to The Wow Signal (Ire) (Starspangledbanner {Aus}). Compromised by fertility problems, the ill-fated stallion sired last year's G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches heroine Coeursamba (Fr).

**American Influence**

European breeders have traditionally fared well in the US--think War Of Will (War Front), Ete Indien (Summer Front), Rockemperor (Ire) (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}) and Mr. Monomoy (Palace Malice)--and in return, they now exert a growing presence within the American stallion ranks. Chief among them is Claiborne Farm's War Of Will. Bred in Kentucky by Flaxman Holdings Ltd from their famous Aviance family, War Of Will was pinhooked by Norman Williamson out of the Keeneland September Sale and reoffered at the Arqana May Breeze-up, where he was sold to Justin Casse on behalf of Gary Barber and returned to the States.

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He sits among a clutch of top-class performers to pass through the hands of Williamson's Oak Tree Farm, which hit Group 1 heights again last year as the vendor of unbeaten champion 2-year-old Native Trail. Williamson also pinhooked and sold Australian Group 1 winner Contributor (Fr) (High Chaparral {Ire}), now a young Group 1 sire at Mapperley Stud in New Zealand.

"War Of Will was a half-brother to Pathfork, a very good 2-year-old in Ireland, and so I thought the pedigree might translate well over here," recalls Williamson. "He had a backward look to him as a yearling but I still thought he would make plenty. When he didn't sell, I went straight back to them and luckily was able to come to a deal.



"We had been looking for the heir apparent to **War Front** and we believe War Of Will could fill that void" - Walker Hancock  
*Claiborne Farm*

"He was a big horse even then, very well-balanced with a good shoulder and a big stride on him. Even though he was big, he still packed a fair bit in as a 2-year-old--he was second in the Grade I in Canada [Summer S.] and beaten only three lengths in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf, so that just tells you how good he was. And then of course, he went on to win his Grade Is as an older horse."

War Of Will was very popular in his first season at \$25,000, covering 143 mares--a Claiborne record--to place him in a strong position to extend Danzig's legacy at the farm.

"We had been looking for the heir apparent to **War Front** and we believe War Of Will could fill that void," says Walker Hancock, president of Claiborne Farm. "**War Front** has 15 sons who have sired stakes winners and War Of Will is arguably his most accomplished son with the strongest pedigree.

"He also fits my grandfather's criteria to a tee; he showed precocious juvenile form by being a Grade I performer at two,

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he won an American Classic at three, trained on to win a Grade I at four, has a fantastic pedigree and is a strong physical to match.

"It's amazing how similar he is to **War Front**. They have the same physical from the side, with War Of Will being half a hand taller at 16.2. We expect his offspring to be just bigger models than the normal War Fronts, which is often his only critique."

Grade I versatility also underpins the race record of Taylor Made Stallions' **Mshawish (Medaglia d'Oro)**. He was a good pinhook for Johnny Collins of Brown Island Stables, blossoming from a \$10,000 yearling into a €170,000 breezer and, like War Of Will, pulled off the notable feat of scoring at the top level on dirt and turf as winner of the GI Donn H. and GI Gulfstream Park Turf H.

That theme of versatility is now shining through at stud, with his first crop headlined by French Group 3 winner Bellharbour Music, another European breezer, and G3 Pennine Ridge S. winner Sainthood. He also boasts a promising British-based runner in three-time scorer Mobashr, fittingly also a Brown Island pinhook.

New York, meanwhile, is home to the Mocklershill graduate Mr. Monomoy. Another Arqana May breezer, the half-brother to Monomoy Girl (Tapizar) returned to the U.S. upon a bid of €180,000 from Mandore International and went on to win the

**Breezers At Stud Testament To Quality On Offer cont.**

2020 GII Risen Star S. at Fair Grounds. He is about to commence his second season at Waldorf Farm.

There was an era when breeze-ups, certainly those in Europe, were viewed primarily as a last chance to move young stock on, an idea that today firmly lives in the past. However, it is also a testament to the relentless improvement in the quality of horses on offer that they today are viewed as a legitimate source of successful stallions. Who knows, perhaps another Mehmas or Ardad is lurking within this year's collection.

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**CORRECTION:** In the Dec. 24 edition of the TDN, King Of Change (Ire) (Farhh {GB}) was inadvertently listed as having finished second in the G1 Queen Elizabeth II S., when in fact he won the race. We regret the error.

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**CONDITIONS RESULT:**

**5th-Wolverhampton, £20,000, 1-10, 4yo/up, 9f 104y (AWT), 1:59.87, st.**

**FOX TAL (GB) (g, 6, Sea the Stars {Ire}--Maskunah {Ire}, by Sadler's Wells) Lifetime Record: G1SP-Fr & MGSP-Eng, 22-3-3-6, \$256,875. O-King Power Racing Co Ltd; B-Rabbah Bloodstock Limited (GB); T-Andrew Balding. \*475,000gns Ylg '17 TATOCT. \*\*1/2 to Laaheb (GB) (Cape Cross {Ire}), MGSW-Eng, \$540,470.**

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:**

**Bare Necessity (Ire), f, 3, Kodi Bear (Ire)--Malilla (Ire), by Red Clubs (Ire). Wolverhampton, 1-10, 6f 20y (AWT), 1:13.91. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$5,898. B-Mrs Tina Cox (IRE).**



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**Monday, Nakayama, Japan**

**FAIRY S.-G3, ¥71,420,000, Nakayama, 1-10, 3yo, f, 1600mT, 1:35.20, fm.**

**1--LILAC (JPN), 119, f, 3, by Orfevre (Jpn)**

**1st Dam: Viva Bouquet (Jpn), by King Kamehameha (Jpn)**

**2nd Dam: Blue Ridge River (Jpn), by Fuji Kiseki (Jpn)**

**3rd Dam: Scarlet Blue (Jpn), by Northern Taste**

O-Seiichi Serizawa; B-Kineusu Farm; T-Ikuo Aizawa; J-Mirco Demuro; ¥37,574,000. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0. \*1/2 to Black Hole (Jpn) (Gold Ship {Jpn}), GSW-Jpn, \$559,439. **Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree. Werk Nick Rating: A+++ \*Triple Plus\*.**

**2--Stars on Earth (Jpn), 119, f, 3, Duramente (Jpn)--Southern Stars (GB), by Smart Strike. O-Shadai Race Horse; B-Shadai Farm; ¥15,164,000.**

**3--Bijou Noir (Jpn), 119, f, 3, Kitan Black (Jpn)--Coup de Grace (Jpn), by White Muzzle (GB). O-Katsumi Yoshida; B-Northern Farm; ¥9,382,000.**

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Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	<b>Zarak (Fr)</b> <i>(2013) by Dubawi (Ire) FYR: 2019</i>	2	4	1	3	--	2	36	18	238,105	756,557
				<i>Stands: Haras de Bonneval Fr Fee: 25,000</i>						<i>Purplepay (FR)</i>	
2	<b>Recorder (GB)</b> <i>(2013) by Galileo (Ire) FYR: 2019</i>	--	1	--	--	--	--	53	8	70,318	477,874
				<i>Stands: Haras de Montfort &amp; Preaux Fr Fee: 4,000</i>						<i>Hot Queen (FR)</i>	
3	<b>Birchwood (Ire)</b> <i>(2013) by Dark Angel (Ire) FYR: 2019</i>	--	--	--	--	--	--	38	9	62,844	331,238
				<i>Stands: Haras de la Huderie Fr Fee: 3,500</i>						<i>Jazzy Wood (FR)</i>	
4	<b>Al Wukair (Ire)</b> <i>(2014) by Dream Ahead FYR: 2019</i>	--	--	--	--	--	--	37	15	35,025	327,315
				<i>Stands: Haras de Bouquetot Fr Fee: 8,000</i>						<i>Alromy (FR)</i>	
5	<b>Zelzal (Fr)</b> <i>(2013) by Sea the Stars (Ire) FYR: 2019</i>	1	1	--	--	--	--	30	11	70,886	320,737
				<i>Stands: Haras de Bouquetot Fr Fee: 15,000</i>						<i>Zelda (FR)</i>	
6	<b>Almanzor (Fr)</b> <i>(2013) by Wootton Bassett (GB) FYR: 2019</i>	--	2	--	1	--	--	37	9	34,001	260,649
				<i>Stands: Haras d'Etream Fr Fee: 30,000</i>						<i>Queen Trezy (FR)</i>	
7	<b>Johnny Barnes (Ire)</b> <i>(2012) by Acclamation (GB) FYR: 2019</i>	--	1	--	--	--	--	23	5	66,140	194,390
				<i>Stands: Haras des Granges Fr Fee: 2,500</i>						<i>Maroon Six (FR)</i>	
8	<b>The Grey Gatsby (Ire)</b> <i>(2011) by Mastercraftsman (Ire) FYR: 2019</i>	1	1	--	--	--	--	25	6	65,572	188,624
				<i>Stands: Haras du Petit Tellier Fr Fee: 8,000</i>						<i>Atomic Blonde (GER)</i>	
9	<b>Ectot (GB)</b> <i>(2011) by Hurricane Run (Ire) FYR: 2019</i>	--	--	--	--	--	--	16	5	34,372	126,671
				<i>Stands: Haras de Bouquetot Fr Fee: 5,000</i>						<i>Catapum (FR)</i>	
10	<b>Ultra (Ire)</b> <i>(2013) by Manduro (Ger) FYR: 2019</i>	--	--	--	--	--	--	12	4	33,841	95,592
				<i>Stands: Haras du Logis Fr Fee: 5,000</i>						<i>Perfect Colour (GB)</i>	

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## RAPID REFLECTIONS WITH SHANE WRIGHT



Shane Wright | Bronwen Healy

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In today's instalment of 2021/2022 Rapid Reflections, we feature a quickfire round with Kia Ora's Bloodstock and Breeding Manager, Shane Wright.

### TDN AusNZ: Favourite racing moment of 2021?

Shane Wright: The pinnacle of any farm is to breed a Group 1 winner and we have had two this year, Wellington was terrific in the Hong Kong Chairman's Sprint but my vote will go to Wild Ruler in the Moir (S.), he was explosive that night and thoroughly deserving to get the Group 1 beside his name after a stellar career to date.

### TDN AusNZ: And favourite non-racing moment?

SW: Without one standalone highlight, going to my son's footy games was something I really enjoyed on Saturdays, he plays on a Rugby League side in Newcastle and has come on so much this year. It's great seeing him make friendships, being part of a team, celebrating tries scored, and having the confidence to tackle hard every time and brush it off. The negative is he's worked out he's pretty handy so I have to hear about it the whole way home.

### TDN AusNZ: If you could be someone else in the industry for a day who would it be, and why?

SW: Growing up in Ireland through a special era for Ballydoyle where they just about won everything (you could say that is still the case I suppose), I've always had a fascination with Aidan O'Brien and his mentality and how he processes everything around him on a normal morning surrounded with the absolute best of horse flesh. It would be an interesting one for a day, it might not be a hugely productive day for Ballydoyle but I'd enjoy myself.

Or maybe Mick Kinane, but it would have to be pinpointed to Arc Day though, on board Sea The Stars, just to experience the thrill of when you hit the "Go Button" on the home straight.

### TDN AusNZ: Who is your favourite racehorse of this year?

SW: Seeing Verry Elleegant win the Melbourne Cup consolidated what an amazing mare she is and it's impossible not to love her toughness and 110 per cent attitude, a good friend Andy Williams was the one who found her and it's always great seeing friends get the results they work so hard for and no one works harder for his clients than Andy.

### TDN AusNZ: Who is your favourite stallion, and why?

SW: We are very lucky to have two highly credentialed young stallions coming through the ranks in Farnan and Prague but of the proven horses around it's hard to go past Vinnie. I was fortunate enough to be managing Yarraman Park when he first arrived and to see firsthand what an impact he has had over the last decade is just unfathomable. That aligned with the impressive type he is and his most genuine character I feel very lucky to have spent so much time with him.

Also an honourable mention for Sea The Stars, I looked after him as a foal and yearling and as a racehorse, it was the most exciting experience following him through his racing career.

### TDN AusNZ: Which stallion do you believe is the best physical type?

SW: I can't go past our young sire Prague here, he is just an incredible type with scope, quality and presence and so much Redoute's Choice (his sire) about him, he really has the X-factor and I can't wait to see his foals next year.

**TDN AusNZ: Favourite binge-worthy television show?**

SW: Big into Yellowstone at the minute, it's a day to day personal battle with myself not to buy a Stetson and a Western saddle.

**TDN AusNZ: What kept you occupied during this year's lockdowns, aside from work?**

SW: Given current circumstances it's been a quiet year but I'm boringly simple by nature anyway and don't need exotic locations or cocktails on rooftops so all my best moments derive from hanging out with my little boy Ash (7) and just going to the beach, playing footy, golf, riding dirt bikes or whatever we may be doing on any given day. He is full of life and enthusiasm and really is the best break away from a demanding industry and keeps me young in a sense.



Each evening of the Magic Millions Yearling Sale, TDN AusNZ's Gus Roland will have a chat over a beer with members of the bloodstock community to discuss the day's events. First up is Damon Gabbedy of Belmont Bloodstock and Will Johnson from William Johnson Bloodstock.

**TDN AusNZ: What positive change would you like to see in the industry in 2022?**

SW: There is great work being done in our industry for staff education, OTTB rehoming, prizemoney and the list goes on but something I feel important and all farms to be vigilant with is with so much work being done in recruitment we all really have to play our part when it comes to staff and work-life balance. It's a busy, tough industry that consumes you when you love it but burnout is real, some very sad recent events highlight this and have really made everyone pause to think. It's every individual farm's responsibility to look after both their young and older staff and the TBA have to be commended for their new mental health initiative that has just been announced.

**TDN AusNZ: What's your 2022 New Year's resolution?**

SW: I don't usually make New Year's resolutions, I feel it's a great way to set yourself up to fail but my general day to day ethos is to try and live tomorrow a little better than today and just keep that ball rolling along.

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